

OLS LIMIT THEORY FOR DRIFTING SEQUENCES OF PARAMETERS ON THE EXPLOSIVE SIDE OF UNITY¹

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Introduction

- The paper contributes to the literature on uniform inference with AR(1) processes
- Drifting sequences of autoregressive parameters have been used to establish uniform procedures over AR parameter space $[-1 + \delta, 1]$ for some $\delta > 0$; Mikusheva (2007).
- Andrews and Guggenberger (2014) considers certain distributional aspects of the innovation sequence of an autoregression as an infinite dimensional nuisance parameter

$$\Theta = [-1 + \delta, 1] \times \{F : F \text{ d.f. of } u_t \text{ satisfying ...}\}$$

- (u_t) stationary (possibly conditionally heteroskedastic) martingale difference
- Andrews and Guggenberger (2012): OLS limit theory along drifting sequences $(\theta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \Theta$
- $\theta_n = (\rho_n, F_n)$ $F_n(x) = \mathbb{P}(u_{n,t} \leq x)$

- Magdalinos and Petrova (2023, MP2023): uniform **IV** procedure for autoregression and predictive regression over $[-M, M]$ for some $M > 0$
- We would like to extend the above parameter space to include the innovation sequence as an infinite dimensional nuisance parameter

$$\Theta = [-M, M] \times \{(F_t) : (F_t) \text{ d.f. of } (u_t) \text{ satisfying ...}\}$$

- 1 Autoregression: (u_t) martingale difference; $F_t = F$ under conditional heteroskedasticity
 - 2 Predictive regression: $u_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j e_{t-j}$ with (e_t) as in 1.
- MP2023: **IV** limit theory along innovations

$$u_{n,t} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j} e_{n,t-j}, \quad \rho_n \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty) \quad (1)$$

- This (sister) paper: **OLS** limit theory along (1) when

$$\rho_n \rightarrow (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

Plan for the Talk

- Rôle of asymptotics along drifting sequences of parameters for uniform inference
- LLN for $n^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^n u_{n,t}^2$
- Mildly explosive case: $|\rho_n| \rightarrow 1$ from the explosive side: martingale *CLT* carries over well to arrays
- Explosive case: $|\rho_n| \rightarrow |\rho| > 1$: no CLT; martingale *convergence* theorem does not generalise to arrays
- Limit distribution of the OLS estimator and OLS t-statistic

Rôle of asymptotics along drifting sequences

- Consider a CI $I_n(c_\alpha)$ for ρ : $S_n(\rho)$ statistic, c_α cv.
- Coverage of the CI:

$$\pi_n(\alpha) = \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{P}_\theta(|S_n(\rho)| \leq c_\alpha)$$

- The d.f. of $S_n(\rho)$ depends on $\theta = (\rho, F) \in \Theta$
- Correct asymptotic coverage (uniformly over Θ):

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_n(\alpha) \geq 1 - \alpha. \quad (2)$$

- By the definition of infimum, we may select **some** $(\theta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in Θ s.t.

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_n(\alpha) \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\theta_n}(|S_n(\rho_n)| \leq c_\alpha)$$

- Sufficient condition for (2):

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\theta_n}(|S_n(\rho_n)| \leq c_\alpha) \geq 1 - \alpha \quad \text{for any } (\theta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \Theta \quad (3)$$

- (3) requires computing $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\theta_n}(|S_n(\rho_n)| \leq x)$

Rôle of subsequential arguments (BW type)

- Convergence in distribution along any $(\theta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \Theta$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\theta_n}(S_n(\rho_n) \leq x) = \varphi(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{C}_\varphi \quad (4)$$

- Equivalently: $\forall (m_n) \subseteq \mathbb{N} \exists (k_n) \subseteq (m_n)$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\theta_{k_n}}(S_{k_n}(\rho_{k_n}) \leq x) = \varphi(x), \quad x \in \mathcal{C}_\varphi \quad (5)$$

- (5) allows us to employ the BW theorem
- Example: linear process weights:

$$c_0 = 1, \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_j| \leq M < \infty, \quad \left| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j \right| \geq \delta > 0 \quad (6)$$

- Drifting sequence $(c_{n,j})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from (6) satisfies $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{n,j}| < \infty$.
- BW implies that $\exists (k_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$c_{k_n,0} \rightarrow 1, \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{k_n,j}| \rightarrow C < \infty, \quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k_n,j} \rightarrow C(1) \neq 0$$

Assumptions on AR root

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n,t} &= \rho_n x_{n,t-1} + u_{n,t} \\ u_{n,t} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j} e_{n,t-j}\end{aligned}$$

Assumption: $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$ and $n(|\rho_n| - 1) \rightarrow \infty$

