

Time Series Analysis of AMD Stock Data

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The Data

The data was downloaded from NASDAQ official website.

We will view the data first to see what must be done with it.

```
df = read.csv("HistoricalData_1704473693714.csv")
str(df)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    2517 obs. of  6 variables:
## $ Date          : chr  "01/04/2024" "01/03/2024" "01/02/2024" "12/29/2023" ...
## $ Close.Last    : chr  "$136.01" "$135.32" "$138.58" "$147.41" ...
## $ Volume        : int   58610290 61988580 64902030 62079190 63800680 49033420 47157430 35396580 47179360
## $ Open          : chr  "$134.30" "$135.71" "$144.28" "$149.50" ...
## $ High          : chr  "$137.70" "$137.43" "$144.40" "$151.05" ...
## $ Low           : chr  "$134.00" "$133.7413" "$137.43" "$147.20" ...
```

```
summary(df)
```

```
##      Date          Close.Last      Volume      Open
## Length:2517      Length:2517      Min.   : 2606577 Length:2517
## Class :character Class :character 1st Qu.: 29548270 Class :character
## Mode  :character Mode  :character Median : 48655280 Mode  :character
##                                     Mean  : 54922966
##                                     3rd Qu.: 72964740
##                                     Max.   :323844500
##      High          Low
## Length:2517      Length:2517
## Class :character Class :character
## Mode  :character Mode  :character
##
##
##
```

we have a Date column which is stored as chr type. we will convert it to a datetime object. We have numerical columns which are stored as chr because of presence of a dollar sign, which we have to remove then convert them to numeric.

Data does not show any missing records, but we will examine Date column for any missing days. Since missing days are probably the days that the market is closed, we can argue that holidays do not count as missing data.

Prepros

– Changing time from chr type to POSIXlt datetime class

```
df$Date <- strptime(df$Date, format = "%m/%d/%Y")
str(df)
```

```
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```

– Changing chr fields to num

