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We propose new tests of the martingale hypothesis based on generalized versions of the Kolmogorov–Smirnov and Cramér–von Mises tests. The tests are distribution-free and allow for a weak drift in the null model. The methods do not require either smoothing parameters or bootstrap resampling for their implementation and so are well suited to practical work. The article develops limit theory for the tests under the null and shows that the tests are consistent against a wide class of nonlinear, nonmartingale processes. Simulations show that the tests have good finite sample properties in comparison with other tests particularly under conditional heteroscedasticity and mildly explosive alternatives. An empirical application to major exchange rate data finds strong evidence in favor of the martingale hypothesis, confirming much earlier research.

KEY WORDS: Brownian functional; Cramér-von Mises test; Exchange rates; Explosive process; Kolmogorov–Smirnov test.

1. INTRODUCTION

Martingales underlie many important results in economics and finance. According to Hall (1978), for example, when individuals maximize expected utility the conditional expectation of their future marginal utility is under certain conditions a function of present consumption, and other past information is irrelevant, making the marginal utility of consumption a martingale. Similarly, the fundamental theorem of asset pricing shows that if the market is in equilibrium and there is no arbitrage opportunity, then properly normalized asset prices are martingales under some probability measure. Efficient markets are then defined when available information is “fully reflected” in market prices, leading to stochastic processes that are martingales (Fama 1970). Empirical demonstration that a stochastic process is a martingale is thus extremely useful as it justifies the use of models and assumptions that are fundamental in economic theory.

Given the current information set, the martingale hypothesis implies that the best predictor of future values of a time series, in the sense of least mean squared error, is simply the current value of the time series. So, current values fully represent all the available information. Formally, for a given time series X_t let \mathcal{F}_t be the filtration to which X_t is adapted. The martingale hypothesis (MH) for X_t requires the conditional expectation with respect to the past information in \mathcal{F}_{t-1} to satisfy

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = X_{t-1} \quad (1)$$

almost surely (a.s.). Let $I_t = \{X_t, X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots\}$. The natural choice for \mathcal{F}_t is the σ -field generated by I_t and this may be extended by including other covariates of interest in the information set I_t . There have been many studies in the literature concerned with tests of the martingale hypothesis. Most of these focus on tests of the martingale difference hypothesis (MDH), vis a vis

$$\mathbb{E}(\Delta X_t | \Omega_{t-1}) = \mu \quad (2)$$

for some unknown $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and where Δ is the difference operator, $\Delta X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$ and $\Omega_t = \{\Delta X_t, \Delta X_{t-1}, \Delta X_{t-2}, \dots\}$. The MDH is slightly modified in this formulation to allow for an unknown mean for ΔX_t and information set based on the differences. Typically, the information set includes the infinite past history of the series and I_t and Ω_t may be taken as equivalent in this case. If a finite number of lagged values is included in the conditioning set, some dependence structure in the process may be missed due to omitted lags. However, tests that are designed to cope with the infinite lag case may have very low power (e.g., de Jong 1996) and may not be feasible in empirical applications.

Several procedures for MDH testing are currently popular. Since Lo and MacKinlay (1988) proposed a variance ratio (VR) test, this procedure has been widely used and has undergone many improvements for testing market efficiency and return predictability—see Chow and Denning (1993), Choi (1999), Wright (2000), Chen and Deo (2006), and Kim (2006), among many others. An alternative test for return predictability is the Box–Pierce (BP) test proposed by Box and Pierce (1970) and Ljung and Box (1978) and later generalized by Lobato, Nankervis, and Savin (2001, 2002) and Escanciano and Lobato (2009a). These two categories of tests are designed to test lack of serial correlation but not necessarily the MDH. The spectral shape tests proposed by Durlauf (1991) and Deo (2000) are powerful in testing for lack of correlations but may not be able to detect nonlinear nonmartingales with zero correlations. Nankervis and Savin (2010) used another approach based on generalizing the Andrews–Ploberger tests and found these tests have good power compared to the generalized BP tests of Lobato, Nankervis, and Savin (2002) and the Deo (2000) tests. These tests are designed to test a linear dependence structure when the time series is uncorrelated but may be statistically

dependent. To capture nonlinear dependence which has recently been shown to be evident in asset returns, some new MDH tests have been proposed—see Hong (1999), Domínguez and Lobato (2003, hereafter DL), Hong and Lee (2003, 2005), Kuan and Lee (2004), Escanciano and Velasco (2006), among others. Readers may refer to Escanciano and Lobato (2009b) for a comprehensive review.

All the previous tests are martingale difference tests. Technically, it is often simple and convenient to deal with asset returns and test whether the asset returns follow a martingale difference sequence (MDS). Park and Whang (2005, hereafter PW) introduced some explicit statistical tests of the martingale hypothesis that are very different from the MDH tests. Drift is assumed to be zero and PW test for a pure martingale process. Simulations show that the tests are robust to conditional heteroskedasticity under the null and have power against some general alternatives including many interesting nonlinear nonmartingale processes such as exponential and threshold autoregressive processes, Markov switching and chaotic processes (possibly with stochastic noise), and some other nonstationary processes. However, the PW tests appear to be inconsistent against explosive processes such as the simple AR(1) with explosive coefficient θ . In particular, the simulations in PW (Table 11) show that test power against a simple explosive alternative $H_1 : \theta > 1$ declines as $n \rightarrow \infty$ when $\theta = 1.05$ but increases when $\theta = 1.01$. One contribution of the present article is to provide a limit theory that confirms these anomalous simulation findings, showing that the PW tests are inconsistent against explosive AR(1) alternatives. Also, some key results in PW need rigorous limit theory for their justification and new arguments to address the difficulties are provided here.

The present article proposes some new martingale tests which can be regarded as generalizations of the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test and the Cramér–von Mises goodness-of-fit test. One sequence of tests proposed here (GKS_n and $GCVM_n$ defined in (11) later) modify the S_n and T_n tests in PW. The limiting forms of these tests are defined and new technical arguments are given in developing the weak convergence arguments to these limits. The other sequence of tests (GKS_n^* and $GCVM_n^*$ defined in (12)) explicitly take into account the possibility of drift in the null model, which may be relevant in some empirical applications. In particular, the model may involve a weak deterministic drift that captures mild departures from a martingale null. This type of weak drift, which can be modeled via an evaporating intercept of the form $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$, was studied in a recent work by Phillips, Shi, and Yu (2014; PSY) on real-time bubble detection methods. Many financial and macroeconomic time series observed over short and medium terms display drift but the drift is often small, hard to detect, and may not be the dominating component of the series, thereby justifying this type of formulation.

Martingales with a weak drift in the null satisfy

$$\mathbb{E}((X_t - \mu)|I_{t-1}) = X_{t-1}, \quad (3)$$

or, equivalently, the empirically appealing and convenient form

$$\mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|I_{t-1}) = 0, \quad (4)$$

with $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$. The magnitude of the drift depends on the sample size n and a localizing exponent parameter γ . Estimation

of γ is discussed in PSY (2014). When γ is positive, the drift term is small relative to a linear trend. We develop asymptotic theory for tests of (4) over different ranges of γ . When $\gamma \in [0, 0.5)$ for which the drift dominates the stochastic trend, the test statistics are asymptotically distribution-free. When $\gamma = 0.5$, where $n^{-1/2}X_t$ behaves asymptotically like a Brownian motion with drift, the limit theory is quite different from the previous case and bootstrap tests have to be used as the limit theory depends on nuisance parameters. Time series for which the drift dominates and $\gamma \in [0, 0.5]$ are not martingales and thus not of central interest to this article. Instead, we focus on the case where $\gamma > 0.5$ and the drift is small relative to the martingale and stochastic trend. In this case, the intercept does not affect the limit theory and test limit distributions are free of nuisance parameters. These limit distributions are easy to compute, do not require bootstrap procedures to obtain critical values, and the tests involve no bandwidth parameters. So they are well suited to practical work.

Our tests are consistent against a wide class of nonlinear, nonmartingale processes including explosive AR(1) processes, exponential autoregressive processes, threshold autoregressive models, bilinear processes, and nonlinear moving average models. Simulations show that the GKS_n^* and $GCVM_n^*$ tests generally perform better than GKS_n and $GCVM_n$, while the GKS_n and $GCVM_n$ tests generally perform slightly better than the S_n and T_n tests introduced in PW. However, for some data-generating processes, the performance of the PW tests is particularly poor and the comparisons are more dramatic in those cases. A leading example is the case where the data are generated by explosive AR(1) processes. When the AR(1) coefficient is 1.05, the rejection probabilities of our tests and the PW tests are above 90% for various GARCH specifications when the sample size is small. But for large samples, the power of the PW T_n test declines to 50% when $n = 1000$ whereas our tests have 100% power in that case. Another example is the near-unit root case where the performance of the PW tests is unsatisfactory especially when sample size is small. In particular, when the AR(1) coefficient is 0.95, the PW tests basically have no power when n is less than 500, and the rejection probabilities are 48.4% for S_n and 73.5% for T_n when $n = 1000$; the GKS_n and $GCVM_n$ tests perform slightly better than the PW tests, and the GKS_n^* and $GCVM_n^*$ tests have noticeably superior power. When $n = 250$, the rejection probabilities are around 30%, and they reach 100% for GKS_n^* and $GCVM_n^*$ when sample size rises to 1000.

Simulations show that our tests have good size control and are robust to GARCH and stochastic volatility structures in the errors when the drift is set to zero. When $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$, with $\gamma = 1$, the martingale component dominates the drift and test size is robust to thick tails. We also try to assess the sensitivity of our tests by setting $\gamma = 0.5$, where $n^{-1/2}X_t$ behaves asymptotically like a Brownian motion with drift. In this case, the tests GKS_n and $GCVM_n$ suffer large size distortions, while the tests GKS_n^* and $GCVM_n^*$ still work well with good size performance. This outcome is unsurprising since the GKS_n and $GCVM_n$ tests are based on the PW tests which are designed for null settings with $\mu = 0$, while the GKS_n^* and $GCVM_n^*$ tests are constructed to allow explicitly for drift in the data.

