

# Asymptotic Power Advantages of Long-Horizon Regression Tests

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## Abstract

Local asymptotic power advantages are available for testing the null hypothesis that the slope coefficient is zero in regressions of  $y_{t+k} - y_t$  on  $x_t$  for  $k > 1$  where  $\{(\Delta y_t, x_t)'\} \sim I(0)$ . The advantages of these long-horizon regression tests accrue in a linear environment over empirically relevant regions of the admissible parameter space. In Monte Carlo experiments, small sample power advantages to long-horizon regression tests accrue in a region of the parameter space that is larger than that predicted by the asymptotic analysis.

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# Introduction

Let  $r_t \sim I(0)$  be the return on an asset or a portfolio of assets from time  $t-1$  to  $t$  and let  $x_t \sim I(0)$  be a hypothesized predictor of future returns known at time  $t$ . In finance  $r_t$  might be the return on equity and  $x_t$  the log dividend yield whereas in international economics  $r_t$  might be the return on the log exchange rate and  $x_t$  the deviation of the exchange rate from a set of macroeconomic fundamentals.<sup>1</sup> To test the predictability of the return, one can perform a short-horizon regression test by regressing the one-period ahead return  $r_{t+1}$  on  $x_t$  and doing a t-test on the slope coefficient. However, empirical research in finance and economics frequently goes beyond this to employ a long-horizon regression strategy in which a multi-period future return on the asset,  $y_{t,k} = \sum_{j=1}^k r_{t+j}$ , is regressed on  $x_t$ ,

$$y_{t,k} = \alpha_k + \beta_k x_t + \epsilon_{t,k}, \quad (1)$$

and the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$  tested using a t-statistic constructed with a heteroskedastic and autocorrelation consistent (HAC) standard error. Typically, researchers find that there is a range over  $k > 1$  in which the marginal significance level of a test of no predictability is declining in  $k$ . Thus the short-horizon regression test may fail to reject the hypothesis of no predictability whereas the long-horizon test does reject. Not only do the asymptotic t-ratios tend to increase with horizon but so do point estimates of the slope coefficient and the regression  $R^2$ . The underlying basis for these results are not fully understood and they are puzzling because the long-horizon regression is built up by addition of the intervening short-horizon regressions. As stated by Campbell, Lo, and MacKinlay (1997), “An important unresolved question is whether there are circumstances under which long-horizon regressions have greater power to detect deviations from the null hypothesis than do short-horizon regressions.”

There are two aspects to this question. The first is whether long-horizon regression tests can be justified on the basis of asymptotic theory. The second aspect concerns small sample bias of OLS in the presence of a predetermined but endogenous regressor

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<sup>1</sup>This line of research includes Fama and French (1988a) and Campbell and Shiller (1988) who regressed long-horizon equity returns on the log dividend yield. See also Mishkin (1992), who ran regressions of long-horizon inflation on long-term bond yields, Mark (1995), Mark and Choi (1997), Chinn and Meese (1995) and Rapach and Wohar (2001) who regressed long-horizon exchange rate returns on the deviation of the exchange rate from its fundamental value. Alexius (2001) and Chinn and Merideth (2002) regress long-horizon exchange rate returns on long-term bond yield differentials.

and potential small sample size distortions of the tests. This paper deals primarily with the first aspect concerning asymptotic justification.

Using local-to-zero asymptotic analysis, we show that there exist nontrivial regions of the admissible parameter space under which long-horizon regression tests have asymptotic power advantages over short-horizon regression tests. When the regressor is exogenous, long-horizon regressions can have substantial local asymptotic power advantages over short-horizon regressions but the power advantages occur in regions either where the regression error or the predictor (or both) exhibit negative serial correlation. While noteworthy, this does not provide the asymptotic justification for empirical findings that returns are predictable. Negative serial correlation of the regressor is not a prominent characteristic of the data used in empirical applications of long-horizon regressions nor is strict exogeneity a realistic assumption in applied work.

Endogeneity arises in the case of stock returns because both the one-period ahead return  $r_{t+1}$  and the current dividend yield  $x_t$  depend on the stock price at time  $t$  so that innovations to the time  $t + 1$  dividend yield will in general be correlated with the regression error in (1) even though  $x_t$  is not. In general, endogeneity might arise simply because the short-horizon predictive regression is not a structural equation but is a linear least squares projection of the future return  $r_{t+1}$  onto  $x_t$ . When we relax the assumption of exogeneity in favor of a data generating process that exhibits local-to-zero endogeneity, we find that asymptotic power advantages associated with long-horizon regression accrue in the empirically relevant region of the parameter space—where  $\{x_t\}$  is positively autocorrelated and persistent, where the short-horizon regression error exhibits low to moderate serial correlation, and where the innovations to the regressor and the regression error are negatively contemporaneously correlated.

While these theoretical power comparisons are valid asymptotically and for local alternative hypotheses, there is also the question as to whether there are any practical power advantages associated with long-horizon regression tests in samples of small to moderate size. We investigate this issue by examining finite sample size-adjusted power comparisons of long- and short-horizon regressions in a set of Monte Carlo experiments. This analysis confirms that size-adjusted power advantages accrue to long-horizon regressions even in sample sizes of 100. The power advantages are obtained for persistent regressors in a similar but larger region of the parameter space as was found in the asymptotic analysis—that is where the regression error exhibits low to moderate serial correlation and its innovation is negatively correlated with

the regressor’s innovation. Furthermore, in applied work, the researcher may choose to focus on the horizon that gives the largest asymptotic t-ratio. Our Monte Carlo experiments show that such a strategy works well as a horizon selection strategy to maximize size adjusted power.

We now mention related issues and papers in the literature. The long-horizon regressions that we study regress returns at alternative horizons on the same explanatory variable. The regressions admit variations in  $k$  but the horizon is constrained to be small relative to the sample size with  $k/T \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . There is a different long-horizon regression that has been employed in the literature in which the future  $k$ -period return (from  $t$  to  $t+k$ ) is regressed on the past  $k$ -period return (from  $t-k$  to  $t$ ) [Fama and French (1988b)]. An issue that arises in this work is that the return horizon  $k$  can be large relative to the size of the sample  $T$ . Richardson and Stock (1989) develop an alternative asymptotic theory where  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$  but  $k/T \rightarrow \delta \in (0, 1)$  and show that the test statistics converge to functions of Brownian motions. Daniel (2001) studies optimal tests of this kind. Valkanov (1999) employs the Richardson and Stock asymptotic distribution theory to the long-horizon regressions of the type that we study when the regressor  $x_t \sim I(1)$ .

A paper closely related to ours is Campbell (2001), who studied an environment where the regressor  $\{x_t\}$  follows an AR(1) process and where the short-horizon regression error is serially uncorrelated. Using the concept of approximate slope to measure its asymptotic power, he found that long-horizon regressions had approximate slope advantages over short-horizon regressions but his Monte Carlo experiments did not reveal systematic power advantages for long-horizon regressions in finite samples. Berben (2000) reported asymptotic power advantages for long-horizon regression when the exogenous predictor and the short-horizon regression error follow AR(1) processes. Berben and Van Dijk (1998) conclude that long-horizon tests do not have asymptotic power advantages when the regressor is unit-root nonstationary and is weakly exogenous—properties that Berkowitz and Giorgianni (2001) corroborate by Monte Carlo analysis. Mankiw and Shapiro (1986), Hodrick (1992), Kim and Nelson (1993), and Goetzmann and Jorion (1993), Mark (1995), and Kilian (1999) study small-sample inference issues and Stambaugh (1999) proposes a Bayesian analysis to deal with small sample bias. Kilian and Taylor (2002) examine finite sample properties under nonlinearity of the data generation process and Clark and McCracken (2001) study the predictive power of long-horizon out-of-sample forecasts.

The remainder of the paper is as follows. The next section reviews two canonical examples of the use of long-horizon regression tests in the empirical finance and international economics literature which motivate our study. Section 2 presents our local-to-zero asymptotic power analysis when the regressor  $\{x_t\}$  is econometrically exogenous. In section 3 we relax the exogeneity assumption in favor of a sequence of data generating processes that exhibit local-to-zero endogeneity. We include here as well, the results of a Monte Carlo experiment to assess finite sample size-adjusted relative power comparisons of the long- and short-horizon regression tests and a procedure to find the power maximizing horizon. Section 4 concludes. Derivations are relegated to the appendix.

## 1 Canonical empirical examples

We illustrate and motivate the econometric issues with two canonical empirical examples. The first example begins with Fama and French (1988b) and Campbell and Shiller (1988) who study the ability of the log-dividend yield to predict future stock returns. We revisit this work with an examination of dividend yields and returns on the Standard and Poors (S&P) index of equities. Returns from month  $t$  to  $t + 1$  on the index from 1871.01 to 1995.12 are  $r_{t+1} = \ln((P_{t+1} + D_t)/P_t)$  where  $P_t$  is the price of the S&P index and  $D_t$  is the annual flow of dividends from  $t - 11$  through month  $t$ .<sup>2</sup> Here, the short-horizon regression is formed by annual ( $k = 12$ ) returns since dividends are an annual flow. Campbell et. al. (1997) show how the log dividend yield is the expected present value of future returns net of future dividend growth. If forecasts of future dividend growth are relatively smooth, this present-value relation suggests that the log dividend yield contains information useful for predicting future returns.

We run the equity return regressions at horizons of 1, 2, 4, and 8 years and compute HAC standard errors using the automatic lag selection method of Newey and West (1994). As can be seen from panel A of Table 1, the evidence for return predictability appears to strengthen as the horizon is lengthened. Slope coefficient point estimates, HAC asymptotic t-ratios, and regression  $R^2$ s for the stock return regression all increase with return horizon.

In our second empirical example [see Mark (1995) and Chinn and Meese (1995)] the

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<sup>2</sup>These data were used in Robert J. Shiller (2000) and were obtained from his web site.

long-horizon regression is used to test whether standard monetary fundamentals have predictive power for future exchange rate returns. Here, the return is the depreciation rate of the exchange rate  $r_{t+1} = \ln(S_{t+1}/S_t)$  where  $S_t$  is the nominal exchange rate. The regressor is  $x_t = \ln(F_t/S_t)$ , the fundamental value is  $F_t = (M_t/M_t^*)(Y_t^*/Y_t)$ ,  $M_t$  and  $Y_t$  are domestic money and domestic income respectively, and asterisks refer to foreign country variables. According to the monetary model of exchange rate determination, the exchange rate is the expected present value of future values of the fundamental  $F_t$ . Assuming that the pricing relationship holds in the long run and noting that the fundamentals evolve more smoothly than the exchange rate, suggests using the current deviation of the log exchange rate from the log fundamental  $\ln(F_t/S_t)$  as a predictor of future exchange rate returns.

