

Profile Likelihood

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Setup

- ▶ **Objective:** Maximize the loglikelihood function $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{Y})$, $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
- ▶ **Dimension Reduction:** Suppose that we have $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$, where $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}^q$ and $q < p$, such that for any value of $\boldsymbol{\eta}$, the **conditional MLE**

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi} \mid \mathbf{Y})$$

can be **easily calculated**.

- ▶ **Profile Likelihood:** Defined as the q -dimensional function

$$l_{\text{prof}}(\boldsymbol{\eta} \mid \mathbf{Y}) = \ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \mid \mathbf{Y}).$$

- ▶ **Proposition:** Let $\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} l_{\text{prof}}(\boldsymbol{\eta} \mid \mathbf{Y})$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}}$. Then

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}) = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{Y}).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi} \mid \mathbf{Y}) &\leq \ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \mid \mathbf{Y}) = l_{\text{prof}}(\boldsymbol{\eta} \mid \mathbf{Y}) \\ &\leq l_{\text{prof}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \mid \mathbf{Y}) = \ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}} \mid \mathbf{Y}) = \ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mid \mathbf{Y}). \end{aligned}$$

Example: Regression-Like Models

► **Generalized Regression Model:** $M_R : \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{V})$.

► **Loglikelihood:** Dropping only the $(2\pi)^{n/2}$ term we have

$$\begin{aligned}\log p(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{V}) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})' \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\sigma^2} + n \log(\sigma^2) + \log |\mathbf{V}| \right\} \\ &= g(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma | \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{V}).\end{aligned}$$

► **MLE:** For given \mathbf{y} , \mathbf{X} , \mathbf{V} we have

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{y}, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})' \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}).$$

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- ▶ **Regression-Like Model:** $M : \mathbf{Y} \sim p(\mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$, for which the loglikelihood function can be written as

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{Y}) = \ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi} | \mathbf{Y}) = g(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma | \mathbf{y}_\eta, \mathbf{X}_\eta, \mathbf{V}_\eta),$$

for $\boldsymbol{\phi} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma)$ and given functions \mathbf{y}_η , \mathbf{X}_η , and \mathbf{V}_η .

- ▶ **Conditional MLE:** For fixed $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ we have

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\eta = (\mathbf{X}'_\eta \mathbf{V}_\eta^{-1} \mathbf{X}_\eta)^{-1} \mathbf{X}'_\eta \mathbf{V}_\eta^{-1} \mathbf{y}_\eta, \quad \hat{\sigma}_\eta^2 = \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{y}_\eta - \mathbf{X}_\eta \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\eta)' \mathbf{V}_\eta^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_\eta - \mathbf{X}_\eta \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\eta).$$

- ▶ **Profile Likelihood:**
$$\ell_{\text{prof}}(\boldsymbol{\eta} | \mathbf{Y}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ n + n \log \hat{\sigma}_\eta^2 + \log |\mathbf{V}_\eta| \right\}.$$

Example: Stochastic Volatility Modeling

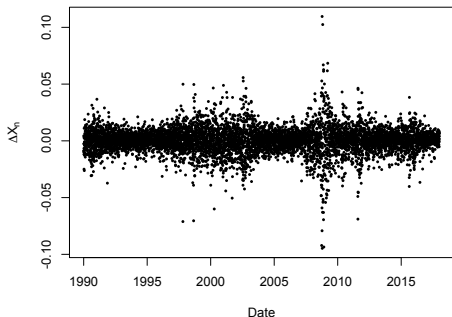
► Data:

- X_i : log GSPC value on day i
- V_i : VIX value on day i (measure of implied volatility determined by CBOE)

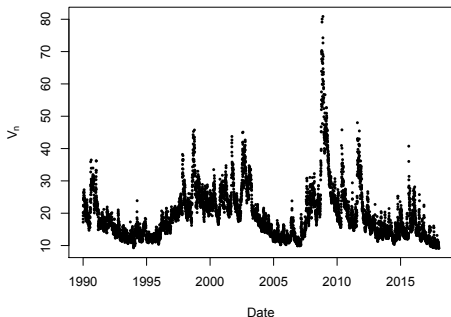
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GSPC: Log>Returns (ΔX_n)



