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SUMMARY

The seasonal structure of quarterly UK and Japanese consumption and income is examined by means of fractionally based tests proposed by Robinson (1994). These series were analysed from an autoregressive unit root viewpoint by Hylleberg, Engle, Granger and Yoo (HEGY, 1990) and Hylleberg, Engle, Granger and Lee (HEGL, 1993). We find that seasonal fractional integration, with amplitudes possibly varying across frequencies, is an alternative plausible way of modelling these series. Copyright © 2001 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

1. INTRODUCTION

Many macroeconomic time series contain important seasonal components. A simple model for a time series y_t is a regression on dummy variables S_{it} ,

$$y_t = m_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} m_i S_{it} + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid} \quad (1)$$

where s is the number of time periods in a year and the m_i are unknown coefficients. Stochastic processes have also been widely used in modelling seasonality, for example the stationary seasonal ARMA:

$$\Phi_p(L^s)Y_t = \Theta_q(L^s)\varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}, \quad (2)$$

where $\Phi_p(L^s)$ and $\Theta_q(L^s)$ are polynomials in L^s (the seasonal lag operator) of orders p and q respectively, with the zeros of $\Phi_p(L^s)$ outside the unit circle and the zeros of $\Theta_q(L^s)$ outside or on the unit circle. As an alternative to equation (1) and (2), it may be appropriate to allow for stochastic seasonal stationarity, as is implicit in the practice of seasonal differencing (see e.g. Box and Jenkins, 1970) whereby the operator $(1 - L^s)$ produces a stationary weakly dependent sequence. For example, for quarterly data, $\rho(L^s) = (1 - L^4)$ can be factored as $(1 - L)(1 + L)(1 + L^2)$, containing four zeros of modulus unity; one at zero frequency; one at two cycles per year, corresponding to frequency π ; and two complex pairs at one cycle per year, corresponding to frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$ (of a cycle 2π).

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A good deal of empirical work has followed this approach: Hylleberg, Engle, Granger and Yoo (1990) (henceforth HEGY) found evidence for seasonal unit roots in quarterly UK non-durable consumption and disposable income, using a procedure that allows tests for unit roots at some seasonal frequencies without maintaining their presence at all such frequencies. Beaulieu and Miron (1993) extended the HEGY procedure to monthly data and examined twelve macroeconomic series in monthly and quarterly data. In contrast to previous studies, they concluded that evidence in favour of a seasonal unit root was weak. These findings have been seriously questioned by Hylleberg, Jorgesen and Sorensen (1993), who concluded that seasonality is in many cases variable, not fixed. Hylleberg, Engle, Granger and Lee (1993) (henceforth HEGL) performed the HEGY test on quarterly series of Japanese real consumption and real disposable income, suggesting that income is integrated of order 1 (I(1)) at 0 and at all seasonal frequencies, $\pi/2$, π and $3\pi/2$, and consumption is I(1) at frequencies 0 and π , while some difficulty was found in separating unit roots at frequency $\pi/2$ (and $3\pi/2$) from a deterministic seasonal pattern. Osborn (1993) suggested that a non-stationary periodic AR(1) or a periodically integrated I(1) processes could be more useful.

Seasonal unit roots can be viewed not only in an autoregressive framework but also as a particular case of seasonal fractionally integrated processes. Consider the process

$$(1 - L^s)^d y_t = u_t \quad (3)$$

where $d > 0$ and u_t is an I(0) series, which is defined here as a covariance stationary process with spectral density bounded and bounded away from zero at all frequencies. Clearly, y_t has s roots of modulus unity, all with the same integration order d . Equation (3) can be extended to present different integration orders for each seasonal frequency, whereas y_t is stationary if all orders are smaller than $1/2$. We say that y_t has seasonal long memory at a given frequency if the integration order at that frequency is greater than zero.

Few empirical studies have been carried out in relation to seasonal fractional models. The notion of fractional Gaussian noise with seasonality was suggested by Jonas ('Long memory self similar time series models', unpublished manuscript, 1981) and extended in a Bayesian framework by Carlin, Dempster and Jonas (1985) and Carlin and Dempster (1989). Porter-Hudak (1990) applied a seasonal fractionally integrated model to quarterly US monetary aggregate with the conclusion that a fractional ARMA model could be more appropriate than standard ARIMAs. Advantages of seasonal fractionally differencing models for forecasting monthly data are illustrated in Sutcliffe (1994), and another empirical application is found in Ray (1993).

In the following section we briefly describe some common tests for seasonal integration, and compare them with Robinson's (1994) tests for non-stationary hypotheses which permit testing of seasonal fractional integration of any stationary or non-stationary degree. Section 3 describes models to be tested, using Robinson's (1994) approach, to macroeconomic data of the United Kingdom (Section 4) and Japan (Section 5) analysed in HEGY (1990) and HEGL (1993) respectively. Section 6 contains some conclusions.

2. TESTS FOR SEASONAL INTEGRATION

We first consider the Dickey, Hasza and Fuller (DHF) (1984) test of $\rho_s = 1$ in

$$(1 - \rho_s L^s) y_t = \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}(0, \sigma^2)$$

The test is based on the auxiliary regression

$$(1 - L^s)y_t = \pi y_{t-s} + \varepsilon_t \quad (4)$$

the test statistic being the t -ratio corresponding to π in equation (4). Due to the non-standard asymptotic distributional properties of the t -ratios under the null hypothesis, DHF (1984) provide simulated critical values for testing against the alternative $\pi < 0$. In order to whiten the errors in equation (4), the auxiliary regression may be augmented by lagged $(1 - L^s)y_t$, and with deterministic components, but unfortunately this changes the distribution of the test statistic. A limitation in DHF (1984) is that it jointly tests for roots at zero and seasonal frequencies, and therefore does not allow for unit roots at some but not all seasonal frequencies.

This defect is overcome by HEGY (1990) for the quarterly case. Their test is based on the auxiliary regression

$$(1 - L^4)y_t = \pi_1 y_{1t-1} + \pi_2 y_{2t-1} + \pi_3 y_{3t-2} + \pi_4 y_{3t-1} + \varepsilon_t \quad (5)$$

where $y_{1t} = (1 + L + L^2 + L^3)y_t$ removes the seasonal unit roots but leaves in the zero frequency unit root, $y_{2t} = -(1 - L + L^2 - L^3)y_t$ leaves the root at π and $y_{3t} = -(1 - L^2)y_t$ leaves the roots at $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$. The existence of unit roots at 0, π , $\pi/2$ (and $3\pi/2$) implies that $\pi_1 = 0$, $\pi_2 = 0$, and $\pi_3 = \pi_4 = 0$ respectively. The t -ratio for π_1 and π_2 is shown by HEGY to have the familiar Dickey–Fuller distribution (see Fuller, 1976) under the null of $\pi_1 = 0$ and $\pi_2 = 0$ respectively, while the t -ratio for π_3 , conditional on $\pi_4 = 0$ has the distribution described by DHF (1984) for $s = 2$. Also a joint test of $\pi_3 = \pi_4 = 0$ is proposed based on the F -ratio, and the critical values of the distribution tabulated. A crucial fact in these tests is that the same limit distributions are obtained when it is not known *a priori* that some of the π 's are zero: if the π 's other than the one to be tested are truly non-zero, then the process does not have unit roots at these frequencies and the corresponding y 's are stationary. If, however, some of the other π 's are zero, there are other unit roots in the regression, but the corresponding y 's are now asymptotically uncorrelated and the null distribution of the test statistic will not be affected by the inclusion of a variable with a zero coefficient which is orthogonal to the included variables. An extension of this procedure to allow joint HEGY-type tests for the presence of unit roots at zero and all seasonal frequencies, and only for the seasonal frequencies, is given in Ghysels *et al.* (1994). It is shown that the test statistics will have the same limiting distribution as the sum of the corresponding squared t -ratios for $\pi_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ in the former, and $\pi_i (i = 2, 3, 4)$ in the latter test.

All these procedures test for a unit root in the seasonal AR operator and have stochastic non-stationarity as the null hypothesis. Canova and Hansen (1995) seasonally extend the test of Kwiatkowski *et al.* (1992), and propose a Lagrange multiplier test (the CH test) based on the residuals from a regression extracting the seasonal and other deterministic components, for testing the null of stationarity about a deterministic seasonal pattern. Hylleberg (1995) compares small sample properties of HEGY and CH tests for seasonal unit roots in quarterly series, concluding that both tests complement each other. More recently, Tam and Reinsel (1997) propose a test for a unit root in the seasonal MA operator, testing a deterministic seasonal null against a stochastic nonstationary alternative. They consider the (integrated) SMA(1) model,

$$y_t = \mu_t + u_t \quad t = 1 - s, \dots, 0 \quad (6)$$

$$(1 - L^s)y_t = (1 - \alpha L^s)u_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (7)$$

where μ_t is a deterministic seasonal mean, so that $\mu_t - \mu_{t-s} = 0$, and u_t is initially, a white-noise process. Thus, a test of $\alpha = 1$ in equation (7) can be interpreted as a test of deterministic seasonality against the alternative $\alpha < 1$ of stochastic integrated seasonality.

