

# Quantile Regression in Risk Calibration

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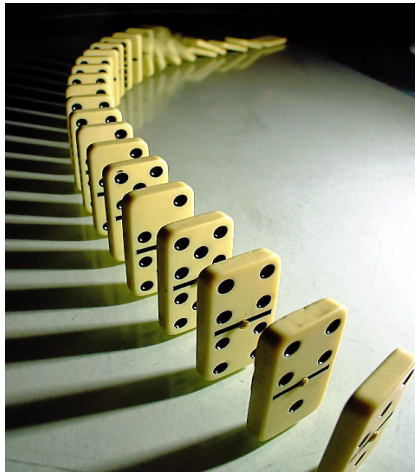
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# Dependence Risk



## Risk Calibration

- ▣ Quantification of risk: Value-at-Risk (VaR) and expected shortfall
- ▣ Drawbacks of usual VaR: Does not say much about dependence risk
- ▣ Need for other risk measure



## Quantile Regression in VaR

- 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)

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

$$P\{X_j \leq \text{CoVaR}_{j|i}(q) | C(X_i)\} = q.$$

where  $C(X_i) = \{X_i = \text{VaR}_q(X_i)\}$ .

- Advantages:
  1. Cloning property
  2. Conservative property
  3. Adaptiveness

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## CoVaR Construction (AB)

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

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

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

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

$$\widehat{VaR}_{i,t} = \hat{\alpha}_i + \hat{\gamma}_i M_{t-1},$$

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



## Nonlinear Dependence in Asset Returns

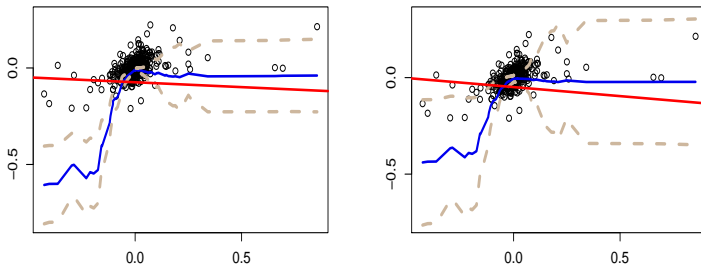


Figure 1: Goldman Sachs (GS) and Citigroup (C) weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=GS returns; x-axis=C returns. LLQR lines. Linear parametric quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ .



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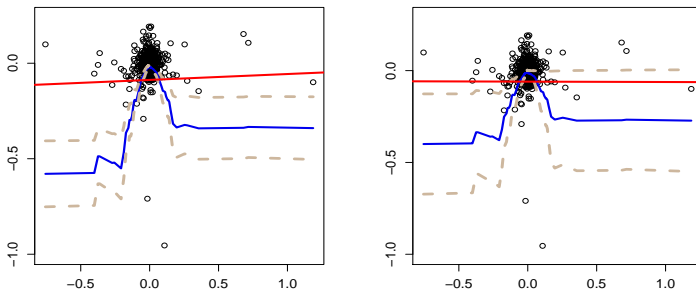


Figure 2: Lehman Brothers (LB) and ALG weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=LB returns; x-axis=ALG returns. LLQR lines. Linear parametric quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ .





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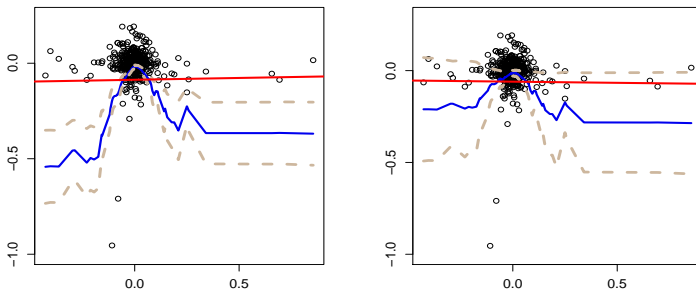


Figure 3: LB and C weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=LB returns; x-axis=C returns. **LLQR lines**. **Linear parametric quantile regression line**. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ .



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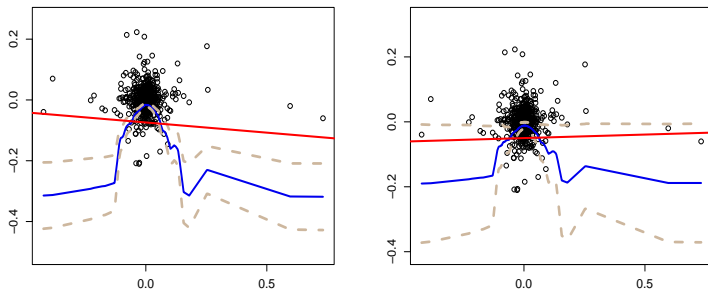


Figure 4: Bank of America (BOA) and GS weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=BOA returns; x-axis=GS returns. LLQR lines. Linear parametric quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ .



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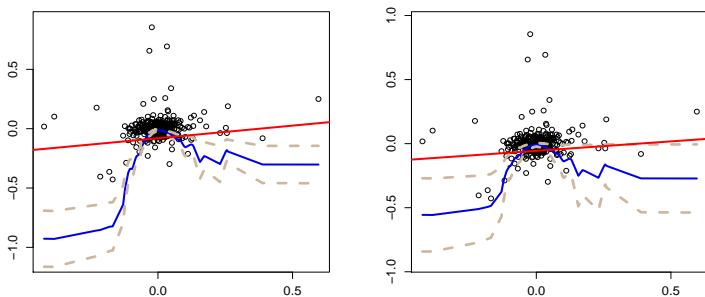


Figure 5: BOA and C weekly returns 0.05 (left) and 0.1(right) quantile functions. y-axis=BOA returns; x-axis=C returns. LLQR lines. Linear parametric quantile regression line. 95% Confidence band.  $N = 546$ .



## General Specification

- More general, with functions  $f, g$ ;

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

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

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

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



## Goal

- Computing CoVaR (i.e. two step quantile regression) in a nonparametric (or semiparametric) fashion
- Testing the risk-measuring performance of the estimated CoVaR
- What can one learn from the semiparametric specification



# Outline

1. Motivation ✓
2. Locally Linear Quantile Regression
3. A Semiparametric Model
4. Backtesting
5. Conclusions and Further Work

## Locally Linear Quantile Estimation (LLQR)

- Locally Linear Quantile Regression (LLQR):

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

- Choice of Bandwidth: Yu and Jones (1998)
- Asymptotic Uniform Confidence Band: Härdle and Song (2010)



## Macroeconomic Drives

Component of  $M_t$ :

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





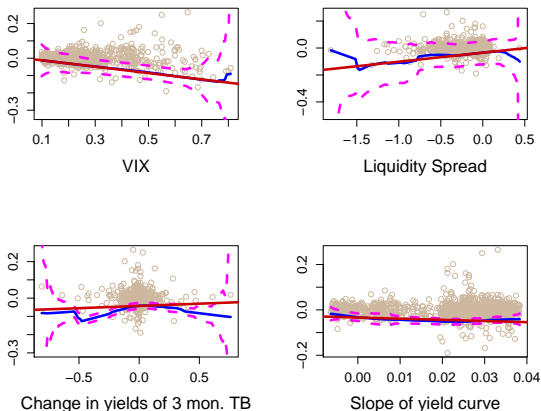


Figure 6: GS daily returns given 7 market variables and LLQR curves. Data 20060804-20110804.  $N = 1260$ .  $\tau = 0.05$ .



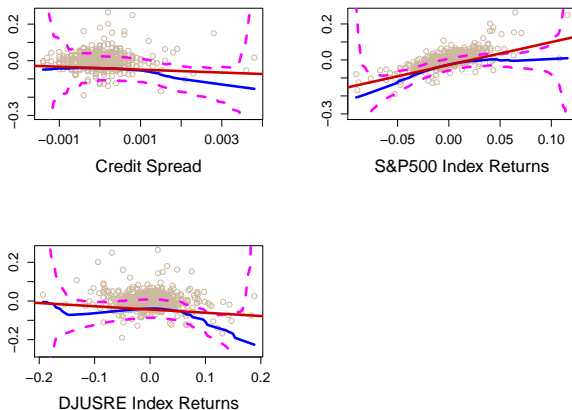


Figure 7: GS daily returns given 7 market variables and LLQR curves. Data 20060804-20110804.  $N = 1260$ .  $\tau = 0.05$ .



## Partial Linear Model

- The aforementioned linearity tests imply

$$X_{i,t} = \alpha_i + \gamma_i M_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{i,t}; \quad (6)$$

$$X_{j,t} = \beta_j M_{t-1} + l(X_{i,t}) + \varepsilon_{j,t}. \quad (7)$$

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

- Advantage:
  1. Capturing nonlinear asset dependence
  2. Avoid curse of dimensionality



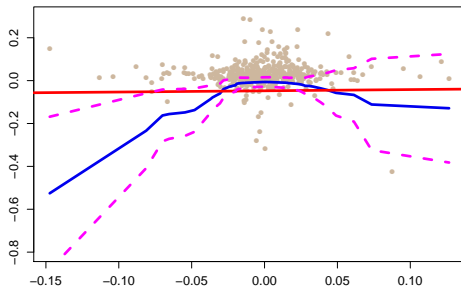


Figure 8: The nonparametric part of the PLM estimation. y-axis=GS daily returns. x-axis=C daily returns. The LLQR quantile curve. Linear parametric quantile line. 95% Confidence band. Data 20080625-20081223.  $N=126$ .  $h=0.2003$ .  $q=0.05$ .



