

# Financial Times Series

## Lecture 10

# Multivariate Time Series

- In many situations we want to model how returns of different assets evolve simultaneously

$$\{\mathbf{r}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}} = \{(r_{1t}, \dots, r_{kt})'\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$$

- Typically we will have correlations between returns of different assets

# Weak Stationarity

- We say that  $\{\mathbf{r}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$  is weakly stationary if its first and second moments are time invariant
- In particular the mean vector  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = E(\mathbf{r}_t)$  and covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0 = E[(\mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu})']$  are time invariant
- The diagonal  $\Gamma_{ii}(0)$  elements of  $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0$  are the variances of  $r_{1t}, \dots, r_{kt}$  and the off-diagonal elements  $\Gamma_{ij}(0)$  are the covariances  $Cov(r_{it}, r_{jt})$

# Cross-Correlation Matrices

- Let  $\mathbf{D}$  be the diagonal matrix containing the standard deviations  $\sqrt{\Gamma_{11}(0)}, \dots, \sqrt{\Gamma_{kk}(0)}$
- We define the cross-correlation matrix of  $\{\mathbf{r}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$  as

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 = \mathbf{D}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0 \mathbf{D}^{-1}$$

- The elements are  $\rho_{ij}(0) = \frac{\Gamma_{ij}(0)}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{ii}(0)\Gamma_{jj}(0)}}$
- Such elements are called concurrent or contemporaneous since they are "at lag zero"

# Cross-Correlation Matrices

- We may also define the lag- $l$  cross-correlation matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_l = \boldsymbol{D}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_l \boldsymbol{D}^{-1}$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_l = E[(\boldsymbol{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\boldsymbol{r}_{t-l} - \boldsymbol{\mu})']$$

- The elements of  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_l$  are  $\rho_{ij}(l) = \frac{\Gamma_{ij}(l)}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{ii}(0)\Gamma_{jj}(0)}}$

# Sample Cross-Correlation Matrices

- In practice we use the sample versions of the lag- $l$  cross-correlation matrix

$$\hat{\rho}_l = \hat{\mathbf{D}}^{-1} \hat{\Gamma}_l \hat{\mathbf{D}}^{-1}$$

where

$$\hat{\Gamma}_l = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=l+1}^T (\mathbf{r}_t - \bar{\mathbf{r}})(\mathbf{r}_{t-l} - \bar{\mathbf{r}})'$$

