WEIGHTED Dickey-Fuller Processes for Detecting Stationarity

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ABSTRACT. Aiming at monitoring a time series to detect stationarity as soon as possible, we introduce monitoring procedures based on kernel-weighted sequential Dickey-Fuller (DF) processes, and related stopping times, which may be called weighted Dickey-Fuller control charts. Under rather weak assumptions, (functional) central limit theorems are established under the unit root null hypothesis and local-to-unity alternatives. For general dependent and heterogeneous innovation sequences the limit processes depend on a nuisance parameter. In this case of practical interest, one can use estimated control limits obtained from the estimated asymptotic law. Another easy-to-use approach is to transform the DF processes to obtain limit laws which are invariant with respect to the nuisance parameter. We provide asymptotic theory for both approaches and compare their statistical behavior in finite samples by simulation.

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Analyzing whether a time series is stationary or is a non-stationary random walk (unit root process) in the sense that the first order differences form a stationary series is an important issue in time series analysis, particularly in econometrics. Often the task is to test the unit root null hypothesis against the alternative of stationarity at a pre-specified \( \alpha \) level, which ensures that a decision in favor of stationarity is statistically significant. For instance, the equilibrium analysis of macroeconomic variables as established by Granger (1981) and Engle and Granger (1987) defines an equilibrium of two random walks as the existence of stationary linear combination. When analyzing equilibrium errors of a cointegration relationship, rejection of the null hypothesis in favor of stationarity means that the decision to believe in a valid equilibrium is statistically justified at the pre-specified \( \alpha \) level. For an approach where CUSUM based residual tests are employed to test the null hypothesis of cointegration, we refer to Xiao and Phillips (2002). Their test uses residuals calculated from the full sample. In the present article we study sequential monitoring procedures which aim at monitoring a time series until a time horizon \( T \) to detect stationarity as soon as possible.

The question whether a time series is stationary or a random walk is also of considerable importance to choose a valid method when analyzing the series to detect trends. Such procedures usually assume stationarity, see Steland (2004, 2005a), Pawlak et al. (2004), Husková (1999), Husková and Slabý (2001), Ferger (1993, 1995), among others. As shown in Steland (2005b), when using Nadaraya-Watson type smoothers to detect drifts the limiting distributions for the random walk case differ substantially from the case of a stationary time series.

To detect changes in a process or a misspecified model, a common approach originating in statistical quality control is to formulate an in-control model (null hypothesis) and an out-of-control model (alternative), and to apply appropriate control charts resp. stopping times. Given a time series \( Y_1, Y_2, \ldots \) a monitoring procedure with time horizon (maximum
sample size) \( T \) is given by a stopping time \( S^*_T = \inf \{1 \leq t \leq T : U_t \in A \} \) using the convention \( \inf \emptyset = \infty \), where \( U_t \), called control statistic, is a \( \sigma(Y_1, \ldots, Y_t) \)-measurable \( \mathbb{R} \)-valued statistic sensitive for the alternatives of interest, and \( A \subset \mathbb{R} \) is a measurable set such that \( \{U_t \in A\} \) has small probability under the null model and high probability under the alternative of interest. In most cases \( A \) is of the form \((-\infty, c)\) or \((c, \infty)\) for some given control limit (critical value) \( c \). To design monitoring procedures, the standard approach is to choose the control limit to ensure that the average run length (ARL), \( \text{ARL} = E(S^*_T) \), is greater or equal to some pre-specified value. However, controlling the significance level is also a serious concern. The results presented in this article can be used to control any characteristic of interest, although we will focus on the type I error in the sequel.

The (weighted) Dickey-Fuller control chart studied in this article is essentially based on a sequential version of the well-known Dickey-Fuller (DF) unit root test, which is motivated by least squares. Due to its power properties this test is very popular, although it is known that its statistical properties strongly depend on a correct specification of the correlation structure of the innovation sequence. The DF test and its asymptotic properties, particularly its non-standard limit distribution have been studied by White (1958), Fuller (1976), Rao (1978, 1980), Dickey and Fuller (1979), and Evans and Savin (1981), Chan and Wei (1987, 1988), Phillips (1987), among others. We will generalize some of these results. To ensure quicker detection in case of a change to stationarity, we modify the DF statistic by introducing kernel weights to attach small weights to summands corresponding to past observations. We provide the asymptotic theory for the related Dickey-Fuller (DF type) processes and stopping times, also covering local-to-unity alternatives.

For correlated error terms the asymptotic distribution of the DF test statistic, and hence the control limit of a monitoring procedure, depends on a nuisance parameter, which can be estimated by Newey-West type estimators. We consider two approaches to deal with that problem. Firstly, based on a consistent estimate of the nuisance parameter one may take the asymptotic control limit corresponding to the estimated value. Secondly, following Phillips (1987) one may consider appropriate transformations of the processes possessing
limit distributions which no longer dependent on the nuisance parameter. A nonparametric approach called KPSS test which avoids this problem, at least for I(1) processes, has been proposed by Kwiatkowski et al. (1992). That unit root test has better type I error accuracy, but tends to be less powerful. Monitoring procedures related to this approach and their merits have been studied in detail in Steland (2006).

The organisation of the paper is as follows. In Section 1 we explain and motivate carefully our assumptions on the time series model, and present the class of Dickey-Fuller type processes and related stopping times. The asymptotic distribution theory under the null hypothesis of a random walk is provided in Section 2. Section 3 studies local-to-unity asymptotics, where the asymptotic distribution is driven by an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process instead of the Brownian motion appearing in the unit root case. Finally, in Section 4 we compare the methods by simulations.

1. MODEL, ASSUMPTIONS, AND Dickey-Fuller TYPE PROCESSES AND CONTROL CHARTS

1.1. Time series model. Our results work under quite general nonparametric assumptions allowing for dependencies and conditional heteroskedasticity (GARCH effects), thus providing a nonparametric view on the parametrically motivated approach. To motivate our assumptions, let us consider the following common time series model, which is often used in applications. Suppose at this end that \{Y_t\} is an AR(p) time series, i.e.,

\[ Y_t = \alpha_1 Y_{t-1} + \cdots + \alpha_p Y_{t-p} + u_t, \]

for starting values \(Y_{-p}, \ldots, Y_{-1}\), where \(\{u_t\}\) are i.i.d. error terms (innovations) with \(E(u_t) = 0\) and \(\sigma_u^2 = \text{Var}(u_t), 0 < \sigma_u^2 < \infty\). Assume the characteristic polynomial

\[ p(z) = 1 - \alpha_1 z - \cdots - \alpha_p z^p, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \]

has a unit root, i.e., \(p(1) = 0\), of multiplicity 1, and all other roots are outside the unit circle, i.e., \(p(z) = 0\) implies \(|z| > 1\). Then \(p(z) = p^*(z)(1 - z)\) for some polynomial \(p^*(z)\) with has no roots in the unit circle implying that \(1/p^*(z)\) exists for all \(|z| \leq 1\). We obtain
\[ p(L) = p^*(L) \Delta Y_t = \epsilon_t, \] where \( L \) denotes the lag operator. Since \( p^*(L) \) can be inverted, we have the representation

\[ Y_t = Y_{t-1} + \sum_{j \geq 0} \beta_j u_{t-j}, \]

for coefficients \( \{\beta_j\} \). This means, \( \{Y_t\} \) satisfies an AR(1) model with correlated errors. For the calculation of \( \beta_j \) we refer to Brockwell and Davis (1991, Sec. 3.3.) In particular, to analyze an AR(\( p \)) series for a unit root, one can work with an AR(1) model with correlated errors.

The representation (1) motivates the following time series framework which will be assumed in the sequel. Suppose we are given an univariate time series \( \{Y_t: t = 0, 1, \ldots\} \) satisfying

\[ Y_t = \rho Y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad t \geq 1, \quad Y_0 = 0, \]

where \( \rho \in (-1, 1] \) is a fixed but unknown parameter. Concerning the error terms \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) we impose the following assumptions.