Our tests and the PW tests are closely related to the test proposed by DL. The former test the MH null (1), while the DL

test is an MDH test and tests the null (2). As emphasized in PW, the former deal with levels and the latter relies only on first differences. Many popular models in economic and financial applications (including threshold autoregressive models, error correction models, and various diffusion models) specify how the conditional mean changes as a function of lagged levels rather than lagged differences, thereby increasing the appeal of the martingale null (1). Tests of (1) lead to different asymptotics from those of tests of (2) mainly because the presence of lagged levels in the test statistics influences the limit theory. An advantage of these asymptotics for our tests is that they are distribution-free and implementation does not require user-selected bandwidth parameters or bootstrapping even when a drift is present in the model. On the other hand, many MDS tests, including DL, require bootstrap resampling and/or smoothing parameter selection for their implementation. Direct analysis of differences between the limit theory of MH and MDH tests is not possible. But the finite sample performance and asymptotic characteristics of the new tests make them a useful addition to this literature.

We apply the tests to examine evidence for the martingale hypothesis in major exchange rate data, as studied recently in Escanciano and Lobato (2009b). The null martingale hypothesis is supported for all exchange rates at both daily and weekly frequencies with the exception of the (weekly) Japanese Yen, where there is a rejection at the 5% level with the GCV_n^* test—so, the empirical results are inconclusive in that case. The MDS tests used in Escanciano and Lobato (2009b) find similar results with some minor differences. Their results indicate that exchange rate returns are martingale difference sequences with the exception of the daily Euro exchange rate return for which the MDS is rejected.

The rest of the article is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the model, formulates the hypothesis, and constructs the tests. Section 3 establishes limit theory under the null and Section 4 shows consistency. Simulations are reported in Section 5 and Section 6 provides an empirical application to major foreign exchange markets. Section 7 concludes. Proofs and additional technical results are given in the Appendix.

2. HYPOTHESES AND TESTS

The martingale null is formulated as

$$X_t = \mu + \theta X_{t-1} + u_t, \quad \text{with } \theta = 1, \quad (5)$$

so that $X_t = \mu t + \xi_t + X_0$ with $\xi_t = \sum_{s=1}^t u_s$ and initialization $X_0 = 0$ for convenience. Then, under weak conditions on u_t

$$\mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|I_{t-1}) = 0. \quad (6)$$

The intercept is defined as $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ so the deterministic drift in X_t is $\mu t = \mu_0 t/n^\gamma$, whose magnitude depends on the sample size and the localizing parameter γ . When $\gamma = 0$, the drift produces a linear trend μt component in X_t under the null. When γ is positive, the drift $\mu_0 t/n^\gamma$ is small relative to a linear trend as $n \rightarrow \infty$ but still dominates the stochastic trend component $\xi_t = \sum_{s=1}^t u_s$ in X_t when $\gamma \in (0, 0.5)$. When $\gamma = 0.5$, $n^{-1/2} X_t$ behaves asymptotically like a Brownian martingale with drift. When $\gamma > 0.5$, the drift is small relative to the stochastic trend and $n^{-1/2} X_t$ behaves like a Brownian martingale in the limit as

$n \rightarrow \infty$ under very general conditions on u_t . This formulation suits many financial and macroeconomic time series for which a small (possibly negligible) drift may be present in the series but where the drift is not the dominant component and is majorized by the martingale component. Accordingly, hypothesis testing of the null (6) which allows for that possibility will often be empirically more appealing than a pure martingale null in which $\mu = 0$ is imposed.

The tests we construct are based on the following equivalence (see, e.g., Billingsley 1995, p. 213, Theorem 16.10 (iii))

$$\mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|I_{t-1}) = 0 \text{ a.s. iff } \mathbb{E}(\Delta X_t - \mu)W(I_{t-1}) = 0, \quad (7)$$

where $W(\cdot)$ represents any \mathcal{F}_{t-1} measurable weighting function. A convenient choice of weight function W is the indicator function $\mathbf{1}(\cdot)$, as is common in work on econometric specification, such as Andrews (1997), Stute (1997), Koul and Stute (1999), and Whang (2000). Other classes of functions, such as complex exponential functions considered in Bierens (1984, 1990) and Bierens and Ploberger (1997), might be used instead. None of the weighting function classes dominate, but the indicator function has the advantage that it is particularly convenient for use with integrated time series (as shown in Park and Phillips 2000, 2001) and does not require selection of an arbitrary nuisance parameter space.

As in PW, we concentrate on the simple case where

$$\mathbb{E}((X_t - \mu)|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \mathbb{E}((X_t - \mu)|X_{t-1}),$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|X_{t-1}) &= 0 \text{ a.s. iff} \\ \mathbb{E}(\Delta X_t - \mu)\mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

for almost all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The formulation (8) may be restrictive in some applications and it may be desirable to deal with more general processes in which

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) &= \mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots, X_{t-p}, \\ &Z_{t-1}, Z_{t-2}, \dots, Z_{t-k}) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

for all $t \geq 1$, with some $p \geq 2, k \geq 1$. The DL test for the MDH works from a form different from (9) in which

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) &= \mathbb{E}((\Delta X_t - \mu)|\Delta X_{t-1}, \Delta X_{t-2}, \dots, \\ &\Delta X_{t-p}, W_{t-1}, W_{t-2}, \dots, W_{t-k}) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The conditioning information set includes lagged differences instead of lagged levels, and conditioning variables are there assumed to be strictly stationary and ergodic. Extension of our framework to the general case (9) is technically challenging and is not pursued in the present article.

Under the null, (u_t, \mathcal{F}_t) is a martingale difference sequence assumed to satisfy the following conditions, as in PW.

Assumption 1.

- (a) $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}(u_t^2|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) \rightarrow_p \sigma^2 > 0$, and
- (b) $\sup_{t \geq 1} \mathbb{E}(u_t^4|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) < K$ a.s. for some constant $K < \infty$.

Part (a) allows the innovation sequence to be conditionally heteroscedastic with variation that averages out in the limit. Part

(b) requires uniformly bounded fourth conditional moments. This assumption might be relaxed at the cost of greater complications. Simulations show that the tests considered here have good size and power performance in the presence of conditional heteroscedasticity even when (b) may not apply (e.g., GARCH errors) as in PW.

Define the least squares (OLS) residual $\hat{u}_t = X_t - \hat{\mu} - \hat{\theta}X_{t-1}$, where $(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})$ is known to be consistent for (μ, θ) under quite general conditions (Phillips 1987), and the following holds by straightforward arguments.

Lemma 1. Let Assumption 1 hold. Under the null, we have $\sigma_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t^2 \rightarrow_p \sigma^2$, $\hat{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 \rightarrow_p \sigma^2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The following self-normalized quantities form the basis of the test statistics that we consider here

$$\Gamma_n(x) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_n^*(x) &= \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X}) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X}) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\overline{\Delta X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t$. Define

$$J_n(a) = \Gamma_n(x), \text{ and } J_n^*(a) = \Gamma_n^*(x),$$

for $x = a\sqrt{n}$. The quantities $J_n(a)$ and $J_n^*(a)$ are stochastic processes with parameter $a \in \mathbb{R}$ taking values in the space of RCLL functions. We consider two specific types of tests, which extend the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test and the Cramér–von Mises test of goodness of fit to this regression framework:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GKS}_n &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} |J_n(a)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n(x)|, \text{ and} \\ \text{GCVM}_n &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\Gamma_n(X_{t-1}))^2, \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GKS}_n^* &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} |J_n^*(a)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n^*(x)|, \text{ and} \\ \text{GCVM}_n^* &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\Gamma_n^*(X_{t-1}))^2. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Remark 1. Under the null, $\Delta X_t = u_t + \mu$ and $\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X} = u_t - \bar{u}$, where $\bar{u} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t$. We normalize $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_t + \mu) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X}) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n (u_t - \bar{u}) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)$ by $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}$, a consistent estimator of σ . A natural alternative normalization of the numerator is a consistent standard error estimator such as $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x))^{1/2}$. But simulations show that test statistics based on this normalization, vis a vis

$$\frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X}) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x))^{1/2}},$$

tend to have size distortions when the errors exhibit strong conditional heteroskedasticity. For this reason, we normalize by $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}$.

Remark 2. PW set $\mu = 0$, so $\Delta X_t = u_t$, and assume $\sigma^2 = 1$ so that u_t is self-normalized with $\sigma_n^2 = 1$. That normalization can be achieved in practice by dividing X_t with $\sigma_n = (\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t^2)^{1/2}$. The test statistics used in PW are defined as

$$S_n = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} |M_n(a)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |Q_n(x)|, \text{ and } T_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n Q_n^2(X_{t-1}),$$

where $M_n(a) = Q_n(a\sqrt{n}) = Q_n(x)$ and

$$Q_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_t}{\sigma_n} \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n} \leq x\right).$$

As shown in Section 4 next, under an explosive AR(1) alternative, the PW test statistics normalized by σ_n are inconsistent, which explains some of the anomalous power findings reported in PW for the explosive case. Our statistics are normalized by $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}$ and are shown to be divergent when $n \rightarrow \infty$ giving consistent tests under explosive alternatives.

3. ASYMPTOTIC DISTRIBUTION UNDER H_0

3.1 Asymptotic Behavior of GKS_n and GKS_n^*

Under the null, $X_t = \mu t + \xi_t$, where $\xi_t = \sum_{s=1}^t u_s$ is a first-order Markovian. The process $W_n(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor nr \rfloor} \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n}$ satisfies the functional law

$$W_n(r) \Rightarrow W(r), \quad r \in [0, 1], \tag{13}$$

where $W(\cdot)$ is the standard Brownian motion. The weak convergence of $J_n(a)$ and $J_n^*(a)$ is presented in the following lemma.

