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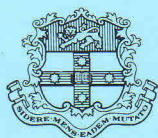
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Abstract

This paper examines the rationality and optimality of the survey based expectations of Australian exchange rate and interest rates. One and four week ahead forecast of USD/\$A exchange rate and two and four week ahead forecasts of the 190-day bank bill and 10-year bond rates were examined. The actual and expected variables were found to be cointegrated which indicates that the expected future values and the future realisations of the exchange rate and interest rates have long run equilibrium relationships. Estimation techniques that take into account the time-varying nature of the forecast error variance and the linear serial correlation in the form of moving average errors were employed for testing the optimality of the expectations in the cases where the frequency of the expectations data were finer than the forecast horizons. The estimation results show that the rationality of the expectations could not be rejected for all the expectations with the exception of the two week ahead forecast of the 90-day interest rate, which indicates that all available information was used at the time of forming relevant forecasts. The optimality of the expectations as tested through the Unbiased Expectations Hypothesis, is decisively rejected in all cases.

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I. Introduction

There have been much research on the rationality of expectations in financial markets. Market expectations regarding future values of exchange rates have been well studied especially in the form of testing the joint hypothesis of the unbiasedness and risk neutrality of forward exchange rates as predictors of future spot rates. The general results emerge from these studies show a clear rejection of the joint hypothesis when forward discounts are tested as unbiased predictors of future exchange rate changes, and the source of this failure is argued to be the presence of time varying risk premia in forward rates and hence the violation of the risk neutrality. There have been growing interests in survey based market expectations since there are no risk components in the expectations and they directly reflect economic agents' expectations, and so the unbiasedness test of the expectations is straight forward.

Some of the empirical results surveyed in this paper includes Chinn and Frankel (1991) who pooled the data on the monthly expectations of future US Dollar (USD) exchange rates against 25 currencies for the period February 1988 and February 1991. They conclude that the expectations appear to be biased. MacDonald (1992) examines the optimality of the British survey based monthly forecasts conducted on companies in G7 countries for the three month ahead US Dollar (USD) exchange rates against the British Pound, the Yen and the Deutsche Mark for the period October 1989 to March 1991. He concludes that the unbiasedness hypothesis of the forecast is rejected in all cases, however, disaggregated data show that some individual forecasters are able to generate unbiased forecasts. Liu and Maddala (1992) use weekly survey forecasts on four USD exchange rates for the period 24 October 1984 to 19 May 1989 and examine the market efficiency of the forecasts by testing for cointegration between the actual and expected future rates. They find that the Rational Expectations Hypothesis (REH) is supported but the Market Efficiency Hypothesis is not. Cavaglia, Verschoor and Wolff (1993) examine the monthly survey of 3, 6 and 12 month ahead forecasts of 12 USD exchange rates and 8 DM exchange rates. They find the rationality

of the forecasts are rejected in most of the exchange rates considered. McKenzie and Lim (1992) consider the weekly survey of 1 and 4 week ahead forecasts of USD/\$A and Yen/USD exchange rates in Australia for the period 8 January 1987 to 30 September 1991 and conclude that the rationality of the forecasts can not be rejected in all cases except for the 4 week ahead forecast of the USD/\$A rate. However, they do not examine the unbiased properties of the forecasts.

The aim of this paper is to ascertain the rationality and the unbiasedness properties of market expectations in Australian financial markets. The rationality of expectations requires that expectations are formed utilising all available information at the time of forecasts, and the testing of unbiasedness is essentially the test of optimality of forecasts. The outline of the paper is as follows: section II explains the nature of data used; section III discusses the methodology involved and examines the estimation results; and some conclusions are offered in section IV.

II. Data Descriptions

The financial prices considered in this paper are the USD/\$A exchange rate, short- and long-term interest rates measured as the 90-day bank bill and the 10-year government bond rates, respectively. These were collected from various issues of the *Australian Financial Review*. The market expectations of the future values of these prices were proxied by the market survey by Money Market Services Australia (MMS). They carry out weekly telephone surveys on 1 and 4 week ahead point forecasts of the USD/\$A exchange rate ($ER^e(1)$ and $ER^e(4)$, respectively) in the foreign exchange market, and 2 and 4 week ahead point forecasts of the 90-day bank bill rate ($SR^e(2)$ and $SR^e(4)$, respectively) and the 10-year government bond rate ($LR^e(2)$ and $LR^e(4)$, respectively) in the debt market. They survey the expectations of 20 to 25 financial market economists and market participants in various postings and report

the medians of the survey. The first date of the survey was 29 October 1984 for the exchange rate and 2 August 1985 for the interest rates. From February 1993 the respondents were asked to supply minimum and maximum value forecasts rather than point forecasts which makes the usage of survey expectations including post-February 1993 data problematic, and so the observations up until 25 and 21 January 1993 were used for the exchange rate and interest rate expectations, respectively.

