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RELATIVE POWER OF t TYPE TESTS FOR STATIONARY AND UNIT ROOT PROCESSES

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Abstract. This paper shows numerically that the lack of power and size distortions of the Dickey–Fuller type tests for unit roots (very well documented in the unit root literature) are similar to and in many situations even smaller than the lack of power and size distortions of the standard Student t tests for stationary roots of an autoregressive model.

Keywords. Dickey–Fuller tests; Student t tests; unit roots.

1. Introduction

If we open a contest to select the most mentioned sentence in time series econometrics or even applied macroeconomics, during the last 10 years, almost certainly the winner would be something like 'the lack of power of the unit root test'. Many papers have shown numerically this lack of power and also the size distortions of the unit root tests. A partial list includes Agiakloglou and Newbold (1992), Bierens (1993), DeJong *et al.* (1992a, b), Dickey and Fuller (1979, 1981), Elliot *et al.* (1992), Hall (1992), Ng and Perron (1993, 1995), Perron (1989), Said and Dickey (1984), Schmidt and Phillips (1992), Schwert (1989) and a survey by Stock (1995). To the best of our knowledge, no paper has considered whether this lack of power is typical only in the unit root tests or whether it can also be found in any standard test for stationary roots (for instance, in tests for zero first-order correlation). This article claims that the Student t tests for stationary roots of an autoregressive (AR) model have as bad performance as and sometimes even worse performance than the Dickey–Fuller (DF) t type tests for unit roots.

This paper does not claim that testing for a unit root is the same as testing for a stationary root. There are two main differences. First, the limit distribution in the unit root case is nonstandard and it depends on the specification of the deterministic component of the analyzed variable. Second, in economics, to be able to tell between 1.0 and 0.9 is more important than to be able to distinguish between 0.0 and non-zero or between 0.5 and 0.4. Nonrejection of the hypothesis of a unit root implies the existence of permanent shocks and also the possibility of having spurious regressions. Therefore all the effort and interest that has been dedicated to the unit root case is understandable, but these two differences are not enough to explain

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the huge amount of papers that have been trying to convince the profession that the DF test has a big lack of power and awful size distortions. This paper only tries to show that the sentence 'lack of power of the unit root tests', although accurate in absolute terms, is totally inaccurate in relative terms. The power of a test should be judged in both dimensions.

In order to show our claim, we re-do the experiments produced in the unit root literature, but this time to test not only for a root that equals one but also for a stationary root of an AR model. We compare the power and size distortions of the t tests in both scenarios, I(1) and I(0). The analysis concentrates only on the t type tests because they are the most commonly used in practice, specially the DF test for unit roots.

This paper is neither a survey on unit roots nor does it propose a new unit root test. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the notation and the models used in the Monte Carlo experiment. Section 3 investigates the power of the t tests for the null hypotheses of I(1) and I(0), in a model with AR errors. Section 4 analyzes the size distortion of the t tests for the same null hypotheses as in Section 3, first in a model with moving-average (MA) errors, and second in a model with heteroskedastic (GARCH) errors. Section 5 concludes.

2. NOTATION AND MODELS

Let the time series $\{y_t\}$ be the stochastic process generated by the linear model

$$y_t = d_t + x_t \tag{1}$$

$$d_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t \tag{2}$$

$$(1 - \alpha L)x_t = u_t \tag{3}$$

$$(1 - \rho L)u_t = (1 - \theta L)e_t \tag{4}$$

where L is the lag operator. We assume that $x_0 = 0$, e_t i.i.d $N(0, \sigma^2)$, $\rho \leq 1$ and $\theta < 1$.

LEMMA 1. *Let* $C(L) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j L^j$. *Then*

(i)

$$C(L) = C(1) - (1 - L)\tilde{C}(L) \tag{5}$$

where $\tilde{C}(L) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \tilde{c}_j L^j$, *with* $\tilde{c}_j = \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} c_k$.

