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## Abstract

This paper provides empirical evidence on the degree of long run dependence of volatility and trading volume in the Korean Stock Exchange using the semiparametric estimators of Robinson (1994, 1995a). The results of testing for long memory support the argument for long run dependence in both Garman-Klass volatility and trading volume (turnover). Total and domestic trading volume exhibit very similar long memory characteristics for all sample periods. The degree of long memory in foreign volume is significantly lower than that experienced in domestic volume. Interestingly, the results for trading volume are not influenced by structural breaks in the mean of the series. On the other hand, the long range dependence in volatility is quite sensitive to the different sample periods considered and comparable to foreign volume. Furthermore, the null hypothesis that volatility and volume share a common long memory parameter is only accepted for foreign volume and Garman-Klass volatility in all three subperiods. This result is consistent with a modified version of the mixture of distributions hypothesis in which volatility and volume have similar long memory characteristics as they are both influenced by an aggregate information arrival process displaying long range dependence. Finally, we find no evidence that foreign volume and volatility share a common long memory component.

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# 1 Introduction

The analysis of long-run dependence in time series has provided a wealth of statistical tools, parametric and non parametric, in order to test and measure the persistence of macroeconomic and financial processes. One of the most popular statistics used to describe long run dependence is the long memory parameter  $d$

volume in the Korean Stock Exchange. We employ semiparametric analysis in the frequency domain and estimates of the long memory parameter are reported for the whole sample as well as for subsamples subject to prior investigation for structural break in the mean of the two series. The same analysis is performed for domestic and foreign investors' trading volume. We also test whether volatility and trading volume have the same degree of long memory as a modified version of the mixture of distributions hypothesis suggests. Finally, we examine if both processes are driven by the same long-memory component in case both volume and volatility possess the same long-memory parameter.

Our results support the argument that long run dependence is evident in both Garman-Klass volatility and trading volume. The degree of long memory in total and domestic trading volume ranges from 0.55 to 0.65 while across different sample periods similar long memory characteristics are experienced. The degree of long range dependence in foreign volume is significantly lower (almost half) than that experienced in domestic volume and no significant change is evident for the different periods considered. The long range dependence in Garman-Klass volatility for the whole sample is 0.50 and diminishes to 0.25 for the pre-crisis period and 0.38 for the post crisis one. As we can see, neglecting the structural break in the mean of Garman-Klass volatility may overestimate the degree of long memory. This result is consistent with Granger and Hyung (2004) who found that the volatility series may show the long memory property because of the presence of neglected breaks. Moreover, when we test for a common long memory parameter the null hypothesis is only accepted for foreign volume and Garman-Klass volatility in all three subperiods. Therefore, it appears that there is a close correspondence between the estimated degrees of fractional integration as predicted by the modified MDH (see Andersen and Bollerslev, 1997, Bollerslev and Jubinski, 1999). Finally, we find no evidence that foreign volume and volatility share a common long memory component.

Section 2 reviews the several versions of the mixture of distributions hypothesis that give rise to common long run dependencies in volatility and volume. Moreover, some empirical evidence is provided.

ditionally, he finds that trading volume, used as a proxy for the latent information variable, contains significant explanatory power for return volatility while his inference is mainly univariate and based on the assumption that trading volume is exogenous. Tauchen and Pitts (1983) suggest that price changes and trading volume are jointly determined by an information arrival process functioning as a common mixing variable. Both studies assume that the information process is serially independent, and as a result this argument cannot explain the well known empirical fact that return volatility exhibits highly persistent autoregressive behavior.

Andersen (1996) suggest a mixture of distributions model that explains the joint distribution of return volatility and trading volume under the market microstructure setting of Glosten and Milgrom (1985).

volatility process which is characterised by a highly persistent, though stationary, autocorrelation function

$$v_{t,j} \sim j^{2d-1}$$

$$\gamma_j = \text{Cov}(X_t; X_{t+j}) \sim c_x j^{2d-1}$$

where  $c_x$  is a slowly varying function at infinity and positive and  $\sim$  indicates that the ratio of left and right hand sides tends to 1. The parameter  $d$  governs the intensity at which the autocorrelation function decays and summarizes the degree of long range dependence of the series  $X_t$ .

