# Lecture 16 Unit Root Tests

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# I(1) Process – Autoregressive Unit Root

- A shock is usually used to describe an unexpected change in a variable or in the value of the error terms at a particular time period.
- When we have a stationary system, the effect of a shock will die out gradually. But, when we have a non-stationary system, the effect of a shock is permanent.
- We have two types of non-stationarity. In an AR(1) model we have:

$$y_t = \mu + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

- Unit root:  $|\phi_1| = 1$ : homogeneous non-stationarity
- Explosive root:  $|\phi_1| > 1$ : explosive non-stationarity
- In the last case, a shock to the system become more influential as time goes on. It is not seen in real life. We will not consider them.

#### I(1) Process – Autoregressive Unit Root

• Consider the AR(p) process:  $\phi(L)y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t$ , where  $\phi(L) = 1 - \phi_1 L - \phi_2 L^2 - \dots - \phi_n L^p$ 

As we discussed before, if one of the roots equals 1,  $\phi(1)=0$ , or  $\phi_1+\phi_2+\cdots+\phi_p=1$ 

• We say  $y_t$  has a unit root. In this case,  $y_t$  is non-stationary.

**Example**: AR(1):  $y_t = \mu + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Unit root:  $\phi_1 = 1$ . H<sub>0</sub> ( $y_t$  non-stationarity):  $\phi_1 = 1$  (or,  $\phi_1 - 1 = 0$ )
H<sub>1</sub> ( $y_t$  stationarity):  $\phi_1 < 1$  (or,  $\phi_1 - 1 < 0$ )

• A *t-test* seems natural to test  $H_0$ . But, the ergodic theorem & MDS CLT do not apply: the *t*-statistic does not have the usual distributions.

# Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing

• Now, let's reparameterize the AR(1) process. Subtract  $y_{t-1}$  from  $y_t$ :

$$\begin{split} y_t &= \mu + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t. \\ \Delta y_t &= \mu + (\phi_1 - 1) \ y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \\ &= \mu + \alpha_0 \ y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \end{split}$$

- Unit root test:  $H_0$  (unit root process):  $\alpha_0 = \phi_1 1 = 0$  $H_1$ (stationary process):  $\alpha_0 < 0$ .
- Under  $H_0$  (unit root process):  $\alpha_0 = (\phi_1 1) = 0$ , the model is stationary in  $\Delta y_t$ . Then, if  $y_t$  has a unit root:

$$\Delta y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t$$

That is,  $\Delta y_t$  is a stationary process with a drift and WN innovations.

• If we reject  $H_0$ :  $\alpha_0 = 0$ , then  $y_t$  is a stationary AR(1) process:

$$y_t = \mu + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

• We have a linear regression framework:

$$\Delta y_t = \mu + \alpha_0 \ y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

• Natural test for  $H_0$  (unit root process):  $\alpha_0 = \phi_1 - 1 = 0$ : A *t-test*.

$$t_{\phi=1} = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - 1}{SE(\hat{\phi}_1)}$$

- We call this *t-test* the **Dickey-Fuller** (**DF**) test.
- As mentioned above, under  $H_0$ , the *t-test* does not have the usual t-distribution. We use a distribution tabulated (simulated) by DF.

## Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing

• We derived the DF test from an AR(1) process for  $y_t$ , but  $y_t$  may follow a more general AR(p) process:

$$\phi(L)y_t = \mu + \varepsilon_t$$

We rewrite the process using the Dickey-Fuller reparameterization:

$$\Delta y_t = \mu + \alpha_0 \ y_{t-1} + \alpha_1 \ \Delta y_{t-1} + \alpha_2 \Delta y_{t-2} + \dots + \alpha_2 \Delta y_{t-(p-1)} + \varepsilon_t$$

Note: Both AR(p) formulations are equivalent.

- It can be shown that  $\phi(1) = -\alpha_0$ . (Roots of  $\phi(L) = 0$  equal to 1!)  $\Rightarrow$  A unit root hypothesis can be stated, again, as  $H_0$ :  $\alpha_0 = 0$   $H_1$ :  $\alpha_0 < 0$ .
- Like in the DF test, we have a linear regression framework. A *t-test* for  $H_0$  (unit root) is the **Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF)** test.

- Remark: The DF test is a special case of the ADF: No lags are included in the regression.
- From our previous AR(1) process, we have:

$$\Delta y_t = \mu + (\phi_1 - 1) y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t = \mu + \alpha_0 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

- If  $\alpha_0 = 0$ ,  $y_t$  has a unit root:  $H_0$ :  $\alpha_0 = 0$   $H_1$ :  $\alpha_0 < 0$ .
- We test  $H_0$  with a t-test:  $t_{\phi=1} = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 1}{SE(\hat{\phi}_1)}$

Note: There is another associated test with  $H_0$ , the  $\rho$ -test:

$$(T-1)~(\hat{\phi}-1).$$

#### **Review: Stochastic Calculus**

#### **Kolmogorov Continuity Theorem**

If for all T > 0, there exist a  $a, b, \delta > 0$  such that:

$$E(|X(t_1, \omega) - X(t_2, \omega)|^a)) \le \delta |t_1 - t_2|^{(1+b)}$$

Then,  $X(t, \omega)$  can be considered as a continuous stochastic process.

- Brownian motion is a continuous stochastic process.
- Brownian motion (Wiener process):  $X(t, \omega)$  is almost surely continuous, has independent normal distributed (N(0, t s)) increments and  $X(t = 0, \omega) = 0$  ("a continuous random walk").

#### Review: Stochastic Calculus – Wiener process

- Let the variable z(t) be almost surely continuous, with z(t=0)=0.
- Define  $N(\mu, \nu)$  as a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\nu$ .
- The change in a small interval of time  $\Delta t$  is  $\Delta z$
- Definition: The variable z(t) follows a Wiener process if

$$-z(0)=0$$

$$-\Delta z = \varepsilon \sqrt{\Delta T}$$
, where  $\varepsilon \sim N(\mu = 0, \nu = 1)$ 

- It has continuous paths.
- The values of  $\Delta z$  for any 2 different (non-overlapping) periods of time are independent.

Notation: W(t),  $W(t, \omega)$ , B(t).