(ii) Provided $\alpha_0 \neq 0$,

$$C(L) = C(1/\alpha_0) - (1 - \alpha_0 L)\tilde{C}^*(L) \tag{6}$$

where $C^*(L) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j^* L^{*j}$, *with* $c_j^* = (1/\alpha_0)^j c_j$ *and* $L^* = \alpha_0 L$.

A proof of the algebraic decomposition (i) can be found in Gelfand (1989, p. 160). This decomposition was used by Beveridge and Nelson (1981) to decompose economic variables into permanent and transitory components.

The proof of part (ii) follows from applying (i) to the polynomial $C^*(L^*)$.

Phillips and Solo (1992) show that a sufficient condition for (5) to make sense ($\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \tilde{c}_j^2 < \infty$) is that the polynomial $C(L)$ is 1/2-summable,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{1/2}|c_j| < \infty. \tag{7}$$

It can be shown that condition (7) is sufficient for $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\tilde{c}_j^*)^2 < \infty$. All the cases treated in this paper satisfy condition (7).

Substituting (4), (3) and (2) into (1), using Lemma 1, and rearranging gives the above data-generating process (DGP) as a single equation model,

$$(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_t = \mu_0 + \mu_1 t + \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_i (1 - \alpha_0 L) y_{t-i} + e_t \tag{8}$$

where the parameter of interest is

$$\lambda = \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{\alpha_0}\right)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\rho}{\alpha_0}\right)(\alpha - \alpha_0). \tag{9}$$

The null hypothesis that $\{y_t\}$ has an autoregressive root that equals α_0,

$$H_o: \alpha = \alpha_0$$

can be tested by the t ratio

$$t_i = \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{\mathrm{sd}(\hat{\lambda})} \qquad i = 1, 2, 3 \tag{10}$$

where $\hat{\lambda}$ and $\mathrm{sd}(\hat{\lambda})$, the standard error of $\hat{\lambda}$, are obtained by applying ordinary least squares (OLS) to the following regressions R1, R2 and R3, respectively,

$$\text{R1:} \quad Dy_t = \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \delta_i Dy_{t-i} + e_t$$

$$\text{R2:} \quad Dy_t = \mu_0 + \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \delta_i Dy_{t-i} + e_t$$

$$\text{R3:} \quad Dy_t = \mu_0 + \mu_1 t + \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \delta_i D_{t-i} + e_t$$

where $D = (1 - \alpha_0 L)$.

The 5% critical values of the t_1, t_2 and t_3 tests, for $T = 100$, are tabulated in Table I for different values of α_0. To generate these critical values it is assumed that $d_t = 0$, $\rho = \theta = 0$ and $p = 0$. Under the null hypothesis of $\alpha = 1.0$, the tests t_1, t_2 and t_3 have nonstandard asymptotic distributions, see Hamilton (1994, p. 486) for a complete summary. These distributions depend on the specification of the deterministic component included in the regressions. The distributions are skewed to the left and have too many negative values relative to the Student t distribution. The asymptotic distribution of t_1,

TABLE I

CRITICAL VALUES (5% LEVEL, $T = 100$)

α	t_1	t_2	t_3
1.0	−1.933	−2.889	−3.451
0.9	−1.795	−2.209	−2.609
0.8	−1.764	−2.050	−2.339
0.7	−1.739	−1.965	−2.197
0.6	−1.724	−1.915	−2.113
0.5	−1.716	−1.878	−2.048
0.4	−1.704	−1.847	−1.993
0.3	−1.689	−1.819	−1.948
0.2	−1.674	−1.792	−1.912
0.1	−1.664	−1.770	−1.880
0.0	−1.657	−1.756	−1.846

Notes: $\{y_t\}$ is generated by $y_t = \alpha y_{t-1} + e_t$, e_t is i.i.d. N(0, 1), $t = 1, \ldots, T = 100$ and $y_1 = 0$. Three t ratios for the OLS estimate of λ are computed: t_1 from the regression $(1 - \alpha L)y_t = \lambda y_{t-1} + e_t$, t_2 from the regression $(1 - \alpha L)y_t = \mu_0 + \lambda y_{t-1} + e_t$ and t_3 from $(1 - \alpha L)y_t = \mu_0 + \mu_1 t + \lambda y_{t-1} + e_t$. The 5% critical values are computed from 50 000 replications.

t_2 and t_3 is Normal (0, 1), for testing for a hypothesis of a stationary root ($|\alpha| < 1.0$).

