# QF604 Practice 1 Test Questions with Suggested Answers

Q1. Show one stochastic process of stock price  $P_t$  whereby  $e^{-rT}P_T$  is a martingale for any T>t. Write out the details of this price stochastic process with  $ln(P_{t+1})$  on the LHS.

Ans:

 $ln(P_{t+1}) = ln(P_t) + (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2) + \sigma\epsilon_{t+1}$  where  $\epsilon_{t+1}$  is distributed as N(0,1). You can also write  $ln(P_{t+\Delta}) = ln(P_t) + (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)\Delta + \sigma\epsilon_{t+\Delta}$  where  $\epsilon_{t+\Delta}$  is distributed as N(0, $\Delta$ ).  $\epsilon_{t+\Delta}$  can also be written as W<sub> $\Delta$ </sub>

Q2. Suppose  $R_t$  is excess stock return of an asset at week t.  $M_t$  is excess market return at week t. We run an OLS regression as follows.

$$R_t = a_0 + a_1 M_t + \varepsilon_t$$
 for  $t = 1, 2, ...., 60$ 

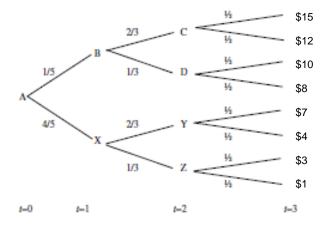
Assume R<sub>t</sub> and M<sub>t</sub> are normally distributed. Given  $\sum_{t=1}^{60} R_t M_t = 0.008$ ,  $\sum_{t=1}^{60} M_t^2 = 0.006$ ,  $\overline{M} = 0.004$ ,  $\overline{R} = 0.0035$ , SSR (or RSS) =  $6.0 \times 10^{-5}$ , find OLS estimates  $\hat{a}_0$  and  $\hat{a}_1$ .

Ans:

$$\hat{a}_1$$
= [0.008 – 0.0035 x (60 x 0.004)]/[0.006 – 0.004 x (60 x 0.004)] =  $\underline{1.4206}$   $\hat{a}_0$  = 0.0035 – 1.4206 x 0.004 =  $\underline{-0.00218}$ 

Q3. The tree below shows the resolution of uncertainties over time. Each branch represents a state of nature occurring at that time period (t,t+1]. The number on the branch indicates the probability of occurrence of the state. The alphabet at each node denotes the state at that time t. By t=3, the security prices  $P_3$  are revealed as shown on the nodes.

Find conditional expectations  $E(P_3|B)$  and  $E(P_3|X)$  at t=1. Hence, find the expectation of  $P_3$  at t=1 when there is no information. Suppose the per period risk-adjusted discount rate of the security is 10%, independent of the information. What would be the different prices of the security at t=1 given information B, given information X, and given no information?



#### Ans:

Conditional expectation of  $P_3$  at t=1 given B is \$4.333, given X is \$12, and with no info is \$5.867. Price at t=1 given info B is \$3.581, given X is \$9.917, and given no info is \$4.848.

Q4. In an event study consisting of 100 cases of Mergers and Acquisitions at announcement dates by each acquiring firm, assume each firm stock's  $AR_{jt} \sim N(0,\sigma_j^2)$  for each t. Moreover,  $\sum_{j=1}^{100} \sigma_j^2 = 0.5$ . Assume the  $AR_{jt}$ 's across j=1,2,...,100 are all independent of each other. Find the exact distribution of CAAR (-10, $\tau$ ) in terms of  $\tau$  within the event window. If CAAR (-10,-1) = 0.35, CAAR (-10,0) = 0.5, and CAAR (-10,1) = 0.45, what can you infer about the event, using 2-tail 95% level of significance?

### Ans:

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CAR<sub>j</sub> (-10,\tau) ~ N(0, [\tau+11] \sigma_j^2) . Hence <u>CAAR (-10,\tau) ~ N(0, 0.0001 × [\tau+11] × 0.5)</u>.
Now CAAR (-10,-1) ~ N(0, 0.0005). CAAR (-10, 0) ~ N(0, 0.00055). CAAR (-10, 1) ~ N(0, 0.0006).
0.35/\sqrt{0.0005} = 15.7, 0.5/\sqrt{0.00055} = 21.3, 0.45/\sqrt{0.0006} = 18.4.
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Critical region to reject null of no abnormality is when |z-statistic  $| \ge 1.96$ , ie at 2-tail 5% significance level. Hence CAAR is significantly > zero the different periods. There appears to be a strong leakage up to 10 days earlier till event day +1.

Q5. The following represent quarterly real GDP per capita data (first column, Y) and full-time median weekly per head real wage (second column, X) in USA. The data are from 2015 first quarter to 2019 last quarter. Data are all in USD and collected from Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis. (You need Excel or a computer to work on this.)

53983	341
54295	339
54368	340
54280	345
54464	346
54633	345
54827	346
55005	349
55240	352
55458	353
55806	352
56210	345
56503	351
56927	351
57257	354
57336	355
57719	355
57946	357
58167	360
58392	362

Run an OLS regression  $\ln(Y_t) = A + B \ln(X_t) + U_t$  where it is assumed that  $X_t$ ,  $U_t$  are independent.  $U_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Find OLS estimate  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$ . (More sophisticated versions of this kind of regression are used in economics verifying the capital-labor substitution theories.)

# $\hat{A} = 3.454$ and $\hat{B} = 1.277$

SUMMARY	OUTPUT							
Regression	Statistics							
Multiple F	0.889977							
R Square	0.792059							
Adjusted	0.780506							
Standard I	0.012368							
Observati	20							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	gnificance	F		
Regressio	1	0.010489	0.010489	68.56285	1.5E-07			
Residual	18	0.002754	0.000153					
Total	19	0.013242						
C	oefficients	andard Err	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	ower 95.0%	pper 95.0%
Intercept	3.454093	0.90307	3.824836	0.001241	1.556815	5.351372	1.556815	5.351372
X Variable	1.276593	0.154173	8.280269	1.5E-07	0.952687	1.600498	0.952687	1.600498

Q6. Using summary output information in Q5, test the null hypothesis  $H_0$ : B = 0. Test also  $H_0$ : B = 1. Also find the 95% confidence interval of the estimate of B. (You need Excel or a t-distribution table.)

## Ans:

Test H<sub>0</sub>: B = 0. Std err. of  $\widehat{B}$  = 0.154173. t-stats = 1.276593/0.154173=8.28. <u>p-value (2-tail t-distribution, d.f. 18) is 1.5 x 10<sup>-7</sup></u>. Reject H<sub>0</sub> at 2-tail 0.1% significance level (p-value < 0.001)

Test  $H_0$ : B = 1. Std err. of  $\hat{B}$  = 0.154173. t-stats = (1.276593-1)/0.154173=1.7940. (2-tail t-distribution, d.f. 18) <u>p-value is 0.0448</u>. Reject  $H_0$  at 2-tail 10% significance, but cannot reject  $H_0$  at 2-tail 5% significance level.

