

**MGMT 237E:**  
**Empirical Methods in Finance**  
Homework 4

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**1.a.** Variance Ratio for Random Walk:

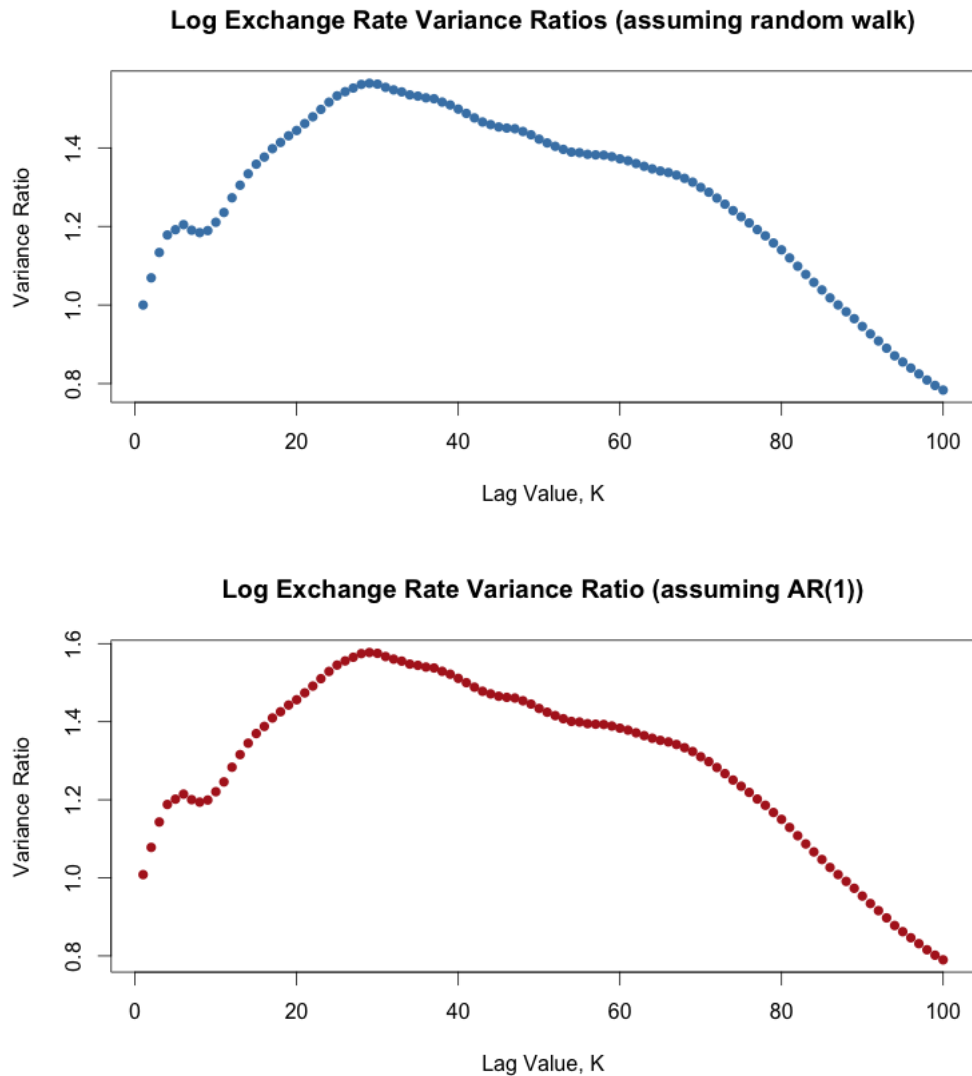
$$\begin{aligned}
y_t &= \mu + y_t + \epsilon_t \\
&= \mu + (\mu + y_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t \\
&= 2\mu + y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} \\
&= k\mu + y_{t-k} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \epsilon_{t-i} \\
y_t - y_{t-k} &= k\mu + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \epsilon_{t-i} \\
V[y_t - y_{t-k}] &= k\sigma^2 \\
\frac{V[y_t - y_{t-k}]}{k\sigma^2} &= \frac{k\sigma^2}{k\sigma^2} = 1; k \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Variance Ratio for AR(1) Model:

for :  $|\phi| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_t &= \mu + \phi y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \\
&= \mu + \phi(\mu + \phi y_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t \\
&= (1 + \phi)\mu + \phi^2 y_{t-2} + \phi \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \\
&= (1 + \phi + \dots + \phi^{k-1})\mu + \phi^k y_{t-k} + \phi^{k-1} \epsilon_{t-k+1} + \dots + \phi \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \\
y_t - y_{t-k} &= \frac{1-\phi^k}{1-\phi} \mu + (\phi^k - 1)y_{t-k} + \phi^{k-1} \epsilon_{t-k+1} + \dots + \phi \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \\
V[y_t - y_{t-k}] &= (\phi^k - 1)V[y_{t-k}] + \frac{1-\phi^k}{1-\phi} \sigma^2 \\
&= \frac{(\phi^k - 1)\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2} + \frac{1-\phi^k}{1-\phi} \sigma^2 \\
&= \frac{\sigma(1-\phi^k)}{1-\phi^2} \sigma^2 \\
\frac{V[y_t - y_{t-k}]}{k\sigma^2} &= \frac{\phi(1-\sigma^k)}{k(1-\phi^2)} \\
\frac{V[y_t - y_{t-k}]}{k\sigma^2} &\rightarrow 0; k \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