The tests described above consider the possibility of only a single form of seasonal stochastic non-stationary, in particular, unit roots. We now describe the tests of Robinson (1994), which can test any integer or fractional root of any order on the unit circle in the complex plane.

We observe $\{(y_t, z_t), t = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ where

$$y_t = \beta' z_t + x_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (8)$$

$$\rho(L; \theta) x_t = u_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9)$$

$$x_t = 0 \quad t \leq 0 \quad (10)$$

where β is a $(k \times 1)$ vector of unknown parameters and z_t is a $(k \times 1)$ vector of deterministic variables that might include an intercept, a time trend and/or seasonal dummies; $\rho(L; \theta)$, a prescribed function of L and the unknown $(p \times 1)$ parameter vector θ , will depend on the model tested; u_t is an $I(0)$ process with parametric spectral density

$$f(\lambda; \tau) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\pi} g(\lambda; \tau) \quad -\pi < \lambda \leq \pi$$

where the positive scalar σ^2 and the $(q \times 1)$ vector τ are unknown, but g is of known form. In general, we wish to test the null hypothesis

$$H_0 : \theta = 0 \quad (11)$$

Under equation (11), the residuals are $\hat{u}_t = \rho(L)y_t - \hat{\beta}' w_t$, $t = 1, 2, \dots$, where

$$\rho(L) = \rho(L; 0); \quad \hat{\beta} = \left(\sum_{t=1}^n w_t w_t' \right)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n w_t \rho(L) y_t; \quad w_t = \rho(L) z_t$$

Unless g is completely known function (e.g. $g \equiv 1$, as when u_t is white noise) we have to estimate the nuisance parameter vector τ , for example by $\hat{\tau} = \arg\min_{\tau \in T} \sigma^2(\tau)$, where T is a suitable subset of R^q and

$$\sigma^2(\tau) = \frac{2\pi}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} g(\lambda_j; \tau)^{-1} I(\lambda_j); \quad I(\lambda_j) = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t e^{i\lambda_j t} \right|^2; \quad \lambda_j = \frac{2\pi j}{n}$$

The test statistic, derived from the Lagrange multiplier (LM) principle, is

$$\hat{R} = \frac{n}{\hat{\sigma}^4} \hat{A}' \hat{A}^{-1} \hat{a} = \hat{r}' \hat{r} \quad (12)$$

where $\hat{r} = \frac{n^{1/2}}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \hat{A}^{-1/2} \hat{a}$; $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \sigma^2(\hat{\tau})$; $\hat{a} = \frac{-2\pi}{n} \sum_j^* \psi(\lambda_j) g(\lambda_j; \hat{\tau})^{-1} I(\lambda_j)$

$$\hat{A} = \frac{2}{n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \psi(\lambda_j) \psi(\lambda_j)' - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \psi(\lambda_j) \hat{\varepsilon}(\lambda_j)' \times \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{\varepsilon}(\lambda_j) \hat{\varepsilon}(\lambda_j)' \right)^{-1} \times \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{\varepsilon}(\lambda_j) \psi(\lambda_j)' \right);$$

$$\psi(\lambda_j) = \text{Re} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \rho(e^{i\lambda_j}; 0) \right); \quad \hat{\varepsilon}(\lambda_j) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \log g(\lambda_j; \hat{\tau})$$

where the sum on $*$ is over λ_j such that $-\pi < \lambda_j < \pi$. $\lambda_j \notin (\rho_l - \lambda_1, \rho_l + \lambda_l)$, $l = 1, 2, \dots, s$, such that ρ_l $l = 1, 2, \dots, s < \infty$ are the distinct poles of $\rho(L)$. Note that \hat{R} is a function of the hypothesized differenced series which has short memory under equation (11), and thus we must specify the frequencies and integration orders of any seasonal roots.

Robinson (1994) established under regularity conditions that

$$\hat{R} \rightarrow_d \chi_p^2 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and also the Pitman efficiency property of LM in standard problems. If $p = 1$, an approximate one-sided $100\alpha\%$ level test of equation (11) against alternatives

$$H_1 : \theta > 0 \quad (13)$$

rejects H_0 if $\hat{r} > z_\alpha$, where the probability that a standard normal variate exceeds z_α is α , and conversely, a test of equation (11) against alternatives

$$H_1 : \theta < 0 \quad (14)$$

rejects H_0 if $\hat{r} < -z_\alpha$. A test against the two-sided alternative $\theta \neq 0$, for any p , rejects if \hat{R} exceeds the upper critical value of the χ_p^2 distribution.

We can compare Robinson's (1994) tests with those in HEGY (1990). Extending equation (5) to allow augmentations of the dependent variable to render the errors white noise, and deterministic paths, the auxiliary regression in HEGY (1990) is

$$\phi(L)(1 - L^4)y_t = \pi_1 y_{1t-1} + \pi_2 y_{2t-1} + \pi_3 y_{3t-2} + \pi_4 y_{3t-1} + \eta_t + \varepsilon_t \quad (15)$$

where $\phi(L)$ is a stationary lag polynomial and η_t is a deterministic process that might include an intercept, a time trend and/or seasonal dummies. If we cannot reject the null hypothesis $\pi_1 = 0$ against the alternative $\pi_1 < 0$ in equation (15), the process will have a unit root at zero frequency whether or not other (seasonal) roots are present in the model. In Robinson's (1994) tests, taking equation (9) with

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d+\theta} \quad (16)$$

with $d = 1$, equation (11) implies a single unit root at zero frequency. However, we could have instead

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^2)^{d+\theta} \quad (17)$$

or alternatively

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L + L^2 - L^3)^{d+\theta} \quad (18)$$

or

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^4)^{d+\theta} \quad (19)$$

If again $d = 1$, under equation (11), x_t displays unit roots at frequencies zero and π in equation (17); zero and two complex ones corresponding to frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$ in equation (18), or all of them in equation (19). Using HEGY's (1990) tests, the non-rejection of the null $\pi_2 = 0$ in equation (15) will imply a unit root at frequency π independently of other possible roots, and this can be consistent with equation (8)–(10) jointly with equation (17) or (19) among other possibilities covered by Robinson's (1994) tests. Furthermore, testing sequentially,

(or jointly as in Ghysels *et al.*, 1994), the different null hypotheses in equation (15), if we cannot reject that $\pi_i = 0$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$ and 4, the overall null hypothesized model in HEGY (1990) becomes

$$\phi(L)(1 - L^4)y_t = \eta_t + \varepsilon_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (20)$$

and we can compare it with the set-up in Robinson (1994), using equation (8)–(10) and (19) with $\phi(L)u_t = \varepsilon_t$, $t = 1, 2, \dots$, which, with $d = 1$, under the null (11) becomes

$$\phi(L)(1 - L^4)y_t = \phi(L)\beta'(1 - L^4)z_t + \varepsilon_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (21)$$

Clearly, if we do not include explanatory variables in equation (8) and (15), (i.e. $\eta_t = z_t \equiv 0$), equation (21) becomes equation (20), and including regressors, the difference between the two models will be due purely to deterministic components. Robinson's (1994) tests also allow testing different integration orders for each of the seasonal frequencies. Thus, instead of equation (19) we could consider, for instance,

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d_1 + \theta_1} (1 + L)^{d_2 + \theta_2} (1 + L^2)^{d_3 + \theta_3} \quad (22)$$

and test the null $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)' = 0$ for different values of d_1 , d_2 and d_3 . This possibility is also ruled out in HEGY (1990) and the other tests presented above, which concentrate only on the unit root situations.

We can also compare the tests of Robinson (1994) with those in Tam and Reinsel (1997). They considered equation (6) and (7), where u_t is now a stationary and invertible ARMA process and tested:

$$H_0 : \alpha = 1 \quad (23)$$

in equation (7) against the alternative $\alpha < 1$. The non-rejection of equation (23) in equation (6) and (7) would imply that y_t follows a deterministic seasonal pattern plus a stationary stochastic process, while its rejection would be evidence of seasonal integration. We can take fractional operators instead of the AR and MA ones in equation (7):

$$(1 - L^s)^d y_t = (1 - L^s)^\gamma u_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (24)$$

with $d > 0$, and given the common factors appearing in both sides in equation (24), calling $\delta = \gamma - d$, the model can be rewritten as equation (6) with

$$(1 - L^s)^\delta y_t = u_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (25)$$

and we can test $H_0 \delta = 0$ against the alternative $\delta > 0$. Thus, equation (7) and (25) are identical under the null. The null and alternative versions of equation (25) are covered by Robinson's (1994) setting, with $\beta'z_t$ in equation (8) replaced by μ_t , and $s = 4$, $d = 0$ and $\theta = \delta$ in equation (19).

