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## School of Economics

### Financial Econometrics

#### Tutorial 6

#### 1. (ARCH model characteristics)

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(a) The specification  $\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, \sigma_t^2)$  implies that the conditional mean of  $\varepsilon_t$  is 0. The conditional mean of  $y_t$  is  $c + \phi_1 y_{t-1}$ . The unconditional mean of  $\varepsilon_t$  is 0, by iterated expectations. The unconditional mean of  $y_t$  is also obtained by Rule 5:  $E(y_t) = c + \phi_1 E(y_{t-1})$  and stationarity  $E(y_t) = E(y_{t-1}) = c/(1 - \phi_1)$ .

(b) The specification  $\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, \sigma_t^2)$  implies that the conditional variance of  $\varepsilon_t$  is  $\sigma_t^2$ . The conditional variance of  $y_t$  is the same as that of  $\varepsilon_t$ ,  $\sigma_t^2$ , because the conditional mean  $c + \phi_1 y_{t-1}$  of  $y_t$  is fixed for given information set  $\Omega_{t-1}$ . As the conditional mean of  $\varepsilon_t$  is zero, the unconditional variance of  $\varepsilon_t$  is obtained by  $E(\varepsilon_t^2) = E\{E(\varepsilon_t^2 | \Omega_{t-1})\} = E(\sigma_t^2) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) + \alpha_2 E(\varepsilon_{t-2}^2)$  and stationarity  $E(\sigma_t^2) = E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) = E(\varepsilon_{t-2}^2) = \alpha_0 / (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$ .

For the unconditional variance of  $y_t$ , we find  $\text{Var}(y_t) = \phi_1^2 \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) + \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t)$  because  $\varepsilon_t$  is uncorrelated with  $y_{t-1}$ . Then, by stationarity,  $\text{Var}(y_t) = \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) = \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) / (1 - \phi_1^2)$ . Finally,  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) = E(\sigma_t^2) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) + \alpha_2 E(\varepsilon_{t-2}^2) = \alpha_0 / (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$  as stationarity implies  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) = E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) = E(\varepsilon_{t-2}^2)$ .

(c) Yes,  $\varepsilon_t$  is a WN process because its variance is finite, mean is zero (verified in Part (a) and (b)) and autocovariances are zero for any  $j > 0$ : (iterated expectations)

$$\gamma_j = \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_{t-j}) = E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-j}) = E\{E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-j} | \Omega_{t-1})\} = E\{E(\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1}) \varepsilon_{t-j}\} = E\{0\} = 0.$$

However,  $\varepsilon_t$  is NOT an independent WN process because the conditional variance of  $\varepsilon_t$  is a function of  $\varepsilon_{t-1}$  and  $\varepsilon_{t-2}$ , by definition.

(d) The ARCH model differ from the standard homoscedastic model in that the conditional variance of the shock (or error term) is a function of lagged shocks whereas the conditional variance of the shock in any standard ARMA model is a constant. The variance equation in the ARCH model is designed to capture “clustering” or the dependence structure in squared shocks.

(e) It is easily seen from the variance equation:  $\partial \sigma_t^2 / \partial \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 = \alpha_1$ .

(f) Now the variance equation is simplified to  $\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}^2$ . First, we find  $E(\varepsilon_t^4) = E\{E(\varepsilon_t^4|\Omega_{t-1})\} = E\{3\sigma_t^4\} = 3E\{\alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_0\alpha_1\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_1^2\varepsilon_{t-1}^4\}$ . Because  $E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) = \alpha_0/(1 - \alpha_1)$  by part (b) and  $E(\varepsilon_t^4) = E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^4)$  by stationarity, it then follows that

$$E(\varepsilon_t^4) = 3\{\alpha_0^2 + 2\alpha_0\alpha_1[\alpha_0/(1 - \alpha_1)]\}/(1 - 3\alpha_1^2) = 3\alpha_0^2(1 + \alpha_1)/[(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - 3\alpha_1^2)].$$

Finally, we find the unconditional kurtosis,

$$\text{Kurtosis} = \frac{E([\varepsilon_t - E(\varepsilon_t)]^4)}{(\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t))^2} = \frac{E(\varepsilon_t^4)}{[E(\varepsilon_t^2)]^2} = 3 \frac{1 - \alpha_1^2}{1 - 3\alpha_1^2} > 3,$$

and conclude that the unconditional distribution of  $\varepsilon_t$  is non-normal with heavy tails (kurtosis  $> 3$ ), noting that its conditional distribution is normal.