```
rmvdollar <- function(x){return(gsub("\\$", "", x))}
```

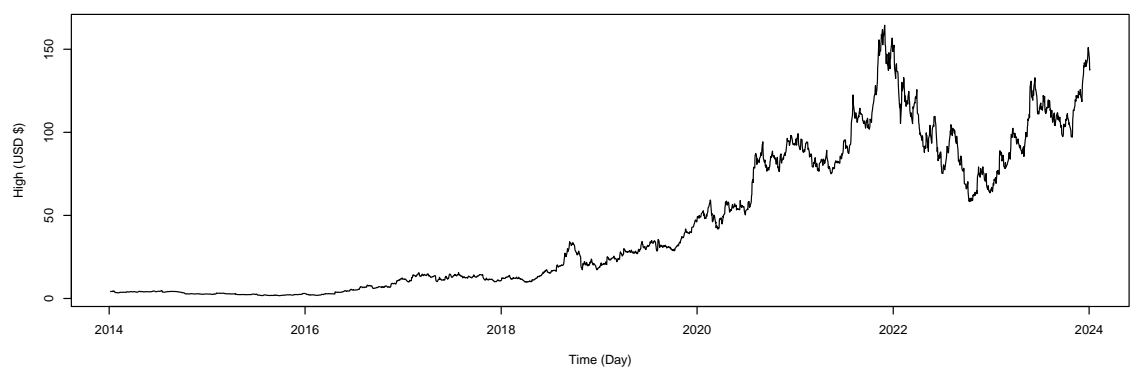
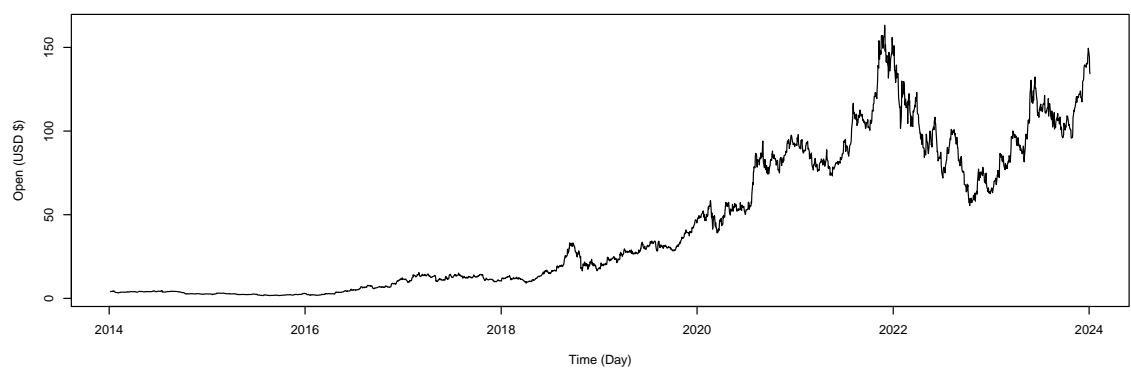
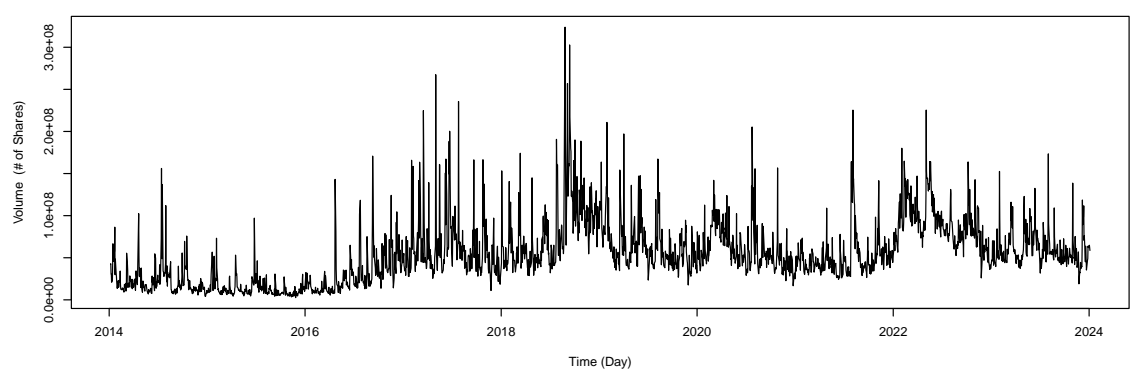
