

## Module 9.3: Time Series Analysis with Python Fall Term 2023

### Week 1:

#### Introduction; Descriptive Time Series Analysis



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### General Information

- Lectures will be a mix of theory and practice.
- Slides and additional materials are available on Ilias.
- 90 min. written exam during exam phase, closed book. Details will be communicated later.
- A mock exam will be made available.

## Book

- Course is not explicitly based on any book.
- If you prefer to have a book, then I recommend Brooks (2019)<sup>1</sup>. A reading list follows on the next slide.
- I will also make selected problems and solutions available.

<sup>1</sup>Brooks, C. (2019). *Introductory Econometrics for Finance* (4th ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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## Reading List: Brooks (2019)

Pre As a refresher, Sections 1.1–1.6 (mathematical foundations), 2.1–2.7 (statistics and distribution theory).

- Week 1 (not covered in book)
- Week 2 Sections 6.1 and 6.2
- Week 3 Sections 6.3–6.10
- Week 4 Section 8.1; Section 5.5
- Week 5 Sections 9.1–9.16; 9.17
- Week 6 (not covered in book)
- Week 7 Sections 8.3 – 8.11
- Week 7 Sections 11.1–11.7; Section 14.2

## What is Time Series Analysis

- In Module 9.2, you learned about the classical linear regression model (*CLRM*).
- It is used to estimate linear relationships of the form

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + U_i, \quad (\dagger)$$

possibly with more than one regressor.

- Typically, 5 assumption are made about the error term: zero mean, constant variance (homoskedasticity), lack of autocorrelation, no correlation with the regressors (orthogonality), normality.
- These are often justifiable for *cross-sectional* data, where each observation  $i$  corresponds to a different entity (e.g., a firm, a country, etc.).

## What is Time Series Analysis

- In many areas of financial econometrics (risk models, asset pricing, ...), one deals with **time series data** instead; here, every observation corresponds to a different **time period**. Examples:
  - the price of IBM stock on each trading day since Jan 2nd, 2004;
  - monthly inflation in the EUR area since Jan 2002;
  - US GDP growth in every quarter since 1986Q1, etc.
- As seen above, time series may have different **frequencies** (daily, monthly, quarterly, etc.).
- We will only cover **regular** time series: observations occur at equally spaced time points (e.g., daily closing prices for stocks).

## What is Time Series Analysis

- To highlight the fact that we are dealing with time series, we use a subscript  $t$  instead of  $i$ ; thus, a regression model such as  $\dagger$  would be written

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + U_t \quad (\ddagger)$$

if  $\{Y_t\}$  and  $\{x_t\}$  are time series.

- Regression  $\ddagger$  is unlikely to satisfy the CLRM assumptions; time series usually exhibit **autocorrelation**, and often changes in standard deviation (or in "volatility", for stock returns).
- Time series analysis is the study of methods to deal with these salient features.
- The broader goal (as usual in econometrics) is to empirically **verify** economic theories (e.g., the CAPM).
- Another important aspect is **forecasting** (e.g, GDP forecasts, inflation forecasts, Value at Risk forecasts, etc.)

## What is Time Series Analysis

- For most of the course, we will consider **univariate** time series analysis.
- This means that instead of a regression like

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_t + U_t$$

above, we only have **one** time series  $\{Y_t\}$ .

- The goal is to describe the (dynamic) behavior of  $Y_t$ , e.g., for forecasting.
- We'll start with a purely **descriptive** approach today. Starting next week, we'll move on to actual dynamic models.

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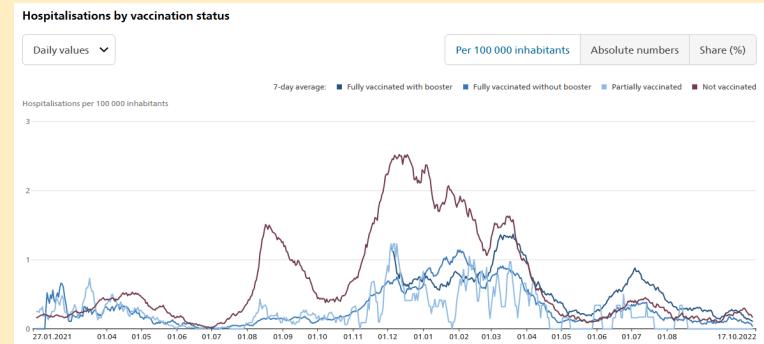
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## Bitcoin prices



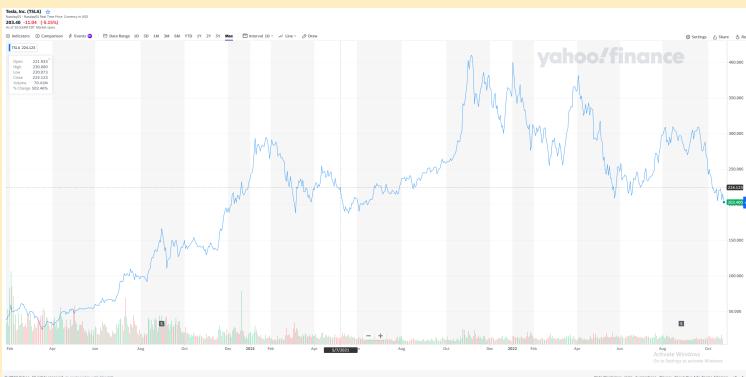
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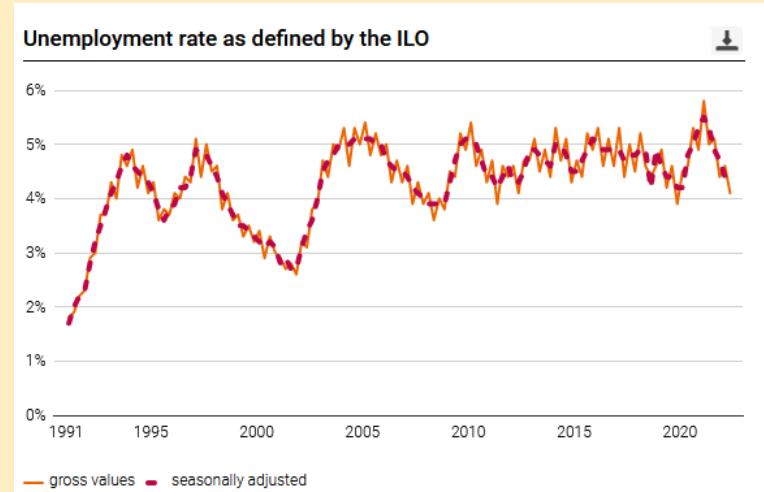
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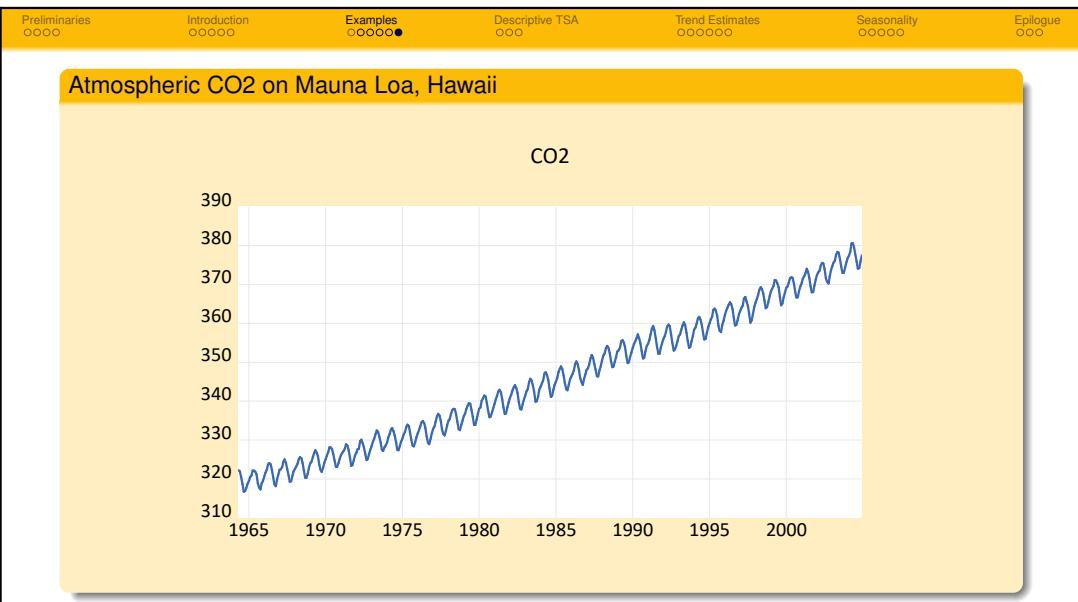
## Tesla Stock



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## Unemployment in Switzerland





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- ### Time Series Plots
- The above plots were all examples of *time series plots*: plotting the data against time itself.
  - This is usually the first thing to do when looking at a new data set.
  - We'll see later how to make these plots.

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- ### Decomposing a Time Series
- The main tool of descriptive time series analysis is to decompose it into a *trend*, a *seasonal* component, and a *residual* component, according to the additive model
 
$$Y_t = F_t + S_t + U_t,$$
 where the trend component  $F_t$  models long-term movements, the seasonal component  $S_t$  measures systematic seasonal patterns, and the residual component  $U_t$  contains anything that cannot be explained by the other two<sup>2</sup>.
  - The Mauna Loa data make the trend and seasonal component very obvious.
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- <sup>2</sup>Sometimes economic time series also contain a cyclical component stemming from the business cycle, but we will ignore this here.

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## Estimating a Quadratic Trend by OLS

- As seen in the exercises, it is also possible to have a nonlinear trend. One example is a **quadratic** trend. This can be estimated via the regression

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 t^2 + U_t.$$

- The estimated trend is then

$$\hat{F}_t = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 t + \hat{\beta}_2 t^2.$$

## Estimating a Linear Trend by OLS

- One way to estimate a **linear trend** is to just regress the data on an intercept and time itself, i.e.,

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + U_t.$$

- The estimated trend is then

$$\hat{F}_t = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 t.$$

## Estimating an Exponential Trend by OLS

- Another possibility is to use an **exponential** trend. The model is then

$$F_t = \beta_0 \cdot \beta_1^t.$$

- To estimate this by OLS, one takes logs:

$$\log(F_t) = \log(\beta_0) + \log(\beta_1) \cdot t =: c + b \cdot t.$$

- Adding an error term, this exponential trend can be estimated via the regression

$$\log(Y_t) = c + b \cdot t + U_t.$$

- The resulting trend function is

$$F_t = \hat{\beta}_0 \cdot \hat{\beta}_1^t, \quad \text{where } \hat{\beta}_0 = \exp(\hat{c}), \hat{\beta}_1 = \exp(\hat{b}).$$

## Interpreting an Exponential Trend

- If the trend is

$$F_t = \beta_0 \cdot \beta_1^t,$$

then

$$\frac{F_t}{F_{t-1}} = \frac{\beta_0 \cdot \beta_1^t}{\beta_0 \cdot \beta_1^{t-1}} = \beta_1;$$

i.e.,  $Y_t$  grows by  $100 \cdot (\beta_1 - 1)\%$  per period, on average.

- Example ( $\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 1.05$ ):

$$F_t = 1.05^t,$$

so  $Y_t$  grows by 5% a year, on average (cf. compounding interest).

## Estimating the Trend via Moving Averages

- Another approach, which has the advantage of adapting to the data automatically, rather than pre-specifying a functional form (linear, quadratic, exponential), is to estimate the trend via a *moving average*.

- E.g., for a third-order moving average ( $k = 3$ ),

$$\hat{F}_t = (Y_{t-1} + Y_t + Y_{t+1})/3.$$

- Choice of  $k$ : the higher, the smoother. If seasonality is present,  $k$  should cover at least a full cycle.
- *Downside*:  $(k + 1)/2$  values at the end points cannot be computed. Thus also not useful for forecasting.
- Note: for a moving average of even order, one averages  $k + 1$  data points, but the endpoints get half the weight. E.g., with  $k = 4$ ,

$$\hat{F}_t = \left( \frac{1}{2} Y_{t-2} + Y_{t-1} + Y_t + Y_{t+1} + \frac{1}{2} Y_{t+2} \right) / 4.$$

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## Dummy Variables

- Simple way to address the seasonality  $S_t$ : *seasonal dummies*, which take the value one in one season, and zero in all others.
- Example (see next page): say we have quarterly data. Then we would use four dummies, defined, for  $j \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ , as

$$d_{jt} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if observation } t \text{ is in season } j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Effectively, every season gets its own intercept.
- Careful: if a full set of dummies is included, then the intercept must be left off, otherwise the regressors are perfectly collinear; this is the *dummy variable trap*.
- Alternatively, keep the intercept, but remove one of the dummies. That season then becomes the baseline, and the other dummies measure the average difference from the baseline, per season.

