

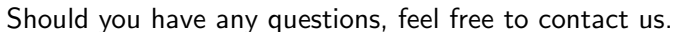


Sshort Biodata

Kuan-Lun Wang, a master student, majors in the generalized pairs trading. The major goal of his research is to develop a algorithmic trading mechanism based on statistical arbitrage. His expertise include automatic search procedures for model selection, multivariate co-integration approach, and structural change test.

Research Interests

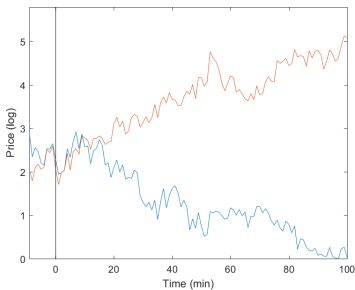
His research interests are time series models, simulation modeling, and portfolio choice. A central theme of application is the study of multivariate pairs trading in real time, searching assets with long-run equilibrium, and building riskless portfolios. Much current work involves structural change analysis and co-integration test of finite order vector autoregressive process and estimates the probability of mean reversion. Such methods are important in a variety of applications, including economic indicators and hedging. One specific example is the index funds tied to indexes with more lower costs and more lower risks.



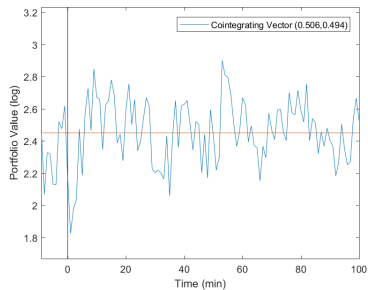
Background (1/2)

- 1 Pairs trading strategies (PTsS),
- 2 A popular short-term speculation strategy on Wall Street [27],
- 3 The statistical arbitrage goal,
- 4 Two-step process:
 - 1 Find two assets with prices that move together, historically;
 - 2 Monitor the subsequent trading spread between the assets.
Should the spread diverge, short the higher priced asset and long the lower priced asset until the spread covers again.
- 5 Multivariate frameworks [52]:
 - Portfolios of assets against other portfolios of assets.

Background (2/2)



(a) Log Prices Process



(b) Mean Reversion Process

Figure: An Example for PTSs

Approaches of PTSs

- ① Cointegration approach [82],
 - Others: distance approach [27], time-series approach [24], etc.
 - Intent: equilibrium relationships [82, 24, 27, 48].
 - E.g., $\beta' y_t = \beta_1 y_{1t} + \dots + \beta_K y_{Kt} + c = 0$.
- ② Vector autoregressive (VAR) model:
 - VAR of order p (VAR(p)) [75]:

$$y_t = v + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i y_{t-i} + u_t,$$
 - Vector error correction model (VECM) representation [25]:

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha \beta' y_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t.$$
- ③ Tests and estimator for stable linear combinations,
 - Reduced rank regression (RRR) techniques [7],
 - RRR: $z_{0t} = \alpha \beta' z_{1t} + \Gamma z_{2t} + u_t$.
 - Extensions on likelihood-based theory [39, 43].

Study First Aim

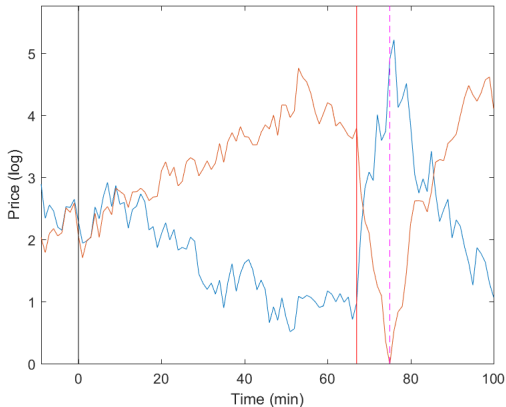


Figure: Test and Estimator for Structural Change

Measures of PTS Portfolio Forms

- Univariate frameworks [27, 35, 72],
 - Sum of Euclidean squared distance (SSD):

$$\overline{ssd}_{P_i, P_j} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (p_{it} - p_{jt})^2 \text{ (standardizing).}$$
- Multivariate frameworks:
 - One of the problems is the significant computational power required to assess potential pairs of portfolios, owing to the enormous pool of assets;
 - The second goal of this study is to propose a searching cointegrated price search procedure in the VAR model by taking advantage of the forward and backward stepwise regression procedures [63, 69, 22, 53].

Static Setting (1/6)

Model: A K -Dimensional Switching VAR(p) Model

The logarithmic asset price processes are formulated as a K -dimensional switching VAR(p) model, with time-varying parameters given as follows:

$$y_t = \nu(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(t)y_{t-i} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where u_t is a white noise process with time-varying covariance matrix $\Sigma_u(t)$.

Static Setting (2/6)

Model: A K -Dimensional Switching VAR(p) Model –Continued

The parameters are given by

$$\nu(t) = \nu_1 1_1(t) + \nu_2 1_2(t)$$

$$A_i(t) = A_{i1} 1_1(t) + A_{i2} 1_2(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

$$\Sigma_u(t) = \Sigma_{u1} 1_1(t) + \Sigma_{u2} 1_2(t),$$

where $\pi_0 T$ is, if any, the unknown structural change point, $1_1(t)$ and $1_2(t)$ are indicator functions of subsample $[1, \pi_0 T]$ and $(\pi_0 T, T]$, respectively; ν_1 and ν_2 are $(K \times 1)$ intercepts; A_{i1} and A_{i2} are the $(K \times K)$ constant parameters for $i = 1, \dots, p$.

Static Setting (3/6)

Model: VECM Representation

Moreover, we consider that the model has a VECM representation

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha(t)\beta(t)'y_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i(t)\Delta y_{t-i} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where

$$y_{t-1}^* = (y'_{t-1}, 1)',$$

$$\alpha(t)\beta(t)' = \alpha_1\beta_1'1_1(t) + \alpha_2\beta_2'1_2(t),$$

$$\Gamma_i(t) = \Gamma_{i1}1_1(t) + \Gamma_{i2}1_2(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, p-1,$$

where $\alpha_j \beta'_j = -(I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_{ij}), \nu_j$ for $j = 1, 2$,

$$\Gamma_{ij} = -\sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k,j} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, p-1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2.$$

Static Setting (4/6)

Model: VECM Representation—Continued

Then $\alpha(t)$ and $\beta(t)$ are the $(K \times r)$ adjustment coefficients and the $((K + 1) \times r)$ cointegration parameters, respectively; and the process y_t denotes cointegration of rank r . The VECM model has no $\alpha(t)\beta(t)'$ or $\Gamma_i(t)$ if $r = 0$ or $p \leq 1$, respectively.