The critical values of Table I will be used in the next two sections to evaluate the power and size of the t tests.

3. POWER COMPARISONS

In this section we compare numerically the power of the one-sided t tests (t_1, t_2 and t_3) for nonstationary (NS) and stationary (S) roots. This comparison has been done for different values of the null hypothesis ($\alpha_0 = 1.0, 0.9, \ldots, 0.0$) and different alternatives ($\alpha_0 - \alpha = 0.3, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05$ and 0.01),

$$\text{(NS) } H_o\text{: } \alpha_0 = 1 \text{ versus } H_a\text{: } \alpha < 1$$

$$\text{(S) } H_o\text{: } \alpha = \alpha_0,\ \alpha_0 < 1, \text{ versus } H_a\text{: } \alpha < \alpha_0.$$

In Table II the DGP is

$$(1 - \alpha L)y_t = e_t \tag{11}$$

and the regressions R1, R2 and R3 do not contain lags ($p = 0$) of $(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_t$. We only report results for $\alpha_0 = 1.0, 0.9, \ldots, 0.0$ and $(\alpha_0 - \alpha) = 0.1$ and 0.05. Other results are available upon request.

The main feature of Table II is the drastic decrease in power of the DF test when the regression contains a trend and/or a constant term. This is a well-known result (see Stock, 1995). The reason for this decrease in power is the random collinearity that exists in the unit root case between a constant and y_{t-1} and between a deterministic trend and y_{t-1}. For the stationary roots the power is very uniform across regressions, and although there is also a

TABLE II

POWER OF TESTING VARIOUS AUTOREGRESSIVE ROOTS

$\alpha - \alpha_0 = -0.1$					$\alpha - \alpha_0 = -0.05$				
α_0	α	t_1	t_2	t_3	α_0	α	t_1	t_2	t_3
1.0	0.9	0.7766	0.3083	0.1826	1.0	0.95	0.3356	0.1150	0.0836
0.9	0.8	0.4659	0.3789	0.3032	0.9	0.85	0.1966	0.1601	0.1334
0.8	0.7	0.3605	0.3277	0.2846	0.8	0.75	0.1569	0.1430	0.1314
0.7	0.6	0.3140	0.2964	0.2691	0.7	0.65	0.1416	0.1351	0.1273
0.6	0.5	0.2878	0.2737	0.2564	0.6	0.55	0.1316	0.1305	0.1237
0.5	0.4	0.2693	0.2610	0.2470	0.5	0.45	0.1269	0.1255	0.1208
0.4	0.3	0.2608	0.2531	0.2425	0.4	0.35	0.1263	0.1235	0.1200
0.3	0.2	0.2534	0.2466	0.2435	0.3	0.25	0.1248	0.1226	0.1217
0.2	0.1	0.2513	0.2490	0.2445	0.2	0.15	0.1241	0.1236	0.1205
0.1	0.0	0.2534	0.2508	0.2470	0.1	0.05	0.1262	0.1231	0.1197
0.0	−0.1	0.2564	0.2495	0.2515	0.0	−0.05	0.1254	0.1231	0.1224

Notes: 5% level, $T = 100$, 10 000 replications, $d_t = 0$ ($\beta_0 = \beta_1 = 0$), $\rho = \theta = 0$. α is the true autoregressive root in the DGP (i.e. under the alternative hypothesis) and α_0 is the value of α claimed under the null hypothesis, H_0: $\alpha = \alpha_0$. The difference $(\alpha - \alpha_0)$ measures the departure from the null hypothesis. The critical values in Table I are used.

random collinearity between a deterministic trend and y_{t-1}, this collinearity does not show up in the limit distribution.

