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#### Abstract

In Japanese stock markets, there are two kinds of breaks, i.e., nighttime and lunch break, where we have no trading, entailing inevitable increase of variance in estimating daily volatility via naive realized variance (RV). In order to perform a much more stabilized estimation, we are concerned here with a modification of the weighting technique of Hansen and Lunde (2005). As an empirical study, we estimate optimal weights in a certain sense for Japanese stock data listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. We found that, in most stocks appropriate use of the optimally weighted RV can lead to remarkably smaller estimation variance compared with naive RV, hence substantially to more accurate forecasting of daily volatility.


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## 1 Introduction

Recently, it has been well recognized that diurnal activity affects the intraday phenomenon, namely, when detailed intraday information is stockpiled, it has a big impact on the market. * The notion of realized variance (RV) has been introduced to deal with this phenomenon, and it has come under intense investigation. For example, see Andersen and Bollerslev (1998a, b), Andersen, Bollerslev, Diebold, and Ebens (2001), Andersen et al. (2001, 2003), Barndorff-Nielsen and Shephard (2002, 2004), as well as references therein. Then, the RV has become one of the critical notions in analyzing market microstructure, as it captures market information more precisely than daily returns, through intraday (high-frequency) data.

Theoretically, RV can be viewed as a proxy variable of Integrated Variance (IV) calculated from intraday full high-frequency log returns, when adopting the semimartingale-model setup having a continuous-martingale part for the underlying log-price process, nowadays widely accepted. Thus we need to employ full high-frequency data for 24 hours in estimation of RV as a measure of daily volatility in actual analysis. We can always observe "full" high-frequency data in case of, e.g., an exchange rate: then we could follow the same line of thought as Andersen et al. (2003) argued in forecasting volatilities in future periods. However, in some stock markets the market activities are restricted, e.g., to $4-5$ hours a day in Japanese stock markets. In such a situation, we can only observe intermittent high-frequency data, and then variance of computing naive RV over whole day may be much larger compared with the full high-frequency case, due to possible larger fluctuations over longer time-intervals. ${ }^{\dagger}$

In order to tackle this problem, Hansen and Lunde (2005) have regarded it as a smoothing problem to the period when data is not observed, and estimated an optimal weight to the volatility of each period as a constrained optimization problem. Taking into account only the stock markets in the U.S., they have assumed that markets have only one inactive period within a day, which is, they only consider close-to-open period. We will adopt their approach in order to construct an optimal weight applicable to the Japanese stock markets having two breaks a day, that is, nighttime and

[^1]lunch break. As an empirical study, we will estimate optimal weights for Japanese stock data listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (First Section) for 3 years, from January 4, 2004 to November 28, 2006. These data are TOPIX (index) and TOPIX core 30 (individual stocks). We found that, in most stocks appropriate use of the optimally weighted RV can lead to remarkably smaller estimation variance compared with naive RV, hence substantially to more accurate forecasting of daily volatility.

The remainder of this article is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the construction of an optimally weighted RV, following the technique of Hansen and Lunde (2005). Section 3 provides some empirical analyses concerning the optimally weighted RV based on the intermittent high-frequency data of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Section 4 reports the comparison of the forecast performance between optimally weighted and no-weighted $R V$ by using a time series model. Section 5 concludes.

## 2 An optimal weight for RV under conditional proportionality

Japanese market opens at 9:00 and closes at 15:00 (at each business day) with lunch break from 11:00 to 12:30. Let $T>0$ represent 24 -hours length expediently. Put $I=[0, T]=[($ yesterday's closing time), (today's closing time) $]$. Then $I$ can be split into four subperiods:

$$
I=\bigcup_{i=1}^{4} I_{i}
$$

where $I_{i}$ are regarded as follows:
$I_{1}$ : nighttime,
$I_{2}$ : morning trading hours,
$I_{3}$ : lunch break,
$I_{4}$ : afternoon trading hours.
For convenience, let us put $I_{i}=\left[T_{i-1}, T_{i}\right]$, so that

$$
0=T_{0}<T_{1}<T_{2}<T_{3}<T_{4}=T
$$

We can get high-frequency data only over the active periods $I_{2}$ and $I_{4}$. Based on intermittent high-frequency data over $I$, we want to estimate the integrated volatility over $I$, say $V$. If the underlying log-price process is
described by a Brownian semimartingale $X_{t}=X_{0}+\int_{0}^{t} \mu_{s} d s+\int_{0}^{t} \sigma_{s} d w_{s}$, then the integrated volatility over the period $[u, v]$ is formally defined to be $\int_{u}^{v} \sigma_{s}^{2} d s$.

Let $V_{i}$ stand for the integrated volatility over $I_{i}$. Then, in view of the additive character of the integrated volatility, we have $V=\sum_{i=1}^{4} V_{i}$. Denote by $X=\left(X_{t}\right)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ the underlying log-price process. A common estimator of $V$ is the naive $R V$ given by

$$
R V=\sum_{i=1}^{4} \hat{V}_{i}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \hat{V}_{1}:=\left(X_{T_{1}}-X_{T_{0}}\right)^{2}=(\text { squared return over nighttime }) \\
& \hat{V}_{2}:=\left(\operatorname{RV} \text { over } I_{2}\right) \\
& \hat{V}_{3}:=\left(X_{T_{3}}-X_{T_{2}}\right)^{2}=(\text { squared return over lunch break }), \\
& \hat{V}_{4}:=\left(\operatorname{RV} \text { over } I_{4}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

It may be expected that estimation and prediction of $\left(V_{1}, V_{3}\right)$ is more unstable compared with that of $\left(V_{2}, V_{4}\right)$, due to the lack of high-frequency data therein. At the same time, we should not simply preclude fluctuations over each $I_{1}$ and $I_{3}$ in general, as they may exhibit non-negligible impact for the target variable $V$.

Instead of the naive $R V$, we are concerned here with a weighted $R V$ of the form

$$
R V(\lambda):=\sum_{i=1}^{4} \lambda_{i} \hat{V}_{i}
$$

for some constant $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{i}\right)_{i \leq 4}$. A natural optimal weight, say $\lambda^{*}=\left(\lambda_{i}^{*}\right)_{i \leq 4}$, is then given by the minimizer of the mean square error

$$
\lambda \mapsto \operatorname{MSE}(\lambda):=E\left[|R V(\lambda)-V|^{2}\right]
$$

In general it is impossible to get an empirical variant of $\lambda^{*}$ as $V$ cannot be observed. Following the approach taken in Hansen and Lunde (2005, Section 2 ), we can provide a closed-form solution to this optimization problem under a kind of conditional proportionality assumption, which entails that $R V(\lambda)$ is $V_{k}$-conditionally unbiased.