## 2. (GARCH model characteristics)

(a-b) From  $\varepsilon_t|\Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, \sigma_t^2)$ , it is clear that  $E(\varepsilon_t|\Omega_{t-1}) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t|\Omega_{t-1}) = \sigma_t^2$ . It follows that  $E(y_t|\Omega_{t-1}) = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1}$  and  $\text{Var}(y_t|\Omega_{t-1}) = \sigma_t^2$ . The unconditional means are obtained by iterated expectations:

$$E(\varepsilon_t) = E\{E(\varepsilon_t|\Omega_{t-1})\} = E\{0\} = 0.$$

$$E(y_t) = E\{E(y_t|\Omega_{t-1})\} = c + \phi_1 E(y_{t-1}) \text{ and}$$

$$E(y_t) = E(y_{t-1}) = c/(1 - \phi_1).$$

Because the (conditional) mean of  $\varepsilon_t$  is zero, we find

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) = E\{\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t|\Omega_{t-1})\} = E\{\sigma_t^2\} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) + \beta_1 E(\sigma_{t-1}^2)$$

and, by stationarity,

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) = E\{\sigma_t^2\} = E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2) = E(\sigma_{t-1}^2) = \alpha_0/(1 - \alpha_1 - \beta_1).$$

Further  $\text{Var}(y_t) = \phi_1^2 \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) + \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t)$  because  $\varepsilon_t$  is uncorrelated with  $y_{t-1}$ . Again, by stationarity, we find  $\text{Var}(y_t) = \text{Var}(y_{t-1}) = \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t)/(1 - \phi_1^2)$ .

(c) Yes,  $\varepsilon_t$  is a WN process because its variance is finite, mean is zero (verified in Part (a) and (b)) and autocovariances are zero for any  $j > 0$ :

$$\gamma_j = \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_{t-j}) = E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-j}) = E\{E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_{t-j}|\Omega_{t-1})\} = E\{E(\varepsilon_t|\Omega_{t-1})\varepsilon_{t-j}\} = E\{0\} = 0.$$

However,  $\varepsilon_t$  is NOT an independent WN process because the conditional variance of  $\varepsilon_t$  is a function of  $\varepsilon_{t-1}$ , by definition.

(d) It is easily seen from the variance equation:  $\partial \sigma_t^2 / \partial \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 = \alpha_1$ . Note that  $\sigma_{t-1}^2$  in the variance equation is a function of  $\Omega_{t-2}$ .

(e-i) We show that  $w_t = \varepsilon_t^2 - \sigma_t^2$  has a zero mean and zero autocorrelations. First, because  $E(\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = 0$ ,  $E(w_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = E(\varepsilon_t^2 | \Omega_{t-1}) - \sigma_t^2 = \sigma_t^2 - \sigma_t^2 = 0$ , implying  $E(w_t) = 0$ . Second,  $\text{Cov}(w_t, w_{t-j}) = E(w_t w_{t-j}) = E\{E(w_t | \Omega_{t-1}) w_{t-j}\} = E\{0\} = 0$ , for all  $j \geq 1$ .

(e-ii) It only involves some substitutions:

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_t^2 &= \sigma_t^2 + w_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 + w_t \\ &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1 (\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 - w_{t-1}) + w_t \\ &= \alpha_0 + (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + w_t - \beta_1 w_{t-1},\end{aligned}$$

i.e., an ARMA(1,1) for  $\varepsilon_t^2$ .

(f) When  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = 1$ , the variance equation

$$\sigma_t^2 = \omega(1 - \alpha_1 - \beta_1) + \alpha_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 = (1 - \beta_1) \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2$$

becomes an EWMA of  $\varepsilon_t^2$ .

