

Empirical Analysis of the Influence of Financial System Mechanisms on Algeria's Economic Trajectory (2000-2022): Implications for Future Economic Policies Using the ARCH and GARCH Models

تحليل قياسي لتأثير آليات النظام المالي على المسار الاقتصادي للجزائر (2000-2022):

الآثار على السياسات الاقتصادية المستقبلية

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Abstract:

The fundamental objective of this study is to conduct an in-depth analysis to comprehend how the mechanisms of the financial system in Algeria have exerted their influence on the country's economic trajectory from 2000 to 2022, and how these observations can guide the formulation of future economic policies focused on stimulating growth and development. To achieve this purpose, we have employed empirical modeling methods, particularly ARCH (AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) and GARCH (Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity).

The results derived from our comprehensive econometric analysis reveal that variables related to the financial system, such as the credit-to-GDP ratio, the number of bank branches, and the real interest rate, play a significant role in explaining the variation in economic growth in Algeria. This finding underscores the crucial importance of these financial factors within the country's economic context.

Keywords:the financial system; economic policies; ARCH and GARCH; credit-to-GDP; the number of bank branches.

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ملخص:

تهدف هذه الدراسة الى إجراء تحليل عميق لفهم كيف أثرت آليات النظام المالي في الجزائر على مسار الاقتصاد الوطني من عام 2000 إلى عام 2022، وكيف يمكن أن تسهم هذه الملاحظات في صياغة

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سياسات اقتصادية مستقبلية تركز على تحفيز النمو والتنمية. من أجل تحقيق هذا الهدف، قمنا باستخدام أساليب النمذجة التحريية، بشكل خاص طرق $ARCH$ و $GARCH$. تشير النتائج التي تم الحصول عليها من تحليلنا القياسي والاقتصادي الشامل إلى أن المتغيرات المتعلقة بالنظام المالي، مثل نسبة الائتمان إلى الناتج المحلي الإجمالي، وعدد فروع البنوك، ومعدل الفائدة الحقيقي، تلعب دورًا كبيرًا في تفسير التغيرات في النمو الاقتصادي في الجزائر. وعليه، تسلط هذه النتيجة الضوء على الأهمية الحاسمة لهذه العوامل المالية ضمن السياق الاقتصادي في البلاد.

كلمات مفتاحية: النظام المالي، الاقتصاد الوطني، $ARCH$ و $GARCH$ ، نسبة الائتمان إلى الناتج المحلي الإجمالي، عدد فروع البنوك.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The global economy is a vast and constantly evolving system influenced by a multitude of complex factors. One of the fundamental concepts that garners the attention of economists, policymakers, and the general public is economic growth (Barro & Sala-i-Martin, 2003). This phenomenon, which has played a central role in the economic policies of countries, has been the hallmark of developed economies since the mid-18th century.

The history of economic thought has highlighted the significance of economic growth, with eminent economists such as Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Karl Marx, Joseph Schumpeter, Harrod, and Domar seeking to understand the drivers of growth and the conditions for its sustainability. They emphasized the accumulation of physical and human capital as drivers of growth while acknowledging the challenges of sustaining growth. In 1956, Robert Solow made a significant advancement by highlighting the improvement in the quality of capital equipment through technological progress as a key element of economic growth.

Economic growth is often considered a key indicator of a nation's health as it reflects a country's ability to generate wealth and improve the well-being of its population (Romer, 1990). Economists such as Paul Romer (1986), Robert Lucas (1988), and Robert Barro (1991) have developed

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various theories to explain the underlying mechanisms of economic growth, including the endogenous growth theory, the human capital theory, and the innovation-driven growth theory (Lucas, 1988).

Economic growth can be defined as the sustained increase in the production of goods and services in an economy over a given period. This increase is typically measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which quantifies the total value of all goods and services produced in a country in a year (Mankiw et al., 1992). Positive economic growth indicates that the economy is producing more goods and services compared to the previous year, potentially leading to an improvement in the standard of living, employment, and the capacity to invest in areas such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure (Easterly, 2001).