The null χ^2 limit distribution of Robinson's (1994) tests is constant across specifications of $\rho(L; \theta)$ and z_t and thus does not require case-by-case evaluation of a non-standard distribution, unlike the other tests described. Ooms (1997) proposes Wald tests based on Robinson's (1994) model in equation (8)–(10), which have the same limit behaviour as the LM tests of Robinson (1994), but require efficient estimates of the fractional differencing parameters. He suggests a modified periodogram regression estimation procedure of Hassler (1994), whose distribution is evaluated under simulation. Also Hosoya (1997) establishes limit theory for long-memory

processes with singularities not restricted to zero frequency and proposes a set of quasi-log-likelihood ratio statistics to be applied to raw time series. Robinson's (1994) tests were applied to non-seasonal data by Gil-Alaña and Robinson (1997), and given the vast amount of empirical work based on AR structures, an empirical study of fractional-based tests for seasonal data seems overdue.

3. EMPIRICAL APPLICATIONS

The relationship between consumption and income is arguably one of the most important in macroeconomics. The most influential and perhaps most widely tested view of this relationship is the permanent income hypothesis (see Hall, 1989). We concentrate on the univariate treatment of these two variables, and apply different versions of Robinson's (1994) tests to some seasonally unadjusted, quarterly data for United Kingdom and Japan, using the same dataset as in HEGY (1990) and HEGL (1993) respectively.

For both countries we follow the same procedure. We test equation (11) in a version of equation (8),

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 t + \beta_3 S_{1t} + \beta_4 S_{2t} + \beta_5 S_{3t} + x_t \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad (26)$$

with equation (9) and (10), where S_{1t} , S_{2t} and S_{3t} are seasonal dummies. We test in a sequential way. Since the data are quarterly, we start by assuming that x_t in equation (26) has four roots and take $\rho(L; \theta)$ as in equation (19). Given that θ is scalar, we test H_0 (11) against the one-sided alternatives (13) and (14). In order to allow different integration orders at different frequencies we also consider

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^2)^{d_1 + \theta_1} (1 + L^2)^{d_2 + \theta_2} \quad (27)$$

and more generally, equation (22). Therefore, $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)'$ under (27) and $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)'$ under (22) and we test here (11) against the two-sided alternative $\theta \neq 0$. Clearly, when departures are actually of the specialized form (19), a test of (11) directed against (19) will have greater power than ones directed against (27) or (22), but the tests have power against a wider range of alternatives.

Following this sequential way of testing we next assume x_t displays only three roots: two of them complex, corresponding to frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$, and one real that might be either at zero or at frequency π . Thus, we perform the tests in the case of (18) and

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 + L + L^2 + L^3)^{d + \theta} \quad (28)$$

and extending now the tests to allow different integration orders at the complex and at the real roots, we also consider two-sided tests where

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d_1 + \theta_1} (1 + L^2)^{d_2 + \theta_2} \quad (29)$$

and

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 + L)^{d_1 + \theta_1} (1 + L^2)^{d_2 + \theta_2} \quad (30)$$

In a further group of tests, we assume that the hypothesized model contains only two roots, one at zero frequency and the other at π . Again we look first at one-sided tests against equation (17) and then at two-sided tests against

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d_1 + \theta_1} (1 + L)^{d_2 + \theta_2} \quad (31)$$

Finally we consider the possibility of a single root (or perhaps two complex ones), and therefore look at equation (16) as well as

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 + L)^{d+\theta} \quad (32)$$

and finally,

$$\rho(L; \theta) = (1 + L^2)^{d+\theta} \quad (33)$$

The form of \hat{A} for these various choices of ρ is derived in the Appendix. It is found that \hat{A} , interestingly, does not vary with the null hypothesized integration order d or integration orders d_i , clearly facilitating the computations. In all these cases the tests will be performed for different model specifications in equation (26). First, we assume that $\beta_i \equiv 0$ *a priori*; next $\beta_i = 0$, $i \geq 2$ (including an intercept); next $\beta_i = 0$, $i \geq 3$ (a time trend); next $\beta_2 = 0$ (an intercept and dummy variables); finally that all β_i are unknown. In all cases we consider a wide range of null hypothesized d (and d_i 's when $p > 1$), from 0.50 through 2.25 with 0.25 increments, and white noise u_t , though in some cases we extend to $I(0)$ parametric autocorrelation in u_t . Clearly, non-rejections of equation (11) when d (and the d_i 's) equal 1 imply unit roots, and non-rejections with $d = 0$ will suggest deterministic models of form advocated by Tam and Reinsel (1997).

4. THE UK CASE

We analyse the quarterly United Kingdom dataset used in HEGY (1990). c_t is log consumption expenditure on non-durables and y_t is log personal disposable income, from 1955.1 to 1984.4. The conclusions of HEGY (1990) were that c_t could be $I(1)$ at each of the frequencies 0, $\pi/2$ (and $3\pi/2$) and π ; y_t may contain only two roots, at zero and π ; $c_t - y_t$ can have four unit roots if dummies are not introduced, but two unit roots of the same form as in c_t if they are.

Table I reports results for the one-sided statistic $\hat{\tau}$, when $\rho(L; \theta)$ in equation (9) is equation (19). First, in Table I(a) we take u_t as a white noise process, and observe that for the two individual series (c_t and y_t), the null is never rejected when $d = 0.75$ and $d = 1$. Also, $d = 1.25$ is not rejected when we include as regressors an intercept and dummies. For the differenced series ($c_t - y_t$), the values of d where H_0 is not rejected are slightly smaller ($d = 0.50$ and $d = 0.75$), and the null hypothesis is clearly rejected in all cases, in favour of less non-stationary alternatives, suggesting that if the two individual series were in fact $I(1)$, a degree of fractional integration may exist for a given cointegrating vector $(1, -1)$, using a simplistic version of the 'permanent income hypothesis theory' as discussed by Davidson *et al.* (1978), for example. The fact that the unit root null is never rejected for c_t is consistent with HEGY (1990), but this hypothesis is not rejected for y_t , while HEGY (1990) found evidence of only two unit roots (at frequencies 0 and π) in this series. Various tests of this hypothesis will be performed later in a further group of tests. Also, HEGY (1990) introduced augmentations, including lagged values of the series. Thus, we also performed the tests with AR u_t . In Tables I(b) and I(c) we give results for AR(1) and AR(2) u_t respectively. Tests allowing higher-order AR u_t were also performed, yielding similar results. The non-rejection values are now $d = 0.50$ and $d = 0.75$, and in those cases where the former is rejected, this is always in favour of stationary alternatives. The lower integration orders observed in these two tables compared with Table I(a) can in large part be due to the fact that the AR estimates are Yule–Walker ones, entailing roots that cannot exceed one in absolute value but can be arbitrarily close to it, so they pick up part of the non-stationary component.

Table I. \hat{r} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^4)^{d+\theta}$ for the UK data