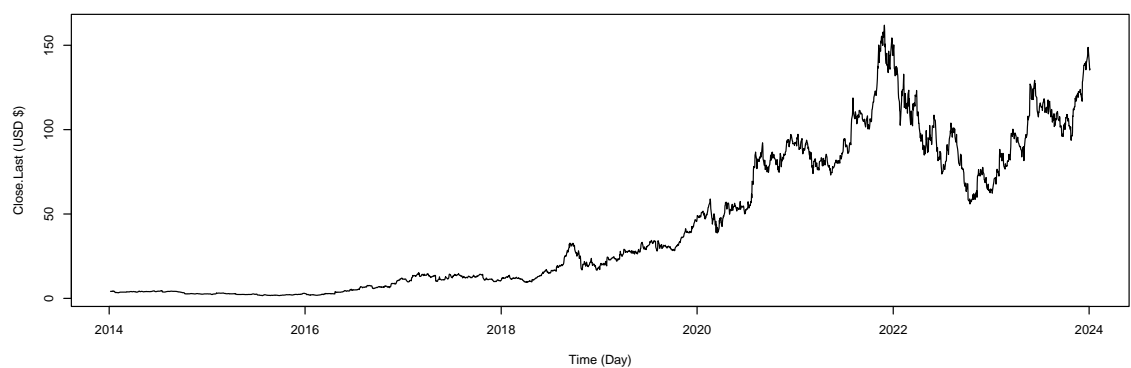
```
df$Low <- as.numeric(rmvdollar(df$Low))
df$Open <- as.numeric(rmvdollar(df$Open))
df$High <- as.numeric(rmvdollar(df$High))
df$Close.Last <- as.numeric(rmvdollar(df$Close.Last))