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#### **Review: Stochastic Process: Wiener process**

- What is the distribution of the change in z over the next 2 time units?
- The change over the next 2 units equals the sum of:
- The change over the next 1 unit (distributed as N(0, 1)) plus
- The change over the following time unit -- also distributed as N(0,1).
- The changes are independent.
- The sum of 2 normal distributions is also normally distributed.

Thus, the change over 2 time units is distributed as N(0, 2).

- Properties of Wiener processes:
- Mean of  $\Delta z$  is 0.
- Variance of  $\Delta z$  is  $\Delta t$
- Standard deviation of  $\Delta z$  is  $\sqrt{\Delta T}$
- Let  $N = T/\Delta t$ , then  $z(T) z(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} \sqrt{\Delta T}$

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# Review: Stochastic Calculus – Wiener process

Example: 
$$W_T(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 + \dots + \varepsilon_{[Tr]} \right); \quad r \in [0, 1]$$

• If T is large,  $W_T(.)$  is a good approximation to W(r);  $r \in [0, 1]$  defined:

$$W(r) = \lim_{T \to \infty} W_T(r) \implies \mathbb{E}[W(r)] = 0$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \operatorname{Var}[W(r)] = t$ 

- Check Billingsley (1986) for the details behind the proof that  $W_T(r)$  converges as a function to a continuous function W(r).
- In a nutshell, we need
- $\varepsilon_t$  satisfying some assumptions (stationarity,  $E|\varepsilon_t|^q < \infty$  for q > 2, etc.)
- a FCLT (Functional CLT).
- a Continuous Mapping Theorem. (Similar to Slutzky's theorem).

#### Review: Stochastic Calculus – Wiener process

Functional CLT (Donsker's FCLT)

If  $\varepsilon_t$  satisfies some assumptions, then

$$W_T(r) \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow} W(r)$$

where W(r) is a standard Brownian motion for  $r \in [0, 1]$ .

Note: That is, sample statistics, like  $W_T(r)$ , do not converge to constants, but to functions of Brownian motions.

• A CLT is a limit for one term of a sequence of partial sums  $\{S_k\}$ , Donsker's FCLT is a limit for the entire sequence  $\{S_k\}$  instead of one term.

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# Review: Stochastic Calculus – Wiener process

**Example**:  $y_t = y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$  (Case 1). Get distribution of  $(X^*X/T^2)^{-1}$  for

$$\begin{aligned} y_t. & T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_{t-1})^2 = T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} [\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-i} + y_0]^2 = T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} [S_{t-1} + y_0]^2 \\ & = T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} [(S_{t-1})^2 + 2y_0 S_{t-1} + y_0^2] \\ & = \sigma^2 \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{S_{t-1}}{\sigma \sqrt{T}} \right)^2 T^{-1} + 2y_0 \sigma T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{S_{t-1}}{\sigma \sqrt{T}} \right) T^{-1} + T^{-1} y_0^2 \\ & = \sigma^2 \sum_{t=1}^{T} \int_{(t-1)T}^{t/T} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{T}} S_{[Tr]} \right)^2 dr + 2y_0 \sigma T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \int_{(t-1)T}^{t/T} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{T}} S_{[Tr]} \right) dr + T^{-1} y_0^2 \\ & = \sigma^2 \int_0^1 X_T(r)^2 dr + 2y_0 \sigma T^{-1/2} \int_0^1 X_T(r) \ dr + T^{-1} y_0^2 \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \sigma^2 \int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr, \qquad T \to \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Review: Stochastic Calculus - Ito's Theorem

• The integral w.r.t a Brownian motion, given by Ito's theorem (integral):

$$\int f(t,\omega)\ dB = \sum_{k=1}^K f(t_{k^*},\omega) \Delta B_k \quad \text{as } (t_{k+1}-t_k) \to 0$$
 where  $t_{k^*} \in [t_k,t_{k+1})$ .

As we increase the partitions of [0, T], the sum  $\stackrel{p}{\longrightarrow}$  to the integral.

- But, this is a probability statement: We can find a sample path where the sum can be arbitrarily far from the integral for arbitrarily large partitions (small intervals of integration).
- You may recall that for a Rienman integral, the choice of  $t_{k^*}$  (at the start or at the end of the partition) is not important. But, for Ito's integral, it is important (at the start of the partition).
- Ito's Theorem result:  $\int B(t,\omega) dB = \frac{B(t,\omega)^2}{2} t/2$

#### **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: Intuition**

• We continue with  $y_t = y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$  (Case 1). Using OLS, we estimate  $\phi$ :

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_t y_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1}^2} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_{t-1} + \Delta y_{t-1}) y_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1}^2} = 1 + \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1} \Delta y_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1}^2}$$

• This implies:

$$T(\hat{\phi} - 1) = T \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1} \Delta y_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1}^{2}} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_{t-1} / \sqrt{T}) (\varepsilon_{t} / \sqrt{T})}{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_{t-1} / \sqrt{T})^{2}}$$

• From the way we defined  $W_T(.)$ , we can see that  $y_t/\sqrt{T}$  converges to a Brownian motion. Under  $H_0$ ,  $y_t$  is a sum of white noise errors.

#### Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing: Intuition

- Intuition for distribution under H<sub>0</sub>:
- Think of  $y_t$  as a sum of white noise errors.
- Think of  $\varepsilon_t$  as dW(t).

Then, using Billingley (1986), we guess that  $T(\hat{\phi} - 1)$  converges to

$$T(\widehat{\phi}-1) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_0^1 W(t) dW(t)}{\int_0^1 W(t)^2 d(t)}$$

• We think of  $\varepsilon_t$  as dW(t). Then,  $\sum_{k=0}^T \varepsilon_k$ , which corresponds to  $\int_0^{t/T} dW(s) = W(\frac{s}{T})$  (for W(0) = 0). Using Ito's integral, we have

$$T\left(\widehat{\phi}-1\right) \stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow} \frac{1}{2} \frac{W(1)^2-1}{\int_0^1 W(t)^2 d(t)}$$

# **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: Intuition**

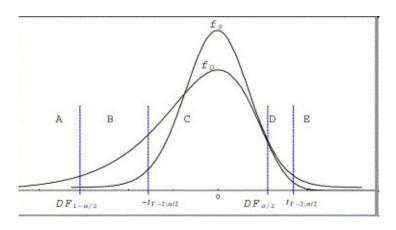
$$T(\hat{\phi}-1) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{2} \frac{W(1)^2 - 1}{\int_0^1 W(t)^2 d(t)}$$

Note: W(1) is a N(0, 1). Then,  $W(1)^2$  is just a  $\chi_1^2$  RV.

