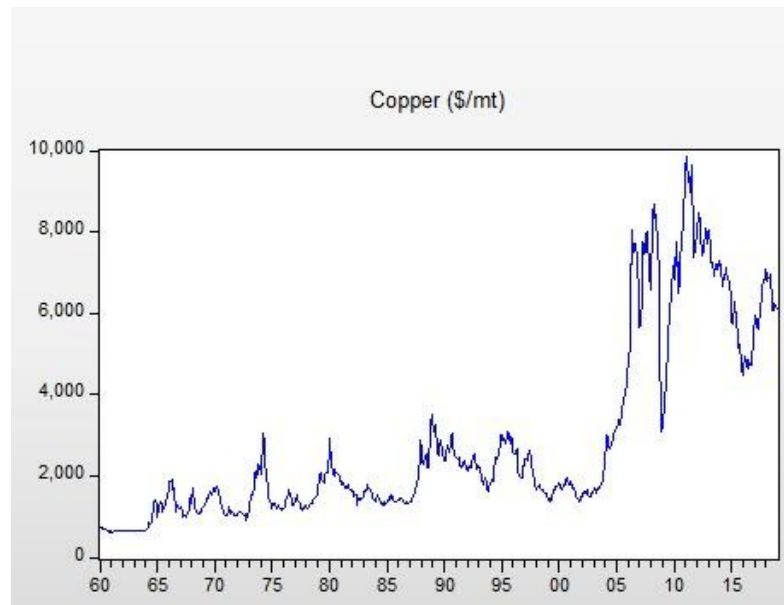


(a)(i)



From the plot above, the series does not look stationary as there is a baseline shift and the average over time spikes up from around 2005.

(a)(ii)

Null Hypothesis: COPPER has a unit root
Exogenous: None
Lag Length: 1 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=19)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-0.733304	0.3988
Test critical values: 1% level	-2.568242	
5% level	-1.941272	
10% level	-1.616398	

*Mackinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation
Dependent Variable: D(COPPER)
Method: Least Squares
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 18:57
Sample (adjusted): 1960M03 2018M12
Included observations: 706 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
COPPER(-1)	-0.001762	0.002403	-0.733304	0.4636
D(COPPER(-1))	0.335927	0.035588	9.439353	0.0000
R-squared	0.111507	Mean dependent var		7.573839
Adjusted R-squared	0.110245	S.D. dependent var		243.9988
S.E. of regression	230.1563	Akaike info criterion		13.71822
Sum squared resid	37292239	Schwarz criterion		13.73114
Log likelihood	-4840.533	Hannan-Quinn criter.		13.72321
Durbin-Watson stat	1.964526			

From the results above, the test's null hypothesis is not rejected since the probability of the augmented Dickey-Fuller test t-statistic is -0.7333, which is significantly greater than 0.05. As such, the series is non-stationary.

(a)(iii)

Null Hypothesis: COPPER has a unit root
Exogenous: Constant, Linear Trend
Lag Length: 1 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=19)

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-3.292650	0.0683
Test critical values:		
1% level	-3.971104	
5% level	-3.416195	
10% level	-3.130392	

*MacKinnon (1996) one-sided p-values.

Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation
Dependent Variable: D(COPPER)
Method: Least Squares
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 18:58
Sample (adjusted): 1960M03 2018M12
Included observations: 706 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
COPPER(-1)	-0.020058	0.006092	-3.292650	0.0010
D(COPPER(-1))	0.343349	0.035445	9.686863	0.0000
C	-2.992700	17.33630	-0.172626	0.8630
@TREND("1960M01")	0.181759	0.067408	2.696395	0.0072
R-squared	0.124816	Mean dependent var	7.573839	
Adjusted R-squared	0.121076	S.D. dependent var	243.9988	
S.E. of regression	228.7512	Akaike info criterion	13.70880	
Sum squared resid	36733624	Schwarz criterion	13.73463	
Log likelihood	-4835.205	Hannan-Quinn criter.	13.71878	
F-statistic	33.37245	Durbin-Watson stat	1.971804	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000			