Lemma 2. Let Assumption 1 hold. Under the null, when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma \geq 0.5$, we have

$$J_n(a) \Rightarrow J(a), \text{ and } J_n^*(a) \Rightarrow J^*(a),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J(a) &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq a\} dW(s), \\ J^*(a) &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq a\} dB(s), \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

when $\gamma > 0.5$; and

$$\begin{aligned} J(a) &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\left\{W(s) + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma} s \leq a\right\} d\left(W(s) + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma} s\right), \\ J^*(a) &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\left\{W(s) + \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma} s \leq a\right\} dB(s), \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

when $\gamma = 0.5$. If $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ and $\gamma < 0.5$

$$\frac{1}{n^{0.5-\gamma}} \Gamma_n(bn^{1-\gamma}) = \frac{1}{n^{0.5-\gamma}} \Gamma_n(x) \rightarrow_p \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma} \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{s \leq b_1\} ds,$$

$$\Gamma_n^*(bn^{1-\gamma}) = \Gamma_n^*(x) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{s \leq b_1\} dB(s),$$

for $x = bn^{1-\gamma}$, where $b_1 = \frac{b\sigma}{\mu_0}$, and $B(s) = W(s) - sW(1)$ is a standard Brownian bridge on the unit interval.

Remark 3. As discussed previously, martingale tests are of little interest when the drift term dominates or has the same magnitude as the martingale component because neither the time series nor the limit process is a martingale in these cases. Hence, in the following, we focus on the case $\gamma > 0.5$ where the drift is small relative to the stochastic trend so the limit process is a martingale.

Theorem 3. Let Assumption 1 hold. Under the null with $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ and $\gamma > 0.5$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$GKS_n \Rightarrow \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} J(a), \quad GKS_n^* \Rightarrow \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} J^*(a)$$

where $J(a)$ and $J^*(a)$ are given in (14).

Remark 4. When $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0.5$, the intercept does not affect the asymptotics and the limit distributions are free of nuisance parameters. These features facilitate computation and no bootstrap resampling or smoothing parameter selection is needed for implementation. Asymptotic critical values of the test statistics when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0.5$ are displayed in Table 1 in Section 5. The simulation results in Section 5 show that these tests have good size performance and are robust to GARCH or stochastic volatility structures of the errors when the drift $\mu = 0$ or has the form $\mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0.5$. When $\gamma = 0.5$, GKS_n^* and $GCVN_n^*$ using the critical values from Table 1 still work very well and these tests have good size performance.

Remark 5. The asymptotic distributions of GKS_n and GKS_n^* are easily obtained when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma \leq 0.5$. but as discussed in Remark 3, these results are not of direct interest in the present article. When $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma = 0.5$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$GKS_n \Rightarrow \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} J(a), \quad GKS_n^* \Rightarrow \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} J^*(a),$$

where $J(a)$ and $J^*(a)$ are given in (15). When $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma < 0.5$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^{0.5-\gamma}} \sup_{b \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n(bn^{1-\gamma})| \\ &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n(x)| \rightarrow_p \sup_{b_1 \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\mu_0}{\sigma} \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{s \leq b_1\} ds \\ &= \max\left[\frac{\mu_0}{\sigma}, 0\right], \\ & \sup_{b \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n^*(bn^{1-\gamma})| \\ &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n^*(x)| \rightarrow_p \sup_{b_1 \in \mathbb{R}} \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{s \leq b_1\} dB(s). \end{aligned}$$

Remark 6. PW set $\mu = 0$ and thus $X_t = \xi_t$. As discussed in Remark 2, the PW tests are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} |M_n(a)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |Q_n(x)|, \quad \text{and} \\ T_n &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n Q_n^2(X_{t-1}) = \int_0^1 M_n^2(W_n(r)) dr, \end{aligned}$$

where $M_n(a) = Q_n(a\sqrt{n}) = Q_n(x)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} Q_n(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_t}{\sigma_n} \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n} \leq x\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta \xi_t}{\sigma_n} \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sigma_n} \leq x\right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.4 in PW shows that

$$S_n \Rightarrow S = \sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} |M(a)|, \tag{16}$$

where

$$M(a) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq a\} dW(s). \tag{17}$$

The result in (16) follows readily by continuous mapping because $M_n(a) \Rightarrow M(a)$ under H_0 . PW also indicate that

$$T_n \Rightarrow T = \int_0^1 M^2(W(r)) dr. \tag{18}$$

Proving (18) rigorously causes some difficulty. First, $M(a)$ is defined in (17) as a stochastic integral, namely as an L_2 limit involving Riemann sums of the form

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(a) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right), \end{aligned}$$

an argument that requires the ‘integrand’ to be \mathcal{F}_{t-1} -measurable. For a given fixed a , the quantity $\mathbf{1}\left(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right)$ is \mathcal{F}_{t-1} -measurable. However, the limit process given in (18) involves (by virtue of plugging in the stochastic process argument $a = W(r)$)

$$M(W(r)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq W(r)\} dW(s). \tag{19}$$

Here, the integrand $\mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq W(r)\}$ is \mathcal{F}_s -measurable only when $0 \leq r \leq s$. Hence, $M(W(r))$ cannot be defined directly as a conventional stochastic integral. The definition of $M(W(r))$ is not discussed in PW. Performing a ‘plug in’ with $M(a = W(r))$ may be interpreted as a functional composition $M(W(r)) := (M \circ W)(r)$ in which the process $M(a)$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is composed with the stochastic process $W(r)$ which takes values in \mathbb{R} for any given r . An alternate definition is given in the next section. A separate argument that takes account of the composite nature of $M(W(r))$ is needed to show the weak convergence of

$$T_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n Q_n^2(X_{t-1}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n Q_n^2(\xi_{t-1}) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 M^2(W(r)) dr,$$

given in (18). A second difficulty in the PW argument is that the occupation time formula is used to derive the expression

$$\int_0^1 M^2(W(r)) dr = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} M^2(s) L(1, s) ds. \tag{20}$$

However, as is apparent from the definition (17)

$$M(a) = M_W(a) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq a\} dW(s), \quad (21)$$

the functional M itself also depends on the same stochastic process $\{W(s)\}_0^1$, as is emphasized in the alternate notation $M_W(a)$ given in (21). The simple occupation time formula (20) is not justified here because of this functional dependence in the argument $M(a) = M_W(a)$. These two technical difficulties will be resolved in the following section.

3.2 Asymptotic Behavior of GCVM_n and GCVM_n^*

To justify the technical arguments leading to (19) and (20), it is helpful to show that $M_n(a) \Rightarrow M(a)$ uniformly over $a \in \mathbb{R}$. To achieve this result and study the asymptotic behavior of T_n , GCVM_n and GCVM_n^* , we make the following assumptions.

Assumption 1b.

- (i) $E(u_t^2 | F_{t-1}) = \sigma^2$ a.s. for all $t = 1, \dots, n$, and
- (ii) $\sup_{t \geq 1} E(u_t^4 | F_{t-1}) < K$ a.s. for some constant $K < \infty$.

Part (i) introduces a more restrictive condition on the innovations than Assumption 1(i) to make use of results on uniform convergence to stochastic integrals as discussed next. The condition might be relaxed to allow for conditional heteroskedasticity in the errors with more complicated arguments here and in the uniform convergence results we use but we do not undertake those extensions in the present article. As demonstrated in the simulations reported next, our tests are found to have good finite sample properties that are robust to GARCH, EGARCH, and stochastic volatility formulations.

Assumption 2.

- (a) $g(x, a)$ is H-regular as defined in Park and Phillips (1999), with asymptotic order $\kappa(\lambda, a)$, limit homogeneous function $h(x, a)$, and residual $R(x, \lambda, a)$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Then, $g(\lambda x, a) = \kappa(\lambda, a)h(x, a) + R(x, \lambda, a)$, with $\kappa^{-1}(\lambda, a)R(x, \lambda, a) = o(1)$ for all a in a compact set A as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.
- (b) There exists a function $\nu: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a, a' \in A$,

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 1} |\kappa^{-1}(\lambda, a)g(\lambda x, a) - \kappa^{-1}(\lambda, a')g(\lambda x, a')| \leq \nu(x)|a - a'|,$$

where function $\nu(x)$ is symmetric and bounded, $\nu(|x|)$ is increasing in $|x|$, with $\mathbb{E}\nu^2(|W(1)| + c) < \infty$ for some $c > 0$, and there exists an $a \in A$, such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}h^2\left(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sqrt{n}}, a\right) < \infty.$$

A useful result concerning uniform weak convergence to stochastic integrals involving nonlinear homogeneous functions $g(\xi_{t-1}, a)$ that includes functions like $\mathbf{1}\left(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \leq a\right)$ of integrated processes is stated in Lemma 3 next. The result is based on

Lemma 5.2 of Shi and Phillips (2012) and holds under weak conditions that apply here.

Lemma 3. Let Assumptions 1b and 2 hold. Then, uniformly in $a \in A$, and in a suitably expanded probability space

$$n^{-1/2}\kappa^{-1}(n^{1/2}, a) \sum_{t=1}^n g(\xi_{t-1}, a)u_t \rightarrow_p \sigma \int h(W, a)dW$$

under the null hypothesis.

Remark 7. From Lemma 3, it is straightforward to show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \rightarrow_p \int \mathbf{1}(W(s) \leq a)dW(s),$$

uniformly in $a \in A$ under the null hypothesis. Thus, for all compact sets A we have

$$M_n(a) \rightarrow_p M(a) \quad (22)$$

uniformly in $a \in A$, and correspondingly on a suitable probability space we have

$$M_n(a) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} M(a) \quad (23)$$

uniformly in $a \in A$. We would now like to show that uniformly for $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $M_n(a) \Rightarrow M(a)$.

Recall that

$$W_n(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^{\lfloor nr \rfloor} \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} \Rightarrow W(r), \quad (24)$$

and

$$M_n(a) \Rightarrow M(a), \quad (25)$$

for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Let

$$S_{nt} = \sup_{r \leq t} W_n(r), \quad \text{and} \quad S_t = \sup_{r \leq t} W(r).$$

Note from (24) that

$$S_{nt} \Rightarrow S_t. \quad (26)$$

Take a probability space where (24), (25), and (26) apply almost surely and then on the expanded probability space

$$W_n(r) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} W(r), \quad \text{and} \quad S_{nt} \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} S_t, \quad (27)$$

from which it follows that

$$P(S_{nt} \geq b) \rightarrow P(S_t \geq b)$$

for some large $b > 0$. Note that (e.g., Proposition 3.7 in Revuz and Yor 1999)

$$P(S_t \geq b) = 2P(W_t \geq b) = P(|W_t| \geq b),$$

where $W_t = BM(1)$. Using the boundary crossing probability

$$P(W_t \geq b \text{ for some } t \in [0, 1]) = O(e^{-2b^2}),$$

as $b \rightarrow \infty$ (see, e.g., Siegmund 1986; Wang and Potzelberger 1997), we therefore have

$$P(S_{nt} \geq b) \rightarrow P(S_t \geq b) = O(e^{-\alpha b^2}) \quad (28)$$

for some $\alpha > 0$ and $b \rightarrow \infty$.