Comparing both situations (NS and S) the only case where the DF test has clearly lower power than the t test for a stationary root α is when there is a trend in the regression (t_3). Many will argue (see Campbell and Perron, 1991) that this is the relevant case in practice because it is never known whether y_t has a drift or not, and the t_3 test is invariant to that. Therefore in applied research we are forced to run the regression R3. In Table III, we investigate if this finding of lower power of the DF t_3 test is robust to other standard misspecifications that occur in practice, like misspecifications in the number of lags p. In the stationary case, the inclusion of irrelevant lags of $(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_{t-1}$ introduces collinearity in the regression models. This collinearity is not random but causes similar power problems (under local alternatives) to the ones created by a deterministic trend in the DF t_3 test.

To make the paper shorter and without loss of generality, we only report (through the rest of the paper) results for the following two cases,

$$\text{(NS) } H_o\text{: } \alpha_0 = 1 \text{ versus } H_a\text{: } \alpha = 0.9$$

$$\text{(S) } H_o\text{: } \alpha_0 = 0.5 \text{ versus } H_a\text{: } \alpha = 0.4.$$

The selection of a metric, the distance between the null and the alternative hypotheses, to compare power in NS and S is not clear. There are several distance measures for stochastic processes in the literature (see Zinde-Walsh (1992) for a comparison of some of them). We have selected the one proposed by Piccolo (1990), that in our case is equivalent to the absolute distance ($|\alpha_0 - \alpha| = 0.1$). We could also have chosen as a metric, the standard deviation of the finite sample distribution of $\hat{\alpha}$ under the different

TABLE III

POWER WITH AR(1) ERRORS

	$\alpha = 0.9$, $\alpha_0 = 1.0$			$\alpha = 0.4$, $\alpha_0 = 0.5$		
ρ	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_1	t_2	t_3
Using $p = 0$						
0.0	0.7766	0.3083	0.1826	0.2693	0.2610	0.2470
0.1	0.6251	0.1711	0.0856	0.0648	0.0627	0.0606
0.3	0.2767	0.0273	0.0120	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004
0.5	0.0526	0.0018	0.0013	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.7	0.0026	0.0000	0.0011	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.9	0.0000	0.0012	0.0092	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
1.0	0.0000	0.1345	0.0481	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Using $p = 1$						
0.0	0.7409	0.2997	0.1804	0.1347	0.1333	0.1297
0.1	0.7320	0.2961	0.1778	0.1219	0.1199	0.1155
0.3	0.7071	0.2824	0.1716	0.0862	0.0861	0.0851
0.5	0.6666	0.2589	0.1624	0.0513	0.0549	0.0540
0.7	0.5855	0.2230	0.1364	0.0263	0.0290	0.0302
0.9	0.3428	0.1308	0.0961	0.0088	0.0098	0.0112
1.0	0.0551	0.0673	0.0614	0.0033	0.0043	0.0070
Using $p = 4$						
0.0	0.6277	0.2361	0.1405	0.0535	0.0561	0.0549
0.1	0.6270	0.2342	0.1394	0.0531	0.0542	0.0563
0.3	0.6044	0.2246	0.1363	0.0491	0.0528	0.0530
0.5	0.5743	0.2105	0.1310	0.0473	0.0501	0.0513
0.7	0.5123	0.1880	0.1185	0.0445	0.0473	0.0494
0.9	0.3185	0.1221	0.0899	0.0421	0.0452	0.0469
1.0	0.0552	0.0703	0.0704	0.0354	0.0359	0.0428

Notes: 5% level, $T = 100$, 10000 replications, $d_t = 0$ ($\beta_0 = \beta_1 = 0$), $\theta = 0$. α is the true autoregressive root in the DGP (i.e. under the alternative hypothesis) and α_0 is the value of α claimed under the null hypothesis, H_0: $\alpha = \alpha_0$. The difference $(\alpha - \alpha_0)$ measures the departure from the null hypothesis. Three t ratios for λ are computed: t_1 from the regression $Dy_t = \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p}\delta_i Dy_{t-i} + e_t$, t_2 from the regression $Dy_t = \mu_0 + \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p}\delta_i Dy_{t-i} + e_t$ and t_3 from $Dy_t = \mu_0 + \mu_1 t + \lambda y_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{p}\delta_i Dy_{t-i} + e_t$, where $D = 1 - \alpha_0 L$. p is the number of lagged Dy_{t-i} in the regressions. If $p = 0$ is used when $\rho > 0$, the number of lags is underparameterized. If $p = 1$, the number of lags is correctly parameterized. If $p > 1$, it is overparameterized. The critical values in Table I are used.