Write $\mu_{0}=E[V], \mu_{i}=E\left[\hat{V}_{i}\right], \eta_{i j}=\operatorname{cov}\left[\hat{V}_{i}, \hat{V}_{j}\right]$, and $\gamma_{i j}=\eta_{i j} /\left(\mu_{i} \mu_{j}\right)$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$. Further, put $d_{i j}=\mu_{i} \mu_{j}\left(\gamma_{44}+\gamma_{i j}-\gamma_{i 4}-\gamma_{j 4}\right)$ and $b_{i}=$
$\mu_{0} \mu_{i}\left(\gamma_{44}-\gamma_{i 4}\right)$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$, and then

$$
D_{4}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & 0 \\
d_{21} & d_{22} & d_{23} & 0 \\
d_{31} & d_{32} & d_{33} & 0 \\
\mu_{1} & \mu_{2} & \mu_{3} & \mu_{4}
\end{array}\right), \quad b_{4}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
b_{1} \\
b_{2} \\
b_{3} \\
\mu_{0}
\end{array}\right)
$$

By means of Lemma A with $m=4$ and $\mathcal{G}=\{\phi, \Omega\}$, we have
Lemma. Suppose that $\mu_{i}>0$ a.s., and that for each $i \leq 4$ there exists a constant $\rho_{i}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{V}\left[\hat{V}_{i}\right]=\rho_{i} V \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then $\lambda \mapsto \operatorname{MSE}(\lambda)$ defined on

$$
\Lambda:=\left\{\lambda=\left(\lambda_{i}\right)_{i=1}^{4} \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{4} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{4} \lambda_{i} \mu_{i}=\mu_{0}\right\}
$$

is minimized by $\lambda^{*}=\operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \operatorname{var}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]$, which is explicitly given by $\lambda^{*}=$ $D_{4}^{-1} b_{4}$ as soon as $D_{4}$ is invertible.

This lemma is a multi-intermittence variant of Hansen and Lunde (2005, Sections 2.2 and 2.3), which corresponds to the case where $m=2$ and $\mathcal{G}=$ $\{\phi, \Omega\}$ in Lemma A. The assumption (1), which leads to the unbiasedness of $\hat{V}(\lambda)$ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$, cannot be suppressed in general for computing the $\lambda^{*}$ without involving the latent variable $V$.

Our task toward empirical analysis is to evaluate constants $\left(\mu_{i}\right)_{i=0}^{4}$ and $\left[\eta_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{4}$, and of course this in principle requires specification of underlying model structure and forms of $V_{i}$ as well as their relation to $V$. As in Hansen and Lunde (2005), in the empirical study given in the next section we will simply use the empirical quantities for evaluations of $\left(\mu_{i}\right)_{i=0}^{4}$ and $\left[\eta_{i j}\right]_{i, j=1}^{4}$.

## 3 Empirical study

In this section we apply our optimal weight for intermittent high-frequency data to Japanese stock data. We use Japanese stock data listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (First Section) for 3 years, from January 4, 2004 to November 28, 2006. These are TOPIX (index) and TOPIX core 30 (individual stocks). However, we deselect four stocks, Seven \& I Holdings, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, and Mizuho Financial Group. The Seven \& I Holdings is done for the reason that it was
formed on September 1, 2005, and the other three banking holding companies is done for the reason that we cannot optimize the weights for these data fluctuating irregularly after Japan's financial big bang. As a result, we use one index and 27 individual stocks. In sum, we perform our empirical analysis using 27 data series. These are listed in Table 1 along with the number of observations $N$.

As mentioned before, the Japanese stock market is divided into two sessions by a lunch break, i.e., the morning session from 9:00 to 11:00 and the afternoon session from 12:30 to $15: 00 .{ }^{1} \ddagger$ Taking into consideration the minimum observation interval of the Japanese stock market, we take 1 minute as a sampling frequency. Thus, the sample size of zenba and goba are 120 and 150 , respectively. Now let $\left(Y_{k, 2, i}\right)_{i=1}^{120}$ and $\left(Y_{k, 4, i}\right)_{i=1}^{150}$ denote the $k$ thday intraday returns over zenba and goba, respectively, and then define the $k$ th-day naive realized variance by

$$
\begin{aligned}
R V_{k} & :=Y_{k, 1}^{2}+R V_{k, 2}+Y_{k, 3}^{2}+R V_{k, 4}, \\
& =Y_{k, 1}^{2}+\sum_{i=1}^{120} Y_{k, 2, i}^{2}+Y_{k, 3}^{2}+\sum_{j=1}^{150} Y_{k, 4, j}^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

where $Y_{k, 1}^{2}, R V_{k, 2}, Y_{k, 3}^{2}$, and $R V_{k, 4}$ denote the square of close-to-open return, $R V$ in morning session, the square of lunch break return, and $R V$ in afternoon session on $k$ th day, respectively.

As in the case of U.S.-stock market handled in Hansen and Lunde (2005), unrestricted estimates are found to be strongly influenced by the most extreme values. So we filter the raw data for outliers. We classify $1 \%$ of the observations $Y_{., 1}, Y_{., 2}, Y_{., 3}$, and $Y_{., 4}$ as outliers and omitted from the estimation. ${ }^{2}$ §

The literature says that the data are contaminated with market microstructure noise if sampling frequency is too high, and that it leads to a biased estimate. Then, in order to mitigate the influence of the noise, we use Newey-West type modified realized variance ( $R V_{N W}$ ) in our analysis following Hansen and Lunde (2005). The $R V_{N W}$ estimators over the $k$ th lunch break and the $k$ th nighttime, say $R V_{N W, k, 2}$ and $R V_{N W, k, 4}$, respectively, are

[^2]defined based on the Bartlett kernel:
\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R V_{N W, k, 2}:=\sum_{i=1}^{120} Y_{k, 2, i}^{2}+2 \sum_{h=1}^{q}\left(1-\frac{h}{q+1}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{120-h} Y_{k, 2, j} Y_{k, 2, j+h}, \\
& R V_{N W, k, 4}:=\sum_{i=1}^{150} Y_{k, 4, i}^{2}+2 \sum_{h=1}^{q}\left(1-\frac{h}{q+1}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{150-h} Y_{k, 4, j} Y_{k, 4, j+h},
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

where $q$ is the number of autocovariances in our empirical study, ${ }^{3}$ we will utilize the $R V_{N W, k, i}$ for $R V_{k, i}, i=2,4$. This estimator has the advantage that it is guaranteed to be nonnegative; see Newey and West (1987). We show how the bias occurs in too high-frequency sampling and how the $R V_{N W}$ can correct it by plotting the volatility signature plot introduced by Anderson et al. (2000). See Figure 1. The upper panel is for the TOPIX and the lower for the JAPAN TOBACCO. In these figures, the horizontal axis is the sampling interval ranging from 1 to 20 minutes. The vertical axis is the averaged RV over all sampling periods.

From these figures we can clearly see that $R V_{N W}$ s are relatively stable at every sampling frequency, while $R V$ s estimated in usual way are widely ranged depending on sampling frequency. Furthermore, the plot of the TOPIX has upward bias; conversely, the others including the JAPAN TOBACCO have downward bias.

Hereafter we will omit the subscript $N W$ in $R V_{N W, k, 2}$ and $R V_{N W, k, 4}$.

