

# Quantile Regression in Risk Calibration

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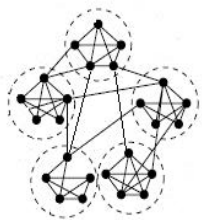
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## Dependence Risk



## Risk Calibration and Quantile Regression

- ▣ Quantification via value-at-risk (VaR)/expected shortfall (ES)
- ▣ Quantile VaR: dependence risk?
- ▣ Parametric VaR: Chernozhukov and Umantsev (2001), Engle and Manganelli (2004)
- ▣ Nonparametric VaR: Cai and Wang (2008), Taylor (2008) and Schaumburg (2010)
- ▣ Parametric CoVaR: Adrian and Brunnermeier (2010)(AB)



## Risk Calibration

- ▣ Marginal Expected Shortfall (MES): Acharya et al. (2010)
- ▣ Distressed Insurance Premium (DIP): Huang et al. (2010)

▶ Go to details

- ▣ AB:  $X_j$  and  $X_i$  are two asset returns,

$$P \left\{ X_j \leq \text{CoVaR}_{j|i}^\tau \mid X_i = \text{VaR}^\tau(X_i), M_{t-1} \right\} = \tau.$$

- ▣ Advantages:
  - ▶ Cloning property
  - ▶ Conservative property
  - ▶ Adaptiveness

▶ Go to details



## CoVaR Construction (AB)

$X_{j,t}$  and  $X_{i,t}$  are two asset returns. Two linear quantile regressions:

$$X_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \gamma_i^\top M_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{i,t}, \quad (1)$$

$$X_{j,t} = \alpha_{j|i} + \beta_{j|i} X_{i,t} + \gamma_{j|i}^\top M_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{j,t}. \quad (2)$$

$M_t$ : state variables.  $F_{\varepsilon_{i,t}}^{-1}(\tau | M_{t-1}) = 0$  and  $F_{\varepsilon_{j,t}}^{-1}(\tau | M_{t-1}, X_{i,t}) = 0$ .

$$\widehat{VaR}_{i,t} = \hat{\alpha}_i + \hat{\gamma}_i^\top M_{t-1},$$
$$\widehat{CoVaR}_{j|i,t} = \hat{\alpha}_{j|i} + \hat{\beta}_{j|i} \widehat{VaR}_{i,t} + \hat{\gamma}_{j|i}^\top M_{t-1}.$$



## CoVaR Construction Linear?

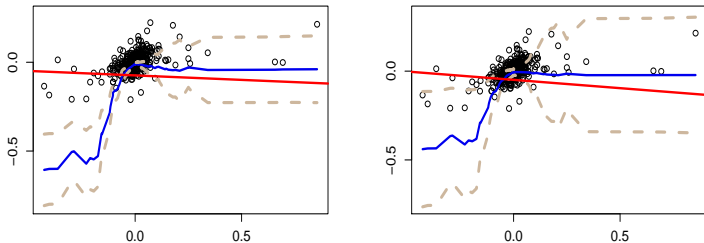


Figure 1: Goldman Sachs (GS) and Citigroup (C) weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=GS returns; x-axis=C returns. LLQR lines. Linear quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ . Data weekly returns 20050131-20100131.



## Nonlinear Dependence

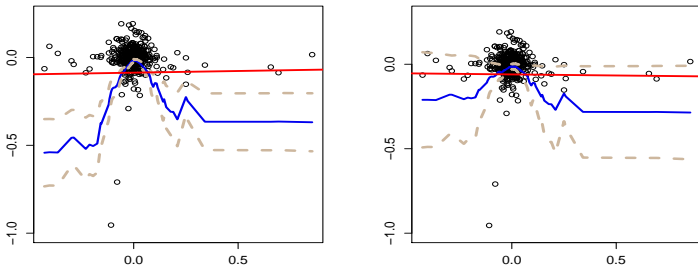


Figure 2: Lehman Brothers (LB) and C weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=LB returns; x-axis=C returns. **LLQR lines**. **Linear quantile regression line**. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ . Data weekly returns 20050131-20100131.