(a) With white noise u_t									
Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	3.31	1.02'	-1.00'	-2.43	-3.32	-3.88	-4.25	-4.51
	I	5.09	1.31'	-1.11'	-2.00	-2.79	-3.42	-3.86	-4.18
	I,T	2.65	0.41'	-1.26'	-2.33	-3.02	-3.46	-3.75	-3.99
	I,S	5.17	1.32'	-1.09'	-1.87'	-2.62	-3.24	-3.70	-4.04
	I,T,S	2.70	0.31'	-1.25'	-2.23	-2.87	-3.34	-3.72	-4.04
y_t	—	3.29	1.01'	-1.00'	-2.42	-3.31	-3.87	-4.24	-4.50
	I	5.16	1.25'	-0.96'	-1.81'	-2.61	-3.25	-3.72	-4.08
	I,T	2.50	0.45'	-1.06'	-2.11	-2.84	-3.37	-3.76	-4.07
	I,S	5.16	1.21'	-0.97'	-1.76'	-2.53	-3.16	-3.64	-4.00
	I,T,S	2.41	0.39'	0.39'	-2.06	-2.76	-3.28	-3.69	-4.02
$c_t - y_t$	—	-0.66'	-1.48'	-2.21	-2.84	-3.32	-3.69	-3.99	-4.24
	I	1.09'	-1.37'	-2.39	-3.05	-3.53	-3.88	-4.15	-4.37
	I,T	-0.20'	-1.44'	-2.39	-3.06	-3.53	-3.86	-4.11	-4.32
	I,S	1.34'	-1.19'	-2.21	-2.89	-3.41	-3.79	-4.08	-4.32
	I,T,S	-0.01'	-1.26'	-2.21	-2.92	-3.43	-3.82	-4.11	-4.35
(b) With AR(1) u_t									
Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	-3.26	-3.62	-3.96	-4.27	-4.52	-4.72	-4.87	-4.98
	I	-0.84'	-0.78'	-2.10	-3.13	-3.76	-4.17	-4.44	-4.63
	I,T	1.07'	-0.82'	-2.32	-3.25	-3.81	-4.16	-4.39	-4.55
	I,S	-2.27	-2.65	-3.34	-3.75	-4.05	-4.29	-4.49	-4.65
	I,T,S	-1.08'	-2.64	-3.38	-3.81	-4.10	-4.32	-4.50	-4.65
y_t	—	-3.26	-3.62	-3.96	-4.27	-4.52	-4.71	-4.86	-4.98
	I	-1.81'	-1.77'	-2.59	-3.32	-3.85	-4.23	-4.49	-4.69
	I,T	-0.24'	-1.69'	-2.69	-3.40	-3.90	-4.25	-4.50	-4.68
	I,S	-2.43	-2.52	-3.01	-3.47	-3.87	-4.18	-4.43	-4.62
	I,T,S	-1.23'	-2.32	-2.99	-3.51	-3.90	-4.21	-4.44	-4.63
$c_t - y_t$	—	-0.86'	-1.85'	-2.60	-3.17	-3.59	-3.91	-4.17	-4.38
	I	-0.30'	-1.79'	-2.66	-3.25	-3.69	-4.01	-4.25	-4.45
	I,T	-0.62'	-1.80'	-2.66	-3.26	-3.69	-3.99	-4.22	-4.41
	I,S	-0.29'	-1.67'	-2.52	-3.13	-3.58	-3.93	-4.20	-4.41
	I,T,S	-0.57'	-1.69'	-2.52	-3.14	-3.60	-3.94	-4.21	-4.43
(c) With AR(2) u_t									
Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	-3.30	-3.62	-3.91	-4.21	-4.48	-4.69	-4.85	-4.98
	I	-1.11'	-1.10'	-2.25	-3.18	-3.77	-4.16	-4.42	-4.61
	I,T	0.45'	-1.17'	-2.47	-3.32	-3.85	-4.18	-4.39	-4.54
	I,S	-2.35	-2.80	-3.49	-3.88	-4.15	-4.36	-4.54	-4.68
	I,T,S	-1.29'	-2.81	-3.53	-3.93	-4.20	-4.39	-4.55	-4.68
y_t	—	-3.29	-3.61	-3.91	-4.21	-4.47	-4.68	-4.85	-4.98
	I	-2.13	-2.27	-2.89	-3.47	-3.92	-4.26	-4.51	-4.69
	I,T	-1.10'	-2.19	-2.96	-3.54	-3.97	-4.29	-4.51	-4.69
	I,S	-2.62	-2.81	-3.20	-3.59	-3.92	-4.20	-4.43	-4.61
	I,T,S	-1.79'	-2.64	-3.18	-3.61	-3.95	-4.23	-4.45	-4.62
$c_t - y_t$	—	-0.90'	-2.02	-2.79	-3.31	-3.69	-3.97	-4.20	-4.40
	I	-0.68'	-1.99	-2.83	-3.39	-3.78	-4.07	-4.29	-4.47
	I,T	-0.71'	-1.96	-2.82	-3.39	-3.78	-4.06	-4.27	-4.44
	I,S	-0.69'	-1.90'	-2.72	-3.29	-3.70	-4.02	-4.26	-4.46
	I,T,S	-0.67'	-1.88'	-2.71	-3.29	-3.71	-4.03	-4.28	-4.47

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level; —: No intercept, no time trend and no seasonal dummies; I: Intercept; I,T: Intercept and time trend; I,S: Intercept and seasonal dummies; I,T,S: Intercept, time trend and seasonal dummies.

Table II reports results of the two-sided tests \hat{R} in equation (12) when θ is a (2×1) vector. $\rho(L; \theta)$ is now given by equation (27) and therefore we allow different integration orders for the real and complex roots, letting d_1 and d_2 take each of the values 0.50 (0.25) 1.50. We concentrate on the cases of no regressors, of an intercept, and of both, an intercept and a time trend, and present the results only for those cases where we observe at least one non-rejection value for each (d_1, d_2) combination across the series. If there are no regressors, H_0 is rejected in all cases for the individual series, while for $c_t - y_t$ we observe several non-rejections when $d_1 = 0.50, 0.75, 1.00$ and 1.25 and $d_2 = 0.50$ and 0.75 . Including an intercept or a linear time trend, the results are similar in both cases, with most of the non-rejections occurring when d_2 is smaller than d_1 , and also observing smaller orders for $c_t - y_t$ than for the individual series.

In Table III we extend these tests to allow different integration orders at zero and π , and thus $\rho(L; \theta)$ is in equation (22). Again we only present the results for those cases where we observe at least one non-rejection value. The results are consistent with the previous ones: in fact, when there are no regressors, the null is always rejected for c_t and y_t , while for $c_t - y_t$ there are some non-rejections, with the lowest value achieved at $d_1 = 1$ and $d_2 = d_3 = 0.50$. Including a constant or a time trend, the results seem to emphasize the importance of the root at zero frequency over the others, given its greater integration order.

Following this sequential way of testing we next assume x_t can be modelled with three roots, and thus remove from equation (19) the root at zero frequency (in which case $\rho(L; \theta)$ adopts the forms (28) or (30)), or at π (i.e. $\rho(L; \theta)$ as in equation (18) or (29)). Though we do not present the

Table II. \hat{R} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^2)^{d_1+\theta_1}(1 + L^2)^{d_2+\theta_2}$ and white noise u_t for the UK data

d_1	d_2	No intercept and no trend			Intercept			Intercept and a time trend		
		c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$
0.50	0.50	52.45	52.15	3.42'	79.34	83.17	11.36	33.55	40.66	3.65'
0.75	0.50	19.80	19.76	1.05'	12.96	18.85	0.86'	7.51	14.80	0.86'
0.75	0.75	25.89	25.85	5.65'	23.48	26.73	4.90'	16.69	21.37	4.82'
1.00	0.50	8.31	8.29	2.03'	0.86'	5.43'	2.76'	1.03'	5.61'	2.75'
1.00	0.75	11.56	11.57	4.20'	6.07	10.23	4.48'	6.47	10.40	4.46'
1.25	0.50	8.60	8.55	4.99'	0.98'	3.89'	5.88'	1.36'	4.47'	5.91'
1.25	0.75	10.58	10.56	5.34'	4.14'	7.44	6.20	4.78'	7.98	6.26
1.50	0.50	11.09	11.01	8.22	2.96'	5.40'	8.93	3.22'	6.04	8.89
1.50	0.75	12.97	12.92	7.49	5.14'	8.19	8.41	5.57'	8.93	8.37

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level.

Table III. \hat{R} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d_1+\theta_1}(1 + L)^{d_2+\theta_2}(1 + L^2)^{d_3+\theta_3}$ and white noise u_t for the UK data

d_1	d_2	d_3	No intercept and no trend			Intercept			Intercept and a time trend		
			c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$
1.00	0.50	0.50	21.14	21.23	2.00'	2.11'	7.68'	3.10'	2.15'	7.91	3.05'
1.00	1.00	0.50	34.51	34.56	4.70'	11.11	23.34	4.20'	11.61	24.20	4.21'
1.50	1.00	0.50	15.57	15.54	6.04'	2.54'	6.03'	6.53'	2.62'	6.32'	6.50'
1.50	1.50	0.50	20.77	20.74	8.93	6.09'	12.07	9.28	6.03'	12.23	9.24

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level.

results, they show that H_0 is rejected in all series and across all cases, indicating the importance of these two roots, as suggested by HEGY (1990).

In the next group of tables we assume x_t has only two roots, at zero and π . First we take $\rho(L; \theta)$ as in equation (17), so the same integration order is assumed at both frequencies. This way of specifying the model is interesting in view of the results in HEGY (1990), who suggested that only two unit roots at these frequencies were present in y_t , and in some cases for $c_t - y_t$. Results for white noise u_t are given in Table IV and the non-rejection values occur when $d = 0.75$ and 1 for c_t and y_t , and when $d = 0.50$ for $c_t - y_t$, suggesting again the possibility of a fractional cointegrating relationship at these two frequencies with cointegrating vector $(1, -1)$. The hypothesis of two unit roots is always rejected for c_t if we include regressors. These rejections are in line with HEGY (1990), who indicated that complex unit roots should be included. For y_t we observe that $d = 1$ is not rejected in three of the five possible specifications in equation (26), which is also consistent with HEGY (1990). If we allow integration orders to differ between zero and π frequencies (i.e. $\rho(L; \theta)$ as in equation (31)), the only non-rejection values occur when $d_1 = 0.75$ and $d_2 = 0.50$ for y_t with an intercept and with a linear time trend.

