

# Macroeconomic Model of Credit Losses for Two Loan Portfolios

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## Abstract

We propose a dynamic macroeconomic model of credit risk for multiple portfolios with two factors for each portfolio. We follow the common approach that the credit risk on a loan portfolio can be decomposed into a probability of default and a loss given default and assume that both are driven by two underlying factors: one common for all borrowers in the portfolio and one individual for each single borrower. Our model additionally to the current research estimates the interconnectedness of the portfolios through the risk factors and enhances the current research by introducing dynamics and incorporating the external (macroeconomic) influence. We estimate the model on a set of two large real estate loan portfolios (one residential and one commercial) and show how the portfolios are interconnected and how the credit risk is influenced by macroeconomic environment.

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## 1. Introduction

At the end of the last decade, when the financial crisis fully hit the US economy, losses from real estate loans in the US increased ten times, compared with the period of economic growth ending in 2007. The aim of our paper is to investigate the risk factors, which drove the increase of delinquencies and charge-offs of residential and commercial real estate loans and estimate the interconnectedness of the residential and commercial mortgage portfolios.

The recent research clearly proved that there is an obvious relationship between the state of the economy and the credit risk. Hamerle et al. (Hamerle, Dartsch, Jobst, & Plank, 2011) showed on a bond portfolio the necessity of taking into account changes in macroeconomic environment. Similarly, (Sommar & Shahnazarian, 2009) used the vector error correction model to estimate the dependency of expected default frequency of a portfolio of nonfinancial listed companies on several macroeconomic factors, from which they found the most influencing the interest rate. The mentioned results are in line with the findings of Pesaran et al. (Pesaran, Schuermann, Treutler, & Weiner, 2003) or Virolainen (Virolainen, 2004).

To this end, we propose a credit risk model based on Merton's assumption that credit risk is driven by underlying risk factors (Merton, 1974). We derive a Merton-Vasicek type of the loss distribution (Vasicek, 1987) with several extensions, of which the most important is the inclusion of macroeconomic environment. Our model converts default (or delinquency) rate and a real experienced percentage loss (or loss given default) on a portfolio into underlying factors. Our proposed methodology is conceptually similar to the approaches of Frye (Frye, 2000), Pykhtin (Pykhtin, 2003), Jimenez & Mencia (Jimenez & Mencia, 2009) or Witzany (Witzany, 2011) with the difference that in our approach, we study the interconnectedness of all factors and take into account the relevance of external (macroeconomic) conditions. On the other hand the studies examining the relationship between the credit risk and the macroeconomic environment, e.g. Pesaran (Pesaran, Schuermann, Treutler, & Weiner, 2003), do not decompose the credit risk into a multi-factor matrix.

Our approach brings a further extension of the abovementioned frameworks in three ways. First, we introduce dynamics in the underlying risk factors. Second, we use the cointegration analysis to find a relationship between common factors and the external (macroeconomic) environment. Also the approach to the estimation of the interconnectedness of multiple portfolios is an enhancement.

We estimate the model on a dataset of US nationwide residential and commercial real estate loan portfolios 30+ delinquencies (loans more than 30 days past due) and charge-off (net charge-offs of loans from books) rates. The cointegration analysis of underlying risk factors and macroeconomic variables such as GDP, unemployment, HPI, personal income, etc... clearly shows that the risk performance of a loan portfolio is linked to the macroeconomic environment. Additionally, our analysis shows that there exists a complex interconnectedness between loan portfolios, commercial and residential mortgages in our case.

The paper is organized as follows. In the following section we provide a description of the model methodology. In Section 3 we describe the data, the empirical analysis and our results. Finally, Section 4 concludes.

## 2. The Model

Similarly to Vasicek (Vasicek, 1987), we assume that the default of a loan happens when

$$A < B$$

where  $A$  is the value the debtor's (hypothetical) assets and  $B$  is the value of his debts. The recovery rate is, in line with Pykhtin (Pykhtin, 2003) computed as

$$R = \frac{\min(P, p)}{p} = \min(p^{-1}P, 1)$$

where  $p$  is the outstanding principle of the loan and  $P$  is the price of the collateral.

As it is usual, we assume that

$$a = \exp\{X + Z\}, \quad P = \exp\{H + E\}$$

where  $X, H$  are the common factors, and  $Z, E$  are mutually independent normally distributed individual factors, specific for each loan. For simplicity, we assume that  $B$  is common for all loans in the portfolio.

