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Abstract—This study aims to construct continuous-time autoregressive (CAR) model and continuous-time GARCH (COGARCH) model from discrete time data of foreign exchange rate of United States Dollar (USD) versus Turkish Lira (TRY). These processes are solutions to stochastic differential equation Lévy-driven processes. We have shown that CAR(1) and COGARCH(1,1) processes are proper models to represent foreign exchange rate of USD and TRY for different periods of time February 2002- June 2010.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The modelling and forecasting the foreign exchange rates are one of the most important subject for the international financial markets. After 2001 crisis, The Government of Turkey changed the foreign exchange policy, anyway the government set up the currency control and the foreign exchange rates are set by the free market. The forecasting becomes difficult because of the fluctuations in supply and demand for the foreign currency. Hence, a successful model is important for the investors, Turkish financial system and derivative pricing.

Many forecasting methods have been developed in the last few decades. Time series forecasting is highly utilised in predicting economic and business trends. The Box-Jenkins method [5] is one of the most widely used time series forecasting methods in practice. It is also one of the most popular models in traditional time series forecasting and is often used as a benchmark model for comparison with other time series methods. The method uses a systematic procedure to select an appropriate model from a rich family of models, namely, Autoregressive Moving Average (ARMA) models.

In fact, empirical investigations of various financial data show that an ARMA models, combined with a GARCH model and a heavy-tailed assumption for the errors, gives superior in-sample and out-of-sample fits.

There are many studies that use the ARMA and GARCH models for the foreign exchange rates data in discrete time. But the continuous ARMA and COGARCH models for foreign exchange rate of USD versus TRY are not usual methods.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. Discrete Time Modelling

The discrete time models help us to obtain continuous models by following the ways of Brockwell for continuous ARMA and Klüppelberg for COGARCH.

After making the data stationary, the best candidate ARIMA model for the conditional mean is chosen according to Akakike Information Criteria (AIC) [1]. Then, ARCH effect, serial correlation in error terms and squared error terms are investigate by the ARCH-LM test[3] and Ljung Box test. If there is a serial correlation between residuals and ARCH effect occurs, then we estimate variance equation with GARCH model. The model verifying is the most important case in discrete modeling. The residual analysis for the GARCH model is the usual method. The probability density functions of the financial data and simulated data could be used for model verifying.

B. Continuous ARMA Models

ARIMA model is used to obtain continuous ARMA model. The parameters of CARMA model is found by using the autocovariance function of ARIMA [2]. CARMA(p,q) process with the condition $0 \leq p < q$ is

$$a(D)Y_t = b(D)DW_t, t \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

Where $D$ denotes the differentiation with respect to $t$, and

$$a(z) = z^p + a_1 z^{p-1} + \ldots + a_p$$

$$b(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + \ldots b_q z^q \quad (2)$$

Brockwell shows the observation and the state equations as the following

$$Y_t = b^T X_t \quad (3)$$

$$dX_t = AX_t dt + edW_t \quad (4)$$

The solution for state equation is

$$X_t = e^{At} X_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-u)} dW_u \quad (5)$$
\[ \Sigma = E[X_o X_o^T] = \int_0^\infty e^{At}ee^T dy \quad (6) \]

The real parts of the eigenvalues of matrix A must be negative for stationarity conditions where
\[ E[X_t^2] = 0, t \geq 0 \]
\[ E[X_{ts} X_t^T] = e^{\alpha h}, h \geq 0 \]

The autocovariance function of CARMA(p,q) process is
\[ \gamma_s(h) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_i(\lambda)b(-\lambda)}{a^i(\lambda)a(-\lambda)} e^{i(h)} \quad (7) \]

The autocovariance function of ARMA(p,q) process is
\[ \gamma_s(h) = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i h_i^p \theta(\lambda)\theta(-\lambda)}{\phi(\lambda_i)\phi(-\lambda_i)} \quad (8) \]

The parameters of CARMA(p,q) process are found comparing the equations (7) and (8) where \( a_0, a_p, b_0, ..., b_q \) are CARMA model parameters and \( \phi_0, ..., \phi_p, \theta_0, ..., \theta_q \) are ARMA model parameters.