Another problem with the survey data is the presence of missing observations which represent missed out surveys due to public holidays and for other reasons. There are 431 and 391 potential survey weeks in the sample and there are 54 and 46 weeks without survey, with the longest block of non-survey periods being 3 and 4 weeks, yielding 377 and 355 useable observations for the exchange rate and interest rate expectations in the whole sample, respectively. One solution to the issue of missing observations is to ignore them and use the data as if there is no missing observations. Another is to generate forecasts for them and use the complete data for the whole sample. The methods available for accomplishing this include linear interpolation, OLS out-of-sample forecasts, forecasts based on the E-M algorithm and Chow and Lin (1976)'s BLUE estimations for the missing observations, among others. The approach adopted in this paper is to follow Harvey and Pierse (1984) who show that the recursive estimations of ARIMA models with the Kalman filter algorithm can produce consistent forecasts for the missing observations. First, each survey series, with the missing observations omitted, was subjected to the usual identification process for the ARIMA models with a view to finding an appropriate structure for each series. This was complemented by the automatic selection method, where up to ARIMA(5,1,5) models were estimated and the model with the smallest Schwartz Information Criterion (SIC) was chosen (see Table A). Both methods produced fundamentally the same results and whenever they differ the model chosen by the automatic selection method took precedence. Next, each series, with the missing observations included, was estimated with the appropriate ARIMA structure as identified

above using the recursive updating procedure. SPSS for windows version 6.1 was used to generate the necessary forecasts of the missing observations using the above Kalman filtering procedure. Thus, there are totals of 431 and 391 observations available for 1 and 4 week ahead forecasts of the exchange rate and the two and four week ahead forecasts of the interest rates, respectively.

III. Modeling Expectations and Empirical Results

III.A. Unit Roots and Cointegration

The standard test of the Unbiased Expectations Hypothesis (UEH) is to run the following regression:

$$(1) \quad y_t = a + b \cdot y_{t|t-m}^e + e_t$$

where, y_t is the actual observation of the series at time t ,

$y_{t|t-m}^e$ is the market expectation of y_t formed at time $t-m$,
that is, it is an m period ahead forecast.

and test the joint hypothesis of zero constant and unit slope coefficient assuming serially independent errors. Note that m is used to denote the forecast horizon throughout this paper. The test of the REH is usually through testing the significance of the regressors in an auxiliary regression of e_t on the variables included in the available information set at time $t-m$, I_{t-m} . There are numerous problems with this approach, the most serious of which is the danger of producing spurious results. This is because the stationarity assumption for the variables under consideration can be in doubt. This is especially true when they are financial prices which are usually non-stationary. Then the integrity of the hypothesis testing is in doubt. If both the

actual and expected series are $I(1)$, then OLS estimations of (1) will produce spurious results unless the two variables are cointegrated in which case the estimated a and b will show the nature of the long run relationship between the two. Table 1 shows the results of the unit root tests of the actual and expected variables. The Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) tests show that in no case is the hypothesis of unit root rejected for any series. Thus, (1) can be regarded as a cointegrating regression for the actual and expected variables, and cointegration can be tested formally by testing for a unit root in the estimated errors. Table 2 reports the estimations of (1). The results shows that the errors from the cointegration regressions are clearly $I(0)$ confirming the cointegration of the actual and expected variables with the cointegration factor very close to one in all cases. Thus, they have a long run relationship indicating that market expectations can not wander too far off the actual observations in the long-run.

III.B. Newey-West Estimation

In order to avoid the spurious regression problems, many researchers transformed the variables to yield stationarity and the corresponding regression model is then

$$(2) \quad \Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m y_t^e + e_t$$

$$\text{where, } \Delta_m y_t = (y_t - y_{t-m}) \\ \Delta_m y_t^e = (y_{t|t-m}^e - y_{t-m}^e).$$

Now the LHS variable is $I(0)$ and the regression is sensible only if the RHS variable is also $I(0)$ which requires that the actual and expected variables be contemporaneously cointegrated.

The last section of Table 1 reports the ADF tests for the $\Delta_m^c y_t$'s. All the expected changes are $I(0)$, and so the required contemporaneous cointegration is observed in all cases. The testing of the UEH is still the joint hypothesis test of $a=0$ and $b=1$ with serially uncorrelated errors. However, interesting econometric problems arise when the data observation frequency is finer than the forecast horizons. If the data are collected weekly and the expectations are more than 1 week ahead, the forecast errors will not be serially independent. It can be shown that the realised errors of m week ahead forecasts follow a moving average process with $m-1$ lags (MA($m-1$)). The residuals of (2) represent forecast errors and, assuming rational expectations, their expected value at the time of forecast is zero. Formally, we require $E(e_t | I_{t-m}) = 0$, where I_{t-m} is the set of information available at time $t-m$. This is known as the orthogonality property of the rational expectations and implies that all relevant information available at the time of making the forecasts should be used. As in Lim and McKenzie, it is noted that since the errors are $I(0)$, and so stationary, they have an infinite moving average representation according to the Wold decomposition theorem. That is, $(e_t - \mu) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$, where μ is purely deterministic and can be regarded as the mean of e_t which is zero, $\delta_0 = 1$, and ε_t is a white noise process with $(0, \sigma^2)$. Thus, it follows from below that the requirement for the rational expectations can be expressed as $\delta_i = 0$ for $i \geq m$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(e_t | I_{t-m}) &= E\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i} + \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i} | I_{t-m}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \delta_i E(\varepsilon_{t-i} | I_{t-m}) + \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \delta_i E(\varepsilon_{t-i} | I_{t-m}) \\ &= \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}, \text{ since } E(\varepsilon_{t-i} | I_{t-m}) = 0 \text{ for all } i < m \end{aligned}$$

This implies that δ_i can be non-zero for $i \leq m-1$ and the forecast errors can be at most MA($m-1$) under the REH². Thus, any hypothesis testing based on OLS estimated standard errors of (2)

are invalid since estimated variance-covariance matrix of the estimators will not be unbiased. This makes OLS estimation of (2) inappropriate for testing the optimality of expectations in all cases with the exception of $ER^c(1)$.