VIX (V_n)



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- ▶ **Loglikelihood:** Sum of normal log-PDFs obtained from Markov property + Euler approximation. Thus, $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{Y}) = \ell(\alpha, \tau | \mathbf{Y}) + \ell(\gamma, \mu, \sigma, \lambda | \mathbf{V})$, where

$$\ell(\alpha, \tau | \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \log \varphi(\Delta X_i | \underbrace{(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\tau V_i)\Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\tau V_i \Delta t}_{\text{variance}}) \quad (1)$$

$$\ell(\gamma, \mu, \sigma, \lambda | \mathbf{V}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \log \varphi(\Delta V_i | \underbrace{-\gamma(V_i - \mu)\Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\sigma^2 V_i^{2\lambda} \Delta t}_{\text{variance}}), \quad (2)$$

and $\varphi(x | \mu, \sigma^2)$ is the PDF of $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

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- ▶ **Profile Likelihood:** (1) and (2) are equivalent to two independent regression-like models:

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \quad \ell(\gamma, \mu, \sigma, \lambda | \mathbf{V}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \log \varphi(\Delta V_i | -\gamma(V_i - \mu)\Delta t, \sigma^2 V_i^{2\lambda} \Delta t) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \log \varphi(\Delta V_i | \underbrace{\gamma(-V_i \Delta t) + (\gamma\mu)\Delta t}_{\beta = (\gamma, \gamma\mu)}, \sigma^2 V_i^{2\lambda} \Delta t) \\ \iff \quad \mathbf{y}_\lambda &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X}_\lambda \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{V}_\lambda), \quad \text{where}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta V_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta V_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} -V_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -V_{N-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Delta t, \quad \mathbf{V}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} V_1^{2\lambda} & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & V_{N-1}^{2\lambda} \end{bmatrix} \Delta t, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ \gamma\mu \end{bmatrix}.$$

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(since $\varphi(x \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \varphi(x + a \mid \mu - a, \sigma^2)$)

$$\iff \mathbf{y}_\lambda \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X}_\lambda \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{V}_\lambda), \quad \text{where}$$

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$\implies \ell_{\text{prof}}(\lambda, \tau | \mathbf{Y})$ reduces 6-d optimization to 2-d.

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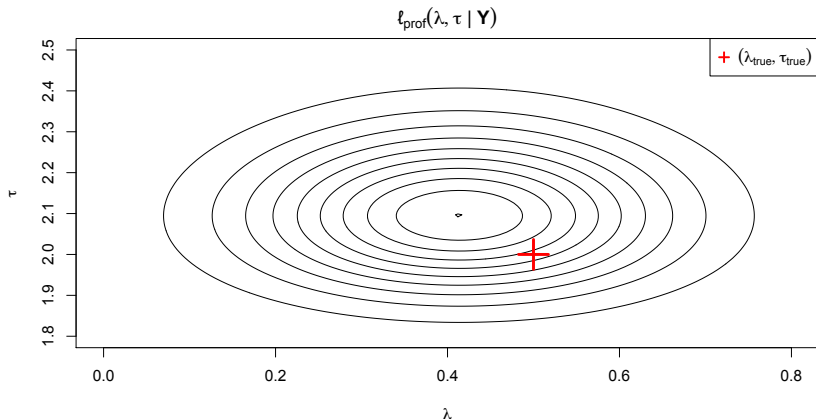
► **Stochastic Volatility Model:**

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► **Simulation:**

| Parameter | α | γ | μ | σ | λ | τ | X_0 | V_0 | N | Δt |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-----|------------|
| Value | .1 | .5 | .2 | .3 | .5 | 2 | 6.5 | .2 | 500 | 1/252 |



Profile Likelihood (Continued)

Confidence Intervals

► **Loglikelihood:** $l(\theta | \mathbf{Y})$

► **Profile Likelihood:** For $\theta = (\eta, \phi)$,

$$l_{\text{prof}}(\eta | \mathbf{Y}) = l(\eta, \hat{\phi}_{\eta} | \mathbf{Y}), \quad \hat{\phi}_{\eta} = \arg \max_{\phi} l(\eta, \phi | \mathbf{Y}).$$

► **MLE:** $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\eta}, \hat{\phi}_{\hat{\eta}})$, where $\hat{\eta} = \arg \max_{\eta} l_{\text{prof}}(\eta | \mathbf{Y})$.