We revisit the long-horizon predictability of exchange rate returns with an examination of a US–UK data set.<sup>3</sup> These data provide 100 quarterly observations spanning from 1973.1 to 1997.3. Here,  $S_t$  is the end-of-quarter dollar price of the pound, industrial production is used to proxy for income, US money is M2 and UK money is M0 (due to availability). Exchange rate regression estimates at horizons of 1, 2, 3, and 4 years are shown in panel B of Table 1. The familiar pattern of t-ratios and regression  $R^2$ s increasing with horizon are present here as well.<sup>4</sup>

We note that in both examples, the regressor  $\{x_t\}$  is highly persistent. The augmented Dickey–Fuller and Phillips–Perron unit root tests reported in Table 2 gives a sense of this persistence. An analysis of the entire sample of 1500 observations of the log dividend yield allows the unit root to be rejected at the 5 percent level but if one were to analyze the first 288 monthly observations (or 24 years) the unit root would not be rejected. Similarly, the third column of the table shows that with 24 years of data, a unit root in the deviation of the log exchange rate from the log fundamentals cannot be rejected at standard significance levels. Failure to reject the null hypothesis does not require us to accept it and such a decision can be guided by the well known low power properties in small samples of unit root tests. Evidence against a unit root is potentially stronger in an analysis of a long historical record, as in Rapach and Wohar (2001). In the ensuing analysis, we pay close attention to environments in which  $\{x_t\}$  is persistent but  $I(0)$ .

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<sup>3</sup>These data are from Mark and Sul (2001).

<sup>4</sup>Note that because the dependent variable changes with  $k$ , the  $R^2$ s are not directly comparable across horizons.

## 2 Asymptotic power under exogeneity

The analysis in this section is based on a sequence of data generating processes with an exogenous regressor given by

**Assumption 1** (*Exogeneity.*) *Let  $T$  be the sample size. The observations obey*

$$\Delta y_{t+1} = \beta_1(T)x_t + e_{t+1}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{e_t\}$  are independent zero mean covariance stationary sequences. The slope coefficient is given by the sequence of local alternatives  $\beta_1(T) = b_1/\sqrt{T}$  where  $b_1$  is a fixed constant.

For analytical convenience, the constant in the regression is suppressed although a constant is included in all of our Monte Carlo simulations. The short horizon regression is the linear least squares projection of  $\Delta y_{t+1}$  onto  $x_t$  which is used to estimate functions of the underlying moments of the distribution between  $\{y_t\}$  and  $\{x_t\}$ . By construction,  $E(e_{t+1}x_t) = 0$  but because (2) is not a structural equation we do not require the error sequence  $\{e_t\}$  to be serially uncorrelated.

We use the following notation.  $C_j(x) = E(x_t x_{t-j})$  is the autocovariance function for  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\rho_j(x) = C_j(x)/C_0(x)$  is its autocorrelation function. Note that  $\rho_j(x)x_t$  is the linear least squares projection of  $x_{t+j}$  onto  $x_t$ . Analogously, the autocovariance and autocorrelation function for  $\{e_t\}$  are denoted  $C_j(e) = E(e_t e_{t-j})$  and  $\rho_j(e) = C_j(e)/C_0(e)$ , respectively.

Using the projection representation for the regressor,  $x_{t+j} = \rho_j(x)x_t + u_{t+j,j}$  where  $u_{t+j,j}$  is the least squares projection error, the long-horizon regression ( $k > 1$ ) obtained by addition of short-horizon regressions is

$$y_{t+k} - y_t = \beta_k(T)x_t + \epsilon_{t+k,k}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_k(T) &= \frac{b_1}{\sqrt{T}} \left[ 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \rho_j(x) \right], \\ \epsilon_{t+k,k} &= \sum_{j=1}^k e_{t+j} + \frac{b_1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} u_{t+j,j} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The dependence of  $\epsilon_{t+k,k}$  on the projection errors  $u_{t+j,j}$  vanishes asymptotically.<sup>5</sup> As a result, the asymptotic variance of the OLS estimator is calculated under the null. The asymptotic distribution for the OLS estimator of the slope coefficient  $\hat{\beta}_k$  in the  $k$ -horizon regression is<sup>6</sup>

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\beta}_k) \xrightarrow{D} N \left[ b_1 \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \rho_j(x) \right), V(\hat{\beta}_k) \right], \quad (4)$$

where

$$V(\hat{\beta}_k) = \frac{\Omega_{0k} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{jk}}{C_0^2(x)}, \quad (5)$$

$$\Omega_{jk} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E(x_{t-k} x_{t-j-k} \epsilon_{t,k} \epsilon_{t-j,k}) = C_j(x) G_{j,k}(e), \quad (6)$$

$$G_{j,k}(e) = k C_j(e) + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} (k-s) (C_{j-s}(e) + C_{j+s}(e)). \quad (7)$$

Under the sequence of local alternatives, the squared t-ratio for the test of the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$  has the asymptotic noncentral chi-square distribution

$$t_k^2 = \frac{T \hat{\beta}_k^2}{V(\hat{\beta}_k)} \xrightarrow{D} \chi_1^2(\lambda_k),$$

with noncentrality parameter

$$\lambda_k = \frac{b_1^2 \left[ 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \rho_j(x) \right]^2}{V(\hat{\beta}_k)}. \quad (8)$$

We can now state the criterion under which a long-horizon regression test has local asymptotic power advantage over the short-horizon regression test.

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<sup>5</sup> $y_{t+k} - y_t$  is the exact long-horizon return on the exchange rate but is only the approximate long-horizon return on equities that pay dividends.

<sup>6</sup>See the appendix.



**Proposition 1** *Let  $\gamma$  be the vector of parameters that characterize the data generating process. The long-horizon regression ( $k > 1$ ) test of  $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$  has an asymptotic local power advantage over the short-horizon regression ( $k = 1$ ) test if*

$$\theta(k; \gamma) = \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_1} = \left( \frac{\beta_k(T)}{\beta_1(T)} \right)^2 \frac{V(\hat{\beta}_1)}{V(\hat{\beta}_k)} > 1. \quad (9)$$

$\theta(k, \gamma)$  is the measure of relative local asymptotic power used in this paper.<sup>7</sup>

In the remainder of this section, we explore whether there exist regions of the admissible parameter space under which long-horizon regression tests satisfy (9). We evaluate relative local asymptotic power of long-horizon regression tests under various assumptions concerning the dynamics governing the regressor  $\{x_t\}$  and the short-horizon regression error  $\{e_t\}$ . The regions of the parameter space over which there are no power advantages to long-horizon regression hold little interest for us. Accordingly, in the analysis to follow, we focus on parameter values under which long-horizon regression tests do have power advantages.

We begin with the environment considered by Berben (2000) in which the regressor and the regression error each follow independent AR(1) processes.

**Case 1** *Let  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{e_t\}$  evolve according to*

$$e_t = \mu e_{t-1} + m_t \quad (10)$$

$$x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + v_t, \quad (11)$$

where  $(m_t, v_t)' \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (0, I_2)$  and the parameter vector of the DGP is  $\gamma = (\phi, \mu)$ . Let  $g_{j,k}(e) \equiv G_{j,k}(e)/C_0(e)$ . Noting that  $\rho_j(x) = \phi^j$ , and  $\rho_j(e) = \mu^j$  and substituting

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<sup>7</sup>We assume a local alternative hypothesis because the t-test is a consistent test under a fixed alternative. That is, under a fixed alternative hypothesis, the power of both the short-horizon regression and the long-horizon t-tests are asymptotically 1. Because both tests are consistent, it becomes difficult to compare their asymptotic power. The analysis of power under local alternatives lets the alternative get close to the null at the same rate as the accumulation of new information leads to improved precision in estimation and inference,  $\sqrt{T}$ . This adjustment serves to offset the power gains one would observe under a fixed alternative. Power under local alternative remains modest (less than 1) asymptotically thus facilitating an asymptotic comparison.

into (7) gives  $g_{j,k}(e) = k\mu^j + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1}(k-s) [\mu^{|j-s|} + \mu^{j+s}]$ . The measure of relative asymptotic power is

$$\theta(k; \gamma) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\sum_{j=-p}^p \phi^j g_{j,1}(e)}{\sum_{j=-p}^p \phi^j g_{j,k}(e)} \right) \right]. \quad (12)$$

For given values of  $\mu \in (-1, 1)$  and  $\phi \in (-1, 1)$ , we evaluate (12) over horizons  $k \in [1, 20]$ . The summations in forming the long-run variances are truncated at  $p = 1000$ . Table 3 reports maximized values of  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  for selected values of  $\gamma = (\phi, \mu)$ . Entries of  $\theta(k; \gamma) = 1$  indicate that local asymptotic power is maximized at  $k = 1$ . The longest horizon for which long-horizon regression tests have local asymptotic power advantages ( $\theta(k; \gamma) > 1$ ) is  $k = 2$ . As can be seen, asymptotic power advantages accrue to the long-horizon test when the regression error  $\{e_t\}$  is negatively serially correlated although the regressor  $\{x_t\}$  may exhibit either positive or negative serial correlation. Values for which  $\theta(k; \gamma) > 1$  are plotted in Figure 1 for  $k = 2$  for values of  $\mu \in [-0.99, -0.38]$  and  $\phi \in [0.0, 0.7]$ . The figure delineates the region of the parameter space under which the regression test at horizon  $k = 2$  has a local asymptotic power advantage over the short-horizon regression.

**Case 2** In this case, we allow  $\{e_t\}$  to follow an  $AR(2)$  and  $\{x_t\}$  to follow an  $AR(1)$ ,

$$e_t = \mu_1 e_{t-1} + \mu_2 e_{t-2} + m_t, \quad (13)$$

$$x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + v_t, \quad (14)$$

where  $\gamma = (\phi, \mu_1, \mu_2)$ ,  $(m_t, v_t)' \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (0, I_2)$ , and  $\rho_j(x) = \phi^j$ . The first-order autocorrelation for  $\{e_t\}$  is  $\rho_1(e) = \mu_1/(1-\mu_2)$ . For  $j \geq 2$ , the autocorrelation function is obtained recursively by the Yule-Walker equations,  $\rho_j(e) = \mu_1 \rho_{j-1}(e) + \mu_2 \rho_{j-2}(e)$ . It follows that  $\theta(k, \gamma)$  is given by (12) with  $g_{j,k}(e, \gamma) \equiv G_{j,k}(e, \gamma)/C_0(e, \gamma) = k\rho_j(e) + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1}(k-s) [\rho_{j-s}(e) + \rho_{j+s}(e)]$ . The admissible region of the parameter space is  $\phi \in (-1, 1)$  and the triangular region for  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  that ensures that  $\{e_t\}$  is stationary.

Table 4 displays selected values of  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  in the region of positive serial correlation ( $\phi \in (0, 1)$ ) of the regressor along with the horizon under which the measure of

relative asymptotic power is maximized.<sup>8</sup> The table also shows the first two autocorrelations for  $\{e_t\}$  and the variance ratio statistic for  $\{e_t\}$  at horizon 10 as a summary statistic for the autocorrelation function of the error term. From the results given in the top half of the table, it can be seen that for persistent regressors (large  $\phi$ ), modest power gains are available to long-horizon regression tests when both  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{e_t\}$  are persistent. The dramatic asymptotic power advantages, however, accrue to the long-horizon regression test when the error term exhibits negative serial correlation. To highlight the subregions of the parameter space under which power advantages are obtained Figure 2 displays plots of  $\theta(k; \gamma) > 1$  in regions of persistent  $\{x_t\}$ . Each figure corresponds to a given value of  $\phi$ . Power advantages of long-horizon regression test are seen to be concentrated in the region of complex roots where the autocorrelation function of  $\{e_t\}$  fluctuates in sign.

