

We aim to choose stocks to create an **aggressive portfolio** catered towards investors of our age group who can afford to take on more risk. Overall, we have opted for high risk stocks with potential for large abnormal returns. Through our weighting function using the **efficient frontier**, covariances between the stocks will be taken into consideration. Therefore, our portfolio will **consist of both shorts and longs** of a collection of stocks. Despite only choosing stocks we believe have potential for large returns based from a sentimental or speculative point of view, we will let the statistics do the talking when it comes to weighting and which stocks to long or short. Using this approach will further hedge our portfolio against potentially large losses if our sentiment, especially regarding the current COVID-19 situation is wrong.

The first stock we have chosen is **TPG Telecom LTD (TPM)**. This stock has had a log return of 8.68% over the last 1 year period with a standard deviation of 2.41% on the daily returns and a market cap of \$6.74 billion AUD which is significantly less than its competitors like Telstra and Optus (owned by Singtel). Although the average return hasn't been significant, we believe TPM has a lot of potential with their recent partnership with Vodafone for an aggressive rollout of the 5G network. In an age evolving faster and faster towards technological dependence, the reliance on a fast network for ubiquitous computing will become increasingly necessary. This is further exacerbated by the current global pandemic restrictions placing even further strain on our network systems.

To diversify our portfolio, we have decided to include **A2 Milk Company LTD (A2M)**. A2M has by far outperformed the market in the past 12 months, yielding a log return of 18.56% over the last 1 year period with a standard deviation of 2.44% in daily returns. It is clear investor confidence in this company is at a high as well, with the current PE ratio around 43.4. We have chosen A2M as it is a consumer staple, expanding internationally and becoming particularly popular amongst Asian and American shoppers who recognise the brand.

Appen (APX) is a global leader in the development of high-quality training data for machine learning and artificial intelligence. Despite posting a log return of -19% over the past 1 year period and a standard deviation of 3.44% in the daily returns, we are confident prices will correct once the panic sell off ends and as business activity that depends on APX's technology increases again. Furthermore, with a taste of working remotely being embraced by white collar employees, we are confident this will act as a catalyst for more dependence on APX's technology which can facilitate the implementation of more automation and less in person business.

Altium (ALU) is a software company that provides PC-based electronic design software. It has been doing well due to its potential as its plans to accelerate its new cloud platform for its rapidly growing consumer. At the end of the first half of the financial market, its growth is 19% and profit growth has been at 23% with a healthy cash flow. The recent release of 5G

has also aided in its potential by bringing in new opportunities to its cloud based software that is very likely to evolve in the next few years.

The final stock we have chosen is **After Pay Ltd (APT)**, which is a fintech company revolutionizing the concept of use now, pay later. With an overall log return of around -55.6% (simple returns of -42.7%) over the past one year period and a standard deviation of 5.66% in the daily returns, this is definitely one of our most risky stocks. However, it has actually been a very steady stock, consistently outperforming the market prior to the recent crash. After understanding the recent crash was due to investors fearing consumers defaulting on their loans, we have confidence the price will rebound substantially once the stimulus packages take into effect and the economy recovers.

In order to compute the daily portfolio value and the daily return, we had to assign the weightings for each stock. The stock weightings were chosen using the efficient frontier, the explanation on the calculation of weights is provided in **Appendix B2-1**. Using this yields us the following weights for each stock:

A2M: buy 47.78%,

APT: buy 9.57%,

APX: short 26.16%,

ALU: borrow and buy 116.74%,

TPM: short 47.92%.

We will be using these weightings throughout the holding period (3 April 2020 to 11 May 2020). Daily value and return of our portfolio are computed based on two-month historical closing prices for each stock starting from the day when the assignment was released to the day before the due date (3 April 2020 to 11 May 2020). The value of the portfolio based on the daily closing price of the stocks in the portfolio and the daily return on the portfolio are documented and provided in **Appendix B2-2** for reference.

The overall return of our portfolio till date is 30.4%. The overall return of the portfolio is computed by taking the average of daily log returns throughout the holding period as shown in **Appendix B2-2**.

In order to test for persistence in portfolio daily returns, we constructed a correlogram of residuals (as shown in Appendix B1a). By looking at ACF, we can see that there are some spikes, but they are all within the 95% confidence band. As such, it appears to have no serial correlation. To confirm, we also looked at the p-values for each lag.

Since the p-values for all 36 lags are greater than 0.05 (level of significance), we do not reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there is serial autocorrelation (refer to Equation b). Therefore, we can conclude that there are no serial

autocorrelations present in daily log returns of the portfolio as such the daily log returns are not persistent. Furthermore, as shown in Appendix B1b, it can be seen that for the daily return series, the mean of returns is centered around 0 and there are some signs of volatility clustering, with variance being non-constant over time. This indicates that there may be ARCH effects present in the returns. Given that returns keep going to the mean frequently, it indicates that it is a stationary series.

Since there are no autocorrelations observed in daily log returns and the fact that it is a stationary series, therefore a constant mean equation would be sufficient to model the mean component of the returns.

For the daily log return series, the constant mean model equation is (refer to Appendix B1c),

$$\hat{r}_t = 0.000847 + \hat{u}_t$$

As shown in Appendix B1b, there were some signs of volatility clustering observed which indicates that there may be ARCH effects present in the returns. By looking at the correlogram of squared residuals after fitting the constant mean model (as shown in Appendix B2a), we could observe that for the first two lags, the bars are within the 95% confidence band and their -values are slightly greater than 0.05, which therefore indicates there are no serial correlations in the squared residuals (refer to Equation b). But if we were to compare it at 10% level of significance, the p-value for the first lags are less than 0.10 indicating that there are serial correlations present in the squared residuals. Starting from the third lag, large spikes are observed and these bars exceed the 95% confidence bands, which indicates that there are serial correlations observed in the squared residuals of this model. Furthermore, since $p\text{-value} = 0 < 0.05$, we are rejecting the null that says there are no autocorrelations observed (refer to Equation b) in the squared residuals.

All in all, this model displays strong ARCH effects especially in the later lags and hence we can model the variances and improve our model.

ARCH model

We started off by fitting a constant mean model with ARCH(1) errors (refer to Appendix B2b). To determine if there are any excess autocorrelations that are existing in the 5% level of significance, we look at the correlogram because we want to make sure that by fitting an ARCH(1) model, we get rid of all persistence. Referring to Appendix B2c, in this correlogram, there appears to be no serial correlation as the p-values are greater than 5% level of significance for all lags (refer to Equation b). Even though there are big spikes observed, it is within 95% confidence bands. We want to check for leftover ARCH effects to see if the ARCH(1) model is adequate. We can formally test this by doing an ARCH test up to 5 lags. Please refer to Appendix B2d for detailed ARCH tests on ARCH(1) model for upto 5 lags. Based on the ARCH tests, we can observe that there are some leftover ARCH effects present especially in lags 3 and 5 and as such we can conclude the ARCH(1) model is inadequate. So, we decided to fit a constant mean model with ARCH(2) errors (refer to Appendix B2e). To determine if there are any excess autocorrelations that are existing in the 5% level of significance, we look at the correlogram in Appendix B2f, and there appears to be no serial correlation as the p-values are greater than 5% level of significance for all lags. Even though there are big spikes observed, it is within the 95% confidence band. Once again, we want to

check for leftover ARCH effects to assess if the ARCH(2) model is adequate. We can formally test this by doing an ARCH test up to 5 lags. Please refer to Appendix B2g for detailed ARCH tests on ARCH(2) model for upto 5 lags. Based on the ARCH tests, we can see that there are no leftover ARCH effects present over the 5 lags which suggests ARCH(2) specification is adequate.