## Example

$t$	Date	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$
1	2021Q1	1	0	0	0
2	2021Q2	0	1	0	0
3	2021Q3	0	0	1	0
4	2021Q4	0	0	0	1
5	2022Q1	1	0	0	0
6	2022Q2	0	1	0	0
7	2022Q3	0	0	1	0
8	2022Q4	0	0	0	1
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## Example continued

- Alternatively, include an intercept and drop one dummy:

$$Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot t + \alpha_1 d_{1,t} + \alpha_2 d_{2,t} + \alpha_3 d_{3,t} + U_t.$$

- This makes Season 4 our baseline; the other seasons are measured in deviation from this baseline.
- The forecast for an observation in Season 4 is thus simply

$$\widehat{Y}_4 = \widehat{\beta}_0 + \widehat{\beta}_1 \cdot 4$$

- The other seasons are measured in deviation from the baseline; e.g.,  $\alpha_2$  is the average difference between Seasons 4 and 2:

$$\widehat{Y}_6 = \widehat{\beta}_0 + \widehat{\beta}_1 \cdot 6 + \widehat{\alpha}_2.$$

## Example continued

- If we include a linear trend, then the model becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= F_t + S_t + U_t \\ &= \beta_1 \cdot t + \alpha_1 d_{1,t} + \alpha_2 d_{2,t} + \alpha_3 d_{3,t} + \alpha_4 d_{4,t} + U_t, \end{aligned}$$

which can be estimated by OLS.

- If we want to produce a forecast for  $Y_6$ , which is in Season 2, then

$$\widehat{Y}_6 = \widehat{\beta}_1 \cdot 6 + \widehat{\alpha}_2.$$

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## Learning Goals

### Students

- Know the difference between cross-sectional and time series data,
- know what a regular time series is, and what its frequency is,
- are able to decompose a time series into trend, seasonality, and the residual component using Python,
- and are able to produce time series plots in Python.

## Homework

- Freshen up your statistics knowledge, if needed.
- Exercise 1.

## Module 9.3: Time Series Analysis with Python

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#### Week 2:

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#### Asset Returns

- We consider two definitions of returns:
  - ➊ Simple return between dates  $t - 1$  and  $t$  [or: in period  $t$ ]

$$R_t = \frac{P_t - P_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}},$$

where  $P_t$  is the asset price at time  $t$ .

- ➋ Continuously compounded return or *log return*

$$r_t = \log\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}\right) = \log(1 + R_t).$$

- They are typically very close for daily returns, as

$$r_t = \log(1 + R_t) \approx R_t,$$

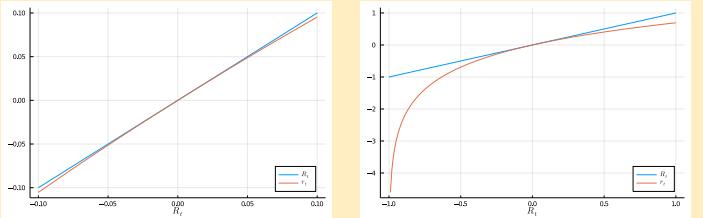
when  $R_t \approx 0$ .

- Log returns and 'simple' returns often are very close, as

$$r_t = \ln(1 + R_t) \approx R_t \text{ when } R_t \approx 0.$$

- Simple returns are bounded below by -1 (100% loss). Log returns live on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . Easier to model (e.g., normal distribution).

### Simple vs. Log Returns



### Portfolio Returns

- Advantage of continuously compounded returns: *multi-period return* is sum of single-period returns.
- Advantage of simple returns: *portfolio return* is weighted sum of asset returns.
- Proof: If an investor buys  $n_i$  shares in stock  $i$ , then the value of the portfolio at time  $t-1$  is  $V_{t-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n n_i P_{i,t-1}$ .
- Ignoring dividends, the payoff is  $V_t = \sum_{i=1}^n n_i P_{i,t}$ , so the return on the portfolio is

$$\begin{aligned} R_{p,t} &= \frac{V_t - V_{t-1}}{V_{t-1}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i (P_{i,t} - P_{i,t-1})}{V_{t-1}} \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n_i P_{i,t-1}}{V_{t-1}}}_{w_i} \underbrace{\frac{(P_{i,t} - P_{i,t-1})}{P_{i,t-1}}}_{R_{i,t}} = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i R_{i,t}. \end{aligned}$$

### Log returns: Intuition

- If a one-period interest rate of  $r$  is compounded  $n$  times, then

$$P_t = (1 + r/n)^n P_{t-1}.$$

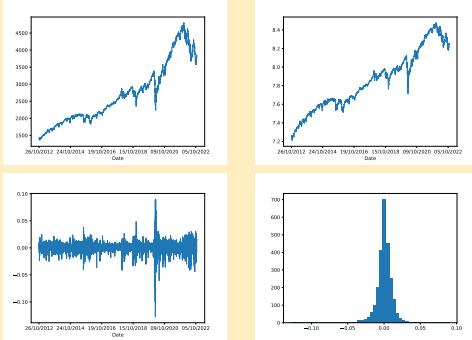
- As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $(1 + r/n)^n \rightarrow e^r$ , so

$$P_t = e^r P_{t-1} \Leftrightarrow r = \log(P_t/P_{t-1}) = \ln P_t - \ln P_{t-1}.$$

### Stylized Facts of Asset Returns

- Prices display (time-varying) *trend*, and variation proportional to price level (motivation for taking logs).
- Returns have constant mean close to zero, and very little autocorrelation.
- Returns display *volatility clustering*: alternating periods of high and low variability.
- Returns have non-Gaussian distribution, *fat tails* (excess kurtosis).
- Interest rates display long swings, very slow *mean-reversion*.
- Interest rate changes have similar characteristics as returns.

Example: S&P 500 index values and returns, 10/29/2012–10/27/2022



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## Testing Normality

- Normality can be tested by examining the *skewness* and *kurtosis*.
- Skewness  $SK = m_3 / \sqrt{m_2^3}$  and kurtosis  $K = m_4 / m_2^2$ , where  $m_j$  is the  $j$ -th centralized moment<sup>1</sup>  $m_j = \mathbb{E}[(r_t - \mathbb{E}[r_t])^j]$ .
- A normal distribution has  $SK=0$  and  $K=3$ .
- *Jarque-Bera normality test*:

$$JB = \frac{T}{6} \widehat{SK}^2 + \frac{T}{24} (\widehat{K} - 3)^2,$$

where the skewness and kurtosis of  $r_t$  can be estimated as

$$\widehat{SK} = \hat{m}_3 / \sqrt{\hat{m}_2^3}, \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{K} = \hat{m}_4 / \hat{m}_2^2, \quad \text{with } \hat{m}_j = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (r_t - \bar{r})^j.$$

- Under the null hypothesis of normality:  $JB \xrightarrow{d} \chi_2^2$ .

<sup>1</sup>i.e., the second centralized moment  $m^2$  is just the variance, otherwise known as  $\sigma^2$ .

## Stochastic Processes

- Time series analysis is concerned with modelling, estimating, analyzing and forecasting returns and other financial and economic variables.
- A *time series*  $\{y_t, t = 1, 2, \dots, T\}$  is a collection of subsequent observations on a particular variable. We view such a time series as a *realization* of a *discrete-time stochastic process*  $\{Y_t, t = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , which is a collection of (dependent) random variables.
- The goal is to determine which process  $\{Y_t\}$  generated the data.
- The distinction between  $\{Y_t\}$  (the process) and  $\{y_t\}$  (the realization) will usually not be emphasized.
- We will not consider continuous-time stochastic processes here (e.g. Brownian motion).

## White Noise

- An important example of a stationary process is the *white noise* process, which has zero mean<sup>2</sup> and zero autocovariances.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[U_t] &= 0, \\ \text{var}(U_t) &= \mathbb{E}[U_t^2] = \sigma^2, \\ \text{cov}(U_t, U_{t-k}) &= \mathbb{E}[U_t U_{t-k}] = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots\end{aligned}$$

- The notation  $U_t$  emphasizes the similarity to regression errors.
- White noise is *unpredictable*.
- It is the building block for other processes (which may be predictable).

<sup>2</sup>Brooks allows a white noise process to have a non-zero mean. Usually such a process is called an *uncorrelated* process.

## Excursus: The Efficient Market Hypothesis

- The *weak form EMH*<sup>3</sup> posits that past prices and returns cannot predict future returns.
- This implies that no fund manager can consistently outperform the market, at least based on historical prices alone.
- If weak form EMH holds, then returns should be *uncorrelated*. Since the mean return is small for daily data, they should therefore resemble white noise.
- An important application of time series analysis is testing whether the EMH holds.
- The most basic way to do this is to test whether the returns have been generated by a white noise process.

<sup>3</sup>Fama (1970). Efficient Capital Markets: A Review of Theory and Empirical Work. *Journal of Finance*, 25(2), pp. 383–417.

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## Autocorrelation Function

- Recall that if a process  $\{Y_t\}$  is white noise, then it is uncorrelated at all lags (i.e.,  $Y_t$  should be uncorrelated with  $Y_{t-1}$ , with  $Y_{t-2}$ , etc.)
- Formally, its **autocorrelation function (ACF)**  $\tau_s$  is zero for all  $s$ , where the ACF is defined from the **autocovariances**  $\gamma_s$ , as

$$\tau_s = \text{Corr}(Y_t, Y_{t-s}) = \frac{\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-s})}{\text{Var}(Y_t)} = \frac{\gamma_s}{\gamma_0}, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots$$

## PSA: Population vs. Sample Quantities

- To use the normal distribution as an analogy: it has two parameters,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ . These are **parameters** and thus **unobserved**.
- In a simulation exercise, I can **pretend** to know what  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are.
- E.g., I can set  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma^2 = 4$ , simulate 1000 random numbers  $y_t$ , and give them to you.
- Unlike me, you won't know what  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are. At best, you can **estimate** them, based on the **sample mean and variance**

$$\bar{y} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \quad \text{and} \quad s_y^2 \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2.$$

- If the sample is large enough, then these will be **close** to  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[Y]$  and  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y)$  by the law of large numbers (**LLN**).

## PSA: Population vs. Sample Quantities

- It is important to note that the ACF is a property of a **process**, not of a **sample** (i.e., the observed time series). This makes them **population quantities** or **parameters**.
- The statement on the previous slide says that the random variables  $\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots\}$  generated by a white noise process are uncorrelated.
- Population quantities are **unobserved**. The best we can hope for is to **estimate** them from a sample (a time series).

## The Correlogram

- Applying the analogy to the ACF, the **Sample ACF** or **correlogram** is defined as
- $$\hat{\tau}_s = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_s}{\hat{\gamma}_0} = \frac{\sum_{t=s+1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})(y_{t-s} - \bar{y})}{\sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_t.$$
- The correlogram is a **sample quantity**, i.e., I can compute it from a given time series.
  - If I want to test if the time series is white noise, I can compare my SACF to the ACF of a white noise process.
  - If the two are significantly different, then I can reject the null that the time series was generated by a white noise process.
  - See exercises and the spreadsheet `simulations.xlsx`.

## Testing if an Autocorrelation is Zero

- One can show that under the null that the data were generated by a white noise process, the sample autocorrelations are asymptotically<sup>4</sup> normally distributed with zero mean and variance  $1/T$ .
- This implies that a sample autocorrelation is significantly different from zero if its absolute value is larger than  $1.96/\sqrt{T}$ .
- We can also test whether the first  $m$  autocorrelations are zero jointly: under  $H_0 : \tau_s = 0, s \geq 1$ , the *Ljung-Box Q-statistic*

$$Q(m) = T(T+2) \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{\hat{\tau}_s^2}{T-s} \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(m).$$

<sup>4</sup>Formally: under  $H_0 : \tau_s = 0, s \geq 1$ ,  $\sqrt{T}\hat{\tau}_s \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$ .

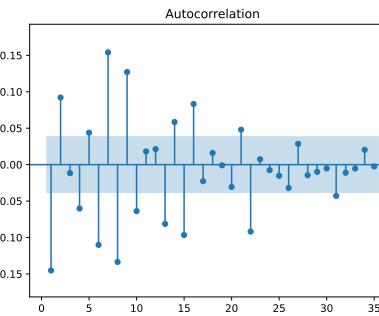
## Example: Q-stats for S&P500 returns

lb_stat	lb_pvalue
1 53.146739	3.095389e-13
2 74.532185	6.539456e-17
3 74.874486	3.854848e-16
4 84.009633	2.460691e-17
5 88.860498	1.165884e-17
6 119.473478	2.102105e-23
7 179.461709	2.531020e-35
8 224.529615	4.248635e-44
9 265.378553	5.617980e-52
10 275.677251	2.125260e-53

E.g.,  $Q(5) = 88.86$  can be used to test the null that the first 5 autocorrelations are jointly zero. The critical value is 11.07, so the test rejects.

- The Q statistics confirm the presence of autocorrelation ( $p$ -values less than 5%).
- Conclusion: some autocorrelation, and hence predictability, in the returns; returns are not white noise. Unclear if predictability is sufficient to exploit with a trading strategy.

## Example: Correlogram of S&P500 returns



- The shaded blue area represent the critical value of  $1.96/\sqrt{T} = 0.039$ , so, e.g., the autocorrelations at lags 1 (-0.145) and 2 (0.092), are significant, while the one at 3 (0.0116) is not.

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## From Returns to Asset Prices

- We have seen that the EMH suggests that white noise is a reasonable model for stock returns:

$$r_t = U_t, \quad \text{where } U_t \text{ is white noise (not necessarily normal).}$$

- Recall the definition of log returns:

$$r_t = \log P_t - \log P_{t-1}.$$

- Putting the two together implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \log P_t - \log P_{t-1} &= U_t \Leftrightarrow \\ \log P_t &= \log P_{t-1} + U_t. \end{aligned}$$

- This characterizes the log asset price as a *random walk*.

### Definition

A *random walk* is the stochastic process

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} + U_t,$$

where  $U_t$  is white noise and  $Y_0$  is some fixed starting value.