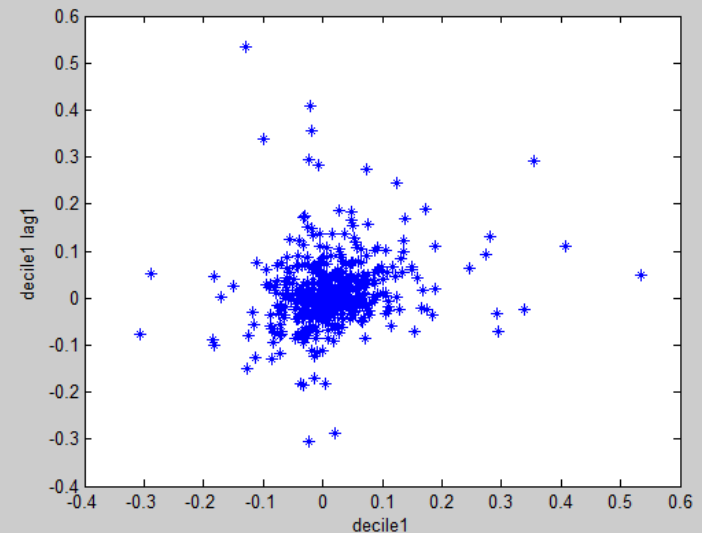
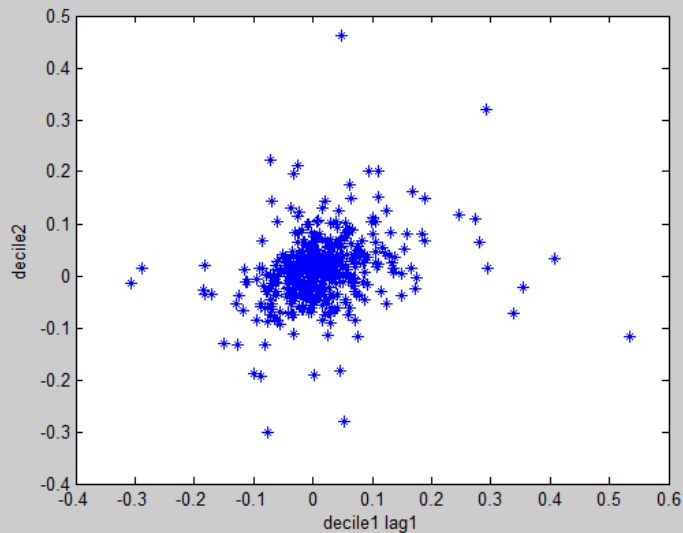
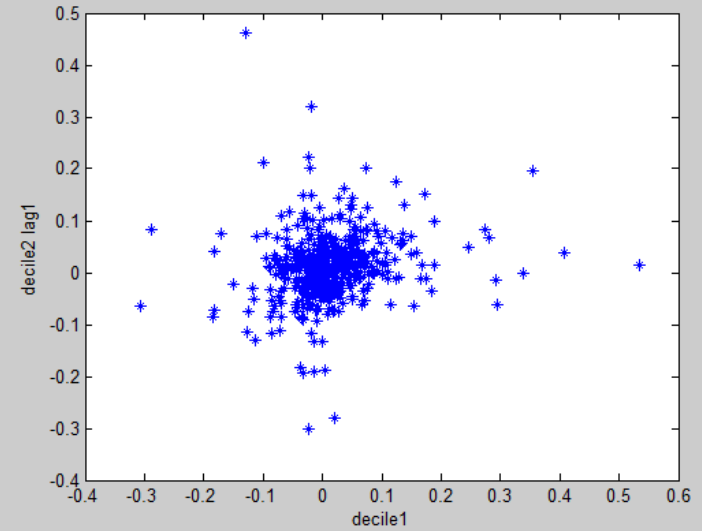
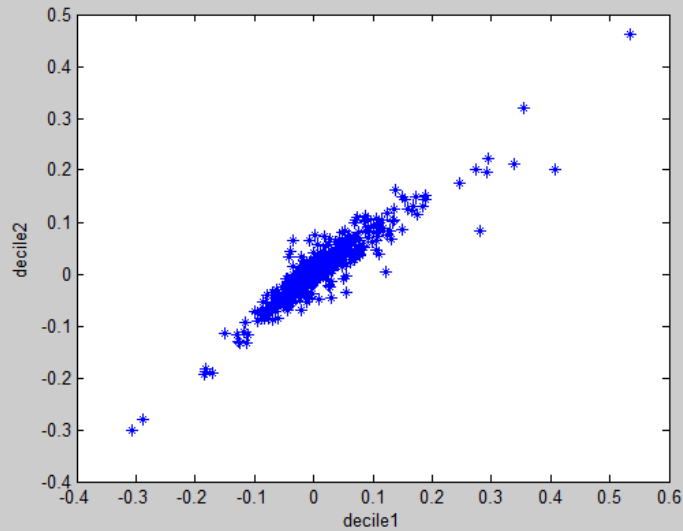
- Here  $\bar{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \mathbf{r}_i$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}$  is the diagonal matrix with sample standard deviations

# Concurrent CCM

- The concurrent CCM for decile1,2,9,10 is given by

$$\hat{\rho}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.00 & 0.93 & 0.65 & 0.51 \\ 0.93 & 1.00 & 0.77 & 0.63 \\ 0.64 & 0.77 & 1.00 & 0.92 \\ 0.51 & 0.63 & 0.92 & 1.00 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example decile1 vs. decile 2, lag 0, lag 1





# Descriptives and cross-correlations

Series	Mean	Stdev	Skew	Kurt	Min	Max
Decile1	0.0133	0.0771	1.4084	11.401	-0.306	0.5348
Decile2	0.0105	0.0653	0.6184	10.697	-0.301	0.4620

Lag1		Lag2		Lag3		Lag4		Lag5	
0.18	0.16	-0.03	-0.02	-0.10	-0.09	-0.06	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06
0.25	0.20	-0.03	-0.03	-0.09	-0.06	-0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05

Significant correlations									
Lag1		Lag2		Lag3		Lag4		Lag5	
+	+			-	-				
+	+			-					

# Checking for significant cross-correlations

- Just as for the univariate case we may use 95% percent confidence bands

$$\left( -\frac{1.96}{\sqrt{T}}, \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{T}} \right)$$

