

Empirical Methods HW3

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Problem 2.1

$$e_t = e_{t-1} + x_t \implies x_t = e_t - e_{t-1} \quad x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \quad y_t \equiv e_t - e_{t-4}$$

$$x_t = e_t - e_{t-1} = \phi x_{t-1} + \epsilon_t = \epsilon_t, \text{ for } \phi = 0$$

$$x_t = \epsilon_t = e_t - e_{t-1}$$

$$\epsilon_{t-1} = e_{t-1} - e_{t-2}$$

$$\epsilon_{t-2} = e_{t-2} - e_{t-3}$$

$$\epsilon_{t-3} = e_{t-3} - e_{t-4}$$

$$y_t = \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3} = e_t - e_{t-4}$$

$$E[y_t] = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0, \text{ Find } Cov(y_t, y_{t-j}) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$j = 0, Cov(y_t, y_t) = Var(y_t) = \epsilon_t^2 + \epsilon_{t-1}^2 + \epsilon_{t-2}^2 + \epsilon_{t-3}^2 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$$

$$j = 1, Cov(y_t, y_{t-1}) = E[y_t y_{t-1}] - E[y_t]E[y_{t-1}] = E[y_t y_{t-1}] - 0 =$$

$$E[(\epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3})(\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3} + \epsilon_{t-4})], \quad E[\epsilon_i \epsilon_j] = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$$\implies E[\epsilon_{t-1}^2 + \epsilon_{t-2}^2 + \epsilon_{t-3}^2] = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

$$\text{Similarly, } j = 2, Cov(y_t, y_{t-2}) = E[(\epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3})(\epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3} + \epsilon_{t-4} + \epsilon_{t-5})]$$

$$= E[\epsilon_{t-2}^2 + \epsilon_{t-3}^2] = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{Again, } j = 3, Cov(y_t, y_{t-3}) = E[\epsilon_{t-3}^2] = 1$$

$$j = 4, Cov(y_t, y_{t-4}) = 0, \quad j = 5, Cov(y_t, y_{t-5}) = 0$$

Problem 2.2

The autocovariance drops to 0 after 3 lags. So the for every value after 3 it isn't correlated to y_t . With $\phi = 0$ We get the AR(0), this is a MA(3) then. So we have a ARMA(0,3).

Problem 3

1.

$$Var(R_{t+1}^e) = \beta^2 Var(x_t) + Var(\epsilon_{t+1}) = 1 * (0.05)^2 + 0.15^2 = 0.025 = \sqrt{0.025} = .15811$$

2.

$$R^2 = \rho^2 = \left(\frac{\text{Cov}(R_{t+1}^e, x_t)}{\sigma_{R_{t+1}^e} \sigma_{x_t}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\text{Cov}(\beta x_t + \epsilon_{t-1}, x_t)}{\sigma_{R_{t+1}^e} \sigma_{x_t}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\text{Var}(x_t)}{\sigma_{R_{t+1}^e} \sigma_{x_t}} \right)^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(x_t)}{\text{Var}(R_{t+1}^e)} = \frac{0.05^2}{0.025} = 0.1$$

$$3. \text{ Sharpe Ratio} = \frac{E[R_{t+1}^e]}{\sigma_{mkt}} = \frac{0.05}{\sqrt{0.025}} = 0.31622$$

4.

$$\gamma = \frac{40}{9}$$

$$\alpha_t = \frac{E[x_t]}{\gamma \sigma_t^2[R_{t+1}^e]} = \frac{E[x_t]}{\gamma(\sigma_t^2[x_t] + \sigma_t^2[\epsilon_{t+1}])}$$

So, if $x = 0$, then $\alpha_t = \frac{0}{\text{positive}} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Sharpe Ratio} = 0$

if $x = .1$, $\alpha_t = \frac{.1}{\frac{40}{9}(0.15^2)} = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Sharpe Ratio} = \frac{.1}{.15} = \frac{2}{3}$

5.

a) Below is the Expected value of the return

```
gamma <- 40/9
xt <- c(0,0.1)
cond_var <- .15^2
E_x2 <- var(xt)/2 + 0.05^2
uncond_ret <- 0.5*xt[1] + 0.5*xt[2]
alpha = (uncond_ret / (gamma * (cond_var + var(xt)/2)))
E_alpR <- alpha * uncond_ret
E_alpR
```

```
## [1] 0.0225
```

b) The output below is the unconditional standard deviation

```
var_alpR <- (E_x2 + cond_var - uncond_ret^2) * alpha^2
sqrt(var_alpR)
```

```
## [1] 0.07115125
```

c) Below is the sharpe value

```
E_alpR / sqrt(var_alpR)
```

```
## [1] 0.3162278
```

d) i. Below is the implied R^2

```
x <- c(-0.05, .15)
E_x <- mean(x)
var_x <- var(x) / 2
var_R <- var_x + cond_var
E_xSq <- var_x + E_x^2
R_Sq <- var_x / var_R
R_Sq
```

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## [1] 0.3076923
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ii.

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alpha1 = (E_x / (gamma * (cond_var + var_x)))  
var_alpR1 <- (E_xSq + cond_var - E_x^2) * alpha1^2  
(alpha1 * E_x) / sqrt(var_alpR1)
```

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## [1] 0.2773501
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