

# Multivariate Time Series - 2

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# Vector autoregressive models

The autoregressive moving average models can be extended to the multivariate case.

Then the stochastic process that generates the time series of a *vector* of variables is modelled.

A **vector autoregressive (VAR)** model describes the dynamic evolution of a number of variables from their common history.

For two variables,  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$ , the VAR consists of two equations.

A first order VAR would be given by

AR(1) part

$$Y_t = \delta_1 + \theta_{11} Y_{t-1} + \theta_{12} X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{1t} \quad (9.29)$$

! Models should be constructed from X and Y which are stationary

$$X_t = \delta_2 + \theta_{21} Y_{t-1} + \theta_{22} X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{2t}, \quad (9.30)$$

**Assumption:** all the regressors are endogenous (we are not sure if X depends on Y or Y depends on X, there may be several directions of the dependence etc.)

# Vector autoregressive models

The most important feature of the model is that  $\varepsilon_{1t}$  and  $\varepsilon_{2t}$ , two white noise processes (independent of the history of  $Y$  and  $X$ ), **may be correlated**.

If, for example,  $\theta_{12} \neq 0$  it means that the history of  $X$  helps explaining  $Y$ .

A compact way of writing (9.29)–(9.30) is

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_t \\ X_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{21} & \theta_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{t-1} \\ X_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{1t} \\ \varepsilon_{2t} \end{pmatrix} \quad (9.31)$$

↑  
vector of coefficients

↑  
AR(p) model in a vector form

$$\vec{Y}_t = \delta + \Theta_1 \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \vec{\varepsilon}_t, \quad (9.32)$$

where  $\vec{Y}_t = (Y_t, X_t)'$  and  $\vec{\varepsilon}_t = (\varepsilon_{1t}, \varepsilon_{2t})'$ .

**Assumption:** all the regressors are endogenous (we are not sure if  $X$  depends on  $Y$  or  $Y$  depends on  $X$ , there may be several directions of the dependence etc.)

# Vector autoregressive models: examples

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_t \\ X_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{21} & \theta_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{t-1} \\ X_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{1t} \\ \varepsilon_{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

RW:  $\Theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

White noise plus a constant:  $\Theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Two independent time series:  $\Theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \theta_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

First time series depends on the second, whereas there is no reverse causality:  $\Theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} \\ 0 & \theta_{22} \end{pmatrix}$

# Vector autoregressive models: examples

## VAR estimation for bivariate model with two lags

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
dln_inc					
dln_inc					
L1.	-.101226	.1240019	-0.82	0.414	-.3442653 .1418133
L2.	.0137257	.1221872	0.11	0.911	-.2257569 .2532083
dln_consump					
L1.	.3433416	.1362228	2.52	0.012	.0763498 .6103334
L2.	.1476759	.1364602	1.08	0.279	-.1197812 .415133
_cons	.0115223	.0032791	3.51	0.000	.0050955 .0179492
dln_consump					
dln_inc					
L1.	.3231097	.1086299	2.97	0.003	.1101991 .5360203
L2.	.3607425	.1070401	3.37	0.001	.1509477 .5705373
dln_consump					
L1.	-.3030441	.1193358	-2.54	0.011	-.5369379 -.0691502
L2.	-.0599513	.1195437	-0.50	0.616	-.2942527 .1743501
_cons	.0120202	.0028726	4.18	0.000	.0063901 .0176503

Here  $\Theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -0.10 & 0.34 \\ 0.32 & -0.30 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\Theta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.01 & 0.14 \\ 0.36 & -0.06 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Vector autoregressive models: examples

OLS

```
. reg l(0/2).dln_inc l(1/2).dln_consump
```

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 89 F( 4, 84) = 2.12 Prob > F = 0.0850 R-squared = 0.0918 Adj R-squared = 0.0486 Root MSE = .01147			
				dln_inc	dln_inc	L1.	L2.
Model	.001118023	4	.000279506			-.101226	.1240019
Residual	.011055329	84	.000131611			.0137257	.1221872
Total	.012173352	88	.000138334				
dln_inc	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]		
dln_inc						dln_consump	
L1.	-.101226	.1276391	-0.79	0.430	-.3550504	dln_inc	
L2.	.0137257	.1257712	0.11	0.913	-.2363841	L1.	.3231097
dln_consump						L2.	.3607425
L1.	.3433416	.1402185	2.45	0.016	.0645018	dln_consump	
L2.	.1476759	.1404628	1.05	0.296	-.1316498	L1.	-.3030441
_cons	.0115223	.0033752	3.41	0.001	.0048103	L2.	-.0599513
						_cons	.0120202
							.0028726

VAR

dln_inc	dln_inc	L1.	L2.
dln_consump	dln_consump		
dln_inc	dln_inc		
L1.	.3231097	.1086299	
L2.	.3607425	.1070401	
dln_consump	dln_consump		
L1.	-.3030441	.1193358	
L2.	-.0599513	.1195437	
_cons	_cons		

# VAR: Stata

```
1 *** Vector Error-correction model and multivariate cointegration ***
2 clear all
3 use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r13/balance2
4 describe
5 *y is ln(GDP)
6 *i is ln(income)
7 *c is ln(consumption)
```

