

# Mid term Exam for Financial Econometrics with Python

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## 1 Introduction

For the midterm assignment, we composed a group of 4 with Gavini Charles; Fournier Justin; Prat Paul and Blanc Mathieu. This document contains all the results of our assignment, including tables, figures, and calculations. It is composed by 1 parts, first, importing the good python libraries, then initialising variables to separate the differents datas (daily, monthly, ..., returns, logreturns,...)

## 2 Preliminary

### 2.1 AMAZON

The chosen stock is Amazon, because it is highly related in the current actuality. We are very interested in a major company such as Amazon, which has grown significantly over time. The ticker from yahoo finance is "**AMZN**" on the Nasdaq stock exchange [AMAZON on Yahoo Finance](#) First, importing the Amazon stock with yfinance, then display the pandas table. We will import 25 years, 8 months and 25 days of data (from 1999-01-21 to 2024-10-16).

### 2.2 Data Table

The data printed here, is the preview of the Amazon stock extraction from yahoo finance:

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume
1999-01-21	2.612500	2.759375	2.314063	2.650000	2.650000	940964000
1999-01-22	2.487500	3.146875	2.468750	3.075000	3.075000	875316000
1999-01-25	3.037500	3.084375	2.750000	2.809375	2.809375	546476000
1999-01-26	2.815625	3.031250	2.765625	2.877344	2.877344	490696000
1999-01-27	3.353125	3.493750	3.000000	3.140625	3.140625	700452000

Table 1: Preview of Amazon Stock Data from Yahoo Finance

## 2.3 Checking the 25 Years range condition

We have to check that the data is correctly displayed over a 25years range, hopefully, the introduction from Amazon is from january 1999, so it we should be able to find a 25 year range of data of the Amazon stock. To check that we can compute a python code to count the gaps and visualize the dates of gaps in order to see for any huge gap that would be problematic for analyzing data.

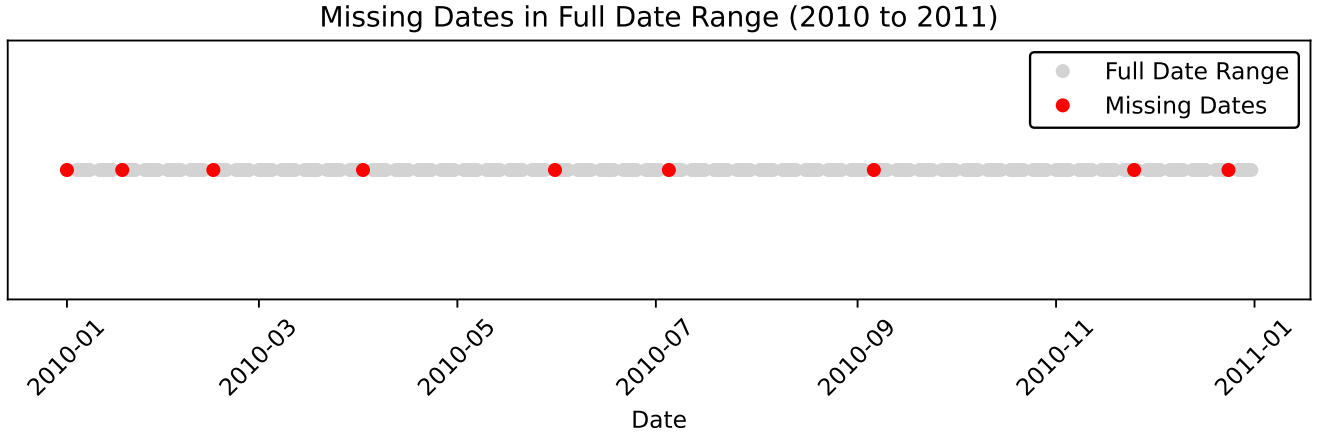


Figure 1: Missing Dates in Full Date Range (2010 to 2011)

We count less than 10 days of data gaps ponctually for one year over the 25-years range. Thus, the full data is still relevant to use for ou analysis of stilyzed facts.

