

## Time Series Data

Definition: data collected on the same observational unit at multiple time periods

- dynamic causal effect:  $X_t \rightarrow Y_{t+1}, Y_{t+2}, \dots, Y_{t+k}$
- economic forecasting: best forecast of  $T_{t+1}, T_{t+2}, \dots$
- modeling risks in financial market: variances pattern, volatility clustering

Time Series Data: a realization of a stochastic random process (indexed by time)

Notations: 1.  $j$ th lag:  $T_{t-j}$  (Stata:  $L_j Y$ ,  $L_2 Y$ , ...), 2.  $j$ th lead:  $T_{t+j}$  (Stata:  $F_j Y$ ,  $F_2 Y$ , ...)

3.  $j$ th difference:  $\Delta^j Y_t = T_t - T_{t-j}$  (Stata:  $D^j Y$ )  $\Rightarrow \Delta^j(Y_t) = \ln(Y_t) - \ln(Y_{t-j})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  percentage change:  $\approx 100 \ln(Y_t) \%$

4. auto covariance:  $\text{Cov}(T_t, T_{t+j}) \quad | \text{Corr}(T_t, T_{t+j}) = \frac{\text{Cov}(T_t, T_{t+j})}{\text{Var}(T_t) \cdot \text{Var}(T_{t+j})} = R_{t,t+j}$   
 autocorrelation:  $\text{Corr}(T_t, T_{t+j})$  describe population joint distribution ( $\rho_j$ )

$j$ th sample autocorrelation  $\hat{\rho}_j = \frac{\text{Cov}(T_t, T_{t+j})}{\text{Var}(T_t)}, \text{Cov}(T_t, T_{t+j}) = \hat{\rho}_{t,t+j} \cdot (T_t \cdot T_{t+j}) - \bar{T}_t \cdot \bar{T}_{t+j}$

ACF (Auto Correlation Function) plot / Correlogram (Stata: corrgram):  $\rho_j = \hat{\rho}_{t,t+j}$

## 1 Basic Models and CLM (classical linear model) for time series

- Static Model:  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \epsilon_t$  (contemporaneous causal effect)
- PDL (Finite Distributed Lag) Model:  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \beta_2 Z_{t-2} + \dots + \beta_p Z_{t-p} + \epsilon_t$ , adds a transformed first observations
- So: impact propensity:  $\beta_p$ :  $t$ -period cumulative dynamic multiplier  
 $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_p$ : 2-period cumulative dynamic multiplier  
 $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_p + \beta_{p+1}$ :  $t$ -period dynamic multipliers
- Temporary change ( $\Delta Z_t$ ):  $\Delta T_t = \beta_1 - \beta_0 = \beta_1$ ,  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p$ : dynamic multipliers  
 Permanent change ( $\Delta Z_t$ ):  $\Delta T_t = \beta_1 - \beta_0 = \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p, \beta_{p+1}, \dots, \beta_{p+q}$ ,  
 $\beta_{p+1} + \beta_{p+2} + \dots + \beta_{p+q}$ : cumulative / long-run propensity by (LRP)

mean independent Assumption TS.1 (Linear in Parameters):  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 X_{t-1} + \dots + \beta_k X_{k-1} + \epsilon_t$   
 Assumption TS.2 (No Perfect Collinearity):  $X_t \neq$  linear combination ( $X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k$ )

implies Assumption TS.3 (Zero Conditional Mean):  $E(\epsilon_t | X_t) = 0, E(X_1 | X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k) = 0$

1.  $E(\epsilon_t) = 0$   
 2.  $\text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, X_i) = 0$   
 3.  $E(\epsilon_t | X_i) = 0$ : contemporaneously exogenous

or:  $E(\epsilon_t | X_i) = 0$  (the essence of the SLR.2 Random Sampling in CLM is to ensure this)

• Unbiasedness of OLS:  $E(\hat{\beta}_j) = \beta_j, j=0, 1, 2, \dots, k$

Assumption TS.4 (Homoskedasticity):  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_t | X_t) = \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2, t=1, 2, \dots, T$

Assumption TS.5 (No Serial Correlation):  $\text{Corr}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+j}) = 0, t \neq t+j$  (SLR.2 Random Sampling +  $E(\epsilon_t | X_t) = 0$ , also  $\Rightarrow \text{Corr}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+j} | X_t) = 0$ )

• OLS sampling variance:  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j | X) = \sigma^2 / S_{ST}^2(1 - R^2) = \sigma^2 / [T^2 - \sum_{i=1}^T (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2]$

unbiased estimation of error variance:  $E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \hat{\sigma}^2 = E(\hat{\epsilon}_t^2 / (T-2)) = E(\hat{\epsilon}_t^2 / (T-2)) = E(\text{SSR} / (T-2))$

• Gauss-Markov Theorem: OLS estimators are BLUE

Assumption TS.6 (Normality):  $\epsilon_t \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$ , independent of  $X$

