



MACHINE LEARNING METHODS TO FORECAST STOCK MARKETS

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Abstract

In this report, we detail the analysis of five ETFs, four of which stand for different countries and the last which represents the volatility index. We created correlation matrices for each feature variable to determine which variable was the most highly correlated to y_{Today} . Following this, using eight different methods, we compute this information using the feature variables in relation to the response variables. Each model is represented by a corresponding graph that depicts its results. The outcome is to determine which is the optimal model and compare the Root Mean Square Error and Mean Absolute Error for each response variable. It is found that for response variables of y_{Today} and y_{High} , the optimal method is Random Forest, while the optimal method for y_{Low} is Elastic Net.

Introduction

In order to help us mimic the roles of a Hedge Fund analyst, we analyzed the stock market data of varying ETFs, which will be further considered as the “response variables.” The purpose of this report is not only to highlight the relationships between the varying response variables, but the “feature variables” such as the previous day’s gain, the percent increase in the volume of the previous day, the previous day’s price range, etc. The feature variables are compiled from various statistics of relative importance to the current day’s percentage increase over the previous day’s close of the S&P 500. Each of the feature variable and response variables was compiled from the information of the S&P 500.

The S&P 500, or the Standard and Poor’s 500, is equity indices that follow the performance of the 500 largest companies on the US stock exchange. This is the most commonly used benchmark for valuations of stock portfolios and the market as a whole. Since it is a combination of varying companies, it is considered to be a safe investment due to its diversification. While it may be considered safe, it will not provide the highest returns, most likely only returning its growth rate. The index’s versatility can offer the possibility of providing optimal results to predicting the future, which would allow investors the ability to have even higher returns.

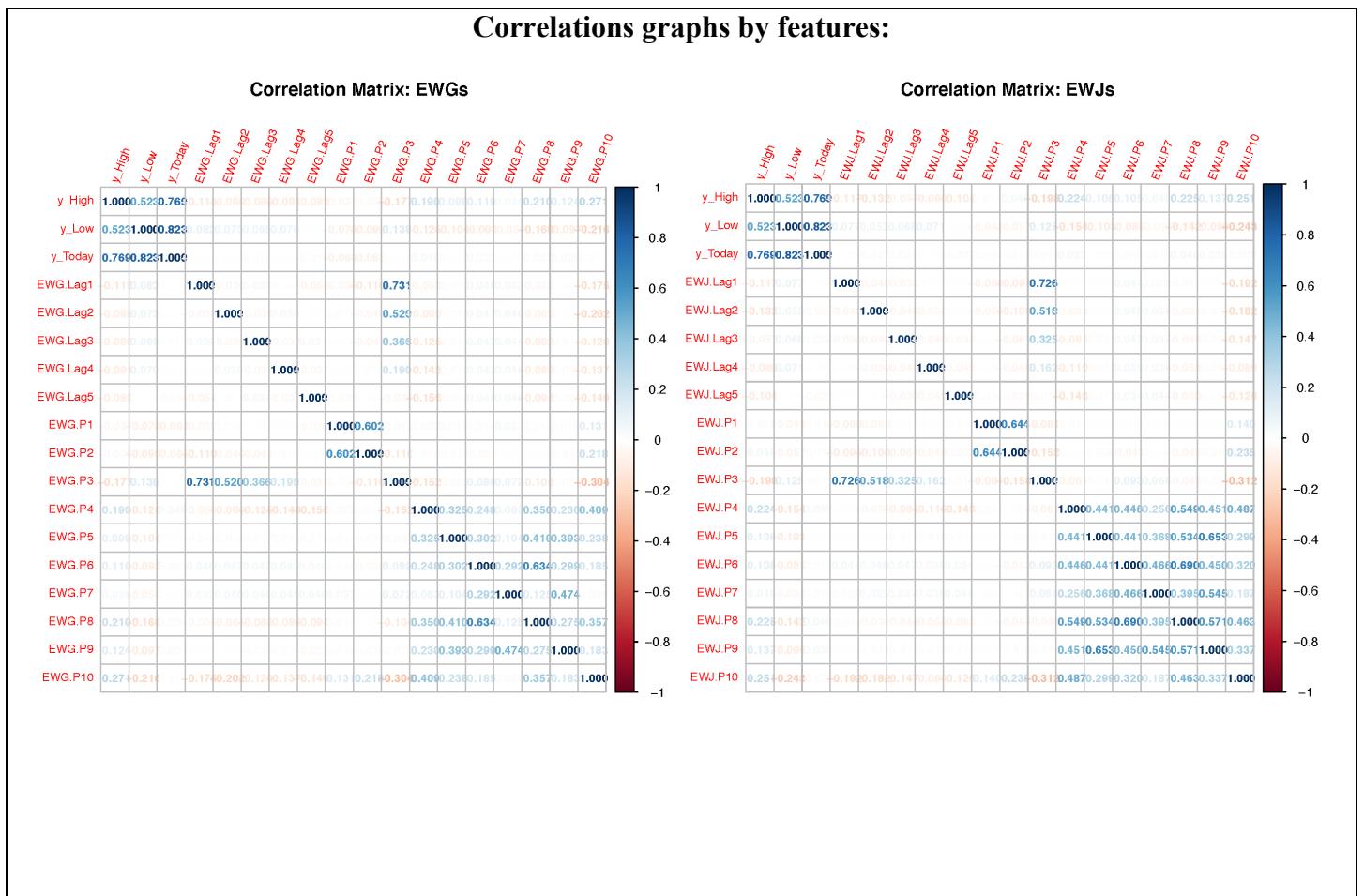
Our report as a whole provides value to the data being analyzed by offering a detailed look at how various models interact. The models are reviewed by focusing on the Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and the Mean absolute error (MAE) which determine how the distance of actual and predicted values and the accuracy of the values, respectively. This led us to determining which models guaranteed the best results. As will be seen below, some models do not have the optimization that is needed to analyze large data sets, which leads to errors. Certain models are designed to process data in the most efficient way possible.

The data that was provided and the combination of methods that were tested provide an accurate picture of how the world of business analytics works. Of course, the data was engineered for ease of use, but there could have been more interactions included if needed. The models listed are only a small portion of what could be used to analyze the leading market benchmark.

Analysis (describe the analysis of the data or after the regression modeling, i.e. correlation matrix, scatter plots, bar charts, outlier testing, supplemental modeling)

<i>Bullet 1: Which feature variables are most correlated with the response variable ('y_Today')?</i>	
FEATURE	MOST CORRELATED
Lags & Ps	+P8 (0.04814)
FXIs	-Lag3 (-0.03659)
EWUs	+P4 (0.04281)
EWJs	+P8 (0.04576)
EWGs	-P2 (-0.06498)
VIXs	+P8 (0.05295)

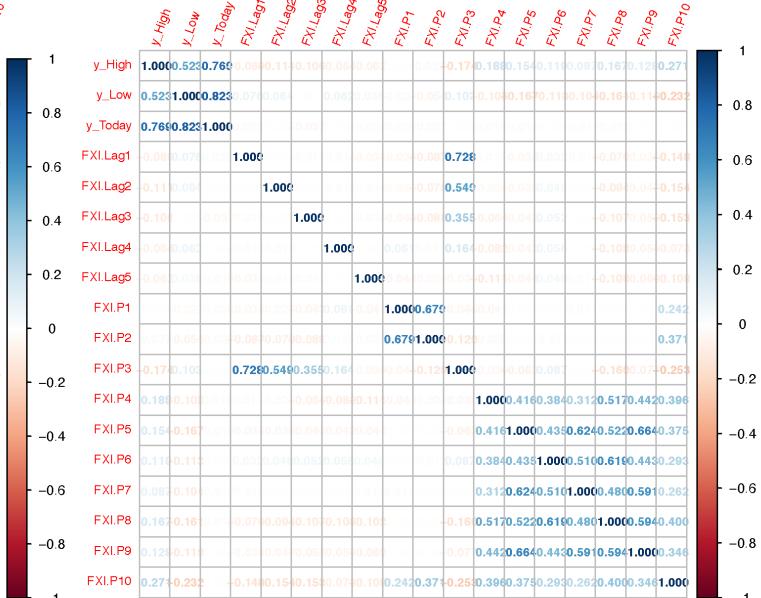
As detailed, we reviewed each feature variable and its correlation to y_Today. The list includes both positive and negative correlations; our key to choosing the correct variables is which had the highest value. Listed below are each matrix for the various features, which numerical representation of the correlations. Y_Low and Y_High were included into the matrix to offer a better picture and to determine if the features had similar correlations to the features.



Correlation Matrix: EWUs

	<i>y_High</i>	<i>y_Low</i>	<i>y_Today</i>	<i>EWU.Lag1</i>	<i>EWU.Lag2</i>	<i>EWU.Lag3</i>	<i>EWU.Lag4</i>	<i>EWU.Lag5</i>	<i>EWU.P1</i>	<i>EWU.P2</i>	<i>EWU.P3</i>	<i>EWU.P4</i>	<i>EWU.P5</i>	<i>EWU.P6</i>	<i>EWU.P7</i>	<i>EWU.P8</i>	<i>EWU.P9</i>	<i>EWU.P10</i>	
<i>y_High</i>	1.0000	0.5230	0.7690	-0.0900	-0.1100	0.0900	0.0900	0.0800	-0.1600	0.2060	-0.0500	-0.1570	0.0900	0.2200	0.1300	-0.3040			
<i>y_Low</i>	0.5231	1.0000	0.8230	-0.0900	-0.0900	0.0800	0.0800	0.0800	-0.1400	0.1200	0.0700	-0.1100	0.0900	0.1300	0.1100	-0.2100			
<i>y_Today</i>	0.7690	0.8231	1.0000	-0.0900	-0.0900	0.0800	0.0800	0.0800	-0.1400	0.1200	0.0700	-0.1100	0.0900	0.1300	0.1100	-0.2100			
<i>EWU.Lag1</i>	-0.0900	0.1000		1.0000	-0.0700												-0.1700		
<i>EWU.Lag2</i>	-0.1100	0.0900			1.0000	-0.0700											-0.1600		
<i>EWU.Lag3</i>	-0.0800	0.0800				1.0000	-0.0800										-0.1500		
<i>EWU.Lag4</i>	-0.0900	0.0800					1.0000	-0.1700	0.1700								-0.1500		
<i>EWU.Lag5</i>	-0.08	-0.08						1.0000	-0.0700	0.1700							-0.1000		
<i>EWU.P1</i>									1.0000	0.5160								0.1000	
<i>EWU.P2</i>										0.5161	1.0000							0.1720	
<i>EWU.P3</i>	-0.1600	0.1400									0.7260	0.5760	0.3820	0.1750	0.1000	-0.2840			
<i>EWU.P4</i>	0.2060	0.1210	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.0000	0.37	0.3550	0.2450	0.4830	0.3620	0.4990		
<i>EWU.P5</i>	0.0800	0.0770										0.37	1.0000	0.4460	0.5140	0.4750	0.6660	0.3200	
<i>EWU.P6</i>	0.1500	0.1110	0.08	0.08									0.3550	0.4481	1.0000	0.4820	0.6820	0.4230	0.3120
<i>EWU.P7</i>	0.0900	0.0800											0.24	0.5140	0.4821	1.0000	0.4210	0.5140	0.2470
<i>EWU.P8</i>	0.2240	0.1370	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08		0.4830	0.4750	0.6820	0.4210	1.0000	0.5000	0.4380	
<i>EWU.P9</i>	0.1340	0.1110											0.3620	0.6660	0.4230	0.5140	0.5000	1.0000	0.3430
<i>EWU.P10</i>	0.3040	0.2100											0.4990	0.3200	0.3120	0.2470	0.4380	0.3410	1.0000