If the loan portfolio is large and homogeneous, then the default rate (sometimes imprecisely referenced as probability of default - PD) of a large homogeneous loan portfolio may be approximated as

$$Q = \frac{\text{number of defaults}}{\text{number of loans}} \doteq \mathbb{P}[A < B|Y] = \varphi(-Y), \quad Y = \frac{X - \log B}{\rho}$$

where  $\varphi$  is a standard normal c.d.f. and  $\rho$  is the standard deviation of  $Z$ . The loss given default (LGD) - another quantity of usual interest - comes out as

$$G = \frac{\text{total loss of portfolio}}{\text{number of defaults}} \doteq \mathbb{E}[1 - R|I] = 1 - \mathbb{E}[\min(\exp\{I + E\}, 1)] = \eta(I; \sigma)$$

$$I = H - \log p, \quad \eta(l; \sigma) = e^l \int_{-\infty}^{-l} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) e^x dx = \varphi\left(-\frac{l}{\sigma}\right) - \exp\left\{l + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right\} \varphi\left(-\frac{l}{\sigma} - \sigma\right)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of  $E$ . For more detailed explanation, see Gapko and Šmíd (Gapko & Šmíd, 2012) or Šmíd and Dufek (Šmíd & Dufek, 2016).

As for the dynamics, we suppose that the vector  $(X, B, H)$  follows a VAR model, i.e.

$$(X_t, B_t, H_t) = \Gamma U_t + \mathcal{E}_t$$

where  $\Gamma$  is unknown deterministic matrix parameter,  $\mathcal{E}_t$  is a Gaussian white noise and the regressors  $U_t$  are allowed to include constants, trends, lagged values and exogenous variables. Consequently,

$$Q_t = \varphi(-Y_t) = \varphi(-[\Gamma^Q U_t + \epsilon_{1,t}]),$$

$$G_t = \eta(I_t; \sigma) = \eta(\Gamma^G U_t + \epsilon_{2,t}; \sigma)$$

for some vector parameters  $\Gamma^Q$  and  $\Gamma^G$  and a Gaussian white noise  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ .

Once  $Q_t$  and  $G_t$  are observable, the factors might be got by transformation

$$Y_t = -\varphi^{-1}(Q_t), \quad I_t = \eta^{-1}(G_t; \sigma)$$

where the (unknown) value of  $\sigma$  might be guessed e.g. from the volatility of a house price index and the average default rate - see the Appendix for details. Consequently, the parameters  $\Gamma^*$  and the variance matrix of  $\epsilon$  may be estimated by standard techniques. For the proof of strict monotonicity of  $\eta(\bullet; \sigma)$ , see Appendix of Gapko and Šmíd (Gapko & Šmíd, 2012).

If, instead of  $G_t$ , the charge-off rate

$$L_t = \frac{\text{total credit loss in the portfolio}}{\text{number of loans in the portfolio}}$$

is observed,  $G_t$  may be easily computed using the relation  $L_t = Q_t G_t$ .

### 3. Data and Empirical Estimation

#### 3.1 Data description

The dataset used consists of four time series, namely residential and commercial mortgage delinquency rates, which are proportions of loans more than 30 days past due (30+) on the total balance, and residential and commercial mortgage charge off rates, which are proportions of charged off loans (net of recoveries) on the average total balance. The dataset was downloaded from the United States Federal Reserve System and thus includes the US nationwide statistics. The time period covered ranges from 1991 to 2016 in a quarterly granularity.

Table 4.1 and Figure 4.1 summarize descriptive statistics and show the time series of the input data. The 30+ delinquency rates were used as proxy metrics for default rates and the charge-off rates represent real losses from the unpaid balance. From the Figure 4.1 it is obvious that the time series are correlated. Also, the recent economic crisis, which started in the US in late 2007 and impacted the US mortgage and real estate markets excessively is visible, as all time series rocketed up to multiples of their preceding values between 2007 and 2010.

| Statistic          | 30+ delinquency rate residential | Charge-off rate residential | 30+ delinquency rate commercial | Charge-off rate commercial |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mean value         | 0.041188                         | 0.004693                    | 0.038408                        | 0.009065                   |
| Median             | 0.023051                         | 0.001584                    | 0.022500                        | 0.002884                   |
| Minimum            | 0.013358                         | 0.000673                    | 0.008500                        | 0.000100                   |
| Maximum            | 0.110150                         | 0.027057                    | 0.120600                        | 0.036297                   |
| Standard deviation | 0.030813                         | 0.006504                    | 0.031300                        | 0.010536                   |
| Variance           | 0.74810                          | 1.3858                      | 0.81495                         | 1.1623                     |
| Skewness           | 1.1154                           | 1.8399                      | 1.1312                          | 1.1850                     |
| Excess kurtosis    | -0.332530                        | 2.1346                      | 0.091479                        | -0.082452                  |
| 5% percentile      | 0.010670                         | 0.001345                    | 0.015785                        | 0.0008                     |
| 95% percentile     | 0.11055                          | 0.031084                    | 0.10596                         | 0.02177                    |