Finally we assume x_t has only two complex roots, at $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$, or a single one either at π or zero. Thus $\rho(L; \theta)$ takes the form given in equation (33), (32) and (16) respectively. As expected, H_0 is always rejected in the first two cases, indicating the importance of the root at zero frequency to describe trending behaviour. Table V gives results of $\hat{\tau}$ for white noise u_t and $\rho(L; \theta)$ as in equation (16), and we observe that if there are no regressors the $I(1)$ null is not rejected for c_t and y_t , but is strongly rejected for $c_t - y_t$. There are few non-rejections in this table and they correspond to values of d ranging between 0.50 and 1 for the individual series. For $c_t - y_t$, the only two non-rejection cases occur at $d = 0.50$ if dummies are included, but for the remaining specifications this null is strongly rejected in favour of stationary alternatives. The fact that the unit root is rejected in this table for all series when some regressors are included in equation (26) is consistent with HEGY (1990), who suggested the need for at least one seasonal unit root.

Table IV. $\hat{\tau}$ in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^2)^{d+\theta}$ and white noise u_t for the UK data

Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	5.23	2.04	-0.47'	-2.00	-2.87	-3.38	-3.72	-3.95
	I	2.06	-4.26	-4.74	-4.86	-4.95	-5.01	-5.04	-5.06
	I,T	-3.21	-4.30	-4.71	-4.89	-4.98	-5.03	-5.06	-5.09
	I,S	7.14	0.17'	-2.49	-3.40	-3.98	-4.33	-4.53	-4.66
	I,T,S	2.60	-0.66'	-2.50	-3.48	-4.03	-4.34	-4.54	-4.66
y_t	—	5.18	2.00	-0.51'	-2.03	-2.89	-3.40	-3.74	-3.97
	I	6.47	-0.69'	-2.81	-3.64	-4.16	-4.47	-4.65	-4.76
	I,T	1.99	-1.05'	-2.80	-3.72	-4.23	-4.49	-4.65	-4.76
	I,S	7.52	1.52'	-1.16'	-2.38	-3.23	-3.75	-4.07	-4.28
	I,T,S	4.09	0.96'	-1.18'	-2.50	-3.29	-3.78	-4.08	-4.28
$c_t - y_t$	—	-3.97	-4.47	-4.77	-4.93	-5.01	-5.05	-5.07	-5.08
	I	-3.11	-4.35	-4.70	-4.86	-4.94	-4.98	-5.01	-5.03
	I,T	-3.76	-4.40	-4.70	-4.86	-4.94	-4.99	-5.02	-5.04
	I,S	-0.54'	-3.03	-3.84	-4.27	-4.51	-4.66	-4.75	-4.82
	I,T,S	-1.64'	-3.06	-3.85	-4.27	-4.51	-4.66	-4.75	-4.81

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level. —: No intercept, no time trend and no seasonal dummies; I: An intercept; I,T: An intercept and a time trend; I,S: An intercept and seasonal dummies; I,S,T: An intercept, a time trend and seasonal dummies.

Table V. $\hat{\rho}$ in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d+\theta}$ and white noise u_t for the UK data

Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	9.89	3.91	-0.30'	-2.55	-3.73	-4.43	-4.87	-5.18
	I	1.57'	-4.49	-4.76	-5.01	-5.23	-5.42	-5.59	-5.74
	I,T	-3.32	-4.31	-4.74	-5.02	-5.25	-5.44	-5.61	-5.76
	I,S	11.91	-0.91'	-3.37	-4.28	-4.83	-5.18	-5.42	-5.61
	I,T,S	3.84	-1.13'	-3.34	-4.34	-4.87	-5.21	-5.45	-5.64
y_t	—	9.83	3.87	-0.31'	-2.55	-3.73	-4.42	-4.86	-5.17
	I	8.65	-3.00	-4.31	-4.95	-5.37	-5.65	-5.85	-6.00
	I,T	1.13'	-2.69	-4.27	-4.99	-5.41	-5.67	-5.87	-6.02
	I,S	11.76	-0.86'	-3.49	-4.60	-5.24	-5.61	-5.85	-6.02
	I,T,S	4.76	-0.77'	-3.44	-4.66	-5.28	-5.64	-5.87	-6.04
$c_t - y_t$	—	-3.66	-4.26	-4.63	-4.87	-5.06	-5.22	-5.38	-5.52
	I	-3.00	-4.20	-4.61	-4.87	-5.07	-5.24	-5.40	-5.54
	I,T	-3.50	-4.23	-4.61	-4.87	-5.07	-5.24	-5.39	-5.54
	I,S	-1.09'	-3.67	-4.42	-4.85	-5.13	-5.34	-5.51	-5.65
	I,T,S	-1.95'	-3.63	-4.42	-4.85	-5.13	-5.34	-5.50	-5.65

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level. —: No intercept, no time trend and no seasonal dummies; I: An intercept; I,T: An intercept and a time trend; I,S: An intercept and seasonal dummies; I,S,T: An intercept, a time trend and seasonal dummies.

Summarizing the main results obtained in the UK case, we can say that if x_t in equation (26) is I(d) with four roots of the same order and u_t is white noise, the values of d where the null is not rejected range between 0.75 and 1 for the individual series and are slightly smaller for the difference $c_t - y_t$. If u_t is AR, d ranges between 0.50 and 0.75 for the three series considered. Allowing different integration orders at each frequency, we observe that the root at zero frequency seems more important than the seasonal ones, at the seasonal root at π appears also more important than the two complex ones at $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$. If we take x_t as I(d) with two real roots, the model seems more appropriate for y_t than for c_t or $c_t - y_t$, which is in line with results in HEGY (1990). Finally, modelling x_t as fractionally integrated with a single root at zero frequency, the range of d where H_0 is not rejected goes from 0.50 to 1 for the individual series but is close to stationarity for $c_t - y_t$, but using a single seasonal root at frequency π or a pair of complex ones at frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$ seems inappropriate in view of the great proportion of rejections.

5. THE JAPANESE CASE

We analyse here the log of total real consumption (c_t), the log of real disposable income (y_t), and the difference between them ($c_t - y_t$) in Japan from 1961.1 to 1987.4 in 1980 prices. These series have been analysed in HEGL (1993) to test the presence of seasonal integration and cointegration. In this work (and in an earlier version, HEGL, 1991), they apply the HEGY (1990) tests to these data and their conclusions can be summarized as follows. For c_t , a unit root is observed at all frequencies 0, $\pi/2$, $3\pi/2$ and π if there are no regressors in the model or if only a time trend is included. However, if dummies are also included, only two unit roots are observed, one at zero frequency and one at frequency π . For y_t , unit roots are not rejected at any frequency when there are no regressors or when a time trend and/or dummies are introduced, but if only an intercept

is included the unit root at zero frequency is rejected. Finally, for $c_t - y_t$, unit root nulls are not rejected at any frequency, independently of the regressors used.

Table VI is analogous to Table I, showing the one-sided test statistic \hat{r} when $\rho(L; \theta)$ in equation (9) takes the form (19). Table VI(a) reports results for white noise u_t , and the first thing that we observe is that if $\beta_i \equiv 0$ in equation (26), we cannot reject equation (11) for $d = 0.75$ and $d = 1$ in the case of either c_t or y_t , while for $c_t - y_t$, these two cases are also not rejected, along with $d = 0.50$. Including regressors, the unit root hypothesis is rejected in both series in favour of more non-stationary alternatives, while the nulls $d = 0.75$ and $d = 1$ are never rejected for $c_t - y_t$. Thus, if $\rho(L; \theta) = 1 - L^4$ and u_t is white noise, the two individual series are clearly non-stationary with d greater than 1 in most cases. However, their difference seems less non-stationary, suggesting that some fractional cointegration could exist between both series, with cointegrating vector $(1, -1)$. The fact that $d = 1$ is not rejected for c_t and y_t when there are no regressors, and for $c_t - y_t$ independently of the regressors used in equation (26), is consistent with the results in HEGL (1993) though they allow AR structure in the differenced series. Therefore in Tables VI(b) and VI(c) we suppose that u_t in equation (9) is an AR(q) with $q = 1$ or 2. The range of non-rejection values of d goes from 0.50 to 1 for c_t and $c_t - y_t$, and from 0.50 to 1.25 for y_t . As we explained for the UK case, this smaller degree in the integration order of the series (compared with Table VI(a)), could be in large part due to competition between integration order and AR parameters in describing the non-stationary component. If we concentrate on the AR(1), we see that the unit root is not rejected for y_t but is for c_t when dummy variables are included in the model, again in line with HEGL (1993).