Explore the data

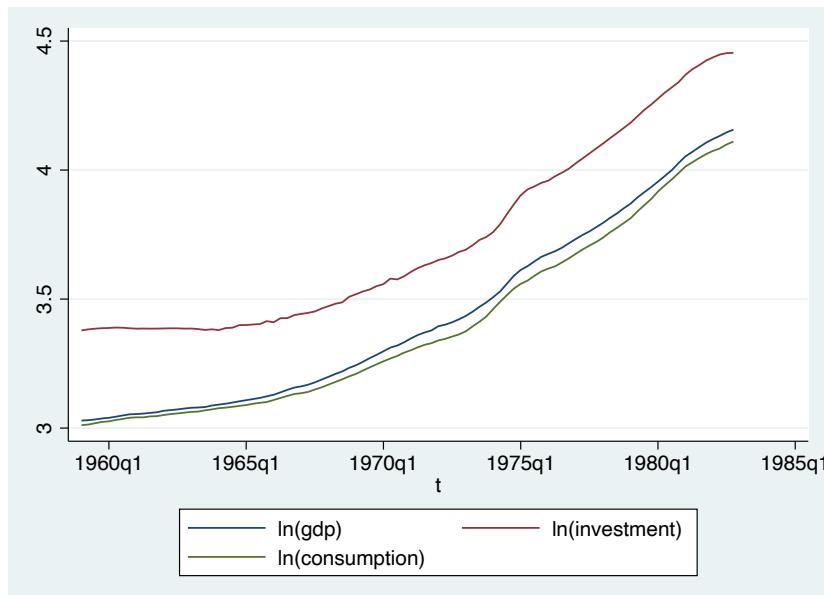
```
obs:          96                      macro data for VECM/balance study
vars:          7                       30 May 2019 09:37
               (_dta has notes)
```

variable	storage	display	value	
name	type	format	label	variable label
<b>gdp</b>	float	%9.0g		
<b>t</b>	int	%tq		
<b>inv</b>	float	%9.0g		
<b>consump</b>	float	%9.0g		
<b>y</b>	double	%10.0g	ln(gdp)	
<b>i</b>	double	%10.0g	ln(investment)	
<b>c</b>	double	%10.0g	ln(consumption)	

# VAR: Stata

```
9      tset t
10     tsline y i c
11     dfuller d.y
12     dfuller d.i
13     dfuller d.c
14
15     dfuller d2.y
16     dfuller d2.i
17     dfuller d2.c
```

```
tset t
time variable: t, 1959q1 to 1982q4
delta: 1 quarter
```



## Stationarity testing

```
. dfuller d.y
```

```
Dickey-Fuller test for unit root
Number of obs = 94
                                                Interpolated Dickey-Fuller
Test Statistic          1% Critical    5% Critical    10% Critical
Value                  Value          Value          Value
Z(t)                 -2.472        -3.518        -2.895        -2.582
MacKinnon approximate p-value for Z(t) = 0.1225
```

```
. dfuller d.i
```

```
Dickey-Fuller test for unit root
Number of obs = 94
                                                Interpolated Dickey-Fuller
Test Statistic          1% Critical    5% Critical    10% Critical
Value                  Value          Value          Value
Z(t)                 -3.587        -3.518        -2.895        -2.582
MacKinnon approximate p-value for Z(t) = 0.0060
```

```
. dfuller d.c
```

```
Dickey-Fuller test for unit root
Number of obs = 94
                                                Interpolated Dickey-Fuller
Test Statistic          1% Critical    5% Critical    10% Critical
Value                  Value          Value          Value
Z(t)                 -2.279        -3.518        -2.895        -2.582
MacKinnon approximate p-value for Z(t) = 0.1788
```

# VAR: Stata

```
9    tset t
10   tsline y i c
11   dfuller d.y
12   dfuller d.i
13   dfuller d.c
14
15   dfuller d2.y
16   dfuller d2.i
17   dfuller d2.c
```

## Stationarity testing

```
. dfuller d2.y
Dickey-Fuller test for unit root                         Number of obs = 93
                                                               Interpolated Dickey-Fuller
Test Statistic          1% Critical      5% Critical      10% Critical
                           Value           Value           Value
Z(t)                  -11.508        -3.520        -2.896        -2.583
MacKinnon approximate p-value for Z(t) = 0.0000
```

## What is the order of integration?

```
. dfuller d2.i
Dickey-Fuller test for unit root                         Number of obs = 93
                                                               Interpolated Dickey-Fuller
Test Statistic          1% Critical      5% Critical      10% Critical
                           Value           Value           Value
Z(t)                  -17.118        -3.520        -2.896        -2.583
MacKinnon approximate p-value for Z(t) = 0.0000
```

```
. dfuller d2.c
Dickey-Fuller test for unit root                         Number of obs = 93
                                                               Interpolated Dickey-Fuller
Test Statistic          1% Critical      5% Critical      10% Critical
                           Value           Value           Value
Z(t)                  -11.824        -3.520        -2.896        -2.583
MacKinnon approximate p-value for Z(t) = 0.0000
```

## 1. Testing for stationarity. Dickey – Fuller test.

$$X_t = \theta X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$\theta = 1 \Rightarrow$  unit root

$$(X_t - X_{t-1}) = (\theta - 1)X_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$H_0: (\theta - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow$  unit root

$H_a: |\theta - 1| < 0 \Rightarrow$  stationarity

$$AR(1): Y_t = \delta + \theta Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$H_0: \theta = 1$  (a unit root)

$H_1: |\theta| < 1$  (stationarity)

Dickey – Fuller test:

$$DF = \frac{\hat{\theta} - 1}{se(\hat{\theta})}$$

More convenient procedure

$$\Delta Y_t = \delta + (\theta - 1)Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$\theta = 1$  corresponds

$\Delta Y_t = \delta + \varepsilon_t$  – random walk with drift.

$Y_t$  – difference stationary.

It is possible that nonstationary is caused by the presence of the deterministic time trend:

$$Y_t = \delta + \theta Y_{t-1} + \gamma t + \varepsilon_t$$

with  $|\theta| < 1$  and  $\gamma \neq 0$ .

$Y_t$  – trend stationary.

Usual DF test:

$$\Delta Y_t = \delta + (\theta - 1)Y_{t-1} + \gamma t + \varepsilon_t,$$

different critical values of DF statistics:  $\tau_0, \tau_\mu, \tau_\tau$ .

# Reminder

Dolado, Jenkinson, Sosvilla-Rivero testing procedure for unit root

Step1.  $\Delta Y_t = \delta + \gamma t + \pi Y_{t-1} + c_1 \Delta Y_{t-1} + \dots + c_{p-1} \Delta Y_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t.$

$H_0 : \pi = 0$  (unit root, DS),

$H_1 : \pi < 0$  (TS).