(E1) \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) is a strictly stationary series with mean zero and \( E|\epsilon_1|^4 < \infty \) with the following properties: We have

\[ \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \text{Cov}(\epsilon_1^2, \epsilon_{1+t}^2) < \infty, \]

and both \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) and \( \{\epsilon_t^2\} \) satisfy a functional central limit theorem, i.e.,

\[ T^{-1/2} \sum_{i \leq \lfloor Ts \rfloor} \epsilon_i \Rightarrow \eta B(s), \]

and

\[ T^{-1/2} \sum_{i \leq \lfloor Ts \rfloor} (\epsilon_i^2 - E\epsilon_i^2) \Rightarrow \eta' B^{(2)}(s), \]

as \( T \to \infty \), for constants \( 0 < \eta, \eta' < \infty \). Here \( B \) and \( B^{(2)} \) denote (standard) Brownian motions (Wiener processes) with start in 0.
(E2) \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) is a strong mixing strictly stationary times series with \( \mathbb{E}|\epsilon_1|^{4(1+\delta)} < \infty \) for some \( \delta > 0 \), and with mixing coefficients, \( \alpha(k) \), satisfying

\[
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+1)^\delta \alpha(k)^{\delta/(2+3\delta)} < \infty.
\]

In assumption (E1) and the rest of the paper \( \Rightarrow \) denotes weak convergence in the space \( D[0,1] \) of all cadlag functions equipped with the Skorokhod metric \( d \).

**Remark 1.1.** The assumption that \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) satisfies an invariance principle can be regarded as a nonparametric definition of the \( I(0) \) property ensuring that the partial sums converge weakly to a (scaled) Brownian motion \( B \). For a parametrically oriented definition see Stock (1994). Particularly, the scale parameter \( \eta \) is given by

\[
\eta^2 = \lim_{T \to \infty} \eta^2_T, \quad \eta^2_T = \sigma^2 + 2 \sum_{t=1}^{T} (T-t)T^{-1}E(\epsilon_1\epsilon_{1+t})
\]

Also introduce the notations

\[
\vartheta^2_T = \frac{\eta^2_T}{\sigma^2}, \quad \vartheta = \lim_{T \to \infty} \vartheta_T.
\]

If the \( \epsilon_t \) are uncorrelated, we have \( \eta^2_T = \sigma^2 \), and \( \vartheta^2_T = 1 \).

As a non-trivial example for processes satisfying (E1) let us consider ARCH processes.

**Example 1.1.** A time series \( \{X_t\} \) satisfies ARCH(\( \infty \)) equations, if there exists a sequence of i.i.d. non-negative random variables, \( \{\xi_t\} \), such that

\[
X_t = \rho_t\xi_t, \quad \rho_t = a + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j X_{t-j}
\]

where \( a \geq 0, b_j \geq 0, j = 1,2,\ldots \). This model is often applied to model conditional heteroscedasticity of an uncorrelated sequence \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) with \( \mathbb{E}\epsilon_t = 0 \) for all \( t \), by putting \( X_t = \epsilon_t^2 \). A common choice for \( \xi_t \) is to assume that the \( \xi_t \) are i.i.d. with common standard normal distribution. In Giraitis et al. (2003) it has been shown that an unique and strictly
stationary solution exists and satisfies $\sum_k \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{1+k}) < \infty$, if
\[
(E\xi_1^2)^{1/2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j < 1.
\]
In addition, under these conditions the functional central limit theorem (4) holds. The rate of decay of the coefficients $b_j$ controls the asymptotic behavior of $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_{1+k})$. If for some $\gamma > 1$ and $c > 0$ we have $b_j \leq cj^{-\gamma}$, $j = 1, 2, \ldots$, then there exists $C > 0$ such that $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_{1+k}) \leq C k^{-\gamma}$ for $k \geq 1$. Thus, depending on the rate of decay (E2) may also holds.

Remark 1.2. Assumption (E2) will be used to verify a tightness criterion. Combined with appropriate moment conditions it implies the invariance principles (3) and (4).

1.2. Dickey-Fuller processes. We will now introduce the class of Dickey-Fuller processes and related detection procedures. Recall that the least squares estimator of the parameter $\rho$ in model (2) is given by
\[
\hat{\rho}_T = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t-1}Y_t}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t-1}^2}.
\]
To test the null hypothesis $H_0: \rho = 1$, one forms the Dickey-Fuller (DF) test statistic
\[
D_T = T(\hat{\rho}_T - 1) = \frac{T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t-1}(Y_t - Y_{t-1})}{T^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t-1}^2}.
\]
Suppose at this point that the $\epsilon_t$ are uncorrelated. Provided $|\rho| < 1$, \( \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t-1}^2 \right\}^{1/2} (\hat{\rho}_T - 1) \overset{d}{\to} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \), as $T \to \infty$. However, $\hat{\rho}_T$ has a different convergence rate and a non-normal limit distribution, if $\rho = 1$. It is known that
\[
D_T \overset{d}{\to} \mathcal{D}_1 = (1/2)(B(1)^2 - 1) / \int_0^1 B(r)^2 dr,
\] as $T \to \infty$, see White (1958), Fuller (1976), Rao (1978, 1980), Dickey and Fuller (1979), and Evans and Savin (1981). Recall that $B$ denotes standard Brownian motion. Based on that result one can construct a statistical level $\alpha$ test, which rejects the null hypothesis $H_0 : \rho = 1$ of a unit root against the alternative $H_1 : \rho < 1$ if $D_T < c$, where the critical value $c$ is the $\alpha$-quantile of the distribution of $\mathcal{D}_1$. More generally, we want to
construct a detection rule which provides a signal if there is some change-point $q$ such that $Y_1, \ldots, Y_{q-1}$ form a random walk (unit root process), and $Y_q, \ldots, Y_T$ form an AR(1) with dependent innovations. This means, the alternative hypothesis is $H_1 = \cup_{1 \leq q \leq T} H_1^{(q)}$, where $H_1^{(q)}$, $1 \leq q \leq T$, specifies that

$$Y_t = \begin{cases} Y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, & 1 \leq t < q, \\ \rho Y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, & q \leq t \leq T, \end{cases}$$

where $\rho \in (-1, 1)$. However, for the calculation of the detection rule to be introduced now knowledge of a specific alternative hypothesis is not required.

A naive approach to monitor a time series to check for deviations from the unit root hypothesis is to apply the DF statistic at each time point using the most recent observations. A more sophisticated version of this idea is to modify the DF statistic to ensure that summands in the numerator have small weight if their time distance to the current time point is large. To define such a detection rule, let us introduce the following sequential kernel-weighted Dickey-Fuller (DF) process

$$D_T(s) = \frac{[Ts]^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1} \Delta Y_t K(\langle \lfloor Ts \rfloor - t \rangle / h)}{[Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2}, \quad s \in [0, 1],$$

where $\Delta Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1}$. Here and in the following we put $0/0 = 0$ for convenience. Note that $\lfloor Ts \rfloor$ plays the role of the current time point. The non-negative smoothing kernel $K$ is used to attach smaller weights to summands from the distant past to avoid that such summands dominate the sum. Thus, kernels ensuring that $z \mapsto K(|z|)$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$, is decreasing are appropriate, but that property is not required. We do not use kernel weights in the denominator, since it is used to estimate a nuisance parameter. We will require the following regularity conditions for $K : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}_0^+$.

1. $(K1) \|K\|_\infty < \infty$, $\int K(z)dz = 1$ and $\int zK(z)dz = 0$.
2. $(K2) K$ is $C^2$ with bounded derivative.
3. $(K3) K$ has bounded variation.

Note that it is not required to use a kernel with compact support.
The parameter \( h = h_T \) is used as a scaling constant in the kernel and defines the memory of the procedure. For instance, if \( K(z) > 0 \) if \( z \in [-1, 1] \) and \( K(z) = 0 \) otherwise, the process \( U_T \) looks back \( h \) observations. We will assume that

\[
T/h_T \rightarrow \zeta, \quad T \rightarrow \infty,
\]

for some \( 1 \leq \zeta < \infty \). That condition ensures that the number of observations used by \( D_T \) gets larger as \( T \) increases. Note that the parameter \( \zeta \), which will also appear in the limit distributions, could be absorbed into the kernel \( K \). However, in practice one usually fixes a kernel \( K \) and chooses a bandwidth \( h \) relative to the time horizon \( T \). (8) is therefore not restrictive.

1.3. Dickey-Fuller type control charts. Since small values of \( D_T(s) \) provide evidence for the alternative that the time series is stationary, intuition suggests that the control chart should give a signal if \( D_T \) is smaller than a specified control limit \( c \). Hence, we define

\[
S_T = S_T(c) = \inf \{k \leq t \leq T : D_T(t/T) < c\}, \quad \inf \emptyset = \infty.
\]

We will assume that the start of monitoring, \( k \), is given by

\[
k = \lfloor T \kappa \rfloor, \quad \text{for some } \kappa \in (0, 1).
\]

A reasonable approach to choose \( c \) is to control the type I error rate \( \alpha \in (0, 1) \), i.e., to ensure that

\[
\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} P_0(S_T(c) \leq T) = \alpha,
\]

where \( P_0 \) indicates that the probability is calculated assuming that \( \{Y_t\} \) is a random walk corresponding to the null hypothesis \( H_0 : \rho = 1 \).