In the frequency domain long range dependence is replicated in the spectral density  $f_x$  of  $X_t$ , defined by

$$\gamma_j = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f_x e^{ij\lambda} d\lambda, \quad j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

where  $f_x$  asymptotically converges to  $G_x j^{-2d}$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for some finite constant  $G_x > 0$ . The spectral density has a pole at zero frequency when  $d > 0$ ,

$$f_x \sim \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} c_x j^{-1} d\lambda$$

and this indicates the increasing contribution of low frequency components to the variance decomposition of  $X_t$ . When  $d = 0$ , the series is weakly dependent and  $f_x$  is bounded and positive. In addition, the above asymptotic relations do not provide any information about the short run, seasonal or cyclical behavior of  $X_t$ . Robinson (2003) argues that semiparametric definitions of the long range dependence indicate that short-run modeling is almost irrelevant at very low frequencies and very long lags, where  $d$  dominates.

### 3.2 Estimation of long memory parameter $d$

To test the hypothesis of long-memory we follow Robinson's (1995) semiparametric bivariate approach.

To this end, let the sample periodogram for  $y_{it}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , at the  $r$ -th Fourier frequency,

vector of the residuals  $u_r$  be given by

$$u_{ir} = I_{ij} - \log c_i - d_{mi} \log r ;$$

with estimated variance-covariance matrix

$$\sigma^2 \sum_{r=1}^n u_r u_r'$$

A test of whether the two variables,  $d_{mv}$ ;  $d_{mg}$ , have the same degree of fractional integration,  $d_m$ , is given by

$$W = f' e_2 Z Z' e_2 f^{-1} \quad (2)$$

where  $f$  denotes the vector ; .

Finally, the corresponding restricted least squares estimator that imposes this commonality on the fractional orders of integration is expressed as

$$d_m = \frac{\sum_{r=1}^n P_{r,r}}{\sum_{r=1}^n P_{r,r}} \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is a vector of ones,  $r$  is the  $r$ -th row of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{r,r} = \sum_{i=1}^n P_{r,i}$



where  $u$  and  $c$  are the differences in the natural logarithms of the high and low, and of the closing and opening prices respectively. Garman-Klass (1980) show that their volatility estimator is about eight times more efficient than using the close to close prices to measure volatility. Moreover, Alizadeh et al. (2002) and Chen and Daigler (2006) argue in favor of using range based volatility measures due the bias introduced by microstructure effects. Shu and Zhang (2006) find that the range estimators quite close to the daily integrated variance.<sup>1</sup>

As regards trading volume disaggregated data concerning domestic and foreign investors' trading activity is also available. We use turnover as a measure of volume. This is the ratio of the value of shares traded to the value of shares outstanding (see, Campbell et al., 1993; Bollerslev and Jubinski, 1999; Lo and Wang, 2000). Because trading volume is nonstationary several detrending procedures for the volume data have been considered in the empirical finance literature (see, for details, Lobato and Velasco, 2000).<sup>2</sup> We form a trend-stationary time series of turnover ( $y_{vt}$ ) by incorporating the procedure used by Campbell et al. (1993) that uses a 100-day backward moving average

$$y_{vt} = \frac{VLM_t}{\frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=1}^{100} VLM_{t-i}};$$

where VLM denotes volume. This metric produces a time series that captures the change in the long run movement in trading volume (see, Brooks, 1998; Fung and Patterson, 1999). The moving average procedure is deemed to provide a reasonable compromise between computational ease and effectiveness. We also extract a linear trend from the volume series. As detailed below, the results for the linearly detrended volume series are very similar to those reported for the moving average detrending procedure.