Table 3.1: Descriptive statistics of input data

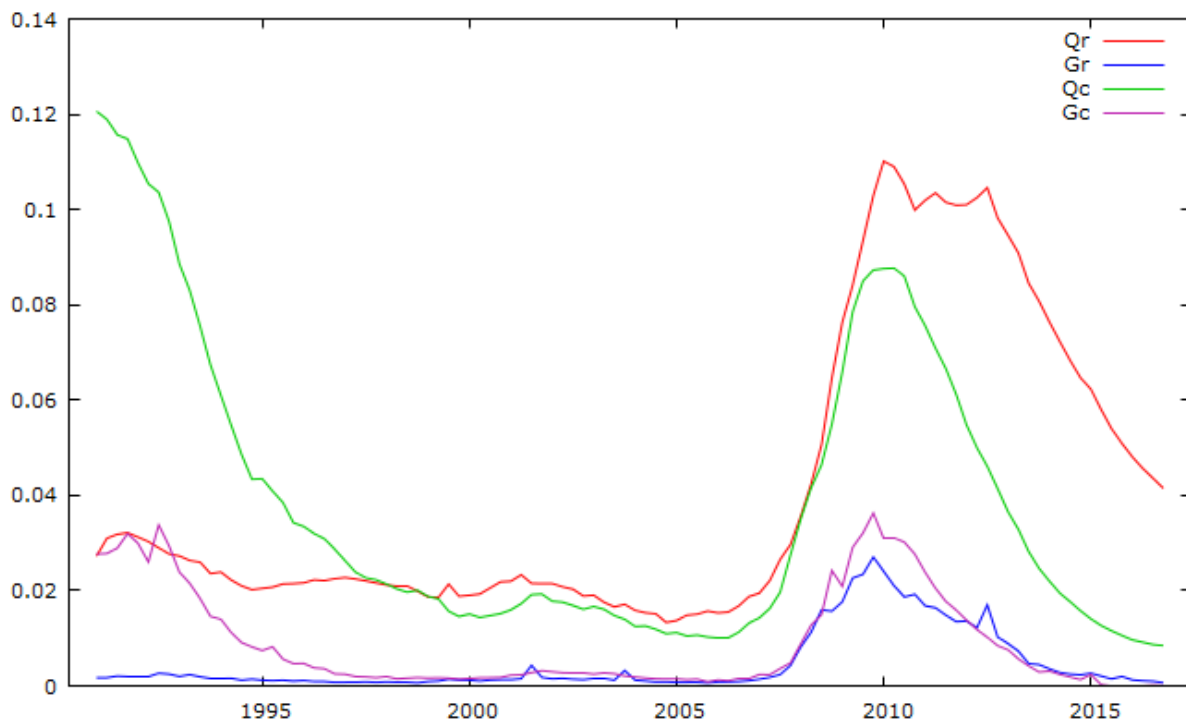


Figure 3.1: Development of the 30+ delinquency rates (Qr = residential, Qc = commercial) and charge-off rates (Gr = residential, Gc = commercial)

### 3.2 Underlying factors extraction

As the first step in the empirical estimation we extracted the underlying factors by the method described in Section 2. Because the individual factors disappear as a result of application of the central limit theorem, we received four extracted common factors, one for each of the input datasets. The resulting time series of the extracted common factors  $Y$  (default rate) and  $I$  (loss given default) for both commercial ( $Y_c$ ,  $I_c$ ) and residential ( $Y_r$ ,  $I_r$ ) mortgage portfolios are illustrated in Figure 3.2. Similarly to the original input dataset, there is a strong visual correlation, especially between  $Y_r$  and  $Y_c$ , and  $I_r$  and  $I_c$ . This provides us with the basis for the exact estimation of the interconnectedness of the four factors.

