

Self directed activities 11 all qs

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# Packages used:
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```
# library(tidyverse)
# library(lubridate)
# library(janitor)
# library(forecast)
# library(vars)
```

```
dt <- read.csv("TGY.csv")
GDP <- ts(dt$GDP, start=c(1960,1), end=c(2024,2), frequency=4)
Tax <- ts(dt$Tax, start=c(1960,1), end=c(2024,2), frequency=4)
Govt <- ts(dt$Govt, start=c(1960,1), end=c(2024,2), frequency=4)

GDP <- window(GDP, start=c(1980,1), end=c(2019,4))
Tax <- window(Tax, start=c(1980,1), end=c(2019,4))
Govt <- window(Govt, start=c(1980,1), end=c(2019,4))

DGDP <- diff(GDP)*100 # pct growth per qtr
DTax <- diff(Tax)*100
DGovt <- diff(Govt)*100
```

Q1

Replicate the VAR model selection exercise in Lecture 11 for the trivariate model including Tax, Govt and GDP.

```
# Set up data frame with the variables to include in the VAR
DY <- data.frame(DTax=DTax, DGovt=DGovt, DGDP=DGDP)

# VAR() command can estimate with fixed lag length,
# or search over lag lengths like this:
VARp <- VAR(DY, lag.max=8, ic="AIC")

# Residual autocorrelation test:
print(serial.test(VARp, lags.pt=12)$serial)
```

```
##
## Portmanteau Test (asymptotic)
##
## data: Residuals of VAR object VARp
## Chi-squared = 85.618, df = 81, p-value = 0.3415
```

Q2

Replicate the impulse response analysis in which a +1 unit impulse to DGDGP is specified and responses to all three of DTax, DGovt and DGDGP are calculated from the model.

```
# Compute the Impulse Reponses using VAR_TGY:
IRF <- irf(VARp,
  impulse="DGDGP",          # impulse to DGDGP only
  ortho=FALSE,              # 1 unit impulse
  response=c("DTax","DGovt", "DGDGP"), # responses by all vars
  n.ahead=8)

print(IRF$irf)
```

```
## $DGDGP
##           DTax           DGovt           DGDGP
## [1,] 0.0000000 0.00000000 1.00000000
## [2,] 1.0140886 -0.18813224 0.31164414
## [3,] 1.1138927 -0.05280198 0.30767606
## [4,] 0.2287983 -0.22617349 0.20967897
## [5,] 0.6298350 -0.24736472 0.10145758
## [6,] 0.2904837 -0.17865732 0.05251712
## [7,] 0.2165424 -0.16362245 0.05400105
## [8,] 0.1909429 -0.15655978 0.02080831
## [9,] 0.1380602 -0.10138513 0.02213901
```

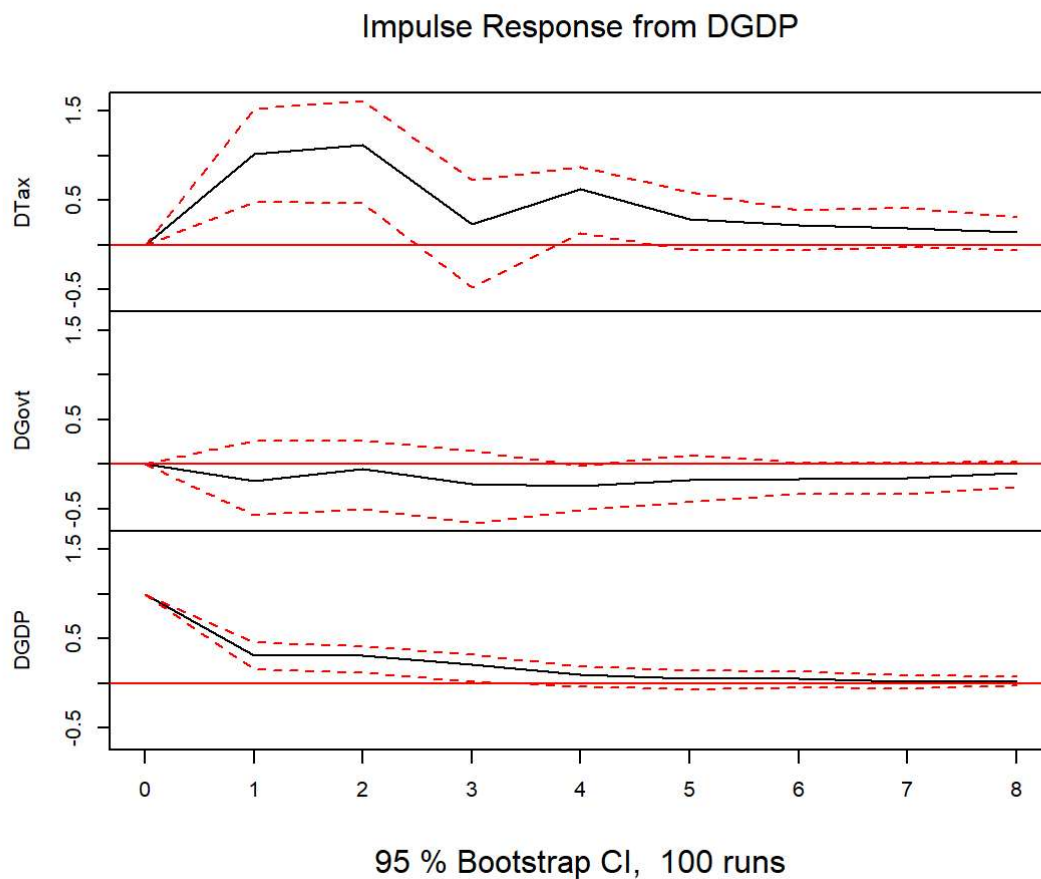
```
print(IRF$Lower)
```