95% confidence interval means both the upper and lower end tails have 2.5% areas. For the t-statistic with 18 df, 95% confidence interval about zero is +/- 2.1, i.e.  $Prob(t_{18} < 2.1) = 0.975$ . Hence the c.i. here is 1.276593 +/- 0.154173 \* 2.1 = (0.95283 , 1.60036)

Q7. In testing the Sharpe-Lintner two-parameter CAPM, the following cross-sectional regression is run for each time period t, t=1,2,....,T.

$$R_i = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \hat{\beta}_i + e_i$$
 for assets  $i = 1, 2, ..., N$ 

where  $R_i$  is return of asset i, and  $\hat{\beta}_i$  is the beta of asset i estimated from another separate procedure, and  $e_i$  is the residual error of return to i. The OLS regression will produce estimates of  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$ . What are the financial meanings of the estimates of  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$ ? If  $\delta_1$  is constant in every time period, can you find more efficient estimates of  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  by using only one cross-sectional regression?

## Ans:

Estimates of  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  are estimates of the riskfree rate and of the market risk premium (excess expected market return). Running only in one period assumes the riskfree rate and the market risk premium are time-invariant or constant over the sample time periods. We can use the time series average of returns  $R_i$  for each i as the dependent variable in the one cross-sectional regression. In this case, the estimators for

 $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  should be more efficient with smaller estimator standard errors since the sample variance of time series average of each  $e_i$ ,  $\bar{e}_i$ , should be smaller than for each var( $e_i$ ).

Q8. Suppose return rate R<sub>t</sub> follows the following GARCH (1,1) process:

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R_t = 0.1 + 0.2X_t + \sqrt{h_t e_t}, and h_t = 0.16 h_{t-1} + 0.1e_{t-1}^2,
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where  $e_t$  is N(0,1) and independent of  $X_t$ .  $var(X_0) = 1$ ,  $var(R_0) = 0.05$ . Find the value of  $h_2$  if  $X_0 = 0.15$ ,  $X_1 = 0.10$ ,  $R_1 = 0.15$ , and you assume  $e_0 = 0$ .

## Ans:

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\begin{split} R_0 &= 0.1 + 0.2 \ (0.15) = 0.13. \ var(R_0) = 0.04(1) + h_0 \ , \ so \ h_0 = 0.05 - 0.04 = 0.01. \ h_1 = 0.0016. \\ \sqrt{h_1} \ e_1 &= 0.15 - 0.1 - 0.2(0.10) = 0.03. \ So \ e_1 = 0.03/0.04 = 0.75. \\ So \ h_2 &= 0.16(0.0016) + 0.1(0.75^2) = 0.056506 \ . \end{split}
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Q9. Suppose returns  $R_t = (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_t^2) + \sigma_t Z_t$  where  $Z_t$  is distributed as i.i.d. N(0,1). And  $\sigma_t^2 = a_0 + a_1\sigma_{t-1}^2 + a_2\sigma_{t-1}^2 Z_{t-1}^2 + a_3(Z_{t-1} - \lambda)^2$  where  $\mu$ ,  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ , and  $\lambda$  are constants. Find the conditional variance  $E_t(\sigma_{t+2}^2)$  in terms of  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\sigma_t^2$  and  $Z_t$ .

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\begin{split} &\sigma_{t+1}{}^2 = a_0 + a_1\sigma_t{}^2 + a_2\sigma_t{}^2 Z_t{}^2 + a_3(Z_t - \lambda)^2 \text{ , so } E_t[\sigma_{t+1}{}^2] = a_0 + a_1\sigma_t{}^2 + a_2\sigma_t{}^2 Z_t{}^2 + a_3(Z_t - \lambda)^2 \\ &\sigma_{t+2}{}^2 = a_0 + a_1\sigma_{t+1}{}^2 + a_2\sigma_{t+1}{}^2 Z_{t+1}{}^2 + a_3(Z_{t+1} - \lambda)^2 \text{ , so } E_t[\sigma_{t+2}{}^2] = a_0 + a_1E_t[\sigma_{t+1}{}^2] + a_2E_t[\sigma_{t+1}{}^2] + a_3E_t(Z_{t+1} - \lambda)^2 \\ &Thus \ E_t[\sigma_{t+2}{}^2] = a_0 + a_1E_t[\sigma_{t+1}{}^2] + a_2E_t[\sigma_{t+1}{}^2] + a_2E_t[\sigma_{t+1}{}^2] + a_3[1 + \lambda^2] \\ &= (a_0 + a_3[1 + \lambda^2]) + (a_1 + a_2)[a_0 + a_1\sigma_t{}^2 + a_2\sigma_t{}^2 Z_t{}^2 + a_3(Z_t - \lambda)^2] \end{split}
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# QF604 Practice 2 Test Questions with Suggested Answers

**Q1.** The following linear regression output shows a cross-sectional regression of the increase in return rate of the stock of a food chain company as dependent variable, and its chain business volume as explanatory variable.

Dependent Variable:	IRFT / Method	· Least Saliares	/ Samnla: 1	100

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C VOLUME	0.0900 0.527	0.0300 ????	3.000 ????	0.0034
R-squared	????	Mean dependent var		0.1130
Adjusted R-squared	????	S.D. dependent var		0.133
S.E. of regression	0.0610	F <sub>1,98</sub> -statistic		????
Sum squared resid	0.3650	Prob(F-statistic)		0.000000

- (a) Find R<sup>2</sup> and adjusted R<sup>2</sup>
- (b) Find the F-statistic testing H<sub>0</sub>: VOLUME Coefficient = 0
- (c) Find the t-statistic and standard error of the VOLUME Coefficient

### Ans:

- (a)  $SST=.133^2*99=1.7512$ ;  $R^2=1-SSE/SST=1-.3650/1.7512=0.7916$
- Adj  $R^2 = (1-k)/(N-k) + (N-1)/(N-k) \times R^2 = -1/98 + 99/98 \times .7916 = 0.7895$
- (b)  $F_{1,98} = [R^2/1]/[(1-R^2)/98] = 372.18$
- (c)  $t_{98} = \sqrt{(372.18)} = 19.30$ . Standard error of VOLUME = 0.527/19.30= 0.0273
- Q2. Let  $R_i$  be the average return over a particular month of portfolio i comprising stocks with betas that are largely similar. Let  $\beta_i$  be the beta of portfolio i's. In a cross-sectional linear regression of  $R_i$  = a + b  $\beta_i$  +  $e_i$  where there are 100 observations per variable, and  $e_i$  is assumed to be homoskedastic and normally distributed with mean zero. OLS estimates  $\hat{a} = 0.005$ ,  $\hat{b} = 0.015$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{100} \hat{e}_i^2 = 0.15$ ,

$$\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 80 \\ 80 & 120 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{x}_2 & \mathbf{x}_3 & \dots & \dots & \mathbf{x}_{100} \end{bmatrix}$ 

- (a) Find the t-statistics of the OLS estimators  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$  under the null  $H_0$ : a=0,  $H_A$ :  $a\neq 0$ ; and  $H_0$ : b=0,  $H_A$ :  $b\neq 0$ .
- (b) What is the average return of all the portfolio average returns R<sub>i</sub>'s?
- (c) How do you interpret the economic meanings of estimates of a and b?