Proposition: Well-Defined

The switching VAR(p) model can be derived from the VECM representation, and vice versa.

Static Setting (5/6)

Proof.

The process defining y_t can be written as $y_t = \Delta y_t + y_{t-1}$. Then VECM model, with Δy_t replaced by $y_t - y_{t-1}$, implies that

$$y_t = \nu(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(t) y_{t-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k}(t) y_{t-i} \\ + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k}(t) y_{t-i-1} + u_t.$$

Static Setting (6/6)

Proof–Continued.

Introducing $j = i + 1$, we get

$$y_t = \nu(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(t) y_{t-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-i} A_{i+k}(t) y_{t-i} + \sum_{j=2}^p \sum_{k=1}^{p-j+1} A_{j+k-1}(t) y_{t-i} + u_t.$$

Combining the coefficients of y_{t-i} , $i = 1, \dots, p$ we obtain the switching VAR(p) model.

Common Assumptions (1/6)

Assumption 1: Sample

The time series y_1, \dots, y_T is available; that is, we have a sample of size T .

Assumption 2: Initial Values

Presamples are also available; that is, we have initial values.

Assumption 3: Stability or Instability

The process y_t is stable or integrated of order 1.

What are the stable process and the integrated process?

Common Assumptions (2/6)

Definition: Convergent Linear Process [43]

A linear process is defined by $y_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i u_{t-i}$, $t = 0, 1, \dots$, where $C(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i z^i$ is convergent for $|z| \leq 1 + \delta$ for some $\delta > 0$.

Definition: Stable Process [43]

A stochastic process y_t which satisfies that $y_t - E[y_t] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i u_{t-i}$ is stable if $C = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i \neq 0$.

Definition: Integrated Process [43]

A stochastic process y_t is called integrated of order d , $d = 0, 1, \dots$, if $\Delta^d(y_t - E[y_t])$ is stable.

However, we need more assumptions to give “nice” process.

Common Assumptions (3/6)

Assumption 4: Roots

The characteristic polynomials of y_t satisfy $|C_1(z)| \neq 0$ and $|C_2(z)| \neq 0$ for all $|z| \leq 1$ excluding the case $z = 1$ where $C_1(z) = I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_{i1}z^i$ and $C_2(z) = I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_{i2}z^i$.

In other words, we consider the switching VAR(p) model that exclude explosive roots and seasonal roots other than $z = 1$.

Proposition: Granger's Representation Theorem [39]

Under assumption 4, the processes $\beta'_1 y_t$ and $\beta'_2 y_t$ is stationary.

What are the seasonal roots and the stationary process?

Common Assumptions (4/6)

Figure: Seasonal Root Examples

Common Assumptions (5/6)

Definition: (Strictly) Stationary Process [43]

By a stationary process, we mean a process for which the distribution of y_{t_1}, \dots, y_{t_m} is the same as the distribution of $y_{t_1+h}, \dots, y_{t_m+h}$ for any $h = 1, 2, \dots$

Definition: Cointegrating Rank [43]

Let y_t be integrated of order 1. We call y_t cointegrated with cointegrating vector $\beta \neq 0$ if $\beta' y_t$ can be made stationary by a suitable choice of its initial distribution. The cointegrating rank is the number of linearly independent cointegrating relations, and the space spanned by the cointegrating relations is the cointegrating space.

Common Assumptions (6/6)

Assumption 5: Structural Change

If there exist structural change point, then it must in a closed interval $T\Pi$.

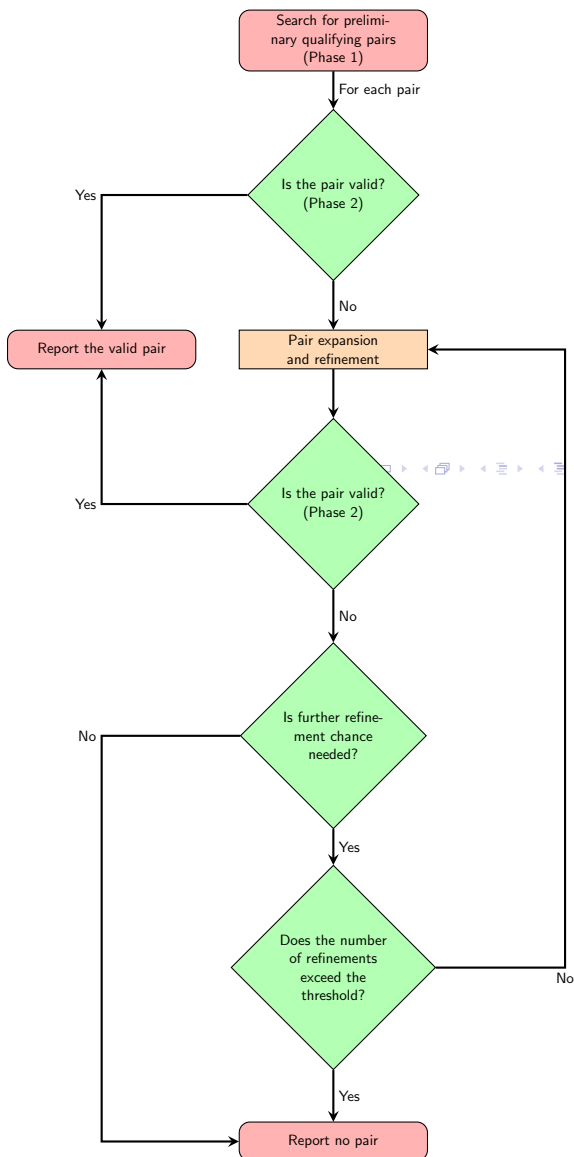
Assumption 6: Stability of Parameters

No structural change if $\alpha(t)$, $\beta(t)$, and $\Gamma_i(t)$ are stable at time $T \square$.