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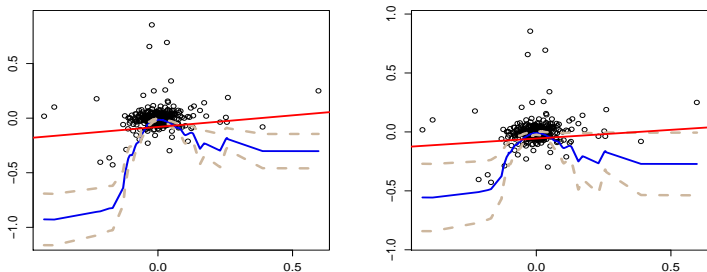


Figure 3: Bank of America (BOA) and C weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=BOA returns; x-axis=C returns. LLQR lines. Linear quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band..  $N = 546$ . Data weekly returns 20050131-20100131.





## General Specification

- Nonparametric quantile regression:

$$X_{i,t} = f(M_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_{i,t}; \quad (3)$$

$$X_{j,t} = g(X_{i,t}, M_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_{j,t}. \quad (4)$$

$M_t$ : state variables.  $F_{\varepsilon_{i,t}}^{-1}(\tau | M_{t-1}) = 0$  and  
 $F_{\varepsilon_{j,t}}^{-1}(\tau | M_{t-1}, X_{i,t}) = 0$ .

- Challenges
  - ▶ The curse of dimensionality for  $f, g$
  - ▶ Numerical Calibration of (3) and (4)



## Research Questions

- Measure CoVaR in a nonparametric (semiparametric) way
- Test the performance of the CoVaR
- What can one learn from the semiparametric specification?
- Consequences for econometrical modelling?



# Outline

1. Motivation ✓
2. Locally Linear Quantile Regression
3. A Semiparametric Model
4. Empirical CoVaR
5. Backtesting
6. Conclusions and Outlook

## Locally Linear Quantile Estimation (LLQR)

- $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  i.i.d. bivariate random variables, locally linear kernel quantile estimator estimated as  $\hat{l}(x_0) = \hat{a}_{0,0}$ :

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\{a_{0,0}, a_{0,1}\}} \sum_{i=1}^N K\left(\frac{x_i - x_0}{h}\right) \rho_{\tau}\{y_i - a_{0,0} - a_{0,1}(x_i - x_0)\}. \quad (5)$$

- Choice of Bandwidth: Yu and Jones (1998):

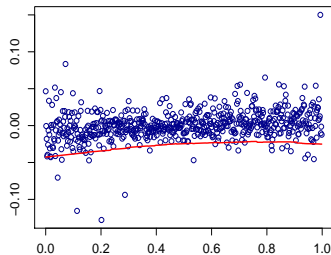
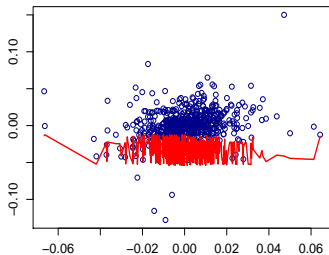
$$h_{\tau} = h_{mean} [\tau(1 - \tau)\varphi\{\Phi^{-1}(\tau)\}^{-2}]^{1/5},$$

where  $h_{mean}$ : local mean regression bandwidth.



## Stabilized Estimator

- Calculate  $X_{(i:n)}$  (order statistics), then perform LLQR on  $\{i/n\}_{i=1}^n$  and corresponding  $Y_{(i:n)}$
- $\hat{l}(x)\hat{f}_X^{-1}(x)$  is a consistent estimator for the conditional quantile in the original  $X$  space



## Uniform Confidence Band

Theorem (Härdle and Song (2010))

*Under regularity conditions,*

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ (2\delta \log n)^{1/2} \left\{ \sup_{x \in J} r(x) |\hat{l}(x) - l(x)| / \lambda(K)^{1/2} - d_n \right\} < z \right] \\ \rightarrow \exp\{-2 \exp(-z)\},$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\hat{l}(\cdot)$  is the solution of (5) and  $d_n$  is a scaling constant.



