

Econometrics

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Introduction



Who Uses Econometrics

Statistical analysis of economic data:

- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Consulting
- ▶ Government



What Makes Econometrics Special

Econometrics is not just “statistics using economic data.”

Special issues related to the properties of economic data.

- ▶ No experiments; only “observational data”
- ▶ Special issues and features that arise routinely in economic data
- ▶ Predictive modeling, causal modeling



Types of Recorded Economic Data

- ▶ Continuous vs. discrete
- ▶ Time series vs. cross section
- ▶ Panel

Complement: Explore nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio data



Web Data Resources

- ▶ Resources for Economists (AEA)
- ▶ FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data)
- ▶ National Bureau of Economic Research
- ▶ Quandl
- ▶ FRB Phila Real-Time Data Research Center



Software

- ▶ R

 - CRAN

 - RStudio

 - R-bloggers

- ▶ More: Eviews, Python

- ▶ Still more: *Econometrics Journal* software links



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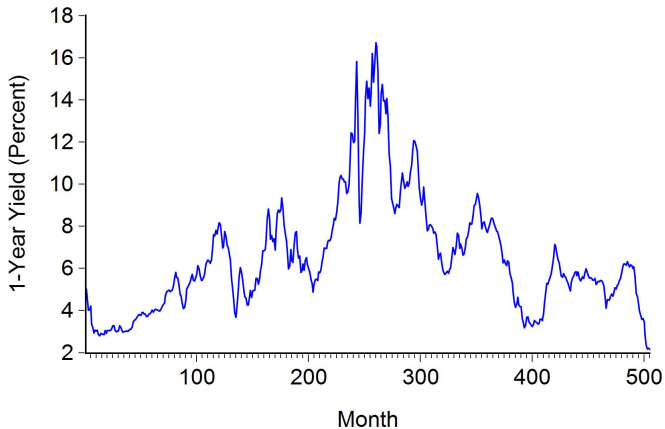


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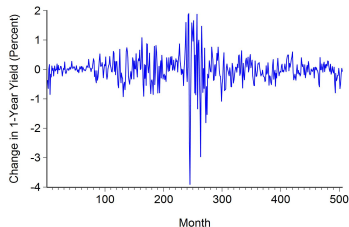
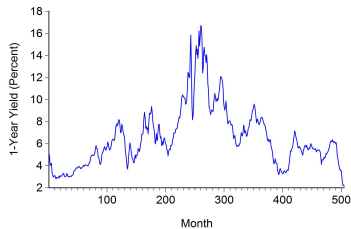
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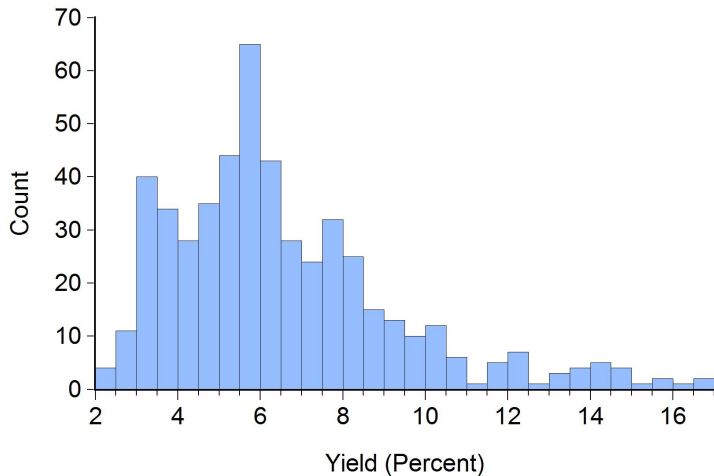
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Time Series Plot: 1-Year Government Bond Yield, Levels and Changes

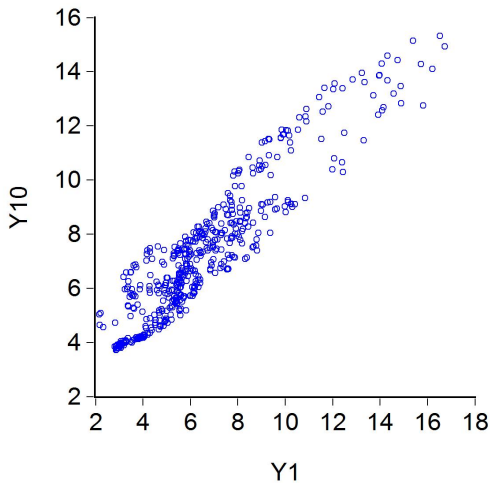


Histogram: 1-Year Government Bond Yield



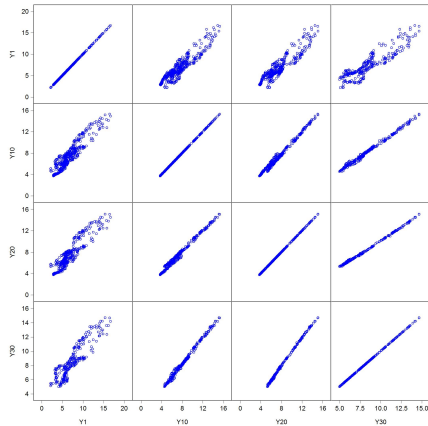
Bivariate Scatterplot

1-Year and 10-Year Government Bond Yields



Scatterplot Matrix:

1-, 10-, 20- and 30-Year Government Bond Yields



Graphics

- ▶ Summarize and reveal patterns in univariate time-series data. Time Series plots. Trend, seasonal, cycle, outliers, ...
- ▶ Summarize and reveal patterns in univariate cross-section data. Histograms are helpful for learning about distributional shape. Symmetric, skewed, fat-tailed, ...
- ▶ Identify relationships and understand their nature, in both multivariate time-series and multivariate cross-section environments. Bivariate scatterplots. Does a relationship exist? Is it linear or nonlinear? Are there outliers?
- ▶ Identify relationships and understand their nature in panel data. Cross-sectional histograms across time periods, or time series plots across cross-sectional units.
- ▶ Compare different pieces of data via multiple comparisons. Scatterplot matrix.



Univariate and Multivariate Graphics

- ▶ Time-series plot
 - ▶ levels
 - ▶ change
- ▶ Density estimate
 - ▶ histogram
 - ▶ smoothed
- ▶ Scatterplot
 - ▶ Two-way
 - ▶ Multi-way

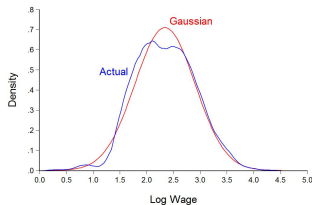
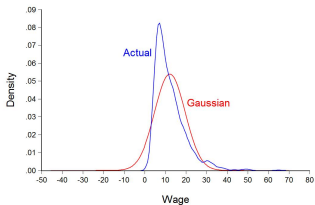
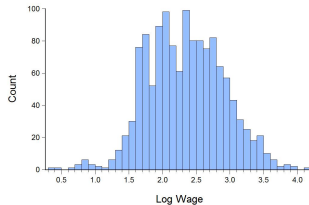
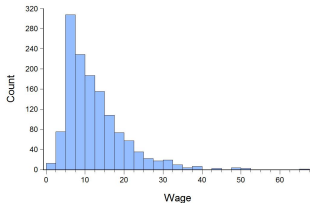


Principles of Graphical Style

- ▶ Know your audience, and know your goals.
- ▶ Appeal to the viewer.
- ▶ Show the data, and only the data, withing the bounds of reason.
 - ▶ Avoid distortion. The sizes of effects in graphics should match their size in the data. Use common scales in multiple comparisons.
 - ▶ Minimize, within reason, non-data ink. Avoid chartjunk.
 - ▶ Third, choose aspect ratios to maximize pattern revelation. Bank to 45 degrees.
 - ▶ Maximize graphical data density.
- ▶ Revise and edit, again and again (and again). Graphics produced using software defaults are almost *never* satisfactory.



Distributions of Wages and Log Wages



Probability and Statistics Review



“Sample” EPC: Simple vs. Partial Correlation

(Read them all carefully!)

The set of pairwise scatterplots that comprises a multiway scatterplot provides useful information about the joint distribution of the set of variables, but it's incomplete information and should be interpreted with care. A pairwise scatterplot summarizes information regarding the **simple correlation** between, say, x and y . But x and y may appear highly related in a pairwise scatterplot even if they are in fact unrelated, if each depends on a third variable, say z . The crux of the problem is that there's no way in a pairwise scatterplot to examine the correlation between x and y *controlling* for z , which we call **partial correlation**. When interpreting a scatterplot matrix, keep in mind that the pairwise scatterplots provide information only on simple correlation.



Moments, Sample Moments and Their Sampling Distributions

- ▶ Discrete random variable, y
- ▶ Discrete probability distribution $p(y)$
- ▶ Continuous random variable y
- ▶ Probability density function $f(y)$



Population Moments: Expectations of Powers of R.V.'s

Mean measures location:

$$\mu = E(y) = \sum_i p_i y_i \quad (\text{discrete case})$$

$$\mu = E(y) = \int y f(y) dy \quad (\text{continuous case})$$

Variance, or standard deviation, measures dispersion, or scale:

$$\sigma^2 = \text{var}(y) = E(y - \mu)^2.$$

– σ easier to interpret than σ^2 . Why?



More Population Moments

Skewness measures skewness (!)

$$S = \frac{E(y - \mu)^3}{\sigma^3}.$$

Kurtosis measures tail fatness relative to a Gaussian distribution.

$$K = \frac{E(y - \mu)^4}{\sigma^4}.$$



Covariance and Correlation

Multivariate case: Joint, marginal and conditional distributions

$$f(x, y), f(x), f(y), f(x|y), f(y|x)$$

Covariance measures linear dependence:

$$\text{cov}(y, x) = E[(y_t - \mu_y)(x_t - \mu_x)].$$

So does correlation:

$$\text{corr}(y, x) = \frac{\text{cov}(y, x)}{\sigma_y \sigma_x}.$$

Correlation is often more convenient. Why?



Sampling and Estimation

Sample : $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^N \sim f(y)$

Sample mean:

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$$

Sample variance:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{N}$$

Unbiased sample variance:

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{N - 1}$$



More Sample Moments

Sample skewness:

$$\hat{S} = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_t - \bar{y})^3}{\hat{\sigma}^3}$$

Sample kurtosis:

$$\hat{K} = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_t - \bar{y})^4}{\hat{\sigma}^4}$$



Still More Sample Moments

Sample covariance:

$$\widehat{cov}(y, x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [(y_i - \bar{y})(x_i - \bar{x})]$$

Sample correlation:

$$\widehat{corr}(y, x) = \frac{\widehat{cov}(y, x)}{\hat{\sigma}_y \hat{\sigma}_x}$$



Exact Sampling Distribution of the Sample Mean (Requires *iid* Normality)

Simple random sampling : $y_i \sim iid N(\mu, \sigma^2), i = 1, \dots, N$

\bar{y} is unbiased, consistent, normally distributed with variance σ^2/N ,
and minimum variance unbiased (MVUE).

$$\bar{y} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right)$$
$$\sqrt{N}(\bar{y} - \mu) \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mu \in \left[\bar{y} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}(N-1) \frac{s}{\sqrt{N}} \right] \text{ w.p. } \alpha$$

$$\mu = \mu_0 \implies \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}} \sim t(N-1)$$



Approximate Asymptotic Sampling Distribution (Does Not Require Normality)

Simple random sampling : $y_i \sim iid(\mu, \sigma^2), i = 1, \dots, N$

\bar{y} is unbiased, consistent, asymptotically normally distributed with variance σ^2/N , and best linear unbiased (BLUE).

$$\bar{y} \overset{a}{\sim} N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right)$$

$$\sqrt{N}(\bar{y} - \mu) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{As } N \rightarrow \infty, \mu \in \left[\bar{y} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{N}} \right] \text{ w.p. } \alpha$$

$$\text{As } N \rightarrow \infty, \frac{\bar{y} - \mu_0}{\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{N}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$



Notational Aside

Standard cross-section notation: $i = 1, \dots, N$

Standard time-series notation: $t = 1, \dots, T$

Much of our discussion will be valid in *both* cross-section and time-series environments, but still we have to pick a notation.

Without loss of generality, we will use $t = 1, \dots, T$.



Regression

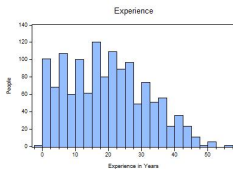
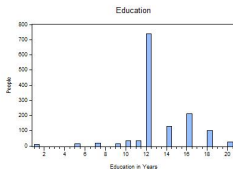
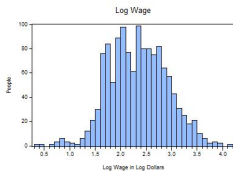


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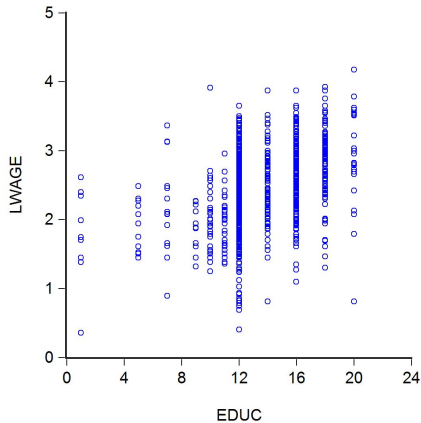
Surely the all-time greatest statistical and econometric workhorse...



Distributions of Log Wage, Education and Experience



Scatterplot: Log Wage vs. Education



Regression as Curve Fitting

Fit a line:

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t$$

Solve:

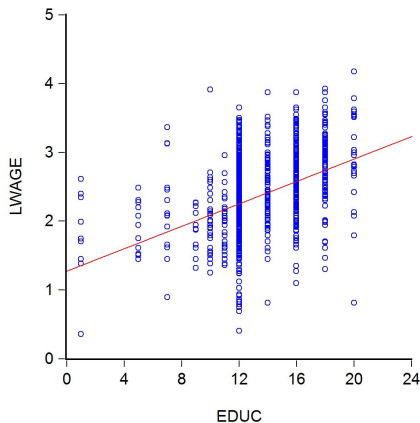
$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_t)^2$$

β is the set of two parameters β_1 and β_2

$\hat{\beta}$ is the set of fitted parameters $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$



Scatterplot: Log Wage vs. Education with Superimposed Regression Line



$$\widehat{LWAGE} = 1.273 + .081EDUC$$



Actual Values, Fitted Values and Residuals

The fitted values are

$$\hat{y}_t = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_t,$$

$$t = 1, \dots, T.$$

The residuals are the difference between actual and fitted values,

$$e_t = y_t - \hat{y}_t,$$

$$t = 1, \dots, T.$$



Multiple Linear Regression (K RHS Variables))

Solve:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_{2t} - \dots - \beta_K x_{Kt})^2$$

Fitted line:

$$\hat{y}_t = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_{2t} + \hat{\beta}_3 x_{3t} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_K x_{Kt}$$

More compactly:

$$\hat{y}_t = \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{\beta}_i x_{it},$$

where $x_{1t} = 1$ for all t .

Wage dataset:

$$\widehat{LWAGE} = .867 + .093EDUC + .013EXPER$$



Regression as a Probability Model

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_{2t} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Kt} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iid N(0, \sigma^2),$$

$$t = 1, \dots, T.$$

Note:

$$E(y_t | x_t = x_t^*) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_{2t}^* + \dots + \beta_K x_{Kt}^*$$

Estimation:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_t^2$$



Some Crucial Matrix Notation

You already understand matrix ("spreadsheet") notation
although you may not know it!

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_T \end{pmatrix} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{21} & x_{31} & \dots & x_{K1} \\ 1 & x_{22} & x_{32} & \dots & x_{K2} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 1 & x_{2T} & x_{3T} & \dots & x_{KT} \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{pmatrix} \quad \varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_T \end{pmatrix}$$



Elementary Matrices and Matrix Operations

$$\underline{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transposition: $A'_{ij} = A_{ji}$

Addition: For A and B $n \times m$, $(A + B)_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$

Multiplication: For A $n \times m$ and B $m \times p$, $(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m A_{ik} B_{kj}$.

Inversion: For non-singular A $n \times n$, A^{-1} satisfies
 $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$. Many algorithms exist for calculation.



We Used to Write This:

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_{2t} + \dots + \beta_K x_{Kt} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$



Now, Equivalently, We Write This:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

$$\varepsilon \sim N(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 I) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{21} & x_{31} & \dots & x_{K1} \\ 1 & x_{22} & x_{32} & \dots & x_{K2} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 1 & x_{2T} & x_{3T} & \dots & x_{KT} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_T \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_T \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0_1 \\ 0_2 \\ \vdots \\ 0_T \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (2)$$



The Full Ideal Conditions (FIC)

1. The true data-generating process is:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$
$$\varepsilon \sim N(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 I),$$

and the fitted model matches it exactly.

- 1.1 The relationship, if any, is truly linear, with no omitted variables, no measurement error, etc.
 - 1.2 The coefficients, β , are fixed.
 - 1.3 $\varepsilon \sim N$.
 - 1.4 The ε_t 's have constant variance σ^2 .
 - 1.5 The ε_t 's are uncorrelated.
2. There is no redundancy among the variables contained in X , so that $X'X$ is non-singular.
3. X is a non-stochastic matrix, fixed in repeated samples.

Surely these are heroic assumptions in economic environments. Much of econometrics (and this course) is devoted to relaxing them.



Results

The OLS estimator is:

$$\hat{\beta}_{LS} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$$

Under the full ideal conditions it is unbiased, consistent, normally distributed with covariance matrix $\sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}$, and MVUE.

We write:

$$\hat{\beta}_{LS} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}),$$

or equivalently,

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \sim N\left(0, \sigma^2 \left(\frac{X'X}{T}\right)^{-1}\right).$$



Regression Analysis of Wages, Education and Experience

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Dependent Variable: LWAGE
Method: Least Squares
Date: 06/27/13 Time: 16:38
Sample (adjusted): 1 1323
Included observations: 1323 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.867382	0.075331	11.51431	0.0000
EDUC	0.093229	0.005045	18.48002	0.0000
EXPER	0.013104	0.001164	11.26208	0.0000

R-squared	0.232224	Mean dependent var	2.341995
Adjusted R-squared	0.231061	S.D. dependent var	0.561435
S.E. of regression	0.492318	Akaike info criterion	1.422881
Sum squared resid	319.9376	Schwarz criterion	1.434644
Log likelihood	-938.2358	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.427291
F-statistic	199.6260	Durbin-Watson stat	1.926045
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

EXPER

“Top Matter”: Background Information

- ▶ Dependent variable
- ▶ Method
- ▶ Date
- ▶ Sample
- ▶ Included observations



“Middle Matter”: Estimated Regression Function

- ▶ Variable
- ▶ Coefficient
- ▶ Standard error
- ▶ t -statistic
- ▶ p-value



“Bottom Matter: Statistics”

There are many...



Regression Statistics: Mean dependent var 2.342

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_t$$



Regression Statistics: S.D. dependent var .561

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}{T - 1}}$$



Regression Statistics: Sum squared resid 319.938

$$SSR = \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2$$



Regression Statistics: Log likelihood -938.236

- ▶ Likelihood
- ▶ Log likelihood
- ▶ Maximum-likelihood estimation
- ▶ Hypothesis tests and model selection



Regression Statistics: F -statistic 199.626

$$F = \frac{(SSR_{res} - SSR)/(K - 1)}{SSR/(T - K)}$$



Regression Statistics: S.E. of regression .492

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T - K}$$

$$SER = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T - K}}$$



Regression Statistics: R -squared .232

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}$$



Regression Statistics: Adjusted R -squared .231

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{T-K} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{\frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}$$



Regression Statistics: Schwarz criterion 1.435

$$SIC = T^{\left(\frac{k}{T}\right)} \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T}$$



Regression Statistics: Akaike info criterion 1.423

$$AIC = e^{(\frac{2K}{T})} \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T}$$



Regression Statistics: Durbin-Watson stat. 1.926

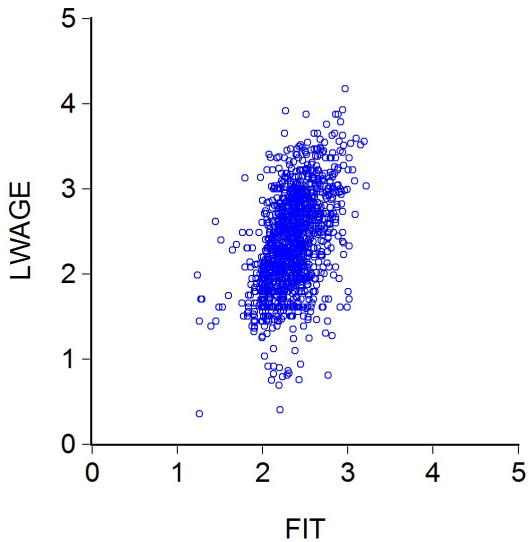
$$\varepsilon_t = \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} + v_t$$

$$v_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$DW = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (e_t - e_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}$$



Residual Scatter



Residual Plot

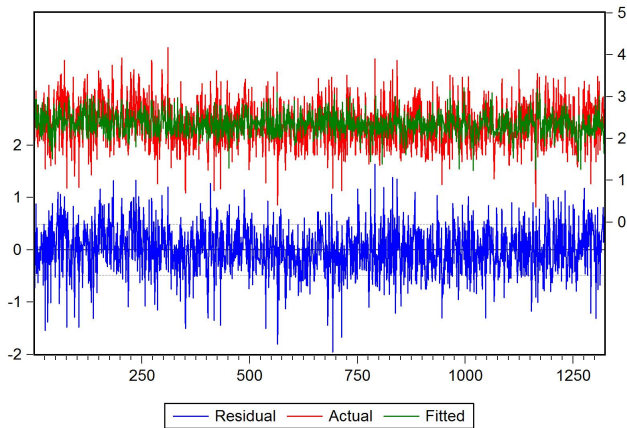
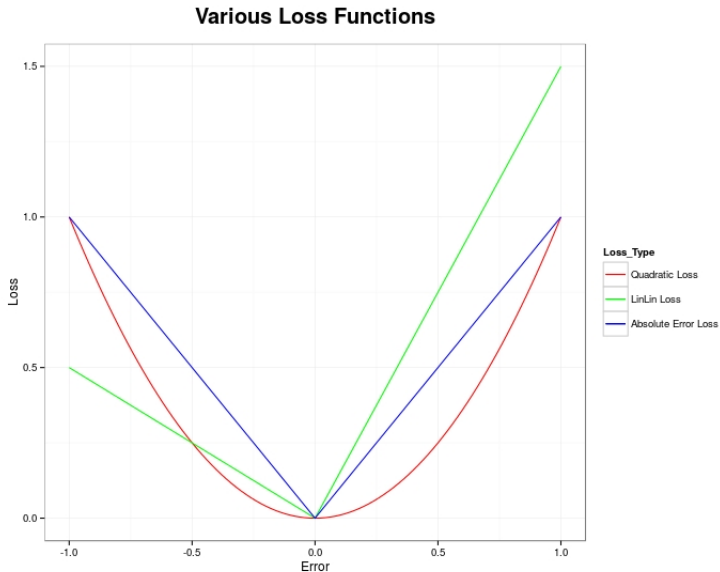


Figure: Wage Regression Residual Plot



Beyond OLS: Non-Quadratic Objectives



Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

Recall that the OLS estimator, $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$, solves:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_{2t} - \dots - \beta_K x_{Kt})^2 = \min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_t^2$$

– Simple

(analytic closed-form expression, $(X'X)^{-1}X'y$)

– Wonderful properties under FIC

(Unbiased, consistent, Gaussian, MVUE)

But other approaches are possible and sometimes useful.



