

STATISTICAL INFERENCE FROM PANEL RANDOM-COEFFICIENT AR(1) DATA

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Stationary solution of (1) is given by

$$X(t) = \sum_{s \leq t} a^{t-s} \zeta(s), \quad t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

with

$$EX(t) = 0, \quad EX(0)X(t) = E\left(\frac{a^{|t|}}{1 - a^2}\right) < \infty.$$

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- ▶ Related results for network traffic models:

Mikosch et al. 2002, Gaigalas, Kaj 2003, Kaj, Taqqu 2008, Dombry, Kaj 2011.

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- ▶ Thm. applies to long panels: if $\varrho = 1$, then for very large p , we assume $N/n^{p/(1+p)} \rightarrow 0$, where $p/(1+p) \approx 1$.

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Use ϱ -Hölder continuity of G with $\varepsilon^{\varrho+p} \sim n^{-\frac{p}{2} \wedge (p-1)} = o(1)$ and

PROPOSITION 1

Fix $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Under A1–A5, for any $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$, it holds

$$\mathbb{P}(|\hat{a}_i - a_i| > \varepsilon) \leq C(n^{-\frac{p}{2} \wedge (p-1)} \varepsilon^{-p} + n^{-1})$$

with $C > 0$ independent of n, ε .

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$$\sqrt{N} \sup_x |\hat{G}_N(x) - G_0(x)| > c(\omega),$$

where $c(\omega)$ is the upper ω -quantile of the Kolmogorov distribution.

- ▶ It has asymptotic size ω and is consistent provided the assumptions of Thm. hold.

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- ▶ The same θ_0, N, n as in Beran et al. 2010.
- ▶ $\beta \in (1, 2)$ implies the long memory in RCAR(1).
- ▶ p-value := $1 - F_i(T_i)$, where $F_i :=$ limit c.d.f. of T_i under H_0 , $i = KS, MLE$.
- ▶ If the asymptotic size of the test is correct, then the asymptotic distribution of the p-value is uniform on $[0, 1]$.

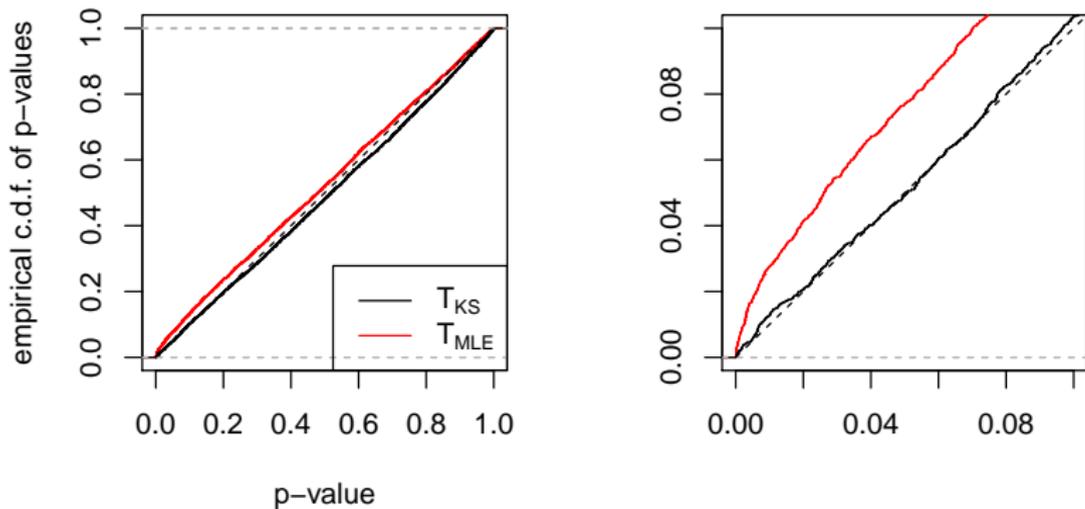


Figure: [left] Empirical c.d.f. of p-values of T_{KS} and T_{MLE} from 5000 replications of a panel with $N = 250$, $n = 817$ under $H_0 : \theta = (2, 1.4)^\top$.
 [right] Zoom-in on the region of interest: p-values smaller than 0.1.