One of the underlying assumption made when modelling an ARCH model is that u_t follows a non-normal distribution, that is a t-distribution to account for the excess kurtosis (kurtosis >3) displayed by the portfolio returns (Appendix 2h). From standardised residuals, it could be seen that the model has captured this stylized fact of financial data. We can further conclude that the returns are not normal and be tested with a Jarque-Bera test in Appendix B2h.

Therefore, the ARCH(2) model will be (refer to Appendix B2e)

$$\sigma_t^2 = 0.000475 + 0.234\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + 0.466\varepsilon_{t-2}^2$$

Since the ARCH(2) model captures the time dependency in the squares of the errors, it means it captures the time variability in the volatility as well. However, we want to assess if adding a lagged variance component would capture the variability in the volatility even better.

GARCH model permits a wider range of behaviour, in particular, more persistent volatility, and improves modeling of conditional variance. As such we would be fitting a constant mean model with GARCH(2,1) errors (refer to Appendix B2i).

GARCH model

The underlying assumption we would be making when modelling a GARCH model is that u_t follows a non-normal distribution, that is a t-distribution. To determine if there are any excess autocorrelations that are existing in the 5% level of significance, we look at the correlogram because we want to make sure that by fitting a GARCH(2,1) model, we get rid of all persistence. Referring to Appendix B2j, in this correlogram, there appears to be no serial correlation as the p-values are greater than 5% level of significance for all lags (refer to equation b above). Once again, we want to check for leftover ARCH effects to assess if the GARCH(2,1) model is adequate. We can formally test this by doing an ARCH test up to 5 lags. Please refer to Appendix B2k for detailed ARCH tests on the GARCH(2,1) model for upto 5 lags. Based on the ARCH tests, we can see that there are no leftover ARCH effects present over the 5 lags which suggests GARCH(2,1) specification is adequate.

As mentioned earlier, we have assumed the u_t follows a t-distribution to account for excess kurtosis displayed by the residuals of daily portfolio returns. When we look at the histogram of standardised residuals as shown in Appendix B2l, the distribution is not normal, as it follows t-distribution which is further supported by a formal Jarque Bera test (refer to Appendix B2l for the formal test).

Therefore, the GARCH(2,1) model will be (refer to Appendix B2i)

$$\sigma_t^2 = 0.0000386 + 0.135\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + 0.00348\varepsilon_{t-2}^2 + 0.846\sigma_{t-1}^2$$

ARCH(2) vs GARCH(2,1)

We observe that ARCH(2) is nested in the GARCH(2,1) model. Because if we can add a restriction to the GARCH(2,1) specification, it will bring us back to ARCH(2) specification

therefore we can say it is nested. As such we can conduct a likelihood ratio test to formally decide which is a better model.

$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ (if coefficients of GARCH components are 0, then it is just an ARCH model)

$H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$

$LR_{stat} = 2 * [LL(\hat{\theta}_G) - LL(\hat{\theta}_A)]$, where $LL(\hat{\theta}_G)$ is likelihood from GARCH(2,1) model and $LL(\hat{\theta}_A)$ is likelihood from the ARCH(2) model.

$LR_{stat} = 2 * [188.31 - 184.90] = 6.82$ and $LR_{crit} = \chi^2_{(0.05,1)} = 3.841$

Since $LR_{stat} > LR_{crit}$ ($6.82 > 3.841$), we reject H_0 under the 5% level of significance.

Therefore, we can conclude that ARCH(2) is inadequate which means GARCH(2,1) would be a better model specification.

Forecasting

Using a constant mean model with GARCH(2,1) error, we could do forecasting for 11 May 2020. The fitted model for daily portfolio returns are (refer to Appendix B2i):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{r}_t &= 0.004512 + \hat{u}_t \\ \sigma_t^2 &= 0.0000386 + 0.135\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + 0.00348\varepsilon_{t-2}^2 + 0.846\sigma_{t-1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

To forecast 11 May 2020 returns, we have

$$r_{8may} = -0.000790, \hat{\varepsilon}_{8may} = -0.005302, \hat{\varepsilon}_{7may} = 0.015099, \hat{\sigma}_{8may}^2 = 0.000819$$

Conditional mean: $E[r_{11may} | I_{8may}] = 0.004512$

Conditional variance:

$$\hat{V}[r_{11may} | I_{8may}] = 0.0000386 + 0.135(-0.005302)^2 + 0.00348(0.015099)^2 + 0.846(0.000819) = 0.0007365$$

Volatility:

$$\hat{\sigma}[r_{11may} | I_{8may}] = \sqrt{0.0007365} = 0.027139$$

If we assume that $u_t \sim N(0, 1)$, so that $\varepsilon_t | I_{t-1} \sim N(0, \sigma_t^2)$, then the conditional distribution of returns will also be normally distributed. We can form prediction returns for the return on 11 May 2020. A 95% prediction interval for r_{11may} would be:

$$0.004512 \pm 1.96 (0.027139) = [-0.00487, 0.0577]$$

The actual return on 11 May 2020 is 0.0191 which falls within the 95% prediction interval.

This suggests that the constant mean model with GARCH(2,1) is a good model for forecasting the daily returns of this portfolio.

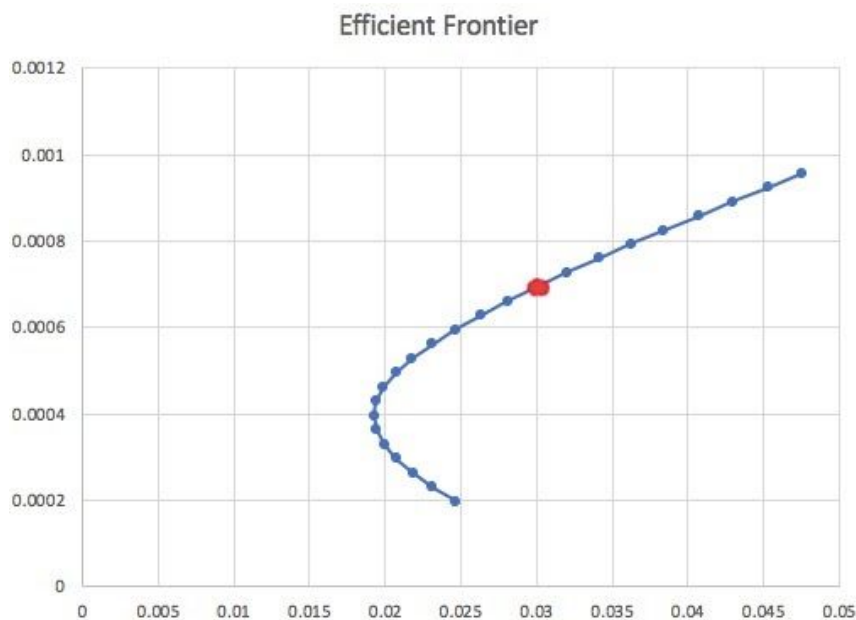
APPENDIX

Appendix B2-1

Weight:

A2M	0.47766161
APT	0.09567618
APX	-0.2615537
ALU	1.16741058
TPM	-0.4791947

The weight of each stock in our portfolio is based on the efficient frontier we created. Our group chooses to have an aggressive portfolio with the intention of taking slightly more risk so as to earn higher returns. Therefore, the red spot shown in the graph below is where we decided the weight of each stock to be. We will be using these weightings throughout the holding period.



Explanation on how we get the efficient frontier are provided as follows

Step 1: In order to derive the weights of each stock, we have gathered one year historical data of each stock and we reported the daily closing prices of each stock. We then calculated the log returns from the daily closing prices for each stock ($r_{t+1} = \log(\frac{P_{t+1}}{P_t})$). From there, we calculated the excess returns for each stock (return of each stock at time t - average return of the stock over the 1 year period).

Step 2: Calculated the mean return of each stock.