str(df)
```

```
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## $ Open      : num 134 136 144 150 147 ...
## $ High      : num 138 137 144 151 150 ...
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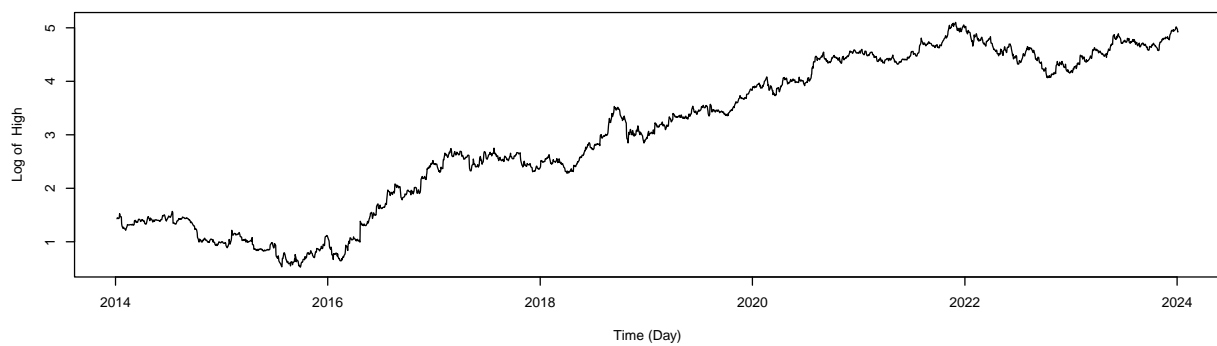
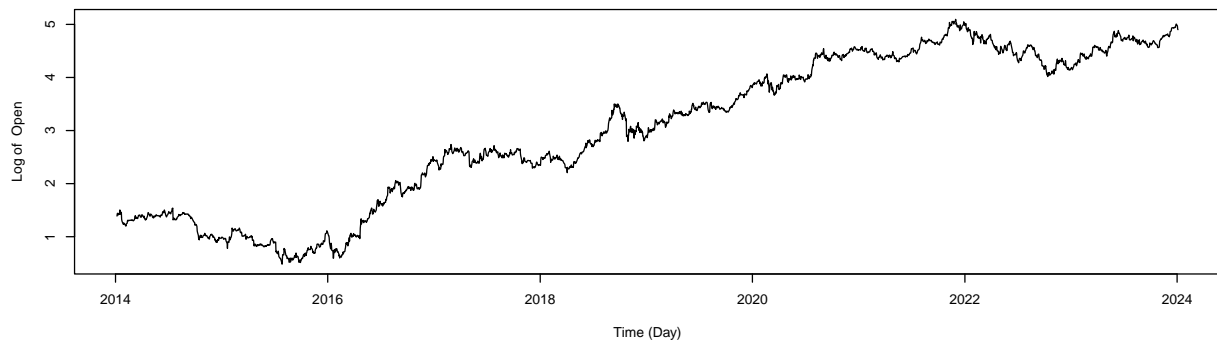
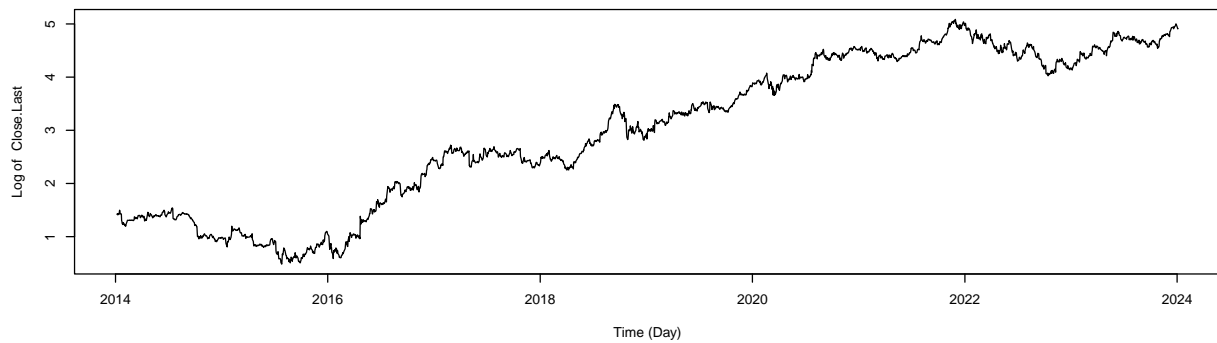
Finding a Good Transfromation

```
library(TSA)
par(mfrow=c(4,1))
for(i in 1:5){
  if(is.numeric(df[,i])){
    plot(
      df$Date,
      df[,i],
      type = "l",
      xlab="Time (Day)",
      ylab = paste(colnames(df)[i], if(i == 3) " (# of Shares)" else "(USD $)" )
    )
  }
}
```