- Contrary to the stable model the denominator of the expression for the OLS estimator –i.e.,  $\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}x_{t}^{2}$  does not converge to a constant *a.s.*, but to a RV strongly correlated with the numerator.
- Then, the asymptotic distribution is not normal. It turns out that the limiting distribution of the OLS estimator is highly skewed, with a long tail to the left.

# **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: Intuition**

• DF distribution relative to a Normal. It is skewed, with a long tail to the left.



• Back to the AR(1) model. The *t*-test statistic for  $H_0$ :  $\alpha_0 = 0$  is given by

$$t_{\phi=1} = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - 1}{SE(\hat{\phi}_1)} = \frac{\hat{\phi}_1 - 1}{\sqrt{s^2 \sum_{t=1}^{T} y_{t-1}^2}}$$

• The test is a one-sided left tail test. If  $\{y_t\}$  is stationary (i.e.,  $|\phi_1| < 1$ ) then it can be shown

$$\sqrt{T} (\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1) \stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow} \text{N}(0, (1 - {\phi_1}^2)$$

• This means that under  $H_0$ , the asymptotic distribution of  $t_{\phi=1}$  is N(0,1). That is, under  $H_0$ :

$$\hat{\phi}_1 \stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow} N(1,0)$$

which we know is not correct, since  $y_t$  is not stationary and ergodic.

## Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing: DF

• Under  $H_0$ ,  $y_t$  is not stationary and ergodic. The usual sample moments do not converge to fixed constants. Using the results discussed above, Phillips (1987) showed that the sample moments of  $y_t$  converge to random functions of Brownian motions. Under  $H_0$ :

$$(T-1)(\widehat{\phi}-1) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_0^1 W(r) dW(r)}{\int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr}$$

$$t_{\phi=1} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_0^1 W(r) dW(r)}{\left(\int_0^1 W(r)^2 dr\right)^{1/2}}$$

where W(r) denotes a standard Brownian motion (Wiener process) defined on the unit interval.

- $\hat{\phi}$  is not asymptotically normally distributed and  $t_{\phi=1}$  is not asymptotically standard normal.
- The limiting distribution of  $t_{\phi=1}$  is the DF distribution, which does not have a closed form representation. Then, quantiles of the distribution must be numerically approximated or simulated.
- The distribution of the DF test is *non-standard*. It has been tabulated under different scenarios.

Case 1: no constant:  $y_t = \phi_1 \ y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ 

Case 2: with a constant:  $y_t = \mu + \phi_1 \ y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ 

Case 3: with a constant and a trend:  $y_t = \mu + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \delta t + \varepsilon_t$ 

<u>Note</u>: In general, the tests with no constant are not used in practice; unless, theoretical reasons impose a constant in the model.

## Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing: DF

• Critical values of the DF(T) test under different scenarios.

Table 1: Selected Critical Values of Unit-Root Test Statistics

sample size	Probability				
T	0.01	0.025	0.05	0.10	
	Model without constant				
100	-2.60	-2.24	-1.95	-1.61	
250	-2.58	-2.23	-1.95	-1.62	
500	-2.58	-2.23	-1.95	-1.62	
$\infty$			-1.95		
	Model with constant				
100	-3.51	-3.17	-2.89	-2.58	
250	-3.46	-3.14	-2.88	-2.57	
500	-3.44	-3.13	-2.87	-2.57	
$\infty$	-3.43	-3.12	-2.86	-2.57	
	Model with time trend				
100	-4.04	-3.73	-3.45	-3.15	
250	-3.99	-3.69	-3.43	-3.13	
500	-3.98	-3.68	-3.42	-3.13	
$\infty$	-3.96	-3.66	-3.41	-3.12	

- Which version of the three main variations of the test should be used is not a minor issue. The decision has implications for the size and the power of the unit root test.
- For example, an incorrect exclusion of the time trend term leads to (omitted variables) bias in the coefficient estimate for  $\phi$ , leading to size distortions (false negatives/positives) and reductions in power.
- Technical note: The normalized bias (T-1)  $(\hat{\phi}-1)$  has a well defined limiting distribution that does not depend on nuisance parameters it can also be used as a test statistic for the null hypothesis  $H_0$ :  $\phi = 1$ . It is usually referred as the  $\rho$ -test.

The distribution of this  $\rho$ -test is also non-standard. It is also simulated.

#### Autoregressive UR - DF: Case 2

• Case 2. DF with a constant term in DGP:  $y_t = \mu + \phi_1 \ y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ The hypotheses to be tested:

$$H_0$$
:  $\phi_1 = 1$ ,  $\mu = 0$   $\Rightarrow y_t \sim I(1)$  without drift  $H_1$ :  $\phi_1 < 1$   $\Rightarrow y_t \sim I(0)$  with mean.

This formulation is appropriate for non-trending economic and financial series like interest rates, exchange rates for developed (& stable) countries and spreads.

• The test statistics  $t_{\phi=1}$  and (T-1)  $(\hat{\phi}-1)$  are computed from the estimation of the AR(1) model with a constant.

#### Autoregressive Unit Root – DF: Case 1

• Under  $H_0$ :  $\phi_1 = 1$ ,  $\mu = 0$ , the asymptotic distributions of these test statistics are influenced by the presence, but not the coefficient value, of the constant in the test regression:

$$(T-1)(\hat{\phi}-1) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_{0}^{1} W^{\mu}(r) dW(r)}{\int_{0}^{1} W^{\mu}(r)^{2} dr} W^{\mu}$$

$$t_{\phi=1} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_{0}^{1} W^{\mu}(r) dW(r)}{\left(\int_{0}^{1} W^{\mu}(r)^{2} dr\right)^{1/2}}$$

where  $W^{\mu}(r) = W(r) - \int_0^1 W(r) dr$  is the de-meaned Wiener process –i.e.,  $\int_0^1 W^{\mu}(r) dr = 0$ .