How can we estimate parameters in the model?

Overview of our Cointegrated Pairs Search Algorithm

Figure: Overview of our Cointegrated Pairs Search Algorithm



Identifying Qualifying Pairs (1/5)

Give

- ① An enormous pool,
- ② A predetermined number, N ,
- ③ An exogenous probability s ,
- ④ Two-stage Bernoulli sampling process.

Proposition: Converge to Bernoulli Distribution

Let the random variable z be the number of trials required to observe the N -th successful trial under Bernoulli trials, with success probability p ; that is, z has a negative binomial distribution. Let z_t equal the number of trials required to observe the N -th success by uniformly sampling t objects without replacement. Then, the sequence z_t converges in distribution to z with an increment of t .

Identifying Qualifying Pairs (2/5)

Proof.

Suppose z has the cumulative distribution function

$$F_z(x) = \sum_{i=N}^x \binom{i-1}{N-1} p^N (1-p)^{i-N}, \quad x = N, N+1, N+2, \dots,$$

and z_t has the cumulative distribution function

$$F_{z_t}(x) = \sum_{i=N}^x \binom{x-1}{N-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor - j}{t} \right) \left(\prod_{j=i+1}^x \left(1 - \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor - j}{t} \right) \right)$$

for $t \geq N$.

Identifying Qualifying Pairs (3/5)

Proof-Continued.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_{z_t}(x) \\ & \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=N}^x \binom{x-1}{N-1} \left(\prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor}{t} \right) \left(\prod_{j=i+1}^x \left(1 - \frac{\lfloor pt \rfloor - x}{t} \right) \right) \\ & = F_z(x) \end{aligned}$$

and the result

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_{z_t}(x) = F_z(x)$$

for all $x = N, N+1, N+2, \dots$. Therefore, $F_{z_t} \rightarrow F_z$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, and z_t converges in distribution to z .

Identifying Qualifying Pairs (4/5)

First Stage in Two-Stage Bernoulli Sampling Process

- ① Picks $N_{\text{criterion}}$ pairs with an information criterion for model fitting ranked as the top $p_{\text{criterion}}$ percentage from all possible trading pairs,
- ② Uniformly samples $x_{\text{criterion}}$ pairs from all pairs and selecting the top $N_{\text{criterion}}$ pairs with better information criterion values from sampled pairs.

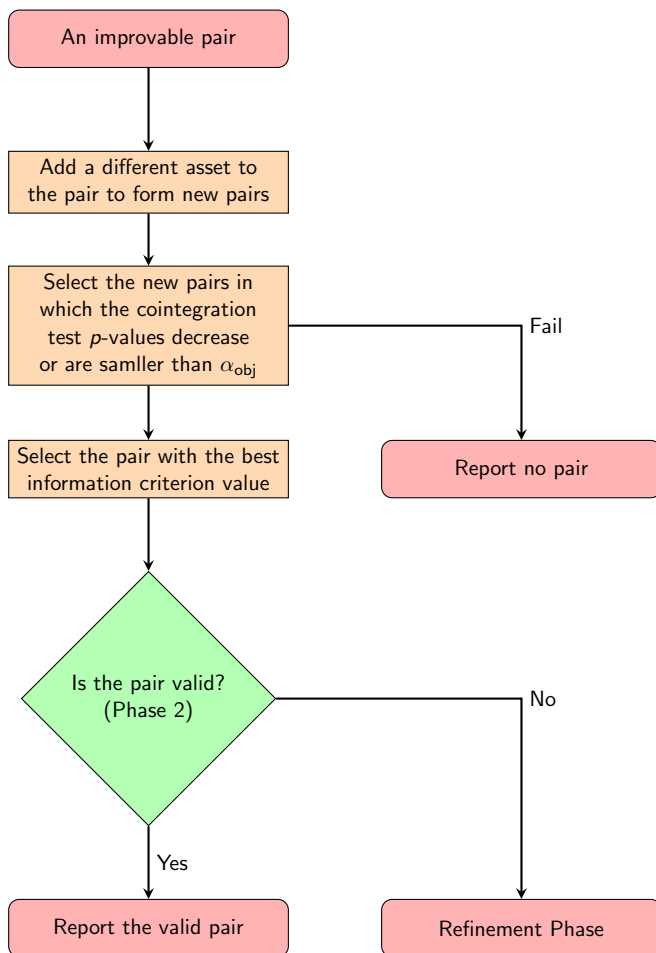
The proposition suggests the minimum number of $x_{\text{criterion}}$ in order to achieve the goal of the first stage with an exogenous probability s .

Identifying Qualifying Pairs (5/5)

Second Stage in Two-Stage Bernoulli Sampling Process

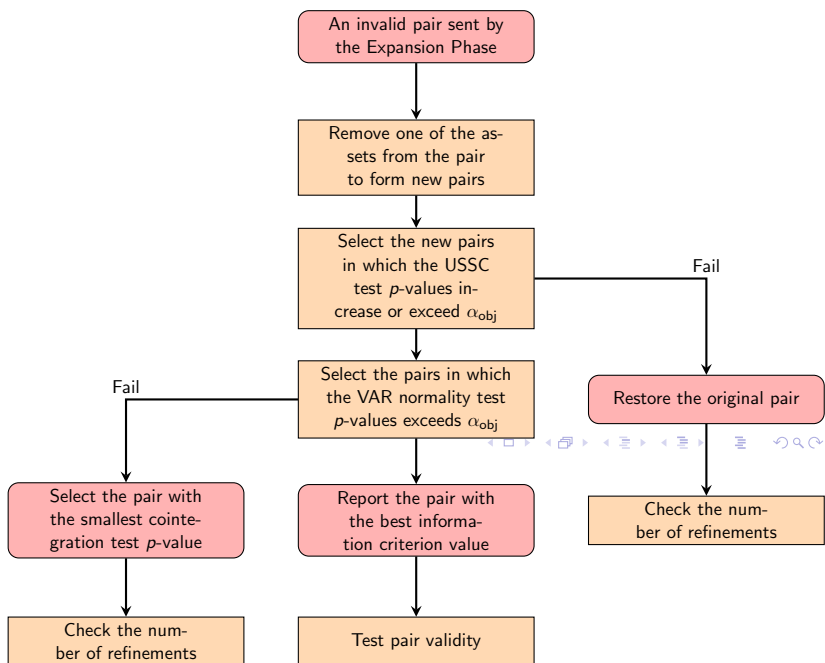
- 1 We pick $N_{\text{portfolios}}$ pairs cointegration test p -values ranked in the top p_{CI} percent of the pairs generated in the first stage,
- 2 The proposition again suggests the minimum number of samples x_{CI} to be drawn uniformly from $N_{\text{criterion}}$ pairs generated in the first stage in order to achieve the second-stage goal with probability s .
- 3 We pick $N_{\text{portfolios}}$ pairs with the smallest p -values from x_{CI} samples to obtain those pairs that are “more” likely to have the cointegration property.