1.4. DF control chart with estimated control limit. In the next section we will show that \( D_T \) converges weakly to some stochastic process \( D_\theta \) depending on the nuisance parameter

\[
\theta = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \theta_T = \eta/\sigma,
\]
and that $S_T/T$ converges in distribution to $\inf\{ s \in [\kappa, 1] : D_\vartheta(s) < c \}$. Hence, if $c$ is chosen from the asymptotic distribution via (9), $c = c(\vartheta)$ is a function of $\vartheta$. Therefore, the basic idea is to estimate $\vartheta$ at each time point using only past and current data, and to use the corresponding limit.

Our estimator for $\vartheta$ will be based on a Newey-West type estimator, thus circumventing the problem to specify the short memory dynamics of the process explicitly. Let $\gamma(k) = E(\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t+k})$ and denote by $r(k) = \gamma(k)/E(\epsilon_t^2)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the autocorrelation function of the time series $\{\epsilon_t\}$. Since $\epsilon_t = \Delta Y_t$ if $\rho = 1$, we can estimate $\gamma(k)$ and $r(k)$ under the null hypothesis by

$$ \hat{r}_t(k) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_t(k)}{\hat{\sigma}_t^2}, \quad \hat{\gamma}_t(k) = t^{-1} \sum_{s=k}^{t-1} \Delta Y_s \Delta Y_{s-k}, \quad \hat{\sigma}_t^2 = t^{-1} \sum_{s=1}^{t} \Delta Y_s^2. $$

The parameter $\vartheta^2$ can now be estimated by the Newey-West estimator given by

$$ \hat{\vartheta}_t^2 = \frac{\hat{\eta}_t^2}{\hat{\sigma}_t^2}, \quad \hat{\eta}_t^2 = \hat{\sigma}_t^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{m} w(m, i) \hat{\gamma}_t^2(i), $$

where $w(m, i) = (m - i)/m$ are the Bartlett weights and $m$ is a lag truncation parameter, see Newey and West (1987). Andrews (1991) studies more general weighting functions and shows that the rate $m = o(T^{1/2})$ is sufficient for consistency.

The Dickey-Fuller control chart for correlated time series works now as follows. At each time point $t$ we estimate $\vartheta$ by $\hat{\vartheta}_t$ and calculate the corresponding estimated control limit $c(\hat{\vartheta}_t)$. A signal is given if $D_T$ is less than the estimated control limit, i.e., we use the rule

$$ \hat{S}_T = \inf\{ k \leq t \leq T : D_T(t/T) < c(\hat{\vartheta}_t) \}. $$

1.5. **DF control chart based on a transformation.** Alternatively, one may use a transformation of $D_T$, namely

$$ E_T(s) = D_T(s) + \frac{\hat{\sigma}_s^2 - \hat{\eta}_s^2}{2[T_s]} \sum_{t=1}^{[T_s]} K([T_s] - t/h) [T_s]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[T_s]} Y_{t-1}^2, \quad s \in (0, 1]. $$

It seems that this transformation idea dates back to Phillips (1987). We will show that for arbitrary $\vartheta$ the process $E_T$ converges weakly to the limit of $D_T$ for $\vartheta = 1$. Consequently,
if $c$ denotes the control limit ensuring that $S_T$ has size $\alpha$ when $\vartheta = 1$, then the detection rule

$$Z_T = \inf\{k \leq t \leq T : E_T(t/T) < c\}$$

has asymptotic size $\alpha$ for any $\vartheta$.

In the next section we shall show that both procedures are asymptotically valid.

1.6. **Extensions to Dickey-Fuller $t$-processes.** Inference on the AR parameter in the unit root case is often based on the $t$-statistic associated with $D_T$, which gives rise to Dickey-Fuller $t$-processes. The Dickey-Fuller $t$-statistic, $t_{DF}$, associated with $D_T = T(\hat{\rho}_T - 1)$, is the standard computer output quantity when running a regression of $Y_t$ on $Y_{t-1}$. For a sample $Y_1, \ldots, Y_T$, the statistic $t_{DF}$ is defined as

$$t_{DF} = (\hat{\rho}_T - 1)/\hat{\xi}_T = T(\hat{\rho}_T - 1)/(T\hat{\xi}_T)$$

where

$$\hat{\xi}_T = \left\{s_T^2 / \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t-1}^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

with $s_T^2 = (T-1)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} (Y_t - \hat{\rho}_TY_{t-1})^2$.

The formula for $t_{DF}$ motivates to scale $D_T$ analogously. Hence, let us define the weighted $t$-type DF process by

$$(13) \quad \tilde{D}_T(s) = D_T(s)/([Ts] \hat{\xi}_{[Ts]}), \quad s \in (0,1],$$

and $\tilde{D}_T(0) = 0$. $\tilde{D}_T(s)$ is a weighted version of $t_{DF}$ calculated using the observations $Y_1, \ldots, Y_{[Ts]}$, and attaching kernel weights $K([Ts] - t)/h$ to the $t$th summand in the numerator. The associated detection rule for known $\vartheta$ is defined as

$$\tilde{S}_T = \tilde{S}_T(c) = \inf\{k \leq t \leq T : \tilde{D}_T(t/T) < c(\vartheta)\}$$

with $c(\vartheta)$ such that $\lim_{T \to \infty} P_0(\tilde{S}_T(c(\vartheta)) \leq T) = \alpha$. 

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Again, it turns out that the asymptotic limit of $\tilde{D}_T$ depends on the nuisance parameter $\vartheta$. The weighted $t$-type DF control chart with estimated control limits is defined as

$$\tilde{S}_T = \inf\{k \leq t \leq T : \tilde{D}_T(k/T) < c(\hat{\vartheta}_t)\}.$$ 

Alternatively, one can transform the process to achieve that the asymptotic limit is invariant with respect to $\vartheta$. We define

$$\tilde{E}_T(s) = \frac{S_{\lfloor T s \rfloor}}{\hat{\eta}_{\lfloor T s \rfloor}} \tilde{D}_T(s) - \frac{\hat{\eta}_{\lfloor T s \rfloor}^2 - \vartheta_{\lfloor T s \rfloor}^2}{2 \lfloor T s \rfloor} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor T s \rfloor} K((\lfloor T s \rfloor - t)/h) \frac{\hat{\eta}_{\lfloor T s \rfloor}}{\sqrt{\lfloor T s \rfloor}} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor T s \rfloor} Y_{t-1}^2,$$ 

where $s \in [0, 1]$. We will show that the detection rule

$$\tilde{Z}_T = \inf\{k \leq t \leq T : \tilde{E}_T(t/T) < c(1)\}$$ 

has asymptotic type I error equal to $\alpha$ for all $\vartheta$.

### 2. Asymptotic results for random walks

In this section we provide functional central limit theorems for the Dickey-Fuller processes defined in the previous section under a random walk model assumption corresponding to the null hypothesis $H_0 : \rho = 1$ in model (2), and the related central limit theorem for the associated stopping rules. These results can be used to design tests and detection procedures having well-defined statistical properties under the null hypothesis.

#### 2.1. Weighted Dickey-Fuller processes

We start with the following functional central limit theorem providing the limit distribution of the weighted DF process $D_T(s)$, $s \in [0, 1]$, which extends Phillips (1987, Th. 3.1 c).

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume the time series $\{Y_t\}$ satisfies model (2) with $\rho = 1$ such that (E1) and (K1)-(K3) hold. Then

$$D_T(s) \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}_\vartheta(s),$$

in $(D[k, 1], d)$,
as $T \to \infty$, where the stochastic process

$$D_\vartheta(s) = \frac{s}{2} \left\{ K(0)B(s)^2 + \zeta \int_0^s B(r)^2 K'(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr - \vartheta^{-2} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr \right\},$$

$s \in (0,1]$, $D_\vartheta(0) = 0$, is continuous w.p. 1.

**Remark 2.1.** Note that the asymptotic limit is distribution-free if and only if $\eta = \sigma$ which holds if the error terms are uncorrelated. Otherwise, the distribution of $D_\vartheta$ depends sensitively on $\vartheta$.

