

Some Nonlinear Seasonal Models

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Analysis of Seasonal Time Series

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Introduction

- Nonlinear models:
 - Provide tools to model nonlinear relationship between variables (e.g. seasons)
 - Examples of nonlinear dynamics: time-changing (seasonal) variance, asymmetric cycles, higher-moment structures
- (Seasonal) Nonlinearity can be primarily found in high-frequency data like intradaily seasonal patterns
 - S&P's composite stock-price index
 - Exchange rates
- Different seasonal models with different types of nonlinearity:
 - Stochastic seasonal unit roots – *varying impact of seasonal shocks*
 - Seasonal (G)ARCH models – *structure of seasonal variance*
 - Periodic GARCH models – *time-varying seasonal coefficients*
 - Periodic Markov switching models – *seasonal mean shifts*

Stochastic Seasonal Unit Root

- Motivation: not all macroeconomic shocks may have the same impact
- Generalization of linear processes by allowing for random parameters
- First-order seasonal random coefficient autoregressive process:

$$(1 - \tilde{\phi}_{s\tau} L^s) \tilde{y}_{s\tau} = \varepsilon_{s\tau} \quad \begin{array}{l} s = 1, \dots, S \\ \tau = 1, 2, \dots, T_\tau \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{where } \tilde{\phi}_{s\tau} = 1 + \tilde{\alpha}_{s\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\alpha}_{s\tau} = \rho \tilde{\alpha}_{s,\tau-1} + \xi_{s\tau} \end{array}$$

- $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$, ε and ξ are i.i.d. and normally distributed with σ^2 , ω^2
- The randomized seasonal autoregressive process is then:

$$\Delta_S \tilde{y}_{s\tau} = \tilde{\alpha}_{s\tau} \tilde{y}_{s,\tau-1} + \varepsilon_{s\tau}$$

- It is also called a heteroskedastic seasonally integrated process
 - Conditional on its own normally distributed past $N(\rho\tilde{\alpha}_{s,\tau-1}\tilde{y}_{s,\tau-1}, \sigma^2 + \omega^2\tilde{y}_{s,\tau-1}^2)$
- If $\omega^2 = 0$, the process is a regular seasonal random walk with homoskedastic innovations
- Hence, the test hypotheses are

$$H_0 : \omega^2 = 0$$

$$H_A : \omega^2 > 0$$

heteroskedasticity

- Taylor-Smith test is used for determination of heteroskedastic seasonal integration

$$S_\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_j^{T_\tau} \rho^{-2j} \left[\left(\sum_{\tau=j}^{T_\tau} \rho^\tau y_{s,\tau-1} \Delta_S y_{s\tau} \right)^2 - \sigma^2 \sum_{\tau=j}^{T_\tau} \rho^{2\tau} y_{s,\tau-1}^2 \right]$$

- $y_{s\tau} = \phi(L)[\tilde{y}_{s\tau} - \mu_s^* - \beta_s^*(S\tau + s)]$
- ρ is unidentified under the null hypothesis, hence, the two polar cases S_0 and S_1 are computed
- the limiting distributions for S_0 and S_1 are nonstandard

- However, this process is not a covariance stationary process

Seasonal (G)ARCH Models

- Application: - financial time series
 - stock-market dividend yields
 - Foreign-exchange volatility
 - Lead-lag relations between two or more simultaneously traded markets
- volatility of few macroeconomic time series

- The GARCH(p,q) process:

$$X_t = \sigma_t \varepsilon_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \omega + \phi(L)\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \theta(L)\sigma_{t-1}^2$$

- if we define $v_t = \varepsilon_t^2 - \sigma_t^2$, one obtains:

$$\Leftrightarrow \varepsilon_t^2 = \omega + [\phi(L) + \theta(L)]\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 - \theta(L)v_{t-1} + v_t$$

ARMA[max(p,q),q]
model



- Analogously, the seasonal GARCH(p,q) process:

$$\varepsilon_t^2 = \omega + [\phi(L) + \theta(L)]\varepsilon_{t-s}^2 - \theta(L)v_{t-s} + v_t$$