## 3 First Results

### 3.1 Prices Evolutions

Then, plotting the prices evolution:

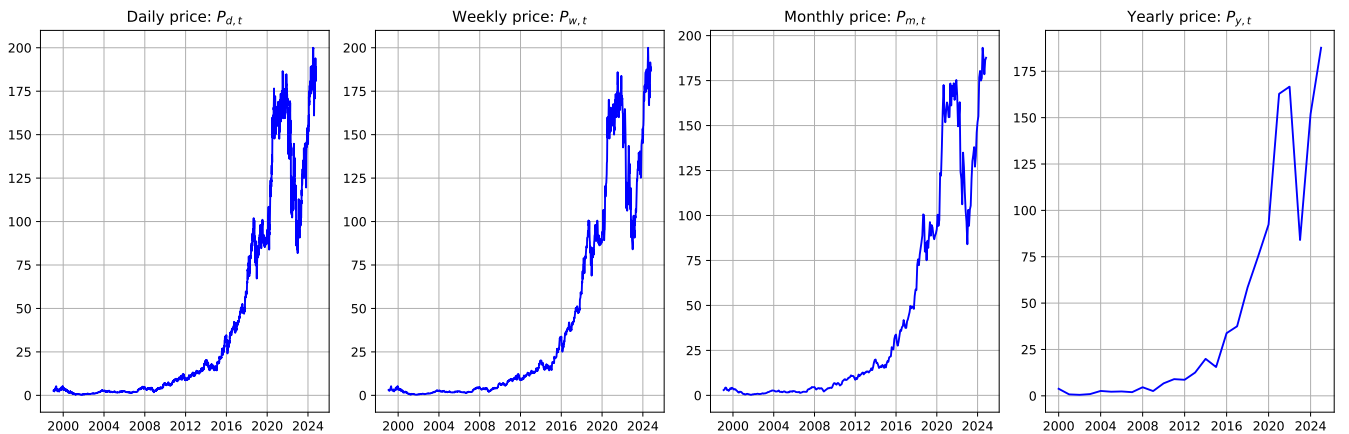


Figure 2: Prices over time by frequency

### 3.2 Calculating Returns



Figure 3: Prices, returns and log returns

### 3.3 Squared Returns

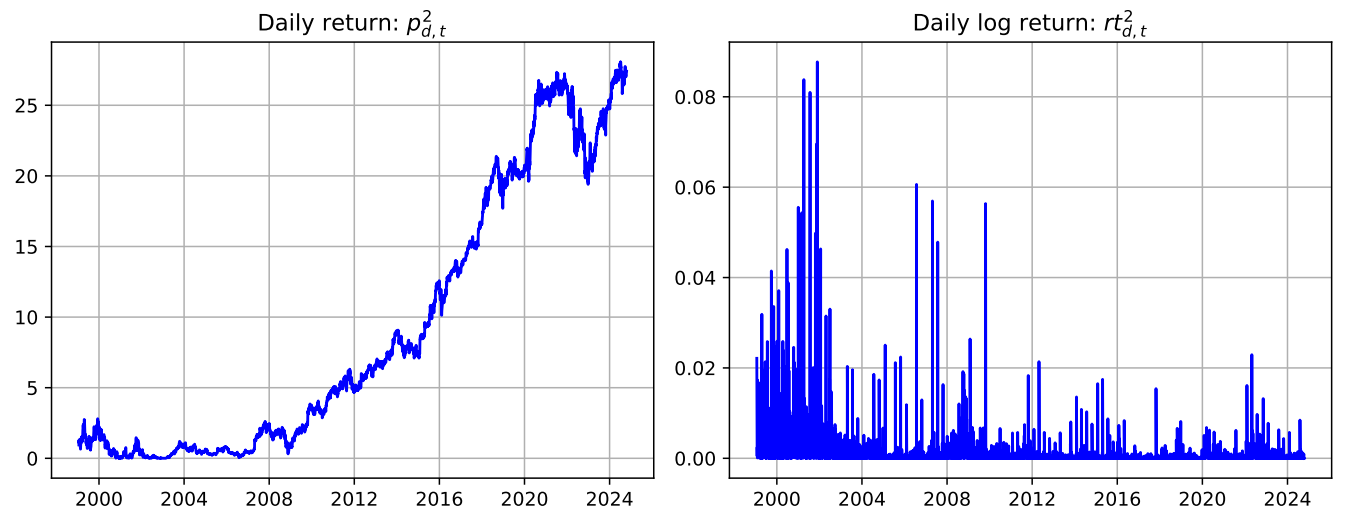


Figure 4: Squared daily returns and daily log returns

## 4 Amazon and the 8 Stylized Facts

### 4.1 Prices are non-stationary

The first feature that will highlight non-stationarity of the prices is the comparison of  $p_t$  vs  $p_{t-1}$ .