## Properties of the Random Walk

- The random walk behaves very differently from white noise.
- A quick calculation shows that

$$Y_t = Y_0 + U_1 + U_2 + \cdots + U_t = Y_0 + \sum_{s=1}^t U_s.$$

- From this, it is immediate (see exercises) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(Y_t) &= Y_0 \quad \text{and} \\ \text{var}(Y_t) &= \sigma^2 t. \end{aligned}$$

- One can also show that

$$\text{corr}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) = \sqrt{(t-k)/t}.$$

## Properties of the Random Walk

- In words:
  - The effect of a “shock”  $U_t$  is permanent;  $U_t$  is in all future values  $Y_s, s \geq t$ , whereas for a white noise process,  $U_t$  only affects  $Y_t$ .
  - The variance increases over time, because we add up more and more of the  $U_t$ , all of which are random.
  - The correlogram decreases slowly, approximately linearly (see also `simulation.xlsx`).
- We say that a random walk is not *mean reverting*; one can show that it will (eventually) hit each and every level  $L$ , and its excursions can take arbitrarily long.

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## Stationarity

### Definition

A process  $\{y_t\}$  is called ***weakly stationary*** (or second-order, covariance stationary) if the first two moments are time-invariant:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \mu, \quad \text{var}(Y_t) = \gamma_0 = \sigma^2, \quad \text{cov}(Y_t, Y_{t-s}) = \gamma_s, \quad t \in \{0, \dots, T\}, s \geq 1.$$

- This means that the mean, variance, and autocovariances (or autocorrelations) do not change over time; i.e., the autocovariance  $\gamma_s$  depends only on the lag  $s$ , not on  $t$ .
- Intuitively, there should not be a significant difference if I calculate the mean, variance, and ACF from the first or second half of the sample.
- White noise is one example of a ***stationary*** process.
- As we saw, the random walk is not stationary; its variance changes over time.

## Stationary Processes

- Earlier, we rejected the null that the returns on the S&P500 are white noise (although they are close).
- This also implies that the log stock prices are not (exactly) random walks.
- This means that we need to generalize these concepts to allow for other types of stochastic process.
- Specifically, instead of pure white noise, we will consider ***stationary processes***.
- Similarly, we generalize the concept of a random walk to ***integrated processes***.
- Specific instances of these processes (ARMA and ARIMA models, respectively) will be considered in Weeks 3 and 4.

## Integrated Processes

- Recall that if returns are white noise, then log prices follow a random walk:

$$\log P_t = \log P_{t-1} + U_t$$

- Alternatively, if log prices follow a random walk, then returns are white noise:

$$r_t = \log P_t - \log P_{t-1} = U_t$$

- We write  $\Delta \log P_t$  for  $\log P_t - \log P_{t-1}$ .
- So a process  $Y_t$  is a random walk if  $\Delta Y_t$  is white noise.

## Integrated Processes

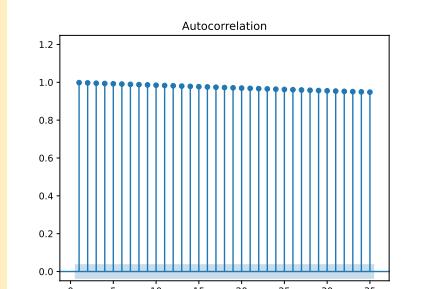
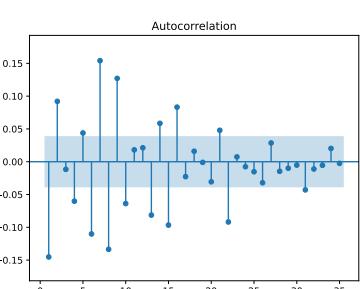
- We saw above that for the S&P500, we did not get white noise after differencing, but some other stationary process.
- Such processes are called *integrated*.

### Definition

A process  $Y_t$  is called *integrated* of order 1, or *I(1)*, if it is non-stationary itself, but  $\Delta Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1}$  is stationary.

- The random walk is the simplest example of an *I(1)* process.
- A stationary process is also called *I(0)*.
- An *I(2)* process would need to be differenced twice to be stationary, but this is rarely necessary in practice.

## Example: ACF of S&P500 returns and log prices



## Properties of Integrated Processes

- Integrated processes have correlograms that stay close to one, which *die out very slowly*.
- An informal way to check whether the stationarity assumption is reasonable is by inspecting the graph and the correlogram of the series. If the graph displays a tendency to revert to a constant mean, with a more or less constant variance, and the correlogram converges to zero *exponentially fast*, then stationarity may be assumed. A formal test will be introduced later.
- Besides prices, many financial and economic time series (e.g., GDP) do not seem to be stationary, because they display a trending mean, and a variance that increases with the level of the process. The latter phenomenon is usually dealt with by a log-transformation, but then quite often the series is still not stationary.

## Note: Partial Autocorrelation Function

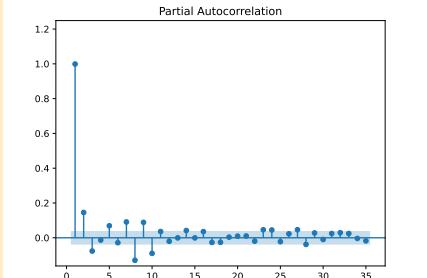
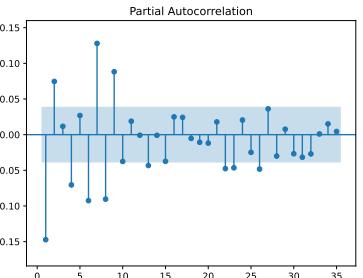
- A concept related to the ACF is the (sample) *partial autocorrelation function* ((S)PACF)  $\hat{\tau}_{kk}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $\hat{\tau}_{kk}$  is the OLS estimator of  $\tau_{kk}$  in the regression

$$y_t = \alpha + \tau_{k1}y_{t-1} + \dots + \tau_{kk}y_{t-k} + e_t.$$

**Note:** this is not the model for  $y_t$ , just a regression to estimate  $\tau_{kk}$ !

- The PACF measures the correlation between  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-k}$ , *controlling* for the effect of the intermediate lag. I.e.,  $\tau_{kk}$  only measures the *direct* effect of  $y_{t-k}$  on  $y_t$ .
- For a random walk, it drops to zero after the first lag, because only  $y_{t-1}$  has a direct effect.
- For a stationary process, the ACF and PACF converge to zero at a geometric (exponential) rate as  $k$  increases.
- If the sample ACF and PACF of a time series do not seem to converge at all, or too slowly (linearly), then this is an indication of nonstationarity.

### Example: PACF of S&P500 returns and log prices



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### More Properties of Integrated Series

- **No mean-reversion.** Like the random walk, I(1) processes do not revert to a mean.
- **Persistence of shocks.** Also, the effect of past shocks  $u_{t-i}$  does not die out, whereas for stationary series the effect will decay exponentially. Important for economic policy.
- **Increasing forecast intervals.** For I(0) time series, the long-run 95% forecast interval converges to the unconditional mean  $\pm$  twice the unconditional standard deviation. For an I(1) process the forecast variance does not converge, so forecasts intervals keep increasing.
- **Spurious regressions.** When regressing two integrated time series onto each other, the  $R^2$  and  $t$ -statistic may become very large even if they are totally independent. This is avoided if we regress  $\Delta y_t$  on  $\Delta x_t$ .
- **Asymptotic properties of estimators and tests.** In regressions with I(1) variables, the usual statistical theory breaks down (asymptotic normality of estimators,  $t$ -tests, etc).

### Learning Goals

#### Students

- know the definitions of simple and log returns,
- know the definition of white noise,
- understand the ACF and PACF and their sample analogs,
- are able to use the correlogram and  $Q$ -statistics to test if a series was generated by a white noise process, and
- are able to distinguish stationary and integrated processes.

## Homework

- Exercise 2
- Questions 9b and 12b from Chapter 6 of Brooks (2019)

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## Module 9.3: Time Series Analysis with Python Fall Term 2023

Week 3:

### ARMA Models



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## White Noise and Random Walk

- Last week, we encountered two important stochastic processes: the *white noise* process

$$Y_t = U_t,$$

and the *random walk* process

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} + U_t.$$

- Observe that we can unify the notation by writing

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + U_t,$$

where  $\phi_1 = 0$  produces white noise, and  $\phi_1 = 1$  results in the random walk.

## The AR(1) Process

- In fact, there is no reason to restrict the parameter  $\phi_1$  to just these two values
- Allowing arbitrary values results in the *autoregressive model of order 1*, or **AR(1)** model.
- Usually, an intercept is also added. The full model is then

$$Y_t = \alpha + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + U_t, \quad \text{with } U_t \text{ white noise.}$$

- We will see soon that the model is stationary if and only if  $-1 < \phi_1 < 1$ .
- The AR(1) process is a member of a very powerful class of models, the *autoregressive-moving average (ARMA)* models, with its special cases *autoregressive (AR)* and *moving average (MA)* models.
- Goal: find the right model (for forecasting etc.) by matching the correlogram.

## Mean of Stationary AR(1)

- A first intuition for the *stationarity condition* is obtained if we try to find the (constant) mean and variance of  $Y_t$ . The mean of  $Y_t$  is to be solved from

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \alpha + \phi_1 \mathbb{E}[Y_{t-1}] + \mathbb{E}[U_t] = \alpha + \phi_1 \mathbb{E}[Y_t],$$

which implies

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \phi_1},$$

and this requires  $\phi_1 \neq 1$ .

## Variance of Stationary AR(1)

- Next, because  $\{U_t\}$  is white noise,  $U_t$  is uncorrelated with  $Y_{t-1}$ , so

$$\text{var}(Y_t) = \phi_1^2 \text{var}(Y_{t-1}) + \text{var}(U_t) + 2\phi_1 \text{cov}(Y_{t-1}, U_t) = \phi_1^2 \text{var}(Y_t) + \sigma^2,$$

so that, if and only if  $|\phi_1| < 1$ ,

$$\text{var}(Y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi_1^2}.$$

- Note that  $\text{var}(Y_t) > \text{var}(Y_{t-1})$  if  $|\phi_1| \geq 1$ , i.e., the variance grows without bounds in that case.

## ACF / PACF of Stationary AR(1)

- It can be shown (see optional exercise) that if  $|\phi_1| < 1$ , then

$$\tau_k = \frac{\gamma_k}{\gamma_0} = \phi_1^k,$$

i.e., if the process is stationary, then the ACF decays exponentially (or *geometrically*).

- The PACF satisfies

$$\tau_{11} = \phi_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_{kk} = 0, k > 1;$$

i.e., it drops to zero after the first lag.

## Summary: Moments of AR(1)

- In summary, we have obtained the following properties for the stationary AR(1) process:

### Properties of AR(1)

- $\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \phi_1};$
- $\text{var}(Y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi_1^2};$
- $\tau_k = \phi_1^k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots;$
- $\tau_{kk} = \begin{cases} \phi_1, & k = 1, \\ 0, & k > 1. \end{cases}$

- Hence, if we find a geometrically declining acf, but a pacf which suddenly cuts off when  $k > 1$ , then we seem to have an AR(1) process.
- Try playing with this in the sheet "AR(1)" in simulation.xlsx.

## AR(p) Models

- To fit more complicated ACF patterns, the AR(1) model can be extended to the **AR(p)** model if necessary:

$$Y_t = \alpha + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \phi_2 Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + U_t.$$

- A necessary (but not sufficient) **condition for stationarity** is

$$\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \dots + \phi_p < 1.$$

- If the model is stationary, then the mean is  $\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \alpha / (1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i)$ .
- The ACF should gradually approach zero, but not necessarily with a clear pattern.
- The PACF satisfies

$$\tau_{kk} = 0, \quad k > p.$$

- Because all autoregressive models are basically regressions (with lagged variables as regressors), they can simply be estimated by ordinary least-squares as usual.

## The Random Walk

The AR(1) process is non-stationary if:

- $\phi_1 = 1$ :
- now  $Y_t = \alpha + Y_{t-1} + U_t$ : a **random walk with drift**. It satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[Y_t] &= Y_0 + \alpha t, \\ \text{var}(Y_t) &= \sigma^2 t, \\ \text{corr}(Y_t, Y_{t-k}) &= \sqrt{(t-k)/t}.\end{aligned}$$

- Like for a random walk without drift, the correlogram typically stays close to 1, and decreases slowly, approximately linearly, while the first difference  $\Delta Y_t$  is stationary (see exercises).
- $\phi_1 > 1$ : this is a so-called **explosive** process. The mean and variance increase very fast (exponentially). We usually do not consider this because it is unrealistic (at least for long periods of time).

## Example

Is the AR(2) process

$$Y_t = .5 Y_{t-1} + .5 Y_{t-2} + U_t$$

stationary?



## Some more properties of MA( $q$ ) Models

- **Estimation:** since the past values of  $U_t$  are unobserved, we cannot estimate the coefficient  $\theta_1$  by OLS. Python can still estimate the model, based on other methods.
- **Stationarity:** All MA( $q$ ) processes are stationary, regardless of their parameter values.

## ARMA(1, 1) Process

- The most general class of processes is the mixed autoregressive-moving average (**ARMA**) class of models.
- The simplest one is the ARMA(1,1):

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + U_t + \theta_1 U_{t-1}.$$

- The model is stationary if  $|\phi_1| < 1$ .
- The ACF turns out to be

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_1 &= \frac{(1 + \phi_1\theta_1)(\phi_1 + \theta_1)}{1 + \theta_1^2 + 2\phi_1\theta_1}, \\ \tau_k &= \phi_1^{k-1}\tau_1, \quad k > 1 \rightarrow \text{geometric decay}.\end{aligned}$$

- The PACF is also gradually declining (no cut-off point).