## Macroeconomic Drivers

Components of  $M_t$ :

1. VIX
2. Short term liquidity spread
3. Change in the 3M T-bill rate
4. Change in the slope of the yield curve
5. Change in the credit spread between 10 years BAA-rated bonds and the T-bond rate
6. S&P500 returns
7. Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate index returns



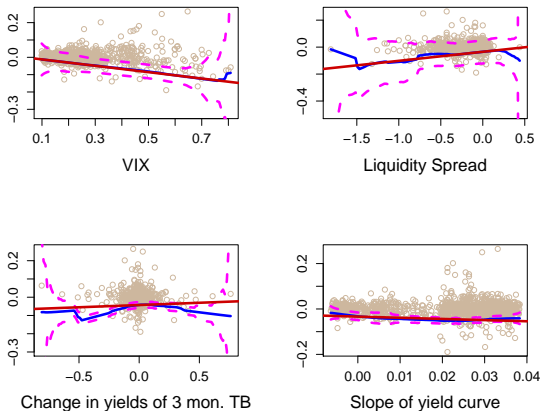


Figure 4: GS daily returns given 7 market variables and LLQR curves. Data 20060804-20110804.  $n = 1260$ .  $\tau = 0.05$ .





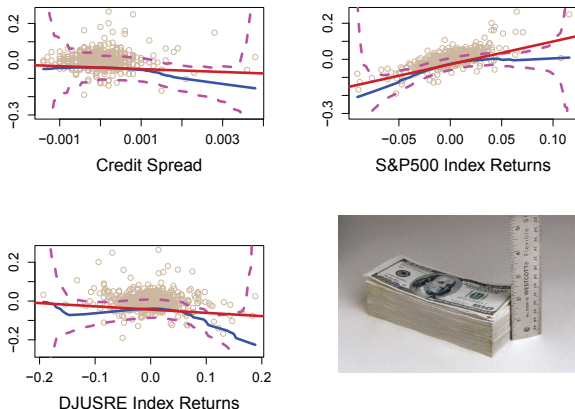


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## Partial Linear Model (PLM)

- The linearity observation (Figure 4, 5) implies:

$$\begin{aligned}X_{i,t} &= \alpha_i + \gamma_i^\top M_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{i,t}; \\X_{j,t} &= \tilde{\alpha}_{j|i} + \tilde{\beta}_{j|i}^\top M_{t-1} + l_{j|i}(X_{i,t}) + \varepsilon_{j,t}.\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

$l$ : a general function.  $M_t$ : state variables.  $F_{\varepsilon_{i,t}}^{-1}(\tau|M_{t-1}) = 0$   
and  $F_{\varepsilon_{j,t}}^{-1}(\tau|M_{t-1}, X_{i,t}) = 0$ .

- Advantages
- ▶ Capturing nonlinear asset dependence
  - ▶ Avoid curse of dimensionality



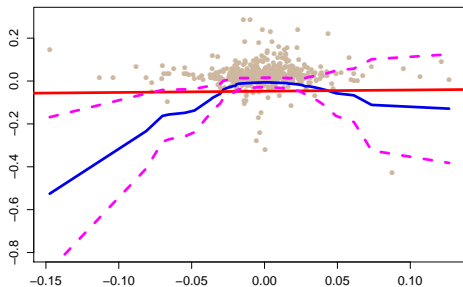


Figure 6: The nonparametric element of the PLM. y-axis=GS daily returns after filtering  $M_t$ 's effect. x-axis=C daily returns. The LLQR quantile curve. Linear parametric quantile line. 95% Confidence band. Data 20080625-20081223.  $n=126$  (window size).  $h=0.2003$ .  $\tau=0.05$ .



## Estimation of Partial Linear Model

- PLM model: Liang, Härdle and Carroll (1999) and Härdle, Ritov and Song (2011)

$$Y_t = \alpha + \beta^\top M_{t-1} + l(X_t) + \varepsilon_t.$$

- Consider  $[0, 1]$  (standard rank space). Dividing  $[0, 1]$  into  $a_n$  equally divided subintervals,  $a_n \uparrow \infty$ . On each subinterval,  $l(\cdot)$  is roughly constant.



## Estimation of PLM QR

Procedure:

1. Linear element  $\beta$ :

$$\hat{\beta} =$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \min_{l_1, \dots, l_{a_n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \rho_{\tau} \left\{ Y_t - \alpha - \beta^{\top} M_{t-1} - \sum_{m=1}^{a_n} l_m \mathbf{1}(X_t \in I_{nt}) \right\};$$

2. Nonlinear element  $l(\cdot)$ : With data  $\{(X_t, Y_t - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta}^{\top} M_{t-1})\}_{t=1}^n$ , applying LLQR.