C. Continuous GARCH Modelling

Nelson[9] introduce COGARCH model that includes two independent Brownian motions B(1) and B(2)
\[ dG_t = \sigma_t dB_t^{(1)}, t \geq 0 \quad (9) \]
\[ \sigma_t^2 = (\beta - \eta \sigma_t^2)dt + \phi \sigma_t^2 dB_t^{(2)}, t \geq 0 \quad (10) \]
where \( \beta > 0, \eta \geq 0, \) and \( \phi \geq 0 \) are constants.

Klüppelberg [4] shows that COGARCH model is analogue of the discrete time GARCH model, based on a single background driving Lévy process. COGARCH model has the basic properties of discrete time GARCH process.

The COGARCH process \( (G_t)_{t \geq 0} \) is defined in terms of its stochastic differential \( dG \), such that
\[ dG_t = \sigma_t dL_t \quad (11) \]
\[ d\sigma_t^2 = (\beta - \eta \sigma_t^2)dt + \phi \sigma_t^2 d[L_t] \quad (12) \]
where \( \beta > 0, \eta \geq 0, \) and \( \phi \geq 0 \) are constants.

The solution for the stochastic equation is
\[ \sigma_t^2 = \sigma_{t-1}^2 - \beta + \int_0^t \sigma^2_s ds + \phi \sum_{0 < s < t} \sigma^2_s (\Delta L_s)^2 + \sigma_o^2 \quad (13) \]
Euler approximation is used for the integral \( \int_0^t \sigma^2_s ds = \sigma_{t-1}^2 \)
and \( \sum_{0 < s < t} \sigma^2_s (\Delta L_s)^2 = (G_t - G_{t-1})^2 \) since \( \Delta L_s \) is usually not observable. So, we get
\[ \sigma_t^2 = \beta + (1 - \eta)\sigma_{t-1}^2 + \phi(G_t - G_{t-1})^2 \quad (14) \]

III. DATA

In order to realize the model, for the period of years February 2002- June 2010, the daily real foreign exchange rate data have been used related to Turkish Lira versus United States Dollar. The data have been got from the Central Bank of Turkey. The data is the selling prices of the end of the daily exchange rates.

IV. RESULTS AND DIAGNOSTICS

A. Unitroot And Stationary Tests

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The real data is not stationary. After taking the first difference of the data, it becomes stationary according to ADF and Philips-Perron tests are shown in Table I. Here after the difference data is called DFX.

B. ARIMA Modeling

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The best candidate model is ARIMA(1,1,0) pure AR(1) process for DFX data according to AIC value -12181.1576. The coefficient of AR(1) in Table II. is statistically significant. Although the constant of the model is not equal to zero, the coefficient will not used for simulations and in CAR(1) process. AR(1) model for DFX is
$DFX_t = 0.000058 + 0.02857 DFX_{t-1} + a_t \quad (15)$

where $a_t$ is the error term.

C. Continuous AR Modeling

The state equation of CAR(1) is

$$dX_t = -aX_t dt + bdW_t \quad (16)$$

Which is the analogue of AR(1). In (16) we replaced Wiener process with Lévy process Benth et.al [10] and Brockwell [11], since the error terms are not normally distributed. Consequently (16) comes to that

$$dX_t = -aX_t dt + bdL_t$$

Where

$$a = -\log \phi, \phi = 0.02857 \quad \text{AR(1) coefficient},$$

$$b = \left( \frac{2\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \log \phi \quad \sigma = 1.000226$$

As a result. The continuous model for DFX is

$$dX_t = -1.5441X_t dt - 1.0812dL_t \quad (17)$$

The Figure 3 and Figure 4 show that the difference data in Figure 2 and the simulated data from AR(1) and CAR(1) have same manner. Another approach to verify our model is Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) of DFX and simulated data. FFT is used for changing time domain data to frequency domain. FFT of DFX and simulated data from discrete and continuous models show common allocation.