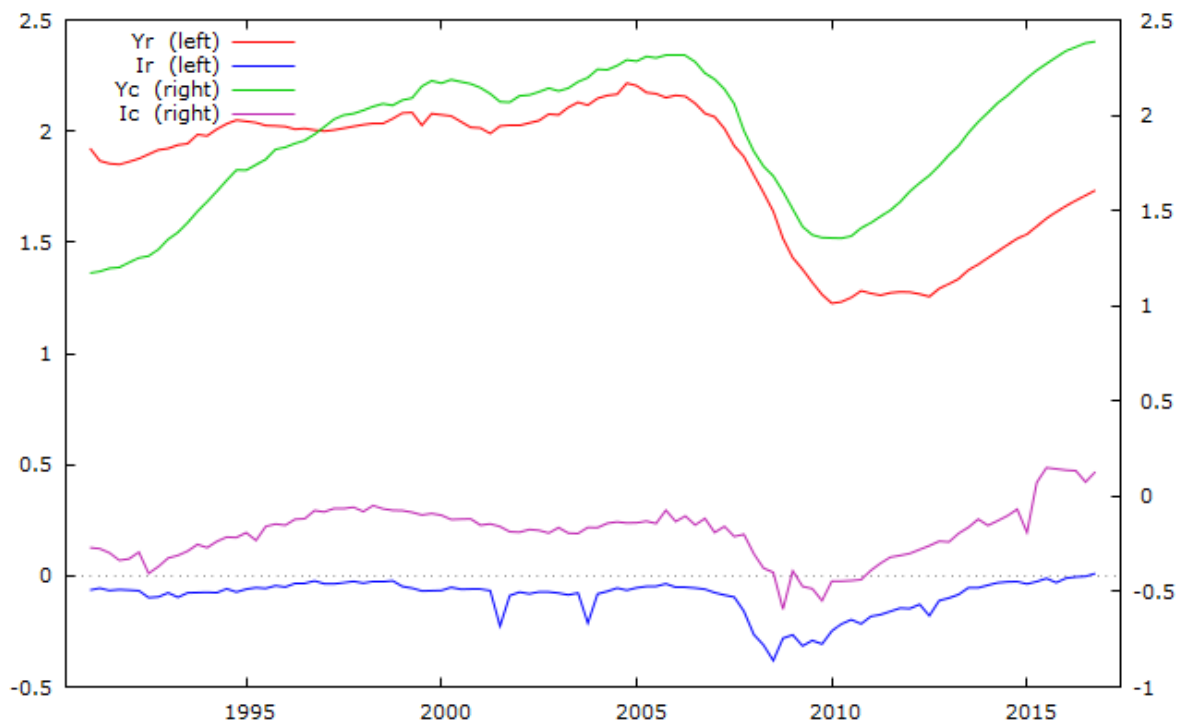


Figure 3.2: The development of the extracted common factors  $Y_r$  and  $I_r$  (left axis), and  $Y_c$  and  $I_c$  (right axis)

### 3.3 Estimation of interconnectedness of factors and macroeconomic environment

After the extraction of the factors we studied the interconnectedness of the factors and the macroeconomic environment. In our setting, the macroeconomic environment was represented by a set of variables, namely the FED base interest rate, unemployment, GDP, personal income, industrial production and the Case-Shiller HPI index. The macroeconomic variables were chosen to reflect our expectations, i.e. that the default rates are suspected to be driven by the wealth, which was represented by the GDP, unemployment, personal income and industrial production. The HPI index and the interest rate on the other hand are expected to be a driver of property prices, i.e. determine the charge-off rate. In the choice of the macroeconomic factors we were inspired by Pesaran (Pesaran, Schuermann,

Treutler, & Weiner, 2003). All time series of macroeconomic variables were obtained from the FED. The analysis was performed on logarithms of all variables and was executed in several steps:

- First, the cointegration was tested for individual factors and the set of macroeconomic variables by the Engle-Granger test
- Second, the cointegration rank were tested for all factors and macroeconomic variables jointly
- Finally, the VECM model for all factors and significant macroeconomic variables was estimated

During the cointegration analysis of individual factors and macroeconomic drivers we focused on the significance of individual variables and also on the simplicity of the cointegrating relationship as the analysis was used in the second step to determine the cointegration rank of all factors and macroeconomic variables jointly.

The cointegration requires the cointegrated variables to be non-stationary. The ADF test of stationarity confirmed on the 90% probability level that all variables were non-stationary. The Engle-Granger cointegration test of individual factors and macroeconomic variables revealed that there exists a strong cointegration among macroeconomic variables and factors Yc, Ic and Ir on a 90% probability level. Only the cointegration among macroeconomic variables and the factor Yr was not confirmed as the stationarity of residuals from the cointegrating regression was rejected. The economic interpretation of the non-significant cointegration here might be that the default rate of individuals was one of the key triggers of particularly the 2007-2009 economic crisis in the United States. The key results of the ADF stationarity tests as well as the results of the Engle-Granger cointegration tests for individual factors is summarized in Table 3.2 and Table 3.3, resp. Details can be found in the Appendix.

| Variable                   | P-value of the ADF unit root test | Stationarity accepted/rejected |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ic                         | 0.8729                            | Rejected                       |
| Ir                         | 0.5209                            | Rejected                       |
| Yc                         | 0.1895                            | Rejected                       |
| Yr                         | 0.1133                            | Rejected                       |
| U (unemployment)           | 0.9708                            | Rejected                       |
| PI (personal income)       | 0.7884                            | Rejected                       |
| IP (industrial production) | 0.8330                            | Rejected                       |
| GDP                        | 0.9309                            | Rejected                       |
| HPI                        | 0.9738                            | Rejected                       |
| FEDR (FED interest rate)   | 0.0048                            | Accepted                       |