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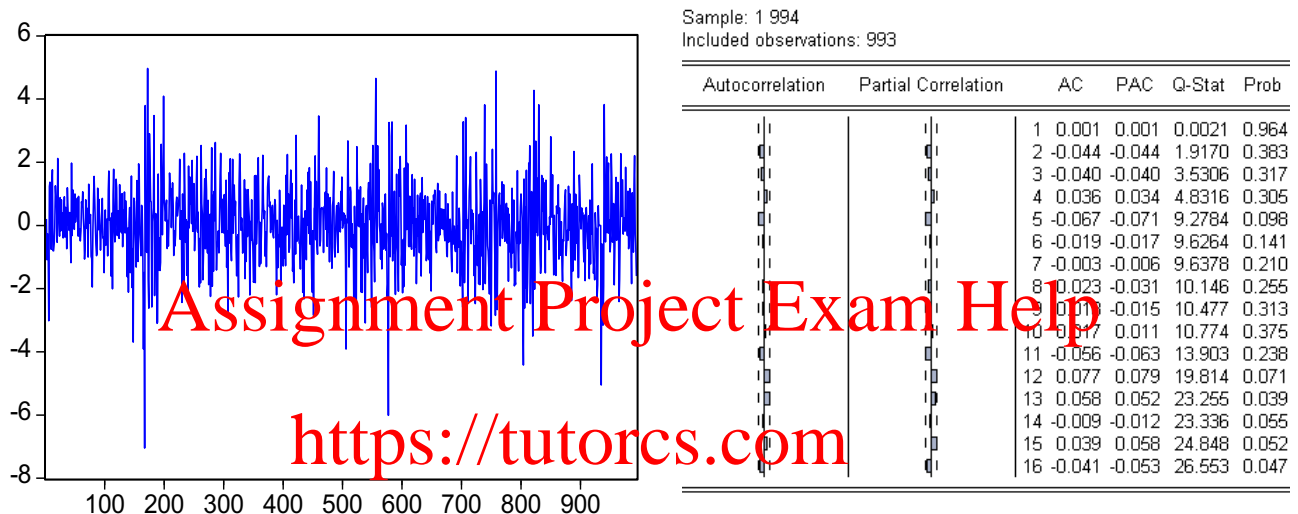
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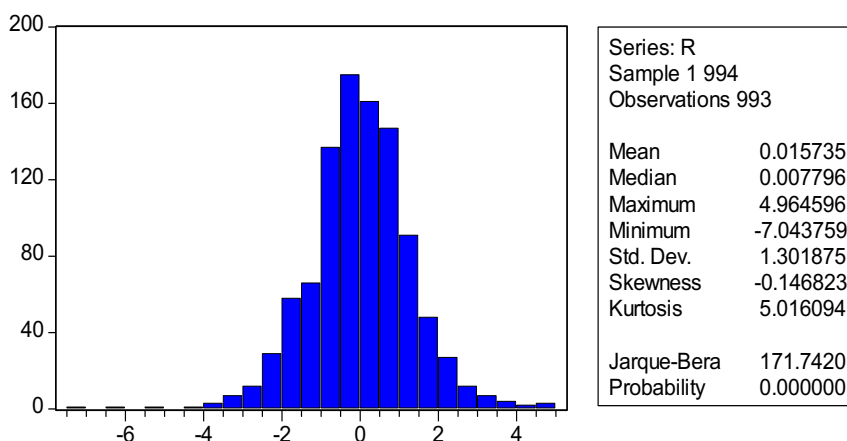
## COMPUTING EXERCISES

### 3. (Estimation of ARCH)

(a) The time series plot, histogram and correlogram of the return series are given below. The correlogram shows little autocorrelation in the return (large p-values for Ljung-Box Q-statistics). The data distribution in the histogram is roughly “bell shaped” but has a negative skewness (-0.147) and large kurtosis (5.016). The normality is rejected (JB = 171.74 with a tiny p-value).



































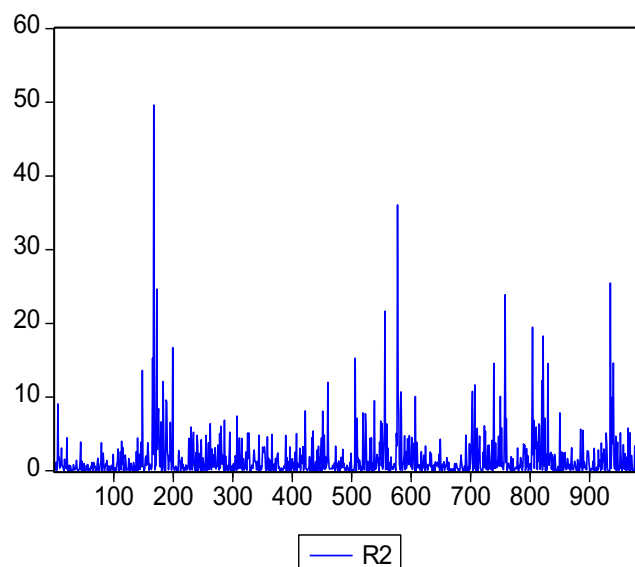
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- (b) For the squared return series, the clustering is prominent in the time series plot and the correlogram reveals strong autocorrelations (tiny p-values for the Q-statistics).