Hansen and Hodrick (1980) show a method of calculating a consistent variance-covariance matrix of the OLS estimators by adjusting for the MA($m-1$) structure of the errors. Hansen (1982)'s General Method of Moments estimators are an improvement over Hansen and Hodrick since they are consistent even in the presence of heteroskedasticity in addition to serial correlation in the form of moving average errors. However, it was shown that the estimated variance-covariance matrix is not guaranteed to be positive definite in small samples. Newey and West (1987) suggest a method to guarantee the positive definiteness of the matrix by applying discounting weights to the ($m-1$)'th order autocovariance structure. The Newey-West correction to the variance-covariance matrix is to apply OLS to (2) and calculate the matrix as below:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}(\hat{\beta}) &= N(X'X)^{-1} \hat{\Omega} (X'X)^{-1}, \\ \hat{\Omega} &= \sum_{j=-(m-1)}^{m-1} \frac{1}{N} \left(1 - \frac{|j|}{m}\right) \sum_{t=1}^N \hat{e}_t x_t x_{t-j}' \hat{e}_{t-j}, \end{aligned}$$

where, N is the size of the sample and x_t denotes the regressors.

Table 3 reports the OLS estimations of (2) with the Newey-West corrections³. The constant is negative and insignificant in all cases and the slope coefficient is positive for $ER^c(1)$, $SR^c(2)$, $LR^c(2)$ and $LR^c(4)$ which indicates that the forecasters correctly expected, on average, the direction of future changes, and they got the direction wrong for $ER^c(4)$ and $LR^c(4)$. However, only the coefficients for $ER^c(1)$, $SR^c(2)$ and $LR^c(2)$ are significant and the size of the coefficient is significantly smaller than 1 in all cases. The optimality of the survey forecasts as tested through testing the UEH can be rejected in all cases. The diagnostics of the

estimations reveal that there is a significant serial correlation for regressions where $m > 1$, as expected, and heteroskedasticity is significant only for ER^e(4). These pose no problems for hypothesis testing since the estimated standard errors were already corrected for these non-spherical disturbances. However, the highly significant non-linear serial dependence together with the highly significant non-normality of the residuals indicate that the variance of the errors of all the estimations are not time independent. This time varying variance is also evident in the significant ARCH(4) test statistics in all cases. Engel (1982) shows that it is possible to observe unconditional homoskedasticity of the errors associated with conditional heteroskedasticity in which case the unconditional distributions of the errors will be leptokurtic even if they are conditionally normally distributed. Thus, the presence of conditional heteroskedasticity in all cases can explain the observed combination of significant non-linear serial correlation, significant Bera-Jarque statistic and insignificant Breusch-Pagan test.

III.C. EGARCH Estimations

Instead of employing the two step procedure of estimating (2) by OLS and applying the necessary adjustments to the variance-covariance matrix, the moving average structure of the errors can be modeled directly by considering an ARIMAX(0,1,m-1) model as below:

$$(3) \quad \Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m^e y_t + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

The maximum likelihood estimation of (3) will produce asymptotically efficient estimators, and it is now straight forward to examine the REH by testing the null of an MA(m-1) error process against the alternative of higher MA processes. Once the rationality of the market

expectations is established the optimality of the forecasts can be tested by examining the UEH (i.e. testing the joint hypothesis of $a=0$ and $b=1$).

The discussions in III.B suggests the existence of time varying heteroskedasticity of the forecast errors and that Generalised Auto Regressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity models would produce more efficient estimates than OLS with the Newey-West corrections. Model (3) can be rewritten to explicitly account for this time varying nature of the error variance by allowing the conditional distributions of ε_t to be heteroskedastic⁴. Kim (1995) finds that changes in daily \$A exchange rates show time-varying heteroskedasticity and models it by Exponential Generalised Autoregressive Heteroskedasticity (EGARCH(1,1)) with successful results. Two of the dependent variables in (3) are changes in the \$A exchange rate, and so the application of EGARCH may be useful. A parsimonious EGARCH (1,1) model was adopted and is shown below:

$$(4-a) \quad \Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m^e y_t + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i},$$

$$\text{where } \varepsilon_t \sim (0, h_t), z_t = \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\sqrt{h_t}}, z_t \sim iid(0, 1).$$

$$(4-b) \quad \ln h_t = \beta_c + \beta_{\varepsilon 1} \frac{\varepsilon_{t-1}}{\sqrt{h_{t-1}}} + \beta_{\varepsilon 2} \left(\frac{|\varepsilon_{t-1}|}{\sqrt{h_{t-1}}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \right) + \beta_h \ln h_{t-1}.$$

(4-a) and (4-b) are the conditional mean and variance equations of the EGARCH(1,1) model, respectively. In addition, the standardised t density is assumed for the conditional distribution of the errors to account for the possible leptokurtosis in the conditional distributions⁵. The log-likelihood of the distribution is as below:

$$\ln L = T \left[\ln \Gamma \left(\frac{d+1}{2} \right) - \ln \Gamma \left(\frac{d}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(d-2) \right]$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\ln h_t + (d+1) \ln \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon_t^2}{h_t(d-2)} \right) \right]$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ denotes gamma function, and d is the degree of freedom parameter. As d approaches infinity (or $1/d$ approaches zero) the t distribution converges to the standardised normal.

The estimation results for (4) are shown in Table 4. The constant is small in magnitudes but is significant, at least at 10%, in all cases with the exception of $ER^e(4)$ and $SR^e(2)$. The estimated b is now positive for $ER^e(4)$ and $LR^e(2)$, and it is smaller in magnitude in the other cases. It is significant only for $ER^e(1)$, $ER^e(4)$ and $SR^e(4)$. The estimated coefficients for the lags of moving average error terms are highly significant and close to one in all models where $m > 1$.

