Applications of Multivariate Regular Variation and Point Process Theory to Financial Time Series Models

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Characteristics of some financial time series

Define $X_t = \ln (P_t) - \ln (P_{t-1})$ (log returns)

• heavy tailed

 $P(|X_1| > x) \sim C x^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 4.$

- uncorrelated $\hat{\rho}_{X}(h)$ near 0 for all lags h > 0 (MGD sequence)
- $|X_t|$ and X_t^2 have slowly decaying autocorrelations

 $\hat{\rho}_{|X|}(h)$ and $\hat{\rho}_{X^2}(h)$ converge to 0 *slowly* as h increases. • process exhibits 'stochastic volatility'.

Log returns for IBM 1/3/62-11/3/00 (blue=1961-1981)





Sample ACF of abs values for IBM (a) 1961-1981, (b) 1982-2000



Sample ACF of squares for IBM (a) 1961-1981, (b) 1982-2000



Hill's plot of tail index for IBM (1962-1981, 1982-2000)



Multiplicative models for log(returns)

Basic model

$$X_{t} = \ln (P_{t}) - \ln (P_{t-1}) \text{ (log returns)}$$
$$= \sigma_{t} Z_{t},$$

where

- { Z_t } is IID with mean 0, variance 1 (if exists). (e.g. N(0,1) or a *t*-distribution with v df.)
- $\{\sigma_t\}$ is the volatility process
- σ_t and Z_t are independent.

Properties:

- $EX_t = 0$, $Cov(X_t, X_{t+h}) = 0$, h > 0 (uncorrelated if $Var(X_t) < \infty$)
- conditional heteroscedastic (condition on σ_t).

Multiplicative models for log(returns)-cont

 $X_t = \sigma_t Z_t$ (observation eqn in state-space formulation) <u>Two classes of models for volatility:</u>

(i) GARCH(p,q) process (General AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroscedastic-observation-driven specification)

 $\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2 + \dots + \alpha_p X_{t-p}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2 + \dots + \beta_q \sigma_{t-q}^2 .$ Special case: ARCH(1):

$$X_t^2 = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2) Z_t^2$$

= $\alpha_1 Z_t^2 X_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_0 Z_t^2$
= $A_t X_{t-1}^2 + B_t$ (stochastic recursion eqn)

$$\rho_{X^2}(h) = \alpha_1^h$$
, if $\alpha_1^2 < 1/3$.

Multiplicative models for log(returns)-cont

GARCH(2,1): $X_t = \sigma_t Z_t$, $\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2 + \alpha_2 X_{t-2}^2 + \beta_1 \sigma_{t-1}^2$. Then $Y_t = (\sigma_t^2, X_{t-1}^2)'$ follows the SRE given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{t}^{2} \\ X_{t-1}^{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1} Z_{t-1}^{2} + \beta_{1} & \alpha_{2} \\ Z_{t-1}^{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{t-1}^{2} \\ X_{t-2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{0} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Questions:

- Existence of a unique stationary soln to the SRE?
- Regular variation of the joint distributions?

Multiplicative models for log(returns)-cont

 $X_t = \sigma_t Z_t$ (observation eqn in state-space formulation)

(ii) stochastic volatility process (parameter-driven specification)

$$\log \sigma_t^2 = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j \varepsilon_{t-j}, \quad \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j^2 < \infty, \{\varepsilon_t\} \sim \text{IID N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\rho_{X^2}(h) = Cor(\sigma_t^2, \sigma_{t+h}^2) / EZ_1^4$$

Question:

• Joint distributions of process regularly varying if distr of Z_1 is regularly varying?

Regular variation — univariate case

<u>Definition:</u> The random variable X is regularly varying with index α if

 $P(|X|>t x)/P(|X|>t) \rightarrow x^{-\alpha} \text{ and } P(X>t)/P(|X|>t) \rightarrow p,$

or, equivalently, if

 $P(X > t x)/P(|X| > t) \rightarrow px^{-\alpha}$ and $P(X < -t x)/P(|X| > t) \rightarrow qx^{-\alpha}$,

where $0 \le p \le 1$ and p+q=1.