The boundary crossing probability in (28) facilitates the development of the following uniform results.

Theorem 5. Let Assumptions 1b and 2 hold. Let $\mu = 0$. Then, uniformly in $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$M_n(a) \Rightarrow M(a), \tag{29}$$

where

$$M_n(a) = Q_n(a\sqrt{n}) = Q_n(x)$$

and $Q_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_t}{\sigma_n} \mathbf{1}(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n} \leq x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta \xi_t}{\sigma_n} \mathbf{1}(\frac{\xi_{t-1}}{\sigma_n} \leq x)$ as defined in PW.

It follows that when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma \geq 0.5$

$$J_n(a) \Rightarrow J(a), \text{ and } J_n^*(a) \Rightarrow J^*(a),$$

uniformly in $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus,

$$J_n(X_n(r)) \Rightarrow J(W(r)), \text{ and } J_n^*(X_n(r)) \Rightarrow J^*(W(r)) \tag{30}$$

as required.

3.2.1 Definition of $M(W(r))$. As discussed in Remark 6, the definition of $\int_0^1 M^2(W(r))dr$ requires definition of the stochastic integral

$$M(W(r)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq W(r)\} dW(s) \tag{31}$$

that appears in the integrand. For this purpose, it is convenient to use Tanaka's formula for local time (e.g., Revuz and Yor 1999) that for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq a\} dW(s) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L_W(t, a) - \{(W(t) - a)^- - (W(0) - a)^-\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L_W(t, a) - \{(W(t) - a)^- - (-a)^-\}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that we can write

$$\begin{aligned} M(a) &= \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq a\} dW(s) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L_W(1, a) - \{(W(1) - a)^- - (-a)^-\}. \end{aligned}$$

This formulation enables us to define (31) directly as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M(W(r)) &:= \frac{1}{2} L_W(1, W(r)) \\ &\quad - \{(W(1) - W(r))^- - (-W(r))^-\}. \tag{32} \end{aligned}$$

In this expression, $L_W(1, W(r))$ is the local time that the process $\{W(s) : s \in [0, 1]\}$ spends at $W(r)$, that is, the local time that W over $[0, 1]$ has spent at the current position $W(r)$. This concept appears in the probability literature in Aldous (1986) and is used in Phillips (2009). It is also related to the concept of self-intersection local time used in Wang and Phillips (2012). With this approach, all the quantities $\int_0^1 M^2(W(r))dr$, $\int_0^1 J^2(W(r))dr$, and $\int_0^1 J^{*2}(W(r))dr$ are well defined.

Using Theorem 5, we can establish the limit theory for GCVM_n and GCVM_n^* .

Theorem 6. Let Assumptions 1b and 2 hold. Under the null, when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0.5$, we have

$$\text{GCVM}_n \Rightarrow \int_0^1 J^2(W(r))dr, \text{ GCVM}_n^* \Rightarrow \int_0^1 J^{*2}(W(r))dr,$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where the quantities

$$J(W(r)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq W(r)\} dW(s),$$

and

$$J^*(W(r)) = \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}\{W(s) \leq W(r)\} dB(s),$$

are defined as in (32).

4. POWER ASYMPTOTICS

This section shows consistency of the new tests against non-martingale alternatives. The approach here follows PW. We first consider stationary-side alternatives to the null and replace the time series X_t by triangular arrays X_{nt} for $1 \leq t \leq n$, $n \geq 1$, making the following two assumptions.

Assumption 3. The array X_{nt} is strong mixing satisfying $\sup_{1 \leq t \leq n, n \geq 1} E|\Delta X_{nt}|^q < \infty$ for some $q \geq 2$.

Assumption 4. For any Borel set $A \subset R$, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n P_{nt}(A) \rightarrow P(A)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ where P is a probability measure on R and P_{nt} is the distribution of X_{nt} for $1 \leq t \leq n$, $n \geq 1$. Also, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n E(\Delta X_{nt} | X_{n,t-1} = x) \rightarrow H(x)$ for all $x \in R$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where H is a measurable function on R . $\int I(H(x) \neq 0) dP(x) > 0$.

Assumptions 3 and 4 are similar to Assumptions 4.2 and 4.1 in PW where their relevance and applicability are discussed. PW show that the following uniform weak law of large numbers holds under Assumption 3

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n [\Delta X_{nt} \mathbf{1}(X_{n,t-1} \leq x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \mathbb{E} \Delta X_{nt} \mathbf{1}(X_{n,t-1} \leq x)] \right| \rightarrow_p 0. \end{aligned}$$

The following lemma establishes the consistency of the tests under these conditions.

Lemma 4. Suppose Assumptions 3 and 4 hold. We have

$$\text{GKS}_n, \text{GCVM}_n, \text{GKS}_n^*, \text{GCVM}_n^* \rightarrow \infty$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The proof of Lemma 4 follows the proof of Theorem 4.4 in PW and is therefore omitted. Both our tests and the PW tests are consistent for the alternatives we consider here in Assumptions 3 and 4, and the divergence rates of the test statistics are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GKS}_n &= O_p(n^{1/2}), \text{ GKS}_n^* = O_p(n^{1/2}), \\ \text{GCVM}_n &= O_p(n), \text{ GCVM}_n^* = O_p(n) \tag{33} \end{aligned}$$

following the proof of Theorem 4.4 in Park and Whang (2005). As shown in the simulations reported in PW, the tests allow for quite flexible forms of nonstationarity. These simulations (Table 11 in PW) show that the test power of T_n against a simple explosive alternative (with AR coefficient θ and $H_1 : \theta > 1$) declines as $n \rightarrow \infty$ when $\theta = 1.05$ but increases when $\theta = 1.01$. By contrast, tests based on GKS_n , $GCVM_n$, GKS_n^* , and $GCVM_n^*$ are consistent against an explosive AR (1) model with $\theta > 1$ as shown in the following result, which remains true under more general weakly dependent errors u_t as can be shown using the results in Phillips and Magdalinos (2008, 2009). To simplify the exposition here, we maintain Assumption 1.

Theorem 8. Under $H_1 : \theta > 1$, we have as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$GKS_n, GCVM_n, GKS_n^*, GCVM_n^* \rightarrow \infty.$$

Remark 8. The proof is given in the Appendix. Under explosive alternatives, we find that $\sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) = O_p(\theta^n)$, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 = O_p(1)$, and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_n(x) &= \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}} = O\left(\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}}\right), \\ \Gamma_n^*(x) &= \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X}) \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}} = O\left(\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}}\right), \\ GKS_n &= O_p\left(\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}}\right), GKS_n^* = O_p\left(\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}}\right), \\ GCVM_n &= O_p\left(\frac{\theta^{2n}}{n}\right), GCVM_n^* = O_p\left(\frac{\theta^{2n}}{n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

so that tests based on $\Gamma_n(x)$ and $\Gamma_n^*(x)$ are consistent, explaining the results in the theorem. However, under explosive alternatives with $\theta > 1$, $\Delta X_t \neq u_t$, so $\sigma_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t)^2$ as defined in PW does not equal $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t^2$. Following similar arguments to those in the proof, it is easy to show that $\sigma_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t)^2 = O_p\left(\frac{\theta^{2n}}{n}\right)$, and thus $Q_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_t}{\sigma_n} \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n} \leq x\right) = O_p(1)$. Thus, the PW tests based on $Q_n(x)$ are not consistent against explosive AR (1) processes.

PW also look at the nonmartingale unit root process generated by $\Delta X_t = u_t$ where u_t is serially correlated. Chang and Park (2011) showed that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n u_t \mathbf{1}(X_t \leq 0) \rightarrow_d \int_0^1 \mathbf{1}(W(r) \leq 0) dW(r) + L(1, 0), \tag{34}$$

where u_t is iid with zero mean and unit variance and $\Delta X_t = u_t$. When u_t is correlated with X_{t-1} , u_t is serially correlated. In that event, our tests and the PW tests have asymptotics related to (34). As pointed out in PW, the presence of serial correlation in u_t will therefore tend to shift the limit distributions of the tests by an additional term involving $L(1, 0)$ as it appears in (34), but the tests are generally not consistent in this case. Simulation results not reported here show that, like the PW tests, our tests do have nontrivial power against such nonmartingales when there is some dependence in the innovation sequence.

Table 1. Asymptotic critical values of test statistics

Sig. level	0.99	0.95	0.90	0.10	0.05	0.01
GKS_n	0.5930	0.7465	0.8462	2.0877	2.3519	2.8885
$GCVM_n$	0.0551	0.0999	0.1422	1.6118	2.1250	3.3667
GKS_n^*	0.5164	0.6481	0.7341	1.5326	1.6716	1.9300
$GCVM_n^*$	0.0426	0.0752	0.1066	0.7619	0.9214	1.2871

NOTE: Asymptotic critical values of the test statistics are computed from simulations with 50,000 replications, iid $N(0, 1)$ errors and $n = 1000$.

5. SIMULATION EVIDENCE

This section reports results of simulations conducted to evaluate the finite sample performance of the tests given here. The limit distributions of the test statistics GKS_n , $GCVM_n$, GKS_n^* , and $GCVM_n^*$ are free of nuisance parameters when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0.5$ and these distributions are readily obtained by simulation. Table 1 gives the asymptotic critical values of the test statistics GKS_n , $GCVM_n$, GKS_n^* , and $GCVM_n^*$ when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma > 0.5$. These critical values were generated for $n = 1000$ observations using 50,000 replications and a Gaussian iid $N(0, 1)$ null.