**Proof.** If $\rho = 1$ we have $\epsilon_t = \Delta Y_t$ and $Y_{t-1}\epsilon_t = (1/2)(Y_t^2 - Y_{t-1}^2 - \epsilon_t^2)$ for all $t$. This yields the representation

$$D_T(s) = \frac{\widetilde{V}_T(s) - \widetilde{R}_T(s)}{\widetilde{W}_T(s)}, \quad s \in (0,1],$$

where the $D[0,1]$-valued stochastic processes $\widetilde{V}_T$, $\widetilde{R}_T$, and $\widetilde{W}_T$ are given by

$$\widetilde{V}_T(s) = (2\lfloor Ts \rfloor)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} (Y_t^2 - Y_{t-1}^2)K((\lfloor Ts \rfloor - t)/h),$$

$$\widetilde{R}_T(s) = (2\lfloor Ts \rfloor)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_t^2 K((\lfloor Ts \rfloor - t)/h),$$

$$\widetilde{W}_T(s) = [Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2$$

for $s \in (0,1]$. Let us first show that

$$\sup_{s \in [s,1]} |\widetilde{R}_T(s) - \mu(s)| \to 0,$$

as $T \to \infty$, where

$$\mu(s) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2s} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr, \quad s \in (0,1].$$

Consider

$$|E(\widetilde{R}_T(s)) - \mu(s)| = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \left| \frac{1}{[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} K((\lfloor Ts \rfloor - t)/h) - s^{-1} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr \right|. $$
(8) ensures that \( \sup_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} \max_{i} |([Ts] - i)/h - \zeta(s - i/T)| = o(1) \) yielding

\[
\frac{1}{[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} K\left(\left\lfloor Ts \right\rfloor - t/h\right) = \frac{1}{[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} K\left(\zeta(s - t/T)\right) + o(1)
\]

\[
= s^{-1} \int_{0}^{s} K(\zeta(s - r)) dr + o(1),
\]

uniformly in \( s \in [\kappa, 1] \), because \( K \) is Lipschitz continuous and of bounded variation, cf. Theorem 3.3(ii) of Steland (2004). It remains to estimate \( |\tilde{R}_T(s) - E(\tilde{R}_T(s))| \). The assumptions on \( \{\epsilon_t\} \) ensure that

\[
Z_T(r) = T^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^{[Tr]} (\epsilon_i^2 - E\epsilon_i^2) \Rightarrow \rho B^{(2)}(r)
\]

as \( T \to \infty \), where \( \rho^2 = \text{Var}(\epsilon_1^2) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \text{Cov}(\epsilon_1^2, \epsilon_{i+1}^2) \). Hence, eventually for equivalent versions, we may assume that \( \|Z_T - \rho B^{(2)}\|_\infty \to 0 \) a.s., for \( T \to \infty \). By (K3) the Stieltjes integrals \( \int_{0}^{s} K(\zeta(s - r)) dB^{(2)}(r) \) and \( \int_{0}^{s} K(\zeta(s - r)) dZ_T(r) \) are well defined (via integration by parts), and

\[
\sup_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} \left| \int_{0}^{s} K(\zeta(s - r)) dZ_T(r) - \rho \int_{0}^{s} K(\zeta(s - r)) dB^{(2)}(r) \right| \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0,
\]

as \( T \to \infty \). Obviously,

\[
\sup_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} |\tilde{R}_T(s) - E\tilde{R}_T(s)| = \sup_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} \frac{\sqrt{T}}{[Ts]} \left| \int_{0}^{s} K\left(\left\lfloor Ts \right\rfloor - [Tr]/h\right) dZ_T(r) \right|
\]

\[
\leq \sup_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} \frac{\rho \sqrt{T}}{[Ts]} \left| B^{(2)}(r) K\left([Ts] - [Tr]/h\right) \right|_{r=0}^{r=s} - \int_{0}^{s} B^{(2)}(r) K\left(\left\lfloor Ts \right\rfloor - [Tr]/h\right) dr
\]

\[
+ \sup_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} \frac{\sqrt{T}}{[Ts]} \left| Z_T(r) - \rho B^{(2)}(r) \right| K\left(\left\lfloor Ts \right\rfloor - [Tr]/h\right) \big|_{r=0}^{r=s}
\]

\[
- \int_{0}^{s} \left| Z_T(r) - \rho B^{(2)}(r) \right| K\left(\left\lfloor Ts \right\rfloor - [Tr]/h\right) dr.
\]
Noting that the total variation of the functions \( r \mapsto K([Ts] - [Tr])/h), \) \( s \in [\kappa, 1], T \geq 1, \) is uniformly bounded, the right side of the above display can be estimated by

\[
O\left(\frac{\kappa^{-1}}{\sqrt{T}}\|B(2)\|_\infty\|K\|_\infty\right) + O\left(\frac{\kappa^{-1}}{\sqrt{T}}\|Z_T - \rho B(2)\|_\infty\|K\|_\infty\right) + O\left(\frac{\kappa^{-1}}{\sqrt{T}}\|Z_T - \rho B(2)\|_\infty\int |dK|\right)
\]

\[= O_P(1/\sqrt{T}) = o_P(1).\]

Therefore, (16) holds true. Let us now consider \( \tilde{V}_T. \) We will first show that, up to terms of order \( o_P(1), \) \( \tilde{V}_T \) is a functional of

\[U_T(r) = T^{-1/2}Y_{[Tr]}, \quad r \in [0, 1].\]

Again, under the assumptions of the theorem, \( U_T \) converges weakly to \( \eta B, \) where \( B \) denotes Brownian motion and \( \eta > 0 \) is a constant. For brevity of notation let

\[k_T(r; s) = K(([Ts] - [Tr])/h), \quad r, s \in [0, 1].\]

Integration by parts yields

\[
\tilde{V}_T(s) = \frac{1}{2|Ts|} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} (Y_t^2 - Y_{t-1}^2) K(([Ts] - t)/h)
\]

\[= \frac{T}{2|Ts|} \int_0^s k_T(r; s) d(T^{-1/2}Y_{[Tr]})^2
\]

\[= \frac{T}{2|Ts|} \left( k_T(r; s)U_T^2(r) \bigg|_{r=0}^{r=s} - \int_0^s U_T^2(r) k_T(dr; s) \right)
\]

\[= \frac{K(\zeta(s - r))}{2s} U_T^2(r) \bigg|_{r=0}^{r=s} + \frac{\zeta}{2s} \int_0^s U_T^2(r)K'(\zeta(s - r)) dr + o_P(1)
\]

\[= \frac{\eta^2 K(0)B^2(s)}{2s} + \frac{\zeta}{2s} \int_0^s U_T^2(r)K'(\zeta(s - r)) dr + o_P(1).\]

Due to (K2) the \( o_P(1) \) term is uniform in \( s \in [\kappa, 1]. \) Next note that

\[
\tilde{W}_T(s) = \left(\frac{T}{|Ts|}\right)^2 \int_0^s U_T^2(r) dr.
\]

We are now in a position to verify joint weak convergence of numerator and denominator of \( D_T. \) The Lipschitz continuity of \( K \) ensures that up to terms of order \( o_P(1) \) for all
$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ the linear combination $\lambda_1(\tilde{V}_T(s) - \tilde{R}_T(s)) + \lambda_2\tilde{W}_T(s)$ is a functional of $U_T$, and that functional is continuous. Therefore, the continuous mapping theorem (CMT) entails weak convergence to the stochastic process

$$
\begin{align*}
\lambda_1 & \left[ \frac{\eta^2 K(0)B^2(s)}{2s} + \frac{\eta^2 \zeta}{2s} \int_0^s K'(\zeta(s-r))B^2(r) \, dr - \frac{\sigma^2}{2s} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr \right] \\
& + \lambda_2 \frac{\eta^2}{s^2} \int_0^s B(r)^2 \, dr.
\end{align*}
$$

This verifies joint weak convergence of $(\tilde{V}_T - \tilde{R}_T, \tilde{W}_T)$. Hence, the result follows by the CMT. (K2) also ensures that $D_\vartheta \in C[0,1]$ w.p. 1. \hfill \Box

The central limit theorem (CLT) for the detection procedure $S_T$, which requires knowledge of $\vartheta$, appears as a corollary.

**Corollary 2.1.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 we have for any control limit $c < 0$

$$S_T/T \overset{d}{\rightarrow} \inf \{ s \in [\kappa, 1] : D_\vartheta(s) < c \}$$

as $T \to \infty$, where $D_\vartheta(s)$ is defined in (15).