Figure: Overview of the Expansion Phase



Overview of PTSs Expansion and Refinement Phase (2/2)

Figure: Overview of the Refinement Phase



Order Estimators and Information Criteria

- ① Criteria for VAR order selection:
 - Likelihood ratio (LR) testing procedures [67],
 - Final prediction error criterion (FPE) [3, 4],
 - Akaike's information criterion (AIC) [5, 6],
 - Schwarz criterion (SC) [74],
 - Hannan-Quinn criterion (HQ) [30].
- ② Consistency of VAR(p) model order estimator [30, 71, 66],
 - X: FPE and AIC,
 - O: SC and HQ.
- ③ The best,
 - Low order VAR: $SC > LR, FPE, AIC, HQ$ [57].

What is the SC?

VAR(p) Model

Definition: VAR(p) [58]

Let y_t be a K -dimensional process as in

$$y_t = \nu + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i y_{t-i} + u_t, \quad t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

where ν is a $(K \times 1)$ constant vector, A_1, \dots, A_p are $(K \times K)$ constant matrices with $A_p \neq 0$, and u_t is a white noise process with the covariance matrix Σ_u . Then the process y_t is a VAR(p) process.

Estimators for VAR Model

Proposition: The LS and Gaussian ML Estimators of Σ_u [58]

The LS estimator and the Gaussian ML estimator of Σ_μ is

$$\hat{\Sigma}_u = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - Bx_t)(y_t - Bx_t)',$$

where $B = \left(\sum_{t=1}^T y_t x_t' \right) \left(\sum_{t=1}^T x_t x_t' \right)^{-1}$ and $x_t = (1, y_{t-1}', \dots, y_{t-p}')'$.

Schwarz Criterion (SC)

Definition: Schwarz Criterion (SC) [74]

Let p be an unknown positive integer, and let M be a known constant which $p \leq M$. Thus, the SC is defined as

$$SC(m) = \log \left| \hat{\Sigma}_u(m) \right| + m \frac{K^2 \log T}{T},$$

where $\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)$ is the Gaussian ML estimator of Σ_u by fitting a VAR(m) model for $m = 0, \dots, M$, and the estimate \hat{p} of p based on the SC is

$$\hat{p} = \arg \min \{ SC(m) : m = 0, \dots, M \}.$$

Consistency of VAR Order Estimators

Proposition: Consistency of VAR Order Estimators [58]

Let y_t be a K -dimensional stationary, stable VAR(p) process with standard white noise (that is, u_t is independent white noise with bounded fourth moments). Suppose the maximum order $M \geq p$ and \hat{p} is chosen so as to minimize a criterion

$$\text{Cr}(m) = \log |\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)| + m \frac{c_T}{T}$$

over $m = 0, 1, \dots, M$. Here $\hat{\Sigma}_u(m)$ denotes the (quasi) ML estimator of Σ_u obtained for a VAR(m) model and c_T is a nondecreasing sequence of real numbers that depends on the sample size T . Then \hat{p} is consistent if and only if

$$c_T \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } \frac{c_T}{T} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Measure of the Cointegrated Relationship

- ① For low dimensional equation method,
 - Small sample power [59],
 - trace test [39, 43] > maximum eigenvalue test [45, 43].
 - Problem,
 - These tests are based on Gaussian ML estimator.
- ② For normality test in VAR model,
 - Jarque-Bera normality test [50].

What are the trace test and the Jarque-Bera normality test?

Vector Error Correction Model

Definition: VECM Representation [58]

The VAR(p) process y_t has a VECM representation as in

$$\Delta y_t = \alpha \beta' y_{t-1}^* + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \Gamma_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t$$

where $\alpha \beta' = -(I_K - \sum_{i=1}^p A_i)', \nu'$, $y_{t-1}^* = (y_{t-1}', 1)'$, and $\Gamma_i = -\sum_{j=1}^{p-i} A_{i+j}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, p-1$, and the loading matrix of VECM and the cointegration matrix are α and β , respectively.

Reduced Rank Regression

Definition: Reduced Rank Regression [39, 43]

Let y_t be a K -dimensional VAR(p) process with cointegrated of rank r . Define $z_{0t} = \Delta y_t$, $z_{1t} = (y'_{t-1}, 1)'$, $\Gamma = (\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_{p-1})$, $z_{2t} = (\Delta y'_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta y'_{t-p+1})'$. These definitions enable us to express y_t as the regression equation

$$z_{0t} = \alpha \beta' z_{1t} + \Gamma z_{2t} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T.$$

Kronecker Product (1/2)

Definition: Kronecker Product [58]

Let $A = (a_{ij})$ and $B = (b_{ij})$ be $(m \times m)$ and $(p \times q)$ matrices, respectively. The $(mp \times nq)$ matrix

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}B & \cdots & a_{1n}B \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1}B & \cdots & a_{mn}B. \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Kronecker product (or direct product) of A and B .