So far we have assumed that the four roots in x_t must have the same integration order. In the following tables we allow integration orders to differ between complex roots and real ones. Table VII corresponds to two-sided tests when $\rho(L; \theta)$ in equation (9) takes the form given in equation (27). When there are no regressors, the null is rejected in all cases for both c_t and y_t , while for $c_t - y_t$ we observe some non-rejections when $d_1 = d_2 = 0.50, 0.75$ and 1. These three possibilities were not rejected in Table VI(a) when we employed the one-sided tests. Including an intercept or a time trend, we observe now some non-rejections for c_t and y_t . Starting with c_t , H_0 is not rejected when $d_1 = 1.25$ or 1.50 and $d_2 = 0.50, 0.75$ and 1, observing therefore a greater degree of integration at zero and π frequencies than at $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$. Similarly, for y_t , all non-rejections occur when d_1 is slightly greater than d_2 , and for $c_t - y_t$, the lowest statistics are obtained at $d_1 = d_2 = 0.75$. The null hypothesis of a unit root at all frequencies is not rejected in this series, which is again consistent with Table VI(a) and with the results of HEGL (1993).

In Table VIII we are slightly more general in the specification of $\rho(L; \theta)$ in equation (9), and a different integration order is allowed at each frequency. Therefore, $\rho(L; \theta)$ takes the form (22). As Table VII, when there are no regressors the null is always rejected for the individual series, while for $c_t - y_t$, there are non-rejections at some alternatives, with d_1 greater than d_2 or d_3 . Including an intercept or a time trend, the results emphasize the importance of the root at zero frequency over the others for the three series.

Performing the tests under the assumption that $\rho(L; \theta)$ is of forms (18) or (28)–(30), we always rejected. Thus, following this sequential way of performing the tests, we next assume that x_t has only two roots, one at zero frequency and the other at π . First we take $\rho(L; \theta)$ as in equation (17), so θ consists of a single parameter. Table IX gives results for one-sided tests with white noise u_t . We observe that the results are quite variable across the different specifications of equation (26), and while the orders of integration range between 0.50 and 1.25 for the individual series, for the difference $c_t - y_t$ the only non-rejections occur when $d = 0.50$ with seasonal dummies. The

Table VI. $\hat{\tau}$ in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^4)^{d+\theta}$ for the Japanese data

(a) With white noise u_t									
Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	2.61	0.77'	-1.02'	-2.36	-3.22	-3.76	-4.12	-4.37
	I	4.36	2.64	3.05	1.36'	-0.89'	-2.54	-3.50	-4.04
	I,T	9.12	7.28	3.83	0.008'	-2.72	-3.76	-4.01	-4.17
	I,S	4.41	2.80	4.39	2.95	0.34'	-1.78'	-3.06	-3.76
	I,T,S	10.02	8.34	5.14	1.04'	-2.11	-3.51	-3.99	-4.24
y_t	—	2.54	0.72'	-1.05'	-2.38	-3.23	-3.77	-4.13	-4.38
	I	4.70	3.34	2.21	-0.08'	-2.10	-3.37	-4.06	-4.44
	I,T	7.80	6.04	2.54	-0.91'	-3.11	-3.76	-3.77	-3.86
	I,S	4.95	4.12	4.78	2.33	-0.57'	-2.63	-3.72	-4.25
	I,T,S	10.28	8.48	5.10	0.84'	-2.30	-3.69	-4.19	-4.44
$c_t - y_t$	—	1.53'	-0.08'	-1.77'	-2.93	-3.63	-4.05	-4.33	-4.52
	I	2.41	0.46'	-1.54'	-2.84	-3.60	-4.05	-4.34	-4.54
	I,T	2.34	0.45'	-1.54'	-2.86	-3.58	-3.82	-3.89	-4.02
	I,S	3.42	0.35'	-1.79'	-3.06	-3.76	-4.15	-4.39	-4.55
	I,T,S	3.31	0.34'	-1.79'	-3.06	-3.76	-4.15	-4.39	-4.55
(b) With AR(1) u_t									
Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	-3.13	-3.50	-3.83	-4.13	-4.38	-4.57	-4.71	-4.83
	I	-1.59'	-0.67'	-0.51'	-1.79'	-2.78	-3.50	-3.99	-4.30
	I,T	2.57	1.01'	-0.65'	-2.01	-3.19	-3.82	-4.09	-4.27
	I,S	-2.87	-3.21	-3.31	-3.51	-3.73	-4.05	-4.35	-4.56
	I,T,S	-1.05'	-2.67	-3.30	-3.63	-4.12	-4.48	-4.64	-4.74
y_t	—	-3.01	-3.47	-3.82	-4.12	-4.37	-4.57	-4.71	-4.83
	I	-0.03'	0.87'	0.23'	-1.38'	-2.67	-3.52	-4.03	-4.34
	I,T	3.09	2.07	0.24'	-1.64'	-3.09	-3.67	-3.80	-3.96
	I,S	-2.51	-2.37	-1.71'	-1.88'	-2.50	-3.34	-3.99	-4.36
	I,T,S	0.29'	-1.41'	-1.61'	-1.98	-3.08	-3.91	-4.28	-4.49
$c_t - y_t$	—	0.87'	-0.84'	-2.29	-3.21	-3.77	-4.13	-4.37	-4.54
	I	1.94'	-0.01'	-1.78'	-2.91	-3.59	-4.01	-4.28	-4.48
	I,T	1.89'	-0.02'	-1.78'	-2.93	-3.58	-3.86	-4.00	-4.16
	I,S	1.34'	-1.29'	-2.66	-3.46	-3.95	-4.25	-4.44	-4.58
	I,T,S	1.29'	-1.29'	-2.66	-3.46	-3.95	-4.25	-4.45	-4.58
(c) With AR(2) u_t									
Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	-3.19	-3.53	-3.81	-4.09	-4.34	-4.54	-4.70	-4.82
	I	-1.53'	-0.51'	-0.85'	-2.14	-2.96	-3.56	-4.01	-4.36
	I,T	1.77'	0.16'	-1.35'	-2.37	-3.30	-3.88	-4.15	-4.34
	I,S	-2.90	-3.26	-3.56	-3.82	-3.99	-4.24	-4.48	-4.66
	I,T,S	-1.23'	-2.84	-3.60	-3.92	-4.29	-4.60	-4.74	-4.83
y_t	—	-3.08	-3.50	-3.80	-4.09	-4.34	-4.54	-4.70	-4.82
	I	-0.29'	0.75'	0.20'	-1.31'	-2.54	-3.41	-3.96	-4.30
	I,T	2.69	1.61'	0.04'	-1.55'	-3.04	-3.66	-3.77	-3.93
	I,S	-2.54	-2.57	-2.53	-2.78	-3.05	-3.57	-4.07	-4.39
	I,T,S	0.11'	-1.99	-2.59	-2.72	-3.33	-3.97	-4.31	-4.51
$c_t - y$	—	0.80'	-0.88'	-2.27	-3.18	-3.75	-4.11	-4.36	-4.53
	I	1.85'	0.03'	-1.72'	-2.89	-3.60	-4.02	-4.30	-4.49
	I,T	1.81'	-0.01'	-1.72'	-2.91	-3.59	-3.85	-3.97	-4.12
	I,S	0.45'	-1.67'	-2.77	-3.47	-3.94	-4.24	-4.44	-4.58
	I,T,S	0.40'	-1.68'	-2.77	-3.47	-3.94	-4.24	-4.44	-4.58

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level; —: No intercept, no time trend and no seasonal dummies; I: Intercept; I,T: Intercept and time trend; I,S: Intercept and seasonal dummies; I,T,S: Intercept, time trend and seasonal dummies.

Table VII. \hat{R} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^2)^{d_1+\theta_1}(1 + L^2)^{d_2+\theta_2}$ and white noise u_t for the Japanese data

d_1	d_2	No intercept and no trend			Intercept			Intercept and a time trend		
		c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$
0.50	0.50	41.03	39.76	5.25'	64.79	63.91	6.83	167.85	107.69	6.49
0.75	0.50	17.12	16.72	0.42'	22.81	13.95	4.30'	77.49	29.81	4.23'
0.75	0.75	22.42	22.01	2.95'	34.46	30.38	0.50'	117.38	68.97	0.52'
0.75	1.00	27.06	26.61	8.97	42.28	43.89	5.08'	137.50	100.85	5.26'
1.00	0.50	7.76	7.64	3.58'	8.74	8.21	10.28	11.04	8.56	10.27
1.00	0.75	10.73	10.62	1.45'	22.43	5.76'	2.66'	29.89	6.90	2.67'
1.00	1.00	13.33	13.22	4.71'	35.55	14.50	2.39'	48.00	18.11	2.41'
1.00	1.25	15.72	15.59	7.98	45.91	26.86	4.86'	62.37	33.81	4.89'
1.25	0.50	8.07	7.98	8.32	1.82'	11.98	15.19	1.96'	14.05	15.31
1.25	0.75	9.93	9.91	4.61'	3.85'	2.95'	7.92	0.36'	5.22'	8.04
1.25	1.00	11.30	11.30	6.64	11.73	0.30'	6.31	5.01'	0.43'	6.41
1.25	1.25	12.40	12.40	9.30	20.03	4.29'	8.09	10.88	2.47'	8.20
1.50	0.50	10.37	10.25	12.16	3.37'	16.22	18.62	6.01	19.15	19.08
1.50	0.75	12.16	12.13	7.72	0.37'	9.18	11.92	3.78'	14.25	12.22
1.50	1.00	13.30	13.31	8.85	2.37'	3.32'	9.31	5.14'	7.65	9.29
1.50	1.25	13.99	14.02	11.58	6.04	3.81'	11.01	7.96	8.00	10.92
1.50	1.50	14.45	14.48	13.53	9.44	5.56'	13.00	9.94	9.71	12.92

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level.