null hypotheses. In this case the metric would have depended on T as well as on α_0. The main conclusions of this paper are invariant to the chosen metric.

In Table III, the DGP is

$$(1 - \alpha L)y_t = (1 - \rho L)^{-1}e_t \tag{12}$$

with $\rho = (0.0, 0.1, \ldots, 1.0)$. By Lemma 1, (12) can be re-written as

$$(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_t = (1 - \rho/\alpha_0)(\alpha - \alpha_0)y_{t-1} + (\rho\alpha/\alpha_0)(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_{t-1} + e_t. \tag{13}$$

Table III considers situations where the number of lags p is correctly specified ($p = 1$), underparametrized ($p = 0$) and overparametrized ($p = 4$). The case of $p = 4$ is extremely important because as we mentioned before, the irrelevant variables $(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_{t-i}$, $i = 2, 3, 4$, are correlated with y_{t-1}, if

y_t is stationary. This case is in some sense similar to the DF t_3 where the deterministic trend is correlated with y_{t-1}.

Several features of Table III stand out. For example, the power of the DF type tests is always higher than the power of the t ratio for the null hypothesis of a 0.5 root, when there are some lags in the regression model ($p = 1$ or $p = 4$). This is true even for $\rho = 0$. When there are no lags in the regressions, the only situation where the power of the DF is lower is for t_3 with $\rho = 0$ (the result previously mentioned in Table II and so much cited in the unit root literature). These results indicate the strong conclusion, that in general the DF t type tests do not have less power than the t ratio tests for a stationary root, even if we include a deterministic trend in the regression model.

4. SIZE COMPARISONS

The most influential Monte Carlo study in the unit root literature is Schwert's (1989), who found large size distortions in several unit root tests (DF is one of them) when the errors u_t have an MA component. In this section following Schwert's DGP we compare the size distortions of DF tests with the t tests for the null hypothesis that $\alpha_0 = 0.5$.

The DGP in Table IV is

$$(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_t = (1 - \theta L)e_t \tag{14}$$

with $\theta = (0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7$ and $0.9)$. Only positive values of θ have been considered, not because we think they are the most relevant values in practice (maybe it is the opposite) but because these are the ones that produce higher size distortions in Schwert (1989). For the same reason Agiakloglou and Newbold (1992) consider only positive values for θ.

Following Schwert (1989) and Agiakloglou and Newbold (1992) the tests are based on the OLS estimates of the approximating autoregressive regressions R1, R2 and R3. We also report the results of the tests based on the regression models selected by the Akaike information criteria (AIC). The most striking feature of Table IV is that the t test for the stationary root ($\alpha_0 = 0.5$) has even larger size distortions than the DF test. This is even true for $\theta = 0.9$, if we choose the autoregressive model selected by the AIC.

Recently there has been some concern about the size distortions when there is conditional heteroskedasticity in the errors. Kim and Schmidt (1993) show that the DF tests tend to overreject in the presence of GARCH errors. The DGP in Table V is

$$(1 - \alpha_0 L)y_t = e_t \tag{15}$$

$$e_t | I_{t-1} \text{ is } N(0, h_t) \tag{16}$$

$$h_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 e_{t-1}^2 + \phi_2 h_{t-1} \tag{17}$$