## Estimation of Partial Linear Model

- Method: Liang, Härdle and Carroll (1999) and Härdle, Ritov and Song (2011)
- Estimation of  $l$ : LLQR
- $j$ : GS daily returns,  
 $i$ : C daily returns  
Window Size: 126 days (half a year)  
Data 20060804-20110804



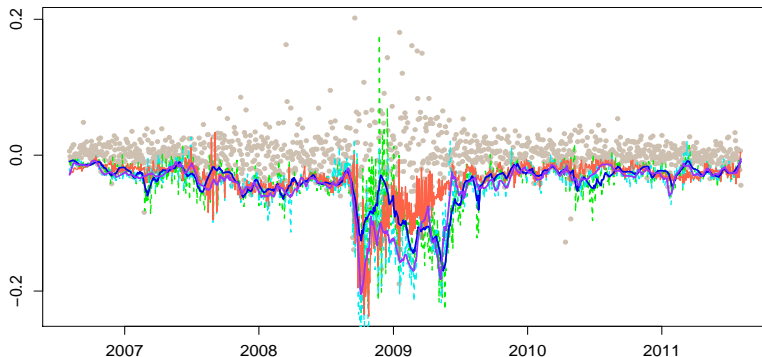


Figure 9: CoVaR of Goldman Sachs given the VaR of Citigroup. The x-axis is time. The y-axis is the GS daily returns. **PLM CoVaR** . **AB (2010) CoVaR** . **The linear QR VaR of GS**.



## Backtesting Procedure

- Berkowitz, Christoffersen and Pelletier (2011): If the VaR algorithm is correct, violations should be unpredictable

$$I_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } R_t < \widehat{VaR}_{t-1}(q) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Formally, violations  $I_t$  form a sequence of **martingale difference**



## Box Tests

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

$$LB(m) = N(N+2) \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\hat{\rho}_k^2}{N-k} \quad (8)$$

- Lobato test:

$$L(m) = N \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\hat{\rho}_k^2}{\hat{v}_{kk}} \quad (9)$$





## CaViaR Test

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

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

where  $VaR_{t-1}$  can be replaced by  $CoVaR_{t-1}$  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): i.i.d. test
- LB(5): i.i.d. test
- L(1): Testing first one lag autocorrelation = 0
- L(5): Testing first five lags autocorrelation = 0
- CaViaR-overall: all data 20060804-20110804
- CaViaR-crisis: data 20080804-20090804



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

Measure	LB(1)	LB(5)	L(1)	L(5)	CaViaR-overall	CaViaR-crisis
<u>Panel 1</u>						
$\widehat{VaR}_{GS,t}$	0.3449	0.0253*	0.3931	0.1310	$1.265 \times 10^{-6}***$	0.0024**
<u>Panel 2</u>						
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS SP,t}^{AB}$	0.0869	0.2059	0.2684	0.6586	$8.716 \times 10^{-7}***$	0.0424*
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS SP,t}^{PLM}$	0.0518	0.0006***	0.0999	0.0117*	$2.2 \times 10^{-16}***$	0.0019**
<u>Panel 3</u>						
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS C,t}^{AB}$	0.0489*	0.2143	0.1201	0.4335	$3.378 \times 10^{-9}***$	0.0001***
$\widehat{CoVaR}_{GS C,t}^{PLM}$	0.8109	0.0251*	0.8162	0.2306	$2.946 \times 10^{-9}***$	0.0535

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



## Conclusions and Further Work

- ▣ Semiparametric model may capture risk better than linear model during financial crisis
- ▣ Multivariate nonlinear part in PLM
- ▣ Other assets returns



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## Macorprudential Risk Measures

- Marginal Expected Shortfall (MES):  $R = \sum_i y_i R_i$ ,  $y_i$ : weights,  $R_i$ : asset return

$$\text{MES}_\alpha^i = \frac{\partial \text{ES}_\alpha(R)}{\partial y_i} = -\text{E}[R_i | R \leq -\text{VaR}_\alpha]$$

- 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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