### 3.1 Estimation of optimal weight

Here, we estimate the optimal weight $\lambda^{*}$ obtained in Section ?? for the volatilities in each intraday period with real data. The $\lambda^{*}$ can be obtained by some optimal measures $\mu_{i}$ and $\eta_{i, j}$ (simply, $\eta_{i}:=\eta_{i, i}$ ), which are estimated as expected values and variances. Let $\hat{V}_{k, 1}=Y_{k, 1}^{2}, \hat{V}_{k, 2}=R V_{k, 2}, \hat{V}_{k, 3}=Y_{k, 3}^{2}$,

[^3]and $\hat{V}_{k, 4}=R V_{k, 4}$, then
\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{\mu}_{0} & =\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n}\left(\hat{V}_{t, 1}+\hat{V}_{t, 2}+\hat{V}_{t, 3}+\hat{V}_{t, 4}\right), \\
\hat{\mu}_{i} & =\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n} \hat{V}_{t, i}, \quad i=1,2,3,4, \\
\hat{\eta}_{i} & =\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n}\left(\hat{V}_{t, i}-\hat{\mu}_{i}\right)^{2}, \quad i=1,2,3,4, \\
\hat{\eta}_{i, j} & =\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n}\left(\hat{V}_{t, i}-\hat{\mu}_{i}\right)\left(\hat{V}_{t, j}-\hat{\mu}_{j}\right), \quad i, j=1,2,3,4,
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

where $n$ is the number of daily observations over the sample period.
Tables 1-4 show the estimates of these optimal measure and optimal weight for each data. From these tables we have several interesting observations as follows.

- Table 1 shows that each volatility of index or TOPIX is very low compared with the individual stocks. Moreover, the volatilities of $\hat{\mu}_{3}$, i.e., volatilities in lunch time are remarkably low compared with others.
- Table 2 indicates variance estimates of each volatility. The values of $\hat{\eta}_{1}$ are quite larger than others through all stocks. This implies the need for obtaining "optimal weight" in empirical analysis.
- Table 3 has correlation estimates between volatilities. This has a noticeable consequence that the estimates between $\hat{\eta}_{1}$ and $\hat{\eta}_{3}$, i.e., close-to-open and lunch break in several stocks have negative correlations. As expected, the estimates in all stocks have very high correlation between $\hat{\eta}_{2}$ and $\hat{\eta}_{4}$, i.e., morning session and afternoon session volatilities.
- Finally Table 4 gives estimates $\hat{\lambda}^{*}=\left(\hat{\lambda}_{i}^{*}\right)_{i \leq 4}$ of the optimal weight $\lambda^{*}$. These estimates are large in the order of $\hat{\lambda}_{1}^{*}, \hat{\lambda}_{3}^{*}, \hat{\lambda}_{2}^{*}$, and $\hat{\lambda}_{4}^{*}$ on average. However, it is also interesting that $\hat{\lambda}_{4}^{*}$ s are larger than $\hat{\lambda}_{2}^{*}$ in some stocks. ${ }^{4}$ ||


### 3.2 Result and discussion

In this subsection, we investigate whether variances of $R V \mathrm{~s}$ are reduced well by using the estimates obtained above. For the purpose, we compare $R V$

[^4]calculated by usual way and weighted $R V$. These two $R V$ s are obtained from
\[

$$
\begin{aligned}
R V_{k} & =Y_{k, 1}^{2}+R V_{k, 2}+Y_{k, 3}^{2}+R V_{k, 4}, \\
R V_{k}\left(\hat{\lambda}^{*}\right) & =\hat{\lambda}_{1}^{*} Y_{k, 1}^{2}+\hat{\lambda}_{2}^{*} R V_{k, 2}+\hat{\lambda}_{3}^{*} Y_{k, 3}^{2}+\hat{\lambda}_{4}^{*} R V_{k, 4} .
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

The sample period for estimation of optimal weights is ranged from 2004 to 2006, which means that we perform in-sample estimation. Table 5 shows the result. By definition, there is no change in these averages. However, these variances are significantly reduced in all stocks. Additionally, we plot these $R V \mathrm{~s}$ in Figure 2. The upper panel is for the TOYOTA and the lower for the Nomura Holdings. In this figure, crosses indicate conventional $R V \mathrm{~s}$ and open circles indicate weighted $R V \mathrm{~s}$. We recognize at a glance that the variances of $R V \mathrm{~s}$ are reduced over estimation periods. In Figure 3, we plot $\hat{V}_{k, i}$ or $\lambda_{i} \hat{V}_{k, i}$ in each time period, separately. The upper panel is for the $\hat{V}_{k, i}$ of TOYOTA and the lower for the $\lambda_{i} \hat{V}_{k, i}$. It can be recognized from this figure that the overnight variance notably gets smaller and the variances in active periods get larger by optimally weighting the data. In view of the stylized fact that there is a positive correlation between volume and volatility (for example, see the extensive survey of Karpoff (1987)), it is quite natural that the optimal weight $\lambda_{i}$ in inactive periods such as overnight and lunchtime one is relatively small. After all, we can conclude that the optimal weight may significantly reduce the "variance of RV" for more accurate forecasting of volatility based on intermittent high-frequency data.

Furthermore, we analyze two aditional cases of intermittent high-frequency data. First, we set the number of lambdas to be estimated to 2 by merging lunchtime squared return $Y_{k, 3}^{2}$ into overnigtht one $Y_{k, 1}^{2}$ and morning realized volatility $R V_{k, 2}$ into afteroon one $R V_{k, 4}$, respectively.

$$
R V_{w 2, k}\left(\hat{\lambda}^{*}\right)=\hat{\lambda}_{1}^{*}\left(Y_{k, 1}^{2}+Y_{k, 3}^{2}\right)+\hat{\lambda}_{2}^{*}\left(R V_{k, 2}+R V_{k, 4}\right) .
$$

This case is essentially identical to Hansen and Lunde (2005). Secondly, we set it to 3 by uniting morning realized volatility $Y_{k, 1}^{2}$ and $Y_{k, 2}^{3}$.

$$
R V_{w 3, k}\left(\hat{\lambda}^{*}\right)=\hat{\lambda}_{1}^{*}\left(Y_{k, 1}^{2}+Y_{k, 3}^{2}\right)+\hat{\lambda}_{2}^{*} R V_{k, 2}+\hat{\lambda}_{3}^{*} R V_{k, 4} .
$$

Table 6 and 7 show the result.This indicates that the optimal weight for $R V_{k, 2}$ or $R V_{k, 4}$ is heavier than the one of $\left(Y_{k, 1}^{2}+Y_{k, 3}^{2}\right)$, which is consistent with the $R V_{k, 4}$ case.