Economic growth is a complex phenomenon influenced by numerous factors (Acemoglu & Robinson, 2012). It relies on foundations such as labor efficiency, technological innovation, capital investment, political stability, fiscal and monetary policies, as well as access to global markets. These factors interact to determine the growth trajectory of an economy (Romer, 1990).

Among these factors, the financial system occupies a central role in the process of economic growth. It plays a crucial role in facilitating the efficient allocation of resources and supporting economic development (Levine, 1997). Indeed, the financial system enables the mobilization of savings from households, businesses, and financial institutions, directing these resources towards productive investments (Beck et al., 2000).

A well-developed financial system also contributes to the optimal allocation of resources by directing funds towards economic sectors with the greatest growth potential (King & Levine, 1993). This efficient allocation promotes the optimal use of resources, thereby stimulating sustainable economic growth.

Access to credit is another essential aspect of the relationship between the financial system and economic growth. Businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, often require financing for new projects, expanding production, and innovation (Beck, Demirguc-Kunt & Levine,

2000). A financial system that provides easy access to credit allows businesses to achieve these goals, potentially boosting economic growth.

Furthermore, the financial system serves as a transmission channel for monetary policy implemented by central banks (Bernanke & Gertler, 1995). Interest rates and the money supply are instruments of monetary policy that influence credit conditions. These conditions, in turn, have an impact on business investment decisions and consumer demand, which can influence economic growth.

Historically, the Algerian financial system was characterized by strong regulation, marked by administered interest rates, selective credit policies, and a monopoly held by public banks. However, this policy resulted in hindering the country's economic growth and creating a challenging economic situation (Hakim, 2010).

In this context, Algeria has embarked on financial reforms aimed at strengthening the role of market mechanisms in credit allocation, improving the capacity of financial institutions, enhancing the efficiency of monetary policy, and encouraging competition among financial institutions (Boukef, 2013). These reforms have been implemented to invigorate the economy and promote sustained economic growth.

In light of these developments, our research question arises: how have the mechanisms of the financial system in Algeria influenced the country's economic trajectory from 2000 to 2022, and how can these observations guide the formulation of future economic policies focused on stimulating growth and development?

The overarching objective of this article is, therefore, to conduct a theoretical study of the relationship between the financial system and economic growth while empirically examining the impact of these two phenomena in Algeria. To accomplish this, we will employ the empirical approach of the ARCH (AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) and GARCH (Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) models over the period from 2000 to 2022.

To better delineate our objective, this article is organized as follows:

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1. Literature Review: This first section briefly presents the main contributions of the economic literature concerning the relationship between economic growth and the financial system in Algeria.
2. Empirical Modeling: The second part is dedicated to the empirical modeling of our study. We will detail the variables of the empirical model, the data sources used, and the specification of the model.
3. Results and Interpretation: The third part will present the results obtained through the application of the ARCH and GARCH models. We will analyze and interpret these results, highlighting the impact of the financial system on economic growth in Algeria.
4. Validation of the ARCH and GARCH Model: Finally, the last section will involve verifying the validity of the ARCH and GARCH model in the context of our study, highlighting its strengths and limitations.

2. Economic Literature on the Relationship Between Economic Growth and the Financial System

The field of research on the relationship between economic growth and the financial system has been enriched by the work of several eminent economists. Among these researchers, Robert G. King and Ross Levine conducted a study in 1993 titled "Finance and Growth: New Evidence and Policy Analysis" (King & Levine, 1993), which laid a solid foundation for understanding this complex relationship. Their aim was to examine how the development of the financial system, including financial markets and banking institutions, can influence economic growth. Another significant study was conducted by Raghuram G. Rajan and Luigi Zingales in 1998, titled "Finance and Growth: Schumpeter Might Be Right" (Rajan & Zingales, 1998). They sought to explore the links between the financial sector and economic growth, focusing on the role of financial institutions in the process of economic development. Ross Levine made a significant contribution to this field with his 2005 study titled "Financial Development and Economic Growth: A Meta-Analysis" (Levine, 2005), which conducted a meta-analysis of empirical data to shed light on the relationship between financial development and economic growth.