**Case 3** *We now assume that the error term follows an AR(1) and the regressor follows an AR(2),*

$$e_t = \mu e_{t-1} + m_t, \quad (15)$$

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + v_t, \quad (16)$$

where  $\gamma = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \mu)$ ,  $(m_t, v_t) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} (0, I_2)$ ,  $\rho_j(e) = \mu^j$ , and  $g_{j,k}(e, \gamma) \equiv G_{j,k}(e, \gamma)/C_0(e, \gamma) = k\mu^j + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} (\mu^{|j-s|} + \mu^{j+s})$ . The autocorrelation function for  $\{x_t\}$  is obtained recursively for  $j > 1$  by  $\rho_j(x) = \phi_1 \rho_{j-1}(x) + \phi_2 \rho_{j-2}(x)$  with  $\rho_1(x) = \phi_1/(1 - \phi_2)$ . The measure of relative asymptotic power of the long-horizon regression test here is

$$\theta(k; \gamma) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left[ 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \rho_j(x) \right]^2 \frac{\sum_{j=-p}^p \rho_j(x) g_{j,1}(e, \gamma)}{\sum_{j=-p}^p \rho_j(x) g_{j,k}(e, \gamma)} \right).$$

Table 5 reports  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  evaluated at selected parameter values. As in cases 1 and 2, local asymptotic power advantages are available to long-horizon regression when the regression error  $\{e_t\}$  is negatively serially correlated. For  $\mu \in (-1, 0]$ , sizable relative asymptotic local power accrues to the long-horizon test when  $\{x_t\}$  is persistent but in regions where the sign of the autocorrelations oscillate. For example, a measure of

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<sup>8</sup>Local asymptotic power advantages were also found to accrue to long-horizon regression in the region of  $\phi \in (-1, 0)$  but these results are not shown as this is not empirically relevant.

relative power of 97.0 is obtained under high persistence of the regressor—the variance ratio of  $\{x_t\}$  at horizon 10 is 4.7. In regions of modest negative serial correlation of  $\{e_t\}$  (e.g.,  $\mu = -0.42$ ) and  $\rho_j(x) > 0$  for all  $j$ , long-horizon regression tests have much smaller power advantages ( $\theta = 1.097$ ). Under case 3, we find that relative power is maximized at horizons in the range  $k \in [1, 10]$ .

Figure 3 plots  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  for selected parameter values under case 3. Each figure corresponds to a fixed value of  $\mu$ . As can be seen, relative asymptotic power is most sensitive to the properties of the regression error  $\{e_t\}$ . The more negatively serially correlated is  $\{e_t\}$ , the larger the statistical advantage accruing to the long-horizon test.

To summarize, when the regressor is econometrically exogenous, potential asymptotic power advantages are available to long-horizon regression tests where the regressor is persistent. These power advantages tend to be quite modest when the short-horizon regression error exhibits low or positive serial correlation but can be quite dramatic when the error is negatively serially correlated. The explanation for this result lies in the following: The behavior of  $\theta(k, \gamma)$  over variations in  $k$  is governed by the effects of  $k$  on the ratio of the slope coefficients and the ratio of the variances as seen in (9). When the regressor is persistent,  $\beta_k(T)/\beta_1(T) = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \rho_j(x)$  is increasing in  $k$ .  $V(\hat{\beta}_k(T))$  is also increasing over a range in  $k$  but this is attenuated by negative serial correlation in  $\{e_t\}$ . As a result, there is a range over  $k$  in which the decline in  $V(\hat{\beta}_1(T))/V(\hat{\beta}_k(T))$  is more than offset by the increase in  $(\beta_k(T)/\beta_1(T))^2$ .

Large negative serial correlation of the regression error, however, is not a feature of either stock return or foreign exchange return data so the cases that we have studied in this section are probably not relevant to the empirical work. Moreover, because the short-horizon regression is not a structural equation the assumption of exogeneity is typically violated in applications. In the next section, we relax the exogeneity assumption.

### 3 Asymptotic power under endogeneity

In the short-horizon regression for stock returns discussed in section 1, we regressed  $r_{t+1} = \ln(P_{t+1} + D_t) - \ln P_t$  on  $x_t = \ln D_{t-1} - \ln P_t$ . While regression error is uncorrelated with the regressor by construction, the exogeneity of  $\{x_t\}$  in this case is an untenable assumption. This is because both  $r_{t+1}$  and  $x_{t+1}$  depend on  $\ln P_{t+1}$  and

we would thus expect that the regression error and the innovation to  $\{x_t\}$  to be negatively correlated,  $E(v_{t+1}e_{t+1}) < 0$ . Similarly, in the short-horizon regression for exchange rates, we regress  $r_{t+1} = \ln S_{t+1} - \ln S_t$  on  $x_{t+1} = \ln F_{t+1} - \ln S_{t+1}$  and expect the innovation to  $\{x_{t+1}\}$  and the short-horizon regression error to be negatively correlated. The predicted negative correlation in the innovations to the regression error and to the regressor are in fact present in the data. When we fit a first-order vector autoregression to  $(e_t, v_t)'$ , we estimate an innovation correlation of -0.948 for stocks and -0.786 for exchange rates.

A simple vector error correction model (VECM) makes a similar point. As an example, suppose that the bi-variate sequence  $\{(y_t, z_t)'\}$  obeys the first-order VECM with cointegration vector  $(-1, 1)$  and equilibrium error  $x_t = z_t - y_t$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_t \\ \Delta z_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 x_{t-1} \\ \delta_2 x_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_{t-1} \\ \Delta z_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_t \\ u_t \end{pmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

To relate the VECM to the empirical examples, in the case of equity returns,  $y_t$  is the log price of the equity portfolio and  $z_t$  is the log dividend. From Campbell et. al. (1997), the return on equity has the approximate representation  $r_{t+1} \simeq \zeta \Delta y_{t+1} + (1 - \zeta)x_t$ , where  $\zeta$  is the implied discount factor using the average dividend yield as the discount rate. In the analysis of exchange rates,  $\Delta y_t$  is the exchange rate return and  $z_t$  is the log of the fundamentals.

The VECM (17) has the equivalent restricted vector autoregressive (VAR) representation for  $(\Delta y_t, x_t)$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_t \\ x_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (a_{11} + a_{12}) & (\delta_1 + a_{12}) \\ (a_{22} - a_{12} + a_{21} - a_{11}) & (1 + \delta_2 - \delta_1 + a_{22} - a_{12}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_{t-1} \\ x_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_{12} \\ 0 & (a_{12} - a_{22}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y_{t-2} \\ x_{t-2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_t \\ u_t - \epsilon_t \end{pmatrix}. \quad (18)$$

By inspection of (18),  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{\Delta y_t\}$  are correlated both contemporaneously and dynamically (at leads and lags). Writing out the first equation of (18) and advancing the time index gives,

$$\Delta y_{t+1} = (\delta_1 + a_{12})x_t + ((a_{11} + a_{12})\Delta y_t - a_{12}x_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t+1}). \quad (19)$$

When the observations are generated by the VECM, the slope coefficient in the short-horizon predictive regression of  $\Delta y_{t+1}$  on  $x_t$  is  $\delta_1 + a_{12}$ . The regression error,

$(a_{11} + a_{12})\Delta y_t - a_{12}x_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t+1}$  is serially correlated and is also correlated with  $x_t$ . The latter correlation is innocuous, however, because the objective of the short-horizon regression is not to estimate this  $\delta_1 + a_{12}$  per se, but it is to estimate the projection coefficient of  $\Delta y_{t+1}$  on  $x_t$  which includes the correlation between the regressor  $x_t$  and  $(\Delta y_t, x_{t-1})$  in the error term.

### 3.1 Local-to-zero endogeneity

The VECM motivates the presumption that the regressor in the short-horizon predictive regression is endogenous but that framework is somewhat cumbersome to work with. In this section, we will investigate local asymptotic power properties of short- and long-horizon regression with the more convenient representation given in

**Assumption 2** (*Local endogeneity.*) *The observations obey*

$$\Delta y_{t+1} = b_1(T)x_t + e_{t+1}, \quad (20)$$

$$x_{t+1} = \rho_1(x)x_t + u_{t+1,1}, \quad (21)$$

where  $\rho_1(x)x_t$  is the linear least squares projection of  $x_{t+1}$  onto  $x_t$  and  $u_{t+1,1}$  is the associated projection error. The errors  $(e_t, u_{t,1})$  are covariance stationary and have the Wold representation

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_t \\ u_{t,1} \end{pmatrix} = \Psi(L, T) \begin{pmatrix} m_{t-j} \\ n_{t-j} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (22)$$

where  $\Psi(L, T) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{11,j} & \psi_{12,j}(T) \\ \psi_{21,j}(T) & \psi_{22,j} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\psi_{12,j}(T) = \frac{\psi_{12,j}}{\sqrt{T}}$   $\psi_{21,j}(T) = \frac{\psi_{21,j}}{\sqrt{T}}$ ,  $(m_t, n_t)' \stackrel{iid}{\sim} [0, \Sigma(T)]$ ,  $\Sigma(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{mn}(T) \\ \rho_{mn}(T) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\rho_{mn}(T) = \frac{\rho_{mn}}{\sqrt{T}}$ . The  $\psi_{rs,j}$ ,  $r, s = 1, 2$ , for all  $j > 0$  and  $\rho_{mn}$  are fixed constants.

Endogeneity is regulated through  $\psi_{21,j}(T)$ ,  $\psi_{12,j}(T)$  and  $\rho_{mn}(T)$  and is local-to-zero in the sense that  $E(e_t u_{t-j,1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $j$ . Projecting  $e_{t+1}$  onto  $x_t$  gives the representation  $e_{t+1} = c_1(T, \gamma)x_t + a_{t+1}$  where  $a_{t+1}$  is the projection error and  $c_1(T, \gamma) = c_1(\gamma)/\sqrt{T}$  is the projection coefficient. For given values of the DGP parameter vector  $\gamma$ ,  $c_1(\gamma)$  is a fixed constant. The dependence of  $c_1(\gamma)$  on  $\gamma$  will be

clarified below when we consider specific parameterizations of the DGP. At this point, we exploit the projection representation of the error term to purge the endogeneity in the short-horizon regression

$$\Delta y_{t+1} = \beta_1(T, \gamma)x_t + \epsilon_{t+1,1}, \quad (23)$$

where  $\epsilon_{t+1,1} = a_{t+1}$ ,  $\beta_1(T, \gamma) = b_1(T) + c_1(T, \gamma)$ , and  $b_1(T) = b_1/\sqrt{T}$ . The projection error  $a_{t+1} = \epsilon_{t+1,1}$  is constructed to be uncorrelated with  $x_t$  but will in general exhibit local-to-zero dependence on  $x_{t-j}$  for  $j \neq 0$ .

