GDP Growth Forecast Multivariate Time Series Analysis

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Steps

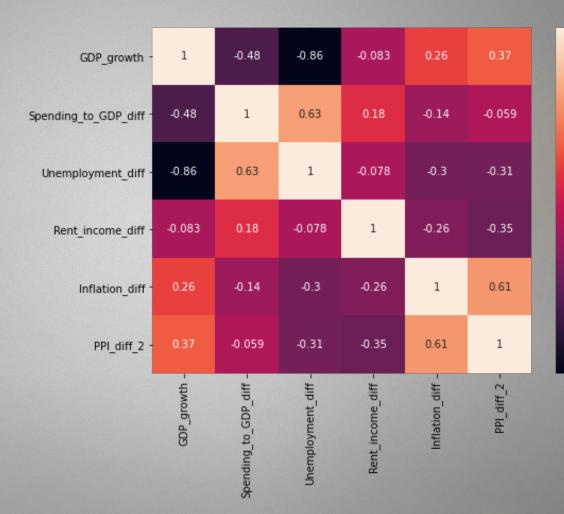
- Data Wrangling
- EDA resampling, interpolation, differencing, transforming, missing values, visualization
- Stationarity test Augmented Dickey-Fuller test, KPSS test
- Cointegration test Johansen test
- Modeling Vector Autoregression (VAR)
- Lag order selection
- Forecasting
- Impulse response analysis
- Evaluation Forecast error variance decomposition (FEVD)
- Inverting

Data Wrangling and EDA

- Preliminary plotting
- Resampling
- Interpolation
- Differencing and transforming
- Missing values imputation
- Merging dataframes
- Visualization

Visualization

Which variables are highly and slightly correlated with GDP growth?



1.00

-0.75

- 0.50

-0.25

- 0.00

- -0.25

--0.50

-0.75

Stationarity Test – Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test, KPSS Test

Critical value at 5%

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GDP growth
Dickey-Fuller test (difference test):
Null hypothesis: series is not stationary
Test statistics
                        -3.394415
p-value
                         0.011151
                         0.000000
Lags used
Observations used
                        97.000000
Critical value (1%)
                        -3.499637
Critical value (5%)
                        -2.891831
Critical value (10%)
                        -2.582928
dtype: float64
Fail to reject null hypothesis at critical value 1: series is not stationary
Reject null hypothesis at critical value 2: series is stationary
Reject null hypothesis at critical value 3: series is stationary
KPSS test (trend test):
Null hypothesis: series is stationary
Test statistics
                          0.401707
p-value
                          0.076420
Lags used
                         12.000000
Critical value (10%)
                          0.347000
Critical value (5%)
                          0.463000
Critical value (2.5%)
                          0.574000
Critical value (1%)
                          0.739000
dtype: float64
Reject null hypothesis at critical value 1: series is not stationary
Fail to reject null hypothesis at critical value 2: series is stationary
Fail to reject null hypothesis at critical value 3: series is stationary
Fail to reject null hypothesis at critical value 4: series is stationary
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Cointegration Test – Johansen Test

What is the ideal number of coefficients for cointegrated time series?

Trace statistics

	cv=90%	cv=95%	cv=99%	trace stat	r
0	91.1090	95.7542	104.9637	132.680942	r = 0
1	65.8202	69.8189	77.8202	83.916761	r <= 1
2	44.4929	47.8545	54.6815	47.276366	r <= 2
3	27.0669	29.7961	35.4628	30.106856	r <= 3
4	13.4294	15.4943	19.9349	18.158044	r <= 4
5	2.7055	3.8415	6.6349	8.801103	r <= 5