TABLE IV

SIZE WITH MA(1) ERRORS

	$\alpha_0 = 1.0$			$\alpha_0 = 0.5$		
θ	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_1	t_2	t_3
Using $p = p_{aic}$						
0.1	0.0723	0.0775	0.1007	0.2498	0.2538	0.2730
	(0.98)	(1.00)	(1.03)	(0.77)	(0.82)	(0.90)
	[1.72]	[1.80]	[1.91]	[1.67]	[1.72]	[1.86]
0.3	0.0810	0.0963	0.1486	0.7105	0.7062	0.7264
	(1.81)	(1.78)	(1.66)	(0.80)	(0.84)	(0.89)
	[1.68]	[1.74]	[1.85]	[1.67]	[1.72]	[1.83]
0.5	0.1060	0.1301	0.2077	0.8840	0.8816	0.8964
	(2.57)	(2.48)	(2.16)	(0.77)	(0.81)	(0.92)
	[1.69]	[1.74]	[1.79]	[1.66]	[1.71]	[1.85]
0.7	0.1735	0.2519	0.4343	0.9532	0.9523	0.9531
	(3.62)	(3.22)	(2.37)	(1.62)	(1.66)	(1.89)
	[1.89]	[1.95]	[1.96]	[2.01]	[2.04]	[2.19]
0.9	0.4364	0.7596	0.9136	0.9766	0.9729	0.9673
	(3.79)	(2.00)	(1.02)	(4.13)	(4.14)	(4.29)
	[2.92]	[2.48]	[1.88]	[2.47]	[2.47]	[2.51]
Using $p = 0$						
0.1	0.0813	0.0832	0.0954	0.2248	0.2239	0.2177
0.3	0.2137	0.2376	0.3551	0.8863	0.8794	0.8722
0.5	0.4465	0.5847	0.7987	0.9996	0.9996	0.9994
0.7	0.7916	0.9371	0.9952	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.9	0.9946	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Using $p = 1$						
0.1	0.0531	0.0506	0.0578	0.0658	0.0650	0.0636
0.3	0.0829	0.0788	0.1039	0.2092	0.2046	0.2007
0.5	0.1889	0.2100	0.3082	0.7226	0.7080	0.6868
0.7	0.4686	0.6203	0.8170	0.9902	0.9872	0.9833
0.9	0.8771	0.9986	1.0000	0.9998	0.9997	0.9994
Using $p = 4$						
0.1	0.0531	0.0542	0.0536	0.0467	0.0505	0.0507
0.3	0.0553	0.0543	0.0534	0.0499	0.0527	0.0525
0.5	0.0648	0.0618	0.0645	0.0791	0.0773	0.0778
0.7	0.1311	0.1334	0.1711	0.2696	0.2549	0.2423
0.9	0.4429	0.7259	0.7891	0.7430	0.6882	0.6302
Using $p = 9$						
0.1	0.0585	0.0619	0.0621	0.0581	0.0615	0.0621
0.3	0.0598	0.0614	0.0605	0.0586	0.0585	0.0613
0.5	0.0591	0.0617	0.0578	0.0598	0.0612	0.0614
0.7	0.0652	0.0689	0.0682	0.0743	0.0770	0.0779
0.9	0.1694	0.2486	0.2506	0.2697	0.2387	0.2077

Notes: 5% level, $T = 100$, 10000 replications, $d_t = 0$ ($\beta_0 = \beta_1 = 0$), $\rho = 0$. $\alpha = \alpha_0$ to examine the size. The number of lags p_{aic} is chosen using the AIC among $p = 0$ to 9. When $p = p_{aic}$ is used, the mean of p_{aic} and the standard deviation of p_{aic} in 10000 replications are reported in the parentheses and brackets, respectively. The 95% confidence interval of the empirical size is (0.0456, 0.0544), since if the true nominal size is s ($s = 0.05$), the observed size follows the asymptotic normal distribution with mean s and variance $s(1-s)/10000$ for 10000 replications. The critical values in Table I are used.