Step 3: Transposed the excess return table that was created in Step 1

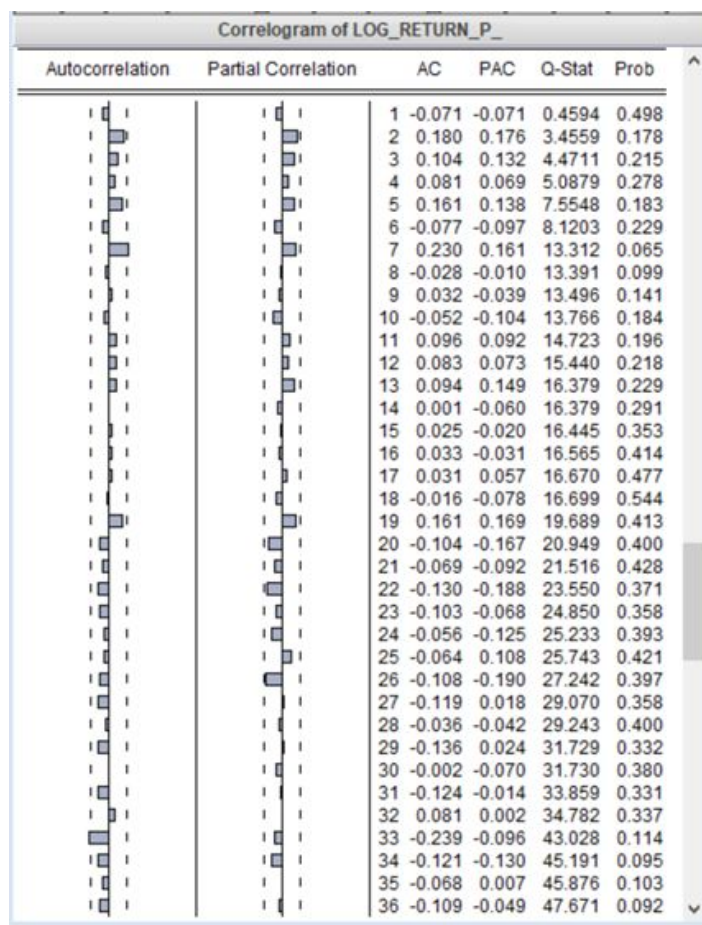
Step 4: Created a variance covariance table, also made up two random constants in our case which is 0.0002 and 0.1. Following that, we created two tables called mean constant where we subtracted the mean return of each stock with each of our random constants.

STEP 6	portfolio	x	y
	mean	0.0007267	0.0003964
	Var	0.0010251	0.0003706
	stdev	0.0320174	0.0192522
	cov(x,y)	0.0003694	
	corr(x,y)	0.5993104	
STEP 7	proportion x	0.1	
	$E(r_p)$	0.0004294	
	σ_p	0.0194157	
STEP 8	prop of x	σ_p	$E(r_p)$
		0.0194157	0.0004294
	-0.6	0.0246701	0.0001982
	-0.5	0.023154	0.0002312
	-0.4	0.0218343	0.0002643
	-0.3	0.0207487	0.0002973
	-0.2	0.0199353	0.0003303
	-0.1	0.0194284	0.0003634
	0	0.0192522	0.0003964
	0.1	0.0194157	0.0004294
	0.2	0.0199106	0.0004625
	0.3	0.0207131	0.0004955
	0.4	0.0217892	0.0005285
	0.5	0.0231008	0.0005616
	0.6	0.0246102	0.0005946
	0.7	0.0262834	0.0006276
	0.8	0.0280911	0.0006607
	0.9	0.030009	0.0006937
	1	0.0320174	0.0007267
	1.1	0.0341001	0.0007598
	1.2	0.0362445	0.0007928
	1.3	0.0384402	0.0008258
	1.4	0.0406789	0.0008589
	1.5	0.0429539	0.0008919
	1.6	0.0452597	0.0009249
	1.7	0.0475918	0.000958

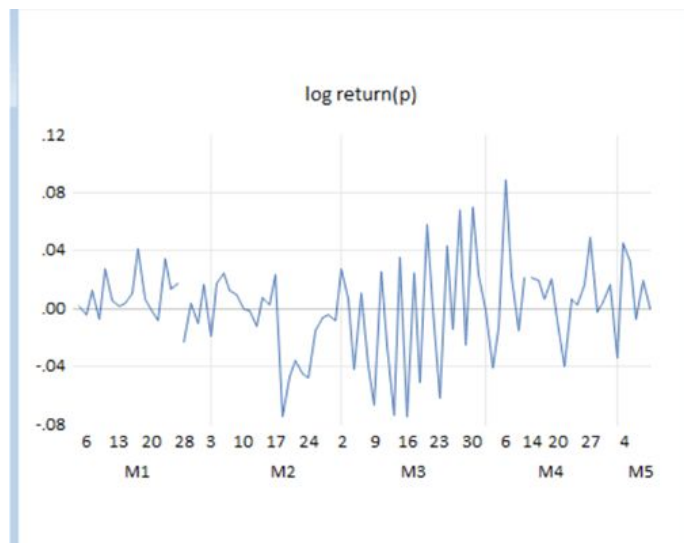
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	Adj Close_A2M	Adj Close_APT	Adj Close_APX	Adj Close_ALU	Adj Close_TPM	weight		Date	portfolio value	log return(p)	overall return
/4/20	16.620001	19.549999	19.959999	27.030001	6.991151	A2M	0.47766161	3/4/20	32.79358153	#VALUE!	0.30405928
/4/20	16.879999	20.120001	21.25	29.879999	7.27	APT	0.09567618	6/4/20	35.82839857	0.08850802	
/4/20	17.049999	21.059999	21.219999	30.450001	7.369589	APX	-0.2615537	7/4/20	36.62508718	0.02199261	
/4/20	16.82	19.879999	21.66	30.23	7.27	ALU	1.16741058	8/4/20	36.07813475	-0.0150465	
/4/20	16.92	22	22.76	30.93	7.3	TPM	-0.4791947	9/4/20	36.84383706	0.02100136	
/4/20	17.48	28.4	24.110001	31.34	7.76			14/4/20	37.62876621	0.02108046	
/4/20	18.1	27.879999	23.85	31.719999	7.77			15/4/20	38.38199182	0.01981957	
/4/20	19	27.280001	23.809999	31.549999	7.65			16/4/20	38.62398773	0.00628514	
/4/20	19	29	24.719999	32.349998	7.81			17/4/20	39.40779298	0.02009006	
/4/20	18.73	29	24.83	32.110001	7.59			20/4/20	39.07530099	-0.008473	
/4/20	18.309999	27.32	23.18	30.700001	7.47			21/4/20	37.55696462	-0.0396317	
/4/20	18.620001	26.57	23.440001	30.860001	7.32			22/4/20	37.82394423	0.00708351	
/4/20	18.59	27.15	23.01	30.84	7.39			23/4/20	37.92068141	0.0025543	
/4/20	18.65	27.01	22.799999	31.299999	7.37			24/4/20	38.53746457	0.01613423	
/4/20	18.77	27.75	23.83	33.209999	7.64			27/4/20	40.49655544	0.04958605	
/4/20	18.93	28.309999	24.1	33.029999	7.5			28/4/20	40.41289373	-0.002068	
/4/20	18.6	28.15	24.190001	33.360001	7.52			29/4/20	40.59208115	0.00442412	
/4/20	18.219999	31.200001	25.83	34.150002	7.36			30/4/20	41.27236066	0.01662004	
/5/20	17.950001	29.16	25.35	33.029999	7.06			1/5/20	39.91001429	-0.0335658	
/5/20	18.9	36.099998	25.84	33.720001	6.99			4/5/20	41.73868285	0.04480107	
/5/20	18.77	38.18	26.59	35.009998	7.14			5/5/20	43.11350519	0.03240795	
/5/20	18.540001	39.799999	28.940001	35.299999	7.33			6/5/20	42.79149071	-0.007497	
/5/20	18.299999	39.5	29.049999	36.119999	7.2			7/5/20	43.63894981	0.01961083	
/5/20	18.17	39.880001	30	36.349998	7.26			8/5/20	43.60448667	-0.00079	
/5/20	18.059999	42.209999	29.68	36.860001	7.275			11/5/20	44.44676088	0.01913204	