## ARMA( $p, q$ ) Process

- The general ARMA( $p, q$ ) model is

$$Y_t = \alpha + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + U_t + \theta_1 U_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q U_{t-q}.$$

- Like for the ARMA(1, 1), both its ACF and PACF decay exponentially (provided it is stationary), without a clear pattern.
- **Estimation:** Like pure MA models, ARMA models cannot be estimated by OLS because the past values of  $U_t$  are unobserved. There are other ways of estimating them though.
- **Stationarity:** The stationarity or otherwise of an ARMA process depends only on the AR component, i.e., a necessary condition is that

$$\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \dots + \phi_p < 1.$$

## A Theorem

- The following theorem explains why ARMA processes are so important:

### Theorem

*Any* stationary process can be represented as an ARMA process.

- So as long as we can find the right model, we can predict *any* stationary process<sup>1</sup>!
- The properties of the ACF and PACF, summarized on the next slide, will help us do this.

<sup>1</sup>And even integrated processes, by taking the first difference and modelling that.

## Summary of Properties

- We have found the following properties of the different processes:
  - AR( $p$ ): geometrically decaying ACF, PACF is zero after  $p$  lags;
  - MA( $q$ ): ACF is zero after  $q$  lags, geometrically decaying PACF;
  - ARMA( $p, q$ ): geometrically decaying ACF and PACF.
- So we can infer the model type and order from the SACF/SPACF for pure AR and MA models.
- A full ARMA model would be required if both SACF and PACF decline geometrically, but we won't be able to infer the orders then.
- The usual procedure is to try an ARMA(1,1) in that case, and test whether the model needs to be extended.
- The above is called the **Box-Jenkins** approach.

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## Box-Jenkins

- In their 1970 textbook, Box and Jenkins proposed an approach to empirical ARMA modelling that soon became and still is the predominant approach to univariate time-series analysis and forecasting. Their procedure consists of three steps:
  - 1 **Identification**. This refers to the problem of selecting an initial ARMA model, i.e., the choice of the orders  $p$  and  $q$ . This is based on inspection of the graph and the correlogram of  $Y_t$ . Also, so-called *information criteria* may be used for model selection.
  - 2 **Estimation**. The unknown autoregressive and moving average parameters, as well as the variance  $\sigma^2$  of the disturbances, need to be estimated.
  - 3 **Diagnostic checking**. A correctly specified model should not display any autocorrelation in the residuals. Therefore, the main model check is a test for residual autocorrelation. Also other misspecification tests (heteroskedasticity, normality, structural change) may be used.
- If we find some problem with the model in Step 3, then we return to Step 1 and go through the cycle again, until the tests indicate no further problem.

## Identification: Stationarity

- Before even choosing  $p$  and  $q$ , it must be ensured that the data are *stationary*. An integrated time series displays very large autocorrelations, which converge to zero only slowly. In contrast, stationary time series have an autocorrelation function that decays exponentially, or is not significantly different from zero after a few lags.
- Additional information is available from the graph of the time series. Stationary time series should display *mean-reversion*, i.e., they should fluctuate around a constant mean (or a linear trend, in case of trend-stationarity). If a series does not display this property, and behaves more like a random walk, then it may not be stationary.
- A formal procedure to test this (and how to proceed in case of non-stationarity) will be introduced later.

## Identification: $p$ and $q$

- The second step is choosing  $p$  and  $q$ .
- Recall that the correlograms of AR, MA and ARMA processes are characterized thusly:
  - AR( $p$ ): geometrically decaying ACF, PACF is zero after  $p$  lags;
  - MA( $q$ ): ACF is zero after  $q$  lags, geometrically decaying PACF;
  - ARMA( $p, q$ ): geometrically decaying ACF and PACF.
- If neither ACF nor PACF have a clear cut-off point, start with an ARMA(1,1), estimate it, and test whether the model needs to be extended.
- General goal: *parsimony*. Find the smallest possible model that describes the data well.

## Estimation

- See exercises.

## Diagnostic Testing

- After estimating our favorite ARMA model, we obtain the *residuals*  $\hat{u}_t$ . These residuals should look like *white noise*.
- If there is significant autocorrelation left in  $\hat{u}_t$ , we should *extend* the model. E.g., if the residuals of an AR(1) model look like an MA(1) process, then we might try an ARMA(1,1) model instead.
- The most often used test for residual autocorrelation in ARMA models is the Ljung-Box Q-statistic, based on the residuals  $\hat{u}_t$  instead of the original time series  $y_t$ .
- It can be shown that if  $\hat{u}_t$  is a residual from an ARMA( $p, q$ ) model, then the Q-statistic with  $m$  correlations has an approximate  $\chi^2_{m-p-q}$  distribution under the null hypothesis. This means that we cannot get  $p$ -values for the first  $(p + q)$  Q-statistics (see exercises).
- The tests cannot reliably be used to find out in which direction the model should be *extended*. This means that we may have to try different alternative specifications before we find a satisfactory choice.

## Model Selection Criteria

- If more than one specification passes the diagnostic tests (e.g., both an AR(2) and an ARMA(1,1)), then the decision is often based on the *Akaike information criterion* (AIC) and the *Schwarz criterion* (SC; a.k.a. the *Bayesian* information criterion, BIC):

$$AIC = 1 + \log 2\pi + \log \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 \right) + \frac{2k}{T},$$

$$SC = 1 + \log 2\pi + \log \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 \right) + \frac{k \log T}{T}.$$

- $k$  = number of parameters ( $p + q + 2$  including intercept and  $\sigma_u^2$ ).
- Constant  $1 + \log 2\pi$  is irrelevant in comparisons and sometimes deleted.
- We choose the model with the smallest AIC or SC. Typically AIC leads to higher  $p$  and  $q$  than SC.
- The idea is similar to the adjusted  $R^2$ : the second term is a penalty for including too many parameters. Trade-off between *goodness of fit* and *parsimony*. Smaller models are often better for forecasting.

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## Multi-Step Forecasts

- When forecasting multiple steps ahead, not only the future  $U_t$  are unknown, but also the future  $y_t$ .
- Solution: recursive procedure. Forecast  $y_{t+1}$  first, then use this to forecast  $y_{t+2}$ , etc. All future errors are replaced with zero.

## One-Step Ahead Forecasts

- Suppose we want to produce forecasts for the ARMA(1, 1) model
 
$$Y_{t+1} = \alpha + \phi_1 Y_t + U_{t+1} + \theta_1 U_t.$$
- Strategy: replace parameters with estimates, errors  $U_t$  with residuals  $\hat{U}_t$ , and unobserved future  $U_t$  with zero. Hence
 
$$\hat{Y}_{t+1} = \hat{\alpha} + \hat{\phi}_1 y_t + 0 + \theta_1 \hat{U}_t.$$
- Analogous procedure for general ARMA( $p, q$ ) models.

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## Learning Goals

Students are able to

- understand the essential characteristics of AR, MA, and ARMA processes;
- identify the correct model type from the correlogram;
- apply diagnostic tests to evaluate a fitted model;
- choose between competing models using information criteria, and
- use the final model for forecasting.

## Homework

- Exercise 3
- Questions 3, 6–9, 10a, 11a, 11e, 12 from Chapter 6 of Brooks (2019)

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## Unit Root Testing

- Recall that if a nonstationary series,  $y_t$  must be differenced  $d$  times before it becomes stationary, then it is said to be *integrated* of order  $d$ . Notation:  $I(d)$ . When we simply say 'integrated' we mean  $I(1)$ . Another synonym is 'the series has a *unit root*'.
- So far, our decision to take differences was based on the correlogram: if autocorrelations decay slowly and approximately linearly, then the series may be integrated and must be differenced.
- This procedure is subjective and unreliable: a *trend-stationary* series, such as  $Y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + U_t$ , will also have large and slowly decaying autocorrelations (see `simulation.xlsx`).
- Therefore, it is useful to have a formal testing procedure to distinguish integrated from (trend-) stationary time series. Such tests are called *unit root tests*. The *(Augmented) Dickey-Fuller* test is the most common.

## Example: the AR(1) Model

- The simplest example of stationary and integrated time series is the AR(1) model

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + U_t,$$

where  $Y_0$  is a constant.

- If  $-1 < \phi_1 < 1$ , then  $Y_t$  is stationary, with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2/(1 - \phi^2)$ .
- If  $\phi_1 = 1$ , then the model becomes a *random walk*,  $Y_t = Y_{t-1} + U_t$ , with mean  $Y_0$  and variance  $\sigma^2 t$ .

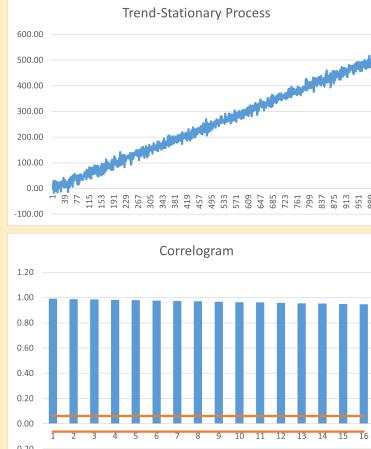
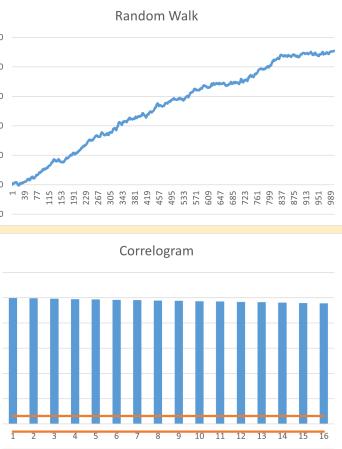
## Stochastic vs. Deterministic Trends

- Consider the two models

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{1,t} &= \delta t + U_{1,t} \quad \text{and} \\ Y_{2,t} &= \delta + Y_{2,t-1} + U_{2,t}. \end{aligned}$$

- For both models,  $\mathbb{E}[\Delta Y_t] = \delta$ , i.e., both series trend upwards by  $\delta$  each period.
- $Y_{1,t}$  contains a *deterministic trend*:  $Y_{1,t} - \delta t = U_{1,t}$  is stationary. In practice, regress  $y_t$  on a linear trend like in week 1; the residuals will be stationary.
- $Y_{2,t}$  contains a *stochastic trend*:  $Y_{2,t} - \delta t$  is a random walk. It becomes stationary only by differencing, i.e., it is  $I(1)$ .

Random walk (left) vs. trend stationary process (right).



## Why do we care?

- Inference: OLS estimators have non-standard distribution, so that standard inference is invalid.
- Forecasting:
  - stationary series display *mean-reversion*; deviations from the mean are corrected in the next period. Shocks  $U_t$  have a *transitory*, decreasing effect on future  $Y_{t+k}$  (in AR(1) model, the effect is  $\phi^k \rightarrow 0$ );
  - For integrated time series (of order 1): no mean-reversion, shocks  $U_t$  have a *persistent* effect on future  $Y_{t+k}$ .
- Spurious regression: regressing two drifting  $I(1)$  variables onto each other will spuriously result in significant estimates, because they happen to trend in the same direction.

## The Dickey-Fuller Test

- Consider again the AR(1) model

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + U_t.$$

- We wish to test the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \phi_1 = 1$ , against the *one-sided* alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : \phi_1 < 1$ .
- Under the null, the process is a random walk, and hence integrated. Under the alternative, it is stationary (if  $\phi_1 > -1$ , which we assume). Therefore, we will be testing  $H_0 : Y_t \sim I(1)$  against  $H_1 : Y_t \sim I(0)$ .
- The *Dickey-Fuller test* is based on the  $t$ -statistic for  $\phi_1 = 1$  in the AR(1) model, which may be reformulated as the  $t$ -statistic for  $\psi = 0$  in

$$\Delta y_t = \psi y_{t-1} + u_t,$$

where  $\psi := \phi_1 - 1$ ; note that  $\psi < 0$  under the alternative.

## The Dickey-Fuller Distribution

- We reject  $H_0$  if the  $t$ -statistic is less than the (negative) critical value.
- In classical regressions, the 5% critical value for a one-sided  $t$ -test would be  $-1.645$ . However, because the regressor  $Y_{t-1}$  is non-stationary under the null, a different distribution arises, and the appropriate 5% critical value is  $-1.95$ .
- This critical value changes to  $-2.86$  if we add a constant term to the regression:

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \psi y_{t-1} + u_t.$$

This is the relevant test if we want to allow for a non-zero mean  $\mathbb{E}[Y_t]$  under the alternative.

- If we want to test a random walk *with drift* against a *trend-stationary* alternative, then the relevant regression is

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \delta t + \psi y_{t-1} + u_t,$$

and the 5% critical value is  $-3.41$ .

## Choice of Model

- The difference between the three tests is whether or not a constant and a time trend are included in the test regression.
- In practice, the test without constant and trend is almost never applicable.
- The test with an intercept in the regression test is relevant for series such as interest rates and real exchange rates, where we do not expect a linear trend under either the null or the alternative hypothesis.
- Many other economic and financial time series, such as GDP or (log-) asset prices, clearly display an upward trend, in which case a trend should be included.

