

Box-Tiao Intervention Modelling of Monthly EUR-NGN Exchange Rates due to Nigerian Economic Recession

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Abstract The time-plot of monthly amount of Nigerian Naira (NGN) per European Euro (EUR) from 2004 to 2016 reveals a series with a slight positive trend up to May 2016. From June 2016 forward there was an abrupt astronomical rise till the end of the year. This rise is attributed to the current economic recession bedevilling the Nigerian nation and it calls for intervention. The point of intervention is therefore June 2016. The pre-intervention exchange rate series is non-stationary and therefore subjected to differencing. The first difference is adjudged stationary by the Augmented Dickey Fuller Test. Based on the correlogram, an ARMA(11,11) is fitted to the first difference. That is, an ARIMA(11,1,11) model is fitted to the pre-intervention exchange rates. Forecasts are obtained for the post-intervention period on the basis of this model. The differences between these forecasts and the corresponding post-intervention observations are modelled to obtain the intervention model. The intervention model forecast is superimposed with the original data. Intervention may therefore be based on the derived model.

Keywords Euro, Naira, exchange rates, intervention model

Introduction

Examination of the trend of monthly European Euro (EUR)-Nigerian Naira (NGN) exchange rate from 2004 to 2016 shows a series with an overall slight trend and an astronomical increase from June to December 2016. Definitely this is a case of intervention with June 2016 as the intervention point.

Earlier studies of the euro-naira exchange rates, to mention a few, include monthly from 2004 to 2011 [1] and daily from December 8, 2012 to March 30, 2013 [2]. He fitted a SARIMA(0,1,1)x(1,1,1)₁₂ and (0,1,1)x(0,1,1)₇ respectively.

Intervention analysis (IA) was introduced by Box and Tiao (1975) [3]. Ever since it has been widely and extensively applied by scholars in ascertaining of the degree (if any) of intervention necessary for a time series, given some perturbation of its trend by some phenomenon. For instance, Wichem and Jones (1977) used IA to examine the effects of Proctor and Gamble's promotion of the American Dental Association on the market shares of Crest and Colgate dentifrice between 1958 and 1963 [4]. Thompson *et al.* (1982) applied IA to determine the ventilator reaction of the bluegill to sublethal concentrations of zinc sulphate [5]. It has been demonstrated by Nelson (2000) that the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 in the US increased consumer bankruptcies by 36% [6]. Lam *et al.* (2009) determined intervention effects of business process re-engineering on the performance of some enterprises [7]. Economic recession was shown to adversely affect casino hotel firms by Zheng *et al.* (2015) [8]. Unnikrishnan and Suresh (2016) have shown that the imposition of a 10% import duty on gold in April 2013 in India caused a decrease in the domestic supply of gold by 56%. This is to mention just a few cases [9].



Materials and Methods

Data

The data for this work are 156 monthly EUR/NGN exchange rates from 2004 to 2016 from the website of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) www.cbn.gov.ng/rates/exrates.asp. They are read as the amounts of NGN in a EUR.

Box-Tiao (1975) [3] Intervention Analysis

The point at which the trend of the time series in question changes drastically is called the intervention point. The pre-intervention series is modelled by an ARIMA model. Suppose this is an ARIMA(p, d, q) model. Then according to Box *et al.* (1994) [10]

$$A(L) (1-L)^d X_t = B(L) \varepsilon_t \quad (1)$$

where $\{X_t\}$ is the time series studied, $\{\varepsilon_t\}$ is a white noise process, L a backshift operator defined by $L^k X_t = X_{t-k}$, $A(L) = 1 - \alpha_1 L - \alpha_2 L^2 - \dots - \alpha_p L^p$ and $B(L) = 1 + \beta_1 L + \beta_2 L^2 + \dots + \beta_q L^q$ and the α 's and β 's constants such that the model is both stationary and invertible. That means

