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Financial Risk Management with Bayesian Estimation of GARCH Models CRC Press

This book presents in detail methodologies for the Bayesian estimation of sing- regime and regime-switching GARCH models. These models are widespread and essential tools in n ancial econometrics and have, until recently, mainly been estimated using the classical Maximum Likelihood technique. As this study aims to demonstrate, the Bayesian approach o ers an attractive alternative which enables small sample results, robust estimation, model discrimination and probabilistic statements on nonlinear functions of the model parameters. The author is indebted to numerous individuals for help in the preparation of this study. Primarily, I owe a great debt to Prof. Dr. Philippe J. Deschamps who inspired me to study Bayesian econometrics, suggested the subject, guided me under his supervision and encouraged my research. I would also like to thank Prof. Dr. Martin Wallmeier

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Statistical Inference and Prediction in Climatology Springer Science & Business Media

Demographic Forecasting introduces new statistical tools that can greatly improve forecasts of population death rates. Mortality forecasting is used in a wide variety of academic fields, and for policymaking in global health, social security and retirement planning, and other areas. Federico Girosi and Gary King provide an innovative framework for forecasting age-sex-country-cause-specific variables that makes it possible to incorporate more information than

standard approaches. These new methods more generally make it possible to include different explanatory variables in a time-series regression for each cross section while still borrowing strength from one regression to improve the estimation of all. The authors show that many existing Bayesian models with explanatory variables use prior densities that incorrectly formalize prior knowledge, and they show how to avoid these problems. They also explain how to incorporate a great deal of demographic knowledge into models with many fewer adjustable parameters than classic Bayesian approaches, and develop models with Bayesian priors in the presence of partial prior ignorance. By showing how to include more information in statistical models, Demographic Forecasting carries broad statistical implications for social scientists, statisticians, demographers, public-health experts, policymakers, and industry analysts. Introduces methods to improve forecasts of mortality rates and similar variables Provides innovative tools for more effective statistical modeling Makes available free open-source software and replication data Includes full-color graphics, a complete glossary of symbols, a self-contained math refresher, and more

Bayesian Methods in Reliability CRC Press

The climatologist (like the hydrologist, the economist, the social scientist, and others) is frequently faces with situations in which a prediction must be made of the outcome of a process that is inherently probabilistic, and this inherent uncertainty is compounded by the expert's limited knowledge of the process itself. An example might be predicting next summer's mean temperature at a previously

unmonitored location. This monograph deals with the balanced use of expert judgment and limited data in such situations. How does the expert quantify his or her judgment? When data are plentiful they can tell a complete story, but how does one alter prior judgment in the light of a few observations, and integrate that information into a consistent and knowledgeable prediction? Bayes theorem provides a straightforward rule for modifying a previously held belief in the light of new data. Bayesian methods are valuable and practical. This monograph is intended to introduce some concepts of statistical inference and prediction that are not generally treated in the traditional college course in statistics, and have not seen their way into the technical literature generally available to the practising climatologist. Even today, where Bayesian methods are presented the practical aspects of their application are seldom emphasized. Using examples drawn from climatology and meteorology covering probabilistic processes ranging from Bernoulli to normal to autoregression, methods for quantifying beliefs as concise probability statements are described, and the implications of new data on beliefs and of beliefs on predictions are developed. istical inference and prediction that are not generally treated in the traditional college course in statistics, and have not seen their way into the technical literature generally available to the practising climatologist. Even today, where Bayesian methods are presented the practical aspects of their application are seldom emphasized. Using examples drawn from climatology and meteorology covering probabilistic processes ranging from Bernoulli to normal to autoregression, methods for

quantifying beliefs as concise probability statements are described, and the implications of new data on beliefs and of beliefs on predictions are developed. Sampling of the Future Springer Bayesian Demographic Estimation and Forecasting presents three statistical frameworks for modern demographic estimation and forecasting. The frameworks draw on recent advances in statistical methodology to provide new tools for tackling challenges such as disaggregation, measurement error, missing data, and combining multiple data sources. The methods apply to single demographic series, or to entire demographic systems. The methods unify estimation and forecasting, and yield detailed measures of uncertainty. The book assumes minimal knowledge of statistics, and no previous knowledge of demography. The authors have developed a set of R packages implementing the methods. Data and code for all applications in the book are available on www.bdef-book.com. "This book will be welcome for the scientific community of forecasters...as it presents a new approach which has already given important results and which, in my opinion, will increase its importance in the future." ~Daniel Courgeau, Institut national d'études démographiques Assessing Forecast Uncertainty Springer Science & Business Media This paper describes an assessment methodology based on Bayesian decision-analysis principles, which was developed for evaluating candidate electric-vehicle batteries. The principal features of this system are (A) identification of relevant technology options by a computer search of the literature; (B) subdivision of the technologies into groups of comparable technical maturity; (C) assessment of