Table 3.2: Results of the ADF stationarity tests

| Variable | Ic         | Ir         | Yc         | Yr         |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Constant | 30.951 *** | 24.052 *** | 22.833 *** | -0.191     |
| U        | -0.369 *** | 0.022      | -0.562 *** | -0.883 *** |
| PI       | -1.815 *** | -1.095 *** | -4.687 *** | -          |
| IP       | 2.118 ***  | 2.173 ***  | 4.047 ***  | -          |
| GDP      | -2.797 *** | -2.899 *** | -          | -          |

|                                      |           |           |           |            |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| HPI                                  | 0.299 *** | 0.400 *** | 0.660 *** | 0.858 ***  |
| FEDR                                 | -         | -         | -         | -0.055 *** |
| Time                                 | 0.030 *** | 0.024 *** | 0.033 *** | -0.012 *** |
| R-square                             | 83.7%     | 76.5%     | 90.9%     | 95.4%      |
| Residuals ADF unit root test p-value | 0.013     | 0.012     | 0.079     | 0.267      |

Table 3.3: Results of the Engle-Granger cointegration regressions (significance: \* - 90%, \*\* - 95%, \*\*\* - 99%)

In the second step we performed the Johansen cointegration test for all factors and a set of macroeconomic variables resulting from the Engle-Granger tests for individual factors, namely GDP, IP and HPI. The trace and the Lmax tests show that there are three cointegrating relationships in the system as depicted in Table 3.4 (see Appendix for detailed results).

| Rank | Eigenvalue | Trace test | p-value | Lmax test | p-value |
|------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 0    | 0.389      | 183.060    | 0.000   | 50.237    | 0.038   |
| 1    | 0.368      | 132.830    | 0.000   | 46.770    | 0.017   |
| 2    | 0.302      | 86.057     | 0.013   | 36.622    | 0.054   |
| 3    | 0.222      | 49.436     | 0.147   | 25.567    | 0.196   |
| 4    | 0.162      | 23.869     | 0.460   | 18.020    | 0.281   |
| 5    | 0.048      | 5.849      | 0.876   | 5.001     | 0.895   |
| 6    | 0.008      | 0.848      | 0.357   | 0.848     | 0.357   |

Table 3.4: Results of the Johansen cointegration test for all  $I_c$ ,  $I_r$ ,  $Y_c$ ,  $Y_r$ , GDP, IP and HPI.

In the last step, we estimated the VECM model, which allows to include both endogenous and exogenous variables. In our case, we included all variables (i.e. the four factors, GDP, IP and HPI) as endogenous. Furthermore, we also tested for significance a set of exogenous macroeconomic variables. The resulting setting of the estimated VECM is summarized in the Table 3.5.  $EC_n$  represents the error correction term of the  $n$ -th VECM equation.



| Variable    | lc         | lr         | Yc         | Yr         |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Constant    | -          | -          | -0.932 *   | -4.005 *** |
| lc (lag1)   | -0.351 *** | -          | -          | -          |
| lr (lag1)   | -          | -0.225 *** | -          | -0.200 *** |
| Yc (lag1)   | 0.414 **   | 0.619 ***  | 0.581 ***  | -          |
| HPI (lag1)  | -1.149 *** | 0.881 ***  | 0.677 ***  | -          |
| GDP (lag1)  | -          | -1.386 **  | -          | -          |
| FEDR (lag1) | -0.010 *** | 0.008 ***  | -0.004 *** | -0.015 *** |
| EC1         | -0.187 *** | 0.143 ***  | 0.108 ***  | 0.029      |
| EC2         | 0.320 ***  | -0.396 *** | -          | 0.392 ***  |
| EC3         | 0.163 **   | -          | -0.122 *** | 0.131 ***  |

Table 3.5: Results of the VECM estimation (significance: \* - 90%, \*\* - 95%, \*\*\* - 99%)

The resulting VECM model confirmed strong interconnectedness of the factors and the macroeconomic environment. The final VECM model can be used to estimate the future value of the factors given the macroeconomic factors and thus predict the credit risk under various macroeconomic scenarios.

## 4. Conclusion

We constructed a multi-period multi-portfolio dynamic macroeconomic model of credit losses. We estimated the presented model on a large U.S. national portfolio of residential and commercial mortgage loans. The empirical analysis showed that there exists a clear and estimable relationship between the credit risk and the macroeconomic environment. Additionally, we proved that the default rate on the portfolio and the loss given default are not independent, as well as there exists interconnectedness between portfolios. Thus a reasonable model of credit risk has to incorporate the interconnectedness between defaults (represented e.g. by a probability of default) and losses (or, in other words, loss given default) and among risk factors of different portfolios. Finally we demonstrated the possibility of prediction of the credit risk.

