

Week 4: Time-Series Forecasting

ARIMA & GARCH Models

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1 Practical Exercises

1.1 Exercise 1: Stationarity Testing

Test the stationarity of some asset prices and returns using both ADF and KPSS tests. Interpret the results and explain why returns are preferred for modeling.

1.2 Exercise 2: Model Selection & Volatility Forecasting

Fit ARIMA models with orders $(0,0,0)$, $(1,0,0)$, $(0,0,1)$, and $(1,0,1)$ to some crypto (or whatever else you are prefer) returns. Compare AIC and BIC values to select the best model. Similarly, estimate a GARCH(1,1) and calculate the 30-day ahead volatility forecast and interpret the persistence parameter $(\alpha + \beta)$.

1.3 Exercise 3: Monte Carlo Simulation

Generate 1000 price paths for some assets over a 30-day horizon using combined ARIMA-GARCH forecasts. Calculate the 90% confidence interval and probability of positive returns.

1.4 Exercise 4: Backtesting

Implement rolling window forecasting for your chosen cryptocurrency. Compare RMSE and directional accuracy against a naive random walk benchmark.