## 4 Ccomparison of the forecast performance

Finally, we compare the forecast performance of weighted and non-weighted $R V$ s by using a time series model. Many literatures have reported that the specification of RV with the following ARFIMA (autoregressive fractionally integrated moving average) model provides better accurate forecast performance than any other time series models since realized volatility follows a long-memory process, e.g. Andersen et al. (2003) or Watanabe and Yamaguchi (2007) for Japanese stock market, and so on.

$$
\phi(L)(1-L)^{d} R V_{k}=\theta(L) u_{k}, \quad u_{k} \sim N I D\left(0, \sigma^{2}\right),
$$

where $N I D\left(0, \sigma^{2}\right)$ denotes normally and independently distributed with zero mean and variance $\sigma^{2}, L$ denotes the lag operator and $\phi(L)=1-\phi_{1} L-$ $\cdots-\phi_{p} L^{p}$ are the $p$-th and $q$-th order lag polynomials. So we now estimate $\operatorname{ARFIMA}(p, d, q)$ model for four $R V$ series obtained above in order to compare the forecast performance. More specifically, we estimate the memory parameter $d$ in the model by using Reisen (1994) estimator** and optimal lag orders $p$ and $q$ are chosen by using the minimum SIC criterion. ${ }^{\dagger \dagger}$ Table 8 and 9 show these estimates. $\ddagger$

After estimating parameters of ARFIMA model for each $R V$, we compare the forecast performance by using two loss functions such as RMSE (root mean squared error), MAE (mean absolute error):

$$
\begin{aligned}
R M S E & =\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N}\left(R V_{t}-\hat{\sigma}_{t \mid t-1}^{2}\right)^{2}} \\
M A E & =\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N}\left|R V_{t}-\hat{\sigma}_{t \mid t-1}^{2}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

where $N$ is the number of trading days in the sample period such as from January 4, 2004 to November 28, 2006 and $\hat{\sigma}_{t \mid t-1}$ denotes the in-sample one-step-ahead volatility forecast regarding the realized volatility as a proxy for the true volatility. Table $10-13$ show the values of loss Functions and the ratios of these values of three weighted $R V \mathrm{~s}$ against ones of no-weighted

[^5]$R V$. From these tables, we can see that weighted $R V$ s virtually overcome no-weighted $R V$ in both of RMSE and MAE but there is no noticeable difference among three weighted $R V \mathrm{~s}$.

Anyway, these results here imply that modeling $R V$ with optimal weights can significantly improve the forecast performance of daily volatility.

## 5 Concluding remarks

In this article, in order to perform estimation of the integrated volatility with variance being less than conventional RV, we first formulated an optimal closed-form random weighting procedure under the conditional proportionality of the computable "basis" variable $\left(V_{j}\right)_{j \leq m}$. Then we have obtained the preferable empirical evidence that applying this weighting procedure can reduce the variances of estimating integrated volatility for most stocks. Our empirical analysis substantially implies that, as soon as we are concerned with intermittent high-frequency data, the optimally weighted RV can lead to more accurate forecasting of daily volatility than the common naive RV.

## Appendix.

Here we will compute the explicit form of $\lambda^{*}$ given in Section 2 within a more formal setup.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ be an underlying probability space. Given any natural number $m \geq 2$ (say $m=m^{\prime}+m^{\prime \prime}$, where, in the main context, $m^{\prime}$ corresponds to the number of inactive periods of tradings, and $m^{\prime \prime}$ to that of active periods where we can get reasonably high-frequency data). Let $V$ and $\hat{V}_{i}$, $i \leq m$, be nonnegative random variables. Fix a sub $\sigma$-field $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$ and write $\mathcal{H}=\mathcal{G} \vee \sigma(V)$, so that $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{F}$. Now $V$ is the target (latent) variable to be estimated based on all available information, and we want to find the optimal $\mathcal{G}$-measurable random weight $\lambda^{*}=\left(\lambda_{i}^{*}\right)_{i \leq m}$, which a.s. minimizes the $\mathcal{G}$-conditional mean square error given by

$$
\lambda=\left(\lambda_{i}\right)_{i \leq m} \mapsto \operatorname{MSE}_{\mathcal{G}}(\lambda):=E_{\mathcal{G}}\left[|\hat{V}(\lambda)-V|^{2}\right],
$$

where $E_{\mathcal{G}}$ stands for the $\mathcal{G}$-conditional expectation operator, and the estimator $\hat{V}(\lambda)$ of $V$ is supposed to take the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{V}(\lambda)=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \hat{V}_{i} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

As in Hansen and Lunde (2005), we here focus on $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{j}\right)_{j \leq m} \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ with the random index set $\Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ being

$$
\Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}=\left\{\lambda=\left(\lambda_{i}\right)_{i=1}^{m} \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{m} \mid \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \mu_{i}=\mu_{0}\right\}
$$

where

$$
\mu_{0}=E_{\mathcal{G}}[V] \quad \text { and } \quad \mu_{i}=E_{\mathcal{G}}\left[\hat{V}_{i}\right] .
$$

Here we implicitly suppose $\mu_{i}>0$ a.s. Write

$$
\eta_{i j}=\operatorname{cov}_{\mathcal{G}}\left[\hat{V}_{i}, \hat{V}_{j}\right] \quad \text { and } \quad \gamma_{i j}=\frac{\eta_{i j}}{\mu_{i} \mu_{j}}
$$

With these notation, we are going to derive the explicit form of $\lambda^{*} \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ under an additional assumption of a kind of $\mathcal{H}$-conditional proportionality of $\hat{V}_{i}$ to $V$, in a similar manner to Hansen and Lunde (2005, Theorem 5), which corresponds to the case of $m=2$ and $\mathcal{G}=\{\phi, \Omega\}$. In the sequel we will suppress the term "a.s." for brevity in equations involving random variables and/or conditional expectations.

Suppose that for each $i \leq m$ there exists an $\mathcal{G}$-measurable random variable $\rho_{i}$ such that

$$
E_{\mathcal{H}}\left[V_{i}\right]=\rho_{i} V .
$$

Then, by taking the conditional expectation $E_{\mathcal{G}}$ in (2) we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{\mathcal{H}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \rho_{i} V \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

hence taking $E_{\mathcal{G}}$ and using the fact $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{H}$ yield

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]=\mu_{0} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \rho_{i} . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, taking $E_{\mathcal{G}}$ in (2) yields that

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \mu_{i}=\mu_{0} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$. Equating the right-hand sides of (4) and (5) yields $\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i} \rho_{i}=1$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$. Therefore, from (3) we get for $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]=V . \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

(hence $\left.E_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]=\mu_{0}\right)$ According to (6) and simple conditioning argument we get $E_{\mathcal{G}}\left[|\hat{V}(\lambda)-V|^{2}\right]=\operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]-2 E_{\mathcal{G}}\left[\{\hat{V}(\lambda)-V\}\left(V-\mu_{0}\right)\right]-\operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[V]=$ $\operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]-\operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[V]$ for $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$, thereby we arrive at

$$
\lambda^{*}=\operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)],
$$

which serves as the optimal $\mathcal{G}$-measurable random weight within $\Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ for $L^{2}\left(\left.P\right|_{\mathcal{G}}\right)$-projection of $V$ onto the linear space spanned by $\left\{V_{1}, V_{2}, \ldots, V_{m}\right\}$, where $\left.P\right|_{\mathcal{G}}$ denotes the restriction of $P$ to $\mathcal{G}$.