The estimated conditional variance equation reveals that there is a significant GARCH effect in the volatility of actual changes of the variables. A large unexpected change is followed by an equally large change in either direction, and the autoregressive term for the conditional variance is very close to one in all cases and the hypothesis of unit root in the conditional variance can not be rejected in all cases with the exception of $ER^e(1)$ where it is rejected at 10%⁶. The size of the estimated $1/d$ is significantly different from zero at 1% in all cases except for $LR^e(2)$ and $LR^e(4)$ where it is significant only at 10%. This indicates the conditional distributions of the errors are leptokurtic and provides a justification for using the conditional t distributions.

The diagnostics of the estimations show a decrease in the kurtosis of the standardised residuals, z_t , in all cases, and the skewness is reduced in all cases with the exception of $ER^e(1)$ where there is a slight increase. The significant linear and non-linear serial correlation present in the errors of (2) are eliminated in the standardised errors except for $SR^e(4)$ where there is still significant linear correlation at 1%. This shows that including the lagged moving average

errors removed the linear serial correlations while the EGARCH aspect of the estimations eliminated the non-linear dependence of the estimated standardised residuals.

The testing of the REH as carried out through testing for higher moving average errors (i.e. $H_0: MA(m-1)$ vs. $H_1: MA(m)$) can not be rejected in all cases with the exception of $SR^e(2)$ where the test statistic is significant at 10%. The irrationality of expectations of $SR^e(2)$ turned out to be the cause of the remaining linear serial correlation. In fact, up to $MA(3)$ terms for the errors were significant and correcting for this higher order moving average structure removed the linear serial correlation. The UEH is decisively rejected in all cases. The test results indicate that while the survey forecasters were rational in the sense that they used all available information for forming expectations and they correctly forecast the direction of future changes, their forecasts were not optimal.

III.D. Error Correction Model Estimations

The discussions in sub-section III.A indicate that there is a cointegrating relationship between the actual and expected variables, and so there exists corresponding Error Correction Model (ECM) representation of the variables. Noting that (3)' can be turned into an ECM by adding $\Delta_m y_t^e = (y_t^e - y_{t-m}^e)$ as an additional regressor in the conditional mean equation as below:

$$(4) \quad \Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m y_t^e + \gamma \cdot \Delta_m y_t^e + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i},$$

Table 5 reports the maximum likelihood estimations of (4) by the EGARCH approach. There is no fundamental change in the results compared with the estimation results in sub-section III.C. The γ is significant only for $SR^e(2)$ which confirms that, except for the $SR^e(2)$ equation,

EGARCH models estimated in the previous sub-section have no misspecification bias in the form of omitted variables. The REH is supported now in all cases and the linear serial correlation is present only in the standardised errors of both the 90-day rate estimations. The optimality of the forecast is decisively rejected in all cases. The diagnostics of the estimations are also similar.

IV Summary and Conclusion

This paper examined the rationality and optimality of the forecasts of future USD/\$A exchange rate and 90-day and 10-year interest rates. It has been found that all the variables considered had unit roots, and that there exists a long run relationship between the expected and actual observations of each of the variables. The frequency of the data observation that is finer than the forecast horizons necessitated that the estimation models be corrected for the moving average error structures. The OLS estimations with the Newey-West correction of the standard errors were adopted, and the maximum likelihood estimations of EGARCH and ECM models incorporating the moving average errors and the time varying nature of the forecast errors were also carried out. The results of the various estimations are fundamentally the same, that is, the forecasts of the exchange rate and the interest rate changes were rational but not optimal. The rationality of the expectations as tested by examining the moving average structure of the estimated models could not be rejected in any forecast with the exception of the 2 week ahead forecast of the 90-day rate which indicates that the forecasts were made taking into account all available information at the time of forecast. However, the optimality of the forecast is rejected in all cases. The expected change of the series could not predict what the actual changes would be.

Endnotes

¹ Note that the orthogonality condition requires that $E(e_{t-m}I_{t-m})=0$, however, $E(\varepsilon_{t-m}I_{t-m})\neq 0$ since

$$e_t = \mu + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

$$\varepsilon_t = (1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i L^i)^{-1} (e_t - \mu)$$

where L is lag operator.

² More formal proof can be found in Pesaran (1987), pp. 184-185.

³ Estimations were carried out with RATS version 4.2 using the Robusterror option in the Linreg command with lags=(m-1) and damp=1.0. Estimates obtained this way is identical to the Newey and West correction for heteroskedasticity with Bartlett weights in MFIT Version 3.1.

⁴ Note that this does not destroy the white noise property of ε_t . ε_t is weak white noise if $E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_s) = 0$, for all $t \neq s$, and strong white noise if $E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_s) = 0$ and $E(\varepsilon_t^2) = \sigma^2$ (see Hendry (1995) pp. 39-40). Thus, even the strong white noise assumption is compatible with the conditional heteroskedasticity of ε_t .

⁵ Baillie and Bollerslev (1989) and Bollerslev (1987) report that the daily and weekly changes in the USD exchange rates have leptokurtic conditional distributions and these are explained well by the standardised t distributions. Similar results for daily \$A changes are reported in Kim(1995).

⁶ The usual problems associated with the unit root testing may be present and so the results should be interpreted with caution.