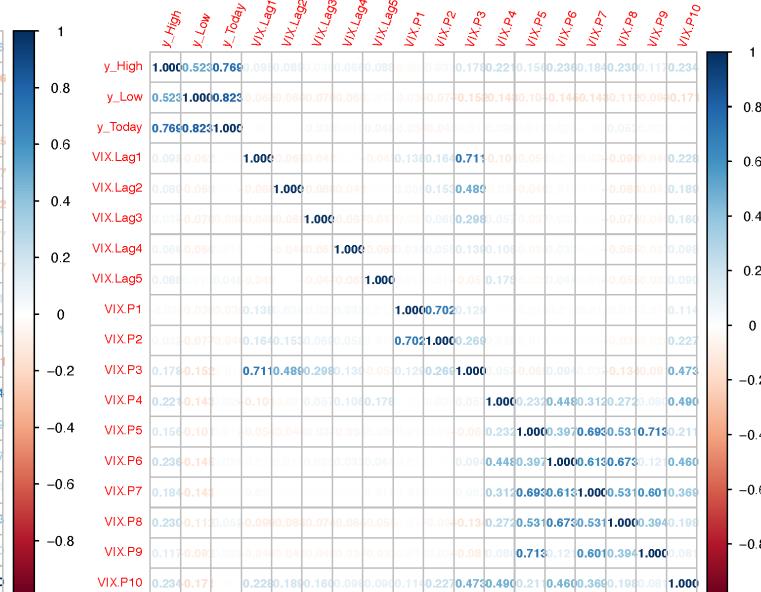
Correlation Matrix: FXIs



Correlation Matrix: Lags & Ps

	<i>y_High</i>	<i>y_Low</i>	<i>y_Today</i>	<i>Lag1</i>	<i>Lag2</i>	<i>Lag3</i>	<i>Lag4</i>	<i>Lag5</i>	<i>P1</i>	<i>P2</i>	<i>P3</i>	<i>P4</i>	<i>P5</i>	<i>P6</i>	<i>P7</i>	<i>P8</i>	<i>P9</i>	<i>P10</i>				
<i>y_High</i>	1.0000	0.5230	0.7690	-0.1730	0.16	-0.09	0.11	0.11	-0.27	0.31	-0.15	0.18	-0.24	0.20	0.12	0.3560						
<i>y_Low</i>	0.5231	1.0000	0.8230	-0.0900	-0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	-0.07	0.1490	-0.2170	0.1340	-0.1180	0.04	-0.1470	-0.05	-0.2660					
<i>y_Today</i>	0.7690	0.8231	1.0000	-0.1730	0.16	-0.09	0.11	0.11	-0.27	0.31	-0.15	0.18	-0.24	0.20	0.12	0.3560						
<i>Lag1</i>	-0.1730	0.09		1.0000	-0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.16	0.18	0.7280		-0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.2250						
<i>Lag2</i>	-0.16	0.07			1.0000	-0.12	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.12	0.5320	-0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.2570						
<i>Lag3</i>	-0.09	0.07				1.0000	-0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.3330	-0.1320	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.2320						
<i>Lag4</i>	-0.11	0.08					1.0000	-0.1700	0.1800			0.1700	-0.1800	0.05	0.05	-0.1670						
<i>Lag5</i>	-0.11	0.08						1.0000	-0.05	-0.05	-0.24	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.1770						
<i>P1</i>	0.05	0.05							1.0000	0.7020	0.05						0.1700					
<i>P2</i>	0.05	-0.07	0.04							0.7021	1.0000	0.2150						0.2640				
<i>P3</i>	-0.27	0.1400									-0.21	1.0000	0.0850	0.0860	0.04	-0.4210						
<i>P4</i>	0.31	0.17										0.08	1.0000	0.3600	0.3070	0.05	0.4600	0.2600	0.6740			
<i>P5</i>	0.159	0.135											0.3600	1.0000	0.4740	0.2940	0.4860	0.6660	0.3190			
<i>P6</i>	0.145	0.116												0.30	0.4740	1.0000	0.4600	0.7330	0.4420	0.2870		
<i>P7</i>	0.12	0.09												0.04	0.05	0.2840	0.4600	1.0000	0.2820	0.4840		
<i>P8</i>	0.242	0.147	0.04												0.4600	0.4960	0.7360	0.2820	1.0000	0.4560	0.4230	
<i>P9</i>	0.12	0.09	0.03													0.03	0.26	0.6660	0.4420	0.4840	0.4580	1.0000
<i>P10</i>	0.356	0.266															0.23	0.27	0.4230	0.23	1.0000	

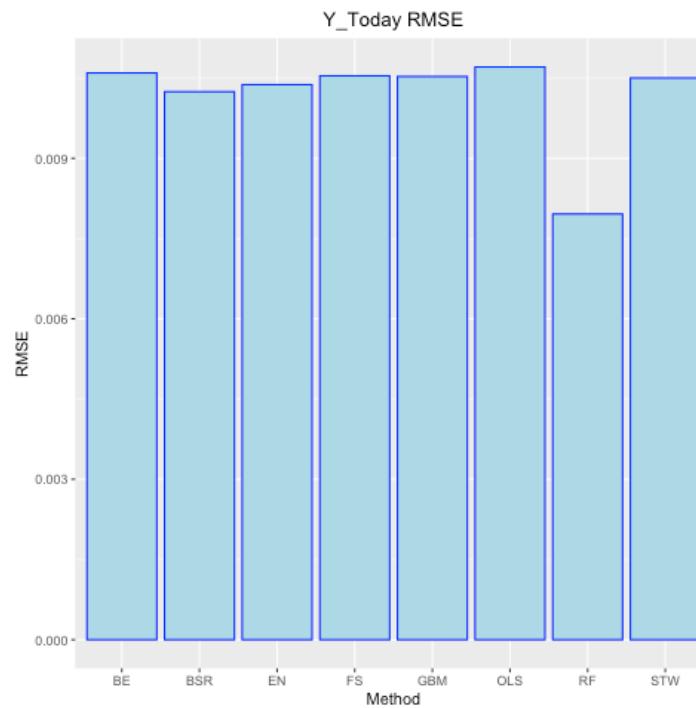
Correlation Matrix: VIXs



Bullet 2: Fit 4 different regression models on the 'y_Today' response variable and compare the resulting RMSE and MAE values on the test data set.

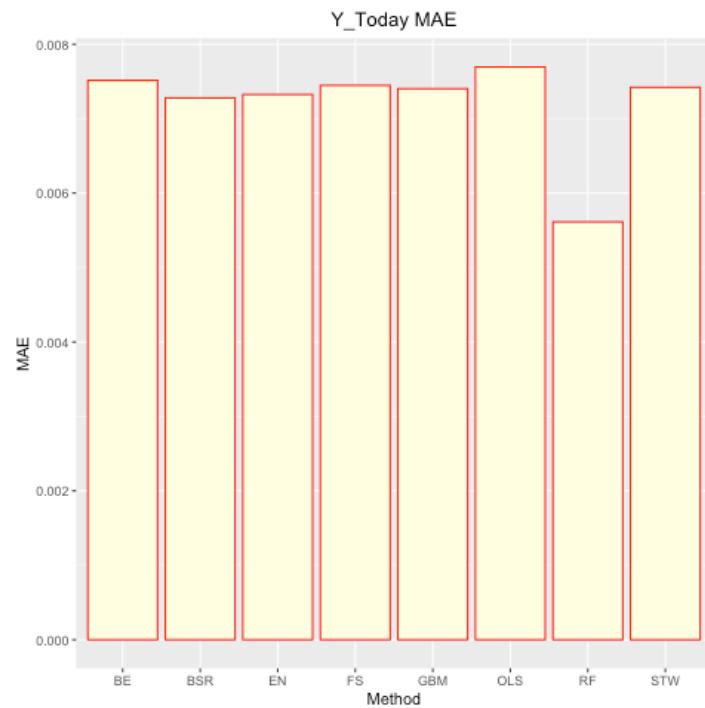
Y_Today RMSE

It can be concluded that the optimal method to produce the lowest Root Mean Square error is Random Forest. Using this method will provide us with the best quality of predictions.



y_Today MAE

It can be concluded that the optimal method to produce the lowest Mean Square Error is Random Forest. This information confirms that this method will provide us with the most accurate results.