# Multivariate Portmanteau

- The null hypothesis  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_1 = \cdots = \boldsymbol{\rho}_m = \mathbf{0}$  and its alternative  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  may be tested using (the chi-square with  $df = k^2 m$  distributed)

$$T^2 \sum_{l=1}^m \frac{1}{T-l} \text{tr} \left( \hat{\mathbf{r}}_l' \hat{\mathbf{r}}_0^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_l \hat{\mathbf{r}}_0^{-1} \right)$$

where  $\text{tr}(A)$  is the trace of the matrix  $A$ , i.e. the sum of its diagonal elements (and  $k$  is the dimension of  $\mathbf{r}_t$ )

# VAR (not VaR)

- Based on the decile1, decile2 significant lag 1 correlations it may be useful to model the two series (simultaneously) as an autoregressive series
- In the multivariate setting this is referred to as VAR (Vector AutoRegressive)

# VAR(1)

- The simplest form is given by

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi} \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \mathbf{a}_t$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0$  is a  $k$ -dimensional vector,  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$  is a  $k \times k$  matrix and  $\{\mathbf{a}_t\}$  is a sequence of serially uncorrelated ( $k$ -dimensional) random vectors with mean zero and (positive definite) covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

# 2-dimensional VAR(1)

- As an example we write the components of the dimensional VAR(1)

$$\begin{aligned}r_{1t} &= \varphi_{10} + \Phi_{11}r_{1t-1} + \Phi_{12}r_{2t-1} + a_{1t} \\ r_{2t} &= \varphi_{20} + \Phi_{21}r_{1t-1} + \Phi_{22}r_{2t-1} + a_{2t}\end{aligned}$$

- We may interpret  $\Phi_{12}$  as the conditional effect of  $r_{2t-1}$  on  $r_{1t}$  given  $r_{1t-1}$  (v.v. for  $\Phi_{21}$ ).
- If  $\Phi_{12} = 0$  then  $r_{1t}$  only depends on "its own past"

# 2-dimensional VAR(1)

- If  $\Phi_{12} = 0$  and  $\Phi_{21} \neq 0$  then "1 feeds 2" but not vice versa
- If  $\Phi_{12} = \Phi_{21} = 0$  then "1 and 2" are uncoupled
- If  $\Phi_{12} \neq 0$  and  $\Phi_{21} \neq 0$  there is a feedback relationship between "1 and 2"

# 2-dimensional VAR(1)

- So the elements of the matrix  $\Phi$  determine the dynamic relation between "1 and 2"
- The concurrent relation is given by the off-diagonal elements of  $\Sigma$
- Sometimes VAR models are written in reduced or structural forms, see p400 Tsay 3rd ed.



# Stationarity and moments

- It can be shown that, given the existence of the WN covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ , a necessary and sufficient condition for weak stationarity of the VAR(1) is that the eigenvalues of  $\Phi$  are less than one i modulus
- Sketched proof is found on p.402 Tsay 3rd ed.

# Stationarity and moments

- If the VAR(1) as described above is weakly stationary we may write (since  $E(\mathbf{a}_t) = \mathbf{0}$ )

$$E(\mathbf{r}_t) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}E(\mathbf{r}_{t-1})$$

and get

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = E(\mathbf{r}_t) = (\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\Phi})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0$$

# Stationarity and moments

- Using  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 = (\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\Phi})\boldsymbol{\mu}$  we may write

$$(\mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \boldsymbol{\Phi}(\mathbf{r}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) + \mathbf{a}_t$$

and letting  $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_t = \mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_t &= \boldsymbol{\Phi}\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_{t-1} + \mathbf{a}_t = \cdots \\ &= \mathbf{a}_t + \boldsymbol{\Phi}\mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\Phi}^2\mathbf{a}_{t-2} + \cdots\end{aligned}$$

# Stationarity and moments

- Using the above expression gives (exercise)

$$Cov(\mathbf{r}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) = \mathbf{\Sigma}$$

and

$$Cov(\mathbf{r}_t, \mathbf{r}_t) = \mathbf{\Gamma}_0 = \mathbf{\Sigma} + \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{\Phi}' + \mathbf{\Phi}^2\mathbf{\Sigma}(\mathbf{\Phi}')^2 + \dots$$

- We also get (exercise)

