

Time Series Modelling Version 4.52

Programming Reference

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Introduction

As well as running in GUI mode as a free-standing Windows application, TSM can be included as a module in a regular Ox program. This can be just an alternative way to run the program, using text commands. All the options available in the GUI version can be implemented by assigning values to TSM command variables. These are written in upper case, and are globally defined, and so can appear anywhere in the user's program.

It is also possible to run Ox code using the GUI version of TSM as a platform. See Appendix C for details of the functions that can be compiled and run as components of TSM. Communication between the program and the user's code is controlled through the dialog Model / Coded Function. In principle, any variable or function described in this document can be invoked from within a user's function.

Running a Program

Since TSM is a big program, a command line switch is needed to reserve more memory than the default. To run your program from OxEdit, first do the following.

1. Open OxEdit and choose View / Preferences / Add/Remove Modules...
2. Select the entry &Ox.
3. Edit the 'Arguments' field to read
-s6000,6000 "\$ (FilePath) "
(In other words, add the "-s6000,6000" switch at the beginning of the entry.)
4. Close the dialog. This setting will be remembered by the OxEdit installation.

The program needs to contain as its first line,

```
#import <packages/tsmod4/tsmkn14>
```

Otherwise it has the usual Ox structure, with a `main()` function where execution starts. A typical program would have the form

```
#import <packages/tsmod4/tsmkn14>
Text_Input()
{
    . . .
}
main()
{
    Set_Defaults();
    Text_Input();
    Run_Estimation();
}
```

where the ellipsis represents the options to be set. Each option must appear in a line having the form

```
OPTION = [value];
```

where `OPTION` is one of a set of identifiers, and the user supplies `[value]`. The terminating semi-colon is important. Note that Ox is case-sensitive, and the identifiers must be in upper case. The `main()` function must always appear last in the file, the

general rule being that *called* functions always precede *calling* functions. (To deviate from this rule, see the Ox documentation for more details.)

Comments in Ox (ignored by the compiler) are either placed between `/*...*/` pairs, or are in lines beginning with `//`. These can be used for annotating the input file in any convenient manner.

Notes:

1. TSM is not an Ox class, just a precompiled module. This means that there are some globally defined variables whose use must be avoided in your program. All the user-selectable options are written wholly in upper case. This usage conflicts with the Ox convention of writing constants in upper case, but to avoid problems just don't use any word from the reserved list to define a constant! A complete alphabetized list of reserved words can be found in the file `tsmkn14.oxh`. Some other global definitions have the prefix `g_`. A number of these are user-accessible and defined in this document. There are others, but they all relate to interaction with the GUI module. To avoid trouble, don't use the 'g_' prefix. Declare your global variables as `STATIC`, and use the prefix 's_'.
2. Since time is always short, the documentation of programming features tends to lag behind the development of the program itself. This manual is not always up to date. However, virtually all TSM features can be implemented in a user's Ox program. To see the commands needed to implement particular program features available in the GUI, give the command `File / Settings / Display/Save Text...`. Please don't hesitate to advise the author of commands missing from this manual.

Variable Types

1. Boolean: either `TRUE` (equivalently, 1) or `FALSE` (equivalently, 0).
2. Integer: whole numbers without decimal points.
3. Real: floating point numbers, can include decimal points.
4. String: alphanumeric characters enclosed in `""`.
5. Vector: values of types 1, 2 or 3, separated by commas, and enclosed by `<>`.
6. Matrix: values of types 1, 2 or 3 separated by commas and then semi-colons, and enclosed by `<>`. (For example, the 2x2 identity matrix is represented by `<1,0;0,1>`.)
7. Array: values of types 1-6, separated by commas and enclosed by `{}`.

Notes:

1. In Ox, row vectors are written with elements separated by commas, and column vectors with elements separated by semi-colons. All vector options in TSM are row vectors. Entering in column form will produce an error.
2. Vectors and matrices are used to input starting values for parameters. Except in the case of regime switching models, the entry takes the form of a single row.
3. If the vector or matrix you enter has fewer rows/columns than have been specified for estimation, it will be automatically extended with the default values. If it contains too many rows or columns it is truncated, and the additional ones are ignored.
4. In regime switching models with $M = \text{NUM_REGIMES}$ regimes, matrices of switching parameters may have up to M rows, each row representing the starting values for a regime. If only a row vector is entered and `REGIME_DIFFERENCES = 0`, this row is automatically replicated M times to form the starting values. If `REGIME_DIFFERENCES = 1`, then the additional rows are automatically set to zero.

5. Vectors and matrices are also used to input instructions about parameters, e.g. to fix them, or include them in a test of significance. In these cases the vector/matrix should contain ones and zeros, using the starting values as a template to identify the location of the parameter. The vector/matrix is extended with zeros/truncated, if the dimension is different from that specified.
6. The $\langle \rangle$ and $\{\}$ symbols are optional if vectors/arrays have only one element.

TSM Functions

The following TSM functions can be called.

`Set_Defaults()`

Initializes program settings at default values. No return value.

Note: This function must always be called first, before any other TSM functions.

`Run_Estimation()`

Estimates currently specified model. No return value.

`Run_Simulation(const mShocks)`

Simulates currently specified model. No return value. The simulated series is optionally appended to the data matrix.

By default, set `mShocks` to the empty matrix $\langle \rangle$. The random shocks are obtained from model residuals or through the random number generator, according to the options selected. Optionally, pass the shocks to the function as a matrix of dimension $(\text{END_SAMPLE} - \text{START_SAMPLE} + 1) \times \text{columns}(\text{SERIES})$.

Note: A call to `Run_Estimation` must be normally made before a call to this function, to read in data and set up parameter values. Set `EVALUATE_INIT = 1` to use supplied values instead of estimates.

`Load_TextValues()`

Loads parameter values and attributes that have been set manually using the formats described in Section 5. No return value.

Note: This function is called automatically when running programs in console mode. It *must* be called explicitly when running Ox code using the GUI version of TSM as a platform.

`SaveModel(const sTitle)`

Stores the current model specifications, including parameter values. `sTitle` is a text string containing a name used to identify the model in the output. This function returns an array containing the model, so the correct syntax is of the form “`aMod = SaveModel(sTitle)`”.

`LoadModel(const aStoreModel, const iMode)`

Loads the model stored in the array `aStoreModel` in a previous call to `SaveModel`. This is equivalent to a call to a function `Text_Input()` containing the same specifications as TSM commands. Setting `iMode = 1` loads all the values. Set `iMode = 0` to avoid loading components that will not be used for simulations, including fixed values, upper and lower bounds, test values and testing options. These stay at their existing settings.

`WriteListings(const Filename, const bSavedat)`

Writes the current model settings and outputs (including parameter values, forecasts, tables, series and graphics) to a .tsd file. Call ReadListings to access its contents.)

Filename (string)

The file name should include the complete file path, if different from the home folder, and should be given the extension .tsd. This is a text file but is not easily human-readable, it is intended to be read only with the ReadListings function.

bSavedat (Boolean)

TRUE to additionally store the current data set in the file.
FALSE otherwise.

ReadListings(const File, const bModel, const bData)

Retrieve the contents of a previously stored .tsd file. These outputs can now be accessed, as if generated by an estimation run, for graphing or retrieval for further analysis.

bModel (Boolean)

TRUE to re-instate stored model settings, otherwise set to
FALSE to keep the current model settings.

bData (Boolean)

TRUE to retrieve the stored data set, if any (this will replace the data currently loaded).
FALSE otherwise.
If no data set is stored, this setting is ignored.

ReadData(const sFile, const bSetSample, const bMerge,
const iFirstnum)

Reads a data set from a file.

sFile (string):

The path and name of the data file. The extension determines the type of file. (Remember that the Windows “\” symbol must be represented as “\\” in an Ox string variable.)

bSetSample (Boolean):

TRUE if all sample settings should be reset to the defaults (the complete sample),
FALSE otherwise.

bMerge (Boolean):

TRUE if the data are to be merged with the data set currently in memory
FALSE if the data are to replace the current data, if any.

iFirstnum (Integer):

When data sets are to be merged and the sample periods are different, set to the offset – the row number of the new data set that matches the first row of the existing data (can be of either sign). Otherwise set to 0.

Note:

This function needs to be called only if the data are to be manipulated in the user’s program. Loading a model causes the associated data set to be loaded

automatically. The data matrix and array of names are accessed through the static variables `DATA_SET` and `DATA_NAMES`, respectively. To have these data used in program functions, set `ACCESS_DATA = 1`.

`Summary_Statistics(const aSeries)`

If the argument is a single variable name (or a column number of the data matrix) this function computes summary statistics, quantiles, autocorrelations or partial autocorrelations, and tests of $I(0)$ and $I(1)$ for the specified series.

If the argument is an array of variable names (or a vector of column numbers) the function computes either the contemporaneous correlation matrix of the series, or the cross-autocorrelations of the first two series in the set.

Optional settings for this function are listed in Section 3.6.

`LogPeriodogram_Regression(const bMode)`

Performs log-periodogram regression on elements of the array `LOGPER_SERIES`. Always set `bMode = 1`.

`Cointegration_Analysis(const bMode)`

Performs a cointegration-related analysis, as follows.

`bMode = 0`: Perform tests of $I(0)$ and $I(1)$ on selected data.

`bMode = 1`: Prints selection criteria for lag length choice.

`bMode = 2`: Performs Johansen tests of cointegrating rank.

`bMode = 3`: MINIMAL analysis at 90% level.

`bMode = 4`: MINIMAL analysis at 95% level.

`bMode = 5`: MINIMAL analysis at 97.5% level.

`bMode = 6`: MINIMAL analysis at 99% level.

`bMode = 7`: Perform specified Wald test of cointegration.

`bMode = 8`: Perform all Walds test of cointegration.

`Run_MonteCarlo(const aSimMod, const aEstMod, const
bExtendRun)`

Runs a Monte Carlo experiment. The first two arguments are the models to be used for generating the data and to be estimated, respectively. The third argument is Boolean, indicating that the previous experiment is to be extended, instead of started afresh; set to 0 for most applications. No return value.

Notes: .

1. The models are named arrays, as previously created with `SaveModel`.
2. The simulation and estimation models can be the same or different, provided both reference the same data set. The observations for estimation are as specified in the simulation model.
3. The simulation model *must* explicitly assign the variables `START_SAMPLE` and `END_SAMPLE`. There are no valid default values.

`PrintCall(const bLine, ...)`

If enabled, sends console output to a text file, (also the results window in GUI mode). `bLine` is a Boolean variable, = 1 to terminate the line with a carriage return, 0 otherwise. The other arguments are items for printing.

No return value.

In addition, the following functions can be used for accessing results inside the user's program after calls to `Run_Estimation()` or `Run_Simulation()`. See the section `Accessing Results` for details.

`LocP(const iEq, const iPar)`

This helps locate parameters and standard errors in multi-equation models.

`LocTP(const iReg, const iPar)`

This returns the storage locations of parameters and standard errors in Markov-switching models. See the section `Accessing Results` for details.

`LocVar(const Name)`

`Name` (string) is the name of a variable in `DATA_NAMES`.

Return value: column number of the variable in the matrix `DATA_SET`.

(This function has a different action from `VarNum`, which is only for use in user-supplied functions.)

In addition, the program can include `UserFunction()` and `UserSolve()` functions, as described in Appendix B. Don't forget to include the compiler directives `#define USER_FUNCTION` and `#define USER_SOLVE` in this case.

Note: Only certain listed TSM functions, as detailed in Appendix C, can be called from within user-supplied functions. Do not use the functions listed above in this context.

Options Reference

The numbering of these sections matches that in the User's Manual. The same program options are dealt with in the corresponding sections, as far as possible, and hence numbering is not consecutive. See the manual for some additional details.

Tip: *The quickest way to learn the programming commands is to set up the desired model and options interactively in the TSM GUI, and then give the command File / Settings / Save Text. This command writes the contents of the `Text_Input()` function needed to generate the same run to a text file, ready for inclusion in your program.*

2.2 Data Input and Output

ACCESS_DATA (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE to access the data from a matrix created in the user's program

FALSE to read the data from a disk file.

DATA_SET (Matrix of Real)

The data matrix, with the observations in rows and variables in columns. Needs to be defined if ACCESS_DATA = 1.

DATA_NAMES (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

Names for variables, if these are either read from **DATA_SET** or from disk as an ASCII matrix file. Number of elements must match the number of columns of either **DATA_SET** or the ASCII file, respectively.

INPUT_PATH (String): Default = "".

Full path to the directory containing data files. The default (empty string) points to the working directory.

INPUT_FILE (String): Default = "".

Name of the data file. Data can be read and saved in one of five formats. The format is specified by the file extension.

".xls", ".xlsx" Excel Worksheet. The first row of the sheet must contain variable names. The ".xlsx" format requires Ox 6.20.

".wk1", ".wks" Lotus 123 worksheet. The first row of the sheet must contain variable names.

".in7" GiveWin file, see Ox and Givewin documentation for details.

".dat" Ox/Givewin "data with load information" file. See the documentation for details.

".mat", or any other. ASCII file containing a matrix, with variables in columns and observations in rows. The first line of the file must contain two integers, number of rows, followed by number of columns.

EDF_FILE (String): Default = "".

Name of spreadsheet file containing empirical distribution function (see EDF_CRITS).

Note: See the GUI User's Manual, Section 3.10 (Setup / Monte Carlo Experiments) for details of the EDF file format.

ACCESS_RESULTS (Boolean) Default = FALSE.

TRUE Write estimation results to console (normal output).

FALSE Write estimation results to global variables. (No console output).

This option is set when the estimation results are to be used in further processing by the program, as in Monte Carlo simulation. See the last section of this document.

RESULTS_FOLDER (String): Default = "".

Full path to the directory where results should be written, including text files and spreadsheet listings. The default (empty string) points to the working directory.

RUN_ID (Integer) Default = 0.

Initializes the numbering sequence used to identify outputs created by the program, including console output, listings files and retrieved series. It is incremented each time **Run_Estimation**() is called, and so lets the outputs of successive runs be easily distinguished.

3.1 Setup

DETERMINISTIC (Integer): Default = 0.

1, To remove mean and linear trend from the dependent variable by preliminary regression. This option is active only if the series are not differenced.

0, to remove the mean from the series prior to estimation. This option is active whether or not the series is differenced (see next setting).

-1, no transformations applied to the series.

Note: This command is retained for legacy reasons, but estimating intercept and trend within the model is the recommended option.

START_SAMPLE (Integer): Default = 0.

First observation to be used for estimation. 0 is read as 1.

END_SAMPLE (Integer) Default = 0.

Last observation to be used for estimation. 0 is read as the last observation available.