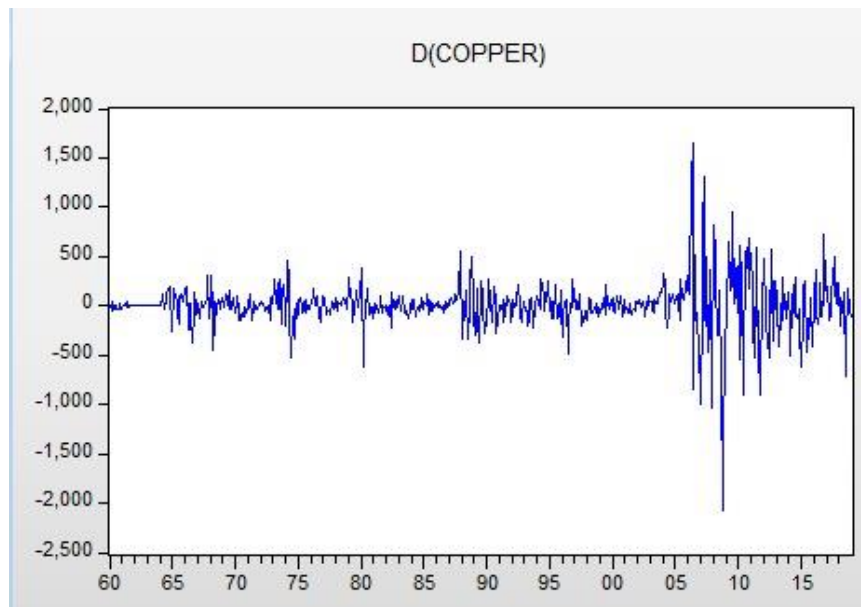
From the results above, despite adding the trend and intercept, the test's null hypothesis is not rejected since the probability of the augmented Dickey-Fuller test t-statistic is -3.2927, which is significantly greater than 0.05. As such, the series is also non-stationary.

(a)(iv)

Correlogram of RESID					
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 19:04 Sample: 1960M01 2018M12 Included observations: 706					
Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation	AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob
1	0.014	0.014	0.1372	0.711	
2	-0.030	-0.031	0.7918	0.673	
3	-0.021	-0.020	1.0975	0.778	
4	-0.028	-0.028	1.6539	0.799	
5	0.070	0.070	5.1854	0.394	
6	-0.052	-0.056	7.0883	0.313	
7	0.002	0.007	7.0918	0.419	
8	-0.169	-0.173	27.567	0.001	
9	-0.030	-0.022	28.218	0.001	
10	0.014	-0.006	28.349	0.002	
11	0.180	0.189	51.674	0.000	
12	0.071	0.053	55.268	0.000	
13	-0.104	-0.074	63.049	0.000	
14	-0.003	-0.016	63.054	0.000	
15	0.013	0.017	63.169	0.000	
16	0.005	-0.047	63.185	0.000	
17	0.052	0.059	65.147	0.000	
18	-0.021	-0.006	65.470	0.000	
19	-0.054	0.000	67.624	0.000	
20	-0.003	0.022	67.632	0.000	
21	0.078	0.062	72.074	0.000	
22	0.059	0.008	74.594	0.000	
23	0.054	0.051	76.734	0.000	
24	-0.050	-0.031	78.556	0.000	
25	-0.009	0.024	78.621	0.000	
26	-0.037	-0.068	79.653	0.000	
27	-0.024	-0.019	80.064	0.000	
28	-0.029	-0.055	80.699	0.000	
29	-0.041	-0.009	81.912	0.000	
30	0.036	0.065	82.863	0.000	
31	-0.081	-0.062	87.749	0.000	
32	0.016	-0.031	87.946	0.000	
33	0.020	0.002	88.244	0.000	
34	-0.015	-0.048	88.404	0.000	
35	0.045	0.043	89.927	0.000	
36	0.061	0.082	92.721	0.000	

Having tried most of the lag values, we are still unable to reject the null hypothesis as the t-statistic for the Augmented Dickey-Fuller tests have probabilities above 0.05. As the above correlogram does not show any visible forms of patterns, there are no significant trends in the residual.

(a)(v)



Date: 02/13/19 Time: 19:22
Sample: 1960M01 2018M12
Included observations: 707

Null Hypothesis: D_COPPER has a unit root
Exogenous: None
Lag Length: 0 (Automatic - based on SIC, maxlag=19)

Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation	AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob
1	0.333	0.333	78.954	0.000	
2	0.063	-0.055	81.743	0.000	
3	-0.020	-0.027	82.020	0.000	
4	-0.037	-0.021	82.987	0.000	
5	0.009	0.033	83.043	0.000	
6	-0.081	-0.107	87.696	0.000	
7	-0.098	-0.045	94.588	0.000	
8	-0.205	-0.176	124.70	0.000	
9	-0.090	0.037	130.57	0.000	
10	0.025	0.041	131.02	0.000	
11	0.166	0.160	150.89	0.000	
12	0.074	-0.058	154.87	0.000	
13	-0.082	-0.104	159.68	0.000	
14	-0.040	-0.004	160.86	0.000	
15	-0.012	-0.004	160.96	0.000	
16	-0.002	-0.046	160.96	0.000	
17	0.021	0.053	161.29	0.000	
18	-0.039	-0.037	162.37	0.000	
19	-0.066	0.001	165.51	0.000	
20	-0.007	0.026	165.54	0.000	
21	0.078	0.041	169.93	0.000	
22	0.078	-0.015	174.42	0.000	
23	0.045	0.022	175.94	0.000	
24	-0.049	-0.058	177.73	0.000	
25	-0.054	-0.004	179.85	0.000	
26	-0.076	-0.092	184.05	0.000	
27	-0.073	-0.024	187.94	0.000	
28	-0.075	-0.057	192.07	0.000	
29	-0.071	0.007	195.75	0.000	
30	-0.026	0.021	196.25	0.000	
31	-0.085	-0.104	201.62	0.000	
32	-0.018	-0.027	201.87	0.000	
33	0.004	-0.014	201.88	0.000	
34	0.000	-0.040	201.88	0.000	
35	0.051	0.061	203.82	0.000	
36	0.064	0.042	206.93	0.000	