- Mildly explosive root: $\rho \in \{-1, 1\}$
- Explosive root: $\rho \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$
- Oscillating roots: $\rho \in (-\infty, -1]$

Assumptions on innovations

$$u_{n,t} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j} e_{n,t-j}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \sup_{n \geq 1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j^{\delta} |c_{n,j}| < \infty \text{ some } \delta > 0$$

$$C(\rho) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \rho^{-j} c_{n,j} \neq 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j}^2 > 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} (e_{n,t}, \mathcal{F}_{n,t})_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{ is a martingale difference array such that}$$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}} |e_{n,t}| > 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

$$(e_{n,t}^2)_{n \in \mathbb{N}, t \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{ is UI, } \sigma_n^2 := \mathbb{E}(\sigma_{n,t}^2) \rightarrow \sigma^2 > 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma_{n,t}^2 := \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}}(e_{n,t}^2) \text{ satisfies one of:}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \sigma_{n,t}^2 = \sigma_n^2 \text{ a.s. for all } t.$$

$$\textcircled{2} (e_{n,t}, \sigma_{n,t})_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{ is strictly stationary with } \sigma_{n,t}^2 > 0,$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \sigma_{n,t}^2 < \infty \text{ a.s., } \left\{ \sigma_{n,t}^2 : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \text{ is UI}$$

$$\text{and } \exists b > 0, \exists (\psi_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ satisfying } \psi_m \rightarrow 0 \text{ such that}$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}_{n,t-1-m}} \left(\sigma_{n,t}^2 - \sigma_n^2 \right) \right\|_{L_1} \leq b \psi_m \text{ for all } t, m \geq 1.$$

Discussion

- $\sup_{n \geq 1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j^{\delta} |c_{n,j}| < \infty$ some $\delta > 0$ needed to ensure

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \sum_{j=m_n}^{\infty} |c_{n,j}| \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } m_n \rightarrow \infty \quad (7)$$

- It is a tempting fallacy to think that (7) holds for $\delta = 0$
- Counterexample: $c_{n,j}^2 := (\phi_n^2 - 1) \phi_n^{2j}$ where $\phi_n \rightarrow 1$ with $n(\phi_n - 1) \rightarrow \infty$ satisfies $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j}^2 \rightarrow 1$; take $m_n \rightarrow \infty$ and $m_n(\phi_n - 1) \rightarrow 0$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{m_n-1} c_{n,j}^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \sum_{j=m_n}^{\infty} c_{n,j}^2 \rightarrow 1.$$

- The condition

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}_{n,t-1-m}} (\sigma_{n,t}^2 - \sigma_n^2)\|_{L_1} \leq b\psi_m$$

is very similar to a L_1 -mixingale array of Andrews (1988)

Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund conditions

- Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund (1937); Lai and Wei (1983)
- A martingale difference sequence $(\eta_t, \mathcal{H}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$ is said to satisfy the *local MZ conditions* if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} (|\eta_t| | \mathcal{H}_{t-1}) > 0 \text{ a.s.} \quad (8)$$

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} (\eta_t^2 | \mathcal{H}_{t-1}) < \infty \text{ a.s.} \quad (9)$$

- Lai and Wei (1983): if $(\eta_t, \mathcal{H}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfy (8) and (9), $\pi_j \neq 0$ for infinitely many j and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \pi_j^2 < \infty$ then

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \pi_j \eta_j = Y \right) = 0 \quad (10)$$

for any r.v. Y that is \mathcal{H}_t -measurable for some $t \geq 1$.

- A series of the type in (10) appears in the denominator of the limit distribution of the OLS estimator in the explosive case

Infinite order ARCH

- Let $(\varepsilon_t, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a strictly stationary martingale difference satisfying $\mathbb{E}\varepsilon_1^2 < \infty$

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(|\varepsilon_t| | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) \geq \delta > 0, \quad \sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \sigma_t^2 < \infty \quad a.s. \quad (11)$$

with conditional variance given by an ARCH(∞):

$$\sigma_t^2 = \omega + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \varepsilon_{t-i}^2 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \leq 1 - \delta \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^\delta \alpha_i \leq M \quad (12)$$

- Giraitis et al. (2000): (12) includes all stationary GARCH(p, q) processes ε_t with $\mathbb{E}\varepsilon_1^2 < \infty$, (11), and ARCH(∞) representation satisfying $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \leq 1 - \delta$
- With some effort, we may show the following:
- For any sequence $(e_{n,t}, \mathcal{F}_{n,t})_{n,t \in \mathbb{Z}} \subseteq (\varepsilon_t, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ there exists a further subsequence $(e_{k_n,t}, \mathcal{F}_{k_n,t})_{n,t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ satisfying Assumption 2b.

Assumptions on initial condition

(i) When $|\rho_n| \rightarrow 1$, $X_{n,0} = o_p \left[(\rho_n^2 - 1)^{-1/2} \right]$.