Adding together the short-horizon regression (23) at  $t + 1$  and  $t + 2$  gives the local-to-zero two-period horizon regression,

$$y_{t+2} - y_t = \beta_1(T, \gamma) [1 + \rho_1(x)] x_t + (a_{t+2} + a_{t+1} + \beta_1(T, \gamma)u_{t+1,1}).$$

Due to the local-to-zero dependence of  $a_{t+2}$  on  $x_t$ , the two-horizon slope coefficient obtained here differs from that obtained previously when  $x_t$  is exogenous,  $\beta_2(T, \gamma) \neq \beta_1(T, \gamma)[1 + \rho_1(x)]$ . We can, however, characterize the two-horizon slope coefficient as  $\beta_2(T, \gamma) = (b_2 + c_2(\gamma))/\sqrt{T}$  where  $c_2(\gamma)/\sqrt{T}$  arises from the local-to-zero endogeneity of the regressor. In general, we can write the long-horizon regression as

$$y_{t+k} - y_t = \beta_k(T, \gamma)x_t + \epsilon_{t+k,k}, \quad (24)$$

where  $\beta_k(T, \gamma) = (b_k + c_k(\gamma))/\sqrt{T}$ . Under local-to-zero endogeneity, potentially large power advantages for long-horizon regression exist if  $\beta_k(T, \gamma)/\beta_1(T, \gamma) = (b_k + c_k(\gamma))/(b_1 + c_1(\gamma))$  grows (locally) at a faster rate with  $k$  than it does under exogeneity. This will be the case if  $(b_k/b_1) > (c_k(\gamma)/c_1(\gamma))$ . Indeed, the relative power advantage becomes arbitrarily large as  $b_1 + c_1(\gamma) \rightarrow 0$ .

To determine relative asymptotic power, we use Proposition 1 which continues to apply. We now consider

**Case 4** Let the observations be generated by

$$\Delta y_{t+1} = b_1(T)x_t + e_{t+1}, \quad (25)$$

$$x_{t+1} = \phi x_t + v_{t+1}, \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_t \\ v_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12}(T) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_{t-1} \\ v_{t-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} m_t \\ n_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad (27)$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_t \\ n_t \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} [0, \Sigma(T)], \quad \Sigma(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{mn}(T) \\ \rho_{mn}(T) & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$b_1(T) = \frac{b_1}{\sqrt{T}}, \quad a_{12}(T) = \frac{a_{12}}{\sqrt{T}}, \quad \rho_{mn}(T) = \frac{\rho_{mn}}{\sqrt{T}},$$

$\gamma = (\phi, b_1, a_{11}, a_{12}, \rho_{mn})$ ,  $|a_{11}| < 1$ ,  $\rho_1(x) = \phi \in (-1, 1)$ , and  $v_{t+1} = u_{t+1,1}$  is the error in the projection of  $x_t$  onto  $x_{t-1}$ .

In the appendix, we show that the short-horizon regression is  $\Delta y_{t+1} = \beta_1(T, \gamma)x_t + \epsilon_{t+1,1}$  with slope coefficient  $\beta_1(T, \gamma) = (b_1 + c_1(\gamma)) / \sqrt{T}$  where

$$\frac{c_1(\gamma)}{\sqrt{T}} = \frac{\mathbf{E}(e_{t+1}x_t)}{\mathbf{E}(x_t)^2} = \frac{a_{12} + a_{11}\rho_{mn}}{\sqrt{T}(1 - a_{11}\phi)} (1 - \phi^2). \quad (28)$$

The long-horizon regression is  $y_{t+k} - y_t = \beta_k(T, \gamma)x_t + \epsilon_{t+k,k}$  with slope coefficient

$$\beta_k(T, \gamma) = \frac{b_1}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi} \right) + \frac{c_1(\gamma)}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \frac{1 - a_{11}^k}{1 - a_{11}} \right). \quad (29)$$

Figure 4 plots the ratio of the slope coefficients

$$\frac{\beta_k(T, \gamma)}{\beta_1(T, \gamma)} = \frac{\left( \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi} \right) b_1 + \left( \frac{1 - a_{11}^k}{1 - a_{11}} \right) c_1(\gamma)}{b_1 + c_1(\gamma)}, \quad (30)$$

for  $a_{11} = 0.5$ ,  $a_{12} = -0.1$ ,  $\rho_{mn} = -0.1$ ,  $b_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\phi = 0.9$  where  $c_1(\gamma)$  is given in (28). For comparison, the figure also displays the ratio that obtains under exogeneity,  $\beta_k(T)/\beta_1(T) = (1 - \phi^k)/(1 - \phi)$  with  $\phi = 0.9$ . As can be seen, when the regressor is endogenous, the ratio of the slopes increases with  $k$  at a faster rate and lies above



the ratio when the regressor is exogenous for the values of  $k = 1, \dots, 16$  considered.<sup>9</sup>

The measure of relative asymptotic power under case 4 is

$$\theta(k; \gamma) = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left( \frac{\beta_k(T, \gamma)}{\beta_1(T, \gamma)} \right)^2 \frac{\sum_{j=-p}^p \phi^j g_{j,1}(e)}{\sum_{j=-p}^p \phi^j g_{j,k}(e)} \right). \quad (31)$$

where the ratio of the slope coefficients is given in (30) and because the endogeneity is local-to-zero ( $a_{12}(T) \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ), the asymptotic variances are computed under the null hypothesis. The formulae for  $g_{j,k}(e)$  therefore follow as in case 1.

Table 6 reports values  $\theta(k, \gamma)$  for a persistent regressor ( $\phi = 0.95$ ), moderate asymptotic serial correlation for the regression error ( $a_{11} = 0.5$ ) and varying degrees of endogeneity ( $\rho_{mn} \in [-0.9, 0.9], a_{12} \in [-0.9, 0.3]$ ). We note that there is a diagonal band along  $(\rho_{mn}, a_{12})$  pairs for which long-horizon regression tests have local asymptotic power advantages. For values of  $\rho_{mn} \in [0.1, 0.9]$ , displayed in the top portion of the table, we obtain values of  $\theta(k; \gamma) > 1$  either when the regressor and the regression error are negatively correlated at all leads and lags  $E(x_{t-j}e_t) < 0$  for all  $j$  and finite  $T$  (which occurs for relatively low  $a_{12}$  values), or when the error is negatively correlated with past values of  $x_t$  ( $E(x_{t-j}e_t) < 0$  for  $j > 1$ ), and positively correlated ( $E(x_{t-j}e_t) > 0$ , for  $j \leq 1$ ) with future  $x_t$  which occurs with relatively large values of  $a_{12}$ . In the second two panels ( $\rho_{mn} \in [-0.9, 0.1]$  and  $a_{12} \in [-0.8, 0.3]$ ),  $E(x_{t-j}e_t) < 0$  for all  $j$ .

The ratio of the slope coefficients depend on  $\rho_{mn}$  and  $a_{12}$  but the asymptotic variances do not. As a result, the same values of  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  are found to recur for alternative values of  $\gamma$ . We find  $\theta(13) = 890.50$  with  $(\rho_{mn}, a_{12}) = (0.7, -0.9), (0.5, -0.8), (0.3, -0.0), (7.1, -0.6), (-0.1, 0.5), (-0.3, -0.4), (-0.5, -0.4), (-0.8, -0.6)$  and  $(-0.9, -0.5)$ . The long-horizon regression test has local asymptotic power advantages both in empirically relevant regions of the parameter space as well as in regions that do not conform to our canonical empirical examples ( $\rho_{mn} > 0$ ).

Table 7 reports the analogous local asymptotic power comparisons for  $\rho_{mn} \in [-0.9, 0.9], a_{12} \in [-0.9, 0]$ , a persistent regressor  $\phi = 0.95$ , and low asymptotic serial correlation in the regression error  $a_{11} = 0.1$ . The long-horizon regression test has local asymptotic power advantages in a larger region of  $(\rho_{mn}, a_{12})$  than obtained for  $a_{11} = 0.5$ . The largest long-horizon regression power gains occur in the region

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<sup>9</sup>The ratio of the long-horizon to short-horizon regression slope coefficients is bounded from above as  $k$  increases. Local power also is bounded from above as  $k$  increases since  $V(\hat{\beta}_k)$  is forever increasing in  $k$ .

$\rho_{mn} < 0$  and  $a_{12} < 0$  and  $E(x_{t-j}e_t) \leq 0$  for all  $j$  and finite  $T$ .

Asymptotic serial correlation in  $\{e_t\}$  is not necessary (nor, as we have seen sufficient) to give rise to asymptotic power advantages in the long-horizon regression test. In table 8, we set  $a_{11} = 0$  and observe that local power advantages accrue in the region  $a_{12} < 0$ .

Before concluding this section, we note that Campbell (2001) studied asymptotic power of long- and short-horizon regressions in a model with endogeneity in which the short-horizon regression error is serially uncorrelated and negatively correlated with the innovation to  $x_{t+1}$ . He showed that long-horizon regression tests had approximate slope advantages over short-horizon regression tests but did not find finite sample power advantages in his Monte Carlo experiments. We cannot make a direct comparison to his work because his approximate slope analysis was done under a fixed alternative. The closest approximation that we can make to Campbell's environment is by setting  $a_{11} = a_{12} = 0$ . But under local-to-zero endogeneity, when  $a_{11} = 0$  neither the slope coefficients nor the asymptotic OLS variances depend on  $\rho_{mn}$  and this brings us back to case 1 with  $\mu = 0$  which is a configuration under which long-horizon regression tests have no local power advantages over short-horizon regression tests.

### 3.2 Monte Carlo Experiments

While our primary focus lies in understanding whether there are conditions under which long-horizon regression tests have local asymptotic power advantages, it is the finite sample properties of the tests that are of ultimate interest. A potential pitfall of local asymptotic analysis is that the effect of critical nuisance parameters (e.g.,  $a_{12}$  and  $\rho_{mn}$ ) are eliminated from the asymptotic variances, although not from evaluation of the ratio of the slope coefficients.

This section reports the results of a small Monte Carlo experiment that corresponds to case 4. The experiment should shed light on two questions. The first question is whether the power advantages of long-horizon regression predicted by the local asymptotic analysis is present in samples of small to moderate size. If so, then the second question is whether the small sample power advantages accrue in roughly the same region of the parameter space as predicted by the asymptotic analysis.

The DGP for our Monte Carlo experiment is modeled after case 4 which exhibits endogeneity. We consider a sample size of  $T = 100$  and performed 2000 replications for each experiment. The DGP under the null hypothesis is given by  $b_1 = a_{12} = \rho_{mn}$ . Under the alternative hypothesis,  $b_1 = 0.1$  and a range of  $a_{12}$  and  $\rho_{mn}$  are considered.

HAC standard errors are given by the quadratic-spectral kernel estimator discussed in Andrews (1991).

Table 9 reports the maximum size-adjusted relative power of a one-sided long-horizon regression test at the 5 percent level over horizons 1 through 20. Under both the null and alternative hypotheses we set  $a_{11} = 0.5, \phi = 0.95$ . Finite sample power advantages are seen to accrue to long-horizon regression tests. The region of the parameter space that predicts local asymptotic power advantages for long-horizon regression tests is evidently a subset of the region that gives finite sample power advantage. In table 10, we report the results of an analogous experiment with  $a_{11} = 0.1$  under both the null and the alternative. Long-horizon regression tests continue to provide finite sample power advantages over short-horizon regressions under a linear data generating process and over a larger region of the parameter space than that predicted by the asymptotic analysis. By comparing the results in this table to table 7 we see that size-adjusted power tends to be maximized at or near the same horizons that maximize local asymptotic power.