As noted in Section 3 when $\gamma < 0.5$, the limit distributions of the test statistics are also free of nuisance parameters, but the drift dominates the martingale process in this case and the case is not of direct interest. When $\gamma = 0.5$, the limit distributions depend on nuisance parameters and bootstrap versions of tests are needed. But the tests are not martingale tests in that case. The simulation experiments described next consider cases where $\mu = 0$ and $\mu \neq 0$ under the null. For $\mu \neq 0$, we set $\gamma = 1$. We also used $\gamma = 0.5$ to assess the sensitivity of the tests in that case.

5.1. Experimental Design

We use the following data-generating processes (DGPs) under the martingale null.

1. Random walk process (NULL1): $X_t = \mu + X_{t-1} + u_t$, $\mu = 0$, with:
 - (a) Independent and identically distributed $N(0,1)$ errors (IID): $u_t \sim \text{iid}N(0, 1)$.
 - (b) GARCH errors as used in PW (GARCH): $u_t = \sigma_t \varepsilon_t$, $\sigma_t^2 = 1 + \theta_1 u_{t-1}^2 + \theta_2 \sigma_{t-1}^2$, $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}N(0, 1)$, and $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.3, 0)$, $(0.9, 0)$, $(0.2, 0.3)$, $(0.3, 0.4)$, and $(0.7, 0.2)$.
 - (c) Stochastic volatility model (SV1) considered in Escanciano and Velasco (2006): $u_t = \exp(\sigma_t) \varepsilon_t$, $\sigma_t = 0.936\sigma_{t-1} + 0.32v_t$, $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}N(0, 1)$, $v_t \sim \text{iid}N(0, 1)$, and ε_t are independent of v_t .
 - (d) Stochastic volatility model (SV2) considered in Charles, Darne, and Kim (2011): $u_t = \exp(0.5\sigma_t) \varepsilon_t$, $\sigma_t = 0.95\sigma_{t-1} + v_t$, $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}N(0, 1)$, $v_t \sim \text{iid}N(0, 1)$, ε_t independent of v_t .
2. Random walk process (NULL2): $X_t = \mu + X_{t-1} + u_t$, $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$, $\mu_0 = 1$, $\gamma = 1$. The errors u_t follow (a) IID, (b) GARCH, (c) SV1, and (d) SV2 (all as earlier).

Table 2. Empirical size (DGP: NULL1)

	<i>n</i>	IID	GARCH (θ_1, θ_2)					SV	
			(0.3, 0)	(0.9, 0)	(0.2, 0.3)	(0.3, .0.4)	(0.7, 0.2)	SV1	SV2
GKS _{<i>n</i>}	100	0.0438	0.0436	0.0376	0.0443	0.0432	0.0388	0.0351	0.0269
	250	0.0460	0.0459	0.0403	0.0456	0.0457	0.0421	0.0400	0.0304
	500	0.0488	0.0476	0.0424	0.0484	0.0479	0.0448	0.0420	0.0321
	1000	0.0501	0.0506	0.0457	0.0500	0.0499	0.0462	0.0468	0.0353
GCVM _{<i>n</i>}	100	0.0460	0.0464	0.0443	0.0456	0.0442	0.0436	0.0461	0.0467
	250	0.0471	0.0479	0.0459	0.0473	0.0473	0.0469	0.0482	0.0488
	500	0.0480	0.0478	0.0473	0.0473	0.0475	0.0483	0.0480	0.0476
	1000	0.0502	0.0507	0.0505	0.0501	0.0508	0.0513	0.0493	0.0487
GKS _{<i>n</i>} *	100	0.0428	0.0423	0.0343	0.0414	0.0398	0.0358	0.0351	0.0308
	250	0.0476	0.0448	0.0356	0.0458	0.0447	0.0375	0.0380	0.0314
	500	0.0479	0.0460	0.0374	0.0484	0.0452	0.0428	0.0410	0.0328
	1000	0.0509	0.0495	0.0426	0.0498	0.0491	0.0452	0.0428	0.0353
GCVM _{<i>n</i>} *	100	0.0494	0.0509	0.0512	0.0484	0.0474	0.0490	0.0561	0.0617
	250	0.0494	0.0487	0.0514	0.0479	0.0489	0.0510	0.0547	0.0561
	500	0.0494	0.0498	0.0500	0.0504	0.0496	0.0511	0.0540	0.0555
	1000	0.0512	0.0514	0.0527	0.0522	0.0519	0.0542	0.0533	0.0548

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical size of the test statistics for a fixed sample size *n* and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on simulations with 50,000 replications.

3. Random walk process (NULL3): $X_t = \mu + X_{t-1} + u_t, \mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}, \mu_0 = 1, \gamma = 0.5$. The errors u_t follow (a) IID, (b) GARCH, (c) SV1, and (d) SV2 (all as earlier).

Seven different models taken from PW are chosen to generate simulated data under the alternative.

4. Explosive AR(1) model (EXP1): $X_t = \theta X_{t-1} + u_t, \theta = 1.01$. The errors u_t follow (a) IID, (b) GARCH, (c) SV1, and (d) SV2 (all as earlier).
5. Explosive AR(1) model (EXP2): $X_t = \theta X_{t-1} + u_t, \theta = 1.05$. The errors u_t follow (a) IID, (b) GARCH, (c) SV1, and (d) SV2 (all as earlier).
6. Autoregressive moving average model of order (1,1) (ARMA): $X_t = \theta_1 X_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$, with parameter values $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.3, 0), (0.5, 0), (0.95, 0), (0.3, 0.2), (0.5, 0.2),$ and $(0.7, 0.2)$.
7. Exponential autoregressive model (EXAR): $X_t = \theta_1 X_{t-1} + \theta_2 X_{t-1} \exp(-0.1 |X_{t-1}|) + \varepsilon_t$, with parameter values $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.6, 0.2), (0.6, 0.3), (0.6, 0.4), (0.9, 0.2), (0.9, 0.3),$ and $(0.9, 0.4)$.
8. Threshold autoregressive model of order 1 (TAR): $X_t = \theta_1 X_{t-1} \mathbf{1}(|X_{t-1}| < \theta_2) + 0.9 X_{t-1} \mathbf{1}(|X_{t-1}| \geq \theta_2) + \varepsilon_t$, with parameter values $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.3, 1.0), (0.5, 1.0), (0.7, 1.0), (0.3, 2.0), (0.5, 2.0),$ and $(0.5, 2.0)$.
9. Bilinear processes: $X_t = \theta_1 X_{t-1} + \theta_2 X_{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$, with parameter values $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.4, 0.1), (0.4, 0.2), (0.4, 0.3), (0.8, 0.1), (0.8, 0.2),$ and $(0.8, 0.3)$.
10. Nonlinear moving average model (NLMA): $X_t = \theta_1 X_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$, with parameter values $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.4, 0.2), (0.4, 0.4), (0.4, 0.6), (0.8, 0.2), (0.8, 0.4),$ and $(0.8, 0.6)$.¹

5.2 Results

For each experiment, we set initial values to be zero and use 50,000 replications. We take $n = 100, 250, 500, 1000$ and report for each n the rejection probabilities of the tests with nominal size 0.05. The results corresponding to different nominal sizes are qualitatively similar and are not reported.

Table 2 reports the empirical size of the test statistics when μ is set to be zero. We find that the new tests have reasonably good size performance and are robust to both GARCH and stochastic volatility structures in the errors². Table 3 reports the empirical size of the tests when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$, with $\mu_0 = 1, \gamma = 1$. When $\mu \neq 0$ but the martingale process dominates the drift term, the empirical size properties of the tests are appropriate and seem robust to thick tails. When $\gamma = 0.5$, where $n^{-1/2} X_t$ behaves asymptotically like a Brownian motion with drift, the limit theory depends on nuisance parameters. We see in Table 4 that, using the asymptotic critical values given in Table 1, GKS_{*n*} and GCVM_{*n*} have large size distortions in most cases, confirming asymptotic theory, whereas GKS_{*n*}* and GCVM_{*n*}* still work well and the tests have good size performance in most cases, again corroborating the asymptotics. The findings for GKS_{*n*} and GCVM_{*n*} are unsurprising because these tests are based on the PW tests which are designed for the case where $\mu = 0$, whereas the GKS_{*n*}* and GCVM_{*n*}* tests are constructed under the explicit assumption that there may be a mild drift in the data.

Tables 5–11 report finite sample powers of the tests against various nonmartingale alternatives at the 5% nominal level. The tests are consistent in all of the cases we consider here and GKS_{*n*}* and GCVM_{*n*}* generally perform much better than GKS_{*n*} and GCVM_{*n*} tests except for one case (the mildly explosive AR(1) process with $\theta = 1.01$), and GKS_{*n*} and GCVM_{*n*} generally perform slightly better or similar to the PW tests. We

¹PW also consider a Markov switching model and Feigenbaum maps with system noise. We found that the results are similar for these models and so they are not reported.

²We also tried EGARCH models as in Fong and Ouliaris (1995) and the results are again similar.