$\omega = 5\%$					
β	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
T_{KS}	.532	.137	.049	.208	.576
T_{MLE}	.500	.104	.077	.313	.735

$\omega = 10\%$					
β	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
T_{KS}	.653	.223	.103	.315	.702
T_{MLE}	.634	.184	.134	.421	.827

Table: Empirical probability to reject $H_0: \theta = (2, 1.4)^\top$ at levels $\omega = 5\%, 10\%$. 5000 replications of a panel with $N = 250$, $n = 817$ and $\theta = (2, \beta)^\top$. The column for $\beta = 1.4$ provides **the empirical size**.

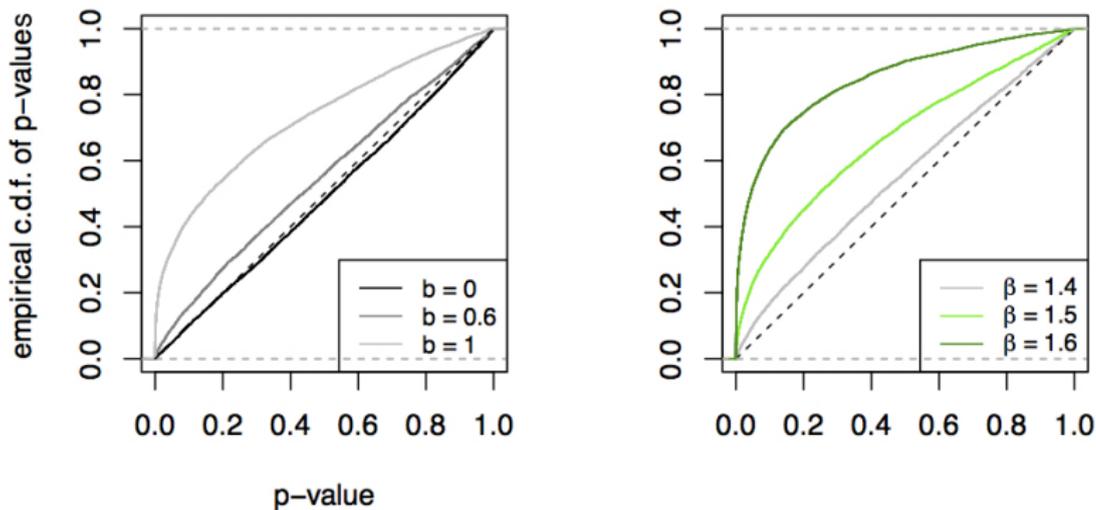


Figure: Empirical c.d.f. of 5000 p-values of T_{KS} for testing $H_0: \theta = (2, 1.4)^\top$ from a panel comprising $N = 250$ RCAR(1) series of length
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 [right] $n = 5500$ under $\theta = (2, \beta)^\top$ and $(b_i, c_i)^\top = (1, 0)^\top$, i.e. all series are driven by common innovations.

CONCLUSIONS:

- ▶ We do not observe an important loss of the power for T_{KS} compared to T_{MLE} .
- ▶ T_{KS} does not require to choose any truncation parameter contrary to T_{MLE} .
- ▶ We can use T_{KS} under weaker assumptions on (moments, dependence structure of) RCAR(1) innovations.

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Under certain conditions on N , $n \rightarrow \infty$, $h \rightarrow 0$,

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{N\delta^\beta} \gamma \ln \delta &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{if } 1 < p \leq 2, \\ \sqrt{N\delta^\beta} ((n\delta^\beta)^{-1} \vee \gamma) \ln \delta &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{if } p > 2, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma := \gamma_N = (n^{(p-1) \wedge (p/2)} \delta^{p+\beta})^{-1/(p+1)}$. Then

$$\sqrt{\hat{K}_N} (\tilde{\beta}_N - \beta) \rightarrow_d \mathcal{N}(0, \beta^2),$$

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i.i.d.		0.476	0.189	0.055	0.031	0.025	0.022
$n = 1000$		0.186	0.058	0.025	0.015	0.010	0.014
$n = 5000$		0.368	0.137	0.050	0.031	0.024	0.015
$n = 10000$		0.410	0.130	0.050	0.039	0.028	0.016

Table: Empirical probability to reject $H_0 : \beta \geq 2$ at level $\omega = 5\%$.

The i.i.d. row stands for testing from unobservable AR coefficients.

Three last rows correspond to panel data comprising $N = 1000$ independent RCAR(1) series of length n . The AR coefficient is beta distributed with parameters $(2, \beta)$. Estimations are made from 1000 independent replications.

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