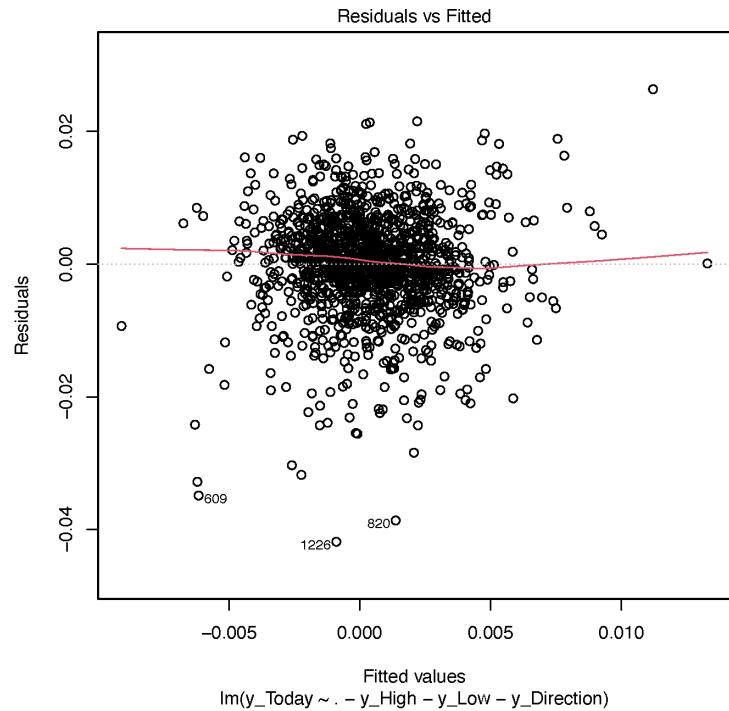
Methods Used

1. Min Square Root
2. Backward Elimination
3. Forward Selection
4. Stepwise
5. Random Forest
6. Gradient Boosting Method
7. Elastic Net
8. Best Subsets

Min Square Root

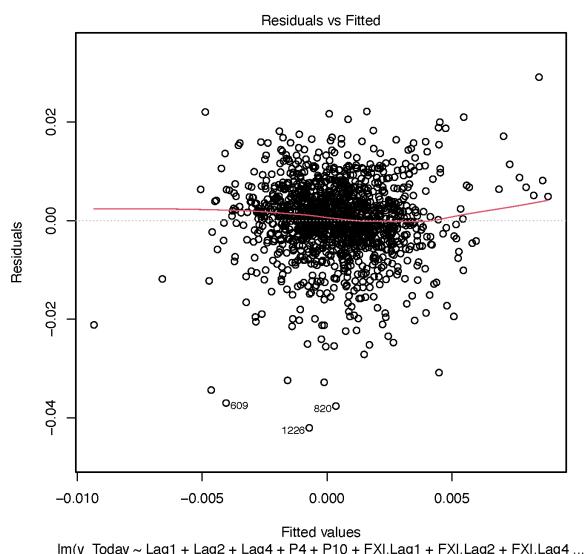
With this model, we can test the strength of the linear correlation. After analyzing the data, the R-Squared states that it has a low positive linear relationship due to its value being close to 0. As can be seen, the only predictor chosen in this instance is P10. Expanded table of predictors can be found within Appendix 1A.)

y_Today			
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.244
P10	-0.09	-0.26 – -0.07	0.263
Observations	259		
R ² / R ² adjusted	0.005 / 0.001		



Linear Regression Model: Backward Elimination

With certain variable selection procedures, only one independent variable is reviewed at a time as variables are eliminated in the process. As such, the regression equation provides us with an output that sits close to (0.00, 0.00) which tells us that there are most variables are correlated to the positive side of regression line, yet since the value is low, it is not strongly correlated. Based upon the adjusted R-Square, this model does not fit the data very well, but of the regression models, this is considered to be the best.



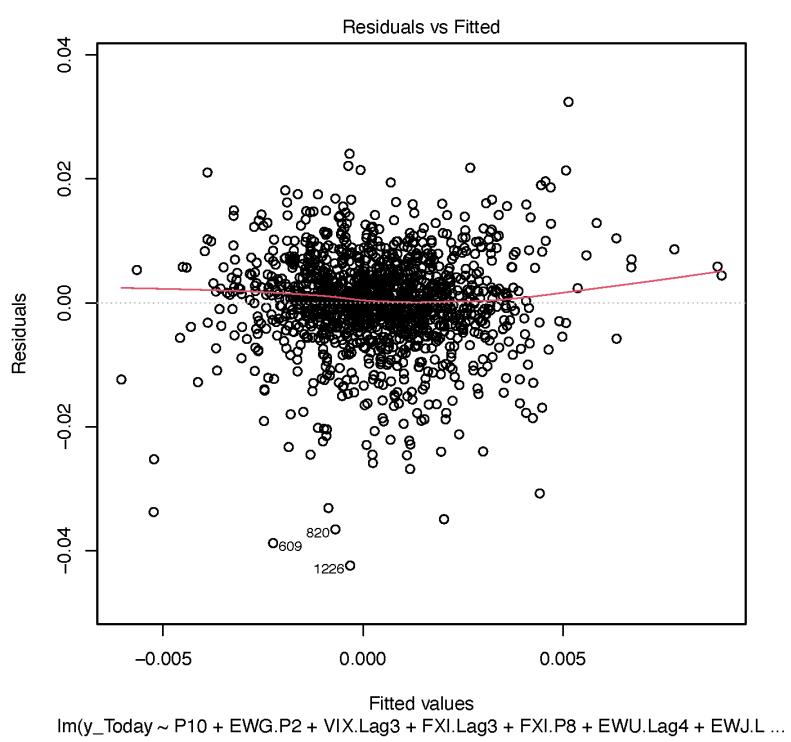
Predictors	Estimates	y_Today	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.813
Lag1	-0.17	-0.27 – -0.06	0.002
Lag2	-0.17	-0.26 – -0.07	0.001
Lag4	-0.07	-0.15 – -0.02	0.139
P4	-0.14	-0.32 – -0.03	0.11
P10	0.17	0.05 – 0.29	0.005
FXI Lag1	0.16	0.07 – 0.24	<0.001
FXI Lag2	0.11	0.04 – 0.17	0.003
FXI Lag4	0.04	0.00 – 0.09	0.047
FXI P3	-0.16	-0.26 – -0.07	0.001
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.003
EWU Lag1	0.18	0.05 – 0.30	0.006
EWU Lag3	0.07	-0.02 – 0.17	0.128
EWU Lag5	0.06	0.00 – 0.11	0.038
EWU P3	-0.12	-0.25 – -0.01	0.064
EWU P4	0.15	0.04 – 0.27	0.01
EWJ Lag3	0.04	-0.01 – 0.09	0.127
EWG Lag1	1.73	0.08 – 3.37	0.04
EWG Lag2	1.45	0.22 – 2.69	0.021
EWG Lag3	0.9	0.07 – 1.73	0.033
EWG Lag4	0.47	0.05 – 0.89	0.03
EWG P2	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.035
EWG P3	-2.23	-4.28 – -0.17	0.034
VIX Lag5	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.02
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.01	0.002
VIX P7	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.021
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.014

Observations 1400

R² / R²
adjusted 0.060 / 0.043

Linear Regression Model: Forward Selection

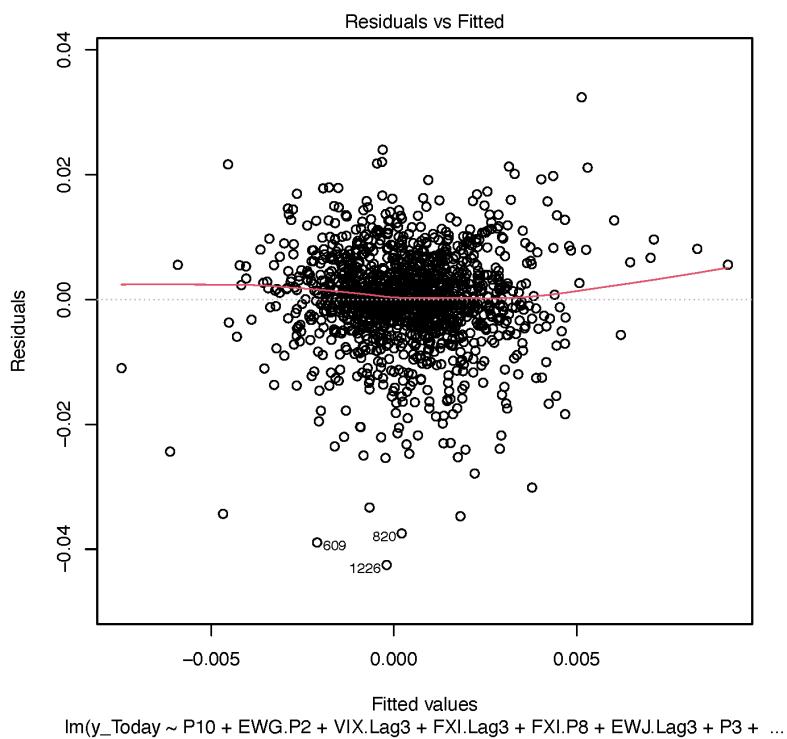
This model starts with no independent variables and slowly adds variables if a reduction in SEE can be found. As seen below, the regression is like that of Backward elimination as the regression line sits close to 0.00 with variables spread across the centre points. Based upon the adjusted R-Square, there is a weak positive linear relationship.



Predictors	Estimates	y_Today	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.256
P10	0.13	0.04 – 0.22	0.006
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.024
VIX Lag3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.006
FXI Lag3	-0.06	-0.09 – -0.02	0.003
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.002
EWU Lag4	-0.05	-0.10 – 0.01	0.089
EWJ Lag3	0.06	0.00 – 0.11	0.036
FXI Lag1	0.03	-0.01 – 0.06	0.174
P3	-0.22	-0.33 – -0.11	<0.001
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.004
EWG Lag2	0.10	0.03 – 0.16	0.003
EWU Lag1	0.10	0.02 – 0.17	0.013
VIX P7	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.007
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.017
EWJ Lag4	0.04	-0.01 – 0.09	0.113
EWU Lag2	-0.06	-0.13 – 0.01	0.087
EWG Lag1	-0.06	-0.12 – 0.01	0.099
Observations	1400		
R ² / R ² adjusted	0.052 / 0.041		

Linear Regression Model: Stepwise

In this model, starting with no variables, variables are added and certain variables may be deleted. The majority of the spread sits in between both the positive and negative sides of the regression line. According to the R-Squared, this is a weak positive correlation.