1.b. Variance Ratio Plots:



Variance ratio approaches 0 as lags increase, so the series may not follow a random walk, but a time trend. It should also be noted that the sample size must be significantly greater than the number of lags ( $k$ ) in order to have a reasonable variance estimate. Otherwise, the ratio will always trend to zero as the number of samples decreases and the  $k$  value increases.

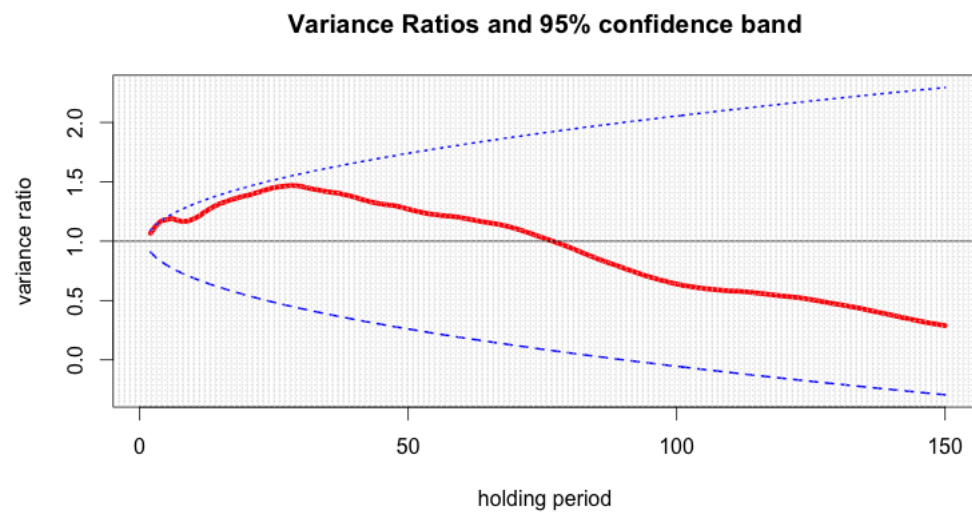
1.c. Variance Ratio test (vrtest):