Appendix B1a



Appendix B1b

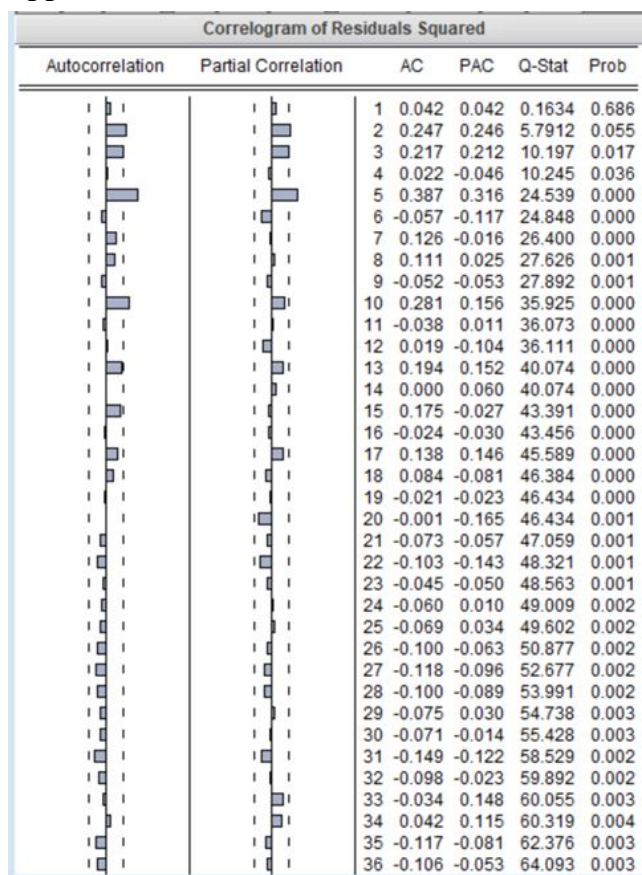


Appendix B1c

Dependent Variable: LOG_RETURN_P_
Method: Least Squares
Date: 05/29/20 Time: 07:34
Sample (adjusted): 1/03/2020 5/08/2020
Included observations: 88 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.000847	0.003391	0.249714	0.8034
Root MSE	0.031629	R-squared		0.000000
Mean dependent var	0.000847	Adjusted R-squared		0.000000
S.D. dependent var	0.031811	S.E. of regression		0.031811
Akaike info criterion	-4.046729	Sum squared resid		0.088037
Schwarz criterion	-4.018577	Log likelihood		179.0561
Hannan-Quinn criter.	-4.035387	Durbin-Watson stat		2.142048

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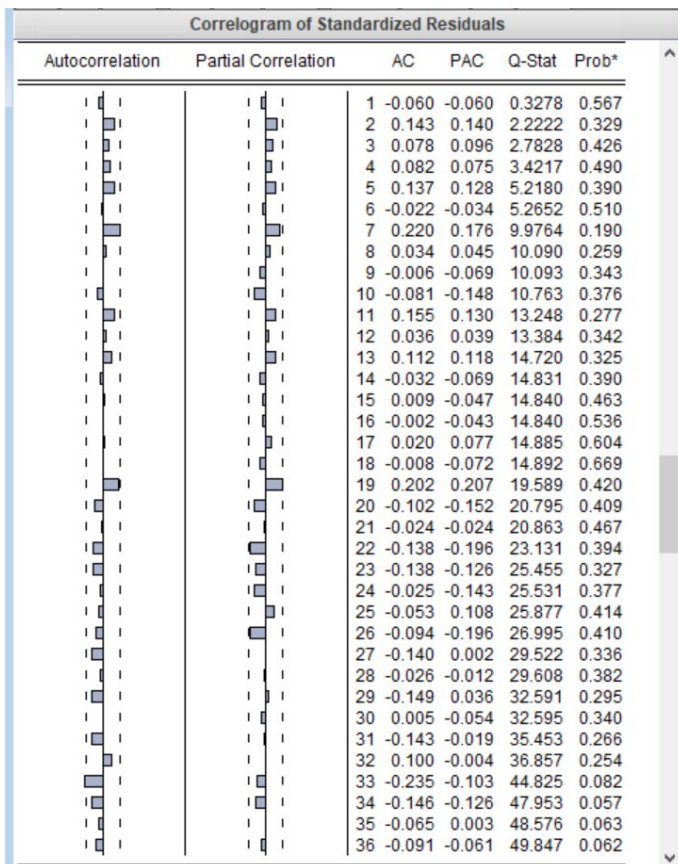


Appendix B2b

Dependent Variable: LOG_RETURN_P_
Method: ML ARCH - Student's t distribution (BFGS / Marquardt steps)
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 20:03
Sample (adjusted): 1/03/2020 5/08/2020
Included observations: 88 after adjustments
Convergence achieved after 20 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.003626	0.002832	1.280687	0.2003
Variance Equation				
C	0.000859	0.000577	1.489676	0.1363
RESID(-1)^2	0.427657	0.483538	0.884432	0.3765
T-DIST. DOF	3.706023	2.786848	1.329826	0.1836
Root MSE	0.031751	R-squared	-0.007723	
Mean dependent var	0.000847	Adjusted R-squared	-0.007723	
S.D. dependent var	0.031811	S.E. of regression	0.031933	
Akaike info criterion	-4.025609	Sum squared resid	0.088717	
Schwarz criterion	-3.913003	Log likelihood	181.1268	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.980243	Durbin-Watson stat	2.125632	

Appendix B2c



Appendix B2d

We want to check for leftover ARCH effects to see if the ARCH(1) model is adequate. We can formally test this by doing an ARCH test up to 5 lags.

A LM test for ARCH effect (5 lags) will be used, desired hypothesis:

Auxiliary equation:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^2 + \gamma_2 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-2}^2 + \dots + \gamma_5 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-5}^2 + v_t$$

$$H_0 : \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_5 = 0 \text{ [No ARCH]}$$

$$H_1 : \text{At least one of } \gamma_i \neq 0 \text{ [ARCH]}$$

Lag 1

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	1.132376	Prob. F(1,85)	0.2903	
Obs*R-squared	1.143783	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.2849	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:10				
Sample (adjusted): 1/06/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 87 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.966357	0.182918	5.283019	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.114652	0.107743	-1.064132	0.2903
Root MSE	1.450040	R-squared	0.013147	
Mean dependent var	0.866975	Adjusted R-squared	0.001537	
S.D. dependent var	1.468129	S.E. of regression	1.467001	
Akaike info criterion	3.627037	Sum squared resid	182.9277	
Schwarz criterion	3.683724	Log likelihood	-155.7761	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.649863	F-statistic	1.132376	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.956121	Prob(F-statistic)	0.290283	

The p-value = 0.2849 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 1.

Lag 2

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	2.157452	Prob. F(2,83)	0.1221	
Obs*R-squared	4.249924	Prob. Chi-Square(2)	0.1194	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:12				
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 86 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.795781	0.210891	3.773414	0.0003
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.096595	0.107792	-0.896119	0.3728
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	0.189022	0.107675	1.755486	0.0829
Root MSE	1.428922	R-squared	0.049418	
Mean dependent var	0.876220	Adjusted R-squared	0.026512	
S.D. dependent var	1.474190	S.E. of regression	1.454517	
Akaike info criterion	3.621486	Sum squared resid	175.5965	
Schwarz criterion	3.707103	Log likelihood	-152.7239	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.655943	F-statistic	2.157452	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.084237	Prob(F-statistic)	0.122060	

The p-value = 0.1194 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 2.

