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Lecture IX:

Serial Correlation & Time-varying Volatility Models

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Outline

Serial Correlation

- **Test for Serial Correlation**
 - AR Test
 - Durbin-Watson Test
- **Newey-West Standard Error**

Time-varying Volatility Models

- **ARCH**
- **GARCH**

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\beta}|x] = (x'x)^{-1}x' \text{Var}[u|x] x(x'x)^{-1}$$

↓

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(u_1|x_1) & \text{Cov}(u_2, u_1|x) & \text{Cov}(u_3, u_1|x) & \dots \\ \text{Cov}(u_2, u_1|x) & \text{Var}(u_2|x) & \text{Cov}(u_3, u_2|x) & \dots \\ \text{Cov}(u_3, u_1|x) & \text{Cov}(u_3, u_2|x) & \text{Var}(u_3|x) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Serial correlation

Correlation of error term across observation

no problem if iid

but time series have this problem

cannot use ^{OLS} white-robust

→ cannot newey west for cross section with serial correlation problem
↳ time series

SKEDASTICITY

Serial correlation

without

Homo

reg y x

reg y x , robust

newey y x

hard to use

consistent

may not

efficient

Hetero

reg y x , robust

newey y x

with

- F/OLS - transform until get Homo then run OLS
- new $se(\hat{\beta})$ that take problem into account
↓
known as "newey-west $se(\hat{\beta})$ "
newey y x

Review (3 Nov 2023)

Time Series

* should declare first that this is time-series
variable that index your time

1) STATA → tsset t
 ↓
 l. □ r.v.
 l 2. □ 2 periods ago
 d. □

2) check order of integration
 ↓
 test whether we have stationary process or not
 dfuller y → reject: $I(0)$ order of integration is 1
 ↓
 fail = stationary of itself

dfuller d.y → reject: $I(1)$
 ↓
 fail

dfuller d2.y → reject
 operator

run regression:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + u_t$$

$$\frac{\Delta y_t}{y} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \frac{\Delta y_{t-1}}{y} + u_t$$

cannot use any function, but you can use this operation

reg y l.y

reg d.y l.d.y

or get $x = l.y$ first

you have $\{y_t\}, \{x_t\}$ after you check stationary process

2) Both $I(0) \Rightarrow$ regular OLS with command reg

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + u_t$$

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_0 x_t + \beta_1 x_{t-1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{t-p} + u$$

Finite distributed lag (FOL)

allow effect of x many periods

If you believe effect can last p period e.g. 4Q sales \Rightarrow use 4 lags

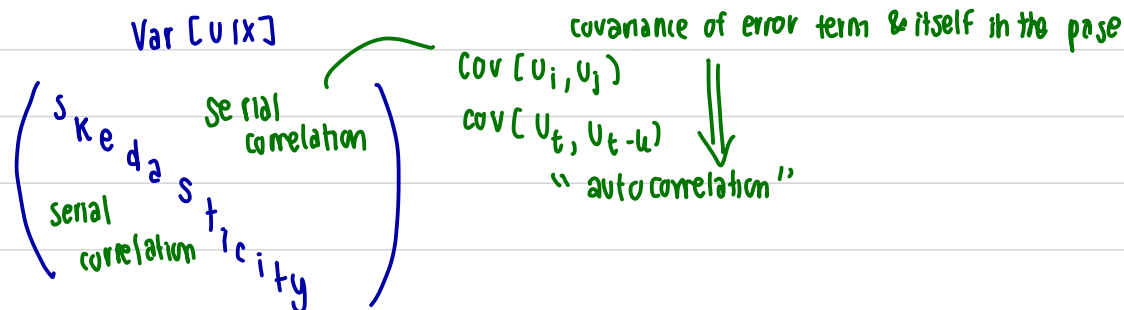
Compare aic, bic

quarterly back up 1 yr

2) Both $I(1) \Rightarrow$ try to find cointegration factor \checkmark it has long run relationship

\times cannot do regression (no long run relationship)