Note: if START_SAMPLE > 1 then by default, the pre-sample observations are used to form lags. See PRESAMPLE_LAGS.

INDIC_SAMPLE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Select sample according values (1/0) of an indicator series in the data set. The series must have the name "!selectobs!".

FALSE Otherwise.

OMIT_NANS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Omit missing observations from the selected sample without truncating. (Cross-section data only!)

FALSE otherwise.

3.5 Automatic Model Selection

MULTI_SPEC (Integer): Default = NOMS.

NOMS Normal Estimation.

- ARMS To estimate all the ARIMA(p,d,q) or ARFIMA(p,d,q) specifications in sequence, up to maximum values of p and q and $p+q$ set by the user. Starting values for each optimisation are generated automatically from the preceding run. If a conditional variance model is specified with METHOD = 2, the same specification and starting values, set by the user, are used for each specification of the mean process. Additional output options are not available in this case. Regime switching is disabled.
- RGMS To compute models with all combinations of included regressors of the specified type(s), and report the case that optimizes the currently selected model selection criterion. (INFO_CRIT).

The following settings are ignored unless MULTI_SPEC = 1.

MAX_AR_ORDER (Integer): Default = 2.

Maximum value of p (order of $\phi(L)$) to be fitted.

MAX_MA_ORDER (Integer): Default = 2.

Maximum value of q (order of $\theta(L)$) to be fitted .

MAX_TOTAL_ORDER (Integer): Default = 2.

Maximum value of $p + q$.

Thus, with the default settings the program will estimate the following cases of (p,q) , in the order shown: (0,0), (1,0), (2,0), (0,1), (1,1), (0,2). The starting values for the estimations are set to either the estimates from the preceding specification, or zero, as appropriate.

AUTOREG_TYPES (Integer): Default = MSR1.

Specified which regressor Types to include in the regressor selection run specified by MULTI_SPEC = RGMS.

MR1 Type 1.

MR2 Type 2

MR3 Type 3

MR12 Types 1 and 2

MR13 Types 1 and 3

MR23 Types 2 and 3

MRALL All Types.

3.5 Recursive/Rolling Estimation

RECURSIVE_ESTIMATION (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To estimate the model repeatedly, for a sequence of samples with advancing end-dates.

FALSE Regular model estimation.

The following commands are ignored unless RECURSIVE_ESTIMATION = 1. To use this feature, set START_SAMPLE and END_SAMPLE to represent the *first* sample in the desired sequence.

ROLLING_ESTIMATION (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To estimate with fixed sample size, so that the start date and end date advance together,

FALSE To estimate with fixed start date, and increasing sample size.

RECURSION_ENDDATE (Integer): Default = 0.

The terminal end date in the sequence.

RECURSION_STEP (Integer): Default = 1.

The number of observations to advance by at each step.

RECURSION_STATISTICS (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE To save all the output, including test statistics, for each estimation

FALSE To save only parameter and estimates and standard errors.

FORECAST_TERMDATE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute ex-ante forecasts up to the fixed date, set as `END_SAMPLE + FORECAST_STEPS`, so that the actual number of forecasts steps contracts as the end-date of the samples advances.

FALSE To compute ex-ante forecasts a fixed number of steps ahead for each sample, so that the final forecast date advances with the sample.

Note: this option is ignored unless `FORECAST_STEPS > 0` and `EXPOST_FORECASTS = 0`

SAVE_RECFORCS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE to save all ex-ante forecasts in a file .

FALSE to save only the terminal forecast. This is recorded with the other model statistics.

RECURS_RPSTATUS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE: report convergence status of recursions .

FALSE: otherwise.

DO_GRID (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Compute a 1- or 2-dimensional grid of criterion values.

FALSE Otherwise.

Note: the parameters to plot are set up in Fixed Values and Bounds: see User's Manual

3.6 Compute Summary Statistics

SUMMSTAT_DETREND (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Compute statistics for detrended variables (LS residuals from trend).

FALSE Otherwise.

SUMMSTAT_DIFF (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Compute statistics for differenced variables.

FALSE Otherwise.

SUMMSTAT_CORRELS (Integer): Default = 0.

Order of correlograms/partial correlograms to be calculated.

SUMMSTAT_DATCORR (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE *Either* compute contemporaneous data correlations for any number of series, *or* (if `SUMMSTAT_CORRELS > 0`) compute cross-autocorrelations for a pair of series.

FALSE Compute summary statistics for individual series..

START_SSTSAMPLE (Integer): Default = 0.

First observation to be used for summary statistics. 0 is read as 1.

END_SSTSAMPLE (Integer) Default = 0.

Last observation to be used for summary statistics. 0 is read as the last observation available.

SUMMSTAT_HAC (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Report heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation-consistent estimate of the long-run variance. (I.e., variance of the sample mean normalized by square-root of the sample size – assumes weak dependence.)

FALSE Otherwise.

SUMMSTAT_INTORD (Integer): Default = 0.

Integration order tests to be performed.

NOIT No tests.

I0T Tests of I(0).

I1T Tests of I(1).

I0I1T Tests of I(0) and I(1).

SUMMSTAT_LRV (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Report long-run variance of the differences following I(1) tests.

FALSE Otherwise.

SUMMSTAT_QUANTILES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Compute quantiles of the series distribution.

FALSE Otherwise.

SUMMSTAT_PARCORREL (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Compute partial correlograms.

FALSE Compute simple correlograms.

SUMMSTAT_BOOTI1 (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Compute p -values for I(1) tests by the bootstrap.

FALSE Report p -value inequalities from published tabulations.

The following settings for the computation of test statistics have the indicated counterparts in Tests and Diagnostics Options, see 8.2:

SUMMSTAT_COVTYPE = COVMAT_TYPE
SUMMSTAT_HACBANDWID = HAC_BANDWIDTH
SUMMSTAT_HACPLUGN = HAC_PLUGIN
SUMMSTAT_INFOCRIT = INFO_CRIT
SUMMSTAT_KERNEL = KERNEL_TYPE
SUMMSTAT_ADFL = ADF_LAGS
SUMMSTAT_HACPREWHI = HAC_PREWHITEN

The following settings for the implementation of the bootstrap I(1) tests have the indicated counterparts in Simulation and Resampling Options, see 8.4:

SUMMSTAT_BOOTREP = BOOTSTRAP_REPLICATIONS
SUMMSTAT_SIMDIST = SIM_DISTRIBUTION
SUMMSTAT_BOOTBLK = BOOTSTRAP_BLENGTH
SUMMSTAT_SIEVEAR = BOOTSTRAP_SIEVEAR
SUMMSTAT_SIEVELAGS = BOOTSTRAP_SIEVELAGS

3.8 Semiparametric Long Memory

LOGPER_REGRESSION (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Do log-periodogram regression.
FALSE Otherwise.

This is an indicator used by the Monte Carlo module.

LOGPER_SERIES (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

Variables for long memory estimation.

Note: The models are univariate. The named variables are estimated in sequence.

LOGPERIODGM_TRANS (Integer): Default = 0.

LPRW Use raw series
LPDF Use differenced series
LPDT Use detrended series

LOGPERIODGM_TYPE (Integer): Default = 0.

GPH Geweke/Porter-Hudak method.
MS Moulines-Soulier method.
LWH Local Whittle ML

START_LPRSAMPLE (Integer): Default = 0.

First observation to be used for summary statistics. 0 is read as 1.

END_LPRSAMPLE (Integer) Default = 0.

Last observation to be used for summary statistics. 0 is read as the last observation available.

GPH_BANDWIDTH (Integer): Default = [(END_SAMPLE – START_SAMPLE)/2].

Bandwidth for Geweke/Porter-Hudak and local Whittle ML estimation.

GPH_SMOOTH (Integer): Default = 1.

Smoothing factor for Geweke/Porter-Hudak estimation.

GPH_TRIM (Integer): Default = 1.

Trimming factor for Geweke/Porter-Hudak estimation.

GPH_BIASTEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Report bias test in Geweke-Porter Hudak estimation.
FALSE Otherwise.

GPH_BIASBW (Integer): Default = [(END_SAMPLE – START_SAMPLE)/2].

Bandwidth for Geweke/Porter-Hudak bias test.

GPH_SSMPLTEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Report skip-sampling test of long memory in Geweke-Porter Hudak estimation.
FALSE Otherwise.

GPH_SSMPLPERD (Integer): Default = 0..

N , the length of the skip-sample intervals for the skip-sampling test. The skip samples are constructed as every N th observation. If set to 20, the test is constructed by maximizing the test statistic over the range $N = 2$ to $N = 12$ (experimental setting).

GPH_COMBINEPVALS (Integer): Default = 0..

Set to a positive value (δ , try 0.3) to compute a composite p -value, based on those of the skip-sampling test and Wald significance test on d .

GPH_BWPOWERS (0, or 1×5 vector of Reals): Default = 0.

If defined, contains values from the interval $[0,1]$ representing bandwidths as powers of the sample size. Bandwidth choices are then preserved (approximately) across different samples. The five elements are: (0) the GPH bandwidth; (1) the GPH trim factor, (2) the Moulines-Soulier power series, (3) the GPH bias test bandwidth and (4) the GPH skip-sampling test bandwidth. If this vector is defined, other bandwidth settings are ignored.

MS_FOURTERMS (Integer): Default = 1.

Number of included Fourier terms for Moulines-Soulier estimation.

3.9 Cointegration Analysis

START_COISAMPLE (Integer): Default = 0.

First observation to be used for summary statistics. 0 is read as 1.

END_COISAMPLE (Integer) Default = 0.

Last observation to be used for summary statistics. 0 is read as the last observation available.

COINTEGRATION_VARS (Array of Strings): Default = { } .

Variables to include in the cointegrating VAR

COINTEGRATION_LAGS (Integer): Default = 1.

Lag length for cointegrating VAR.

COINTEGRATION_DRIFT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Include trend term in cointegrating VAR.

FALSE Otherwise.

COINTEGRATION_RANK (Integer): Default = 0.

Assumed cointegrating rank of system for MINIMAL analysis.

COINT_TEST_VARS (Array of Strings): Default = { } .

Subset of COINTEGRATION_VARS to include in Wald test of cointegration

MINIMAL_ROTTHUMB (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Use rule of thumb to adjust nominal rejection criteria in MINIMAL analysis.

FALSE otherwise.

3.10 Monte Carlo Experiment

MC_REPS (Integer): Default = 1000.

Number of Monte Carlo replications.

MC_BINS (Integer): Default = 100.

Number of bins for Monte Carlo empirical distributions.

MC_HISTOG (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Report Monte Carlo distributions as a histogram.

FALSE Otherwise.

Note: ignored unless MC_REPS > 1000.

MC_MOMENTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Report first 4 empirical moments of parameters.

FALSE Otherwise.

MC_MOMSES (Boolean): Default = 0 FALSE .
 TRUE Report first 4 empirical moments of parameter standard errors.
 FALSE: Otherwise.

MC_CENTRET (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Tabulate distribution of centred t statistics
 FALSE Otherwise.

Note: ignored unless parameters match in generated and estimated models.

MC_COMPARE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Compute bias and RMSE
 FALSE Otherwise.

Note: ignored unless parameters match in generated and estimated models.

MC_SIGNT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Tabulate signed t statistics.
 FALSE Otherwise.

MC_DIAGS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Tabulate specified model diagnostics.
 FALSE Otherwise.

MC_QUANTILES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Tabulate test quantiles.
 FALSE: Otherwise.

MC_PEEVALS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Tabulate EDFs for p -values .
 FALSE Otherwise.

MC_2SIDED (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE p -value EDFs tabulated for two-sided tests, with equal probabilities in each tail. (Set with MC_SIGNT = TRUE is equivalent to tabulating absolute values only when distribution is symmetric.)
 FALSE p -value EDFs for rejections in the upper tail.

MC_KSSTATS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Compute Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics for p -value distributions versus $U[0,1]$.
 FALSE Otherwise.

Note: ignored unless MC_PEEVALS = TRUE.

MC_ITGMM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Do iterated GMM in estimation.
 FALSE Do 1-step GMM in estimation.

Note: ignored unless GMM is specified in estimation model.

MC_WARPSPEED (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Use warp-speed method for Monte Carlo analysis of bootstrap tests.
 FALSE Otherwise.

MC_CENSOREP (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE Use a supplied external function to monitor Monte Carlo replications
 FALSE Otherwise.

4.1 Equation

METHOD (Integer): Default = LSQ .

LSQ	Least Squares.
WHITTLE	Whittle (frequency domain) ML.
GMM	Instrumental Variables / Generalized Method of Moments
GAUSS_ML	Conditional Gaussian time domain ML.
STUDENT_T	Conditional Student's t time domain ML
SKEW_STUDT	Conditional skewed-Student's t time domain ML
GED_ML	Conditional General error distribution time domain ML
PROBIT	Probit ML (binary data).
LOGIT	Logit ML (binary data)
POISSON	Poisson ML (count data)
NEGBIN1	Negative Binomial I (count data)
NEGBIN2	Negative Binomial II (count data)

Notes:

1. Either the variable name or the integer value can be given.
2. For the procedure for efficient (multi-stage) GMM, see 7.4 Optimization Options.

SYSTEM (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE	System of equations.
FALSE	Single equation.

SERIES (String or Array of Strings): Default = "X".

The name(s) of the dependent variable(s) of the model.

Notes:

1. If this option is given as an integer or row vector of integers, it is read as the relevant column number(s) of the data matrix.
2. With two or more variables, a system of equations is fitted.
3. A data series must be specified for a simulation run. This supplies start-up conditions (pre-sample lags), and acts as a 'placeholder' in the data matrix. As an alternative to a true data series, this command can supply the name of a dummy series composed (e.g.) of zeros.

The following options are ignored if METHOD = WHITTLE). In this case, the series is always de-meant prior to computing the periodogram.

INTERCEPT_1 (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE	To fit an intercept of Type 1 .
FALSE	To suppress intercept of Type 1.

INTERCEPT_2 (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE	To fit an intercept of Type 2.
FALSE	To suppress intercept of Type 2.

Note: if both intercepts are selected, the Type 2 selection will be ignored.

TREND (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE	To fit a linear trend.
FALSE	No trend

LINEAR_REGRESSION (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To estimate an equation by ordinary (non-iterative) least squares or instrumental variables. In this case only the specifications in REGRESSORS_1, REGRESSORS_2, TREND and INTERCEPT_1 are used.

FALSE Estimation by numerical optimization

Note: Be careful to have IS_ARFIMA, IS_GARCH, IS_FUNCTION, and IS_REGIMES set to 0.

ADF_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute the augmented Dickey Fuller cointegration test

FALSE Otherwise

PP_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute the Phillips-Perron cointegration test

FALSE Otherwise

FULLYMODIFIED_LS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute Phillips-Hansen fully modified least squares estimates

FALSE Otherwise

SWSAIK_LS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute Stock-Watson/Saikkonen augmented least squares estimates.