Sample: 1 994  
Included observations: 993

Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation	AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob	
		1	0.116	0.116	13.515	0.000
		2	0.138	0.126	32.447	0.000
		3	0.045	0.016	34.436	0.000
		4	0.043	0.020	36.296	0.000
		5	0.162	0.153	62.675	0.000
		6	0.056	0.017	65.776	0.000
		7	0.089	0.043	73.631	0.000
		8	0.072	0.047	78.819	0.000
		9	0.026	-0.008	79.521	0.000
		10	0.050	0.010	82.082	0.000
		11	0.064	0.047	86.265	0.000
		12	0.042	0.004	88.038	0.000
		13	-0.014	-0.055	88.249	0.000
		14	0.010	0.002	88.358	0.000
		15	0.001	-0.009	88.358	0.000
		16	0.093	0.077	97.092	0.000



- (c) The LM test for ARCH effect rejects the null hypothesis of no ARCH effect (tiny p-values). We note that the auxiliary equation in the test have large coefficients at lag 1,2 and 5. We conclude that the ARCH effect should be accounted for in the model for the return series.

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ARCH Test:

F-statistic	11.13600	Probability	0.000000
Obs*R-squared	53.01425	Probability	0.000000

Test Equation:  
Dependent Variable: RESID^2  
Method: Least Squares

Sample (adjusted): 7 994  
Included observations: 988 after adjustments

Dependent Variable: R  
Method: Least Squares

Sample (adjusted): 2 994  
Included observations: 993 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.015735	0.041314	0.380854	0.7034
R-squared	0.000000	Mean dependent var	0.015735	
Adjusted R-squared	0.000000	S.D. dependent var	1.301875	
S.E. of regression	1.301875	Akaike info criterion	3.366494	
Sum squared resid	1681.319	Schwarz criterion	3.371430	
Log likelihood	-1670.464	Durbin-Watson stat	1.994052	

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.058869	0.144610	7.322252	0.0000
RESID^2(-1)	0.096896	0.031449	3.081046	0.0021
RESID^2(-2)	0.122086	0.031600	3.863463	0.0001
RESID^2(-3)	-0.004176	0.031837	-0.131154	0.8957
RESID^2(-4)	0.004833	0.031617	0.152863	0.8785
RESID^2(-5)	0.152973	0.031463	4.861981	0.0000
R-squared	0.053658	Mean dependent var	1.690413	
Adjusted R-squared	0.048840	S.D. dependent var	3.394152	
S.E. of regression	3.310230	Akaike info criterion	5.237967	
Sum squared resid	10760.38	Schwarz criterion	5.267698	
Log likelihood	-2581.556	F-statistic	11.13600	
Durbin-Watson stat	2.004102	Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	

(d) From the ARCH(5) estimation results,  $\hat{\alpha}_0$  (1.029) is significantly positive. The point estimates of  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_5)$  are all non-negative. The point estimate of  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_5$  is positive and less than one. Hence the restrictions on the ARCH parameters are satisfied. We plot the return over the plot of  $\sigma_t^2$  (called GARCH01 in EViews). It is visually clear that the conditional variance follows the variations in the return and the clustering closely. The LM test for ARCH effect cannot reject the null of no ARCH effect in the standardised residual series (large p-value).

Dependent Variable: R  
Method: ML - ARCH (Marquardt) - Normal distribution

Sample (adjusted): 2 994  
Included observations: 993 after adjustments  
Convergence achieved after 12 iterations  
Bollerslev-Wooldridge robust standard errors & covariance  
Variance backcast: ON  
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)\*RESID(-1)\*2 + C(4)\*RESID(-2)\*2 + C(5)\*RESID(-3)\*2 + C(6)\*RESID(-4)\*2 + C(7)\*RESID(-5)\*2

	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.049577	0.037379	1.326328	0.1847