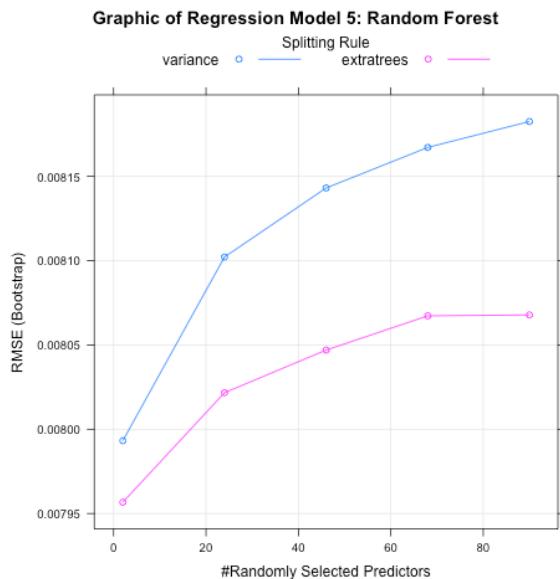
Predictors	y_Today		
	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.222
P10	0.13	0.04 – 0.22	0.005
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.024
VIX Lag3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.004
FXI Lag3	-0.06	-0.09 – -0.02	0.002
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.001
EWJ Lag3	0.05	-0.00 – 0.10	0.057
P3	-0.22	-0.32 – -0.11	<0.001
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.004
EWG Lag2	0.09	0.03 – 0.16	0.005
EWU Lag1	0.11	0.04 – 0.19	0.002
VIX P7	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.007
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.017
EWU Lag2	-0.06	-0.13 – -0.01	0.096
EWG Lag1	-0.05	-0.12 – -0.02	0.140

Observations 1400

R² / R² adjusted 0.049 / 0.039

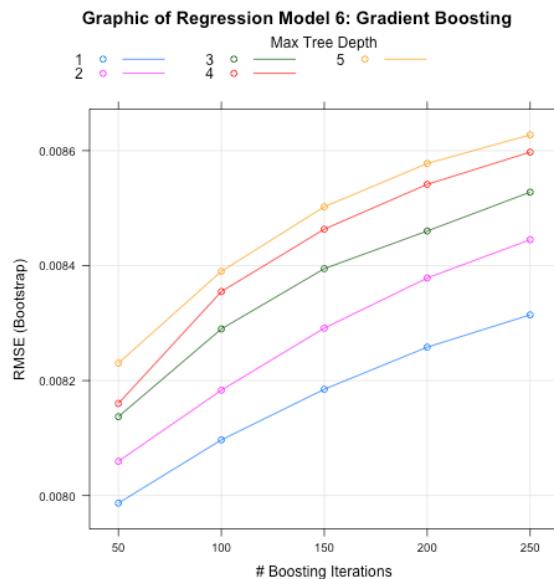
Random Forest

This model is based on decision trees, where variables are split by minimizing RSS. As seen below, the relationship between predictors and response is relatively linear with the RMSE being rather high as the amount of predictors increases.



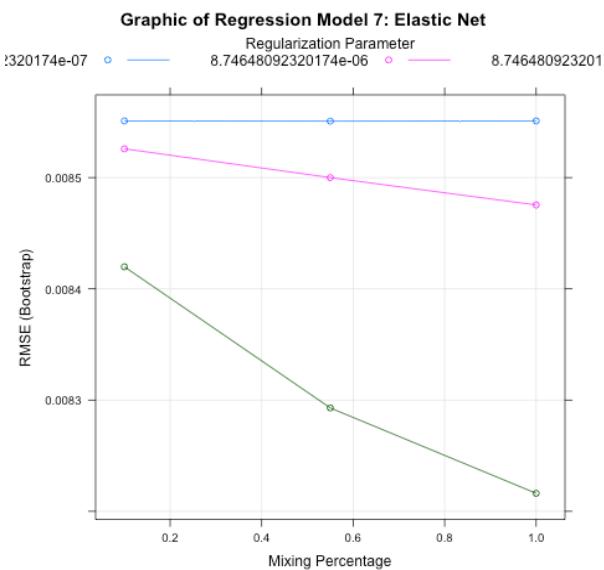
Gradient Boosting Method

In this model, weak variables are strengthened by combining to strong variables. The best possible outcome sits above 0.0086, which indicates this has the highest probability.



Elastic Net

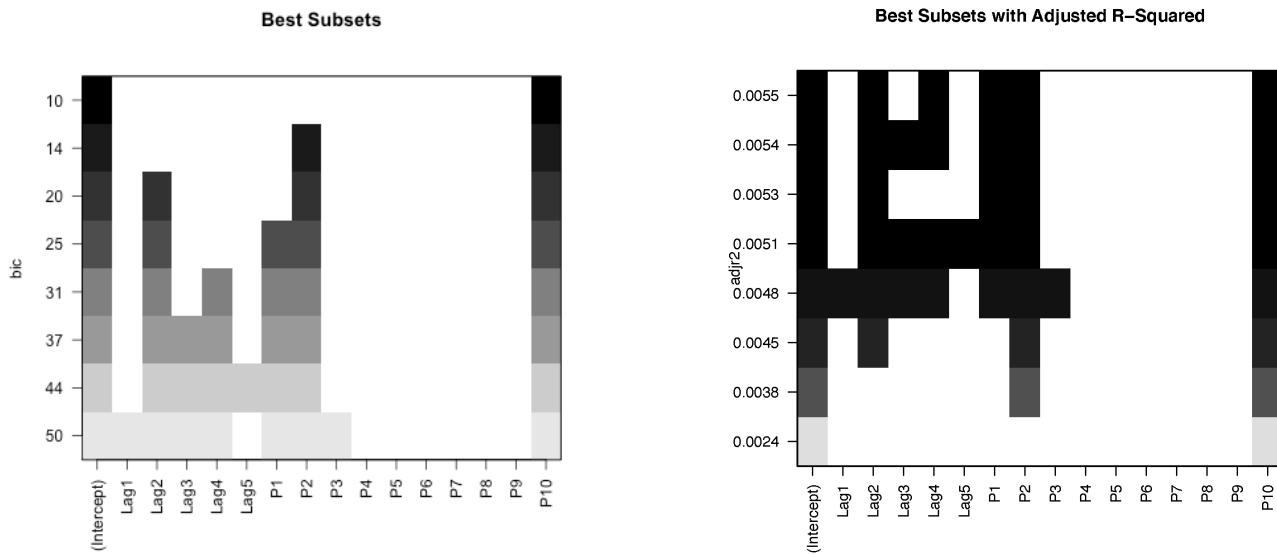
This model focuses on minimizing beta, where variable selection is automated by combining the ridge and lasso methods. We have the mixing percentage with RMSE scores with high values of the regularization parameters.



Best Subset

This model analyses different subsets of independent variables, which helps guarantee the best model will be found. In the data provided below, the chosen variables in the subset is P10, but when we use an adjusted R-Square, the variables increase to Lag2, Lag4, P1, P2, and finally P10.

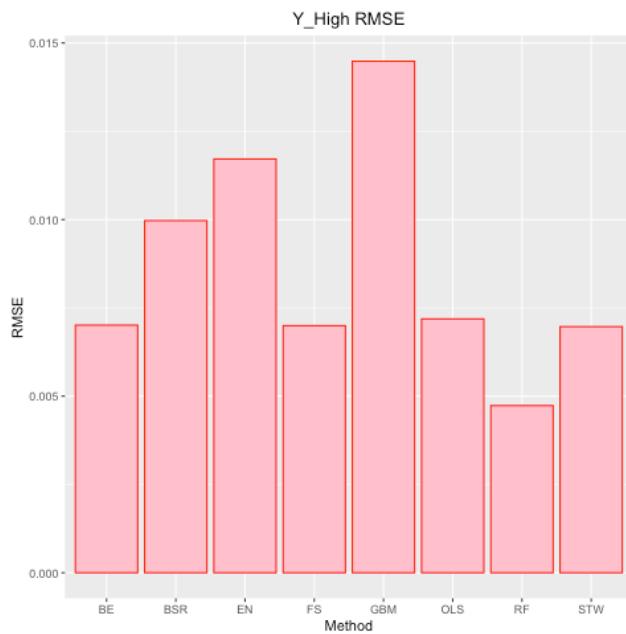
y_Today			
<i>Predictors</i>	<i>Estimates</i>	<i>CI</i>	<i>p</i>
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.244
P10	-0.09	-0.26 – -0.07	0.263
Observations	259		
R^2 / R^2 adjusted	0.005 / 0.001		



Bullet 3: Fit 4 regression models on both the 'y_High' and 'y_Low' response variables and compare the resulting RMSE and MAE values on the test data set.

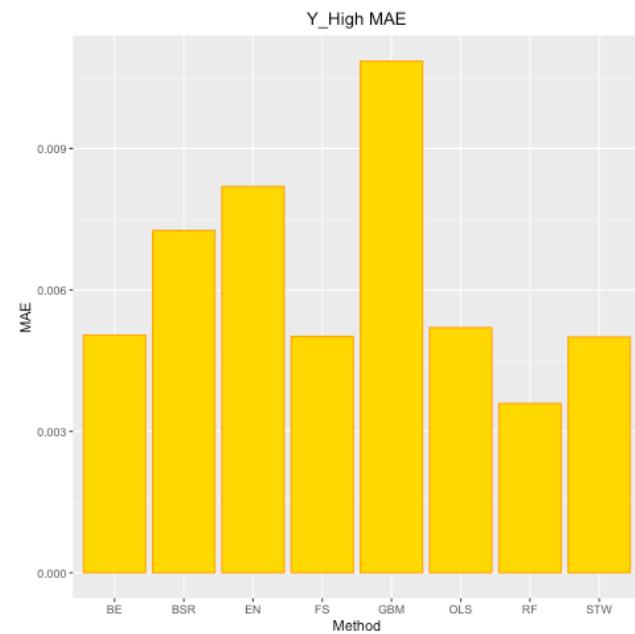
y_High RMSE

Within the graph below, it is determined that Random Forest will provide the optimal method to obtain a low RMSE.



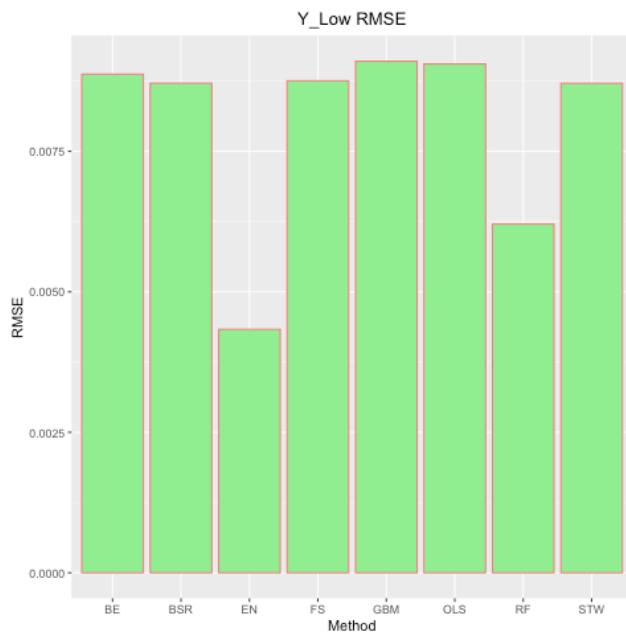
y_High MAE

As can be seen below, the method that would provide the most accurate results would be Random Forest.