Kronecker Product (2/2)

Example: An Example for Kronecker Product [58]

The Kronecker product of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ is

$$A \otimes B = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & -3 & 20 & -4 & -5 & 1 \\ 9 & 9 & 12 & 12 & -3 & -3 \\ 10 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B \otimes A = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 20 & -5 & -3 & -4 & 1 \\ 10 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 12 & -3 & 9 & 12 & -3 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

vec Operator (1/2)

Definition: vec Operator [58]

Let $A = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ be an $(m \times n)$ matrix with $(m \times 1)$ columns a_i . The *vec operator* transforms A into an $(mn \times 1)$ vector by stacking the columns, that is,

$$\text{vec}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

vec Operator (2/2)

Example: An Example for vec Operator [58]

For instance, if $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$\text{vec}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{vec}(B) = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Gaussian ML Estimator

Proposition: Gaussian ML Estimator of parameters [39, 43]

Furthermore, we define

$$S_{ij} = M_{ij} - M_{i2}M_{22}^{-1}M_{2j}, \quad i, j = 0, 1$$

where $M_{ij} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T z_{it}z'_{jt}$ for $i, j = 0, 1, 2$. In addition, we define $\lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_K$ and $V = (v_1, \dots, v_K)$ as the eigenvalues and the corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors of $S_{10}S_{00}^{-1}S_{01}$ with respect to S_{11} , respectively, and normed by $V'S_{11}V = I_K$. Then the Gaussian ML estimators of β , α , Γ , u_t , and Σ_u are

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= (v_1, \dots, v_r), & \hat{\Gamma} &= (M_{02} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}'M_{12})M_{22}^{-1}, & \hat{\Sigma}_u &= S_{0,0} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\alpha}', \\ \hat{\alpha} &= S_{01}\hat{\beta}, & \hat{u}_t &= z_{0t} - \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}'z_{1t} - \hat{\Gamma}z_{2t}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

Asymptotic Distribution of Trace Test Statistic (1/2)

Proposition: Asymptotic Distribution of Test Statistic [39, 43]

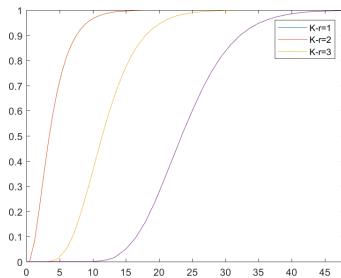
The trace statistic

$$\lambda_{trace} \xrightarrow{d} \text{tr} \left(\int_0^1 (d B_t) F_t' \left(\int_0^1 F_t F_t' dt \right)^{-1} \int_0^1 F_t (d B_t)' \right),$$

where $\lambda_{trace} = \sum_{i=r+1}^K \lambda_i$, B_t is a $(K - r)$ -dimensional Brownian motion, and $F_t = (B_t', 1)'$.

Simulation: Asymptotic Critical Values

We give the asymptotic critical value of the trace test was based on 100,000 simulation repetitions and 3,600 steps.



(a) PDF

(b) CDF

Figure: The Asymptotic Distribution of Trace Statistics

Test for Cointegration

Test for Cointegration Rank [39, 43]

$$H_0: \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') = r_0 \text{ against } H_1: r_0 < \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') \leq K.$$

Test Strategy of cointegration test [58]

Test a sequence of null hypotheses,

$$H_0: \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') = 0, \dots, H_0: \text{rk}(\alpha\beta') = K - 1.$$

However, these estimator and tests for cointegration based on the Gaussian property.

How can we test for normality?

Normality

Definition: Normality [33]

The random variable X has a normal distribution of its p.d.f is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

where μ and σ are parameters satisfying $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ and $0 < \sigma < \infty$.

Definition: K -Variate Normality [29]

Let X be a $(K \times 1)$ random vector whose elements X_i are independent identically $N(0, 1)$ distributed. Then the distribution of X is called K -variate (standard) normal distribution.

Measures of Distribution (1/2)

Definition: Skewness Measure [33]

One measure of the asymmetry of the distribution is skewness and is defined by

$$\frac{E[(X - \mu)^3]}{E[(X - \mu)^2]^{3/2}} = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^3]}{\sigma^3}.$$

When a distribution is symmetrical about the mean, the skewness is equal to zero.

Proposition: Normality has Zero Skewness Measure [33]

The normal distribution is asymmetry that immediately that the skewness of it is 0.

Measures of Distribution (2/2)

Definition: Kurtosis Measure [58]

One measure of the tailedness of the distribution is Kurtosis and is defined by

$$\frac{E[(X - \mu)^4]}{E[(X - \mu)^2]^2} - 3 = \frac{E[(X - \mu)^4]}{\sigma^4} - 3.$$

The reason to subtract off 3 is that the normal distribution has zero Kurtosis measure.

Normality Proposition

Proposition: An Asymptotic Distribution about Normality [50]

Let X_1, \dots, X_N be independent and have K -variate normal distributions. Then

$$\sqrt{T} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 - 3_K \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} N \left(0, \begin{pmatrix} 6I_K & 0 \\ 0 & 24I_K \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

where $b_1 = (b_{11}, \dots, b_{1K})'$ and $b_2 = (b_{21}, \dots, b_{2K})'$ with $b_{1i} = T^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N X_{1n}^3$ and $b_{2i} = T^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N X_{2n}^4$ for $i = 1, \dots, K$.

Chi-Square (χ^2) Distribution and Tests for Normality

Definition: Chi-Square χ^2 Distribution [29]

Let X be K -variate normal distribution. Then the distribution of $Y = X'X$ is called (central) chi-square distribution with K degree of freedom χ_K^2 .

Proposition: Jarque-Bera Normality Test [50]

Take $S = Tb_1'b_1/6$ and $K = T(b_2 - 3\mu)'(b_2 - 3\mu)/24$. Then the asymptotic distributions of S and K are

$$S \xrightarrow{d} \chi_K^2 \text{ and } K \xrightarrow{d} \chi_K^2.$$

Moreover, define the Jarque-Bera normality test statistic $J = S + K$, and the asymptotic distribution of J is

$$J \xrightarrow{d} \chi_{2K}^2.$$

Jarque-Bera normality test for VAR(p)

Proposition: LS Estimator of u_t in levels VAR(p) [58]

The LS estimator of u_t satisfies the restriction $\nu = 0$ is
 $\tilde{u}_t = y_t - Bx_t$ where $B = (\sum_{t=1}^T y_t x_t') (\sum_{t=1}^T x_t x_t')^{-1}$ and
 $x_t = (y'_{t-1}, \dots, y'_{t-p})'$.