#### Variance Equation

	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.028249	0.154755	6.650848	0.0000
RESID(-1)*2	0.067456	0.019496	3.473361	0.0001
RESID(-2)*2	0.141911	0.072688	1.952344	0.0509
RESID(-3)*2	0.027673	0.041101	0.673291	0.5008
RESID(-4)*2	0.049543	0.038767	1.277979	0.2013
RESID(-5)*2	0.104078	0.041422	2.512608	0.0120

R-squared	-0.000676	Mean dependent var	0.015735
Adjusted R-squared	-0.006766	S.D. dependent var	1.301875
S.E. of regression	1.306271	Akaike info criterion	3.316074
Sum squared resid	1682.456	Schwarz criterion	3.350621
Log likelihood	-1639.431	Durbin-Watson stat	1.992704

#### ARCH Test:

F-statistic	0.366277	Probability	0.871806
Obs*R-squared	1.839143	Probability	0.870925

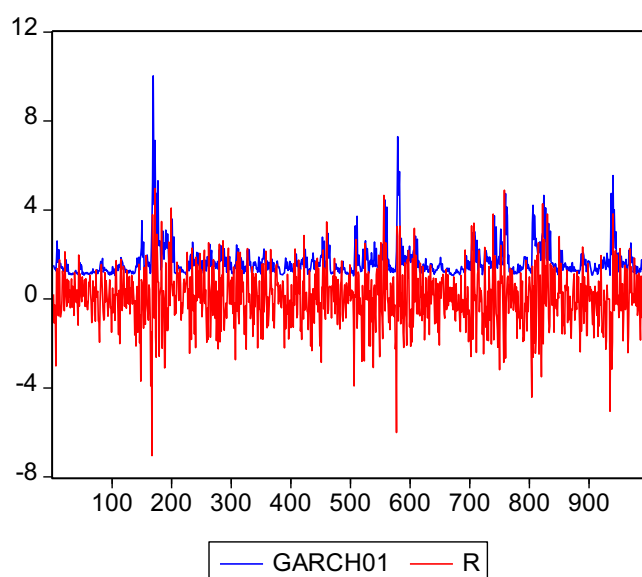
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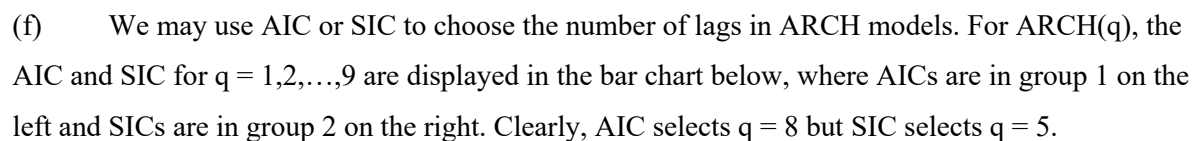
Dependent Variable: STD\_RESID\*2  
Method: Least Squares

Sample (adjusted): 7 994  
Included observations: 988 after adjustments  
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Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.998874	0.097108	10.28624	0.0000
STD_RESID*2(-1)	0.001236	0.009598	0.041550	0.9669
STD_RESID*2(-2)	0.027740	0.064485	0.510229	0.6100
STD_RESID*2(-3)	0.010317	0.036485	0.282764	0.7774
STD_RESID*2(-4)	-0.028865	0.021436	-1.346571	0.1784
STD_RESID*2(-5)	-0.013435	0.024427	-0.550002	0.5824

R-squared	0.001861	Mean dependent var	0.995998
Adjusted R-squared	-0.003221	S.D. dependent var	1.829877
S.E. of regression	1.832821	Akaike info criterion	4.055644
Sum squared resid	3298.768	Schwarz criterion	4.085375
Log likelihood	-1997.488	F-statistic	0.366277
Durbin-Watson stat	1.998431	Prob(F-statistic)	0.871806