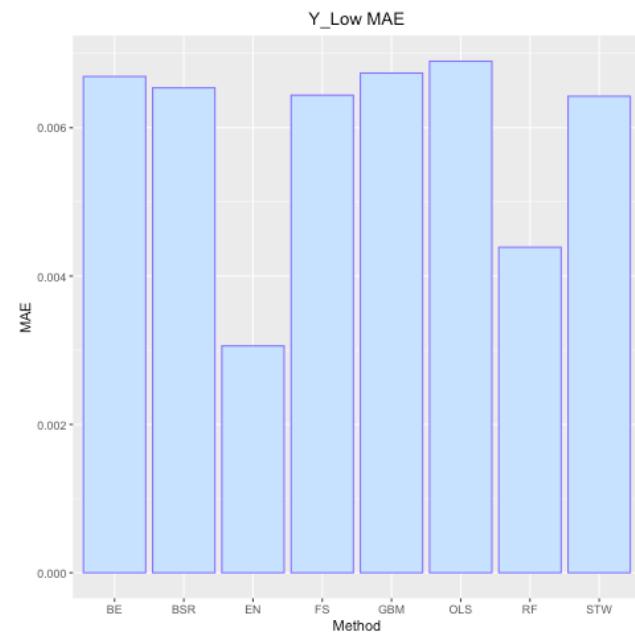
y_Low RMSE

As per the graph below, for y_Low, Elastic Net would provide with the lowest RMSE.



y_Low MAE

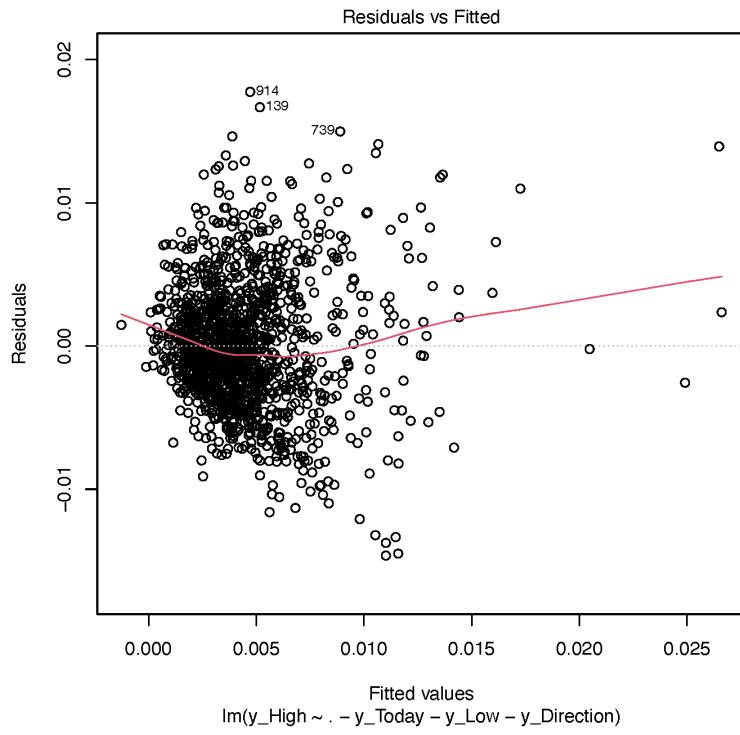
As the graph depicts, the Elastic Net method would provide the most accurate results.



Methods used for y High Response Variable

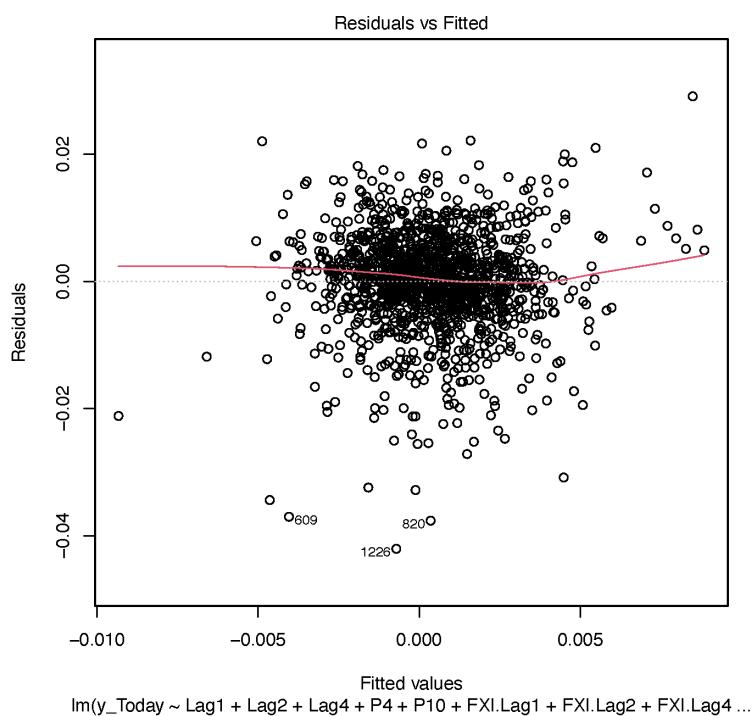
Min Square Root

After analyzing the data, the R-Squared states that it has a low linear correlation due to its value being close to 0, with an r-squared of .0271. It could be considered to have close to no linear correlation, but in comparison to y_Today, this has the higher correlation. (Expanded predictors listed in Appendix 2A)



Linear Regression Model: Backward Elimination

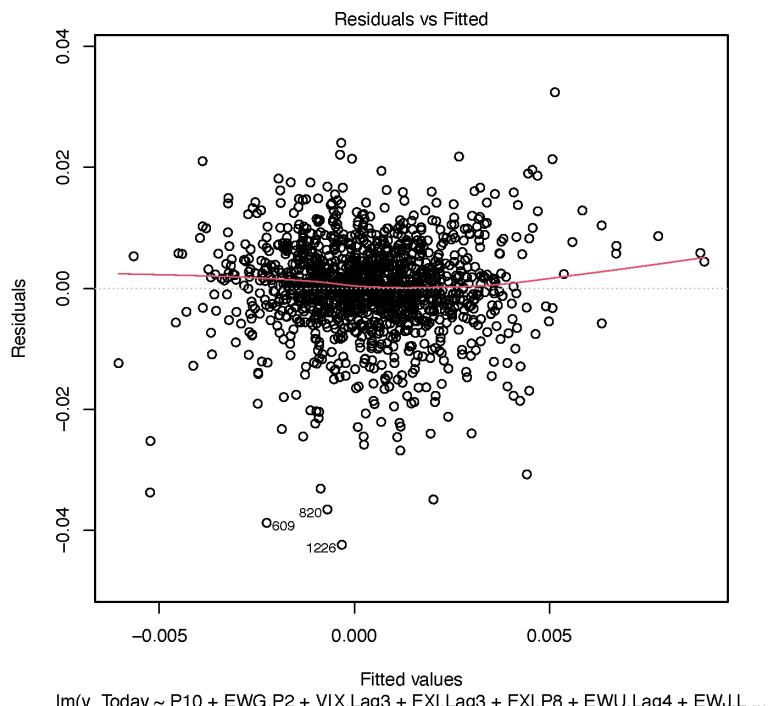
As such, the regression equation provides us with an output that sits close to (0.00, 0.00) which tells us that there are most variables are strongly correlated to the positive side of regression line. Its R-Squared is .255, while positive, would only be considered weak, since it does not pass the 0.5 threshold. This has a lower correlation than Backward Elimination.



Predictors	Estimates	y_High	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	0.00 – 0.00	0.002
Lag1	-2.48	-4.86 – -0.10	0.041
Lag2	-1.9	-3.69 – -0.11	0.037
Lag3	-1.16	-2.35 – 0.03	0.056
Lag4	-0.63	-1.22 – -0.04	0.038
Lag5	-0.09	-0.13 – -0.04	0.001
P3	2.87	-0.10 – 5.85	0.059
P8	-0.03	-0.06 – 0.00	0.068
P10	0.13	0.04 – 0.21	0.005
FXI Lag3	-0.03	-0.06 – -0.01	0.003
FXI P4	0.07	0.02 – 0.12	0.003
FXI P8	-0.02	-0.03 – -0.01	0.005
EWU Lag2	-0.08	-0.13 – -0.02	0.006
EWU Lag4	-0.03	-0.08 – 0.01	0.138
EWU Lag5	0.05	0.01 – 0.09	0.006
EWU P3	0.1	0.05 – 0.15	<0.001
EWU P8	0.03	0.01 – 0.05	0.006
EWU P10	0.08	0.00 – 0.16	0.048
EWJ P8	0.02	-0.01 – 0.04	0.145
EWJ P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.012
EWG Lag1	1.12	0.22 – 2.03	0.015
EWG Lag2	0.94	0.26 – 1.62	0.007
EWG Lag3	0.55	0.10 – 1.01	0.017
EWG Lag4	0.29	0.06 – 0.52	0.014
EWG P2	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.009
EWG P3	-1.45	-2.58 – -0.32	0.012
EWG P5	-0.24	-0.38 – -0.11	<0.001
EWG P7	-0.02	-0.03 – -0.00	0.009
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.01 – -0.00	0.022
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.01	<0.001
VIX P9	0	0.00 – 0.01	0.036
Observations			1400
R ² / R ² adjusted		0.255 / 0.239	

Linear Regression Model: Forward Selection

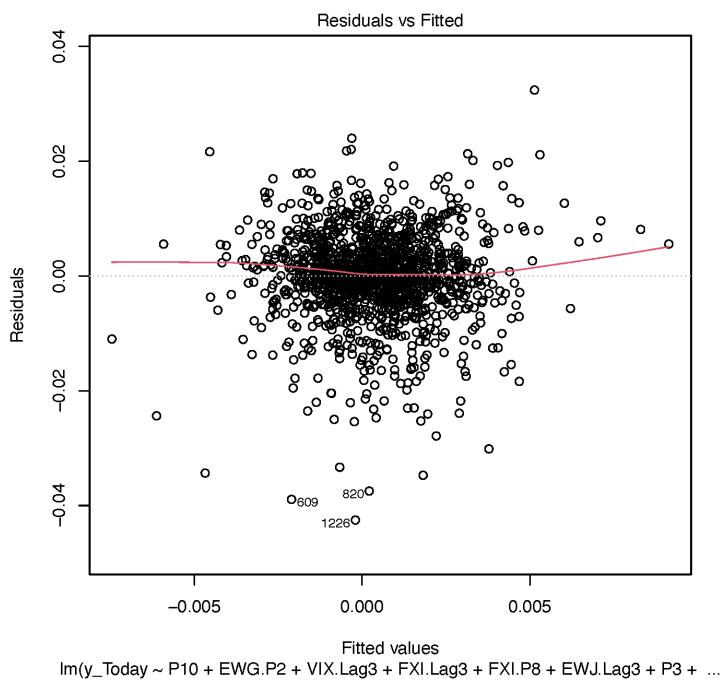
As seen below, the regression is like that of Backward elimination as the regression line sits close to 0.00 with variables spread across the line leaning towards the negative side of the plot. Per the R Squared, this model provides us with a weak positive correlation.