Table VIII. \hat{R} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d_1+\theta_1}(1 + L)^{d_2+\theta_2}(1 + L^2)^{d_3+\theta_3}$ and white noise u_t for the Japanese data

d_1	d_2	d_3	No intercept and no trend			Intercept			Intercept and a time trend		
			c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$	c_t	y_t	$c_t - y_t$
1.00	0.50	0.50	18.90	18.50	2.03'	9.87	3.73'	4.01'	10.73	3.66'	4.01'
1.00	0.50	1.00	29.47	28.91	2.04'	32.10	4.74'	0.53'	36.42	4.94'	0.54'
1.00	0.50	1.50	38.39	37.60	3.03'	45.26	8.71	1.04'	50.98	8.85	1.04'
1.00	1.00	0.50	31.34	30.89	6.50'	24.98	12.03	11.13	28.27	12.33	11.12
1.50	0.50	0.50	10.33	10.11	2.94'	9.57	3.89'	3.94'	11.15	4.33'	3.99'
1.50	0.50	1.00	13.25	13.06	1.78'	31.88	3.95'	1.19'	35.86	4.40'	1.20'
1.50	0.50	1.50	14.41	14.16	2.00'	44.10	5.65'	1.34'	48.52	6.02'	1.35'
1.50	1.00	0.50	14.23	14.01	11.25	3.24'	14.26	16.43	4.79'	16.22	16.73
1.50	1.00	1.00	19.69	19.56	7.84	3.62'	1.58'	7.17'	3.57'	3.72'	7.13'
1.50	1.00	1.50	23.28	23.11	11.94	11.54	5.77'	10.30	9.18	8.36	10.26
1.50	1.50	0.50	19.04	18.81	12.79	5.20'	16.52	18.79	6.49'	19.23	19.22
1.50	1.50	1.00	27.05	26.95	12.38	14.48	6.84'	10.62	9.75	8.65	10.47

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level.

results for the unit root case are consistent with those in HEGL (1993). In fact, the unit root null is not rejected for c_t when dummies are included, but is nearly always rejected for y_t and $c_t - y_t$, due perhaps to exclusion of unit roots at frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$, as was suggested by these authors. Extending the tests to allow different integration orders at the same two frequencies, we observed just a single case where the null was not rejected and it corresponded to c_t with no regressors and $d_1 = 1.25$ and $d_2 = 0.50$.

Finally, we examine the case of x_t containing a single root, and concentrate on the case when this root is at zero frequency, i.e. equation (16). Table X shows results merely for white

Table IX. \hat{r} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L^2)^{d+\theta}$ and white noise u_t for the Japanese data

Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	4.42	1.78'	-0.47'	-1.91'	-2.75	-3.25	-3.58	-3.80
	I	2.75	-4.04	-4.61	-4.75	-4.84	-4.88	-4.91	-4.92
	I,T	-0.96'	-3.71	-4.58	-4.82	-4.89	-4.92	-4.94	-4.95
	I,S	6.87	3.85	1.94'	-0.84'	-2.80	-3.73	-4.14	-4.34
	I,T,S	12.14	7.99	2.04	-1.93'	-3.49	-3.99	-4.21	-4.35
y_t	—	4.13	1.55'	-0.66'	-2.06	-2.87	-3.35	-3.67	-3.89
	I	-1.23'	-4.72	-4.83	-4.87	-4.90	-4.92	-4.93	-4.94
	I,T	-3.38	-4.51	-4.81	-4.89	-4.92	-4.94	-4.95	-4.96
	I,S	6.57	0.44'	-2.84	-4.05	-4.55	-4.73	-4.79	-4.81
	I,T,S	7.78	1.25'	-2.86	-4.28	-4.66	-4.72	-4.72	-4.74
$c_t - y_t$	—	-4.25	-4.63	-4.80	-4.87	-4.91	-4.93	-4.94	-4.95
	I	-4.55	-4.81	-4.87	-4.89	-4.91	-4.92	-4.92	-4.93
	I,T	-4.51	-4.79	-4.86	-4.89	-4.91	-4.92	-4.93	-4.94
	I,S	-1.11'	-3.40	-4.20	-4.50	-4.63	-4.69	-4.73	-4.76
	I,T,S	-1.14'	-3.39	-4.20	-4.50	-4.62	-4.66	-4.67	-4.69

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level. —: No intercept, no time trend and no seasonal dummies; I: An intercept; I,T: An intercept and a time trend; I,S: An intercept and seasonal dummies; I,S,T: An intercept, a time trend and seasonal dummies.

Table X. \hat{r} in (12) with $\rho(L; \theta) = (1 - L)^{d+\theta}$ and white noise u_t for the Japanese data

Series	z_t/d	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
c_t	—	8.47	3.43	-0.37'	-2.49	-3.61	-4.27	-4.70	-4.99
	I	3.17	-4.31	-4.61	-4.83	-5.02	-5.18	-5.33	-5.46
	I,T	-1.51'	-3.93	-4.59	-4.85	-5.04	-5.19	-5.33	-5.46
	I,S	12.74	3.01	-2.47	-4.54	-5.37	-5.68	-5.83	-5.93
	I,T,S	16.98	5.30	-2.52	-4.86	-5.47	-5.69	-5.82	-5.91
y_t	—	7.35	2.47	-1.07'	-2.98	-3.98	-4.57	-4.95	-5.21
	I	-2.71	-4.98	-5.11	-5.27	-5.42	-5.55	-5.67	-5.78
	I,T	-4.03	-4.82	-5.10	-5.28	-5.43	-5.56	-5.68	-5.78
	I,S	11.76	-0.13'	-3.38	-4.26	-4.62	-4.81	-4.96	-5.08
	I,T,S	10.31	0.31'	-3.42	-4.35	-4.64	-4.79	-4.90	-5.00
$c_t - y_t$	—	-4.74	-5.09	-5.31	-5.47	-5.60	-5.72	-5.82	-5.91
	I	-4.95	-5.16	-5.32	-5.47	-5.60	-5.71	-5.82	-5.91
	I,T	-4.89	-5.14	-5.32	-5.47	-5.60	-5.72	-5.83	-5.91
	I,S	-2.88	-4.56	-5.10	-5.35	-5.51	-5.63	-5.74	-5.82
	I,T,S	-2.91	-4.56	-5.10	-5.35	-5.50	-5.60	-5.67	-5.73

': Non-rejection values for the null hypothesis (11) at 95% significance level. —: No intercept, no time trend and no seasonal dummies; I: An intercept; I,T: An intercept and a time trend; I,S: An intercept and seasonal dummies; I,S,T: An intercept, a time trend and seasonal dummies.

noise u_t , and we observe that the unit root null is not rejected for c_t and y_t when there are no regressors, but strongly rejected for $c_t - y_t$. In fact, in the latter series the null is rejected in favour of stationary alternatives for the whole variety of specifications in equation (26), suggesting that at this zero frequency, a certain degree of fractional cointegration might also occur, with reference again to the permanent income hypothesis. Modelling x_t with a single root at frequency π (i.e. equation (32)) or as an I(d) process with two complex roots corresponding

to frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3/2$ (i.e. equation (33)), produced rejections for all cases and across all series.

In conclusion we can summarize the main results obtained for the Japanese case by saying that if x_t is $I(d)$ with four seasonal roots of the same order d , and u_t is white noise, the values of d where the null is not rejected are at least one for c_t and y_t , and less than or equal to one for $c_t - y_t$. If u_t is AR, d ranges in most cases from 0.50 to 1 for the three series, and, allowing different integration orders for the different frequencies, the most noticeable fact is the relative importance of the root at zero frequency over the others. Taking x_t as $I(d)$ with two roots, at zero and at frequency π , the null is not rejected for c_t when d ranges between 0.75 and 1.25 while for y_t and $c_t - y_t$, the non-rejection cases correspond to $d < 1$. Finally, if we assume that x_t has a single root at zero frequency or at frequency π (or two complex ones corresponding to frequencies $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$), the unit root hypothesis will be rejected in practically all cases in favour of less nonstationary alternatives.