In the asymptotic analysis, we found that the optimal horizon—the  $k$  that maximizes local asymptotic power—is

$$k^* = \operatorname{argmax}\{\theta(k, \gamma)\}. \quad (32)$$

In applied work, the researcher is typically confronted with many choices of  $k$  and may focus on the horizon that gives the largest t-ratio. We investigate whether a strategy of choosing  $k$  to maximize the sample counterpart to (32),  $\hat{\theta}(k) = (t_k/t_1)^2$  correctly identifies the horizon that maximizes size adjusted power. For a given collection of  $n$  horizons  $k = k_1, \dots, k_n$ , call the test of the null hypothesis using the largest t-statistic the  $t_{k^*}$  test,

$$t_{k^*} = \max(t_{k_1}, \dots, t_{k_n}). \quad (33)$$

Table (11) reports features of the empirical distribution of the  $t_{k^*}$  test. The DGP is identical to that used to produce Table 9. Rows labeled A exhibit the size-adjusted power of the  $t_{k^*}$  test. We also report the size-adjusted power of the  $t_{k^*}$  test relative to the size-adjusted power of the short-horizon test (rows labeled B) and the optimal horizon  $k^*$  (rows labeled E) which can be compared to the values in table 10 were the test is conducted knowing the optimal horizon. Comparison of these entries to the population values of the maximal  $\theta(k, \gamma)$  and optimal  $k$  in Table 9 shows that the  $t_{k^*}$  test performs reasonably well in selecting the optimal horizon.

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper we provide asymptotic justification for employing long-horizon predictive regressions to test the null hypothesis of no predictability. It is worth emphasizing that our results are obtained in a linear environment.<sup>10</sup> Local asymptotic power advantages accrue to long-horizon regression tests whether the regressor is exogenous or endogenous although the assumption of exogeneity is often untenable in applied work. Under an endogenous regressor, we find that both local asymptotic power advantages as well as finite sample size-adjusted power advantages accrue to long-horizon regression tests in empirically relevant regions of the parameter space. The finite sample power advantages to long-horizon regression obtained in our Monte Carlo experiments are not the artifact of small sample bias or size distortion.

Our results also lend support to empirical findings that equity returns and exchange rate returns are predictable. Local asymptotic power advantages for long-horizon regression tests were found to be most dramatic for empirically plausible regions of the parameter space— that is when the regressor is persistent and exhibits endogeneity, and where its innovations and the innovations to the short-horizon regression error are negatively correlated.

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<sup>10</sup>This is notable in light of Kilian and Taylor’s (2001) conjecture that long-horizon regression tests have power advantages only against a nonlinear alternative.

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Table 1: Illustrative Long-Horizon Regressions

A. Returns on S&P index				
	Horizon in years			
	1	2	4	8
$\hat{\beta}$	0.131	0.263	0.483	0.833
t-ratio	2.827	3.333	3.993	5.445
$R^2$	0.151	0.285	0.492	0.701

B. Returns on \$/£ exchange rate				
	Horizon in years			
	1	2	3	4
$\hat{\beta}$	0.201	0.420	0.627	0.729
t-ratio	2.288	3.518	5.706	5.317
$R^2$	0.172	0.344	0.503	0.606

Notes: Stock return data are monthly observations from 1871.01 to 1995.12. Foreign exchange return data are quarterly observations from 1973.1 to 1997.3.

Table 2: Persistence of  $\{x_t\}$  in the data.

		Dividend yield T=1500	Dividend yield T=288	Deviation from fundamentals T=100
ADF	$\tau_c$	-3.58	-2.02	-1.66
	$\tau_t$	-4.29	-2.66	-1.31
PP	$\tau_c$	-3.45	-1.87	-1.78
	$\tau_t$	-4.09	-2.25	-1.63
AC	1	0.986	0.985	0.940
	6	0.883	0.859	0.648
	12	0.732	0.670	0.273
	24	0.544	0.367	0.094
	36	0.474	0.161	-0.170

Notes:  $\tau_c$  ( $\tau_t$ ) is the studentized coefficient for the unit root test with a constant (trend). ADF is the augmented Dickey–Fuller test and PP is the Phillips–Perron test. Approximate critical values for  $\tau_c$  for  $T = 1500, 288, 100$  are -2.86, -2.86, and -2.89, respectively at the 5% level and -2.57, -2.57, and -2.58, respectively at the 10% level. Approximate critical values for  $\tau_t$  for  $T = 1500, 288, 100$  are -3.41, -3.43, and -3.45 respectively at the 5% level and -3.12, -3.13, and -3.15 respectively at the 10% level. AC is the autocorrelation.



Table 3: Local asymptotic power under case 1. Maximized  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  for selected values of  $\gamma = (\phi, \mu)$ .

$\phi$	$\mu$						
	-0.95	-0.85	-0.75	-0.65	-0.55	-0.45	-0.35
-0.81	3.362	1.069	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.61	6.160	1.974	1.137	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.41	8.198	2.652	1.543	1.067	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.21	9.476	3.103	1.829	1.283	1.000	1.000	1.000
-0.01	9.994	3.328	1.995	1.423	1.106	1.000	1.000
0.19	9.752	3.326	2.041	1.490	1.184	1.000	1.000
0.39	8.750	3.097	1.967	1.482	1.213	1.042	1.000
0.59	6.988	2.642	1.773	1.400	1.193	1.062	1.000
0.79	4.466	1.960	1.459	1.244	1.125	1.049	1.000

Note: Values of  $\theta(k; \gamma) > 1$  obtained only for  $k = 2$ . Values of  $\theta(k; \gamma) = 1$  occur when  $k = 1$ , in which case long horizon regression tests have no asymptotic power advantage.

Table 4: Local asymptotic power for case 2. Selected  $\theta(k; \gamma)$ ,  $\gamma = (\phi, \mu_1, \mu_2)$ .

$\theta(k; \gamma)$	k	$\phi$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\text{VR}_e[10]$	$\rho_1(e)$	$\rho_2(e)$
1.099	19	0.980	1.880	-0.960	5.145	0.959	0.843
1.197	14	0.880	1.800	-0.960	2.406	0.918	0.693
1.169	16	0.980	1.840	-0.960	3.565	0.939	0.767
1.197	14	0.880	1.800	-0.960	2.406	0.918	0.693
1.216	14	0.980	1.800	-0.960	2.406	0.918	0.693
1.197	14	0.880	1.800	-0.960	2.406	0.918	0.693
1.216	14	0.980	1.800	-0.960	2.406	0.918	0.693
88.997	15	0.880	-1.920	-0.960	0.065	-0.980	0.921
57.359	2	0.780	-1.880	-0.920	0.059	-0.979	0.921
45.520	2	0.680	-1.800	-0.840	0.050	-0.978	0.921
29.953	2	0.480	-1.600	-0.640	0.036	-0.976	0.921
20.967	7	0.880	-1.760	-0.920	0.076	-0.917	0.693
11.011	9	0.980	-1.840	-0.920	0.083	-0.958	0.843
10.107	5	0.680	-1.640	-0.840	0.063	-0.891	0.622

Notes:  $\text{VR}_e[10]$  is the variance ratio statistic at horizon 10 for the error term,  $\{e_t\}$ .

Table 5: Local asymptotic power for case 3. Selected  $\theta(k; \gamma)$ ,  $\gamma = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \mu)$ .

$\theta(k, \gamma)$	k	$\mu$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_2$	$\text{VR}_x[10]$	$\rho_1(x)$	$\rho_2(x)$
96.990	2	-0.920	0.000	0.960	4.689	0.000	0.960
72.375	2	-0.920	0.000	0.920	4.397	0.000	0.920
44.031	2	-0.920	-0.040	0.840	2.734	-0.250	0.850
25.291	2	-0.920	-0.120	0.800	1.230	-0.600	0.872
15.611	2	-0.920	-0.040	0.480	1.898	-0.077	0.483
9.519	2	-0.920	0.320	0.360	4.078	0.500	0.520
5.640	2	-0.920	0.480	0.080	3.033	0.522	0.330
3.742	2	-0.720	0.160	0.600	4.601	0.400	0.664
1.169	10	-0.920	-1.720	-0.800	0.067	-0.956	0.844
1.407	8	-0.920	-1.600	-0.760	0.070	-0.909	0.695
1.588	6	-0.920	-1.440	-0.640	0.071	-0.878	0.624
1.002	3	-0.220	-0.120	0.800	1.230	-0.600	0.872
1.010	3	-0.220	0.240	0.720	8.639	0.857	0.926
2.385	2	-0.920	0.600	0.360	8.878	0.938	0.923
1.142	2	-0.620	0.600	0.360	8.878	0.938	0.923
1.097	2	-0.420	0.360	0.600	8.799	0.900	0.924

Notes:  $\text{VR}_x[10]$  is the variance ratio statistic at horizon 10 for the regressor,  $\{x_t\}$ .

Table 6: Local asymptotic power for case 4.  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  with  $a_{11} = 0.5, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.95$ .

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$									
	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
0.9	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	-0.1 (1)	0.0 (1)
0.8	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	(1)	(1)
0.7	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.6	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.5	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.4	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.3	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.2	1.367 (16)	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$									
	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0	0.1
0.1	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0	1.367 (16)	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)
-0.1	1 (1)	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)
-0.2	1 (1)	1.367 (16)	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)
-0.3	1 (1)	1 (1)	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)
-0.4	1 (1)	1 (1)	1.367 (16)	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$									
	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
-0.5	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)
-0.6	1.367 (16)	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)
-0.7	1 (1)	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)	1 (1)
-0.8	1 (1)	1.367 (16)	3.929 (15)	29.813 (13)	84.361 (12)	7.24 (10)	2.741 (9)	1.554 (7)	1.098 (4)	1 (1)
-0.9	1 (1)	1 (1)	2.188 (15)	8.647 (14)	890.50 (13)	16.805 (11)	4.133 (9)	1.996 (8)	1.274 (5)	1.005 (2)

Table 7: Local asymptotic power for case 4.  $\theta(k; \gamma)$  with  $a_{11} = 0.10, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.95$ .  
Optimal horizon in parentheses.