The proposed model describes the interconnectedness of the credit risk in the loan book consisting of multiple portfolios with the macroeconomic environment and predicts the credit risk. Additionally, the model, thanks to an inclusion of macroeconomic variables, is capable of estimating potential future development of the portfolio based on different macroeconomic assumptions and therefore can be used as a tool for macroeconomic stress testing. Given all the possible applications, the model can be used as a model of economic capital within a financial institution.

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## Appendix

### Determination of $\sigma$

Assume that, at time  $t$ , the portfolio contains multiple “generations” of loans namely the loans originated at  $t - 1, t - 2, \dots, t - k$  (the loans older than  $k$  are no longer present in the portfolio). Assume further that the inflow of fresh loans into the portfolio is constant in time. Finally, assume that all the collaterals securing loans from the generation which started at  $s$  have been bought for the same price  $\exp\{H_s\}$  and that the price of each of them at  $t$  is  $\exp\{H_t + (S_t - S_s)\}$  where  $S$  is a normal random walk, specific to the loan, with variance  $\theta^2$ ,

Denote  $G_t$  the age of a loan randomly chosen at  $t$ . Clearly, after  $k$  periods, the ratio of the generations within the portfolio is:  $(1 - q) : \dots : (1 - q)^{k-1}$ , which uniquely determines  $\pi_i = \mathbb{P}[G_t = i]$ .

Let  $P_t$  be the price of a randomly chosen collateral. By the Law of Iterated Variance, we then get

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}^2 &= \text{var}(\log P_t | H) = \text{var}(\mathbb{E}(\log P_t | G_t, H) | H) + \mathbb{E}(\text{var}(\log P_t | G_t, H) | H) \\ &= \text{var}(\mathbb{E}(S_t - S_G | G, H) | H) + \mathbb{E}(\text{var}(S_t - S_G | G, H) | H) = \theta^2 \mathbb{E}G_t = \theta^2 \sum_{i=1}^k i \pi_i,\end{aligned}$$

Even though the  $\mathcal{L}(\log P_t | H)$  is a mixture of normal distributions rather than a normal distribution, it is thin tailed so it will not make a big harm to approximate it by  $N(H_t, \tilde{\sigma}^2)$ .

### Results of the ADF tests and the Engle-Granger cointegration tests for individual factors

#### Testing for a unit root in Ic

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Dickey-Fuller test for Ic
sample size 103
unit-root null hypothesis: a = 1

with constant and trend
model: (1-L)y = b0 + b1*t + (a-1)*y(-1) + e
estimated value of (a - 1): -0.0497293
test statistic: tau_ct(1) = -1.33714
p-value 0.8729
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.275
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#### Testing for a unit root in Ir

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Dickey-Fuller test for Ir
sample size 103
unit-root null hypothesis: a = 1

