

# Homework 3

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## 1 Introduction

The Monte Carlo analysis is a board class of computer algorithms that rely on repeated random sampling to obtain numerical results. What Granger and Newbold did to replicate this Monte Carlo scheme was that they did a spurious regression, Granger and Newbold regressed two different random walks together and put them through a loop where there is around 100 simulations to see the percentage of times that  $H_0$  ( $H_0$  = no relationship) is rejected. They showed that out of 100 simulations of random walks, it showed there to be a high amount of times that  $H_0$  was reject showing that there is a relationship, but there was a low  $R^2$  meaning that the has a weak correlation of the linear relationship between the two random walks . In the first test there was 76 times out of 100 simulations that the  $H_0$  was rejected but there was a 0.26  $R^2$ . The  $H_0$  shows that there is a relationship 76 out of the 100 times but our  $R^2$  tells us that we have no very weak relationship. (If  $R^2$  is higher than 0.7 then it is considered a strong relationship).

## 2 Replication and Results

After doing a single sample regression analysis of independent random walks our  $R^2$  shows there is a low value of 0.18, which means there is a low correlation between the two independent random walks. I then did same exact regression, trying to replicate the Granger and Newbold analysis. I set my seed (beginning point) as 2000, I will have  $n=100$  as the sample size and we are going to repeat the experiment  $r=100$  times. Then I compare with the critical value at 5%, how much of those experiment times is higher than the critical value. This will tell us how many times  $H_0$  will be rejected. The results is that we have a  $R^2$  of 0.58 which tell us that we have a weak value and the data is not at all close to the fitted line. Also though code it shows 0.001 mean with a max of 1.000 telling me that majority or the  $R^2$  is not greater than 0.05, which tells me there is not a relationship. But it also shows that we rejected the  $H_0$  777 times out of the 1000 times of the repeated

experiment showing that there is a relationship between the two independent walks. From doing this I have similar results as Granger and Newbold as they also had a low  $R^2$  but had a high percentage of their  $H_0$  being rejected.

Table 1: My Results vs Granger and Newbold's Results

Results	My Results	Granger and Newbold Levels (M=1)
Average $R^2$	0.58	0.26
Percent of time $H_0$ is rejected	77.7	76

### 3 Discussion and Conclusion

The results of my replication shows very similar results to the Granger and Newbold analysis where we both get very high percentages of rejecting the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) which proves that there is a relationship but we also get a very low valued  $R^2$  which proves there to be very little linear relationship between the two variables. This is does not make sense to me seeing as one thing shows that there is a relationship but another saying that there is not a relationship between the two random walks. This tells me that this series in this experiment is strongly auto-correlated, even though there should not be a relationship there is some how a relationship after repeating the experiment several times.