

Background

- ▶ "robust-yet-fragile" property of financial system can serve at the same time as shock-absorbers and shock-amplifiers to the financial sector (Haldane 2009).
- ▶ This makes the system robust, when the magnitude of shock is relatively small, but fragile, when the shock is large.
- ▶ A seminal paper by Acemoglu, Ozdaglar, and Tahbaz-Salehi 2015, provides a formal model, in which an extent of financial contagion exhibits a form of regime transition.
 - ▶ When the shocks are small, the damages are dissipated through large number of financial institutions.
 - ▶ When the shock is above some threshold, the properties of the system changes markedly. The damages are amplified through the network.

Research design

- ▶ aim is to provide empirical evidence for the regime-dependent effect of connectedness on financial stability, i.e.:
 - ▶ Stable markets regime: Higher connectedness -> less volatility
 - ▶ High shock regime: Higher connectedness -> more volatility
- ▶ In a following steps:
 - ▶ Based on stock prices of the biggest banks in EU and USA, I calculate the connectedness (e.g. correlation) measure in a rolling window basis.
 - ▶ This time series measure is then used as an explanatory variable in a Markov switching ARCH model.

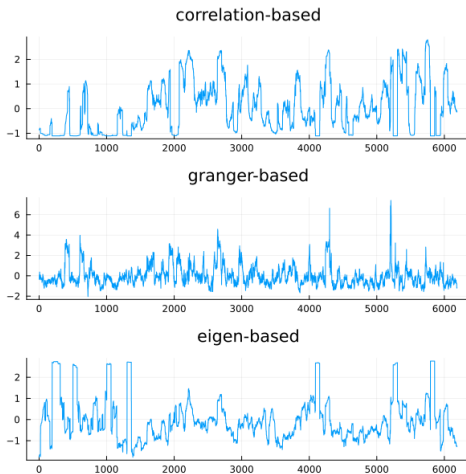
Connectedness measures

- ▶ Average correlation: $\frac{\sum_{i \neq j}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \rho_{i,j}(R)}{N^2 - N}$, with $\rho(\cdot)$ being the Ledoit-Wolf estimator of the covariance matrix (Ledoit and Wolf 2003).
- ▶ $\frac{\sum_i^k \lambda_i}{\sum_i^N \lambda_i}$, with λ being an eigenvalue of the covariance matrix.
- ▶ (Granger 1969) - based measure of connectedness:
 - ▶ For each of stock pair estimate: $r_{i,t+1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 r_{m,t} + \beta_2 r_{j,t}$
 - ▶ The "causality" matrix is set as:
$$G_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \beta_2 \text{ is significant} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \forall i \neq j$$
 - ▶ As with before we calculate average connectedness:
$$\frac{\sum_{i \neq j}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N G_{i,j}}{N \times (N-1)}$$

Last two measures are as described in Billio et al. 2012

Connectedness measures results

Figure: Standardized time series of connectedness measures for a rolling window of 63 trading days (quarter)



Modeling the regime-dependent effect of connectedness

Mean specification of the model:

$$\mu_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \underbrace{\beta_1 r_{b,t-1}}_{\text{Banking index}} + \underbrace{\beta_1 r_{m,t-1}}_{\text{Broad market index}} + \epsilon_t$$

The Markov-switching ARCH specification is:

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_t^2} = \alpha_{0,s} + \underbrace{\alpha_{1,s} \kappa_{t-1}}_{\text{connectedness}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_{i+1} \sqrt{\epsilon_{t-i}^2}}_{\text{Lag controls}}$$

With regime changes according to Markov process:

$$P(S_t = i | S_{t-1} = j) = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1 & 1 - \pi_2 \\ 1 - \pi_1 & \pi_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimation results

EU banking sector and 252 trading days (year) rolling window

Connectedness measure		Regime 1		Regime 2	
		Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Correlation-based	α_0	0.466*	0.019	1.988*	0.06
	α_1	0.017	0.009	0.22*	0.043
	η	0.435	0.009	1.4	0.012
	$\pi_{i,i}$	78.6%		52%	
Eigenvalue-based	α_0	0.458*	0.018	1.975*	0.061
	α_1	-0.002	0.008	0.052	0.048
	η	0.435	0.009	1.42	0.012
	$\pi_{i,i}$	90%		67.2%	
Granger-based	α_0	0.468*	0.018	1.984*	0.059
	α_1	0.018*	0.008	0.276*	0.05
	η	0.433	0.009	1.394	0.013
	$\pi_{i,i}$	78.5%		52.5%	
* coefficient with 5% statistical significance					

US banking sector and 63 trading days (year) rolling window

Connectedness measure		Regime 1		Regime 2	
		Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Correlation-based	α_0	0.402*	0.013	1.517*	0.054
	α_1	0.027*	0.007	0.239*	0.044
	η	0.373	0.007	1.268	0.017
	$\pi_{i,i}$	89.4%		67%	
Eigenvalue-based	α_0	0.416*	0.014	1.554*	0.057
	α_1	0.041*	0.007	0.194*	0.046
	η	0.38	0.006	1.304	0.016
	$\pi_{i,i}$	90%		67.2%	
Granger-based	α_0	0.379*	0.013	1.472*	0.047
	α_1	0.009	0.007	0.205*	0.032
	η	0.356	0.006	1.161	0.013
	$\pi_{i,i}$	87.4%		65%	
* coefficient with 5% statistical significance					

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