Table A: ARIMA Order Selection Based on SIC for the Expected Variables

$$ARIMA(p,d,q) = \Delta^d y_t^e = \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \cdot \Delta^d y_{t-i}^e + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{j=1}^q \gamma_j \cdot \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

| | | ER ^c (1) | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | MA | | | | | |
| Lags | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| AR | 0 | -8.5957 | -8.5811 | -8.5661 | -8.5503 | -8.5363 | -8.5224 |
| | 1 | -8.5833 | -8.5678 | -8.5530 | -8.5374 | -8.5225 | -8.5129 |
| | 2 | -8.5668 | -8.5511 | -8.5365 | -8.5215 | -8.5294 | -8.5119 |
| | 3 | -8.5485 | -8.5328 | -8.5155 | -8.5000 | -8.4850 | -8.4850 |
| | 4 | -8.5313 | -8.5167 | -8.5000 | -8.4850 | -8.4850 | -8.4850 |
| | 5 | -8.5145 | -8.5045 | -8.5273 | -8.5139 | -8.4680 | - |

Conclusion: ARIMA(0,1,0)

| | | ER ^c (4) | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | MA | | | | | |
| Lags | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| AR | 0 | -8.6465 | -8.6308 | -8.6150 | -8.5993 | -8.5869 | -8.5712 |
| | 1 | -8.6381 | -8.6264 | -8.6108 | -8.5960 | -8.5817 | -8.5663 |
| | 2 | -8.6242 | -8.6085 | -8.6145 | -8.5786 | -8.5640 | -8.5482 |
| | 3 | -8.6058 | -8.5930 | -8.5723 | - | - | - |
| | 4 | -8.5910 | -8.5751 | -8.5592 | - | - | - |
| | 5 | -8.5723 | - | - | - | - | - |

Conclusion: ARIMA(0,1,0)

| | | SR ^c (2) | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | MA | | | | | |
| Lags | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| AR | 0 | - | -2.2556 | -2.2403 | -2.2312 | -2.2400 | -2.2281 |
| | 1 | -2.2553 | -2.2636 | -2.2475 | -2.2434 | -2.2321 | -2.2165 |
| | 2 | -2.2426 | -2.2472 | -2.2303 | -2.2481 | -2.2317 | -2.2151 |
| | 3 | -2.2379 | -2.2385 | -2.2118 | -2.2214 | -2.2101 | -2.1954 |
| | 4 | -2.2453 | -2.2300 | -2.2201 | -2.2041 | -2.1968 | - |
| | 5 | -2.2277 | -2.2110 | -2.2074 | -2.1907 | - | - |

Conclusion: ARIMA(1,1,1)

| | | SR ^c (4) | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | MA | | | | | |
| Lags | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| AR | 0 | - | - | - | - | -2.1766 | -2.1670 |
| | 1 | - | - | - | -2.1856 | -2.1711 | -2.1555 |
| | 2 | - | - | -2.1900 | - | -2.1614 | -2.1471 |
| | 3 | - | - | - | -2.1636 | -2.1470 | -2.1303 |
| | 4 | -2.1815 | -2.1660 | -2.1588 | - | - | - |
| | 5 | -2.1652 | -2.1485 | -2.1464 | -2.1298 | - | - |

Conclusion: ARIMA(2,1,2)

| | | LR ^c (2) | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | MA | | | | | |
| Lags | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| AR | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | -2.7482 |
| | 1 | - | - | - | - | -2.7502 | -2.7339 |
| | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | -2.7267 |
| | 3 | - | - | - | -2.7529 | -2.7099 | -2.7077 |
| | 4 | - | -2.7521 | -2.7357 | - | - | - |
| | 5 | -2.7464 | -2.7338 | - | - | - | - |

Conclusion: ARIMA(3,1,3)

| | | LR ^c (4) | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------|---|---------|---|---------|---------|
| | | MA | | | | | |
| Lags | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| AR | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2 | - | - | - | - | -2.8346 | -2.8200 |
| | 3 | - | - | - | - | -2.8802 | - |
| | 4 | - | - | -2.8710 | - | - | - |
| | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Conclusion: ARIMA(3,1,4)

Notes: d is set to 1 as shown in Table 1.

The selection of ARIMA structure using Schwarz Information Criterion is to select that combination of AR and MA lags that minimises $SIC = Ln(\hat{\sigma}_{ML}^2) + Ln(N)(p+q)(1/N)$; where $\hat{\sigma}_{ML}^2$ is the maximum likelihood estimate of error variance, N is the sample size and p and q are lags of AR and MA parts, respectively.

Blank cells in the tables indicate that either the particular combination of p and q failed to converge in 20 iterations or there was a residual serial correlation significant at 5%, which made that model unsuitable.

Cells highlighted indicates the model with the minimum SIC and hence the selected model for the series.

Table 1: ADF Unitroot Tests

With Linear Trend and Constant: $\Delta y_t = \alpha + \gamma \cdot t + \beta \cdot y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{Lags} \delta_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t$

With Constant: $\Delta y_t = \alpha + \beta \cdot y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{Lags} \delta_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t$

| | ER ^c (1) | | ER ^c (4) | | ER | | C.V. |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Level | First Diff. | Level | First Diff. | Level | First Diff. | |
| Trend and Constant | -2.6511 | - | -2.6198 | - | -2.5981 | - | -3.4221 |
| Lags | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - | - |
| Constant | -2.3838 | -21.9598 | -2.3432 | -21.0444 | -2.2895 | -20.7498 | -2.8685 |
| Lags | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Conclusion | I(1) | | I(1) | | I(1) | | - |

| | SR ^c (2) | | SR ^c (4) | | SR2 | | C.V. |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Level | First Diff. | Level | First Diff. | Level | First Diff. | |
| Trend and Constant | -1.1685 | - | -1.3742 | - | -1.3597 | - | -3.4232 |
| Lags | 1 | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Constant | 0.0484 | -17.4272 | -0.43 | -9.082 | -0.4286 | -11.9246 | -2.8692 |
| Lags | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Conclusion | I(1) | | I(1) | | I(1) | | - |