Table 3. Empirical size (DGP: NULL2)

	n	IID	GARCH (θ_1, θ_2)					SV	
			(0.3, 0)	(0.9, 0)	(0.2, 0.3)	(0.3, 0.4)	(0.7, 0.2)	SV1	SV2
GKS _{<i>n</i>}	100	0.0473	0.0461	0.0377	0.0458	0.0443	0.0381	0.0378	0.0277
	250	0.0506	0.0506	0.0419	0.0505	0.0494	0.0428	0.0411	0.0280
	500	0.0515	0.0490	0.0434	0.0505	0.0500	0.0449	0.0416	0.0328
	1000	0.0494	0.0478	0.0375	0.0478	0.0469	0.0397	0.0456	0.0352
GCVM _{<i>n</i>}	100	0.0534	0.0518	0.0471	0.0502	0.0485	0.0468	0.0500	0.0495
	250	0.0521	0.0521	0.0482	0.0506	0.0498	0.0485	0.0509	0.0499
	500	0.0510	0.0508	0.0487	0.0497	0.0498	0.0498	0.0496	0.0485
	1000	0.0525	0.0523	0.0514	0.0520	0.0519	0.0520	0.0504	0.0489
GKS _{<i>n</i>} *	100	0.0420	0.0421	0.0319	0.0421	0.0412	0.0340	0.0333	0.0307
	250	0.0438	0.0444	0.0334	0.0421	0.0437	0.0386	0.0340	0.0326
	500	0.0461	0.0457	0.0401	0.0458	0.0459	0.0416	0.0405	0.0317
	1000	0.0490	0.0517	0.0398	0.0515	0.0479	0.0425	0.0441	0.0315
GCVM _{<i>n</i>} *	100	0.0490	0.0503	0.0517	0.0486	0.0478	0.0497	0.0558	0.0608
	250	0.0491	0.0489	0.0514	0.0483	0.0482	0.0518	0.0549	0.0560
	500	0.0491	0.0502	0.0506	0.0502	0.0494	0.0521	0.0535	0.0556
	1000	0.0517	0.0504	0.0537	0.0521	0.0525	0.0552	0.0534	0.0551

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical size of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on simulations with 50,000 replications.

draw special attention to three aspects of Tables 5–11. First, as shown in Table 6 here, when the data are generated from an explosive AR(1) process with $\theta = 1.05$, our tests have superior power to T_n (see also Table 11 in PW for T_n). The rejection probabilities are above 90% with different GARCH specifications for all the tests when the sample size is small ($n = 100$). Our test power quickly jumps to 100% as the sample size rises whereas the test power of T_n declines as $n \rightarrow \infty$. When $n = 1000$, for example, the rejection probabilities of T_n drop to around 50% in all cases.

Second, for the ARMA case, Table 4 in PW shows that the performance of the PW tests against near-unit root processes is

not satisfactory especially when sample size is small. For example, when the AR(1) coefficient is 0.95, the PW tests basically have no power when n is less than 500, while the rejection probabilities of the PW tests are 48.4% for S_n and 73.5% for T_n when $n = 1000$. Table 7 here shows that GKS_{*n*} and GCVM_{*n*} perform slightly better than the PW tests, but GKS_{*n*}* and GCVM_{*n*}* both have substantially higher power in this case. When $n = 250$, the rejection probabilities are around 30%, and they reach 100% for GKS_{*n*}* and GCVM_{*n*}* when sample size increases to 1000. When there is a moving average component, our tests continue to outperform the PW tests: for example, when $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 0.2)$, the PW tests basically have zero power when $n = 100$, the

Table 4. Empirical size (DGP: NULL3)

	n	IID	GARCH (θ_1, θ_2)					SV	
			(0.3, 0)	(0.9, 0)	(0.2, 0.3)	(0.3, 0.4)	(0.7, 0.2)	SV1	SV2
GKS _{<i>n</i>}	100	0.1754	0.1385	0.0784	0.1148	0.0896	0.0733	0.1124	0.0831
	250	0.1945	0.1519	0.0809	0.1282	0.0993	0.0751	0.1040	0.0518
	500	0.2036	0.1621	0.0832	0.1356	0.1086	0.0774	0.0915	0.0448
	1000	0.2024	0.1630	0.0785	0.1369	0.1081	0.0783	0.0901	0.0432
GCVM _{<i>n</i>}	100	0.1930	0.1571	0.0924	0.1315	0.1043	0.0855	0.1226	0.0985
	250	0.2022	0.1645	0.0927	0.1367	0.1091	0.0864	0.1095	0.0699
	500	0.2051	0.1672	0.0924	0.1398	0.1118	0.0865	0.1017	0.0616
	1000	0.2117	0.1719	0.0941	0.1447	0.1145	0.0891	0.0994	0.0589
GKS _{<i>n</i>} *	100	0.0361	0.0374	0.0310	0.0377	0.0375	0.0333	0.0265	0.0237
	250	0.0403	0.0400	0.0334	0.0409	0.0420	0.0380	0.0341	0.0297
	500	0.0427	0.0423	0.0367	0.0439	0.0440	0.0415	0.0364	0.0322
	1000	0.0465	0.0463	0.0409	0.0470	0.0479	0.0436	0.0414	0.0337
GCVM _{<i>n</i>} *	100	0.0418	0.0435	0.0464	0.0439	0.0441	0.0463	0.0400	0.0416
	250	0.0436	0.0453	0.0482	0.0459	0.0464	0.0496	0.0456	0.0487
	500	0.0447	0.0450	0.0498	0.0464	0.0462	0.0515	0.0469	0.0520
	1000	0.0478	0.0484	0.0530	0.0491	0.0499	0.0538	0.0501	0.0542

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical size of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on simulations with 50,000 replications.

Table 5. Power (DGP: EXP1)

	n	IID	GARCH (θ_1, θ_2)					SV	
			(0.3, 0)	(0.9, 0)	(0.2, 0.3)	(0.3, 0.4)	(0.7, 0.2)	SV1	SV2
GKS _{n}	100	0.2271	0.2238	0.2075	0.2222	0.2178	0.2057	0.2073	0.1947
	250	0.6691	0.6689	0.6472	0.6669	0.6633	0.6458	0.6319	0.5840
	500	0.9597	0.9591	0.9534	0.9589	0.9577	0.9520	0.9491	0.9242
	1000	0.9995	0.9997	0.9996	0.9997	0.9995	0.9995	0.9994	0.9990
GCV _{n}	100	0.1964	0.1920	0.1808	0.1907	0.1854	0.1769	0.1797	0.1714
	250	0.6233	0.6215	0.5964	0.6192	0.6146	0.5932	0.5773	0.5259
	500	0.9449	0.9448	0.9365	0.9436	0.9418	0.9352	0.9311	0.8969
	1000	0.9993	0.9994	0.9992	0.9993	0.9991	0.9993	0.9991	0.9982
GKS _{n} *	100	0.0300	0.0276	0.0208	0.0279	0.0258	0.0213	0.0197	0.0174
	250	0.2829	0.2809	0.2664	0.2795	0.2750	0.2636	0.2608	0.2514
	500	0.9412	0.9400	0.9314	0.9387	0.9379	0.9310	0.9241	0.8884
	1000	0.9995	0.9996	0.9995	0.9996	0.9995	0.9994	0.9994	0.9988
GCV _{n} *	100	0.0333	0.0330	0.0291	0.0321	0.0298	0.0281	0.0276	0.0271
	250	0.2744	0.2748	0.2687	0.2735	0.2699	0.2634	0.2666	0.2628
	500	0.9368	0.9363	0.9289	0.9347	0.9340	0.9281	0.9227	0.8898
	1000	0.9994	0.9996	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9994	0.9993	0.9987

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on simulations with 50,000 replications.

rejection probabilities reach 53% for S_n and 85.5% for T_n when $n = 250$, and the power increases to 100% when $n = 500$; on the other hand, the rejection probabilities are 65.74% for GKS _{n} * and 84.98% for GCV _{n} * when $n = 100$ and these powers quickly jump to 100% as the sample size rises to 250.

Third, for other data-generating processes including exponential autoregressive processes, threshold autoregressive models, bilinear processes, and nonlinear moving average models, our tests continue to perform well and outperform the PW tests. In particular, there are many cases where the performance of

the PW tests is disappointing, and in these cases the comparison is more dramatic especially when the sample size is small. For example, Table 6 in PW shows that the rejection probabilities of the PW tests are around zero when $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.3, 1.0), (0.5, 1.0), (0.7, 1.0)$ and $(0.7, 2.0)$ for TAR when sample size is $n = 100$ and the power improves only slowly as the sample size increases to 250 (less than 1% in the worst scenario when $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 1.0)$ and less than 50% in the best scenario when $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 2.0)$); by contrast, the GKS _{n} * and GCV _{n} * tests have effective discriminatory power in all these

Table 6. Power (DGP: EXP2)

	n	IID	GARCH (θ_1, θ_2)					SV	
			(0.3, 0)	(0.9, 0)	(0.2, 0.3)	(0.3, 0.4)	(0.7, 0.2)	SV1	SV2
GKS _{n}	100	0.9556	0.9537	0.9438	0.9526	0.9501	0.9419	0.9386	0.9081
	250	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9998
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _{n}	100	0.9411	0.9377	0.9250	0.9370	0.9334	0.9230	0.9190	0.8764
	250	0.9999	1.0000	0.9998	1.0000	1.0000	0.9998	0.9999	0.9996
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GKS _{n} *	100	0.9350	0.9319	0.9178	0.9305	0.9259	0.9190	0.9096	0.8641
	250	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _{n} *	100	0.9330	0.9293	0.9188	0.9290	0.9256	0.9173	0.9156	0.8820
	250	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	1.0000	0.9999	0.9999	0.9997
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on simulations with 50,000 replications.

Table 7. Power (DGP: ARMA)

		(θ_1, θ_2)					
	n	(0.3, 0)	(0.5, 0)	(0.95, 0)	(0.3, 0.2)	(0.5, 0.2)	(0.7, 0.2)
GKS _n	100	0.9918	0.7878	0.0011	0.8829	0.3895	0.0348
	250	1.0000	1.0000	0.0040	1.0000	1.0000	0.7773
	500	1.0000	1.0000	0.0572	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	0.5725	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _M _n	100	0.9996	0.9357	0.0008	0.9787	0.5974	0.0455
	250	1.0000	1.0000	0.0050	1.0000	1.0000	0.9500
	500	1.0000	1.0000	0.0729	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	0.7854	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GKS _n *	100	1.0000	0.9990	0.0820	0.9998	0.9854	0.6574
	250	1.0000	1.0000	0.2672	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	500	1.0000	1.0000	0.7443	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _M _n *	100	1.0000	1.0000	0.0965	1.0000	0.9996	0.8498
	250	1.0000	1.0000	0.3495	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	500	1.0000	1.0000	0.9044	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on 50,000 replications.

cases. Table 9 shows that when $n = 100$, rejection probabilities range from around 30% when $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 1.0)$ to 60% when $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 0.2)$. When the sample size increases to 250, the rejection probabilities quickly rise to 90% for $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 1.0)$ and 99% for $(\theta_1, \theta_2) = (0.7, 2.0)$.