If  $t < \tau_\tau$  ( $H_0$  is rejected)  $\Rightarrow$  TS, no unit root.

If  $t > \tau_\tau$  ( $H_0$  is not rejected) go to step 2.

Step2.  $\Delta Y_t = \delta + \gamma t + c_1 \Delta Y_{t-1} + \dots + c_{p-1} \Delta Y_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t.$

$H_0 : \gamma = 0,$

$H_1 : \gamma \neq 0.$

If  $H_0$  is rejected, stop.

If  $H_0$  is not rejected, go to step 3.

Test statistics  $\tau_0, \tau_\mu, \tau_\tau.$

## Reminder

### Dolado, Jenkinson, Sosvilla-Rivero testing procedure for unit root

Step3.  $\Delta Y_t = \delta + \pi Y_{t-1} + c_1 \Delta Y_{t-1} + \dots + c_{p-1} \Delta Y_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t.$

$H_0 : \pi = 0$  (unit root, DS),

$H_1 : \pi < 0$  (const).

If  $t < \tau_\mu$  ( $H_0$  is rejected)  $\Rightarrow$  no unit root, no time trend.

If  $t > \tau_\mu$  ( $H_0$  is not rejected) go to step 4.

Step4.  $\Delta Y_t = \delta + c_1 \Delta Y_{t-1} + \dots + c_{p-1} \Delta Y_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t.$

$H_0 : \delta = 0,$

$H_1 : \delta \neq 0.$

If  $H_0$  is rejected, stop.

If  $H_0$  is not rejected, go to step 5.

## Reminder

Dolado, Jenkinson, Sosvilla-Rivero testing procedure for unit root

Step 5.  $\Delta Y_t = \pi Y_{t-1} + c_1 \Delta Y_{t-1} + \dots + c_{p-1} \Delta Y_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t.$

$$H_0 : \pi = 0 \quad (\text{unit root, DS}),$$

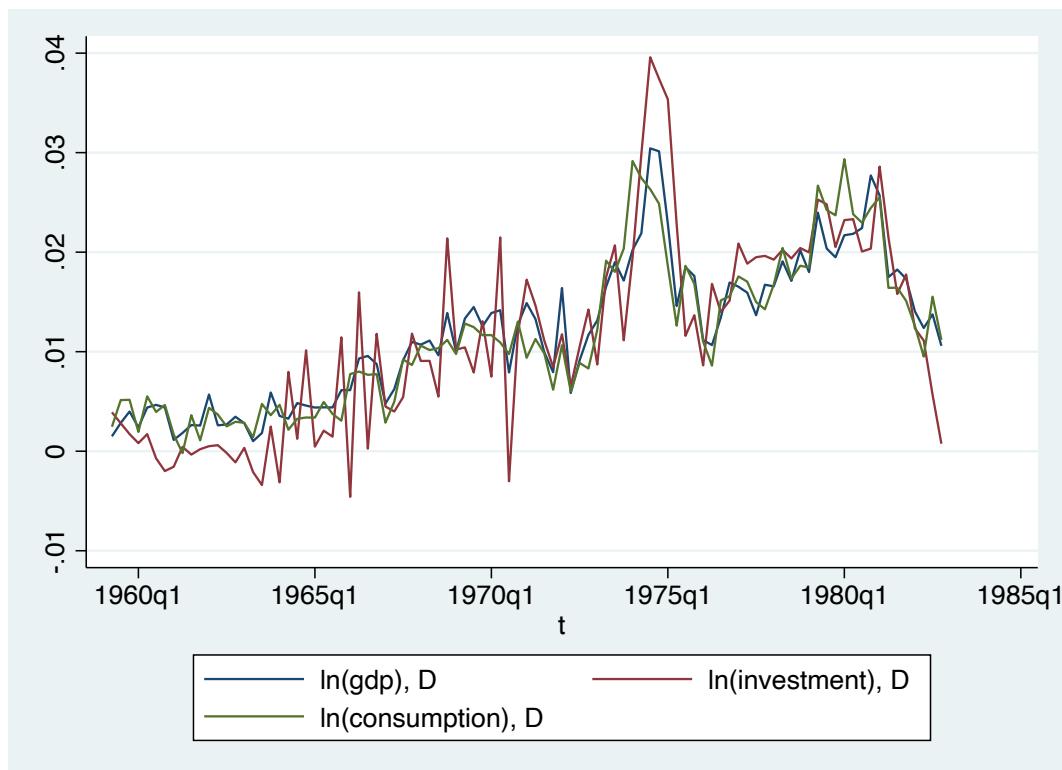
$$H_1 : \pi < 0 \quad (\text{stationarity}).$$

If  $t < \tau_0$  ( $H_0$  is rejected)  $\Rightarrow$  no unit root.

If  $t > \tau_0$  ( $H_0$  is not rejected)  $\Rightarrow$  unit root..