Lag 3

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	2.846131	Prob. F(3,81)	0.0427	
Obs*R-squared	8.105611	Prob. Chi-Square(3)	0.0439	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:13				
Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 85 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.632712	0.227379	2.782628	0.0067
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.141153	0.108399	-1.302167	0.1965
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	0.206922	0.106955	1.934665	0.0565
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.220757	0.108246	2.039408	0.0447
Root MSE	1.399821	R-squared	0.095360	
Mean dependent var	0.885360	Adjusted R-squared	0.061855	
S.D. dependent var	1.480486	S.E. of regression	1.433968	
Akaike info criterion	3.604683	Sum squared resid	166.5573	
Schwarz criterion	3.719631	Log likelihood	-149.1990	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.650918	F-statistic	2.846131	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.996129	Prob(F-statistic)	0.042681	

The p-value = 0.0439 < 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we reject the null concluding that there is sufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 3.

Lag 4

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH

F-statistic	2.049258	Prob. F(4,79)	0.0954
Obs*R-squared	7.896492	Prob. Chi-Square(4)	0.0954

Test Equation:

Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:14

Sample (adjusted): 1/09/2020 5/08/2020

Included observations: 84 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.649808	0.243266	2.671178	0.0092
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.141521	0.112594	-1.256918	0.2125
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	0.205731	0.110984	1.853708	0.0675
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.217350	0.110844	1.960865	0.0534
WGT_RESID^2(-4)	-0.007614	0.112306	-0.067794	0.9461
Root MSE	1.407022	R-squared	0.094006	
Mean dependent var	0.894248	Adjusted R-squared	0.048133	
S.D. dependent var	1.487095	S.E. of regression	1.450865	
Akaike info criterion	3.639875	Sum squared resid	166.2956	
Schwarz criterion	3.784566	Log likelihood	-147.8747	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.698040	F-statistic	2.049258	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.993223	Prob(F-statistic)	0.095449	

The p-value = 0.0954 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 4.

Lag 5

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH

F-statistic	2.817354	Prob. F(5,77)	0.0217
Obs*R-squared	12.83613	Prob. Chi-Square(5)	0.0250

Test Equation:

Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2

Method: Least Squares

Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:15

Sample (adjusted): 1/10/2020 5/08/2020

Included observations: 83 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.490122	0.250509	1.956505	0.0540
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.140281	0.110231	-1.272607	0.2070
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	0.148056	0.111461	1.328317	0.1880
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.162387	0.111114	1.461442	0.1480
WGT_RESID^2(-4)	0.027801	0.111039	0.250367	0.8030
WGT_RESID^2(-5)	0.259195	0.109955	2.357286	0.0210
Root MSE	1.366997	R-squared	0.154652	
Mean dependent var	0.897527	Adjusted R-squared	0.099760	
S.D. dependent var	1.495830	S.E. of regression	1.419258	
Akaike info criterion	3.607689	Sum squared resid	155.1006	
Schwarz criterion	3.782545	Log likelihood	-143.7191	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.677936	F-statistic	2.817354	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.979444	Prob(F-statistic)	0.021721	

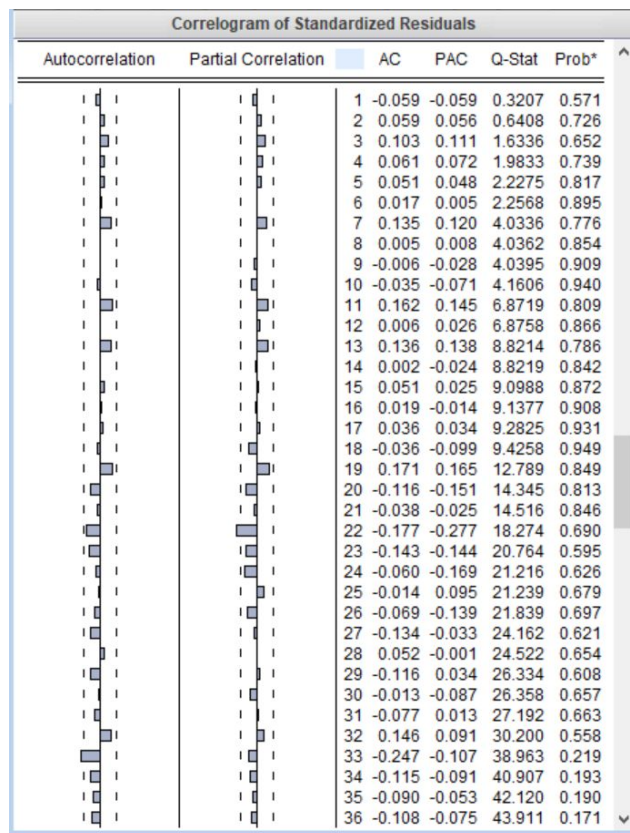
The p-value = 0.0217 < 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we reject the null concluding that there is sufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 5.

Appendix B2e

Dependent Variable: LOG_RETURN_P_
Method: ML ARCH - Student's t distribution (BFGS / Marquardt steps)
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 19:58
Sample (adjusted): 1/03/2020 5/08/2020
Included observations: 88 after adjustments
Convergence achieved after 19 iterations
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-2)^2

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.004278	0.002603	1.643532	0.1003
Variance Equation				
C	0.000475	0.000204	2.325957	0.0200
RESID(-1)^2	0.234458	0.235306	0.996397	0.3191
RESID(-2)^2	0.465957	0.353722	1.317298	0.1877
T-DIST. DOF	5.111721	4.139773	1.234783	0.2169
Root MSE	0.031815	R-squared	-0.011768	
Mean dependent var	0.000847	Adjusted R-squared	-0.011768	
S.D. dependent var	0.031811	S.E. of regression	0.031997	
Akaike info criterion	-4.088742	Sum squared resid	0.089073	
Schwarz criterion	-3.947984	Log likelihood	184.9046	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	-4.032034	Durbin-Watson stat	2.117133	

Appendix B2f



Appendix B2g

We want to check for leftover ARCH effects to see if the ARCH(2) model is adequate. We can formally test this by doing an ARCH test up to 5 lags.

A LM test for ARCH effect (5 lags) will be used, desired hypothesis:

Auxiliary equation:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^2 + \gamma_2 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-2}^2 + \dots + \gamma_5 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-5}^2 + v_t$$

$$H_0 : \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_5 = 0 \text{ [No ARCH]}$$

$$H_1 : \text{At least one of } \gamma_i \neq 0 \text{ [ARCH]}$$

Lag 1

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.448768	Prob. F(1,85)	0.5047	
Obs*R-squared	0.456915	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.4991	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:22				
Sample (adjusted): 1/06/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 87 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.035402	0.210487	4.919073	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.072462	0.108169	-0.669902	0.5047
Root MSE	1.685077	R-squared	0.005252	
Mean dependent var	0.965465	Adjusted R-squared	-0.006451	
S.D. dependent var	1.699313	S.E. of regression	1.704786	
Akaike info criterion	3.927476	Sum squared resid	247.0350	
Schwarz criterion	3.984164	Log likelihood	-168.8452	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.950302	F-statistic	0.448768	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.008604	Prob(F-statistic)	0.504736	

The p-value = 0.4991 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 1.

