

1: Non-Linear Volatility Modeling of Economic and Financial Time Series Using High Frequency Data

The mathematical techniques and models used in the forecasting of financial markets is growing more sophisticated than ever. This book focuses on the specific and highly topical issue of non-linear modelling high frequency financial data.

This is complemented by many packages on CRAN, which are briefly summarized below. There is also a considerable overlap between the tools for time series and those in the Econometrics and Finance task views. The packages in this view can be roughly structured into the following topics. If you think that some package is missing from the list, please let us know. Base R contains substantial infrastructure for representing and analyzing time series data. The fundamental class is "ts" that can represent regularly spaced time series using numeric time stamps. Hence, it is particularly well-suited for annual, monthly, quarterly data, etc. Moving averages are computed by `ma` from `forecast`, and `rollmean` from `zoo`. The latter also provides a general function `rollapply`, along with other specific rolling statistics functions. Fast rolling and expanding window regressions are provided by `rollRegres`. Time series plots are obtained with `plot` applied to `ts` objects. Partial autocorrelation functions plots are implemented in `acf` and `pacf`. Alternative versions are provided by `Acf` and `Pacf` in `forecast`, along with a combination display using `tsdisplay`. `SDD` provides more general serial dependence diagrams, while `dCovTS` computes and plots the distance covariance and correlation functions of time series. Seasonal displays are obtained using `monthplot` in `stats` and `seasonplot` in `forecast`. `Wats` implements wrap-around time series graphics. Some facilities for `ggplot2` graphics are provided in `forecast` including `autoplot`, `ggAcf`, `ggPacf`, `ggseasonplot` and `ggsubseriesplot`. `TSstudio` provides some interactive visualization tools for time series. `ZRA` plots forecast objects from the `forecast` package using `dygraphs`. Basic fan plots of forecast distributions are provided by `forecast` and `vars`. More flexible fan plots of any sequential distributions are implemented in `fanplot`. For an overview see R Help Desk: Classes "yearmon" and "yearqtr" from `zoo` allow for more convenient computation with monthly and quarterly observations, respectively. Class "Date" from the base package is the basic class for dealing with dates in daily data. The dates are internally stored as the number of days since There is no support for time zones and daylight savings time. Internally, "chron" objects are fractional days since However, the time zone computations require some care and might be system-dependent. Several packages aim to handle time-based tibbles: Class "timeDate" is provided in the `timeDate` package previously: The "mondate" class from the `mondate` package facilitates computing with dates in terms of months. The `tempdisagg` package includes methods for temporal disaggregation and interpolation of a low frequency time series to a higher frequency series. Time series disaggregation is also provided by `tsdisagg2`. `TimeProjection` extracts useful time components of a date object, such as day of week, weekend, holiday, day of month, etc, and put it in a data frame. Time Series Classes As mentioned above, "ts" is the basic class for regularly spaced time series using numeric time stamps. The `zoo` package provides infrastructure for regularly and irregularly spaced time series using arbitrary classes for the time stamps `i`. It is designed to be as consistent as possible with "ts". Coercion from and to "zoo" is available for all other classes mentioned in this section. Various packages implement irregular time series based on "POSIXct" time stamps, intended especially for financial applications. These include "irts" from `tseries`, and "fts" from `fts`. The class "timeSeries" in `timeSeries` previously: The class "tis" in `tis` implements time series with "ti" time stamps. The package `tframe` contains infrastructure for setting time frames in different formats. Forecasting and Univariate Modeling The `forecast` package provides a class and methods for univariate time series forecasts, and provides many functions implementing different forecasting models including all those in the `stats` package. `HoltWinters` in `stats` provides some basic models with partial optimization, `ets` from the `forecast` package provides a larger set of models and facilities with full optimization. The `MAPA` package combines exponential smoothing models at different levels of temporal aggregation to improve forecast accuracy. It works best with daily data. The `theta` method is implemented in the `thetaf` function from the `forecast` package. An alternative