**Proof.** Observe that by definition of $S_T$

$$S_T > x \Leftrightarrow \inf_{s \in [\kappa, x]} D_T(s) \geq c \Leftrightarrow \sup_{s \in [\kappa, x]} -D_T(s) \leq -c$$

for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence it suffices to show that

$$P( \sup_{s \in [\kappa, x]} -D_T(s) \leq -c ) \to P( \sup_{s \in [\kappa, x]} -D_\vartheta(s) \leq -c ),$$

where $D_\vartheta$ denotes the limit process given in Theorem 2.1. Using the Skorokhod/Dudley/Wichura representation theorem and a result due to Lifshits (1982), this fact can be shown along the lines of the proof of Theorem 4.1 in Steland (2004), if $c < 0$, since $D_\vartheta \in C[0,1]$ a.s. For brevity we omit the details. \hfill \Box

Let us now show consistency of the detection procedure $\hat{S}_T = \inf \{ k \leq t \leq T : D_T(t/T) < c(\hat{\vartheta}_t) \}$, which uses estimated control limits.
Theorem 2.2. Assume (E1) and (E2), (K1)-(K3), and in addition that the lag truncation parameter, \( m \), of the Newey-West estimator satisfies
\[
m = o(T^{1/2}), \quad T \to \infty.
\]
Then the weighted Dickey-Fuller type control chart with estimated control limit, \( \hat{S}_T \), is consistent, i.e.,
\[
P(\hat{S}_T \leq T) \to \alpha,
\]
as \( T \to \infty \).

Proof. Note that the equivalence \( \hat{S}_T > T \iff \inf_{s \in [\kappa,1]} D_T(s)/c(\hat{\vartheta}_{[Ts]}) \geq 1 \) implies
\[
P(\hat{S}_T \leq T) = P \left( \inf_{s \in [\kappa,1]} \frac{D_T(s)}{c(\hat{\vartheta}_{[Ts]})} < 1 \right).
\]
Let us first show that the function \( c \) is continuous. Note that the process \( D_{\vartheta}(s) \) can be written as \( E(s) - \vartheta - 2 F(s) \) for a.s. continuous processes \( E \) and \( F \) not depending on \( \vartheta \), where particularly \( F(0) = 0 \) and
\[
F(s) = (s/2) \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) dr / \int_0^s B^2(r) dr, \quad s \in (0,1].
\]
Let \( \{ \vartheta^*, \vartheta_n : n \geq 1 \} \subset \mathbb{R} \) be a sequence with \( \vartheta_n \to \vartheta^* \), as \( n \to \infty \). Clearly, for each \( \omega \) of the underlying probability space with \( |E(\omega)|, |F(\omega)| < \infty \), we have
\[
D_{\vartheta_n}(\omega) = E(\omega) + \vartheta_n^{-2} F(\omega) \to E(\omega) + (\vartheta^*)^{-2} F(\omega) = D_{\vartheta^*}(\omega),
\]
n \( n \to \infty \). Hence, \( \sup_{s \in [\kappa,1]} D_{\vartheta_n}(s) \xrightarrow{d} \sup_{s \in [\kappa,1]} D_{\vartheta^*}(s) \), as \( n \to \infty \). Since \( \sup_{s \in [\kappa,1]} D_{\vartheta^*}(s) \) has a continuous density, this is equivalent to pointwise convergence of the d.f. \( F_n(z) = P(\sup_{s \in [\kappa,1]} D_{\vartheta_n}(s) \leq z) \) to \( F(z) = P(\sup_{s \in [\kappa,1]} D_{\vartheta^*}(s) \leq z) \), as \( n \to \infty \), for all \( z \in \mathbb{R} \). Hence,
\[
c(\vartheta_n) = F_n^{-1}(\alpha) \to F^{-1}(\alpha) = c(\vartheta^*),
\]
as \( n \to \infty \). Next we show
\[
\hat{\vartheta}_{[Ts]} \Rightarrow \vartheta^*,
\]
as $T \to \infty$, in $D[\kappa,1]$. Since for each $s \in [\kappa,1]$ we have $\widehat{\vartheta}_{[T_s]} \xrightarrow{P} \vartheta$, for $T \to \infty$, finite convergence follows immediately. It remains to verify tightness. Recall the definitions (10) and (11) and that $\Delta Y_t = \epsilon_t$ under $H_0$. Fix $j$ and consider the process $\widehat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(j)$, $s \in [\kappa,1]$, which is a functional of $\{\epsilon_t\}_{t = j, j+1, \ldots}$. Clearly, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and (E1) $E|\epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-j}|^{2+\delta} \leq E|\epsilon_t|^{4+2\delta} < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$. Further, since $\mathcal{F}_{t-\infty} = \sigma(\epsilon_s : s \leq t)$ and $\mathcal{F}_{t+k} = \sigma(\epsilon_s : s \geq t + k)$, the mixing coefficients $\tilde{\alpha}(k)$ of $\{\epsilon_t\}_{t \geq k}$ satisfy

$$
\tilde{\alpha}(k) = \sup_t \sup_{A \in \mathcal{F}_{t-\infty}, B \in \mathcal{F}_{t+k}} |P(A \cap B) - P(A)P(B)| \leq \sup_t \sup_{A \in \mathcal{F}_{t-\infty}, B \in \mathcal{F}_{t+k-j}} |P(A \cap B) - P(A)P(B)| = \alpha(k - j),
$$

where $\{\alpha(k)\}$ are the mixing coefficients of $\{\epsilon_t\}$. Due to (E1) we can apply Yokohama (1980, Th.1) with $r = 2 + 2\delta$ to conclude that for $\kappa \leq r \leq s \leq 1$

$$
E \left| T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=[T_s]+1}^{[T_s]} \epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-j} \right|^{2+2\delta} = O(|s - r|^{1+\delta}).
$$

Now the decomposition

$$
\sqrt{T}(\widehat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(j) - \widehat{\gamma}_{[T_r]}(j)) = \frac{T}{[T_s]} - \frac{T}{[T_r]} \sum_{t=[T_s]+1}^{[T_s]} \epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-j} + \left( \frac{T}{[T_s]} - \frac{T}{[T_r]} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{t=k}^{[T_r]} \epsilon_t\epsilon_{t-j}
$$

and the triangle inequality yield

$$
||\sqrt{T}(\widehat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(j) - \widehat{\gamma}_{[T_r]}(j))||_{2+2\delta} = O(s^{-1}|s - r|^{(1+\delta)/(2+2\delta)}) + O(|1/s - 1/r|^{(1+\delta)/(2+2\delta)}) = O(|s - r|^{(1+\delta)/(2+2\delta)}),
$$

since, firstly, we may assume $0 < \delta < 1$, and, secondly, both $s^{-1}$ and $r^{(-1-\delta)/(2+2\delta)}$ are bounded away from 0 and $\infty$ for $0 \leq r \leq s \leq 1$. Consequently,

$$
E(\sqrt{T}(\widehat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(j) - \widehat{\gamma}_{[T_r]}(j)))^{2+2\delta} = O(|s - r|^{1+\delta}),
$$
and therefore Vaart and Wellner (1986, Ex. 2.2.3) implies tightness of the process \( \{ \sqrt{T} \hat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(j) : s \in [\kappa, 1] \} \) for fixed \( j \geq 0 \). Note that \( \hat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(0) = \sigma^2_{[T_s]} \). By the triangle inequality we have

\[
\| \sqrt{T} (\hat{\eta}_{[T_s]} - \hat{\eta}_{[T_r]}) \|_2^{2+2\delta} \leq 2 \sum_{j=0}^{m} (1 - j/m)^{2+2\delta} \| \hat{\gamma}_{[T_s]}(j) - \hat{\gamma}_{[T_r]}(j) \|_2^{2+2\delta} = O(m |s - r|^{(1+\delta)/(2+\delta)}),
\]

yielding

\[
E |\hat{\eta}_{[T_s]} - \hat{\eta}_{[T_r]}|^{2+2\delta} = O((m/T^{1/2})^{2+2\delta} |s - r|^{1+\delta}).
\]

Hence, \( \{(\hat{\eta}_{[T_s]}, \hat{\sigma}^2_{[T_s]}): s \in [\kappa, 1]\} \) is tight in the product space, which implies weak convergence of \( \{\hat{\theta}_{[T_s]}: s \in [\kappa, 1]\} \) to \( \vartheta \). The final step is to verify

\[
(19) \quad \inf_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} D_T(s)/c(\hat{\theta}_{[T_s]}) \overset{d}{\rightarrow} \inf_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} D_\vartheta(s)/c(\vartheta),
\]

as \( T \to \infty \), since this implies that (17) converges to \( P(\inf_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} D_\vartheta(s) < c(\vartheta)) = \alpha \), as \( T \to \infty \). Due to (18) we can conclude that

\[
(D_T(\cdot), \hat{\theta}_{[T, \cdot]} \Rightarrow (D_\vartheta(\cdot), \vartheta)
\]

in the product space \((D[\kappa, 1], d)^2\). Note that the mapping \( \varphi : (D[\kappa, 1], d)^2 \to (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}) \) given by

\[
\varphi(x, y) = \inf_{s \in [\kappa, 1]} \frac{x(s)}{c(y(s))}, \quad x, y \in D[\kappa, 1], y \in \mathbb{R},
\]

is continuous in all \((x, y) \in (C[\kappa, 1])^2\). Since \( D_\vartheta \in C[0, 1] \) w.p. 1 and \( c \in C(\mathbb{R}) \), (19) follows. \( \square \)

It remains to provide the related weak convergence results for the transformed process \( E_T \) and its natural detection rule \( Z_T = \inf\{k \leq t \leq T : E_T(t/T) < c\} \).