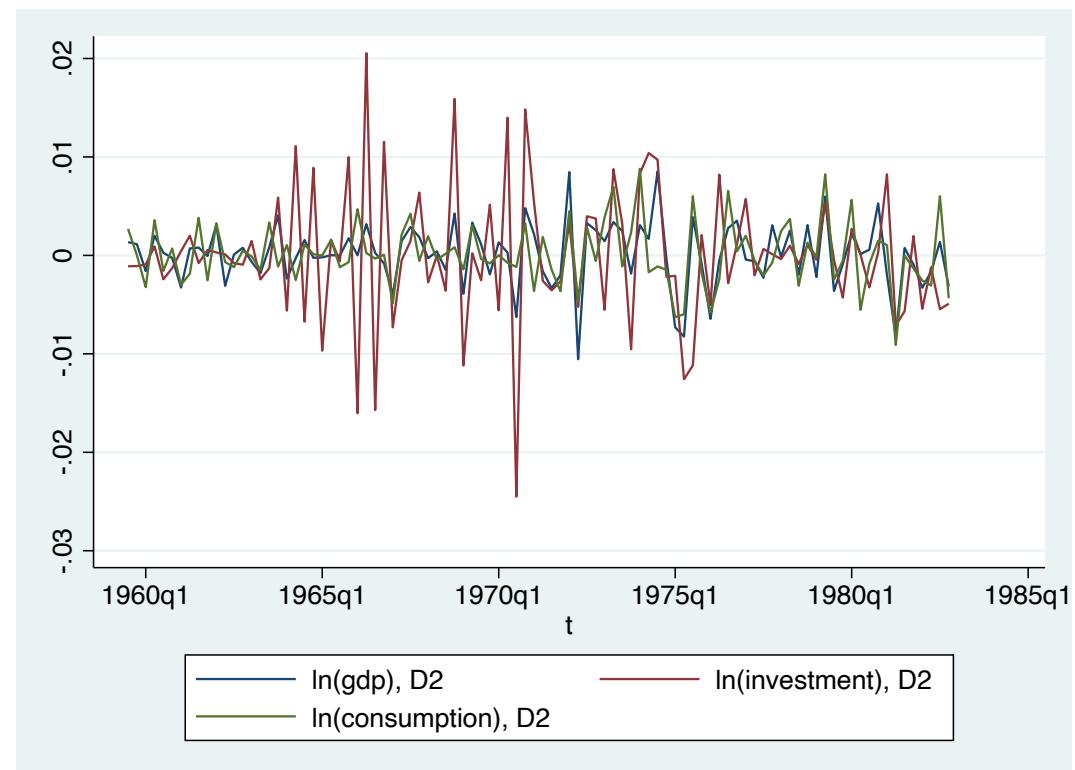
# VAR: Stata

```
18  
19 tsline d.(y i c)  
20 tsline d2.(y i c)  
21
```



First difference

## Stationarity testing



Second difference

# VAR: Stata

```

22     reg y i c          29     reg d.(y i c)
23     estat dwatson      30     estat dwatson
24     reg i y c          31     reg d.(i y c)
25     estat dwatson      32     estat dwatson
26     reg c y i          33     reg d.(c y i)
27     estat dwatson      34     estat dwatson
28

```

y, i, c – the same order of integration -> dw test for cointegration after model estimation

If y, i, c are cointegrated -> residuals are stationary

. reg d.(y i c)

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	95
				F(2, 92)	=	723.14
Model	.004550013	2	.002275007	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	.000289432	92	3.1460e-06	R-squared	=	0.9402

Total .004839446 94 .000051483 Root MSE = .00177

D.y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
i					
D1.	.2618364	.0334642	7.82	0.000	.1953736 .3282993
c					
D1.	.6176699	.0435336	14.19	0.000	.5312084 .7041314
_cons	.0017598	.0003363	5.23	0.000	.0010918 .0024278

. estat dwatson

Durbin-Watson d-statistic( 3, 95) = 1.550373

. reg d.(i y c)

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	95
				F(2, 92)	=	201.83
Model	.007401153	2	.003700576	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	.001686816	92	.000018335	R-squared	=	0.8144

Total .009087969 94 .000096681 Root MSE = .00428

D.i	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
y					
D1.	1.525986	.1950301	7.82	0.000	1.13864 1.913333
c					
D1.	-.2933017	.1851441	-1.58	0.117	-.6610138 .0744104
_cons	-.0033995	.0008543	-3.98	0.000	-.0050962 -.0017029

. estat dwatson

Durbin-Watson d-statistic( 3, 95) = 2.052595

# Cointegration



## I(d) time series

$X_t \sim I(0)$  – stationary time series

$X_t \sim I(d)$  if  $X_t, \Delta X_t, \Delta^2 X_t, \dots, \Delta^{d-1} X_t$  are nonstationary,  $\Delta^d X_t$  is stationary.



## Tests for cointegration

Idea:  $Y_t - \beta X_t = \varepsilon_t$ .

If  $\varepsilon_t \sim I(0) \Rightarrow$  co integration.

But we don't know  $\beta$ .

OLS:  $\hat{Y}_t = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} X_t$ ,

$e_t = Y_t - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta} X_t$ ,

$e_t \sim I(0) ???$ , DF, ADF are not valid.

DF2

## Properties of I(d) time series:

If  $X_t \sim I(0)$ ,  $Y_t \sim I(1)$  then  $Z_t = X_t + Y_t \sim I(1)$

If  $X_t \sim I(d)$  then  $Z_t = a + bX_t \sim I(d)$

If  $X_t \sim I(d_1)$ ,  $Y_t \sim I(d_2)$  then  $Z_t = aX_t + bY_t \sim I(\max(d_1, d_2))$

If  $X_t \sim I(d)$ ,  $Y_t \sim I(d)$  then  $Z_t = aX_t + bY_t \sim I(d^*)$ ,  
 $d^* \leq d$ .

**Definition.** If  $X_t \sim I(1)$ ,  $Y_t \sim I(1)$ ,  $Z_t = Y_t - \beta X_t \sim I(0)$

then  $X_t$  and  $Y_t$  are cointegrated,

$(1, -\beta)$  is being called the cointegrating vector.

# Cointegration

An important exception to the results in the previous subsection arises when the two nonstationary series have the same stochastic trend in common.

Consider two series, integrated of order one,  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$ , and suppose that a linear relationship exists between them.

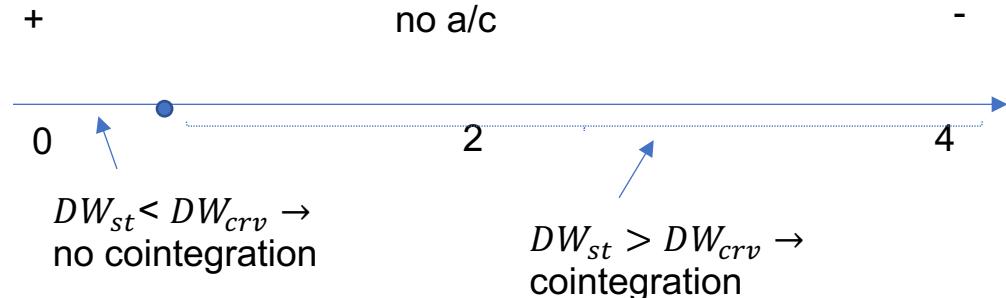
In other words, there exists some value  $\beta$  such that  $Y_t - \beta X_t$  is  $I(0)$ , although  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  are both  $I(1)$ .