## The Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test

- The *augmented* Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test is an extension of the procedure to the AR( $p$ ) model

$$Y_t = \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p} + U_t.$$

- This process is integrated under  $H_0 : \phi_1 + \dots + \phi_p = 1$ , and stationary under the alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : \phi_1 + \dots + \phi_p < 1$ .
- It can be shown (see exercises) that this is equivalent to testing  $H_0 : \psi = 0$  against  $H_1 : \psi < 0$  in the regression

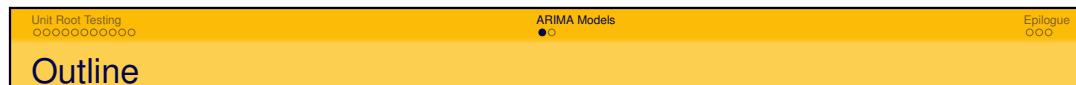
$$\Delta y_t = \psi y_{t-1} + \alpha_1 \Delta y_{t-1} + \dots + \alpha_{p^*} \Delta y_{t-p^*} + u_t,$$

where  $\psi = \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i - 1$ , and  $p^* = p - 1$ .

- The interpretation of the null and alternative hypothesis, the role of the constant and trend, and the critical values are the same as in the first-order model.



- In practice,  $p$  is, of course, *unknown*.
- The number of lags in the test regression must be chosen large enough, such that the residuals have no autocorrelation, but not too large, because this would decrease test power.
- Often the choice is made based on *model selection criteria* (AIC, BIC). The `statsmodels` package has a built-in option to do this automatically.
- The AIC is preferred in this case, because it tends to include more lags than the BIC. This is preferred because our goal in this case is not to find the “correct” model, but to combat autocorrelation in the test regression.
- So effectively, the ADF test is just the DF test (regress  $\Delta y_t$  on  $y_{t-1}$ ), but with enough lags of  $\Delta Y_t$  thrown in to remove any autocorrelation.



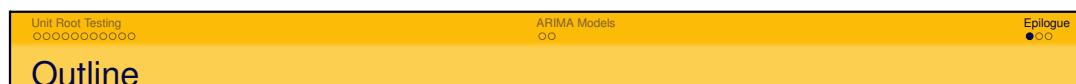
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- As discussed last week, the first step in the Box-Jenkins procedure is to make sure that the data are stationary.
- This is usually decided by the ADF test.
- If the test doesn't reject, then one models the first difference  $\Delta Y_t$  as an ARMA process.
- The model for the levels  $Y_t$  is then called an *ARIMA(p,d,q)* model: the data are differenced  $d$  times, and the result modeled as an ARMA( $p,q$ ) process. Usually,  $d = 1$ .
- To forecast an ARIMA process (with  $d=1$ ), first predict  $\Delta Y_{t+1}$ , and then let  $\hat{Y}_{t+1} = Y_t + \widehat{\Delta Y_{t+1}}$ .
- Longer horizon forecasts are obtained recursively as usual.



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## Learning Goals

### Students

- understand the ADF test and can use it to test for unit roots,
- are able to forecast ARIMA models,
- understand the difference between static and dynamic models, and
- know how to test for autocorrelation in a regression

## Homework

- Exercise 4
- Questions 2 and 3 from Chapter 8 of Brooks (2019)
- **Assignment 1.** Deadline: Sunday after next, 11.59 p.m.

## Module 9.3: Time Series Analysis with Python Fall Term 2023

Week 5:

### Volatility Modeling



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## Goal

- Recall these stylized facts about asset returns:
  - 1 Lack of autocorrelation (efficient market hypothesis)
  - 2 Volatility clustering
  - 3 Distribution has heavy tails
  - 4 Leverage effects
- Goal today: model the last 3 of these, starting with the volatility clustering.

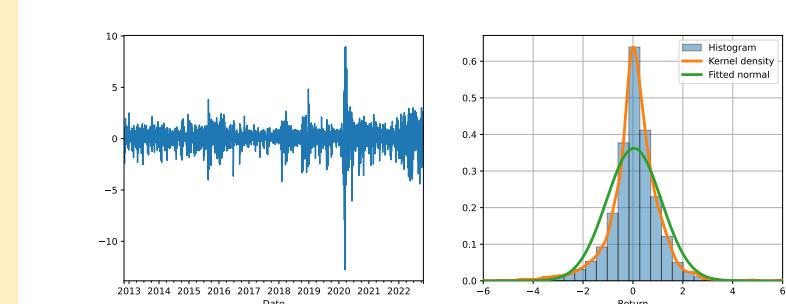
## Volatility

- The **volatility** of an investment is a measure of its **risk**. Usually defined as the standard deviation of the return on the investment.
- Volatility is an important ingredient in:
  - portfolio selection;
  - risk management;
  - option pricing.
- Daily financial returns display **volatility clustering**: periods of high volatility alternate with more tranquil periods.
- In other words: large (in absolute value) returns tend to be followed by large (in absolute value) returns.
- This forms the basis for the **autoregressive-conditional heteroskedasticity** model (ARCH; Engle, 1982) and the **generalized ARCH** model (GARCH; Bollerslev, 1986).

## Reminder: Parameters vs. sample values

- We usually write  $\sigma$  for the standard deviation of, e.g., a normally distributed variable.
- $\sigma$  is a **parameter** and therefore unknown.
- The best we can hope for is to **estimate** it, usually with the **sample standard deviation**  $s$ .
- With stock returns, the standard deviation (or **volatility**) changes over time, due to **volatility clustering**.
- We write  $\sigma_t$  for the volatility in period  $t$ .
- Note that  $\sigma_t$  is **unobserved**. The best we can do is **estimate** it. We'll write  $\hat{\sigma}_t$  for this estimate.
- Today, we'll mostly discuss different methods of estimation.

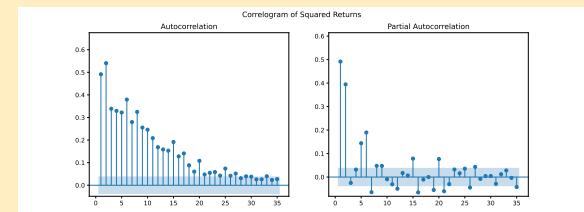
### Example: Daily Returns on the S&P 500



## Detecting Volatility Clustering (I)

- Since volatility clustering means that large returns tend to be followed by large returns, it is possible to detect it by inspecting the correlogram of the squared returns.

### Example: correlogram of squared S&P500 returns.



- Clearly, there is a lot of predictability in squared returns (unlike returns themselves).

## Detecting Volatility Clustering (II)

- Besides relying on the correlogram (or the associated Q-tests, see exercises), a formal test for volatility clustering is Engle's **ARCH-LM** test.
- The test is designed to work with regression residuals, not raw returns. Hence, we start by regressing the returns on an intercept (this is equivalent to de-meaning the returns).
- The ARCH-LM test is based on the auxiliary regression

$$\hat{u}_t^2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{u}_{t-1}^2 + \dots + \gamma_m \hat{u}_{t-m}^2 + e_t.$$

- The lag length  $m$  is chosen by the user, e.g., 5 for daily data.
- The test statistic is  $T \cdot R_{aux}^2$  and has a  $\chi^2(m)$  distribution under  $H_0 : \gamma_1 = \dots = \gamma_m = 0$  (no volatility clustering).

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### Example: ARCH-LM test for the S&P500 (see exercises for details)

OLS Regression Results							
Dep. Variable:	y	R-squared:	0.373	Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.372
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	298.0	Date:	Wed, 04 Oct 2023	Prob (F-statistic):	8.83e-251
Time:	17:19:09	Log-Likelihood:	-7173.1	No. Observations:	2512	AIC:	1.436e+04
Df Residuals:	2506	BIC:	1.439e+04	Df Model:	5	Covariance Type:	nonrobust

coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	0.3179	0.088	3.618	0.000	0.146 0.490
x1	0.2996	0.020	15.157	0.000	0.261 0.338
x2	0.3959	0.021	19.170	0.000	0.355 0.436
x3	-0.0872	0.022	-3.955	0.000	-0.130 -0.044
x4	-0.0139	0.021	-0.671	0.502	-0.054 0.027
x5	0.1438	0.020	7.272	0.000	0.105 0.183

Here, the dependent variable  $y$  refers to  $\hat{u}_t^2$ , the regressor  $x1$  refers to  $\hat{u}_{t-1}^2$ , etc. The test statistic is  $T \cdot R^2 \approx 937$ , much larger than the critical value 11.07. The null of no volatility clustering is thus clearly rejected.

## Historical Volatility

- A first simple estimator is **historical volatility**, i.e., the sample standard deviation of the most recent  $m$  observations (often  $m = 250$ , one year).
- If  $r_t = \ln P_t - \ln P_{t-1}$  denotes the daily log-return, then

$$\hat{\sigma}_{t+1,HIST}^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} r_{t-j}^2.$$

(Typically the average return is relatively close to zero). This is an estimate of the squared volatility over day  $t+1$ , made at the end of day  $t$ .

- Main disadvantages:
  - either noisy (small  $m$ ), or reacts slowly to new information (large  $m$ );
  - “ghosting” feature: large shock leads to higher volatility for exactly  $m$  periods, then drops out.

## RiskMetrics

- Problems with historical volatility are addressed by replacing equally weighted moving average by an *exponentially* weighted moving average (EWMA), also used in JPMorgan's *RiskMetrics* system:

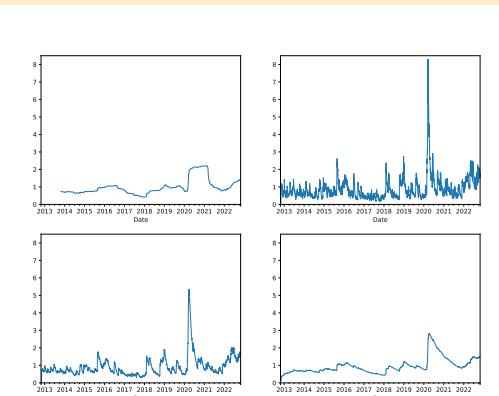
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_{t+1, \text{EWMA}}^2 &= (1 - \lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \lambda^j r_{t-j}^2 \\ &= \lambda \hat{\sigma}_{t, \text{EWMA}}^2 + (1 - \lambda) r_t^2, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1.\end{aligned}$$

- This means that observations further in the past get a smaller weight.
- In practice we do not have  $r_{t-\infty}$ , but the second equation can be started up by an initial estimate / guess  $\hat{\sigma}_{0, \text{EWMA}}^2$ .
- The larger  $\lambda$ , the stronger the persistence of shocks (large returns).
- For daily data, RiskMetrics recommends  $\lambda = 0.94$ .

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Example: S&P500 volatility, historical and EWMA ( $\lambda = 0.8, 0.94, 0.99$ )



## The ARCH Model

- The first-order *autoregressive-conditional heteroskedasticity* (ARCH(1)) model, due to Engle (1982), for a return  $r_t$  with mean zero is
 
$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha r_t^2.$$
- In practice, we need to allow for  $\mathbb{E}[r_{t+1}] = \mu_{t+1} \neq 0$ . Then  $r_{t+1} = \mu_{t+1} + u_{t+1}$ , and the model becomes
 
$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha u_t^2.$$

## The ARCH Model

- When trying to estimate ARCH models one might find that more lags are needed, leading to ARCH( $q$ ):  

$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha_1 u_t^2 + \dots + \alpha_q u_{t-q+1}^2.$$
- Note:* Variances must be positive, therefore we need to impose  $\omega > 0, \alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, q$ .
- It can be shown that an ARCH( $q$ ) model corresponds to an AR( $q$ ) for the squared returns. Thus, we could determine the order from the correlogram of the squared returns: SPACF should cut off after  $q$  lags.
- In the example above, we might conclude that we need an ARCH(6) model.

## The GARCH Model

- The GARCH(1,1) model is stationary if the unconditional ("average") variance  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2]$  is positive, constant and finite.
- This requires

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_{t+1}^2] &= \omega + \alpha \mathbb{E}[u_t^2] + \beta \mathbb{E}[\sigma_t^2] \\ &= \omega + \alpha\sigma^2 + \beta\sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

- Hence, provided that  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  (the *stationarity condition*),

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\omega}{1 - \alpha - \beta}.$$

- The nonstationary model with  $\alpha + \beta = 1$  is called *integrated GARCH* (IGARCH): infinite variance, no mean-reversion in volatility.
- Notice that an IGARCH with  $r_t = u_t, \omega = 0, \beta = \lambda$ , and  $\alpha = (1 - \lambda)$  is just the RiskMetrics model.

## The GARCH Model

- A simpler structure than ARCH( $q$ ) is an ARMA(1,1) for  $r_t^2$  or  $u_t^2$ , which leads to the *generalized ARCH* model of orders (1,1) (GARCH(1,1)), due to Bollerslev (1986):

$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha u_t^2 + \beta \sigma_t^2, \quad \omega > 0, \alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0.$$

- Advantage:* Flexible structure with only 3 parameters to estimate.

## The GARCH Model

Some other properties:

- The ACF and PACF of  $r_t^2$  in case of stationary GARCH(1,1) are both exponentially decaying, no cut-off point.
- The *standardized returns*

$$z_{t+1} = \frac{r_{t+1} - \mu_{t+1}}{\sigma_{t+1}}$$

satisfy  $E(z_{t+1}) = 0$  and  $\text{var}(z_{t+1}) = 1$ . Therefore the model may be formulated as

$$\begin{aligned}r_{t+1} &= \mu_{t+1} + u_{t+1} = \mu_{t+1} + \sigma_{t+1} z_{t+1}, \\ \sigma_{t+1}^2 &= \omega + \alpha u_t^2 + \beta \sigma_t^2.\end{aligned}$$

- Often it is assumed that  $z_t$  are i.i.d. as  $N(0, 1)$ .
- Even if  $z_t \sim N(0, 1)$ , it can be shown that varying  $\sigma_t$  implies that  $r_t$  has non-normal distribution, with higher kurtosis.