**Theorem 2.3.** Assume (E1),(E2), and (K1)-(K3). Additionally assume that the lag truncation parameter, \( m \), of the Newey-West estimator satisfies

\[
m = o(T^{1/2}), \quad T \to \infty.
\]

Then,

\[
E_T(s) \Rightarrow D_1(s), \quad \text{in } (D[\kappa, 1], d)
\]
as \( T \to \infty \), and for the transformed Dickey-Fuller type control chart we have

\[ Z_T / T \xrightarrow{d} \inf \{ \kappa \leq t \leq 1 : D_1(t) < c \} . \]

as \( T \to \infty \). Particularly, the asymptotic distributions are invariant with respect to \( \vartheta \).

Proof. As shown above,

\[ \hat{\eta}^2_{[T]} \Rightarrow \eta^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2_{[T]} \Rightarrow \sigma^2, \]

as \( T \to \infty \), which implies that

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
D_T(s), [Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2, \hat{\eta}^2_{[Ts]}, \hat{\sigma}^2_{[Ts]}
\end{pmatrix}
\Rightarrow (D_\vartheta(s), \eta^2 / s^2 \int_0^s B^2(r) \, dr, \eta^2, \sigma^2),
\]

if \( T \to \infty \), yielding

\[
D_T(s) + \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2_{[Ts]} - \hat{\eta}^2_{[Ts]}}{2} \frac{1}{[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} K((|Ts| - t)/h)
\frac{|Ts|^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2}
\Rightarrow D_\vartheta(s) + \frac{\sigma^2 - \eta^2}{2 \eta^2} \frac{s^{-1} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s - r)) \, dr}{s^{-2} \int_0^s B^2(r) \, dr} = D_1(s).
\]

\( \Box \)

2.2. Weighted Dickey-Fuller \( t \)-processes. Let us now derive (functional) central limit theorems for the weighted Dickey-Fuller \( t \)-processes and the associated detection rules. We start with the process \( \tilde{D}_T \) under the random walk null hypothesis.

**Theorem 2.4.** Assume (E1), and (K1)-(K3). Then

\[ \tilde{D}_T \Rightarrow \tilde{D}_\vartheta, \quad \text{in} \, (D[\kappa, 1], d) \]

as \( T \to \infty \), where

\[ \tilde{D}_\vartheta(s) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \vartheta K(0) B(s)^2 + \vartheta \zeta \int_0^s B(r)^2 K'(\zeta(s - r)) \, dr - \vartheta^{-1} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s - r)) \, dr \right\} \frac{1}{\left\{ \int_0^s B(r)^2 \, dr \right\}^{1/2}} \]

for \( s \in (0, 1] \) and \( \tilde{D}_\vartheta(0) = 0 \). Here \( \vartheta = \eta / \sigma \). \( \tilde{D}_\vartheta \) is continuous a.s.
Remark 2.2. Note that again the limit depends on the nuisance parameter $\vartheta$ and is distribution-free if and only if $\vartheta = 1$.

Proof. By definition

$$\tilde{D}_T(s) = \frac{D_T(s)}{[Ts]^{\tilde{\xi}_{[Ts]}}}$$

where

$$[Ts]^{\tilde{\xi}_{[Ts]}} = \sqrt{\frac{S_{[Ts]}^2}{[Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_t^2}}$$

with

$$S_{[Ts]}^2 = \frac{1}{[Ts] - 1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \tilde{\epsilon}_t([Ts])^2, \quad \tilde{\epsilon}_t([Ts]) = Y_t - \hat{\rho}_{[Ts]} Y_{t-1},$$

for $s \in (0, 1]$. Note that for $t = 1, \ldots, [Ts]$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_t([Ts]) - \epsilon_t = -(\hat{\rho}_{[Ts]} - 1) Y_{t-1}.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$S_{[Ts]}^2 = \frac{1}{[Ts] - 1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} (\epsilon_t + \{\tilde{\epsilon}_t([Ts]) - \epsilon_t\})^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{[Ts] - 1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_t^2 - (\hat{\rho}_{[Ts]} - 1) \frac{2}{[Ts] - 1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_t - \frac{1}{[Ts] - 1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_t^2.$$

From the proof of Theorem 2.1 we know that

$$\sup_{s \in (0, 1]} |[Ts]^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_{t-1}| = O_P(1)$$

and

$$\sup_{s \in (0, 1]} \left| \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_t Y_{t-1} \right| \leq \sup_{s \in (0, 1]} \left| \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_t \right| \sup_{s \in (0, 1]} \left| \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1} \right| = O_P(1).$$

Combining these facts with $\sup_{s \in (0, 1]} [Ts] |\hat{\rho}_{[Ts]} - 1| = O_P(1)$, we obtain

$$S_{[Ts]}^2 = ([Ts] - 1)^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_t^2 + o_P(1),$$
where the \( o_P(1) \) term is uniform in \( s \in (0, 1] \). Because (E1) implies that
\[
\gamma_2(k) = \text{Cov}(\epsilon_1^2, \epsilon_{1+k}^2) = o(1), \quad |k| \to \infty,
\]
we may apply the law of large numbers for time series (Brockwell and Davis (1991), Th. 7.1.1) and obtain, since stochastic convergence to a constant yields stochastic convergence in the Skorokhod topology,

\( d(S_{[T_0]}, \sigma^2) \overset{P}{\to} 0, \)

as \( T \to \infty \). We shall now show joint weak convergence of \((D_T(s), S_{[T_s]}^2, [Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2)\), \( s \in (0, 1] \). Let \((\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\}\) and consider
\[
\lambda_1 D_T(s) + \lambda_2 S_{[T_s]}^2 + \lambda_3 [Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2, \quad s \in [\kappa, 1].
\]
The proof of Theorem 2.1 implies that
\[
\lambda_1 D_T(s) + \lambda_3 [Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 D_\vartheta(s) + \lambda_3 \eta^2 \frac{s}{s^2} \int_0^s B(r)^2 \, dr,
\]
as \( T \to \infty \). Due to (20), we obtain
\[
\lambda_1 D_T(s) + \lambda_2 S_{[T_s]}^2 + \lambda_3 [Ts]^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{t-1}^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 D_\vartheta(s) + \lambda_2 \sigma^2 + \lambda_3 \eta^2 \frac{s}{s^2} \int_0^s B(r)^2 \, dr,
\]
as \( T \to \infty \). Therefore, the CMT implies that
\[
[Ts] \tilde{\xi}_{[Ts]} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{s^2} \int_0^s B^2(r) \, dr}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{\int_0^s B^2(r) \, dr}}
\]
and
\[
\tilde{D}_T(s) = \frac{D_T(s)}{[Ts] \tilde{\xi}_{[Ts]}} \Rightarrow \frac{D_\vartheta(s) \sqrt{\int_0^s B^2(r) \, dr}}{s} = \tilde{D}_\vartheta(s),
\]
as \( T \to \infty \), yielding the assertion. \( \square \)

We are now in the position to establish consistency of the \( t \)-type detection rule
\[
\tilde{S}_T = \inf \{k \leq t \leq T : \tilde{D}_T(t/T) < c(\vartheta)\},
\]
which uses estimated control limits. Notice that Theorem 2.4 implies that \(c(\vartheta)\) is given by \(P_0(\inf_{s \in [\kappa,1]} \hat{D}_\vartheta(s) < c(\vartheta)) = \alpha\).

**Theorem 2.5.** Assume (E1),(E2), (K1)-(K3), and additionally that the lag truncation parameter of the Newey-West estimator satisfies

\[ m = o(T^{1/2}), \quad T \to \infty. \]

Then the \(t\)-type weighted Dickey-Fuller control chart with estimated control limits, \(\hat{S}_T\), is consistent, i.e.,

\[ P(\hat{S}_T \leq T) \to \alpha, \]

as \(T \to \infty\).