In what follows, we will denote volume by  $y_{vt}^{(s)}$  (s = totaltotal260Td[n2(follo)mhshaTdes2Td[1total260Td[n2(follo)rted(h)-318

The structural break tests for volatility reveal two change points. The first break is detected on the 15th of October 1997 and, thus, we break the entire sample into two sub-periods. The first subperiod runs from 3rd January 1995 to 15th October 1997, the pre-Asian crisis sample (or Sample A). The second subperiod runs from 16th October 1997 to 26th October 2005, the post-Asian crisis sample (or Sample B). The second change-point for volatility is detected on the 6th of October 2000. For total/domestic volume the testing procedure reveals the existence of a single change-point that is detected on the 20th of January 1999. A single structural break is also detected for foreign volume and it coincides with the first break in volatility. That is, the results of the structural break tests do not support the null hypothesis of homogeneity in the two variables. In order to ensure that the results of this study are not influenced by the break in volume, we also examine the post-crisis period excluding data from 16th of October 1997 to 20th of January 1999 (Sample C).<sup>3</sup>

Table 1. Testing for long-memory

Long memory tests	Volume			Volatility
	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Garman-Klass
KPSS	: 0.00	: 0.00	: 0.00	: :

## 4.2 Long run dependence in volatility and volume

In this section we are interested in exploring the long run dependence of Garman-Klass volatility as well as that of domestic and foreign investors' trading volume. We employ semiparametric analysis in the frequency domain and estimates of the long memory parameter are reported for the series under study.

Table 2. Semiparametric estimates of  $d_{mi}$

Sample	Volume		Volatility	
	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Garman-Klass
Total Sample	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$
Sample A	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$
Sample B	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$
Sample C	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:04)}$	$\dot{\phantom{0}}_{(0:03)}$

Notes: In all cases  $\hat{d}_{mi}$  and  $\hat{d}_{mi}^*$ . For sample Total (A) we use

$n = T^{.7}$   $T^{.85}$ . For the two post-crisis periods we use  $n = T^{.8}$ .

The numbers in parentheses are standard errors.

It is worth mentioning the empirical results in Granger and Hyung (2004). They suggest that there is a possibility that, at least, part of the long-memory may be caused by the presence of neglected breaks in the series (see also Diebold and Inoue, 2001). However, the fractional integration parameters are estimated for the various sub-periods, after taking into account the presence of breaks. The long-memory character of the different volume series remains strongly evident while in the case of volatility there is a significant reduction in the long memory parameter  $d$  for the pre and post crisis periods.

### 4.3 Common long run dependence in volatility and volume

In this section we test whether the Garman-Klass volatility and trading volume have the same degree of long memory as a modified mixture of distributions model may suggest. Empirical results in favor of this common long memory property are reported in Bollerslev and Jubinski (1999) and Lobato and Velasco (2000) for individual stocks. It is very appealing to see whether this property holds for an emerging market's stock index volatility and its trading volume. Additionally, we are interested in investigating whether different types of investors' trading volume show quite similar long memory characteristics.

Because it has been repeatedly shown that a main feature of return volatility and volume is the presence of long-memory, it is of interest to test if the two variables share the same stochastic properties. The results of Robinson's  $\chi^2$  test for a common long-memory parameter in volatility and any of the three volumes are reported in Table 3. A formal test of this hypothesis is available in equation 2. In all four samples the total and domestic volumes produce chi-squared statistics that are higher than the 5% chi-squared critical value of 3.841. In sharp contrast, in all three sub-periods, the null hypothesis that the volatility and foreign volume share a common long-memory parameter cannot be rejected at

any conventional significance level. Therefore, it appears that there is a close correspondence between the estimated degrees of fractional integration for the two series as predicted by the MDH (see Bollerslev and Jubinski, 1999). Restricting the value of the  $d_m$  to be the same across the volatility and the foreign volume, as in equation 3, results in estimates of  $d_m$ : 0.42, 0.27, 0.37 and 0.35 (see the last column of Table 3).