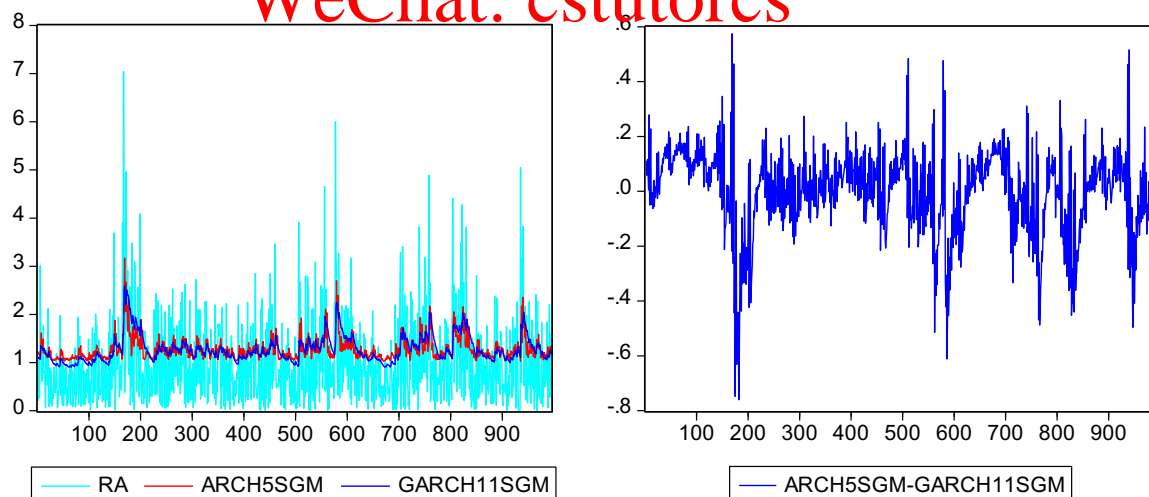


Based on SIC and the principle of parsimony, the ARCH(5) model stays for the variance equation. For the mean equation, as the returns have little autocorrelation, a more sophisticated ARMA specification is unlikely to improve the model's fit.

#### 4. (Estimation of GARCH)

(a) The estimation results at Part (e) below indicate that all restriction on the parameters are satisfied:  $\alpha_0 > 0$ ,  $\alpha_1 \geq 0$ ,  $\beta_1 \geq 0$  and  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 < 1$ . We also note that the  $\beta_1$  estimate is about 0.9, the  $\alpha_1$  estimate is about 0.1 and the  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1$  estimate is very close to 1.

(b) The plot below contain the absolute return series (RA) and  $\sigma_t$  series from ARCH(5) and GARCH(1,1) respectively. Both  $\sigma_t$  series match the variations in the return. However the two  $\sigma_t$  series differ markedly in a number of places. The GARCH  $\sigma_t$  appears smoother than the ARCH  $\sigma_t$ .



(c) The LM test for ARCH effect (see below) cannot reject that the null hypothesis that there is no ARCH effect in the standardised residuals, as the p-value is quite large (0.17). The correlogram of the squared standardised residuals also indicate that there are no

autocorrelations. Hence the GARCH variance equation has adequately captured the clustering in the error term  $\varepsilon_t$ .

ARCH Test:

F-statistic	1.553443	Probability	0.170654
Obs*R-squared	7.753346	Probability	0.170363

Test Equation:

Dependent Variable: STD\_RESID^2

Method: Least Squares

Sample (adjusted): 7 994

Included observations: 988 after adjustments

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Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.968768	0.094300	10.27322	0.0000
STD_RESID^2(-1)	-0.010058	0.027461	-0.366253	0.7143
STD_RESID^2(-2)	0.073431	0.065495	1.121177	0.2625
STD_RESID^2(-3)	-0.020112	0.030708	-0.654941	0.5127
STD_RESID^2(-4)	-0.040896	0.022349	-1.829879	0.0676
STD_RESID^2(-5)	0.025099	0.032189	0.779727	0.4357

R-squared	0.007848	Mean dependent var	0.996322
Adjusted R-squared	0.002796	S.D. dependent var	1.834917
S.E. of regression	1.832350	Akaike info criterion	4.055130
Sum squared resid	3297.071	Schwarz criterion	4.084861
Log likelihood	-1997.234	F-statistic	1.553443
Durbin-Watson stat	1.998554	Prob(F-statistic)	0.170654