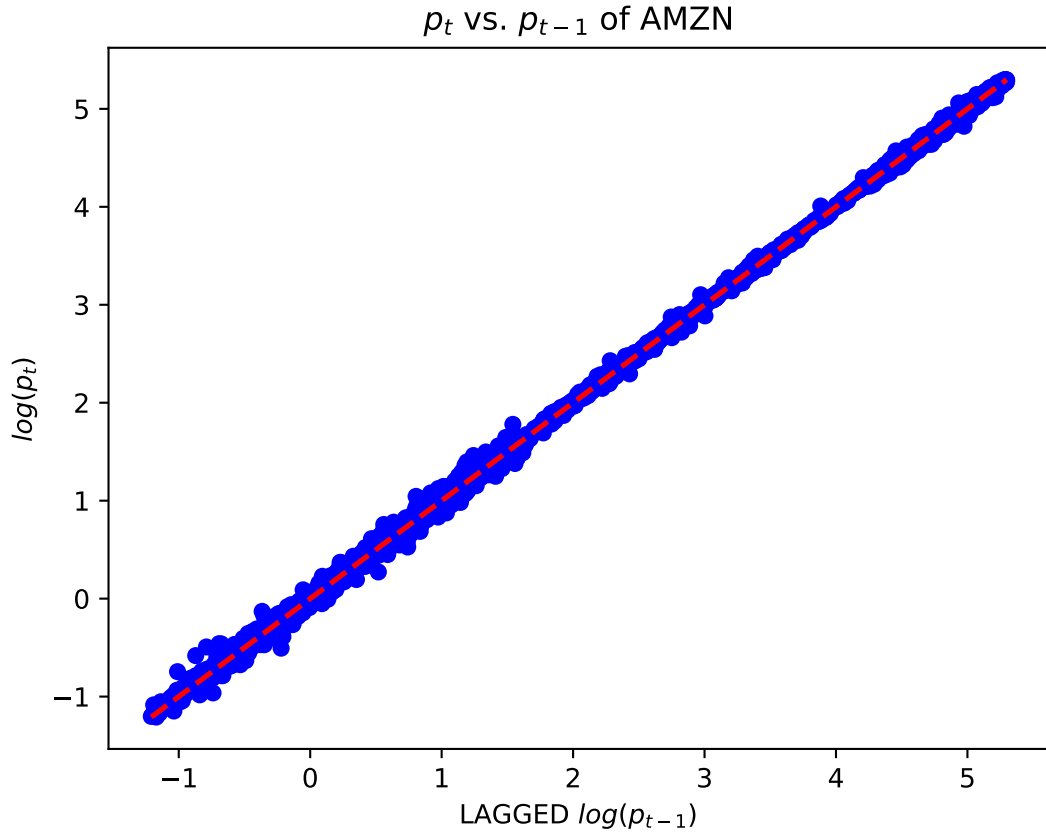


Figure 5: Comparison of  $\log(p_t)$  vs  $\log(p_{t-1})$

The graph in Figure 5 demonstrates this strong linear relationship, indicating that Amazon's prices at time  $t$  are highly dependent on those at  $t - 1$  and lack mean reversion, supporting the idea of non-stationarity. Additionally, the empirical autocorrelation function (ACF) of Amazon's daily prices shows a slow decay, further suggesting non-stationarity, as shown in the next figure.