Lag 2

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.397211	Prob. F(2,83)	0.6735	
Obs*R-squared	0.815332	Prob. Chi-Square(2)	0.6652	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:23				
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 86 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.113191	0.242660	4.587448	0.0000
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.080545	0.109591	-0.734963	0.4644
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.061115	0.109498	-0.558139	0.5783
Root MSE	1.688880	R-squared	0.009481	
Mean dependent var	0.975084	Adjusted R-squared	-0.014387	
S.D. dependent var	1.706896	S.E. of regression	1.719131	
Akaike info criterion	3.955776	Sum squared resid	245.2991	
Schwarz criterion	4.041392	Log likelihood	-167.0984	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	3.990232	F-statistic	0.397211	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.989504	Prob(F-statistic)	0.673463	

The p-value = 0.6652 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 2.

Lag 3

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.448464	Prob. F(3,81)	0.7191	
Obs*R-squared	1.388765	Prob. Chi-Square(3)	0.7082	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:25				
Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 85 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.044652	0.276661	3.775934	0.0003
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.079085	0.110823	-0.713618	0.4775
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.058696	0.110925	-0.529151	0.5981
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.077133	0.110737	0.696545	0.4881
Root MSE	1.690559	R-squared	0.016338	
Mean dependent var	0.984748	Adjusted R-squared	-0.020093	
S.D. dependent var	1.714658	S.E. of regression	1.731799	
Akaike info criterion	3.982114	Sum squared resid	242.9293	
Schwarz criterion	4.097062	Log likelihood	-165.2398	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.028349	F-statistic	0.448464	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.004782	Prob(F-statistic)	0.719061	

The p-value = 0.7082 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 3.

Lag 4

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.358941	Prob. F(4,79)	0.8371	
Obs*R-squared	1.499384	Prob. Chi-Square(4)	0.8268	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:26				
Sample (adjusted): 1/09/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 84 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.026582	0.306661	3.347615	0.0013
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.084784	0.112546	-0.753322	0.4535
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.059763	0.112554	-0.530975	0.5969
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.076459	0.112565	0.679240	0.4990
WGT_RESID^2(-4)	0.034915	0.112319	0.310852	0.7567
Root MSE	1.697481	R-squared	0.017850	
Mean dependent var	0.993317	Adjusted R-squared	-0.031879	
S.D. dependent var	1.723124	S.E. of regression	1.750374	
Akaike info criterion	4.015215	Sum squared resid	242.0410	
Schwarz criterion	4.159906	Log likelihood	-163.6390	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.073380	F-statistic	0.358941	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.999446	Prob(F-statistic)	0.837084	

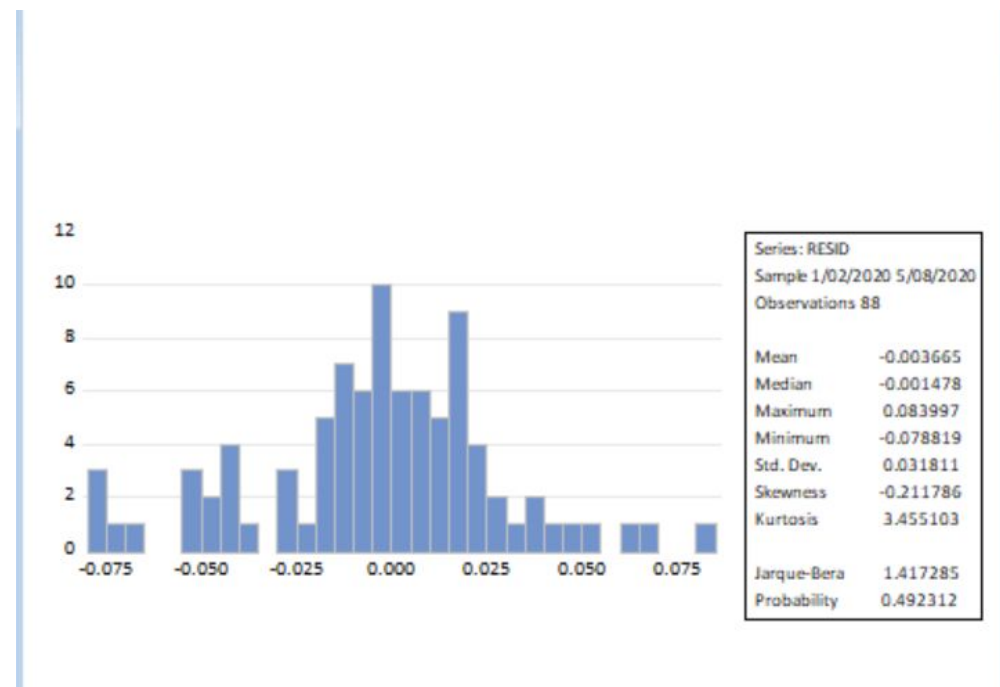
The p-value = 0.8268 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 4.

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.330989	Prob. F(5,77)	0.8928	
Obs*R-squared	1.746366	Prob. Chi-Square(5)	0.8830	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:26				
Sample (adjusted): 1/10/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 83 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.970400	0.333892	2.906325	0.0048
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.087050	0.114046	-0.763292	0.4476
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.064468	0.114455	-0.563261	0.5749
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.079490	0.114271	0.695629	0.4888
WGT_RESID^2(-4)	0.039455	0.114214	0.345452	0.7307
WGT_RESID^2(-5)	0.057018	0.113836	0.500880	0.6179
Root MSE	1.704900	R-squared	0.021041	
Mean dependent var	0.993365	Adjusted R-squared	-0.042528	
S.D. dependent var	1.733599	S.E. of regression	1.770078	
Akaike info criterion	4.049468	Sum squared resid	241.2547	
Schwarz criterion	4.224324	Log likelihood	-162.0529	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.119715	F-statistic	0.330989	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.978493	Prob(F-statistic)	0.892780	

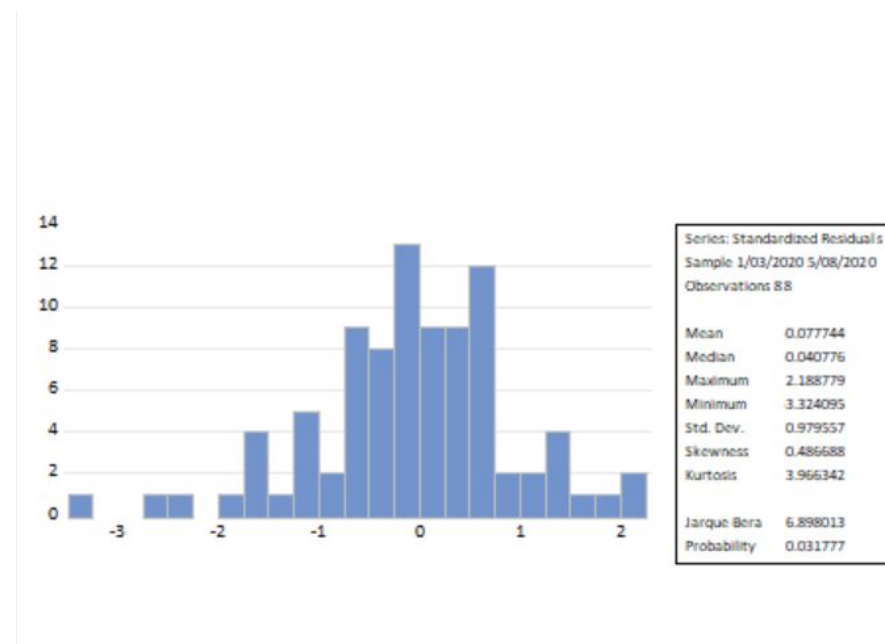
The p-value = 0.8830 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 5.