Least Absolute Deviations (LAD)

The LAD estimator, $\hat{\beta}_{LAD}$, solves:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T |\varepsilon_t|$$

- Not as simple as OLS, but still simple
(Solves a linear programming problem)
- Useful properties under some violations of FIC
(Robust to outliers; more on that later)
- But there's a much bigger reason to be interested



Conditional Mean and Median Functions

- OLS fits the conditional mean function:

$$\text{mean}(y|X) = x\beta$$

- LAD fits the conditional median function (50% quantile):

$$\text{median}(y|X) = x\beta$$

- The two are equal under symmetry as with FIC, but not under asymmetry, in which case the median is a better measure of central tendency



Quantile Regression (QR)

Objective like LAD but unequal slopes on each side of 0.

QR estimator $\hat{\beta}_{QR}$ minimizes “linlin loss,” or “check function loss”:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T \text{linlin}(\varepsilon_t),$$

where:

$$\text{linlin}(e) = \begin{cases} a|e|, & \text{if } e \leq 0 \\ b|e|, & \text{if } e > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= a|e| I(e \leq 0) + b|e| I(e > 0).$$

$I(x) = 1$ if x is true, and $I(x) = 0$ otherwise.

“ $I(\cdot)$ ” stands for “indicator” variable.

“linlin” refers to linearity on each side of the origin.

Not as simple as OLS, but still simple
(solves a linear programming problem)



What Does Quantile Regression Fit?

- QR fits the $d \cdot 100\%$ quantile:

$$\text{quantile}_d(y|X) = x\beta$$

where

$$d = \frac{b}{a+b} = \frac{1}{1+a/b}$$

- Median regression (LAD) is special case of $d = .5$
- Important generalization of median regression
(e.g., How do the wages of people in the far left tail of the wage distribution vary with education and experience, and how does that compare to those in the center of the wage distribution?)



Indicator Variables in Cross Sections: Group Effects



Dummy Variables for Group Effects

A dummy variable, or indicator variable, is just a 0-1 variable that indicates something, such as whether a person is female:

$$FEMALE_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person } t \text{ is female} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

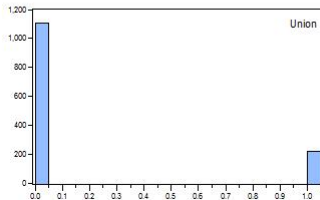
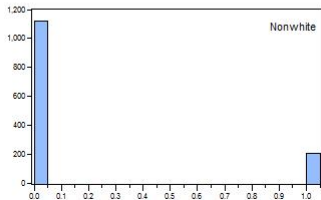
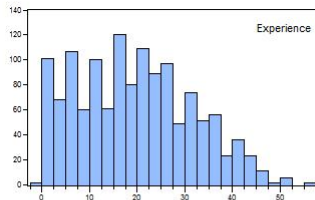
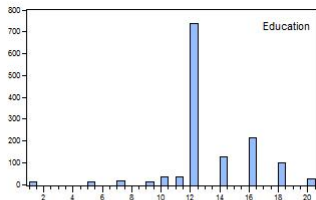
(It really is that simple.)

“Intercept dummies”

Note that the sample mean of a dummy variable is the fraction of the sample with the indicated attribute.



Histograms for Wage Covariates



Important Issues

- ▶ The intercept corresponds to the “base case” across all dummies (i.e., when all dummies are simultaneously 0), and the dummy coefficients give the extra effects (i.e., when the respective dummies are 1).
- ▶ Alternatively, use a full set of dummies for each category (e.g., both a union dummy and a non-union dummy) and drop the intercept. (More useful/common for in time-series situations)
- ▶ Never include a full set of dummies *and* an intercept. Would be totally redundant: “Perfect Multicollinearity”



Controlling for Sex, Race and Union Status in the Wage Regression

Before:

$$LWAGE \rightarrow C, EDUC, EXPER$$



Wage Regression on Education and Experience

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Dependent Variable: LWAGE
Method: Least Squares
Date: 06/27/13 Time: 16:38
Sample (adjusted): 1 1323
Included observations: 1323 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.867382	0.075331	11.51431	0.0000
EDUC	0.093229	0.005045	18.48002	0.0000
EXPER	0.013104	0.001164	11.26208	0.0000

R-squared	0.232224	Mean dependent var	2.341995
Adjusted R-squared	0.231061	S.D. dependent var	0.561435
S.E. of regression	0.492318	Akaike info criterion	1.422881
Sum squared resid	319.9376	Schwarz criterion	1.434644
Log likelihood	-938.2358	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.427291
F-statistic	199.6260	Durbin-Watson stat	1.926045
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

EXPER

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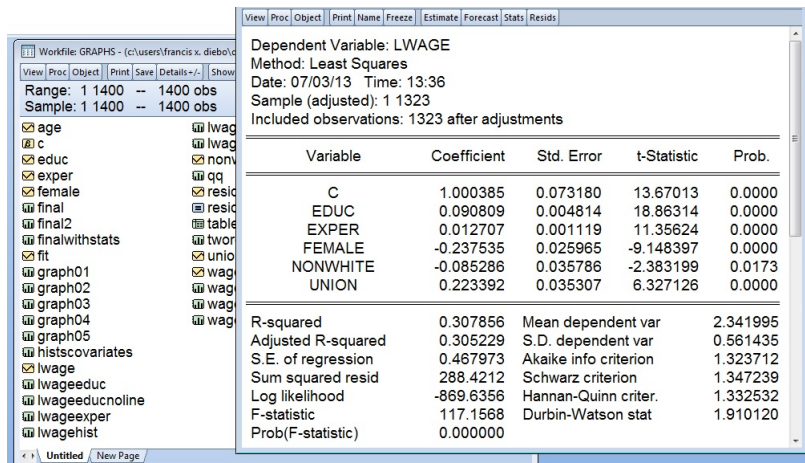
Controlling for Sex, Race and Union Status in the Wage Regression

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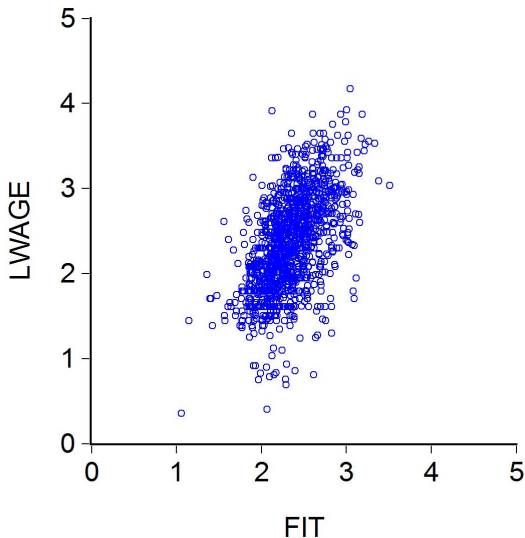
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Wage Regression on Education, Experience and Group Dummies



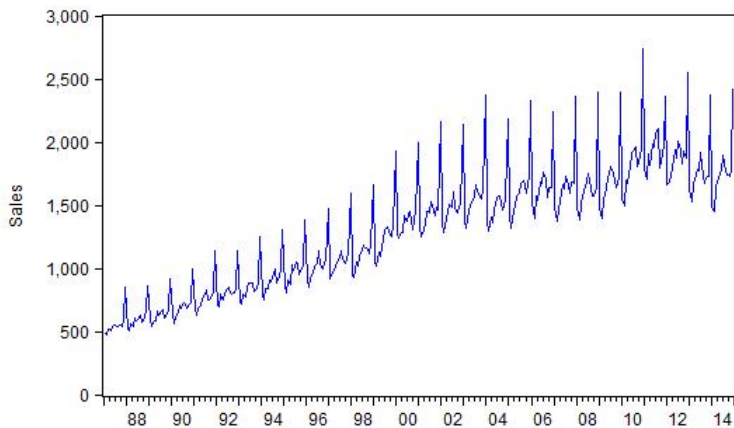
Residual Scatter from Wage Regression on Education, Experience and Group Dummies



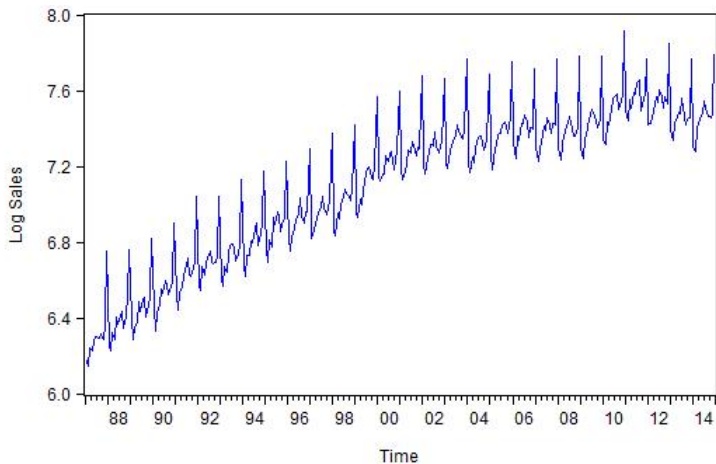
Indicator Variables in Time Series: Trend and Seasonality



Liquor Sales



Log Liquor Sales



Linear Deterministic Trend

$$Trend_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 TIME_t$$

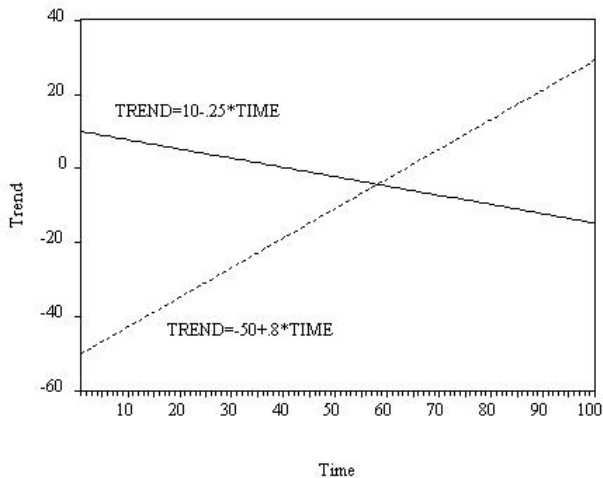
where $TIME_t = t$

Simply run the least squares regression $y \rightarrow c, TIME$, where

$$TIME = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \\ T-1 \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$



Various Linear Trends



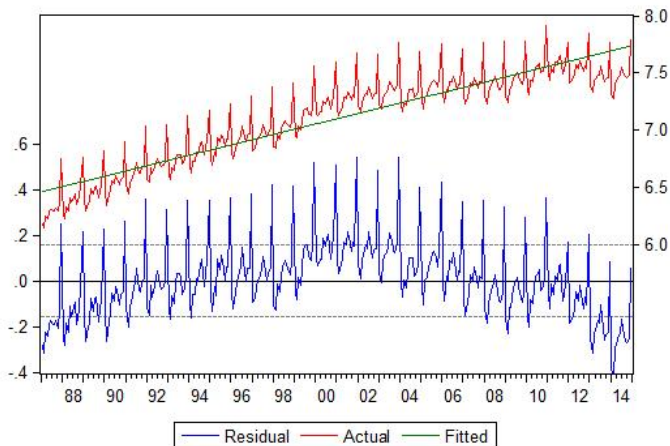
Linear Trend Estimation

Method: Least Squares
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Sample: 1987M01 2014M12
Included observations: 336

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	6.454290	0.017468	369.4834	0.0000
TIME	0.003809	8.98E-05	42.39935	0.0000
R-squared	0.843318	Mean dependent var	7.096188	
Adjusted R-squared	0.842849	S.D. dependent var	0.402962	
S.E. of regression	0.159743	Akaike info criterion	-0.824561	
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Log likelihood	140.5262	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-0.815504	
F-statistic	1797.705	Durbin-Watson stat	1.078573	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000			



Residual Plot



Deterministic Seasonality

$$Seasonal_t = \sum_{i=1}^s \beta_i SEAS_{it} \quad (s \text{ seasons per year})$$

$$\text{where } SEAS_{it} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if observation } t \text{ falls in season } i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Simply run the least squares regression $y \rightarrow SEAS_1, \dots, SEAS_s$
(or blend: $y \rightarrow TIME, SEAS_1, \dots, SEAS_s$)

where (e.g., in quarterly data case, assuming Q1 start and Q4 end):

$$SEAS_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)'$$

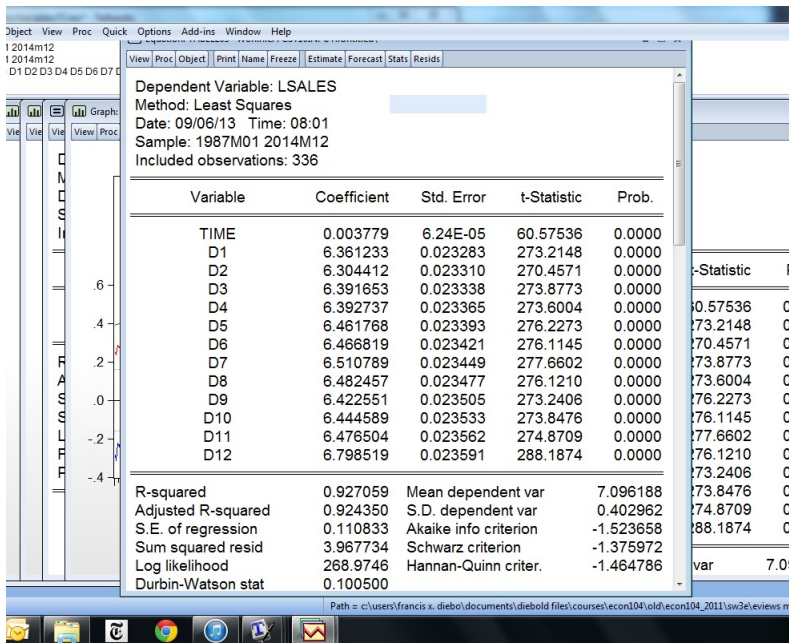
$$SEAS_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0)'$$

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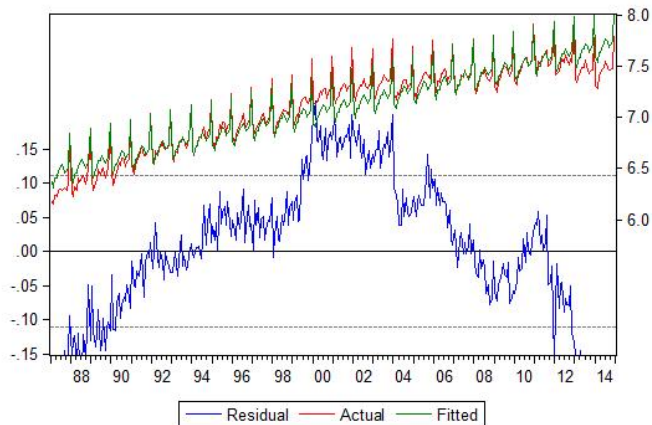
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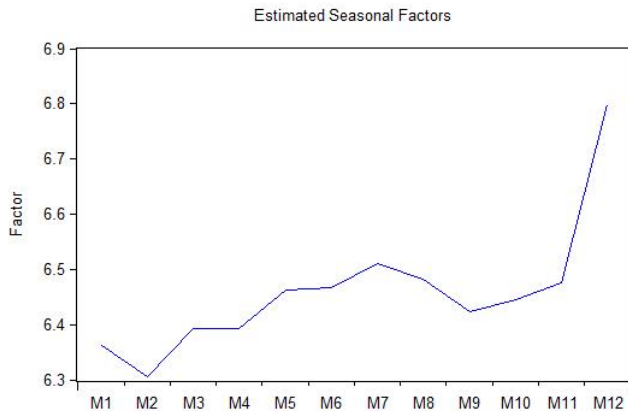
Linear Trend with Seasonal Dummies



Residual Plot



Seasonal Pattern



Nonlinearity in Cross Sections



Anscombe's Quartet

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Anscombe's Quartet: Regressions

LS // Dependent Variable is Y1

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	T-Statistic	
C	3.00	1.12	2.67	
X1	0.50	0.12	4.24	
R-squared	0.67		S.E. of regression	1.24

LS // Dependent Variable is Y2

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	T-Statistic	
C	3.00	1.12	2.67	
X2	0.50	0.12	4.24	
R-squared	0.67		S.E. of regression	1.24



LS // Dependent Variable is Y3

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	T-Statistic	
C	3.00	1.12	2.67	
X3	0.50	0.12	4.24	
R-squared	0.67		S.E. of regression	1.24

LS // Dependent Variable is Y4

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	T-Statistic	
C	3.00	1.12	2.67	
X4	0.50	0.12	4.24	
R-squared	0.67		S.E. of regression	1.24

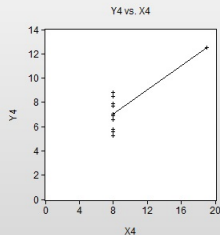
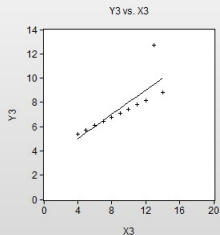
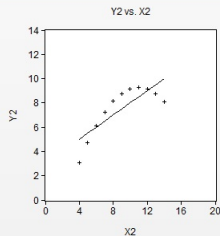
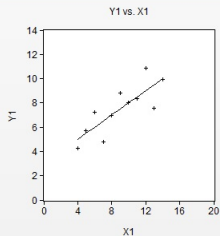


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Parametric and Nonparametric Nonlinearity...

...and the gray area in between.



Log-Log Regression

$$\ln y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

Example: Cobb-Douglas production function

$$y_t = A L_t^\alpha K_t^\beta \exp(\varepsilon_t)$$

$$\ln y_t = \ln A + \alpha \ln L_t + \beta \ln K_t + \varepsilon_t$$

For close y_t and x_t , $(\ln y_t - \ln x_t)$ is approximately the percent difference between y_t and x_t . Hence the coefficients in log-log regressions give the expected percent change in $E(y_t|x_t)$ for a one-percent change in x_t , the *elasticity of y_t with respect to x_t* .



Log-Lin Regression

$$\ln y_t = \beta x_t + \varepsilon$$

Example: Exponential growth

$$y_t = Ae^{rt}$$

$$\ln y_t = \ln A + rt$$

The growth rate r gives the approximate percent change in $E(y_t|t)$ for a one-unit change in time

Example: LWAGE regression!



Box-Cox Regression

$$B(y_t) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

where

$$B(y_t) = \frac{y_t^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}$$

Because

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{y^\lambda - 1}{\lambda} \right) = \ln(y_t),$$

the Box-Cox model corresponds to the log-lin model
in the special case of $\lambda = 0$.



Generalized Linear Model

$$G(y_t) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \varepsilon_t,$$

Wide classes of link functions G can be entertained. Log-lin regression, for example, emerges when $G(y_t) = \ln(y_t)$, and Box-Cox regression emerges when $G(y_t) = \frac{y_t^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}$.



Intrinsically Non-Linear Models

One example is the logistic model,

$$y = \frac{1}{a + br^x}$$

$$(0 < r < 1)$$

- No way to transform to linearity
- Use non-linear least squares (NLS)
- Under the remaining FIC (that is, dropping only linearity), $\hat{\beta}_{NLS}$ has a sampling distribution similar to that of $\hat{\beta}_{LS}$ under the FIC



Series Expansions

Really no such thing as an intrinsically non-linear model...

In the bivariate case we can think of the relationship as

$$y_t = g(x_t, \varepsilon_t)$$

or slightly less generally as

$$y_t = f(x_t) + \varepsilon_t$$



First consider Taylor series expansions of $f(x_t)$.

The linear (first-order) approximation is

$$f(x_t) \approx \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t,$$

and the quadratic (second-order) approximation is

$$f(x_t) \approx \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \beta_3 x_t^2.$$

In the multiple regression case, Taylor approximations also involve interaction terms. Consider, for example, $f(x_t, z_t)$:

$$f(x_t, z_t) \approx \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \beta_3 z_t + \beta_4 x_t^2 + \beta_5 z_t^2 + \beta_6 x_t z_t + \dots$$

– Equally relevant for dummy variables: “interactions”



Fourier

$$f(x_t) \approx \beta_1 + \beta_2 \sin(x_t) + \beta_3 \cos(x_t) + \beta_4 \sin(2x_t) + \beta_5 \cos(2x_t) + \dots$$

– One can also mix Taylor and Fourier approximations by regressing not only on powers and cross products (“Taylor terms”), but also on various sines and cosines (“Fourier terms”).

Mixing may facilitate parsimony.



A Key Insight

The ultimate point is that so-called “intrinsically non-linear” models are themselves linear when viewed from the series-expansion perspective. In principle, of course, an infinite number of series terms are required, but in practice nonlinearity is often quite gentle (e.g., quadratic) so that only a few series terms are required.

- So non-linearity is in some sense really an omitted-variables problem



Testing for Non-Linearity I: t and F Tests

Just test for omitted series expansion terms!



Testing for Non-Linearity II: RESET

Run:

$$y_t \rightarrow c, X_t$$

and obtain the fitted values \hat{y}_t .

Then run

$$y_t \rightarrow c, X_t, \hat{y}_t^2, \dots, \hat{y}_t^m.$$

Note that the powers of \hat{y}_t are linear combinations of powers and cross products of the X variables. No need to include the first power of \hat{y}_t , because that would be redundant with the included X variables. Instead we include powers $\hat{y}_t^2, \hat{y}_t^3, \dots$. Typically a small m is adequate. Significance of the included set of powers of \hat{y}_t can be checked using an F test.



Basic Wage Regression

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Method: Least Squares									
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Included observations: 1323 after adjustments									
Variable		Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.				
C		1.000385	0.073180	13.67013	0.0000				
EDUC		0.090809	0.004814	18.86314	0.0000				
EXPER		0.012707	0.001119	11.35624	0.0000				
FEMALE		-0.237535	0.025965	-9.148397	0.0000				
NONWHITE		-0.085286	0.035786	-2.383199	0.0173				
UNION		0.223392	0.035307	6.327126	0.0000				
R-squared		0.307856	Mean dependent var	2.341995					
Adjusted R-squared		0.305229	S.D. dependent var	0.561435					
S.E. of regression		0.467973	Akaike info criterion	1.323712					
Sum squared resid		288.4212	Schwarz criterion	1.347239					
Log likelihood		-869.6356	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.332532					
F-statistic		117.1568	Durbin-Watson stat	1.910120					
Prob(F-statistic)		0.000000							

Quadratic Wage Regression

Dependent Variable: LWAGE

Method: Least Squares

Date: 10/02/13 Time: 12:37

Sample: 1 1323

Included observations: 1323

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.473236	0.240586	1.967017	0.0494
EDUC	0.109673	0.028918	3.792608	0.0002
EXPER	0.064422	0.007652	8.419060	0.0000
EDUC2	0.000501	0.000895	0.559994	0.5756
EXPER2	-0.000705	8.86E-05	-7.962263	0.0000
EDU_EXP	-0.001789	0.000429	-4.173423	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.237696	0.025506	-9.319335	0.0000
UNION	0.202955	0.034569	5.870998	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.095028	0.034931	-2.720476	0.0066
R-squared	0.343072	Mean dependent var	2.341995	
Adjusted R-squared	0.339073	S.D. dependent var	0.561435	
S.E. of regression	0.456433	Akaike info criterion	1.276028	
Sum squared resid	273.7465	Schwarz criterion	1.311318	
Log likelihood	-835.0925	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.289257	
F-statistic	85.77745	Durbin-Watson stat	1.894409	

Dummy Interactions?