	t-Statistic	Prob.*
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test statistic	-18.75198	0.0000
Test critical values: 1% level	-2.568242	
5% level	-1.941272	
10% level	-1.616398	

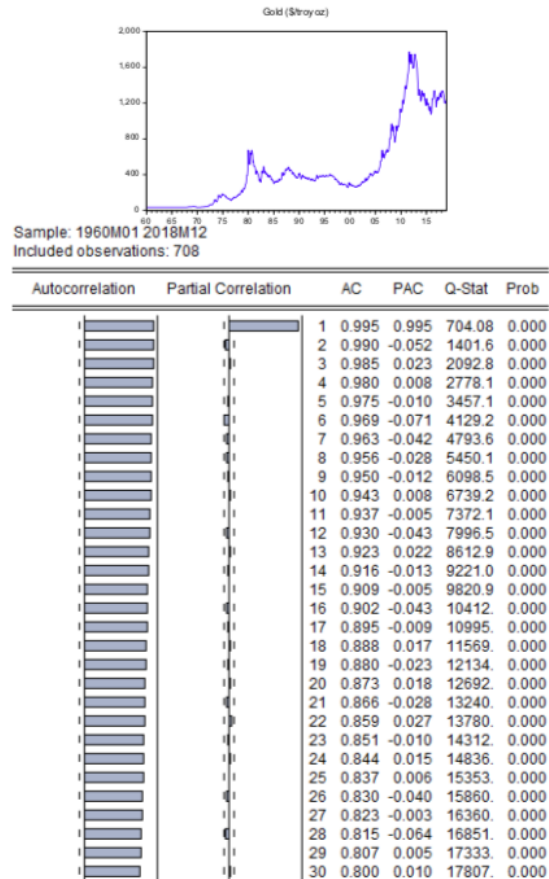
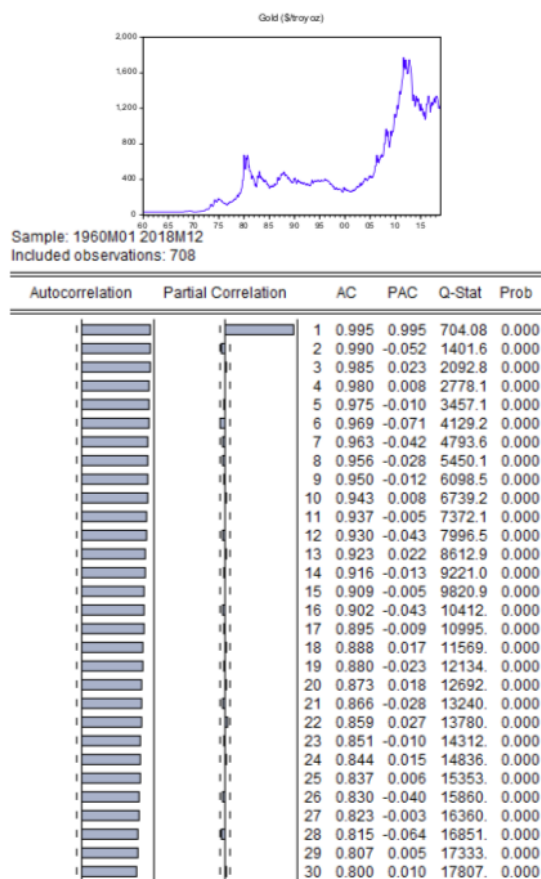
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Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Equation
Dependent Variable: D(D_COPPER)
Method: Least Squares
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 19:27
Sample (adjusted): 1960M03 2018M12
Included observations: 706 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
D_COPPER(-1)	-0.665749	0.035503	-18.75198	0.0000
R-squared	0.332788	Mean dependent var		-0.188938
Adjusted R-squared	0.332788	S.D. dependent var		281.6753
S.E. of regression	230.0808	Akaike info criterion		13.71615
Sum squared resid	37320724	Schwarz criterion		13.72261
Log likelihood	-4840.802	Hannan-Quinn criter.		13.71865
Durbin-Watson stat	1.963378			

From the unit root tests, the probability is close to 0 and so we can reject the null hypothesis, which implies that the series is stationary. In addition, differenced series has an average around 0 while the correlogram displays a significant drop after the first autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation.