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$									
	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
0.9	36.113 (8)	11.042 (8)	5.425 (7)	3.286 (6)	2.251 (6)	1.672 (5)	1.32 (4)	1.1 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.8	42.918 (8)	12.079 (8)	5.757 (7)	3.432 (7)	2.329 (6)	1.718 (5)	1.348 (4)	1.118 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.7	51.886 (8)	13.275 (8)	6.122 (7)	3.591 (7)	2.411 (6)	1.765 (5)	1.378 (4)	1.136 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)
0.6	64.05 (8)	14.663 (8)	6.524 (7)	3.761 (7)	2.499 (6)	1.815 (5)	1.408 (4)	1.155 (3)	1.009 (2)	1 (1)
0.5	81.144 (9)	16.288 (8)	6.97 (7)	3.945 (7)	2.591 (6)	1.868 (5)	1.44 (4)	1.174 (3)	1.019 (2)	1 (1)
0.4	106.282 (9)	18.207 (8)	7.465 (7)	4.144 (7)	2.689 (6)	1.923 (5)	1.473 (5)	1.194 (4)	1.03 (2)	1 (1)
0.3	145.39 (9)	20.497 (8)	8.018 (7)	4.359 (7)	2.794 (6)	1.981 (5)	1.509 (5)	1.218 (4)	1.041 (2)	1 (1)
0.2	211.17 (9)	23.26 (8)	8.639 (8)	4.592 (7)	2.905 (6)	2.042 (5)	1.548 (5)	1.242 (4)	1.052 (2)	1 (1)
0.1	334.915 (9)	26.637 (8)	9.342 (8)	4.846 (7)	3.024 (6)	2.108 (6)	1.587 (5)	1.267 (4)	1.067 (3)	1 (1)
0	612.179 (9)	30.827 (8)	10.137 (8)	5.123 (7)	3.151 (6)	2.178 (6)	1.629 (5)	1.293 (4)	1.083 (3)	1 (1)
-0.1	1463.86 (9)	36.113 (8)	11.042 (8)	5.425 (7)	3.286 (6)	2.251 (6)	1.672 (5)	1.32 (4)	1.1 (3)	1 (1)
-0.2	7179.029 (9)	42.918 (8)	12.079 (8)	5.757 (7)	3.432 (7)	2.329 (6)	1.718 (5)	1.348 (4)	1.118 (3)	1 (1)
-0.3	149456.8 (9)	51.886 (8)	13.275 (8)	6.122 (7)	3.591 (7)	2.411 (6)	1.765 (5)	1.378 (4)	1.136 (3)	1 (1)
-0.4	3447.781 (9)	64.05 (8)	14.663 (8)	6.524 (7)	3.761 (7)	2.499 (6)	1.815 (5)	1.408 (4)	1.155 (3)	1.009 (2)
-0.5	1005.906 (9)	81.144 (9)	16.288 (8)	6.97 (7)	3.945 (7)	2.591 (6)	1.868 (5)	1.44 (4)	1.174 (3)	1.019 (2)
-0.6	470.857 (9)	106.282 (9)	18.207 (8)	7.465 (7)	4.144 (7)	2.689 (6)	1.923 (5)	1.473 (5)	1.194 (4)	1.03 (2)
-0.7	271.451 (9)	145.39 (9)	20.497 (8)	8.018 (7)	4.359 (7)	2.794 (6)	1.981 (5)	1.509 (5)	1.218 (4)	1.041 (2)
-0.8	176.073 (9)	211.17 (9)	23.26 (8)	8.639 (8)	4.592 (7)	2.905 (6)	2.042 (5)	1.548 (5)	1.242 (4)	1.052 (2)
-0.9	123.222 (9)	334.915 (9)	26.637 (8)	9.342 (8)	4.846 (7)	3.024 (6)	2.108 (6)	1.587 (5)	1.267 (4)	1.067 (3)

Table 8: Local asymptotic power for case 4.  $\theta(k; \gamma)$ ,  $a_{11} = 0.0, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.95$ .  
Optimal horizon in parentheses.

$a_{12}$	$\theta(k; \gamma)$	k	$a_{12}$	$\theta(k; \gamma)$	k
-0.9	40.636	8	0.1	1.000	1
-0.8	13.037	7	0.2	1.000	1
-0.7	6.494	7	0.3	1.000	1
-0.6	3.948	6	0.4	1.000	1
-0.5	2.697	6	0.5	1.000	1
-0.4	1.991	5	0.6	1.000	1
-0.3	1.553	4	0.7	1.000	1
-0.2	1.269	4	0.8	1.000	1
-0.1	1.083	3	0.9	1.000	1
0.0	1.000	1			

Note:  $\theta(k, \gamma)$  is invariant to  $\rho_{mn}$  when  $a_{11} = 0$ .

Table 9: Monte Carlo experiment for case IV. Relative size-adjusted power  $a_{11} = 0.5, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.95$ , optimal horizon in parentheses.  $T = 100$ .

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$									
	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
0.9	5.4 (12)	2.8 (9)	1.8 (6)	1.3 (4)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.8	6.4 (10)	3.5 (10)	2.1 (10)	1.4 (5)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.7	8.9 (12)	5.1 (10)	2.8 (10)	1.7 (5)	1.3 (4)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.6	10.3 (12)	6.2 (11)	3.5 (9)	2.1 (9)	1.4 (7)	1.0 (4)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.5	13.2 (12)	7.7 (12)	4.2 (12)	2.6 (9)	1.5 (7)	1.1 (7)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.4	20.9 (14)	9.8 (14)	5.7 (13)	3.0 (11)	1.9 (9)	1.3 (6)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.3	30.9 (14)	14.8 (13)	7.9 (13)	4.2 (13)	2.4 (13)	1.5 (9)	1.0 (3)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.2	67.5 (14)	22.9 (13)	10.5 (14)	5.6 (13)	3.0 (13)	1.8 (9)	1.3 (6)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.1	80.0 (13)	41.3 (13)	15.6 (13)	8.1 (13)	3.9 (13)	2.3 (10)	1.5 (6)	1.1 (4)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0	109.5 (13)	74.7 (13)	22.9 (13)	11.2 (13)	6.3 (13)	3.0 (13)	1.9 (6)	1.3 (6)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
-0.1	188.0 (19)	62.7 (13)	39.2 (13)	16.6 (11)	8.4 (11)	4.2 (11)	2.3 (7)	1.5 (6)	1.1 (6)	1.0 (1)
-0.2	410.0 (16)	170.0 (16)	57.3 (13)	25.4 (16)	12.9 (12)	6.6 (8)	3.1 (10)	1.9 (8)	1.3 (6)	1.0 (2)
-0.3	372.5 (17)	382.5 (17)	156.0 (12)	53.7 (12)	21.3 (12)	10.4 (12)	4.9 (10)	2.5 (6)	1.6 (6)	1.1 (2)
-0.4	335.0 (17)	347.5 (18)	357.5 (14)	72.5 (14)	36.8 (14)	15.6 (11)	7.5 (10)	3.4 (10)	2.0 (6)	1.3 (6)
-0.5	305.0 (19)	327.5 (19)	340.0 (19)	340.0 (19)	70.0 (14)	29.0 (10)	11.1 (10)	5.2 (10)	2.6 (1)	1.5 (6)
-0.6	272.5 (17)	290.0 (19)	307.5 (20)	327.5 (20)	134.0 (19)	45.0 (12)	18.3 (12)	7.5 (12)	3.2 (9)	1.8 (5)
-0.7	235.0 (20)	245.0 (20)	260.0 (20)	277.5 (20)	300.0 (20)	126.0 (20)	43.0 (12)	14.3 (12)	5.5 (11)	2.9 (6)
-0.8	190.0 (18)	207.5 (19)	222.5 (18)	240.0 (18)	262.5 (19)	295.0 (19)	126.0 (19)	44.7 (11)	11.5 (11)	4.5 (7)
-0.9	160.0 (20)	172.5 (20)	197.5 (20)	212.5 (20)	237.5 (20)	265.0 (20)	302.5 (20)	136.0 (20)	39.0 (20)	9.6 (20)

Table 10: Monte Carlo experiment for case IV. Relative size-adjusted power  $a_{11} = 0.1, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.95$ , optimal horizon in parentheses.  $T = 100$ .

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$									
	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
0.9	8.1 (9)	5.5 (9)	3.9 (6)	2.9 (6)	2.2 (5)	1.7 (5)	1.3 (4)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)
0.8	8.5 (10)	5.6 (9)	3.9 (8)	2.8 (5)	2.2 (5)	1.7 (4)	1.3 (4)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.7	10.0 (9)	6.6 (9)	4.4 (7)	3.1 (7)	2.2 (5)	1.7 (4)	1.4 (4)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)
0.6	10.6 (9)	7.0 (9)	4.8 (7)	3.1 (7)	2.3 (7)	1.7 (5)	1.4 (4)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.5	11.5 (7)	7.3 (7)	5.0 (7)	3.3 (7)	2.3 (7)	1.7 (7)	1.3 (4)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.4	12.3 (9)	8.5 (6)	5.2 (6)	3.5 (6)	2.4 (6)	1.8 (6)	1.4 (4)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)	1.0 (1)
0.3	14.3 (9)	9.2 (9)	5.7 (7)	3.9 (7)	2.5 (6)	1.8 (4)	1.4 (3)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)
0.2	18.4 (9)	10.9 (9)	6.6 (6)	4.3 (6)	2.8 (6)	1.9 (6)	1.5 (3)	1.2 (3)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)
0.1	22.7 (10)	11.8 (7)	7.6 (6)	4.7 (6)	3.0 (6)	2.1 (6)	1.6 (4)	1.2 (4)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)
0	29.0 (11)	15.9 (6)	9.0 (6)	5.3 (6)	3.3 (6)	2.2 (6)	1.6 (5)	1.2 (5)	1.0 (2)	1.0 (1)
-0.1	46.2 (7)	18.5 (7)	10.0 (6)	5.9 (6)	3.5 (6)	2.3 (6)	1.7 (6)	1.3 (4)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)
-0.2	61.4 (8)	26.6 (8)	12.9 (8)	6.6 (6)	3.9 (6)	2.5 (6)	1.8 (6)	1.3 (4)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)
-0.3	76.4 (10)	36.7 (10)	17.1 (6)	7.6 (6)	4.4 (6)	2.7 (6)	1.9 (6)	1.4 (6)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)
-0.4	86.5 (10)	40.7 (10)	20.5 (6)	8.6 (6)	4.6 (6)	2.9 (6)	2.0 (6)	1.4 (6)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (1)
-0.5	81.5 (10)	57.0 (10)	26.1 (10)	10.8 (10)	5.0 (6)	3.0 (6)	1.9 (6)	1.4 (3)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (1)
-0.6	143.5 (10)	76.5 (10)	27.3 (10)	10.9 (10)	5.0 (5)	3.0 (5)	1.9 (5)	1.4 (5)	1.1 (2)	1.0 (1)
-0.7	126.0 (12)	91.7 (12)	42.3 (10)	15.0 (6)	6.0 (6)	3.7 (6)	2.1 (6)	1.5 (4)	1.1 (4)	1.0 (2)
-0.8	239.0 (11)	128.5 (11)	40.6 (11)	18.4 (11)	7.2 (7)	3.7 (6)	2.1 (4)	1.5 (4)	1.2 (4)	1.0 (2)
-0.9	205.0 (8)	114.0 (8)	51.6 (8)	22.1 (8)	8.6 (8)	3.7 (8)	2.1 (8)	1.4 (3)	1.1 (3)	1.0 (1)

Table 11: Small sample properties of  $t_{k^*}$  test. DGP follows case 4 with  $a_{11} = 0.1, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.95, T = 200$ . A: Size-adjusted power of  $t_{k^*}$  test. B: Power of  $t_{k^*}$  relative to power of  $t_1$ , size adjusted. C: Median  $k$  selected by  $t_{k^*}$  test.