3) difference order of integration \Rightarrow no relationship



Homoskedastic without serial correlation \rightarrow default case \rightarrow use reg

Heteroskedastic without " " \rightarrow use reg, robust

Homoskedastic with serial correlation

Heteroskedastic with " "

$\} \Rightarrow$ newey
to correct autocorrelation
newey standard error

most efficient

if don't know don't use!!

have to defend functional form

If you use OLS or FGLS to solve problem will change $\hat{\beta}$

1) assume fading serial correlation

2) either reg, robust or newey \Rightarrow doesn't change $\hat{\beta}^{OLS}$, change only standard error

3) has nothing to do with consistency of $\hat{\beta}$

inference

Serial Correlation

- Serial correlation means that **the error terms are correlated across observations**.
- Serial correlation usually happens with time-series data, since each observation represents each period that is not independent of the other period.
- Some people refer to serial correlation problem in time-series as autocorrelation problem which means correlation with itself in other periods.
- Mathematically for a linear regression model $Y_t = X_t\beta + U_t$, there is serial correlation if for some period $s \neq t$, $Cov(U_t, U_s) \neq 0$

- In matrix notation, the variance of the vector of OLS estimator $\hat{\beta}$ is

$$Var[\hat{\beta}|\mathbf{X}] = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}')^{-1}\mathbf{X}(Var[\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{X}])\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}')^{-1}$$

- Note: that \mathbf{U} is the vector of error terms of all the observations, and \mathbf{X} is the matrix of all the regressors of all the observations.

- As the case of heteroscedasticity, when there is serial correlation, the variance $Var[U|X]$ cannot be simplified:
 - **For the iid homoskedastic case, $Var(U|X) = \sigma^2 I_n$**
 - **For the iid heteroskedastic case, $Var(U|X)$ is a diagonal matrix but each entry are not the same.**
 - **For serial correlation, $Var(U|X)$ is not diagonal.**
- Therefore, we cannot use the simple OLS standard error or White heteroskedasticity robust standard error like before.
- Note: it is also possible to have homoskedasticity with serial correlation.
- As for heteroskedasticity, **serial correlation does not affect unbiasedness or consistency of the OLS estimator** as long as the error term is uncorrelated with regressors.
- However, **it has impact on inference**, as we need correct standard error of the estimator.

① AR Tests for Serial Correlation

check whether error term correlate with itself in the past

- Since serial correlation means that there is correlation between the error term and its lags, the simplest way is to hypothesize that the error term follows an AR(1) process: $U_t = \rho U_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$
- Since the actual process of the error terms $\{U_t\}$ is unobserved, we need to make a test on the estimated residual.

- Run OLS: $Y_t = \beta X_t + U_t$ and keep the residuals $\{\hat{U}_t\}$

- If the regressor is exogenous, run OLS regression: ←

$$\hat{U}_t = \rho \hat{U}_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

up to 1 lag \Rightarrow AR(1)

- If the regressor is not exogenous, run OLS regression:

$$\hat{U}_t = \delta X_t + \rho \hat{U}_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

- Test the hypothesis: $H_0: \rho = 0$ vs $H_1: \rho \neq 0$ using the standard t-test.

- Note: the AR(1) test can also capture serial correlation of higher order, e.g. if the error term process follows $AR(p)$; $p > 1$ or other kinds of serial correlation, as long as $cov(U_t, U_{t-1}) \neq 0$
- Note: we can also use the heteroskedasticity robust standard error in the t -test if suspecting that $Var[\epsilon_t | \hat{U}_{t-1}]$ is not constant.
- We can also extend the test to higher order $AR(p)$ process:

$$\hat{U}_t = \rho_1 \hat{U}_{t-1} + \rho_2 \hat{U}_{t-2} + \dots + \rho_p \hat{U}_{t-p} + \epsilon_t, \text{ or}$$

$$\hat{U}_t = \delta X_t + \rho_1 \hat{U}_{t-1} + \rho_2 \hat{U}_{t-2} + \dots + \rho_p \hat{U}_{t-p} + \epsilon_t$$