Proposition: Jarque-Bera Normality Test for VAR(p) [50]

Define $\tilde{w}_t = (\tilde{w}_{1t}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{Kt})' = \tilde{P}^{-1} \tilde{u}_t$ where \tilde{P} is the lower triangular matrix with positive diagonal satisfying $\tilde{P} \tilde{P}' = \tilde{\Sigma}_u$ where
 $\tilde{\Sigma}_u = (T - Kp - 1)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T (\tilde{u}_t - \bar{u}_t)(\tilde{u}_t - \bar{u}_t)'$ with sample mean
 \bar{u} of \tilde{u}_t . Then,

$$\tilde{J} \equiv \tilde{S} + \tilde{K} \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{2K}$$

where $\tilde{S} = T \tilde{b}'_1 \tilde{b}_1 / 6$ and $\tilde{K} = T(\tilde{b}_2 - 3_K)'(\tilde{b}_2 - 3_K) / 24$ where
 $\tilde{b}_1 = (\tilde{b}_{11}, \dots, \tilde{b}_{1K})'$ and $\tilde{b}_2 = (\tilde{b}_{21}, \dots, \tilde{b}_{2K})'$ with
 $\tilde{b}_{1i} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{w}_{it}^3$ and $\tilde{b}_{2i} = T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \tilde{w}_{it}^4$ for $i = 1, \dots, K$.

Measure of a Single Structural Change

- ① Estimators of the switching cointegrated VAR [31],
 - Two convergence properties:
 - Convergence rate,
 - Converge to the global or local optimum.
 - Switching algorithms,
 - Boswijk (1995) [15] > Johansen and Juselius (1992) [46]
- ② Test for structural changes in cointegrated VAR model:
 - With a known single structural changes [31],
 - Based on Boswijk (1995) [15].
 - With an unknown single structural change,
 - Power [8, 10]:
Exp LR [10] > Avg LR [10] > Sup LR [8] > CUMSUM [17],
 - Based on LR test statistic.

How can we test USSC in cointegrated VAR model?

Another Reduced Rank Regression

Definition: Another Reduced Rank Regression [31]

Define $Z_{1t} = (z'_{1t}1_1(t), z'_{1t}1_2(t))'$ and $\Gamma = (\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2)$ where $\Gamma_i = (\Gamma_{1i}, \dots, \Gamma_{p-1,i})$ for $i = 1, 2$, and $Z_{2t} = (z_{2t}1_1(t)', z_{2t}1_2(t)')'$. Then, the our switching VAR(p) model has a RRR representation as in

$$z_{0t} = \alpha\beta'Z_{1t} + \Gamma Z_{2t} + u_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$, $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Notation: Meaning of RRR

The above RRR shows the following regression switching RRR:

$$z_{0t} = \alpha_1\beta'_1z_{1t}1_1 + \alpha_2\beta'_2z_{1t}1_2 + \Gamma_1z_{2t}1_1 + \Gamma_2z_{2t}1_2 + u_t$$

Restriction in Switching cointegrated VAR Model (1/2)

Notation: Observed vec Operator of Parameters

The vec operator implies

$$\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\alpha) \\ \text{vec}(\Gamma) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\alpha_1) \\ \text{vec}(\alpha_2) \\ \text{vec}(\Gamma_1) \\ \text{vec}(\Gamma_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\text{vec}(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\beta_1) \\ \text{vec}(0_{(K+1) \times r}) \\ \text{vec}(0_{(K+1) \times r}) \\ \text{vec}(\beta_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}(\beta_1) \\ 0_{(2Kr+2r) \times 1} \\ \text{vec}(\beta_2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Restriction in Switching cointegrated VAR Model (2/2)

Restriction: Stable Parameters versus Instable Parameters

The restriction forms: $\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = G\psi$ and $\text{vec}(\beta) = H\phi$.

- With a single structural change:

$$G_0 = I_{2(Kr+K^2(p-1))} \text{ and } H_0 = \begin{pmatrix} I_{(K+1)r} & 0_{(K+1)r} \\ 0_{2(K+1)r} & I_{(K+1)r} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Without structural change:

$$G_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I_{Kr} & 0_{2Kr \times K^2(p-1)} \\ 0_{2K^2(p-1) \times Kr} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes I_{K^2(p-1)} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I_{(K+1)r} & \\ 0_{2(K+1)r \times (K+1)r} & \\ & I_{(K+1)r} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Estimator of the Switching Cointegrated VAR Model (1/3)

Proposition: Gaussian ML Estimator of Parameters [31]

The ML estimator of α , β , and Γ satisfy the restrictions $\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = G\psi$ and $\text{vec}(\beta) = H\phi$ satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vec}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\Gamma}) = & G \left(G' \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}' Z_{1t} Z_{1t}' \hat{\beta} & \hat{\beta}' Z_{1t} Z_{2t}' \\ Z_{2t} Z_{1t}' \hat{\beta} & Z_{2t} Z_{2t}' \end{pmatrix} \otimes \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} \right) G \right)^{-1} \\ & \times G' \sum_{t=1}^T \text{vec}(\hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} z_{0t} (Z_{1t}' \hat{\beta}, Z_{2t}')), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vec}(\hat{\beta}) = & H \left(H' \sum_{t=1}^T \left(\hat{\alpha}' \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} \hat{\alpha} \otimes Z_{1t} Z_{1t}' \right) H \right)^{-1} \\ & \times H' \sum_{t=1}^T \text{vec}(Z_{1t} (z_{0t} - \hat{\Gamma} Z_{2t})' \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}^{-1} \hat{\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

Estimator of the Switching Cointegrated VAR Model (2/3)

Proposition: Gaussian ML Estimator of Parameters [31]

–Continued

The Gaussian ML estimator of Σ_{ut} satisfy the restrictions $\text{vec}(\alpha, \Gamma) = G\psi$ and $\text{vec}(\beta) = H\phi$ satisfy