Equivalence:

X is RV(α) *if and only if* P(X \in t •)/P(|X|>t) $\rightarrow_{\nu} \mu$ (•) (\rightarrow_{ν} vague convergence of measures on R\{0}). In this case, $\mu(dx) = (p\alpha x^{-\alpha-1} I(x>0) + q\alpha (-x)^{-\alpha-1} I(x<0)) dx$ <u>Note:</u> $\mu(tA) = t^{-\alpha} \mu(A)$ for every t and A bounded away from 0. Regular variation — univariate case

Another formulation (polar coordinates):

Define the ± 1 valued rv θ , $P(\theta = 1) = p$, $P(\theta = -1) = 1 - p = q$. Then

X is RV(α) if and only if $\frac{P(|X| > t x, X/ |X| \in S)}{P(|X| > t)} \rightarrow x^{-\alpha} P(\theta \in S)$

or

$$\frac{P(|X| > t x, X/|X| \in \bullet)}{P(|X| > t)} \to_{\nu} x^{-\alpha} P(\theta \in \bullet)$$

 $(\rightarrow_{v} \text{ vague convergence of measures on } S^{0} = \{-1,1\}).$

Regular variation—multivariate case

Multivariate regular variation of $X=(X_1, \ldots, X_m)$: There exists a random vector $\theta \in S^{m-1}$ such that

 $\mathbf{P}(|\mathbf{X}| > t \ \mathbf{x}, \ \mathbf{X}/|\mathbf{X}| \in \bullet)/\mathbf{P}(|\mathbf{X}| > t) \rightarrow_{v} \mathbf{x}^{-\alpha} \mathbf{P}(\theta \in \bullet)$

 $(\rightarrow_{v} \text{ vague convergence on } S^{m-1}, \text{ unit sphere in } R^{m})$.

• P($\theta \in \bullet$) is called the spectral measure

• α is the index of **X**.

Equivalence:

$$\frac{P(\mathbf{X} \in t \bullet)}{P(|\mathbf{X}| > t)} \rightarrow_{v} \mu(\bullet)$$

 μ is a measure on R^m which satisfies for x>0 and A bounded away from 0,

$$\mu(\mathbf{xB}) = \mathbf{x}^{-\alpha}\,\mu(\mathbf{xA}).$$

Examples

1. If $X_1 > 0$ and $X_2 > 0$ are iid $RV(\alpha)$, then $X = (X_1, X_2)$ is multivariate regularly varying with index α and spectral distribution

 $P(\theta = (0,1)) = P(\theta = (1,0)) = .5$ (mass on axes).

Interpretation: Unlikely that X_1 and X_2 are very large at the same



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Applications of multivariate regular variation

• Domain of attraction for sums of iid random vectors (Rvaceva, 1962). That is, when does the partial sum

$$a_n^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbf{X}_t$$

converge for some constants a_n ?

- Spectral measure of random stable vectors.
- Domain of attraction for componentwise maxima of iid random vectors (Resnick, 1987). Limit behavior of

$$a_n^{-1} \bigvee_{t=1}^n \mathbf{X}_t$$

- Weak convergence of point processes with iid points.
- Solution to stochastic recurrence equations, $\mathbf{Y}_{t} = \mathbf{A}_{t} \mathbf{Y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_{t}$
- Weak convergence of sample autocovariance.

Operations on regularly varying vectors — products

Products (Breiman 1965). Suppose X, Y > 0 are independent with X~RV(α) and EY^{$\alpha+\epsilon$} < ∞ for some ϵ > 0. Then XY ~ RV(α) with P(XY > x) ~ EY^{α} P(X > x).

<u>Multivariate version</u>. Suppose the random vector \mathbf{X} is regularly varying and \mathbf{A} is a matrix independent of \mathbf{X} with

$$0 < E \|\mathbf{A}\|^{\alpha + \varepsilon} < \infty$$

Then

AX is regularly varying with index α .

Example: SV model $X_t = \sigma_t Z_t$

Suppose $Z_t \sim RV(\alpha)$ and

$$\log \sigma_t^2 = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j \varepsilon_{t-j}, \quad \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j^2 < \infty, \{\varepsilon_t\} \sim \text{IID N}(0, \sigma^2).$$

Then $\mathbf{Z}_n = (Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$ ' is regulary varying with index α and so is $\mathbf{X}_n = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ ' = diag($\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$) \mathbf{Z}_n

with spectral distribution concentrated on $(\pm 1,0)$, $(0,\pm 1)$.