- (a) \hat u = sqrt(0.15/98) = 0.0391.  $(X^TX)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0214 & -0.0143 \\ -0.0143 & 0.0179 \end{bmatrix}$ Std dev (\hat a) = 0.0391\* $\sqrt{0.0214}$ = 0.0057, std dev (\hat b) = 0.0391\* $\sqrt{0.0179}$  = 0.0052;  $\underline{t_a} = 0.877, \underline{t_b} = 2.885$
- (b) bar Y = hat a + hat b \* bar X = 0.005 + 0.015\*80 /100= 0.017 or 1.7%
- (c) \hat a is estimate of riskfree rate; \hat b is estimate of expected excess market return or market risk premium for that particular month

**Q3**. Suppose Y<sub>t</sub> is the excess stock return at month t, and X<sub>t</sub> is the excess market return at time t. Suppose we run an OLS regression

$$Y_t = a + b X_t + e_t$$

on a sample size 60. Assume normally distributed returns.

(a) Find the alpha and the beta estimate of the stock using the following sample data.

$$\sum_{t=1}^{60} X_t Y_t = 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \qquad \sum_{t=1}^{60} X_t^2 = 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \qquad \overline{Y} = 0.05 \times 10^{-2} \ \overline{X} = 0.02 \times 10^{-2}$$

- (b) Further, given SSR =  $6.0 \times 10^{-5}$ , provide a test of H<sub>0</sub>: a = 0, H<sub>0</sub>: b = 1. (Show the computed t-statistics.)
- (c) Suppose you had instead run an OLS regression

$$Y_t = c + d Z_t + n_t$$

where  $Z_t$  is another factor variable e.g. market trading volume. If OLS estimates  $\hat{c}$  and  $\hat{d}$  are significantly different from zero, and  $R^2$  is high, does it imply that the market premium is not important in this case? Explain why or why not.

### Ans:

(a)  $\hat{X} = (sum XY - 60 x bar X x bar Y)/(sum X^2 - 60 x bar X^2) = 2.50$ 

$$\hat{A} = bar Y - \hat{A} = 0$$

(b)  $\hat{\sigma}_e^2 = 0.00006/58 = 1.03448 \text{ E-6}$ 

 $var(\hat b) = 1.03448 E-6 x (1/[sum X^2 - 60*bar X^2]) = 0.005235237$ 

 $var(\hat x) = 1.03448 E-6 \times (1/60 + bar X^2/[sum X^2 - 60*bar X^2]) = 1.74508 \times 10^{-8}$ 

Under H<sub>0</sub>: a =0,  $t_{58} = 0/\sqrt{(1.74508 \times 10^{-8})} = 0$ 

Under H<sub>0</sub>: b=1, t<sub>58</sub> =  $(2.50-1)/\sqrt{0.005235237} = 20.73$ 

Hence, H<sub>0</sub>: b=1 hypothesis is rejected at very low significance levels. H<sub>0</sub>: a =0 is not rejected.

- (c) No, market premium could still be important. One possibility to explain both the results is that X and Z are highly correlated. For example, if  $X_t = p + qZ_t + u_t$  where  $u_t$  is i.i.d. noise, then  $Y_t = (a+bp) + bq Z_t + (bu_t+e_t)$  which produces the regression results of the second regression.
- Q4. An OLS regression  $Y_t = A + BX_t + e_t$  (Eq. 1) is run, where A, B are constants, and  $e_t \sim N(0, \sigma_e^2)$  is independent of  $X_t$ . The OLS estimates are  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$ . Suppose instead run the regression as follows:  $X_t = C + DY_t + \eta_t$  (Eq. 2). Is the OLS estimate of D in Eq. (2) equal to 1/OLS estimate B in Eq. (1)? Explain.

## Ans:

In Eq. 1, X=-A/B + 1/B Y -e/B. So by (2), C=-A/B, D=1/B, and  $\eta_t$  = -e<sub>t</sub>/B . The problem of course is that in Eq. 2,  $\eta_t$  and  $Y_t$  are perfectly correlated from Eq. 1.

No. \hat B from (Eq. 1) =  $sum(Y-barY)(X-barX)/sum(X-barX)^2$ 

But  $\det D$  from (Eq. 2) =  $sum(X-barX)(Y-barY)/sum(Y-barY)^2$ .  $\det D$  is not inverse of  $\det B$ .

**Q5.** The following Y, Z data are given. (Use a PC for computations)

Υ	4	3	2	-1	3	8	2	0	-3	3
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Z	3	4	2	5	1	0	6	3	4	2

- (a) Find the OLS estimates of a, b in regression Y = a + bZ + i.i.d. residual error.
- (b) Find the t-statistics of OLS estimates a, b under assumption of homoscedastic residual errors.
- (c) Suppose the residual errors are heteroskedastic but have a diagonal covariance matrix. Find the HCCME t-statistics of the OLS estimates.

(a) <u>5.2, -1.0333</u> (b) <u>3.327, -2.290</u>

(c) the variance matrix is found as  $(X'X)^{-1}(X'\Omega X)(X'X)^{-1}$  where  $\Omega$  is a diagonal matrix with diagonal elements equal to fitted squared residuals. t-values are 3.793, -2.293 Adjustment using N/N-k or 10/8 times  $(X'X)^{-1}(X'\Omega X)(X'X)^{-1}$  acceptable. So,  $\sqrt{0.8}$  x (3.793, -2.293) or 3.393, -2.051

Υ	Z	SUMMARY	OUTPUT						X matrix			X'										
4	3								1	3		1	-		1	1	1		1	1	1	1
3	4	Regression							1	4		3	4	2	5	1	0		6	3	4	2
2	2	Multiple F							1	2												
-1	5	RSquare							1	5		X'(Omega			inv(X'X)							
3	1	Adjusted I							1	1			168.4667		0.4	-0.1						
8	0	Standard I							1	0		168.4667	753.8533		-0.1	0.033333						
2	6	Observati	10						1	6												
0	3								1	3		HCCME es	timate of v	variance of	\hat B is in	v(X'X) (X'C	)megaX)in	v(X'X)				
-3	4	ANOVA							1	4												
3	2		df	55	M5	F	gnificance	F	1	2				1.879867	-0.53662							
		Regressio	1	32.03333	32.03333	5.244202	0.051263							-0.53662	0.20317							
		Residual	8	48.86667	6.108333																	
		Total	9	80.9									t-stats	a	b							
														3.792624	-2.2925							
		0	oefficients	andard Err	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	ower 95.09	pper 95.09	6											
		Intercept	5.2	1.563117	3.326687	0.010436	1.595447	8.804553	1.595447	8.804553												
		X Variable	-1.03333	0.451233	-2.29002	0.051263	-2.07388	0.007212	-2.07388	0.007212												
fitted U	fitted U^2		Omega =d	iag(fitted l	J^2)																	
1.9	3.61		3.61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
1.933333	3.737778		0	3.737778	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
-1.13333	1.284444		0	0	1.284444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
-1.03333	1.067778		0	0	0	1.067778	0	0	0	0	0	0										
-1.16667	1.361111		0	0	0	0	1.361111	0	0	0	0	0										
2.8	7.84		0	0	0	0	0	7.84	0	0	0	0										
3	9		0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0										
-2.1	4.41		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.41	0	0										
-4.06667	16.53778		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.53778	0										
-0.13333	0.017778		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.017778										

**Q6.**  $Y_i = a + bX_i + e_i$  where  $e_i$  are i.i.d. disturbances distributed as  $N(0,\sigma^2)$ . Find the log likelihood function of the sample N of disturbances. Thus, solve to obtain the maximum likelihood estimates of a and b. Are they similar to the OLS estimates. If so, why?