- where: $\phi(L) = \sum_{j=1}^p b_j L^j$ and $\theta(L) = \sum_{j=1}^q a_j L^j$
- If $\sum_{j=1}^p b_j + \sum_{j=1}^q a_j < 1$ then this GARCH(p,q) process has a unique strictly and covariance stationary solution
 - For a GARCH(1,1) process being strictly stationary it is enough to fulfill the following condition: $a_1 + b_1 = 1$
- Maximum-Likelihood-based estimation of coefficients
- The effects of Filtering on ARCH models
 - Seasonal filtering may lead to bias in the autocorrelation function
 - In order to present these biases one may define the weak GARCH(p,q) process, linear filters, and derive the (filtered) autocovariance and autocorrelation functions
 - Then, one can derive conditions to have unbiased autocorrelation function

- The **weak GARCH(p,q) process**:

$$\varepsilon_t^2 = \omega + \sum_{j=1}^{\max(p,q)} (\phi_j + \theta_j) \varepsilon_{t-j}^2 - \sum_{j=-1}^q \theta_j v_{t-j} + v_t$$

- where $\sigma_t^2 = E_{L_t}(\varepsilon_{t+1}^2)$ is the conditional variance with $\varepsilon_{t+1}^2 = \sigma_t^2 + v_{t+1}$ and $E_{L_t}(\cdot)$ is the linear projection on the space spanned by $1, (\varepsilon_{t-j}, \varepsilon_{t-j}^2) : j \geq 0$
- v_{t+1} is a Martingale difference sequence with respect to the linear span filtration

- Suppose the following **linear filter** that filters the nonseasonal (ns) components in the data:

$$z_t^{ns} = z_t^F = v(L)z_t = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} v_k L^k z_t$$

- z is a variable with seasonal (s) and nonseasonal components:
 $z = z^S + z^{NS}$
- L is the lag operator

- **Autocovariance function**:

- $\gamma_2(j) = E_L(\varepsilon_t^2 \varepsilon_{t-j}^2)$
- Applying the linear filter to the residuals one obtains the **filtered autocovariance function**:

$$\gamma_2^F(j) = E_L(\varepsilon_t^F)^2 (\varepsilon_{t-j}^F)^2 = E_L(v(L)\varepsilon_t)^2 (v(L)\varepsilon_{t-j})^2$$

- In case of weak GARCH(1,1) one can derive the following autocovariance (γ) and **autocorrelation** (ρ) functions:

$$\gamma_2(0) = \frac{[1 + \theta^2 - 2(\phi + \theta)\theta]}{[1 - (\phi + \theta)^2]} \sigma_v^2$$

$$\gamma_2(j) = \frac{\phi[1 - (\phi + \theta)\theta]}{[1 - (\phi + \theta)^2]} (\phi + \theta)^{j-1} \sigma_v^2$$

$$\rho_2(j) = \frac{\phi[1 - \phi\theta - \theta^2]}{[1 - 2\phi\theta - \theta^2]} (\phi + \theta)^{j-1}$$

- Let define $\lambda \equiv \phi + \theta$ and apply the linear filter $v(L) \equiv (1-L^S)$ to this process, then one obtains the **filtered autocorrelation function**:

$$\rho_2^F(j) \equiv \frac{2 + \lambda + \lambda^S}{2 + 6\lambda\rho_2(S)} \rho_2(j)$$

- As a final step the condition on parameters ϕ and θ is obtained to have an unbiased autocorrelation function

- If the parameters ϕ and θ solve the following equation:

$$2\lambda^S \theta - (1 + \theta^2 - 6\phi\theta)\lambda^{S-1} + 6\phi\lambda^{S-2} + 2\lambda\theta - (1 + \theta^2) = 0$$

the autocorrelation function is **unbiased**

- If the following inequality holds:

$$2\lambda^S \theta - (1 + \theta^2 - 6\phi\theta)\lambda^{S-1} + 6\phi\lambda^{S-2} + 2\lambda\theta - (1 + \theta^2) > 0$$

- the autocorrelation function is **upward biased**;

$$2\lambda^S \theta - (1 + \theta^2 - 6\phi\theta)\lambda^{S-1} + 6\phi\lambda^{S-2} + 2\lambda\theta - (1 + \theta^2) < 0$$

- the autocorrelation function is **downward biased**