

## Assignment 4

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Question 1 ( 50 points)

Your score.....

Given the daily log returns : ( $R_t$ ) can be explained by the AR(2) model as following:

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

where  $\varepsilon_t$  is distributed as the Gaussian White Noise with mean ( $\mu$ ) = 0 and variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) = 0.25

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Question 1.1 ( 10 points)

Your score.....

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

From the above AR(2) model, Is the model weakly stationary? Write down the reverse characteristic equation and find out the conditions to support your answer.

Reverse characteristic equation. }  $\lambda_i = \frac{\phi_1 \pm \sqrt{\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2}}{2}$

$$r^2 - 1.5r + 0.9 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - \phi_1\lambda - \phi_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{-(-1.5) \pm \sqrt{(-1.5)^2 - 4(0.9)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1.5 \pm \sqrt{(2.25) + (3.6)}}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\phi_1 \pm \sqrt{\phi_1^2 - 4(1)(-\phi_2)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1.5 \pm 2.4186}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3.918677}{2}, \frac{0.8186773245}{2}$$

$$1.959, 0.409$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{r_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{r_2}$

since  $r_1 > 1, r_2 < 1$   
so, it is not weakly stationary.

Question 1.2 ( 10 points)

Your score.....

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

take  $\varepsilon_t = 0$ .Calculate the unconditional mean:  $E(R_t)$  of  $R_t$  and the conditional mean:  $E(R_t|F_{t-1})$ 

$$R_t = 1.5R_{t-1} - 0.9R_{t-2} + a_t + 0.25$$

$$\textcircled{1} E(R_t) - 1.5E(R_{t-1}) + 0.9E(R_{t-2}) = 0.25$$

⊕ By  $E(R_t)$  of  $R_t$  so we get:

$$R_t - 1.5R_t + 0.9R_t = 0.25$$

$$0.4R_t = 0.25$$

$$\Rightarrow R_t = \frac{0.25}{0.4} = \underline{0.625}$$

$$\textcircled{2} E(R_t|F_{t-1}) - 1.5E(R_{t-1}|F_{t-1}) + 0.9E(R_{t-2}|F_{t-1}) = 0.25$$

⊕ By  $E(R_t|F_{t-1})$  of  $R_t$  so we get:

$$R_t - 1.5R_t + 0.9R_t = 0.25$$

$$0.4R_t = 0.25$$

$$R_t = 0.625$$

Question 1.3 ( 10 points)

Your score.....

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

Find out the unconditional variance:  $\text{Var}(R_t)$  of  $R_t$  and conditional variance  $\text{Var}(R_t|F_{t-1})$  of  $R_t$ 

$$R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t + 1.5(R_{t-1}) - 0.9(R_{t-2})$$

$$R_t = 1.5R_{t-1} - 0.9R_{t-2} + a_t + 0.25$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(R_t) &= (1.5)^2 \text{Var}(R_{t-1}) - (0.9)^2 \text{Var}(R_{t-2}) + \sigma_a^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \text{Cov}(1.5 R_{t-1}, R_{t-2}) + 2 \text{Cov}(1.5 R_{t-1}, a_t) \\ &\quad + 2 \text{Cov}(0.9 R_{t-2}, a_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(R_t) = 2.25 \text{Var}(R_{t-1}) - 0.81 \text{Var}(R_{t-2}) + \sigma_a^2$$

$$+ 2 \text{Cov}(1.5 R_{t-1}, R_{t-2}) + 2 \text{Cov}(1.5 R_{t-1}, a_t) + 2 \text{Cov}(0.9 R_{t-2}, a_t)$$

Question 1.4 ( 10 points)

Your score.....

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

Calculate the autocorrelation:  $\rho_l$  for  $l=1$  and 2 of  $R_t$ . Also, write down the autocorrelation:  $\rho_l$  when  $l \geq 2$ .

$$R_t = 1.5R_{t-1} - 0.9R_{t-2} + 0.25 + a_t$$

$$E[R_t R_{t-l}] = 1.5 E(R_{t-1} R_{t-l}) - 0.9 E(R_{t-2} R_{t-l}) + E[a_t R_{t-l}]$$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad l=1, \quad E[R_t R_{t-1}] = 1.5 E[R_{t-1} R_{t-1}] - 0.9 E[R_{t-2} R_{t-1}] + \underbrace{E[a_t R_{t-1}]}_0$$

$$= 1.5 \gamma_0 - 0.9 \gamma_1 + 0$$

$$\textcircled{+} \quad l=2 \Rightarrow E[R_t R_{t-2}] = 1.5 E[R_{t-1} R_{t-2}] - 0.9 E[R_{t-2} R_{t-2}] + \underbrace{E[a_t R_{t-2}]}_0$$

$$= 1.5 \gamma_2 - 0.9 \gamma_3 + 0$$

Question 1.5 ( 10 points)

Your score.....

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

Given  $R_{1000} = 0.01$   $R_{999} = 0.02$   $R_{998} = 0.03$   $\varepsilon_{1000} = -0.01$   $\varepsilon_{999} = -0.02$   $\varepsilon_{998} = -0.03$  Obtain 1-step, 2-step 95 % interval forecasts for  $R_t$  at the forecast origin  $t = 1000$ . Also the  $\infty$ -step 95 % interval forecasts for  $R_t$ . Draw these intervals.

⊕ Step 1

$$R_t = 1.5R_{t-1} - 0.9R_{t-2} + a_t + 0.25$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{R}_{1001} &= 0.25 + 1.5(R_{1000}) - 0.9(R_{999}) + \sum_{1001} \\ &= 0.25 + 1.5(0.01) - 0.9(0.02) + 0 \\ &= 0.25 + 0.015 + 0.018 + 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{= 0.283}$$

$$\oplus \mathcal{L}_h = \sum_{1001}$$

$$\text{Var}(\mathcal{L}_h(1)) = \sigma_a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \boxed{0.283 - 1.96(\sigma_a)} \\ 0.283 + 1.96(\sigma_a) \end{array}$$

$$1 \text{ Step } a \text{ head} = (0 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\sigma_a^2})$$

$$(1 - 1.5B + 0.9B^2)R_t = 0.25 + \varepsilon_t$$

⊕ Step 2

$$r_{h+2} = \phi_0 + \phi_1 r_{h+1} + \phi_2 r_{h+2} + \dots + a_{h+2}$$

$$R_t = 1.5 R_{t-1} - 0.9 R_{t-2} + 0.25 + a_t$$

$$\hat{R}_{t_{1002}} = 0.25 + 1.5(R_{1001}) - 0.9(R_{1000}) + \varepsilon_{1002}$$

$$= 0.25 + 1.5(0.283) - 0.9(0.01)$$
$$= 0.25 + 0.4245 - 0.009$$

$$= 0.6655$$

$$\text{Var}(l_2) = \phi_1^2 \sigma_a^2 + \sigma_a^2$$

$$= (1 + \phi_1^2) \sigma_a^2$$

$$= (1 + (1.5)^2) \sigma_a^2$$

$$= (1 + 2.25) \sigma_a^2$$

$$= 3.25 \sigma_a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.6655 + 1.96(3.25 \sigma_a^2)$$

$$0.6655 - 1.96(3.25 \sigma_a^2)$$

⊕ mean equal to 0

Second step ahead:  $(0 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{3.25 \sigma_a^2})$