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$stat
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[1] 1.256834
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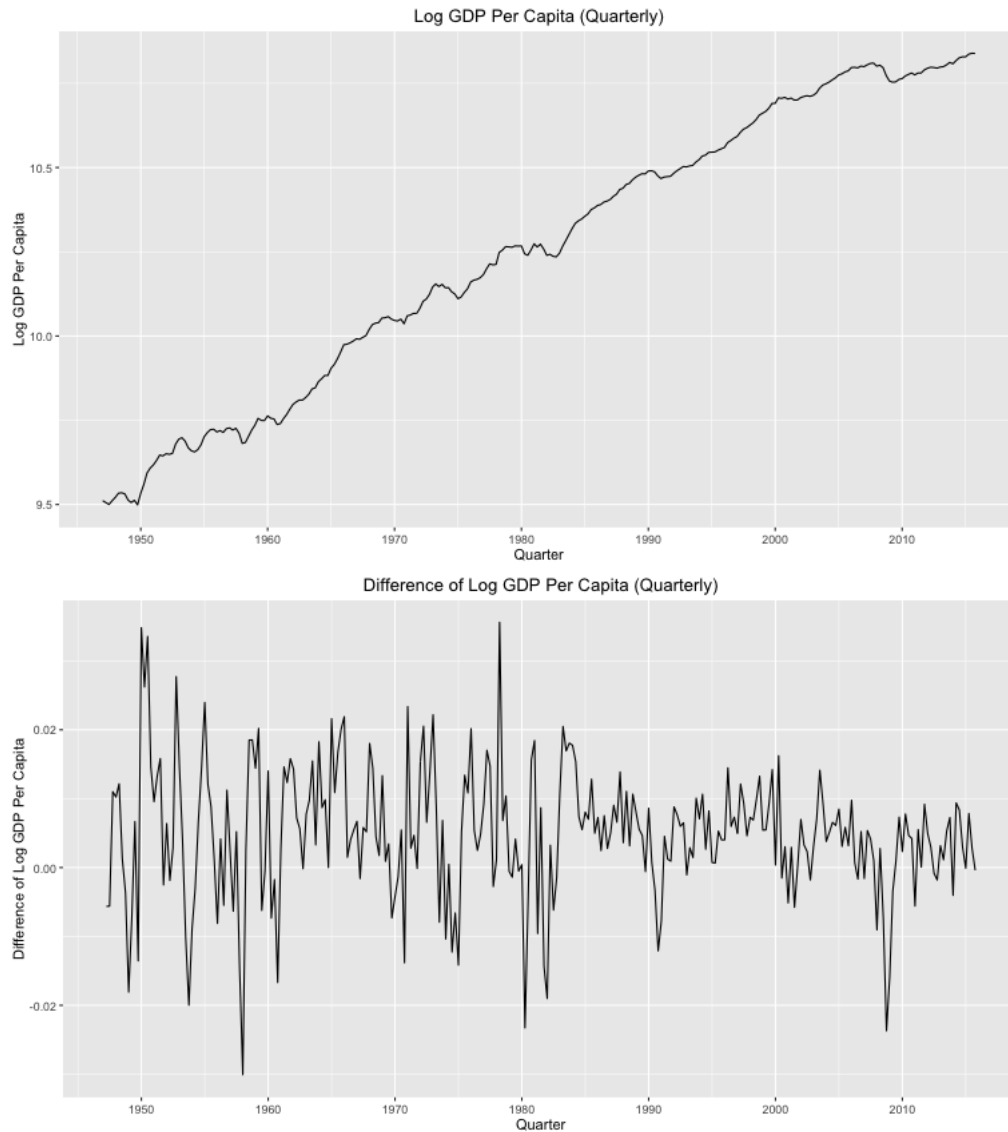
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$sum
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[1] 1.122364
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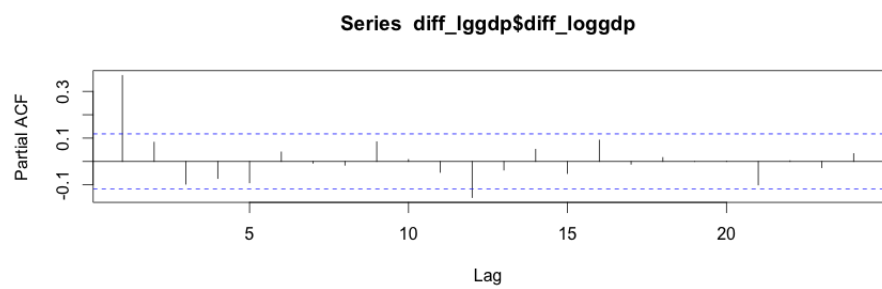
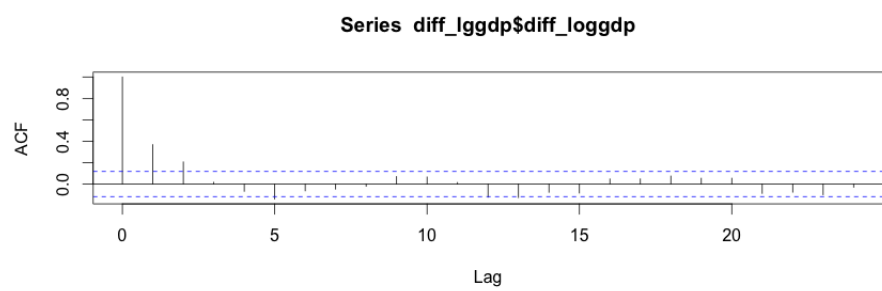
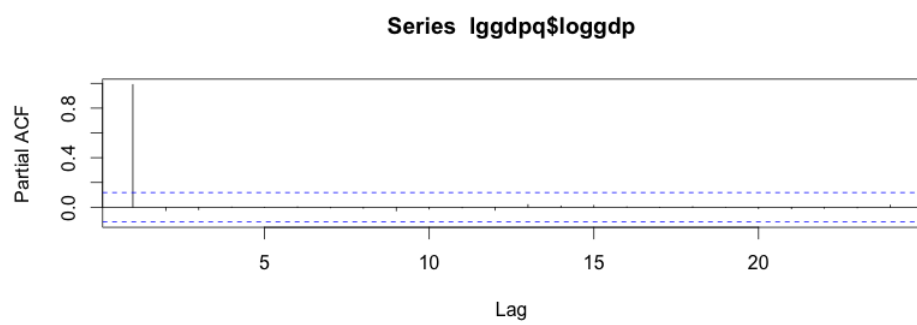
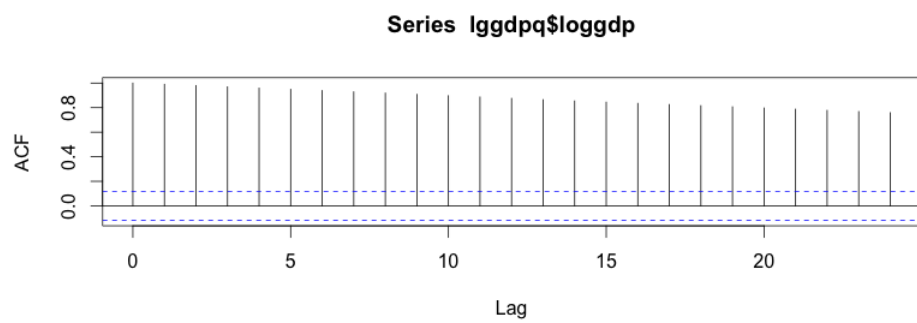
Variance ratio initially increases above 1, but decreases thereafter.