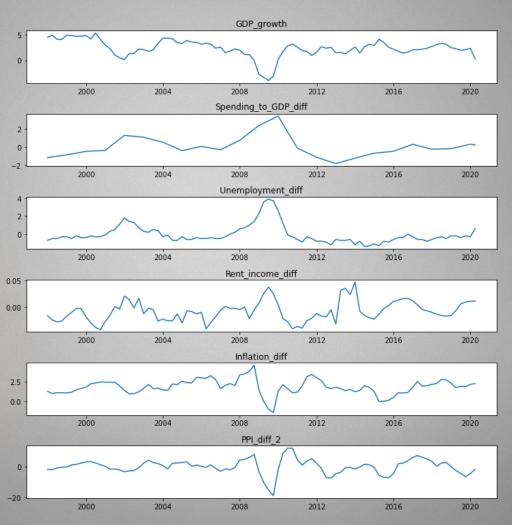
Eigen statistics

	cv=90%	cv=95%	cv=99%	eig stat	r
0	37.2786	40.0763	45.8662	48.764181	r = 0
1	31.2379	33.8777	39.3693	36.640395	r <= 1
2	25.1236	27.5858	32.7172	17.169509	r <= 2
3	18.8928	21.1314	25.8650	11.948812	r <= 3
4	12.2971	14.2639	18.5200	9.356941	r <= 4
5	2.7055	3.8415	6.6349	8.801103	r <= 5

Modeling – Vector Autoregression

(VAR)