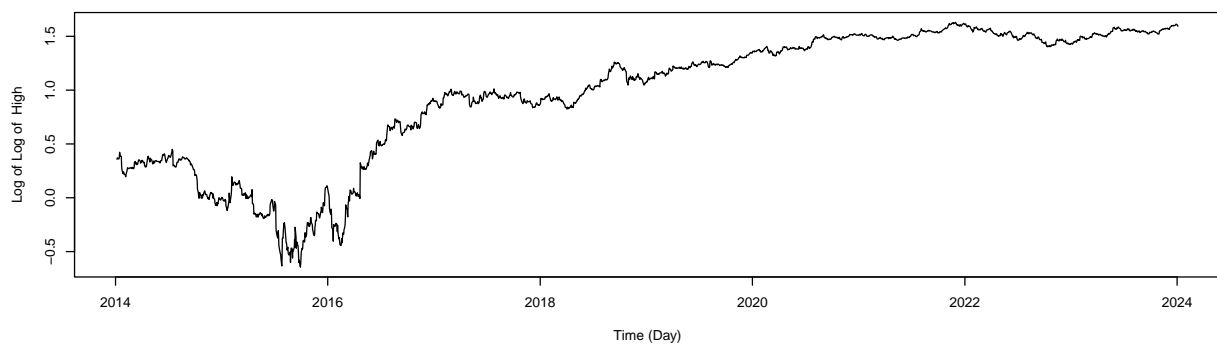
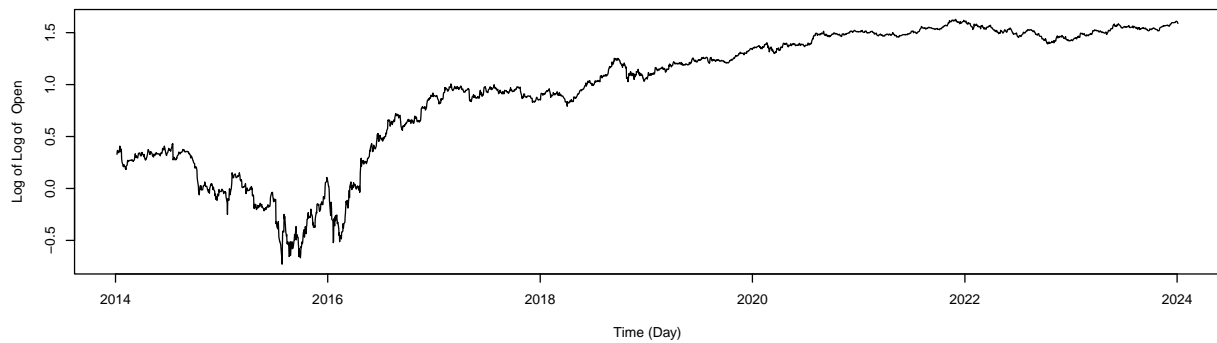
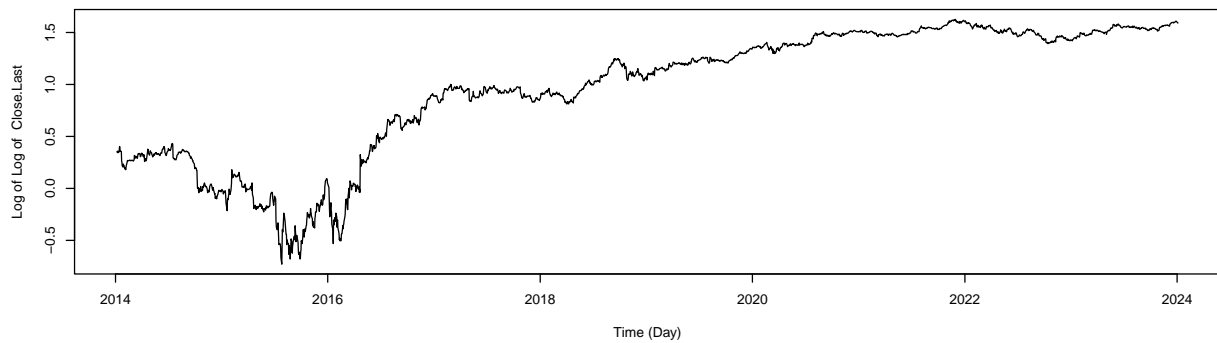
We can argue an exponential trend for USD variables.

```
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
for(i in 1:5){
  if(all(class(df[,i]) == "numeric")){
    plot(
      df$Date,
      log(df[,i]),
      type = "l",
      xlab="Time (Day)",
      ylab = paste("Log of " , colnames(df)[i])
    )
  }
}
```