For any $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{i}\right)_{i \leq m} \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ we may set

$$
\lambda_{m}=\frac{1}{\mu_{m}}\left(\mu_{0}-\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \lambda_{i} \mu_{i}\right) .
$$

Then observe that

$$
\operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i}^{2} \eta_{i i}^{2}+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq m} \lambda_{i} \lambda_{j} \eta_{i j}^{2}=: \zeta\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{m-1}\right) .
$$

For each $i \in\{1, \ldots, m-1\}$ we have

$$
\partial_{\lambda_{i}} \zeta\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{m-1}\right)=2\left(d_{i i} \lambda_{i}+\sum_{1 \leq j \leq m-1, j \neq i} \lambda_{j} d_{i j}-b_{i}\right),
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
d_{i j} & =\mu_{i} \mu_{j}\left(\gamma_{m m}+\gamma_{i j}-\gamma_{i m}-\gamma_{j m}\right), \\
b_{i} & =\mu_{0} \mu_{i}\left(\gamma_{m m}-\gamma_{i m}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

for $1 \leq i, j \leq m-1$. In view of the first-order condition $\nabla_{\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{m-1}\right)} \zeta\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{m-1}\right)=$ 0 and the definition of $\Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$, we see that for $\lambda \in \Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ the optimal $\mathcal{G}$-measurable weight $\lambda^{*}=\left(\lambda_{i}^{*}\right)_{i=1}^{m}$ fulfils $D \lambda^{*}=b$, where $D \in \mathbb{R}^{m} \otimes \mathbb{R}^{m}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^{m}$ are given by

$$
D=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
d_{11} & \ldots & d_{1, m-1} & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
d_{m-1,1} & \ldots & d_{m-1, m-1} & 0 \\
\mu_{1} & \cdots & \mu_{m-1} & \mu_{m}
\end{array}\right), \quad b=\left(\begin{array}{c}
b_{1} \\
\vdots \\
b_{m-1} \\
\mu_{0}
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Summarizing the above yields the following assertion.
Lemma A. Suppose that $\mu_{i}>0$ a.s., and that for each $i \leq m$ there exists $a \mathcal{G}$-measurable random variable $\rho_{i}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{\mathcal{H}}\left[V_{i}\right]=\rho_{i} V, \quad \text { a.s. } \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, the $\mathcal{G}$-measurable function $\lambda \mapsto E_{\mathcal{G}}\left[|\hat{V}(\lambda)-V|^{2}\right]$ defined on $\Lambda_{\mathcal{G}}$ is a.s. minimized by $\lambda^{*}=\operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \operatorname{var}_{\mathcal{G}}[\hat{V}(\lambda)]$, which is in turn explicitly given by a solution of $D \lambda=b$. Therefore $\lambda^{*}=D^{-1} b$ as soon as $D$ is invertible.

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| Asset | $N$ | $\hat{\mu}_{0}$ | $\hat{\mu}_{1}$ | $\hat{\mu}_{2}$ | $\hat{\mu}_{3}$ | $\hat{\mu}_{4}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOPIX | 700 | 0.632 | 0.229 | 0.220 | 0.009 | 0.174 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 727 | 5.208 | 1.239 | 2.005 | 0.135 | 1.829 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 699 | 2.646 | 0.796 | 0.934 | 0.052 | 0.865 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 699 | 1.613 | 0.442 | 0.584 | 0.027 | 0.559 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 699 | 2.872 | 0.926 | 1.003 | 0.053 | 0.890 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 699 | 2.557 | 0.728 | 0.893 | 0.056 | 0.879 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 699 | 3.613 | 0.855 | 1.324 | 0.062 | 1.371 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 699 | 3.357 | 0.992 | 1.199 | 0.051 | 1.115 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 699 | 2.351 | 0.946 | 0.734 | 0.032 | 0.639 |
| Matsushita | 699 | 2.121 | 0.892 | 0.630 | 0.033 | 0.566 |
| SONY | 699 | 2.855 | 1.073 | 0.900 | 0.036 | 0.845 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 699 | 2.048 | 0.959 | 0.562 | 0.025 | 0.503 |
| TOYOTA | 699 | 2.077 | 0.663 | 0.683 | 0.030 | 0.700 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 699 | 2.548 | 0.932 | 0.803 | 0.039 | 0.774 |
| CANON INC. | 699 | 2.168 | 0.855 | 0.649 | 0.031 | 0.632 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 699 | 2.810 | 1.253 | 0.889 | 0.051 | 0.617 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 699 | 2.980 | 1.101 | 1.003 | 0.041 | 0.835 |
| ORIX | 698 | 4.208 | 1.714 | 1.375 | 0.076 | 1.042 |
| Nomura Holdings | 699 | 3.090 | 1.331 | 0.919 | 0.043 | 0.796 |
| Millea Holdings | 695 | 5.842 | 1.052 | 2.263 | 0.143 | 2.383 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 699 | 3.896 | 1.347 | 1.418 | 0.055 | 1.075 |
| East Japan Railway | 699 | 1.574 | 0.397 | 0.617 | 0.035 | 0.525 |
| NTT | 699 | 2.715 | 0.876 | 0.944 | 0.040 | 0.855 |
| KDDI | 699 | 2.727 | 0.858 | 0.964 | 0.051 | 0.854 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 699 | 5.669 | 1.050 | 2.059 | 0.148 | 2.412 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 699 | 1.312 | 0.236 | 0.513 | 0.029 | 0.534 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 699 | 7.374 | 1.918 | 2.902 | 0.082 | 2.472 |

Table 1 Empirical estimates $\hat{\mu}$

| Asset | $\hat{\eta}_{1}$ | $\hat{\eta}_{2}$ | $\hat{\eta}_{3}$ | $\hat{\eta}_{4}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOPIX | 0.089 | 0.032 | 0.000 | 0.021 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 5.947 | 3.342 | 0.074 | 2.483 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 1.438 | 0.317 | 0.007 | 0.261 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.575 | 0.099 | 0.002 | 0.097 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 2.135 | 0.337 | 0.007 | 0.222 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 1.216 | 0.200 | 0.006 | 0.163 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 1.690 | 0.465 | 0.009 | 0.548 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 2.616 | 0.554 | 0.007 | 0.624 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 2.200 | 0.285 | 0.002 | 0.211 |
| Matsushita | 2.419 | 0.236 | 0.004 | 0.187 |
| SONY | 2.666 | 0.227 | 0.003 | 0.162 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 2.113 | 0.158 | 0.002 | 0.138 |
| TOYOTA | 0.889 | 0.118 | 0.002 | 0.113 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 2.065 | 0.199 | 0.004 | 0.177 |
| CANON INC. | 1.738 | 0.130 | 0.002 | 0.110 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 3.645 | 0.803 | 0.017 | 0.550 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 3.213 | 0.597 | 0.004 | 0.432 |
| ORIX | 8.499 | 1.551 | 0.028 | 0.866 |
| Nomura Holdings | 4.341 | 0.471 | 0.007 | 0.398 |
| Millea Holdings | 2.663 | 1.511 | 0.035 | 1.353 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 5.060 | 1.534 | 0.010 | 0.849 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.479 | 0.144 | 0.003 | 0.098 |
| NTT | 2.431 | 0.403 | 0.003 | 0.280 |
| KDDI | 2.171 | 0.372 | 0.007 | 0.333 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 3.104 | 0.283 | 0.028 | 0.348 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.149 | 0.112 | 0.002 | 0.099 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 11.671 | 7.381 | 0.023 | 5.385 |