| | LR ^c (2) | | LR ^c (4) | | LR2 | | C.V. |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Level | First Diff. | Level | First Diff. | Level | First Diff. | |
| Trend and Constant | -1.7340 | - | -1.9832 | - | -1.7733 | - | -3.4232 |
| Lags | 6 | - | 3 | - | 0 | - | - |
| Constant | -0.4795 | -8.9155 | -0.5216 | -21.2809 | -0.3487 | -18.9173 | -2.8693 |
| Lags | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Conclusion | I(1) | | I(1) | | I(1) | | - |

| | $\Delta^c ER(1)$ | $\Delta^c ER(4)$ | C.V. | $\Delta^c SR(2)$ | $\Delta^c SR(4)$ | $\Delta^c LR(2)$ | $\Delta^c LR(4)$ | C.V. |
|------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| | Level | Level | | Level | Level | Level | Level | |
| Constant | -19.5327 | -5.9932 | -2.8686 | -9.937 | -12.1976 | -11.1478 | -9.5434 | -2.8692 |
| Lags | 0 | 3 | - | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Conclusion | I(0) | I(0) | - | I(0) | I(0) | I(0) | I(0) | - |

Notes: The Augmented Dickey Fuller test statistic is for $H_0: \beta = 0$, and lags of the test was determined by the number of lagged residuals needed to make the residuals of the testing equation white noise using Ljung-Box test.

Critical value for each test was calculated using MacKinnon (1991)'s response surface method.

Table 2: Cointegration Estimations and Tests

$$y_t = a + b \cdot y_{t-m}^e + e_t$$

| | ER ^c (1) | ER ^c (4) | SR ^c (2) | SR ^c (4) | LR ^c (2) | LR ^c (4) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a | 0.0282 ** (0.0073) | 0.0930 ** (0.0141) | -0.1026 (0.0934) | -0.0409 (0.1387) | 0.0847 (0.1170) | 0.2212 (0.1592) |
| b | 0.9622 ** (0.0098) | 0.8769 ** (0.0189) | 1.0112 ** (0.0068) | 1.0078 ** (0.0101) | 0.9926 ** (0.0095) | 0.9825 ** (0.0129) |
| Q(20) : $\chi^2(20)^{(1)}$ | 17.6644 {0.6095} | 613.8168 ** {0.0000} | 252.3111 ** {0.0000} | 572.6104 ** {0.0000} | 170.0824 ** {0.0000} | 550.5152 ** {0.0000} |
| ADF ⁽²⁾ | -19.2430 ** | -6.1356 ** | -9.2930 ** | -7.0851 ** | -8.3294 ** | -5.8115 ** |
| Lags | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

† means significance at the 10% level

* means significance at the 5% level

** means significance at the 1% level

Numbers in (...)’s and {...}’s are standard errors and asymptotic p-values, respectively.

Notes: (1) Ljung-Box test of residual correlation with the lag length set equal to the square root of the sample size.

(2) Since the residuals of OLS estimations have no linear and non-linear trends, the ADF test is without trend and constant, i.e. $\Delta y_t = \beta \cdot y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{Lags} \delta_i \Delta y_{t-i} + u_t$.

Table 3: OLS Estimations with Newey-West Corrections

$$\Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m y_t^e + e_t$$

| | ER ^c (1) | ER ^c (4) | SR ^c (2) | SR ^c (4) | LR ^c (2) | LR ^c (4) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| a | -0.0004 (0.0007) | -0.0023 (0.0028) | -0.0134 (0.0370) | -0.0269 (0.0649) | -0.0265 (0.0197) | -0.0495 (0.0368) |
| b | 0.2367 * (0.0987) | -0.0085 (0.1756) | 0.4262 ** (0.1165) | 0.5073 ** (0.1237) | -0.0245 (0.1187) | 0.0890 (0.1844) |
| Hypothesis Testing ^(a) | | | | | | |
| Test for UEH: | | | | | | |
| $\chi^2(1)$ | 59.8286 ** {0.0000} | 32.9807 ** {0.0000} | 24.2494 ** {0.0000} | 15.8706 ** {0.0001} | 74.5159 ** {0.0000} | 24.4099 ** {0.0000} |
| H ₀ : a = 1 | | | | | | |
| $\chi^2(2)$ | 60.5764 ** {0.0000} | 38.5940 ** {0.0000} | 24.3469 ** {0.0000} | 15.8740 ** {0.0004} | 75.8886 ** {0.0000} | 24.4347 ** {0.0000} |
| H ₀ : a = 0 and b = 1 | | | | | | |
| Diagnostics | | | | | | |
| S. C. ^(b) : | | | | | | |
| Linear: | 18.9239 {0.5268} | 515.2113 ** {0.0000} | 206.6766 ** {0.0000} | 555.0463 ** {0.0000} | 165.2681 ** {0.0000} | 523.4231 ** {0.0000} |
| Q(20): $\chi^2(20)$ | | | | | | |
| Non-Linear: | 80.3288 ** {0.0000} | 290.4696 ** {0.0000} | 170.0018 ** {0.0000} | 177.5994 ** {0.0000} | 132.8415 ** {0.0000} | 334.3111 ** {0.0000} |
| Q ² (20) $\chi^2(20)$ | | | | | | |
| Heteroskedasticity ^(c) : | | | | | | |
| B-P: $\chi^2(1)$ | 1.8887 {0.1694} | 6.4421 * {0.0111} | 0.0442 {0.8334} | 0.0510 {0.8213} | 0.2372 {0.6262} | 0.0053 {0.9420} |
| ARCH(4): $\chi^2(4)$ | 36.6783 ** {0.0000} | 134.1458 ** {0.0000} | 146.7396 ** {0.0000} | 125.2190 ** {0.0000} | 104.7734 ** {0.0000} | 186.2636 ** {0.0000} |
| Functional Form ^(d) : | | | | | | |
| RESET: $\chi^2(1)$ | 0.1846 {0.6674} | 6.8488 ** {0.0089} | 0.2633 {0.6079} | 0.0040 {0.9495} | 2.4775 {0.1155} | 2.0805 {0.1492} |
| Normality ^(e) : | | | | | | |
| Bera-Jarque: $\chi^2(2)$ | 226.0631 ** {0.0000} | 162.5695 ** {0.0000} | 953.8406 ** {0.0000} | 1011.102 ** {0.0000} | 36.905 ** {0.0000} | 34.8769 ** {0.0000} |
| Skewness | -0.8326 | -0.8856 | 1.5073 | 1.6089 | 0.5531 | 0.5311 |
| Excess Kurtosis | 3.1916 | 2.4837 | 7.1662 | 7.3278 | 1.0598 | 1.0448 |