## The GARCH( $p, q$ ) Model

- The GARCH(1, 1) model can be extended to the GARCH( $p, q$ ) model

$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha_1 u_t^2 + \cdots + \alpha_q u_{t-q+1}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_t^2 + \cdots + \beta_p \sigma_{t-p+1}^2$$

although in practice, this is rarely necessary.

- The model is stationary if  $\sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i + \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i < 1$ , and the unconditional variance is

$$\frac{\omega}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i - \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i}.$$

## Estimation of GARCH Models

- GARCH cannot be estimated by ordinary least-squares (because  $\sigma_t^2$  is not observed).
- Such models are estimated by **maximum likelihood**: the joint density of the observations  $\{r_1, \dots, r_T\}$  is maximized with respect to the parameters.
- Maximization of  $\log L$  can be done by numerical optimization algorithms. By default, the `arch` package for Python does this under the assumption of normality.
- If we are not sure that the  $z_t$ 's are normally distributed, then we may still use the same estimation technique. This is called **quasi-maximum likelihood estimator**.
- However, we need to construct standard errors via a more robust method (**Bollerslev-Wooldridge standard errors**). `arch` does this by default.

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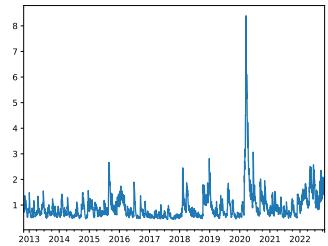
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### Example: arch output, estimated GARCH model for S&P500

```
=====
Constant Mean - GARCH Model Results
=====
Dep. Variable: log_return R-squared: 0.000
Mean Model: Constant Mean Adj. R-squared: 0.000
Vol Model: GARCH Log-Likelihood: -3119.24
Distribution: Normal AIC: 6246.48
Method: Maximum Likelihood BIC: 6269.80
No. Observations: 2517
Date: Wed, Oct 04 2023 Df Residuals: 2516
Time: 17:23:18 Df Model: 1
Mean Model
=====
            coef  std err      t    P>|t|   95.0% Conf. Int.
=====
mu          0.0803  1.410e-02   5.697  1.219e-08 [ 5.269e-02,  0.108]
Volatility Model
=====
            coef  std err      t    P>|t|   95.0% Conf. Int.
=====
omega        0.0447  9.834e-03   4.551  5.346e-06 [ 2.548e-02, 6.402e-02]
alpha[1]     0.2217  3.185e-02   6.963  3.326e-12 [ 0.159,  0.284]
beta[1]      0.7437  2.864e-02  25.970  1.094e-148 [ 0.688,  0.800]
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Covariance estimator: robust

## Example: Estimated GARCH volatility of S&P500



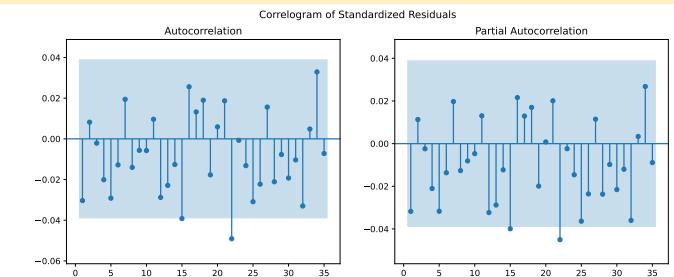
## Testing GARCH Models

- Diagnostic tests are based on the **standardized residuals**  $\hat{z}_t := \hat{u}_t/\hat{\sigma}_t$ . If  $\mu_t$  and  $\sigma_t$  are correctly specified, we should find no autocorrelation in  $\hat{z}_t$  and  $\hat{z}_t^2$ .
- Therefore, the model can be tested using  $Q$ -statistics for  $\hat{z}_t$  or  $\hat{z}_t^2$ .
- Lagrange-Multiplier (LM) test against ARCH, which is obtained by  $T \cdot R^2$  in the regression
$$\hat{z}_t^2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \hat{z}_{t-1}^2 + \dots + \gamma_m \hat{z}_{t-m}^2 + e_t.$$
- To test for normality of  $z_t$ , we can use the Jarque-Bera test based on the skewness and kurtosis of  $\hat{z}_t$ .

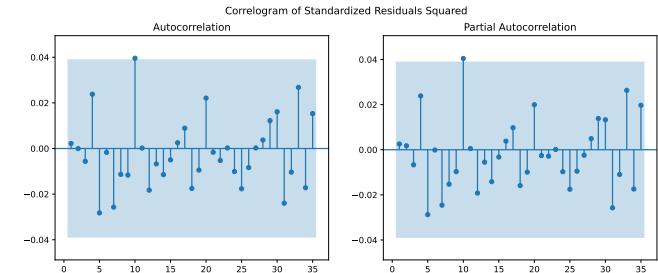
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## Example: Correlogram of standardized residuals for the S&P500



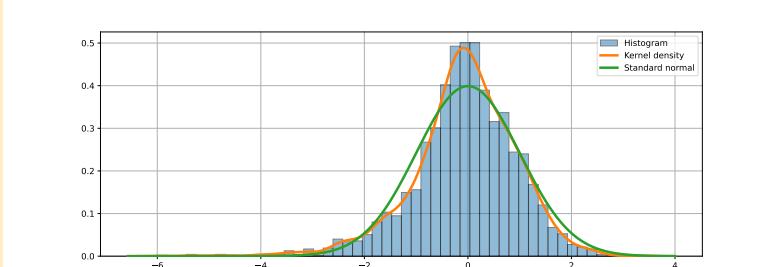
### Example: Correlogram of squared standardized residuals for the S&P500



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### Example: Histogram of standardized residuals for the S&P500



The Jarque-Beta test rejects with a  $p$ -value of essentially zero, rejecting normality (see exercises).

## Asymmetry and the News Impact Curve

- The **news impact curve** (NIC) is the effect of  $u_t$  on  $\sigma_{t+1}^2$ , keeping  $\sigma_t^2$  and the past fixed.
- For GARCH(1,1), this is the parabola  $NIC(u_t|\sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2) = A + \alpha u_t^2$ , with  $A = \omega + \beta\sigma^2$ . This has a minimum at  $u_t = 0$ , and is symmetric around that minimum.
- For equity, a large negative shock is expected to increase volatility more than a large positive shock, because of **leverage effect**:
  - ↓ value of firm's stock
  - ⇒ ↓ equity value of the firm
  - ⇒ ↑ debt-to-equity ratio
  - ⇒ shareholders (as residual claimants) perceive future cashflows as more risky.
- Multiple extensions exist to deal with this issue. Here we focus on Glosten, Jagannathan and Runkle's GJR-GARCH model.

## GJR-GARCH (or TARCH, threshold GARCH)

The GJR-GARCH(1,1) model is

$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha u_t^2 + \gamma u_t^2 I_t + \beta \sigma_t^2.$$

where

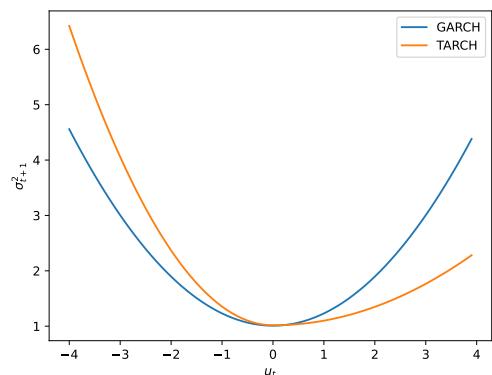
$$I_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u_t < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } u_t \geq 0 \end{cases},$$

and  $u_t/\sigma_t$  has a symmetric distribution.

Properties:

- NIC is asymmetric if and only if  $\gamma \neq 0$ ; leverage effect if  $\gamma > 0$ ;
- $\sigma_t^2$  is positive if  $\omega > 0, \alpha \geq 0, \gamma \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$ ;
- $u_t^2$  is stationary if  $0 \leq \alpha + \frac{1}{2}\gamma + \beta < 1$ , with unconditional variance  $\sigma^2 = \omega / [1 - \alpha - \frac{1}{2}\gamma - \beta]$ .

### Example: NIC of GARCH and TARCH models for S&P500



### Example: arch output, estimated TARCH model for S&P500

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=====
Constant Mean - GJR-GARCH Model Results
=====
Dep. Variable: log_return R-squared: 0.000
Mean Model: Constant Mean Adj. R-squared: 0.000
Vol Model: GJR-GARCH Log-Likelihood: -3088.09
Distribution: Normal AIC: 6186.18
Method: Maximum Likelihood BIC: 6215.34
No. Observations: 2517
Date: Wed, Oct 04 2023 Df Residuals: 2516
Time: 18:38:45 Df Model: 1
Mean Model
=====
coef std err t P>|t| 95.0% Conf. Int.
-----
mu 0.0475 1.357e-02 3.503 4.609e-04 [2.094e-02, 7.415e-02]
Volatility Model
=====
coef std err t P>|t| 95.0% Conf. Int.
-----
omega 0.0419 8.680e-03 4.832 1.352e-06 [2.493e-02, 5.895e-02]
alpha[1] 0.0831 4.212e-02 1.974 4.843e-02 [5.741e-04, 0.166]
gamma[1] 0.2547 5.416e-02 4.703 2.561e-06 [ 0.149, 0.361]
beta[1] 0.7569 3.189e-02 23.736 1.541e-124 [ 0.694, 0.819]
=====
Covariance estimator: robust
```

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## Volatility Forecasting

- GARCH models directly provide forecasts of next day's volatility:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{t+1}^2 = \hat{\omega} + \hat{\alpha}\hat{u}_t^2 + \hat{\beta}\hat{\sigma}_t^2.$$

- Multi-period forecasts can be constructed recursively. In principle, one would use

$$\hat{\sigma}_{t+2}^2 = \hat{\omega} + \hat{\alpha}\hat{u}_{t+1}^2 + \hat{\beta}\hat{\sigma}_{t+1}^2,$$

but  $\hat{u}_{t+1}^2$  is unobserved.

- Solution: replace  $\hat{u}_{t+1}^2$  with its estimate,  $\hat{\sigma}_{t+1}^2$ .

- Result:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{t+2}^2 = \hat{\omega} + (\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta})\hat{\sigma}_{t+1}^2.$$

## Learning Goals

### Students

- can use appropriate tests to detect volatility clustering,
- are able to estimate, interpret, and forecast the various models (historical volatility, RiskMetrics, (G)ARCH, TARCH), and to apply diagnostic tests to the standardized residuals,
- and understand the concept of leverage, and the NIC.

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## Homework

- Exercise 5
- Questions 1 and 3 from Chapter 9 of Brooks (2019)

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## Module 9.3: Time Series Analysis with Python

### Fall Term 2023

Week 6:

#### Value at Risk



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## Value at Risk

- Consider a portfolio with value  $V_{PF,t}$  and daily returns  $R_{PF,t+1}$ .
  - Define the one-day loss on the portfolio as
- $$\$Loss_{t+1} = V_{PF,t} - V_{PF,t+1}.$$
- The one-day,  $100 \cdot p\%$ , dollar **Value at Risk** ( $\$VaR_{t+1}^p$ ) is the daily loss which will only be exceeded on the worst  $100 \cdot p\%$  of days. Usually,  $p = 0.01$ .
  - Mathematically, it is the value of  $\$VaR_{t+1}^p$  such that
- $$\mathbb{P}(\$Loss_{t+1} > \$VaR_{t+1}^p) = p.$$

## Value at Risk

- It is usually easier to express the VaR as a percentage of the portfolio value:

$$VaR_{t+1}^p = \frac{\$Loss_{t+1}}{V_{PF,t}}.$$

- Hence

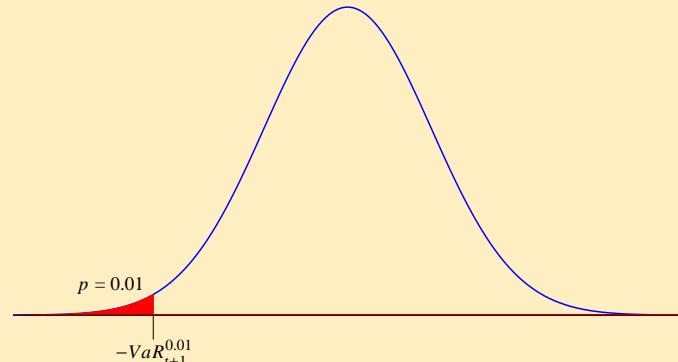
$$\mathbb{P}(R_{PF,t+1} < -VaR_{t+1}^p) = p,$$

as

$$R_{PF,t+1} = -\frac{\$Loss_{t+1}}{V_{PF,t}}.$$

- Thus  $VaR_{t+1}^p$  is minus the 100 $p$ th percentile of the return distribution.
- Definition can be naturally extended to  $K$ -day VaR, from the distribution of the  $K$ -day returns  $R_{PF,t+1:t+K}$ .

## Probability density function of daily returns



## Value at Risk

- Value at Risk was proposed as the standard measure of portfolio risk by the Basel Committee of the Bank of International Settlements in 1996.
- The BC imposed that financial institutions should report the Value at Risk on their positions, such that regulators could check the adequacy of the economic capital as a buffer against market risk.
- Banks were allowed to use their own, internal models for the computation of VaR, but the adequacy of these models should be “backtested” using specific criteria.
- A candidate for a standard model is RiskMetrics (developed by J.P.Morgan).
- VaR is being replaced by the expected shortfall (ES) with the rollout of Basel 3. The ES is based on the VaR, however.

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## VaR Methods: Historical simulation

Historical simulation assumes that the distribution of tomorrow's portfolio returns is well approximated by the empirical distribution (histogram) of the past  $m$  observations  $\{R_{PF,t}, R_{PF,t-1}, \dots, R_{PF,t+1-m}\}$ .

