

# Estimation and Testing for the Parameters of AR( $p$ )-ARCH( $q$ ) under Ordered Restriction\*

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Suppose that the time series  $X_t$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} X_t = \beta_1 X_{t-1} + \cdots + \beta_p X_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t, \\ \varepsilon_t = \xi_t h_t^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ h_t = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varepsilon_{t-1}^2 + \cdots + \alpha_q \varepsilon_{t-q}^2, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha_0 \geq \delta > 0$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ;  $\beta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ , are real numbers;  $p$  and  $q$  are the order of the model. The sequence  $\{\xi_t\} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, 1)$  and is independent of  $\{h_s, s \leq t\}$  for fixed  $t$ . The above model is usually written as AR( $p$ )-ARCH( $q$ ).

We consider stationary series AR( $p$ )-ARCH( $q$ ) model and assume the stationary field is  $\Theta_0$ . We express this statement as

$$H_1 : \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \cdots \geq \alpha_q, \beta_1 \geq \beta_2 \geq \cdots \geq \beta_p$$

and we consider an order restricted testing problem, which is to test

$$H_0 : \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_q, \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_p$$

against  $H_1 - H_0$ . We derive the likelihood ratio (LR) test statistic and its asymptotic distribution under  $H_0$ .

Let

$$\phi = (\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_q, \phi_{q+1}, \dots, \phi_{q+p})' = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p)'$$

For the model (1), the log-likelihood function is

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$$L_n(\phi) = -\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{t=1}^n \left( \ln h_t(x_t; \phi) + \frac{\varepsilon_t^2}{h_t(x_t; \phi)} \right). \quad (2)$$

Now we introduce an algorithm to compute the restriction maximum likelihood estimators (RMLE) under  $H_1$ . Since the objective function  $L_n(\phi)$  given in (2) is not convex, we use the Successive Quadratic Programming (SQP) method.

Let

$$f_n(\phi) = -L_n(\phi).$$

We consider the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{cases} \min f_n(\phi), \\ C_i(\phi) = \phi_{i+1} - \phi_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q-1, q+1, \dots, q+p-1, \\ C_q(\phi) = -\phi_q \leq 0, \\ C_{q+p}(\phi) = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \dots + \phi_q - 1 \leq 0, \\ C_{q+p+1}(\phi) = \delta - \phi_0 \leq 0, \\ \phi \in \Theta_\beta = \{\phi; 1 - \phi_{q+1}z - \phi_{q+2}z^2 - \dots - \phi_{q+p}z^p \neq 0, |z| < 1\}. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

By using the SQP algorithm, we can obtain a vector series  $\{\phi^{(k)}\}$  which converges to the RMLE  $\hat{\phi}^* \in R^{p+q+1}$  if the condition given in the following Theorem 2 holds. Because of the parameter  $r$  and the update of  $B^{(k)}$  in each iteration, the algorithm not only converges fast but also guarantees to obtain a nonnegative solution ( $\hat{\phi}^*$ ). Assume that  $\tilde{\phi}$  is the true value of the model, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1**(Strong consistency of RMLE) *Assume that the time series  $\{X_t\}$  satisfies (1) and  $\tilde{\phi} \in \Theta$ . Then RMLE  $\hat{\phi}^*$  is strongly consistent, that is,  $Pr\{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\phi}^* = \tilde{\phi}\} = 1$ .*

**Theorem 2**<sup>[1]</sup>(Convergence of algorithm) *Assume that the sequences  $\{\phi^{(k)}\}$ ,  $\{d^{(k)}\}$ ,  $\{v^{(k)}\}$  given in the algorithm are all bounded, and  $\{B^{(k)}\}$  is a positive definite matrix sequence which is uniformly bounded, namely, there exist constants  $\Lambda \geq \lambda > 0$  such that*

$$\lambda d' d \leq d' B^{(k)} d \leq \Lambda d' d$$

*for all  $d \in R^{p+q+1}$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then any cluster point  $\phi^*$  of  $\{\phi^{(k)}\}$  satisfies the Kuhn-Tucker condition of (3) when the penalizing parameter  $r$  is large enough.*

We denote the non-restricted MLE by  $\hat{\phi} \in R^{p+q+1}$ . Weiss<sup>[2]</sup> proved asymptotic normality of  $\hat{\phi}$  under the fourth moment condition. Recently, Ling and McAleer<sup>[3]</sup> proved the same result under second moment condition, that is,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I^{-1}(\tilde{\phi})), \quad I^{-1}(\tilde{\phi}) = \begin{bmatrix} I_\alpha^{-1}(\tilde{\alpha}) & 0 \\ 0 & I_\beta^{-1}(\tilde{\beta}) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

Under the second moment condition, An and Chen<sup>[4]</sup> proved the ergodic property of stationary AR(p)-ARCH(q). As following, we consider the strong consistency of  $\hat{\phi}$ .

Firstly, we can obtain that for almost all  $\omega$  and  $n > n(\omega)$ , the maximum point of  $L_n(\phi)$  must belong to

$$\Theta^* = \{\phi : \delta \leq \alpha_0 \leq M_2, 0 < \phi_1 + \dots + \phi_q < 1, \phi_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, q, \\ |\phi_{q+j}| \leq M_1, j = 1, \dots, p\}.$$

Without loss of generality, we assume that the parameter set is  $\Theta^*$  and attain the following lemma.