Linear combinations:

X ~RV(α) \Rightarrow all linear combinations of **X** are regularly varying

i.e., there exist α and slowly varying fcn L(.), s.t. P($\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{X} > t$)/ $(t^{-\alpha} L(t)) \rightarrow w(\mathbf{c})$, exists for all real-valued \mathbf{c} ,

where

 $\mathbf{w}(t\mathbf{c}) = t^{-\alpha}\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{c}).$

Use vague convergence with $A_c = \{y: c^T y > 1\}$, i.e.,

$$\frac{P(\mathbf{X} \in tA_{\mathbf{c}})}{t^{-\alpha}L(t)} = \frac{P(\mathbf{c}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{X} > t)}{P(|\mathbf{X}| > t)} \rightarrow \mu(A_{\mathbf{c}}) =: w(\mathbf{c}),$$

where $t^{-\alpha}L(t) = P(|\mathbf{X}| > t)$.

Converse?

X ~RV(α) \Leftarrow all linear combinations of **X** are regularly varying?

There exist α and slowly varying fcn *L*(.), s.t.

(LC) $P(\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{X} > t)/(t^{-\alpha}L(t)) \rightarrow w(\mathbf{c})$, exists for all real-valued **c**.

<u>Theorem.</u> Let **X** be a random vector.

- 1. If X satisfies (LC) with α non-integer, then X is RV(α).
- 2. If X > 0 satisfies (LC) for non-negative **c** and α is non-integer, then X is RV(α).
- 3. If X > 0 satisfies (LC) with α an odd integer, then X is RV(α).

Idea of argument: Define the measures

 $m_t(\bullet) = P(\mathbf{X} \in t \bullet) / (t \cdot \alpha L(t))$

- By assumption we know that for fixed \mathbf{c} , $m_t(A_c) \rightarrow \mu(A_c)$.
- $\{m_t\}$ is tight: For B bded away from 0, $\sup_t m_t(B) < \infty$.
- Do subsequential limits of {m_t} coincide?

If $m_{t'} \rightarrow_{v} \mu_{1}$ and $m_{t''} \rightarrow_{v} \mu_{2}$, then $\mu_{1}(A_{c}) = \mu_{2}(A_{c})$ for all $c \neq 0$.



Problem: Need $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ but only have equality on A_c not a π -system. In general, equality need not hold (see Ex 6.1.35 in Meerschaert & Scheffler (2001)).

Solution: Need to show agreement on a nice class of fcns, eg. $f(\mathbf{y})=exp\{i(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})\}$.

Integrability problem. $\mu_i(tB) \approx t^{-\alpha}$ for *t* around 0 and ∞ .

Consider the measures for $\alpha \in (2n-2,2n)$ defined by

$$v_{j}(B) = (-1)^{n} \int_{B} (e^{i(1,\mathbf{y})} - e^{-i(1,\mathbf{y})})^{2n} d\mu_{j}(\mathbf{y})$$

These are finite measures satisfying:

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^d} e^{i(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})} d\upsilon_j(\mathbf{y}) = (-1)^n \int_{\mathbf{R}^d k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} e^{i(\mathbf{x}-2n\mathbf{1}+2k\mathbf{1},\mathbf{y})} d\mu_j(\mathbf{y})$$

However, the summands are not integrable wrt μ_i .

Using the identity,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \binom{2n}{k} k^m = 0, \text{ for } m = 0, \dots, 2n-1,$$

and setting

$$e_{\rm m}(z) = e^{iz} - 1 - iz - \dots - \frac{i^m}{m!} z^m,$$

The above integral, for $\alpha \in (2n-1,2n)$, can be written as

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^{d}} e^{i(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})} d\upsilon_{j}(\mathbf{y}) = (-1)^{n} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{d}k=0}^{2n} (-1)^{k} {\binom{2n}{k}} e_{2n-1}(\mathbf{x} - 2n\mathbf{1} + 2k\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{j}(\mathbf{y})$$
$$= (-1)^{n} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^{k} {\binom{2n}{k}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{d}} e_{2n-1}(\mathbf{x} - 2n\mathbf{1} + 2k\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{y}) d\mu_{j}(\mathbf{y})$$

Integrals on the right-hand side are finite and coincide.