Additionally, a collaborative study by Thorsten Beck, Ross Levine, and Norman Loayza in 2000 (Beck, Levine, & Loayza, 2000) examined financial structure and economic growth on a global scale. This study analyzed how different financial structures impact economic growth across various countries and regions. These studies have contributed to our understanding of the complex relationship between the financial system and economic growth by providing empirical evidence from diverse regions of the world. They have examined various channels through which financial development can impact economic growth, such as access to credit, corporate financing, and savings mobilization (Arestoff, 2015; Benbouziane, 2010). Furthermore, these works have consistently highlighted the importance of financial policies and regulations in promoting a robust financial system that supports economic growth. They have also emphasized the need to assess national and regional specifics to fully grasp how these relationships function in different contexts. Here is a concise summary of the studies, along with their objectives and research areas:

Tab 1. Concise Overview of Studies: Objectives and Research Focus

Study	Objective	Research Area
"Finance and Growth: Schumpeter Might Be Right"	Examine the link between financial development, economic growth, and technological innovation.	Relationships between financial development, economic growth, and technological innovation
"Financial Development and Economic Growth: A Meta-Analysis"	Conduct a meta-analysis of the results of numerous empirical studies on the relationship between the financial system and economic growth.	Synthesis and analysis of results from numerous empirical studies
"Finance and Growth: Theory and Evidence"	Examine the role of financial institutions in international economic development.	Impact of financial institutions on economic growth
"Financial Structure and Economic Growth: A Cross-Country Comparison of Banks, Markets, and Development"	Compare the impact of different aspects of financial development, such as banks and financial markets, on international economic growth.	Comparison of different aspects of financial development on economic growth
"Finance and Growth: New Evidence and Policy Analysis"	Explore the relationship between the financial system and economic growth using international data. Provide empirical evidence in support of the hypothesis that the financial system promotes growth.	Relationships between the financial system and economic growth

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Furthermore, the research conducted by Algerian scholars, focusing on the correlation between the financial system and economic growth, has significantly enriched our understanding of this complex relationship. These recent studies have highlighted several crucial aspects of this dynamic. The following table provides a summary of these studies:

Tab 2. Summary of Studies on the Correlation Between the Financial System and Economic Growth in Algeria

Author(s) and Year of Study	Study Objective	Methodology Employed	Key Findings
Draa Messeouda and Zaid (2021)	Analyze the impact of the financial system on economic growth in Algeria, taking into account institutional quality.	Used VAR models to analyze data from 1995 to 2017.	Positive impact of liquidity ratio on economic growth, suggesting that the availability of bank liquidity encourages growth by facilitating investments and economic activities.
Medjahed and Hachim (2023)	Evaluate the influence of the financial system on the real sector in 38 emerging and developing countries from 1989 to 2018. Used financial deepening indicators.	Negative effect of banking development and a positive effect of the financial market indicator on long-term growth.	
Khallout and Hafsaoui (2017)	Examine the role of the Algerian banking system in promoting economic activity from 1990 to 2014.	Used statistical tests to analyze the relationship between the banking system and economic growth.	Long-term causal relationship between the banking system and economic growth, with an absence of a short-term relationship.
Zeghoudi and Abou-Bekr (2020)	Study the impact of the financial system on economic growth in Algeria from 1991 to 2015. Used a VAR model to analyze empirical data.	Positive and significant impact of the financial system on short-term economic growth, as well as a positive effect of economic openness on short-term growth. No long-term relationship identified.	

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3. Empirical Modeling

The ARCH (AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) model and its extension, the GARCH (Generalized AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) model, are essential tools in financial econometrics for modeling the volatility of financial time series data. These models were developed to account for changing variability in financial data, which is crucial for understanding and managing financial risks (Bollerslev, 1986).