In such a case it is said that  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  are **cointegrated**, and that they share a **common trend**.

Although the relevant asymptotic theory is nonstandard, it can be shown that one can consistently estimate  $\beta$  from an OLS regression of  $Y_t$  on  $X_t$  as

$$Y_t = \alpha + \beta X_t + \varepsilon_t$$

## Test for cointegration: residuals, DW



In this case, the **OLS estimator  $b$**  is said to be **super consistent** for  $\beta$ , because it **converges to  $\beta$  at a much faster rate than with conventional asymptotics**.

In the standard case, we have that  $\sqrt{T}(b - \beta)$  is asymptotically normal and we say that  $b$  is  $\sqrt{T}$  –**consistent for  $\beta$** .

In the cointegration case, the appropriate asymptotic distribution is the one of  $T(b - \beta)$ .

The intuition behind the super consistency result is quite straightforward.

Since **OLS** chooses  $a$  and  $b$  to minimize the sample variance of  $e_t$ , it is **extremely good in finding an estimate close to  $\beta$** .

**Table 9.3** 5% Critical values CRDW tests for co-integration (Banerjee *et al.*, 1993)

Number of variables (incl. $Y_t$ )	Number of observations		
	50	100	200
2	0.72	0.38	0.20
3	0.89	0.48	0.25
4	1.05	0.58	0.30
5	1.19	0.68	0.35

# VAR: Stata

```
38 // to choose number of lags in VAR  
39 varsoc d.(y i c)  
40 varsoc d2.(y i c)
```

What should be the order of the VAR model?

If y, i, c are cointegrated -> residuals are stationary

```
. varsoc d.(y i c)
```

Selection-order criteria  
Sample: 1960q2 - 1982q4

lag	LL	LR	df	p	FPE	AIC	HQIC	SBIC
0	<b>1110.04</b>				5.4e-15	-24.3306	-24.2972	-24.2478
1	<b>1206.45</b>	192.82	9	<b>0.000</b>	8.0e-16	-26.2516	-26.1181*	-25.9205*
2	<b>1218.68</b>	24.454*	9	<b>0.004</b>	7.4e-16*	-26.3226*	-26.0888	-25.7431
3	<b>1223.82</b>	10.287	9	<b>0.328</b>	8.1e-16	-26.2378	-25.9039	-25.4101
4	<b>1231.1</b>	14.568	9	<b>0.104</b>	8.4e-16	-26.2001	-25.766	-25.124

Endogenous: D.y D.i D.c

Exogenous: \_cons

```
. varsoc d2.(y i c)
```

Selection-order criteria  
Sample: 1960q3 - 1982q4

lag	LL	LR	df	p	FPE	AIC	HQIC	SBIC
0	<b>1131.9</b>				2.6e-15	-25.0866	-25.053	-25.0032
1	<b>1166.84</b>	69.887	9	<b>0.000</b>	1.4e-15	-25.6631	-25.5287	-25.3298*
2	<b>1178.11</b>	22.545	9	<b>0.007</b>	1.4e-15	-25.7136	-25.4784	-25.1303
3	<b>1194.85</b>	33.482*	9	<b>0.000</b>	1.2e-15*	-25.8856*	-25.5496*	-25.0523
4	<b>1199.93</b>	10.162	9	<b>0.338</b>	1.3e-15	-25.7985	-25.3617	-24.7153

Endogenous: D2.y D2.i D2.c

Exogenous: \_cons

# VAR: Stata

```
41
42      var d2.(y i c), lags(1/3)
```

VAR model, second differences + 3 lags

Vector autoregression

Sample: 1960q2 - 1982q4 Number of obs = 91  
 Log likelihood = 1208.928 AIC = -25.9105  
 FPE = 1.12e-15 HQIC = -25.57655  
 Det(Sigma\_ml) = 5.80e-16 SBIC = -25.08275

Equation	Parms	RMSE	R-sq	chi2	P>chi2
D2_y	10	.002859	0.3200	42.82699	0.0000
D2_i	10	.00541	0.4749	82.29336	0.0000
D2_c	10	.003061	0.2058	23.57714	0.0050

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
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D2_y	y	LD2.	-.5379116	.1571339	-3.42	0.001	-.8458884	-.2299349
	i	L2D2.	-.7881112	.1600753	-4.92	0.000	-1.101853	-.4743694
	c	L3D2.	-.6245419	.15392	-4.06	0.000	-.9262195	-.3228643
D2_i	y	LD2.	-.0109498	.0677212	-0.16	0.872	-.1436809	.1217812
	i	L2D2.	.1740143	.0800009	2.18	0.030	.0172154	.3308132
	c	L3D2.	.1563892	.0645166	2.42	0.015	.0299391	.2828393
D2_c	y	LD2.	.3047081	.1337558	2.28	0.023	.0425514	.5668647
	i	L2D2.	.6129672	.1429175	4.29	0.000	.332854	.8930804
	c	L3D2.	.5384643	.1359958	3.96	0.000	.2719175	.8050112
_cons	y	LD2.	.0001627	.0002838	0.57	0.567	-.0003936	.0007189
	i	L2D2.						
	c	L3D2.						
	_cons	LD2.						