Table 2 Empirical estimates $\hat{\eta}$

| Asset | $\frac{\hat{\eta}_{12}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\eta}_{1}} \sqrt{\eta_{2}}}$ | $\frac{\hat{\eta}_{13}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\eta}_{1}} \sqrt{\hat{\eta}_{3}}}$ | $\frac{\hat{\eta}_{14}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\eta}_{1}} \sqrt{\eta_{4}}}$ | $\frac{\hat{\eta}_{23}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\eta}_{2}} \sqrt{\eta_{3}}}$ | $\frac{\hat{\eta}_{24}}{\sqrt{\hat{\eta}_{2}} \sqrt{\hat{\eta}_{4}}}$ | $\frac{\hat{\eta}_{34}}{\sqrt{\hat{\eta}_{3}} \sqrt{\hat{\eta}_{4}}}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOPIX | 0.204 | -0.028 | 0.182 | 0.272 | 0.514 | 0.233 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 0.220 | 0.134 | 0.148 | 0.277 | 0.622 | 0.360 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 0.220 | 0.013 | 0.181 | 0.171 | 0.473 | 0.130 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.197 | -0.011 | 0.099 | 0.094 | 0.388 | 0.137 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 0.133 | 0.078 | 0.127 | 0.106 | 0.367 | 0.238 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.109 | 0.028 | 0.099 | 0.104 | 0.308 | 0.169 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 0.156 | 0.052 | 0.145 | 0.226 | 0.540 | 0.266 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 0.117 | -0.030 | 0.118 | 0.163 | 0.406 | 0.106 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 0.213 | 0.043 | 0.091 | 0.169 | 0.462 | 0.143 |
| Matsushita | 0.288 | -0.022 | 0.195 | 0.190 | 0.444 | 0.145 |
| SONY | 0.175 | -0.028 | 0.165 | 0.141 | 0.405 | 0.128 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 0.229 | 0.052 | 0.146 | 0.223 | 0.484 | 0.198 |
| TOYOTA | 0.108 | 0.028 | 0.217 | 0.155 | 0.479 | 0.136 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 0.262 | 0.079 | 0.191 | 0.255 | 0.474 | 0.185 |
| CANON INC. | 0.163 | -0.040 | 0.174 | 0.102 | 0.449 | 0.051 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 0.136 | 0.140 | 0.123 | 0.120 | 0.293 | 0.088 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 0.250 | -0.003 | 0.163 | 0.245 | 0.507 | 0.228 |
| ORIX | 0.159 | 0.047 | 0.181 | 0.277 | 0.520 | 0.283 |
| Nomura Holdings | 0.174 | 0.123 | 0.214 | 0.225 | 0.485 | 0.244 |
| Millea Holdings | 0.178 | -0.057 | 0.054 | 0.120 | 0.485 | 0.238 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 0.105 | 0.028 | 0.177 | 0.325 | 0.507 | 0.243 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.230 | 0.101 | 0.211 | 0.134 | 0.392 | 0.142 |
| NTT | 0.318 | 0.082 | 0.304 | 0.136 | 0.483 | 0.098 |
| KDDI | 0.252 | 0.139 | 0.165 | 0.173 | 0.429 | 0.136 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 0.072 | -0.007 | 0.143 | 0.053 | 0.199 | -0.041 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.362 | 0.104 | 0.295 | 0.200 | 0.705 | 0.177 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 0.213 | 0.145 | 0.270 | 0.322 | 0.606 | 0.317 |

Table 3 Empirical estimates of correlation

| Asset | $\hat{\lambda}_{1}^{*}$ | $\hat{\lambda}_{2}^{*}$ | $\hat{\lambda}_{3}^{*}$ | $\hat{\lambda}_{4}^{*}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| TOPIX | 0.175 | 1.047 | 0.182 | 2.069 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 0.083 | 1.545 | 0.026 | 1.096 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 0.039 | 1.427 | 0.140 | 1.476 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.025 | 1.762 | 0.152 | 1.017 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 0.037 | 1.267 | 0.072 | 1.756 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.032 | 1.451 | 0.081 | 1.402 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 0.041 | 2.223 | 0.018 | 0.462 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 0.067 | 1.786 | 0.176 | 1.023 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 0.081 | 0.959 | 0.259 | 2.444 |
| Matsushita | 0.041 | 1.033 | 0.165 | 2.524 |
| SONY | 0.023 | 1.015 | 0.120 | 2.263 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 0.079 | 0.997 | 0.132 | 2.805 |
| TOYOTA | 0.031 | 1.345 | 0.113 | 1.619 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 0.014 | 1.256 | 0.040 | 1.971 |
| CANON INC. | 0.033 | 1.006 | 0.220 | 2.342 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 0.193 | 1.063 | 0.149 | 2.619 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 0.079 | 1.149 | 0.227 | 2.074 |
| ORIX | 0.119 | 1.044 | 0.047 | 2.461 |
| Nomura Holdings | 0.084 | 1.182 | 0.072 | 2.372 |
| Millea Holdings | 0.048 | 1.958 | 0.114 | 0.564 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 0.122 | 1.198 | 0.101 | 1.885 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.005 | 1.773 | 0.131 | 0.902 |
| NTT | -0.019 | 1.173 | 0.281 | 1.885 |
| KDDI | 0.020 | 1.642 | 0.124 | 1.312 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | -0.003 | 2.408 | 0.077 | 0.291 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | -0.001 | 1.566 | 0.226 | 0.940 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 0.096 | 1.720 | 0.106 | 0.886 |
| Min.------- | $0 . \overline{-} \overline{-}-$ | $0.95 \overline{9}$ | $\overline{0}-0 \overline{18}$ | $-0.29 \overline{1}$ |
| Max. | 0.193 | 2.408 | 0.281 | 2.805 |
| Average | 0.058 | 1.407 | 0.132 | 1.647 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4 Empirical estimates $\hat{\lambda^{*}}$

|  | $R V$ |  |  | $R V_{w 4}$ |  | Diff. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Code | Mean | Var. |  | Mean | Var. | Var. |
| TOPIX | 0.632 | 0.209 |  | 0.632 | 0.195 | 0.014 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 5.208 | 19.292 |  | 5.208 | 17.443 | 1.849 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 2.646 | 2.844 |  | 2.646 | 1.824 | 1.021 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 1.613 | 0.995 |  | 1.613 | 0.551 | 0.444 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 2.872 | 3.348 |  | 2.872 | 1.699 | 1.649 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 2.557 | 1.916 |  | 2.557 | 0.980 | 0.935 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 3.613 | 3.896 |  | 3.613 | 3.011 | 0.885 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 3.357 | 4.888 |  | 3.357 | 3.369 | 1.519 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 2.351 | 3.409 |  | 2.351 | 2.128 | 1.281 |
| Matsushita | 2.121 | 3.745 |  | 2.121 | 1.983 | 1.762 |
| SONY | 2.855 | 3.709 |  | 2.855 | 1.440 | 2.269 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 2.048 | 2.996 |  | 2.048 | 1.713 | 1.284 |
| TOYOTA | 2.077 | 1.450 |  | 2.077 | 0.761 | 0.689 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 2.548 | 3.228 |  | 2.548 | 1.455 | 1.773 |
| CANON INC. | 2.168 | 2.394 |  | 2.168 | 1.007 | 1.387 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 2.810 | 6.335 |  | 2.810 | 6.187 | 0.148 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 2.980 | 5.880 |  | 2.980 | 4.033 | 1.846 |
| ORIX | 4.208 | 14.533 |  | 4.208 | 10.600 | 3.933 |
| Nomura Holdings | 3.090 | 6.792 |  | 3.090 | 4.278 | 2.514 |
| Millea Holdings | 5.842 | 7.997 |  | 5.842 | 7.850 | 0.147 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 3.896 | 10.070 |  | 3.896 | 8.180 | 1.890 |
| East Japan Railway | 1.574 | 1.047 |  | 1.574 | 0.684 | 0.363 |
| NTT | 2.715 | 4.602 |  | 2.715 | 2.244 | 2.358 |
| KDDI | 2.727 | 3.986 |  | 2.727 | 2.258 | 1.728 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 5.669 | 4.316 |  | 5.669 | 1.758 | 2.558 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 1.312 | 0.688 |  | 1.312 | 0.584 | 0.103 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 7.374 | 40.986 |  | 7.374 | 38.900 | 2.086 |