FALSE Otherwise.

IS_ARFIMA (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To enable ARMA/ARFIMA estimation

FALSE To disable ARMA/ARFIMA estimation; ignore all relevant settings in 4.4–5.5. Only conditional time domain ML estimation is available.

Provides a quick way to ‘switch off’ the time series options without changing all the lag settings.

DIFFERENCING (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE A unit root is imposed in estimation, equivalent to differencing the dependent variable(s) and regressors of Type 1.

FALSE otherwise.

Note: DIFFERENCING is ignored in linear regression, and when a user-coded function is specified.

AR_ORDER (Integer): Default = 0.

p , the order of $\phi(L)$ in equation (1).

MA_ORDER (Integer): Default = 0.

q , the order of $\theta(L)$ in equation (1).

Note: start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefix ARMA_

NONLINEAR_MA (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To implement the SPS nonlinear moving average model.

FALSE Otherwise.

IS_DEE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To fit an ARFIMA(p,d,q) model.
FALSE To fit an ARIMA($p,1,q$) or ARMA(p,q) depending on the setting of DIFFERENCING (see below).

Note: start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefix DEE_

BILINEAR_ORDER (Integer): Default = 0.

r , the order of $\lambda(L)$ in equation (15).

REGRESSORS_1 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

REGRESSORS_2 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

REGRESSORS_3 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

Note: start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefixes REGR1_, REGR2_, REGR3_

These three options specify the vectors specified in equation2 (1) and (2). Each should supply an array containing the names of the variables in the data set to be included.

Notes:

1. if $\theta(L) = 1$ in equation (1) then there is no distinction between x_{2t} and x_{3t} , and the contents of these vectors get the same treatment. Similarly for x_{1t} and x_{2t} if $d_1 = 0$ and $\phi(L) = 1$.
2. If the dependent variable is differenced, according to the DIFFERENCING option, then the regressors of Type 1 are also differenced automatically. Those of Types 2 and 3 are not.
3. If these options are vectors of integer, the entries are read as the relevant column numbers of the data matrix.

REGR1_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

REGR2_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

REGR3_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

The number of lags of the variables of Types 1, 2 and 3 to be included in the model. If set to 0, only the current values are included.

Note: While all variables of the same Type must have the same order of lags, individual lag coefficients can be 'fixed' at zero; see Values.

4.2 Conditional Variance

IS_GARCH (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To enable GARCH estimation.

FALSE To disable GARCH estimation; ignore all relevant settings in 4.6–4.8.

GARCH_AR_ORDER (Integer): Default = 0.

The order of $\delta(L)$ in equation (41) or equation (42) (“AR terms”).

GARCH_MA_ORDER (Integer): Default = 0.

The order of $\beta(L)$ in equation (41) or equation (42) (“MA terms”).

Note:

1. Start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefix GARCH_

2. the 'AR' and 'MA' terminology strictly applies only in equation (41). See the notes to *GARCH_FORM* for further information on the interpretation of the coefficients.

IS_FGDEE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate the FIGARCH or FIEGARCH models
- FALSE For regular GARCH or EGARCH.

IS_HYGARCH (Boolean) : Default = FALSE. Ignored unless IS_FGDEE = 1 .

- TRUE To estimate the HYGARCH model..
- FALSE For ordinary FIGARCH (or FIEGARCH).

Note: start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefix FGDEE_

APARCH (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate the APARCH model represented by equation (41) unrestricted.
- FALSE To estimate the GARCH model in equation (2) with $\delta = 2$.

EGARCH (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate the EGARCH model
- FALSE To estimate the GARCH model.

Note:

1. If APARCH is selected, this option is ignored.
2. there is a choice of algorithm for estimating EGARCH. See the *ITERATE_EGARCH* option.
3. The asymmetry parameter μ cannot be suppressed. Its value should be fixed at 0 to fit/test a symmetric version of EGARCH.
4. start/fixed/test/bound matrices for asymmetry parameter have prefix ASSYM_

ASYMM_GARCH (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate the leverage parameter μ .
- FALSE Otherwise.

Note:

1. this option is ignored unless EGARCH = 0.
2. start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefix ASSYM_

DCC_GARCH (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate the DCC multivariate GARCH model.
- FALSE Otherwise.

BEKK_GARCH (Boolean): Default = FALSE

- TRUE To estimate the BEKK multivariate GARCH model.
- FALSE Otherwise.

GARCH_REGRESSORS_1 (Array of Strings): Default = {}

GARCH_REGRESSORS_2 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

GARCH_REGRESSORS_3 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

These options specify the vectors of variables x_{4t} , x_{5t} and x_{6t} .

Notes:

1. If these options are vectors of integer, the entries are read as the relevant column numbers of the data matrix.
2. start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefixes GREG1_, GREG2_, GREG3_

GREG1_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

GREG2_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

GREG3_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

The number of lags of the variables of Types 1, 2 and 3 to be included in the conditional variance model. If set to 0, only the current values are included.

Note: While all variables of the same Type must have the same order of lags, individual lag coefficients can be ‘fixed’ at zero; see Values.

GARCH_M (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To include the conditional variance h_t as a regressor, in vectors x_{1t} , x_{2t} or x_{3t} , respectively.

FALSE Otherwise.

GARCH_M_SD (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To include the conditional standard deviation $h_t^{1/2}$ as a regressor, in vectors x_{1t} , x_{2t} or x_{3t} , respectively

FALSE Otherwise.

Note: Only one GARCH_M regressor can be included. If both these options are set, GARCH_M_SD is active and GARCH_M is ignored.

GARCH_M_TYPE (Integer): Default = 1.

Type of GARCH-M regressor (1, 2, 3 or U)

4.4 User-coded Functions

(These options are ignored if METHOD = WHITTLE. See Appendix C for information on computing formulae as external Ox functions.)

IS_FUNCTION (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE To include a user-coded function $Y_t(\xi)$, in equation (1).

FALSE To include a measured series Y_t .

SUPPLIED_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE Compute a user-coded test statistic (see Appendix C) .

FALSE Otherwise.

CODING_TYPE (Integer) Default = NOCD;

NOCD No coded equations.

EQLHS Equation(s) are coded as strings in the array CODED_EQUATIONS. The formulae must have the form “[LHS variable] = [formula]”.

EQRES Residual(s) or model components are coded as strings in the array CODED_EQUATIONS.

NLCMP Coded nonlinear equation component.

NLECM Coded nonlinear error correction mechanism.

NLMA Coded nonlinear moving average function.

OXEQ Equation(s) coded in an external Ox function (returns residuals in same format as 2).

OXLIK Log-likelihood terms coded as external Ox function.

OXST Test statistic(s) for direct evaluation coded as external Ox function.

DATG Data generated as external Ox function.

CODED_EQUATIONS (Array of Strings): Default = {};

These strings containing equation formulae must be defined if CODING_TYPE = 1 or 2. For details of the format see the GUI User's Manual, Sections 1.5 and 4.6. The number of array elements must be equal to the number of equations in the model (or number of equilibrium relations, see).

Notes:

1. *These commands is ignored unless IS_FUNCTION = 1. With this option, model specifications and estimation method are ignored. See Appendix C for details of implementing this option.*
2. *If IS_FUNCTION = 1, the value specified in SERIES is not used in computing the estimates. The dependent (normalised) variable is specified in the supplied code, if appropriate. However, the setting of SERIES will be used for headings in the output, and to select the data for actual and fitted values under PRINT_SERIES below. Be careful to set this option appropriately.*

FUNCTION_HEADING (String): Default = "".

An optional heading to appear in the output, identifying the model being fitted. Can also be used to identify the desired case in a library of user functions.

FUNCTION_NAMES (Array of Strings): Default = {};

Names for the parameters appearing in the user-supplied function, their order in the array corresponding to their positions in the vector.

Note:

1. *The number of elements in FUNCTION_NAMES is used by the program to indicate the number of parameters in the supplied function. It is the user's responsibility to ensure these correspond, otherwise a program crash will occur.*
2. *start/fixd/test/bound matrices have prefix FUNCTION_*

TEST_HEADING (String): Default = "".

An optional heading to appear in the output, identifying the test statistic being computed. Can also be used to identify the desired case in a library of user test statistics.

4.5 Regime Switching

(These options are ignored unless a maximum likelihood estimator is specified.)

IS_REGIMES (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE Fit a switching regimes model.

FALSE Otherwise. In this case, all subsequent settings in this section ignored.

NUM_REGIMES (Integer): Default = 1.

The number of regimes. Switching options are activated only if set to 2 or greater. The maximum allowed number of regimes is 4.

SWITCH_ITEMS (Vector of MEAN, VARIANCE, DEE, ARMA, INTPT, REGR, VAR, STUPT, GARCH, FGDEE, GARCHREG, ASYMM, FUNCTION, EQUIL): Default = <>.

This setting selects the parameter types that are to switch, using the usual identifiers.

Any parameter types not listed will be held constant across regimes, and starting values entered as row vectors in the usual manner.

<MEAN> is equivalent to <DEE , ARMA , REGR , INTPT , FUNCTION>

<VARIANCE> is equivalent to
<VAR , STUDD , GARCH , FGDEE , GARCHREG , ASYMM>

Example: SWITCH_ITEMS = <MEAN , VARIANCE> ; (i.e., all parameters switch.)

Notes:

1. Only the entries MEAN and VARIANCE are active if the Hamilton model is selected.
2. To prevent a subset of parameters of a listed type from switching, select REGIME_DIFFERENCES and fix the differences at zero.
3. Integers can be entered in place of variable names. These must correspond to the variables' positions in the enumeration list, counting from 0, e.g. 0 for MEAN, 1 for VARIANCE, etc.

HAMILTON_MODEL (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate the Hamilton/Hamilton-Susmel model of switch means and variances.
FALSE For simple Markor or explained switching.

HAMILTON_SWITCH (Vector of MEAN, VARIANCE): Default = <>.

Selects the parameter types to switch in Hamilton model, as in SWITCH_ITEMS. Should contain either or both of the entries MEAN and VARIANCE .

Note: Starting values for the mean and variance parameters must be entered in the first column positions of INT_START_VALUES and VAR_START_VALUES, respectively.

EXPLAINED_SWITCHING (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate a model with explained switching probabilities.
FALSE Otherwise

Note: If EXPLAINED SWITCHING is selected, HAMILTON_MODEL is ignored.

EXPLSWITCH_REGIMES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate a model with regime-dependent explained switching coefficients.
FALSE Otherwise

SMOOTH_TRANSITION (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To estimate a smooth transition model.
FALSE Otherwise.

Note: if either EXPLAINED SWITCHING or HAMILTON_MODEL is selected, this setting is ignored.

SWITCHMOD_DUMS (matrix of Boolean): Default = < 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0 >

In the Explained Switching model, this matrix should be of maximum dimension 4×3 . If final rows/columns are all zero, they can be omitted. Set the (1, j) element to 1 to include an intercept in the equation for $\Pr(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i)$. For $j = 2, \dots, M$, set the (i, j) element to 1 to insert a shift dummy $I(S_{t-1} = i)$ in the equation for $\Pr(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i)$.

In the Smooth Transition model, this matrix is of maximum dimension 1×2 .

Additional rows/columns are ignored. Set the (1,1) element to 1 to include an intercept in the single-transition model. Set the (1,2) element to 1 to include an intercept in the double-transition case.

SWITCH_REGRESSORS_1 (Array of Strings): Default = {}

SWITCH_REGRESSORS_2 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

SWITCH_REGRESSORS_3 (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

These options specify the vectors of explanatory variables to appear in the function $\Pr(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i)$ for $j = 1, \dots, M - 1$.

Note:

1. Each specification defines a column of the transition matrix. The rows optionally differ by shift dummies.
2. start/fixed/test/bound matrices have prefix SWREGR__

REGIME_DIFFERENCES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To estimate parameters for Regimes 2, ..., M as differences from Regime 1

FALSE to estimate the actual parameters for each regime.

SWITCH_LAG (Integer): Default = 0;

Lag of switch regressors.

4.6 Parameter Constraints

IS_CONSTRAINTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Set up parameter constraints.

FALSE Otherwise

WALD_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Use parameter constraints to compute a Wald test.

FALSE Impose parameter constraints in estimation

RESTRIC_TYPE (Integer): Default = 0.

ZOR Set up multiple zero (exclusion) restrictions.

LNR Set up r linear restrictions of the form $R\theta = c$, where θ ($n \times 1$) is the full vector of parameters, R ($r \times n$) is a matrix of fixed coefficients and c ($r \times 1$) is a vector of constants.

CDR Coded restrictions.

TEST_CONSTANTS (Vector/Matrix of Reals): Default = <0>. Ignored unless

RESTRIC_TYPE = 1.

A vector containing the elements of c (transposed).

ALLREGRS_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE Compute a Wald test of all included regressors, excluding lagged dependent variables, intercept and trend.

FALSE otherwise.

RESTRIC_TEXT (Array of strings) : default = {};

Text of the coded restriction(s), must be set if RESTRIC_TYPE = . For details of the format see the GUI User's Manual, Sections 1.5 and 4.6.

4.7 Equilibrium Relations

IS_ECM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE The equation(s) of the system contain one or more error correction terms.

FALSE Otherwise.

ECM_TERMS (Integer): Default = 0.

The number of equilibrium relations to be included.

ECM_LAG (Integer): Default = 1.

The lag to be assigned to the equilibrium relations.

EQUIL_VARIABLES (Array of Strings): Default = {}.

Variables to include in the equilibrium relations.

Note: restrictions are imposed using EQUIL_FIXED_VALUES.

VECM_TYPE (Integer): Default = 0.

ELSL Variables selected in EQUIL_VARIABLES

ELAR Equilibrium relations automatically contain dependent variables *less* fitted intercepts and Type 1 regressors.

ELCD Coded equilibrium relations. The formula(e) must be entered in CODED_EQUATIONS.

Note: This command is ignored unless IS_DEE = 1 and IS_ECM = 1.

NLECM_TYPE (Integer): Default = 0.

ELIN Linear ECM

ELEX Nonlinear ECM exponential smooth transition

ELAS Asymmetric ECM

ELCB Cubic ECM

FRAC_ECM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Fractional cointegration is implemented – error correction terms are fractionally differenced.

FALSE Otherwise.

Note: This command is ignored unless IS_DEE = 1 and IS_ECM = 1.

COMMON_FRAC (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE In a system of equations, the fractional integration parameters for Equations 2,... are estimated as differences from the same parameters in Equation 1.

FALSE Otherwise.