6. EMPIRICAL APPLICATIONS

If foreign exchange markets are efficient, nominal exchange rates are expected to follow a martingale. Numerous studies

tested the martingale hypothesis in major foreign exchanges rates since Meese and Rogoff (1983) showed that structural and other time series models of exchange rates generally perform poorly in terms of out-of-sample forecasting accuracy compared to a random walk model. Among others, Liu and He (1991), Fong, Koh, and Ouliaris (1997), Wright (2000), Yilmaz (2003), and Belaire-Franch and Opong (2005) used various variance ratio tests proposed originally by Lo and MacKinlay (1988) to examine the MDH in major exchange rates. Similarly, Hsieh (1988), Lobato, Nankervis, and Savin (2001), Horowitz et al. (2006), Escanciano and Lobato (2009a, 2009b), and Charles,

Table 8. Power (DGP: EXAR)

		(θ_1, θ_2)					
	n	(0.6, 0.2)	(0.6, 0.3)	(0.6, 0.4)	(0.9, 0.2)	(0.9, 0.3)	(0.9, 0.4)
GKS _n	100	0.0589	0.0095	0.0019	0.0072	0.0947	0.3059
	250	0.8262	0.3220	0.0341	0.0202	0.2212	0.4494
	500	0.9999	0.9863	0.4562	0.0834	0.6451	0.8660
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9995	0.2143	0.9740	1.0000
GCV _M _n	100	0.0950	0.0135	0.0020	0.0199	0.2247	0.4605
	250	0.9707	0.5482	0.0540	0.0384	0.3726	0.5092
	500	1.0000	0.9999	0.8278	0.1052	0.7406	0.9498
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.1995	0.9734	0.9999
GKS _n *	100	0.7269	0.4012	0.1724	0.1215	0.3374	0.6541
	250	1.0000	0.9852	0.7187	0.3061	0.8700	0.9937
	500	1.0000	1.0000	0.9995	0.4649	0.9880	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.6785	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _M _n *	100	0.8947	0.5749	0.2290	0.1525	0.4441	0.7984
	250	1.0000	0.9999	0.9418	0.3683	0.9527	0.9997
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.4552	0.9871	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.6617	0.9981	1.0000

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on 50,000 replications.

Table 9. Power (DGP: TAR)

		(θ_1, θ_2)					
n		(0.3, 1.0)	(0.5, 1.0)	(0.7, 1.0)	(0.3, 2.0)	(0.5, 2.0)	(0.7, 2.0)
GKS _n	100	0.0506	0.0203	0.0065	0.7304	0.3545	0.0589
	250	0.5391	0.3184	0.1475	0.9999	0.9808	0.6231
	500	0.9895	0.9395	0.7967	1.0000	1.0000	0.9971
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _n	100	0.0331	0.0155	0.0066	0.7571	0.3990	0.0709
	250	0.3866	0.2549	0.1517	0.9992	0.9764	0.6547
	500	0.9759	0.9433	0.8837	1.0000	1.0000	0.9982
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GKS _n *	100	0.4765	0.3482	0.2541	0.9830	0.8940	0.5649
	250	0.9663	0.9170	0.8418	1.0000	1.0000	0.9903
	500	1.0000	0.9998	0.9992	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCV _n *	100	0.4646	0.3816	0.3066	0.9830	0.9061	0.6266
	250	0.9775	0.9609	0.9356	1.0000	0.9999	0.9953
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on 50,000 replications.

Darne, and Kim (2011) studied foreign exchange rates applying Box–Pierce type autocorrelation tests. In other work, Fong and Ouliaris (1995), Hong and Lee (2003), Kuan and Lee (2004), and Escanciano and Velasco (2006) analyzed foreign exchange rates using spectral shape tests. All of these are MDS tests and examine whether exchange rate returns are predictable based on past return information. The findings from these studies are partly mixed and sometimes inconclusive.

To complement this work using the tests developed here, we examine the martingale properties of major exchanges rates that

have been studied in recent work by Escanciano and Lobato (2009b). The data consist of four daily and weekly exchange rates on the Euro (EUR), Canadian dollar (CAD), British pound (GBP), and the Japanese yen (JPY) relative to the US dollar. The daily data cover the period from January 2, 2004, to August 17, 2007, and comprise a total of 908 observations. The weekly data have a total of 382 observations observed on Wednesday or on the next trading day if the Wednesday observations are missing. The nominal exchange rate data are obtained from <http://www.federalreserve.gov/Releases/h10/hist>.

Table 10. Power (DGP: BL)

		(θ_1, θ_2)					
n		(0.4, 0.1)	(0.4, 0.2)	(0.4, 0.3)	(0.8, 0.1)	(0.8, 0.2)	(0.8, 0.3)
GKS _n	100	0.9388	0.8999	0.8073	0.0317	0.0239	0.0123
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.5894	0.3740	0.1509
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9992	0.9681	0.6402
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9887
GCV _n	100	0.9909	0.9784	0.9349	0.0474	0.0373	0.0241
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.8009	0.5872	0.3116
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9983	0.8971
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9985
GKS _n *	100	1.0000	1.0000	0.9984	0.5400	0.4082	0.2494
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9960	0.9540	0.7254
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9800
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9994
GCV _n *	100	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.7127	0.5739	0.4153
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9955	0.9181
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9973
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on 50,000 replications.

Table 11. Power (DGP: NLMA)

		(θ_1, θ_2)					
n		(0.4, 0.2)	(0.4, 0.4)	(0.4, 0.6)	(0.8, 0.2)	(0.8, 0.4)	(0.8, 0.6)
GKS _n	100	0.9486	0.9515	0.9447	0.0296	0.0311	0.0315
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.6461	0.6693	0.6942
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	0.9997	0.9999
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCVM _n	100	0.9932	0.9928	0.9909	0.0461	0.0495	0.0582
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.8560	0.8704	0.8753
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GKS _n *	100	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.5899	0.5991	0.6001
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9986	0.9985	0.9987
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
GCVM _n *	100	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.7633	0.7727	0.7757
	250	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	500	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

NOTE: Each row gives the empirical power of the test statistics for a fixed sample size n and nominal test size is 5%. The results are based on 50,000 replications.

Table 12. Testing the martingale of exchange rates

P-values	Daily				Weekly			
	EUR	GBP	CAD	JPY	EUR	GBP	CAD	JPY
GKS _n	0.8371	0.7989	0.5667	0.4901	0.9476	0.9472	0.3636	0.1945
GCVM _n	0.8527	0.9257	0.7170	0.4078	0.9719	0.9676	0.3329	0.1366
GKS _n *	0.3378	0.2465	0.9494	0.5715	0.5548	0.6188	0.9730	0.1202
GCVM _n *	0.4211	0.4580	0.9264	0.4195	0.7456	0.8283	0.9852	0.0307

The empirical findings are given in Table 12. The results support the martingale null hypothesis for all exchange rates at both frequencies, daily and weekly, with the exception of the weekly Japanese yen, which is rejected at the 5% level by the GCVM_n* test—so the outcome is inconclusive in this case. The MDS tests used by Escanciano and Lobato (2009b) found similar results with only a slight difference. They found that the exchange rate returns are martingale differences with the exception of the daily Euro exchange rate return, for which their test rejects the null.

7. CONCLUSION

New martingale hypothesis tests are developed based on versions of the Kolmogorov–Smirnov and Cramér–von Mises tests extended to the regression framework. The tests are distribution-free even when a drift is present in the model so there is no need to choose bandwidth parameters or obtain bootstrap versions of the tests in implementation. We develop limit theory under the null and show that test consistency against a wide class of nonlinear nonmartingale processes. Simulation performance is encouraging and shows that the new tests have good finite sample properties in terms of size and power. An empirical application confirms that major exchange rates are best modeled as martingale processes, confirming much earlier research.

The present work overcomes some of the limitations of the PW tests, particularly against explosive alternatives, but also shares some of their shortcomings. In particular, the new tests focus on whether a univariate first-order Markovian process follows a martingale. To deal with more general cases, multivariate processes might be considered where martingale hypothesis tests become nonpivotal and some resampling procedure is necessary, as discussed in Escanciano (2007). We may also want to mount tests to assess whether a κ th-order Markovian process follows a martingale, that is,

$$\mathbb{E}((X_t - \mu)|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \mathbb{E}((X_t - \mu)|X_{t-1}, X_{t-2}, \dots, X_{t-\kappa}),$$

for all $t \geq 1$ with some $\kappa > 1$, and other covariates might be included in the information set. The distribution-free nature of the tests continues to hold for the κ th-order Markovian process. The extension, as pointed out in PW, requires some new limit theory and is left for future work.

APPENDIX

A. PROOF OF LEMMA 2

Following a similar argument to Lemma 3.3 of PW, and using $\hat{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{u}_t^2 \rightarrow_p \sigma^2$ as shown in Lemma 1, we obtain

$$J_n(a) \Rightarrow J(a), \quad J_n^*(a) \Rightarrow J^*(a)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$ when $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma \geq 0.5$. When $\mu = \mu_0 n^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma < 0.5$, the proof is straightforward and omitted.

B. PROOF OF THEOREM 3

The results follow directly from the continuous mapping theorem and the weak convergence of $J_n(a)$ to $J(a)$ and $J_n^*(a)$ to $J^*(a)$ established in Lemma 2.

C. PROOF OF THEOREM 5

We prove that when $\mu = 0$, $M_n(a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \Rightarrow M(a)$, uniformly for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $A = [-b, b]$ for some large $b > 0$. We consider the two cases $a \geq b$ and $a \leq -b$ separately.