## 2.a. Per Capita GDP Plots:



The plot of log GDP shows an upward trend. The first difference of log GDP seems to vary around about a constant mean, although the variation appears to change over time. The AR model of log/difference series is significant at lag 3, and the sample PACF of the log/difference series shown significant lag of 12. Therefore, Lag =13 that will take this into account in the augmented Dickey-Fuller unit root test. With growth of GDP over time, if the process has a unit root, it is expected to have a drift. If it is trend stationary, it is reasonable to expect a time trend.

Plots of ACF/PACF:



**2.b.** We will calculate two augmented Dicky-Fuller tests, one with a constant/drift, and the other one with a constant and a time trend.

ADF test with constant:

$$H_0 : \phi_1 = 1; H_1 : |\phi_1| < 1$$

$$NullModel : loggdp_t = \phi_0 + loggdp_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$AlternativeModel : loggdp_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 * loggdp_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

ADF test with a time trend and a constant:

$$H_0 : \phi_1 = 1; H_1 : |\phi_1| < 1$$

$$NullModel : loggdp_t = \phi_0 + loggdp_{t-1} + \vartheta * t + \epsilon_t$$

$$AlternativeModel : loggdp_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 * loggdp_{t-1} + \vartheta * t + \epsilon_t$$

2.c. ADF Test Results:

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> adfTest (lggdpq$loggdp,lags=13,type=c("c"))
```

Title:

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test

Test Results:

PARAMETER:

Lag Order: 13

STATISTIC:

Dickey-Fuller: -1.7758

P VALUE:

0.3957

```
> adfTest (lggdpq$loggdp,lags=13,type=c("ct"))
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Title:

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test

Test Results:

PARAMETER:

Lag Order: 13

STATISTIC:

Dickey-Fuller: -0.8176

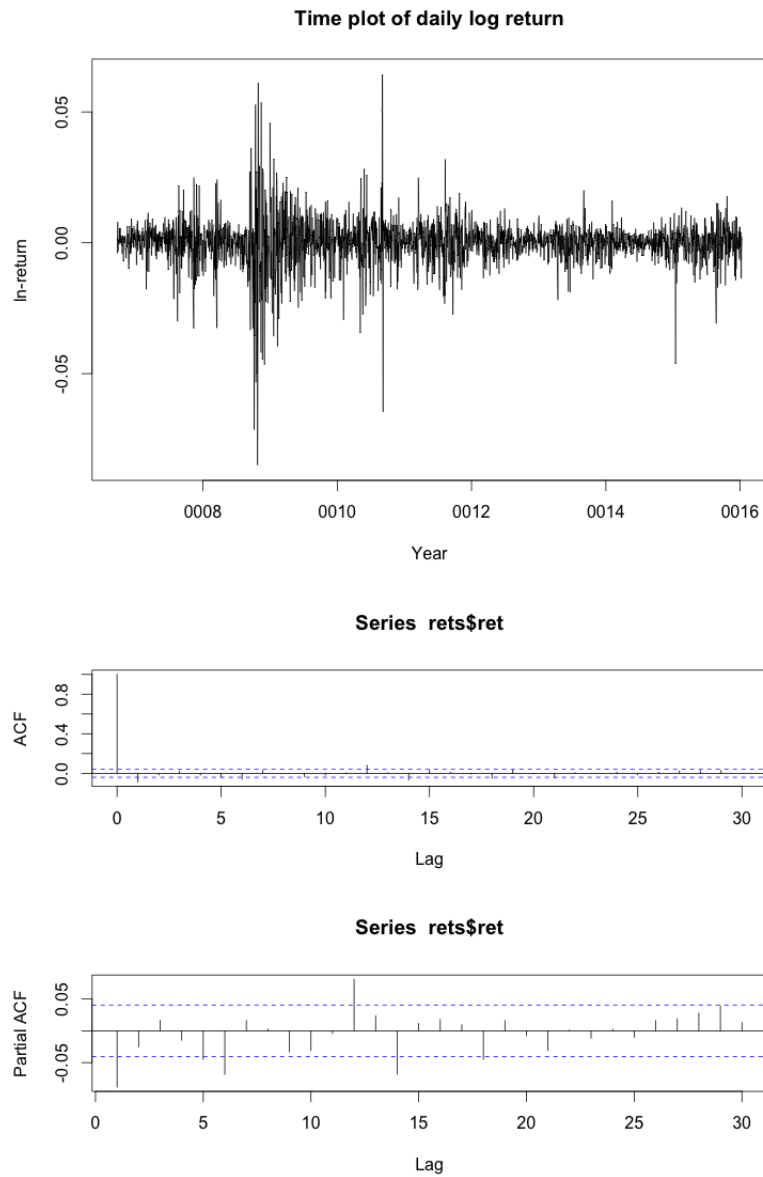
P VALUE:

0.9592

Both tests fail to reject the null hypothesis of unit root in log GDP. It indicates that log GDP is non-stationary process.



**3.a.** Time Series Plot of Currency Data:



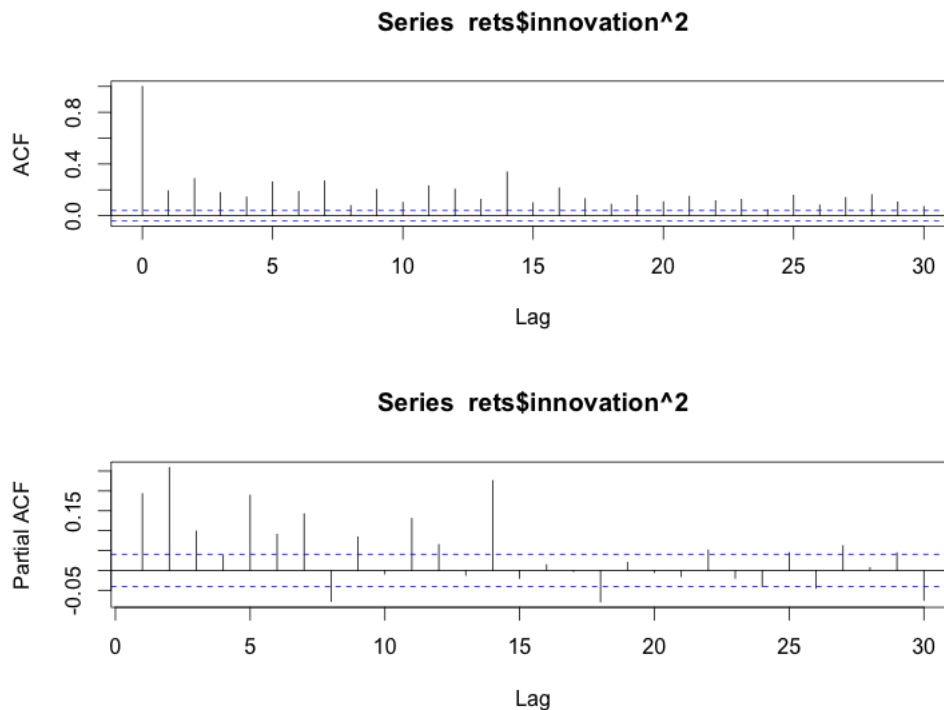
Log return seems to be a constant plus innovation. Abstract conditional mean from variance.

Ljung-Box Q-test rejects the null hypothesis of no autocorrelation in volatility.

### Box-Ljung test

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data: rets$innovation^2  
X-squared = 2118.4, df = 30, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

ACF/PACF of squared-innovations:



Squared-innovations show significant PACF for lags 1 to 12 as well as lag 18 and lag 30.

Try GARCH (1,1) with Gaussian innovations.

# GARCH(1,1) Model Summary:

Title:

GARCH Modelling

Call:

`garchFit(formula = ~1 + garch(1, 1), data = rets$ret, trace = F)`

Mean and Variance Equation:

`data ~ 1 + garch(1, 1)`

<environment: 0x10f886120>

[data = rets\$ret]

Conditional Distribution:

norm

Coefficient(s):

	mu	omega	alpha1	beta1
	1.5208e-04	5.9516e-07	1.3766e-01	8.6636e-01

Std. Errors:

based on Hessian

Error Analysis:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
mu	1.521e-04	1.103e-04	1.379	0.168042
omega	5.952e-07	1.700e-07	3.500	0.000464 ***
alpha1	1.377e-01	1.331e-02	10.341	< 2e-16 ***
beta1	8.664e-01	1.121e-02	77.290	< 2e-16 ***

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Log Likelihood:

8389.85      normalized: 3.582344

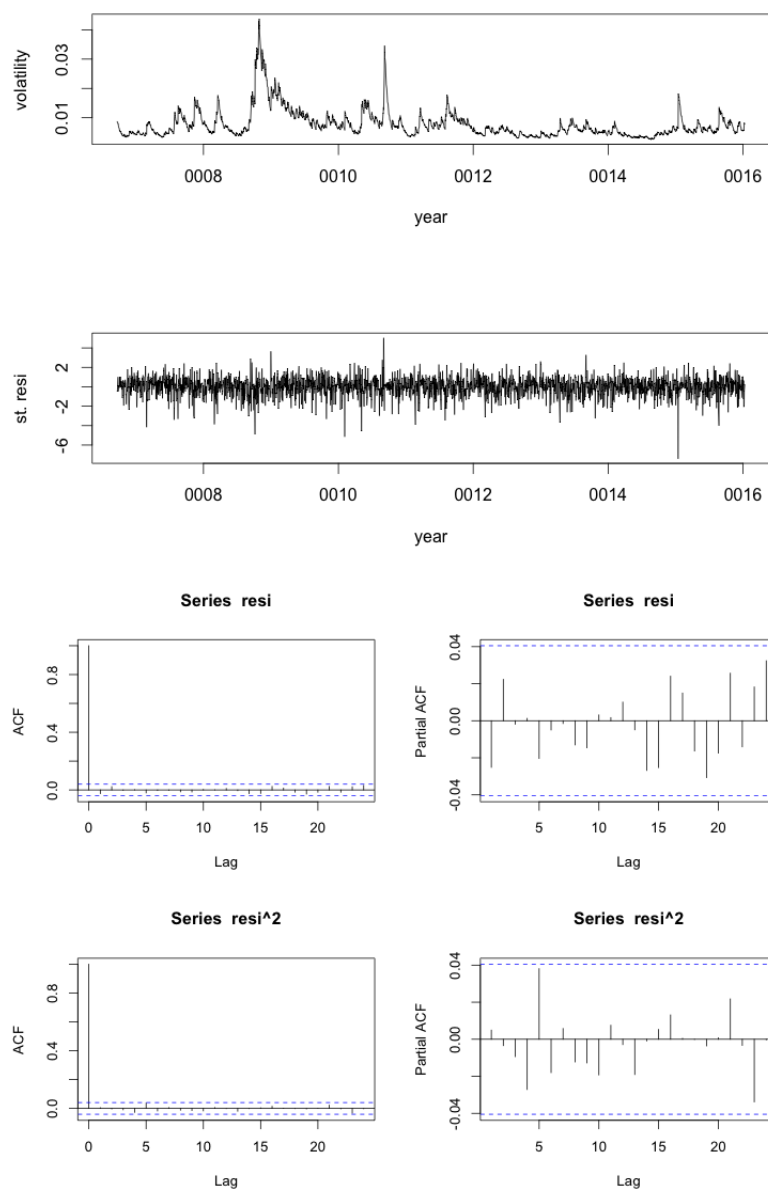
Standardised Residuals Tests:

			Statistic	p-Value
Jarque-Bera Test	R	Chi^2	892.9103	0
Shapiro-Wilk Test	R	W	0.9718357	0
Ljung-Box Test	R	Q(10)	4.683022	0.9113224
Ljung-Box Test	R	Q(15)	7.879335	0.9285291
Ljung-Box Test	R	Q(20)	12.68464	0.8905009
Ljung-Box Test	R^2	Q(10)	7.705103	0.6576169
Ljung-Box Test	R^2	Q(15)	8.692776	0.8930256
Ljung-Box Test	R^2	Q(20)	9.236635	0.9800008
LM Arch Test	R	TR^2	8.01036	0.7843202

Information Criterion Statistics:

	AIC	BIC	SIC	HQIC
	-7.161273	-7.151437	-7.161279	-7.157690

Volatility and ACF/PACF Plots:



No significant residuals; it appears that the GARCH(1,1) model is a good fit for the data.

**3.b.** 20 day Prediction:

	meanForecast	meanError	standardDeviation
1	0.0001520827	0.007362577	0.007362577
2	0.0001520827	0.007417575	0.007417575
3	0.0001520827	0.007472386	0.007472386
4	0.0001520827	0.007527016	0.007527016
5	0.0001520827	0.007581469	0.007581469
6	0.0001520827	0.007635751	0.007635751
7	0.0001520827	0.007689865	0.007689865
8	0.0001520827	0.007743816	0.007743816
9	0.0001520827	0.007797608	0.007797608
10	0.0001520827	0.007851245	0.007851245
11	0.0001520827	0.007904732	0.007904732
12	0.0001520827	0.007958072	0.007958072
13	0.0001520827	0.008011268	0.008011268
14	0.0001520827	0.008064326	0.008064326
15	0.0001520827	0.008117247	0.008117247
16	0.0001520827	0.008170037	0.008170037
17	0.0001520827	0.008222697	0.008222697
18	0.0001520827	0.008275232	0.008275232
19	0.0001520827	0.008327644	0.008327644
20	0.0001520827	0.008379937	0.008379937

The 20 trading day return volatility (standard deviation) is 0.03525.