y_High			
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	0	0.00 – 0.00	0.014
P10	0.14	0.06 – 0.23	0.001
P3	-0.26	-0.32 – -0.19	<0.001
VIX P8	0.01	0.01 – 0.02	<0.001
P4	0.08	-0.00 – 0.17	0.063
EWU P3	-0.02	-0.07 – 0.04	0.531
EWG P2	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.005
EWU Lag4	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.02	0.625
VIX Lag5	0	-0.00 – 0.01	0.329
EWJ P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.007
VIX Lag3	0	-0.01 – 0.00	0.437
FXI Lag3	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.00	0.017
EWG P5	-0.15	-0.27 – -0.04	0.009
EWU P10	0.07	-0.01 – 0.15	0.088
EWG P6	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.014
EWU P8	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.074
EWG Lag5	0.04	0.01 – 0.07	0.014
Lag5	-0.05	-0.11 – 0.01	0.123
Lag3	0.09	0.03 – 0.16	0.005
VIX P3	0	-0.01 – 0.00	0.138
EWG Lag2	0.06	0.03 – 0.10	<0.001
EWU Lag1	0.09	0.04 – 0.15	<0.001
Observations	1400		
R ² / R ² adjusted	0.245 / 0.234		

Linear Regression Mode: Stepwise

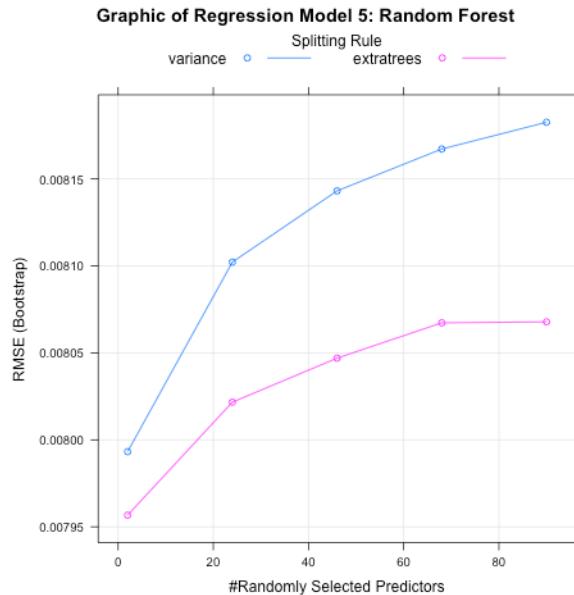
The majority of the spread sits in between both the positive and negative sides of the regression line. This is the weakest of the three regression models presented and would be considered to have a weak positive correlation.



Predictors	Estimates	y_High	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	0.00 – 0.00	0.01
P10	0.14	0.05 – 0.22	0.001
P3	-0.27	-0.33 – -0.21	<0.001
VIX P8	0.01	0.01 – 0.01	<0.001
P4	0.09	0.00 – 0.18	0.044
EWG P2	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.005
EWJ P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.008
FXI Lag3	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.012
EWG P5	-0.16	-0.27 – -0.04	0.006
EWU P10	0.08	-0.00 – 0.16	0.063
EWG P6	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.014
EWU P8	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.061
EWG Lag5	0.04	0.01 – 0.07	0.017
Lag5	-0.07	-0.12 – -0.02	0.003
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.01 – 0.00	0.055
Lag3	0.11	0.06 – 0.15	<0.001
EWG Lag2	0.06	0.03 – 0.08	<0.001
EWU Lag1	0.08	0.05 – 0.11	<0.001
Observations	1400		
R ² / R ² adjusted	0.244 / 0.234		

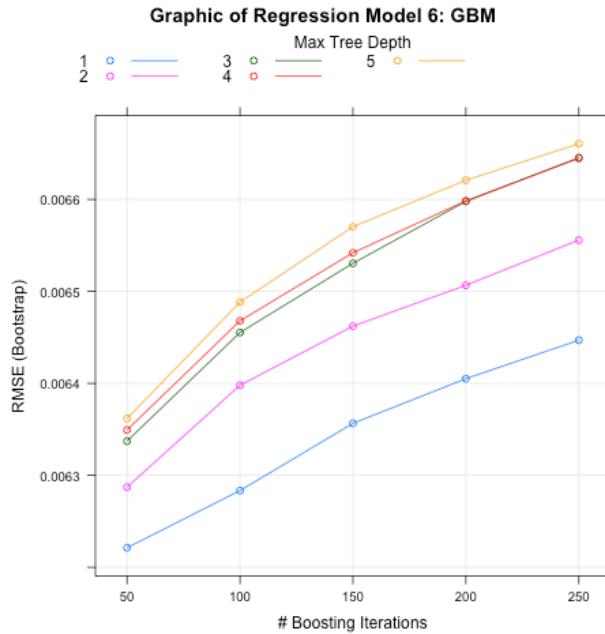
Random Forest

As seen below, the relationship between predictors and response is relatively linear with variances tree having a higher RMSE. This leads us to consider that we have a high accuracy.



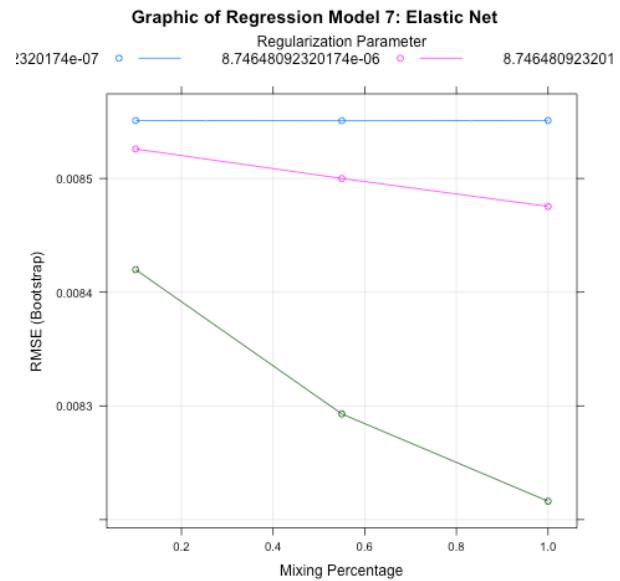
Gradient Boosting Method

The best possible outcome sits above 0.0086, which is amongst our highest predictabilities.



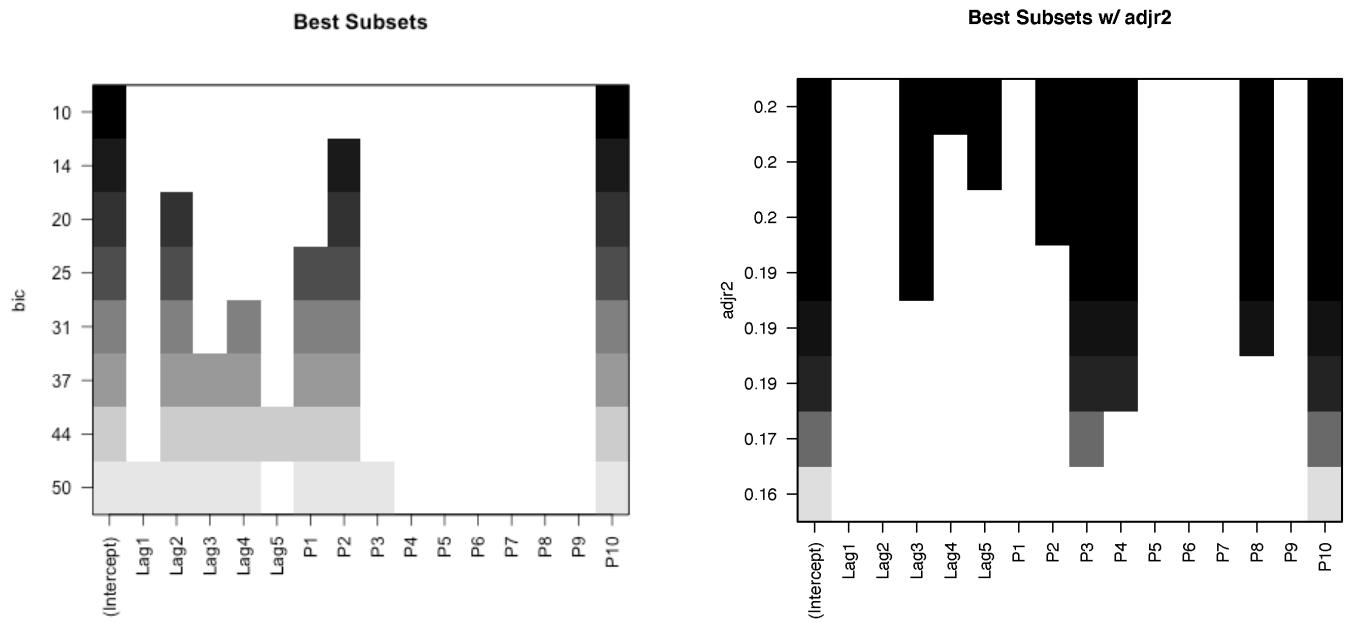
Elastic Net

We have the mixing percentage with RMSE scores with high values of the regularization parameters. In comparison with other models, this produces the lowest probabilities at 0.0085.



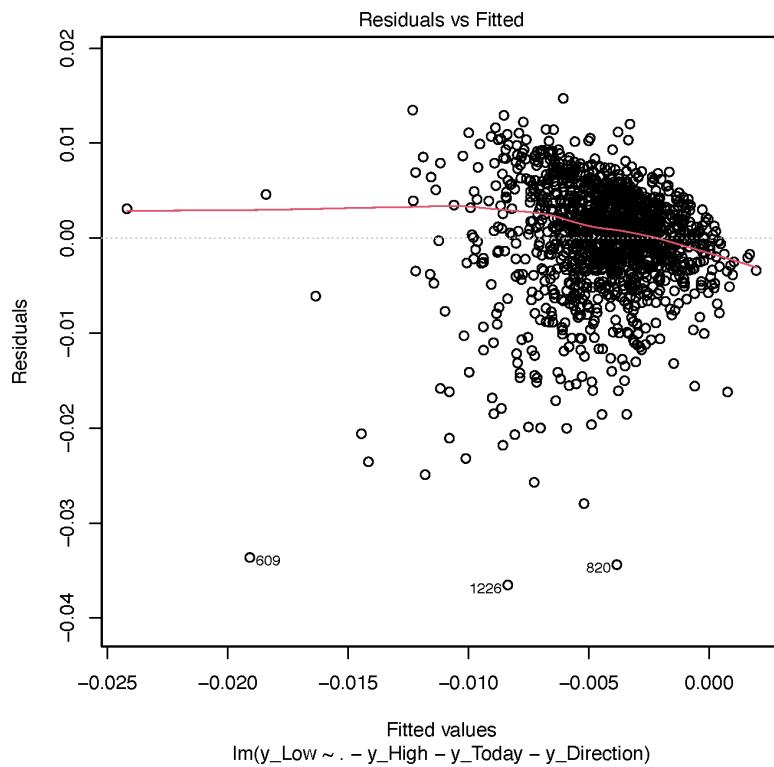
Best Subset

In the data provided below, the best variables to include is P10, but using adjusted R Squared the variables grow to include Lag3, Lag4, Lag5, P2, P3, P4, P8, and P10.



