

Hard Times

Online Appendix

This appendix reports additional estimation results under different assumptions. In particular, it contains the following tables:

Table A1: estimation results for the restricted 5-variable VAR model where the stationarity restriction on the VAR imposes that the absolute value of the largest eigenvalue of the VAR transition matrix is less than 0.98 (as opposed to 0.99 as in Table 4 of the main text).

Table A2: estimation results for the restricted 5-variable VAR model where cash-flow and discount-rate betas are allowed to be different in the pre-1963 and post-1963 subperiods.

Table A1 - restricted VAR estimate, 5 variables, Max Eig 0.98

| VAR estimate | Rm | PE | TY | VS | DEF | R squared |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Rm | 0.106 (0.084) | -0.061 (0.017) | 0.013 (0.006) | 0.001 (0.023) | -0.052 (0.027) | -0.038 |
| PE | 0.192 (0.088) | 0.961 (0.015) | 0.010 (0.006) | 0.004 (0.023) | -0.031 (0.025) | 0.928 |
| TY | -0.182 (0.301) | 0.028 (0.096) | 0.777 (0.049) | 0.026 (0.113) | 0.171 (0.088) | 0.702 |
| VS | -0.014 (0.066) | 0.011 (0.018) | -0.004 (0.005) | 0.941 (0.017) | 0.036 (0.013) | 0.945 |
| DEF | -0.795 (0.372) | -0.005 (0.033) | -0.017 (0.016) | 0.029 (0.053) | 0.979 (0.092) | 0.804 |
| Error to Ncf | 1.373 | -1.603 | 0.056 | -0.329 | -0.686 | |
| Error to -Ndr | -0.373 | 1.603 | -0.056 | 0.329 | 0.686 | |
| Structural Error to Ncf | 0.114 | 0.002 | 0.027 | -0.088 | -0.150 | |
| Structural Error to -Ndr | -0.004 | -0.002 | -0.027 | 0.088 | 0.150 | |
| <i>News terms corr/std</i> | Ncf | -Ndr | | Gamma | 7.009 | |
| Ncf | 0.210 | -0.851 | | | | |
| -Ndr | -0.851 | 0.176 | | J-stat p-value | 0.063 | |

Note: table mirrors Table 4 (GMM estimation of the five-variable VAR with the additional ICAPM conditions), when the maximum eigenvalue of the transition matrix is restricted to be less than 0.98.

Table A2 - restricted VAR estimate, 5 variables, subperiod dependent betas

| VAR estimate | Rm | PE | TY | VS | DEF | R squared |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Rm | -0.067 (0.069) | -0.038 (0.016) | 0.003 (0.006) | -0.012 (0.024) | -0.003 (0.024) | 0.033 |
| PE | 0.018 (0.071) | 0.983 (0.014) | -0.002 (0.006) | -0.013 (0.023) | 0.016 (0.023) | 0.931 |
| TY | -0.175 (0.298) | 0.014 (0.028) | 0.999 (0.016) | -0.002 (0.051) | 0.008 (0.058) | 0.659 |
| VS | 0.095 (0.060) | 0.020 (0.019) | -0.011 (0.005) | 0.956 (0.019) | 0.027 (0.014) | 0.946 |
| DEF | -0.079 (0.312) | -0.007 (0.037) | 0.005 (0.015) | 0.125 (0.067) | 0.828 (0.085) | 0.818 |
| Error to Ncf | 0.835 | -0.933 | 0.470 | -0.201 | -0.100 | |
| Error to -Ndr | 0.165 | 0.933 | -0.470 | 0.201 | 0.100 | |
| Structural Error to Ncf | 0.011 | -0.036 | 0.283 | -0.026 | -0.022 | |
| Structural Error to -Ndr | 0.096 | 0.036 | -0.283 | 0.026 | 0.022 | |
| <i>News terms corr/std</i> | Ncf | -Ndr | | Gamma | 15.000 | |
| Ncf | 0.288 | -0.936 | | J-stat p-value | 0.058 | |
| -Ndr | -0.936 | 0.303 | | | | |

Note: table mirrors Table 4 (GMM estimation of the five-variable VAR with the additional ICAPM conditions), when the betas of the discount rate news and the cash flow news are allowed to differ between the early period (up to 1963:2) and the recent period (from 1963:3).