- Note: (a) Wald test of the Unbiased Expectations Hypothesis.
(b) Ljung Box test of for linear and non-linear (squared) residual serial correlation with the lag length equal to the square root of the sample size ($\sqrt{N} = 20$). H₀: white noise.
(c) Breusch-Pagan test of heteroskedasticity, H₀: unconditional homoskedasticity. Test of Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity of up to 4th order, H₀: conditional homoskedasticity.
(d) Ramsey’s RESET test of model misspecification, H₀: correct specification.
(e) Bera-Jarque test of conditional normality of residuals, H₀: normality.

Skewness and kurtosis are those of the residuals.

Table 4: EGARCH Estimations

$$\Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m^c y_t + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

$$\ln h_t = \beta_c + \beta_{\varepsilon_1} \frac{\varepsilon_{t-1}}{\sqrt{h_{t-1}}} + \beta_{\varepsilon_2} \left(\frac{|\varepsilon_{t-1}|}{\sqrt{h_{t-1}}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \right) + \beta_h \ln h_{t-1}$$

| | ER ^c (1) | ER ^c (4) | SR ^c (2) | SR ^c (4) | LR ^c (2) | LR ^c (4) |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a | 0.0015 ** (0.0006) | 0.0036 (0.0023) | -0.0377 (0.0159) | -0.0876 * (0.0385) | -0.0312 † (0.0180) | -0.0638 † (0.0338) |
| b | 0.19226 * (0.0775) | 0.0615 * (0.0259) | 0.04401 (0.0319) | 0.21704 ** (0.0487) | 0.00223 (0.0356) | 0.06051 * (0.0256) |
| δ ₁ | | 0.97612 ** (0.0209) | 0.9666 ** (0.0125) | 0.94619 ** (0.0268) | 0.96497 ** (0.0134) | 0.99625 ** (0.0178) |
| δ ₂ | | 0.97747 ** (0.0197) | | 0.86966 ** (0.0331) | | 0.97324 ** (0.0180) |
| δ ₃ | | 0.87777 ** (0.0205) | | 0.71923 ** (0.0292) | | 0.95298 ** (0.0150) |
| β _c | -1.2948 † (0.6921) | -0.4707 (0.2981) | 0.0354 (0.0277) | 0.0051 (0.0100) | -0.1202 (0.1080) | -0.7508 † (0.4377) |
| β _{ε₁} | -0.0110 (0.0781) | 0.0143 (0.0479) | 0.0108 (0.0223) | -0.0122 (0.0169) | 0.0083 (0.0309) | 0.1030 (0.0699) |
| β _{ε₂} | 0.3692 * (0.1525) | 0.2705 ** (0.0959) | 0.1588 ** (0.0576) | 0.0476 † (0.0255) | 0.1187 † (0.0681) | 0.2265 * (0.1137) |
| β _h | 0.8356 ** (0.0862) | 0.9408 ** (0.0362) | 1.0054 ** (0.0050) | 1.0029 ** (0.0042) | 0.9633 ** (0.0324) | 0.7700 ** (0.1353) |
| 1/d | 0.3272 ** (0.0695) | 0.2293 ** (0.0660) | 0.3706 ** (0.0555) | 0.2997 ** (0.0531) | 0.1020 † (0.0574) | 0.1223 † (0.0631) |
| Log-Likelihood | 1489.7 | 1446.6 | 206.6 | 152.9 | 320.1 | 316.4 |
| Hypothesis Testing ^(a) | | | | | | |
| χ ² (1): Test for IGARCH H ₀ : β _h = 1 | 3.6350 † {0.0566} | 2.6746 {0.1020} | 1.1396 {0.2857} | 0.4708 {0.4926} | 1.2798 {0.2579} | 2.8880 {0.0892} |
| χ ² (1): Test for REH H ₀ : MA(m-1) vs. H ₁ :MA(m) | 0.2880 {0.5915} | 1.5588 {0.2118} | 2.9935 † {0.0836} | 0.7761 {0.3783} | 1.2766 {0.2585} | 1.4705 {0.2253} |
| χ ² (2): Test for UEH H ₀ : a = 0 and b = 1 | 121.084 ** {0.0000} | 1316.114 ** {0.0000} | 901.701 ** {0.0000} | 258.674 ** {0.0000} | 787.513 ** {0.0000} | 1361.586 ** {0.0000} |
| Diagnostics of z _t ^(b) | | | | | | |
| Linear S. C.: | 16.7339 {0.6702} | 18.0190 {0.5862} | 39.7039 ** {0.0054} | 26.6888 {0.1442} | 22.5474 {0.3116} | 22.7435 {0.3016} |
| Non-Linear S. C.: | 15.5863 {0.7419} | 18.1269 {0.5791} | 8.9113 {0.9839} | 27.9226 {0.1112} | 10.3746 {0.9609} | 23.9598 {0.2442} |
| Skewness | -1.0137 | -0.7242 | -0.4852 | 0.0376 | 0.5001 | 0.4466 |
| Excess Kurtosis | 2.6002 | 1.4460 | 5.9486 | 4.9510 | 0.6458 | 0.8175 |

Notes: (a) Wald tests of integrated variance (Integrated GARCH), Rational Expectations Hypothesis and Unbiased Expectations Hypothesis, respectively.