and extended implementation is provided in `forecTheta`. It is enhanced in the `forecast` package via the function `Arima` along with `auto`. Other estimation methods including the innovations algorithm are provided by `itsmr`. The `mar1s` package handles multiplicative AR 1 with seasonal processes. `TSTutorial` provides an interactive tutorial for Box-Jenkins modelling. Transfer function models are provided by the `arimax` function in the `TSA` package, and the `arfima` function in the `arfima` package. Outlier detection following the Chen-Liu approach is provided by `tsoutliers`. The `tsoutliers` and `tsclean` functions in the `forecast` package provide some simple heuristic methods for identifying and correcting outliers. Structural models are implemented in `StructTS` in `stats`, and in `stsm` and `stsm`. Efficient Bayesian inference for nonlinear and non-Gaussian state space models is provided in `bssm`. Stochastic volatility models are handled by `stochvol` in a Bayesian framework. Count time series models are handled in the `tscount` and `acp` packages. Censored time series can be modelled using `cents` and `carx`. `ARCensReg` fits univariate censored regression models with autoregressive errors. Portmanteau tests are provided via `Box`. Additional tests are given by `portes` and `WeightedPortTest`. Change point detection is provided in `struchange` using linear regression models, and in `trend` using nonparametric tests. The `changept` package provides many popular changepoint methods, and `ecp` does nonparametric changepoint detection for univariate and multivariate series. `InspectChangepoint` uses sparse projection to estimate changepoints in high-dimensional time series. Tests for possibly non-monotonic trends are provided by `funtimes`. Time series imputation is provided by the `imputeTS` package. Some more limited facilities are available using `na`. Forecasts can be combined using `ForecastComb` which supports many forecast combination methods including simple, geometric and regression-based combinations. Forecast evaluation is provided in the `accuracy` function from `forecast`. Distributional forecast evaluation using scoring rules is available in `scoringRules`. The Diebold-Mariano test for comparing the forecast accuracy of two models is implemented in the `dm`. A multivariate version of the Diebold-Mariano test is provided by `multDM`. Tidy tools for forecasting are provided by `sweep`, converting objects produced in `forecast` to "tidy" data frames. Frequency analysis Spectral density estimation is provided by `spectrum` in the `stats` package, including the periodogram, smoothed periodogram and AR estimates. Bayesian spectral inference is provided by `bspec`. The Lomb-Scargle periodogram for unevenly sampled time series is computed by `lomb`. The `wavelets` package includes computing wavelet filters, wavelet transforms and multiresolution analyses. Wavelet methods for time series analysis based on Percival and Walden are given in `wmtsa`. `WaveletComp` provides some tools for wavelet-based analysis of univariate and bivariate time series including cross-wavelets, phase-difference and significance tests. Tests of white noise using wavelets are provided by `hwwntest`. Further wavelet methods can be found in the packages `brainwaver`, `rwt`, `waveslim`, `wavethresh` and `mvewt`. Harmonic regression using Fourier terms is implemented in `HarmonicRegression`. The `forecast` package also provides some simple harmonic regression facilities via the `fourier` function. Decomposition and Filtering Filters and smoothing: The `robfilter` package provides several robust time series filters. Seasonal decomposition is discussed below. Autoregressive-based decomposition is provided by `ArDec`. Additional tools, including ensemble EMD, are available in `hht`. An alternative implementation of ensemble EMD and its complete variant are available in `Rlibeemd`. Enhanced STL decomposition is available in `stlplus`. Seasonal adjustment of daily time series, allowing for day-of-week, time-of-month, time-of-year and holiday effects is provided by `dsa`. Seasonal analysis of health data including regression models, time-stratified case-crossover, plotting functions and residual checks. Seasonal analysis and graphics, especially for climatology. Optimal deseasonalization for geophysical time series using AR fitting. Stationarity, Unit Roots, and Cointegration Stationarity and unit roots: `MultipleBubbles` tests for the existence of bubbles based on Phillips-Shi-Yu