(b)(i)



Based on the results above, the presence of a sharp drop after the first partial autocorrelation while autocorrelations remaining close to 1.00 and not dying quickly implies that the series is non-stationary.

(b)(ii)

ARMA(2,0)

Dependent Variable: DLOG(GOLD)
Method: ARMA Generalized Least Squares (Gauss-Newton)
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 20:19
Sample: 1985M02 2018M12
Included observations: 407
Convergence achieved after 3 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
d.f. adjustment for standard errors & covariance

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.003473	0.001795	1.934889	0.0537
AR(1)	0.151000	0.049495	3.050839	0.0024
AR(2)	-0.106442	0.049492	-2.150690	0.0321

R-squared	0.029622	Mean dependent var	0.003484
Adjusted R-squared	0.024818	S.D. dependent var	0.035029
S.E. of regression	0.034591	Akaike info criterion	-3.882991
Sum squared resid	0.483406	Schwarz criterion	-3.853442
Log likelihood	793.1887	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.871297
F-statistic	6.166225	Durbin-Watson stat	1.993252
Prob(F-statistic)	0.002302		

Inverted AR Roots	.08-.32i	.08+.32i
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ARMA(0,2)

Dependent Variable: DLOG(GOLD)
Method: ARMA Generalized Least Squares (Gauss-Newton)
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 20:21
Sample: 1985M02 2018M12
Included observations: 407
Convergence achieved after 6 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
d.f. adjustment for standard errors & covariance

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.003479	0.001840	1.890931	0.0593
MA(1)	0.152267	0.049625	3.068330	0.0023
MA(2)	-0.079426	0.049625	-1.600517	0.1103

R-squared	0.029432	Mean dependent var	0.003484
Adjusted R-squared	0.024628	S.D. dependent var	0.035029
S.E. of regression	0.034595	Akaike info criterion	-3.882799
Sum squared resid	0.483500	Schwarz criterion	-3.853250
Log likelihood	793.1496	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.871105
F-statistic	6.125643	Durbin-Watson stat	1.997577
Prob(F-statistic)	0.002394		

Inverted MA Roots	.22	-.37
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ARMA(1,0)

Dependent Variable: DLOG(GOLD)
Method: ARMA Generalized Least Squares (Gauss-Newton)
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 20:23
Sample: 1960M02 2018M12
Included observations: 707
Convergence achieved after 2 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
d.f. adjustment for standard errors & covariance

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.005054	0.002198	2.298982	0.0218
AR(1)	0.262545	0.036346	7.223481	0.0000

R-squared	0.068911	Mean dependent var	0.005047
Adjusted R-squared	0.067590	S.D. dependent var	0.044664
S.E. of regression	0.043128	Akaike info criterion	-3.446353
Sum squared resid	1.311329	Schwarz criterion	-3.433451
Log likelihood	1220.286	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.441368
F-statistic	52.17775	Durbin-Watson stat	1.938848
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

Inverted AR Roots	.26
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ARMA(0,1)

Dependent Variable: DLOG(GOLD)
Method: ARMA Generalized Least Squares (Gauss-Newton)
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 20:24
Sample: 1960M02 2018M12
Included observations: 707
Convergence achieved after 7 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
d.f. adjustment for standard errors & covariance

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.005054	0.002110	2.394999	0.0169
MA(1)	0.310681	0.035805	8.676966	0.0000

R-squared	0.081961	Mean dependent var	0.005047
Adjusted R-squared	0.080658	S.D. dependent var	0.044664
S.E. of regression	0.042825	Akaike info criterion	-3.460426
Sum squared resid	1.292950	Schwarz criterion	-3.447523
Log likelihood	1225.260	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.455440
F-statistic	62.94092	Durbin-Watson stat	2.022894
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

Inverted MA Roots	-.31
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ARMA(1,1)

Dependent Variable: DLOG(GOLD)
Method: ARMA Generalized Least Squares (Gauss-Newton)
Date: 02/13/19 Time: 20:25
Sample: 1960M02 2018M12
Included observations: 707
Convergence achieved after 9 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
d.f. adjustment for standard errors & covariance