D2_i	y	LD2.	.3014075	.297329	1.01	0.311	-.2813465	.8841616
	i	L2D2.	-.007382	.3028947	-0.02	0.981	-.6010447	.5862808
	c	L3D2.	.1377462	.2912476	0.17	0.636	-.4330885	.7085809
D2_c	y	LD2.	-.7333108	.1281421	-5.72	0.000	-.9844647	-.4821568
	i	L2D2.	-.1740623	.1513778	-1.15	0.250	-.4707574	.1226328
	c	L3D2.	-.1839026	.1220783	-1.51	0.132	-.4231717	.0553665
_cons	y	LD2.	.7041148	.253093	2.78	0.005	.2080617	1.200168
	i	L2D2.	.5647705	.2704288	2.09	0.037	.0347399	1.094801
	c	L3D2.	.4534464	.2573314	1.76	0.078	-.0509139	.9578068
	_cons	LD2.	-.0001443	.000537	-0.27	0.788	-.0011968	.0009083
D2_c	y	LD2.	-.0729829	.1682315	-0.43	0.664	-.4027105	.2567448
	i	L2D2.	-.4034248	.1713806	-2.35	0.019	-.7393247	-.067525
	c	L3D2.	-.4644299	.1647906	-2.82	0.005	-.7874135	-.1414463
D2_i	y	LD2.	-.0595044	.072504	-0.82	0.412	-.2016096	.0826008
	i	L2D2.	.1458614	.085651	1.70	0.089	-.0220115	.3137342
	c	L3D2.	.1539156	.069073	2.23	0.026	.018535	.2892963
_cons	y	LD2.	-.1695081	.1432024	-1.18	0.237	-.4501795	.1111634
	i	L2D2.	.2298018	.1530111	1.50	0.133	-.0700944	.5296981
	c	L3D2.	.3563617	.1456005	2.45	0.014	.07099	.6417335
	_cons	LD2.	.0001594	.0003039	0.52	0.600	-.0004362	.0007549

wind of your investments

# Granger causality

**Granger causality** test is used to determine if one time series will be useful to forecast another variable by investigating causality between two variables in a time series. The method is a probabilistic account of causality; it uses observed data sets to find patterns of correlation. One good thing about time series vector autoregression (VAR) is that we could test 'causality' in some sense. This test is first proposed by Granger (1969), and therefore we refer to it as the Granger causality.

## Simple Mechanism to define Granger Causality:

It is based on the idea that if X causes Y, then the forecast of Y based on previous values of Y AND the previous values of X should best result in the forecast of Y based on previous values of Y alone.

Granger causality should not be used to test if a lag of Y causes Y. Instead, it is generally used on exogenous (not Y lag) variables only. In simple terms 'X is said to Granger-cause Y if Y can be better predicted using the histories of both X and Y than it can by using the history of Y alone'

*When performing Granger Causality Test we need to consider two assumptions:*

1. Future values cannot cause the past values.

2. A notably distinct information is contained in cause about effect which will not be available elsewhere

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \dots + \theta_1 X_{t-1} + \theta_2 X_{t-2} + \theta_3 X_{t-3}$$

$H_0: \theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = 0$   
if  $H_0$  rejected  $\Rightarrow$   
X influences Y

# Granger causality

- Testing for Granger-causality using F-statistics when one or both time series are non-stationary can lead to *nearly* false causality. If both the time series are **NOT** stationary then differencing, de-trending or other techniques must first be employed before using the Granger Causality test.
- We say that  $x$  Granger-causes  $y$  when the **null hypothesis** is rejected.
  - The **null hypothesis** for the test is that lagged  $X$ -values do not explain the variation in  $Y$ . Put simple, it assumes that  $X(t)$  doesn't Granger-cause  $Y(t)$ .
- Cointegration analysis is a useful tool in order to examine if there exists a long run equilibrium relationship between two or more time series. (*For example: nominal interest rate is connected with an increase on expected inflation in the long run.* )
- Causation is can be One-Direction, Both-Direction or NO-Direction

After fitting a VAR, we may want to know whether one variable “Granger-causes” another (Granger 1969). A variable  $x$  is said to Granger-cause a variable  $y$  if, given the past values of  $y$ , past values of  $x$  are useful for predicting  $y$ . A common method for testing Granger causality is to regress  $y$  on its own lagged values and on lagged values of  $x$  and test the null hypothesis that the estimated coefficients on the lagged values of  $x$  are jointly zero. Failure to reject the null hypothesis is equivalent to failing to reject the hypothesis that  $x$  does not Granger-cause  $y$ .

For each equation and each endogenous variable that is not the dependent variable in that equation, `vargranger` computes and reports Wald tests that the coefficients on all the lags of an endogenous variable are jointly zero. For each equation in a VAR, `vargranger` tests the hypotheses that each of the other endogenous variables does not Granger-cause the dependent variable in that equation.

# VAR: Stata

```
38 // to choose number of lags in VAR  
39 varsoc d.(y i c)  
40 varsoc d2.(y i c)
```

## Granger causality testing

0.035  
also  
signif.

Null hypothesis: estimated coefficients on the lagged x are equal to zero

Wald Test

reject  $H_0$  at 5% sign. level

. vargranger

Granger causality Wald tests

Equation	Excluded	chi2	df	Prob > chi2
D2_y	D2.i	8.5987	3	0.035
D2_y	D2.c	27.454	3	0.000
D2_y	ALL	32.439	6	0.000
D2_i	D2.y	1.3423	3	0.719
D2_i	D2.c	10.826	3	0.013
D2_i	ALL	32.891	6	0.000
D2_c	D2.y	10.813	3	0.013
D2_c	D2.i	8.4446	3	0.038
D2_c	ALL	14.47	6	0.025

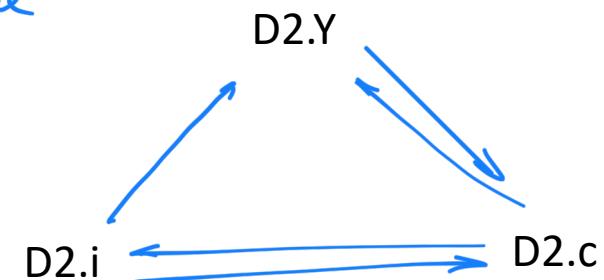
if reject  $H_0 \rightarrow$  these variables have influence

Test if [i] is a cause for [y]

if [c] is a cause for y

Test if [c+i] are jointly a cause for [y]

accepted only here



# Johansen Test moving to ECM enables us to identify short run effect

allows us to analyze whether two or more time series can form a cointegrating relationship

(in our case: if there is a long-term relationship between GDP, investments and consumption?)