with constant and trend
model: (1-L)y = b0 + b1*t + (a-1)*y(-1) + e
estimated value of (a - 1): -0.100647
test statistic: tau_ct(1) = -2.13345
p-value 0.5209
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.170
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#### Testing for a unit root in Yc

```
Augmented Dickey-Fuller test for Yc
including 2 lags of (1-L)Yc
sample size 101
unit-root null hypothesis: a = 1
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with constant and trend  
 model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + \dots + e$   
 estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.0184176  
 test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(1) = -2.82117$   
 asymptotic p-value 0.1895  
 1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.032  
 lagged differences:  $F(2, 96) = 134.873$  [0.0000]

#### Testing for a unit root in Yr

Augmented Dickey-Fuller test for Yr  
 including 3 lags of  $(1-L)Yr$   
 sample size 100  
 unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

with constant and trend  
 model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + \dots + e$   
 estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.0293095  
 test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(1) = -3.07102$   
 asymptotic p-value 0.1133  
 1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.021  
 lagged differences:  $F(3, 94) = 46.857$  [0.0000]

#### Testing for a unit root in U

Dickey-Fuller test for U  
 sample size 103  
 unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

with constant and trend  
 model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + e$   
 estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.0128755  
 test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(1) = -0.690306$   
 p-value 0.9708  
 1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: 0.675

#### Testing for a unit root in PI

Dickey-Fuller test for PI  
 sample size 103  
 unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

with constant and trend  
 model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + e$   
 estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.0428271  
 test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(1) = -1.5951$   
 p-value 0.7884  
 1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.148

#### Testing for a unit root in IP

Dickey-Fuller test for IP  
 sample size 103  
 unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

with constant and trend  
 model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + e$   
 estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.0262377  
 test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(1) = -1.47207$   
 p-value 0.833  
 1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: 0.503

#### Testing for a unit root in GDP

Dickey-Fuller test for GDP  
 sample size 103  
 unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

with constant and trend  
 model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + e$

estimated value of (a - 1): -0.0141484  
test statistic: tau\_ct(1) = -1.05409  
p-value 0.9309  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: 0.322

#### Testing for a unit root in HPIr

Dickey-Fuller test for HPIr  
sample size 103  
unit-root null hypothesis: a = 1

with constant and trend  
model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + e$   
estimated value of (a - 1): -0.00810067  
test statistic: tau\_ct(1) = -0.646854  
p-value 0.9738  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: 0.750

#### Testing for a unit root in FEDR

Augmented Dickey-Fuller test for FEDR  
including 3 lags of (1-L)FEDR  
sample size 100  
unit-root null hypothesis: a = 1

with constant and trend  
model:  $(1-L)y = b_0 + b_1t + (a-1)y(-1) + \dots + e$   
estimated value of (a - 1): -0.0898696  
test statistic: tau\_ct(1) = -4.17634  
asymptotic p-value 0.004789  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.005

#### Cointegrating regression - OLS, using observations 1991:1-2016:4 (T = 104) Dependent variable: Ic

|                    | coefficient | std. error         | t-ratio | p-value   |     |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| const              | 30.9510     | 3.15466            | 9.811   | 3.43e-016 | *** |
| U                  | -0.369376   | 0.0651256          | -5.672  | 1.46e-07  | *** |
| PI                 | -1.81483    | 0.573778           | -3.163  | 0.0021    | *** |
| IP                 | 2.11787     | 0.324598           | 6.525   | 3.10e-09  | *** |
| GDP                | -2.79685    | 0.539503           | -5.184  | 1.18e-06  | *** |
| HPIr               | 0.299283    | 0.0806026          | 3.713   | 0.0003    | *** |
| time               | 0.0298391   | 0.00283753         | 10.52   | 1.04e-017 | *** |
| Mean dependent var | -0.190888   | S.D. dependent var |         | 0.144941  |     |
| Sum squared resid  | 0.332984    | S.E. of regression |         | 0.058590  |     |
| R-squared          | 0.846113    | Adjusted R-squared |         | 0.836594  |     |
| Log-likelihood     | 151.1211    | Akaike criterion   |         | -288.2422 |     |
| Schwarz criterion  | -269.7314   | Hannan-Quinn       |         | -280.7429 |     |
| rho                | 0.510871    | Durbin-Watson      |         | 0.977351  |     |

#### Testing for a unit root in uhat

Dickey-Fuller test for uhat  
sample size 103  
unit-root null hypothesis: a = 1

model:  $(1-L)y = (a-1)y(-1) + e$   
estimated value of (a - 1): -0.489129  
test statistic: tau\_ct(6) = -5.70672  
p-value 0.01346  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.047

#### Cointegrating regression - OLS, using observations 1991:1-2016:4 (T = 104) Dependent variable: Ir

|       | coefficient | std. error | t-ratio | p-value |
|-------|-------------|------------|---------|---------|
| ----- |             |            |         |         |