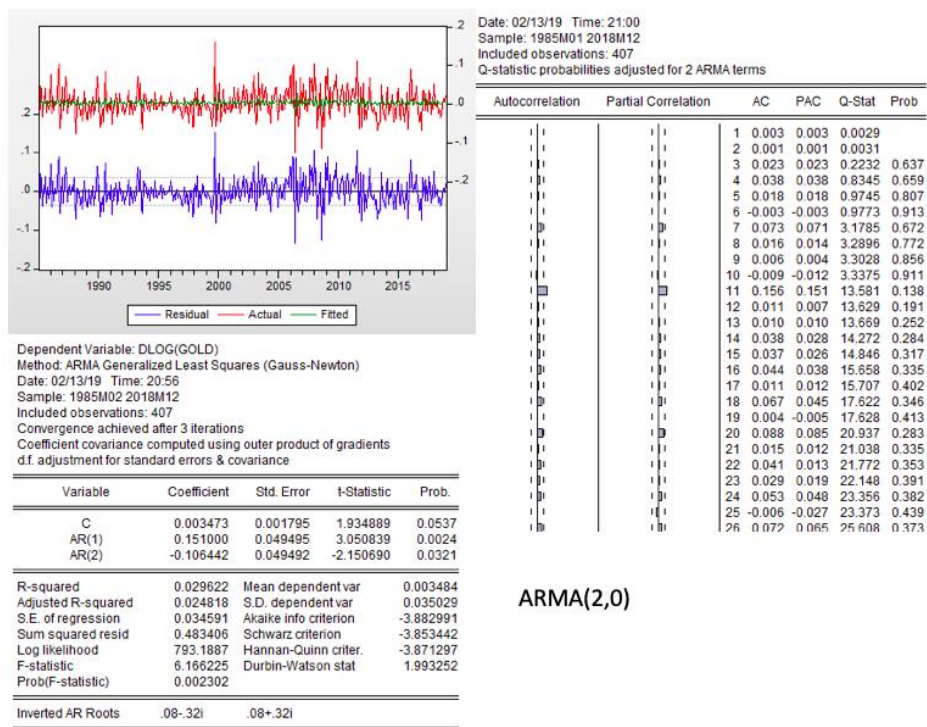
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.005054	0.002045	2.470841	0.0137
AR(1)	-0.108232	0.119663	-0.904475	0.3661
MA(1)	0.407584	0.109922	3.707930	0.0002

R-squared	0.083109	Mean dependent var	0.005047
Adjusted R-squared	0.080504	S.D. dependent var	0.044664
S.E. of regression	0.042828	Akaike info criterion	-3.458846
Sum squared resid	1.291333	Schwarz criterion	-3.439492
Log likelihood	1225.702	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.451368
F-statistic	31.90612	Durbin-Watson stat	2.001359
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

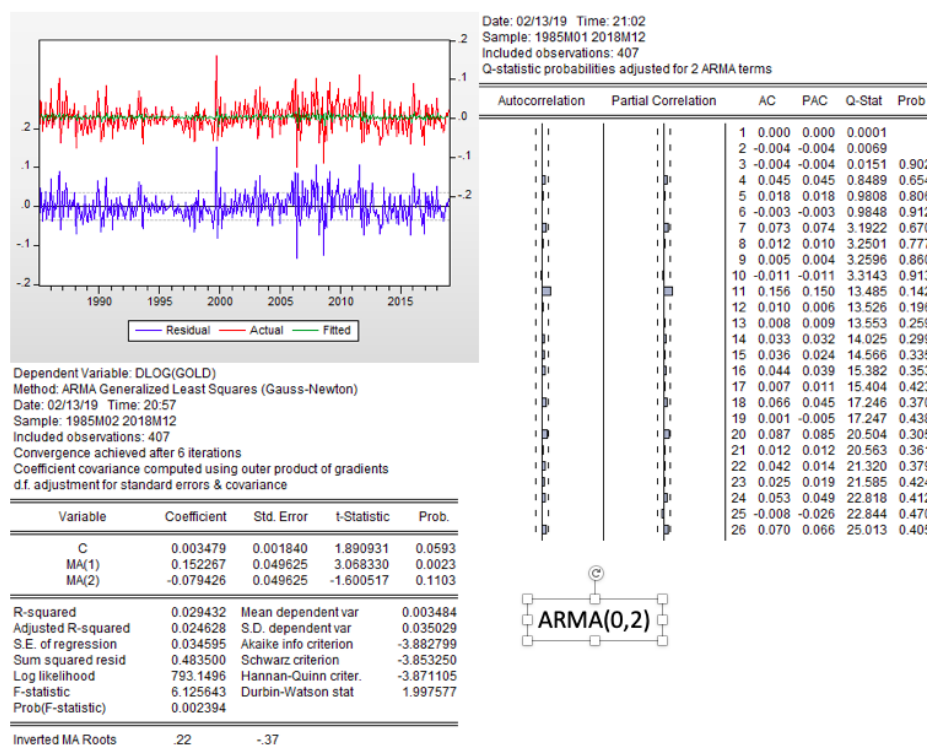
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Inverted MA Roots	-.41

Based on the comparison between all the results, ARMA(2,0) gave the lowest AIC value of -3.882991 among the possible candidates and thus is the best ARMA model among all.