The ARCH model, introduced by Robert Engle in 1982, focuses on modeling conditional heteroskedasticity, which is the variability of volatility in a financial time series. It assumes that the variance of an observation depends conditionally on past values of the series and uses an autoregressive process to model this dependence (Engle, 1982). The GARCH extension, introduced by Tim Bollerslev in 1986, generalizes the ARCH model by incorporating autoregressive terms to model conditional volatility. It is more flexible and allows capturing more complex patterns of volatility variation.

3.1. Presentation of Macroeconomic Variables:

The primary objective of this study is to conduct an empirical analysis to determine the extent to which the financial system has influenced economic growth during the period from 2000 to 2022. Furthermore, we are interested in the implications of this relationship for economic and financial policies. This analysis will be carried out using the ARCH and GARCH approaches.

The ARCH (AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) model and its extension, the GARCH (Generalized AutoRegressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity) model, are commonly used to model the volatility of financial data, including financial returns. These models are useful for capturing conditional heteroskedasticity, which represents variations in volatility over time.

Here are the variables typically used in an ARCH/GARCH model:

1. Financial Returns (Rt): These are the data on which you want to model volatility. Returns can be daily, weekly, monthly, etc., depending on the frequency of your data.

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2. Squared Returns (R_t^2): ARCH/GARCH models typically use squared returns to capture conditional heteroskedasticity. These values are obtained by squaring the returns.
3. Error Terms (ε_t): These are the residuals of the return model, meaning the differences between observed returns and returns predicted by the model.

The ARCH/GARCH model is usually formulated as follows:

$$\text{ARCH}(p): R_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 * \varepsilon(t-1)^2 + \alpha_2 * \varepsilon(t-2)^2 + \dots + \alpha_p * \varepsilon(t-p)^2 + \varepsilon_t^2$$

$$\text{GARCH}(p, q): R_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 * \varepsilon(t-1)^2 + \alpha_2 * \varepsilon(t-2)^2 + \dots + \alpha_p * \varepsilon(t-p)^2 + \beta_1 * R_{t-1}^2 + \beta_2 * R_{t-2}^2 + \dots + \beta_q * R_{t-q}^2 + \varepsilon_t^2$$

- R_t^2 represents the squared returns at a given time.
- ε_t^2 is the error term at a given time.
- $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p$ are the ARCH coefficients that measure the impact of past error terms on conditional volatility.
- $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_q$ are the GARCH coefficients that measure the impact of past squared returns on conditional volatility.
- p and q are the orders of the ARCH and GARCH models, respectively, which determine how many past terms are included in the model.

In this analysis, our model incorporates four key variables: economic growth (expressed as the per capita income growth rate), the credit-to-GDP ratio, the number of bank branches, and the real interest rate.

Tab 3. Variables of the Empirical Model

Variable	Description
Economic Growth (Per Capita Income Growth Rate)	This variable measures the rate of change in per capita income over time, reflecting a country's economic growth. It is often used as a key indicator of economic performance. A positive growth rate indicates economic expansion, while a negative rate signals contraction.
Credit-to-GDP Ratio	This ratio represents the amount of credit extended by financial institutions (such as banks) relative to a country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It measures the extent of financial sector financing provided to the economy, which can influence economic growth. A high ratio may indicate easier access to credit, thereby stimulating investment and growth.
Number of Bank Branches	This variable indicates the total number of bank branches present in a country. It reflects the extent of the banking system and its proximity to citizens. A higher number of branches can facilitate access to financial services, thereby promoting economic activity.
Real Interest Rate	The real interest rate is the nominal interest rate adjusted for inflation. It represents the real cost of credit or the real return on investments. A change in the real interest rate can influence business investment decisions and household borrowing, impacting economic growth. A lower real rate can encourage borrowing and investment.

Source: Compiled by the author.

3.2. Data Sources for the Empirical Model

In this empirical study, essential data are derived from two primary sources, namely the Bank of Algeria and the World Bank. Additionally, we have chosen to conduct our analysis over a specific time period, ranging from the year 2000 to 2022. These data are collected and recorded annually, providing us with a total of 23 observations over this period.