```
## $DGDGP
##           DTax           DGovt           DGDGP
## [1,] 0.00000000 0.00000000 1.00000000
## [2,] 0.47356362 -0.5729270 0.15067827
## [3,] 0.47139112 -0.4984241 0.11899391
## [4,] -0.47711323 -0.6578079 0.02537840
## [5,] 0.13078154 -0.5184675 -0.03978178
## [6,] -0.06330900 -0.4213221 -0.07174838
## [7,] -0.06355519 -0.3320403 -0.04690145
## [8,] -0.02796048 -0.3385352 -0.05631666
## [9,] -0.05722497 -0.2584474 -0.02216919
```

```
print(IRF$Upper)
```

```
## $DGDGP
##           DTax           DGovt           DGDGP
## [1,] 0.00000000 0.000000000 1.00000000
## [2,] 1.5246334 0.257222183 0.45955827
## [3,] 1.6176475 0.262939179 0.41820511
## [4,] 0.7247245 0.146856830 0.32843229
## [5,] 0.8696703 -0.017891889 0.19245112
## [6,] 0.5901083 0.100046424 0.13870135
## [7,] 0.3937206 0.016305725 0.12860385
## [8,] 0.4147052 0.008150071 0.08856161
## [9,] 0.3152800 0.020324219 0.07679197
```

```
plot(IRF)
```



Q3

Obtain the estimated conditional covariance matrix for the VAR in question 1, and calculate its Choleski factorisation.

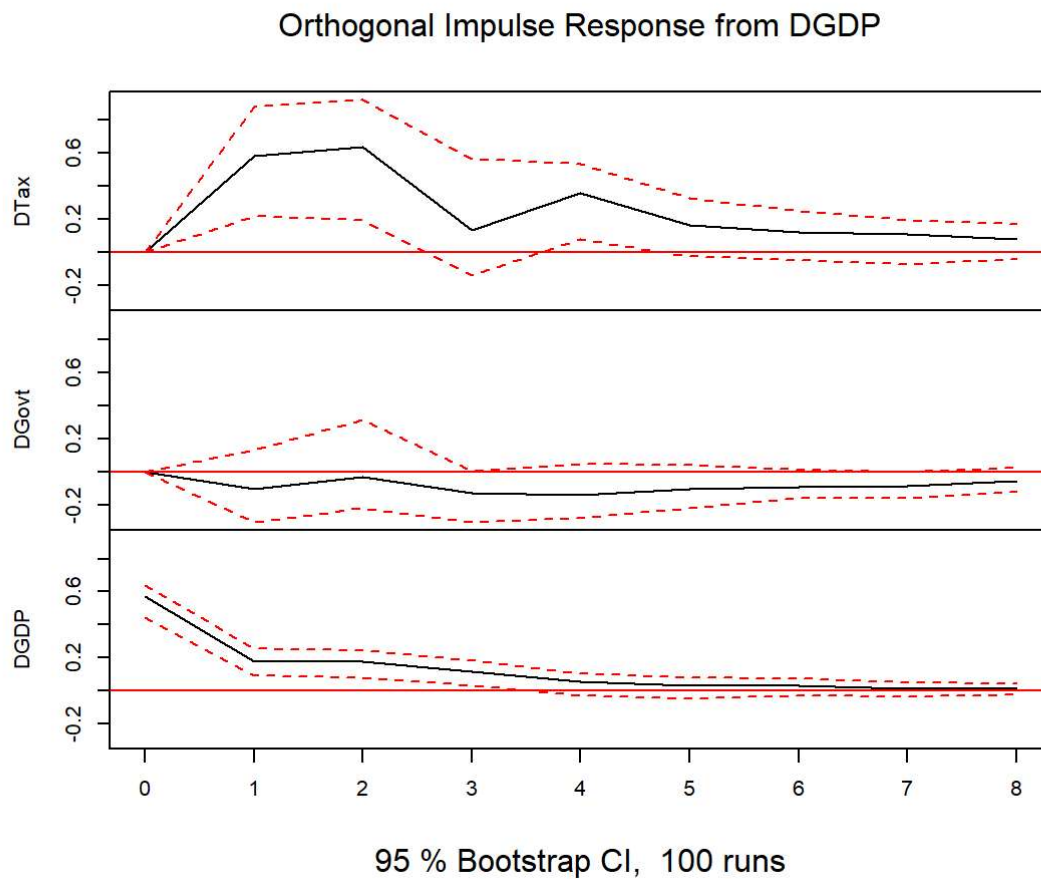
```
Sigma <- summary(VARp)$covres
C <- chol(Sigma)
```

Q4

Use the Choleski orthogonalisation approach to compute the impulse to DGDP implied by this model, and compute the impulse responses for all three variables. Compare to those in question 2.