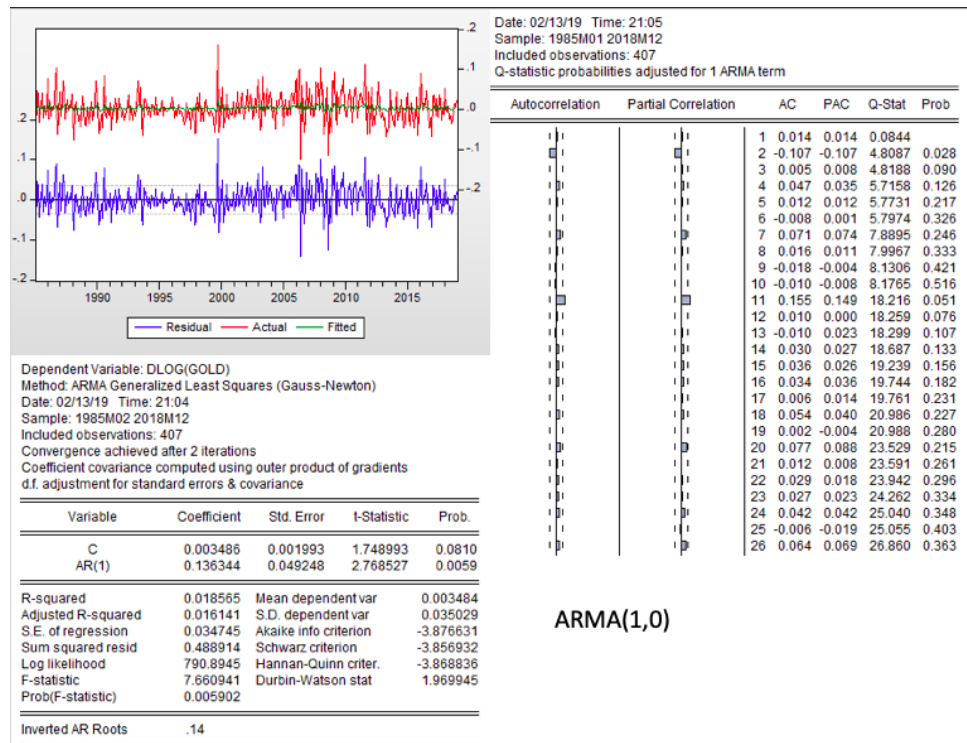
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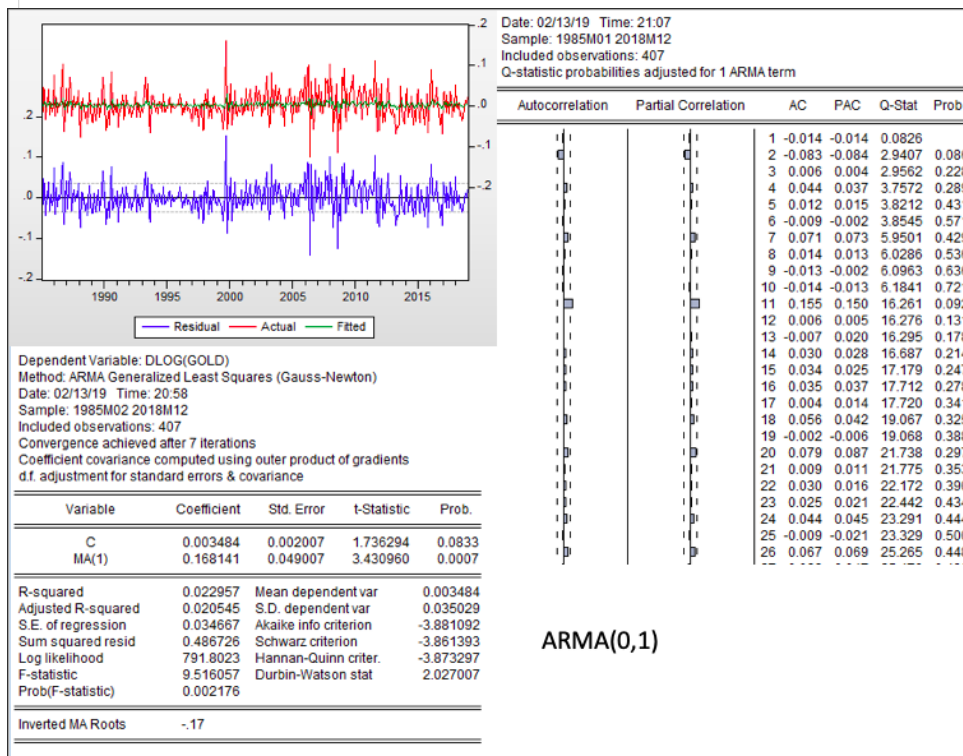
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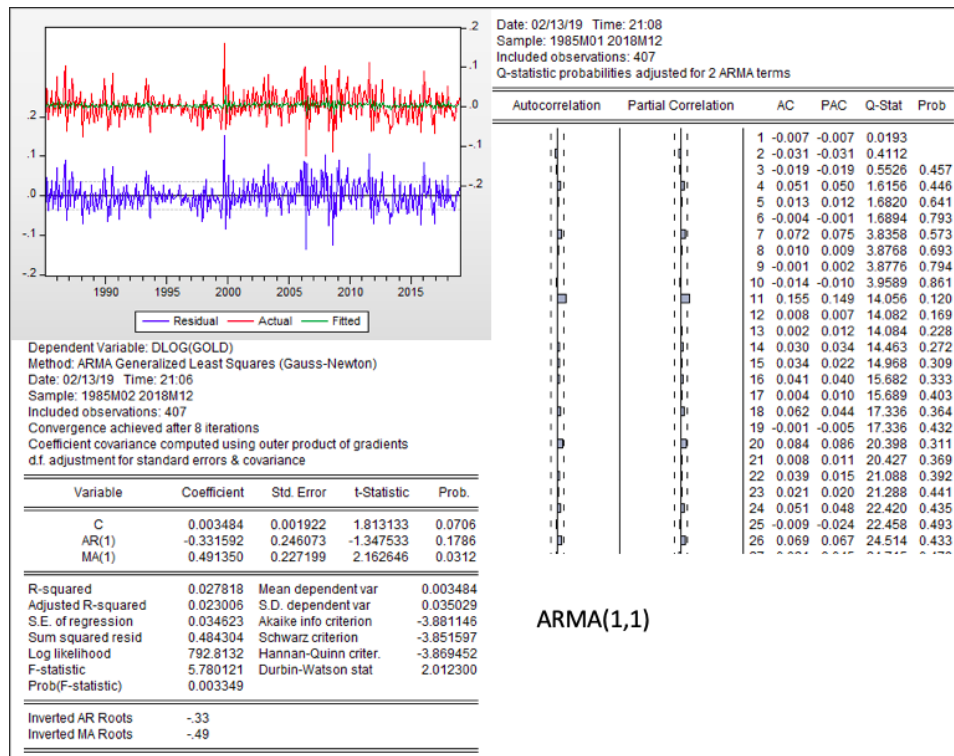
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ARMA(1,0)