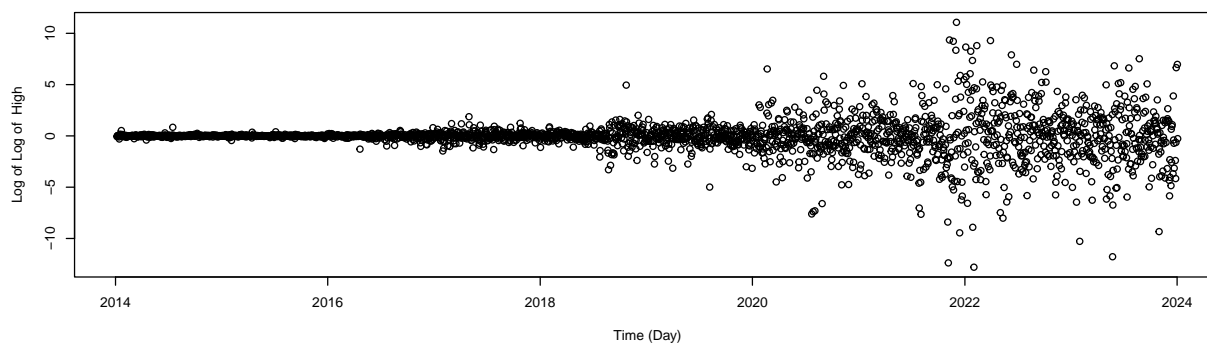
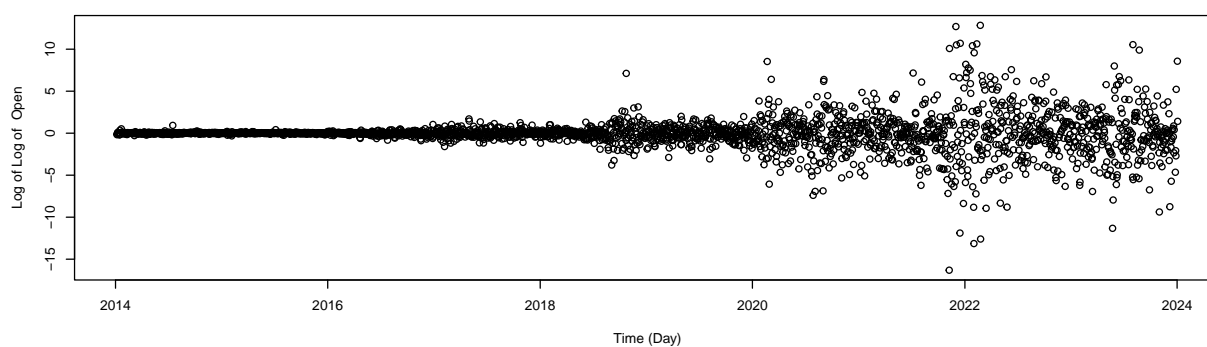
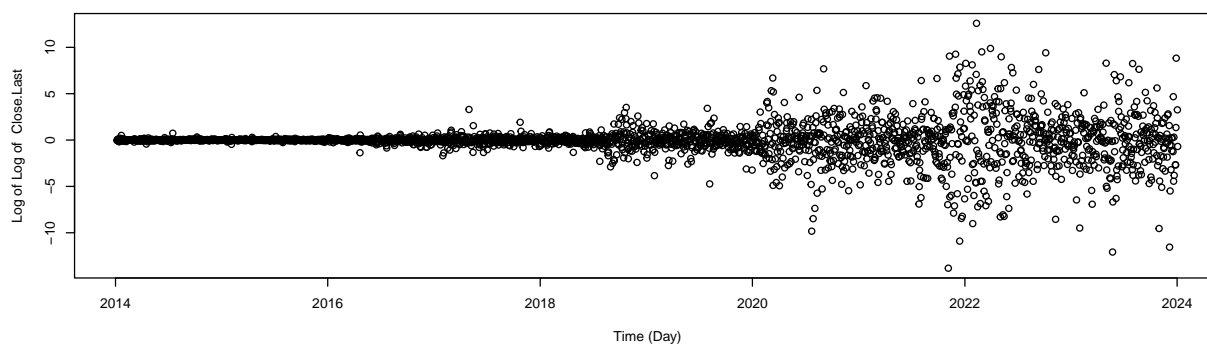
it still has a trend. what should we do?

```
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
for(i in 1:5){
  if(all(class(df[,i]) == "numeric")){ ## Using all() to avoid a warning
    plot(
      df$Date,
      log(log(df[,i])),
      type = "l",
      xlab="Time (Day)",
      ylab = paste("Log of Log of " , colnames(df)[i])
    )
  }
}
```