In particular we need to consider Vector Autoregressive Models (VAR)

A general vector autoregressive model is similar to the AR(p) model except that each quantity is vector valued and matrices are used as the coefficients. The general form of the VAR(p) model, without drift, is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mu + A_1 \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \dots + A_p \mathbf{x}_{t-p} + \mathbf{w}_t$$

*vectors*

Where  $\mu$  is the vector-valued mean of the series,  $A_i$  are the coefficient matrices for each lag and  $\mathbf{w}_t$  is a multivariate Gaussian noise term with mean zero.

At this stage we can form a Vector Error Correction Model (VECM) by differencing the series:

L1 in stata = short run effect

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \mu + [A] \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \Gamma_1 \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \dots + \Gamma_p \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-p} + \mathbf{w}_t$$

$H_0: A=0$ , looks @ rank A | How many factors are cointegrated

Where  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_t := \mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$  is the differencing operator,  $A$  is the coefficient matrix for the first lag and  $\Gamma_i$  are the matrices for each differenced lag.

The test checks for the situation of no cointegration, which occurs when the matrix  $A = 0$ .

# Johansen Test

allows us to analyze whether two or more time series can form a cointegrating relationship

## 2. Johansen test for cointegration

An alternative approach that does not suffer from these drawbacks was proposed by Johansen (1988), who developed a maximum likelihood estimation procedure, which also **allows one to test for the number of cointegrating relations**.

The details of the Johansen procedure are **very complex** and we shall only focus on a few aspects.

The starting point of the Johansen procedure is the VAR representation of  $\vec{Y}_t$  given in (9.44):

$$\Delta \vec{Y}_t = \delta + \Gamma_1 \Delta \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \cdots + \Gamma_{p-1} \Delta \vec{Y}_{t-p+1} + \Pi \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \vec{\varepsilon}_t,$$

where  $\vec{\varepsilon}_t$  is  $NID(0, \Sigma)$ . Note that the use of maximum likelihood requires us to impose a **particular distribution** for the white noise terms.

# Johansen Test

allows us to analyze whether two or more time series can form a cointegrating relationship

## 2. Johansen test for cointegration (continued)

$H_0$ :  $\vec{Y}_t$  is a vector of  $I(1)$  variables, while  $r$  linear combinations of  $\vec{Y}_t$  are stationary.

### Trace test

$H_0: r \leq r_0$  versus the alternative  $H_1: r_0 < r \leq k$ , where  $r_0$  is the rank tested at the current step.

### Maximum eigenvalue test

$H_0: r \leq r_0$  versus the more restrictive alternative

The two tests are **likelihood ratio tests**, but **do not have the usual Chi-squared distributions**. Instead, the appropriate distributions are **multivariate extensions of the Dickey–Fuller distributions**.

As with the unit root tests, the percentiles of the distributions depend on the fact whether a constant (and a time trend) are included.

# Johansen Test

allows us to analyze whether two or more time series can form a cointegrating relationship

**Table 9.9 Critical values Johansen's LR tests for cointegration**

$k - r_0$	$\lambda_{trace}$ -statistic $H_0: r \leq r_0$ vs $H_1: r > r_0$		$\lambda_{max}$ -statistic $H_0: r \leq r_0$ vs $H_1: r = r_0 + 1$	
	5%	10%	5%	10%
Case 1: restricted intercepts in VAR (in cointegrating relations only)				
1	9.16	7.53	9.16	7.53
2	20.18	17.88	15.87	13.81
3	34.87	31.93	22.04	19.86
4	53.48	49.95	28.27	25.80
5	75.98	71.81	34.40	31.73
Case 2: unrestricted intercepts in VAR				
1	8.07	6.50	8.07	6.50
2	17.86	15.75	14.88	12.98
3	31.54	28.78	21.12	19.02
4	48.88	45.70	27.42	24.99
5	70.49	66.23	33.64	31.02

# Johansen Test

allows us to analyze whether two or more time series can form a cointegrating relationship

## Example. Testing cointegration rank

Income and consumption

```
. vecrank ln_inc ln_consump

Johansen tests for cointegration
Trend: constant                                         Number of obs =    90
Sample:  1960q3 - 1982q4                                         Lags =      2

                                         5%
maximum                                trace   critical
rank     parms      LL      eigenvalue   statistic   value
  0       6        574.20894      .          20.4454   15.41
  1       9        582.7739      0.17332    3.3155*   3.76
  2      10        584.43167    0.03617
```

Let's include income, consumption and investment in the model

```
. vecrank ln_inc ln_consump ln_inv

Johansen tests for cointegration
Trend: constant                                         Number of obs =    90
Sample:  1960q3 - 1982q4                                         Lags =      2

                                         5%
maximum                                trace   critical
rank     parms      LL      eigenvalue   statistic   value
  0       12       735.12264      .          32.6777   29.68
  1       17       746.03476      0.21533    10.8534*  15.41
  2       20       749.73178      0.07887    3.4594   3.76
  3       21       751.46148      0.03771
```

# VAR: Stata

```
46 //Johansen test is implemented to choose number of cointegrating equations with the given  
47 above number of lags  
48 vecrank d.(y i c), lags(2)
```

Johansen test

$$\Delta \vec{Y}_t = \delta + \Gamma_1 \Delta \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \dots + \Gamma_{p-1} \Delta \vec{Y}_{t-p+1} + \Pi \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \vec{\varepsilon}_t, \quad \Pi = \gamma \beta'$$

Where  $\beta$  is a matrix of cointegration vectors and  $\gamma$  represents the matrix of weights with which each cointegrating vector enters each of the  $\Delta Y_t$  equations.