$\approx AR(p)$

- Then, doing the usual F-test for the hypothesis:

no serial correlation \Rightarrow use F test or LM test

$$H_0: \rho_1 = \rho_2 = \dots = \rho_p = 0 \text{ vs } H_1: \rho_1 \neq 0 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } \rho_p \neq 0$$

- We can also use LM statistic: $LM = (n - p) R_{\hat{U}}^2 \sim \chi_p^2$

- The LM test here is called **Breusch-Godfrey Test** for $AR(p)$

obs \times R^2 = test statistics
Check

Breusch-Godfrey Test for Serial Correlation

```
. tsset time
      time variable:  time, 1 to 30
      delta: 1 unit
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```
. reg y x1 x2, nohead
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y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1	-.6670978	.0655501	-10.18	0.000	-.8015955	-.5326002
x2	-.7792461	.1072015	-7.27	0.000	-.9992055	-.5592867
_cons	66.21805	6.31436	10.49	0.000	53.26206	79.17405

```
. estat bgodfrey, lag(1)
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Breusch-Godfrey LM test for autocorrelation

lags(p)	chi2	df	Prob > chi2
1	5.932	1	0.0149

H0: no serial correlation

LM stat

p-value

0.0149 < 5%

reject H₀ at 5%, 10%
there is serial correlation at 5%, 10% significant level

Durbin-Watson Test X not recommend! cannot test serial correlation more than 1 lag

↳ too old → based on 1 lag only

- This test proposed by Durbin and Watson (1950) and is also based on the AR(1) model, but against the one-sided alternative hypothesis

$$H_0: \rho = 0 \text{ vs } H_1: \rho > 0$$

- The Durbin-Watson test statistics is

$$DW = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (\hat{U}_t - \hat{U}_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{U}_{t-1}^2} \approx 2(1 - \hat{\rho})$$

- Under the null that $\rho = 0$, $DW \approx 2$, and we will reject the null if the DW test statistic is significantly less than 2.
- A drawback of the Durbin-Watson test is that the distribution of DW under H_0 is not in a form of well-known distributions, but numerically calculated and provided by the authors.

- The DW distribution also depends on the number of regressors used in the residual regression.
- So, if a statistical software does not contain a command for the Durbin-Watson test that automatically calculate the p-value, we must use the table for DW statistics, which provides two sets of critical values: the upper bound dU and lower bound dL .
- We can reject the null if $DW < \underbrace{dL}_{\text{two kind of critical value}} >$
- We cannot reject the null if $DW > \underbrace{dU}$



If $dL < DW < dU$, then we cannot conclude whether we can reject the null hypothesis.

Durbin-Watson Test for Serial Correlation

`. reg y x1 x2, nohead`

	y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1		-.6670978	.0655501	-10.18	0.000	-.8015955	-.5326002
x2		-.7792461	.1072015	-7.27	0.000	-.9992055	-.5592867
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`. estat dwatson`

Durbin-Watson d-statistic(3, 30) = 1.116148

Durbin-Watson Statistic: 5 Per Cent Significance Points of dL and dU

	k*=1		k*=2		k*=3		k*=4		k*=5		k*=6		k*=7		k*=8	
n	dL	dU	dL	dU	dL	dU	dL	dU	dL	dU	dL	dU	dL	dU	dL	dU
28	1.328	1.476	1.255	1.560	1.181	1.650	1.104	1.747	1.028	1.850	0.951	1.959	0.874	2.071	0.798	2.188
29	1.341	1.483	1.270	1.563	1.198	1.650	1.124	1.743	1.050	1.841	0.975	1.944	0.900	2.052	0.826	2.164
30	1.352	1.489	1.284	1.567	1.214	1.650	1.143	1.739	1.071	1.833	0.998	1.931	0.926	2.034	0.854	2.141
31	1.363	1.496	1.297	1.570	1.229	1.650	1.160	1.735	1.090	1.825	1.020	1.920	0.950	2.018	0.879	2.120
32	1.373	1.502	1.309	1.574	1.244	1.650	1.177	1.732	1.109	1.819	1.041	1.909	0.972	2.004	0.904	2.102
33	1.383	1.508	1.321	1.577	1.258	1.651	1.193	1.730	1.127	1.813	1.061	1.900	0.994	1.991	0.927	2.085
34	1.393	1.514	1.333	1.580	1.271	1.652	1.208	1.728	1.144	1.808	1.079	1.891	1.015	1.978	0.950	2.069
35	1.402	1.519	1.343	1.584	1.283	1.653	1.222	1.726	1.160	1.803	1.097	1.884	1.034	1.967	0.971	2.054