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_l = \mathbf{\Phi}^l \mathbf{\Gamma}_0 \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\rho}_l = (\mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{D}^{1/2})^l \boldsymbol{\rho}_0$$

# VAR( $p$ )

- Generalization is as expected;

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p \mathbf{r}_{t-p} + \mathbf{a}_t$$

- Under weak stationarity (necessary and sufficient condition given further down)

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = E(\mathbf{r}_t) = (\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 - \cdots - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_l = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{l-1} + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{l-p}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_l = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{l-1} + \cdots + \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p \mathbf{D}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{l-p}$$

# Stationarity

- Letting  $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_t = \mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_t = (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}'_{t-p+1}, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{r}}'_t)'$  and  $\mathbf{b}_t = (0, \dots, 0, \mathbf{a}'_t)'$  we may write the VAR( $p$ ) as

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \boldsymbol{\Phi}^* \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{b}_t$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \dots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{p-1} & \dots & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2 & \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- A necessary and sufficient condition for weak stationarity of the VAR( $p$ ) is that the eigenvalues of  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}^*$  are less than one in modulus

# Estimation

- To determine the order of our model we consider the models

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \mathbf{a}_t$$

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2 \mathbf{r}_{t-2} + \mathbf{a}_t$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_i \mathbf{r}_{t-i} + \mathbf{a}_t$$

$$\vdots$$

- Parameters may be estimated using OLS or ML

# Estimation

- For the "order  $i$ -model" we let  $\hat{\Phi}_j^{(i)}$  be the OLS estimate of  $\Phi_j$
- The residuals are given by

$$\hat{a}_t^{(i)} = r_t - \hat{\varphi}_0^{(i)} - \hat{\Phi}_1^{(i)} r_{t-1} - \cdots - \hat{\Phi}_j^{(i)} r_{t-i}$$

and

$$\hat{\Sigma}_i = \frac{1}{T-2i-1} \sum_{t=i+1}^T \hat{a}_t^{(i)} \left( \hat{a}_t^{(i)} \right)',$$



# Estimation

- To specify the order we may (sequentially) test  $H_0: \boldsymbol{\Phi}_l = \mathbf{0}$  vs  $H_a: \boldsymbol{\Phi}_l \neq \mathbf{0}$  for  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  using the (asymptotically chi-squared with  $df = k^2$  distributed) test function

$$M(l) = - \left( T - k - l - \frac{3}{2} \right) \ln \left( \frac{|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_l|}{|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{l-1}|} \right)$$

# Estimation

- Under assumption of Gaussian noise we may also use different information criteria
- The parameter estimates may be found using ML or OLS
- If using ML the estimate of the WN covariance matrix is

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=i+1}^T \hat{\mathbf{a}}_t^{(i)} \left( \hat{\mathbf{a}}_t^{(i)} \right)',$$

# Estimation

- Under the assumption of Gaussian WN we have for the  $\text{VAR}(i)$  (smaller is better)
- $AIC(i) = \ln(|\tilde{\Sigma}_i|) + \frac{2k^2 i}{T}$
- $BIC(i) = \ln(|\tilde{\Sigma}_i|) + \frac{2k^2 i \ln(T)}{T}$

# Estimation

- For the decile1,2,9,10 data we get

Order ( $l$ )	1	2	3	4	5
$M(l)$	—	30.16	46.00	22.94	32.50
$BIC(l)$	−3.37	−3.37	−3.40	−3.38	−3.39

- The critical values for the chi-square with  $df = 16$  for  $\alpha = 0.05$  and  $\alpha = 0.01$  are 29.30 and 32.000 respectively
- So, we choose to use the VAR(3) model
- However it turns out that residuals do not pass the Portmanteau test.

# Forecasting

- Forecasting is similar to the univariate case
- A one-step forecast is given by (treating the estimated model as the true model)

$$\mathbf{r}_h(1) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{r}_{h-1} + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p \mathbf{r}_{h-p}$$

- A two-step forecast is given by (treating the estimated model as the true model)

$$\mathbf{r}_h(2) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1 \mathbf{r}_h(1) + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_p \mathbf{r}_{h-p}$$

- And so forth...