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In particular we have considered basic econometrics, statistical machine learning and Bayesian statistics. While these are all great modern tools for data analysis, the vast majority of asset modeling in the industry still makes use of statistical time series analysis. In this article we are going to examine what time series analysis is, outline its scope and learn how we can apply the techniques to various frequencies of financial data. What is Time Series Analysis? Firstly, a time series is defined as some quantity that is measured sequentially in time over some interval. In its broadest form, time series analysis is about inferring what has happened to a series of data points in the past and attempting to predict what will happen to it the future. However, we are going to take a quantitative statistical approach to time series, by assuming that our time series are realisations of sequences of random variables. That is, we are going to assume that there is some underlying generating process for our time series based on one or more statistical distributions from which these variables are drawn. Time series analysis attempts to understand the past and predict the future. Such a sequence of random variables is known as a discrete-time stochastic process DTSP. In quantitative trading we are concerned with attempting to fit statistical models to these DTSPs to infer underlying relationships between series or predict future values in order to generate trading signals. Time series in general, including those outside of the financial world, often contain the following features: Trends - A trend is a consistent directional movement in a time series. These trends will either be deterministic or stochastic. The former allows us to provide an underlying rationale for the trend, while the latter is a random feature of a series that we will be unlikely to explain. Trends often appear in financial series, particularly commodities prices, and many Commodity Trading Advisor CTA funds use sophisticated trend identification models in their trading algorithms. Seasonal Variation - Many time series contain seasonal variation. This is particularly true in series representing business sales or climate levels. In quantitative finance we often see seasonal variation in commodities, particularly those related to growing seasons or annual temperature variation such as natural gas. Serial Dependence - One of the most important characteristics of time series, particularly financial series, is that of serial correlation. This occurs when time series observations that are close together in time tend to be correlated. Volatility clustering is one aspect of serial correlation that is particularly important in quantitative trading. Our goal as quantitative researchers is to identify trends, seasonal variations and correlation using statistical time series methods, and ultimately generate trading signals or filters based on inference or predictions. Our approach will be to: Forecast and Predict Future Values - In order to trade successfully we will need to accurately forecast future asset prices, at least in a statistical sense. Simulate Series - Once we identify statistical properties of financial time series we can use them to generate simulations of future scenarios. This allows us to estimate the number of trades, the expected trading costs, the expected returns profile, the technical and financial investment required in infrastructure, and thus ultimately the risk profile and profitability of a particular strategy or portfolio. Infer Relationships - Identification of relationships between time series and other quantitative values allows us to enhance our trading signals through filtration mechanisms. Both of these languages are "first class environments" for writing an entire trading stack. They both contain many libraries and allow an "end-to-end" construction of a trading system solely within that language. This is one of their shortcomings. For this reason we will be using the R statistical environment as a means of carrying out time series research. R is well-suited for the job due to the availability of time series libraries, statistical methods and straightforward plotting capabilities. We will learn R in a problem-solving fashion, whereby new commands and syntax will be introduced as needed. Fortunately, there are plenty of extremely useful tutorials for R available on the internet and I will point them out as we go through the sequence of time series analysis