Newey-West Standard Error

- Recall that for the OLS estimator, the covariance matrix of $\hat{\beta}$ is

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\beta}|\mathbf{X}] = (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}')^{-1}\mathbf{X}(\text{Var}[\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{X}])\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}')^{-1}$$

- In the case of heteroskedasticity without serial correlation, we can use White standard error which estimates $\text{Var}[\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{X}]$ by

$$S = \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{U}_t^2 X_t X_t'$$

- With the presence of serial correlation, this S is not enough to provide a consistent estimator for $\text{Var}[\mathbf{U}|\mathbf{X}]$, since it ignores non-zero correlations among \hat{U}_t

- A better estimator is the **Heteroskedasticity and Autocorrelation Consistent (HAC) standard error** or well-known as **Newey-West Standard Error**, proposed by Newey and West (1987)

not y!!!
cov(u_t, u_{t-k})
self error correlated with itself in the past

o.g. $H=4 \Rightarrow j=1 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{j}{H+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$ *up to 4 period*
 $j=2 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$
 $j=3 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$
 $j=4 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$

- The Newey-West Standard Error:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{U}_t^2 X_t X_t' + \sum_{j=1}^H \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{j}{H+1} \right) \sum_{s=j+1}^T \hat{U}_s \hat{U}_{s-j} [X_s X_{s-j}' + X_{s-j} X_s'] \right\}$$

capture heteroskedasticity (pointing to the first term)
gap btw period (pointing to j)
capture serial correlation auto correlation (pointing to the second term)
cov across obs (pointing to $\hat{U}_s \hat{U}_{s-j}$)
 $1 - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$ (under the first term)

- Where the second term captures the covariances of $\hat{U}X$ in each period and its j -period lags.
- Note that this standard error **assume that there are serial correlations up to H lags**. That is $E[X_t U_t] = E[U_t U_{t-j}] = 0$ for $j \neq 1, 2, \dots, H$. *(after that, no serial correlation anymore)*
- The expression $1 - \frac{j}{H+1}$ is a weight of impact of each covariance term. Technically, this is to ensure that standard error is positive definite. Intuitively, this means that the impact of **autocorrelation of j periods apart diminishes when j increases**.

