

# A Shrinkage Estimator for Spectral Densities: Web Appendix

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**Result 1.** *If  $Y \sim TN_0(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$  with  $\mu_Y > 0$ , then  $E(Y^3) \leq 6\mu_Y\sigma_Y^2 + 2\mu_Y^3 + 8\sigma_Y^3 + 14\mu_Y^2\sigma_Y$ .*

*Proof of Result 1:* Let  $Y \sim TN_0(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$ .  $E(Y^3) = \left(\frac{d^3 M_Y(t)}{dt^3}\right)\Big|_{t=0}$  where

$$M_Y(t) = E(e^{ty}) = \int_0^\infty e^{ty} \frac{1}{\sigma_Y \sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)\right\}^{-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y - \mu_Y)^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right\} dy =$$

$$\left\{1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)\right\}^{-1} \exp\left\{(2\mu_Y t \sigma_Y^2 + t^2 \sigma_Y^2) / 2\sigma_Y^2\right\} \left[1 - \Phi\left\{-\frac{(\mu_Y + t\sigma_Y^2)}{\sigma_Y}\right\}\right].$$

Simple Calculus and basic algebra show that

$$\frac{d^3}{dt^3} \left( \left\{1 - \Phi\left(-\frac{\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}\right)\right\}^{-1} \exp\left\{(2\mu_Y t \sigma_Y^2 + t^2 \sigma_Y^2) / 2\sigma_Y^2\right\} \left[1 - \Phi\left\{-\frac{(\mu_Y + t\sigma_Y^2)}{\sigma_Y}\right\}\right] \right)\Big|_{t=0} \leq$$

$$2(3\mu_Y\sigma_Y^2 + \mu_Y^3 + 4\sigma_Y^3 + 7\mu_Y^2\sigma_Y)$$

**Result 2.** *Let  $Y$  be a  $K \times 1$  random vector such that  $Y \sim MVN(\mu, \Lambda)$  and let  $\mu \sim TMVN(\beta, \Gamma)$ . Then  $Y|\Lambda, \beta, \Gamma \sim p_Y(y)$  where*

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{c(\beta, \Gamma)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Lambda + \Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y - \beta)'(\Lambda + \Gamma)^{-1}(y - \beta)\right\} \text{pr}(W \geq 0),$$

$c(\beta, \Gamma) = \{\text{pr}(\tilde{\mu} \geq 0)\}^{-1}$ ,  $\tilde{\mu} \sim MVN(\beta, \Lambda)$ , and

$$W \sim MVN\left\{\Lambda(\Lambda + \Gamma)^{-1}\beta + \Gamma(\Lambda + \Gamma)^{-1}Y, (\Lambda^{-1} + \Gamma^{-1})^{-1}\right\}.$$

*Proof of Result 2:* First observe that since  $\mu \sim TMVN(\beta, \Gamma)$ ,  $\mu \sim p_\mu(\mu)$  where

$$p_\mu(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{c(\beta, \Gamma)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mu - \beta)' \Gamma^{-1} (\mu - \beta)\right\} & \mu_i \geq 0 \forall i \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

From this, it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} p_Y(y) &= \int_{(\mathbb{R}^+)^K} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y - \mu)' \Lambda^{-1} (y - \mu)\right\} \frac{c(\beta, \Gamma)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mu - \beta)' \Gamma^{-1} (\mu - \beta)\right\} \prod_{i=1}^K d\mu_i \\ &= \frac{c(\beta, \Gamma)}{(2\pi)^K |\Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}} |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y' \Lambda^{-1} y + \beta' \Gamma^{-1} \beta)\right\} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^+)^K} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\{\mu' (\Lambda^{-1} + \Gamma^{-1}) \mu - 2\mu (\Lambda^{-1} y + \Gamma^{-1} \beta)\}\right] \prod_{i=1}^K d\mu_i. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\gamma = \Lambda (\Lambda + \Gamma)^{-1} \beta + \Gamma (\Lambda + \Gamma)^{-1} y$ , the above expression can be set equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{c(\beta, \Gamma)}{(2\pi)^K |\Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}} |\Lambda|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y' \Lambda^{-1} y + \beta' \Gamma^{-1} \beta) - \gamma' (\Lambda^{-1} + \Gamma^{-1}) \gamma\right\} \\ &\quad \times \int_{(\mathbb{R}^+)^K} \frac{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |(\Lambda^{-1} + \Gamma^{-1})|}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |(\Lambda^{-1} + \Gamma^{-1})|} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mu - \gamma)' (\Lambda^{-1} + \Gamma^{-1}) (\mu - \gamma)\right\} \prod_{i=1}^K d\mu_i \\ &= \frac{c(\beta, \Gamma)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Lambda + \Gamma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(y - \beta)' (\Lambda + \Gamma)^{-1} (y - \beta)\right\} \text{pr}(W \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion of Theorem 2:** At the conclusion of Theorem 2, we claim that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{c_1(\phi)^4} p(\phi) d\phi < \infty$  when an ARMA(p,0) model is specified. Following is the proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{c_1(\phi)^4} p(\phi) d\phi &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^F P[j, 1] g(\phi, \omega_j) \right\}^{-4} p(\phi) d\phi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^F \frac{P[j, 1]}{|\phi(e^{-i\omega_j})|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\}^{-4} p(\phi) d\phi \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^F \frac{P[j, 1]}{(1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^p |\phi_k| + 4 \sum_{l, k: l \neq k} |\phi_l \phi_k| + 2 \sum_{k=1}^p \phi_k^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \right\}^{-4} p(\phi) d\phi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^p |\phi_k| + 4 \sum_{l, k: l \neq k} |\phi_l \phi_k| + 2 \sum_{k=1}^p \phi_k^2 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^F P[j, 1] \right)^{-4} p(\phi) d\phi. \end{aligned}$$