**Proof.** The result is shown along the lines of the proof of Theorem 2.2, since the process \(\tilde{D}_\vartheta\) is continuous w.p. 1, and is a continuous function of \(\vartheta\). \(\Box\)

Finally, for the transformed process \(\tilde{E}_T\) and the associated control chart \(\tilde{Z}_T\) we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.6.** Assume (E1),(E2), (K1)-(K3), and

\[ m = o(T^{1/2}), \quad T \to \infty. \]

Then the transformed \(t\)-type weighted DF process \(\tilde{E}_T\), defined in (14), converges weakly,

\[ \tilde{E}_T \Rightarrow \tilde{D}_1, \quad \text{in } (D[0,1], d), \]

as \(T \to \infty\), and for the transformed \(t\)-type weighted DF control chart we have

\[ \tilde{Z}_T/T \overset{d}{\to} \inf \{\kappa < s < 1 : D_1(s) < c\}. \]

Particularly, the asymptotic distribution is invariant with respect to \(\vartheta\).

**Proof.** Note that the first term of \(\tilde{E}_T\) converges weakly to \(\vartheta^{-1}\tilde{D}_\vartheta\), which has the form \([A(s) - \vartheta^{-2}\int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r))dr]/[\int_0^s B^2(r)dr]^{1/2}\). Hence, the construction of the correction term is as for \(E_T\). \(\Box\)
3. ASYMPTOTICS UNDER LOCAL-TO-UNITY ALTERNATIVES

In econometric applications, the stationary alternatives of interest are often of the form $0 < \rho < 1$ with $1 - \rho$ small. To mimic this situation asymptotically, we consider a local-to-unity model where the AR parameter depends on $T$ and tends to 1, as the time horizon $T$ increases.

The functional central limit theorem given below shows that the asymptotic distribution under local-to-unity alternatives is also affected by the nuisance parameter $\vartheta$. However, the term which depends on the parameter parameterising the local alternative does not depend on $\vartheta$ (or $\eta$). Therefore, if one takes the nuisance parameter $\vartheta$ into account when designing a detection procedure, we obtain local asymptotic power.

Let us assume that we are given an array $\{Y_{T,t}\} = \{Y_{T,t} : 1 \leq t \leq T, T \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of observations satisfying

\begin{equation}
Y_{T,0} = 0, \quad Y_{T,t} = \rho_T Y_{T,t-1} + \epsilon_t, \quad t = 1, \ldots, T, \ T \geq 1,
\end{equation}

where the sequence of AR parameters $\{\rho_T\}$ is given by

\begin{equation}
\rho_T = 1 + a/T, \quad T \geq 1,
\end{equation}

for some constant $a$. $\{\epsilon_t\}$ is a mean-zero stationary I(0) process satisfying (E1). For brevity of notation $D_T$ denotes in this section the process (7) with $Y_t$ replaced by $Y_{T,t}$.

The limit distribution will be driven by an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process. Recall that the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process $Z_\alpha$ with parameter $\alpha$ is defined by

\begin{equation}
Z_\alpha(s) = \int_0^s e^{\alpha(s-r)} dB(r), \quad s \in [0,1],
\end{equation}

where $B$ denotes Brownian motion.

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume (E1), and (K1)-(K3). Under the local-to-unity model (21) we have for the weighted Dickey-Fuller process

\begin{equation}
D_T(s) \Rightarrow D_0^\alpha(s),
\end{equation}

for some $\alpha$.
as $T \to \infty$, where the a.s. $C[0,1]$-valued process $D_0^a$ is given by

$$K(0)Z_a^2(s) + \zeta \int_0^s Z_a^2(r)K'(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr - 2a \int_0^s Z_a^2(r)K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr - \frac{1}{T} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr$$

for $s \in (0,1]$, and $D_0^a(0) = 0$. Here $Z_a$ denotes the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process defined in (22). Further,

$$S_T/T \overset{d}{\to} \inf\{s \in [\kappa,1] : D_0^a(s) < c\}, \quad \text{as } T \to \infty.$$

**Proof.** The crucial arguments to obtain joint weak convergence of numerator and denominator of $U_T$ have been given in detail in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Therefore, we give only a sketch of the proof stressing the essential differences. First, note that

$$U_T(s) = T^{-1/2}Y_{T,\lfloor Ts \rfloor} = \int_0^s e_T(r;s) \, dS_T(r), \quad S_T(r) = T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor Tr \rfloor} \epsilon_t,$$

for the step function $e_T(r;s) = (1+a/T)^{|Ts|-\lfloor Ts \rfloor}$, $r, s \in [0,1]$, which has uniformly bounded variation and converges uniformly in $r, s$ to the exponential $e(r;s) = e^{a(s-r)}$. Hence, firstly, the stochastic Stieltjes integral $\int_0^s e_T(r;s) \, dS_T(r)$ exists (via integration by parts), and, secondly, by estimating the terms of the decomposition $\int_0^s e_T \, dS_T - \int_0^s e \, d(\eta B) = \int_0^s (e_T - e) \, d(\eta B) + \int_0^s e_T \, d(S_T - \eta B)$ we see that

$$U_T(s) = \int_0^s e_T(r;s) \, dS_T(r) \Rightarrow \eta \int_0^s e(r;s) \, dB(r) = \eta Z_a(s),$$

as $T \to \infty$. Next, note that in the local-to-unity model we have

$$Y_{T,t-1} \epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2\rho_T}(Y_{T,t}^2 - Y_{T,t-1}^2 + (1 - \rho_T^2)Y_{T,t-1}^2 - \epsilon_t^2)$$

for all $1 \leq t \leq T$. This yields the decomposition

$$D_T(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \tilde{V}_{i,T}(s)/\tilde{W}_T(s).$$
where for $s \in (0, 1]$

$$
\widetilde{V}_{1,T}(s) = \frac{1}{2\rho_T[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} (Y_{T,t}^2 - Y_{T,t-1}^2) K(([Ts] - t)/h),
$$

$$
\widetilde{V}_{2,T}(s) = \frac{1 - \rho_T^2}{2\rho_T[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{T,t-1}^2 K(([Ts] - t)/h),
$$

$$
\widetilde{V}_{3,T}(s) = -\frac{1}{2\rho_T[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} \epsilon_t^2 K(([Ts] - t)/h),
$$

$$
\widetilde{W}_{T}(s) = \frac{1}{[Ts]^2} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{T,t-1}^2.
$$

The term $\widetilde{V}_{1,T}$ can be treated as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, namely,

$$
\widetilde{V}_{1,T}(s) = \frac{1}{2\rho_T[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} (Y_{T,t}^2 - Y_{T,t-1}^2) K(([Ts] - t)/h)
$$

$$
= \frac{\zeta}{2s} \int_0^s U_T^2(r) K'(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr + o_P(1),
$$

From the proof of Theorem 2.1 we know that due to (E1)

$$
\sup_s \left| \widetilde{V}_{3,T}(s) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2s} \int_0^s K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr \right|_{L^2} \to 0,
$$

as $T \to \infty$. Consider now $\widetilde{V}_{2,T}$. By definition of $\rho_T$ we obtain

$$
\widetilde{V}_{2,T} = \frac{1 - \rho_T^2}{2\rho_T[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{T,t-1}^2 K(([Ts] - t)/h)
$$

$$
= -\frac{2a - a^2/T}{2(1 + a/T)} \frac{1}{T[Ts]} \sum_{t=1}^{[Ts]} Y_{T,t-1}^2 K(([Ts] - t)/h),
$$

$$
= -(a/s)\eta^2 \int_0^s \mathcal{Z}_a^2(r) K(\zeta(s-r)) \, dr + \frac{\eta^2}{2s} K(0) \mathcal{Z}_a^2(s) + o_P(1),
$$

where due to (K2) the $o_P(1)$ term is uniform in $s \in (0, 1]$. Hence, $\widetilde{V}_{1,T}$, $\widetilde{V}_{2,T}$, and $\widetilde{W}_{T}$ are functionals of $U_T$ up to terms of order $o_P(1)$. Consequently, joint weak convergence of $(\widetilde{V}_{1,T}, \widetilde{V}_{2,T}, \widetilde{V}_{3,T}, \widetilde{W}_{T})$ can be shown along the lines of the proof of Theorem 2.1, and the CMT yields the result. \hfill \square
4. Simulations

To investigate the statistical properties of the proposed monitoring procedure we performed a simulation study. We used the following ARMA(1,1) simulation model. Suppose

$$Y_{t+1} = \rho Y_t + e_t - \beta e_{t-1}, t = 1, 2, \ldots, T = 250,$$

where $Y_0 = 0$, $\{e_t\}$ is a sequence of independent $N(0, 1)$-distributed error terms, and $\rho$ and $\beta$ are parameters. We investigated the cases given by $\rho = 1, 0.98, 0.95, 0.9$ and $\beta = -0.8, 0.5, 0, 0.5, 0.8$. Clearly, $\rho = 1$ corresponds to the unit root null hypothesis. For $\beta = 0$ the innovation terms are uncorrelated corresponding to $\vartheta = 1$. This simulation model was also used in Steland (2006), where a monitoring procedure based on the KPSS unit root test is studied in detail. Since part of the parameter settings used below are identical, the results of the present numerical study can be compared with the corresponding results in Steland (2006).