• OLS estimator  $\sim$  Normal Distribution conditional on  $X$ , F test, t test...v

Modelling a linear time trend:  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \epsilon_t \Rightarrow \frac{\partial T_t}{\partial t} = \beta_1$

Modelling an exponential time trend:  $\log(T_t) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \epsilon_t \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \log(T_t)}{\partial t} = \beta_1$

spurious relationship: reg trending variables on each other solely  
 $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X_t, \text{trending factors in } U) \neq 0$

Detrended Series:  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 X_{t-1} + \dots + \beta_k X_{k-1} + \epsilon_t$   
 $\Rightarrow$  detrend  $T_t, X_t$  and get  $\hat{T}_t = T_t - \bar{T}_t - \beta_1 t, \hat{X}_t$ , and reg  $\hat{Y}_t$  on  $\hat{X}_t$ ,  $\text{SST}$  is overestimated, thus  $R^2$  is boosted.

[R analysis]  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{SSR}}{\text{SST}} = 1 - \frac{S_{ST}^2}{S_{ST}^2 / (T-1)} = 1 - \frac{S_{ST}^2}{S_{ST}^2}$  Trend parameters

spurious regression:  $\text{SST}(\hat{Y}_t) \rightarrow R^2, R^2 \rightarrow$  overestimate!

detrended regression:  $R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{SSR}}{\text{SST}} (\text{SST} = \sum_i (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2), \text{df}(\hat{\epsilon}_t) = n-2 \Rightarrow R^2 = \frac{\text{SST}}{n-2}$

[Other]: Seasonality and deseasonalizing (add season dummies)

## 2 Further Issues with Time Series Data and OLS

• strict stationary,  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_k$ , joint distribution ( $X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-k}$ ) =  $(X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-k})$

• weak covariance stationary: 1.  $E(X_t) = \mu$ , 2.  $\text{Var}(X_t) = \sigma^2$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+j}) = \rho_j$

$\Rightarrow$  ACF (Partial Auto-correlation Function):  $\rho_h = \text{Corr}(T_t, T_{t+h})$

• weakly independent: covariance stationary +  $\rho_h \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ , asymptotically uncorrelated  $\Rightarrow$  LLM and CLT hold true

(1) white noise process:  $E(\epsilon_t | \epsilon_{t-1}) = 0, \text{Var}(\epsilon_t | \epsilon_{t-1}) = \sigma^2 \Rightarrow \text{ACF} = 0$ , weakly dependent

find independent W.N.:  $\epsilon_t \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$

(2) MA(1): Moving Average process of order one:  $T_t = C + \epsilon_t + \beta \epsilon_{t-1} \rightarrow$

(3) AR(1): Autoregressive process of order one:  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 T_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \beta_1 < 1$

MA(1), ACF =  $\frac{1-\beta^2}{1-\beta h} (h=1, 0, h \ge 2)$ , AR(1):  $ACF = \beta^h \rightarrow$  weakly independent

(4) RW / Random Walk: AR(1): highly persistent, strongly dependent, non-stationary

Assumption TS.1\* (Linear in Parameters): TS.1 + stationary + weakly independent

Assumption TS.2\* (No perfect collinearity): TS.2 + both  $T$  and  $X$

Assumption TS.3\* (Zero conditional mean):  $E(\epsilon_t | X_t) = 0$  (contemporary)

• consistency for  $\hat{\beta}_j$ :  $\hat{\beta}_j \approx \beta_j$  ( $E(\hat{\beta}_j | X_t) \rightarrow 0$  would be suffice)

Assumption TS.4\* (Homoskedasticity):  $\text{Var}(\epsilon_t | X_t) = \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2$  (contemporary)

Assumption TS.5\* (No Serial Correlation):  $\text{Corr}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+j}) = 0$

• OLS estimator: asymptotically normally distributed

• time series with deterministic time trend: nonstationary

trend-stationary: weakly dependent + stationary when detrended

Random Walk:  $T_t = T_{t-1} + \epsilon_t = \dots = T_1 + \epsilon_1 + \dots + \epsilon_t + \bar{T}_0 \leftarrow \epsilon_t$  i.i.d.

nonstationary:  $E(\epsilon_t) = E(\bar{T}_0), \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = T^2 \sigma^2 \rightarrow$  trending data

no weakly independent:  $\text{Corr}(T_t, T_{t+h}) = \text{Corr}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_{t+h})$  (depends on  $t$ )

(X) Special Case of Unit Root Process:  $\epsilon_t$  is weakly independent

1. Random Walk with drift:  $T_t = \beta_0 + T_{t-1} + \epsilon_t = \dots + \beta_0 + (E(\epsilon_t) - \beta_0) + T_0$

$E(\epsilon_t) = \beta_0 + t + E(T_0), \text{Var}(\epsilon_t) = T^2 \sigma^2, \text{Corr}(T_t, T_{t+j}) = E(T_t T_{t+j}) - E(T_t) E(T_{t+j})$