Note: This command allows equality of the parameters across equation to be easily imposed and tested. It is ignored in single equation models. However, it applies to all fractional parameters, whether or not fractional cointegration is specified.

GENERALIZED_COINT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Generalized fractional cointegration is implemented – components of cointegrating vectors are fractionally differenced.

FALSE Regular cointegration.

Note: This command is ignored unless IS_DEE = 1 and IS_ECM = 1.

4.8 Select Instruments

INSTRUMENTS (Array of Strings): Default = {}. Instruments for GMM estimation.

INSTR_INTERCEPT (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE Include intercept in the instrument set.

FALSE Otherwise

INSTR_TREND (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Include trend in the instrument set.

FALSE Otherwise

INSTR_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

Number of lags of additional instruments to be included.

INSTR_ENDLAGS (Integer): Default = 0.

Number of lags of endogenous variables to be used as instruments.

INSTR_MINLAG (Integer): Default = 0.

Minimum lag of instruments to be included.

4.9 Panel Data

Panel data estimation requires the data file to be formatted in a specified manner; see the User's Manual Section 2.2 for details. When the data are read in this format, the following commands can be set. Please note that many other estimation and testing options are unavailable for panels. These options in general will do nothing, if set, but could conceivably cause a program crash. If in doubt, make sure that doubtful options are deleted from the input file.

PANEL_TRANSFORM (Integer): Default = 0.

NPT	No transformation
IMD	Individual mean-deviations
IMN	Individual means
DFF	Time first-differences
ORD	Orthogonal deviations

PANEL_TDUMS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE	Include time dummies
FALSE	Otherwise

PANEL_INDVDUMS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE	Include individual dummies
FALSE	Otherwise

PANEL_GPDUMS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE	Include group dummies
FALSE	Otherwise.

PANEL_MTHD (Integer): Default = 0.

POLS	OLS (fixed effects)
PGLS	Feasible GLS (random effects)
PMLE	Maximum likelihood (random effects)

The following two settings are used to generate Gaussian shocks for simulations. They are not estimation inputs. However, note that the estimated values of these parameters are written to these locations after an estimation run.

PANEL_SIGV (Real): Default = 0. Variance of within-individual disturbances.

PANEL_TAU (Real): Default = 0.

Ratio of between-individual to within-individual variances.

5. Values

Values are entered in matrices having identifiers with the general format

[parameter group]_START_VALUES (real)
[parameter group]_FIXED_VALUES (Boolean)
[parameter group]_UPPER_BOUND (real)
[parameter group]_LOWER_BOUND (real)
[parameter group]_TEST_VALUES (array: first element Boolean, others (optional) real),
 where [parameter group] is one of **DEE, AR, MA, BAR, BMA, NMA, INT, REGR1, REGR2, REGR3, VAR, GAR, GMA, FGDEE, GREG1, GREG2, GREG3, ASYMM, FUNCTION, STUDDT, MARKOV, SWREGR1, SWREGR2, SWREGR3, EQUIL, CORREL, FRACTPI**.

If an element of the [parameter group]_FIXED_VALUES matrices is set to 1 (or TRUE), the corresponding parameter is fixed at its starting value or, in the case of a grid evaluation, at grid values.

If an element of the first array element of [parameter group]_TEST_VALUES is set to 1 (or TRUE), the corresponding parameter is included in the Wald test restriction. The second and subsequent elements, which should be present when RESTRIC_TYPE = 1 and otherwise are ignored, define linear restrictions on the parameters in conjunction with the vector TEST_CONSTANTS.

The columns of these matrices correspond to parameters, and the rows to different regimes, where the parameters in question are switching. In non-switching models, or where no switching is specified for the group, they are simply row vectors. The [parameter group]_START_VALUES matrix can be regarded as a template for the others, their elements acting on the parameters in corresponding positions.

Systems of Equations

To specify a system, an array of matrices is required (one matrix for each equation) for the following groups: DEE, AR, MA, BAR, BMA, NMA, INT, REGR1, REGR2, REGR3, VAR, GAR, GMA, FGDEE, GREG1, GREG2, GREG3, ASYMM, FUNCTION. The usual matrices only are required for STUDDT, MARKOV, SWREGR1, SWREGR2, SWREGR3, CORREL, FRACTPI. An array is also required for EQUIL, in this case, one for each equilibrium relation.

Remember that each equation in a system has the same nominal specification, so each matrix of a group has the same number of columns. Restrictions are imposed by the settings of [parameter group]_FIXED_VALUES to specify differences between the equations.

The items [parameter group]_TEST_VALUES must now be constructed an array of arrays. The elements of the outer array correspond to the equations, each of them having tests specified by the inner arrays, as for the single equation case.

The Parameter Groups

If the matrices entered do not match the dimensions indicated, they are padded with default values, or trimmed, as appropriate. Therefore, a matrix only has to be entered if its contents differs from the defaults.

DEE : rows = 1 or M , columns = 1. ARFIMA d .

Note: When MULTI_SPEC = 1 and, the Robinson (1994) nonparametric estimate of d is used as a starting value for the initial model fitted, the ARFIMA(0, d ,0). Thereafter, the currently estimated value is used.

AR: rows = 1 or M , columns = AR_ORDER . AR coefficients.

MA: rows = 1 or M , MA_ORDER, default = $\langle \rangle$. MA coefficients.

BAR: rows = 1 or M , columns = AR_ORDER. Bilinear AR coefficients.

BMA: rows = 1 or M , columns = BILINEAR_ORDER - 1. Bilinear MA coefficients.

NMA: rows = 1 or M , columns = 5. Nonlinear MA parameters, in the order α , β , γ , c_1 , c_2 .

INT: rows = 1 or M , columns = 1. The intercept.

Note: This is the value of the intercept whether of Type 1 or Type 2.

REGR1, REGR2, REGR3 : rows = 1 or M , columns = number of regressors specified of Types 1, 2 and 3, including trend (must be of type 1) and GARCH-M term. The trend should be listed *after* any observed variables, The GARCH-M term should be *last* in its assigned type.

Notes:

1. When deleting or adding regressors, don't overlook that the starting values must be edited to match, or else the wrong values will get used, without prompting.
2. When lags are specified using REGR1_LAGS, etc., in general the number of columns equals the number of variables times 1+ the number of lags. The exception to this rule is in REGR2 , where if a dependent variable (listed in SERIES) is also listed in REGRESSORS_2 , the current value is omitted (count lags from 1, not from 0).
3. If, in system estimation, dependent variable(s) are listed in REGR1, the system is treated as simultaneous, and the FIML estimator is implemented. The "own" dependent variable will have its coefficient fixed at zero automatically, if this is not done manually.
4. If equilibrium relations are specified, the ECM coefficients are located in REGR2, after the other variables.

GAR: rows = 1 or M , columns = GARCH_AR_ORDER GAR coefficients

GMA: rows = 1 or M , columns = GARCH_MA_ORDER, GMA coefficients

Note: Make sure starting values match the GARCH_FORM and MA_FORM settings. If, in equation (41) , the signs of the starting values do not observe GARCH positivity constraints, they are reversed. If starting values are either not set, or not defining fixed values, they are set to 0.1.

FGDEE: rows = 1 or M , columns = 2, FIGARCH d followed by HYGARCH amplitude parameter α .

Note: unless starting values satisfy $0 < d \leq 1$ and $\alpha > 0$ (and are not fixed values) each is reset to 1.

GREG1, GREG2, GREG3: rows = 1 or M , columns = number of GARCH regressors of each Type specified, similar to REGR1. etc.

ASYMM: rows = 1 or M , columns = 1, TARARCH asymmetry or EGARCH asymmetry parameter.

VAR: rows = 1 or M , columns = 1. Error variance,.

FUNCTION: rows = 1 or M , columns = number of names specified in supplied function.

STUDT : rows = 1 or M , columns = 2.

Parameter(s) depend on the likelihood function selected:

- For Student's t distribution, degrees of freedom parameter and skewness parameter if specified.
- For the GED distribution, v parameter (second column empty).
- For Negative Binomial I and II, α parameter (second column empty).

MARKOV: rows = M , columns = $M - 1$. These are the fixed Markov transition probabilities, $\Pr(S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i)$, with $i = 1, \dots, M$ corresponding to rows and $j = 1, \dots, M-1$ to columns – the M th column is not entered, and is defined by the identity that the rows sum to unity

Notes:

1. If the starting values sum to more than 1, they are ignored and the default values $1/M$ are used.
2. For estimation, the probabilities are mapped to the real line by a logistic transformation.

SWREGR1, SWREGR2, SWREGR3: rows = 1, columns = number of explained switching variables specified in regimes 1, 2 and 3. These must appear with the intercepts first in the list, followed by regime dummies, followed by variables.

A maximum of 4 regimes is allowed, and hence at most three independent models determine the probabilities of switching to a regime.

EQUIL : rows = 1 or M , columns = number variables specified in

EQUIL_VARIABLES.

Note: At least one coefficient in each equilibrium relation must be fixed. The program will fix the first element of each relation to 1, automatically, if none is fixed manually.

CORREL : rows = 1 or M , columns = $N(N - 1)/2$ where N = number of equations.

Note: These coefficients represent the correlations of the equation errors. Since the latter are constrained to lie in $(-1, 1)$, they are defined as $C/(1 + |C|)$ where C is the value set here.

FRACTPI: rows = 1 or M , columns = number of included pre-sample proxy terms (recommended values, 1 or 2).

Inequality Constraints

IS_BOUNDS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To enable inequality constraints

FALSE To disable inequality constraints

[parameter type]_LOWER_BOUND (Vector/Matrix of Real) Default = \diamond ,

[parameter type]_UPPER_BOUND (Vector of Real) Default = \diamond ..

These vectors are formatted just like the corresponding [parameter type]_START_VALUES vectors.

Note:

1. The bounds are ignored unless IS_BOUNDS is set to 1, and the upper one strictly exceeds the lower. Cancel the setting by putting both bounds to 0.
2. It is not recommended to use this technique routinely to impose, e.g., positivity and stability constraints on lag polynomials. The search algorithm should usually work OK without this. The method is implemented more as a last resort for difficult cases.

Constraint Values

There are two cases of **[parameter group]_TEST_VALUES**, selected with **RESTRIC_TYPE**.

1. *Zero Restrictions.* The arrays have one element, a Boolean matrix, with elements set to 1 (or TRUE) for each parameter to be constrained to zero, and 0 (or FALSE) otherwise.
2. *Linear Restrictions.* The arrays have $r + 1$ elements where r = the number of linear restrictions. The first elements are Boolean matrices, to indicate inclusion of the parameter in the restrictions. The remaining elements contains the relevant segment of the row of R .

Important note:

When running Ox code using the GUI version of TSM as a platform, call the function `Load_TextValues()` immediately after setting parameter attributes.

6. Actions

PRINT_INFO (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To call the Ox Database function Info, giving descriptive statistics on the data set.

FALSE To suppress this output.

PRINT_SUMMSTATS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To print summary statistics and tests of the order of integration for the dependent variable.

FALSE To suppress this output.

SUMMSTAT_CORRELS (Boolean): Default = FALSE .

TRUE To print autocorrelations and Q statistics for levels and squares of the dependent variable.

FALSE To suppress this output.

Ignored unless **PRINT_SUMMSTATS** = 1.

EVALUATE_INIT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To print the specified output at the input parameter starting values.

FALSE For normal optimisation procedure.

Use this option to print listings and test results without repeating a lengthy optimisation.

DO_GRID (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute a grid of criterion values at fixed, equally spaced values of one or two parameters, while optimising over the remaining parameters.

FALSE For normal optimisation procedure.

Use this option to create a contour plot of the concentrated criterion function. The operation is carried out on the first one or two parameters satisfying the following conditions: 1) the “fixed” flag is set; 2) the upper bound exceeds the lower bound.

Also see Inequality Constraints and **GRID_POINTS**.

MULTISTAGE_GMM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To use the efficient GMM minimand, after evaluating the residuals at the starting values of the parameters.
- FALSE To use the standard instrumental variables minimand.

Notes:

1. To do multi-stage GMM, call `Run_Estimation()` two or more times in succession, with `MULTISTAGE_GMM = 0` for the first run and `MULTISTAGE_GMM = 1` for the subsequent runs. The starting values for these runs will be the convergence point of the previous run.
2. This setting is ignored if `GRID_PLOT = 1` or `MULTI_SPEC = 1` or `LINEAR_REGRESSION = 1`.

SPEC_FORCSTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Compute currently specified forecasts at current parameter values.
- FALSE Otherwise

SPEC_DIAGS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Compute currently specified diagnostic tests at current parameter values.
- FALSE Otherwise

SPEC_MTEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Compute currently specified M-test at current parameter values.
- FALSE Otherwise

SPEC_SCRTEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Compute currently specified score test at current parameter values.
- FALSE Otherwise

SPEC_WALD (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Compute currently specified Wald test at current parameter values.
- FALSE Otherwise

LMTEST_TYPE (Integer): Default = CM1.

Determines the location of the test variables in a specified score test.

- CM1 Conditional Mean model, Type 1 regressor(s)
- CM2 Conditional Mean model, Type 2 regressor(s)
- CM3 Conditional Mean model, Type 3 regressor(s)
- CV1 Conditional Variance model, Type 1 regressor(s)
- CV2 Conditional Variance model, Type 2 regressor(s)
- CV3 Conditional Variance model, Type 3 regressor(s)

Note: If the selected regressors Type is specified to include lags, the test variables are lagged similarly. The degrees of freedom of the test are then “number of variables × 1 + number of lags”.

SCRTEST_VARIABLES (Array of strings): Default = {}

Names of variables from the data set to use as indicator variables in the specified score (LM) test. Specification similar to `REGRESSORS_1` etc.

CONDITIONAL_MTEST (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

- TRUE To compute a conditional moment test. (Variance matrix computed by outer-product formula.)

FALSE To compute a simple moment test (variance matrix computed by HAC formula.)

SQUARES_MTEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To use the squared normalized residuals as the M-test or CM-test covariate.

FALSE To use the normalized residuals as the M-test or CM-test covariate.

MTEST_VARIABLES (Array of strings): Default = {}

Names of variables from the data set to use as indicator variables in the specified M-test. Specification similar to REGRESSORS_1 etc.

RECYCLE_RESULTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To print the parameter estimates in "input-ready" form.

FALSE, No recycling.

This option creates formatted lines ready to be cut and pasted into the run file, providing a simple way to repeat the previous run using some or all of the estimates as starting values. Used in combination with EVALUATE_INIT, it allows tests and listings to be obtained for a previous run without repeating the optimisation procedure.

Note: If ACCESS_RESULTS = 1, then with RECYCLE_RESULTS = 1 the estimates are written internally as starting values for the next run. This is appropriate if the user's program specifies a succession of estimation runs, where the next run should be started as near as possible to the estimates obtained on the previous run.