## Empirical CoVaR

- $j$ : GS daily returns,  
 $i$ : C daily returns  
Window Size: 126 days (half a year)  
Data 20060804-20110804
- Three types of VaR (CoVaR):
  - ▶ VaR
  - ▶  $\text{CoVaR}^{AB}$
  - ▶  $\text{CoVaR}^{PLM}$



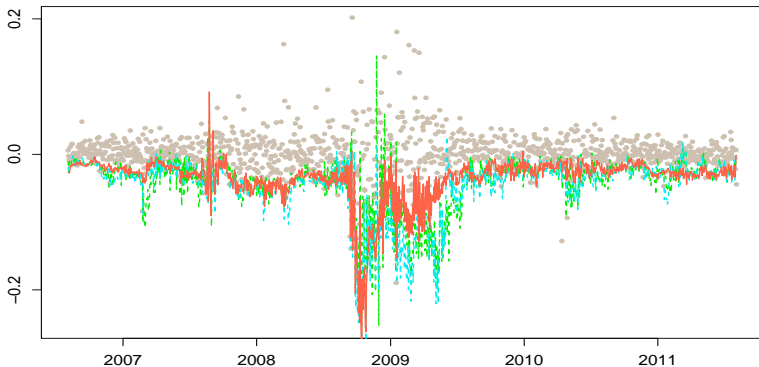


Figure 7: CoVaR of GS given the VaR of C. The x-axis is time. The y-axis is the GS daily returns. **PLM CoVaR** . **AB (2010) CoVaR** . **The linear QR VaR of GS**.



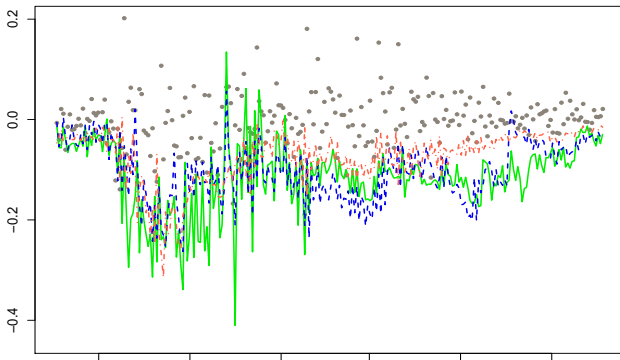


Figure 8: CoVaR of GS given the VaR of C during 20080804-20090804. The x-axis is time. The y-axis is the GS daily returns. PLM CoVaR . AB (2010) CoVaR . The VaR of GS.





## Backtesting Procedure

- Berkowitz, Christoffersen and Pelletier (2011): If the VaR calibration is correct, violations

$$I_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X_i < (\widehat{Co})VaR_{t-1}^{\tau}(X_i) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

should form a sequence of **martingale difference**



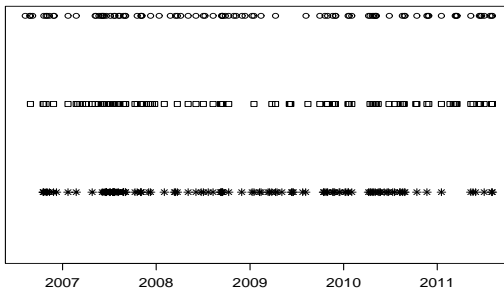


Figure 9: The timings of violations  $\{t : I_t = 1\}$ . The circles are the violations of the  $\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS|C,t}^{PLM}$ , totally 95 violations. The squares are the violations of  $\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS|C,t}^{AB}$ , totally 98 violations. The stars are the violations of  $\widehat{VaR}_{GS,t}$ , totally 109 violations.  $n = 1260$ .



## Box Tests

- $\hat{\rho}_k$  be the estimated autocorrelation of lag  $k$  of violation  $\{I_t\}$  and  $N$  be the length of the time series.
- Ljung-Box test:

$$LB(m) = N(N+2) \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\hat{\rho}_k^2}{N-k} \quad (7)$$

- Lobato test:

$$L(m) = N \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\hat{\rho}_k^2}{\hat{v}_{kk}} \quad (8)$$



## CaViaR Test

- Inspired by Engle and Manganelli (2004)
- Berkowitz, Christoffersen and Pelletier (2011): CaViaR performs best overall
- Test procedure:

$$l_t = \alpha + \beta_1 l_{t-1} + \beta_2 VaR_t + u_t,$$

where  $VaR_t$  can be replaced by  $CoVaR_t$  in the case of conditional VaR. The residual  $u_t$  follows a Logistic distribution.