**3.c.** Value at Risk at 5% on \$2billion long position in currency is \$115.95 million.

The m1 model predicts a constant mean of 1.521e-04, but it is not significantly different from 0, given its p-value of 0.168<.05. So we assume mean of 20-day log return is 0.

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1 # MGMT237e HW5
2 ##setwd("C:/Users/SallyShi/Desktop/MGMT237E-Empirical Methods in
  Finance/HW4")
3 ##install.packages("vrtest")
4 ##install.packages("fGarch")
5
6 library(lubridate)
7 library(xts)
8 library(ggplot2)
9 library(dplyr)
10 library(vrtest)
11 library(fUnitRoots)
12 library(zoo)
13 library(fGarch)
14
15 # question 1 part b
16 # get monthly exchange rate from 1970 to 2008
17 usdi<-read.csv("dollar_broadindex_tradeweighted.csv")
18 usdi$Date<-as.Date(usdi$Date,format("%m/%d/%Y"))
19 usdi<-usdi[which(usdi$Date=="1971-01-31"):which(usdi$Date
  == "2008-11-30"),]
20 usdi<-select(usdi,Date,Close)
21 usdi$log<-log(usdi$Close)
22 #calculate and plot variance ratio for log exchange rate
23 sigma_sq1=var(diff(usdi$log))
24 ar1<-arima(usdi$log,order=c(1,0,0))
25 sigma_sq2=ar1$sigma2
26
27 par(mfrow=c(1,1))
28 vr1_usdi<- sapply(1:100,function(x){
29   var(diff(usdi$log,lag=x))/(x*sigma_sq1)
30 })
31 plot(vr1_usdi,main="Log Exchange Rate Variance Ratios (assuming
  random walk)", xlab="Lag Value, K", ylab="Variance Ratio",pch
  =16, col="steelblue")
32 vr2_usdi<- sapply(1:100,function(x){
33   var(diff(usdi$log,lag=x))/(x*sigma_sq2)
34 })
35 plot(vr2_usdi,main="Log Exchange Rate Variance Ratio (assuming AR
  (1))", xlab="Lag Value, K", ylab="Variance Ratio",pch=16, col="
  firebrick")
36 # variance ratio approximate 0 as lags goes larger, so the series
  may not follow a random walk,
37 # but a time trend.
38
39 # question 1 part c
40 y <- usdi$log
41 nob <- length(y)
42 r <- diff(y,lag=1)
43 Auto.VR(r)
44
45 kvec <- c(2,5,10,30,50,100,150)
46 VR.plot(r,kvec)
47 # variance ratio increase above 1 first, and decrease below 1 as
  holding period gets longer.
48 # It also shows that the series is not unit root.
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50 # question 2 part a
51 gdpq<-read.csv("rgdppc.csv")
52 colnames (gdpq) <-c("Date","GDP")
53 gdpq$Date<-as.yearqtr(gdpq$Date,format = "%Y-%m-%d")
54 gdpq$Date <-as.Date(gdpq$Date, format="%Y%q")
55 gdpq$loggdp<-log(gdpq$GDP)
56 lggdpq<-gdpq[,c("Date","loggdp")]
57 # get difference for quarterly gdp
58 diff_lggdp<-diff(gdpq$loggdp)
59 diff_lggdp<-data.frame(gdpq$Date[2:length(gdpq$Date)],diff_lggdp)
60 colnames (diff_lggdp)<-c("Date","diff_loggdp")
61 # plot Log GDP and its changes
62 p1<-ggplot(lggdpq)+geom_line(aes(lggdpq$Date,lggdpq$loggdp)) + xlab
  ("Quarter") + ylab("Log GDP Per Capita") + ggtitle("Log GDP Per
  Capita (Quarterly)")
63 p1
64 p2<-ggplot(diff_lggdp)+geom_line(aes(diff_lggdp$Date,
  diff_lggdp$diff_loggdp)) + xlab("Quarter") + ylab("Difference
  of Log GDP Per Capita") + ggtitle("Difference of Log GDP Per
  Capita (Quarterly)")
65 p2
66
67 par(mfrow=c(2,1))
68 acf(lggdpq$loggdp)
69 pacf(lggdpq$loggdp)
70
71 par(mfrow=c(2,1))
72 acf(diff_lggdp$diff_loggdp)
73 pacf(diff_lggdp$diff_loggdp)
74
75 ml=ar(diff_lggdp$diff_loggdp,method = 'mle')
76 ml$order
77
78 # The plot of log GDP shows an upward trend. The first difference
  of log GDP seems to vary around a
79 # fixed mean leve, although the variabilty appears to be smaller in
  recent years.
80 # AR model of difference series is significant at lag 3, and the
  sample PACF of the differenced
81 # series shown significant lag of 12. Therefore, Lag =13 that will
  take this into account in the
82 # augmented Dicky-Fuller unit root test.
83
84 # With growth of GDP over time, if the process has a unit root, it
  is expected to have a drift.
85 # If it is trend stationary, it is reasonable to expect a time
  trend.
86
87 # question 2 part b
88
89 # Therefore, we will do two augmented Dicky-Fuller test, one with a
  constant/drift,
90 # and the other one with a constant and a time trend.
91
92 # ADF test with constant
93 # H0:  $\phi_1=1$  H1:  $|\phi_1|<1$ 
94 # null model:  $\text{loggdp}_t=\phi_0+\text{loggdp}_{t-1}+\text{error}_t$ 