This is as if we draw, with replacement, from the last  $m$  returns and use this to simulate the next day's return distribution.

- The estimator of VaR is given by minus the  $100p$ th percentile of the sequence of past portfolio returns, that is:
  - sort the returns  $\{R_{PF,t}, R_{PF,t-1}, \dots, R_{PF,t+1-m}\}$  in ascending order;
  - define  $R_{t+1}^p$  as the number such that  $100p\%$  of the observations are smaller than  $R_{t+1}^p$ ;
  - the estimator for VaR is given by

$$\widehat{VaR}_{t+1}^p = -R_{t+1}^p.$$

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## VaR Methods: Historical simulation

Problems / limitations of historical simulation:

- Last year(s) of data not necessarily representative for the next few days (e.g., because of volatility clustering).
- Similar problems as historical volatility (choice of  $m$ ).
- A large  $m$  is required to compute the 1% VaR with any degree of precision, since we are effectively using only 1% of the data to estimate it.

## VaR Methods: Normal distribution

- Another simple approach is to assume  $R_{t+1} = R_{PF,t+1} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and to estimate  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  using historical data.
- Denoting the inverse distribution function (quantile function) of the normal as  $\Phi_p^{-1}$ , The VaR becomes

$$VaR_{t+1}^p = -\mu - \sigma\Phi_p^{-1}.$$

For example,  $\Phi_{.01}^{-1} = -2.326$ . For daily data one might take  $\mu = 0$ .

## VaR Methods: Normal distribution

- The normal model can be easily extended to a *conditionally* normal model. Assume  $R_{t+1} \sim N(\mu_{t+1}, \sigma_{t+1}^2)$  where  $\sigma_{t+1}^2$  may be estimated by:
  - rolling windows;
  - EWMA / RiskMetrics;
  - univariate GARCH;
- $\mu_{t+1}$  is often just the mean return (e.g., the intercept in the mean equation for a GARCH model)
- The VaR then becomes  $VaR_{t+1}^p = -\mu_{t+1} - \sigma_{t+1}\Phi_p^{-1}$ .

## VaR Methods: Standardized *t* distribution

- The VaR methods described on the previous slides are only applicable if the returns are normally distributed.
- This can be tested by the Jarque-Bera test and is usually rejected.
- Solution: use Student's  $t(d)$  distribution, where d.o.f.  $d > 0$  need not be integer.
- $d$  is just a shape parameter. Small values correspond to fat tails. As  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , we approach the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution.
- For  $d > 2$ , the variance of a  $t(d)$  random variable  $x$  is  $d/(d - 2)$ ; the distribution of

$$z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\text{var}(x)}} = \sqrt{\frac{d-2}{d}} x$$

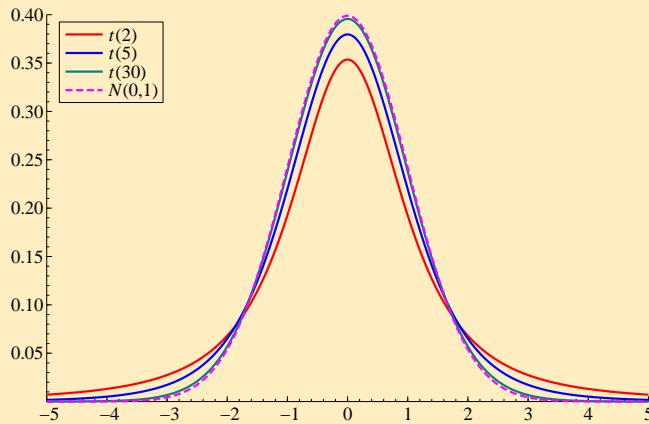
is called *standardized t(d)*, denoted  $\tilde{t}(d)$ .

- For  $d > 4$  the excess kurtosis is  $6/(d - 4)$ . The distributions are symmetric around 0 (hence mean and skewness are 0).

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## Student's *t* densities



## VaR Methods: Standardized *t* distribution

- The GARCH model  $R_{t+1} = \mu_{t+1} + \sigma_{t+1} z_{t+1}$ ,  $\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \omega + \alpha R_t^2 + \beta \sigma_t^2$ , may be extended to  $z_t \sim \tilde{t}(d)$ , where  $d$  is an extra parameter that needs to be estimated.
- In practice this GARCH-*t* model often gives a substantially better fit than the Gaussian model. The main problem is that the standardized residuals usually have an asymmetric distribution, with a longer left tail than right tail.

## VaR Methods: Standardized *t* distribution

- Let  $\tilde{t}_p^{-1}(d)$  be  $100p\%$  quantile of the standardized *t* distribution  $\tilde{t}(d)$  and  $t_p^{-1}(d)$  the percentile  $100p\%$  of the *t* distribution  $t(d)$ .
- The implied VaR now is

$$VaR_{t+1}^p = -\mu_{t+1} - \sigma_{t+1} \tilde{t}_p^{-1}(d) = -\mu_{t+1} - \sigma_{t+1} \sqrt{\frac{d-2}{d}} t_p^{-1}(d),$$

where, e.g.,  $\tilde{t}_{.01}^{-1}(6) = -2.566$ .

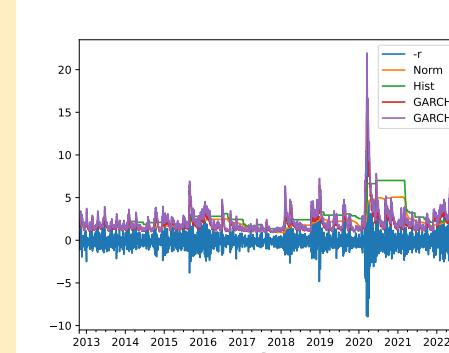
## Estimation of GARCH-*t* in Python

### Constant Mean - GARCH Model Results

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Dep. Variable: log_return R-squared: 0.000
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Vol Model: GARCH Log-likelihood: -3036.13
Distribution: Standardized Student's t AIC: 6082.26
Method: Maximum Likelihood BIC: 6111.41
No. Observations: 2517
Date: Tue, Oct 10 2023 Df Residuals: 2516
Time: 16:27:43 Df Model: 1
Mean Model
=====
coef std err t P>|t| 95.0% Conf. Int.
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mu 0.0913 1.205e-02 7.578 3.501e-14 [ 6.768e-02, 0.115]
Volatility Model
-----
coef std err t P>|t| 95.0% Conf. Int.
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omega 0.0286 6.564e-03 4.353 1.343e-05 [ 1.571e-02, 4.144e-02]
alpha[1] 0.2171 2.891e-02 7.508 6.009e-14 [ 0.160, 0.274]
beta[1] 0.7767 2.496e-02 31.114 1.551e-212 [ 0.728, 0.826]
Distribution
-----
coef std err t P>|t| 95.0% Conf. Int.
-----
nu 5.4748 0.592 9.248 2.293e-20 [ 4.314, 6.635]
=====
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Covariance estimator: robust

Example: negative of the S&P500 returns, with 1% VaR based on historical simulation, a rolling normal distribution, and a GARCH(1, 1) with both normal and *t* errors



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## Expected Shortfall

- With the rollout of Basel 3 which started on January 1st, 2023, the 1% VaR is being replaced with the 2.5% **expected shortfall** (ES, a.k.a. CVaR), which addresses these problems.
  - It is defined as
- $$ES_{t+1}^p = -\mathbb{E} [R_{t+1} | R_{t+1} < -VaR_{t+1}^p],$$
- i.e., it represents the average of the losses exceeding the VaR.
- Backtesting the ES is less straightforward than the VaR, and won't be discussed here.
  - Note however that a correctly specified ES requires that the VaR be correctly estimated in a first step, so the methods discussed here remain relevant.

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## Expected Shortfall

### Limitations of Value at Risk:

- VaR is not informative about the magnitude of the losses if they exceed the VaR. Two distributions could have the same 1% VaR, but with different left tails.
- VaR is not **subadditive**: it is not guaranteed that

$$VaR_{t+1}^p(X + Y) \leq VaR_{t+1}^p(X) + VaR_{t+1}^p(Y).$$

This means that VaR is not a “coherent” risk measure.

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## Multi-Period VaR

- As we have seen, the one-day VaR (and ES) can be determined analytically for the GARCH- $N(0, 1)$  and GARCH- $\tilde{t}(d)$  models, when estimation is also based on daily data.
- However, in practice one often needs risk measures for multi-period returns:

$$R_{t+1:t+K} = \sum_{k=1}^K R_{t+k}.$$

For example, a horizon of two weeks ( $K = 10$  trading days) is common.

## Multi-Period VaR

- Problem: even if the distribution of the one-period return is known (e.g., normal), that of  $R_{t+1:t+K}$  is not (because the variance is not deterministic).
- Monte Carlo simulation** is a possible solution: we let the computer generate a large number of scenarios of  $K$  daily returns, and compute from this the conditional distribution of the  $K$ -day return, and hence the  $K$ -day VaR and ES.
- Quick-and dirty practitioner solution: scale the one-day VaR with  $\sqrt{K}$  (**square root of time rule**). This is strictly speaking only correct under normality.

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## Backtesting Value at Risk

- The Basel Committee requires that methods to evaluate VaR be backtested.
- They recommend constructing the 1% VaR over the last 250 trading days ( $\approx 1$  year), and counting the number of times that losses have exceeded the day's VaR figure (termed **exceptions** or **violations** ).
- A method is said to lie in the:
  - Green zone**, in case of 0–4 exceptions;
  - Yellow zone**, in case of 5–9 exceptions;
  - Red zone**, in case of 10 exceptions or more.
- The capital charge for the bank changes according to the zone.

## Backtesting Value at Risk

How can we test if a VaR method is accurate?

- Define the *hit sequence*

$$I_{t+1} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } R_{t+1} < -\text{VaR}_{t+1}^p, \\ 0, & \text{if } R_{t+1} > -\text{VaR}_{t+1}^p. \end{cases}$$

- Consider a test period that covers  $t+1 \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ , then the number of exceptions is given by  $T_1 = \sum_{t=1}^T I_t$ .
- The proportion of exceptions is given by  $\hat{\pi} = T_1/T$  which is an estimator of  $\mathbb{P}(R_{t+1} < -\text{VaR}_{t+1}^p)$ .
- Recall that if the model that generated  $\text{VaR}_{t+1}^p$  is correctly specified, then

$$\mathbb{P}(R_{t+1} < -\text{VaR}_{t+1}^p) = p,$$

independent of any information at time  $t$ .

## Backtesting Value at Risk

- Hence, under the null hypothesis of correct specification, the hits  $\{I_{t+1}\}$  are independent Bernoulli random variables, and so  $T_1 = \sum_{t=1}^T I_t$  has a  $\text{Binomial}(T, p)$  distribution.

- We can test this hypothesis (e.g., with  $p = 0.01$ ) based on the  $t$ -statistics

$$t_0 = \frac{\hat{\pi} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/T}} \quad \text{or} \quad t = \frac{\hat{\pi} - p}{\sqrt{\hat{\pi}(1-\hat{\pi})/T}}.$$

- Under  $H_0$  their asymptotic distribution is  $N(0, 1)$ .
- The second  $t$ -statistic is equal (up to degrees-of-freedom correction) to the OLS-based  $t$ -statistic in regression of  $I_{t+1} - p$  on a constant; see exercises.

## Backtesting Value at Risk

- The previous test only checks *unconditional* coverage, i.e.,  $\mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 1) = p$  *on average*. However, misspecification often is due to the fact that the hits  $I_{t+1}$  are not independent over time.
- If exceptions are clustered, then if today there was an exception a risk manager can infer that the probability of occurring another exception tomorrow is higher than  $p$ . Hence, there is misspecification.
- We would like to test if the VaR violations are *independent* over time, the null hypothesis is

$$H_0 : \mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 1 | I_t = 1) = \mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 1 | I_t = 0),$$

which implies  $\mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 0 | I_t = 0) = \mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 0 | I_t = 1)$ .

## Backtesting Value at Risk

- Also of interest is to test if the VaR violations are independent over time and if the number of violations is correct (*conditional coverage*)

$$H_0 : \mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 1 | I_t = 1) = \mathbb{P}(I_{t+1} = 1 | I_t = 0) = p.$$

- A simple approach to test these hypotheses is to consider the linear regression model

$$I_{t+1} - p = b_0 + b_1 I_t + e_{t+1}$$

- The *conditional coverage* hypothesis is equivalent to  $H_0 : b_0 = b_1 = 0$  and can be tested using a  $F$ -test.
- The *independence* hypothesis is equivalent to  $H_0 : b_1 = 0$  and can be tested using a  $t$ -test.

## Backtesting Value at Risk

### Results for S&P500 returns, 4 different methods

	Norm	Hist	GARCHn	GARCHt
$100 \cdot \hat{\pi}$	3.10	1.67	2.54	1.71
$t(\pi = 0.01)$	6.08	2.62	4.92	2.74
$\hat{b}_1$	0.07	0.10	0.00	0.03
$t(b_1 = 0)$	3.71	5.25	0.30	1.50
$F(b_0 = b_1 = 0)$	25.45	17.24	12.13	4.89

The critical values for the  $t$  and  $F$  tests are, respectively,  $\pm 1.96$  and  $3.00$ .

The GARCHt model fares best, even though correct conditional coverage is still rejected. This is likely driven by the incorrect unconditional coverage, since independence is not rejected. This means that we'd need a different distribution, such as a Skew-t.