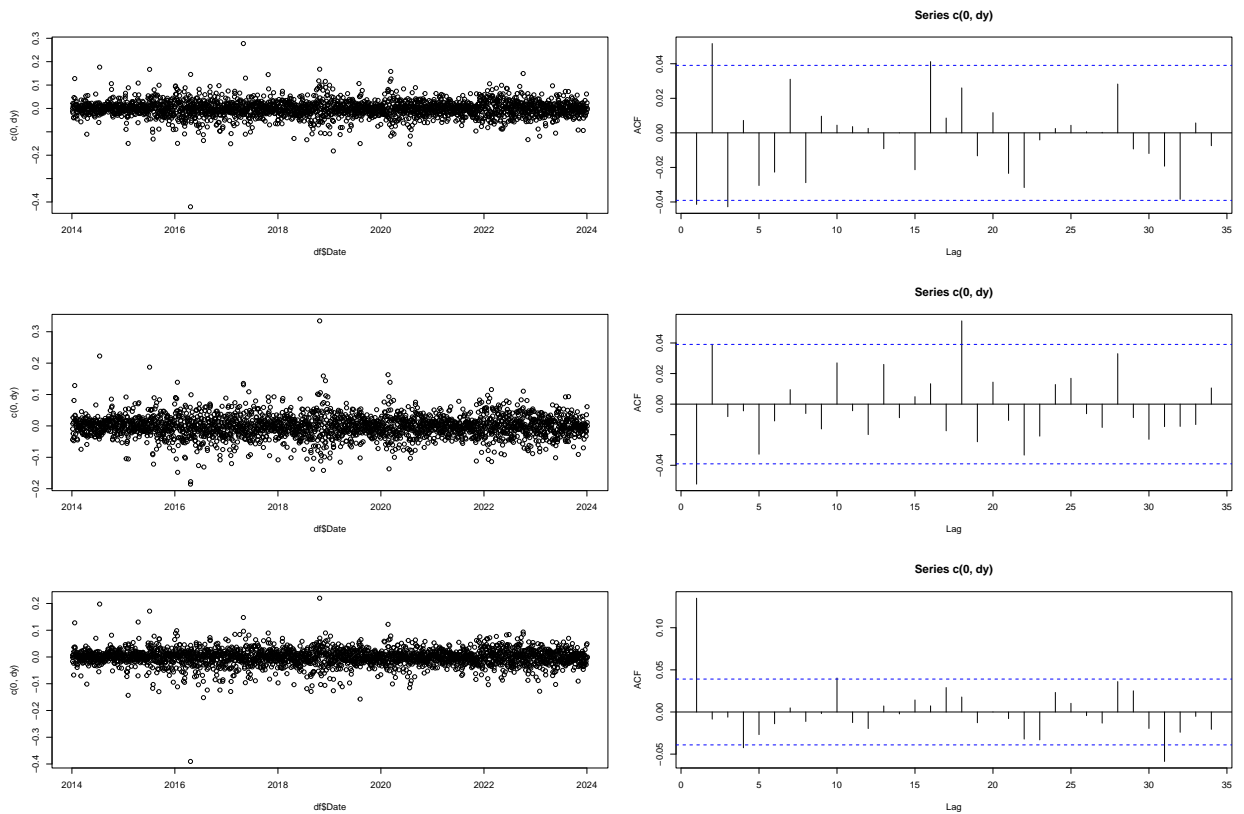


Let's plot a first difference to see what's what.

```
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
for(i in 1:5){
  if(all(class(df[,i]) == "numeric")){ ## Using all() to avoid a warning
    y = df[,i]
    dy = y - zlag(y)
    plot(
      df$Date,
      dy,
      # c(0,diff(df[,i])), equiv
      type = "p",
      xlab="Time (Day)",
      ylab = paste("Log of Log of " , colnames(df)[i])
    )
  }
}
```