3.3. Specification of the Empirical Model

The economic growth regression model can be formulated as follows:

$$Growth_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot CredittoGDPT + \beta_2 \cdot BranchesCount_t + \beta_3 \cdot RealInterestRate_t + \epsilon_t$$

Where:

$Growth_t$ represents the per capita income growth rate in year t .

$CredittoGDPT$ is the credit-to-GDP ratio in year t .

$BranchesCount_t$ is the number of bank branches in year t .

$RealInterestRate_t$ is the real interest rate in year t .

$\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2$, and β_3 are the coefficients to be estimated.

ϵ_t is the error term.

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To interpret the various results obtained from the ARCH and GARCH models, it is important to test its econometric robustness. To do this, we will apply the ARCH Heteroskedasticity Test and the Jarque-Bera Test.

4. Estimation of the ARCH and GARCH Empirical Model

The objective of this study is to assess the impact of the financial system on economic growth during the period from 2000 to 2023. We will also examine the implications of this relationship for economic and financial policies. To conduct this analysis effectively, we will employ the ARCH and GARCH approach.

4.1. Results of the ARCH and GARCH Modeling

Table (4) presents the results of the ARCH and GARCH modeling for the variables under study.

Tab 4. ARCH and GARCH Modeling

Dependent Variable: GROWTHT				
Method: ML ARCH - Normal distribution (BFGS / Marquardt steps)				
Date: 09/28/23 Time: 18:55				
Sample: 2000 2022				
Included observations: 23				
Failure to improve likelihood (non-zero gradients) after 22 iterations				
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients				
Presample variance: backcast (parameter = 0.7)				
GARCH = C(5) + C(6)*RESID(-1)^2 + C(7)*GARCH(-1)				
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	z-Statistic	Prob.
CREDIT_TO_GDPT	0.180902	0.106624	1.696630	0.0898
BRANCHES_COUNTT	0.132723	0.662101	0.280457	0.0411
REAL_INTEREST_RATE	0.744512	0.187740	-3.965662	0.0001
C	46.88519	9.739121	4.814109	0.0000
Variance Equation				
C	1.941748	1.725352	1.125421	0.2604
RESID(-1)^2	-0.140414	0.135782	-1.034109	0.3011
GARCH(-1)	0.941033	0.299519	3.141812	0.0017
R-squared	0.729552	Mean dependent var		7.386699
Adjusted R-squared	0.675463	S.D. dependent var		8.670663
S.E. of regression	4.939518	Akaike info criterion		6.281733
Sum squared resid	365.9826	Schwarz criterion		6.629684
Log likelihood	-52.67646	Hannan-Quinn criter.		6.340620
Durbin-Watson stat	1.162875			

Source: Results obtained from EVIEWS 12.0 software.

According to the data presented in Table4, the results of estimating the ARCH and GARCH models provide us with essential information:

- The obtained results are considered acceptable, particularly concerning the conformity of coefficient signs with theoretical expectations and the coefficient of determination, which indicates a good fit of the model to the data.
- All coefficients in the empirical model are statistically significant, enhancing the robustness of the results.
- The estimation of the ARCH and GARCH models confirms the empirical validity of our model, as the correlation coefficient expressed by R^2 reaches a high value of 0.72. This strong correlation suggests that our model can effectively explain the observed variations in the data.

In summary, the results of this estimation indicate that our model appears to be a robust tool for understanding and analyzing the relationship between the studied variables, given its consistency with theoretical expectations, the statistical significance of coefficients, and the quality of fit to the data.