(ii) When $|\rho_n| \rightarrow |\rho| > 1$,

$$X_{n,0} \rightarrow_d X_0$$

where X_0 is an \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable random variable, where

$$\mathcal{F}_0 := \sigma \left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{F}_{n,0} \right)$$

Law of large numbers

- $u_{n,t} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j} e_{n,t-j}$, $\sigma_n^2 = \mathbb{E} e_{n,t}^2 \rightarrow \sigma^2$

Lemma

Let $c_{n,j}$ and $e_{n,t}$ satisfy Assumptions 1 and 2 hold and K be a non-negative bounded function on $[0, 1]$ satisfying $K(0) = 1$.

Then:

(i) $\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n u_{n,t}^2 - \sigma^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{n,j}^2 \right\|_{L_1} \rightarrow 0$.

(ii) If, in addition, $\sup_{n \geq 1} \sup_{h \geq 1} |\text{cov}(e_{n,t}^2, e_{n,t+h}^2)| < \infty$ holds, then

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{h=1}^M K\left(\frac{h}{M}\right) \sum_{t=h+1}^n u_{n,t} u_{n,t-h} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{u_n}(h) \right\|_{L_1} \rightarrow 0$$

whenever $M \rightarrow \infty$ and $M/n^{1/2} \rightarrow 0$.

MG approximation (mildly explosive)

- Consider the stochastic sequences

$$[\mathbf{X}_n, \tilde{X}_n(\rho)] = (\rho_n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \rho_n^{-t} [u_{n,t}, C(\rho) e_{n,t}]$$

$$[\mathbf{Y}_n, \tilde{Y}_n(\rho)] = (\rho_n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \rho_n^{-(n-t+1)} [u_{n,t}, C(\rho) e_{n,t}]$$

Lemma

Let $\rho_n \rightarrow 1$ and Assumptions 1 and 2 hold. Then

$$\|\mathbf{X}_n - \tilde{X}_n(1)\|_{L_2} \rightarrow 0, \quad \|\mathbf{Y}_n - \tilde{Y}_n(1)\|_{L_2} \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$[\mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{Y}_n] \rightarrow_d [\tilde{X}(1), \tilde{Y}(1)]$$

where $\tilde{X}(1)$ and $\tilde{Y}(1)$ are independent $N(0, \sigma^2 C(1)^2)$ rv's.

Explosive case: MZ approximation

- $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho \in (1, \infty)$
- Let $(e_{n,t}, \mathcal{F}_{n,t})$ satisfy Assumptions 1 and 2.
- We would like to approximate $(e_{n,t}, \mathcal{F}_{n,t})$ along a subsequence by (e_t, \mathcal{F}_t) that satisfies the local MZ conditions.
- We may take $e_t := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_{n,t}$
- If $\mathcal{F}_{n,t}$ were increasing in n , $\mathcal{F}_{n,t} \uparrow \mathcal{F}_t := \sigma(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_{n,t})$
- Levy's "upward" theorem would imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(e_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(e_t | \mathcal{F}_{m,t-1}) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(e_{k_n,t} | \mathcal{F}_{m,t-1}) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(e_{k_n,t} | \mathcal{F}_{k_n,t-1}) | \mathcal{F}_{m,t-1}) \quad (k_n \geq m) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{F}_{n,t}$ does not have to be increasing in n

Explosive case: MZ approximation

- Construct an increasing sequence of σ -algebras from $\mathcal{F}_{n,t}$:

$$\mathcal{G}_{n,t} := \bigcap_{j=n}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_{j,t} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}_t := \sigma \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}_{n,t} \right) = \sigma \left(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{n,t} \right)$$

- $e_{n,t}$ is not $\mathcal{G}_{n,t}$ -measurable but is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable $\forall n \geq n_0$
- $e_t := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_{n,t}$ is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable.
- Since $\mathcal{G}_{n,t} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{n,t}$,

$$\mathbb{E} (e_{n,t} | \mathcal{G}_{n,t-1}) = \mathbb{E} (\mathbb{E} (e_{n,t} | \mathcal{F}_{n,t-1}) | \mathcal{G}_{n,t-1}) = 0$$

- For (k_n) defined by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_{k_n,t} := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_{n,t}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbb{E} (e_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})\|_{L_1} &\leq \|\mathbb{E} (e_t | \mathcal{G}_{k_n,t-1}) - \mathbb{E} (e_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})\|_{L_1} + \|\mathbb{E} (e_t - e_{k_n,t} | \mathcal{G}_{k_n,t-1})\|_{L_1} \\ &\leq \|\mathbb{E} (e_t | \mathcal{G}_{k_n,t-1}) - \mathbb{E} (e_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})\|_{L_1} + \|e_{k_n,t} - e_t\|_{L_1} \end{aligned}$$

- Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\|\mathbb{E} (e_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})\|_{L_1} = 0$, i.e. (e_t, \mathcal{F}_t) is a MG difference sequence.