• Inclusion of a constant pushes the tests' distributions to the left.

# Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 2

**Example**: We do a DF test for the monthly DKK/USD exchange rate,  $S_t$ , (1971-2020), T = 597. We use Case 2 (constant in DGP):

PPP\_da <-

 $read.csv("http://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/4397/ppp\_2020\_m.csv",head=TRUE,sep=",") x\_d <- PPP\_da\$DKK\_USD$ 

 $x_d_t < -ts(x_d, start = c(1971, 1), frequency = 12)$ 

plot(x\_d\_ts, main ="DKK/USD Exchange Rate")



#### Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 2

#### **Example (continuation):**

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 T_{-d} <- \operatorname{length}(x_{-d}) \\ x_{-S} <- x_{-d}[-T_{-d}] \\ \operatorname{diff}_{-x} <- x_{-d}[-1] - x_{-d}[-T_{-d}] \\ \operatorname{fit}_{-d} <- \operatorname{lm}(\operatorname{diff}_{-x} \sim x_{-S}) \\ > \operatorname{summary}(\operatorname{fit}_{-d} f) > \operatorname{summary}(\operatorname{fit}_{-d} f) \\ \operatorname{Coefficients:} \\ \operatorname{Estimate} \quad \operatorname{Std. \; Error \; t \; value \; Pr(>|t|)} \\ \operatorname{(Intercept)} \; 0.093170 \quad 0.045975 \quad 2.027 \quad 0.0432 \; * \\ \operatorname{xx} \quad -0.014382 \quad 0.006838 \; -2.103 \quad 0.0359 \; * \qquad \Rightarrow \operatorname{DF} \; \operatorname{test} \; \operatorname{stat} \\ --- \\ \operatorname{Residual \; standard \; error:} \; 0.03326 \; \operatorname{on} \; 591 \; \operatorname{degrees} \; \operatorname{of} \; \operatorname{freedom} \\ \operatorname{Multiple \; R-squared:} \; 0.009852, \; \operatorname{Adjusted \; R-squared:} \; 0.008176 \\ \operatorname{F-statistic:} \; 5.88 \; \operatorname{on} \; 1 \; \operatorname{and} \; 591 \; \operatorname{DF}, \; \operatorname{p-value:} \; 0.01561 \\ \\ \end{array}
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# Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 2

#### Example (continuation):

Compare  $t_{\phi=1} = -2.103$  to the values in DF distribution at 5% level

Critical values at 5% level: -2.87 for T = 500 & -2.88 for  $T = \infty$ 

 $t_{\phi=1} > -2.87 \Rightarrow$  Cannot reject H<sub>0</sub>:  $\phi_1 = 1$ , with a t-test. Then, take 1st differences (changes in S<sub>t</sub>) to model the series.

<u>Note</u>: The R library *urea* computes the DF test (and other unit root tests) with the *ur.df* function. There are other R libraries that do unit root tests. The *ur.df* function with **lags=0** is the DF test, with lags>0 is the "Augmented Dickey-Fuller" (or ADF) test.

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library(urca)
lc.df <- ur.df(y=x_d, lags=0, type='drift')
> summary(lc.df)
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# Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 2

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Example (continuation): > summary(lc.df)
# Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test Unit Root Test #
Coefficients:
        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.093170 0.045975 2.027 0.0432 *
z.lag.1 -0.014382 0.006838 -2.103 0.0359 *
                                           ⇒ DF test stat
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' '1
Residual standard error: 0.2047 on 594 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.007392, Adjusted R-squared: 0.005721
F-statistic: 4.424 on 1 and 594 DF, p-value: 0.03586
Value of test-statistic is: -2.1033 2.2377
Critical values for test statistics:
   1pct 5pct 10pct
tau2 -3.43 -2.86 -2.57
phi1 6.43 4.59 3.78
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# Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 2

#### Example (continuation):

<u>Check</u>: OLS regression of  $S_t$  against a constant and  $S_{t-1}$ . The  $S_{t-1}$  coefficient should be very close to 1.

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Coefficient should be very close to 1.

fit_S_1 <- lm (x_d[-1] ~ x_d[-T_chf])
> summary(fit_S_1)

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.093170 0.045975 2.027 0.0432 *

x_d[-T_chf] 0.985618 0.006838 144.140 <2e-16 ***

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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '.' 1

Residual standard error: 0.2047 on 594 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9722, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9722

F-statistic: 2.078e+04 on 1 and 594 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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#### Autoregressive UR – DF: Case 3

• Case 3. With constant and trend term in the DGP. The test regression is  $y_t = \mu + \phi_1 \ y_{t-1} + \delta t + \varepsilon_t$ 

and includes a constant and deterministic time trend to capture the deterministic trend under the alternative. The hypotheses to be tested:

$$H_0: \phi_1 = 1, \delta = 0$$
  $\Rightarrow y_t \sim I(1)$  with drift  $H_1: |\phi_1| < 1$   $\Rightarrow y_t \sim I(0)$  with deterministic time trend.

• This formulation is appropriate for trending time series like asset prices or the levels of macroeconomic aggregates like real GDP. The test statistics  $t_{\phi=1}$  is computed from the above regression.

## Autoregressive Unit Root - DF: Case 3

• Again, under  $H_0$ :  $\phi_1 = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0$ , the asymptotic distributions of both test statistics are influenced by the presence of the constant and time trend in the test regression. Now, we have:

$$(T-1)(\widehat{\phi}-1) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_0^1 W^{\tau}(r) dW(r)}{\int_0^1 W^{\tau}(r)^2 dr} W^{\mu}$$

$$t_{\phi=1} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{\int_0^1 W^{\tau}(r) dW(r)}{\left(\int_0^1 W^{\tau}(r)^2 dr\right)^{1/2}}$$

where  $W^{\tau}(r)=W^{\mu}(r)-12(r-\frac{1}{2})\int_0^1(s-\frac{1}{2})W(r)\,dr$  is the demeaned and detrended Wiener process –i.e.,  $\int_0^1W^{\tau}(r)\,dr=0$ .

# Autoregressive Unit Root - DF: Case 2

• Again, the inclusion of a constant and trend in the test regression further shifts the distributions of  $t_{\phi=1}$  and (T-1)  $(\hat{\phi}-1)$  to the left.

