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Undergraduate Studies:

BBA, Applied Economics, First Class Honours, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2012

Masters Level Work:

Master of Economics, University of Hong Kong, 2014

Graduate Studies:

Singapore Management University, 2015 to present
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Teaching and Research Fields:

Primary fields: Time Series Econometrics, Econometric Theory, Financial Econometrics
 Secondary fields: Applied Econometrics, Forecasting

Teaching Experience:

Instructor

2018: STAT101 Introductory Statistics (Fall semester)

Teaching Evaluation Score: 5.23/7 (under “Good” category in SMU’s spectrum)

Teaching assistant

2019: COR 2100 Economics and Society (previously named as Principle of Economics)
 ECON240 Family and the Society: Economic Theories and Practices

2016-2018: ECON102 Intermediate Macroeconomics

Research Experience:

2014-2015 Research Assistant, Hong Kong Baptist University

2014 Research Assistant, The University of Hong Kong

2012-2013 Research Assistant, Hong Kong Baptist University

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

2019 Princeton-QUT-SJTU-SMU Conference on Econometrics, Singapore Management University, Singapore

The China Meeting of Econometric Society, Jinan University, Guangzhou, China

The Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China

SH3 Conference on Econometrics, Singapore Management University, Singapore

2018 The 2018 HU-HUE-SMU Tripartite Conference, Singapore Management University, Singapore

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2019-2020 Presidential Doctoral Fellowship, Singapore Management University

2015-2019 Graduate Full Scholarship (Ph.D. Program), Ministry of Education, Singapore

2012 Beta Gamma Sigma Lifetime Membership, Hong Kong Baptist University

2012 Mr. Lui Ming Fong Memorial Scholarship, Hong Kong Baptist University

2012 HK Electric Scholarship, Hong Kong Baptist University

Research Papers:

“Testing for Rational Bubbles under Strongly Dependent Errors” (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: A heteroskedasticity and autocorrection robust (HAR) test statistic is proposed to detect the existence of rational bubbles in financial assets when errors are strongly dependent. The asymptotic theory is developed. Unlike the conventional test statistics which lead to a too large type I error under strongly dependent errors, the new test does not suffer from the same size problem. Moreover, the new test statistic can consistently time stamp the origination date and the termination date of a rational bubble. Monte Carlo studies are conducted to check the finite sample performance of the proposed test for the purpose of bubble detection and for the purpose of estimating the bubble origination date and termination date. An empirical application to S&P 500 index highlights the usefulness of the proposed test statistic.

“Mild-explosive Autoregression with Anti-persistent Errors” with Weilin Xiao and Jun Yu
 (R&R at *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*)

Abstract: This paper develops a sequential limit theory for the autoregressive parameter when anti-persistent errors are in a mildly explosive model. It is shown that the Cauchy asymptotic theory remains valid for the least squares (LS) estimator in the model without intercept or with an asymptotically negligible intercept. Monte Carlo studies examine the finite sample performance of the limiting distribution. An empirical study of a rational bubble in NASDAQ highlights the usefulness of the model and the new limit theory.

“The Grid Bootstrap for Continuous Time Models” with Weilin Xiao and Jun Yu

Abstract: This paper considers the grid bootstrap for constructing confidence intervals for the persistence parameter in a class of continuous-time models driven by a Lévy process. Its asymptotic validity is discussed under the assumption that the sampling interval (h) shrinks to zero, the time span (N) goes to infinity or both. Its improvement over the in-fill asymptotic theory is achieved by expanding the coefficient-based statistic around its in-fill asymptotic distribution which is non-pivotal and depends on the initial condition. Monte Carlo studies show that the grid bootstrap method performs better than the in-fill asymptotic theory and much better than the long-span asymptotic theory. Empirical applications to U.S. interest rate data highlight differences between the bootstrap confidence intervals and the confidence intervals obtained from the in-fill and long-span asymptotic distributions.

Computer Skills:

Matlab, SAS, R, LaTeX, Stata, Eviews

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English (Fluent), Mandarin (Fluent), Cantonese (Native)