Table 3. Test for equality of  $d_{mi}$  estimates

Sample	$d_m^{(T)}$ ? $d_{mg}$	$d_m^{(D)}$ ? $d_{mg}$	$d_m^{(F)}$ ? $d_{mg}$	$d_{mv}^{(F)}$ $d_{mg}$
Total Sample	$\dot{[0:02]}$	$\dot{[0:01]}$	$\dot{[0:01]}$	$\dot{(0:03)}$
Sample A	$\dot{[0:00]}$	$\dot{[0:00]}$	$\dot{[0:72]}$	$\dot{(0:02)}$
Sample B	$\dot{[0:00]}$	$\dot{[0:00]}$	$\dot{[0:62]}$	$\dot{(0:02)}$
Sample C	$\dot{[0:00]}$	$\dot{[0:00]}$	$\dot{[0:08]}$	$\dot{(0:02)}$

Notes: The table reports Robinson's (1995)  $\chi^2$  test statistic for the null hypothesis that volume and volatility have the same long-memory mean parameter  $d_m$ . The last column reports the restricted long-memory parameter  $d_m$  for foreign volume and volatility. The numbers in [ ] are p-values. The numbers in parentheses are standard errors.

The semiparametric estimates and test statistics also point toward a remarkable commonality in the degree of fractional integration for foreign volume and volatility.<sup>6</sup>

#### 4.4 Fractional cointegration and a common long-memory component

Because it appears that both foreign volume and volatility possess the same long-memory parameter, it is of interest to examine if both processes are driven by the same long-memory component. One way of doing that is to examine whether the two variables are fractionally cointegrated. Fractional cointegration has received much attention lately. Following Davidson (2002) we attempt a fractional bivariate analysis. We employ two versions (the generalised and the regular one) of the fractionally cointegrating vector error correction model (FVECM). General cointegration as defined in Davidson et al. (2006) is the case where the cointegrating variables may be fractional differences of the observed series. The generalised FVECM is given by

$$L \quad \square L \quad L y_t \quad t;$$

<sup>6</sup>These results are in line with those obtained from the fully parametric bivariate ccc AR-FI-GARCH model.

where  $\mathbf{c}$  is a vector given by  $\mathbf{c} = [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m]$ ,  $\mathbf{d}$  is a vector given by  $\mathbf{d} = [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m]$ , and  $\mathbf{L}$  is a diagonal matrix polynomial with diagonal elements  $L_{ii} = d_{mi}^*$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , with  $d_{mi}^* = d_{mi}$ .

In the case of regular cointegration linear combinations of fractionally integrated variables are integrated to lower order. Since there are just two variables in the system their order of integration must be equal:  $d_{m1} = d_{m2} = d_m$ . This implies that the orders of integration of the error correction terms must also match to ensure cointegration:  $d_{m1}^* = d_{m2}^* = d_m^*$ . In the generalised



those reported for the 100-day moving average detrending. Further work using Gaussian semiparametric estimators and fractional cointegration analysis as suggested by Robinson (1995b) and Robinson and Marrinucci (2001, 2003) for an Index as well as its constituent individual securities is a subject of future research.



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## 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Testing for Long Memory

In order to test for long memory we use the Lo's modified R=S test (Lo, 1991), the KPSS test (Kwiatkowski et al., 1992), and the 'HML' test (Harris et al. 2008). Lo (1991) proposed a modified version of Hurst's (1951) 'rescaled range' or 'R=S' statistic. The 'R=S' statistic is the range of partial sums,  $S_k$ , of deviations of a time series from its mean,  $S_k = \sum_{j=1}^k (Y_j - \bar{Y}_n)$ , rescaled by its standard deviation,  $\sigma_n$ , and is defined as

$$R=S = \frac{1}{\sigma_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} S_k - \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} S_k.$$

Lo's modified version of the 'rescaled range' statistic differs from the 'R=S' defined above only in

it is defined as  $R=S = \frac{1}{\sigma_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} S_k - \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} S_k$ .