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Dependent Variable: LWAGE
 Method: Least Squares
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 Sample: 1 1323
 Included observations: 1323

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.011503	0.073797	13.70657	0.0000
EDUC	0.090805	0.004819	18.84231	0.0000
EXPER	0.012674	0.001120	11.31689	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.257621	0.030125	-8.551814	0.0000
UNION	0.216911	0.047498	4.566771	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.157606	0.056446	-2.792173	0.0053
FEM_UNI	0.003921	0.072024	0.054439	0.9566
FEM_NON	0.125567	0.071781	1.749313	0.0805
UNI_NON	0.017743	0.091336	0.194258	0.8460

R-squared	0.309487	Mean dependent var	2.341995
Adjusted R-squared	0.305283	S.D. dependent var	0.561435
S.E. of regression	0.467955	Akaike info criterion	1.325889
Sum squared resid	287.7418	Schwarz criterion	1.361179
Log likelihood	-868.0755	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.339118

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Variable

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 FEMALE
 UNION
 NONWHITE

R-squared

Everything

The screenshot displays the EViews software interface. The main window shows the results of a regression analysis. The dependent variable is 'wage', and the method used is 'Least Squares'. The date is '10/02/13' and the sample is '1 1323'. The included observations are '1323'.

The regression equation is:

$$\text{wage} = 0.482967 + 0.109522 \text{ EDUC} + 0.064269 \text{ EXPER} + 0.000517 \text{ EDUC2} - 0.000701 \text{ EXPER2} - 0.001796 \text{ EDU_EXP} - 0.252921 \text{ FEMALE} + 0.200937 \text{ UNION} - 0.161501 \text{ NONWHITE} + 0.110319 \text{ FEM_UNI} - 0.033202 \text{ UNI_NON}$$

The coefficient for FEMALE is highlighted in blue, indicating its significance.

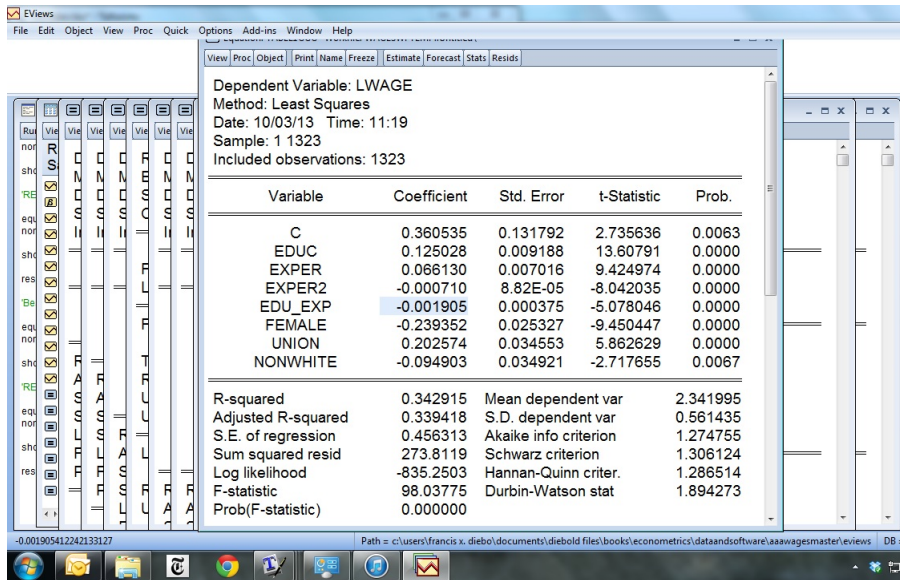
The R-squared value is 0.344357, and the Adjusted R-squared is 0.338856. The F-statistic is 62.59682, and the Durbin-Watson statistic is 1.891544.

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.482967	0.240926	2.004623	0.0452
EDUC	0.109522	0.029003	3.776211	0.0002
EXPER	0.064269	0.007654	8.396570	0.0000
EDUC2	0.000517	0.000900	0.573929	0.5661
EXPER2	-0.000701	8.87E-05	-7.904460	0.0000
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FEMALE	-0.252921	0.029659	-8.527539	0.0000
UNION	0.200937	0.046575	4.314297	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.161501	0.055077	-2.932246	0.0034
FEM_UNI	-0.012956	0.070740	-0.183153	0.8547
FEM_NON	0.110319	0.070093	1.573909	0.1157
UNI_NON	0.033202	0.089258	0.371975	0.7100

Additional statistics shown:

- R-squared: 0.344357
- Adjusted R-squared: 0.338856
- S.E. of regression: 0.456507
- Sum squared resid: 273.2109
- Log likelihood: -833.7970
- F-statistic: 62.59682
- Mean dependent var: 2.341995
- S.D. dependent var: 0.561435
- Akaike info criterion: 1.278605
- Schwarz criterion: 1.325658
- Hannan-Quinn criter.: 1.296244
- Durbin-Watson stat: 1.891544

So Drop Dummy Interactions and Tighten the Rest



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Method: Least Squares
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Sample: 1 1323
Included observations: 1323

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.360535	0.131792	2.735636	0.0063
EDUC	0.125028	0.009188	13.60791	0.0000
EXPER	0.066130	0.007016	9.424974	0.0000
EXPER2	-0.000710	8.82E-05	-8.042035	0.0000
EDU_EXP	-0.001905	0.000375	-5.078046	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.239352	0.025327	-9.450447	0.0000
UNION	0.202574	0.034553	5.862629	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.094903	0.034921	-2.717655	0.0067

R-squared	0.342915	Mean dependent var	2.341995
Adjusted R-squared	0.339418	S.D. dependent var	0.561435
S.E. of regression	0.456313	Akaike info criterion	1.274755
Sum squared resid	273.8119	Schwarz criterion	1.306124
Log likelihood	-835.2503	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.286514
F-statistic	98.03775	Durbin-Watson stat	1.894273
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

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Nonlinearity in Time Series



Non-Linear Trend: Exponential (Log-Linear)

$$Trend_t = \beta_1 e^{\beta_2 TIME_t}$$

$$\ln(Trend_t) = \ln(\beta_1) + \beta_2 TIME_t$$



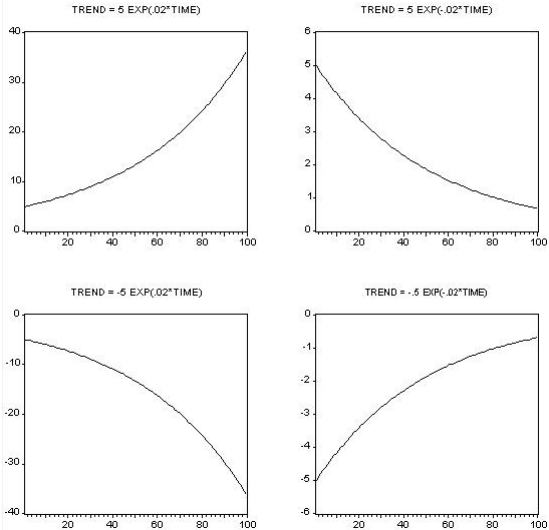


Figure: Various Exponential Trends



Non-Linear Trend: Quadratic

Allow for gentle curvature by including *TIME* and *TIME*²:

$$Trend_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 TIME_t + \beta_3 TIME_t^2$$



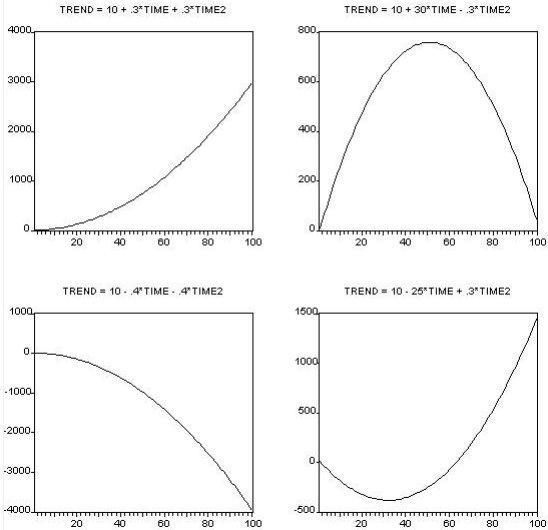


Figure: Various Quadratic Trends



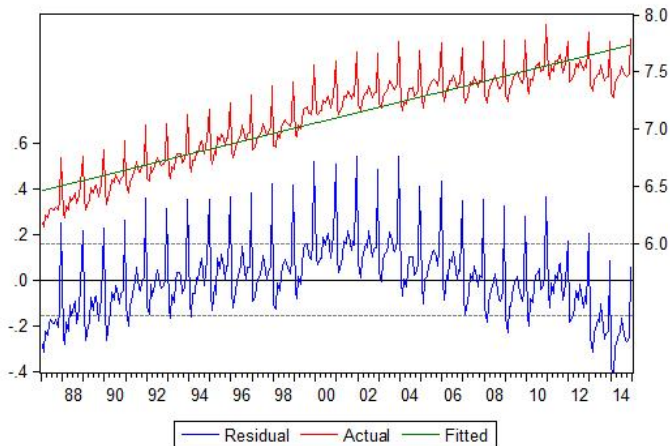
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Included observations: 336

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TIME	0.003809	8.98E-05	42.39935	0.0000
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Log likelihood	140.5262	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-0.815504	
F-statistic	1797.705	Durbin-Watson stat	1.078573	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000			



Residual Plot



Log-Quadratic Liquor Sales Trend Estimation

Dependent Variable: LSALES

Method: Least Squares

Date: 08/08/13 Time: 08:53

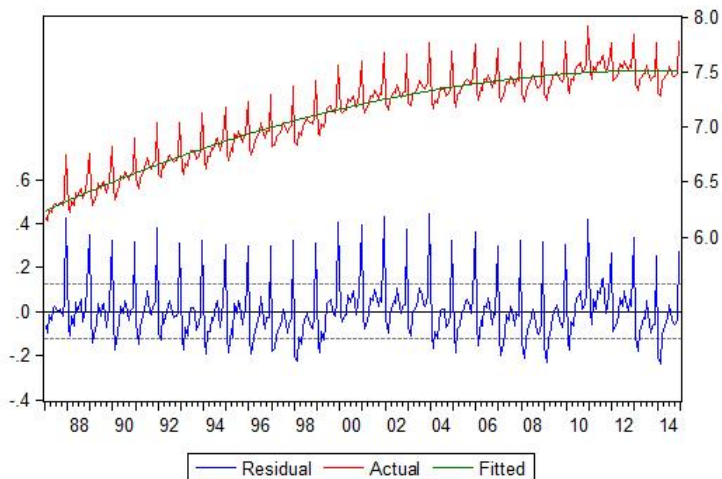
Sample: 1987M01 2014M12

Included observations: 336

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	6.231269	0.020653	301.7187	0.0000
TIME	0.007768	0.000283	27.44987	0.0000
TIME2	-1.17E-05	8.13E-07	-14.44511	0.0000
R-squared	0.903676	Mean dependent var	7.096188	
Adjusted R-squared	0.903097	S.D. dependent var	0.402962	
S.E. of regression	0.125439	Akaike info criterion	-1.305106	
Sum squared resid	5.239733	Schwarz criterion	-1.271025	
Log likelihood	222.2579	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-1.291521	
F-statistic	1562.036	Durbin-Watson stat	1.754412	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000			



Residual Plot



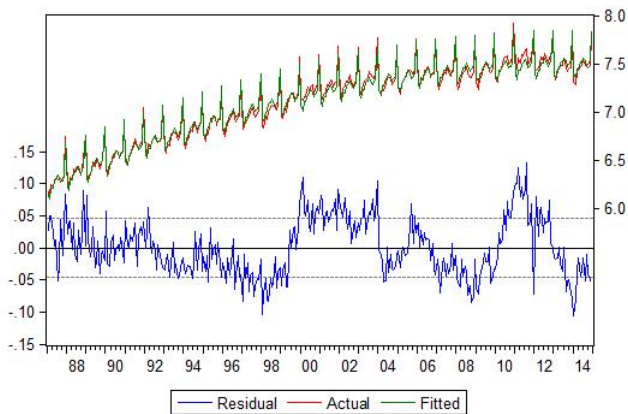
Log-Quadratic Liquor Sales Trend Estimation with Seasonal Dummies

Dependent Variable: LSALES
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Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
TIME	0.007739	0.000104	74.49828	0.0000
TIME2	-1.18E-05	2.98E-07	-39.36756	0.0000
D1	6.138362	0.011207	547.7315	0.0000
D2	6.081424	0.011218	542.1044	0.0000
D3	6.168571	0.011229	549.3318	0.0000
D4	6.169584	0.011240	548.8944	0.0000
D5	6.238568	0.011251	554.5117	0.0000
D6	6.243596	0.011261	554.4513	0.0000
D7	6.287566	0.011271	557.8584	0.0000
D8	6.259257	0.011281	554.8647	0.0000
D9	6.199399	0.011290	549.0938	0.0000
D10	6.221507	0.011300	550.5987	0.0000
D11	6.253515	0.011309	552.9885	0.0000
D12	6.575648	0.011317	581.0220	0.0000
R-squared	0.987452	Mean dependent var	7.096188	
Adjusted R-squared	0.986946	S.D. dependent var	0.402962	
S.E. of regression	0.046041	Akaike info criterion	-3.277812	
Sum squared resid	0.682555	Schwarz criterion	-3.118766	
Log likelihood	564.6725	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.214412	
Durbin-Watson stat	0.581383			



Residual Plot



Moving-Average Trend and De-Trending

Two-sided moving average:

$$s_t = \frac{1}{2m+1} \sum_{i=-m}^m y_{t-i}$$

One-sided moving average:

$$s_t = \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{i=0}^m y_{t-i}$$

One-sided weighted moving average:

$$s_t = \sum_{i=0}^m w_i y_{t-i}$$



Hodrick-Prescott Trend and De-Trending

$$\min_{\{s_t\}_{t=1}^T} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - s_t)^2 + \lambda \sum_{t=2}^{T-1} ((s_{t+1} - s_t) - (s_t - s_{t-1}))^2 \right)$$



More Problems



Measurement Error

DGP:

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

Measurement:

$$x_t^m = x_t + v_t, \quad v_t \sim iid(0, \sigma^2)$$

We incorrectly run:

$$y \rightarrow c, x^m$$

As σ_v^2 / σ_x^2 gets large, the regression is progressively less able to identify the true relationship. In the limit as $\sigma_v^2 / \sigma_x^2 \rightarrow \infty$, it is impossible. In any event, $\hat{\beta}_{LS}$ is biased toward zero, in small as well as large samples.



Omitted Variables

DGP:

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 z_t + \varepsilon_t$$

We incorrectly run:

$$y \rightarrow c, x$$

where $\text{corr}(x_t, z_t) > 0$.

Clearly we'll estimate a positive effect of x on y , in large as well as small samples, even though it's completely spurious and would vanish if z had been included in the regression. The positive bias arises because in our example we assumed that $\text{corr}(z_t, z_t) > 0$; in general the sign of the bias could go either way.



Multicollinearity

Perfect Multicollinearity (e.g., dummy-variable trap):

- Drop a variable!

Imperfect Multicollinearity:

- Large F and R^2 , yet small t 's (large s.e.'s). Hard to parse effects of x 's on y , yet it's clear that there is an overall relationship.
- That's just the way life is. Not really a “problem.”
- OLS is natural: orthogonal projection.



Multicollinearity and Variance Inflation

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_j) = f \left(\underbrace{\sigma^2}_{+}, \underbrace{\sigma_{x_j}^2}_{-}, \underbrace{R_j^2}_{+} \right)$$

where R_j^2 is regression of x_j on all other regressors

R_j^2 affects $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_j)$ as $(1 - R_j^2)^{-1}$

Hence as $R_j^2 \rightarrow 1$ the variance inflation approaches infinity
(x_j completely redundant)



Non-Normality and Outliers

- Distributional results
- Diagnostics
- Outliers
- Robust estimation



Recall Sample Mean Under *iid* Normality

\bar{y} is unbiased, consistent, normally distributed with variance σ^2/T , and indeed the minimum variance unbiased (MVUE) estimator.

We write:

$$\bar{y} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{T}\right)$$

or equivalently

$$\sqrt{T}(\bar{y} - \mu) \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$



Recall Sample Mean Under *iid* (Less Normality)

\bar{y} is unbiased, consistent, *asymptotically* normally distributed with variance σ^2/T , and best linear unbiased (BLUE).

We write:

$$\bar{y} \overset{a}{\sim} N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{T}\right)$$

or more precisely, as $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sqrt{T}(\bar{y} - \mu) \rightarrow_d N(0, \sigma^2)$$



OLS Under FIC (Including Normality)

$\hat{\beta}_{LS}$ is unbiased, consistent, normally distributed with covariance matrix $\sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}$, and indeed MVUE.

We write:

$$\hat{\beta}_{LS} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1})$$

or equivalently

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \sim N\left(0, \sigma^2 \left(\frac{X'X}{T}\right)^{-1}\right)$$



OLS Under FIC (Less Normality)

$\hat{\beta}_{LS}$ is consistent, *asymptotically* normally distributed, and BLUE.

We write

$$\hat{\beta}_{LS} \overset{a}{\sim} N(\beta, \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}),$$

or more precisely, as $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\beta}_{LS} - \beta) \rightarrow_d N\left(0, \sigma^2 \left(\frac{X'X}{T}\right)^{-1}\right)$$



Residual Normality Diagnostics

- ▶ Sample skewness and kurtosis, \hat{S} and \hat{K}
- ▶ Jarque-Bera test. Under normality we have:

$$JB = \frac{T}{6} \left(\hat{S}^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\hat{K} - 3)^2 \right) \sim \chi_2^2$$

- ▶ More exotic: Outlier probabilities, tail indexes
- ▶ All can be done on observed data or residuals



Recall Our “Final” Wage Regression

The screenshot displays the EViews software interface. The main window shows the results of a Least Squares regression. The dependent variable is LWAGE, and the method used is Least Squares. The date and time of the analysis are 10/03/13 at 11:19. The sample size is 1323, with 1323 observations included.

The regression results are presented in a table with the following columns: Variable, Coefficient, Std. Error, t-Statistic, and Prob. The variables included in the model are C, EDUC, EXPER, EXPER2, EDU_EXP, FEMALE, UNION, and NONWHITE. The coefficients and their corresponding statistics are as follows:

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.360535	0.131792	2.735636	0.0063
EDUC	0.125028	0.009188	13.60791	0.0000
EXPER	0.066130	0.007016	9.424974	0.0000
EXPER2	-0.000710	8.82E-05	-8.042035	0.0000
EDU_EXP	-0.001905	0.000375	-5.078046	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.239352	0.025327	-9.450447	0.0000
UNION	0.202574	0.034553	5.862629	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.094903	0.034921	-2.717655	0.0067

Below the regression results, several summary statistics are provided:

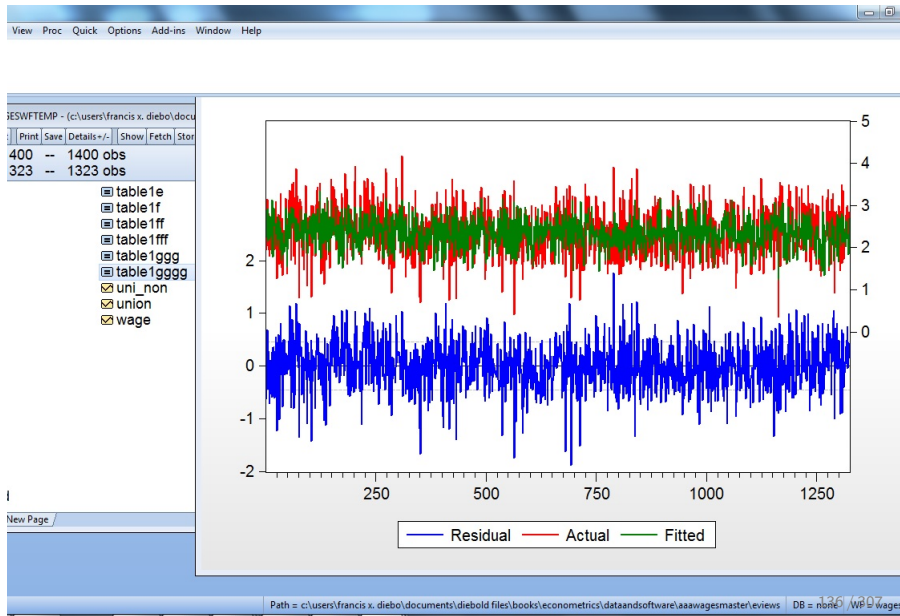
Statistic	Value
R-squared	0.342915
Adjusted R-squared	0.339418
S.E. of regression	0.456313
Sum squared resid	273.8119
Log likelihood	-835.2503
F-statistic	98.03775
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000

Additional summary statistics are listed on the right side of the window:

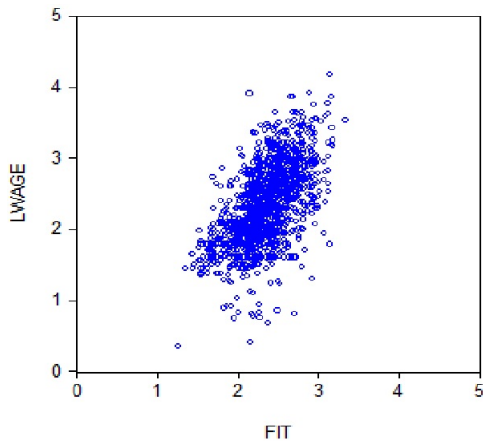
Statistic	Value
Mean dependent var	2.341995
S.D. dependent var	0.561435
Akaike info criterion	1.274755
Schwarz criterion	1.306124
Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.286514
Durbin-Watson stat	1.894273