$\rho_{mn}$		$a_{12}$									
		-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
0.9	A	0.924	0.900	0.872	0.841	0.811	0.795	0.778	0.770	0.780	0.814
	B	6.716	4.918	3.594	2.704	2.100	1.690	1.392	1.194	1.069	1.004
	C	(9)	(8)	(7)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)
0.8	A	0.906	0.883	0.859	0.839	0.813	0.791	0.781	0.774	0.780	0.802
	B	7.739	5.256	3.774	2.838	2.223	1.748	1.441	1.221	1.099	1.006
	C	(10)	(9)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)
0.7	A	0.887	0.872	0.851	0.829	0.811	0.791	0.780	0.769	0.774	0.799
	B	9.636	6.137	4.210	3.088	2.394	1.845	1.506	1.276	1.124	1.032
	C	(11)	(10)	(9)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(2)
0.6	A	0.870	0.852	0.834	0.815	0.798	0.780	0.767	0.760	0.758	0.783
	B	11.219	6.927	4.712	3.396	2.477	1.886	1.525	1.294	1.128	1.034
	C	(12)	(11)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)
0.5	A	0.859	0.846	0.828	0.813	0.803	0.786	0.776	0.765	0.766	0.783
	B	13.422	8.546	5.274	3.635	2.668	1.984	1.571	1.312	1.157	1.042
	C	(13)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(3)
0.4	A	0.847	0.833	0.822	0.803	0.794	0.777	0.764	0.761	0.756	0.773
	B	16.608	10.605	6.157	4.215	3.000	2.154	1.643	1.344	1.173	1.069
	C	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(6)	(5)	(3)
0.3	A	0.834	0.825	0.814	0.796	0.785	0.774	0.760	0.748	0.747	0.762
	B	21.372	12.791	7.903	4.854	3.324	2.385	1.752	1.380	1.182	1.076
	C	(14)	(13)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(9)	(7)	(6)	(4)
0.2	A	0.831	0.821	0.813	0.803	0.789	0.782	0.772	0.760	0.755	0.764
	B	29.679	16.918	9.909	5.858	3.728	2.614	1.923	1.462	1.225	1.092
	C	(15)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(6)	(5)
0.1	A	0.823	0.819	0.811	0.805	0.793	0.783	0.779	0.769	0.764	0.766
	B	40.146	22.135	11.746	7.026	4.204	2.842	2.055	1.521	1.278	1.095
	C	(15)	(15)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(9)	(7)	(5)



Table continued.

$\rho_{mn}$	$a_{12}$										
	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	
0.0	A	0.816	0.816	0.808	0.805	0.797	0.786	0.778	0.778	0.773	0.773
	B	58.250	26.738	14.691	8.209	4.875	3.111	2.199	1.603	1.317	1.118
	C	(16)	(15)	(14)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(8)	(6)
-0.1	A	0.803	0.806	0.806	0.799	0.795	0.794	0.783	0.780	0.780	0.781
	B	123.539	46.057	20.405	11.333	6.256	3.772	2.490	1.752	1.393	1.161
	C	(16)	(16)	(15)	(14)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(10)	(9)	(7)
-0.2	A	0.792	0.795	0.797	0.798	0.793	0.793	0.792	0.784	0.783	0.793
	B	176.000	75.714	31.255	15.792	7.847	4.594	2.917	1.994	1.458	1.225
	C	(17)	(16)	(16)	(15)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(8)
-0.3	A	0.777	0.780	0.784	0.786	0.790	0.782	0.787	0.787	0.782	0.789
	B	259.000	111.357	50.548	20.684	9.869	5.353	3.197	2.107	1.523	1.222
	C	(17)	(17)	(16)	(15)	(15)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(9)
-0.4	A	0.781	0.786	0.788	0.798	0.800	0.803	0.802	0.804	0.813	0.813
	B	390.250	224.429	78.800	33.957	12.903	6.744	3.893	2.332	1.660	1.278
	C	(17)	(17)	(16)	(16)	(15)	(15)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(10)
-0.5	A	0.776	0.789	0.797	0.805	0.812	0.815	0.819	0.824	0.828	0.835
	B	517.333	394.250	113.857	46.000	18.443	8.269	4.356	2.554	1.723	1.319
	C	(18)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(16)	(15)	(14)	(14)	(12)	(11)
-0.6	A	0.787	0.806	0.821	0.829	0.840	0.854	0.861	0.866	0.874	0.876
	B	524.667	537.333	273.500	75.364	29.474	11.612	5.502	2.961	1.919	1.395
	C	(18)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(16)	(16)	(15)	(14)	(13)	(12)
-0.7	A	0.795	0.813	0.834	0.851	0.866	0.886	0.895	0.905	0.918	0.919
	B	795.000	542.000	417.000	141.833	41.238	16.109	6.832	3.448	2.073	1.428
	C	(18)	(18)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(16)	(15)	(14)	(13)
-0.8	A	0.788	0.819	0.840	0.864	0.885	0.900	0.918	0.930	0.944	0.954
	B	788.000	545.667	420.000	287.833	68.039	22.210	8.308	3.788	2.129	1.425
	C	(18)	(18)	(18)	(18)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(16)	(15)	(15)
-0.9	A	0.775	0.816	0.847	0.875	0.900	0.925	0.947	0.962	0.973	0.981
	B	775.000	815.500	564.667	249.857	112.500	32.439	11.473	4.495	2.190	1.369
	C	(18)	(18)	(18)	(18)	(17)	(18)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(16)

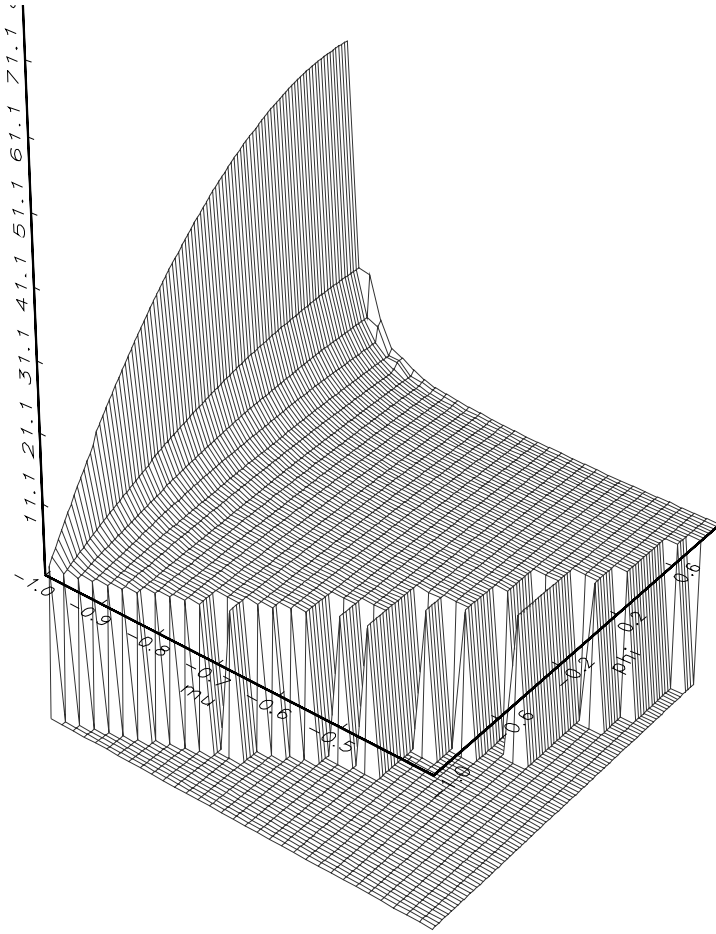


Figure 1: Relative asymptotic power for Berben's (2000) case.

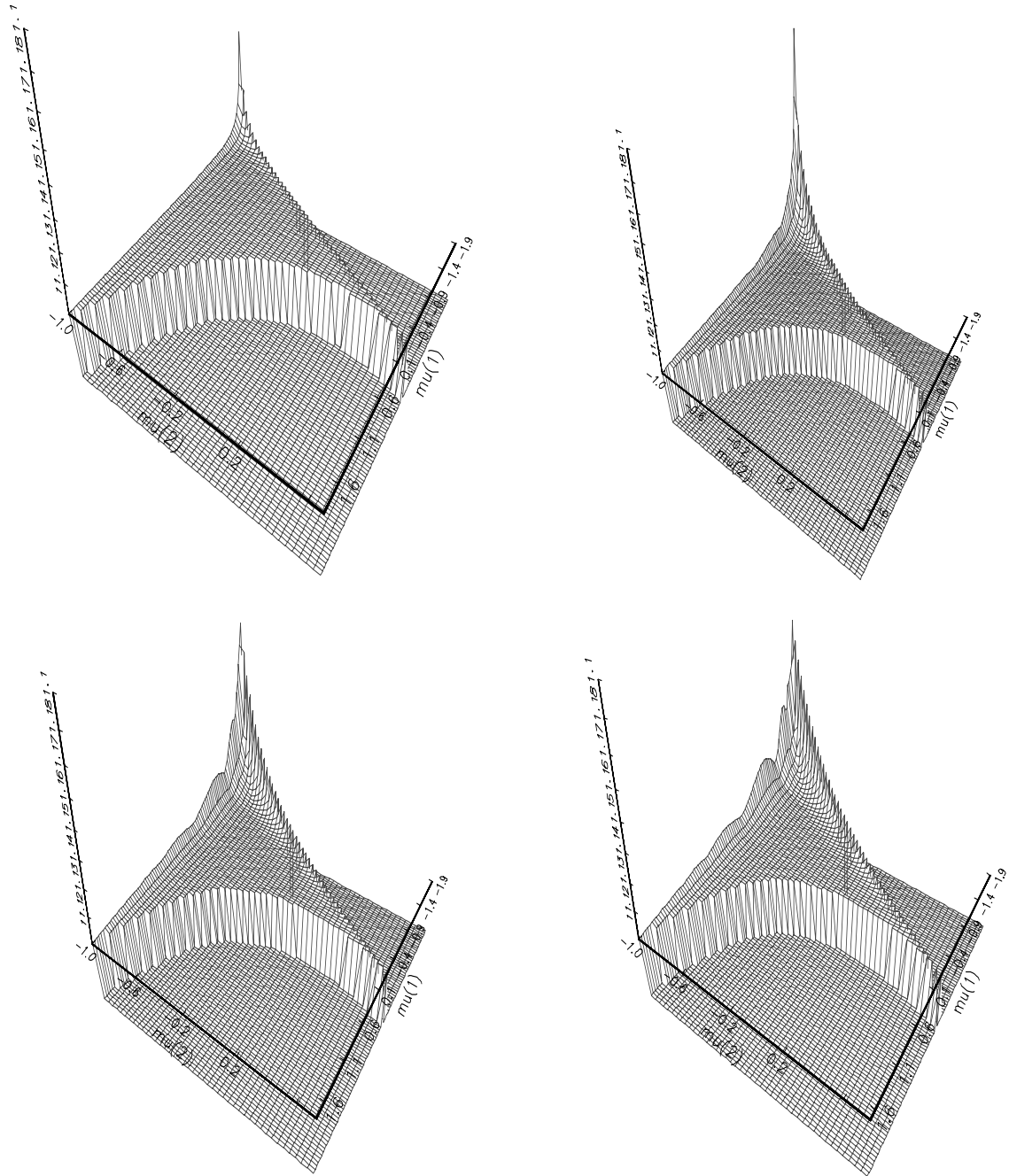


Figure 2: Relative asymptotic power  $x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + v_t, e_t = \mu_1 e_{t-1} + \mu_2 e_{t-2} + m_t$ .  
 Clockwise from upper left,  $\phi = 0.98, 0.88, 0.68, 0.78$