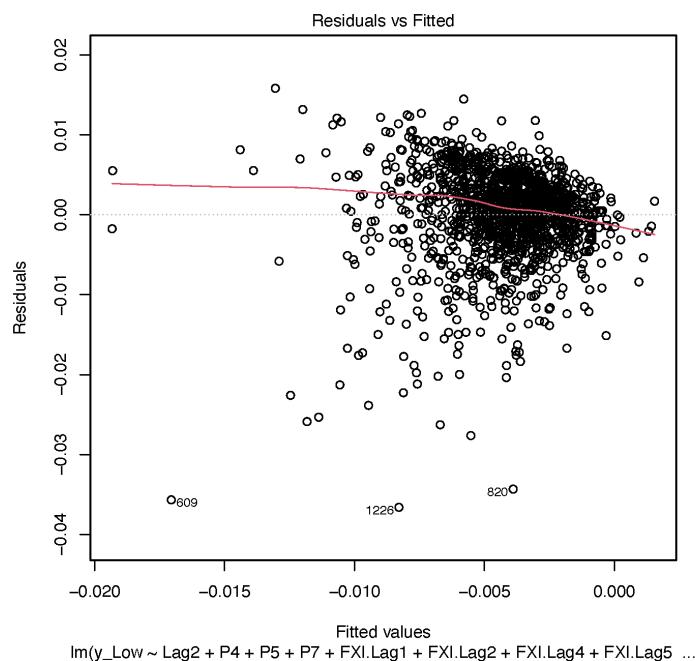
Min Square Root

After analyzing the data, the R-Squared states that it has a low linear correlation due to its value being close to 0. It could be considered to have close to no linear correlation. In comparison to y_Today and y_High, this has the lowest correlation. (Expanded predictor calculations in Appendix 3A).



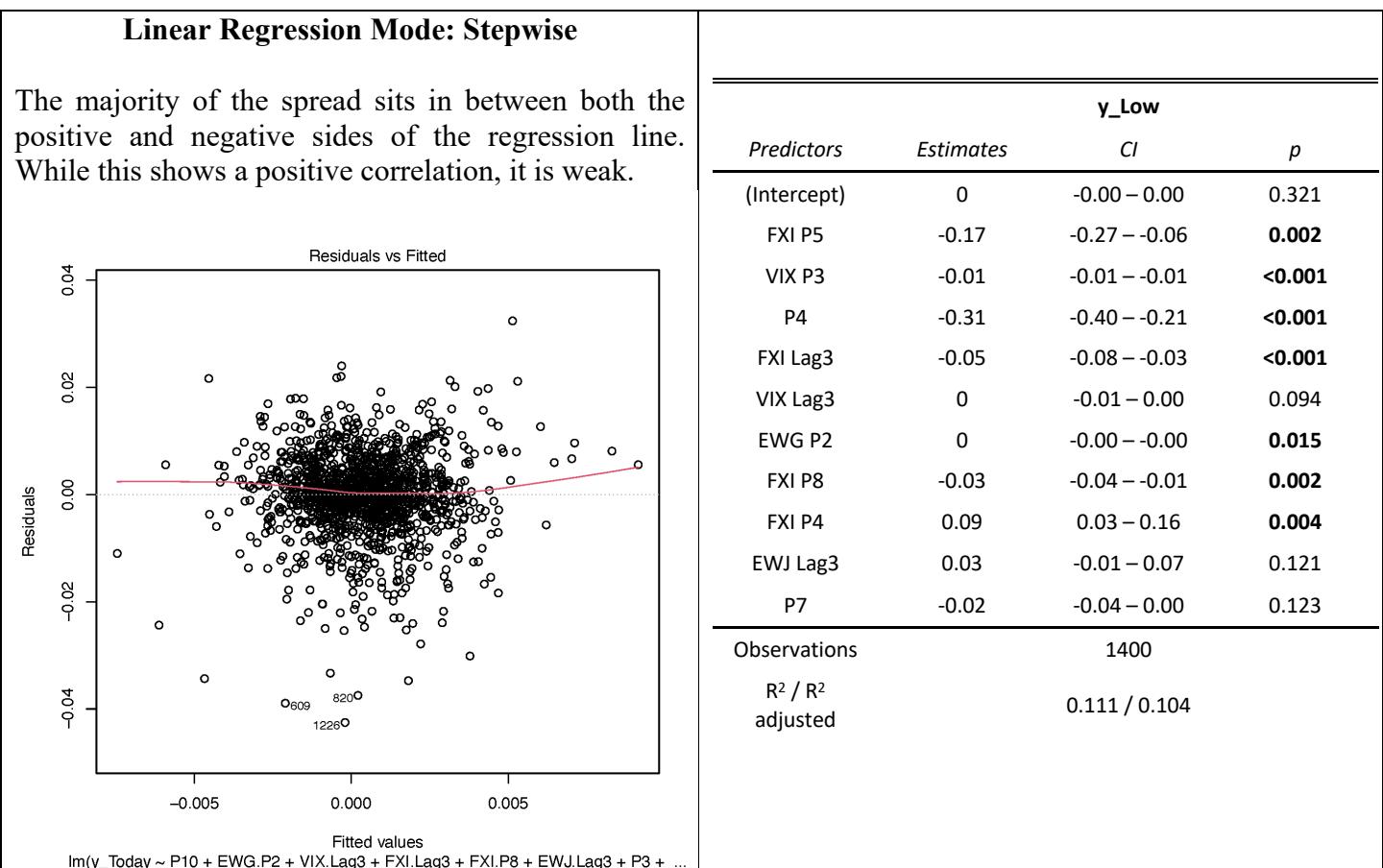
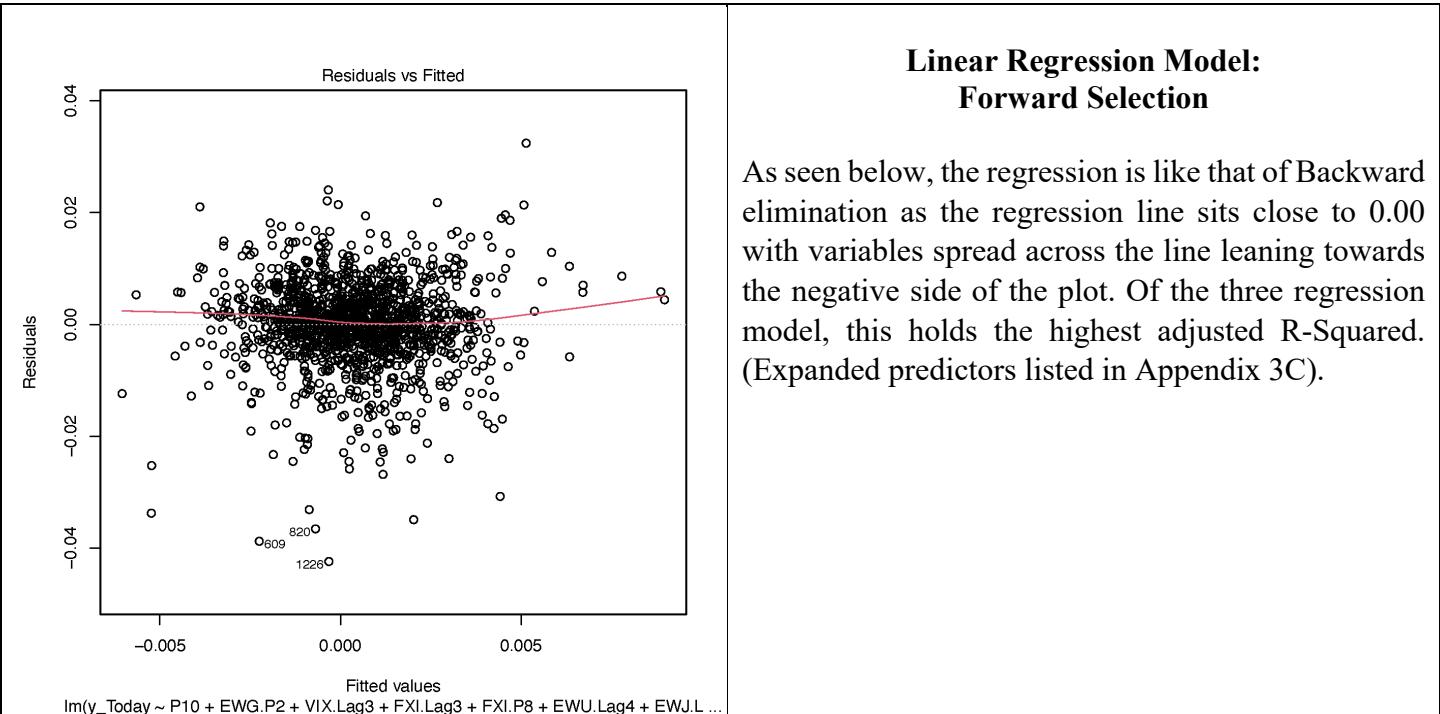
Linear Regression Model: Backward Elimination

The majority of the fitted values trend towards the negative end, but the R-Square states that there is a weak positive correlation.