For X > 0 and c > 0, use Laplace transforms.

Problem: For integer α this argument does not work.

Argument for α odd:

Let (N_1, \ldots, N_d) be a vector of iid N(0,1) rvs indep of **X**. Then

$$N_1^2(\mathbf{c}^2, \mathbf{X}^2) \coloneqq N_1^2(c_1^2 X_1^2 + \dots + c_d^2 X_d^2) \stackrel{d}{=} (c_1 X_1 N_1 + \dots + c_d X_d N_d)^2$$

Since (\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{X}) is $RV(\alpha)$ for all $\mathbf{c}\neq \mathbf{0}$, the rhs can be shown to be RV with index $\alpha/2$, a **non-integer**.

A Tauberian argument shows that if $N_1 Y$ is RV, then so is Y. It follows, with $Y = \text{sqrt}\{(\mathbf{c}^2, \mathbf{X}^2)\}$, that \mathbf{X}^2 is regularly varying with index $\alpha/2$. Hence **X** is RV(α).

Applications of theorem

1. Kesten (1973). Under general conditions, (LC) holds with L(t)=1 for stochastic recurrence equations of the form

 $\mathbf{Y}_{t} = \mathbf{A}_{t} \mathbf{Y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_{t}, \quad (\mathbf{A}_{t}, \mathbf{B}_{t}) \sim \text{IID},$

 $\mathbf{A}_{t} d \times d$ random matrices, \mathbf{B}_{t} random *d*-vectors.

It follows that the distr of \mathbf{Y}_t , and in fact all of the finite dim'l distrs of \mathbf{Y}_t are regularly varying.

2. GARCH processes. Since GARCH processes can be embedded in a SRE, the finite dim'l distributions of GARCH are regularly varying.

Applications of theorem

Example of ARCH(1): $X_t = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2)^{1/2} Z_t$, $\{Z_t\} \sim IID$. α found by solving $E |\alpha_1 Z^2|^{\alpha/2} = 1$.

$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1$.312	.577	1.00	1.57
α	8.00	4.00	2.00	1.00

Distr of θ :

$$P(\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \boldsymbol{\bullet}) = E\left\{ \| (B,Z) \|^{\alpha} I(arg((B,Z)) \in \boldsymbol{\bullet}) \right\} / E \| (B,Z) \|^{\alpha}$$

where

$$P(B = 1) = P(B = -1) = .5$$

Example: ARCH(1) model $X_t = (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_{t-1}^2)^{1/2} Z_t$

Example of ARCH(1): $\alpha_0=1, \alpha_1=1, \alpha=2$

<u>Figures:</u> plots of (X_t, X_{t+1}) and estimated distribution of θ for realization of 10,000.



Point process application

<u>Theorem</u> Let $\{X_t\}$ be an iid sequence of random vectors satisfying 1 of the 3 conditions in the theorem. Then

$$N_n \coloneqq \sum_{t=1} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{X}_t/a_n} \xrightarrow{d} N \coloneqq \sum_{j=1} \varepsilon_{P_i \mathbf{\theta}_i},$$

if and only if for every $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{0}$

$$N_{n,\mathbf{c}} \coloneqq \sum_{t=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{c}'\mathbf{X}_{t}/a_{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N_{\mathbf{c}} \coloneqq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{c}'P_{i}\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i}},$$

where $\{a_n\}$ satisfies $nP(|X_t| > a_n) \rightarrow 1$, and N is a Poisson process with intensity measure μ .

- {P_i} are Poisson pts corresponding to the radial part (intensity measure $\alpha x^{-\alpha-1}(dx)$.
- $\{\theta_i\}$ are iid with the spectral distribution given by the RV

Point process convergence

<u>Theorem</u> (Davis & Hsing `95, Davis & Mikosch `97). Let $\{X_t\}$ be a stationary sequence of random *m*-vectors. Suppose

(i) finite dimensional distributions are jointly regularly varying (let $(\theta_{-k}, \ldots, \theta_k)$) be the vector in S^{(2k+1)m-1} in the definition).

(ii) mixing condition $A(a_n)$ or strong mixing.