$r_k(\Pi) = 0$  if  $\Pi=0$ , i.e. all elements of  $Y_t$  are I(1) processes without cointegration

$r_k(\Pi) = (\max \text{ rank if } \Pi)$  is invertible, i.e. all elements of  $Y_t$  are I(0) processes

the hypothesis  $H_0: r \leq r_0$  versus the alternative  $H_1: r_0 < r \leq k$ , can be tested using the statistic

$$\lambda_{trace}(r_0) = -T \sum_{j=r_0+1}^k \log(1 - \hat{\lambda}_j). \quad (9.52)$$

*if rank = # cointegrated equations*

$H_0$ : real rank is less than a value that is assumed

$H_1$ : real rank is higher than a value that is assumed

Trace statistics > critical value  $\rightarrow H_0$  is rejected

This test is the so-called **trace test**. It checks whether the smallest  $k - r_0$  eigenvalues are significantly different from zero. Furthermore, we can test  $H_0: r \leq r_0$  versus the more restrictive alternative  $H_1: r = r_0 + 1$  using

$$\lambda_{max}(r_0) = -T \log(1 - \hat{\lambda}_{r_0+1}). \quad (9.53)$$

*no stars here*

This alternative test is called the **maximum eigenvalue test**, as it is based on the estimated  $(r_0 + 1)$ th largest eigenvalue.

Read:

<https://www.stata.com/manuals/tsvecrank.pdf>

# VAR: Stata

```
46 //Johansen test is implemented to choose number of cointegrating equations with the given  
47 above number of lags  
48 vecrank d.(y i c), lags(2)  
49
```

Johansen test

H0: real rank is less than a value that is assumed

H1: real rank is higher than a value that is assumed

Johansen tests for cointegration						
				Number of obs =	93	
				Lags =	2	
<hr/>						
maximum				trace	5%	
rank	parms	LL	eigenvalue	statistic	critical	value
0	12	1208.2565	.	75.4462	>	29.68
1	17	1230.9018	0.38553	30.1556	>	15.41
2	20	1244.6437	0.25586	2.6718*	<	3.76
3	21	1245.9796	0.02832			

maximum				trace	5%	
rank	parms	LL	eigenvalue	statistic	critical	value
0	12	1208.2565	.	75.4462	>	29.68
1	17	1230.9018	0.38553	30.1556	>	15.41
2	20	1244.6437	0.25586	2.6718*	<	3.76
3	21	1245.9796	0.02832			

Rank is 2 (we have 2 cointegrating equations)

if the real rank = 2 or less

Trace statistics > critical value -> H0 is rejected

If there is a long-term relationship between GDP, investments and consumption? Yes  
What form of our VECM should we use? It should include 2 cointegration equations

if everything is  
not signif in T. test ->  
we have initially stationary TS

If the rank is 0 -> there is no cointegration (linear combination)

If the rank is max -> we can say nothing about cointegration, we have stationary time series initially

## Vector error-correction model (VECM)

Substituting this produces the model in error-correction form

$$\Delta \vec{Y}_t = \delta + \Gamma_1 \Delta \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \cdots + \Gamma_{p-1} \Delta \vec{Y}_{t-p+1} + \gamma \beta' \vec{Y}_{t-1} + \vec{\varepsilon}_t. \quad (9.46)$$

The linear combinations  $\beta' \vec{Y}_{t-1}$  present the ***r cointegrating relationships***.

The coefficients in  $\gamma$  measure how the elements in  $\beta' \vec{Y}_{t-1}$  are adjusted to the *r* 'equilibrium errors'  $\vec{Z}_t - \beta' \vec{Y}$ .

Thus, (9.46) is a generalization of (9.24) and is referred to as a **vector error-correction model (VECM)**.

It is important to realize that the parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are not uniquely identified in the sense that different combinations of  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  can produce the same matrix  $\Pi = \gamma \beta'$ . This is because

$$\gamma \beta' = \gamma P P^{-1} \beta' \text{ for any invertible } r \times r \text{ matrix } P.$$

## Example. VECM for income and consumption

Cointegrating equations

Equation	Parms	chi2	P>chi2
_cel	1	24260.05	0.0000

Identification: beta is exactly identified

Johansen normalization restriction imposed

beta	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
_cel	1				
ln_consump	-.9608795	.0061691	-155.76	0.000	-.9729708 -.9487883
ln_inc					
_cons	-.2078207				

cointegration equation

The cointegration equation is

$$\ln(\text{consum}) - 0.21 - 0.96 \ln(\text{income})$$

Compare with OLS estimation of the long-run relationship

$$\ln(\text{consum}) = 0.86 + 0.97 \ln(\text{income})$$

## VECM for income and consumption (continued)

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
D_ln_consump					
	_cel				
	L1.	-.2966839	.0762145	-3.89	0.000
	ln_consump				
LD.					
	L1.	-.1446509	.111148	-1.30	0.193
	ln_inc				
	LD.	.100926	.1141641	0.88	0.377
_cons					
D_ln_inc					
	_cel				
	L1.	-.0779136	.0903667	-0.86	0.389
	ln_consump				
LD.					
	L1.	.299662	.131787	2.27	0.023
	ln_inc				
	LD.	-.0720283	.1353632	-0.53	0.595
_cons					

$$\Delta Y = -0.002 + \theta Y_{t-1} + \Delta X_t + \Delta Y_{t-1} \rightarrow \text{as we have coint. equation} \rightarrow Y_{t-1} = 0.21 - 0.96X_t$$

Eq.1:  $\Delta \ln(\text{consum})_t = -0.002 - 0.14\Delta \ln(\text{consum})_{t-1} + 0.10\Delta \ln(\text{income})_{t-1} + (-0.30[\ln(\text{consum})_{t-1} - 0.21 - 0.96\ln(\text{income})_{t-1}])$

## Testing for the number of lags in VECM

LM test for residual autocorrelation after `vec`

```
. vec1mar
```

Lagrange-multiplier test

lag	chi2	df	Prob > chi2
1	9.1166	4	0.05825
2	3.8221	4	0.43061

H0: no autocorrelation at lag order