$$X_t = \frac{B(L) \varepsilon_t}{A(L)(1-L)^d} \quad (2)$$

On the basis of the model (2) post-intervention forecasts are obtained. Suppose these forecasts are given by $\widehat{X}_t, t > T$ the difference between the observations and the forecasts is given by

$$Z_t = X_t - \widehat{X}_t, t > T$$

As could be found in The Pennsylvania State University (2016) [11], if the equation

$$Z_t = \frac{C(1) * (1 - C(2))^{(t-T+1)}}{(1 - C(2))}, t > T, \quad (3)$$

is estimated by the least squares procedure for $C(1)$ and $C(2)$, this is the intervention model. The overall intervention model is therefore given by combining (2) and (3) as

$$Y_t = \frac{B(L) \varepsilon_t}{A(L)(1-L)^d} + I_t Z_t \quad (4)$$

where $I_t = 1, t > T$ and zero elsewhere.

In practice the model (1) is fitted first, by the determination of the orders p , d and q . The differencing order is determined sequentially starting from 0 if the series is stationary. If not, with $d=1$, the series is tested for stationarity. If non-stationary, $d=2$. Stationarity may be tested with the Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) unit-root test procedure. The autoregressive (AR) order may be determined by the lag at which the partial autocorrelation function (PACF) cuts off. The moving average (MA) order may be estimated as the lag at which the autocorrelation function (ACF) cuts off. Estimation of the α 's and β 's may be done by the method of least squares. Data analysis was done by the use of Eviews 7.

Results and Discussion

A time plot of the series in Figure 1 shows that there is a slight positive trend up to May 2016 after which there is an abrupt rise in the trend. This means that the intervention point is June 2016. The pre-intervention time plot in Figure 2 shows a generally positive trend and with a test statistic value of -1.27 the ADF test adjudges the series as non-stationary. This necessitated differencing of the series. The first order differences are plotted in Figure 3 and, with an ADF test statistic of -10.89 and 1%, 5% and 10% critical values of -3.48, -2.88 and -2.58 respectively, are adjudged stationary. Their correlogram of Figure 4 shows positive spikes at lags 11 for both the ACF and the PACF. On the basis of this an ARIMA(11, 1, 11) model is identified and estimated in Table 2 $\alpha_{11} = 0.6784$ and $\beta_{11} = 0.4972$. It is noteworthy that these estimates are highly statistically significant.

On the basis of these estimates forecasts have been made for the post-intervention period. The observation/forecast difference is modelled using equation (3) and as obtainable from Table (2), $C(1) = 44.4282$ and $C(2) = 0.6252$ and these coefficients are as well highly statistically significant, indicating that the model is adequate.

The overall intervention model is therefore

$$Y_t = \frac{(1 + 0.4972 L^{11}) \varepsilon_t}{(1 - 0.6784 L^{11})(1 - L)} + I_t \frac{44.4282 * (1 - 0.6252)^{(t-148)}}{(1 - 0.6252)} \quad (5)$$

where $I_t = 1, t > 149$; zero elsewhere.



A plot of the post-intervention observations and the post-intervention forecasts in Figure 6 reveals a good fit between the two. Figure 7 gives a superimposition of the two for the entire period of study.