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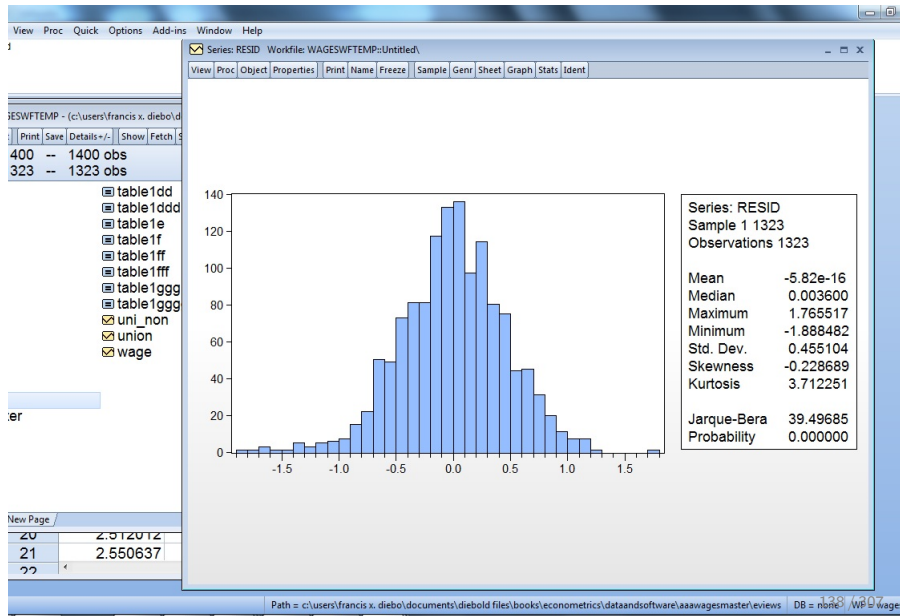
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More Residual Normality Tests

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Hypothesis: Normal

Date: 10/21/13 Time: 13:12

Sample: 1 1323

Included observations: 1323

Method	Value	Adj. Value	Probability
Lilliefors (D)	0.026247	NA	0.0327
Cramer-von Mises (W2)	0.154075	0.154133	0.0210
Watson (U2)	0.138177	0.138229	0.0237
Anderson-Darling (A2)	1.028843	1.029428	0.0104

Method: Maximum Likelihood - d.f. corrected (Exact Solution)

Parameter	Value	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
MU	-6.18E-16	0.012512	-4.94E-14	1.0000
SIGMA	0.455104	0.008851	51.41984	0.0000

Log likelihood	-835.2505	Mean dependent var.	-5.82E-16
No. of Coefficients	2	S.D. dependent var.	0.455104

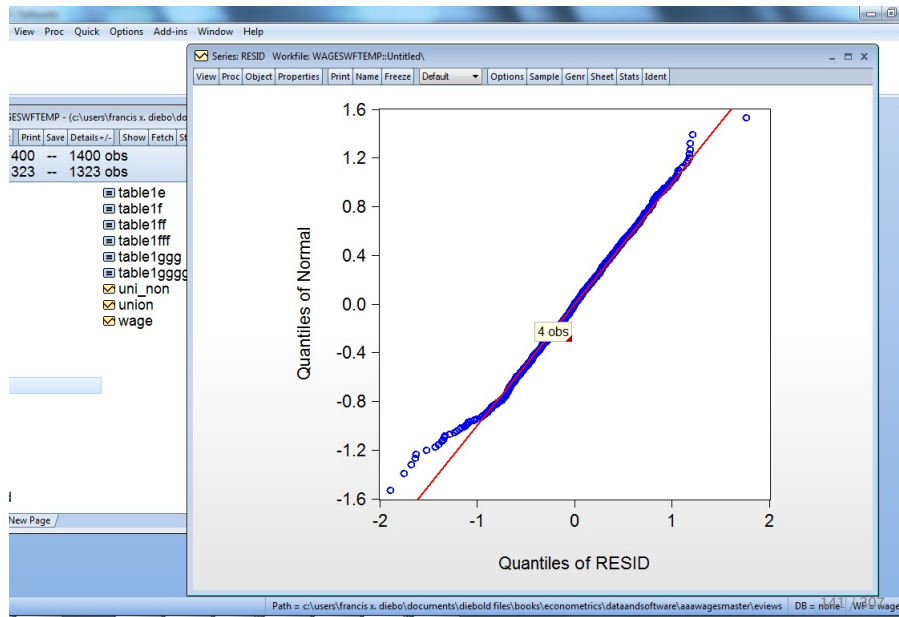
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Residual QQ Plots

- ▶ We introduced histograms earlier...
- ▶ ...but if interest centers on the *tails* of distributions, QQ plots often provide sharper insight as to the agreement or divergence between the actual and reference distributions
- ▶ QQ plot is simply a plot of the quantiles of the standardized data against the quantiles of a standardized reference distribution (e.g., normal)
- ▶ If the distributions match, the QQ plot is the 45 degree line
- ▶ To the extent that the QQ plot does not match the 45 degree line, the nature of the divergence can be very informative, as for example in indicating fat tails
- ▶ Can be done on observed data or residuals



Wage Regression Residual QQ Plot



Outlier Detection and Robust Estimation

- ▶ Data scatterplots
- ▶ Residual plots and scatterplots
- ▶ “Leave-one-out” plots:

$$\left(\hat{\beta}_k - \hat{\beta}_k(-t) \right), \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad (k = 1, \dots, K)$$

- ▶ Robust estimation: LAD

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{t=1}^T |y_t - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_{2t} - \dots - \beta_K x_{Kt}|$$



Wage Regression LAD Estimation

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Dependent Variable: LWAGE
Method: Quantile Regression (Median)
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Sample: 1 1323
Included observations: 1323
Huber Sandwich Standard Errors & Covariance
Sparsity method: Kernel (Epanechnikov) using residuals
Bandwidth method: Hall-Sheather, bw=0.088501
Estimation successfully identifies unique optimal solution

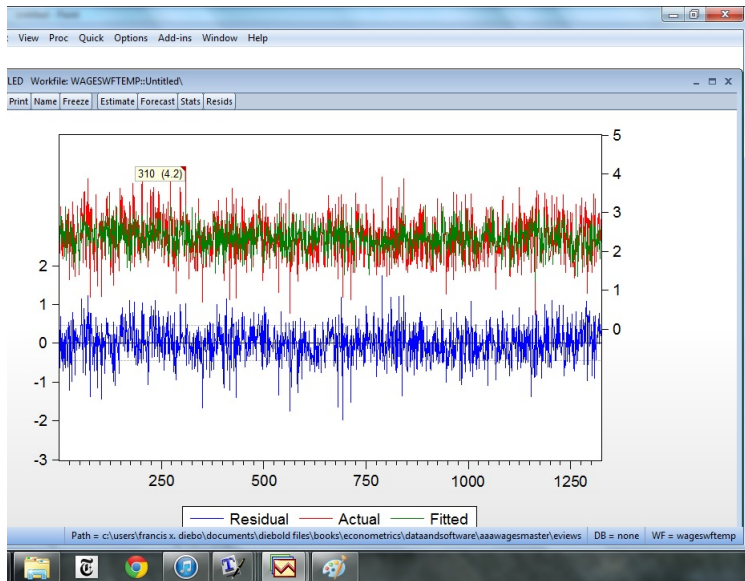
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.199229	0.127641	1.560855	0.1188
EXPER	0.073226	0.008260	8.865366	0.0000
EDUC	0.137726	0.009575	14.38339	0.0000
EXPER2	-0.000720	0.000112	-6.398026	0.0000
EDU_EXP	-0.002458	0.000471	-5.222012	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.227365	0.029209	-7.784041	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.129765	0.038623	-3.359806	0.0008
UNION	0.216760	0.033508	6.468981	0.0000

Pseudo R-squared	0.229337	Mean dependent var	2.341995
Adjusted R-squared	0.225235	S.D. dependent var	0.561435
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Residual Plot



Generalized Least Squares (GLS)

Consider the FIC except that we now let:

$$\varepsilon \sim N(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \Omega)$$

The old case is $\Omega = I$, but things are very different when $\Omega \neq I$:

- OLS parameter estimates consistent but inefficient (no longer MVUE or BLUE)
- OLS standard errors biased and inconsistent. Hence t ratios do not have the t distribution in finite samples and do not have the $N(0, 1)$ distribution asymptotically

The GLS estimator is:

$$\hat{\beta}_{GLS} = (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} y$$

Under the remaining full ideal conditions it is consistent, normally distributed with covariance matrix $\sigma^2 (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1}$, and MVUE:

$$\hat{\beta}_{GLS} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1}).$$



Heteroskedasticity in Cross-Section Regression

Homoskedasticity: variance of ε_i is constant across i

Heteroskedasticity: variance of ε_i is not constant across i

Relevant cross-sectional heteroskedasticity situation
(on which we focus for now):

ε_i independent across i but not identically distributed across i

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_N^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Can arise for many reasons
- Engel curve (e.g., food expenditure vs. income) is classic example



Consequences

OLS inefficient (no longer MVUE or BLUE),
in finite samples and asymptotically

Standard errors biased and inconsistent.
Hence t ratios do not have the t distribution in finite samples
and do not have the $N(0, 1)$ distribution asymptotically



Detection

- ▶ Graphical heteroskedasticity diagnostics
- ▶ Formal heteroskedasticity tests



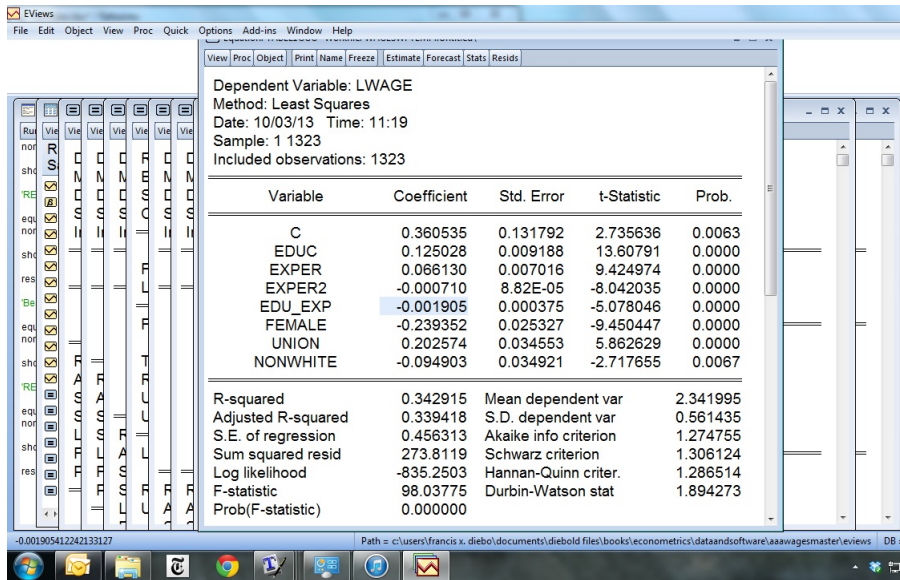
Graphical Diagnostics

Graph e_i^2 against x_i , for various regressors

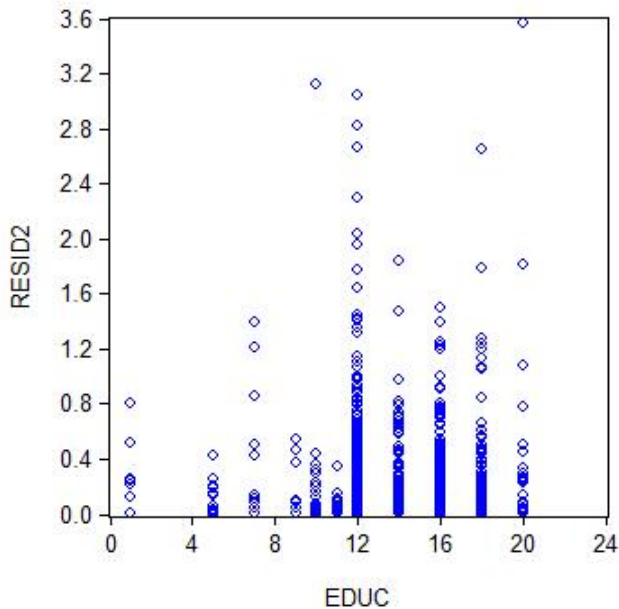
Problem: Purely pairwise



Recall Our “Final” Wage Regression



Squared Residual vs. EDUC



The Breusch-Godfrey-Pagan Test (BGP)

- ▶ Estimate the OLS regression, and obtain the squared residuals
- ▶ Regress the squared residuals on all regressors
- ▶ To test the null hypothesis of no relationship, examine NR^2 from this regression. In large samples $NR^2 \sim \chi^2$ under the null.



BPG Test

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Heteroskedasticity Test: Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey

F-statistic	5.414870	Prob. F(7,1315)	0.0000
Obs*R-squared	37.06628	Prob. Chi-Square(7)	0.0000
Scaled explained SS	49.66045	Prob. Chi-Square(7)	0.0000

Test Equation:
Dependent Variable: RESID^2
Method: Least Squares
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Sample: 1 1323
Included observations: 1323

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-0.170309	0.097349	-1.749473	0.0804
EDUC	0.024074	0.006787	3.547204	0.0004
EXPER	0.011701	0.005183	2.257616	0.0241
EXPER2	-5.53E-05	6.52E-05	-0.849150	0.3960
EDU_EXP	-0.000478	0.000277	-1.725513	0.0847
FEMALE	-0.009757	0.018708	-0.521530	0.6021
UNION	-0.079648	0.025523	-3.120623	0.0018
NONWHITE	0.000486	0.025794	0.018829	0.9850

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White's Test

- ▶ Estimate the OLS regression, and obtain the squared residuals
- ▶ Regress the squared residuals on all regressors, squared regressors, and pairwise regressor cross products
- ▶ To test the null hypothesis of no relationship, examine NR^2 from this regression. In large samples $NR^2 \sim \chi^2$ under the null.

(White's test is a natural and flexible generalization of the Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey test)



White Test

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Heteroskedasticity Test: White

F-statistic	2.431488	Prob. F(29,1293)	0.0000
Obs*R-squared	68.41804	Prob. Chi-Square(29)	0.0000
Scaled explained SS	91.66473	Prob. Chi-Square(29)	0.0000

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GLS for Heteroskedasticity

- ▶ “Weighted least squares” (WLS)
 - Take a stand on the DGP. Get consistent standard errors and efficient parameter estimates.



(Infeasible) Weighted Least Squares

DGP:

$$y_i = x_i' \beta + \varepsilon_i$$

$$\varepsilon_i \sim iidN(0, \sigma_i^2)$$

Weight the data (y_i, x_i) by $1/\sigma_i$:

$$\frac{y_i}{\sigma_i} = \frac{x_i' \beta}{\sigma_i} + \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\sigma_i}$$

The DGP is now:

$$y_i^* = x_i^{*'} \beta + \varepsilon_i^*$$

$$\varepsilon_i^* \sim iidN(0, 1)$$

- ▶ OLS is MVUE!
- ▶ Problem: We don't know σ_i^2



Remark on Weighted Least Squares

Weighting the data by $1/\sigma_i$ is the same as
weighting the residuals by $1/\sigma_i^2$:

$$\min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{y_i - x_i' \beta}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 = \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} (y_i - x_i' \beta)^2$$



Feasible Weighted Least Squares

Intuition: Replace the unknown σ_i^2 values with estimates

Some good ideas:

- ▶ Use $w_i = 1/\hat{e}_i^2$, where \hat{e}_i^2 are from the BGP test regression
- ▶ Use $w_i = 1/\hat{e}_i^2$, where \hat{e}_i^2 are from the White test regression

What about WLS directly using $w_i = 1/e_i^2$?

- ▶ Not such a good idea
- ▶ e_i^2 too noisy; we'd like to use not e_i^2 but rather $E(e_i^2|x_i)$. So we use an estimate of $E(e_i^2|x_i)$, namely \hat{e}_i^2 from $e^2 \rightarrow X$



Regression Weighted by Fit From White Test Regression

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Dependent Variable: LWAGE
Method: Least Squares
Date: 10/30/13 Time: 12:32
Sample: 1 1323
Included observations: 1323
Weighting series: RESID2FIT
Weight type: Variance (average scaling)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.406917	0.116809	3.483612	0.0005
EDUC	0.122743	0.008715	14.08407	0.0000
EXPER	0.062997	0.006428	9.799839	0.0000
EXPER2	-0.000659	8.42E-05	-7.829347	0.0000
EDU_EXP	-0.001870	0.000374	-5.001801	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.229424	0.024288	-9.445895	0.0000
UNION	0.234806	0.029741	7.895118	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.100705	0.032644	-3.084963	0.0021

Weighted Statistics

R-squared	0.388984	Mean dependent var	2.274204
Adjusted R-squared	0.385731	S.D. dependent var	0.562167

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A Different Approach

(Advanced but Very Important)

White's Heteroskedasticity-Consistent Standard Errors

Perhaps surprisingly, we make direct use of e_i^2

Don't take a stand on the DGP

Give up on efficient parameter estimates, but get consistent s.e.'s.

Using advanced methods, one *can* obtain consistent s.e.'s (if not an efficient $\hat{\beta}$) using only e_i^2

- ▶ Standard errors are rendered consistent.
- ▶ $\hat{\beta}$ remains unchanged at its OLS value. (Is that a problem?)

“Robustness to heteroskedasticity of unknown form”



Regression with White's Heteroskedasticity-Consistent Standard Errors

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Sample: 1 1323
Included observations: 1323
White heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors & covariance

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
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EDUC	0.125028	0.009890	12.64118	0.0000
EXPER	0.066130	0.006967	9.491284	0.0000
EXPER2	-0.000710	8.86E-05	-8.004870	0.0000
EDU_EXP	-0.001905	0.000412	-4.623006	0.0000
FEMALE	-0.239352	0.025499	-9.386559	0.0000
UNION	0.202574	0.031386	6.454196	0.0000
NONWHITE	-0.094903	0.034074	-2.785164	0.0054

R-squared	0.342915	Mean dependent var	2.341995
Adjusted R-squared	0.339418	S.D. dependent var	0.561435
S.E. of regression	0.456313	Akaike info criterion	1.274755
Sum squared resid	273.8119	Schwarz criterion	1.306124
Log likelihood	-835.2503	Hannan-Quinn criter.	1.286514
F-statistic	98.03775	Durbin-Watson stat	1.894273

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A Tiny Bit of Time-Series Theory: White Noise and $AR(1)$ Processes

White noise: $y_t \sim WN(\mu, \sigma^2)$ (*serially uncorrelated*)

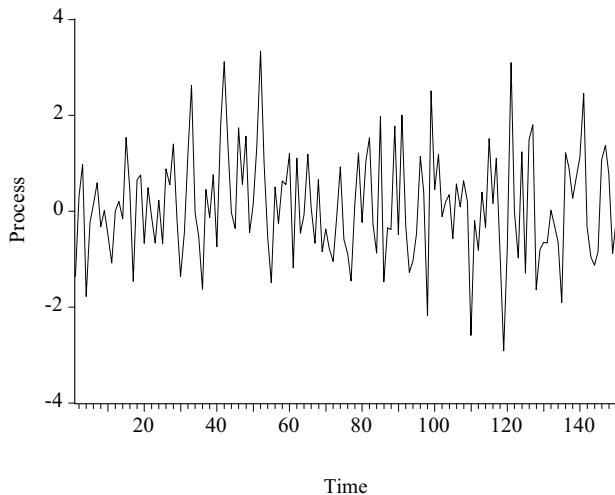
Zero-mean white noise: $y_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$

Independent (strong) white noise: $y_t \overset{iid}{\sim} (0, \sigma^2)$

Gaussian white noise: $y_t \overset{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$



Realization of White Noise Process



Autocovariance, Autocorrelation and Partial Autocorrelation Functions

Population autocovariances:

$$\gamma_y(\tau) = \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}), \quad \tau = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Population autocorrelations:

$$\rho_y(\tau) = \frac{\gamma_y(\tau)}{\gamma_y(0)} = \text{corr}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}), \quad \tau = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Population partial autocorrelations:

$p_y(\tau)$ is the coefficient on $y_{t-\tau}$ in the projection

$$y_t \rightarrow c, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_{t-(\tau-1)}, y_{t-\tau}, \quad \tau = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



Moment Structure of Strong White Noise

$$E(y_t) = 0, \text{var}(y_t) = \sigma^2, E(y_t|\Omega_{t-1}) = 0$$

$$\text{var}(y_t|\Omega_{t-1}) = E[(y_t - E(y_t|\Omega_{t-1}))^2|\Omega_{t-1}] = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{where } \Omega_{t-1} = \{y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots\}$$

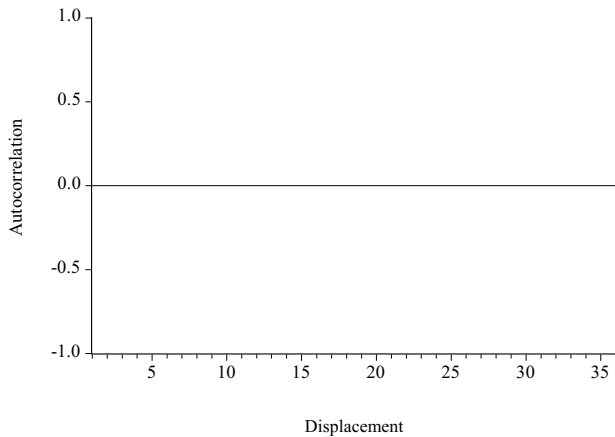
$$\gamma(\tau) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2, & \tau = 0 \\ 0, & \tau \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rho(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1, & \tau = 0 \\ 0, & \tau \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

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Population Autocorrelation Function White Noise Process



Zero-Mean $AR(1)$

$$y_t = \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2), |\phi| < 1$$

- Regression on just a lagged dependent variable
- “Autoregression”

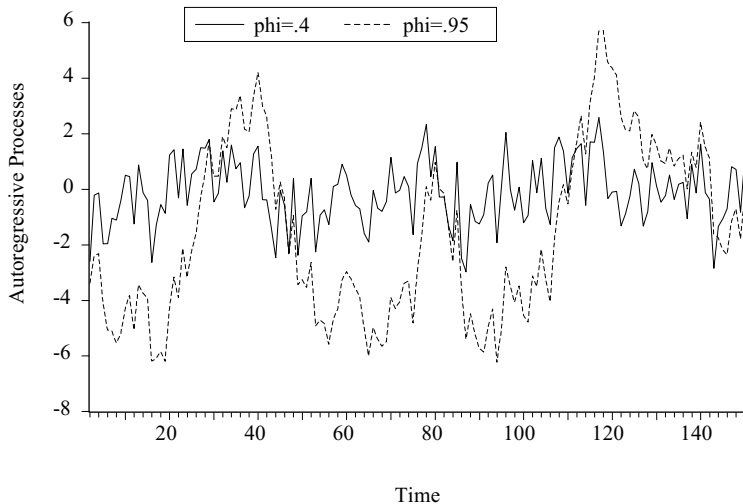
Back-substitution reveals that:

$$y_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

$$\implies E(y_t) = 0$$



Realizations of Zero-Mean Two $AR(1)$ Processes



Moment Structure of the Zero-Mean $AR(1)$ Process

$$y_t = \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$E(y_t) = 0 \text{ (of course)}$$

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \text{ (hmmm...)}$$

$$E(y_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = \phi y_{t-1} \text{ (obvious)}$$