Estimating Static Model with Newey-West Standard Error

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. reg y x1 x2
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y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1	-.6670978	.0655501	-10.18	0.000	-.8015955	-.5326002
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```
. newey y x1 x2, lag(2)
```

H
more lag means lose obs
e.g. monthly data → up to 12 lags or 2.5 yr (18 lags)

Regression with Newey-West standard errors
maximum lag: 2

Number of obs = 30
F(2, 27) = 48.81
Prob > F = 0.0000

Change only s.d. not estimator

y |	Coef.	Newey-West Std. Err.	t	P>|t|	[95% Conf. Interval]	
x1 |	-.6670978	.0722839	-9.23	0.000	-.8154121	-.5187836
x2 |	-.7792461	.1169575	-6.66	0.000	-1.019223	-.5392691
_cons |	66.21805	7.017444	9.44	0.000	51.81945	80.61666

Volatility

people concern about risk

- Volatility is defined as **standard deviation of the unpredictable part of the series.**
- For example, if return r_t is modeled as

$$r_t = X_t\beta + U_t$$

Then, the return volatility is the standard deviation of U_t .

- In the mainstream Finance literature nowadays, volatility could be time-varying.
- This means that $Var[U_t|X_t]$ is not constant across observations t , i.e. the return data could potentially be heteroscedastic.

return : $\{r_t\}$

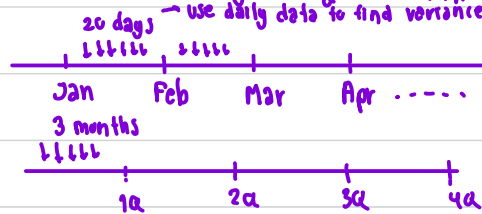
risk : standard deviation of r_t

$$r_t = \bar{r}$$

= 0 if there's one obs \Rightarrow need > 1 obs

$$\sigma_r^2 = \frac{1}{T} \sum [(r_t - \bar{r})^2]$$

e.g. want to estimate volatility during 3 months



UNCONDITIONAL VOLATILITY

let data speak for itself

but, in finance, cannot find data with ^{high} frequency \rightarrow e.g. want to find daily volatility
need hourly data

CONDITIONAL VOLATILITY

ARCH model of Volatility

- Engle (1982) proposed that the volatility is related to past periods' errors, as it's generally observed in financial markets that high volatility periods are followed by periods with low volatility and vice versa.

Steps

- 1) Construct model * hard
- 2) run test
- 3) inference

- Engle's **Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity of order q** or **ARCH(q)** model:

Link past U

variance of error term change across period

parameters for mean eq

var(U_t) is not constant, order

Shocks

use MLE maximum likelihood estimator

* β & α run together bcs we cannot observe U

don't have to have many periods

variance today

depends on error term in the past → want to model variance of shocks

if you change q & k → meaning of error term also change

functional form of volatility

$$Y_t = X_t\beta + U_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \bar{\alpha}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^q (\bar{\alpha}_j U_{t-j}^2)$$

ARCH(q)

where $U_t = \sigma_t z_t$ and $z_t \sim N(0,1)$. So, σ_t^2 is the square of the volatility

- * always have 2 equations in model