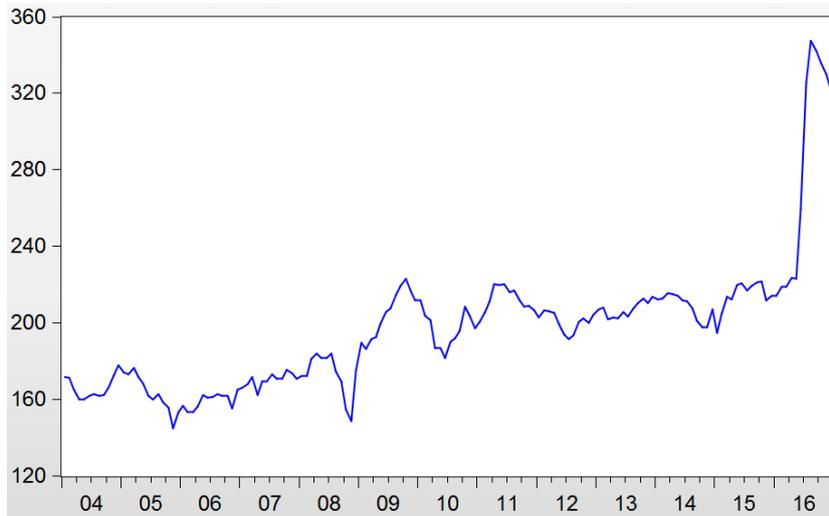


Figure 1: Monthly Euro-Naira Exchange Rates

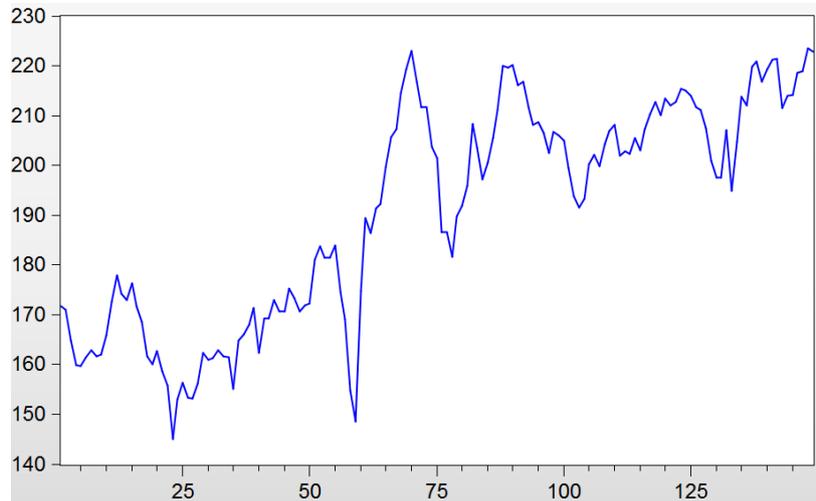


Figure 2: Pre-Intervention Observations

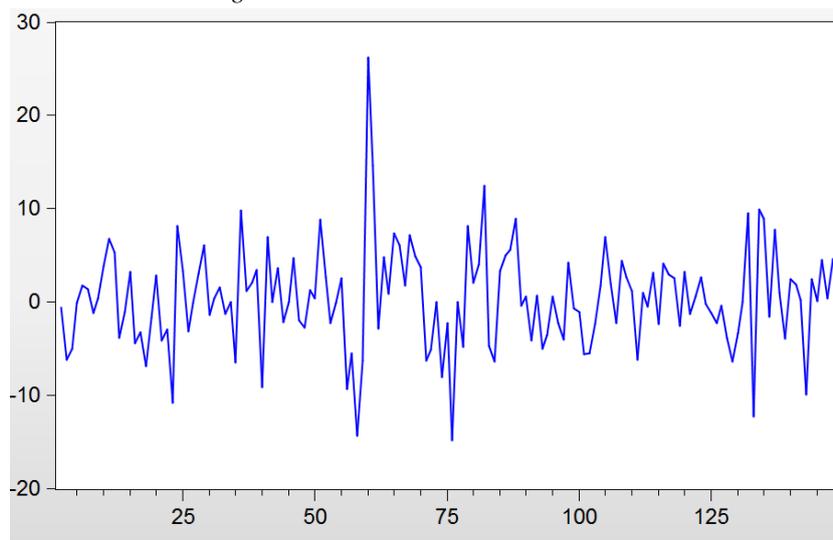


Figure 3: Difference of Pre-intervention Series



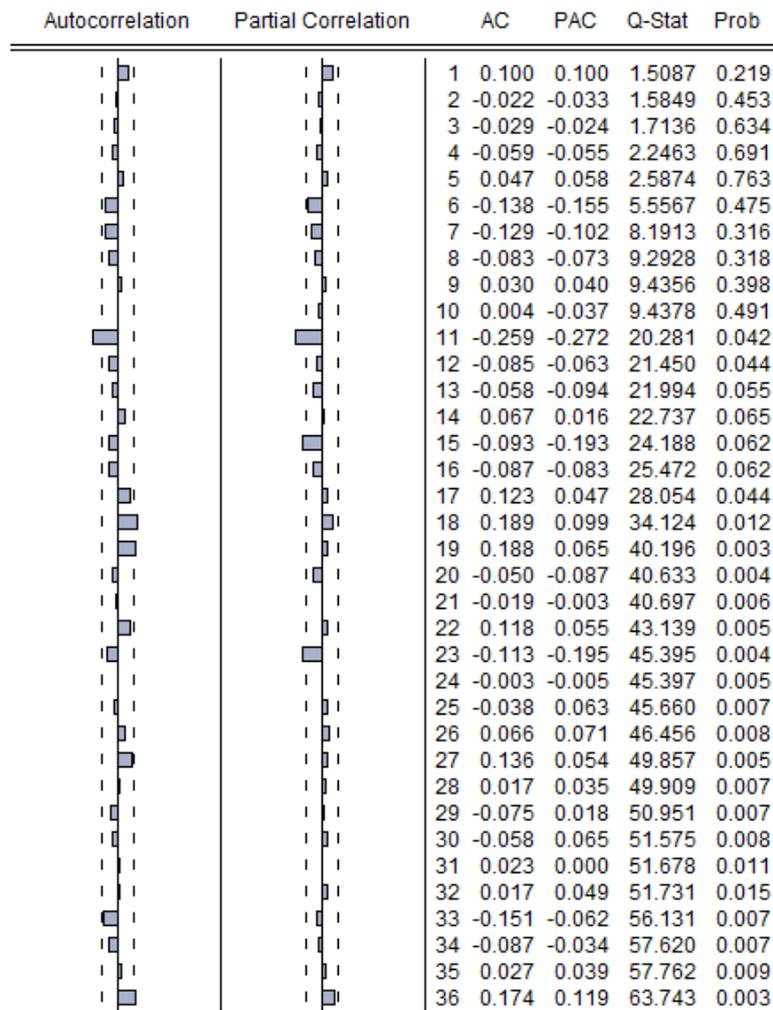


Figure 4: Correlogram of Difference of Pre-Intervention Data

Table 1: Estimation of the Arima(11,1,11) pre-intervention model

Dependent Variable: DNNEU
 Method: Least Squares
 Date: 02/05/17 Time: 20:04
 Sample (adjusted): 13 149
 Included observations: 137 after adjustments
 Convergence achieved after 8 iterations
 MA Backcast: 2 12

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
AR(11)	-0.678409	0.153342	-4.424148	0.0000
MA(11)	0.497180	0.181798	2.734787	0.0071
R-squared	0.094304	Mean dependent var		0.327737
Adjusted R-squared	0.087595	S.D. dependent var		5.570043
S.E. of regression	5.320499	Akaike info criterion		6.195502
Sum squared resid	3821.541	Schwarz criterion		6.238130
Log likelihood	-422.3919	Hannan-Quinn criter.		6.212825
Durbin-Watson stat	1.772203			
Inverted AR Roots	.93+.27i .14-.96i -.81+.52i	.93-.27i .14+.96i -.81-.52i	.63-.73i -.40+.88i -.97	.63+.73i -.40-.88i
Inverted MA Roots	.90+.26i .13+.93i -.79+.51i	.90-.26i .13-.93i -.79-.51i	.61+.71i -.39+.85i -.94	.61-.71i -.39-.85i