8.1 Output and Retrieval Options

RETRIEVE_RESIDUALS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

RETRIEVE_FITTED (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

RETRIEVE_VARADJRES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

RETRIEVE_CONDVARS (Boolean): Default = FALSE

RETRIEVE_PROBS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

RETRIEVE_SIM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

RETRIEVE_EQUILS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

RETRIEVE_LCONTRIBS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE to retrieve the created series specified, and append it to the data set.

FALSE otherwise.

The effect of these commands depends on the model specified.

RETRIEVE_VARADJRES (variance-adjusted residuals) and RETRIEVE_CONDVAR (conditional variances) are active only when GARCH-type and/or regime switching models with switching variance components are specified.

RETRIEVE_PROBS (Markov filter probabilities, explained switching probabilities, and regime weights in smooth transition models) is active only in regime-switching models.

RETRIEVE_SIM retrieves the results of a call to Run_Simulation(0), otherwise it has no effect.

RETRIEVE_EQUILS retrieves equilibrium relations when an ECM model is specified, otherwise it has no effect.

RETRIEVE_LCONTRIBS retrieves likelihood contributions when

PRINT_RESULTS (Boolean): Default = TRUE.
PRINT_COVMATRIX (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
PRINT_CORRELS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
PRINT_GRIDPLOT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
PRINT_SERIES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
PRINT_LISTINGS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
PRINT_GRADIENT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
PRINT_HESSIAN (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE To print the item to the console
 FALSE otherwise.

PRINT_RESULTS standard estimation outputs.
PRINT_COVMATRIX covariance matrix of the parameters
PRINT_CORRELS To print the correlograms of the residuals
PRINT_GRIDPLOT Criterion grid
PRINT_SERIES Residuals, etc.
PRINT_LISTINGS Forecasts and impulse-response coefficients.
PRINT_GRADIENT, PRINT_HESSIAN estimation outputs.

OUTPUT_RESULTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE To append results to a text file.
 FALSE Otherwise.

AUTOSAVE_LISTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.
 TRUE To save listings (residuals, forecasts etc.) to a file, of type specified by
 the setting of **OUTPUT_SERIES**.
 FALSE Listings not saved to file

OUTPUT_SERIES (Integer): Default = XLS.
 XLS Save listings to Excel spreadsheet (.XLS)
 XLSX Save listings to Excel 2007 spreadsheet (.XLSX)
 IN7 Save listings to GiveWin file (.IN7)
 DAT Save listings to data file with format information (.DAT)
 MAT Save listings to matrix file (.MAT)
 CSV Save listings to comma delimited text file (.CSV)

8.2 Test and Diagnostics Options

SHOW_CRITERIA (Boolean): Default = TRUE.
 TRUE Report likelihood function and information criteria.
 FALSE Otherwise.

RESIDL_MOMENTS (Boolean) Default = TRUE
 TRUE Report residual SD, skewness, kurtosis and Jarque-Bera statistic.
 FALSE Otherwise.

Q_TEST (Integer): Default = BPQ.
 NOQ No Q autocorrelation test,

BPQ To use the Box-Pierce (1970) formula for the Q autocorrelation test,
 LBQ To use the Ljung-Box (1978) formula for the Q autocorrelation test.

Q_TEST_ORDER (Integer): Default = 12.

The numbers of lags to be used in computing the Box-Pierce (1979) and McLeod-Li (1980) diagnostic statistics. (Also see LJUNG_BOX).

CORRELOGRAM_ORDER (Integer): Default = 0.

The number of residual correlogram points of residuals and squared residuals to be reported, if any. Set to 0 for no correlogram. This choice is independent of the Box-Pierce order, note.

LM_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To print the LM statistic for restrictions imposed with the “fix parameter” flags (see VALUES).
 FALSE Otherwise

SCORE_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute diagnostic score (LM) statistics, as specified by DIAGNOSTIC_TESTS.
 FALSE Otherwise

MOMENT_TEST (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute diagnostic conditional moment (CM) statistics, as specified by DIAGNOSTIC_TESTS.
 FALSE Otherwise

DIAGNOSTIC_TESTS (row vector of integers): Default = $\langle \rangle$.

The cases are

AUCT Autocorrelation;
 ARCT Neglected ARCH;
 FFRT Nonlinear Functional Form (RESET);
 HT1T Heteroscedasticity (Breusch-Pagan);
 HTWT White’s heteroscedasticity test.
 ACFT AR Common Factor (COMFAC) test
 IFMT Information Matrix test.
 DWTT Durbin-Watson test
 KPST KPSS test
 VSST V/S test
 LRST Lo’s R/S test
 HMLT HML long memory test (also see HML_SETTINGS)
 CSQT Cusum of squares test
 NHST Nyblom-Hansen specification test
 NHIT Individual Nyblom-Hansen tests on score elements.
 ASST Andrews structural change test
 ASIT Individual Andrews tests on score elements.
 BTIT Bootstrap test of $I(0)$ hypothesis.
 RBST Bierens’ consistent specification test on residuals
 SBJT Consistent specification test on score contributions

SBIT Individual specification tests on score elements.

Construct the vector by concatenating the variables, for example `AUCT~ARCT~HT1T`.

The type of tests computed in cases 0-3 depend on the settings of `SCORE_TEST` and `MOMENT_TEST`. Either test, or both tests, can be specified. The information matrix test is computed regardless of these settings.

HMLTEST_C (Real): Default = 1.

Truncation parameter (c) for Harris-McCabe-Leybourne long memory test

HMLTEST_L (Real): Default = 0.66.

Bandwidth parameter (L) for Harris-McCabe-Leybourne long memory test

ANDREWS_LOWER (Real): Default = 0.15.

Lower bound (π_1) for Andrews structural break test.

ANDREWS_UPPER (Real): Default = 0.85.

Upper bound (π_2) for Andrews structural break test.

DGTEST_LAGS (Integer): Default = 1.

Number of lags for diagnostic tests of autocorrelation.

DGTEST_SQLAGS (Integer): Default = 1.

Number of lags for diagnostic tests of neglected ARCH.

DGTEST_FFORDER (Integer): Default = 2.

Maximum power of fitted values to include in test of functional form.

NOPRINT_OUTPUT (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To suppress printed output except for test results. Use this setting in conjunction with `EVALUATE_INIT` to compute tests from the current estimates, without re-estimating.

FALSE otherwise.

COVMAT_TYPE (Integer): Default = RBT;

IFM Standard covariance matrix formula (information matrix)

RBT Robust heteroscedasticity consistent formula (valid for quasi-likelihood applications).

HAC Heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation consistent formula.

KVB Kiefer-Vogelsang-Bunzel inconsistent estimator.

Note: if specified, robust and HAC formulae are used to compute the standard errors/covariance matrix/Wald and LM tests and also preliminary tests of $I(0)$ (KPSS, Phillips-Perron, Lo R/S).

KERNEL_TYPE (Integer): Default = PZN;

HET No kernel (heteroscedasticity correction only, equivalent to `COVMAT_TYPE = RBT`);

PZN Parzen kernel

BLT Bartlett kernel

QS Quadratic Spectral kernel

TKH Tukey-Hanning kernel.

HAC_BANDWIDTH (Integer): Default = 0;

If this setting is positive, its value is used for the bandwidth. If it is zero, the program defaults are used; $[n^{1/3}]$ for the Bartlett kernel, and $[n^{1/5}]$ for the other cases.

HAC_PLUGIN (Integer): Default = NWPL;

MNBW Manual bandwidth setting
ANPL Andrews' plug-in bandwidth
NWPL Newey-West plug-in bandwidth

HAC_PREWHITEN (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE Use autoregressive pre-whitening to construct HAC variance estimates.
FALSE Otherwise.

INFO_CRIT (Integer): Default = AKKE;

Criterion for lag choice in for ADF tests and S-W/Saikkonen estimates

MANL None (set manually with ADF_LAGS)
AKKE Akaike criterion
SCHW Schwarz criterion
HQ Hannan-Quinn criterion.

ADF_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0

Lag length for ADF tests and S-W/Saikkonen estimates (used if **INFO_CRIT** = 0)

EDF_CRITS (Boolean): Default = FALSE;

TRUE Use supplied empirical distribution to provide test critical values
FALSE Otherwise.

Note: The EDF is read from disk as a spreadsheet file; see EDF_FILE.

HAC_TESTSTATS (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE Always use HAC variance estimates in formulation of test statistics,
over-riding COVMAT_TYPE setting.
FALSE Let COVMAT_TYPE determine variance formulae in tests.

CSTEST_TESTTYPE (Integer): Default = SUPT;

SUPT Sup-conditional moment test
ICMA Integrated conditional moment test, type A.
ICMB Integrated conditional moment test, type B

Conditional moment test settings:

CSTEST_VARS (Array of strings): Default = {};

Test variables to be used in conditional moment tests.

CSTEST_LAGS (Integer): Default = 0;

Number of unrestricted lags of test variables to include.

CSTEST_DYNORDER (Integer): Default = 0;

Lag polynomial order of test variables.

CSTEST_MAXLAG (Integer): Default = 100;

Maximum lag to use in polynomial lag specification of test variables. (Lags are set to minimum of this setting and available sample.)

CSTEST_SCALE (Real): Default = 3;

Scale factor to determine range of variation of test function under the exponential transformation.

CSTEST_GAMMA, **CSTEST_RHO1**, **CSTEST_RHO2**, **CSTEST_RHO3**

(Reals): Defaults = 2.5, 0.2, 0.4, 0.1.

Exponents defining the bound for Bierens' "two-statistic" approximation. See *Models and Methods* Section 12.4 for details.

CSTEST_UWGHT (Real): Default = 1;

CSTEST_LWGHT (Real): Default = -1;

Upper and lower bounds of hypercube Ξ .

CSTEST_EVAL (Integer) : Default = 5000;

Maximum number of function evaluations to compute integrals by Monte Carlo.

CSTEST_PRECSN (Real) : Default = 0.002.

Precision for evaluation of integrals by Monte Carlo.

8.3 Forecasting Options

FORECAST_STEPS (Integer): Default = 0.

The number of multi-step forecasts of Y_t to be computed. This option generates three series: the point forecasts, and ± 2 standard error bounds. If a GARCH model is fitted, the bounds are computed using the m-step ahead conditional variance forecasts.

MOVING_AVERAGE_COEFFFS (Integer): Default = FALSE.

The number of solved moving average lag coefficients from the mean process and (where fitted) the variance process, to be listed.

EXPOST_FORECASTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE To compute one-step ex-post forecasts (using actual values of lags)

FALSE To compute dynamic ex-ante multi-step forecasts.

MONTECARLO_FORECASTS (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE To compute ex-ante forecasts by Monte Carlo stochastic simulation.

FALSE To compute ex ante forecasts by analytic formulae for mean and variance.

MCFORECAST_TYPE (Boolean): Default = TRUE

TRUE To report medians of Monte Carlo distributions with 95% confidence bands.

FALSE To report means of Monte Carlo distributions with 2SE bands.

MCFORECAST_REPLICATIONS (Integer): Default = 1000.

Number of replications in Monte Carlo forecasts .

FCST_SES (Boolean): Default = TRUE

TRUE To compute forecast standard errors. This option is forced to TRUE if FCST_SEBANDS is set to TRUE .

FALSE Otherwise.

FCST_SEBANDS (Boolean): Default = FALSE

TRUE To compute forecast confidence bands.

FALSE Otherwise.

FORC_ERVARDEC (Boolean): Default = FALSE

- TRUE To compute the forecast error variance decomposition (systems only).
- FALSE Otherwise.

EXPORT_MMEDFORCS (Boolean): Default = FALSE

- TRUE Export only the mean or median forecasts (spreadsheet output).
- FALSE Export full forecast outputs to a spreadsheet, including forecast distribution quantiles.

ANNDIFF_FORCS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Compute forecasts in annual-difference form.
- FALSE Otherwise.

Notes:

1. *The analytic forecast standard errors are asymptotic, and do not take account of parameter uncertainty.*
2. *For ex-post forecasting, or if the model contains regressors from the data set, the number of forecasts is limited to the available post-sample observations. However, the trend dummy and the GARCH_M regressor are extended as necessary.*
3. *Analytic standard error bands cannot take account of dynamics introduced through a bilinear or user-supplied function. Use Monte Carlo forecasting in these cases.*
4. *Unless estimation is by maximum likelihood, only Gaussian or bootstrap random numbers are available.*

8.4 Simulation and Resampling Options

SIM_DISTRIBUTION (Integer): Default = SGS.

The method of generating shocks for stochastic simulation of the current model, for use in one-off simulations, Monte Carlo forecasts and bootstrap tests.

- SMD Generate random numbers from the distribution specified by the likelihood function – Gaussian, Student’s *t* or skewed Student, using current parameter values).
- SGS Generate Gaussian random numbers, with zero mean and variance either set by the user, or that of the current residuals.
- SST Generate stable random numbers, with zero location and parameters set set by the user.
- SFM Generate random numbers by a coded transformation of the standard Gaussian and/or Uniform[0,1].
- SBT Use the simple bootstrap, or moving blocks bootstrap (MBB), resampling the current residuals. They are centered and bias-adjusted by $n/(n - k)$. Not available unless a model has been estimated.
- SSB Use the stationary bootstrap. This randomizes the length of blocks using an independent geometric distribution, as well as the startpoints as for the MBB. Not available unless a model has been estimated.
- SWB Generate random numbers using the wild bootstrap. Not available unless a model has been estimated.

SFR Fourier bootstrap (= wild bootstrap applied to the DFT of the data.)
 Suitable for stationary autocorrelated data.

SDT Data resampling. Resamples all observations (data not residuals)
 randomly with replacement. Suitable only for i.i.d. data.

Notes:

1. If least squares or instrumental variables is the selected estimator, option SMD is automatically changed to SGS.
2. The wild bootstrap is not available for Monte Carlo forecasting. If selected, the regular bootstrap will be used instead.

SIMFORM_TEXT (text string) : Default = {}.

Coded formula for random number generation when SIM_DISTRIBUTION = SFM:

SHOCK_PARS (1×4 row vector of reals): Default = <1,2,0,1> .

First element: Variance of Gaussian shocks. Set to 0 to use residual variance
 Second element: “alpha” for stable distribution; <= 2, 2 = Gaussian.
 Third element: “beta” for stable distribution; 0 = symmetric.
 Fourth element: Skewness factor for wild bootstrap. 1 = symmetric distribution.

BOOTSTRAP_SIEVEAR (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Use sieve autoregression to model autocorrelation in bootstrap sample
 FALSE otherwise.