6. CONCLUSIONS

Our approach, based on Robinson (1994), has the advantage over standard autoregressive-based methods of allowing for fractional components, different memory parameters across seasonal frequencies, and of standard null limit distribution theory and Pitman efficiency against local alternatives. Our Lagrange multiplier testing avoids estimation of parameters under the alternative hypothesis, unlike Wald and likelihood-ratio type tests, while, possessing the same null and local limit behaviour as such tests. In the empirical work, we select a wide range of null hypotheses, with respect to memory parameter, instead of estimating them, and the results may give some impression of the local power performance of the tests.

We have presented a variety of model specifications for quarterly consumption and income data in Japan and the UK. Given the variety of possibilities covered by Robinson's (1994) tests, one cannot expect to draw unambiguous conclusions about the very best way of modelling these series. In fact, using these tests, the null hypothesized model will permit different deterministic paths; different lagged structures allowing roots at some or all seasonal frequencies, each of them with a possibly different integration order; and different ways of modelling the $I(0)$ disturbances u_t . Looking at the results presented above as a whole, some common features are observed for all series in both countries, however, and they can be summarized as follows:

First, modelling x_t as a quarterly $I(d)$ process, we observe that integration orders are slightly smaller if u_t is AR rather than white noise, due perhaps to the AR component picking up part of the non-stationary component. The results emphasize the importance of real roots over complex ones, given the greater integration order observed for the former, and this is even clearer when we allow different integration orders for each frequency. Excluding one real root results in rejecting the null in practically all situations. If $\rho(L; \theta)$ is given by equation (17), we observe several non-rejections, and separating the roots at zero and at π , the results emphasize the importance of the root at zero. Modelling the series, however, as a simple $I(d)$ process with a single root does not seem appropriate in most of the cases.

Another common feature observed across all the tables is the fact that integration orders for the individual series seem to range between 0.50 (or 0.75) and 1.25, independently of the lag function

$\rho(L; \theta)$ used when modelling x_t in equation (9) and the inclusion or not of deterministic paths in equation (26), indicating clearly the non-stationary nature of these series. In fact, though this was not shown in the tables, the null was practically always rejected when d ranged between 0 and 0.50, and therefore we found conclusive evidence against deterministic patterns of the form proposed by Tam and Reinsel (1997); however, $c_t - y_t$ seems less integrated in practically all cases. Therefore, if we consider that the series are well modelled by a given function $\rho(L; \theta)$, a certain degree of fractional cointegration would exist between consumption and income for a given cointegrated vector (1, -1), using a very simplistic version of the permanent income hypothesis.

We can finally compare these results with those obtained in HEGL (1993) and HEGY (1990) for unit root situations. Results in HEGL (1993) for Japanese data indicated the presence of unit roots at all frequencies for y_t and $c_t - y_t$, and the same conclusions hold for c_t if dummies are excluded, though only two real unit roots would be present if these dummy variables are included. Looking now at our tables, we observe that the unit root null is not rejected for y_t in any specification in equation (26) when $\rho(L; \theta)$ adopts the form (19) with AR u_t . Similarly, for $c_t - y_t$ we cannot reject the unit root null for the same $\rho(L; \theta)$ and white noise u_t . For c_t , the null of four unit roots is not rejected when there are no dummies, but if these are included non-rejections will occur when $\rho(L; \theta)$ takes the form (17). For the UK case, results in HEGY (1990) suggested that four unit roots could be present for c_t , and for $c_t - y_t$ if dummies are excluded, and two real unit roots for y_t and for $c_t - y_t$ if they are included. Our results again show a certain consistency with theirs, given that the unit root null is not rejected for consumption if $\rho(L; \theta)$ is equation (19) with white noise u_t , and for income this hypothesis is not rejected if $\rho(L; \theta)$ takes the form (17).

APPENDIX

In this appendix we analyze the matrix \hat{A} in \hat{R} in equation (12) when $\rho(L; \theta)$ in equation (9) adopts the form in equation (22) and u_t is white noise, so that

$$\hat{A} = \frac{2}{n} \sum_j^* \psi(\lambda_j) \psi(\lambda_j)'$$

where $\psi(\lambda_j) = (\psi_1(\lambda_j), \psi_2(\lambda_j), \psi_3(\lambda_j))'$ for $|\lambda| \leq \pi$, with

$$\psi_1(\lambda_j) = \operatorname{Re} [\log(1 - e^{i\lambda})] = \log \left| 2 \sin \frac{\lambda}{2} \right| = - \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos r\lambda}{r}$$

$$\psi_2(\lambda_j) = \operatorname{Re} [\log(1 + e^{i\lambda})] = \log \left(2 \cos \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) = - \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{\cos r\lambda}{r}$$

$$\psi_3(\lambda_j) = \operatorname{Re} [\log(1 + e^{2i\lambda})] = \log |2 \cos \lambda| = - \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{\cos 2r\lambda}{r}$$

Then \hat{A} can be approximated in large samples by $\tilde{A} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \psi(\lambda) \psi(\lambda)' d\lambda = (\tilde{A}_{ij})$, where

$$\tilde{A}_{11} = \tilde{A}_{22} = \tilde{A}_{33} = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r^{-2} \approx \frac{\pi^2}{6} = 1.644$$

$$\tilde{A}_{13} = \tilde{A}_{31} = \tilde{A}_{23} = \tilde{A}_{32} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (-1)^r r^{-2} \approx -0.411$$

$$\tilde{A}_{12} = \tilde{A}_{21} = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (-1)^r r^{-2} \approx -0.822$$

\hat{A} in equation (12) approximates n times the expected value of the second derivative matrix of the Gaussian log-likelihood with respect to the $(p \times 1)$ parameter vector θ . (See Robinson, 1994, p. 1433). Thus, given the non-diagonality of \hat{A} , we rule out the possibility of testing, as in HEGY (1990), for the presence of roots independently of the existence of other roots at any other frequencies in the process.

For the remaining specifications of $\rho(L; \theta)$, \tilde{A} can be easily obtained from the above expressions. Thus, if $\rho(L; \theta)$ is given by equation (19), $\psi(\lambda) = \psi_1(\lambda) + \psi_2(\lambda) + \psi_3(\lambda)$ and $\tilde{A} = 1.64$; under equation (27), $\psi(\lambda) = [\psi_1(\lambda) + \psi_2(\lambda), \psi_3(\lambda)]'$ and the (2×2) matrix $\tilde{A} = [(1.64, -0.82)'; (-0.82, 1.64)]'$; under equation (18), $\psi(\lambda) = \psi_1(\lambda) + \psi_3(\lambda)$ and $\tilde{A} = 2.46$; under equation (28), $\psi(\lambda) = \psi_2(\lambda) + \psi_3(\lambda)$ and $\tilde{A} = 2.46$; under equation (29), $\psi(\lambda) = [\psi_1(\lambda), \psi_3(\lambda)]'$ and $\tilde{A} = [(1.64, -0.41)'; (-0.41, 1.64)]'$; under equation (30), $\psi(\lambda) = [\psi_2(\lambda), \psi_3(\lambda)]'$ and $\tilde{A} = [(1.64, -0.41)'; (-0.41, 1.64)]'$; under equation (17), $\psi(\lambda) = \psi_1(\lambda) + \psi_2(\lambda)$ and $\tilde{A} = 1.64$; under equation (31), $\psi(\lambda) = [\psi_1(\lambda), \psi_2(\lambda)]'$ and $\tilde{A} = [(1.64, -0.82)'; (-0.82, 1.64)]'$; under equations (16), (32) or (33), $\psi(\lambda) = \psi_1(\lambda)$, $\psi_2(\lambda)$ or $\psi_3(\lambda)$ respectively, with $\tilde{A} = 1.64$ in each case.

Allowing AR(q) u_t , $g(\lambda; \tau)$ below equation (10) takes the form

$$\left| 1 - \sum_{j=1}^q \tau_j e^{ij\lambda} \right|^{-2}$$

and \hat{A} will be given by the expression below (12), with the l th element of $\hat{e}(\lambda)$ given by

$$\hat{e}_l(\lambda) = 2 \left(\cos l\lambda - \sum_{j=1}^q \hat{\tau}_j \cos(l-j) \right) g(\lambda; \hat{\tau})$$

A diskette containing the FORTRAN codes for the tests can be obtained from the first author upon request and it is also available in Gil-Alaña (1997, pp. 155–167) and on the JAE web site.

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