development risk, including methods for coping with poor quality or distorted inputs from experts; (D) a Bayesian interrogation technique for quantifying and normalizing subjective judgments; and (E) direct comparison of development risk and the benefits of successful development. The battery assessment methodology and results are presented in this paper to illustrate the techniques employed. This assessment method is believed to have general application in a wide variety of technical fields.

A Bayesian Approach to Estimating and Forecasting Additive Nonparametric Autoregressive Models Springer Science & Business Media

Based on two lectures presented as part of The Stone Lectures in Economics series, Arnold Zellner describes the structural econometric time series analysis (SEMTSA) approach to statistical and econometric modeling. Developed by Zellner and Franz Palm, the SEMTSA approach produces an understanding of the relationship of univariate and multivariate time series forecasting models and dynamic, time series structural econometric models. As scientists and decision-makers in industry and government world-wide adopt the Bayesian approach to scientific inference, decision-making and forecasting, Zellner offers an in-depth analysis and appreciation of this important paradigm shift. Finally Zellner discusses the alternative approaches to model building and looks at how the use and development of the SEMTSA approach has led to the production of a Marshallian Macroeconomic Model that will prove valuable to many. Written by one of the foremost practitioners of econometrics, this book will have wide academic and professional appeal.

A Bayesian Approach to Seasonal Style Goods Forecasting MDPI

This is the first book designed to introduce Bayesian inference procedures for stochastic processes. There are clear advantages to the Bayesian approach (including the optimal use of prior information). Initially, the book begins with a brief review of Bayesian inference and uses many examples relevant to the analysis of stochastic processes, including the four major types, namely those with discrete time and discrete state space and continuous time and continuous state space. The elements necessary to understanding stochastic processes are then introduced, followed by chapters devoted to the Bayesian analysis of such processes. It is important that a chapter devoted to the fundamental concepts in stochastic processes is included. Bayesian inference (estimation, testing hypotheses, and prediction) for discrete time Markov chains, for Markov jump processes, for normal processes (e.g. Brownian motion and the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process), for traditional time series, and, lastly, for point and spatial processes are described in detail. Heavy emphasis is placed on many examples taken from biology and other scientific disciplines. In order analyses of stochastic processes, it will use R and WinBUGS. Features: Uses the Bayesian approach to make statistical Inferences about stochastic processes The R package is used to simulate realizations from different types of processes Based on realizations from stochastic processes, the WinBUGS package will provide the Bayesian analysis (estimation, testing hypotheses, and prediction) for the unknown parameters of stochastic processes To illustrate the Bayesian inference, many

examples taken from biology, economics, and astronomy will reinforce the basic concepts of the subject A practical approach is implemented by considering realistic examples of interest to the scientific community WinBUGS and R code are provided in the text, allowing the reader to easily verify the results of the inferential procedures found in the many examples of the book Readers with a good background in two areas, probability theory and statistical inference, should be able to master the essential ideas of this book.

Bayesian Methods for Statistical Analysis ANU Press

Since the advent of Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods in the early 1990s, Bayesian methods have been proposed for a large and growing number of applications. One of the main advantages of Bayesian inference is the ability to deal with many different sources of uncertainty, including data, models, parameters and parameter restriction uncertainties, in a unified and coherent framework. This book contributes to this literature by collecting a set of carefully evaluated contributions that are grouped amongst two topics in financial economics. The first three papers refer to macro-finance issues for real economy, including the elasticity of factor substitution (ES) in the Cobb-Douglas production function, the effects of government public spending components, and quantitative easing, monetary policy and economics. The last three contributions focus on cryptocurrency and stock market predictability. All arguments are central ingredients in the current economic discussion and their importance has only been further emphasized by the COVID-19 crisis.