4.2. Interpretation of Modeling Results

Based on the results obtained, we can affirm that the Credit-to-GDP ratio, the number of bank branches, and the real interest rate have exerted a positive influence on economic growth in Algeria during the period from 2000 to 2023. Let's delve into the conclusions of this analysis:

1. Credit-to-GDP Ratio:

- The results highlight a positive and statistically significant relationship between the Credit-to-GDP ratio and economic growth, with a significance level of 10%.
- An increase of one unit in the Credit-to-GDP ratio leads to an increase in the per capita income growth rate by 0.18 times that unit.
- This finding suggests that an expansion of credit relative to the size of the economy promotes economic growth. Increased credit availability can stimulate economic activity by providing more resources to businesses and households for investments and consumption.

2. Number of Bank Branches:

- The results also indicate a positive and statistically significant relationship between the number of bank branches and economic growth, with a significance level of 5%.

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- An increase of one unit in the number of bank branches leads to a GDP increase of 0.13 times that unit.
 - This observation underscores the importance of the network of bank branches in promoting economic growth in Algeria. Increased accessibility to banking services may facilitate investments and capital flow, thereby stimulating growth.
3. Real Interest Rate:
- The results show a positive and significant relationship between the real interest rate and economic growth, although the significance level is slightly higher, at 5%.
 - An increase of one unit in the real interest rate leads to an increase in the per capita income growth rate by 0.74 times that unit.
 - This finding can be explained by the fact that higher real interest rates may encourage savings and investment, which, in turn, stimulate long-term economic growth.

In conclusion, these results reveal the importance of the Credit-to-GDP ratio, the number of bank branches, and the real interest rate as drivers of economic growth in Algeria. They emphasize the significance of an economic policy that promotes a dynamic financial sector and an investment-friendly environment to support the country's economic development.

5. Test of Empirical Model Validation (ARCH and GARCH)

The process of estimating the ARCH and GARCH models is followed by a crucial step, which is model validation. This critical step involves conducting several tests to assess the robustness and adequacy of our model to empirical data. Among these validation tests, we can mention the following:

5.1. ARCH Heteroskedasticity Test

One of the fundamental tests is to evaluate whether our model can correctly capture the conditional heteroskedasticity of the data. This involves checking whether the residuals of the model exhibit a volatility structure that matches what is observed in real data.

The results of the test show that when the probability is less than 5%, we reject the null hypothesis (H_0) of homoscedasticity in the model. This indicates that the model exhibits signs of heteroskedasticity.

Conversely, when the probability is greater than or equal to 5%, we accept the null hypothesis, allowing us to assume that the model's residuals are homoscedastic.

In other words, when the probability is less than 5%, the model displays signs of varying residual variance, suggesting non-constant volatility. Conversely, when the probability is greater than or equal to 5%, we can consider that the variance of the residuals is relatively constant.

Tab 5. ARCH Heteroskedasticity Test

Heteroskedasticity Test: ARCH

F-statistic	0.002618	Prob. F(1,16)	0.9598
Obs*R-squared	0.002945	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.9567

Test Equation:

Dependent Variable: WGT_RESID^2

Method: Least Squares

Date: 09/28/23 Time: 18:57

Sample (adjusted): 2000 2022

Included observations: 18 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	1.215814	0.412307	2.948807	0.0094
WGT_RESID^2(-1)	-0.014438	0.282163	-0.051171	0.9598
R-squared	0.000164	Mean dependent var		1.201447
Adjusted R-squared	-0.062326	S.D. dependent var		1.242876
S.E. of regression	1.281023	Akaike info criterion		3.437634
Sum squared resid	26.25631	Schwarz criterion		3.536564
Log likelihood	-28.93870	Hannan-Quinn criter.		3.451275
F-statistic	0.002618	Durbin-Watson stat		1.414031
Prob(F-statistic)	0.959823			

Source: Results obtained from EVIEWS 12.0 software.

The results illustrated in Table (5) indicate that both probabilities are greater than 5%, with values of 0.9598 and 0.9567, respectively. Therefore, we accept the hypothesis of homoscedasticity of errors in our model.