This option can be combined with any of the bootstrap procedures, including the wild bootstrap. The AR filter is fitted to the sample data and applied to the resampled series, however generated.

BOOTSTRAP_SIEVELAGS (Integer) Default = -1.

Maximum lag length to use with sieve-AR bootstrap. The default is to set this automatically as function of sample size – see the main documentation.

RANDNM_SEED (Integer): Default = 0.

Seed for the random number generator. The default setting, 0, causes the actual seed to be generated from the system clock, so that the numbers cannot be replicated.

RANDOM_PRESAMPLE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Pre-sample Data Random in Simulations
 FALSE Pre-sample Data Fixed in Simulations.

TYPEI_FRAC (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Simulate “type I” ARFIMA model. (Must set RANDOM_PRESAMPLE = 1.)
 FALSE Simulate regular ARFIMA model.

RESAMPLING (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute test *p*-values and standard errors by the parametric bootstrap or subsampling methods.
 FALSE For conventional tests.

BOOTSTRAP_STATIC (Boolean) Default = FALSE.

TRUE Take fitted values from the estimated model to generate the bootstrap data (lagged endogenous variables from the original sample.)
 FALSE Generate bootstrap data by dynamic simulation.

Note: in a static mode, the results are identical in each case but run much faster with the option enabled.

BOOTSTRAP_REPLICATIONS (Integer): Default = 100.

Number of replications to generate the bootstrap distribution.

BOOTSTRAP_BIASCORR (Boolean) Default = FALSE.

TRUE To apply bootstrap bias correction to parameter estimates.

FALSE Otherwise.

BOOTSTRAP_BLENGTH (Integer) Default = 1.

The length of blocks to resample in the block bootstrap. With `SIM_DISTRIBUTION = 3`, setting to 1 (default) yields the regular bootstrap. If `SIM_DISTRIBUTION = 9` (stationary bootstrap) is selected, sets the *mean* block length under the geometric distribution.

BOOTSTRAP_CONFINT (Integer) Default = BEQT.

BTSE To report bootstrap standard errors.

BEQT To report equal tail bootstrap confidence intervals.

BTPC To report percentile-*t* confidence intervals.

BSPT To report symmetric percentile-*t* confidence intervals.

BOOTSTRAP_CONFPCENT (Integer) Default = 95.

The coverage probability assigned to the reported bootstrap confidence interval, expressed as a percentage.

SUBSAMPLING (Boolean) Default = FALSE.

TRUE to compute confidence intervals and p-values by the subsampling method.

FALSE otherwise.

BOOTSTRAP_MOUTOFN (Boolean) Default = FALSE.

TRUE to compute confidence intervals and p-values by the “*m* out of *n*” bootstrap method, where the bootstrap samples are a fraction of the original sample size. (The size of the bootstrap sample is set as `SUBSAMPLE_LENGTH`).

FALSE otherwise.

BOOTSTRAP_BLENGTH (Integer) Default = 1.

The length of blocks to resample in the block bootstrap. Setting to 1 yields the regular bootstrap.

SUBSAMPLE_LENGTH (Integer) Default = 0.

Length, b_T , of the contiguous samples to be used in subsampling and “*m* out of *n*” bootstrap analysis. In subsampling, there are then $T - b_T + 1$ samples used to generate the distributions, where T is sample size.

NEWTON_CONV (Double): Default = 0.0001.

Convergence criterion for Newton-Raphson algorithm used for nonlinear bootstrap.

NEWTON_ITERATIONS (Integer): Default = 20.

Maximum number of iterations of Newton-Raphson algorithm used for nonlinear bootstrap.

NEWTON_ALGRTHM (Boolean) Default = FALSE.

TRUE To use Newton-Raphson algorithm for Monte Carlo replications.

FALSE To use BFGS.

FD_BOOTSTRAP (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To compute the fast-double bootstrap.

FALSE For conventional bootstrap.

The fast double bootstrap is a device aimed at reducing the error in rejection probability due to estimation error. It is not guaranteed to improve performance in all cases, but showing that a test outcome is robust to this setting increases confidence in the result.

EDF_PVALS (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Tabulate bootstrap p -values in EDF tables.

FALSE Tabulate test statistics in EDF tables.

8.6 ML and Dynamics Options

STUDDF_ROOT (Integer): Default = 2.

The Student t “degrees of freedom” parameter is raised to this power, to represent the actual d.f. of the likelihood. Set > 1 for better numerical stability. By setting a negative value, 0 can represent the Gaussian case (d.f. = ∞).

Note: start/fixed/test/bound matrices for the Student t parameters have prefix STUDDT_

LOG_SKEWNESS (Boolean): default = FALSE;

TRUE Estimate the logarithm of the Student skewness parameter ξ .

FALSE Estimate ξ directly.

ORDERED_PROBIT (Integer) Default = 0.

Additional cases in the ordered probit and ordered logit models.

DISCRETE_ZLAGS (Boolean) Default = FALSE

TRUE Enables autoregressive dynamic process in discrete data latent model.

Lag parameters are entered as additional regressors of Type 2.

FALSE Otherwise.

CHISQR_PROBIT (Boolean) Default = FALSE

TRUE Uses centered chi-squared as the distribution in probit and ordered probit models. The degrees of freedom appear as an additional parameter in group STUDDT.

FALSE Gaussian probit model.

POISSON_EXPARG (Boolean) Default = FALSE

TRUE The Poisson mean is the exponential of the regression function.

FALSE The Poisson mean is linear in the explanatory variables (must be non-negative).

DISCRETE_ZINFL (Boolean) Default = FALSE

TRUE The Poisson and ordered probit models are “zero-inflated”, with variables explaining the zero regime appearing as regressors of Type 3. (The intercept is in group STUDDT.)

FALSE Otherwise.

MA_FORM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To report the moving average coefficients as θ_j in $\theta(L) = 1 + \theta_1L + \dots + \theta_qL^q$, and GARCH coefficients as β_j in $\beta(L) = 1 + \beta_1L + \dots + \beta_rL^r$.
- FALSE To report the moving average coefficients as θ_j in $\theta(L) = 1 - \theta_1L - \dots - \theta_qL^q$, and GARCH coefficients as β_j in $\beta(L) = 1 - \beta_1L - \dots - \beta_rL^r$.

Setting this option to 1 writes the MA coefficients of an ARMA or GARCH with opposite sign to the AR coefficients, relative to the zero-order terms. The default is consistent with the convention in equation (8), and also more natural. For example, in the ARMA(1,1) model equal roots cancel each other out, and in this case the estimates will be equal. Similarly, in the ARMA-in-squares representation of the GARCH(1,1) model, $\beta_1 = \delta_1$ corresponds to $\alpha_1 = 0$, (see GARCH_FORM) and the estimates are again equal in this case.

Note: the starting values must match the convention selected.

RESTRICT_LAGS (Boolean): Default = FALSE

- TRUE To allow truncation of presample lags.
- FALSE To use the available pre-sample data to form lags, when $START_SAMPLE > 1$.

LAG_TRUNCATION (Integer): Default = 0.

The maximum number of pre-sample observations to be used to form lags. If set to zero, the estimates are comparable to the case when $START_SAMPLE = 1$.

This option is ignored unless $RESTRICT_LAGS = 1$

COMPUTE_ROOTS (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

- TRUE Compute the roots of ARMA and VARMA lag polynomials.
- FALSE Omit root calculations (in some cases these can be time-consuming).

TPI_DEE (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE Estimate “type I” ARFIMA model.
- FALSE Estimate regular ARFIMA model.

GARCH_FORM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To report the GARCH model in the conventional (Bollerslev, 1986) style, so that the coefficients of lagged squared errors are the coefficients of $\beta(L) - \delta(L)$ in equations (41) and (42).
- FALSE To report the coefficients of the “ARMA-in-squares” representation of the GARCH model, in which $\delta(L)$ and $\beta(L)$ are the AR and MA components respectively.

GARCH_INTFORM (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

- TRUE To report the GARCH intercept in Type 2 form.
- FALSE To report the GARCH intercept in Type 1 form.

GARCH_INT_POWER (Integer): Default = 1.

The GARCH intercept can be close to 0, the boundary of the parameter space, which can give difficulty to the search algorithm. Estimating the square root or fourth root of the parameter (set to 2 or 4) may resolve a convergence problem. However, be careful to set the starting value, and interpret the estimate, appropriately.

GM_ITS (Integer): Default = 20.

The GARCH-M likelihood is computed by Gauss-Seidel iteration of equations (1) and (41), (or (1) and (42)). This option sets the maximum number of iterations.

GM_H_BOUND (Real): Default = 10.

To stabilise the GARCH-M calculations, h_t (or $h_t^{1/2}$) is trimmed before inclusion in (1). The upper bound is set to GM_H_BOUND times the sample variance (or standard deviation) of the data. Try reducing this setting in case of failure of the algorithm.

ITERATE_EGARCH (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE To evaluate the EGARCH likelihood by Gauss-Seidel iteration.

FALSE To evaluate the EGARCH likelihood by direct nonlinear recursion.

There may be small differences between the two estimates due to treatment of initial conditions. The main consideration in this choice is one of speed. The nonlinear equation cannot be solved using Ox's vector manipulation capability, and has to be programmed as a loop. This could result in extremely long solution times in large samples, and the iterative method may be quicker.

EGARCH_ITS (Integer): Default = 20.

The maximum number of iterations in the Gauss-Seidel solution of equation (42).

8.7 Optimization and Run Options

MINIMAND (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE To report criterion function as minimand

FALSE To report criterion function as maximand

GRID_POINTS (Integer): Default = 0.

Number of grid points to plot in each direction

Note: # function evaluations = GRID_POINTS in 1-dimensional plot and (GRID_POINTS)² in 2-dimensional plot.

MAX_ITERATIONS (Integer): Default = 1000.

Maximum number of BFGS iterations.

PRINT_ITERATIONS (Integer): Default = 0.

Frequency to print current position in search. Set to 0 for no printing.

STRONG_CRITERION (Real): Default = -1.

Criterion for strong convergence (see Ox documentation). Default keeps the Ox default.

WEAK_CRITERION (Real): Default = -1.

Criterion for weak convergence (see Ox documentation). Default keeps the Ox default.

ANAL_DERIV (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE Use analytic derivatives where available for BFGS iterations.

FALSE Force use of numerical derivatives.

SIM_ANNEALING (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Enable simulated annealing as a preliminary search algorithm, to provide initial values for BFGS

FALSE To disable simulated annealing

ORDER_TESTS (Matrix of Real)
 DATA_CORRELS (Matrix of Real)

The elements of SUMM_STATS are as follows. In the case where detrending is specified, items 0-7 are reported for the original series, other items for the detrended series (residuals from regression on trend).

0. Minimum of series
1. Maximum of series
2. Index of minimum
3. Index of maximum
4. Mean
5. Median
6. Intercept in regression on trend (if detrending specified)
7. Slope in regression on trend (if detrending specified)
8. Standard deviation
9. Skewness
10. Kurtosis
11. Jarque-Bera statistic
12. HAC variance ($\omega = \sigma + 2*\lambda$)
13. HAC variance component (σ)
14. HAC variance component (λ)
15. Prewhitening AR coefficient (if computed).
16. Robinson's (1994) estimator of fractional d .

If quantiles are specified, elements 13-21 contain the following 9 quantiles of the series frequency distribution: 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 0.9, 0.95, and 0.99. For samples smaller than 100, the 0.01 and 0.99 points are omitted (vector elements are zero). For samples smaller than 20, the 0.05 and 0.95 points are also omitted.

ORDER_TESTS is a matrix of dimension 10×2 , the rows holding respectively the statistics and p -value upper bounds for the tests (in other words, the available tabulations show the p -values to be no greater than the quoted values.) The row elements are identified as follows. If the tests are not specified, the corresponding elements are zero. The last row contains long-run variance estimates, with the autoregressive estimator in column 1 and the HAC kernel-based estimator in column 2.

0. Robinson-Lobato (1998) test of $I(0)$.
1. KPSS test of $I(0)$
2. V/S test of $I(0)$
3. Lo's R/S test of $I(0)$
4. Harris-McCabe-Leybourne (2008) test of $I(0)$
5. Augmented Dickey-Fuller test of $I(1)$
6. Phillips-Perron test of $I(1)$
7. Elliott-Rothenberg-Stock (1996) GLS-Dickey-Fuller test of $I(1)$
8. Elliott-Rothenberg-Stock (1996) P-test of $I(1)$.
9. Long-run variance estimates (see above).

The content of DATA_CORRELS depends on the options specified: It may be:

- a square matrix of the contemporaneous correlations of the specified variables;
- a $M \times 4$ matrix whose columns contain the autocorrelations and Box-Pierce (of Ljung-Box) statistics of each order up to M of the series specified and the squared series;

- a $M \times 2$ matrix containing the partial autocorrelations of the series and squared series;
- a $M \times 4$ matrix containing the autocorrelations and cross-autocorrelations of the pair of series X and Y , in the order: X vs. lagged X , Y vs. lagged Y , X vs. lagged Y , and Y vs. lagged X .

Estimation Outputs

The following global variables contain the results of the last call to `Run_Estimation()`.

CONVERGENCE_STATUS	(Integer)
CRITERION	(Real)
SELECTION_CRITERIA	(Vector of Real)
PARAMETER_NAMES	(Array of Strings)
PARAMETERS	(Vector of Real)
STANDARD_ERRORS	(Vector of Real)
COVARIANCES	(Matrix of Real)
GRADIENT	(Vector of Real)
GRADIENT_COVARIANCES	(Matrix of Real)
HESSIAN	(Matrix of Real)
ESTIMATED_PARAMS	(Vector of Integers)
RESIDUAL_VARIANCE	(Real)
DIAGNOSTICS	(Array of Real Matrices)
TESTS	(Matrix of real)
WALD_STATISTIC	(Real)
LM_STATISTIC	(Real)
RESIDUAL_CORRELOGRAMS	(Matrix of Real)
FORECASTS	(Array of Arrays of Real Matrices)
DATA_NAMES	(Array of Strings)
DATA_SET	(Matrix of Real)
BOOTSTRAP_PVALS	(Vector of Real)
ERRMESSAGES	(Array of strings)

Note:

- `CONVERGENCE_STATUS` is the value returned by the Ox optimization routine, (MaxBFGS or MaxNewton). See the Ox manual for interpretation.
- `CRITERION` is the final value of the estimation criterion. Note that the sign (maximand or minimand) can be optionally changed, see the `MINIMAND` option in Optimization Options.
- `SELECTION_CRITERIA` has four elements, respectively the Schwarz, Hannan-Quinn and Akaike selection criteria, and the estimation criterion.
- `GRADIENT_COVARIANCES` is only computed if `COVMAT_TYPE > 0`.
- `ESTIMATED_PARAMS` is a vector containing the locations in `PARAMETERS` of parameters that have been estimated, as opposed to fixed or solved. Only these parameters have corresponding entries in the gradient and the covariance matrix. For example, the value and name of the parameter whose gradient entry are

numbered cJ are located at `PARAMETERS[ESTIMATED_PARAMS[cJ]]` and `PARAMETER_NAMES[ESTIMATED_PARAMS[cJ]]` respectively.