#### Ans:

$$\begin{split} \log & \text{likelihood} = -\text{N/2} \log(2\pi) - \text{N/2} \log(\sigma^2) - 1/(2\sigma^2) \times \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - a - bX_i)^2 \\ & \text{Max likelihood estimates of \hat a, \hat b are \hat b} = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i (Y_i - \bar{Y}) / \sum_{i=1}^N X_i (X_i - \bar{X}) \\ & \text{and \hat a} = \bar{Y} - \hat{b}\bar{X} \;. \\ & \text{Why? -- max log likelihood is equivalent to min } \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - a - bX_i)^2 \quad \text{or OLS.} \end{split}$$

**Q7.** In the generalized method of moments, suppose the theory says  $E_t[f(P_{t+1}; a,b,c)] = 0$ , where a, b, c are parameters to be estimated,  $f(P_{t+1})$  is a nonlinear function of price  $P_{t+1}$ , and  $W_t$ ,  $U_t$  are available instruments. Formulate three moment conditions to estimate the parameters. State what are other necessary conditions in order to attain the consistent GMM estimators?

 $E_t[\ f(P_{t+1}\ )\ ] = 0,\ E_t[\ f(P_{t+1}\ W_t)\ ] = 0,\ E_t[\ f(P_{t+1}\ U_t)\ ] = 0$  P, U, W should be stationary-ergodic, so sample moments converge to  $E[\ f(P_{t+1}\ )\ ] = 0,\ E[\ f(P_{t+1}\ x\ W_t)\ ] = 0,$ 

**Q8.** Suppose an ARMA (1,1) process  $Y_t = \sigma_u^2 + \frac{1}{2} Y_{t-1} + u_t - \frac{1}{2} u_{t-1}$  is covariance-stationary and  $var(u_t) = \sigma_u^2$ . The error  $u_t$  is identically distributed over time and  $cov(u_t, u_{t-k}) = 0$  for any k > 0. Find the unconditional mean and variance of Y. Also find the first order autocovariance and autocorrelation of Y. You may assume  $Eu_t = 0$ . (Express your answers in terms of  $\sigma_u^2$ .)

 $E[f(P_{t+1} \times U_t)] = 0$ . Second moments and derivatives need exist for getting the optimal weighting matrix.

### Ans:

Suppose unconditional mean of Y is  $\mu$ , then E Y<sub>t</sub> =  $\sigma_u^2$  + ½ E Y<sub>t-1</sub> + 0 - 0 or  $\mu$  =  $\sigma_u^2$  + ½  $\mu$ , so  $\mu$  =  $\frac{2\sigma_u^2}{2}$ . (Suppose you had assumed Eu<sub>t</sub> = a, then E Y<sub>t</sub> =  $\sigma_u^2$  + ½ E Y<sub>t-1</sub> + a - ½ a or  $\mu$  =  $\sigma_u^2$  + ½  $\mu$  + ½ a , so  $\mu$  =  $2\sigma_u^2$  + a). Let unconditional variance of Y be V. Then V = ¼ V +  $\sigma_u^2$  + ¼  $\sigma_u^2$  + 2 Cov( ½Y<sub>t-1</sub>, - ½u<sub>t-1</sub>) since cov(u<sub>t</sub>, u<sub>t-1</sub>) = 0 and cov(Y<sub>t-1</sub>, u<sub>t</sub>) = 0. The latter arises from expansion of the ARIMA whereby Y<sub>t-1</sub> comprises linear combinations of lagged u<sub>t-1</sub>, u<sub>t-2</sub>, u<sub>t-3</sub>, etc. that are not correlated with u<sub>t</sub>. Now V = ¼ V +  $\sigma_u^2$  + ¼  $\sigma_u^2$  - ½ Cov(Y<sub>t-1</sub>, u<sub>t-1</sub>) = ¼ V + 5/4  $\sigma_u^2$  - ½ Cov(½Y<sub>t-2</sub> + u<sub>t-1</sub> - ½ u<sub>t-2</sub>, u<sub>t-1</sub>) = ¼ V + 5/4  $\sigma_u^2$  - ½ Cov(u<sub>t-1</sub>, u<sub>t-1</sub>) = ¼ V + 5/4  $\sigma_u^2$  - ½  $\sigma_u^2$ . Therefore ¾ V = ¾  $\sigma_u^2$ . Hence  $\frac{V = \sigma_u^2}{\sigma_u^2}$ . (This holds whether a = 0 or not.) Cov(Y<sub>t</sub>, Y<sub>t-1</sub>) = cov( $\sigma_u^2$  + ½ Y<sub>t-1</sub> + u<sub>t</sub> - ½ u<sub>t-1</sub>, Y<sub>t-1</sub>) = ½ var(Y<sub>t</sub>) - ½ cov(u<sub>t-1</sub>, Y<sub>t-1</sub>) =  $\frac{V}{2}$   $\sigma_u^2$  - ½ cov(u<sub>t-1</sub>, ½Y<sub>t-2</sub> + u<sub>t-1</sub> - ½ u<sub>t-2</sub>) = ½  $\sigma_u^2$  - ½ cov(u<sub>t-1</sub>, u<sub>t-1</sub>) =  $\frac{O}{2}$ . First autocovariance is zero. This can also be obtained from Y<sub>t</sub> =  $\sigma_u^2$ (1+1/2+1/4+1/8+....) + u<sub>t</sub>, Y<sub>t-1</sub> =  $\sigma_u^2$ (1+1/2+1/4+1/8+....) + u<sub>t-1</sub>, and taking their cov. Hence also first autocorrelation = first autocovariance divided by unconditional variance =  $\mathbf{0}$ .

Q9. A theoretical model is postulated as  $Y_t = \frac{e^{a+bX_t+cZ_t+\eta_t}}{1+e^{a+bX_t+cZ_t+\eta_t}}$ , where a, b, and c are constants, and  $\eta_t$  is a zero mean i.i.d. noise. In addition, it is thought that the restriction b+c = 1 holds. If time series data of  $\{X_t, Y_t, Z_t\}$  are available, explain how you would perform a linear regression to estimate a, b, and c. Perform a manual computation of the OLS estimates of a, b, and c using the following small sample, and test  $H_0$ : a=1 and b=0. Show your workings. (Use a PC for computations.)

t	1	2	3	4
Xt	10	15	5	20
Yt	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Zt	3	6	2	5

## Ans:

Run  $ln(Y_t/[1-Y_t]) = Y^* = a+bX_t+(1-b)Z_t+\eta_t$ .  $Y^*-Z = a+b(X-Z)+\eta$ . Then find OLS est of a, b first. \hat a = -1.50, \hat b = -0.217. Therefore \hat c = 1-\hat b = 1.217.