- The first equation is called **Mean Equation**, and the second equation is called **Volatility Equation**.
- To ensure that variance is always positive, the model has restrictions that all the coefficients in the volatility equation are positive, i.e. $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q > 0$

model 1.

$$R_t = \beta_0 + U_t$$

total shock that comprises
both mkt movement
& firm specific

U_t of ① > U_t of ②

need to have
mean equation !!!

model 2 :

$$R_t = \beta_0 + \underbrace{\beta_1 R_t^M + \beta_2 SMB_t + \beta_3 HML_t}_{\text{mkt movement}} + U_t$$

extra from mkt
idiosyncratic shock

★ Volatility model construction

, that you want to estimate

① Think about mean equation \rightarrow what is your Y & $X \Rightarrow$ define U_t

② After get .. \rightarrow form volatility equation

2.1) functional form

- name of model
ARCH (q)
GARCH (p, q)
- exponential
EGARCH
TGARCH - threshold
GJR -

2.2) #lags

\hookrightarrow AIC, BIC

lowest info criteria help you to choose #lags

GARCH model of Volatility

- **Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity** or **GARCH** model is an extension of the ARCH model by allowing the volatility to also depend on its history.
- **GARCH**(p, q) model is

variance today depends on error-term in past

add lag

GARCH

ARCH

$$Y_t = X_t\beta + U_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \gamma_i \sigma_{t-i}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^q \alpha_j U_{t-j}^2$$

- Similar to ARCH, all the coefficients in the volatility equation are restricted to be positive value.
- One of the popular specifications used in estimation of stock market volatility in the finance literature is GARCH(1,1)
- These ARCH or GARCH models could be estimated by MLE.

Property of

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 U_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_2 U_{t-2}^2 + \alpha_3 U_{t-3}^2$$

drawback of this model:

1) restrict $\alpha_0 > 0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots \geq 0$ to make variance positive

2) only shock 3 periods ago can affect

⇒ lose #obs if we need to add many lag
cannot allow shock to have very long effect on volatility

3) Positive/negative shock or $U \Rightarrow$ will be the same

people normally response to negative news more

Positive or negative U_{t-j} affect volatility in the same way

generalized of ARCH

1 lag for GARCH

GARCH

e.g. GARCH (1, 1) 1 lag for ARCH

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \gamma \sigma_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_1 U_{t-1}^2$$

allow effect of shocks for many period by just add this

$$\alpha_0 + \gamma \sigma_{t-2}^2 + \alpha_1 U_{t-2}^2$$

$$\alpha_0 + \gamma \sigma_{t-3}^2 + \alpha_1 U_{t-3}^2$$

EGARCH — going up & down not same
($\sigma^2 = e$) (also capture asymmetric shock)

capture a asymmetric shock

TOARCH

GJR - GARCH