A. Discrete Volatility Modeling

We fail to reject the null hypothesis of Ljung Box that is no autocorrelation between residuals and between squared residuals since the p-values of the test are 0.1215 and 0.8493 test. This situation is strengthened by ARCH-LM test with p-values 0.8463 and 0.9150. In other word ARCH effect occurs in residuals. ARCH-LM test The best candidate model is $\text{AR(1)} \sim \text{GARCH}(1,1)$ according to AIC.

| TABLE III. ESTIMATED COEFFICIENTS OF $\text{AR(1)} \sim \text{GARCH}(1,1)$ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| **Value** | **Std.Error** | **t value** | **Pr(>|t|)** |
| C       | 0.000045      | 2.150e-004 | 2.087         | 3.701e-002 |
| AR(1)   | 0.0548        | 2.207e-002 | 2.482         | 1.313e-002 |
| $\phi$  | 0.0000056     | 7.413e-007 | 7.528         | 7.572e-14  |
| ARCH(1) | 0.1749        | 1.306e-002 | 13.393        | 0.000e+000 |
| GARCH(1)| 0.8039        | 1.006e-002 | 79.932        | 0.000e+000 |
All the coefficients of AR(1)~GARCH(1,1) are statistically significant and the coefficients satisfy the covariance stationary conditions where total of the coefficient of ARCH term and GARCH term is less than 1.

$$DFX_t = 0.000045 + 0.0548DFX_{t-1} + a_t$$

$$a_t = \sigma_t \varepsilon_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = 0.000056 + 0.1749a_{t-1}^2 + 0.8039\sigma_{t-1}^2$$ (18)

The Jarque-Bera normality test points out that data DFX is not normally distributed. The distribution of DFX is Log-Logistic distribution with three parameter. The probability density function (pdf) of Log-Logistic distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \left( \frac{x - \gamma}{\beta} \right)^{\alpha-1} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{x - \gamma}{\beta} \right) \right)^{-\alpha}$$ (19)

Where \( \alpha \) - continuous shape parameter (\( \alpha > 0 \))

\( \beta \) - continuous scale parameter (\( \beta > 0 \))

\( \gamma \) - continuous location parameter (\( \gamma = 0 \) yields the two-parameter Log-Logistic distribution)

Domain \( \gamma < x \leq \infty \)

**TABLE IV. PARAMETERS OF THE DISTRIBUTION**

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The pdf of the DFX and pdf of simulated data are closed. Also, Figure 8 shows hundreds of simulations have same distribution shape with the real data. There is no autocorrelation between residuals of GARCH model with p-value 0.019. These evidences show that AR(1)~GARCH(1,1) is adequate model for discrete time volatility.

**B. Continuous Volatility Modeling**

The parameters of COGARCH model is obtained from the discrete GARCH model’s parameters

$$\beta = \beta \cdot \eta = \ln \delta \cdot \phi = \lambda / \delta$$ (20)

Where \( \beta \) is the constant of GARCH model, \( \delta \) is the coefficient of GARCH term and \( \lambda / \delta \) is the coefficient of ARCH term. The parameters of COGARCH(1,1) model are

$$\eta = \ln 0.8039 \quad \phi = 0.1749 / 0.8039$$ (21)

The numerical solutions for \( dG_t \) and \( d\sigma^2_t \) is done by using Lévy process driven by compound Poisson process. The above figures show that real data volatility, discrete time volatility and the continuous time volatility are closed to each other since jumps in the volatility plots almost have same pattern.

**V. CONCLUSION**

The exchange rate of USD versus TRY data was modeled two type continuous model. CAR and COGARCH models construct by the verified discrete models. Also CAR(1) and COGARCH(1,1) process was verified by comparing real data and simulated data from discrete models. The empirical results
showed that continuous models for adequate models. This models should be used in studies about derivative pricing or Value at Risk calculations.

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