|       |           |            |        |               |
|-------|-----------|------------|--------|---------------|
| const | 24.0517   | 2.08559    | 11.53  | 6.89e-020 *** |
| U     | 0.0223668 | 0.0430554  | 0.5195 | 0.6046        |
| PI    | -1.09478  | 0.379333   | -2.886 | 0.0048 ***    |
| IP    | 2.17336   | 0.214596   | 10.13  | 7.11e-017 *** |
| GDP   | -2.89900  | 0.356673   | -8.128 | 1.43e-012 *** |
| HPIr  | 0.399876  | 0.0532875  | 7.504  | 2.99e-011 *** |
| time  | 0.0243888 | 0.00187593 | 13.00  | 5.67e-023 *** |

|                    |           |                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Mean dependent var | -0.092010 | S.D. dependent var | 0.079836  |
| Sum squared resid  | 0.145538  | S.E. of regression | 0.038735  |
| R-squared          | 0.778312  | Adjusted R-squared | 0.764600  |
| Log-likelihood     | 194.1593  | Akaike criterion   | -374.3186 |
| Schwarz criterion  | -355.8079 | Hannan-Quinn       | -366.8193 |
| rho                | 0.511374  | Durbin-Watson      | 0.971527  |

Testing for a unit root in uhat

Dickey-Fuller test for uhat

sample size 103

unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

model:  $(1-L)y = (a-1)*y(-1) + e$   
estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.488626  
test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(6) = -5.73702$   
p-value 0.0124  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.056

**Cointegrating regression -**

**OLS, using observations 1991:1-2016:4 (T = 104)**

**Dependent variable: Yc**

|       | coefficient | std. error | t-ratio | p-value   |     |
|-------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| const | 22.8334     | 5.70629    | 4.001   | 0.0001    | *** |
| U     | -0.562029   | 0.0933475  | -6.021  | 3.02e-08  | *** |
| PI    | -4.68746    | 0.800614   | -5.855  | 6.37e-08  | *** |
| IP    | 4.04688     | 0.452070   | 8.952   | 2.27e-014 | *** |
| HPIr  | 0.659988    | 0.112513   | 5.866   | 6.06e-08  | *** |
| time  | 0.0334555   | 0.00460100 | 7.271   | 8.78e-011 | *** |

|                    |           |                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Mean dependent var | 1.883028  | S.D. dependent var | 0.353531  |
| Sum squared resid  | 1.108573  | S.E. of regression | 0.106358  |
| R-squared          | 0.913886  | Adjusted R-squared | 0.909493  |
| Log-likelihood     | 88.57890  | Akaike criterion   | -165.1578 |
| Schwarz criterion  | -149.2915 | Hannan-Quinn       | -158.7299 |
| rho                | 0.859357  | Durbin-Watson      | 0.256658  |

Step 7: testing for a unit root in uhat

Augmented Dickey-Fuller test for uhat

including 2 lags of  $(1-L)uhat$

sample size 101

unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

model:  $(1-L)y = (a-1)*y(-1) + \dots + e$   
estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.233003  
test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(5) = -4.53415$   
asymptotic p-value 0.07904  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: -0.018  
lagged differences:  $F(2, 98) = 8.805$  [0.0003]

**Cointegrating regression -**

**OLS, using observations 1991:1-2016:4 (T = 104)**

**Dependent variable: Yr**

|       | coefficient | std. error | t-ratio | p-value       |  |
|-------|-------------|------------|---------|---------------|--|
| const | -0.190922   | 0.307739   | -0.6204 | 0.5364        |  |
| U     | -0.882586   | 0.0421590  | -20.93  | 3.85e-038 *** |  |
| HPIr  | 0.858367    | 0.0553383  | 15.51   | 3.00e-028 *** |  |
| FEDR  | -0.0552038  | 0.00661670 | -8.343  | 4.39e-013 *** |  |

|                    |            |                    |           |               |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
| time               | -0.0116112 | 0.000453633        | -25.60    | 1.92e-045 *** |
| Mean dependent var | 1.825992   | S.D. dependent var | 0.310982  |               |
| Sum squared resid  | 0.436184   | S.E. of regression | 0.066377  |               |
| R-squared          | 0.956211   | Adjusted R-squared | 0.954442  |               |
| Log-likelihood     | 137.0827   | Akaike criterion   | -264.1654 |               |
| Schwarz criterion  | -250.9435  | Hannan-Quinn       | -258.8088 |               |
| rho                | 0.868036   | Durbin-Watson      | 0.254628  |               |

Testing for a unit root in uhat

Augmented Dickey-Fuller test for uhat  
including 3 lags of (1-L)uhat  
sample size 100  
unit-root null hypothesis:  $a = 1$

model:  $(1-L)y = (a-1)*y(-1) + \dots + e$   
estimated value of  $(a - 1)$ : -0.195126  
test statistic:  $\tau_{ct}(4) = -3.64373$   
asymptotic p-value 0.2673  
1st-order autocorrelation coeff. for e: 0.050  
lagged differences:  $F(3, 96) = 2.247$  [0.0877]

## Results of the Johansen cointegration test

**Johansen test: Variables Yr, Yc, Ic, Ir, GDP, IP, HPI**

Number of equations = 7

Lag order = 2

Estimation period: 1991:3 - 2016:4 (T = 102)

Case 5: Unrestricted trend and constant

Log-likelihood = 2376.42 (including constant term: 2086.95)

| Rank | Eigenvalue | Trace test | p-value  | Lmax test | p-value  |
|------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 0    | 0.38892    | 183.06     | [0.0000] | 50.237    | [0.0381] |
| 1    | 0.36779    | 132.83     | [0.0003] | 46.770    | [0.0166] |
| 2    | 0.30165    | 86.057     | [0.0127] | 36.622    | [0.0537] |
| 3    | 0.22171    | 49.436     | [0.1473] | 25.567    | [0.1958] |
| 4    | 0.16194    | 23.869     | [0.4597] | 18.020    | [0.2807] |
| 5    | 0.047844   | 5.8487     | [0.8762] | 5.0007    | [0.8952] |
| 6    | 0.0082792  | 0.84799    | [0.3571] | 0.84799   | [0.3571] |

Corrected for sample size (df = 86)

| Rank | Trace test | p-value  |
|------|------------|----------|
| 0    | 183.06     | [0.0000] |
| 1    | 132.83     | [0.0006] |
| 2    | 86.057     | [0.0175] |
| 3    | 49.436     | [0.1624] |
| 4    | 23.869     | [0.4691] |
| 5    | 5.8487     | [0.8767] |
| 6    | 0.84799    | [0.3636] |