γ*	0.405465	0	0.847298	1.386294									
					Regression	Statistics							
Y*-Z	-2.59453	-6	-1.1527	-3.61371	Multiple R	0.531167							
X-Z	7	9	3	15	R Square	0.282138							
					Adjusted R	-0.07679							
vector Y		matrix X			Standard Er	2.117363							
-2.594535		1	7		Observation	4							
-6		1	9										
-1.152702		1	3		ANOVA								
-3.613706		1	15			df	SS	MS	F	gnificance	F		
					Regression	1	3.524051	3.524051	0.786052195	0.468833			
					Residual	2	8.966454	4.483227					
					Total	3	12.4905						
					(	Coefficient:	andard Err	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	ower 95.0%	pper 95.09
					Intercept	-1.49773	2.332305	-0.64217	0.586548263	-11.5328	8.537373	-11.5328	8.537373
					X Variable 1	-0.21677	0.244492	-0.8866	0.468833021	-1.26873	0.835199	-1.26873	0.835199
fitted u	0.420585	-2.55134	0.995338	1.135574									
u'u/2	4.483227												
matrix X'X	4	34		inv (X'X)	1.2133333	-0.11333							
	34	364			-0.1133333	0.013333							
F(2,2)=((\ha	at a-1), \ha	t b) (X'X) (	\hat a -1, \	hat b)'/2 divi	ided by u'u/2								
(\hat a -1, \	hat b)	-2.49773	-0.21677		(\hat a -1, \	hat b)'	-2.49773						
							-0.21677						
F(2,2)	8.796636												

# Test with restrictions

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and 
$$F_{2,2} = \frac{(R\hat{B} - r)^T \left[R(X^TX)^{-1}R^T\right]^{-1}(R\hat{B} - r)/2}{\hat{u}^T\hat{u}/2} = 8.7966, \text{ where } \hat{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 p-value = 0.1021, hence cannot reject H<sub>0</sub> at 1-tail 10% significance level.

# **QF604 Practice 3 Test Questions with Suggested Answers**

**Q1.** The following estimation output table shows a linear regression of number of oil rigs in USA against the \$ price per barrel of crude oil. The dependent variable of number of oil rigs is called COUNT. The \$ price per barrel of oil is called PRICE. A constant is added for the regression. (Assume there is no simultaneous equation bias.)

Dependent Variable: COUNT Method: Least Squares Sample: 17
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Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
С	-678.2789	59.66590	-11.36795	0.0000
PRICE	84.29917	????	????	????
R-squared	????	Mean de <sub>l</sub> var	pendent	1131.280
Adjusted R-squared	????	S.D. depe	endent var	584.6037
S.E. of regression	385.7005	Akaike in	fo criterion	14.75066
Sum squared resid	1.114246E+08	Schwarz	criterion	14.76297
Log likelihood	-5536.873	F <sub>1,749</sub> -sta	tistic	????
Durbin-Watson stat	0.041786	Prob(F-st	atistic)	????

- (a) Find the F-statistic, R<sup>2</sup>, and adjusted R<sup>2</sup> statistics. (All the information required are available in the table).
- (b) Find the standard error of the PRICE coefficient estimate and its t-statistic.
- (c) What would be a likely source of problem in the estimates? Name the method you would use to provide more efficient estimates.

- (a)  $SST=584.6^2*750=256,317,870$ ;  $R^2=1-SSE/SST=1-111424892/256,317,870=0.5653$
- Adj  $R^2 = (1-k)/(N-k) + (N-1)/(N-k) \times R^2 = 0.5647$ .  $F_{1,749} = [R^2/1]/[(1-R^2)/749] = 974$ .
- (b)  $t_{749} = \text{sqrt}(974) = 31.2$ . Standard error of PRICE coefficient = 84.3/31.2= 2.702
- (c) <u>DW too low</u> positive autocorrelation. Use feasible GLS.

**Q2.** The following estimation output table shows a linear regression of an international pollution index of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions against the perceived corruption index produced by Transparency International. The dependent variable CO<sub>2</sub> is in million tons per year. The explanatory variable is the perceived corruption index (PCI). Higher PCI denotes lower corruption. A constant is added for the regression. The regression is cross-sectional across 180 countries in 2018. (Major producing countries of PRC, USA, Japan, India, and Russia are left out of the sample.)

Dependent Variable: CO2 Method: Least Squares Sample: 1 158

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
С	41.125	1.724	23.849	6.67E-54
PCI	0.0222	????	????	????
R-squared	????	Mean depe	ndent var	79.34
Adjusted R-squared	????	S.D. depen	dent var	19.24
S.E. of regression	19.027	Akaike info	criterion	13.2074
Sum squared resid	????	Schwarz cri	iterion	13.6593
Log likelihood	-5978.873	F <sub>1,156</sub> -statis	tic	????

- (a) Find the Sum of square residuals RSS, F-statistic, and R<sup>2</sup>. (All the information required are available in the table).
- (b) Find the standard error of the PCI coefficient estimate and its t-statistic.
- (c) How would you conclude if countries with low PCI affect emissions amount?

## Ans:

- (a) SSR = SE residuals<sup>2</sup> x 156 = 19.027<sup>2</sup> x 156 =  $\underline{56476.2}$ ; R<sup>2</sup> = 1 SSR/TSS = 1 56476.2/(19.24<sup>2</sup> x 157) =  $\underline{0.0283}$  F<sub>1,156</sub> = (R<sup>2</sup>/1)/[(1-R<sup>2</sup>)/598]= $\underline{4.54}$
- (b)  $t_{156} = \text{sqrt}(4.54) = 2.13$ . Standard error of PCI coefficient = 0.0222/2.13 = 0.0104
- (c) Countries with low PCI are less developed and therefore less emissions.

**Q3.** Suppose a record of the last 50 years was taken, and 10 of the years had negative GDP growth while the other 40 years had positive GDP growth. In the 10 years with negative GDP growth or recession, 7 of these years saw inverted yield curves the year just prior to recession. In the other 40 years of positive GDP growth, 7 of those years saw inverted yield curves the year just prior to growth. If you see an inverted yield curve this year, what is the probability of a negative GDP growth next year given just the above information? If you could run an OLS linear regression using actual GDP growth numbers, Y, as dependent variable and actual yield curve slope, X, as explanatory variable, and suppose the OLS result is

$$Y_t = 0.01 + 1.2*X_{t-1}$$

where estimated residual variance  $\hat{\sigma}_u^2 = 0.0004$ . Assuming the residual is i.i.d. normally distributed with zero mean, and that this period  $X_t = -0.02$ , what is the estimated probability of a negative GDP growth next year using the linear model? If the two answers above do not match, explain why is it so? (A couple of sentences will do here.) If they match, you do not need to explain.

R: event of recession or neg GPD growth

I: event of inverted YC the year earlier

 $Prob(R|I) = Prob(R \cap I)/Prob(I) = [7/50]/[14/50] = \underline{50\%}$ 

 $E(Y_{t+1})=0.01-1.2*0.02=-0.014$ .  $Y_{t+1} \mid X_t \sim N(-0.014, 0.0004)$ .

So Prob( $Y_{t+1}<0$ ) = Prob( $\{Y_{t+1}-[-0.014]\}/0.02<0.014/0.02$ ) = Prob(z<0.7) = 0.76

The latter is parametric, and the distribution contains more information than the original non-parametric. It could be that this period negative yield slope is especially large, larger than average. The non-parametric answer does not have this additional piece of info about the yield slope quantity.