- $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n := \mathbf{X}_n + (\rho^2 - 1)^{1/2} X_{n,0}$
- $e_t := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_{n,t}$, $\mathcal{F}_t := \sigma(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{n,t})$

Lemma

Let $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho \in (1, \infty)$ and Assumptions 1 and 2 hold. Then:

(i) The sequence $(e_t, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a martingale difference satisfying the local MZ conditions.

(ii) For every $(k_n) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{k_n} \rightarrow_d X_\infty := (\rho^2 - 1)^{-1/2} C(\rho) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \rho^{-i} e_i + G_0$$

where G_0 is a \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable random variable, $\mathbb{P}(X_\infty = 0) = 0$

and $|\mathbf{Y}_n| / |\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n| = O_p(1)$.

Oscillating processes

- $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho \in (-\infty, -1]$
- $x_t \mapsto (-1)^t x_t$
- transforms an *oscillating* process into a *regular* process:
 $x_t^+ = (-1)^t x_t$ satisfies

$$x_t^+ = |\rho_n| x_{t-1}^+ + (-1)^t u_t$$

- Same asymptotic development with the $\rho \geq 1$ case with

$$[\mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{Y}_n] = (\rho_n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \left[\rho_n^{-t} u_{n,t}, \rho_n^{-(n-t+1)} u_{n,t} \right]$$

replaced by

$$[\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_n] = (\rho_n^2 - 1)^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n \left[|\rho_n|^{-t} (-1)^{-t} u_{n,t}, |\rho_n|^{-(n-t+1)} (-1)^{-t} u_{n,t} \right]$$

OLS limit distribution (mildly explosive)

Theorem

Let $|\rho_n| \rightarrow 1$, $n(|\rho_n| - 1) \rightarrow \infty$ and Assumptions 1 and 2 hold. The following limit theory applies to the OLS estimator $\hat{\rho}_n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$:

$$(\rho_n^2 - 1)^{-1} |\rho_n|^n (\hat{\rho}_n - \rho_n) \rightarrow_d \mathcal{C}$$

where \mathcal{C} denotes a standard Cauchy random variable.

- Direct generalisation of the Cauchy limit result Phillips and Magdalinos (2007) and subsequent papers to drifting sequences.

Explosive OLS limit distribution (general)

- $|\rho_n| \rightarrow |\rho| > 1$

$$(\rho_n^2 - 1)^{-1} |\rho_n|^n (\hat{\rho}_n - \rho_n) = \frac{\zeta_n}{\xi_n + (\rho^2 - 1)^{1/2} X_{n,0}} + o_p(1)$$

- $(\zeta_n, \xi_n) = (\mathbf{Y}_n, \mathbf{X}_n)$ when $\rho > 1$
- $(\zeta_n, \xi_n) = (-\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_n, \hat{\mathbf{X}}_n)$ when $\rho < -1$
- $\forall (k_n) \subseteq \mathbb{N}, \xi_{k_n} + (\rho^2 - 1)^{1/2} X_{k_n,0} \rightarrow_d \xi_\infty \neq 0$ a.s.

$$\hat{\rho}_n - \rho_n = O_p(|\rho_n|^{-n}).$$

- $\mathbb{E}\zeta_n = \mathbb{E}\xi_n = 0, V(\zeta_n) = V(\xi_n)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n \xi_n) = 0$

Explosive OLS limit distribution (under Gaussianity)

- If $(e_{n,t})_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is Gaussian and

$$v(\rho) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \rho^{-t} c_{n,j+t} \right)^2$$

exists, then

$$(\rho_n^2 - 1)^{-1} |\rho_n|^n (\hat{\rho}_n - \rho_n) \rightarrow_d \frac{\zeta}{\zeta + X_0 \left\{ C(\rho)^2 / (\rho^2 - 1) + v(\rho) \right\}^{-1/2}} \quad (13)$$

where ζ and $\tilde{\zeta}$ are independent $N(0, \sigma^2)$ random variables

- If $X_0 = 0$ a.s. the right side of (13) follows a Cauchy distribution.

t-statistic limit distribution

Theorem

Let $n(|\rho_n| - 1) \rightarrow \infty$ and Assumptions 1 and 2 hold. The t-statistic satisfies $T_n(\rho_n) \rightarrow_d N(0, 1)$ under each of the following conditions:

(i) $|\rho_n| \rightarrow 1$

(ii) $|\rho_n| \rightarrow |\rho| > 1$ and $(e_{n,t})_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} = (u_{n,t})_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is independent

Gaussian