

Adaptive Learning on Time Series: Method and Financial Applications

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Time-varying distribution

Background

- ☐ Data $\{(x_t, y_t) : t \in [T]\}$
- ☐ Data Generating Process $y_t \sim P_{Y|X}^t(\cdot|x_t; \theta) \forall t \in [T]$
- ☐ Ordinary statistics: $P_{Y|X}^1 = P_{Y|X}^2 = \dots = P_{Y|X}^t = P_{Y|X}^{t+1} = \dots$
- ☐ Time-varying distribution: $P_{Y|X}^t \neq P_{Y|X}^{t+1}$ for many $t \in [T]$

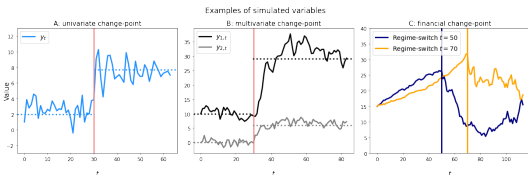


Figure: Simulated change point systems studied in [3]

Problems

- ☐ Modelling & Forecast: which model and estimation shall be used?
- ☐ Evaluation: how to evaluate the performance of models under time-varying distribution?

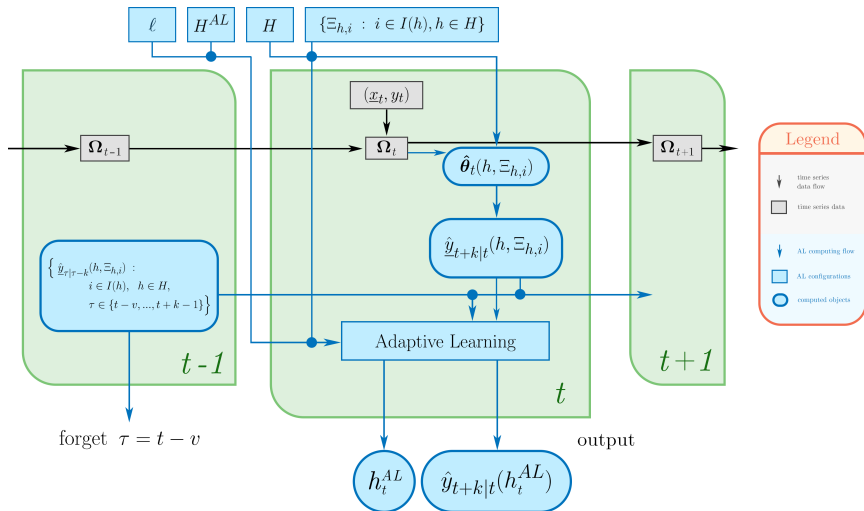
Example: VIX, Yield Curve and S&P 500 during 2020

Video

For full video, visit

<https://optimalportfolio.github.io/subpages/Videos.html>

Algorithmic introduction



Loss functions

- Basic forms used in [1, 2, 3]:

$$\ell^{\text{Norm, single-valued}}(h, \Xi_{h,i}; \lambda, p) := \sum_{\tau=t-v+1}^t \lambda^{t-\tau} |\hat{y}_{\tau|\tau-k} - y_{\tau}|^p$$

where v is a hyperparameter for window size

- Basic forms with tricks used in [3]:

$$\ell^{\text{Norm, multi-valued}}(h, \Xi_{h,i}; \lambda, p) := \sum_{\tau=t-v+1}^t \lambda^{t-\tau} \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\tau|\tau-k} - y_{\tau} \mathbf{1}_k\|_p^p$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\tau|\tau-k} = (\hat{y}_{\tau|\tau-1}, \hat{y}_{\tau|\tau-2}, \dots, \hat{y}_{\tau|\tau-k})$

- Interesting Penalisation used in [2]:

$$\ell^{\text{Penalised}}(h, \Xi_{h,i}; \lambda, p) := \ell^{\text{Global}}(h, \Xi_{h,i}; \lambda, p) + D(h, h_{t-1}^*)$$

where D measures distance, e.g. in terms of complexity and parametric dimensions

Remark: looks like fused / adaptive Lasso.