► **Confidence Intervals:** Suppose $\theta = (\eta, \phi)$. To construct the confidence interval $\hat{\eta} \pm 1.96 \cdot s_{\hat{\eta}}$, two options for the standard error $s_{\hat{\eta}}$:

1. Use *full likelihood* Fisher Information: $\hat{\mathcal{I}} = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} l(\hat{\theta} | \mathbf{Y}), \quad s_{\hat{\eta}} = \sqrt{[\hat{\mathcal{I}}^{-1}]_{11}}$

2. Use *profile likelihood* Fisher Information: $\hat{\mathcal{I}}_{\text{prof}} = -\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} l_{\text{prof}}(\hat{\eta} | \mathbf{Y}), \quad s_{\hat{\eta}} = \hat{\mathcal{I}}_{\text{prof}}^{-1/2}$

Question: Which to use? Does it matter?

Profile Likelihood: Confidence Intervals

Example

- **Model:** $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Weibull}(\gamma, \lambda)$, where

$$X \sim \text{Expo}(1) \implies Y = \lambda X^{1/\gamma} \sim \text{Weibull}(\gamma, \lambda).$$

- **Loglikelihood:**

$$\ell(\gamma, \lambda | \mathbf{Y}) = n[\log(\gamma) - \gamma \log(\lambda)] + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \log Y_i - \lambda^{-\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^\gamma.$$

- **Profile Likelihood:** $\hat{\lambda}_\gamma = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^\gamma\right)^{1/\gamma}.$

Profile Likelihood: Confidence Intervals

- **Profile Likelihood:** For $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{Y})$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi})$, $\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}^q$, $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $q < p$,

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\implies MLE is $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}})$, where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \ell_{\text{prof}}(\boldsymbol{\eta} \mid \mathbf{Y})$.

- **Confidence Intervals:** To construct variance estimate $\widehat{\text{var}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}) \approx \text{var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}})$:

1. *Full likelihood* Fisher Information: denoting $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{ab} = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial a \partial b} \ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mid \mathbf{Y})$, $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \{\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\phi}\}$,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\eta}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\phi}\boldsymbol{\eta}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\phi}\boldsymbol{\phi}} \end{bmatrix} \implies \widehat{\text{var}}_{\text{full}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}) = \text{top left } q \times q \text{ corner of } \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}^{-1} \\ = [\hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\eta}} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}\boldsymbol{\phi}} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\phi}\boldsymbol{\phi}}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}}_{\boldsymbol{\phi}\boldsymbol{\eta}}]^{-1}.$$

2. *Profile likelihood* Fisher Information: $\widehat{\text{var}}_{\text{prof}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}) = \left[-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}^2} \ell_{\text{prof}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \mid \mathbf{Y}) \right]^{-1}$.

- **Theorem:** $\widehat{\text{var}}_{\text{full}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}) = \widehat{\text{var}}_{\text{prof}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}})$.

\implies If $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ are **nuisance parameters**, i.e., only $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ are **parameters of interest**, then profile likelihood is more efficient for calculating both MLE and confidence intervals for $\boldsymbol{\eta}$.

Stochastic Volatility Modeling (Continued)

Goodness-of-Fit

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► **Euler Approximation:** Given an initial value \mathbf{Y}_0 , data simulated as

$$\Delta X_n = \underbrace{(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\tau V_n)\Delta t}_{\mu_{1n}(\theta)} + \underbrace{(\tau V_n)^{1/2}}_{\sigma_{1n}(\theta)} \Delta B_{1n}, \quad \Delta V_n = \underbrace{-\gamma(V_n - \mu)\Delta t}_{\mu_{2n}(\theta)} + \underbrace{\sigma V_n^\lambda}_{\sigma_{2n}(\theta)} \Delta B_{2n}.$$