R.W. has both "trends"

2. fdrift: deterministic trend

stochastic trend: propensity to trend due to increasing variance

2. Order of Integration

I(I): weakly independent time series

I(1): has to be differenced once to get weakly dependent series

(e.g.)  $T_t = T_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \Rightarrow \hat{T}_t = \bar{T}_0 + \epsilon_t \rightarrow$  weakly dependent

Test for I(1): unit root test  $\leftarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = \text{Corr}(\hat{T}_t, \hat{T}_{t-1}) \sim 1$

or it may have a deterministic trend!!

correct 4. Dynamically Complete Model: enough lagged variables included

causal effect:  $E(T_t | X_t, X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots) = E(T_t | X_t) \rightarrow$  no serial correlation

(though) Sequential Exogeneity: enough lagged  $X$  variables included

serial correlation:  $E(U_t | X_t, X_{t-1}, \dots) = E(U_t) = 0$  (weaker than  $E(U_t | X_t) = 0$ )

(D) Sequential Exogeneity + lagged T variable = DCM

3 Test for Serial Correlation

OLS not BLUE, statistic testing invalid

$R^2$  still work given that data are stationary and weakly dependent

AR(1) with strictly exogenous regressors:  $T_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t + \beta_2 X_{t-1} + \dots + \beta_k X_{k-1} + \epsilon_t, E(U_t | X_t) = 0$

for serial correlation  $\leftarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = \text{Corr}(\hat{T}_t, \hat{T}_{t-1}), \text{test } \hat{\epsilon}_t = 0$  (i.e. error term)

Ho:  $\hat{\epsilon}_t = 0$  (no serial correlation)  $\Rightarrow$  t-test valid asymptotically

Durbin-Watson Test (TS.1-TS.5)

$DW = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (\hat{U}_t - \hat{U}_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T \hat{U}_t^2} \approx 2(1 - R^2)$

Ho:  $R^2 = 0$  (no serial correlation),  $H_1: R^2 > 0$   
 Reject Ho if  $DW < d_L$ . Fail to reject if  $DW > d_U$  (Stata: estat dwson)

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f Wald, LM test: Breusch-Godfrey test:  $|T_{t-1}|^2 R^2$ , the LM version

Q Test for Serial Correlation ( $t=1, 2, \dots, T$ ) to test for simultaneous  $\epsilon_t$  correlation

Sampled third order autocorrelation  $\hat{\rho}_3 = \hat{\rho}_3 | T_0$ , where  $\hat{\rho}_3 = \frac{1}{T-2} \sum_{t=3}^T (\hat{U}_t - \bar{U}_T)(\hat{U}_{t-2} - \bar{U}_T)$ , in reality

Box-Pierce test:  $\text{Q}_n = \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{\rho}_t^2 = \frac{1}{T-2} \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{U}_t - \bar{U}_T)^2$ , suppose  $\epsilon_t$  iid,  $\text{Q}_n \sim \chi^2_{T-2}$

(3) In F  $\sim N(0, 1)$ ,  $F \sim \text{N}(0, 1)$ , where  $F = \frac{\text{Q}_n}{\chi^2_{T-2}}$ ,  $\text{Q}_n \sim \text{Q}_n$

Jung-Box's modified Q test:  $\text{Q}_n = \sum_{t=1}^{T-2} \hat{\rho}_t^2 + \frac{1}{T-3} \sum_{t=3}^T (\hat{U}_t - \bar{U}_T)(\hat{U}_{t-2} - \bar{U}_T)$ , better approximation for moderate sample size

(4) if  $\epsilon_t$  not strictly exogenous:  $\hat{\epsilon}_t = \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\rho}_3 \sim N(0, 1)$

$\hat{\rho}_3 = \frac{1}{T-3} \sum_{t=3}^T (\hat{U}_t - \bar{U}_T)(\hat{U}_{t-2} - \bar{U}_T) = \frac{1}{T-3} \sum_{t=3}^T (\hat{U}_t - \bar{U}_T)(\hat{U}_{t-2} - \bar{U}_T) = \hat{\rho}_3$

+ Correcting for Serial Correlation assumptions: all Gauss-Markov Assumption except TS

Assume errors ( $\epsilon_t$ ) follows AR(1):  $\hat{\epsilon}_t = \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$

omit the quasi-differencing:  $\hat{\epsilon}_t = \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$

FOLS approach:  $\hat{\epsilon}_t = \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$   $\Rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}_t = \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$

unit the reg on  $\hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$   $\Rightarrow$  obtain  $\hat{\epsilon}_t$  required TS.3 for consistency

1. First observation: reg  $\hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$

2. reg  $\hat{\epsilon}_t | T_0, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_t | T_{t-1} = \hat{\epsilon}_t$   $\Rightarrow$  efficient but biased

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