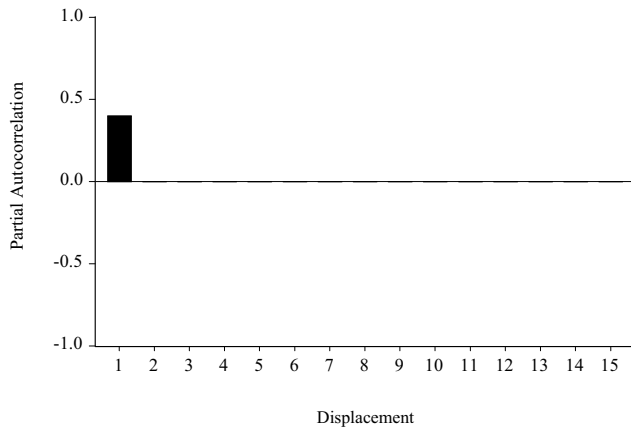
$$\text{var}(y_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = \sigma^2 \text{ (obvious)}$$

$$\rho(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1, & \tau = 0 \\ \phi^\tau, & \tau \geq 1 \end{cases} \text{ (hmmm...)}$$

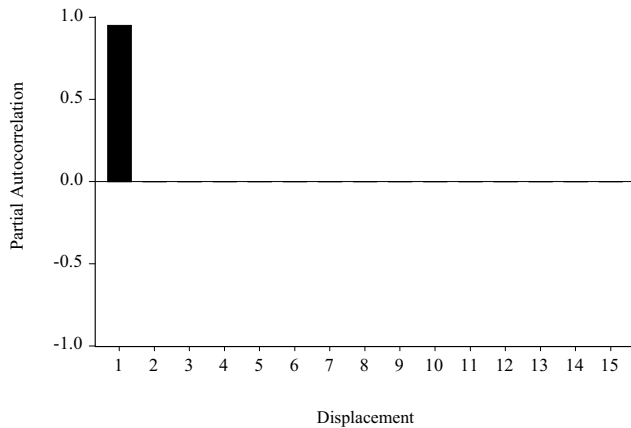
$$\rho(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1, & \tau = 0 \\ \phi, & \tau = 1 \\ 0, & \tau \geq 2 \end{cases} \text{ (obvious)}$$



Population Partial Autocorrelation Function
AR(1) Process, $\phi=.4$



Population Partial Autocorrelation Function
AR(1) Process, $\phi=.95$



AR(1) Autocorrelation Function

$$y_t = \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\implies y_t y_{t-\tau} = \phi y_{t-1} y_{t-\tau} + \varepsilon_t y_{t-\tau} \quad (1)$$

First consider $\tau = 0$. Immediately:

$$\gamma(0) = \text{var}(y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}$$

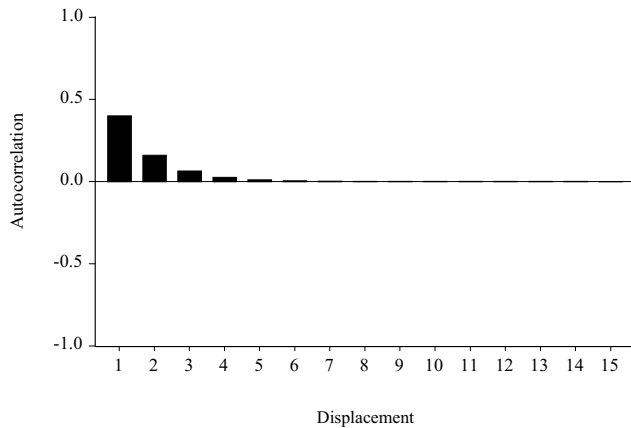
Now consider $\tau > 0$. Taking expectations of (1) produces:

$$\gamma(\tau) = \phi \gamma(\tau - 1)$$

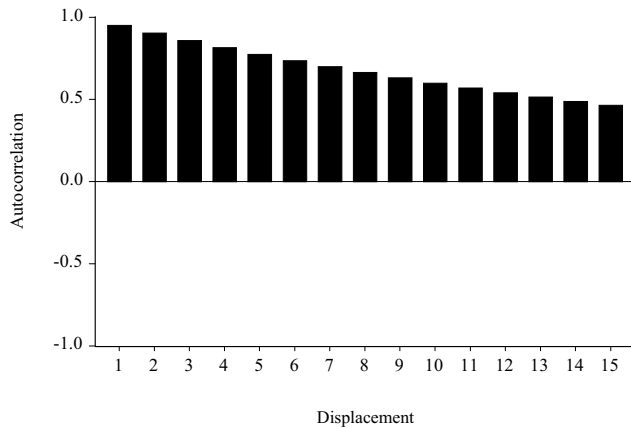
Hence $\gamma(\tau) = \phi^\tau \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}$, so $\rho(\tau) = \phi^\tau$, $\tau = 0, 1, 2, \dots$



Population Autocorrelation Function
AR(1) Process, $\phi=.4$



Population Autocorrelation Function
AR(1) Process, $\phi=.95$



$\gamma(\tau)$, $\rho(\tau)$, and $p(\tau)$ for Generic $AR(p)$

AR(p) Process :

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

$\gamma(\tau) \rightarrow 0$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, *gradually*

$\rho(\tau) \rightarrow 0$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, *gradually*

$p(\tau) \rightarrow 0$ at $\tau = p$, *sharply*



Non-Zero Mean I (AR(1) Example): Regression on an Intercept and y_{t-1} , With White Noise Disturbances

$$(y_t - \mu) = \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2), |\phi| < 1$$

$$\implies y_t = c + \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \text{ where } c = \mu(1 - \phi)$$

Back-substitution reveals that:

$$y_t = \mu + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

$$\implies E(y_t) = \mu$$



Non-Zero Mean II (AR(1) Example, Cont'd): Regression on an Intercept Alone, with AR(1) Disturbances

$$y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} + v_t$$

$$v_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2), |\phi| < 1$$



The Sample Autocorrelation Function

Autocorrelations:

$$\rho_y(\tau) = \text{corr}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}) = \frac{\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau})}{\sqrt{\text{var}(y_t)}\sqrt{\text{var}(y_{t-\tau})}} = \frac{\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau})}{\text{var}(y_t)}$$

Sample autocorrelations:

$$\hat{\rho}_y(\tau) = \frac{\widehat{\text{cov}}(y_t, y_{t-\tau})}{\widehat{\text{var}}(y_t)} = \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_t y_t y_{t-\tau}}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_t y_t^2}$$

We view $\hat{\rho}_y(\tau)$ as a function of τ and examine its shape.



The Sample Partial Autocorrelation Function

Partial autocorrelations:

$\hat{p}_y(\tau)$ is the coefficient on $y_{t-\tau}$ in the projection

$$y_t \rightarrow c, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_{t-(\tau-1)}, y_{t-\tau}, \quad \tau = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Sample partial autocorrelations:

$\hat{p}_y(\tau)$ is the coefficient on $y_{t-\tau}$ in the regression

$$y_t \rightarrow c, y_{t-1}, \dots, y_{t-(\tau-1)}, y_{t-\tau}, \quad t = 1, \dots, T, \quad \tau = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We view $\hat{p}_y(\tau)$ as a function of τ and examine its shape.



Bartlett Standard Errors

Under $H_0 : y_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$, we have (as $T \rightarrow \infty$):

$$(1) \hat{\rho}_y(\tau) \overset{a}{\sim} N\left(0, \frac{1}{T}\right), \forall \tau$$

(used for inference on individual autocorrelations)
95% “Bartlett bands” under the *iid* null: $0 \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}}$

$$(2) cov(\hat{\rho}_y(\tau), \hat{\rho}_y(\tau + \nu)) = 0, \forall \tau, \nu$$

(used to derive distributions of Box-Pierce and Ljung-Box stats)



Box-Pierce and Ljung-Box Q Statistics

Under $H_0 : y_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$, we have (as $T \rightarrow \infty$):

$$Q_{BP} = T \sum_{\tau=1}^m \hat{\rho}^2(\tau) \sim \chi_m^2$$

$$Q_{LB} = T(T+2) \sum_{\tau=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{T-\tau} \right) \hat{\rho}^2(\tau) \sim \chi_m^2$$

(We test an *implication* of *iid*, $\rho(1) = \rho(2) = \dots = \rho(m) = 0$)



(Part of a) Correlogram

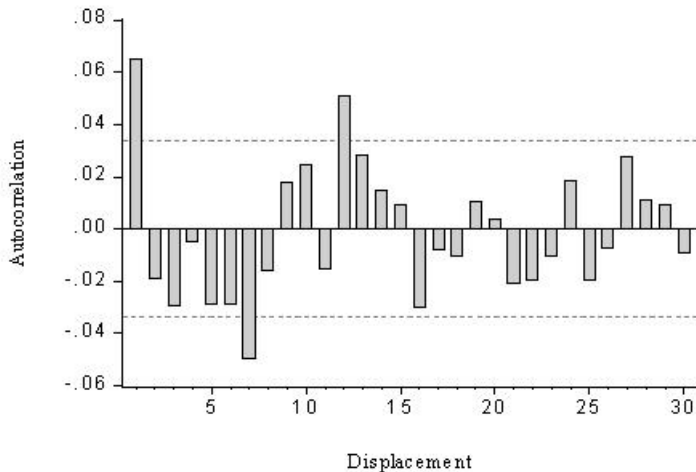


Figure: Sample Acorr Fn, Daily Stock Market Returns



Serial Correlation in Time-Series Regression

Consider:

$$\varepsilon \sim N(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \Omega)$$

The FIC case is $\Omega = I$. When is $\Omega \neq I$?

We've already seen heteroskedasticity.

Now we consider “serial correlation” or “autocorrelation.”

→ ε_t is correlated with $\varepsilon_{t-\tau}$ ←

Can arise for many reasons, but they all boil down to:

The included X variables fail to capture all the dynamics in y .

– No additional explanation needed!



On Ω with Heteroskedasticity vs. Serial Correlation

With heteroskedasticity, ε_i is independent across i but not identically distributed across i (variance of ε_i varies with i):

$$\sigma^2\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_N^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

With serial correlation, ε_t is correlated across t but unconditionally identically distributed across t :

$$\sigma^2\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \gamma(1) & \dots & \gamma(T-1) \\ \gamma(1) & \sigma^2 & \dots & \gamma(T-2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \gamma(T-1) & \gamma(T-2) & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Consequences of Serial Correlation

OLS inefficient (no longer BLUE),
in finite samples and asymptotically

Standard errors biased and inconsistent. Hence t ratios do not
have the t distribution in finite samples and do not have the
 $N(0, 1)$ distribution asymptotically

Does this sound familiar?



Detection

- ▶ Graphical autocorrelation diagnostics
 - ▶ Residual plot
 - ▶ Scatterplot of e_t against $e_{t-\tau}$
- ▶ Formal autocorrelation tests and analyses
 - ▶ Durbin-Watson
 - ▶ Breusch-Godfrey
 - ▶ Residual correlogram



Liquor Sales Regression on Trend and Seasonals

Dependent Variable: LSALES

Method: Least Squares

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Sample: 1968M01 1993M12

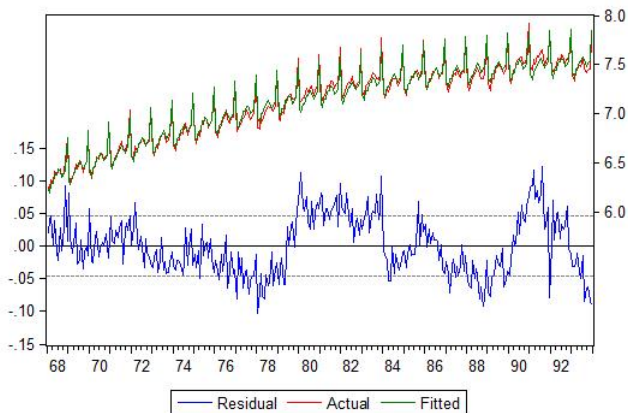
Included observations: 312

Variable	Coef	Std. Err	t-Statistic	Prob.
TIME	0.007656	0.000123	62.35882	0.0000
TIME2	-1.14E-05	3.56E-07	-32.06823	0.0000
D1	6.147456	0.012340	498.1699	0.0000
D2	6.088653	0.012353	492.8890	0.0000
D3	6.174127	0.012366	499.3008	0.0000
D4	6.175220	0.012378	498.8970	0.0000
D5	6.246086	0.012390	504.1398	0.0000
D6	6.250387	0.012401	504.0194	0.0000
D7	6.295979	0.012412	507.2402	0.0000
D8	6.268043	0.012423	504.5509	0.0000
D9	6.203832	0.012433	498.9630	0.0000
D10	6.229197	0.012444	500.5968	0.0000
D11	6.259770	0.012453	502.6602	0.0000
D12	6.580068	0.012463	527.9819	0.0000

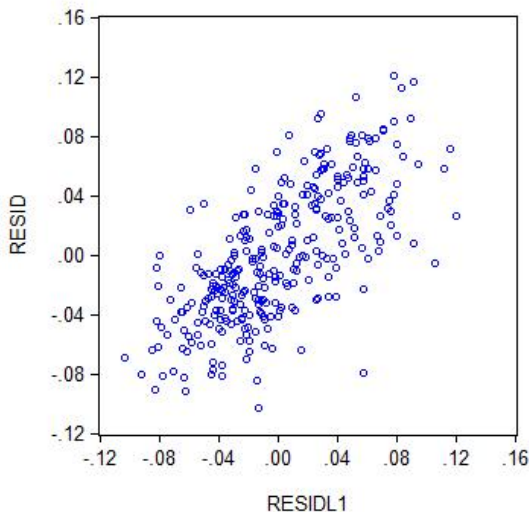
R-squared	0.986111	Mean dependent var	7.112383
Adjusted R-squared	0.985505	S.D. dependent var	0.379308
S.E. of regression	0.045666	Akaike info criterion	-3.291086
Sum squared resid	0.621448	Schwarz criterion	-3.123131
Log likelihood	527.4094	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.223959
Durbin-Watson stat	0.586187		



Graphical Diagnostics - Residual Plot



Graphical Diagnostics - Scatterplot of e_t against e_{t-1}



Formal Tests and Analyses: Durbin-Watson (0.59!)

Simple paradigm ($AR(1)$):

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} + v_t$$

$$v_t \sim iid N(0, \sigma^2)$$

We want to test $H_0 : \phi = 0$ against $H_1 : \phi \neq 0$

Regress $y \rightarrow X$ and obtain the residuals e_t

$$DW = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (e_t - e_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}$$



Understanding the Durbin-Watson Statistic

$$\begin{aligned} DW &= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (e_t - e_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T (e_t - e_{t-1})^2}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T e_t^2 + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T e_{t-1}^2 - 2 \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=2}^T e_t e_{t-1}}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence as $T \rightarrow \infty$:

$$DW \approx \frac{\sigma^2 + \sigma^2 - 2\text{cov}(e_t, e_{t-1})}{\sigma^2} = 2(1 - \underbrace{\text{corr}(e_t, e_{t-1})}_{\rho_e(1)})$$

$\implies DW \in [0, 4]$, $DW \rightarrow 2$ as $\phi \rightarrow 0$, and $DW \rightarrow 0$ as $\phi \rightarrow 1$



Formal Tests and Analyses: Breusch-Godfrey

General $AR(p)$ environment:

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \phi_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p \varepsilon_{t-p} + v_t$$

$$v_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2)$$

We want to test $H_0 : (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p) = \underline{0}$ against $H_1 : (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p) \neq \underline{0}$

- ▶ Regress $y_t \rightarrow x_t$ and obtain the residuals e_t
- ▶ Regress $e_t \rightarrow x_t, e_{t-1}, \dots, e_{t-p}$
- ▶ Examine TR^2 . In large samples $TR^2 \sim \chi_p^2$ under the null.

Does this sound familiar?



BG for AR(1) Disturbances ($TR^2 = 168.5$, $p = 0.0000$)

The screenshot shows the EViews software interface. The main window displays the results of a regression analysis. The dependent variable is RESID, and the method used is Least Squares. The date is 11/15/13, and the time is 11:36. The sample is 1987M01 2014M12, with 336 included observations. The presample missing value lagged residuals are set to zero.

Test Equation:
Dependent Variable: RESID
Method: Least Squares
Date: 11/15/13 Time: 11:36
Sample: 1987M01 2014M12
Included observations: 336
Presample missing value lagged residuals set to zero.

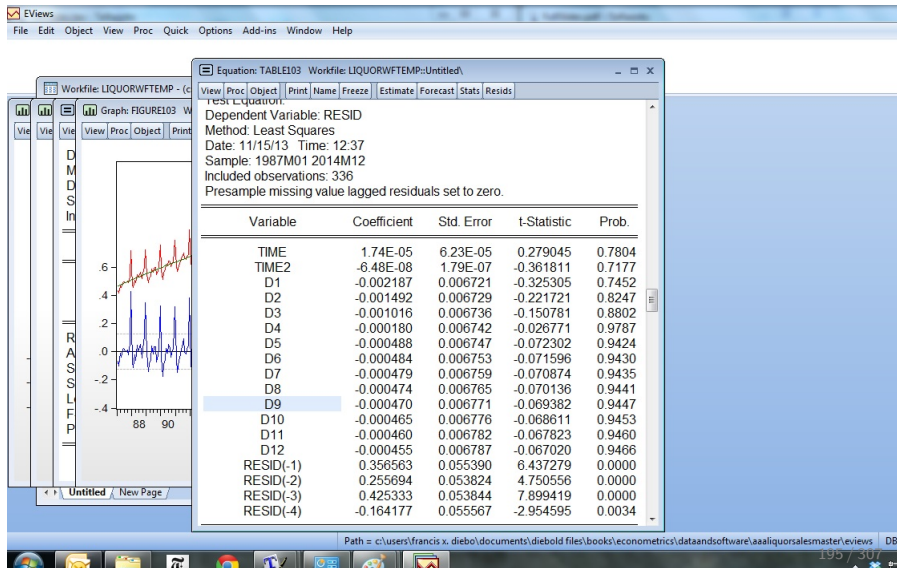
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
TIME	8.05E-06	7.35E-05	0.109640	0.9128
TIME2	-3.01E-08	2.11E-07	-0.142439	0.8868
D1	-0.001578	0.007925	-0.199158	0.8423
D2	-0.000230	0.007932	-0.028949	0.9769
D3	-0.000228	0.007940	-0.028689	0.9771
D4	-0.000226	0.007948	-0.028423	0.9773
D5	-0.000224	0.007955	-0.028150	0.9776
D6	-0.000222	0.007962	-0.027871	0.9778
D7	-0.000220	0.007969	-0.027585	0.9780
D8	-0.000218	0.007976	-0.027293	0.9782
D9	-0.000215	0.007983	-0.026995	0.9785
D10	-0.000213	0.007990	-0.026690	0.9787
D11	-0.000211	0.007996	-0.026378	0.9790
D12	-0.000209	0.008002	-0.026060	0.9792
RESID(-1)	0.709791	0.039491	17.97369	0.0000
R-squared	0.501594	Mean dependent var	5.87E-17	
Adjusted R-squared	0.479857	S.D. dependent var	0.045138	

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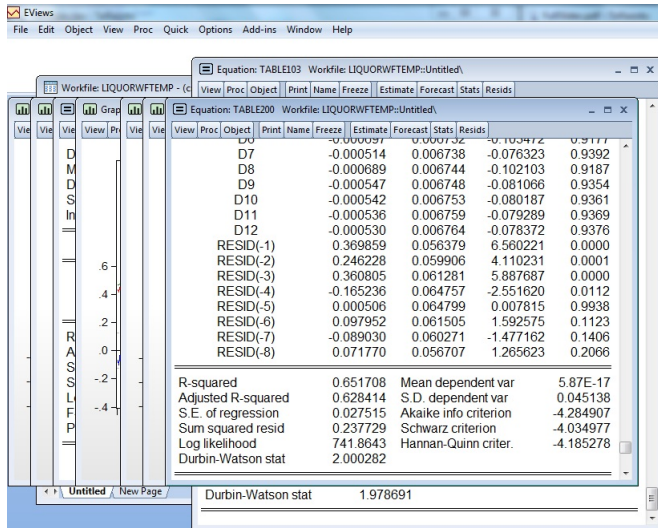
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BG for AR(4) Disturbances ($TR^2 = 216.7$, $p = 0.0000$)



BG for $AR(8)$ Disturbances ($TR^2 = 219.0$, $p = 0.0000$)



Formal Tests and Analyses: Residual Correlogram

$$\hat{\rho}_e(\tau) = \frac{\widehat{\text{cov}}(e_t, e_{t-\tau})}{\widehat{\text{var}}(e_t)} = \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_t e_t e_{t-\tau}}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_t e_t^2}$$

$\hat{\rho}_e(\tau)$ is the coefficient on $e_{t-\tau}$ in the regression

$$e_t \rightarrow c, e_{t-1}, \dots, e_{t-(\tau-1)}, e_{t-\tau}$$

Approximate 95% “Bartlett bands” under the *iid N* null: $0 \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}}$

$$Q_{BP} = T \sum_{\tau=1}^m \hat{\rho}_e^2(\tau) \sim \chi_{m-K}^2 \text{ under } iid N$$

$$Q_{LB} = T(T+2) \sum_{\tau=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{T-\tau} \right) \hat{\rho}_e^2(\tau) \sim \chi_{m-K}^2$$



















































Residual Correlogram for Trend + Seasonal Model

Date: 10/14/12 Time: 18:32

Sample: 1968M01 1993M12

Included observations: 312

Autocorrelation	Partial Correlation		AC	PAC	Q-Stat	Prob
		1	0.700	0.700	154.34	0.000
		2	0.686	0.383	302.86	0.000
		3	0.725	0.369	469.36	0.000
		4	0.569	-0.141	572.36	0.000
		5	0.569	0.017	675.58	0.000
		6	0.577	0.093	782.19	0.000
		7	0.460	-0.078	850.06	0.000
		8	0.480	0.043	924.38	0.000
		9	0.466	0.030	994.46	0.000
		10	0.327	-0.188	1029.1	0.000
		11	0.364	0.019	1072.1	0.000
		12	0.355	0.089	1113.3	0.000
		13	0.225	-0.119	1129.9	0.000
		14	0.291	0.065	1157.8	0.000
		15	0.211	-0.119	1172.4	0.000
		16	0.138	-0.031	1178.7	0.000
		17	0.195	0.053	1191.4	0.000
		18	0.114	-0.027	1195.7	0.000
		19	0.055	-0.063	1196.7	0.000
		20	0.134	0.089	1202.7	0.000
		21	0.062	0.018	1204.0	0.000
		22	-0.006	-0.115	1204.0	0.000
		23	0.084	0.086	1206.4	0.000
		24	-0.030	-0.124	1206.8	0.000



Correcting for Autocorrelation

- ▶ Generalized least squares
 - Transform the data such that the classical conditions hold
- ▶ Heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation consistent (HAC) s.e.'s
 - Use OLS, but calculate standard errors robustly



Recall Generalized Least Squares (*GLS*)

Consider the FIC except that we now let:

$$\varepsilon \sim N(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 \Omega)$$

The GLS estimator is:

$$\hat{\beta}_{GLS} = (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} y$$

Under the remaining full ideal conditions it is consistent, normally distributed with covariance matrix $\sigma^2 (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1}$, and MVUE:

$$\hat{\beta}_{GLS} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1})$$



Infeasible GLS

(Illustrated in the Durbin-Watson $AR(1)$ Environment)

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \varepsilon_t \quad (1a)$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} + v_t \quad (1b)$$

$$v_t \sim iid N(0, \sigma^2) \quad (1c)$$

Suppose that you know ϕ . Then you could form:

$$\phi y_{t-1} = \phi x_{t-1}' \beta + \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} \quad (1a^*)$$

$$\implies (y_t - \phi y_{t-1}) = (x_t' - \phi x_{t-1}') \beta + (\varepsilon_t - \phi \varepsilon_{t-1}) \text{ (just (1a) - (1a*))}$$

$$\implies y_t = \phi y_{t-1} + x_t' \beta - x_{t-1}' (\phi \beta) + v_t$$

– Satisfies the classical conditions! Note the restriction.