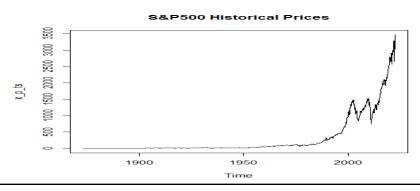
# Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 3

• Example: We do a DF test for the monthly stock index price,  $P_t$ , (1873 - 2020), T = 1796. We use Case 3 (constant and trend in DGP):  $Sh_da < -$ 

 $read.csv("http://www.bauer.uh.edu/rsusmel/4397/Shiller\_2020data.csv",head=TRUE,sep=",") x_p <- Sh_da\\P$ 

 $T_p < -length(x_p)$ 

library(urca)



#### Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 3

• Example (continuation): We use function *ur.df* in the library *urca*.

```
lc.df_p \le ur.df(y=x_p, lags=0, type='trend')
> summary(lc.df_p)
Coefficients:
          Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
0.006243 0.001380 4.526 6.42e-06 ***
                                                         ⇒ DF test stat
tt
          0.000329 \quad 0.001627 \quad 0.202 \quad \  0.840
Value of test-statistic is: 4.5257 16.6595 20.1626
Critical values for test statistics:
   1pct 5pct 10pct
tau3 -3.96 -3.41 -3.12
Compare t_{\phi=1} = 4.5257 to the values in DF distribution (5%): -3.41.
t_{\phi=1} > -3.41 \implies Cannot reject H<sub>0</sub>: \phi_1 = 1, with a t-test at 5% level.
Then, take 1st differences –i.e, returns!– to model the series.
```

# Autoregressive UR – DF: Example Case 3

• Example (continuation):