```
IRF <- irf(VARp,
  impulse="DGDP",          # impulse to DGDP only
  ortho=TRUE,              ##### switched to TRUE
  response=c("DTax", "DGovt", "DGDP"), # responses by all vars
  n.ahead=8)
```

```
plot(IRF)
```

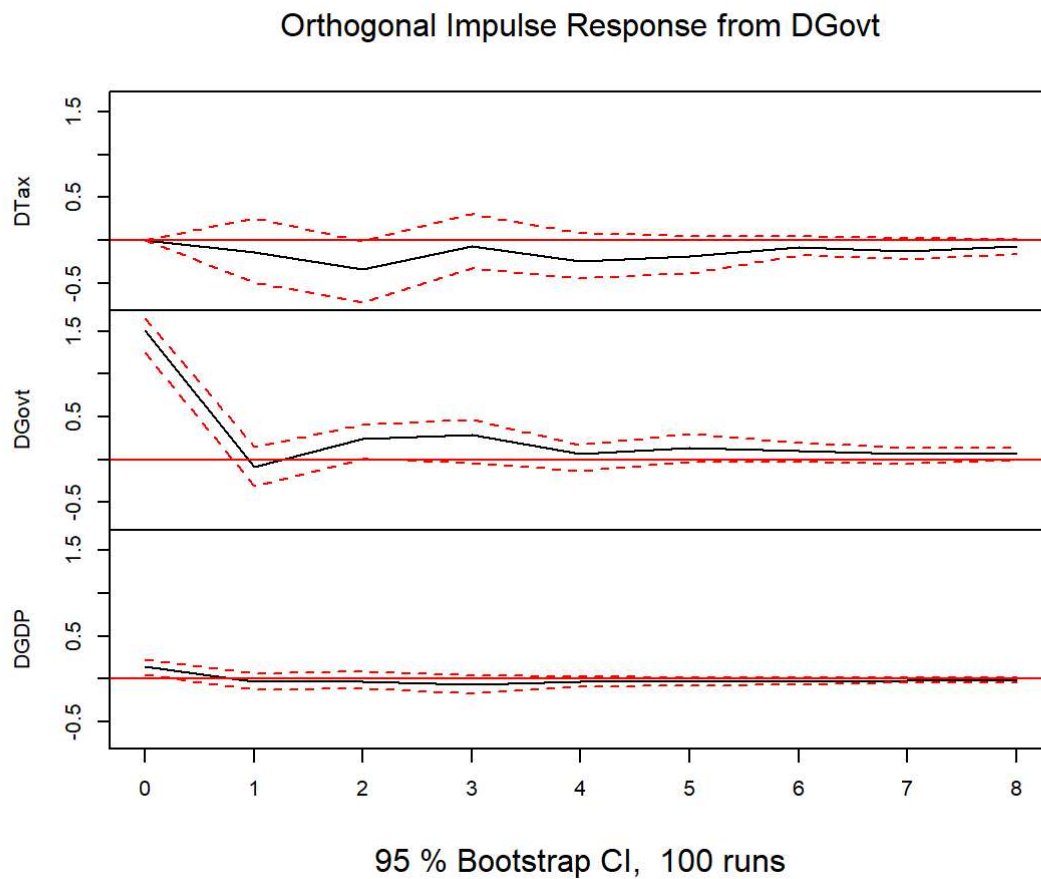


Q5

Use the Choleski orthogonalisation approach to compute the impulse to DGovt implied by this model, and compute the impulse responses for all three variables.

```
IRF <- irf(VARp,
  impulse="DGovt",           # impulse to DGDp only
  ortho=TRUE,               ##### switched to TRUE
  response=c("DTax","DGovt", "DGDp"), # responses by all vars
  n.ahead=8)
```

```
plot(IRF)
```



Q6

Use the Choleski orthogonalisation approach to compute the impulse to DTax implied by this model, and compute the impulse responses for all three variables.

```
IRF <- irf(VARp,
  impulse="DTax",                # impulse to DGovt only
  ortho=TRUE,                    ##### switched to TRUE
  response=c("DTax","DGovt", "DGDP"), # responses by all vars
  n.ahead=8)
```

```
plot(IRF)
```