articles. In order to apply some of the above techniques to higher frequency data we need a mathematical framework in which to unify our research. Time series analysis provides such a unification and allows us to discuss separate models within a statistical setting. Eventually we will utilise Bayesian tools and machine learning techniques in conjunction with the following methods in order to forecast price level and direction, act as filters and determine "regime change", that is, determine when our time series have changed their underlying statistical behaviour. Our time series roadmap is as follows. Each of the topics below will form its own article or set of articles. Time Series Introduction - This article outlines the area of time series analysis, its scope and how it can be applied to financial data. Correlation - An absolutely fundamental aspect of modeling time series is the concept of serial correlation. We will define it and describe one of the biggest pitfalls of time series analysis, namely that "correlation does not imply causation". Forecasting - In this section we will consider the concept of forecasting, that is making predictions of future direction or level for a particular time series, and how it is carried out in practice. Stochastic Models - We have spent some time considering stochastic models in the field of options pricing on the site, namely with Geometric Brownian Motion and Stochastic Volatility. We will be looking at other models, including white noise and autoregressive models. Regression - When we have deterministic as opposed to stochastic trends in the data we can justify their extrapolation using regression models. We will consider both linear and non-linear regression, and account for serial correlation. Stationary Models - Stationary models assume that the statistical properties namely the mean and variance of the series are constant in time. Non-Stationary Models - Many financial time series are non-stationary, that is they have varying mean and variance. In particular, asset prices often have periods of high-volatility. Multivariate Modeling - We have considered multivariate models on QuantStart in the past, namely when we considered mean-reverting pairs of equities. In this section we will more rigorously define cointegration and look at further tests for it. This will be one of the major uses of Bayesian analysis in time series. My goal with QuantStart has always been to try and outline the mathematical and statistical framework for quantitative analysis and quantitative trading, from the basics through to the more advanced modern techniques. To date we have spent the majority of the time on introductory and intermediate techniques. However, we are now going to turn our attention towards recent advanced techniques used in quantitative firms. This will not only help those who wish to gain a career in the industry, but it will also give the quantitative retail traders among you a much broader toolkit of methods, as well as a unifying approach to trading. Having worked in the industry previously, I can state with certainty that a substantial fraction of quantitative fund professionals use very sophisticated techniques to "hunt for alpha". However, many of these firms are so large that they are not interested in "capacity constrained" strategies, i. As retailers, if we can apply a sophisticated trading framework to these areas, we can achieve profitability over the long term. Now that the QSForex software has approached viability for high-frequency backtesting of multiple currency pairs, we have a ready-made framework for testing these models out, at least on the foreign exchange markets. The next article in the series will discuss correlation and why it is one of the most fundamental aspects of time series analysis.

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In this paper we propose tests for individual and joint irrelevance of network inputs. Such tests can be used to determine whether an input or group of inputs "belong" in a particular model, thus permitting valid statistical inference based on estimated feedforward neural network models. The approaches employ well known statistical resampling techniques. We conduct a small Monte Carlo Experiment showing that our tests have reasonable level and power behavior, and we apply our methods to examine whether there are predictable regularities in foreign exchange rates. We find that exchange rates do appear to contain information that is exploitable for enhanced point prediction, but the nature of the predictive relations evolves through time.

Series in Statistics by Linqiao Zhao , " A limit order is an order to buy or sell a certain number of shares of a financial instrument at a specified price or better. Despite being extensively used in contemporary exchanges, the dynamics of limit-order books are still not understood well. In this thesis, we propose a minimal model for the dynamics of whole limit order books, based on a self-exciting stochastic process of order flows. To fit our model to the actual data with its complicated, history-dependent censoring, we use a relatively new technique for simulation-based estimation, indirect inference. We extend this methodology, proving new theorems on the consistency and asymptotic normality of indirect inference under weaker conditions than those previously established. The fitted model captures important features of observable data from limit-order books, and exhibits important advantages over existing benchmark models. We point out some of Financial Markets as a Complex System: In this paper we want to discuss macroscopic and microscopic properties of financial markets. By analyzing quantitatively a database consisting of 13 minute per minute recorded financial time series, we identify some macroscopic statistical properties of the corresponding markets, with a special emphasis on temporal correlations. These analyses are performed by using both linear and nonlinear tools. Multivariate correlations are also tested for, which leads to the identification of a global coupling mechanism between the considered stock markets. The application of a new formalism, called transfer entropy, allows to measure the information flow between some financial time series. We then discuss some key aspects of recent attempts to model financial markets from a microscopic point of view. One model, that is based on the simulation of the order book, is described more in detail, and the results of its practical implementation are presented. We finally address some general aspects of forecasting and modeling, in particular the role of stochastic and nonlinear deterministic processes.

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