Table 5 Mean and variance of $R V \mathrm{~s}$

| Asset | $\lambda_{1}^{*}$ | $\lambda_{2}^{*}$ | $\lambda_{3}^{*}$ | $\lambda_{4}^{*}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOPIX | 0.181 | 1.096 | 1.998 | - |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 0.092 | 1.393 | 1.251 | - |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 0.044 | 1.421 | 1.483 | - |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.028 | 1.733 | 1.051 | - |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 0.042 | 1.206 | 1.821 | - |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.037 | 1.370 | 1.483 | - |
| NIPPON STEEL | 0.044 | 2.076 | 0.600 | - |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 0.073 | 1.827 | 0.979 | - |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 0.091 | 1.017 | 2.371 | - |
| Matsushita | 0.041 | 1.063 | 2.498 | - |
| SONY | 0.023 | 1.028 | 2.253 | - |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 0.083 | 1.010 | 2.786 | - |
| TOYOTA | 0.035 | 1.341 | 1.623 | - |
| HONDA MOTOR | 0.016 | 1.226 | 2.002 | - |
| CANON INC. | 0.034 | 1.064 | 2.290 | - |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 0.217 | 1.054 | 2.576 | - |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 0.081 | 1.213 | 2.001 | - |
| ORIX | 0.125 | 1.010 | 2.490 | - |
| Nomura Holdings | 0.089 | 1.162 | 2.385 | - |
| Millea Holdings | 0.057 | 1.745 | 0.766 | - |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 0.129 | 1.209 | 1.861 | - |
| East Japan Railway | 0.013 | 1.700 | 0.989 | - |
| NTT | -0.014 | 1.266 | 1.792 | - |
| KDDI | 0.028 | 1.614 | 1.341 | - |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | -0.001 | 2.206 | 0.467 | - |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.012 | 1.562 | 0.951 | - |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 0.104 | 1.714 | 0.886 | - |

Table 7 Empirical Estimates $\lambda^{*}$ for $R V_{w 3, k}$

| Asset | $\lambda_{1}^{*}$ | $\lambda_{2}^{*}$ | $\lambda_{3}^{*}$ | $\lambda_{4}^{*}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOPIX | 0.481 | 1.314 | - | - |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 0.342 | 1.236 | - | - |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 0.136 | 1.407 | - | - |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.096 | 1.371 | - | - |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 0.126 | 1.452 | - | - |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.121 | 1.389 | - | - |
| NIPPON STEEL | 0.175 | 1.281 | - | - |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 0.238 | 1.344 | - | - |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 0.212 | 1.561 | - | - |
| Matsushita | 0.090 | 1.705 | - | - |
| SONY | 0.061 | 1.597 | - | - |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 0.172 | 1.766 | - | - |
| TOYOTA | 0.109 | 1.447 | - | - |
| HONDA MOTOR | 0.038 | 1.592 | - | - |
| CANON INC. | 0.084 | 1.634 | - | - |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 0.469 | 1.460 | - | - |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 0.208 | 1.492 | - | - |
| ORIX | 0.298 | 1.519 | - | - |
| Nomura Holdings | 0.199 | 1.642 | - | - |
| Millea Holdings | 0.260 | 1.190 | - | - |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 0.367 | 1.356 | - | - |
| East Japan Railway | 0.047 | 1.361 | - | - |
| NTT | -0.043 | 1.530 | - | - |
| KDDI | 0.088 | 1.456 | - | - |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | -0.006 | 1.269 | - | - |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.033 | 1.244 | - | - |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 0.388 | 1.228 | - | - |

Table 6 Empirical Estimates $\lambda^{*}$ for $R V_{w 2, k}$

Table 9 Estimates of $p$ and $q$





| Asset |
| :--- |
| TOPIX |
| JAPAN TOBACCO |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical |
| Takeda Pharm. |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. |
| FUJIFILM Holdings |
| NIPPON STEEL |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. |
| Hitachi,Ltd. |
| Matsushita |
| SONY |
| NISSAN MOTOR |
| TOYOTA |
| HONDA MOTOR |
| CANON INC. |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. |
| Mitsubishi Corp. |
| ORIX |
| Nomura Holdings |
| Millea Holdings |
| Mitsubishi Estate |
| East Japan Railway |
| NTT |
| KDDI |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. |
| Tokyo Electric Power |
| SOFTBANK CORP. |

Table 8 Estimates of $d$ in ARFIMA $(p, d, q)$ model

| Asset | $R V_{w 2} / R V$ | $R V_{w 3} / R V$ | $R V_{w 4} / R V$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOPIX | 0.849 | 0.858 | 1.118 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 0.809 | 0.825 | 0.861 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 0.745 | 0.752 | 0.751 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.665 | 0.672 | 0.673 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 0.670 | 0.688 | 0.670 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.666 | 0.668 | 0.687 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 0.760 | 0.838 | 0.856 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 0.781 | 0.773 | 0.771 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 0.668 | 0.684 | 0.690 |
| Matsushita | 0.608 | 0.635 | 0.637 |
| SONY | 0.552 | 0.565 | 0.566 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 0.625 | 0.694 | 0.690 |
| TOYOTA | 0.626 | 0.626 | 0.626 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 0.612 | 0.615 | 0.656 |
| CANON INC. | 0.568 | 0.583 | 0.585 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 0.868 | 0.947 | 0.955 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 0.716 | 0.736 | 0.740 |
| ORIX | 0.769 | 0.804 | 0.803 |
| Nomura Holdings | 0.609 | 0.625 | 0.624 |
| Millea Holdings | 0.843 | 0.930 | 0.982 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 0.779 | 0.794 | 0.796 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.745 | 0.768 | 0.777 |
| NTT | 0.658 | 0.650 | 0.651 |
| KDDI | 0.696 | 0.703 | 0.704 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 0.508 | 0.593 | 0.629 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 1.050 | 0.774 | 0.776 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 0.905 | 0.984 | 0.986 |