Appendix B2h

Residuals of Portfolio Returns



Standardised Residuals of ARCH(2)



Jarque-Bera test would be used for normality testing, hypothesis testing:

$$H_0 : \text{Skewness}(x) = 0 \text{ and Kurtosis}(x) = 3$$

$$H_1 : \text{Skewness}(x) \neq 0 \text{ or Kurtosis}(x) \neq 3$$

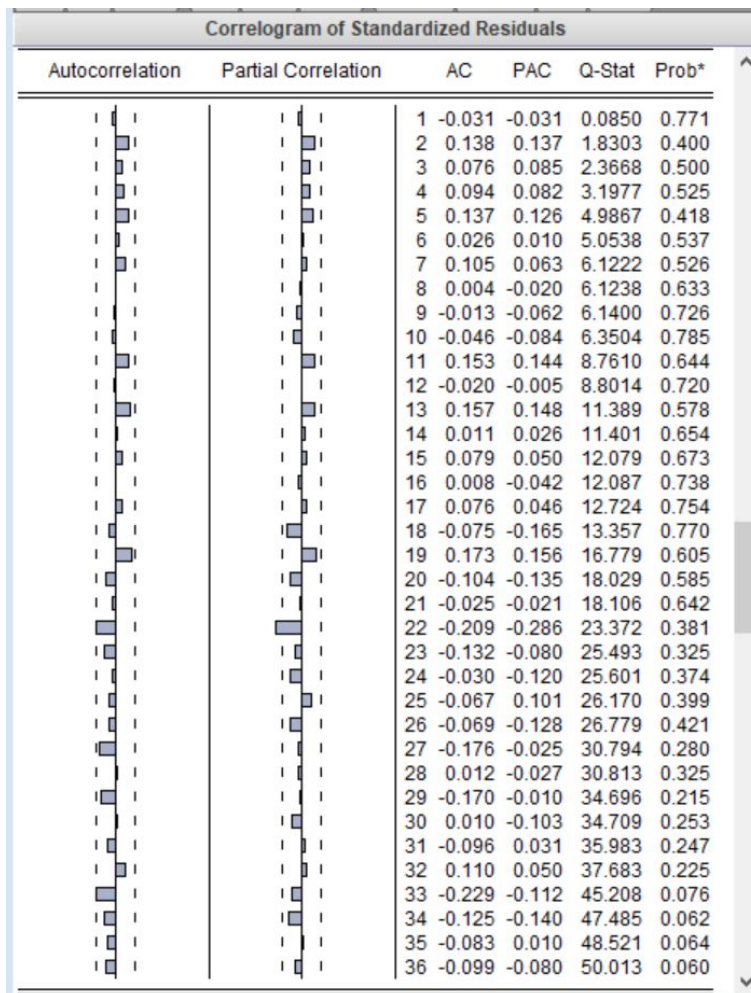
$$JB \text{ stat} = \frac{n}{6}(\widehat{Sk}(x)^2 + \frac{(\widehat{K}(x)-3)^2}{4}) \sim \chi^2_{(a,m)} \text{ under } H_0$$

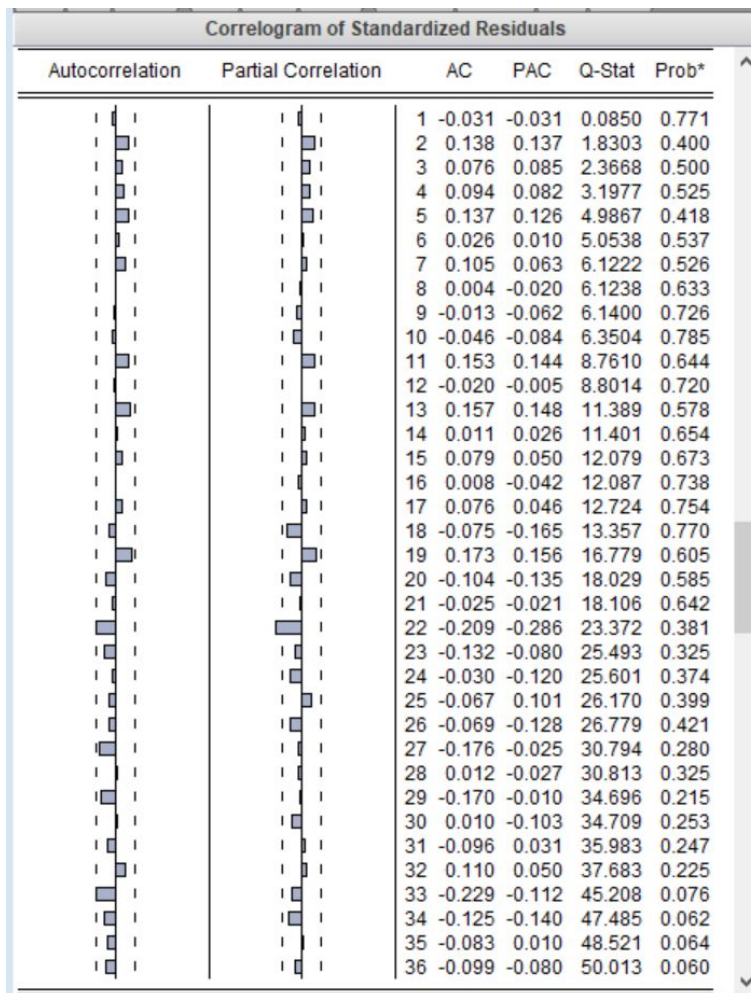
JB stat= 6.90. Under chi square distribution, the critical value at 5% level of significance and 2 degrees of freedom, $\chi^2_{(0.05,2)}$ is 5.99. Since $6.90 > 5.99$ (JB stat $> \chi^2_{(0.05,2)}$), we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is sufficient evidence to prove that the distribution of the regression model is not normal.

Appendix B2i

Dependent Variable: LOG_RETURN_P_				
Method: ML ARCH - Student's t distribution (BFGS / Marquardt steps)				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 18:43				
Sample (adjusted): 1/03/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 88 after adjustments				
Convergence achieved after 33 iterations				
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients				
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)				
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*RESID(-2)^2 + C(5)*GARCH(-1)				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.004512	0.002744	1.643939	0.1002
Variance Equation				
C	3.86E-05	3.49E-05	1.105753	0.2688
RESID(-1)^2	0.134628	0.197346	0.682196	0.4951
RESID(-2)^2	0.003481	0.210535	0.016534	0.9868
GARCH(-1)	0.845603	0.117775	7.179796	0.0000
T-DIST. DOF	6.142670	4.866835	1.262149	0.2069
Root MSE	0.031841	R-squared	-0.013424	
Mean dependent var	0.000847	Adjusted R-squared	-0.013424	
S.D. dependent var	0.031811	S.E. of regression	0.032024	
Akaike info criterion	-4.143402	Sum squared resid	0.089219	
Schwarz criterion	-3.974493	Log likelihood	188.3097	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	-4.075353	Durbin-Watson stat	2.113673	

Appendix B2j





Appendix B2k

We want to check for leftover ARCH effects to see if the GARCH(2,1) model is adequate.

We can formally test this by doing an ARCH test up to 5 lags.

A LM test for ARCH effect (5 lags) will be used, desired hypothesis:

Auxiliary equation:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^2 + \gamma_2 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-2}^2 + \dots + \gamma_5 \hat{\varepsilon}_{t-5}^2 + v_t$$

$$H_0 : \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_5 = 0 \text{ [No ARCH]}$$

$$H_1 : \text{At least one of } \gamma_i \neq 0 \text{ [ARCH]}$$

Lag 1

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.046578	Prob. F(1,85)	0.8296	
Obs*R-squared	0.047648	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.8272	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:31				
Sample (adjusted): 1/06/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 87 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.964315	0.234382	4.114295	0.0001
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.023405	0.108447	0.215820	0.8296
Root MSE	1.921955	R-squared	0.000548	
Mean dependent var	0.987436	Adjusted R-squared	-0.011211	
S.D. dependent var	1.933627	S.E. of regression	1.944435	
Akaike info criterion	4.190540	Sum squared resid	321.3704	
Schwarz criterion	4.247228	Log likelihood	-180.2885	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.213367	F-statistic	0.046578	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.997904	Prob(F-statistic)	0.829645	

The p-value = 0.8272 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 1.