not have to justify anything

follow GARCH (1, 1) to estimate volatility

is estimate volatility not purpose, just want proxy of volatility

Lagrange Multiplier Test for ARCH

Mean Equation: $close_{tm_t} = \beta_0 + U_t$

close price of Toyota Motor
keep error term

regular OLS
.reg close_tm

close_tm	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>|t|	[95% Conf. Interval]	
_cons	104.9591	.5628959	186.46	0.000	103.8549	106.0632

test whether error term have ARCH structure or not
heteroskedasticity
.estat archlm, lag(3)

LM test for autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity (ARCH)

lags(p)	chi2	df	Prob > chi2
3	1437.509	3	0.0000

H0: no ARCH effects

vs. H1: ARCH(p) disturbance

there is ARCH structure

reject H0
there's evidence for ARCH structure
bi la won in mung lag 1m

Estimating ARCH(3) model with mean equation: $close_{tm_t} = \beta_0 + U_t$

mean equation

volatility equation

arch y x₁ x₂ ,

`. arch close_tm, arch(1/3) nolog`

ARCH family regression

Sample: 1 - 1468

Distribution: Gaussian

Log likelihood = -5745.079

Number of obs = 1,468

wald chi2(.) = .

Prob > chi2 = .

		OPG				
close_tm		Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P>|z|	[95% Conf. Interval]
close_tm						
	_cons	117.4195	.1100404	1067.06	0.000	117.2038 117.6352
ARCH						
	arch					
	L1.	.8458274	.1695703	4.99	0.000	.5134758 1.178179
	L2.	.2017088	.1010716	2.00	0.046	.0036121 .3998055
	L3.	-.0494428	.0429668	-1.15	0.250	-.1336562 .0347705
	_cons	1.653013	.3041491	5.43	0.000	1.056892 2.249134

e.g. Close price persistence or not? → check on β_1
do hypothesis testing

Estimating GARCH(1,1) model with mean equation:

$$close_{tm_t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 close_{tm_{t-1}} + U_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 U_{t-1}^2 + \gamma_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2$$

arch close_tm l.close_tm, arch(1) garch(1) no log no head

mean equation		# of lags for ARCH		# of lags for GARCH			
close_tm		Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P>|z|	[95% Conf. Interval]	
close_tm							
close_tm							
L1.	$\hat{\beta}_0$	.9979838	.0016113	619.36	0.000	.9948257	1.001142
_cons	$\hat{\beta}_1$	.2420924	.1742509	1.39	0.165	-.0994331	.583618
ARCH							
arch							
L1.	$\hat{\alpha}_0$	.121934	.0173797	7.02	0.000	.0878704	.1559975
garch							
L1.	$\hat{\alpha}_1$	.7751161	.0353553	21.92	0.000	.705821	.8444111
_cons	$\hat{\alpha}_2$	.2112655	.0494103	4.28	0.000	.1144232	.3081078

obtain
two
inference
of σ^2 ?

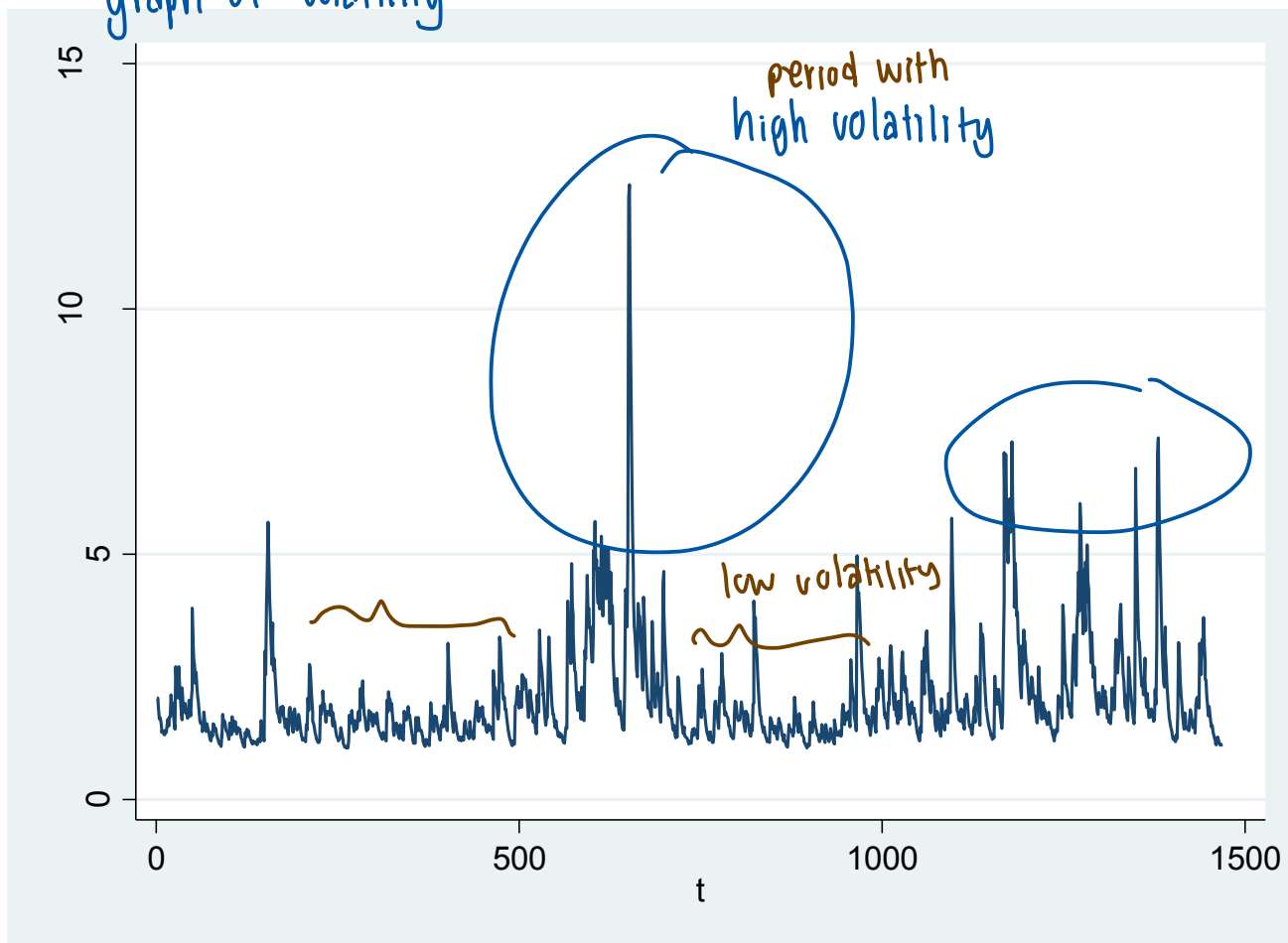
to generate new value and keep it

predict vol_tmgl1, var → tell STATA to estimate σ^2
. tsline vol_tmgl1

or
gen vol = (vol_tmgl1)
= sqrt()
A(0.5)

graph of volatility

t vol
1
2
3
...



time-series

t

year

month

time

create another t.v.
← run with this instead

↳ to excel input

1

2000

1

2000 m1

2

2000

2

2000 m2

3

4

⋮