# VMA

- Of course there are also Vector MA models
- The VMA( $q$ ) is given by

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \mathbf{a}_t - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_1 \mathbf{a}_{t-1} - \cdots - \boldsymbol{\Theta}_q \mathbf{a}_{t-q}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  is a  $k$ -dimensional vector,  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_i$  are a  $k \times k$  matrices and  $\{\mathbf{a}_t\}$  is a sequence of serially uncorrelated ( $k$ -dimensional) random vectors with mean zero and (positive definite) covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

- The VMA( $q$ ) is weakly stationary if  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  exists

# Properties of VMA( $q$ )

- $\boldsymbol{\mu} = E(\mathbf{r}_t) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$
- $Cov(\mathbf{r}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
- $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0 = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_1 \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Theta}'_1 + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_q \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Theta}'_q$
- $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_l = \mathbf{0}, l > q$
- $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_l = \sum_{j=l}^q \boldsymbol{\Theta}_j \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Theta}'_{j-l}, 1 \leq l \leq q, \boldsymbol{\Theta}_0 = -\mathbf{I}$

# Estimation

- We may use conditional ML for

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{r}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0,$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{r}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_1 \mathbf{a}_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{a}_t = \mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_1 \mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \cdots + \boldsymbol{\Theta}_q \mathbf{a}_{t-q}$$



# Estimation

- The the log likelihood function under assumption of Gaussianity is

$$\begin{aligned} l(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \boldsymbol{\Theta}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\Theta}_q, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} | \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_T) \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T (\ln(|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|) + \mathbf{a}'_t \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_t) \end{aligned}$$

# VMA(1)

- We fit a four-dimensional VMA(1) to the decile1,2,9,10 data and get

$$\hat{\theta}_0 = [0.0133 \quad 0.0105 \quad 0.0099 \quad 0.0083]'$$

$$\hat{\Theta}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.13 & -0.39 & 0.08 & 0.09 \\ -0.02 & -0.06 & -0.09 & 0.15 \\ -0.00 & 0.01 & 0.04 & 0.04 \\ 0.03 & -0.07 & 0.16 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Are the parameters statistically significant?

- To check this we (may) use profile likelihood
- The idea is to use that twice the difference between the log likelihood function for all parameters and the log likelihood function for all parameters but one follows a chi-squared distribution with one degree of freedom
- The 95% quantile for the chi-squared with one degree of freedom is 3.84 which means that we find a 95% CI for  $\Theta_{11}$  say by finding the values of  $\Theta_{11}$  for which the difference of the log likelihood function with all ML estimates plugged in and the log likelihood where we all the ML estimates except the one for  $\Theta_{11}$  is  $3.84/2=1.92$

Parameter	95% LCL	95% UCL
$\Theta_{11}$	0.1109	0.1540
$\Theta_{12}$	−0.4210	−0.3708
$\Theta_{13}$	0.0145	0.0934
$\Theta_{14}$	0.0378	0.1211
$\Theta_{21}$	−0.0403	−0.0104
$\Theta_{22}$	−0.0824	−0.0481
$\Theta_{23}$	−0.1164	−0.0720
$\Theta_{24}$	0.1242	0.1781
$\Theta_{31}$	−0.0138	0.0118
$\Theta_{32}$	−0.0086	0.0228
$\Theta_{33}$	0.0168	0.0569
$\Theta_{34}$	0.0164	0.0614
$\Theta_{41}$	0.0082	0.0363
$\Theta_{42}$	−0.0920	−0.0597
$\Theta_{43}$	0.1387	0.1809
$\Theta_{44}$	−0.0450	0.0007

# Noise Covariance and Correlation

- The estimated noise covariance matrix is

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0061 & 0.0049 & 0.0029 & 0.0020 \\ 0.0049 & 0.0045 & 0.0029 & 0.0021 \\ 0.0029 & 0.0029 & 0.0029 & 0.0023 \\ 0.0020 & 0.0021 & 0.0023 & 0.0022 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If we transform  $\hat{\Sigma}$  into a correlation matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  we get

$$\hat{\rho} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.00 & 0.94 & 0.68 & 0.57 \\ 0.94 & 1.00 & 0.80 & 0.69 \\ 0.68 & 0.80 & 1.00 & 0.93 \\ 0.57 & 0.69 & 0.93 & 1.00 \end{bmatrix}$$

- So there are some strong correlations between the noise series

# VARMA and co-integration

- There is of course also a generalization of univariate to multivariate or vector ARMA
- Also unit root non-stationarity applies for multivariate models
- More information found in Tsay.