Homework 3

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6.3

Let $\boldsymbol{Y}_t$ be a vector of excess returns of N assets. Consider the multivariate linear regression model:

$$\boldsymbol{Y}_t = \alpha + \beta Y_t^m + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$$

where $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \sim N(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ and $cov(Y_t^m, \epsilon) = 0$.

1. Derive the MLE for $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$. You do not need to derive the MLE for $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ since this part is hard. You just take for granted that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}$ is the MLE.
2. Show that the MLRT for the null hypothesis H_0: $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = 0$ is:

   $$T_2 = T[\log(|\hat{\Sigma}_0|) - \log(\hat{\Sigma})]$$

   where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_0$ is the MLE under H_0. Give the expression for $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_0$.

6.4

Consider the multifactor model:

$$\boldsymbol{Y}_t = \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$$

with observable factor $\boldsymbol{X}_t$ where $\mathbb{E}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t = 0$ and $cov(\boldsymbol{X}_t, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t) = 0$.

1. Based on the 20 stock portfolios over a period of 60 months on the 3 factors, it was computed that $|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_0| = 2.375$ and $|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}| = 1.624$. Test if the multifactor model is consistent with the empirical data, $H_0 : \alpha = 0$.
2. Suppose that the beta's of the GE stock over the S&P500 index (X_1), the size effect X_2, and the book-to-market effect X_3 are respectively 1.3, 0.3, -0.4. Assume further that over the last 10 years the average risk-free interest is 4%, the average return of the S&P500 is 11%, the average difference of returns between the small large capitalization is 3%, and the average difference of returns between the high and low book-to-market is 2%, what is the expected return of the GE stock using the Fama-French model?

6.5

Consider the multi-factor model:

$$\boldsymbol{Y}_t = \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{X}_t + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$$

with observable factor $\boldsymbol{X}_t$. 1. Suppose that the CAPM holds and over the last five years, the average of the risk-free interest rate is 3.5% and the average return of the CRSP value-weighted index is 12.5%. If the market β of a stock (with respect to the index) is 1.3, what is the expected return of the stock? 2. Based on 15 stock portfolios over a period of 60 months regressed on five factors without knowing the risk-free interest rate, it is computed that $|\hat{\boldsymbol{Sigma}}_0| = 2.425$ and $|\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}| = 1.742$. Test if the multifactor model is consistent with the empirical data, $H_0 : \alpha = 0$.
3. Suppose that the strict multi-factor model is correct so that var($\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$) = $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0$ is a diagonal matrix and $\boldsymbol{X}_t$ and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$ are uncorrelated. Show how to estimate the covariance matrix of $\boldsymbol{Y}$ based on the past T days' data:

$$\{(\boldsymbol{X}_t, \boldsymbol{Y}_t) : t = 1, \ldots, T\}$$

6.8

Use the Fama-French 100 portfolios in the last five years to construct 3 common factors via the PCA based on the correlation matrix. Report the variance explained by each principle components. Now, regress each of the Fama-French 100 portfolios on these 3 principal components and report the distribution (histogram) of the residual variances. Report also the distribution of the variance of these 100 portfolios over the same time period.