So, two key closely-related regressions:

$$y_t \rightarrow x_t \text{ (with } AR(1) \text{ disturbances)}$$

$$y_t \rightarrow y_{t-1}, x_t, x_{t-1} \text{ (with } WN \text{ disturbances and a coef. restr.)}$$



Feasible GLS

(1) Replace the unknown ϕ value with an estimate and run the OLS regression:

$$(y_t - \hat{\phi}y_{t-1}) \rightarrow (x'_t - \hat{\phi}x'_{t-1})$$

– Iterate if desired: $\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\phi}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\phi}_2, \dots$

(2) Run the OLS Regression

$$y_t \rightarrow y_{t-1}, x_t, x_{t-1}$$

subject to the constraint noted earlier (or not)

– Generalizes trivially to $AR(p)$:

$y_t \rightarrow y_{t-1}, \dots, y_{t-p}, x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-p}$
(Select p using the usual AIC , SIC , etc.)



Trend + Seasonal Model with AR(4) Disturbances

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Included observations: 352 after adjustments
Convergence achieved after 5 iterations

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
TIME	0.008129	0.000560	14.51705	0.0000
TIME2	-1.28E-05	1.49E-06	-8.592611	0.0000
D1	6.107740	0.045124	135.3540	0.0000
D2	6.050193	0.045154	133.9901	0.0000
D3	6.137542	0.045195	135.8017	0.0000
D4	6.139790	0.045252	135.6806	0.0000
D5	6.208530	0.045138	137.5442	0.0000
D6	6.213975	0.045137	137.6693	0.0000
D7	6.258524	0.045130	138.6763	0.0000
D8	6.230220	0.045075	138.2193	0.0000
D9	6.170731	0.045078	136.8913	0.0000
D10	6.193151	0.045066	137.4237	0.0000
D11	6.225272	0.045045	138.2010	0.0000
D12	6.547684	0.045050	145.3420	0.0000
AR(1)	0.348107	0.055751	6.243965	0.0000
AR(2)	0.257435	0.053823	4.783041	0.0000
AR(3)	0.429234	0.053804	7.977784	0.0000
AR(4)	-0.161633	0.055771	-2.898162	0.0040

R-squared	0.995335	Mean dependent var	7.107025
Adjusted R-squared	0.995082	S.D. dependent var	0.392974
S.E. of regression	0.027559	Akaike info criterion	-4.292292
Sum squared resid	0.238480	Schwarz criterion	-4.085990
Log likelihood	730.5205	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-4.210019
Durbin-Watson stat	1.982921		

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5 after adjustments

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic
	0.000901	0.000326	2.76
	-1.47E-06	5.08E-07	-2.88
	0.505918	0.254586	1.98
	0.507924	0.253443	2.00
	0.639393	0.252743	2.52
	0.810826	0.251705	3.22
	0.828685	0.252642	3.28
	0.764161	0.252825	3.02
	0.825115	0.252034	3.27
	0.701131	0.254315	2.75
	0.641447	0.254736	2.51
	0.795689	0.254403	3.12
	0.775719	0.249524	3.10
	1.080421	0.249812	4.32
	0.363721	0.056837	6.39
	0.274199	0.059750	4.58
	0.240344	0.061450	3.91

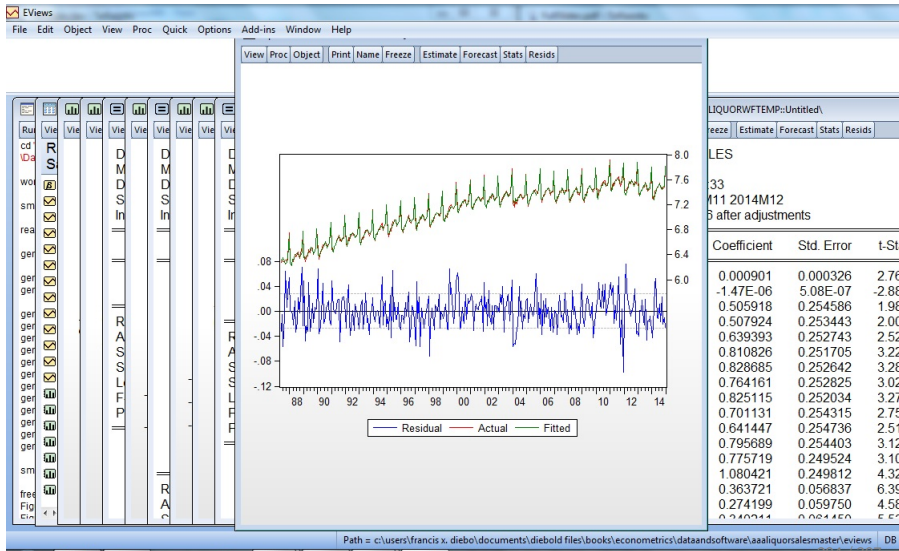
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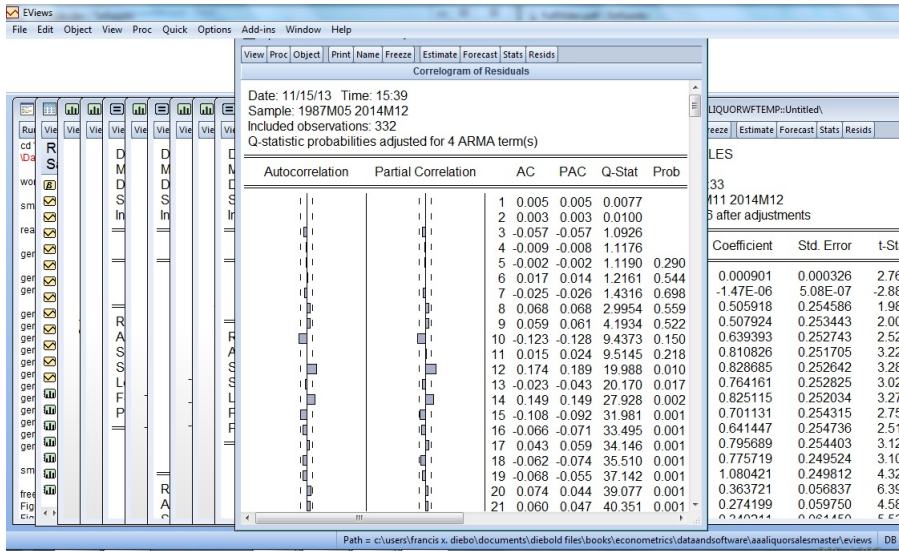
Trend + Seasonal Model with $AR(4)$ Disturbances

Residual Plot



Trend + Seasonal Model with $AR(4)$ Disturbances

Residual Correlogram



Trend + Seasonal Model with Four Lags of Dep. Var.

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Date: 1987M05 to 2014M12
Sample (adjusted): 1987M05 2014M12
Included observations: 332 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
TIME	0.000993	0.000303	3.274924	0.0012
TIME2	-1.63E-06	4.82E-07	-3.379250	0.0008
D1	0.577182	0.240084	2.404080	0.0168
D2	0.579618	0.239820	2.416883	0.0162
D3	0.667059	0.238627	2.795401	0.0055
D4	0.894665	0.237447	3.767847	0.0002
D5	0.893728	0.232717	3.840401	0.0001
D6	0.827871	0.233806	3.540838	0.0005
D7	0.865982	0.235247	3.681158	0.0003
D8	0.791626	0.236419	3.348398	0.0009
D9	0.739295	0.237199	3.116777	0.0020
D10	0.771468	0.236858	3.257093	0.0012
D11	0.830449	0.236573	3.510331	0.0005
D12	1.156867	0.236231	4.897183	0.0000
LSALES(-1)	0.348107	0.055751	6.243965	0.0000
LSALES(-2)	0.257435	0.053823	4.783041	0.0000
LSALES(-3)	0.429234	0.053804	7.977784	0.0000
LSALES(-4)	-0.161633	0.055771	-2.898162	0.0040
R-squared	0.995335	Mean dependent var	7.107025	
Adjusted R-squared	0.995082	S.D. dependent var	0.392974	
S.E. of regression	0.027559	Akaike info criterion	-4.292292	
Sum squared resid	0.238480	Schwarz criterion	-4.085990	
Log likelihood	730.5205	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-4.210019	

Statistic Prob.

0.865169 0.0044

0.036983 0.0026

0.084902 0.0379

0.027856 0.0434

0.366898 0.0185

0.116444 0.0020

0.419130 0.0007

0.183296 0.0016

0.285394 0.0011

0.974953 0.0032

0.703747 0.0072

0.830854 0.0049

0.052611 0.0025

0.462497 0.0000

0.491207 0.0000

0.180509 0.0000

0.001511 0.0000

0.577182 0.0168

0.579618 0.0162

0.667059 0.0055

0.894665 0.0002

0.893728 0.0001

0.827871 0.0005

0.865982 0.0003

0.791626 0.0009

0.739295 0.0020

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1.156867 0.0000

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0.995335

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0.238480

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Mean dependent var

S.D. dependent var

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How Did we Arrive at $AR(4)$ Dynamics?

Everything points there:

- Supported by original trend + seasonal residual correlogram
 - Supported by DW
 - Supported by BG
- Supported by SIC pattern:
 - $AR(1) = -3.797$
 - $AR(2) = -3.941$
 - $AR(3) = -4.080$
 - $AR(4) = -4.086$
 - $AR(5) = -4.071$
 - $AR(6) = -4.058$
 - $AR(7) = -4.057$
 - $AR(8) = -4.040$



Heteroskedasticity-and-Autocorrelation Consistent (HAC) Standard Errors

Using advanced methods, one can obtain consistent standard errors (if not an efficient $\hat{\beta}$), under minimal assumptions

- ▶ “HAC standard errors”
- ▶ “Robust standard errors”
- ▶ “Newey-West standard errors”
- ▶ $\hat{\beta}$ remains unchanged at its OLS value. Is that a problem?



Trend + Seasonal Model with HAC Standard Errors

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Dependent Variable: LSales
 Method: Least Squares
 Date: 11/15/13 Time: 15:51
 Sample: 1987M01 2014M12
 Included observations: 336
 HAC standard errors & covariance (Bartlett kernel, Newey-West fixed bandwidth = 6.0000)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
TIME	0.007739	0.000197	39.26392	0.0000
TIME2	-1.18E-05	6.34E-07	-18.52563	0.0000
D1	6.138362	0.013502	454.6369	0.0000
D2	6.081424	0.012767	476.3219	0.0000
D3	6.168571	0.012301	501.4707	0.0000
D4	6.169584	0.010921	564.9371	0.0000
D5	6.238568	0.011627	536.5598	0.0000
D6	6.243596	0.011226	556.1570	0.0000
D7	6.287566	0.010984	572.4238	0.0000
D8	6.259257	0.012412	504.2842	0.0000
D9	6.199399	0.011517	538.2667	0.0000
D10	6.221507	0.011771	528.5468	0.0000
D11	6.253515	0.013011	480.6421	0.0000
D12	6.575648	0.013389	491.1133	0.0000

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Structural Change



Structural Change: Gradual

$$y_t = \beta_1 + \beta_{2t}x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

where

$$\beta_{1t} = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 TIME_t$$

$$\beta_{2t} = \delta_1 + \delta_2 TIME_t$$

Then we have:

$$y_t = (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 TIME_t) + (\delta_1 + \delta_2 TIME_t)x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

We simply run:

$$y_t \rightarrow c, \text{ , } Time_t, x_t, TIME_t * x_t$$

This is yet another important use of dummies. The regression can be used both to test for structural change (F test of $\gamma_2 = \delta_2 = 0$), and to accommodate it if present.



Structural Change: Sharp Exogenous

$$y_t = \begin{cases} \beta_1^1 + \beta_2^1 x_t + \varepsilon_t, & t = 1, \dots, T^* \\ \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 x_t + \varepsilon_t, & t = T^* + 1, \dots, T \end{cases}$$

Let

$$D_t = \begin{cases} 0, & t = 1, \dots, T^* \\ 1, & t = T^* + 1, \dots, T \end{cases}$$

Then we can write the model as:

$$y_t = (\beta_1^1 + (\beta_1^2 - \beta_1^1)D_t) + (\beta_2^1 + (\beta_2^2 - \beta_2^1)D_t)x_t + \varepsilon_t$$

We simply run:

$$y_t \rightarrow c, D_t, x_t, D_t \times x_t$$



Structural Change: Sharp Exogenous, Continued

The regression can be used both to test for structural change, and to accommodate it if present. It represents yet another use of dummies. The no-break null corresponds to the joint hypothesis of zero coefficients on D_t and $D_t \times x_t$, for which the “ F ” statistic is distributed χ^2 asymptotically (and F in finite samples under normality).

In the general case, under the no-break null the so-called Chow breakpoint test statistic,

$$Chow = \frac{(e'e - (e'_1 e_1 + e'_2 e_2))/K}{(e'_1 e_1 + e'_2 e_2)/(T - 2K)},$$

is distributed F in finite samples (under normality) and χ^2 asymptotically.



Structural Change: Sharp Endogenous

$$MaxChow = \max_{\tau_1 \leq \tau \leq \tau_2} Chow(\tau),$$

where τ denotes sample fraction
(typically we take $\tau_1 = .15$ and $\tau_2 = .85$).

The distribution of *MaxChow* has been tabulated.



Recursive Estimation

$$y_t = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k x_{kt} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iidN(0, \sigma^2),$$

$$t = 1, \dots, T.$$

OLS estimation uses the full sample, $t = 1, \dots, T$.

Recursive least squares uses an expanding sample.
Begin with the first K observations and estimate the model.
Then estimate using the first $K + 1$ observations, and so on.
At the end we have a set of recursive parameter estimates:
 $\hat{\beta}_{k,t}$, for $k = 1, \dots, K$ and $t = K, \dots, T$.



Recursive Residuals

At each t , $t = K, \dots, T - 1$, compute a 1-step forecast,

$$\hat{y}_{t+1,t} = \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{\beta}_{kt} x_{k,t+1}.$$

The corresponding forecast errors, or recursive residuals, are

$$\hat{e}_{t+1,t} = y_{t+1} - \hat{y}_{t+1,t}.$$

$$\hat{e}_{t+1,t} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 r_t)$$

where $r_t > 1$ for all t



Standardized Recursive Residuals and CUSUM

$$w_{t+1,t} \equiv \frac{\hat{e}_{t+1,t}}{\sigma\sqrt{r_t}},$$

$$t = K, \dots, T - 1.$$

Under the maintained assumptions,

$$w_{t+1,t} \sim iid N(0, 1).$$

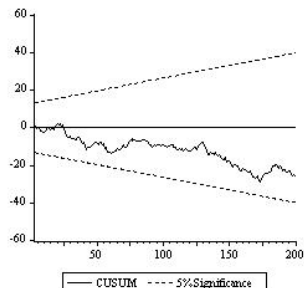
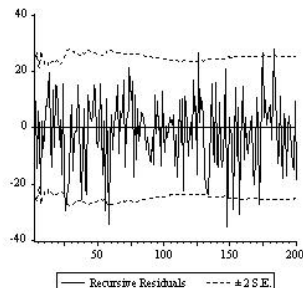
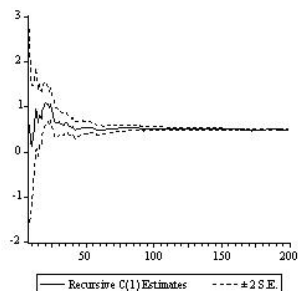
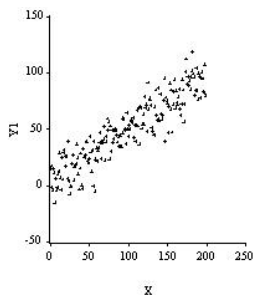
Then

$$CUSUM_{t^*} \equiv \sum_{t=K}^{t^*} w_{t+1,t}, \quad t^* = K, \dots, T - 1$$

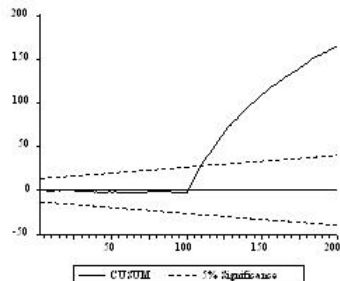
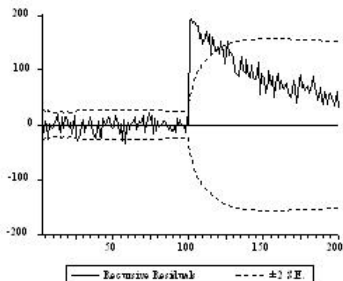
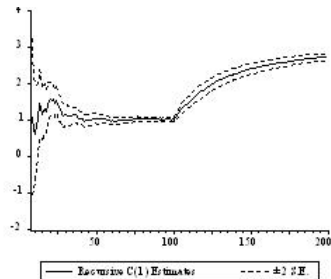
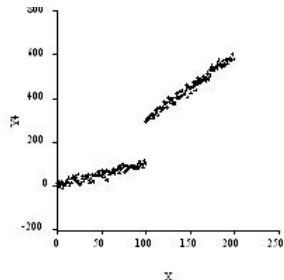
is just a sum of *iid* $N(0, 1)$'s (i.e. a Gaussian random walk).



Recursive Analysis, Constant Parameter



Recursive Analysis, Breaking Parameter



Regime Switching I: Observed-Regime Threshold Model

$$y_t = \begin{cases} c^{(u)} + \phi^{(u)} y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t^{(u)}, & \theta^{(u)} < y_{t-d} \\ c^{(m)} + \phi^{(m)} y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t^{(m)}, & \theta^{(l)} < y_{t-d} < \theta^{(u)} \\ c^{(l)} + \phi^{(l)} y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t^{(l)}, & \theta^{(l)} > y_{t-d} \end{cases}$$



Regime Switching II: Markov-Switching Model

Regime governed by latent 2-state Markov process:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} p_{00} & 1 - p_{00} \\ 1 - p_{11} & p_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

Switching mean:

$$f(y_t | s_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left(\frac{-(y_t - \mu_{s_t})^2}{2\sigma^2} \right).$$

Switching regression:

$$f(y_t | s_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left(\frac{-(y_t - x_t' \beta_{s_t})^2}{2\sigma^2} \right).$$



Rolling Regression for Generic Structural Change



Heteroskedasticity in Time Series

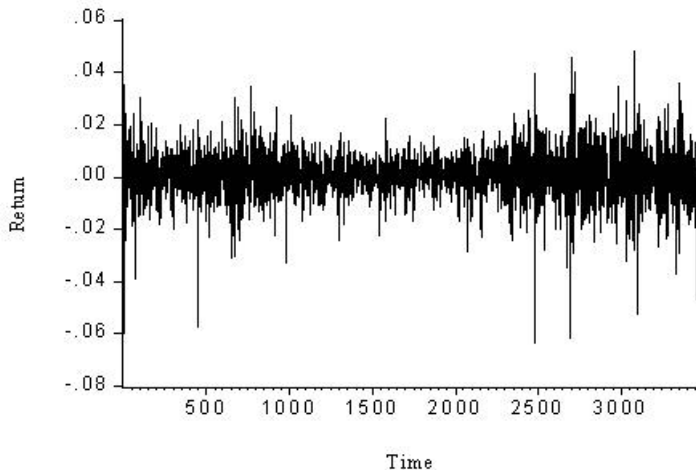


Figure: Time Series of Daily NYSE Returns.



Key Fact 1: Stock Returns are Approximately Serially Uncorrelated

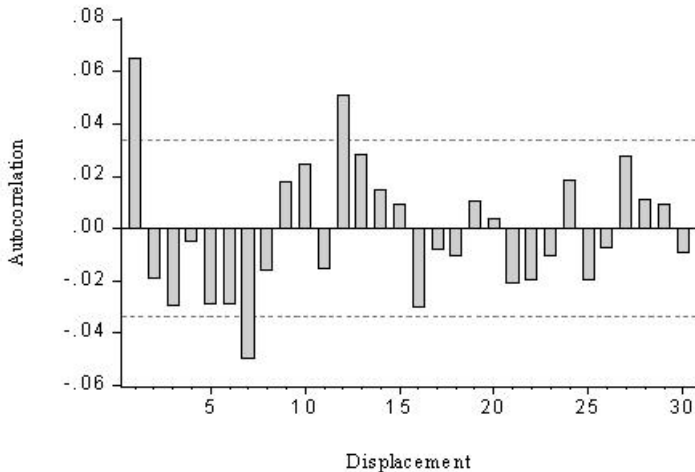


Figure: Correlogram of Daily Stock Market Returns.



Key Fact 2: Returns are Unconditionally Non-Gaussian

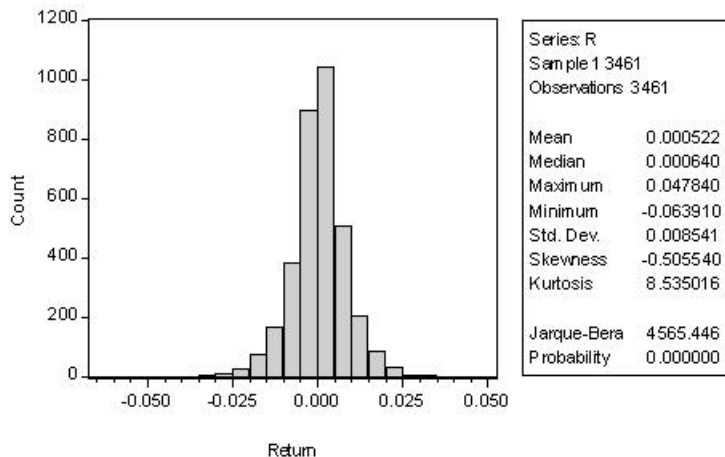


Figure: Histogram and Statistics for Daily NYSE Returns.