**Lemma 1** ([2], Theorem 2.1) *Assume that the time series  $\{X_t\}$  follows the model (1). Then  $\tilde{\phi}$  is the unique maximum point of  $EL_n(\phi)$  for any  $\phi \in \Theta_0$ .*

**Lemma 2** *Suppose that the time series  $\{X_t\}$  follows the model (1) and  $\alpha \in \Theta^*$ . Then as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,*

$$I_n = \sup_{\phi} |L_n(\phi) - EL_n(\phi)| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

From Lemmas 1 and 2, and Birkhoff's ergodic theorem, we can obtain

$$EL_n(\hat{\phi}) - EL_n(\tilde{\phi}) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{a.s. } n \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (5)$$

Since for any fixed  $\omega$ ,  $\hat{\phi}$  are bounded for all  $n$ , any convergent subsequence of  $\hat{\phi}$ , say  $\hat{\phi}^k = (\hat{\alpha}_0^k, \hat{\alpha}_1^k, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_q^k, \hat{\beta}_1^k, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p^k)'$ , converges to  $\phi^* = (\alpha_0^*, \alpha_1^*, \dots, \alpha_q^*, \beta_1^*, \dots, \beta_p^*)'$ . Since  $EL_n(\phi)$  is a continuous function of  $\phi$ , we have

$$EL_n(\hat{\phi}^k) \rightarrow EL_n(\phi^*), \quad k \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (6)$$

Then by (5) and (6) and Lemma 1 we have  $\phi^* = \tilde{\phi}$ . Such we can attain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3** *Assume that the time series  $\{X_t\}$  follows (1), and  $\tilde{\phi} \in \Theta^*$ . Then*

$$P_T \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \hat{\phi} = \tilde{\phi} \right\} = 1.$$

Similarly to the Proof of Lemma 2, we can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4** *Assume the assumptions in Theorem 3 and  $\tilde{\phi} \in \Theta^{*\circ}$ , where  $\Theta^{*\circ}$  is the interior point set of  $\Theta^*$ . Then as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\phi \in \Theta^{*\circ}} \left| \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} - E \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} \right| &\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0, \quad 0 \leq i, j \leq p+q+1, \\ \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \phi \partial \phi'} \Big|_{\phi=\hat{\phi}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} & \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta'} \\ \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta'} & \frac{\partial^2 L_n(\phi)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{\phi=\hat{\phi}} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} E \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 l_t(\phi)}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha'} & \frac{\partial^2 l_t(\phi)}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta'} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l_t(\phi)}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta'} & \frac{\partial^2 l_t(\phi)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{\phi=\tilde{\phi}} \\ &= -I(\tilde{\phi}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $I(\tilde{\phi}) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{\alpha}(\tilde{\alpha}) & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\beta}(\tilde{\beta}) \end{bmatrix}$  is the Fisher information matrix given by

$$I(\tilde{\phi}) \triangleq E \left[ \frac{\partial l_t(x_t; \phi)}{\partial \phi} \cdot \frac{\partial l_t(x_t; \phi)}{\partial \phi'} \right] \Big|_{\phi=\tilde{\phi}}.$$

Assume that  $\{X_t\}$  follows (1), and  $\tilde{\phi} \in \Theta^{*\circ}$ , where  $\Theta^{*\circ}$  is the interior point set of  $\Theta^*$ . And then consider the following testing problem:

$$H_0 \quad \text{v.s.} \quad H_1 - H_0. \quad (7)$$

For testing problem (7), the likelihood ratio test statistics is

$$\Lambda = \frac{\max_{\phi \in H_0} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \phi | \mathcal{F}_0)}{\max_{\phi \in H_1} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \phi | \mathcal{F}_0)}$$

and the logarithm of likelihood ratio test statistics

$$\ln \Lambda = \sum_{t=1}^n [l_t(x_t; \hat{\phi}_{H_0}) - l_t(x_t; \hat{\phi}^*)].$$

For the asymptotic distribution of  $-2 \ln \Lambda$ , we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 5** Let  $T = -2 \ln \Lambda$ . If  $H_0$  holds, then for any  $t > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P(T \geq t) = \sum_{k=1}^{q+p-2} P(k, I(\tilde{\phi})) Pr\{\chi_k^2 \geq t\},$$

where  $P(k, I(\tilde{\phi}))$  is the level probability, and  $\chi_k^2$  denotes a chi-square distribution with  $k$  degrees of freedom.

In applications,  $\tilde{\phi}$  is usually replaced by  $\hat{\phi}$ . Shi<sup>[5]</sup> used this statistic for testing the homogeneity of odds ratios, and the simulation results in his paper are satisfactory.  $P(k, I(\tilde{\phi}))$  was called the level probability by Robertson and Wright<sup>[6]</sup>. It can be computed approximately from  $I(\tilde{\phi})$  and the computing methods given by Kudô<sup>[7]</sup> for  $k \leq 3$ . For  $k \leq 10$ , a subroutine of computing the level probabilities was given by Bohrer and Chow<sup>[8]</sup>, in which a subroutine of computing the orthant probability is needed and can be found in [9] as well.

**Remark** All the details of proofs of lemmas and theorems, and simulation will be published elsewhere.

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