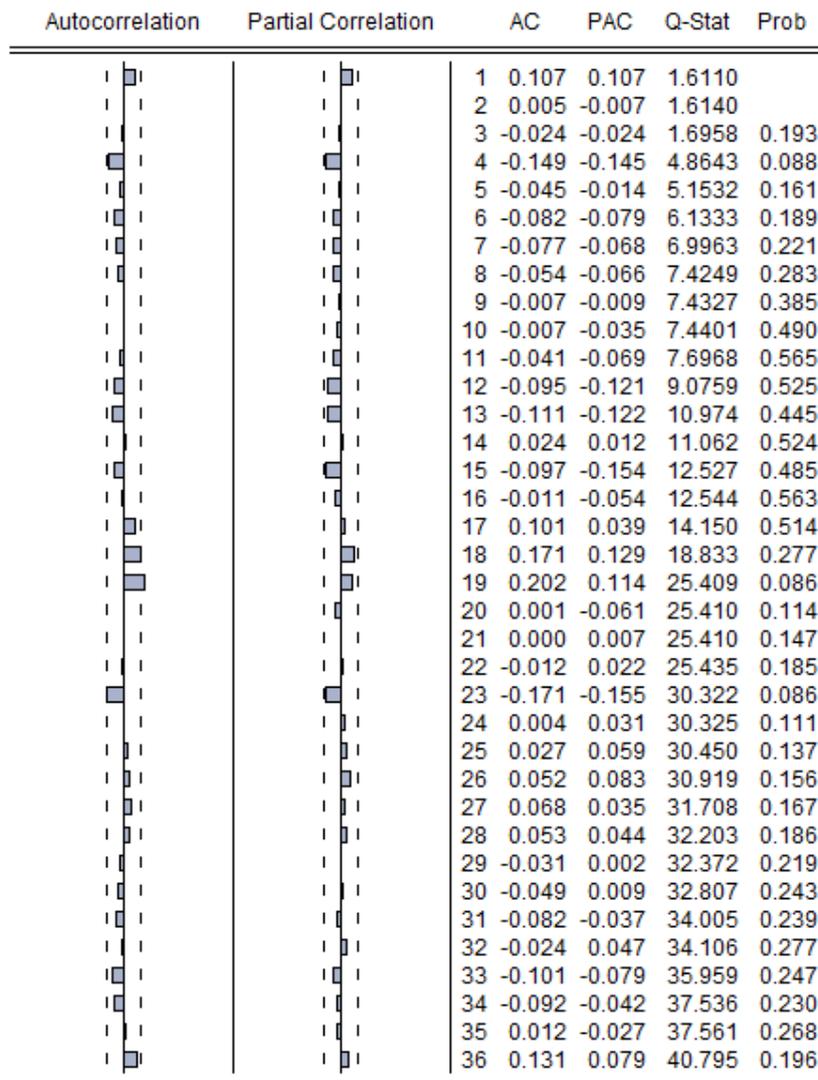


Figure 5: Correlogram the Arima(11,1,11) Model Forecasts

Table 2: Estimation of the Intervention Model

Dependent Variable: Z
 Method: Least Squares
 Date: 02/10/17 Time: 19:54
 Sample: 150 156
 Included observations: 7
 Convergence achieved after 1 iteration
 $Z=C(1)^*(1-C(2)^*(T-148))/(1-C(2))$

	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C(1)	44.42815	13.85841	3.205862	0.0238
C(2)	0.625193	0.164235	3.806698	0.0125
R-squared	0.504680	Mean dependent var		100.7143
Adjusted R-squared	0.405616	S.D. dependent var		29.63659
S.E. of regression	22.84871	Akaike info criterion		9.330623
Sum squared resid	2610.318	Schwarz criterion		9.315169
Log likelihood	-30.65718	Hannan-Quinn criter.		9.139611
Durbin-Watson stat	1.168307			