Economic Forecasting Cambridge

University Press

When data is collected on failure or survival a list of times is obtained. Some of the times are failure times and others are the times at which the subject left the experiment. These times both give information about the performance of the system. The two types will be referred to as failure and censoring times (cf. Smith section 5). * A censoring time, t , gives less information than a failure time, for it is * known only that the item survived past t and not when it failed. The data is t_n and of censoring thus collected as a list of failure times t_1, \dots, t_m and censoring times t_{m+1}, \dots, t_{m+n} .

2. Classical methods The failure times are assumed to follow a parametric distribution $F(t;B)$ with and reliability $R(t;B)$. There are several methods of estimating density $f(t;B)$ the parameter B based only on the data in the sample without any prior assumptions about B . The availability of powerful computers and software packages has made the method of maximum likelihood the most popular. Descriptions of most methods can be found in the book by Mann, Schafer and Singpurwalla (1974). In general the method of maximum likelihood is the most useful of the classical approaches. The likelihood approach is based on constructing the joint probability distribution or density for a sample.

Probabilistic Forecasting and Bayesian Data Assimilation CRC Press

- Expanded on aspects of core model theory and methodology.
- Multiple new examples and exercises.
- Detailed development of dynamic factor models.
- Updated discussion and connections with recent and current research frontiers.

Forecasting Time Series With Long

Memory and Level Shifts CRC Press

Whenever question arises about uncertainty, it can be tackled by Bayesian tools and methods, with the help of priori probabilities and posterior probabilities. In general classical statistics selects just the "best" model and rejects all the others, even of they are only marginally worse than the best model, perhaps the model is a good fit, but in case of forecasting the future; there it fails. Now, the problem is uncertainty about model, in this book detailed discussion about Bayesian analysis and methods, that in contrast, will combine models of highly comparable for forecasting.

Developments in Demographic Forecasting Springer Science & Business Media

Bayesian Methods for Statistical Analysis is a book on statistical methods for analysing a wide variety of data. The book consists of 12 chapters, starting with basic concepts and covering numerous topics, including Bayesian estimation, decision theory, prediction, hypothesis testing, hierarchical models, Markov chain Monte Carlo methods, finite population inference, biased sampling and nonignorable nonresponse. The book contains many exercises, all with worked solutions, including complete computer code. It is suitable for self-study or a semester-long course, with three hours of lectures and one tutorial per week for 13 weeks.

Time Series John Wiley & Sons

The principles, models and methods of Bayesian forecasting have been developed extensively during the last twenty years. Much progress has been made with mathematical and statistical aspects of forecasting models and related techniques, and experience has been gained through application in a

variety of areas in commercial and industrial, scientific and socio-economic fields. Indeed much of the technical development has been driven by the needs of forecasting practitioners. There now exists a relatively complete statistical and mathematical framework that is described and illustrated here for the first time in book form, presenting our view of this approach to modelling and forecasting. The book provides a self-contained text for advanced university students and research workers in business, economic and scientific disciplines, and forecasting practitioners. The material covers mathematical and statistical features of Bayesian analyses of dynamic models, with illustrations, examples and exercises in each chapter. In order that the ideas and techniques of Bayesian forecasting be accessible to students, research workers and practitioners alike, the book includes a number of examples and case studies involving real data, generously illustrated using computer generated graphs. These examples provide issues of modelling, data analysis and forecasting.

[A Bayesian Approach to Adapting Forecasts to Structural Changes in a Simple State-Space Model](#) CRC Press
Recent studies have showed that it is troublesome, in practice, to distinguish between long memory and nonlinear processes. Therefore, it is of obvious interest to try to capture both features of long memory and non-linearity into a single time series model to be able to assess their relative importance. In this paper we put forward such a model, where we combine the features of long memory and Markov nonlinearity. A Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm is proposed to estimate the model and evaluate its forecasting performance

using Bayesian predictive densities. The resulting forecasts are a significant improvement over those obtained by the linear long memory and Markov switching models.

A New Bayesian Approach to Quantile Autoregressive Time Series Model Estimation and Forecasting

LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

In this book the authors describe the principles and methods behind probabilistic forecasting and Bayesian data assimilation. Instead of focusing on particular application areas, the authors adopt a general dynamical systems approach, with a profusion of low-dimensional, discrete-time numerical examples designed to build intuition about the subject. Part I explains the mathematical framework of ensemble-based probabilistic forecasting and uncertainty quantification. Part II is devoted to Bayesian filtering algorithms, from classical data assimilation algorithms such as the Kalman filter, variational techniques, and sequential Monte Carlo methods, through to more recent developments such as the ensemble Kalman filter and ensemble transform filters. The McKean approach to sequential filtering in combination with coupling of measures serves as a unifying mathematical framework throughout Part II. Assuming only some basic familiarity with probability, this book is an ideal introduction for graduate students in applied mathematics, computer science, engineering, geoscience and other emerging application areas.