- `BOOTSTRAP_PVALS` contains the bootstrap p -values in the order, t -tests on estimated parameters, diagnostic tests equation by equation, then other tests. See Tables 1 and 2 below to determine the locations of these tests. Only tests that are enabled appear in the list, so the tables show the ordering of the vector elements, but not their absolute positions.
If resampling methods are not used, this variable contains 0.
- `ERRMESSAGES` contains any error messages generated by the estimation routine to report issues such as matrix singularity, convergence failure, incompatible commands, etc. etc. These are the same lines of text that appear in the results window when the program runs in GUI mode.

To locate elements of the vectors `PARAMETERS` and `STANDARD_ERRORS`, and also of the array `PARAMETER_NAMES`, use the globally defined vector `g_cP` and defined constants, as follows:

<code>g_cP[UF]</code>	User function parameters
<code>g_cP[IN]</code>	intercept
<code>g_cP[RG1]</code>	regressors of Type 1
<code>g_cP[RG2]</code>	regressors of Type 2
<code>g_cP[RG3]</code>	regressors of Type 3
<code>g_cP[D]</code>	ARFIMA d
<code>g_cP[AR]</code>	AR coefficients
<code>g_cP[MA]</code>	MA coefficients
<code>g_cP[BAR]</code>	Bilinear AR coefficients
<code>g_cP[BMA]</code>	Bilinear MA coefficients
<code>g_cP[GI]</code>	GARCH intercept, or Error Variance
<code>g_cP[GAR]</code>	GARCH AR coefficients
<code>g_cP[GMA]</code>	GARCH MA coefficients
<code>g_cP[FGD]</code>	FIGARCH d or HYGARCH memory and amplitude parameters
<code>g_cP[TG]</code>	ASYMM coefficient
<code>g_cP[GR1]</code>	GARCH regressors of Type 1
<code>g_cP[GR2]</code>	GARCH regressors of Type 2
<code>g_cP[GR3]</code>	GARCH regressors of Type 3
<code>g_cP[NT]</code>	Student's t -degrees of freedom parameter
<code>g_cP[MKS]</code>	Markov switching parameters
<code>g_cP[ES1]</code>	Explaining regime 1
<code>g_cP[ES2]</code>	Explaining regime 2
<code>g_cP[ES3]</code>	Explaining regime 3
<code>g_cP[EQL]</code>	Equilibrium relations
<code>g_cP[COV]</code>	Error correlations (equation systems only)

Example 1: if an AR(3) is fitted, the AR coefficients are found at locations `PARAMETERS[g_cP[AR]]`, `PARAMETERS[g_cP[AR]+1]` and `PARAMETERS[g_cP[AR]+2]`.

Example 2: If there are two regressors of Type 1 included, the coefficients are at locations

`PARAMETERS[g_CP[RG1]]` and `PARAMETERS[g_CP[RG1]+1]`

The names of these parameters can be found in the corresponding elements of the array `PARAMETER_NAMES`.

If a Markov-switching model is fitted, use the function `LocTP`.

```
LocTP(const iReg, const iPar)
  iReg:          the regime
  iPar:          the parameter pointer, as defined above
  return value:  location in the vector.
```

If no Markov switching is specified, this function returns its second argument.

Example 3: If an AR(2) with two regimes is fitted, the parameters for each regime are respectively at locations

`PARAMETERS[LocTP(0, g_CP[AR])]`, `PARAMETERS[LocTP(0, g_CP[AR]+1)]`, and `PARAMETERS[LocTP(1, g_CP[AR])]`, `PARAMETERS[LocTP(1, g_CP[AR]+1)]`

Example 4: In a 3-regime model, the Markov transition probability parameter t_{12} (see 8.5 of Models and Methods) is located at

`PARAMETERS[LocTP(0, g_CP[MKS]+1)]`

In multi-equation models, the parameters for each equation are located using the function `LocP`.

```
LocP(const iEq, const iPar)
  iEq:          the equation
  iPar:          parameter block pointer
  return value:  location of parameter block in the vector.
```

Remember that all equations in the system nominally have the same structure, although some parameters may be suppressed by fixing them at 0. VAR and MA parameters are arranged in the order, variables, then lags. In a VAR(2), the coefficients in equation j are ordered as $AR1(j,1)$, $AR1(j,2)$, $AR2(j,1)$, $AR2(j,2)$, for $j = 1,2$

Example 5: To locate the parameter $AR2(2,2)$ the reference is `PARAMETERS[LocP(1, AR)+3]` (counting equations from zero, note!).

The `LocP` and `LocTP` functions are straightforwardly combined in a Markov-switching system.

Example 6: To locate the parameter in Example 5 for Regime 2 in a Markov-switching VAR, the reference is `PARAMETERS[LocTP(1, LocP(1, AR)+3)]`.

Note that parameter groups from UF to GR3 inclusive are defined for each equation, whereas parameter groups from NT to COV inclusive are defined for the system as a whole. These are accessed just as for a single equation model.

For elements of the covariance matrix, use the same system to locate the required row and column of COVARIANCES.

DIAGNOSTICS is an array, whose elements correspond to equations of the model. Each element consists of a $2 \times 16+$ matrix, whose columns correspond to the items in Table 1. The first rows contain the statistics, while the second rows contain the numbers of degrees of freedom (restrictions under test) associated with each test, in the case of test statistics. For the first six elements (descriptive statistics) the second row elements are zeros. The right-hand column of Table 1 shows the identifiers for the columns. For example, `DIAGNOSTICS[0][SSQ]` contains the residual sum of squares.

0.	Residual Sum of Squares	SSQ
1.	Coefficient of Determination (R^2)	RSQ
2.	Residual Standard Deviation	JB1
3.	Residual Skewness	JB2
4.	Residual Kurtosis	JB3
5.	Residual Jarque-Bera statistic	JB4
6.	Residual Q statistic	BP1
7.	Squared-Residual Q statistic	BP2
8.	First ex-post forecast test	FC1
9.	Second ex-post forecast test	FC2
10.	Durbin Watson statistic	DWT
11.	KPSS Statistic	KPS
12.	V/S Statistic	VSS
13.	Lo's R/S Statistic	LRs
14.	HML Statistic	HML
15.	Cusum of squares statistic	CSQ

Table 1. Locations of Equation Diagnostics

Note: Items 1-6 are computed from the variance-adjusted residuals in models where the conditional variance is non-constant (GARCH or regime switching).

TESTS is a $2 \times 24+$ matrix whose first row contains test statistics, or zeros if the test is not specified. The second row contains a test parameter which in most cases, where the statistics are asymptotically chi-squared, is the degrees of freedom of the test (the numerator degrees of freedom if the F versions are specified). If there is no optional parameter the second element contains 0.

Table 2 identifies the main columns of this matrix. The right-hand column of the table shows the identifiers for the column numbers.¹ In the case of the ADF test, `TESTS[0][ADF]` contains the ADF test statistic, if this option has been specified, but `TESTS[1][ADF]` contains the number of lags used to compute the statistic, not the degrees of freedom of the test. For a single equation model, `RESIDUAL_CORRELOGRAMS` is a matrix with four columns, and number of rows equal to `CORRELOGRAM_ORDER`. The columns are: [0] the residual autocorrelation coefficients for each lag, [1] Box-Pierce or Ljung-Box statistics, [2] and [3], same for the squared residuals. For a model with N equations, `RESIDUAL_CORRELOGRAMS` has $4N$ columns, where the first N columns contain the correlograms for each equation,

¹ Note that the column identifiers are not consecutive. Some columns of this matrix are reserved for special uses.

columns $N + 1$ to $2N$ contain the B-P or L-B statistics, and similarly for the squared residuals. For example, the correlogram for the second equation would be the column vector `RESIDUAL_CORRELOGRAMS [] [4]`, where columns are counted from zero, note.

`FORECASTS` is an array with two elements, where the first element contains the level forecasts, and the second the variance forecasts, if any. Each of these elements is itself an array of N elements in a model with N equations, containing the relevant components for each equation. The form of the matrices contained in these array elements depends on the type of forecast specified. For analytic forecasts, the level forecasts are contained in a matrix with `FORECAST_STEPS` rows and two columns, containing the point forecasts and standard errors respectively. Except in GARCH and Markov-switching variance models, the second element of `FORECASTS` is an empty array. In those cases its elements contain a single column, the conditional variance forecasts (no standard errors available for these). For Monte Carlo forecasts the level forecasts consist of three columns, containing respectively the medians, the 2.5% percentiles and the 97.5% percentiles. The second set of elements are either empty or, for GARCH and Markov-switching variance models, have three columns, similarly.

0.	Sargan test (IV estimates only)	SRT
1.	Durbin-Wu-Hausman test (IV estimates only)	DWH
2.	Phillips-Perron cointegration test	PPC
3.	Phillips-Perron cointegration test with trend	PPT
4.	Augmented Dickey-Fuller cointegration test	ADF
5.	Augmented Dickey-Fuller cointegration test with trend	ADT
6.	Score test for autocorrelation	SC1
7.	Score test for neglected ARCH	SC2
8.	Score test for nonlinear functional form	SC3
9.	Score test for heteroscedasticity (Breusch-Pagan)	SC4
10.	Score test for heteroscedasticity (White)	SC5
11.	Score test for autoregressive common factors	SC6
12.	Conditional moment test for autocorrelation	MT1
13.	Conditional moment test for neglected ARCH	MT2
14.	Conditional moment test for nonlinear functional form	MT3
15.	Conditional moment test for heteroscedasticity (Breusch-Pagan)	MT4
16.	Conditional moment test for heteroscedasticity (White)	MT5
17.	Conditional moment test for autoregressive common factors	MT6
18.	Information matrix test	IMT
19.	Nyblom-Hansen specification test	HLC
20.	Andrews' structural change test	AST
21.	Wald test of specified restrictions	WDT
22.	LM test of "Fixed parameter" restrictions (not linear regression)	LMT
23.	LM test of specified added regressors	SLT
24.	M/CM test of specified added regressors	SMT
26.	Bootstrap test of $I(0)$	IZT
27,...	User-programmed tests ($j = 0,1,2,\dots$)	SUT + j

Table 2. Locations of Test Statistics

For example: in a single-equation model, the point analytic forecasts, or median forecasts, are located in the column vector $((FORECASTS[0])[0])[][0]$. The variance forecasts (if any) are located in $((FORECASTS[1])[0])[][0]$. Note that a nested array is defined even in the single equation case. Be careful also not to confuse the different ways that correlograms and forecasts are arranged by equation! This just reflects the way the calculations are organized in each case.

DATA_SET and DATA_NAMES contain the data matrix and column headings, augmented by any new series retrieved from the run, such as residuals, conditional variances, and simulations.

To access retrieved series, use the `LocVar()` function in conjunction with the following name patterns. In each case, $[j]$ represents a counter, by default 1,2,3,..., which is incremented at each call of `Run_Estimation()`. This number can be initialized by setting `RUN_ID` at the start of your program. $[i]$ must be replaced by a number between 1 and $M - 1$, denoting the regime. Successive simulations retrieved following `Run [j]` are labelled by $[k] = 1,2,3,\dots$ (Do not include the $[]$ in any of these identifiers.)

<code>Residuals[j]</code>	.	Residuals.
<code>VarAdjResids[j]</code>	.	Residuals divided by Conditional SDs.
<code>ConditionalVars[j]</code>	.	Conditional Variances.
<code>Rg[i]_FilProbs[j]</code>	.	Filter probabilities for Regime i .
<code>Rg[i]_SwProbs[j]</code>	.	Explained switch probabilities for Regime i .
<code>SmTrWeights[j]</code>	.	Smooth Transition Weights (G_i).
<code>Simulation[j]_[k]</code>	.	Simulation.

For example, the `Ox` statement

```
decl res = DATA_SET [ ][LocVar("Residuals1")];
```

places the retrieved residuals from the first run into the variable `res`.

In multiple equation models, the identifiers receive a suffix of the general form “Eq[m]_[j]” for the series from the m th equation in the system. For example, the residuals from Equation 1 on Run 1 are retrieved by a statement such as

```
decl res1 = DATA_SET [ ][LocVar("ResidualsEq1_1")];
```

Semiparametric Long Memory

The following global variables contain the results of a call to `LogPeriodogramRegression`.

PARAMETERS	(Vector of Real)
STANDARD_ERRORS	(Vector of Real)
TESTS	(Matrix of real)

The number of columns of each of these matrices corresponds to the number of elements of the array `LOGPER_SERIES`. In other words, each column contains the results for a particular variable. `PARAMETERS` contains the estimated values of the parameter d for each variable specified, and `STANDARD_ERRORS` the corresponding asymptotic standard errors, `TESTS` has two rows, each element containing a test statistic, if this has been specified, and otherwise zero. The first row contains the

Davidson and Sibbertsen (2009) bias test statistic. The second row contains the skip-sampling test statistic (currently an undocumented feature under development).

Cointegration Analysis

The following global variables contain the results of the last call to the function `Cointegration_Analysis`, depending on the value assigned to the argument `bMode`. (Note: the “bounding p -value” is the smallest tabulated probability such that the true p -value is known not to exceed it.)

`bMode = 0`: `INTEGRATION_TESTS` ($N \times 4$ matrix of real)

For each of the N variables selected for analysis, where N is the dimension of `COINTEGRATION_VARS`:

Column 0: KPSS statistic

Column 1: KPSS bounding p -value

Column 2: Phillips-Perron statistic

Column 3: Phillips-Perron bounding p -value

`bMode = 1`: `COINTEGRATION_INFOCRITS` ($L \times 3$ matrix of real)

Akaike (col. 0), Schwarz (col. 1) and Hannan_Quinn (col. 2) criteria for each lag length in the cointegrating VAR.

(Check the row dimension L of this matrix before accessing. The maximum is 12 lags. The actual value depends on model dimensions and sample size.)

`bMode = 2`: `COINTEGRATION_RANK_TESTS` ($N \times 4$ or $N \times 6$ matrix of real)

For each possible cointegrating rank from 0 to $N-1$:

Column 0: Maximum eigenvalue test statistic

Column 1: maximum eigenvalue test bounding p -value

Column 2: trace test statistic

Column 3: trace test bounding p -value.

In the case that a drift is specified, (`COINTEGRATION_DRIFT = 1`)

Column 4: chi-squared statistic for tests for significant drift.