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95 # alternative model: loggdp_t=phi_0+phi_1*loggdp_t-1+error_t
96
97 # ADF test with a time trend and a constant
98 # H0: phi_1=1 H1:|phi_1|<1
99 # null model: loggdp_t = phi_0 + loggdp_t-1 + omega*t + error_t
100 # alternative model: loggdp_t = phi_0 + phi_1*loggdp_t-1 + omega*t
    + error_t
101
102 # question 2 part c
103 # ADF test with constant
104 adfTest (lggdpq$loggdp, lags=13,type=c("c"))
105 # ADF test with a time trend and a constant
106 adfTest (lggdpq$loggdp, lags=13,type=c("ct"))
107
108 # Both test fail to reject the null hypothesis of unit root in log
    GDP. It indicates that log GDP
109 # is non-stationary process.
110
111 # question 3 part a
112 data <- read.csv("currency_fund_prices.csv")
113 data$Date <- as.Date(data$Date, format("%m/%d/%Y"))
114 # calculate daily log return
115 ccy <- select(data, Date, Adj.Close)
116 ccy$ret[2:length(ccy$Adj.Close)] <- diff(log(ccy$Adj.Close))
117 rets <- select(ccy, Date, ret)
118 rets <- rets[2:length(ccy$ret),]
119 par(mfrow=c(1,1))
120 plot(rets, type="l", xlab = 'Year', ylab = 'ln-return', main = 'Time
    plot of daily log return')
121 par(mfrow=c(2,1))
122 acf(rets$ret, lag=30)
123 pacf(rets$ret, lag=30)
124
125 # seems log return is a constant plus innovation. abstract
    conditional mean from variation
126 rets$innovation <- rets$ret - mean(rets$ret)
127 Box.test(rets$innovation^2, lag=30, type='Ljung')
128 # LB Q-test rejects the null of no autocorrelation in volatility
129 par(mfrow=c(2,1))
130 acf(rets$innovation^2, lag=30)
131 pacf(rets$innovation^2, lag=30)
132
133 # innovation squared shows significant PACF for 1 to 12 lags as
    well as lag 18 and 30.
134 # one can employ more parsimonious GARCH model
135 # Try GARCH (1,1) with Gaussian innovations
136 m1 <- garchFit(~1+garch(1,1), data=rets$ret, trace=F)
137 summary(m1)
138 # GARCH(1,1) model: r_t = 1.521e-04 + a_t, a_t = sigma_t * e_t
139 # sigma_t^2 = 5.952e-07 + 1.377e-01 * a_(t-1)^2 + 8.664e-01 *
    sigma_(t-1)^2
140 # AIC = -7.161273
141 v1 = volatility(m1) # obtain volatility
142 resi <- residuals(m1, standardize=T) # standard residuals
143 vol <- data.frame(rets$Date, v1)
144 res <- data.frame(rets$Date, resi)
145 par(mfrow=c(2,1)) # show volatility and residuals

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146 plot (vol,xlab='year',ylab='volatility', type='l')
147 plot (res,xlab='year',ylab='st. resi', type='l')
148 par(mfrow=c(2,2)) # obtain ACF & PACF
149 acf(resi, lag=24)
150 pacf(resi, lag=24)
151 acf(resi^2, lag=24)
152 pacf(resi^2, lag=24)
153 # no significant ACF/PACF for GARCH residuals
154 # model is good fit for the data
155
156 # question 3 part b
157 # prediction of log return level for next 20 periods
158 pred <- predict(m1,20)
159 # log return volatility over 20 days, assuming iid daily log return
    , variance over 20 day period
160 # equals sum of standard error squared on each day.
161 std <- sqrt(sum(pred$standardDeviation^2))
162 # the 20-trading-day return volatility (standard deviation) is
    0.03525
163
164 # question 3 part c
165 # VaR at 5% on $2bn long position in currency is $115.95 million,
166 # ml model predict constant mean is 1.521e-04, but it is not
    significant different from 0, given
167 # its p-value is 0.168>.05. So we assume mean of 20-day log return
    approximates 0.
168 2000*abs(qnorm(.05,mean=0,sd=std))

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