(b) See notes for Table 3.

Table 5: ECM Estimations

$$\Delta_m y_t = a + b \cdot \Delta_m^c y_t + \gamma \cdot \Delta_m y_t^c + \varepsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \delta_i \varepsilon_{t-i}$$

$$\ln h_t = \beta_c + \beta_{\varepsilon_1} \frac{\varepsilon_{t-1}}{\sqrt{h_{t-1}}} + \beta_{\varepsilon_2} \left(\frac{|\varepsilon_{t-1}|}{\sqrt{h_{t-1}}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \right) + \beta_h \ln h_{t-1}$$

| | ER ^c (1) | ER ^c (4) | SR ^c (2) | SR ^c (4) | LR ^c (2) | LR ^c (4) |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| a | 0.0015 ** (0.0006) | 0.0027 (0.0023) | -0.0303 † (0.0159) | -0.0815 * (0.0378) | -0.0308 † (0.0182) | -0.0919 ** (0.0326) |
| b | 0.20891 * (0.0829) | 0.0631 * (0.0311) | 0.0350 (0.0316) | 0.21238 ** (0.0536) | 0.00296 (0.0360) | 0.07871 * (0.0317) |
| δ ₁ | | 0.96616 ** (0.0224) | 0.97052 ** (0.0121) | 0.94707 ** (0.0344) | 0.96562 ** (0.0134) | 0.97845 ** (0.0190) |
| δ ₂ | | 0.93907 ** (0.0226) | | 0.86958 ** (0.0391) | | 0.9749 ** (0.0178) |
| δ ₃ | | 0.86904 ** (0.0246) | | 0.70702 ** (0.0353) | | 0.93983 ** (0.0178) |
| γ | -0.0288 (0.0428) | -0.0108 (0.0452) | 0.08796 * (0.0390) | -0.015 (0.0431) | 0.04415 (0.0410) | 0.03904 (0.0437) |
| β _c | -1.3216 † (0.7393) | -0.2517 (0.1906) | 0.0405 (0.0329) | 0.0213 (0.0594) | -0.1973 (0.1554) | -0.7600 † (0.4337) |
| β _{ε₁} | -0.0107 (0.0798) | 0.0176 (0.0370) | 0.0203 (0.0276) | 0.0189 (0.0390) | 0.0202 (0.0385) | 0.0886 (0.0691) |
| β _{ε₂} | 0.3701 * (0.1566) | 0.1951 * (0.0763) | 0.1799 ** (0.0655) | 0.3095 ** (0.0956) | 0.1556 † (0.0837) | 0.2500 * (0.1204) |
| β _h | 0.8320 ** (0.0923) | 0.9687 ** (0.0229) | 1.0052 ** (0.0055) | 0.9859 ** (0.0146) | 0.9396 ** (0.0468) | 0.7688 ** (0.1331) |
| 1/d | 0.3306 ** (0.0696) | 0.1897 ** (0.0615) | 0.3743 ** (0.0559) | 0.3473 ** (0.0632) | 0.1062 † (0.0598) | 0.1271 * (0.0633) |
| Log-Likelihood | 1489.9 | 1440.2 | 209.2 | 152.5 | 320.5 | 318.6 |
| Hypothesis Testing ^(a) | | | | | | |
| χ ² (1): Test for IGARCH H ₀ : β _h = 1 | 3.3157 † {0.0686} | 1.8656 {0.1720} | 0.8665 {0.3519} | 0.9352 {0.3335} | 1.6625 {0.1973} | 3.0149 † {0.0825} |
| χ ² (1): Test for REH H ₀ : MA(m-1) vs. H ₁ :MA(m) | 0.0332 {0.8554} | 1.4637 {0.2263} | 2.4994 {0.1139} | 0.1722 {0.6782} | 1.0967 {0.2950} | 1.2419 {0.2651} |
| χ ² (2): Test for UEH H ₀ : a = 0 and b = 1 | 107.227 ** {0.0000} | 907.800 ** {0.0000} | 934.156 ** {0.0000} | 216.278 ** {0.0000} | 767.806 ** {0.0000} | 849.039 ** {0.0000} |
| Diagnostics of z _t ^(b) | | | | | | |
| Linear S. C.: | 17.9580 {0.5902} | 16.6762 {0.6739} | 30.2794 † {0.0655} | 35.0742 * {0.0197} | 19.9159 {0.4632} | 21.6355 {0.3606} |
| Non-Linear S. C.: | 16.4166 {0.6905} | 16.5864 {0.6796} | 8.5610 {0.9875} | 9.7390 {0.9727} | 9.7549 {0.9724} | 17.2904 {0.6340} |
| Skewness | -1.0082 | -0.6815 | -0.5895 | -0.1124 | 0.4745 | 0.4927 |
| Excess Kurtosis | 2.5574 | 1.2152 | 6.2339 | 5.4462 | 0.6227 | 0.8070 |

Notes: (a), (b) See notes for Table 3.

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