This means that we can conclude that the variance of the residuals is homogeneous, which is an important condition for many statistical

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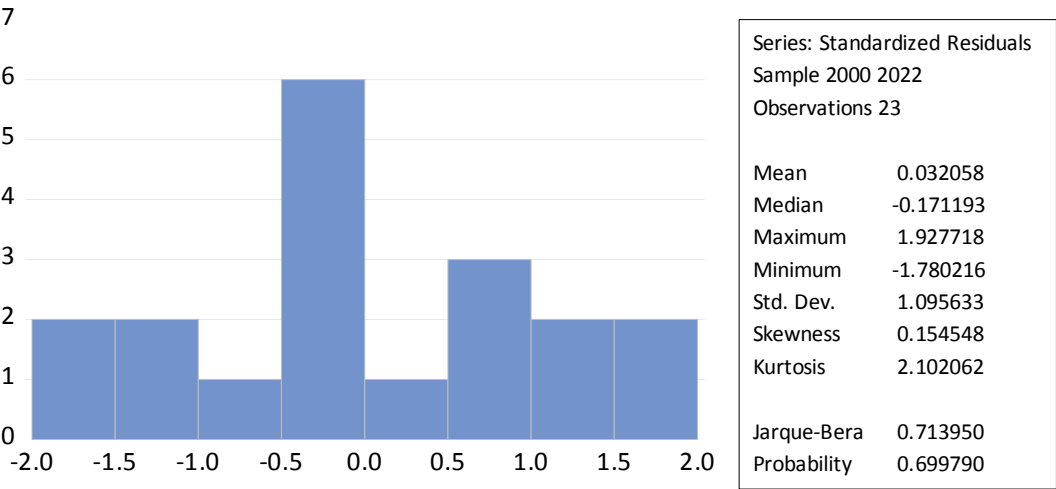
analyses. In other words, the model's residuals exhibit constant and stable variability across observations, enhancing the reliability of our model and the conclusions we can draw from it.

Homoscedasticity of residuals is an essential condition for many statistical techniques, particularly in the fields of regression and analysis of variance. It ensures that the parameter estimates of the model are efficient and unbiased. By accepting this hypothesis, we can have greater confidence in interpreting the results of our analysis.

5.2. Jarque-Bera Normality Test

The result of this test is depicted in Table (6):

Tab 6.Jarque-Bera Normality Test



Source: Results obtained from EVIEWS 12.0 software.

In the context of our empirical study, the probability associated with the Jarque-Bera test is 0.6997, which is a value higher than a commonly used significance threshold of 0.05 (5%). As a result, this implies that the residuals of our model follow a normal distribution. Therefore, we accept the null hypothesis of normality of error terms or residuals.

This means that, based on the results of the Jarque-Bera test, there is not enough evidence to conclude that the residuals do not follow a normal distribution. This adequacy of residuals to normality is important for many statistical analyses as it ensures that the parameter estimates of the model are reliable, and the conclusions based on these estimates are valid.

In summary, in our study, the results of the Jarque-Bera test suggest that the assumption of normality of residuals is justified, which enhances the robustness of our model and the credibility of our conclusions.

6. CONCLUSION

This study focuses on an empirical analysis aimed at assessing how the mechanisms of the financial system in Algeria have influenced the country's economic trajectory from 2000 to 2022 and how these observations can guide the formulation of future economic policies geared toward stimulating growth and development. The methodology adopted in this analysis relies on the use of ARCH and GARCH models, statistical tools that enable modeling conditional volatility in financial data.

The results of our econometric estimation highlight the significant role of variables related to the financial system, namely the Credit-to-GDP Ratio, the Number of Bank Branches, and the Real Interest Rate, in explaining the observed variations in Algeria's economic growth.

Regarding the Credit-to-GDP Ratio, the Number of Bank Branches, and the Real Interest Rate, our findings reveal a positive and statistically significant relationship with economic growth. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that the financial system exerts a positive influence on economic growth in Algeria. This finding suggests that the Algerian financial system plays an increasingly important role in stimulating economic growth. However, it is important to note that this contribution remains relatively moderate compared to other countries. This situation is partly due to the orientation of banking development towards short-term financing and low-profitability projects.

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