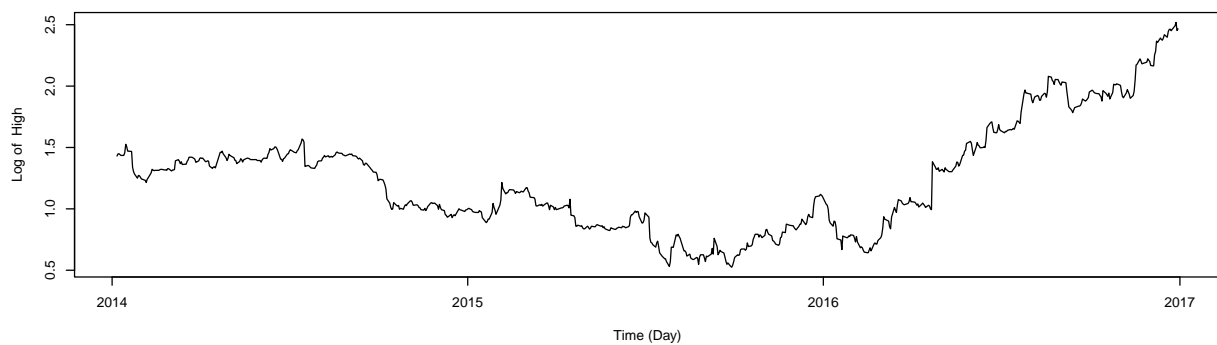
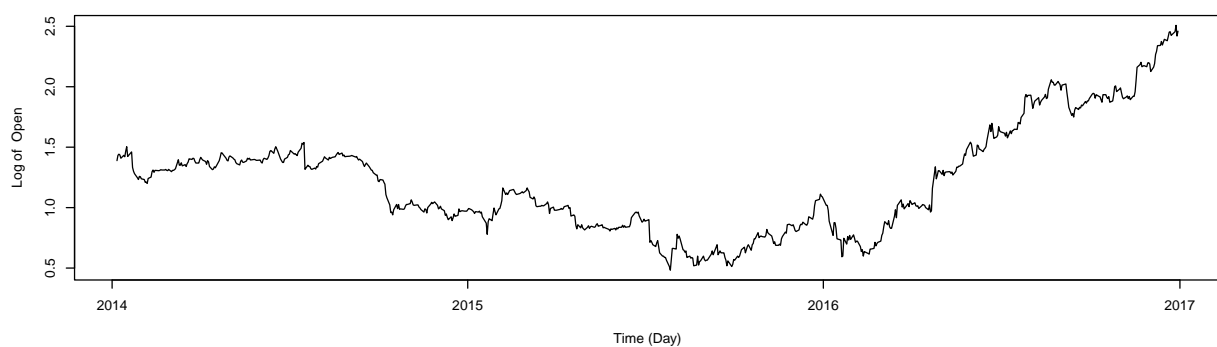
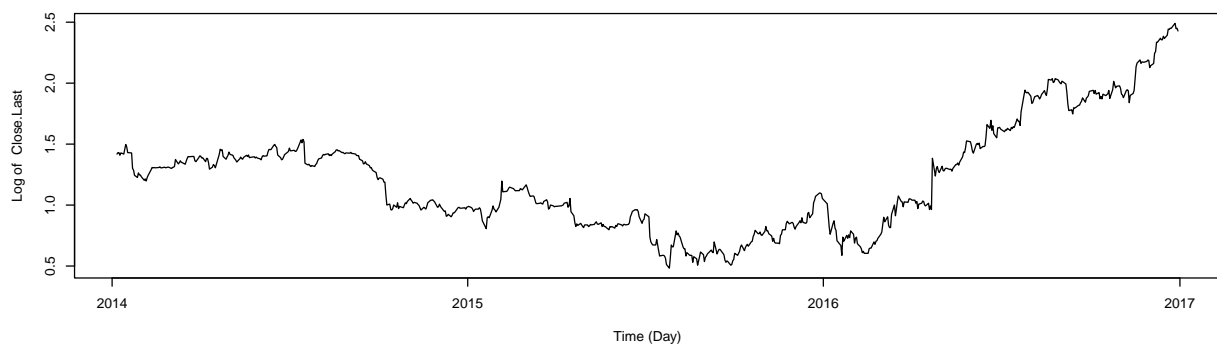


```
par(mfrow=c(3,2))
for(i in 1:5){
  if(all(class(df[,i]) == "numeric")){ ## Using all() to avoid a warning
    y = log(df[,i])
    dy = diff(y)
    #plot(df$Date, y)
    plot(df$Date, c(0,dy))
    acf(c(0,dy))
  }
}
```



We may be better off segmenting data:

```
df2014_16 = df[1764:nrow(df),]
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
for(i in c(2,4,5)){
  plot(
    df2014_16$Date,
    log(df2014_16[,i]),
    type = "l",
    xlab="Time (Day)",
    ylab = paste("Log of " , colnames(df)[i])
  )
}
```

The industry-standard transformation is to calculate percent returns, via a slight alteration of first-order differencing:

$$R_t = \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1$$

Where P is price, and t is time. We call this simply “returns.”

Many academics especially prefer to also take the logarithm:

$$r_t = \ln(1 + R_t) = \ln\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}\right) = \ln(P_t) - \ln(P_{t-1})$$

Predicting price isn't all that useful. Predicting returns is.

Some notes. This can be viewed as exact first-order difference on the log price. It's nice for a few reasons.

- It's symmetrical, meaning that if you reverse the time series it just flips the signs.
- You can sum sequential $r[t]$ to get the cumulative log returns over a period.
- Log returns are very similar numerically to returns, and are monotonic with them
- Any transformation you do to predict log returns maps back to a valid (positive) price, because the reverse transform involves the exponent. That's not true with log-returns.

To a first order approximation, for a really small time scale (like daily returns or hourly returns), the expected value of both returns and log returns is 0, which is also nice.

If this is your first rodeo, I'd do log-returns because they're easier to manipulate.