► **Model Residuals:** Assuming Euler approximation, define

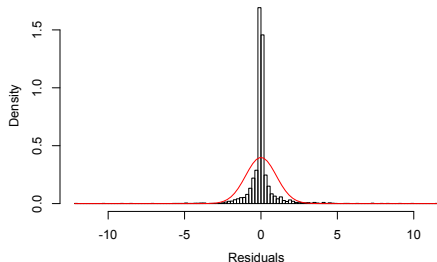
$$Z_{1n}(\theta) = \frac{\Delta X_n - \mu_{1n}(\theta)}{\sigma_{1n}(\theta)\Delta t^{1/2}} = \frac{\Delta B_{1n}}{\Delta t^{1/2}}, \quad Z_{2n}(\theta) = \frac{\Delta V_n - \mu_{2n}(\theta)}{\sigma_{2n}(\theta)\Delta t^{1/2}} = \frac{\Delta B_{2n}}{\Delta t^{1/2}}.$$

By independent increments of Brownian motion, $Z_{in}(\theta) \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

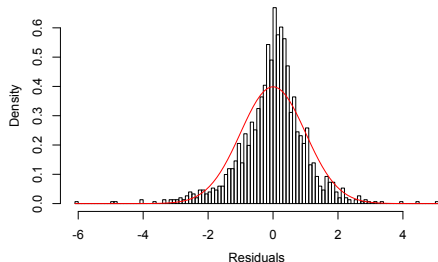
Defining the **residuals** $\hat{Z}_{in} = Z_{in}(\hat{\theta})$ where $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE, approximately we have $\hat{Z}_{in} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

Stochastic Volatility: Goodness-of-Fit

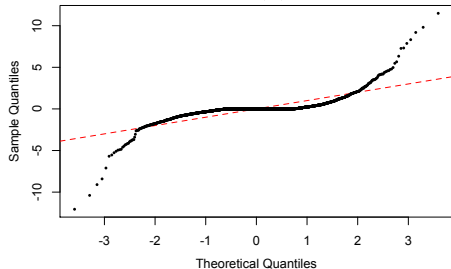
gBm Model



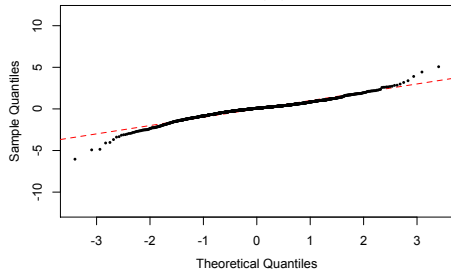
SV Model



Normal Q-Q Plot

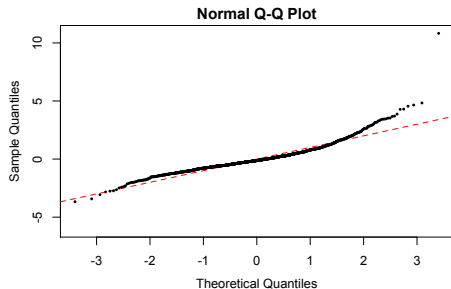
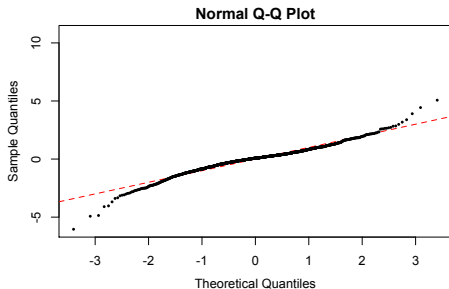
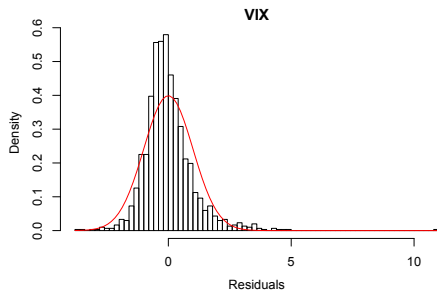
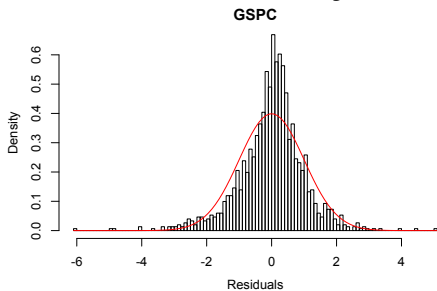