Lag 2

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.057725	Prob. F(2,83)	0.9439	
Obs*R-squared	0.119456	Prob. Chi-Square(2)	0.9420	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:33				
Sample (adjusted): 1/07/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 86 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.000758	0.261584	3.825764	0.0003
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.022638	0.109825	0.206124	0.8372
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.030126	0.109772	-0.274437	0.7844
Root MSE	1.931498	R-squared	0.001389	
Mean dependent var	0.993346	Adjusted R-squared	-0.022674	
S.D. dependent var	1.944177	S.E. of regression	1.966095	
Akaike info criterion	4.224236	Sum squared resid	320.8388	
Schwarz criterion	4.309853	Log likelihood	-178.6422	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.258693	F-statistic	0.057725	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.996770	Prob(F-statistic)	0.943948	

The p-value = 0.9420 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 2.

Lag 3

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.047177	Prob. F(3,81)	0.9863	
Obs*R-squared	0.148260	Prob. Chi-Square(3)	0.9855	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:33				
Sample (adjusted): 1/08/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 85 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.993501	0.289632	3.430221	0.0010
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.022214	0.111193	0.199781	0.8422
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.032252	0.111205	-0.290027	0.7725
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.016985	0.111217	0.152720	0.8790
Root MSE	1.941373	R-squared	0.001744	
Mean dependent var	1.000425	Adjusted R-squared	-0.035228	
S.D. dependent var	1.954600	S.E. of regression	1.988731	
Akaike info criterion	4.258786	Sum squared resid	320.3590	
Schwarz criterion	4.373734	Log likelihood	-176.9984	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.305021	F-statistic	0.047177	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.998343	Prob(F-statistic)	0.986321	

The p-value = 0.9855 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 3.

Lag 4

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH				
F-statistic	0.037644	Prob. F(4,79)	0.9972	
Obs*R-squared	0.159801	Prob. Chi-Square(4)	0.9970	
Test Equation:				
Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2				
Method: Least Squares				
Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:34				
Sample (adjusted): 1/09/2020 5/08/2020				
Included observations: 84 after adjustments				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.985197	0.316523	3.112561	0.0026
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.021436	0.112654	0.190278	0.8496
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.032243	0.112687	-0.286132	0.7755
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.015882	0.112774	0.140827	0.8884
WGT_RESID^2(-4)	0.013400	0.112616	0.118992	0.9056
Root MSE	1.952480	R-squared	0.001902	
Mean dependent var	1.003887	Adjusted R-squared	-0.048634	
S.D. dependent var	1.966077	S.E. of regression	2.013319	
Akaike info criterion	4.295125	Sum squared resid	320.2229	
Schwarz criterion	4.439817	Log likelihood	-175.3953	
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.353290	F-statistic	0.037644	
Durbin-Watson stat	1.989384	Prob(F-statistic)	0.997243	

The p-value = 0.9970 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 4.

Lag 5

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH			
F-statistic	0.031502	Prob. F(5,77)	0.9995
Obs*R-squared	0.169435	Prob. Chi-Square(5)	0.9994

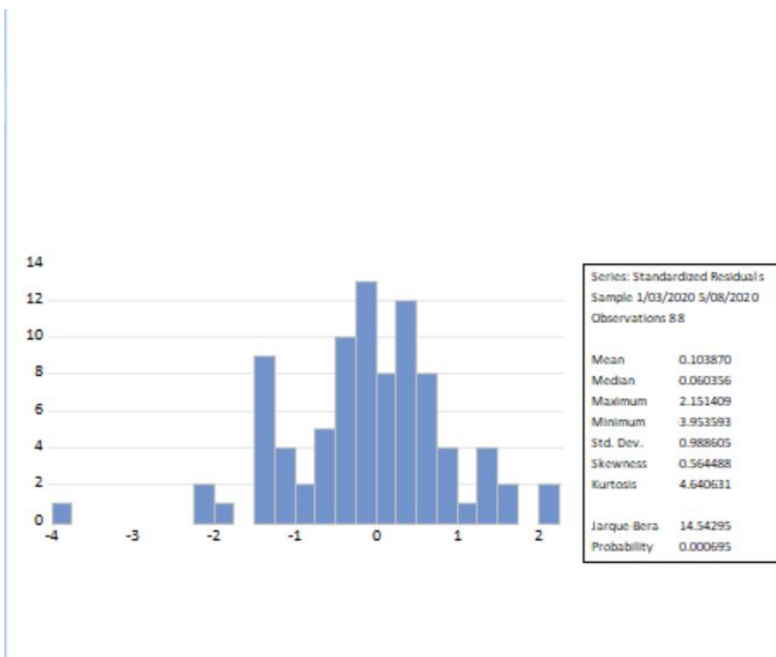
Test Equation:
 Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2
 Method: Least Squares
 Date: 05/31/20 Time: 23:35
 Sample (adjusted): 1/10/2020 5/08/2020
 Included observations: 83 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.966024	0.340801	2.834568	0.0059
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	0.022736	0.113839	0.199722	0.8422
WGT_RESID^2(-2)	-0.029527	0.113933	-0.259162	0.7962
WGT_RESID^2(-3)	0.017806	0.114031	0.156151	0.8763
WGT_RESID^2(-4)	0.017375	0.113953	0.152475	0.8792
WGT_RESID^2(-5)	-0.006392	0.113930	-0.056106	0.9554
Root MSE	1.959040	R-squared		0.002041
Mean dependent var	0.988545	Adjusted R-squared		-0.062761
S.D. dependent var	1.972964	S.E. of regression		2.033935
Akaike info criterion	4.327365	Sum squared resid		318.5407
Schwarz criterion	4.502221	Log likelihood		-173.5856
Hannan-Quinn criter.	4.397612	F-statistic		0.031502
Durbin-Watson stat	1.987100	Prob(F-statistic)		0.999482

The p-value = 0.994 > 0.05 (level of significance) and therefore we do not reject the null concluding that there is insufficient evidence to prove that there are leftover ARCH effects present in lag 5.

Appendix B2I

Standardised Residuals of GARCH(2,1)



Jarque-Bera test would be used for normality testing, hypothesis testing:

$$H_0 : \text{Skewness}(x) = 0 \text{ and Kurtosis}(x) = 3$$

$$H_1 : \text{Skewness}(x) \neq 0 \text{ or Kurtosis}(x) \neq 3$$

$$JB \text{ stat} = \frac{n}{6}(\widehat{Sk}(x)^2 + \frac{(\widehat{K}(x)-3)^2}{4}) \sim \chi^2_{(a,m)} \text{ under } H_0$$

JB stat= 14.54. Under chi square distribution, the critical value at 5% level of significance and 2 degrees of freedom, $\chi^2_{(0.05,2)}$ is 5.99. Since $14.54 > 5.99$ (JB stat $> \chi^2_{(0.05,2)}$), we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is sufficient evidence to prove that the distribution of the regression model is not normal.

Equation b:

Auxiliary regression for serial correlation : $\widehat{u}_t = \gamma_0 + \rho_1 \widehat{u}_{t-1} + \dots + \rho_{36} \widehat{u}_{t-36} + v_t$ where $i > 1$

Hypotheses: $H_0 : \rho_1 = \rho_2 = \dots = \rho_{36} = 0$ [No autocorrelation]

$H_1 : \text{any } \rho_i \neq 0$ [Autocorrelation]