Column 5: p -value for test for significant drift.

`bMode > 2`: `COINTEGRATION_BETA` ($N \times R$ or $(N+1) \times R$ matrix of real)

The matrix of cointegrating vectors computed by the Johansen estimator, where R is the value assigned to `COINTEGRATION_RANK`.

If `COINTEGRATION_DRIFT = 0`, the $N+1$ th row contains the estimated intercepts for the cointegrating relations.

In this release, the results of Wald tests and MINIMAL analysis cannot be retrieved. These tests are not performed unless `ACCESS_RESULTS = 0`.

TSM Graphics Reference

Graphics Functions

The following TSM functions creates a graphic or graphics, These are either displayed on the monitor using Gnuplot, or saved as a file in one of a range of bitmap and vector graphic formats.

```
Make_Graphic(const iType, const vPlotCode, const vVarlist,  
             const vFlags, const bExport, const sTitle)
```

Creates a graphic, or graphics. No return value.

`iType` (integer): The category of plot.

- 0: Equation-related series.
- 1: Data series.
- 2: Recursive estimation parameters and statistics.
- 3: Bootstrap frequency distributions.
- 4: Monte Carlo frequency distributions.
- 5: Selected distribution plots from MC experiments.
- 6: Tabulated density plots.
- 7: EDF plots.

`vPlotCode` (vector of integers): The type(s) of plot to be produced for data or equation outputs. If `iType > 1` this argument is ignored; set it to 0.

Case `iType = 0`: Elements drawn from the values shown in Table 3. .

Case `iType = 1`: Elements can be drawn from the following values.

- 0: Series plot.
- 1: Correlogram
- 1: Partial correlogram.
- 2: Spectrum
- 3: Normal QQ plot
- 4: Histogram/Kernel density
- 5: Scatter plot (2 series)
- 6: Bivariate histogram/kernel density (2 series, 3D plot)

Case `iType > 1`: Not used, set to 0.

`vVarlist` The format of this argument depends on the category of plot.

Case `iType = 0`: set to 0 (not used).

Case `iType = 1`: *either* a row k -vector of integers *or* a $3 \times k$ matrix of integers.

The (top) row contains numbers of columns of the data matrix.

The second and third rows, where present, may contain the line style information for plotting: repectively, the colour/monochrome pattern index, and the width index. If these rows are not present, the default sequence of line colours is used, with the default line width.

Case `iType > 1`: a row k -vector of integers.

These contains the locations of distributions relating to

parameter estimates and statistics. Export the outputs as a spreadsheet to determine their location.

`vFlags`

The definition of this argument depends on the type of plot.

Case `iType = 0`: a 1×2 row vector of integers.

This argument controls the plotting of output for multiple equation models.

`vFlags[0]`:

i, to plot *i*th equation output only.

-1, all if equation outputs to be plotted, as multiple graphs in the same frame.

-2, if all equation outputs to be plotted in a single graph.

`vFlags[1]`:

0 unless the model is an ECM or VECM.

i, to plot *i*th equilibrium relation.

-1, if equilibrium relations to be plotted as multiple graphs in the same frame.

-2, if equilibrium relations to be plotted in a single graph.

Case `iType = 1`: a 1×7 row vector of Boolean.

`vFlags[0]`: 1 = detrend the data series by regression

`vFlags[1]`: 1 = difference the data series

`vFlags[2]`: 1 = centre the data series

`vFlags[3]`: 1 = standardize the data series

`vFlags[4]`: 1 = multiple series plot

`vFlags[5]`: 1 = use right-hand scale for last series

`vFlags[6]`: 1 = draw confidence bands from supplied SEs.

Case `iType = 5`: Boolean, Default = FALSE.

TRUE Display the selected kernel density plots (if more than one) in a single graph.

FALSE Display the selected kernel density plots as separate graphs in in a single frame.

Cases `iType = 2,3,4,6,7`: Not used, set to 0.

`bExport` (Integer) Default = FALSE.

TRUE Create graphics file with specified format.

FALSE Display plot on the monitor, with Gnuplot.

`sTitle` (String) Default = " ";

A title for the graphic, replaces the default title if `GRAPH_EDITITLE` is set to TRUE. For no title, set to the default empty string.

`Nonparametric_Regression` (const Series, const Regressor, const iBand, const bScatter)

Plots the Nadaraya –Watson bivariate regression curve. No return value.

`Series` (String): Name of the dependent variable, *or* (Integer) Column number of the series.

`Regressor` (String): Name of the regressor variable, *or* (Integer) Column number of the regressor.

iBand (Integer): Default = 8.

Bandwidth for Gaussian smoothing kernel – minimum value 1, maximum value 26. (Choose desired setting by inspection).

bScatter (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Show scatter plot,

FALSE Otherwise.

- 0 Actual and fitted values, time plot.
- 1 Actual and fitted values, scatter plot.
- 2 Residuals and ex post forecasts, time plot.
- 3 Variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, time plot.
- 4 Conditional variances, time plot.
- 5 Residual correlogram.
6. Variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, correlogram.
7. Residuals, spectrum.
8. Variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, spectrum.
9. Absolute residuals, correlogram.
10. Absolute variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, correlogram.
11. Absolute residuals, spectrum.
12. Absolute variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, spectrum.
13. Residuals, histogram and/or kernel density.
14. Absolute variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, histogram.
- 15 Residuals, normal QQ plot.
- 16 Absolute variance-adjusted/generalized residuals, normal QQ plot.
- 20 Forecasts and confidence bands, time plot.
21. Conditional variance forecasts, time plot.
22. Monte Carlo forecast, frequency plot for selected period.
23. Monte Carlo conditional variance forecast, frequency plot for selected period.
- 24 Impulse responses (MA coefficients).
- 25 Conditional variance impulse responses (GARCH models).
- 30 Equilibrium relation, time plot.
31. Equilibrium relation, correlogram.
- 32 Equilibrium relation, spectrum.
- 33 Equilibrium relation, histogram.
- 34 Equilibrium relation, normal QQ plot.
- 40 Markov-switching filter probabilities, time plot.
- 41 Markov-switching smoothed probabilities, time plot.
- 42 Explained switching probabilities, time plot.
43. Smooth transition regime weights, time plot.
50. Composite equation plot: actual/fitted time plot and scatter, residual time plot and residual histogram.
51. Criterion plot (2D or 3D).
52. Stochastic simulation, time plot.

Table 3. Codes for Equation Plots

Graphics Options

EXTD_ACTFIT (Boolean): default = FALSE.

- TRUE Include actual/fitted scatter and residual histogram in composite equation plot.
- FALSE Show only actual/fitted and residual time plots in composite equation plot.

DENSITY_BANDWIDTH (Integer > 0): default = 13;

Controls the smoothing of kernel density estimates. 1 gives the minimum smoothing, 50 the maximum. Experiment with this setting to get the plot desired.

FILL_PVLOTS (Boolean): default = FALSE.

- TRUE Use the “fill” style to display probability and conditional variance plots
- FALSE Otherwise.

START_PLTSAMPLE (Integer): default = 0, read as 1.

First observation for series plots. 0 is read as 1.

END_PLTSAMPLE (Integer) default = 0, read as the last observation available.

Last observation to be used for series plots.

CONFBAND_STYLE (Integer) default = FAN.

Confidence interval style for forecasts and recursions.

- NOCB No confidence interval shown.
- CBN Confidence bands.
- CBR Confidence bars
- FAN Fan chart.

DATES_IN_PLOTS (Integer) default = 0.

Style for time axis labelling in series plots

- DLB Date labels, if supplied in the data file, otherwise the natural numbers..
- DY YY.
- DYY YYYY
- DMY MM/YY
- DMYY MM/YYYY
- DDMY DD/MM/YY
- DYMD YY-MM-DD

GRAPH_CDF (Boolean): default = FALSE;

- TRUE Graph the CDF when displaying histogram/kernel density.
- FALSE Otherwise.

GRAPH_DENS (Boolean): default = FALSE;

- TRUE Graph the kernel density when displaying histogram/kernel density.
- FALSE Otherwise.

GRAPH_EDITITLE (Boolean): default = FALSE;

- TRUE Use the string appearing as argument `sTitle` in the `Make_Graphic` function as the graph title. If this string is empty, no title appears.
- FALSE Let the program set the default graph title.

GRAPH_HIST (Boolean): default = TRUE;

- TRUE Graph the histogram when displaying histogram/kernel density.
- FALSE Otherwise.

GRAPH_FONT (Integer) default = GFA.

Font for titles, legends and axis labelling of graphics (exported graphics files only).

- GFA Arial.
- GFT Times.
- GFC Courier
- GFH Helvetia.

GRAPH_FONTSIZE (Integer) default = 12.

Font size in points for titles, legends and axis labelling of graphics.

GRAPH_NORM (Boolean): default = TRUE;

- TRUE Graph the normal curve with matching moments when displaying histogram/kernel density.
- FALSE Otherwise.

GRAY_BKGRND (Boolean): default = FALSE;

- TRUE Graphs have a gray background.
- FALSE Graphs have a white background..

LEGEND_BOX (Boolean): default = FALSE;

- TRUE Enclose the legend in a box.
- FALSE Otherwise.

LEGEND_POS (Integer) default = LTL.

Legend position in the graph.

- LTL Top left.
- LTR Top right.
- LBL Bottom left
- LBR Bottom right.
- NOL No legend

LINE_STYLES (5×11 matrix of integer).

The columns define the plotting styles for eight lines (used in sequence to plot series on the same graph), two scatter plots (sample and forecast period data points respectively), and the fan chart for forecasts.

Row 1 indexes colours

Row 2 indexes line styles for monochrome plots

Row 3 indexes symbol types

Row 4 indexes symbol sizes (1 = smallest)

Row 5 indexes line widths (1 = narrowest)

The codes for rows 1-3 are listed in Table 4

MCFORECAST_DENSITY (Integer) Default = 1.

In a Monte Carlo forecast, the forecast period for which the kernel density /histogram of the distribution of simulations is to be plotted. (See options 22 and 23 in Table 3.)

MONO_GRAPHs (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Draw monochrome graphs using the line styles in Table 4.
 FALSE Draw colour graphs using the line colours in Table 4.

NO_ZEROAXES (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Omit zero axes in series plots.
 FALSE Include zero axes (grey broken lines) in series plots.

	Code	Default column
<i>Colours:</i>		
Red	2	1
Brown	7	2
Mauve	5	3
Light green	3	4
Blue	4	5, 9, 11
Olive	12	6, 10
Dark Blue	6	7
Blue-green	8	8
Purple	13	-
Yellow	16	-
Dark green	11	-
Black	1	-
Dark gray	10	-
Light gray	14	-
Band Fill	17	-
<i>Monochrome Styles</i>		
Solid	1	1, 6
Dot	5	2, 7
Dash	3	3, 8
Dot-dash	4	4
Dot-dot-dash	6	5
<i>Symbol Styles</i>		
No symbol	5	-
Triangle	8	1, 10
Square	1	2, 9
Diamond	9	3
Circle	4	4
Cross	11	5
Plus	2	6
Star	3	7
Filled triangle	8	8
Filled square	0	-
Filled diamond	10	-
Filled circle	6	-
Fill	12	-

Table 4: Line and Symbol Style Codes.

OUTPUT_GRAPHICS (Integer): Default = PNG

Format of exported graphics files – see the user’s manual Section 8.1 for details.

PNG PNG (bitmap) file.
GIF GIF (bitmap) file.
EPS EPS (vector graphics) file.
FIG FIG (vector graphics) file.
TEX TEX (vector graphics) file.

PLOT_FEATURES (Integer): Default = PLL

Style for plotting time series

PLL Lines connecting points.
PLS Symbols marking points.
PLLS Lines and symbols.

PNGCOLS (Integer): Default = 640.

Number of horizontal pixels (columns) in bitmap files.

PNGROWS (Integer): Default = 480.

Number of vertical pixels (rows) in bitmap files.

PREFORCST_RUN (Integer): Default = 50.

Number of observed pre-forecast data points to be included in a forecast plot.

SCATTER_REGS (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE Include the Y-on-X and X-on-Y regression lines (displayed as grey broken lines) in a scatter plot
FALSE Otherwise.

SCATTER_RGB (Boolean): Default = TRUE.

TRUE Use the RGB-style for a scatter plot, so that the plotted points are colour coded for their position in the sample; red = earliest, blue = latest.
FALSE Otherwise.

SET_GRACORRDER (Boolean): Default = FALSE.

TRUE Use the setting of SUMMSTAT_CORRELS to control the order of plotted correlograms and partial correlograms.
FALSE Use the default (sample size/2) for correlogram orders.

GUI Commands

The following commands control aspects of the GUI. They can be set in a text input function in the GUI run file, used as described in Appendix E

ASSIGNED_BUTTON1	CONDOR_EXECUTABLE	END_EDTSAMPLE
ASSIGNED_BUTTON2	CONDOR_OUTPUT	END_MATSAMPLE
ASSIGNED_BUTTON3	CRITPLOT_TYPE	ERROR_RECOVERY
ASSIGNED_BUTTON4	DATA_FOLDER	GRAPH_AUTOSAVE
ASSIGNED_BUTTON5	DEGFREE_1	HOME_FOLDER
ASSIGNED_BUTTON6	DEGFREE_2	KEEP_WINDOW
BATCH_FOLDER	DELETE_TEMPFILES	LAGPAD_ZEROS
BOOTSTRAP_ONCE	DRAG_SELECT	LKUP_DISTRIB
CONDOR_ENABLED	EDF_FOLDER	LOCAL_GNUPLOT
CONDOR_EXECPATH	ENABLE_NONLIN	MATRIX_FILE

MATRIX_FOLDER	MODEL_GENERIC	SHARE_OPTPOS
MAX_ARGCH_ORDER	MODEL_PRCOMMENT	SHOW_FORECASTS
MAX_AR_ORDER	MODEL_SAVEDAT	SHOW_TOOLTIPS
MAX_FUNCTION_PARS	MODEL_SAVERES	SKIP_OUTPUTS
MAX_MA_ORDER	MULTIPLE_DATASETS	START_EDTSAMPLE
MAX_TOTAL_ORDER	OMIT_DATADESCR	START_MATSAMPLE
MC_BATCH	OUTPUT_FILE	STORED_MATRIX
MC_ESTMOD	RESTORE_DIALOGS	SYSTEM_GRAPHS
MC_PARALLEL	RESULTS_FOLDER	TEXT_SIZE
MC_SAVEEDF	RETRIEVE_ONCE	USERCODE_FILE
MC_SIMMOD	SAVE_CURRDATA	USERCODE_FOLDER
MC_WRITEMODELS	SAVE_DIALPOS	WINBG_COLOR
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