TABLE V

SIZE WITH GARCH(1, 1) ERRORS

	$\alpha_0 = 1.0$			$\alpha_0 = 0.5$		
$(\phi_0\ \phi_1\ \phi_2)$	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_1	t_2	t_3
When $\phi_1 + \phi_2 < 1$ and $\phi_0 = 1 - \phi_1 - \phi_2$						
(1 0 0)	0.0493	0.0500	0.0503	0.0481	0.0490	0.0483
(0.1 0.3 0.6)	0.0518	0.0761	0.0777	0.1011	0.1007	0.0998
(0.05 0.3 0.65)	0.0499	0.0825	0.0824	0.1063	0.1055	0.1041
(0.05 0.1 0.85)	0.0506	0.0620	0.0586	0.0610	0.0617	0.0626
When $\phi_1 + \phi_2 = 1$ and $\phi_1 = 0.3$						
(0.0001 0.3 0.7)	0.0412	0.0956	0.0939	0.1131	0.1112	0.1074
(0.01 0.3 0.7)	0.0505	0.0956	0.0939	0.1131	0.1112	0.1074
(1 0.3 0.7)	0.0535	0.0956	0.0939	0.1131	0.1112	0.1074
(100 0.3 0.7)	0.0535	0.0956	0.0939	0.1131	0.1112	0.1074
When $\phi_1 + \phi_2 = 1$ and $\phi_1 = 0.1$						
(0.0001 0.1 0.9)	0.0469	0.0710	0.0657	0.0647	0.0642	0.0647
(0.01 0.1 0.9)	0.0503	0.0627	0.0597	0.0635	0.0642	0.0646
(1 0.1 0.9)	0.0493	0.0623	0.0599	0.0637	0.0642	0.0642
(100 0.1 0.9)	0.0497	0.0623	0.0599	0.0637	0.0642	0.0642

Notes: 5% level, $T = 100$, 10000 replications, $d_t = 0$ ($\beta_0 = \beta_1 = 0$), $\rho = \theta = 0$. $\alpha = \alpha_0$ to examine the size. $h_t = \phi_0 + \phi_1 e_{t-1}^2 + \phi_2 h_{t-1}$. $h_0 = 1$. The critical values in Table I are used. ϕ_0 is simply a scale parameter when $\phi_0 > 0$. This is true only if a fairly large number of initial observations are discarded. When ϕ_0 is very small, $h_0 = 1$ is initialized too far in the right tail of the stationary distribution of the process h_t, and so h_t tends to decline as t gets large. Thus, in order for the results not to depend on ϕ_0 for fixed h_0, the first 500 observations were discarded.

where I_{t-1} is the information available at time $t-1$. Let $z_t \equiv e_t/h_t^{1/2}$ be i.i.d. N(0, 1) and $h_0 = 1$. Nelson (1990) shows that the h_t process has a strictly stationary and ergodic distribution if and only if $\phi_0 > 0$ and $E\{\ln(\phi_2 + \phi_1 z_t^2\} < 0$. By Jensen's inequality and the strict concavity of $\ln(x)$, $E\{\ln(\phi_2 + \phi_1 z_t^2)\} < \ln\{\phi_2 + \phi_1 E(z_t^2)\}$. If $E(z_t^2) = 1$, then $\phi_0 > 0$ and $\phi_1 + \phi_2 \leqslant 1$ are sufficient conditions for the process h_t to be strictly stationary and ergodic. When $\phi_0 > 0$ and $\phi_1 + \phi_2 \leqslant 1$, it is seen from Table V that the size distortions are slightly larger for the stationary root tests than for the unit root tests.

Summarizing, the results in this section show that in general the size distortions of the DF type tests are similar or even smaller than the size distortions of the standard t ratio tests for a stationary root.

5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we compare numerically the lack of power and size distortions of the DF t type tests, with the lack of power and size distortions of the standard t ratio tests for stationary AR roots.

Two clear conclusions emerge from our analysis. First, the DF t type tests do not have less power than the t ratio tests for a stationary root, when the number of lags is unknown (in practice always). This is true even if we

include a deterministic trend in the regression. In other words, the well-known result of lack of power of the DF test when there is a deterministic trend in the regression model is not robust (in relative terms) to correlated errors. Second, the size distortions of the t tests for stationary roots are as big as the ones of the DF tests for unit roots. This is the case with MA errors as well as GARCH errors.

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