- The null hypothesis is  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \hat{\beta}_2 = 0$ .



## Summary of Backtesting Procedure

- LB(1): Ljung-Box test of lag 1
- LB(5): Ljung-Box test of lags 5
- L(1): Lobato test of lag 1
- L(5): Lobato test of lags 5
- CaViaR-O: CaViaR test, all data 20060804-20110804
- CaViaR-C: CaViaR test, data 20080804-20090804



Table 1: Goldman Sachs VaR/CoVaR backtesting  $p$ -values.

Measure	LB(1)	LB(5)	L(1)	L(5)	CaViaR-O	CaViaR-C
<u>Panel 1</u>						
$\widehat{VaR}_{GS,t}$	0.3449	0.0253*	0.3931	0.1310	<0.0001***	0.0024**
<u>Panel 2</u>						
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS SP,t}^{AB}$	0.0869	0.2059	0.2684	0.6586	<0.0001***	0.0424*
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS SP,t}^{PLM}$	0.0518	0.0006***	0.0999	0.0117*	<0.0001***	0.0019**
<u>Panel 3</u>						
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS C,t}^{AB}$	0.0489*	0.2143	0.1201	0.4335	<0.0001***	0.0001***
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS C,t}^{PLM}$	0.8109	0.0251*	0.8162	0.2306	<0.0001***	0.0535

\*, \*\* and \*\*\* denote significance at the 5, 1 and 0.1 percent levels.



## Conclusions and Outlook

- ▣ Semiparametric PLM does well during financial crisis
- ▣ Nonlinear tail dependence is not negligible
- ▣ Multivariate nonlinear part in PLM



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## Macroprudential Risk Measures

- Marginal Expected Shortfall (MES): Portfolio  $R = \sum_i w_i X_i$   
where  $w_i$ : weights,  $X_i$ : asset return,  $0 < \tau < 1$ ,

$$\text{MES}_\tau^i = \frac{\partial \text{ES}^\tau(R)}{\partial w_i} = -\text{E}[X_i | R \leq -\text{VaR}_R^\tau]$$

- Distressed Insurance Premium (DIP): Huang et al. (2010)  
 $L = \sum_{i=1}^N L_i$  total loss of a portfolio

$$\text{DIP} = \text{E}^Q [L | L \geq L_{\min}]$$

▶ Return



## Advantages of CoVaR

- Cloning Property: if dividing  $X_i$  into several clones, then the value of CoVaR conditioning on the individual large firm does not differ from the one conditioning on one of the clones
- Conservative Property: CoVaR conditioning on some bad event, the value would be more conservative than VaR
- Adaptive to the changing market conditions

▶ Return



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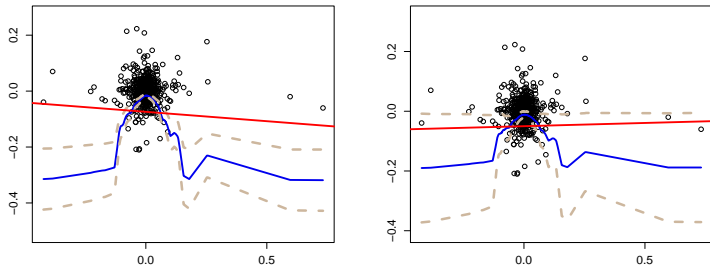


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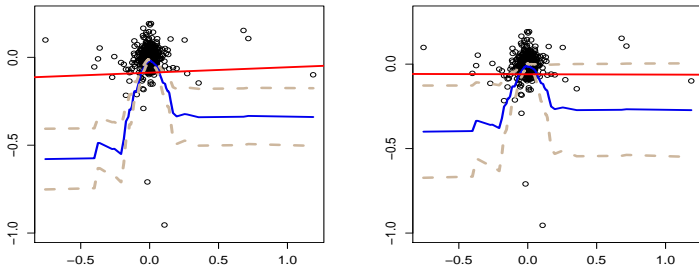


Figure 11: LB and AIG weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=LB returns; x-axis=AIG returns. LLQR lines. Linear parametric quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ .





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