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{ui} = (\Delta T_i)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_t \hat{u}_t' 1_i, \quad i = 1, 2$$

where $\Delta T_1 = \pi_0 T$, $\Delta T_2 = T - \pi_0 T$, $\hat{u}_t = z_{0t} - \hat{\alpha} \hat{\beta}' Z_{1t} - \hat{\Gamma} Z_{2t}$, and the maximum value of the likelihood function is given by

$$L_{\max}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\Gamma}, \hat{\Sigma}_{ut}) = (2\pi)^{-Tp/2} \prod_{t=1}^T |\Sigma_{ut}|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{Tp}{2}\right).$$

Estimator of the Switching Cointegrated VAR Model (3/3)

Algorithm: Gaussian ML estimated Iterative Algorithm [31]

- 1 Give the initial value of $\{\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\alpha}_0, \hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\Gamma} = (\hat{\Gamma}_0, \hat{\Gamma}_0), \hat{\Sigma}_{u1} = \hat{\Sigma}_{u0}, \hat{\Sigma}_{u2} = \hat{\Sigma}_{u0}\}$.
- 2 For fixed values of $\hat{\beta}$, $\hat{\Sigma}_{u1}$, and $\hat{\Sigma}_{u2}$ estimate $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\Gamma}$.
- 3 For fixed values of $\hat{\alpha}$, $\hat{\Gamma}$, $\hat{\Sigma}_{u1}$, and $\hat{\Sigma}_{u2}$ estimate $\hat{\beta}$.
- 4 For fixed values of $\hat{\alpha}$, $\hat{\beta}$, and $\hat{\Gamma}$ estimate $\hat{\Sigma}_{u1}$ and $\hat{\Sigma}_{u2}$.
- 5 Repeat the steps until the value of the maximum likelihood function has converged.

In the our algorithm stops when the different values of maximum likelihood function is lower than 0.000001 or after a maximum of 500 iterations has been reached.

Test for a Known Single Structural Change

Definition: LR Test Statistic [58]

Let M_1 be a submodel of model M_0 , and the values of maximum likelihood function for M_0 and M_1 are $L_{\max,0}$ and $L_{\max,1}$. Then the LR test statistic λ_{LR} is $-2 \log L_{\max,1}/L_{\max,0}$.

Proposition: Asymptotic Distribution of LR Tests [31]

If M_1 is a submodel of model M_0 with q fewer parameters, then χ_q^2 is the asymptotic distribution of the LR test of M_1 , tested against M_0 .

Notation: Degrees of Freedom for χ^2 Distribution

The degrees of freedom for χ^2 in our case is $f_G + f_H$ where $f_G = \text{rk}(G_0) - \text{rk}(G_1)$ and $f_H = \text{rk}(H_0) - \text{rk}(H_1)$.

Test for an Unknown Single Structural Change (1/2)

Proposition: Asymptotic Distribution of LR Statistics [10]

For one model in the time interval $[1, T]$ with an unknown single structural change point in $T\Pi \subsetneq [1, T]$, we define the statistic $\lambda_{LR,\pi}$ is the LR test statistic for $\pi \subseteq \Pi$. Then

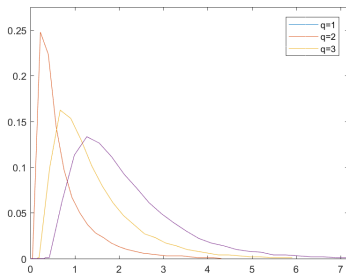
$$\lambda_{Exp} \equiv \log \left(\frac{1}{\#(T\Pi)} \sum_{\pi \in \Pi} \exp \left(\frac{\lambda_{LR,\pi}}{2} \right) \right) \xrightarrow{d} \log \left(\frac{1}{|\Pi|} \int_{\Pi} \exp \left(\frac{Q(\pi)}{2} \right) d\pi \right)$$

where λ_{Exp} is the exponential LR (Exp LR) test statistic and $Q(\pi) = (\tilde{B}_{\pi} - \pi \tilde{B}_1)'(\tilde{B}_{\pi} - \pi \tilde{B}_1)/(\pi(1 - \pi))$ where \tilde{B}_{π} is the q -dimensional Brownian motion.

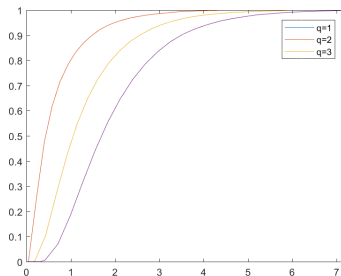
Notation: Asymptotic Critical Values

We give the asymptotic critical values based on 100,000 simulation repetitions and 3,600 values of grid of $[0, 1]$.

Test for an Unknown Single Structural Change (2/2)



(a) PDF



(b) CDF

Figure: The Asymptotic Distribution of Exp-LR Statistics for $\Pi = [0.15, 0.85]$

Trading Strategy

Definition: USSC strategy

Give

- a trading time bound h .
- a specifying arbitrage probability $q_{\text{arbitrage}}$,
- an estimated arbitrage probability q_{est} ,
- a transaction cost at the chosen level of b_{cost} basis points per trade per dollar.

The USSC strategy:

- if $q_{\text{est}} \geq q_{\text{arbitrage}}$, then we can build a portfolio in which the return is irrelevant to the market return with a sufficiently high probability by investing both assets with weights defined by the cointegration vector component as the investment proportions;
- if $q_{\text{est}} < q_{\text{arbitrage}}$, then we do not build any portfolio.

Arbitrage Probability Estimator (1/5)

Review: Logarithm USSC Pair Price Process y_t

Suppose a logarithm USSC pair price process y_t with $((K + 1) \times r)$ cointegration parameters $\beta_0 = (\beta_{01}, \dots, \beta_{0r})$. the linear combination asset process $(\beta'_{0i} y_t^*)'$ is normal and stationary for $i = 1, \dots, r$.