(iii) $\lim_{k \to \infty} \limsup_{n \to \infty} P(\bigvee_{k \le |t| \le r_n} |\mathbf{X}_t| > a_n y | |\mathbf{X}_0| > a_n y) = 0.$ Then $\gamma = \lim_{k \ge 0} E(|\theta_0^{(k)}|^{\alpha} - \bigvee_{k \ge 0} |\theta_{i}^{(k)}|) / E |\theta_0^{(k)}|^{\alpha}$

$$\gamma = \lim_{k \to \infty} E(|\theta_0^{(k)}|^\alpha - \bigvee_{j=1} |\theta_j^{(k)}|)_+ / E |\theta_0^{(k)}|^\alpha$$

exists. If
$$\gamma > 0$$
, then
 $N_n := \sum_{t=1}^n \varepsilon_{\mathbf{X}_t/a_n} \xrightarrow{d} N := \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty \varepsilon_{P_i \mathbf{Q}_{ij}}$

Point process convergence(cont)

- (P_i) are points of a Poisson process on $(0,\infty)$ with intensity function $\nu(dy) = \gamma \alpha y^{-\alpha 1} dy$.
- $\sum_{j=1}^{i} \epsilon_{Q_{ij}}$, $i \ge 1$, are iid point process with distribution Q, and Q is the weak limit of

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} E(|\theta_0^{(k)}|^{\alpha} - \bigvee_{j=1}^k |\theta_j^{(k)}|)_+ I_{\bullet}(\sum_{|t| \le k} \varepsilon_{\theta_t^{(k)}}) / E(|\theta_0^{(k)}|^{\alpha} - \bigvee_{j=1}^k |\theta_j^{(k)}|)_+$$

Remarks:

1. GARCH and SV processes satisfy the conditions of the theorem.

2. Limit distribution for sample ACF follows from this theorem.

Summary for GARCH(p,q)

 $\alpha \in (0,2): \qquad (\hat{\rho}_{X}(h))_{h=1,\ldots,m} \xrightarrow{d} (V_{h}/V_{0})_{h=1,\ldots,m},$ $\alpha \in (2,4): \qquad (n^{1-2/\alpha} \hat{\rho}_{X}(h))_{h=1,\ldots,m} \xrightarrow{d} \gamma_{X}^{-1}(0) (V_{h})_{h=1,\ldots,m}.$ $\alpha \in (4,\infty): \qquad (n^{1/2} \hat{\rho}_{X}(h))_{h=1,\ldots,m} \xrightarrow{d} \gamma_{X}^{-1}(0) (G_{h})_{h=1,\ldots,m}.$

Remark: Similar results hold for the sample ACF based on $|X_t|$ and X_t^2 .

Summary for SV

 $\boldsymbol{\alpha \in (0,2):} \quad (n/\ln n)^{1/\alpha} \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{X}(h) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\left\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{h+1}\right\|_{\alpha}}{\left\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\right\|_{\alpha}^{2}} \frac{S_{h}}{S_{0}}.$

 $\alpha \in (2, \infty)$:

$$\left(n^{1/2}\hat{\rho}_X(h)\right)_{h=1,\ldots,m} \xrightarrow{d} \gamma_X^{-1}(0)\left(G_h\right)_{h=1,\ldots,m}.$$

Sample ACF for GARCH and SV Models (1000 reps)



(a) GARCH(1,1) Model, n=10000

(b) SV Model, n=10000



Sample ACF for Squares of GARCH (1000 reps)

(a) GARCH(1,1) Model, n=10000



b) GARCH(1,1) Model, n=100000



Sample ACF for Squares of SV (1000 reps)

(c) SV Model, n=10000



Wrap-up

• Regular variation is a flexible tool for modeling both dependence and tail heaviness.

• Useful for establishing point process convergence of heavy-tailed time series.

• Point process theory plays a key role in establishing convergence for a variety of statistics such as sample ACVF and ACF.

Unresolved issues related to $RV \Leftrightarrow (LC)$

• $\alpha = 2n$?

• there is an example for which X_1 , $X_2 > 0$, and (c, X_1) and (c, X_2) have the same limits for all c > 0.

• $\alpha = 2n-1$ and $\mathbf{X} \ge 0$ (not true in general).