Unconditional Volatility Measures

Variance: $\sigma^2 = E(r_t - \mu)^2$ (or standard deviation: σ)

Mean Absolute Deviation: $MAD = E|r_t - \mu|$

Interquartile Range: $IQR = 75\% - 25\%$

Outlier probability: $P|r_t - \mu| > 5\sigma$ (for example)

Tail index: γ s.t. $P(r_t > r) = k r^{-\gamma}$

Kurtosis: $K = E(r - \mu)^4 / \sigma^4$

$p\%$ Value at Risk ($VarP$): x s.t. $P(r_t < x) = p$



Key Fact 3: Returns are Conditionally Heteroskedastic I

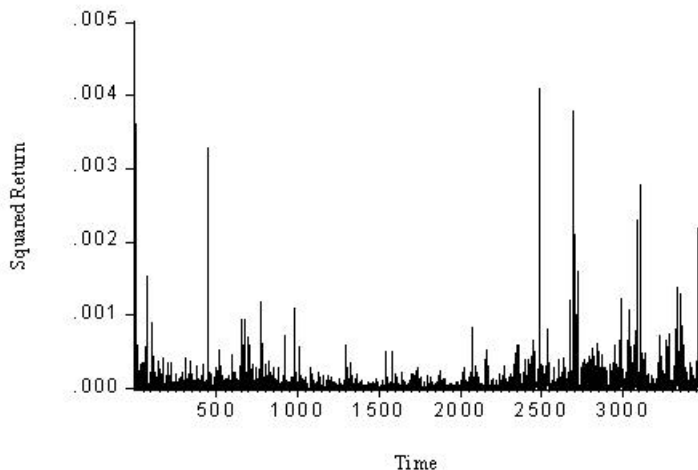


Figure: Time Series of Daily Squared NYSE Returns



Key Fact 3: Returns are Conditionally Heteroskedastic II

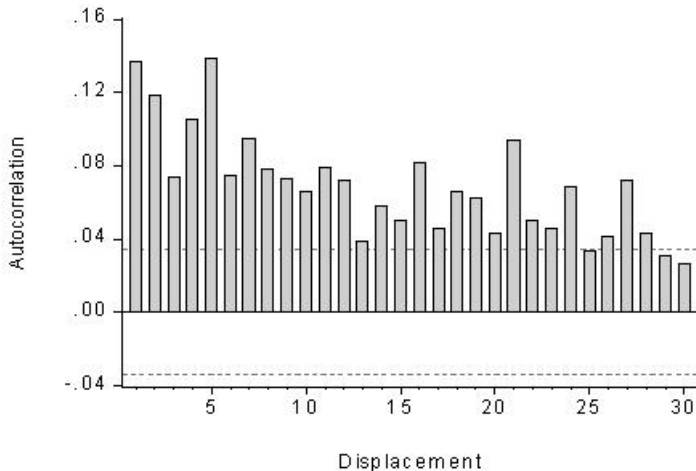


Figure: Correlogram of Daily Squared NYSE Returns.



Background: Financial Economics Changes Fundamentally When Volatility is Dynamic

- ▶ Risk management
- ▶ Portfolio allocation
- ▶ Asset pricing
- ▶ Hedging
- ▶ Trading



Asset Pricing I: Sharpe Ratios

Standard Sharpe:

$$\frac{E(r_{it} - r_{ft})}{\sigma}$$

Conditional Sharpe:

$$\frac{E(r_{it} - r_{ft})}{\sigma_t}$$



Asset Pricing II: CAPM

Standard CAPM:

$$(r_{it} - r_{ft}) = \alpha + \beta(r_{mt} - r_{ft})$$

$$\beta = \frac{\text{cov}((r_{it} - r_{ft}), (r_{mt} - r_{ft}))}{\text{var}(r_{mt} - r_{ft})}$$

Conditional CAPM:

$$\beta_t = \frac{\text{cov}_t((r_{it} - r_{ft}), (r_{mt} - r_{ft}))}{\text{var}_t(r_{mt} - r_{ft})}$$



Asset Pricing III: Derivatives

Black-Scholes:

$$C = N(d_1)S - N(d_2)Ke^{-r\tau}$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)\tau}{\sigma\sqrt{\tau}}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{\ln(S/K) + (r - \sigma^2/2)\tau}{\sigma\sqrt{\tau}}$$

$$P_C = BS(\sigma, \dots)$$

(Standard Black-Scholes options pricing)

Completely different when σ varies!



Conditional Return Distributions

$$f(r_t) \text{ vs. } f(r_t|\Omega_{t-1})$$

$$\text{Key 1: } E(r_t|\Omega_{t-1})$$

Are returns conditional mean independent? Arguably yes.

Returns are (arguably) approximately serially uncorrelated, and (arguably) approximately free of additional non-linear conditional mean dependence.



Conditional Return Distributions, Continued

$$\text{Key 2: } \text{var}(r_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = E((r_t - \mu)^2 | \Omega_{t-1})$$

Are returns conditional variance independent? No way!

Squared returns serially correlated, often with very slow decay.



Linear Models (e.g., $AR(1)$)

$$r_t = \phi r_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iid(0, \sigma^2), \quad |\phi| < 1$$

Uncond. mean: $E(r_t) = 0$ (constant)

Uncond. variance: $E(r_t^2) = \sigma^2 / (1 - \phi^2)$ (constant)

Cond. mean: $E(r_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = \phi r_{t-1}$ (varies)

Cond. variance: $E([r_t - E(r_t | \Omega_{t-1})]^2 | \Omega_{t-1}) = \sigma^2$ (constant)

- Conditional mean adapts, but conditional variance does not



ARCH(1) Process

$$r_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, h_t)$$

$$h_t = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2$$

$$E(r_t) = 0$$

$$E(r_t^2) = \frac{\omega}{(1 - \alpha)}$$

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

$$E([r_t - E(r_t | \Omega_{t-1})]^2 | \Omega_{t-1}) = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2$$



GARCH(1,1) Process (“Generalized ARCH”)

$$r_t \mid \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, h_t)$$

$$h_t = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2 + \beta h_{t-1}$$

$$E(r_t) = 0$$

$$E(r_t^2) = \frac{\omega}{(1 - \alpha - \beta)}$$

$$E(r_t \mid \Omega_{t-1}) = 0$$

$$E([r_t - E(r_t \mid \Omega_{t-1})]^2 \mid \Omega_{t-1}) = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2 + \beta h_{t-1}$$

Well-defined and covariance stationary if

$$0 < \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta < 1, \alpha + \beta < 1$$



GARCH(1,1) and Exponential Smoothing

Exponential smoothing recursion:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_t^2 &= \lambda \hat{\sigma}_{t-1}^2 + (1 - \lambda) r_t^2 \\ \implies \hat{\sigma}_t^2 &= (1 - \lambda) \sum_j \lambda^j r_{t-j}^2\end{aligned}$$

But in GARCH(1,1) we have:

$$\begin{aligned}h_t &= \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2 + \beta h_{t-1} \\ h_t &= \frac{\omega}{1 - \beta} + \alpha \sum \beta^{j-1} r_{t-j}^2\end{aligned}$$



Unified Theoretical Framework

- ▶ Volatility dynamics (of course, by construction)
- ▶ Volatility clustering produces unconditional leptokurtosis
- ▶ Temporal aggregation reduces the leptokurtosis



Tractable Empirical Framework

$$L(\theta; r_1, \dots, r_T) = f(r_T | \Omega_{T-1}; \theta) f(r_{T-1} | \Omega_{T-2}; \theta) \dots,$$

$$\text{where } \theta = (\omega, \alpha, \beta)'$$

If the conditional densities are Gaussian,

$$f(r_t | \Omega_{t-1}; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} h_t(\theta)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{r_t^2}{h_t(\theta)}\right),$$

so

$$\ln L = \text{const} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_t \ln h_t(\theta) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_t \frac{r_t^2}{h_t(\theta)}$$



Variations on the GARCH Theme

- ▶ Explanatory variables in the variance equation: GARCH-X
- ▶ Fat-tailed conditional densities: t-GARCH
- ▶ Asymmetric response and the leverage effect: T-GARCH
- ▶ Regression with GARCH disturbances
- ▶ Time-varying risk premia: GARCH-M



Explanatory variables in the Variance Equation: GARCH-X

$$h_t = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2 + \beta h_{t-1} + \gamma z_t$$

where z is a positive explanatory variable



Fat-Tailed Conditional Densities: t-GARCH

If r is conditionally Gaussian, then

$$r_t = \sqrt{h_t} N(0, 1)$$

But often with high-frequency data,

$$\frac{r_t}{\sqrt{h_t}} \sim \textit{leptokurtic}$$

So take:

$$r_t = \sqrt{h_t} \frac{t_d}{\textit{std}(t_d)}$$

and treat d as another parameter to be estimated



Asymmetric Response and the Leverage Effect: T-GARCH

Standard GARCH: $h_t = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2 + \beta h_{t-1}$

T-GARCH: $h_t = \omega + \alpha r_{t-1}^2 + \gamma r_{t-1}^2 D_{t-1} + \beta h_{t-1}$

$$D_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_t < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

positive return (good news): α effect on volatility

negative return (bad news): $\alpha + \gamma$ effect on volatility

$\gamma \neq 0$: Asymmetric news response

$\gamma > 0$: "Leverage effect"



Regression with GARCH Disturbances

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, h_t)$$



Time-Varying Risk Premia: GARCH-M

Standard GARCH regression model:

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, h_t)$$

GARCH-M model is a special case:

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \gamma h_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, h_t)$$



Back to Empirical Work – “Standard” GARCH(1,1)

The screenshot displays the EViews software interface. On the left, a list of objects is shown, including 'c', 'ecsdrgarch11', 'ecvrgarch11', 'fcst', 'fig1410', 'fig1411', 'figure141', 'figure1410', 'figure1411', 'figure142', 'figure143', 'figure144', 'figure145', 'figure146', 'figure147', 'figure148', 'figure149', 'history', 'r', and 'r2'. On the right, the 'Equation Estimation' dialog box is open, showing the 'Specification' tab. The 'Equation specification' section contains the text: 'Dependent variable followed by list of regressors including ARMA and PDL terms, OR an explicit equation like $Y=c(1)+c(2)*X$.' The 'Estimation settings' section shows the 'Method' dropdown set to 'LS - Least Squares (NLS and ARMA)'. The 'Sample' dropdown is also open, showing a list of estimation methods: 'LS - Least Squares (NLS and ARMA)', 'TSLS - Two-Stage Least Squares (TSNLS and ARMA)', 'GMM - Generalized Method of Moments', 'LIML - Limited Information Maximum Likelihood and K-Class', 'COINTREG - Cointegrating Regression', 'ARCH - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity' (highlighted), 'BINARY - Binary Choice (Logit, Probit, Extreme Value)', 'ORDERED - Ordered Choice', 'CENSORED - Censored or Truncated Data (including Tobit)', 'COUNT - Integer Count Data', 'QREG - Quantile Regression (including LAD)', 'GLM - Generalized Linear Models', and 'STEPLS - Stepwise Least Squares'.

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Equation Estimation

Specification Options

Equation specification

Dependent variable followed by list of regressors including ARMA and PDL terms, OR an explicit equation like $Y=c(1)+c(2)*X$.

Estimation settings

Method: LS - Least Squares (NLS and ARMA)

Sample:

- LS - Least Squares (NLS and ARMA)
- TSLS - Two-Stage Least Squares (TSNLS and ARMA)
- GMM - Generalized Method of Moments
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Equation Estimation

Specification Options

Mean equation

Dependent followed by regressors & ARMA terms OR explicit equation:

r c ARCH-M: None

Variance and distribution specification

Model: GARCH/TARCH

Order:

ARCH: 1 Threshold order: 0

GARCH: 1

Restrictions: None

Variance regressors:

Error distribution: Normal (Gaussian)

Estimation settings

Method: ARCH - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity

Sample: 1 3461

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GARCH(1,1)

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Dependent Variable: R
Method: ML - ARCH (Marquardt) - Normal distribution
Date: 12/03/12 Time: 07:58
Sample: 1 3461
Included observations: 3461
Convergence achieved after 16 iterations
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)
GARCH = C(2) + C(3)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(4)*GARCH(-1)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.000641	0.000127	5.039437	0.0000

Variance Equation

	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.06E-06	1.49E-07	7.127979	0.0000
RESID(-1)^2	0.067408	0.004959	13.59218	0.0000
GARCH(-1)	0.919717	0.006128	150.0893	0.0000

R-squared	-0.000193	Mean dependent var	0.000522
Adjusted R-squared	-0.000193	S.D. dependent var	0.008541
S.E. of regression	0.008542	Akaike info criterion	-6.868008
Sum squared resid	0.252471	Schwarz criterion	-6.860901
Log likelihood	11889.09	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-6.865470
Durbin-Watson stat	1.861386		

GARCH(1,1)

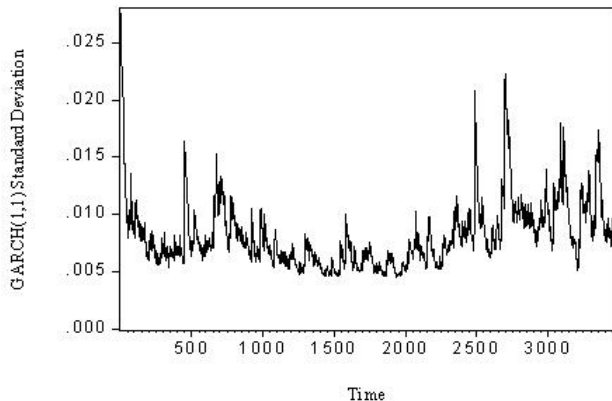


Figure: Estimated Conditional Standard Deviation, Daily NYSE Returns.



GARCH(1,1)

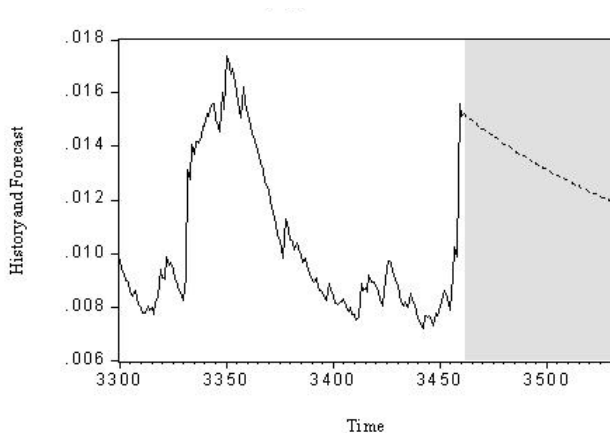


Figure: Conditional Standard Deviation, History and Forecast, Daily NYSE Returns.



A Useful Specification Diagnostic

$$r_t | \Omega_{t-1} \sim N(0, h_t)$$

$$r_t = \sqrt{h_t} \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim iid N(0, 1)$$

$$\frac{r_t}{\sqrt{h_t}} = \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim iid N(0, 1)$$

Infeasible: examine ε_t . iid? Gaussian?

Feasible: examine $\hat{\varepsilon}_t = r_t / \sqrt{\hat{h}_t}$. iid? Gaussian?

Key deviation from iid is volatility dynamics. So examine correlogram of squared standardized returns, $\hat{\varepsilon}_t^2$



GARCH(1,1)

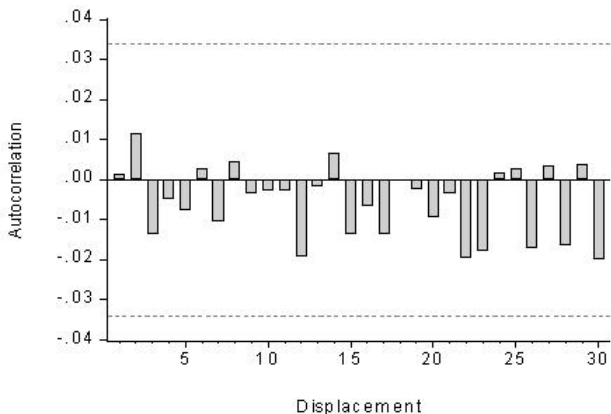


Figure: Correlogram of Squared Standardized GARCH(1,1) Residuals, Daily NYSE Returns.



"Fancy" GARCH(1,1)

Range: 1 3461 -- 3461 obs

Equation Estimation

Specification Options

Mean equation
Dependent followed by regressors & ARMA terms OR explicit equation:
r c r(-1) ARCH-M: Std. Dev. ▾

Variance and distribution specification
Model: GARCH/TARCH ▾ Variance regressors:
Order: ARCH: 1 Threshold order: 1
GARCH: 1 Error distribution: Student's t ▾
Restrictions: None ▾

Estimation settings
Method: ARCH - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity ▾
Sample: 1 3461

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"Fancy" GARCH(1,1)

Dependent Variable: R

Method: ML - ARCH (Marquardt) - Student's t distribution

Date: 04/10/12 Time: 13:48

Sample (adjusted): 2 3461

Included observations: 3460 after adjustments

Convergence achieved after 19 iterations

Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)

GARCH = C(4) + C(5)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(6)*RESID(-1)^2*(RESID(-1)<0)
+ C(7)*GARCH(-1)

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
@SQRT(GARCH)	0.083360	0.053138	1.568753	0.1167
C	1.28E-05	0.000372	0.034443	0.9725
R(-1)	0.073763	0.017611	4.188535	0.0000

Variance Equation

C	1.03E-06	2.23E-07	4.628790	0.0000
RESID(-1)^2	0.014945	0.009765	1.530473	0.1259
RESID(-1)^2*(RESID(-1)<0)	0.094014	0.014945	6.290700	0.0000
GARCH(-1)	0.922745	0.009129	101.0741	0.0000
T-DIST. DOF	5.531579	0.478432	11.56188	0.0000



Causal Predictive Modeling

Consider a standard linear regression setting with K regressors and sample size N .



T-Consistency

We will say that an estimator $\hat{\beta}$ is *consistent for a treatment effect* (“T-consistent”) if

$\text{plim} \hat{\beta}_k = \partial E(y|x) / \partial x_k, \forall k = 1, \dots, K$; that is, if

$$\left(\hat{\beta}_k - \frac{\partial E(y|x)}{\partial x_k} \right) \rightarrow_p 0, \forall k = 1, \dots, K.$$

Hence in large samples $\hat{\beta}_k$ provides a good estimate of the effect on y of a one-unit “treatment” or “intervention” performed on x_k .

T-consistency is the standard econometric notion of consistency.

OLS is T-consistent under the FIC.

*OLS is generally **not** T-consistent without the FIC.*



And Remember How Stringent the FIC Are!

1. The fitted model is:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon \sim N(\underline{0}, \sigma^2 I),$$

and it matches the true data-generating process.

- 1.1 The relationship, if any, is truly linear, with no omitted variables, no measurement error, etc.
 - 1.2 The coefficients, β , are fixed.
 - 1.3 $\varepsilon \sim N$.
 - 1.4 The ε 's have constant variance σ^2 .
 - 1.5 The ε 's are uncorrelated.
2. There is no redundancy among the variables contained in X , so that $X'X$ is non-singular.
3. X is a non-stochastic matrix, fixed in repeated samples (old style), or X is a stochastic matrix such that $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$ (new style).



Non-Causal Predictive Modeling

Again consider a standard linear regression setting with K regressors and sample size N .



P-Consistency

Assuming quadratic loss,
the predictive risk of a parameter configuration β is

$$R(\beta) = E(y - x'\beta)^2.$$

Let B be a set of β 's and let $\beta^* \in B$ minimize $R(\beta)$.

We will say that $\hat{\beta}$ is *consistent for a predictive effect* (“P-consistent”) if $\text{plim} R(\hat{\beta}) = R(\beta^*)$; that is, if

$$\left(R(\hat{\beta}) - R(\beta^*) \right) \rightarrow_p 0.$$

Hence in large samples $\hat{\beta}$ provides a good way to predict y for any
hypothetical x : simply use $x'\hat{\beta}$.

*OLS is effectively **always** P-consistent;
we require almost no conditions of any kind!*



Correlation vs. Causality, and P-Consistency vs. T-consistency

The distinction between P-consistency and T-consistency is related to the distinction between correlation and causality. As is well known, correlation does not imply causality! As long as x and y are correlated, we can exploit the correlation (as captured in $\hat{\beta}$) very generally to predict y given knowledge of x . That is, there will be a nonzero “predictive effect” of x knowledge on y . But nonzero correlation doesn’t necessarily tell us anything about the causal “treatment effect” of x *treatments* on y . That requires the full ideal conditions. Even if there is a non-zero predictive effect of x on y (as captured by $\hat{\beta}_{LS}$), there may or may not be a nonzero treatment effect of x on y , and even if nonzero it will generally not equal the predictive effect.



Correlation vs. Causality, and P-Consistency vs. T-consistency, Continued

So, assembling things:

P-consistency is consistency for a non-causal predictive effect.
(Almost trivially easy to obtain.)

T-consistency is consistency for a causal predictive effect.
(Notoriously difficult to obtain.)



An Example of Correlation Without Causality

To take a simple example, suppose that y and x are in fact causally *unrelated*, so that the true treatment effect of x on y is 0 by construction. But suppose that x is also highly correlated with an unobserved variable z that *does* cause y . Then y and x will be correlated due to their joint dependence on z , and that correlation can be used to predict y given x , despite the fact that, by construction, x treatments (interventions) will have no effect on y .



A Thought Experiment

True DGP:

$$y_i = z_i + \varepsilon_i$$

Suppose also that there exists a variable x such that $\text{corr}(x, z) > 0$.

Fitted OLS Regression Model:

$$y \rightarrow x$$

Is $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$ P-consistent?

Is $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$ T-consistent?



Nonstationarity



Nonstationarity and Random Walks

Random walk:

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iid(0, \sigma^2)$$

Just a simple special case of $AR(1)$ $\phi = 1$



Random Walk with Drift

$$y_t = \delta + y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim iid(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$y_t = t\delta + y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^t \varepsilon_i$$

$$E(y_t) = y_0 + t\delta$$

$$var(y_t) = t\sigma^2$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} var(y_t) = \infty$$



Recall Properties of $AR(1)$ with $|\phi| < 1$

- Shocks ε_t have persistent but not permanent effects

$$y_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j} \quad (\text{note } \phi^j \rightarrow 0)$$

- Series y_t varies but not too extremely

$$\text{var}(y_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \quad (\text{note } \text{var}(y_t) < \infty)$$

- Autocorrelations $\rho(\tau)$ nonzero but decay to zero

$$\rho(\tau) = \phi^\tau \quad (\text{note } \phi^\tau \rightarrow 0)$$



Properties of the Random Walk (AR(1) With $|\phi| = 1$)

- Shocks have permanent effects

$$y_t = y_0 + \sum_{j=0}^{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

- Series is infinitely variable

$$E(y_t) = y_0$$

$$\text{var}(y_t) = t\sigma^2$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}(y_t) = \infty$$

- Autocorrelations $\rho(\tau)$ do not decay

$$\rho(\tau) \approx 1 \quad (\text{formally not defined})$$



A Key Insight Regarding the Random Walk

- Level series y_t is non-stationary (of course)
- Differenced series y_t is stationary (indeed white noise)!

$$\Delta y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

A series is called $I(d)$ if it is non-stationary in levels but is appropriately made stationary by differencing d times.

Random walk is the key $I(1)$ process.
Other $I(1)$ processes are similar. Why?



The Beveridge-Nelson Decomposition

$$\begin{aligned}y_t \sim I(1) &\implies y_t = x_t + z_t \\x_t &= \text{random walk} \\z_t &= \text{covariance stationary}\end{aligned}$$

Hence the random walk is the key ingredient for all $I(1)$ processes.

The Beveridge-Nelson decomposition implies that shocks to any $I(1)$ process have some permanent effect, as with a random walk.

But the effects are not *completely* permanent,
unless the process is a pure random walk.