To study the monitoring rules with estimated control limits critical values for a significance level of $\alpha = 5\%$ were taken from the limit process defined in (15) with estimated nuisance parameter. To down-weight past contributions a Gaussian kernel with bandwidth $h = 25$ was used. The nuisance parameter $\vartheta$ was estimated by the Newey-West estimator at time point $t$ with lag truncation parameter $m$ chosen by $m = m_t = \lfloor 4(t/100)^{1/4} \rfloor$, $t = k, \ldots, N$.

The start of monitoring, $k$, affects the properties and has to be chosen carefully. For the rule $\hat{S}_T$ we used $k = 50$, whereas for $\tilde{S}_T$ a larger value, $k = 75$, yielded better results.

To investigate the properties of the monitoring rule, we estimate empirical rejection rates of the test which rejects the unit root null hypothesis if the procedure gives a signal, the average delay, and the average conditional delay given a signal. For the detection rule $\hat{S}_T$ the ARL is defined by $E(\hat{S}_T) - k + 1$. We define the CARL as $E(\hat{S}_T | k \leq \hat{S}_T \leq T) - k + 1$. The definitions for $\tilde{S}_T$ are analogous. Note that the conditional delay is very informative under the alternative, since it informs us how quick the method reacts if it reacts at all. In the tables average delays are given in brackets and conditional delay in parentheses.
Table 1 provides the results for the monitoring procedures $\hat{S}_T$ and $\tilde{S}_T$ using estimated control limits. The curves $c(\vartheta)$ were obtained by simulating from the limit laws. Overall, $\hat{S}_T$ performed well. The performance of the $t$-type procedure is disappointing. When inspecting the CARL values, the results seem to be mysterious. E.g. when comparing the CARL for $\rho = 0.95$ and $\rho = 0.9$ if $\beta = 0$, the procedure seems to misbehave. To explore the reason, Figure 1 provides a part of the distribution of $\hat{S}_T - k + 1$. It can be seen that the percentage of simulated trajectories leading to immediate detection increases considerably, but the contribution of these cases to the calculation of the CARL is negligible. The other trajectories yielding a signal are hard to detect, and the signals are spread over the remaining time points with many late signals, which suffice to yield large CARL values. This fact shows that a single number as the CARL can not summarized the statistical behavior sufficiently. It highlights the benefit that the random walk null hypothesis can often be rejected very early.

The simulation results for the control charts using transformed statistics are summarized in Table 2. Here we used exact control limits obtained by simulation using 20,000 repetitions. Comparing the transformation control statistics with these control limits yields quite accurate results if $\beta = 0$. The $t$-type version is preferable for $\beta < 0$.

Comparing the methods $\hat{S}_T$ (using estimated control limits) and $Z_T$ (using transformed statistics), our results indicate that the more computer-intensive approach to use estimated control limits provides more accurate results.

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| $\rho$  | $-0.8$ | $-0.5$ | $0.0$ | $0.5$ | $0.8$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $\beta$ | 0.024 | 0.025 | 0.036 | 0.154 | 0.56  |
| (11.9) | (12)  | (9)   | (11.3)| (13)  |
| [192.1]| [192]| [188.3]| [150.3]| [43.9]|  
| 0.95  | 0.095 | 0.098 | 0.129 | 0.5   | 0.991 |
| (22.3) | (20.8)| (15.3)| (17.8)| (6.7) |
| [183.4]| [182.5]| [176.3]| [109] | [8.5] |  
| 0.9   | 0.3   | 0.306 | 0.36  | 0.877 | 1    |
| (39.2)| (36.9)| (28.4)| (18.8)| (1.5) |
| [151.9]| [150.3]| [138.2]| [41.1]| [1.5] |  

**Weighted DF control chart with estimated control limits, $\hat{S}_T$**

| $\rho$  | $-0.8$ | $-0.5$ | $0.0$ | $0.5$ | $0.8$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $\beta$ | 0.017 | 0.018 | 0.047 | 0.301 | 0.763 |
| (20.1) | (16.6)| (5.1) | (4.2) | (2.3) |
| [174.1]| [173.7]| [159.6]| [83.1] | [7.1] |  
| 0.95  | 0.014 | 0.024 | 0.217 | 0.835 | 1    |
| (6.9)  | (6)   | (6)   | (4.5) | (1.1) |
| [172.8]| [171.1]| [138.4]| [32.6] | [1.1] |  
| 0.9   | 0.064 | 0.106 | 0.545 | 0.99  | 1    |
| (8)   | (7)   | (6.9) | (2.1) | (1)   |
| [164.4]| [157.3]| [83.5] | [3.8]  | [1]   |  

**$t$-type version $\tilde{S}_T$.**

| $\rho$  | $-0.8$ | $-0.5$ | $0.0$ | $0.5$ | $0.8$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $\beta$ | 0.017 | 0.018 | 0.047 | 0.301 | 0.763 |
| (20.1) | (16.6)| (5.1) | (4.2) | (2.3) |
| [174.1]| [173.7]| [159.6]| [83.1] | [7.1] |  
| 0.95  | 0.014 | 0.024 | 0.217 | 0.835 | 1    |
| (6.9)  | (6)   | (6)   | (4.5) | (1.1) |
| [172.8]| [171.1]| [138.4]| [32.6] | [1.1] |  
| 0.9   | 0.064 | 0.106 | 0.545 | 0.99  | 1    |
| (8)   | (7)   | (6.9) | (2.1) | (1)   |
| [164.4]| [157.3]| [83.5] | [3.8]  | [1]   |  

**Table 1.** Results for the weighted DF control chart with estimated control limits, $\hat{S}_T$. 


\begin{align*}
\begin{array}{cccccc}
\rho & \beta \\
-0.8 & -0.5 & 0.0 & 0.5 & 0.8 \\
\end{array}
\end{align*}

*transformed weighted DF control chart* $Z_T$

\begin{align*}
1 & 0.02 & 0.02 & 0.032 & 0.193 & 0.677 \\
0.98 & 0.031 & 0.032 & 0.055 & 0.352 & 0.949 \\
(8.9) & (7.3) & (10.4) & (29.4) & (21.8) & \\
[194.9] & [194.6] & [190.3] & [140.4] & [30.8] \\
0.95 & 0.069 & 0.066 & 0.118 & 0.684 & 0.998 \\
(12.5) & (12.5) & (17.2) & (39.2) & (10) \\
[187.9] & [188.4] & [179.1] & [90.2] & [10.4] \\
0.9 & 0.199 & 0.211 & 0.355 & 0.965 & 1 \\
(24.2) & (23.9) & (32.1) & (24.2) & (4.8) \\
[165.6] & [163.3] & [140.8] & [30.5] & [4.9] \\
\end{align*}

*t-type version* $\tilde{Z}_T$

\begin{align*}
1 & 0.059 & 0.035 & 0.041 & 0.439 & 0.952 \\
0.98 & 0.1 & 0.06 & 0.073 & 0.683 & 0.999 \\
(4.3) & (3.8) & (4.5) & (12.5) & (2.5) & \\
[181.2] & [189.1] & [186.5] & [72.2] & [2.6] \\
0.95 & 0.194 & 0.113 & 0.152 & 0.914 & 1 \\
(4.9) & (4.6) & (5.6) & (11.6) & (1.2) \\
[163] & [178.8] & [171.2] & [28] & [1.2] \\
0.9 & 0.427 & 0.294 & 0.365 & 0.996 & 1 \\
(5.5) & (5.2) & (6.9) & (4.7) & (1) \\
[117.5] & [143.3] & [130.2] & [5.4] & [1] \\
\end{align*}

Table 2. Results for the transformed weighted DF control charts $Z_T$ and $\tilde{Z}_T$. 

Figure 1. Part of the distribution of $\hat{S}_T - k + 1$ for $\rho = 0.95$ (circles) and $\rho = 0.9$ (crosses).

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