Table 11 RMSE Ratios between $R V$ and $R V_{\text {w }}$

| Asset | RV | $R V_{w 2}$ | $R V_{w 3}$ | $R V_{w 4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOPIX | 0.387 | 0.328 | 0.332 | 0.433 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 3.330 | 2.695 | 2.746 | 2.868 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 1.505 | 1.121 | 1.131 | 1.131 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.931 | 0.619 | 0.626 | 0.627 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 1.708 | 1.144 | 1.175 | 1.145 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 1.341 | 0.893 | 0.896 | 0.922 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 1.667 | 1.268 | 1.396 | 1.427 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 2.021 | 1.579 | 1.562 | 1.558 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 1.656 | 1.106 | 1.133 | 1.143 |
| Matsushita | 1.721 | 1.046 | 1.093 | 1.096 |
| SONY | 1.805 | 0.996 | 1.021 | 1.021 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 1.593 | 0.996 | 1.106 | 1.099 |
| TOYOTA | 1.120 | 0.700 | 0.701 | 0.701 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 1.635 | 1.001 | 1.007 | 1.074 |
| CANON INC. | 1.465 | 0.833 | 0.854 | 0.857 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 2.374 | 2.060 | 2.247 | 2.266 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 2.046 | 1.465 | 1.506 | 1.514 |
| ORIX | 3.216 | 2.473 | 2.584 | 2.582 |
| Nomura Holdings | 2.279 | 1.388 | 1.424 | 1.423 |
| Millea Holdings | 2.303 | 1.942 | 2.142 | 2.261 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 2.633 | 2.051 | 2.092 | 2.097 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.932 | 0.694 | 0.716 | 0.724 |
| NTT | 1.978 | 1.301 | 1.286 | 1.288 |
| KDDI | 1.810 | 1.260 | 1.272 | 1.273 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 2.037 | 1.035 | 1.207 | 1.281 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.500 | 0.525 | 0.387 | 0.388 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 4.849 | 4.390 | 4.770 | 4.782 |

Table 10 RMSE for ARFIMA Model

| Asset | $R V_{w 2} / R V$ | $R V_{w 3} / R V$ | $R V_{w 4} / R V$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOPIX | 0.809 | 0.792 | 0.846 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 0.830 | 0.824 | 0.848 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 0.757 | 0.765 | 0.764 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.717 | 0.727 | 0.728 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 0.730 | 0.741 | 0.729 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.714 | 0.718 | 0.729 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 0.776 | 0.841 | 0.856 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 0.817 | 0.848 | 0.845 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 0.717 | 0.727 | 0.731 |
| Matsushita | 0.685 | 0.725 | 0.727 |
| SONY | 0.594 | 0.605 | 0.605 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 0.668 | 0.734 | 0.730 |
| TOYOTA | 0.629 | 0.628 | 0.628 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 0.677 | 0.685 | 0.697 |
| CANON INC. | 0.626 | 0.644 | 0.647 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 0.918 | 0.959 | 0.965 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 0.767 | 0.766 | 0.767 |
| ORIX | 0.791 | 0.828 | 0.828 |
| Nomura Holdings | 0.683 | 0.702 | 0.701 |
| Millea Holdings | 0.855 | 0.950 | 1.004 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 0.793 | 0.792 | 0.794 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.807 | 0.824 | 0.830 |
| NTT | 0.734 | 0.723 | 0.722 |
| KDDI | 0.772 | 0.781 | 0.782 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 0.592 | 0.681 | 0.721 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.853 | 0.792 | 0.793 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 0.909 | 0.963 | 0.964 |

Table 13 MAE Ratios between $R V$ and $R V_{\mathrm{w}}$

| Asset | RV | $R V_{w 2}$ | $R V_{w 3}$ | $R V_{w 4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOPIX | 0.283 | 0.229 | 0.224 | 0.239 |
| JAPAN TOBACCO | 2.083 | 1.729 | 1.716 | 1.766 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical | 1.064 | 0.805 | 0.813 | 0.813 |
| Takeda Pharm. | 0.637 | 0.457 | 0.463 | 0.463 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | 1.201 | 0.877 | 0.890 | 0.876 |
| FUJIFILM Holdings | 0.974 | 0.696 | 0.700 | 0.710 |
| NIPPON STEEL | 1.168 | 0.906 | 0.982 | 1.000 |
| JFE Holdings,Inc. | 1.399 | 1.142 | 1.186 | 1.181 |
| Hitachi,Ltd. | 1.117 | 0.800 | 0.812 | 0.817 |
| Matsushita | 1.060 | 0.726 | 0.76 | 0.771 |
| SONY | 1.218 | 0.723 | 0.737 | 0.737 |
| NISSAN MOTOR | 1.081 | 0.722 | 0.793 | 0.789 |
| TOYOTA | 0.799 | 0.502 | 0.502 | 0.502 |
| HONDA MOTOR | 1.100 | 0.745 | 0.754 | 0.767 |
| CANON INC. | 1.006 | 0.630 | 0.647 | 0.651 |
| Nintendo Co.,Ltd. | 1.630 | 1.496 | 1.563 | 1.573 |
| Mitsubishi Corp. | 1.333 | 1.022 | 1.021 | 1.022 |
| ORIX | 2.159 | 1.707 | 1.788 | 1.787 |
| Nomura Holdings | 1.505 | 1.028 | 1.056 | 1.056 |
| Millea Holdings | 1.713 | 1.465 | 1.627 | 1.720 |
| Mitsubishi Estate | 1.808 | 1.435 | 1.433 | 1.436 |
| East Japan Railway | 0.658 | 0.531 | 0.542 | 0.546 |
| NTT | 1.273 | 0.934 | 0.920 | 0.919 |
| KDDI | 1.211 | 0.935 | 0.946 | 0.947 |
| NTT DoCoMo,Inc. | 1.354 | 0.801 | 0.922 | 0.975 |
| Tokyo Electric Power | 0.340 | 0.290 | 0.269 | 0.270 |
| SOFTBANK CORP. | 3.162 | 2.875 | 3.044 | 3.049 |

Table 12 MAE for ARFIMA Model


Figure 1 Volatility signature plot (TOPIX and JAPAN TOBACCO)


Figure 2 Realized variance (TOYOTA and Nomura Holdings)

Plot of original Realized Variance (TOYOTA)


Plot of weighted Realized Variance (TOYOTA)


Figure 3 Original and weighted RV (TOYOTA)


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[^1]:    *There has been a lot of literature focusing on intraday activity in financial markets investigated by using tick-by-tick data referred to as high-frequency data. For example, please see Dacorogna et al. (2001) for further details.
    ${ }^{\dagger}$ There have been some studies which investigates the impact of the overnight return on daily volatility. For example, Gallo (2001) reports the one in New York stock exchange (NYSE) by using GARCH models.

[^2]:    \#These two sessions are respectively called "zenba" and "goba".
    ${ }^{\S}$ As for JAPAN TOBACCO, we take $0.1 \%$ data as outliers.

[^3]:    ${ }^{\text {® }}$ We take $q=10$ which spans a 10 -minute period.

[^4]:    ${ }^{11}$ When the optimal weight $\hat{\lambda}$ has a negative component, we there set zero conveniently.

[^5]:    ${ }^{* *}$ It is based on the regression equation using the smoothed peridogram function as an estimate of the spectral density. See Reisen (1994) in detail.
    ${ }^{\dagger \dagger}$ We also use AIC criterion but the selection is almost the same as the SIC's.
    ${ }^{\ddagger \ddagger}$ If $d=0$, ARFIMA model collapses to stationary ARMA model and if $d=1$, it becomes ARIMA model. If $0<d<0.5, R V_{k}$ follows a stationary long-memory process and if $0.5 \leq d<1, R V_{k}$ follows a nonstationary long-memory process.