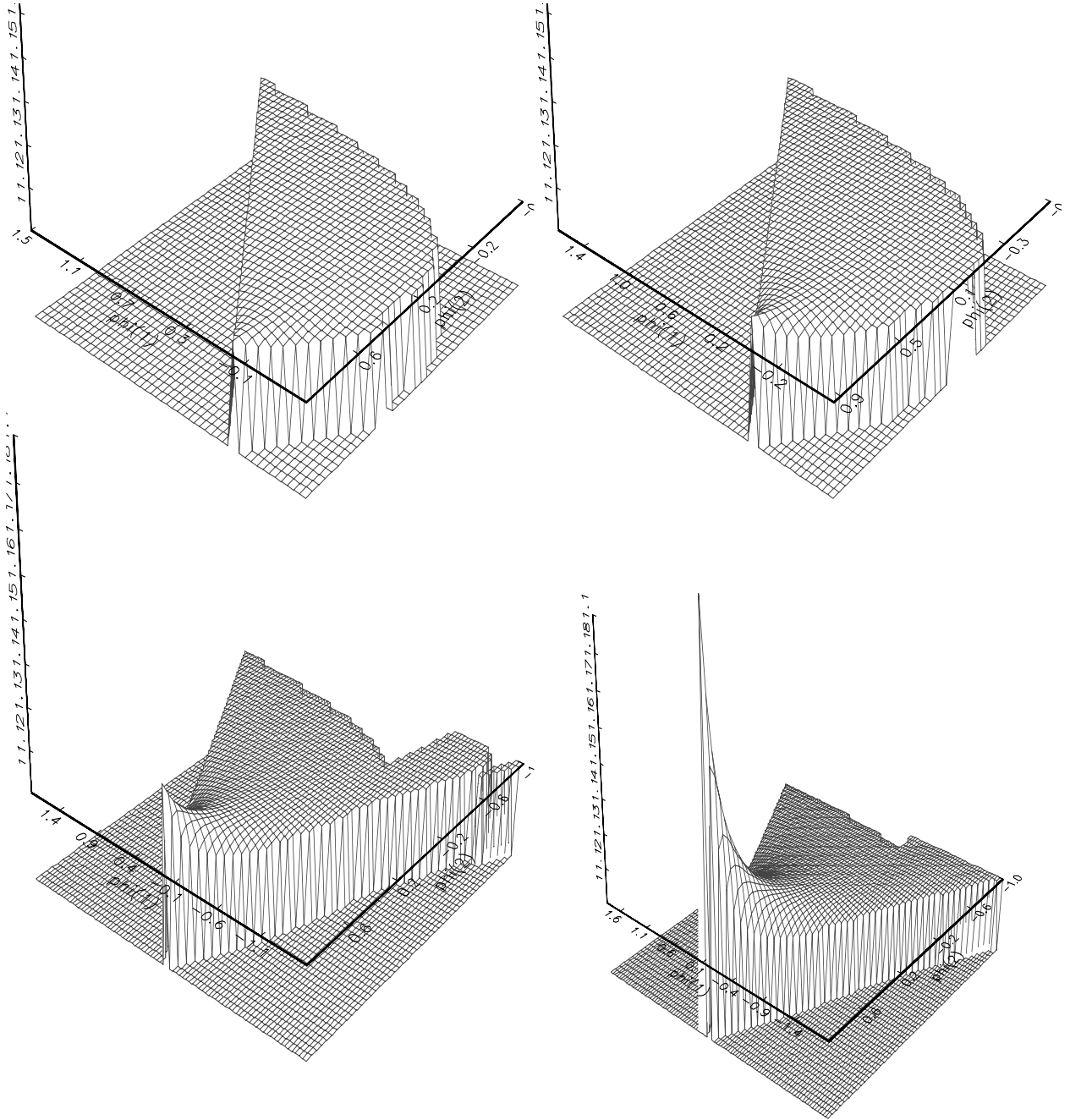


Figure 3: Relative asymptotic power  $x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + v_t, e_t = \mu e_{t-1} + m_t$ . Clockwise from upper left,  $\mu = -0.62, -0.72, -0.92, -0.82$ .

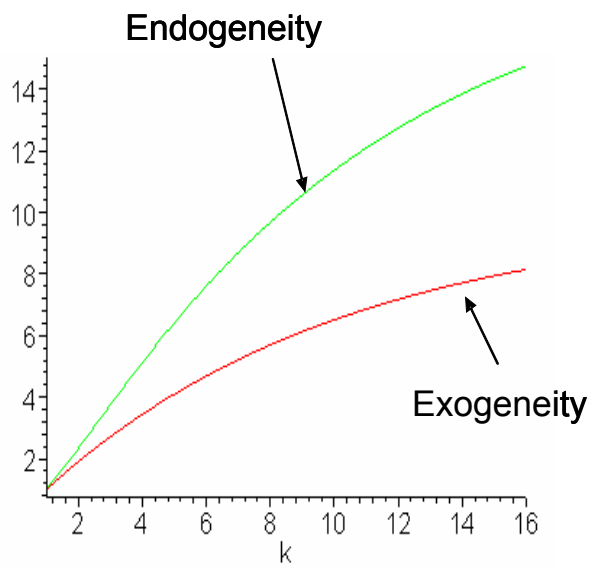


Figure 4:  $\beta_k(T)/\beta_1(T)$  under endogeneity and exogeneity.  $a_{11} = 0.5, a_{12} = -0.1, \rho_{mn} = -0.1, b_1 = 0.1, \phi = 0.90$ .

## Appendix

*Derivation of eq.(3).* Begin with Assumption 1, use the projection representation for  $x_{t+1}$  and advance the time subscript in (2) to obtain  $\Delta y_{t+2} = \beta_1(T)x_{t+1} + e_{t+2} = \beta_1(T)\rho_1(x)x_t + e_{t+2} + \beta_1(T)u_{t+1,1}$ . Add this result to (2) get for  $k = 2$ ,

$$y_{t+2} - y_t = \beta_1(T) [1 + \rho_1(x)] x_t + (e_{t+1} + e_{t+2} + \beta_1(T)u_{t+1,1})$$

Continuing on for arbitrary  $k > 1$  gives (3).

*Derivation of eqs. (5)-(7)* The asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\beta}_k$  is  $V(\hat{\beta}_k) = W_k / (\mathbb{E}(x_t)^2)^2 = W_k / C_0^2(x)$ , where  $W_k = \Omega_{0,k} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Omega_{j,k}$ , and  $\Omega_{jk} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(x_{t-k}x_{t-k-j}\epsilon_{t,k}\epsilon_{t-k-j,k})$ . Since  $\epsilon_{t,k}$  is asymptotically independent of  $u_{t+j,j}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{jk} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(x_{t-k}x_{t-k-j}\epsilon_{t,k}\epsilon_{t-k-j,k}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(x_{t-k}x_{t-k-j}) \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{s=0}^{k-1} e_{t-j} \sum_{s=0}^{k-1} e_{t-j-s}\right) \\ &= C_j(x)G_{j,k}(e) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G_{j,k}(e) \equiv \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{s=0}^{k-1} e_{t-j} \sum_{s=0}^{k-1} e_{t-j-s}\right) = kC_j(e) + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} (k-s) [C_{j-s}(e) + C_{j+s}(e)]$$

*Derivation of (28).* Let  $a_{11}(L) \equiv (1 - a_{11}L)^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{11}^j L^j$  and  $\phi(L) \equiv (1 - \phi L)^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j L^j$ . From (26)-(27) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} e_{t+1} &= a_{12}(T)a_{11}(L)v_t + a_{11}(L)m_{t+1} \\ x_t &= \phi(L)v_t. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(e_{t+1}x_t) &= \mathbb{E}([a_{12}(T)a_{11}(L)v_t + a_{11}(L)m_{t+1}] [\phi(L)v_t]) \\ &= \frac{a_{12}(T) + a_{11}\rho_{mn}(T)}{1 - a_{11}\phi} = \frac{a_{12} + a_{11}\rho_{mn}}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)\sqrt{T}} \end{aligned}$$

We have determined that  $\beta_1(T) \xrightarrow{p} b_1(T) + c_1(T)$  where

$$c_1(T) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(e_{t+1}x_t)}{\mathbb{E}(x_t)^2} = \frac{(a_{12} + a_{11}\rho_{mn})}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} (1 - \phi^2)$$

*Derivation of (30)* Note that for  $k = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{t+2} - y_t &= b_1(T)(1 + \phi)x_t + a_{t+2,2} \\ a_{t+2,2} &= e_{t+2} + e_{t+1} + \beta_1(T)v_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $b_2(T) = b_1(T)(1 + \phi) = \frac{b_1}{\sqrt{T}}(1 + \phi)$ . As before, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} e_{t+2} &= a_{12}(T)v_{t+1} + a_{12}(T)a_{11}a_{11}(L)v_t + m_{t+2} + a_{11}m_{t+1} + a_{11}^2a_{11}(L)m_t \\ x_t &= \phi(L)v_t \end{aligned}$$

from which we obtain,

$$\mathbb{E}(e_{t+2}x_t) = \frac{a_{12}(T)a_{11}}{1 - a_{11}\phi} + \frac{\rho_{mn}(T)a_{11}^2}{1 - a_{11}\phi} = \frac{a_{11}(a_{12} + \rho_{mn}a_{11})}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)\sqrt{T}} = a_{11}\mathbb{E}(e_{t+1}x_t)$$

It follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[a_{t+2,2}x_t] = \mathbb{E}[(e_{t+2} + e_{t+1})x_t] = (1 + a_{11}) \left( \frac{a_{12} + \rho_{mn}a_{11}}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)\sqrt{T}} \right) = c_2(T)$$

Continuing on in this way, it can be seen that for any  $k$ ,  $b_k(T) = b_1(T) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j \right) = b_1(T) \left( \frac{1 - \phi^k}{1 - \phi} \right)$ , and

$$\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_{t+k,k}x_t) = \left( \frac{a_{12} + \rho_{mn}a_{11}}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_{11}^j \right) = \left( \frac{a_{12} + \rho_{mn}a_{11}}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - a_{11}^k}{1 - a_{11}} \right)$$

Finally, divide by  $\mathbb{E}(x_t^2) = C_0(x) = (1 - \phi^2)^{-1}$  to get

$$c_k(T) = \left( \frac{a_{12} + \rho_{mn}a_{11}}{(1 - a_{11}\phi)\sqrt{T}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - a_{11}^k}{1 - a_{11}} \right) (1 - \phi^2)$$