Correlogram of Standardized Residuals Squared

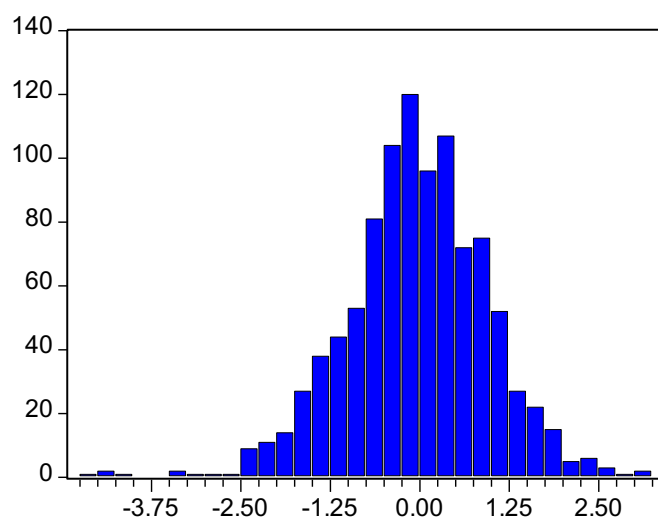
Sample: 2 994

Included observations: 993

Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation	AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob
1	-0.013	-0.013	0.1692	0.681	
2	0.069	0.069	4.9755	0.083	
3	-0.020	-0.018	5.3764	0.146	
4	-0.038	-0.043	6.8073	0.146	
5	0.021	0.023	7.2599	0.202	
6	-0.016	-0.011	7.5290	0.275	
7	0.021	0.016	7.9864	0.334	
8	0.005	0.007	8.0145	0.432	
9	-0.020	-0.022	8.4264	0.492	
10	-0.011	-0.013	8.5389	0.576	
11	0.007	0.013	8.5950	0.659	
12	-0.026	-0.026	9.2913	0.678	
13	-0.008	-0.012	9.3559	0.746	
14	-0.020	-0.016	9.7581	0.780	
15	-0.023	-0.023	10.306	0.800	
16	0.002	0.001	10.309	0.850	

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(d) The histogram of the standardised residual show that the null hypothesis of normality is strongly rejected (virtually zero p-value). Nonetheless, the kurtosis is much smaller than the kurtosis in the return series, which confirms that the variance equation can partially explain the excess kurtosis in the return series.



Series: Standardized Residuals  
Sample 2 994  
Observations 993

Mean	-0.037499
Median	-0.029158
Maximum	3.045820
Minimum	-4.590708
Std. Dev.	1.000489
Skewness	-0.367698
Kurtosis	4.339797

Jarque-Bera	96.64633
Probability	0.000000

(e) The estimation results with or without the quasi ML robust standard errors are given below. They are different and may lead to different conclusions. Generally, the robust standard errors in the variance equation are larger.

Dependent Variable: R  
Method: ML - ARCH (Marquardt) - Normal distribution

Sample (adjusted): 2 994  
Included observations: 993 after adjustments  
Convergence achieved after 11 iterations  
Bollerslev-Wooldrige robust standard errors & covariance  
Variance backcast: ON  
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)\*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)\*GARCH(-1)

	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.042397	0.036383	1.165292	0.2439
Variance Equation				
C	0.073836	0.032445	2.275744	0.0229
RESID(-1)^2	0.080407	0.026746	3.006251	0.0026
GARCH(-1)	0.877380	0.036232	24.21561	0.0000
R-squared	-0.000420	Mean dependent var	0.015735	
Adjusted R-squared	-0.003454	S.D. dependent var	1.301875	
S.E. of regression	1.304121	Akaike info criterion	3.300572	
Sum squared resid	1682.025	Schwarz criterion	3.320313	
Log likelihood	-1634.734	Durbin-Watson stat	1.993215	

Dependent Variable: R  
Method: ML - ARCH (Marquardt) - Normal distribution

Sample (adjusted): 2 994  
Included observations: 993 after adjustments  
Convergence achieved after 11 iterations  
Variance backcast: ON  
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)\*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)\*GARCH(-1)

	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.042397	0.040573	1.044951	0.2960
Variance Equation				
C	0.073836	0.025873	2.853797	0.0043
RESID(-1)^2	0.080407	0.015193	5.292469	0.0000
GARCH(-1)	0.877380	0.026154	33.54611	0.0000
R-squared	-0.000420	Mean dependent var	0.015735	
Adjusted R-squared	-0.003454	S.D. dependent var	1.301875	
S.E. of regression	1.304121	Akaike info criterion	3.300572	
Sum squared resid	1682.025	Schwarz criterion	3.320313	
Log likelihood	-1634.734	Durbin-Watson stat	1.993215	

(f) The GARCH models can be easily estimated to obtain AIC and SIC in EViews. The AIC and SIC for GARCH(1,1), GARCH(2,1), GARCH(1,2) are GARCH(2,2) are presented in the bar chart below (AIC on the left and SIC on the right). Clearly, both AIC and SIC select GARCH(1,1).