## **Q4.** A portfolio's return rate process $r_t$ is modeled as follows:

 $r_t = a + bx_t + h_t^{1/2} e_t$  where a, b are constants.  $x_t$  is a normally distributed variable that is observed, and  $e_t$  is an unobserved i.i.d. disturbance and is distributed as N(0,1).  $h_t$  is an unobserved process that is uncorrelated with  $x_t$  and is modeled as follows:

$$h_t = 0.01 + 0.2 h_{t-1} + 0.3 h_{t-1} e_{t-1}^2$$

Suppose consistent estimates of a, b are 0.03 and 0.5 respectively.  $h_{t-1}$  is estimated consistently at 0.01.  $x_{t-1}$  has value 0.10 and current return  $r_{t-1}$  is 5%. Conditional on information at t-1, next period value of  $x_t$  is expected to be 0.12 and variance of  $x_t$  is 0.02. Show how you would compute the probability of the event  $r_t < -10\%$ . (You need a normal distribution table.)

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\begin{array}{l} h_{t-1}^{1/2} \, e_{t-1} = 0.05 - 0.03 - 0.5*0.10 = -0.03 \\ 0.1 \, e_{t-1} = -0.03, \text{ and so } e_{t-1} = -0.3 \\ h_t = 0.01 + 0.2 \, h_{t-1} + 0.3(0.01) \, e_{t-1}^2 = 0.01 + 0.2(0.01) + 0.3 \, (0.01) \, 0.3^2 = 0.01227 \\ var_{t-1}(r_t) = 0.5^{2*}0.02 + h_t = 0.005 + 0.01227 = 0.01727 \\ std \, dev = \sqrt{(0.01727)} = 0.131415 \\ E(r_t) = 0.03 + 0.5*0.12 = 0.09 \\ Therefore \, r_t \sim N(0.09, 0.01727). \, Pr(r_t < -0.1) = \Phi(\, [-0.1 - 0.09]/0.131415) = \Phi(-1.4458) = \underline{0.074}. \end{array}
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	given values					
	8					
h(t-1)	0.01					
a	0.03					
b	0.5					
x(t-1)	0.1					
r(t-1)	0.05					
E_t-1(x(t))	0.12					
var_t-1(x(t))	0.02					
E(r(t)=a+bE(x(t))						
therefore E(r(t))=		0.09				
e(t-1)^2=(r_t-1-a-bx_t-1)^2/h(t-1)						0.09
var_t-1(r(t))=b^2var_t-1(x(t))+(0.01+0.2h(t-1)+0.3h(t-1)e(t-1)^2)						0.01727
$std dev_t-1(r(t)) =$						0.131415
value=	-0.1					
Z=	-1.445797376					
Prob(r(t)<-0.10)=	0.074117021					

# **Q5.** A portfolio's return rate process $r_t$ is modeled as follows:

 $r_t = a + bx_t + h_t^{1/2} e_t$  where a, b are constants.  $x_t$  is a normally distributed variable that is observed, and  $e_t$  is an unobserved i.i.d. disturbance and is distributed as N(0,1).  $h_t$  is an unobserved process that is uncorrelated with  $x_t$  and is modeled as follows:

$$h_t = 0.005 + 0.5 h_{t-1} + 0.2 h_{t-1}e_{t-1}^2$$

Suppose consistent estimates of a, b are 0.12 and 0.07 respectively.  $h_{t-1}$  is estimated consistently at 0.024.  $x_{t-1}$  has value 0.1 and current return  $r_{t-1}$  is 4%. Conditional on information at t-1, next period value of  $x_t$  is expected to be 0.15 and variance of  $x_t$  is 0.05. Show how you would compute the probability of the event  $r_t < -5\%$ . (You need a normal distribution table.)

	given values				
h(t-1)	0.024				
a	0.12				
b	0.07				
x(t-1)	0.1				
r(t-1)	0.04				
E_t-1(x(t))	0.15				
var_t-1(x(t))	0.05				
$E_{t-1}(r(t)=a+bE_{t-1}(x(t)))$ therefore $E_{t-1}(r(t))=$ 0.1305					
e(t-1)^2=(r_t-1-a-bx_t-1)^	0.315375				
$var_t-1(r(t))=b^2var_t-1(x(t))+(0.005+0.5h(t-1)+0.2h(t-1)e(t-1)^2)$			0.018759		
std dev_t-1( $r(t)$ ) =			0.136963		
value=	-0.05				
Z=	-1.317876396				
Prob(r(t)<-0.10)=	0.093772514				

**Q6.** A researcher is attempting to model the duration time between trades on a stock. Suppose the time to wait, X, before the next stock trade happens on a trading system follows a distribution Probability ( $X \le x$  seconds) =  $1 - \exp(-a^2x)$ . The probability of the next trade arriving is higher when time elapsed is longer. Find the probability density function, and hence the log likelihood function of the sequential trades that happened in a day. The average time between each trade is 10 seconds on this trading day. Find the maximum likelihood estimate of a. What is the probability of the next trade arriving in 10 seconds or less?

Ans:

$$\int_0^x f(x) dx = 1 - e^{-a^2 x} \text{ where } f(x) \text{ is the pdf.}$$
 The pdf of X is  $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (1 - e^{-a^2 x}) = a^2 e^{-\lambda x}$ . The likelihood function of observing the arrival times of N sequential trades is  $L = \prod_{k=1}^N (a^2 e^{-a^2 x_k})$ . Log  $L = N \ln a^2 - a^2 \sum_{k=1}^N x_k$ . Max  $\ln L$  yields  $\widehat{a^2} = \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^N x_k}{N}\right)^{-1}$  so  $\widehat{a} = \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^N x_k}{N}\right)^{-1/2}$  where MLE of  $a$  is inverse of square root of sample average of trade arrival time. If trade arrivals are frequent,  $\widehat{a}$  is larger. If sample average of time is 10 seconds, then  $\widehat{a}$  is  $\sqrt{0.1} = 0.3163$  (Note prob (X<= 10 seconds) =1- $e^{-0.1 \times 10} = 0.63$ .

set2-6 use 
$$a^{1/2}$$
,  $a^{3/2}$ ,  $a^3$ ,  $e^a$ ,  $2a^2$  instead.  
\hat  $a = 0.01, 0.215447, 0.464, -2.303, 0.2236$ 

**Q7.** All stocks in the market are formed into 20 large portfolios by sorting them according to their individual preliminary betas that were estimated using sample covariance of individual stock return rate with the market return rate divided by the sample market return rate variance. Suppose you take the two portfolios with the highest and the lowest betas. You calculate the equal-weighted average return rate in each time period of stocks within each of these two portfolios, and define these return rates as  $R_{1t}$  and  $R_{2t}$ , where subscripts 1, 2 denote the two different portfolios respectively, and t denotes the time period index. Their excess return rates are respectively  $r_{1t}$  and  $r_{2t}$ . These are excess over the risk-free rate prevailing at t. The excess market return rate is  $r_{mt}$ .