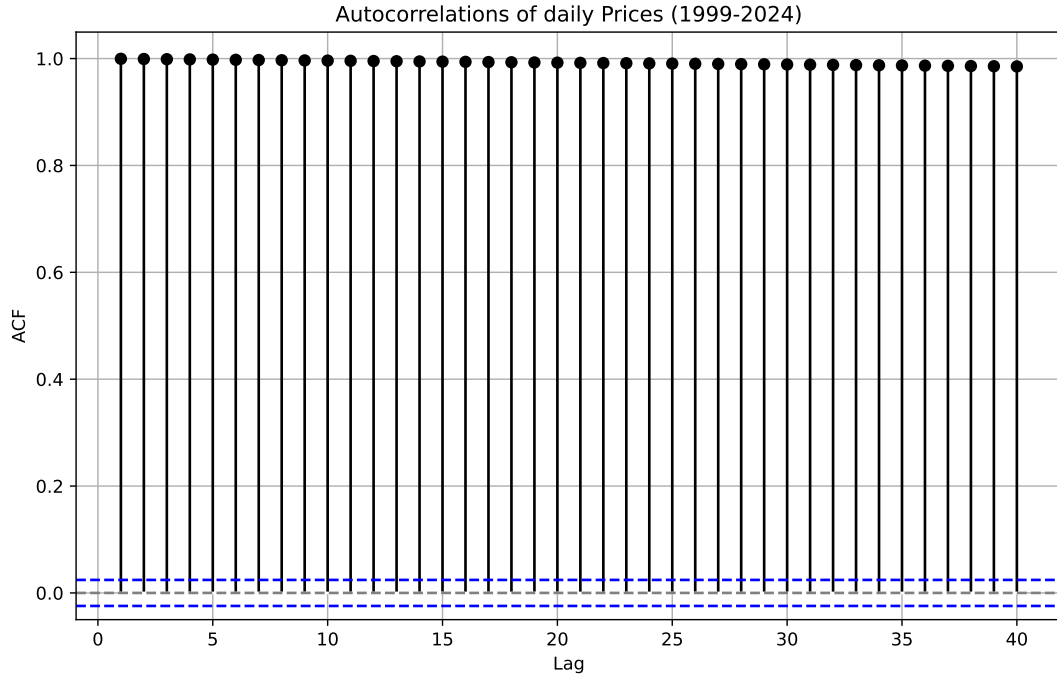


Figure 6: Autocorrelations of daily Prices (1999-2024)

## 4.2 Returns are stationary

## 4.3 Asymmetry

## 4.4 Heavy tails

## 4.5 Gaussianity

### 4.5.1 High frequency non-Gaussianity

positive skewness [1] TODO add an article about amzn skewness. The 3<sup>rd</sup> central moment is defined as  $\mu_3 := E((X - m_1)^3)$ . The skewness of  $r_t$  is defined as:

$$\text{Skew}(r_t) := E \left[ \left( \frac{X - m_1}{\sigma} \right)^3 \right] = \frac{\mu_3}{\sigma^3} = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^{3/2}}.$$

### 4.5.2 Aggregational Gaussianity

## 4.6 Returns are not autocorrelated

## 4.7 Volatility clustering and long range dependence of squared returns

## 4.8 Leverage effect

# A Appendix: Python Code

Below is the Python code used in this analysis.

```
1  # Python code example
2  import numpy as np
3  import pandas as pd
4
5  def analyze_data(data):
6      mean = np.mean(data)
7      std_dev = np.std(data)
8      return mean, std_dev
9
10 data = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
11 mean, std_dev = analyze_data(data)
12 print(f"Mean: {mean}, Standard Deviation: {std_dev}")
```

Listing 1: Python Code for Analysis

# B To go further, CAPM pricing model

# References

- [1] John Doe and Jane Smith. An example article. *Journal of Examples*, 42(1):1–10, 2023.