VAR vs. ARIMA



Lag Order Selection

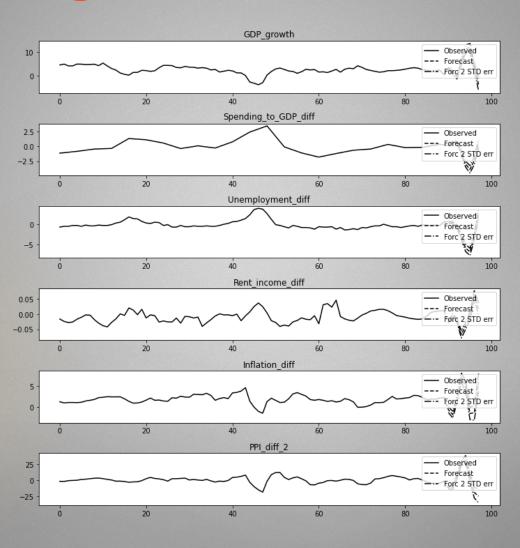
Summary of Regression Results

Selecting lag order based on AIC

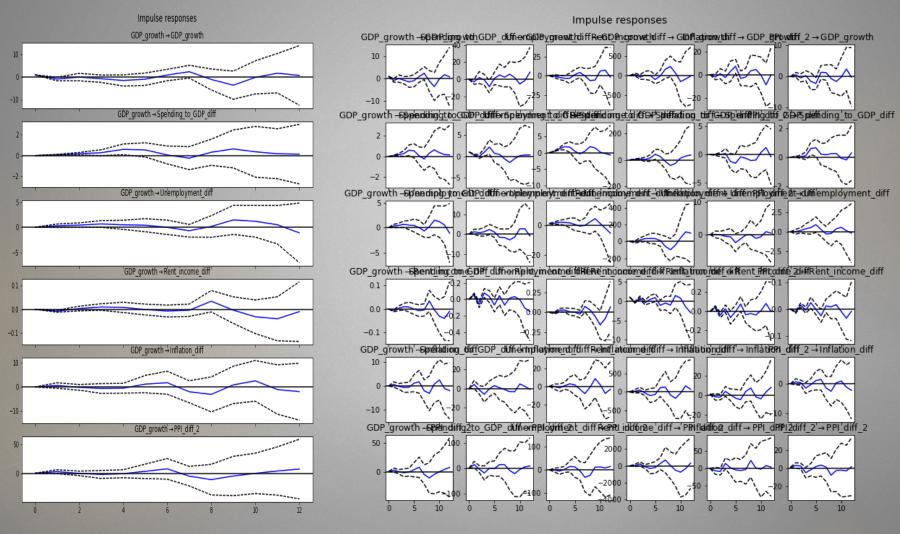
AIC vs. BIC

Summary of Regression						
Model: Method:	VAR OLS Jul, 2021 21:14:48					
No. of Equations: Nobs: Log likelihood: AIC:	6.00000 78.0000 2865.87 -79.2804	BIC: HQIC: FPE: Det(Omeg	ga_mle):	-66.0466 -73.9827 3.72855e-31 1.73808e-33		
Results for equation GDP						
	coeffi		std. err		t-stat	prob
const		58866	1.5074		0.901	0.367
L1.GDP_growth	-0.8	59822	0.4102	61	-2.096	0.036
L1.Spending_to_GDP_diff	-2.7	33166	1.5203	91	-1.798	0.072
L1.Unemployment_diff	-0.6	18433	1.0377	32	-0.596	0.551
L1.Rent_income_diff	26.9	31163	17.6661	32	1.524	0.127
L1.Inflation_diff	-2.0	21421	1.2242	11	-1.651	0.099
L1.PPI_diff_2	0.5	75526	0.3720	05	1.547	0.122
L2.GDP_growth	-0.4	02642	0.4127	03	-0.976	0.329
L2.Spending_to_GDP_diff	0.1	25916	2.6930	30	0.047	0.963
L2.Unemployment_diff	-0.5	92058	1.4819	04	-0.400	0.690
L2.Rent_income_diff	18.3	33273	13.1186	27	1.397	0.162
L2.Inflation_diff	-1.7	12199	1.1817	14	-1.449	0.147
L2.PPI_diff_2	0.2	98473	0.3887	22	0.768	0.443
L3.GDP_growth	0.0	36086	0.3677	40	0.098	0.922
L3.Spending_to_GDP_diff	4.1	07359	3.1967	69	1.285	0.199
L3.Unemployment_diff	-1.5	55735	1.4670	40	-1.060	0.289
L3.Rent_income_diff	-8.0	78692	25.3955	36	-0.318	0.750
L3.Inflation_diff	-2.1	54883	1.2900	66	-1.670	0.095
L3.PPI_diff_2	0.1	73975	0.3470	61	0.501	0.616
L4.GDP_growth	-0.2	70262	0.3159	99	-0.855	0.392
L4.Spending_to_GDP_diff	0.2	56761	1.9775	41	0.130	0.897
L4.Unemployment_diff	-3.4	60657	1.6810	94	-2.059	0.040
L4.Rent_income_diff	33.9	57997	17.0016	85	1.997	0.046
L4.Inflation_diff	-1.7	96284	1.5631	37	-1.149	0.250
L4.PPI_diff_2	0.0	62464	0.4161	48	0.150	0.881

Forecasting



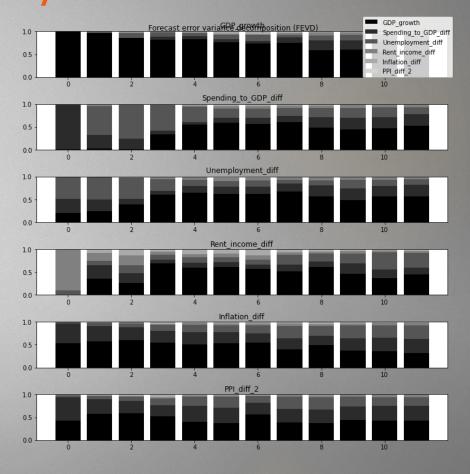
Impulse Response Analysis



Evaluation - Forecast error variance decomposition (FEVD)

FEVD	FEVD for GDP_growth								
	GDP_growth	Spending_to_GDP_diff	Unemployment_diff	Rent_income_diff	Inflation_diff	PPI_diff_2			
0	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000			
1	0.968181	0.002702	0.016125	0.003038	0.009954	0.000000			
2	0.858026	0.002989	0.102566	0.021371	0.015048	0.000000			
3	0.817643	0.063195	0.099412	0.013462	0.006288	0.000000			
4	0.830714	0.070067	0.063785	0.011868	0.023566	0.000000			
5	0.769835	0.066011	0.089410	0.022449	0.052296	0.000000			
6	0.732179	0.064685	0.121298	0.021144	0.060694	0.000000			
7	0.743930	0.124775	0.061089	0.039123	0.031083	0.000000			
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Which variables contribute more/less error to GDP growth in each step?