The Sharpe-Lintner CAPM implies that  $r_{1t} = A_0 + A_1 r_{mt} + e_{1t}$  (1), and  $r_{2t} = A_0 + A_2 r_{mt} + e_{2t}$  (2), where  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  are the CAPM betas of the average returns of the two portfolios, and  $e_{1t}$ ,  $e_{2t}$  are residual random disturbances that are uncorrelated with  $r_{mt}$ . The specifications in equations (1) and (2) hold for t = 1,2,3,...,T where T is the sample size. Let random vector  $e_1 = (e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{13}, ...., e_{1T})'$  and  $e_2 = (e_{21}, e_{22}, e_{23}, ...., e_{2T})'$ .  $A_0 = 0$  for a well-diversified portfolio with no consistent positive alphas.  $cov(e_1) = \sigma_1^2 I_{TxT}$ ,  $cov(e_2) = \sigma_2^2 I_{TxT}$ , and  $cov(e_1, e_2) = E(e_1, e_2') = \sigma_{12} I_{TxT}$  where  $I_{TxT}$  is identity matrix of dimension T.

Suppose you want to use equations (1) and (2) to test the restriction under null hypothesis that  $A_0 = 0$ . You combine multiple time series (1) and (2) into one single regression Y = XB + E where  $Y_{2T \times 1} = (r_{11}, r_{12}, r_{13}, ......, r_{1T}, r_{21}, r_{22}, r_{23}, ......, r_{2T})'$ , and  $E = (e_1', e_2')'$ .

- (a) Show what the matrices X and B would look like, including their dimensions.
- (b) Show the matrix cov(E) including its dimensions.
- (c) Suppose now you are given information that  $\sigma_2^2 = 2\sigma_1^2 = 2$  and  $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_1^2$ , T =100. Sample means of  $r_{mt}$ ,  $r_{1t}$ ,  $r_{2t}$ , are 0.01, 0.02, -0.01. Sample variance of  $r_{mt}$  is 0.02, and sample covariance of  $r_{1t}$  and  $r_{mt}$  is 0.003, and that of  $r_{2t}$  and  $r_{mt}$  is 0.001. (Use divisor T for all sample moments.) Find a best linear unbiased estimate of  $A_0$ .

(d) If you assume E is multivariate normal, find the t-statistic in the test of  $H_0$ :  $A_0 = 0$ , and interpret the result.

(Hint: If square matrix 
$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$
,

then  $C^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} [C_{11} - C_{12}C_{22}^{-1}C_{21}]^{-1} & -C_{11}^{-1}C_{12}[C_{22} - C_{21}C_{11}^{-1}C_{12}]^{-1} \\ -C_{22}^{-1}C_{21}[C_{11} - C_{12}C_{22}^{-1}C_{21}]^{-1} & [C_{22} - C_{21}C_{11}^{-1}C_{12}]^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Please also use excel to find matrix inverses if that is faster. Your answers in part

Please also use excel to find matrix inverses if that is faster. Your answers in parts (a) and (b) should be in terms of T,  $\sigma_1^2$ ,  $\sigma_2^2$ ,  $\sigma_{12}$ , and functions of  $r_{mt}$ , though not all these terms necessarily appear.)

Ans:

$$\mathbf{X}_{2\mathsf{T}\times 3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r_{m1} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & r_{mT} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & r_{m1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & r_{mT} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{B}_{3\mathrm{x}1} = \begin{pmatrix} A_0 \\ A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)

$$\mathsf{cov}(\mathsf{E}) = \Omega_{\mathsf{2Tx2T}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 & \sigma_{12} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \dots & 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_{12} & 0 & \dots & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \sigma_{21} = \sigma_{12}$$

$$\mathsf{cov}(\mathsf{E}) = \Omega_{\mathsf{2Tx2T}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 & \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_1^2 \\ \sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 & 2\sigma_1^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 2\sigma_1^2 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_1^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \otimes \mathsf{I}_{T \times T} & 1 \otimes \mathsf{I}_{T \times T} \\ 1 \otimes \mathsf{I}_{T \times T} & 2 \otimes \mathsf{I}_{T \times T} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega^{\text{-}1} = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_{T \times T} & -1 \otimes \mathbf{I}_{T \times T} \\ -1 \otimes \mathbf{I}_{T \times T} & 1 \otimes \mathbf{I}_{T \times T} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{split} & (\mathsf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathsf{X}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} \begin{pmatrix} T & \sum_{t=1}^T r_{mt} & 0 \\ \sum_{t=1}^T r_{mt} & 2\sum_{t=1}^T r_{mt}^2 & -\sum_{t=1}^T r_{mt}^2 \\ 0 & -\sum_{t=1}^T r_{mt}^2 & \sum_{t=1}^T r_{mt}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4.02 & -2.01 \\ 0 & -2.01 & 2.01 \end{pmatrix} \\ & (\mathsf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathsf{X})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.01005 & -0.005 & -0.005 \\ -0.005 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.005 & 0.5 & 0.997512 \end{pmatrix} \\ & (\mathsf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathsf{Y}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{t=1}^T r_{1t} r_{mt} - \sum_{t=1}^T r_{2t} r_{mt} \\ -\sum_{t=1}^T r_{1t} r_{mt} + \sum_{t=1}^T r_{2t} r_{mt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2(0.3) - 0.1 \\ -0.3 + 0.1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0.5 \\ -0.2 \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

$$(X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}(X'\Omega^{-1}Y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0186\\ 0.14\\ 0.0405 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\text{hat } A_0 = 0.0186$ 

(d) t-stats for \hat  $A_0 = 0.0184/\sqrt{0.01} = 0.184$ . Hence cannot reject  $H_0$ :  $A_0 = 0$ . (workings for finding inverse below)

Т	100	right is (X'Omega^-1X)	100	1	0
SAMPLE MEAN RM	0.01	ingine is (X officegu = 1X)	1		-2.01
SAMPLE MEAN R1	0.02		0		
			U	-2.01	2.01
SAMPLE MEAN R2	-0.01				
SAMPLE VAR(RM)	0.02				
SAMPLE COV (R1,RM)	0.003	inv(X'Omega^-1X)	0.01005	-0.005	-0.005
SAMPLE COV(R2,RM)	0.001		-0.005	0.5	0.5
SIGMA_1^2	1		-0.005	0.5	0.997512
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Computed		X'Omega^-1Y	2		
sum of RMt	1		0.5		
sum of (RMt)^2	2.01		-0.2		
sum of R1	2				
sum of R2	-1	(X'Omega^-1X)^-1(X'Omega^-1Y)			0.0186
sum of cov(R1,RM)	0.3				0.14
sum of cov(R2,RM)	0.1				0.040498
		t-stats for A0			0.185537
				cannot reject null	
				H0: A0=0	
				CAPM is OK	

**Q8.** In a regression,  $Y_i^* = b_0 + b_1 X_i + b_2 Z_i + u_i$ , where i = 1, 2, 3, ...., N, denotes firms. Assume there is a large number of firms in the sample.  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  are constants.  $u_i$  has zero mean and a unit constant variance. Moreover,  $Z_i = c_1 X_i + c_2 W_i + v_i$ , where  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  are constants, and  $v_i$  has zero mean and a constant variance  $\sigma_v^2$ .  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are both independent of  $X_i$  and  $W_i$ . However,  $cov(u_i, v_i) \neq 0$ . Furthermore,  $Y_i = 1$  if  $Y_i^* > 0$ , but  $v_i = 0$  if  $v_i^* \leq 0$ .  $v_i = 1$  indicates default. The regression model is about explaining default.