$I(1)$ Processes and “Unit Roots”

Random walk is an $I(1)$ $AR(1)$ process:

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\underbrace{(1 - L)}_{\text{deg 1}} y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

One (unit) root, $L = 1$

Δy_t is standard covariance-stationary WN

More general $I(1)$ $AR(p)$ process:

$$\underbrace{\Phi(L)}_{\text{deg } p} y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\underbrace{[\Phi'(L)]}_{(\text{deg } p-1)} \underbrace{(1 - L)}_{(\text{deg } 1)} y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$(\text{deg } p-1)(\text{deg } 1)$

$p - 1$ stationary roots, one unit root

Δy_t is standard covariance stationary $AR(p - 1)$



Unit Root Distribution for the AR(1) Process

Key issue (hypothesis) in economics:

$I(1)$ vs. $I(0)$, unit root vs. stationary process

When $|\phi| < 1$,

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\phi}_{LS} - \phi) \xrightarrow{d} N$$

When $\phi = 1$,

$$T(\hat{\phi}_{LS} - 1) \xrightarrow{d} DF$$

Superconsistent

Nonstandard limiting distribution

Downward finite-sample bias (“Dickey-Fuller bias”)



Studentized Statistic

$$\hat{\tau} = \frac{\hat{\phi} - 1}{s \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum y_{t-1}^2}}}$$

Not t in finite samples
Not $N(0, 1)$ asymptotically

Trick:

Don't run $y_t \rightarrow y_{t-1}$
Instead run $\Delta y_t \rightarrow y_{t-1}$



AR(1) With Nonzero Mean Under the Alternative

$$(y_t - \mu) = \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \alpha + \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \mu(1 - \phi)$$

Random walk null vs. mean-reverting alternative

Studentized statistic $\hat{\tau}_\mu$



AR(1) With Trend Under the Alternative

$$(y_t - a - bt) = \phi(y_{t-1} - a - b(t-1)) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \alpha + \beta t + \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

where $\alpha = a(1 - \phi) + b\phi$ and $\beta = b(1 - \phi)$

$H_0 : \phi = 1$ (unit root)

$H_1 : \phi < 1$ (stationary root)

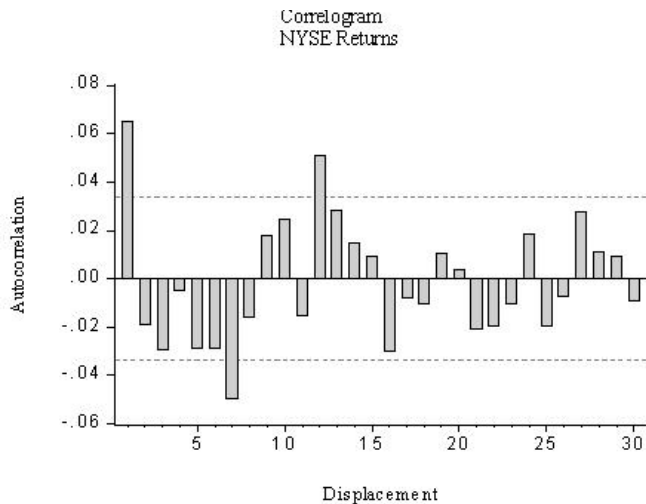
Studentized statistic $\hat{\tau}_\tau$

“Random walk with drift” vs. “stat. AR(1) around linear trend”

“Stochastic trend” vs. “deterministic trend”



Stochastic Trend vs. Deterministic Trend



$AR(p)$

$$y_t + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j y_{t-j} = \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \rho_1 y_{t-1} + \sum_{j=2}^p \rho_j (y_{t-j+1} - y_{t-j}) + \varepsilon_t$$

where $p \geq 2$, $\rho_1 = -\sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j$, and $\rho_i = \sum_{j=i}^p \phi_j$, $i = 2, \dots, p$

Studentized statistic $\hat{\tau}$ is still relevant



AR(p) With Nonzero Mean Under the Alternative

$$(y_t - \mu) + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j (y_{t-j} - \mu) = \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \alpha + \rho_1 y_{t-1} + \sum_{j=2}^p \rho_j (y_{t-j+1} - y_{t-j}) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \mu(1 + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j)$$

Studentized statistic $\hat{\tau}_\mu$ is still relevant



$AR(p)$ With Trend Under the Alternative

$$(y_t - a - bt) + \sum_{j=1}^p \phi_j (y_{t-j} - a - b(t-j)) = \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = k_1 + k_2 t + \rho_1 y_{t-1} + \sum_{j=2}^p \rho_j (y_{t-j+1} - y_{t-j}) + \varepsilon_t$$

$$k_1 = a \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i \right) - b \sum_{i=1}^p i \phi_i$$

$$k_2 = b \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i \right)$$

Under the null hypothesis, $k_1 = -b \sum_{i=1}^p i \phi_i$ and $k_2 = 0$

Studentized statistic $\hat{\tau}_\tau$ is still relevant



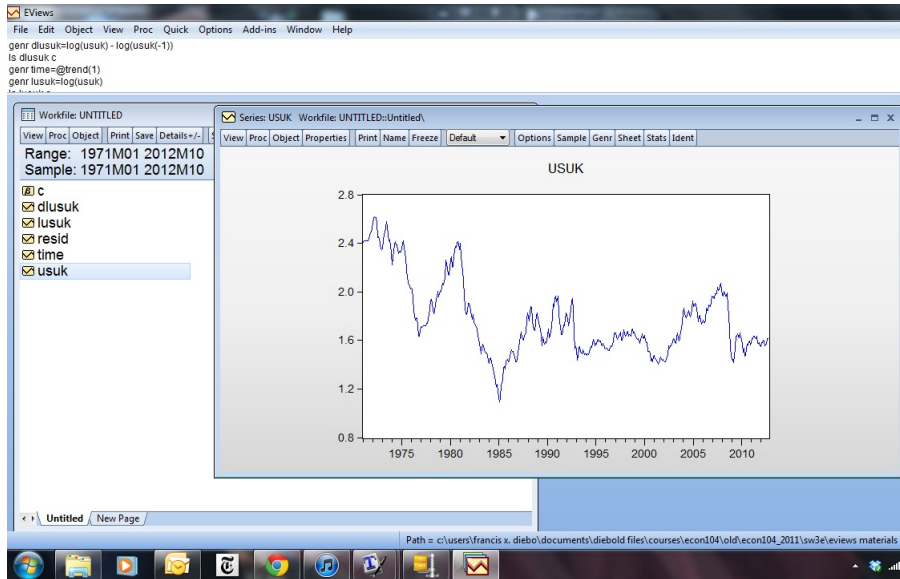
“Trick Form” of ADF in the General $AR(p)$ Case

$$(y_t - y_{t-1}) = (\rho_1 - 1)y_{t-1} + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \rho_j (y_{t-j+1} - y_{t-j}) + \varepsilon_t$$

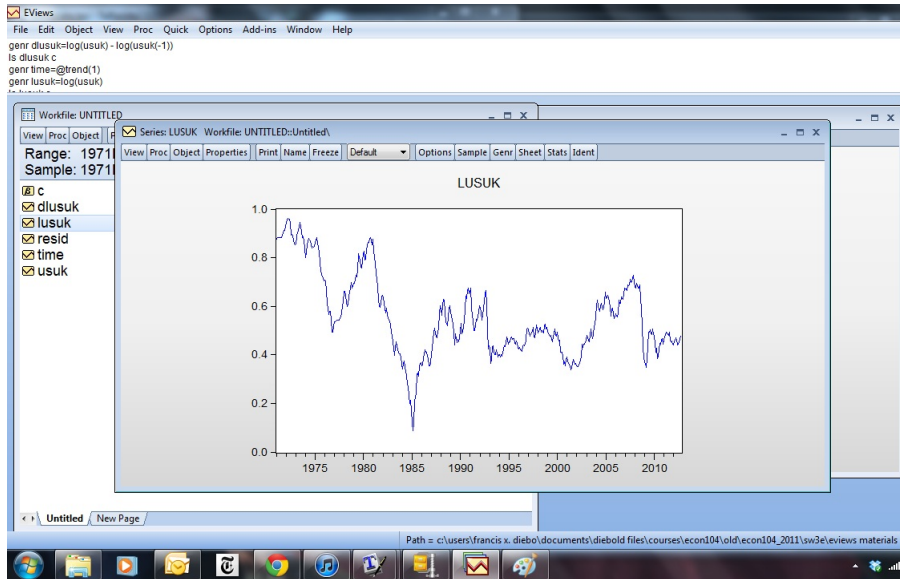
- Unit root corresponds to $(\rho_1 - 1) = 0$
- Use standard automatically-computed t -statistic (which of course does not have the t -distribution)



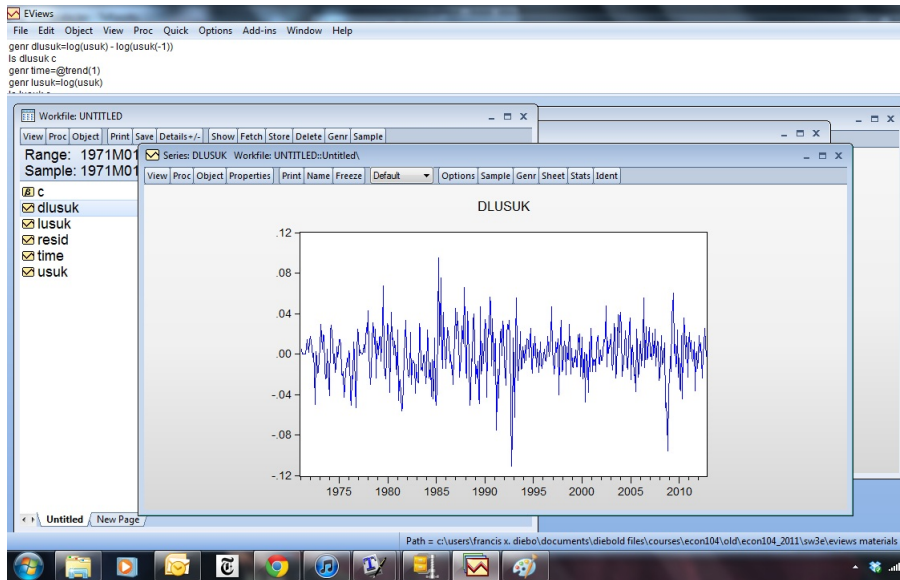
USD/GBP Exchange Rate, 1971.01-2012.10



Log USD/GBP Exchange Rate, 1971.01-2012.10



Change in USD/GBP Exchange Rate, 1971.01-2012.10



Trend-Stationary Model

The screenshot displays the EViews software interface. The main window shows the 'Equation: UNTITLED' dialog box, which is used for specifying and estimating regression models. The dependent variable is 'LUSUK', and the method is 'Least Squares'. The date range is '11/12/12' and the time range is '16:30'. The sample is '1971M01 2012M10', and the included observations are 502.

The regression results are displayed in a table with the following columns: Variable, Coefficient, Std. Error, t-Statistic, and Prob.

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.495082	0.008211	60.29146	0.0000
TIME	-0.000579	4.52E-05	-12.80648	0.0000

Below the regression results, several diagnostic statistics are provided:

R-squared	0.246995	Mean dependent var	0.558479
Adjusted R-squared	0.245489	S.D. dependent var	0.168989
S.E. of regression	0.146788	Akaike info criterion	-0.995678
Sum squared resid	10.77337	Schwarz criterion	-0.978870
Log likelihood	251.9151	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-0.989084
F-statistic	164.0060	Durbin-Watson stat	0.026995
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000		

The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock.

Trend-Stationary Model

EViews

File Edit Object View Proc Quick Options Add-ins Window Help

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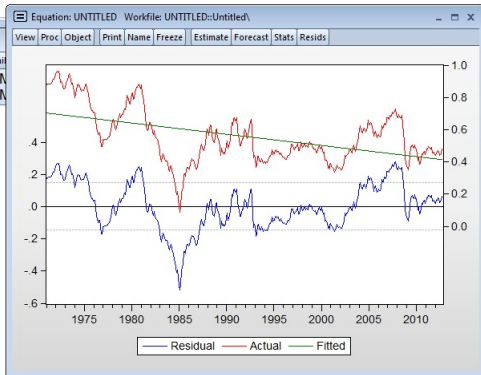
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View Proc Object Print Save Detail

Range: 1971M01 2012M12

Sample: 1971M01 2012M12

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Difference-Stationary Model (Random Walk With Drift)

EViews

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Null Hypothesis: LUSUK has a unit root

Workfile: UNTITLED

View Proc Object Print Save Details+/- Show

Range: 1971M01 2012M10
Sample: 1971M01 2012M10

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Equation: UNTITLED Workfile: UNTITLED::Untitled

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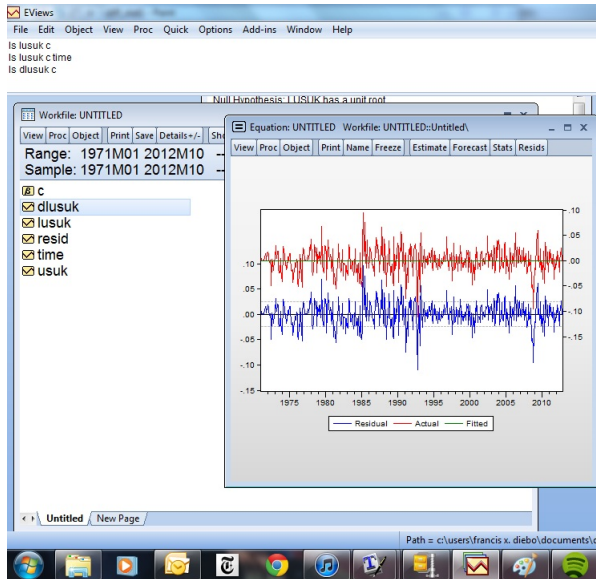
Dependent Variable: DLUSUK
Method: Least Squares
Date: 11/12/12 Time: 17:11
Sample (adjusted): 1971M02 2012M10
Included observations: 501 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	-0.000804	0.001077	-0.746262	0.4559

R-squared 0.000000 Mean dependent var -0.000804
Adjusted R-squared 0.000000 S.D. dependent var 0.024116
S.E. of regression 0.024116 Akaike info criterion -4.609863
Sum squared resid 0.290798 Schwarz criterion -4.601447
Log likelihood 1155.771 Hannan-Quinn criter. -4.606561
Durbin-Watson stat 1.291071

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Difference-Stationary Model (Random Walk With Drift)



DF Tests – Option Screen

The screenshot displays the EViews software interface. The main window shows a worksheet named 'LUSUK' with a series of data points. A 'Unit Root Test' dialog box is open, allowing the user to configure the test parameters.

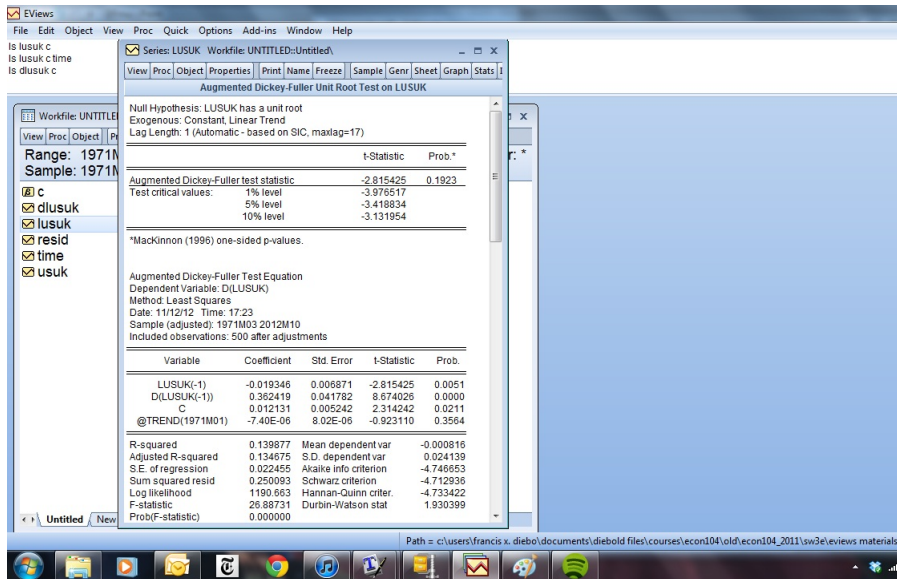
Unit Root Test Dialog Box Options:

- Test type:** Augmented Dickey-Fuller
- Test for unit root in:**
 - ☒ Level
 - ☐ 1st difference
 - ☐ 2nd difference
- Include in test equation:**
 - ☐ Intercept
 - ☐ Trend and intercept
 - ☒ None
- Lag length:**
 - ☒ Automatic selection: Schwarz Info Criterion
 - ☐ User specified: 4

Background Worksheet Data (LUSUK):

Year	Value
1972M09	0.892408
1972M10	0.873300
1972M11	0.855053
1972M12	0.852243
1973M01	0.857093

ADF Test, Allowing for Trend Under the Alternative





The Lag Operator

$$Ly_t = y_{t-1}$$

$AR(1)$ illustration:

$$y_t = \phi y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \phi Ly_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t - \phi Ly_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$(1 - \phi L)y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\Phi(L)y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$\Phi(L)$ is a polynomial of degree 1 in the L



The Lag Operator, Continued ($AR(p)$)

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t = \phi_1 L y_t + \dots + \phi_p L^p y_t + \varepsilon_t$$

$$y_t - \phi_1 L y_t - \dots - \phi_p L^p y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\Phi(L) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$\Phi(L)$ is a polynomial of degree p in the lag operator

Roots of $\Phi(L)$ are important for nature and stability of dynamics



Covariance Stationarity in $AR(p)$

$AR(p)$ is

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

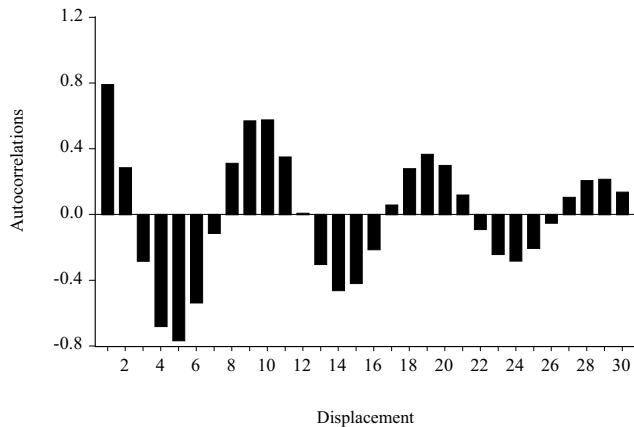
$$(1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\Phi(L) y_t = \varepsilon_t$$

Stable if the p roots of $\Phi(L)$ are outside the unit circle



Population Autocorrelation Function
AR(2) Process with Complex Roots



Big Data



Selection, Shrinkage and Derived Inputs

“Data-rich” environments

“Wide data”

Dimensionality reduction is key: Selection, shrinkage, more.



Selection Methods

- All Subsets

Quickly gets hard as there are 2^K subsets of K regressors!

- Greedy Forward Selection

Start with intercept only and add the new regressor that minimizes RSS, then take the one variable model and add the new regressor that minimizes RSS, etc.

- Greedy Backward Selection

Start with K -variable model and remove the “least significant” variable, then take that $K - 1$ -variable model and remove the “least significant” variable, etc.

- Posterior odds and marginal likelihood:

$$\underbrace{\frac{p(M_i|y)}{p(M_j|y)}}_{\text{posterior odds}} = \underbrace{\frac{p(y|M_i)}{p(y|M_j)}}_{\text{Bayes factor}} \underbrace{\frac{p(M_i)}{p(M_j)}}_{\text{prior odds}}$$

- Information criteria:



Model Selection by MSE (or R^2)

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T}$$

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{MSE}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}$$

Selection by MSE (or R^2) produces in-sample over-fitting



Model Selection by s^2 (or \bar{R}^2)

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{T-K} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2 = \left(\frac{T}{T-K} \right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T}$$

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{T-K} \sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{\frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{s^2}{\frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \bar{y})^2}$$

Selection by s^2 (or \bar{R}^2) *still* produces in-sample over-fitting



Information Criteria for Model Selection

$$SIC = \left(T^{\left(\frac{k}{T}\right)}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T}$$

“Oracle property”

No over-fitting (asymptotically)!

$$AIC = \left(e^{\left(\frac{2k}{T}\right)}\right) \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T e_t^2}{T}$$



Information Criteria for Model Selection

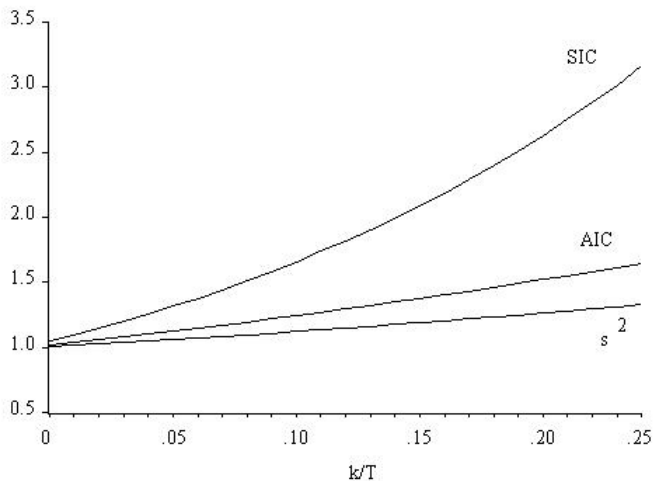


Figure: Degrees-of-Freedom Penalties



Shrinkage Methods

- Bayesian regression:

$$\hat{\beta}_{bayes} = \omega_1 \hat{\beta}_{MLE} + \omega_2 \beta_0$$

- Ridge Regression:

$$\hat{\beta}_{ridge} = (X'X + \lambda I)^{-1} X'y$$

- Penalized regression:

$$\tilde{\beta} = \underset{\beta_1 \dots \beta_K}{argmin} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T \left(y_t - \sum_{i=1}^K \beta_i x_{it} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^K |\beta_i|^q \right)$$

- penalties smooth at the origin produce shrinkage
- penalties non-differentiable at the origin produce selection
 - $q = 2$ is ridge; $q = 1$ is lasso; $q \rightarrow 0$ is selection.



Aside: Review of Principal Components Analysis (PCA) for ata (X Matrix) Description

Think of a wide X matrix and how to “reduce” it.

$X'X$ eigendecomposition:

$$X'X = VD^2V'$$

The j^{th} column of V , v_j , is the j^{th} eigenvector of $X'X$
Diagonal matrix D^2 contains the descending eigenvalues of $X'X$

First principal component:

$$z_1 = Xv_1$$

$$var(z_1) = d_1^2 / T$$

(maximal sample var among all possible l.c.'s of columns of X)

In general:

$$z_j = Xv_j \perp z_{j'}, j' \neq j$$

$$var(z_j) \leq d_j^2 / T$$



Derived Input Variable Methods I:

PC Regression (PCR) and its First Problem

“Factor-Augmented Regression”
“Distill, then select then proceed”

Ridge and PCR are both shrinkage procedures.

BUT:

Ridge effectively includes all PC's and shrinks according to sizes of eigenvalues associated with the PC's.

PCR effectively shrinks some PCs completely to zero (those not included) and doesn't shrink others at all (those included).

– Awkward



Derived Input Variable Methods I (Continued): PC Regression (PCR) and its Second Problem

No “supervision”



Derived Input Variable Methods II:

Partial Least Squares Regression (PLS)