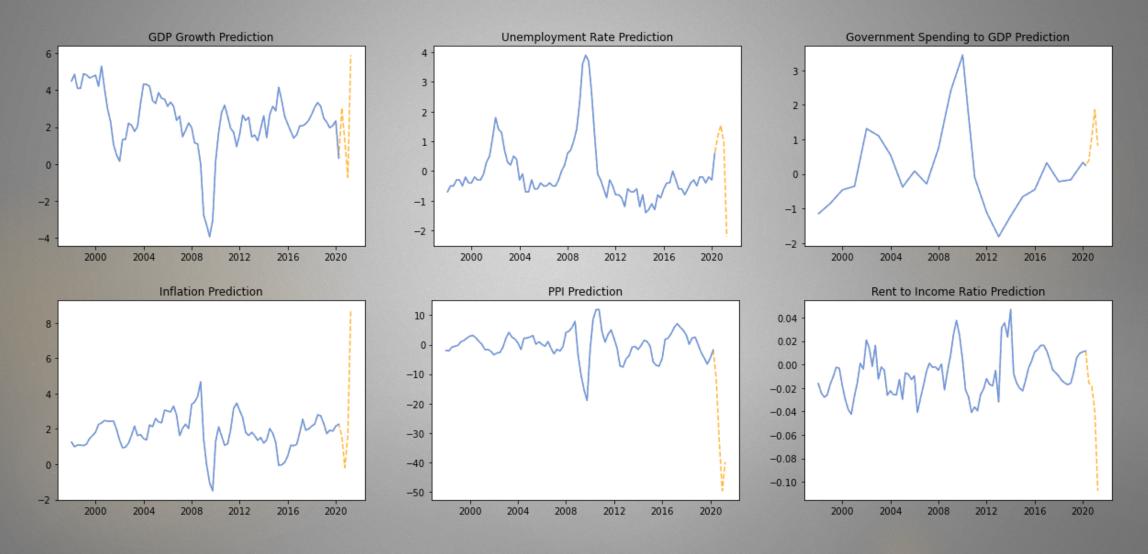


Inverting

Variables to be inverted back to its original form

	GDP_growth_fc	Spending_to_GDP_diff_forecast	Unemployment_diff_forecast	Rent_income_diff_forecast	Inflation_diff_forecast	PPI_diff_2_forecast
Time						
2020-06-30	3.044324	0.386650	1.165243	-0.015498	1.613682	-11.429863
2020-09-30	1.236768	1.077823	1.539629	-0.018698	-0.195304	-32.753610
2020-12-31	-0.709559	1.858498	0.952496	-0.040002	1.642830	-49.655060
2021-03-31	5.891302	0.818498	-2.209186	-0.107554	8.752460	-39.896010

Variables Forecast



Takeaway

- Heatmap: unemployment rate vs. GDP growth, rent to income ratio vs. GDP growth
- Impulse response analysis: rent to income ratio vs. GDP growth
- Forecast error variance decomposition: GDP growth forecast vs.
 producer price indices (PPI)
- Johansen test: 2 variables only
- Unemployment rate is always in the same conversation with GDP growth. GDP growth may be explained by inflation, government spending and producer price indices, but not too relevant with rent to income ratio.

Further Work

- Short-term quick fix:
- Johansen test for cointegration: eliminate all columns but 1-2 most significant ones along with the GDP growth
- Effect on GDP growth: replace the most insignificant variables with other variables to see the new predictive power
- Long-term work:
- Test other countries of our choice, may find surprising results and foretell an upcoming market crash.