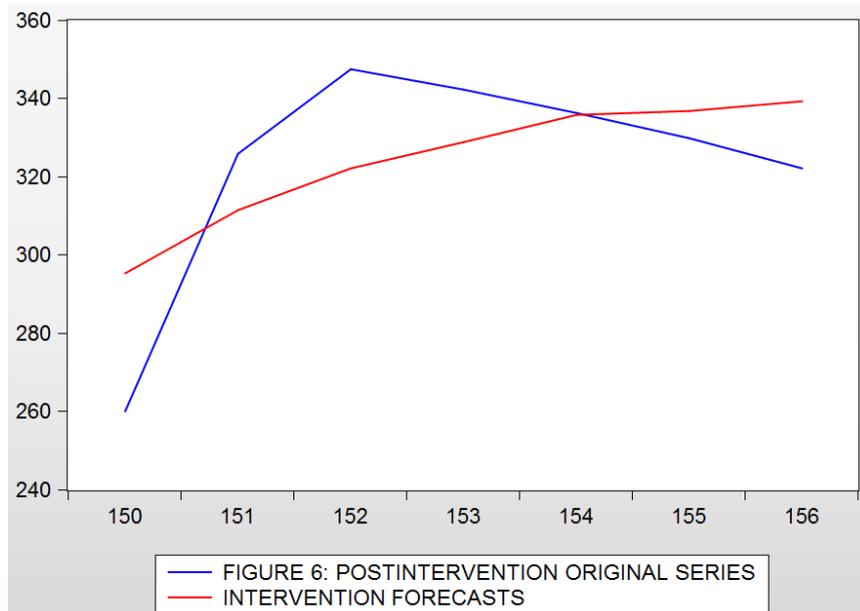


Figure 6: Post-intervention Original Series and Intervention Forecasts

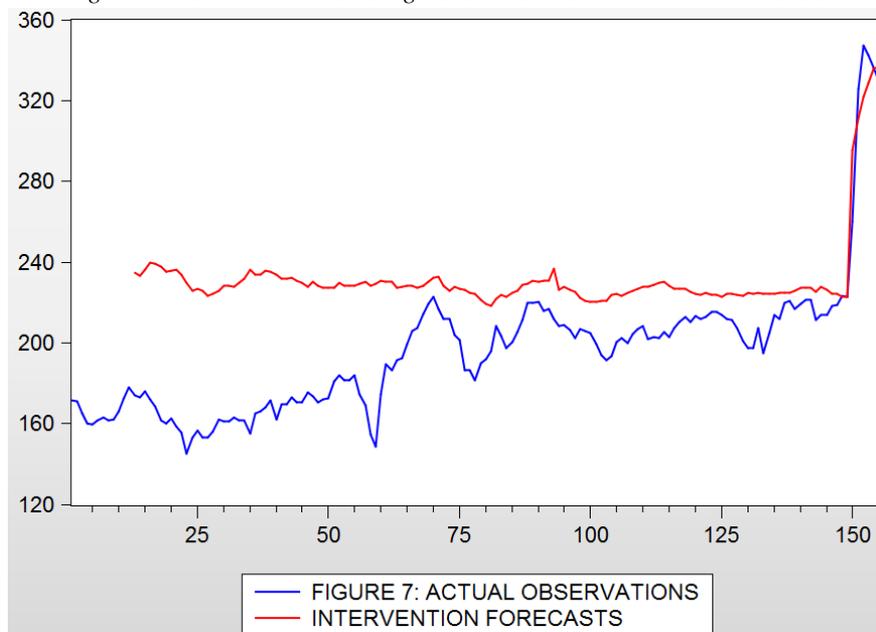


Figure 7: Actual Observations and Intervention Forecasts

Conclusion

It may therefore be concluded that an intervention model for the monthly EUR-NGN exchange rates is given by equation (5). The post-intervention fit is quite good as evident from Figure 6. Intervention may therefore be based on the model.

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