Monte Carlo simulation of a QML estimation of an ARCH(1) model

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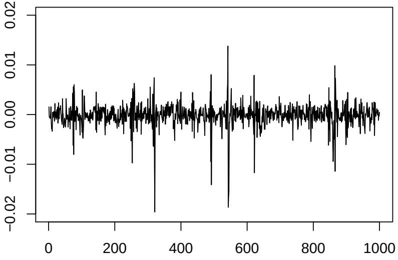
Simulated ARCH(1) process

Simulated ARCH(1) process with 1000 observations, $\alpha < 1$



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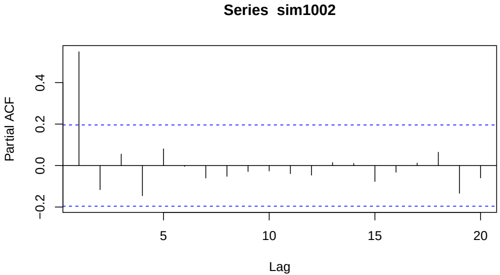
Estimation of ARCH(1) Models

ARCH(1) process ε_t has an AR(1) representation:

$$\varepsilon_t^2 = \omega + \alpha\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \eta_t, \eta_t = \sigma_t^2(Z_t^2 - 1)$$



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Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

- Assume pdf of $\varepsilon_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}$ normal

$$p(\varepsilon_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_t} \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon_t^2}{2\sigma_t^2}\right\}$$

- Log-likelihood function $l(\omega, \alpha)$:

$$l(\omega, \alpha) = \sum_{t=2}^{n} l_t(\omega, \alpha) + \log p_\varepsilon(\varepsilon_1)$$

where $l(\omega, \alpha) = \log p_\varepsilon(\varepsilon_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1})$

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

- First order conditions

$$\sum_{t=2}^{n} \frac{\partial l_t^b}{\partial \omega} = 0$$

$$\sum_{t=q+1}^{n} \frac{\partial l_t^b}{\partial \alpha} = 0$$

- Under the conditions
  1. $\mathrm{E}[Z_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = 0$ and $\mathrm{E}[Z_t^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = 1$
  2. $\mathrm{E}[log(\alpha Z_t^2)|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}] < 0$(strong stationarity)

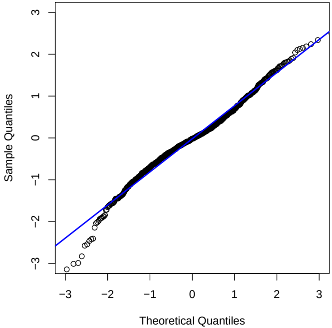
  ML estimators are consistent

Quasi Maximum likelihood Estimation (QMLE)

- Quasi ML (QML): In the case Z_t is not normally distributed, $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent, and asymptotically normally distrubuted.
- However, the estimates are not efficient and "the efficiency loss can be marked under asymmetric ... distributions" (Bollerslev and Wooldridge (1992), p. 166). The robust variance-covariance matrix of the estimates equals the (Eicker-White) sandwich estimator, i.e.

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N(0, J^{-1} I J^{-1}) \tag{1}$$

QQ Plot of standardized residuals



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Requirements

- Control over the random variables and parameters (selection of pdf for random numbers)
- Reproducibility
- Efficiency
- Documented steps

Monte Carlo Set up

- R-Package: fGarch
- Testing for different RNG: Mersenne Twister,Knuth-TAOCP-2002, Wichmann-Hill with seed=123.
- Custom function called 'simulation' which takes as input size of the dataset and returns the string of:
  1. averaged value of estimated $\hat{\alpha}$
  2. standard deviation of estimated $\hat{\alpha}$ from true parameter $\alpha = 0.9$
  3. number of $\hat{\alpha}$ which are larger or equal to 1 (evidence of the stationarity violation)

over $k = 1000$ replications for datasets of size $n = 100, 250, 500, 1000$.

Monte Carlo Set up continued

Functions used:

- fitGarch() with specified conditional distribution to be calculated with the Quasi Maximum Likelihood Estimation;
- garchSim() for simulation of ARCH(1) models.

Results of Monte Carlo Simulation

n	$k^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}\hat{\alpha}_j$	$\sqrt{k^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}(\hat{\alpha}_j-\alpha)^2}$	$\#(\alpha_j \geq 1)$
100	0.824	0.209	34.5%
250	0.868	0.130	23.2%
500	0.880	0.095	17.3%
1000	0.890	0.073	7.4%

Table 1: RNG: Mersenne Twister

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Results with other RNG

n	$k^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}\hat{\alpha}_j$	$\sqrt{k^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}(\hat{\alpha}_j-\alpha)^2}$	$\#(\alpha_j \geq 1)$
100	0.820	0.207	30.1%
250	0.869	0.128	24.1%
500	0.883	0.097	17.2%
1000	0.890	0.072	9.3%

Table 2: RNG: Knuth-TAOCP-2002

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Results with other RNG

n	$k^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}\hat{\alpha}_j$	$\sqrt{k^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k}(\hat{\alpha}_j-\alpha)^2}$	$\#(\alpha_j \geq 1)$
100	0.822	0.207	31.1%
250	0.868	0.132	24.5%
500	0.884	0.096	17.9%
1000	0.896	0.070	9.7%

Table 3: RNG: Wichmann-Hill

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