- 1 There is no loss of generality in the case $i = r_0$;
- 2 Suppose two random vectors:
 - $Y_1 = (\beta'_{0r_0}y_1, \dots, \beta'_{0r_0}y_T)'$,
 - $Y_2 = (Y_{21}, \dots, Y_{2h})' = (\beta'_{0r_0}y_{T+1}, \dots, \beta'_{0r_0}y_{T+h})'$.
 - $Y \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ where

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Arbitrage Probability Estimator (2/5)

Proposition: Marginal and Conditional Distributions of a Multivariate Normal [73, 47, 58, 32]

Let y_1 and y_2 be two random vectors such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right),$$

where the partitioning of the mean vector and covariance matrix corresponds to the vector $(y'_1, y'_2)'$. Then,

- 1 $y_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \Sigma_{22})$,
- 2 the conditional distribution of y_2 given $y_1 = c$ is

$$(y_2|y_1 = c) \sim N(\mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(c - \mu_1), \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}).$$

Arbitrage Probability Estimator (3/5)

Proposition: Marginal and Conditional Distributions of a Multivariate Normal [73, 47, 58, 32] –Continued

Let y_1 and y_2 be two random vectors such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right),$$

where the partitioning of the mean vector and covariance matrix corresponds to the vector $(y_1', y_2')'$. Then,

- ③ If Σ_{11} is singular, the inverse can be replaced by a generalized inverse;
- ④ y_1 and y_2 are independent if and only if $\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma'_{21} = 0$.

Arbitrage Probability Estimator (4/5)

- 1 The conditional distribution of Y_2 given $Y_1 = c$, where c is the real observed price vector is multivariate normal,

$$(Y_2 | Y_1 = c) \sim N(\mu_{2|1}, \Sigma_{2|1}),$$

where

$$\mu_{2|1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{21|1} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{2h|1} \end{pmatrix} = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}(c - \mu_1)$$

and

$$\Sigma_{2|1} = \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12},$$

- 2 The random variable $Y_{21|1} \equiv (Y_{21} | Y_1 = c)$ is also normal, with the mean $\mu_{21|1}$.

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Arbitrage Probability Estimator Problem (1/3)

- Only one observed sample at a time,
 - The covariance matrices are difficult to estimate.
- The weak case $Y_1 = (\beta'_{0r_0} y_{T-h+1}^*, \dots, \beta'_{0r_0} y_T^*)'$,
 - the stationary property implies that the mean μ may be estimate as

$$\hat{\mu} = 1_{2h} \otimes \hat{\mu}^* \equiv 1_{2h} \otimes \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_{0r_0} y_t \right),$$

- the (i, j) -element of the covariance matrix may be estimated as

$$\hat{\Sigma}(i, j) = \frac{1}{T - |i - j|} \sum_{t=|i-j|+1}^T (y_t - \hat{\mu}^*)(y_{t-|i-j|} - \hat{\mu}^*).$$

Arbitrage Probability Estimator Problem (3/3)

- 1 A “nice” mean-reverting spread with high variance [82],
- 2 Give a K -dimensional USSC process y_t with covariance matrix Σ_{y_t} is cointegrated of rank r ,
- 3 The optimal portfolio weight $\beta_* = \beta_0 w$ for some w in \mathbb{R}^K are the solutions to the following quadratic programming:

$$\beta_* = \arg \max_{\|\beta_0 w\|_1=1} w' \Sigma_{\beta'_0 y_0} w.$$

Static Setting

We suppose the number of tickers with all minute closing prices at the tested day, d , is S . The procedure and trading parameters are given as follows:

- the closed structural change interval Π is $[0.15, 0.85]$,
- the sample size T is 100,
- the number $N_{\text{criterion}}$ and top $p_{\text{criterion}}$ percentage of picked pairs in the first-stage Bernoulli sampling process are $\lceil 0.025S \rceil$ and 0.05, respectively,
- the number $N_{\text{portfolios}}$ and top p_{CI} percentage of picked pairs in the second-stage Bernoulli sampling process are 5 and 0.01, respectively,
- the predetermined successful probability s , significance level, and predetermined threshold α_{obj} are all 0.1,
- the bounded order M of the VAR model is 3,
- the threshold number of refinements is 5,
- the chosen level of b_{cost} basis points per trade per dollar of transaction cost is 10, and
- the trading time bound h is 15 (minutes).

Empirical Prediction (1/3)

For a pair $n = 1, \dots$, the estimated arbitrage probability $q_{\text{est},n}$ and corresponding mean-reversion outcome $q_{\text{outcome},n}$ are formulated as a regression model with a binary response variable,

$$q_{\text{outcome},n} = q_{\text{est},n} + \epsilon_n, \quad n = 1, \dots,$$

where ϵ_n is the error term.

Empirical Prediction (2/3)

Theorem: Khinchine's Theorem [73]

Let $\{x_t\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with $E(x_t) = \mu < \infty$. Then

$$\bar{x}_T := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_t \xrightarrow{p} \mu.$$

If $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots$ are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables, we have the following result:

$$\bar{\epsilon}_N \equiv \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\hat{\epsilon}_n}{N} \xrightarrow{p} \mu_{\epsilon} \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $\hat{\epsilon}_n$ is the observed error term, and μ_{ϵ} is the mean of ϵ_n .

Empirical Prediction (3/3)

We uniformly sample 258 start trading times and 360 trading minutes, between 16 and 375, to find that

- 1 the number of observed USSC pairs is 379,
- 2 the observed \bar{e}_{379} is 0.4399, and
- 3 the sample mean and sample standard deviation of $q_{\text{outcome},n}$ are 0.5303 and 0.5133, respectively.

Moreover, for the estimated arbitrage probability greater than 0.0001, we have that

- 1 the number of observed USSC pairs is 119,
- 2 the observed $\bar{\epsilon}_{119}$ is 0.8358, and
- 3 the sample mean and sample standard deviation of $q_{\text{outcome},n}$ are 1.0000 and 0.1595, respectively.

Therefore, we underestimated the real arbitrage probability.

Conclusions

- 1 We propose an automatic search procedure for pairs trading based on the cointegration approach, with an unknown single structural change,
- 2 As compared with other studies, the novelty of this procedure is its multi-variability and flexibility,
- 3 The stationary and normal properties of the generated profits, from searched pairs, imply a computable arbitrage probability,
- 4 The empirical result shows that the real arbitrage probability is not less than the estimated arbitrage probability.



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