## Learning Goals

### Students

- know the definitions of VaR and Expected Shortfall,
- understand the limitations of the VaR,
- are able to construct VaR forecasts based on various methods,
- and are able to backtest VaR forecasts.

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- Exercise 6
- **Assignment 1.** Deadline: Sunday after next, 11.59 p.m.

## Module 9.3: Time Series Analysis with Python

### Fall Term 2023

#### Week 7:

#### Cointegration



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#### Cointegration and Common Trends

Suppose we have two time series  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$ , which are both  $I(1)$ , and we analyze a regression model of the form

$$Y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_t + U_t.$$

Here  $U_t$  has mean zero but may display autocorrelation. Two cases:

- $U_t \sim I(1)$ : if  $U_t$  displays no mean-reversion, then  $Y_t$  does not revert to the explained part  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_t$ . Even if  $\beta_2 = 0$ , its  $t$ -statistic and  $R^2$  will often seem significant (*spurious regressions*). To avoid this, one should estimate a model in differences, i.e.,  
$$\Delta Y_t = a_1 + a_2 \Delta X_t + \Delta U_t.$$
- $U_t \sim I(0)$ : now  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  have a *common* stochastic trend, such that the linear combination  $Y_t - \beta_2 X_t$  does not have a trend. This is called *cointegration*.

## Example

- Consider the model

$$Y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_t + U_{1,t}$$

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + U_{2,t}$$

where  $\beta_2 \neq 0$ ,  $U_{1,t}, U_{2,t} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} (0, \sigma^2)$  independently of each other.

- $X_t$  is a random walk and thus nonstationary.  $Y_t$  contains  $X_t$  and is thus also nonstationary. But

$$Y_t - \beta_2 X_t = \beta_1 + U_{1,t}$$

is stationary: the RHS is white noise plus a constant.

- (1,  $-\beta_2$ ) is called the *cointegrating vector*.

## Cointegration and Common Trends, contd.

- The concept is easily extended to more than two series: if  $X_{2t}, \dots, X_{kt}$  are all  $I(1)$  variables, and

$$Y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2t} + \dots + \beta_k X_{kt} + U_t,$$

then this is a spurious regression if  $U_t \sim I(1)$  (and  $\beta_i = 0$ ), and a cointegrating relation if  $U_t$  is stationary.

- In other words, cointegration between  $k$  integrated series means that there exists a *linear combination*<sup>1</sup> of them which is stationary.
- Examples of possibly cointegrated time series:
  - exchange rates and relative prices (*purchasing power parity*);
  - spot and futures prices of assets or exchange rates;
  - short- and long-term interest rates (*term structure models*);
  - stock prices and dividends (*present value relations*).

<sup>1</sup>i.e., a weighted sum

## Testing for Cointegration

- For cointegrated series, one should exploit the long-run equilibrium relationship between variables for estimation rather than differencing. Differencing would *remove* that structure.

- Engle and Granger proposed the following procedure:
  - Conduct individual unit root tests to ensure all series are  $I(1)$ .
  - Estimate the regression model

$$Y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{2t} + \dots + \beta_k X_{kt} + U_t$$

by ordinary least-squares. Estimates are (super)consistent, but standard errors are wrong because series are  $I(1)$ .

- Apply an ADF unit root test (with constant) to the residuals  $\hat{u}_t$  from this regression. This yields a test for  $H_0 : U_t \sim I(1)$  (spurious regression) against  $H_1 : U_t \sim I(0)$  (cointegration). The critical values depend on  $k$ . E.g., for  $k = 2$  ( $X_{2t}$  and an intercept), the 5% c.v. is -3.41.
- If  $H_0$  is rejected, estimate an *error correction model*.

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### Engle-Granger critical values

Number of series (w/o constant)	2	3	4	5	6
Critical value	-3.41	-3.80	-4.16	-4.49	-4.74

## Error Correction Models

- Cointegration between  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  implies that deviations ( $Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}$ ) from the equilibrium level should be (partially) corrected in the next period, by  $Y_t$ ,  $X_t$ , or both.
- This leads to a *vector error correction model* (VECM), which in the simplest form is

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Y_t &= c_1 + \alpha_1(Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}) + e_{1t}, \\ \Delta X_t &= c_2 + \alpha_2(Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}) + e_{2t},\end{aligned}$$

where  $e_{1t}$  and  $e_{2t}$  are two white noise errors (possibly correlated), and where we expect  $\alpha_1 < 0$  and/or  $\alpha_2 \beta_2 > 0$ .

- We might need to add lags of  $\Delta Y_t$  and/or  $\Delta X_t$  on RHS to combat autocorrelation.
- The *Granger representation theorem* states that cointegration implies an error correction model (possibly with more lags), and vice versa; see exercises.

## Engle-Granger Procedure

- The VECM

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Y_t &= c_1 + \alpha_1(Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}) + e_{1t}, \\ \Delta X_t &= c_2 + \alpha_2(Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}) + e_{2t}.\end{aligned}$$

is estimated by replacing  $Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}$  by OLS residual  
 $\hat{u}_{t-1} = Y_{t-1} - \hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2 X_{t-1}$ , and estimating  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  by OLS.

- Note that  $\hat{u}$  is stationary, so this is a valid regression!
- If  $\alpha_2 = 0$ , then all correction is done by  $Y_t$ , and not by  $X_t$ . In that case it makes sense to treat  $X_t$  as exogenous and  $Y_t$  as endogenous, and consider the “single-equation” error correction model

$$\Delta Y_t = c + \alpha_1(Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}) + e_t.$$

- In general, both  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  are endogenous.

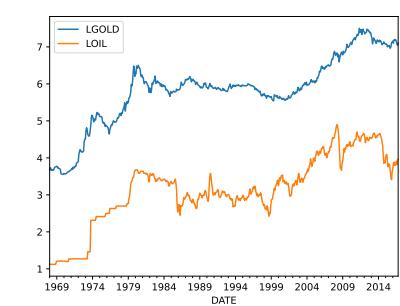
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## Example

- Until 1971, as part of the Bretton-Woods system of fixed exchange rates, the US dollar was convertible to gold, i.e., it was possible for foreign central banks to redeem US dollars for gold at a fixed rate of 35\$ per troy ounce, so that the price of gold was fixed.
- In 1971, US president Nixon unilaterally cancelled the direct convertibility, ultimately ending the Bretton-Woods agreement.
- Gold became a floating asset, and its price increased sharply; in other words, the US\$ was massively devalued.

### $\log(\text{gold}_t)$ and $\log(\text{oil}_t)$



## Example continued

- We want to analyze the hypothesis that the increasing price (in US\$) of oil is not a consequence of an increased demand for (or a reduced supply of) oil, but rather of a continued devaluation of the US\$.
- We have at our disposal monthly data from April 1968 to January 2017 (586 observations) on the following variables:
  - $\text{gold}_t$ , the spot price of one troy ounce of gold in US\$;
  - $\text{oil}_t$ , the spot price of one barrel of WTI crude oil in US\$.
- Idea: if the relative price of oil expressed in units of gold  $\text{oil}_t/\text{gold}_t$  is stationary, then this implies that  $\log(\text{oil}_t) - \log(\text{gold}_t)$  is stationary, so that  $\log(\text{oil}_t)$  and  $\log(\text{gold}_t)$  must be cointegrated if the individual series are integrated.

## Example continued

### Step 1 Test that the variables are integrated (ADF test with constant and trend)

```
ADF, p, crits, res = tsa.stattools.adfuller(df["LOIL"], regression='ct', autolag='AIC', store=True)
print("ADF = ", ADF, "\nnp = ", p)
ADF = -2.5524224546607397
p = 0.3022670842559252

ADF, p, crits, res = tsa.stattools.adfuller(df["LGOLD"], regression='ct', autolag='AIC', store=True)
print("ADF = ", ADF, "\nnp = ", p)
ADF = -2.559158224027972
p = 0.29904292389348935
```

Neither test rejects, so the series are I(1).

## Example continued

Step 2 Estimate long-run relationship  $\text{loil}_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \text{lgold}_t + U_t$

### Estimated long run relationship

```
OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable: LOIL R-squared:      0.873
Model:          OLS   Adj. R-squared:  0.873
Method:         Least Squares F-statistic:    4015.
Date:           Wed, 11 Oct 2023 Prob (F-statistic): 6.99e-264
Time:           15:03:24 Log-likelihood:     -183.59
No. Observations: 586 AIC:            371.2
Df Residuals:    584 BIC:            379.9
Df Model:        2
Covariance Type: nonrobust
=====

coef std err      t      P>|t| [0.025  0.975]
Intercept   -2.2590  0.086  -26.167  0.000  -2.429  -2.089
LGOLD       0.9262  0.015   63.364  0.000   0.898   0.955
=====
Omnibus:      4.994 Durbin-Watson:   0.074
Prob(Omnibus): 0.082 Jarque-Bera (JB):  4.313
Skew:        -0.133 Prob(JB):       0.116
Kurtosis:     2.675 Cond. No.:      38.3
=====
```

The cointegrating vector is  $(1, -\beta_2) = (1, -0.926)$  (if the Engle-Granger test rejects).

**Careful:** standard errors are wrong, because variables are  $I(1)$ .

## Example continued

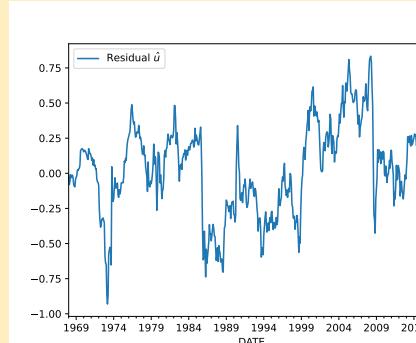
Step 3 Apply ADF test (with intercept) to  $u$ .

```
ADF, p, crits, res = tsa.stattools.adfuller(u, regression='c', autolag='AIC', store=True)
print("ADF = ", ADF)
ADF = -3.7247713389879844
```

**Careful:** we need to use the Engle-Granger 5% critical value of  $-3.41$ , **not** the one given by `adfuller` (nor the  $p$ -value). Conclusion: test rejects the null of "no cointegration".

## Example continued

### Residuals (=equilibrium error) $\hat{U}_t$



## Example continued

Step 4a Estimate the VECM equation for  $\text{loil}$ . Note: I threw in a lag of the dependent variable, as there was autocorrelation without it (cf. selected lag length in ADF test).

### VECM equation for $\text{loil}$

```
OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable: df.LOIL.diff() R-squared:      0.078
Model:          OLS   Adj. R-squared:  0.074
Method:         Least Squares F-statistic:    24.46
Date:           Wed, 11 Oct 2023 Prob (F-statistic): 6.31e-11
Time:           16:25:01 Log-Likelihood:     654.56
No. Observations: 584 AIC:            -1303.
Df Residuals:    581 BIC:            -1290.
Df Model:        2
Covariance Type: nonrobust
=====

coef std err      t      P>|t| [0.025  0.975]
Intercept      0.0036  0.003   1.111  0.267  -0.003  0.010
u.shift()     -0.0350  0.010   -3.518  0.000  -0.054  -0.015
df.LOIL.diff().shift()  0.2565  0.040   6.399  0.000   0.178  0.335
=====
Omnibus:      325.732 Durbin-Watson:   2.007
Prob(Omnibus): 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB):  11453.205
Skew:        1.828 Prob(JB):       0.00
Kurtosis:     24.385 Cond. No.:      12.3
=====
```

## Example continued

Step 4b Estimate the VECM equation for lgold.

### VECM equation for lgold

```
OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable: df.LGOLD.diff() R-squared:      0.003
Model:           OLS   Adj. R-squared:    0.001
Method:          Least Squares F-statistic:   1.616
Date:       Wed, 11 Oct 2023 Prob (F-statistic): 0.204
Time:        16:29:45 Log-Likelihood:     850.41
No. Observations: 585 AIC:             -1697.
Df Residuals:    583 BIC:             -1688.
Df Model:         1
Covariance Type: nonrobust
=====

            coef  std err      t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
Intercept  0.0059  0.002    2.504    0.013    0.001    0.010
u.shift()  0.0090  0.007    1.271    0.204    -0.005    0.023
=====
Omnibus:      69.639 Durbin-Watson:      1.933
Prob(Omnibus): 0.000 Jarque-Bera (JB): 356.493
Skew:          0.368 Prob(JB):      3.88e-78
Kurtosis:      6.753 Cond. No.:      3.02
=====
```

The adjustment coefficient  $\alpha_2$  in the equation for  $d(lgold)$  is insignificant ( $p = 0.204$ ). So all the adjustment is done by  $loil \rightarrow$  single-equation ECM.

## Example continued

- The final model is the single-equation ECM

$$\Delta loil_t = 0.0036 - 0.035(loil_{t-1} - 0.926lgold_{t-1} + 2.26) + 0.25\Delta loil_{t-1} + e_{1t}.$$

In our earlier notation,

$$\Delta Y_t = c + \alpha_1(Y_{t-1} - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{t-1}) + \gamma \Delta Y_{t-1} + e_{1t},$$

with  $c = 0.0036$ ,  $\alpha_1 = -0.035 < 0$  as desired,  $\beta_1 = -2.26$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.926$ , and  $\gamma = 0.25$ .

- Interpretation: there is an equilibrium relationship between  $loil$  and  $lgold$ . In case of a disequilibrium,  $loil$  adjusts towards the equilibrium. The adjustment amounts to 3.5% per period.

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## Learning Goals

### Students

- Understand the concept of cointegration,
- are able to test for cointegration using the Engle-Granger procedure,
- and are able to estimate an error correction model.

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## Homework

- Exercise 7