For $a \geq b$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(a) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq b\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(b < \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right). \end{aligned} \tag{C.1}$$

For the second term of (C.1), by virtue of (28) we have $1(\sup_t \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} > b) = O_p(e^{-ab^2})$ as $b \rightarrow \infty$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{var} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(b < \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n P\left(b < \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \\ &= O\left(P\left(\sup_{t \leq n} \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} > b\right)\right) = O(e^{-ab^2}), \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in $a \geq b$. Hence,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(b < \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) = O_p(e^{-ab^2}), \tag{C.2}$$

uniformly in $a \geq b$ and so is exponentially small for large b . Thus, (C.1) becomes

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq b\right) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}). \tag{C.3}$$

We then have

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(a) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq b\right) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}) \\ &= M_n(b) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}), \end{aligned} \tag{C.4}$$

uniformly in $a \geq b$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} |M_n(a) - M(a)| &\leq |M_n(b) - M(b)| + |M(b) - M(a)| \\ &\quad + O_p(e^{-ab^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &|M(a) - M(b)| \\ &= \left| \int_0^1 1\{W(s) \leq a\} dW(s) - \int_0^1 1\{W(s) \leq b\} dW(s) \right| \\ &= O_p\left(\left| \int_0^1 1\{b < W(s) \leq a\} dW(s) \right|\right) \\ &= O_p\left(P\left(\sup_{t \leq 1} W(t) > b\right)\right) = O(e^{-ab^2}), \end{aligned} \tag{C.5}$$

uniformly in $a \geq b$. We also have, from (23), $M_n(b) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} M(b)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{a \geq b} |M_n(a) - M(a)| \\ &\leq |M_n(b) - M(b)| + |M(b) - M(a)| + O_p(e^{-ab^2}) \\ &= o_{\text{a.s.}}(1) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}), \end{aligned}$$

which is negligibly different from zero for large enough b as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence,

$$M_n(a) \rightarrow_p M(a)$$

uniformly in $a \geq b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $b \rightarrow \infty$.

For $a \leq -b$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(a) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq a\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq -b\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(a \leq \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} < -b\right), \end{aligned} \tag{C.6}$$

and again by virtue of (28)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{var} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(a \leq \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} < -b\right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n P\left(a \leq \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} < -b\right) \\ &= O\left(P\left(\inf_{t \leq n} \frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq -b\right)\right) = O(e^{-\alpha b^2}), \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in $a \leq -b$ for some $\alpha > 0$ and $b \rightarrow \infty$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(a) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq -b\right) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{u_t}{\sigma_n} 1\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\sigma_n \sqrt{n}} \leq -b\right) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}) \\ &= M_n(-b) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}) \end{aligned} \tag{C.7}$$

uniformly in $a \leq -b$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} |M_n(a) - M(a)| &\leq |M_n(-b) - M(-b)| + |M(-b) - M(a)| \\ &\quad + O_p(e^{-ab^2}). \end{aligned}$$

As in (C.5)

$$|M(-b) - M(a)| = O_p\left(P\left(\inf_{t \leq 1} W(t) < -b\right)\right) = O(e^{-ab^2}),$$

uniformly in $a \leq -b$. Using (23)

$$M_n(-b) \rightarrow_{\text{a.s.}} M(-b),$$

and it follows that

$$\sup_{a \leq -b} |M_n(a) - M(a)| \leq o_{a.s.}(1) + O_p(e^{-ab^2}),$$

which is negligibly different from zero for large enough b as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence,

$$M_n(a) \rightarrow_p M(a),$$

uniformly for $a \leq -b$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $b \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that $M_n(a) \rightarrow_p M(a)$ uniformly in both $a \in A$ and $a \in A^c$, that is, on the expanded probability space

$$M_n(a) \rightarrow_p M(a) \quad \text{uniformly for any } a \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (C.8)$$

Hence, on the original space we have

$$M_n(a) \Rightarrow M(a) \quad \text{uniformly for any } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

D. PROOF OF THEOREM 8

When the model is an explosive AR(1) process with $\theta > 1$, we have

$$X_t(\theta) = \frac{X_t}{\theta^t} = \sum_{j=1}^t \frac{u_j}{\theta^j} \rightarrow_{a.s.} X(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{u_j}{\theta^j}.$$

By the martingale convergence theorem and under Gaussianity,

$$X(\theta) \equiv N\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\theta^2 - 1}\right).$$

Under H_1 , we have $X_t = \theta^t X(\theta)(1 + o_{a.s.}(1))$ so that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta X_t &= \theta^{t-1} X(\theta)(\theta - 1)(1 + o_{a.s.}(1)), \\ \overline{\Delta X} &= \frac{1}{n} (X_n - X_0) = \frac{\theta^n}{n} X(\theta)(1 + o_{a.s.}(1)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_t}{\theta^{t-1}} \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\theta^{t-1}} \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=L}^n \theta^{t-1} X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \mathbf{1}\left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) (1 + o_p(1)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^{L-1} \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=L}^n \theta^{t-1} X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \mathbf{1}\left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) (1 + o_p(1)) \\ &\quad + O_p\left(\frac{\theta^L}{\theta^n} L\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=L}^n \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}\left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) X(\theta)(\theta - 1) (1 + o_p(1)) \\ &\quad + o_p(1), \end{aligned}$$

for some L satisfying $\frac{1}{L} + \frac{L}{n} \rightarrow 0$. For all fixed x we have $\frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}} = o(1)$ as $t \geq L \rightarrow \infty$ and so we can add the frontal sum in $\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^{L-1} \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}(X(\theta) \leq 0) X(\theta)(\theta - 1) = o_p(1)$ without affecting the limit. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}(X(\theta) \leq 0) X(\theta)(\theta - 1) (1 + o_p(1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^n} \frac{\theta^n - 1}{\theta - 1} \mathbf{1}(X(\theta) \leq 0) X(\theta)(\theta - 1) (1 + o_p(1)) \\ &= X(\theta) \mathbf{1}(X(\theta) \leq 0) (1 + o_p(1)). \end{aligned}$$

The same argument holds for $x = a\sqrt{n}$ because $\frac{a\sqrt{n}}{\theta^L} = o(1)$ and therefore

$$\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) = X(\theta) \mathbf{1}(X(\theta) \leq 0) (1 + o_p(1))$$

for any $x \in (-A_n, B_n)$ with $A_n, B_n = o(\theta^L)$ for some $\frac{1}{L} + \frac{L}{n} \rightarrow 0$, and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t \mathbf{1}(X_{t-1} \leq x) \\ &= \theta^n \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_t}{\theta^{t-1}} \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}\left(\frac{X_{t-1}}{\theta^{t-1}} \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) \\ &= \theta^n \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}\left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (1 + o_p(1)) \right] \\ &= \theta^n X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \theta^{t-1} \mathbf{1}\left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{x}{\theta^{t-1}}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. (1 + o_p(1)) \right]. \quad (D.1) \end{aligned}$$

For the denominator, \hat{u}_t is a consistent estimator for u_t under the explosive alternative with $\hat{u}_t = u_t + O_p\left(\frac{1}{\theta^n}\right)$ — see Phillips and

Magdalinos (2008) for details. We, therefore, have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2 = O_p(1), \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2 1(X_{t-1} \leq x) = O_p(1). \tag{D.2}$$

Hence,

GKS_n

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \Delta X_t 1(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} |X(\theta)|(\theta - 1) \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{t=1}^n \theta^{t-1} 1(X(\theta) \leq \infty) (1 + o_p(1)) \right]}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2 \right)^{1/2}} \\ &= O_p \left(\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GKS}_n^* &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\Gamma_n^*(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n (\Delta X_t - \overline{\Delta X}) 1(X_{t-1} \leq x)}{(\sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2)^{1/2}} \\ &= O_p \left(\frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, GKS_n and GKS_n^{*} are consistent against H_1 .

Next, consider GCVM_n and GCVM_n^{*}

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCVM}_n &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \Gamma_n^2(X_{t-1}) \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{s=1}^n \Delta X_s 1(X_{s-1} \leq X_{t-1}) \right\}^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $X(\theta)$ may be positive or negative and for $s, t > L, 1(X_{s-1} \leq X_{t-1})$ iff $1(\theta^{s-1} X(\theta) \leq \theta^{t-1} X(\theta))$ iff $1(s < t \text{ and } X(\theta) > 0)$ or $1(s > t \text{ and } X(\theta) < 0)$. As in (D.1), we find that for $t \geq L$

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{s=1}^n \Delta X_s 1(X_{s-1} \leq X_{t-1}) \\ &= \frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{\Delta X_s}{\theta^{s-1}} \theta^{s-1} 1 \left(\frac{X_{s-1}}{\theta^{s-1}} \leq \frac{X_{t-1}}{\theta^{s-1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{s=L}^n \theta^{s-1} 1 \left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{X_{t-1}}{\theta^{s-1}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (1 + o_p(1)) + o_p(1) \right] \\ &= \frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{s=L}^n \theta^{s-1} 1 \left(X(\theta) \leq \frac{X_{t-1}}{\theta^{t-1}} \frac{\theta^{t-1}}{\theta^{s-1}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (1 + o_p(1)) + o_p(1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{s=L}^n \theta^{s-1} 1 \{s < t \text{ and } X(\theta) > 0\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (1 + o_p(1)) + o_p(1) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\theta^n}{\sqrt{n}} X(\theta)(\theta - 1) \left[\frac{1}{\theta^n} \sum_{s=L}^n \theta^{s-1} 1 \{s > t \text{ and } X(\theta) < 0\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times (1 + o_p(1)) + o_p(1) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we evaluate GCVM_n for $s > t$ and $X(\theta) < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCVM}_n &= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{s=1}^n \Delta X_s 1(X_{s-1} \leq X_{t-1}) \right\}^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2} \\ &= O_p \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{s=t+1}^n \theta^{s-1} |X(\theta)|(\theta - 1) 1 \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times (X(\theta) < 0) (1 + o_p(1)) \right\}^2 \right) \\ &= O_p \left(\frac{\theta^{2n}}{n} \right), \end{aligned}$$

so that GCVM_n is divergent for $1(X(\theta) < 0)$.

Evaluating GCVM_n for $s \leq t$ and $X(\theta) > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCVM}_n &= \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{s=1}^n \Delta X_s 1(X_{s-1} \leq X_{t-1}) \right\}^2}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \widehat{u}_t^2} \\ &= O_p \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{t=1}^n \left[\left\{ \sum_{s=1}^t \theta^{s-1} |X(\theta)|(\theta - 1) \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times (X(\theta) > 0) (1 + o_p(1)) \right\}^2 \right] \right) \\ &= O_p \left(\frac{\theta^{2n}}{n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, GCVM_n is divergent for $1(X(\theta) > 0)$. It follows that the test GCVM_n is consistent against explosive AR(1) alternatives. In a similar way, we have GCVM_n^{*} = $O_p(\frac{\theta^{2n}}{n})$ and the test GCVM_n^{*} is consistent against explosive AR(1) alternatives.

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