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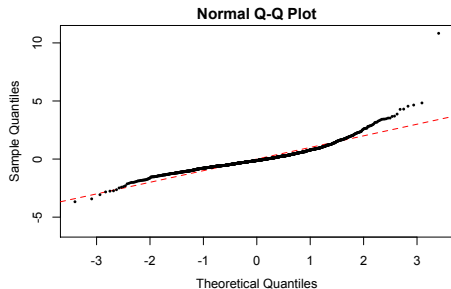
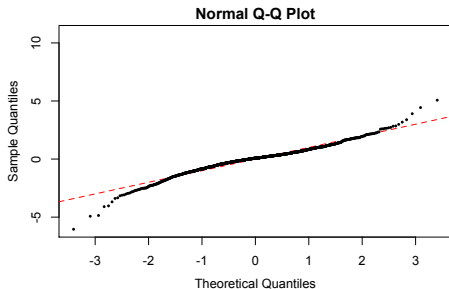
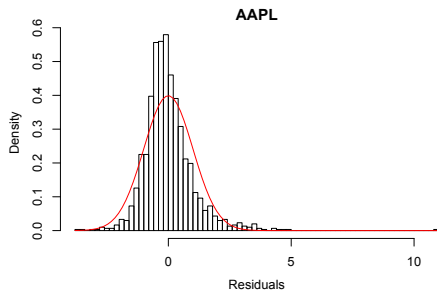
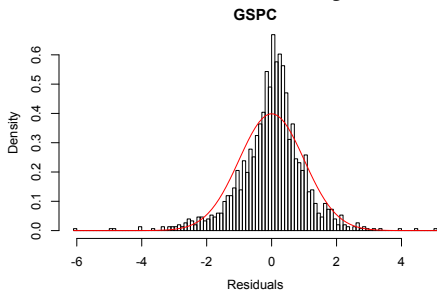
GSPC residuals for gBM and SV models.

Stochastic Volatility: Goodness-of-Fit



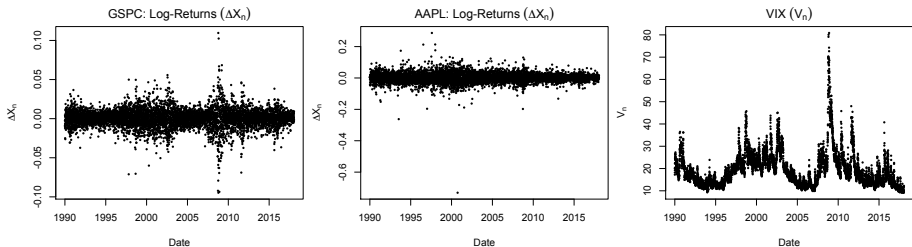
GSPC vs. VIX residuals. (Usually volatility is harder to model than price.)

Stochastic Volatility: Goodness-of-Fit



GSPC vs. AAPL residuals. (VIX is better proxy for volatility of aggregate than individual asset.)

Stochastic Volatility: Goodness-of-Fit



GSPC, AAPL, and VIX time series. (Huge drop in AAPL circa 2001 is due to 7-way stock split.)

Resources

- ▶ [quantmod](#): R package to easily scrape web for financial data.
- ▶ [nloptr](#): An R wrapper to [NLOpt](#), to nloptr an extremely powerful C++ library for nonlinear (possibly constrained) optimization.
- ▶ [LMN](#): R package for profiling matrix-normal regression models of the form

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \text{MatNorm}(\mathbf{X}_\eta \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{V}_\eta, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}),$$

that is, for efficiently calculating $\ell_{\text{prof}}(\boldsymbol{\eta} \mid \mathbf{Y})$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\eta = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_\eta, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_\eta)$.

- ▶ [TMB](#): R wrapper to C++ library for [automatic differentiation](#) (autodiff), i.e., automatically get $\nabla \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{y})$ from $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{y})$ without extra programming. TMB is extremely fast, well-documented, and the best way to do autodiff in R.
- ▶ [Autograd](#): Excellent autodiff library for (pure) Python. An even faster (but less mature) library for this is [JAX](#).