- (a) If  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are normally distributed, find  $E(Y_i|X_i,W_i)$  in terms of the normal cumulative distribution function  $\Phi(\cdot)$ .
- (b) Find the likelihood function.
- (c) Alternatively, show how you can estimate the parameters  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $\sigma_v^2$  and  $\sigma_{uv}$  using the generalized method of moments with over-identification in the orthogonality conditions.

## Ans:

(a) Firstly, note  $Z_i$  is endogenous, i.e.  $cov(Z_i, u_i) \neq 0$ .  $E(Y_i | X_i, W_i) = Prob(Y_i *>0 | X_i, W_i) = Prob(b_0 + b_1 X_i + b_2 Z_i + u_i >0 | X_i, W_i) \\ = Prob(u_i > -b_0 - b_1 X_i - b_2 Z_i | X_i, W_i) = Prob(u_i < b_0 + b_1 X_i + b_2 Z_i | X_i, W_i)$  Since  $cov(Z_i, u_i) \neq 0$ , we <u>cannot</u> write the last quantity as  $\Phi(b_0 + b_1 X_i + b_2 Z_i | X_i, W_i)$ . (This is like saying Prob(u<Z), When Z=1/2 u, then in fact the prob becomes Prob(1/2 u < 0)! since Z is not exogenous.) Thus  $E(Y_i | X_i, W_i) \neq \Phi(b_0 + b_1 X_i + b_2 Z_i | X_i, W_i)$ .

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But E(Y<sub>i</sub>|X<sub>i</sub>,W<sub>i</sub>) = Prob( u<sub>i</sub> < b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + b<sub>2</sub> (c<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>W<sub>i</sub> + v<sub>i</sub>) | X<sub>i</sub>,W<sub>i</sub>) 

= Prob( u<sub>i</sub> - b<sub>2</sub>v<sub>i</sub> < b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + b<sub>2</sub> (c<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>W<sub>i</sub>) | X<sub>i</sub>,W<sub>i</sub>) 

But u<sub>i</sub> - b<sub>2</sub>v<sub>i</sub> ~ N(0, 1 + b<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>σ<sub>v</sub><sup>2</sup> - 2b<sub>2</sub>σ<sub>uv</sub>). 

So E(Y<sub>i</sub>|X<sub>i</sub>,W<sub>i</sub>) = Prob( u<sub>i</sub> - b<sub>2</sub>v<sub>i</sub> < b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + b<sub>2</sub> (c<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>W<sub>i</sub>) | X<sub>i</sub>,W<sub>i</sub>) 

= Prob( [u<sub>i</sub> - b<sub>2</sub>v<sub>i</sub>]/\sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2b_2 \sigma_{uv}} < [b_0 + b_1X_i + b_2 (c_1X_i + c_2W_i)]/\sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2b_2 \sigma_{uv}} | X_i,W_i). 

(b) Likelihood function L = \prod_{i=1}^N \Phi^{Yi} (1-\Phi)<sup>1-Yi</sup> 

where \Phi = \Phi([b_0 + b_1X_i + b_2 (c_1X_i + c_2W_i)]/<math>\sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2b_2 \sigma_{uv}} | X_i,W_i). 

(c) From (a), E(Y<sub>i</sub> - \Phi( [b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + b<sub>2</sub> (c<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>W<sub>i</sub>)]/\sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2b_2 \sigma_{uv}} | X_i,W_i) = 0. 

Similarly, E{ X<sub>i</sub> (Y<sub>i</sub> - \Phi( [b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + b<sub>2</sub> (c<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>W<sub>i</sub>)]/\sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2b_2 \sigma_{uv}} | X_i,W_i) = 0. 

E{ W<sub>i</sub> (Y<sub>i</sub> - \Phi( [b<sub>0</sub> + b<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + b<sub>2</sub> (c<sub>1</sub>X<sub>i</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>W<sub>i</sub>)]/\sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2b_2 \sigma_{uv}} | X_i,W_i) = 0.
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$$\begin{split} \text{Let } \epsilon_l &= Y_i - \Phi([b_0 + b_1 X_i + b_2 (c_1 X_i + c_2 W_i)] / \sqrt{1 + b_2^2 \sigma_v^2 - 2 b_2 \sigma_{uv}} \quad | \ X_i, W_i) \text{ where } E(\epsilon_l \mid X_i, W_i) = 0. \\ \text{Then } E(\ X_i \epsilon_l \mid X_i, W_i) &= 0, E(\ W_i \epsilon_l \mid X_i, W_i) = 0. \\ \text{Moreover, } E(\ Z_i - c_1 X_i - c_2 W_i \mid X_i, W_i) &= 0, E(\ X_i \left[ Z_i - c_1 X_i - c_2 W_i \right] \mid X_i, W_i) = 0, E(\ W_i \left[ Z_i - c_1 X_i - c_2 W_i \right] \mid X_i, W_i) = 0, \\ E(\ \left[ Z_i - c_1 X_i - c_2 W_i \right]^2 - \sigma_v^2 \mid X_i, W_i) &= 0. \end{split}$$

And we can add more instruments such as  $X_i^2$ ,  $W_i^2$ , etc.

Hence unconditional expectation  $E[\epsilon_i] = E_{X,W}(E[\epsilon_i \mid X_i, W_i]) = 0$ . Then the unconditional orthogonality conditions are (integrating over  $X_i$  and  $W_i$ )

$$\begin{split} &E(\ \epsilon_{l}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ \epsilon_{l}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ W_{i}\ \epsilon_{l}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ (Z_{i}-c_{1}X_{i}-c_{2}W_{i}\ ))=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ [Z_{i}-c_{1}X_{i}-c_{2}W_{i}\ ])=0, \\ &E(\ W_{i}[Z_{i}-c_{1}X_{i}-c_{2}W_{i}\ ])=0, \qquad E(\ [Z_{i}-c_{1}X_{i}-c_{2}W_{i}\ ])=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ W_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ W_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \\ &E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}\ )=0, \qquad E(\ X_{i}\ E_{i}$$

to estimate 7 parameters:  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $\sigma_v^2$  and  $\sigma_{uv}$  with 9 moments restrictions and 2 over-identifying conditions. The overidentification must be "solved" by minimizing the covariance matrix of the sample moments.

Note:  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $\sigma_v^2$  can be estimated as a BLUE and consistent estimates using  $Z_i = c_1 X_i + c_2 W_i + v_i$  (OLS or MLE). Call these  $\hat{c}_1$ ,  $\hat{c}_2$   $\hat{\sigma}_v^2$ . These then reduces the need to use the following restrictions:

$$E(Z_i - C_1 X_i - C_2 W_i) = 0.$$

$$E \{X_i (Z_i - C_1 X_i - C_2 W_i)\} = 0.$$

$$E \{W_i (Z_i - c_1 X_i - c_2 W_i)\} = 0.$$