Bayesian Demographic Estimation and Forecasting Now Publishers Inc

Most forecasting models often fail to produce appropriate forecasts because they are built on the assumption that data is being generated from only one

stochastic process. However, in many real world problems, the time series data are generated from one stochastic process initially and then abruptly undergo certain structural changes. In this paper, we assume that the basic underlying process is the simple state-space model with random level and deterministic drift, but is interrupted by three types of exogenous shocks; level shift, drift change, and outlier. A Bayesian procedure to detect, estimate, and adapt to the structural changes is developed and compared to simple, double, and adaptive exponential smoothing using simulated data and the U.S. leading composite index.

Forecasting International Migration in Europe: A Bayesian View Princeton University Press

Demand forecasting is a fundamental aspect of inventory management. Forecasts are crucial in determining inventory stock levels, and accurately estimating future demand for spare parts has been an ongoing challenge, especially in the aerospace industry. If spare parts are not readily available, aircraft availability can be compromised leading to excessive downtime costs. As a result, inventory investment for spare parts can be significant to ensure downtime is minimized. Additionally, most aircraft spare parts are considered "slow-moving" and experience intermittent demand making the use of traditional forecasting methods difficult in this industry. In this research, a forecasting method is developed using Bayes' rule to improve the demand forecasting of spare parts. The proposed Bayesian method is especially targeted to support new aircraft programs and is not intended to change how inventory is currently optimized. A case study based on a real aircraft program's data is

performed in order to validate the use of the proposed Bayesian method. In the case study, three forecasting methods are compared: judgmental forecasting, a traditional statistical forecasting approach, and the proposed Bayesian method. The methods' impact on forecast accuracy, inventory costs, and fill rate performance (evaluated using simulation) are analyzed. The results conclude that the proposed Bayesian approach outperforms the other methods in terms of fill rate performance. Hence, the Bayesian method improves demand prediction and thus, more accurately estimates inventory needs allowing managers to make better inventory investment decisions.

Bayesian Multivariate Time Series Methods for Empirical Macroeconomics CRC Press

With Bayesian statistics rapidly becoming accepted as a way to solve applied statistical problems, the need for a comprehensive, up-to-date source on the latest advances in this field has arisen. Presenting the basic theory of a large variety of linear models from a Bayesian viewpoint, *Bayesian Analysis of Linear Models* fills this need. Plus, this definitive volume contains something traditional—a review of Bayesian techniques and methods of estimation, hypothesis testing, and forecasting as applied to the standard populations ... something innovative—a new approach to mixed models and models not generally studied by statisticians such as linear dynamic systems and changing parameter models ... and something practical—clear graphs, easy-to-understand examples, end-of-chapter problems, numerous references, and a distribution appendix. Comprehensible, unique, and in-depth, *Bayesian Analysis*

of Linear Models is the definitive monograph for statisticians, econometricians, and engineers. In addition, this text is ideal for students in graduate-level courses such as linear models, econometrics, and Bayesian inference.

Bayesian Methods for Forecasting Turning Points in Economic Time Series

Cambridge University Press
 Bayesian Multivariate Time Series Methods for Empirical Macroeconomics provides a survey of the Bayesian methods used in modern empirical macroeconomics. These models have been developed to address the fact that most questions of interest to empirical macroeconomists involve several variables and must be addressed using multivariate time series methods. Many different multivariate time series models have been used in macroeconomics, but Vector Autoregressive (VAR) models have been among the most popular.

Bayesian Multivariate Time Series Methods for Empirical Macroeconomics reviews and extends the Bayesian literature on VARs, TVP-VARs and TVP-FAVARs with a focus on the practitioner. The authors go beyond simply defining each model, but specify how to use them in practice, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each and offer tips on when and why each model can be used.

Sampling of the Future Princeton University Press

Using a normal-gamma prior density for the parameters of a p -th order autoregressive process, the Bayesian predictive density of k future observations is derived. It is shown that the joint predictive density of k future observations may be expressed as the product of k univariate t densities. Our results are illustrated with one-step ahead forecasts employing an AR(1) model with a conjugate prior density for the parameters. (Author).