OLS regression of  $P_t$  against a constant and  $P_{t-1}$ . The  $P_{t-1}$  coefficient should be very close to 1.

```
fit_p_1t <- lm (x_p[-1] ~ x_p[-T_p] + trend_p)

> summary(fit_p_1t)

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

(Intercept) -1.020395 1.346116 -0.758 0.449

x_S1 1.006243 0.001380 729.401 <2e-16 ***

trend 0.000329 0.001627 0.202 0.840

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Residual standard error: 26.28 on 1794 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.9982, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9982

F-statistic: 4.93e+05 on 2 and 1794 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

- Which version of the three main variations of the test should be used is not a minor issue. The decision has implications for the size and the power of the unit root test.
- For example, an incorrect exclusion of the time trend term leads to bias in the coefficient estimate for  $\phi$ , leading to size distortions and reductions in power.
- Since the normalized bias  $(T-1)(\hat{\phi}-1)$  has a well defined limiting distribution that does not depend on nuisance parameters it can also be used as a test statistic for the null hypothesis  $H_0$ :  $\phi = 1$ .

## Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing: ADF

• Back to the general, AR(p) process. We can rewrite the equation as the *Dickey-Fuller reparameterization*:

$$\Delta y_{t} = \mu + \alpha_{0} \ y_{t-1} + \alpha_{1} \ \Delta y_{t-1} + \alpha_{2} \Delta y_{t-2} + \dots + \alpha_{2} \Delta y_{t-(p-1)} + \varepsilon_{t}$$

- The model is stationary if  $\alpha_0 < 0$   $\Rightarrow$  natural  $H_1$ :  $\alpha_0 < 0$ .
- Under H<sub>0</sub>:  $\alpha_0$ =0, the model is AR(p-1) stationary in  $\Delta y_t$ . Then, if  $y_t$  has a (single) unit root, then  $\Delta y_t$  is a stationary AR process.
- The *t*-test for H<sub>0</sub> from OLS estimation is the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test.
- Similar situation as the DF test, we have a non-normal distribution.

• The asymptotic distribution is:

$$T\hat{\alpha}_0 \xrightarrow{d} (1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \dots - \alpha_{k-1})DF_{\alpha}$$

$$ADF = \frac{\hat{\alpha}_0}{s(\hat{\alpha}_0)} \xrightarrow{d} DF_t$$

The limit distributions  $DF_{\alpha}$  and  $DF_{t}$  are non-normal. They are skewed to the left, and have negative means.

- First result:  $\hat{\alpha}_0$  converges to its true value (of zero) at rate T; rather than the conventional rate of  $\sqrt{T}$   $\Rightarrow$  superconsistency.
- Second result: The t-statistic for  $\hat{\alpha}_0$  converges to a non-normal limit distribution, but does not depend on  $\alpha$ .

# Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: ADF

- The *ADF* distribution has been extensively tabulated under the usual scenarios: 1) with a constant; 2) with a constant and a trend; and 3) no constant. This last scenario is seldom used in practice.
- Like in the DF case, which version of the three main versions of the test should be used is not a minor issue. A wrong decision has potential size and power implications.
- One-sided  $H_1$ : the *ADF* test rejects  $H_0$  when *ADF* < c; where c is the critical value from the *ADF* table.

Note: The SE( $\hat{\alpha}_0$ ) =  $s\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T y_{t-1}^2}$ , the usual (homoscedastic) SE. But, we could be more general. Homoskedasticity is not required.

• We described the test with an intercept. Another setting includes a linear time trend:

$$\Delta y_t = \mu_1 + \mu_2 t + \alpha_0 \ y_{t-1} + \alpha_1 \ \Delta y_{t-1} + \alpha_2 \Delta y_{t-2} + \cdots + \alpha_{p-1} \Delta y_{t-(p-1)} + \varepsilon_t$$

- Natural framework when the alternative hypothesis is that the series is stationary about a linear time trend.
- If t is included, the test procedure is the same, but different critical values are needed. The ADF test has a different distribution when t is included.

## Autoregressive Unit Root - DF: Example 1

- Monthly USD/GBP exchange rate,  $S_t$ , (1800-2013), T=2534.
- Case 1 (no constant in DGP):

Parameter Standard

Variable DF Estimate Error t-Value Pr > |t|x1 1 0.99934 0.00061935 1613.52 <.0001

$$(T-1)*(\hat{\phi}-1) = 2533*(1-.99934)=-1.67178$$

Critical values at 5% level: -8.0 for T = 500

$$-8.1$$
 for  $T = \infty$ 

- Cannot reject  $H_0 \Rightarrow$  Take 1st differences (changes in  $S_t$ ) to model the series.
- With a constant,  $\hat{\phi} = 0.99631$ . Similar conclusion (Critical values at 5% level: -14.0 for T=500 and -14.1 for T= $\infty$ ): Model changes in  $S_t$ .

# Autoregressive Unit Root – DF: Example 2

- Monthly US Stock Index (1800-2013), T = 2534.
- No constant in DGP (unusual case, called Case 1):

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

Parameter Standard

Variable DF Estimate Error t-Value Pr > |t|

x1 1 **1.00298** 0.00088376 1134.90 <.0001

 $(T-1)*(\hat{\phi}-1) = 2533*(.00298) = 7.5483$  (positive, not very interesting)

Critical values at 5% level: -8.0 for T = 500

$$-8.1$$
 for  $T = \infty$ 

- Cannot reject  $H_0 \Rightarrow$  Take 1st differences (returns) to model series.
- With a constant,  $\hat{\phi} = 1.00269$ . Same conclusion.

## Autoregressive Unit Root - DF-GLS

- Elliott, Rothenberg and Stock (1992) (ERS) study *point optimal invariant tests* (POI) for unit roots. An invariant test is a test invariant to nuisance parameters.
- In the unit root case, we consider invariance to the parameters that capture the stationary movements around the unit roots -i.e., the parameters to AR(p) parameters.
- Consider:  $y_t = \mu + \delta t + u_t$  $u_t = \rho u_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$
- ERS show that the POI test for a unit root against  $\rho = \rho^*$  is:

$$M_T = \frac{S_{\rho=1}^2}{S_{\rho=\rho^*}^2}$$

# Autoregressive Unit Root - DF-GLS

 $M_T = \frac{s_{\rho=1}^2}{s_{\rho=\rho^*}^2}$ 

where  $s_{\rho}^{2}$  is the variances residuals from the GLS estimation under both scenarios for  $\rho$ ,  $\rho = 1$  and  $\rho = \rho^{*}$ , respectively:

• The critical value for the test will depend on c, where  $\rho^* = 1 - c/T$ 

Note: When dynamics are introduced in the  $u_t$  equation,  $\Delta u_t$  lags, the critical values have to be adjusted.

• In practice  $\rho^*$  is unknown. ERS suggest different values for different cases. Say, c = -13.5, for the case with a trend, gives a power of 50%.

#### Autoregressive Unit Root - DF-GLS

- It turns out that if we instead do the GLS-adjustment and then perform the ADF-test (without allowing for a mean or trend) we get approximately the POI-test. ERS call this test the DF-GLS $_{\rm t}$  test.
- The critical values depend on T.

T 1% 5%

50 -3.77 -3.19

100 -3.58 -3.03

200 -3.46 -2.93

500 -3.47 -2.89

$$\infty$$
 -3.48 -2.89

• Check ERS for critical values for other scenarios.

- Important issue: lag *p*:
- Check the specification of the lag length p. If p is too small, then the remaining serial correlation in the errors will bias the test. If p is too large, then the power of the test will suffer.
- Ng and Perron (1995) suggestion:
- (1) Set an upper bound  $p_{max}$  for p.
- (2) Estimate the ADF test regression with  $p = p_{max}$ . If  $|t_{\alpha(p)}| > 1.6$  set  $p = p_{max}$  and perform the ADF test. Otherwise, reduce the lag length by one. Go back to (1)
- Schwert's (1989) rule of tumb for determining  $p_{max}$ :

$$p_{\text{max}} = \left[12\left(\frac{T}{100}\right)^{1/4}\right]$$

# Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: PP Test

- The Phillips-Perron (PP) unit root tests differ from the ADF tests mainly in how they deal with serial correlation and heteroskedasticity in the errors.
- The ADF tests use a parametric autoregression to approximate the ARMA structure of the errors in the test regression. The PP tests correct the DF tests by the bias induced by the omitted autocorrelation.
- These modified statistics, denoted  $Z_t$  and  $Z_\delta$ , are given by

$$Z_{t} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^{2}}{\hat{\lambda}^{2}}} t_{\hat{\alpha}_{0}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\hat{\lambda}^{2} - \hat{\sigma}^{2}}{\hat{\lambda}^{2}} \right) \left( \frac{T(SE(\hat{\alpha}_{0}))}{\hat{\sigma}^{2}} \right)$$
$$Z_{\delta} = T\hat{\alpha}_{0} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{T^{2}(SE(\hat{\alpha}_{0}))}{\hat{\sigma}^{2}} \left( \hat{\lambda}^{2} - \hat{\sigma}^{2} \right)$$

# Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing: PP Test

• The terms  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  and  $\hat{\lambda}$  are consistent estimates of the variance parameters:

$$\begin{split} \sigma^2 &= \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T E[\varepsilon_t^2] \\ \lambda^2 &= \lim_{T \to \infty} \sum_{t=1}^T E[\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_t^2] \end{split}$$

- Under H<sub>0</sub>:  $\alpha_0 = 0$ , the PP  $Z_t$  and  $Z_{\alpha_0}$  statistics have the same asymptotic distributions as the DF t-statistic and normalized bias statistics.
- PP tests tend to be more powerful than the ADF tests. But, they can severe size distortions (when autocorrelations of  $\varepsilon_t$  are negative) and they are more sensitive to model misspecification (order of ARMA model).

# Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: PP Test

- Advantage of the PP tests over the ADF tests:
- Robust to general forms of heteroskedasticity in the error term  $\varepsilon_t$ .
- No need to specify a lag length for the ADF test regression.

# **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: Criticisms**

- The *ADF* and PP unit root tests are very popular. They have been, however, widely criticized.
- Main criticism: Power of tests is low if the process is stationary but with a root close to the non-stationary boundary.
- For example, the tests are poor at distinguishing between  $\phi = 1$  or  $\phi = 0.976$ , especially with small sample sizes.
- Suppose the true DGP is  $y_t = 0.976 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$  $\Rightarrow H_0$ :  $\alpha_0 = 0$  should be rejected.
- One way to get around this is to use a stationarity test (like KPSS test) as well as the unit root *ADF* or PP tests.

# Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: Criticisms

- The *ADF* and PP unit root tests are known (from simulations) to suffer potentially severe finite sample power and size problems.
- 1. Power Both tests are known to have low power against the alternative hypothesis that the series is stationary (or TS) with a large autoregressive root. (See, DeJong, et al, *J. of Econometrics*, 1992.)
- 2. Size Both tests are known to have severe size distortion (in the direction of over-rejecting  $H_0$ ) when the series has a large negative MA root. (See, Schwert, *JBES*, 1989: MA = -0.8  $\Rightarrow$  size = 100%!)

#### **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: KPSS**

• A different test is the **KPSS** (Kwiatkowski, Phillips, Schmidt and Shin) Test (1992). It can be used to test whether we have a deterministic trend vs. stochastic trend:

$$H_0: y_t \sim I(0)$$

⇒ level (or trend) stationary

$$H_1: y_t \sim I(1)$$

⇒ difference stationary

Setup

$$y_t = \mu + \delta t + r_t + u_t,$$

$$r_t = r_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where  $\varepsilon_t \sim WN(0, \sigma^2)$ , uncorrelated with  $u_t \sim WN$ . Then,

 $H_0$  (trend stationary):  $\sigma^2 = 0$ 

 $H_0(y_t \text{ (level) stationary): } \sigma^2 = 0 \& \delta = 0..$ 

Under  $H_1$ :  $\sigma^2 \neq 0$ , there is a RW in  $y_t$ .

## Autoregressive Unit Root - Testing: KPSS

• Under some assumptions (normality, *i.i.d.* for  $u_t \& \varepsilon_t$ ), a one-sided LM test of the null that there is no random walk ( $\varepsilon_t = 0$ , for all t) can be constructed with:

$$KPSS = \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=0}^{T} \frac{S_t}{S_{tt}^2}$$

where  $S_t$  is the partial sum of the residuals  $(S_t = \sum_{i=0}^t \hat{u}_i)$  and  $S_u^2$  is the variance of  $u_t$ , ("long run" variance) estimated as

$$s_u^2(l) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \hat{u}_t^2 + \frac{2}{T} \sum_{s=1}^l w(s, l) \sum_{t=s+1}^T \hat{u}_t \hat{u}_{t-2}$$

where w(s, l) is a kernel function, for example, the Bartlett kernel. We also need to specify the number of lags, which should grow with T.

• Under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{u}_t$  can be estimated by OLS.

#### **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: KPSS**

- Easy to construct. Steps:
- 1. Regress  $y_t$  on a constant and time trend. Get OLS residuals,  $\hat{u}$ .
- 2. Calculate the partial sum of the residuals:  $S_t = \sum_{i=0}^t \hat{u}_i$ .
- 3: Compute the KPSS test statistic

$$KPSS = \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=0}^{T} \frac{S_t}{S_{tt}^2}$$

where  $s_u^2$  is the estimate of the long-run variance of the residuals.

- 4. Reject  $H_0$  when KPSS is large (the series wander from its mean).
- Asymptotic distribution of the test statistic is non-standard –it can be derived using Brownian motions, appealing to FCLT and CMT.

## **Autoregressive Unit Root – Testing: KPSS**

- *KPSS* converges to three different distribution, depending on whether the model is trend-stationary ( $\delta \neq 0$ ), level-stationary ( $\delta = 0$ ), or zero-mean stationary ( $\delta = 0$ ,  $\mu = 0$ ).
- For example, if a constant is included ( $\delta = 0$ ) *KPSS* converges to

$$KPSS \xrightarrow{d} \int_0^1 [W(r) - W(1)] dr$$

Note: V = W(r) - rW(1) is a standard Brownian bridge. It satisfies V(0) = V(1) = 0.

• It is a very powerful unit root test, but if there is a volatility shift it cannot catch this type non-stationarity.

# Autoregressive Unit Root - Structural Breaks

- A stationary time-series may look like non-stationary when there are structural breaks in the intercept or trend.
- The unit root tests lead to false non-rejection of the null when we do not consider the structural breaks. A low power problem.
- A single known breakpoint was studied by Perron (*Econometrica*, 1989). Perron (1997) extended it to a case of unknown breakpoint.
- Perron considers three null and alternative hypotheses. The first one:

$$\begin{split} H_0: y_t &= a_0 + y_{t-1} + \mu_1 \, D_P + \varepsilon_t & (y_t \sim \mathit{ST} \text{ with a jump}) \\ H_t: y_t &= a_0 + a_2 \, t + \mu_1 \, D_L + \varepsilon_t & (y_t \sim \mathit{TS} \text{ with a jump}) \end{split}$$

Pulse break:  $D_P = 1$  if  $t = T_B + 1$  and zero otherwise,

Level break:  $D_L = 0$  for  $t = 1, ..., T_B$  and one otherwise.

## Unit Root - Single Structural Break: Perron

•. Power of ADF tests: Rejection frequencies of AADF—tests

	Model: $a_0$	$a_0 = a_2 = 0.5$	and $\mu_2 = 10$
	1% level	5% level	10% level
ADF-tests	0.004	0.344	0.714
	Model: $a_0$	$a_0 = a_2 = 0.5$	and $\mu_2 = 12$
ADF-tests	0.000	0.028	0.264

- Observations:
- ADF tests are biased toward non-rejection of the non-stationary  $H_{\theta}$ .
- Rejection frequency is inversely related to the magnitude of the shift.
- Perron estimated values of the AR coefficient in the DF regression. They were biased toward unity and that this bias increased as the magnitude of the break increased.

#### Unit Root - Single Structural Break: Perron

- Perron (1989) derives critical values for different cases. For example:  $H_0$ :  $y_t = a_0 + y_{t-1} + \mu_1 D_P + \gamma_1 D_L + \varepsilon_t$  (ST with a jump & break)  $H_t$ :  $y_t = a_0 + a_2 t + \mu_2 D_L + \gamma_2 D_L + \varepsilon_t$  (TS with a jump & break)
- Perron's suggestion: Running the following OLS regression:

$$y_{t} = a_{0} + a_{1}y_{t-1} + a_{2}t + \mu_{2}D_{L} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \beta_{i}\Delta y_{t-i} + \varepsilon_{t}$$

 $H_0$ :  $a_1 = 1$ ;  $\Rightarrow$  use *t*-ratio, DF unit root test.

- Perron shows that the asymptotic (non-standard) distribution of the *t*-statistic depends on the location of the structural break,  $\lambda = T_B/T$ .
- Main problem with this test procedure: structural breaks are not known, they need to be estimated from data.

#### Unit Root - Single Structural Break: ZA

- Main problem with this test: Structural breaks are not known, they need to be estimated. Many papers dealing with *endogenous* structural breaks: Zivot and Andrews (ZA, 1992), Lumsdaine and Papell (LP, 1997), Lee and Strazicich (LS, 2003).
- ZA's test is a sequential ADF test, using a different dummy variable for each possible break date. The break date is selected where the t-statistic from the ADF test is a minimum (most negative) –break date is chosen where the evidence is least favorable for the unit root null.
- ZA's critical values are different from Perron's (1989). In general, ZA provide more evidence for unit roots than under Perron's.

#### Unit Root – Multiple Structural Breaks

- Lumsdaine and Papell (LP, 1997) and Lee and Strazicich (LS, 2003) allow for multiple breaks in their tests.
- LP extend ZA, by allowing two structural breaks under the alternative hypothesis of the unit root test and additionally allow for breaks in level and trend.
- The derivation of critical values on ZA and LP assumes no breaks under the null hypothesis. This assumption may lead to conclude incorrectly (*spuriously*) reject  $H_0$  (unit root) when, in fact, the series is difference-stationary with breaks.

That is, rejecting H<sub>0</sub> does not necessarily imply rejection of a unit root per se, but would imply rejection of a unit root without breaks.

# Unit Root - Multiple Structural Breaks

- The derivation of critical values on ZA and LP assumes no breaks under the null hypothesis. This assumption may lead to conclude incorrectly (*spuriously*) reject  $H_0$  (unit root) when, in fact, the series is first difference-stationary with breaks .
- To deal with this issue, LS propose a LM (score) unit-root test, incorporating structural breaks under  $H_0$  (&  $H_1$ ), with DGPs (augmenting with  $\boldsymbol{p}$  first-difference AR lags works well):

$$H_0: y_t = a_0 + y_{t-1} + \mu_1 D_{P,1} + \mu_2 D_{P,2} + \gamma_1 D_{L,1} + \gamma_2 D_{L,2} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$H_i: y_t = a_0 + (1 - a_1) y_{t-1} + a_2 t \mu_1 D_{P,1} + \mu_2 D_{P,2} + \gamma_1 D_{L,1} + \gamma_2 D_{L,2} + \varepsilon_t$$

• In general, using LS, we tend to reject more  $H_0$  (unit root).

# Unit Root - Multiple Structural Breaks

• LS test is based on the regression:

$$\Delta y_t = \delta' \Delta Z_t + \Phi S_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

where

$$\begin{split} Z_t &= [1, t, D_{P,1}, D_{P,2}, D_{L,1}, D_{L,2}] \\ S_t &= y_t - \psi_x - Z_t \delta, \quad t = 2, \dots, T; \end{split}$$
 (general DGP formulation);

 $\delta$  are coefficients in the regression of  $\Delta y_t$  on  $\Delta Z_t$ ;  $\psi_x$  is given by  $y_1$  -  $Z_1$   $\delta$ .

- Two LM statistic:
- a)  $\rho = T \Phi$
- b)  $\tau = \text{t-statistic testing the null hypothesis } \Phi = 0.$
- The distributions are non-standard –under general DGP, distribution depends ("a bit") on the *nuisance* parameter  $\lambda$  (=  $T_B/T$ ).
- 5% critical values for  $\tau$  (general DGP): -5.75 ( $\lambda$ =0.2); -5.73 ( $\lambda$ =0.6).

#### Autoregressive Unit Root - Relevance

• We can always decompose a unit root process into the sum of a random walk and a stable process. This is known as the **Beveridge-Nelson** (1981) (**BN**) composition.

• Let 
$$y_t \sim I(1)$$
,  $r_t \sim RW$  and  $c_t \sim I(0)$ . 
$$y_t = r_t + c_t.$$

Since  $c_t$  is stable, it has a Wold decomposition:

$$(1-L)y_t = \psi(L)\varepsilon_t$$

Then,

$$(1-L)y_t = \psi(L)\varepsilon_t = \psi(1)\varepsilon_t + (\psi(L) - \psi(1))\varepsilon_t$$
$$= \psi(1)\varepsilon_t + \psi(L) * \varepsilon_t$$

where  $\psi(1)=0$ . Then,

$$y_t = \psi(1)(1-L)^{-1}\varepsilon_t + \psi(L)*(1-L)^{-1}\varepsilon_t = r_t + c_t$$

# Autoregressive Unit Root - Relevance

• Usual finding in economics: Many time series seem to have unit roots. But, there is debate over power of unit root tests and the effect of structural breaks.

**Example**: Consumption, output, stock prices, interest rates, unemployment, size, compensation are usually I(1).

- Sometimes a linear combination of I(1) series produces an I(0). For example, (log consumption—log output) is stationary. This situation is called *cointegration*.
- Practical problems with cointegration:
- Asymptotics change completely.
- Not enough data to definitively say we have cointegration.

#### Autoregressive Unit Root - Structural Breaks 2

• Nelson and Plosser (1982) tested using ADF 14 macroeconomic series (GNP, IP, employment, etc) for unit roots: Rejected  $\rm H_0$  for only one. Summary of results from tests allowing for structural breaks, from Glyn et al. (2007):

Table 1: Unit Root Tests with the Nelson and Plosser's Data (1982) Set

Empirical Studies by:	Model	Unit Root (with possible breaks)	Stationary (with possible breaks)
Nelson and Plosser (1982)	ADF test with no break	13	1
Perron (1989)**	Exogenous with one break	3	11
Zivot and Andrews (1992)*	Endogenous with one break	10	3
Lumsdaine and Papell (1997)*	Endogenous with two breaks	8	5
Lee and Strazicich (2003)**	Endogenous with two breaks	10	4

<sup>\*</sup> Assume no break(s) under the null hypothesis of unit root.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assume break(s) under both the null and the alternative hypothesis.