Improved forecasts through ensemble

k	Type	Configuration	$1000 \times \text{MSE}$	CS	SR	$100 \times \text{ANR}$	MDD
3	AL	Ensemble-MC	2.984	0.500	-0.958	-51.591	-0.220
	Fixed	MG3T, AR(4), $w = 252$, VIX 3-8m	4.102	0.409	-2.081	-81.887	-0.224
5	AL	Ensemble-MC	7.067	0.515	-1.415	-70.035	-0.214
	Fixed	MG3N, $w = 252$, VIX 3-6m	11.526	0.529	-2.264	-100.219	-0.288

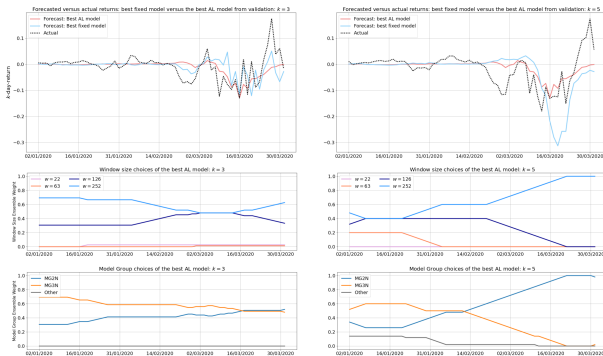


Figure: 2020 Q1 testing performance, models selected based on data in 2019 [3]

Statistical testing

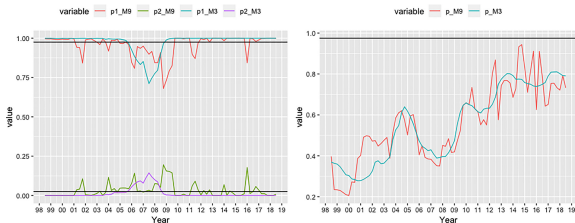


Figure: Standard parametric testing [1]

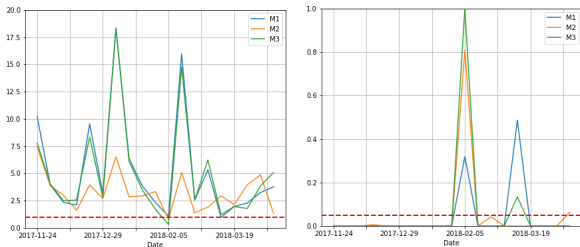


Figure: Model testing: Bayesian Factor (left) and Frequentist (right) [2]

Evaluation in Financial Time Series: the failure of MSE

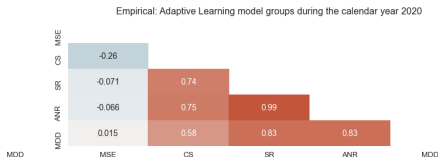
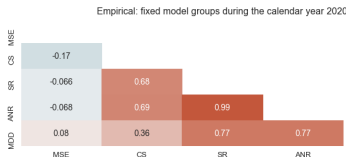
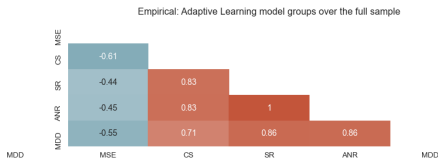
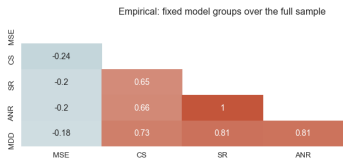


Figure: Correlation amongst statistical (MSE, CS) and financial (SR, ANR, and MDD) metrics [3]

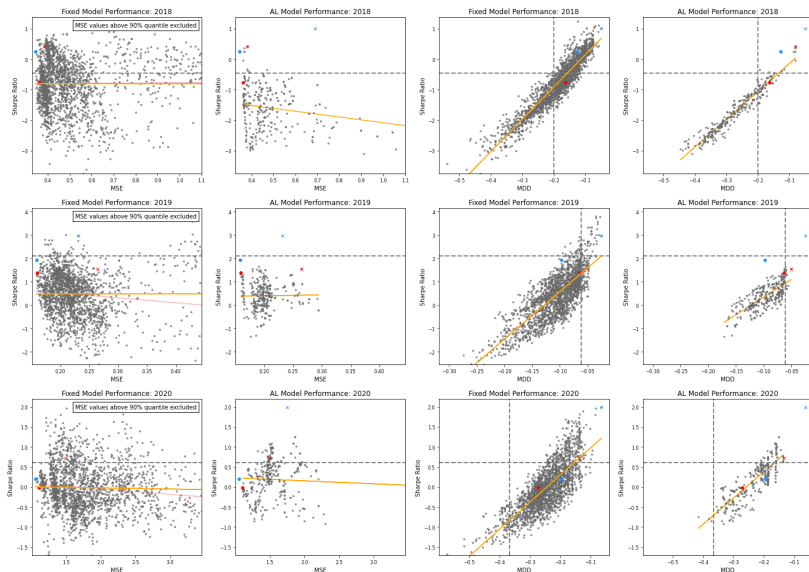


Figure: Time-varying relationships amongst MSE, SR, and MDD [3]

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