The last integral written above is finite given that  $p(\phi)$  is proper and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} |\phi_l \phi_k| p(\phi) d\phi < \infty$  for all pairs of autoregressive parameters.  $\square$

**Result 6.**  $\hat{\tau}^2 \rightarrow 0$  in probability when the correct parametric model is specified.

*Proof of Result 6:* From Result 2, it is clear that  $p \left\{ \hat{f}_s(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} \mid f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \Sigma_I, \tau^2 \right\} =$

$$\frac{c \left\{ f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \tau^2 \right\}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \hat{f}_s(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} - f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\}' (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} \left\{ \hat{f}_s(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} - f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right\} \right] \text{pr}(U \geq 0),$$

where  $U \sim N \left\{ \Sigma_I (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} + \tau^2 (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} \hat{f}_s(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, (\Sigma_I^{-1} + \frac{1}{\tau^2} I)^{-1} \right\}$ . Define  $z(\omega) = \hat{f}_s(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} - f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ . We will begin by assuming that  $z(\omega) \rightarrow 0_{K \times 1}$  in probability; from Results 3 and 4, it is clear that this assumption is true. However, we assume that  $\tau^2 \rightarrow 0$  is not true. If  $z(\omega) \rightarrow 0_{K \times 1}$  in probability, it is implied that  $z(\omega_l) \rightarrow 0$  in probability for all  $l \implies \text{pr} \{z(\omega_l) \geq \epsilon\} \rightarrow 0$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and for all  $l$ . Without loss of generality, let  $l = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{pr} \{z(\omega_1) \geq \epsilon\} \\ &= \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{K-1}} \frac{c \left\{ f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \tau^2 \right\}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} z' (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} z \right\} \text{pr}(U \geq 0) \left\{ \prod_{j=2}^K dz(\omega_j) \right\} dz(\omega_1) \\ &\geq (0.5)^K \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{K-1}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{K}{2}} |\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} z' (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} z \right\} \left\{ \prod_{j=2}^K dz(\omega_j) \right\} dz(\omega_1) \\ &= (0.5)^K \left[ 1 - \Phi \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{(\Sigma[1, 1] + \tau^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \right] > 0 \text{ for infinitely many } n \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts  $\text{pr} \{z(\omega_l) \geq \epsilon\} \rightarrow 0$  for all  $l$ . Note that the first inequality results since  $c \left\{ f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \tau^2 \right\} \geq 1$  and  $\text{pr}(U \geq 0) \geq 0.5^K$ .

**Result 7.**  $\hat{\tau}^2$  is bounded away from 0 when the model is incorrectly specified.

*Proof of Result 7:* This will be another proof by contradiction. Using the notation given in Result 6, assume that  $\hat{f}_s(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} - f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}} = z(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  in probability is not true, yet assume that  $\tau^2 \rightarrow 0$ . If  $z(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  in probability is not true, then there exists some number  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$  such that  $\text{pr} \{z(\omega_j) \geq \epsilon\} \geq \delta > 0$  for some  $\epsilon$  and  $\delta$  and for infinitely many  $n$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $j = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{pr} \{z(\omega_1) \geq \epsilon\} \\
&= \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{K-1}} \frac{c \left\{ f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \tau^2 \right\}}{(2\pi)^K |\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} z' (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} z \right\} \text{pr}(U \geq 0) \left\{ \prod_{j=2}^K dz(\omega_j) \right\} dz(\omega_1) \\
&< (0.5)^{-K} \left[ \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{K-1}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^K |\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} z' (\Sigma_I + \tau^2 I)^{-1} z \right\} \left\{ \prod_{j=2}^K dz(\omega_j) \right\} dz(\omega_1) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

since  $c \left\{ f_p(\omega)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \tau^2 \right\} \leq 0.5^{-K}$  and  $\text{pr}(U \geq 0) \leq 1$ . Since it is known that  $\Sigma_I \rightarrow [0]_{K \times K}$  and it is assumed that  $\tau^2 \rightarrow 0$ , it is clear that the quantity in curly brackets goes to 0. This contradicts the assumption that  $z(\omega) \rightarrow 0$  in probability is not true, however. As a result, we can conclude that  $\tau^2 \rightarrow 0$  is not true.