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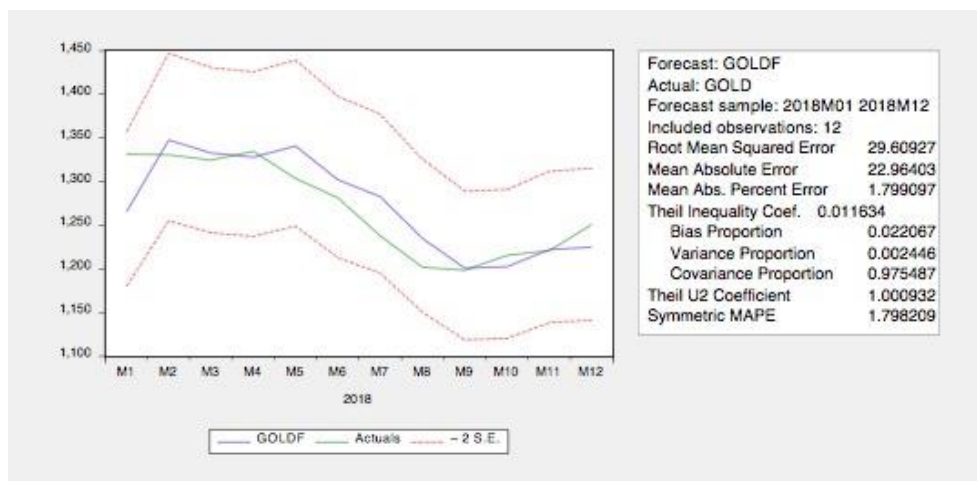


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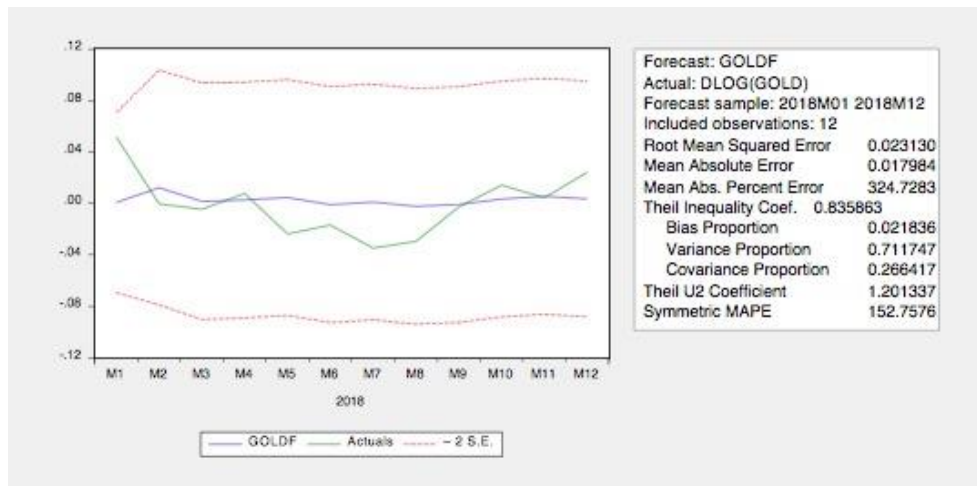
As the residual plots for all the ARMA models have almost the same pattern, it is hard to determine whether the residuals look random.

However, from the correlogram plots, only ARMA(2,0) shows a sharp drop after the first ACF and PACF. The remaining models have ACF and PACF remaining close to zero throughout. As such, the residuals seems to be random for only ARMA(2,0).

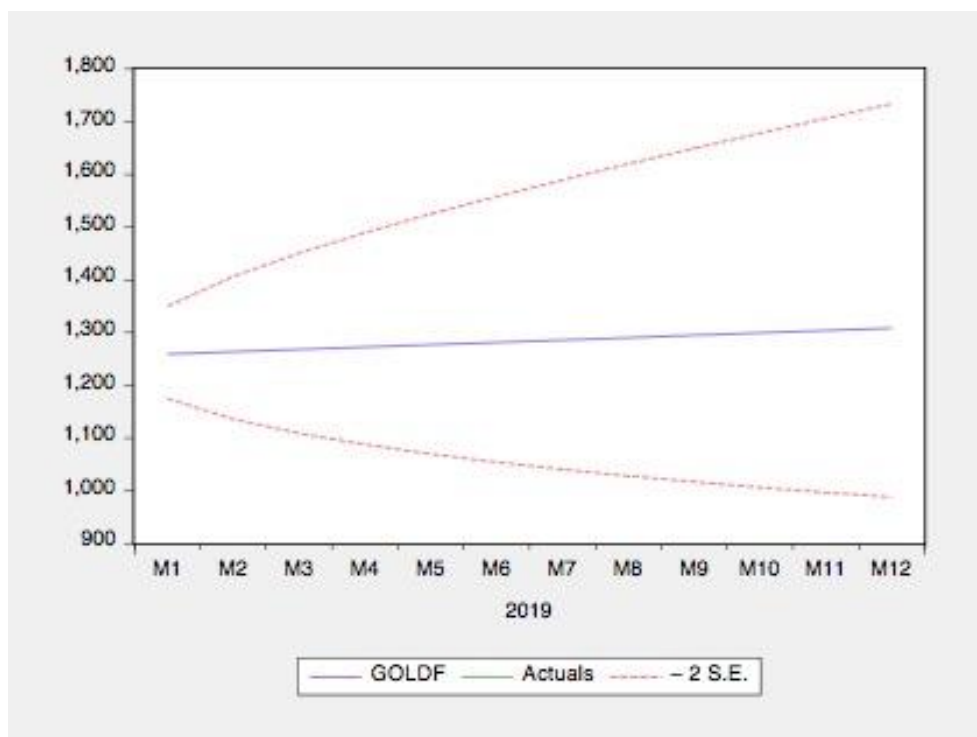
(b)(v)



Based on the results above, we can say that the fit for the above forecast is relatively good as it falls within the standard deviation band. Also, the error percentage of 2% is significantly small.



Based on the results above, the fit for the above forecast is comparatively worse. While it falls within the standard deviation band, the fit seems to display the mean rather than the trend of the actual DLOG(GOLD) values.



From the 12 month prediction interval graph above, we can expect the gold price to increase gradually over time. However, we need to take note that there exists a risk whereby if the price falls on a particular period, it will result in a drop for the subsequent prices.

We cannot use static forecast because it only predicts one-step ahead whereas for dynamic, the predication interval is flexible.