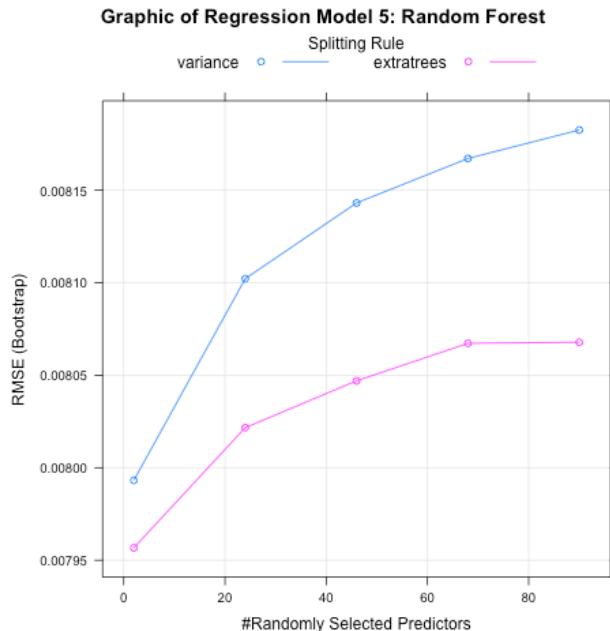
`lm(y_Low ~ Lag2 + P4 + P5 + P7 + FXI.Lag1 + FXI.Lag2 + FXI.Lag4 + FXI.Lag5 ...`

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.777
Lag2	-0.1	-0.18 – -0.02	0.019
P4	-0.31	-0.43 – -0.18	<0.001
P5	-0.59	-1.00 – -0.18	0.004
P7	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.00	0.078
FXI Lag1	0.09	0.03 – 0.15	0.004
FXI Lag2	0.08	0.03 – 0.13	0.002
FXI Lag4	0.02	-0.01 – 0.04	0.157
FXI Lag5	0.02	-0.00 – 0.05	0.069
FXI P3	-0.12	-0.18 – -0.05	<0.001
FXI P4	0.08	0.02 – 0.15	0.013
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.04 – -0.01	0.005
EWU Lag1	0.05	0.00 – 0.10	0.037
EWU P4	0.07	-0.01 – 0.15	0.102
EWU P8	0.02	-0.01 – 0.05	0.147
EWJ Lag1	-0.08	-0.16 – -0.00	0.041
EWJ Lag2	-0.06	-0.12 – -0.01	0.079
EWJ P3	0.07	-0.01 – 0.16	0.099
EWJ P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.125
EWG Lag2	0.04	-0.00 – 0.09	0.067
EWG P1	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.038
EWG P8	-0.02	-0.05 – -0.01	0.111
EWG P9	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.00	0.136
EWG P10	-0.07	-0.15 – -0.02	0.114
VIX Lag1	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.026
VIX Lag5	0	-0.00 – -0.01	0.067
VIX P3	-0.02	-0.03 – -0.01	<0.001
VIX P7	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.058
VIX P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.009
VIX P10	0.01	-0.00 – -0.01	0.06
Observations			1400
R ² / R ² adjusted			0.129 / 0.111



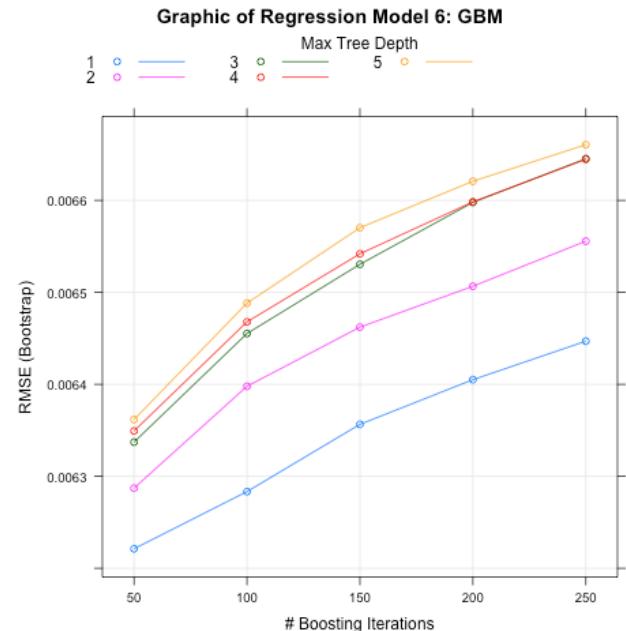
Random Forest

In comparison to y_Today and y_High, the variance for y_Low only rises to just above 0.00815. This is significantly lower than 0.0085.



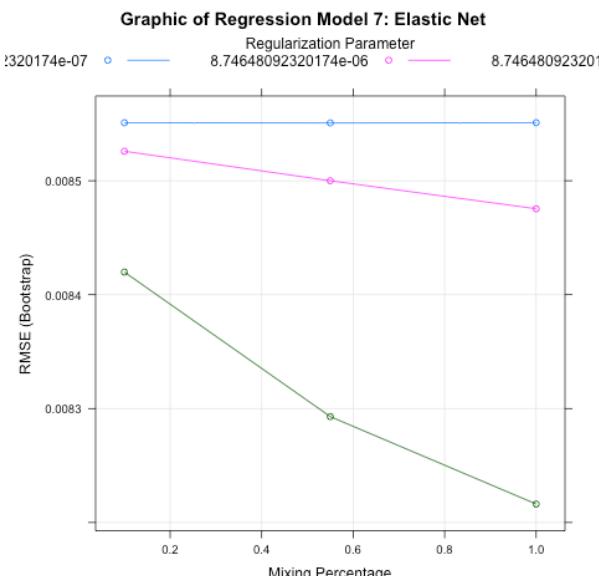
Gradient Boosting Method

In relation to y_Today and y_Low, this method provides the best outcomes with the max probability sitting higher than 0.0066.



Elastic Net

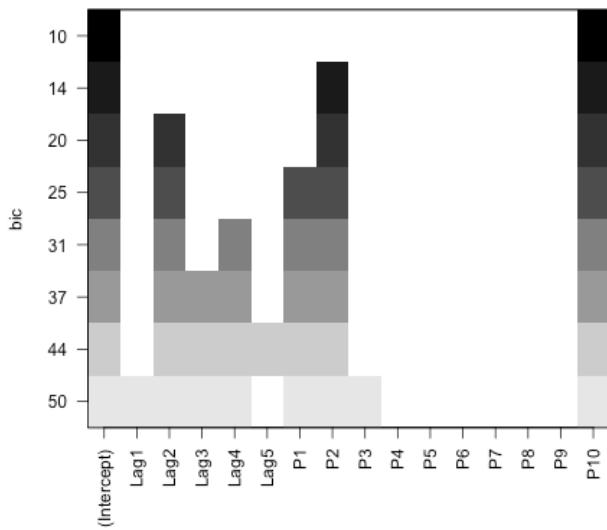
Of the three methods outside of the regression models, this model produces the highest results, which sit above 0.0087. Due to the nature of the model, this model is considered to be the best for y_Low, which is starkly different from y_Today and y_High, which used Random Forest to produce the highest results.



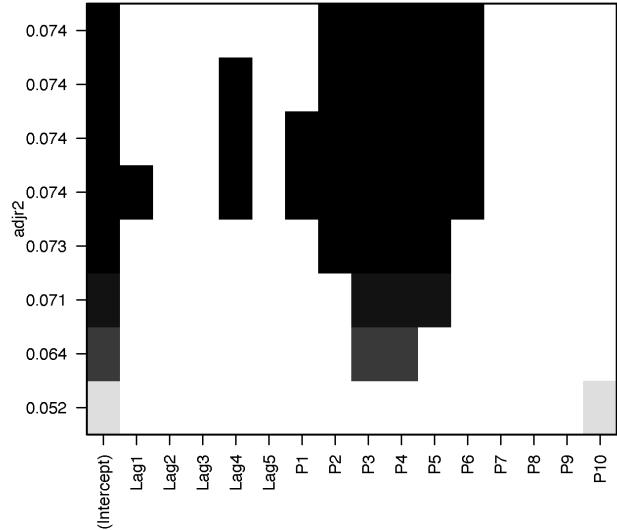
Best Subset

Within the base Best Subsets model, the best variable is P10, but when R Squares are adjusted, the new variables become P2, P3, P3, P4, P5, & P6.

Best Subsets



Best Subsets w/ adjr2



Conclusion:

In conclusion, the dataset provided offered a good opportunity to predict the next day's performance using variables built from the S&P 500. Since the S&P 500 is the most common benchmark, this was the optimal choice for prediction. The dataset provided three response variables, (y_Today, y_High, y_Low), which represents the current day's percentage movement in terms of regular, high, and low increase, respectively. Fifteen feature variables were provided to compare against. The data was first analyzed with a correlation matrix, to give a picture of which feature variables were most correlated to the response variable of y_Today.

Within this report, a total of eight methods that were used to predict the next day's performance instead of the required four, in tandem with a combination of features, provided within the case, interactions, and transformations. Four additional methods were chosen due to the variable selection procedures (Stepwise, Forward Selection, and Backward Elimination) did not provide strong nor accurate results. This can be attributed due to the model being iterative, meaning one independent variable at a time is added or deleted. The addition of these method offered the best results; as for y_Today and y_High the best method is random forest and for y_Low the best method is elastic net. The results are determined by the Root Mean Square Error and the Mean Absolute Error as these two outputs determine the accuracy of the methods. The methods with the lowest error are the optimal choice. While the methods used produced fruitful results and had its potential maximized, there are certain aspects that could be expanded on further.

A potential way to build upon this is to adjust the feature variables and explore more models. For example, it would interesting to include more time periods, such as volume and price gain over the 30 day period and the price ranges for more than just the previous day. The prominent change would be to use more ETFs, including more countries would offer a better picture, a rather worldly view. This would certainly increase the number of observations, but the results would be more accurate. As for the model exploration, there are of course more methods that could be used, such as the KNN method could be used since it can handle many levels of qualitative responses, but this is primarily used for classification and not regression as this report is based upon.

Appendix

Appendix 1: Methods for (y_Today) w/o Interactions

1A: Min Square Root

y_Today							
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p				
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.01	0.393	FXI P5	-0.05	-0.49 – 0.38	0.807
Lag1	-2.93	-9.26 – 3.40	0.365	FXI P6	0.00	-0.03 – 0.03	0.884
Lag2	-2.27	-7.03 – 2.50	0.351	FXI P7	-0.00	-0.02 – 0.02	0.944
Lag3	-1.41	-4.57 – 1.76	0.383	FXI P8	-0.03	-0.06 – 0.01	0.114
Lag4	-0.75	-2.34 – 0.83	0.351	FXI P9	-0.00	-0.03 – 0.02	0.906
Lag5	-0.06	-0.19 – 0.07	0.344	FXI P10	-0.04	-0.17 – 0.08	0.503
P1	0.00	-0.00 – 0.01	0.207	EWU Lag1	0.69	-1.64 – 3.02	0.562
P2	-0.01	-0.01 – 0.00	0.066	EWU Lag2	0.39	-1.36 – 2.14	0.659
P3	3.46	-4.48 – 11.40	0.393	EWU Lag3	0.33	-0.84 – 1.51	0.580
P4	-0.30	-0.56 – -0.03	0.029	EWU Lag4	0.10	-0.50 – 0.69	0.748
P5	-0.67	-1.74 – 0.39	0.215	EWU Lag5	0.06	-0.02 – 0.14	0.147
P6	0.04	-0.05 – 0.13	0.384	EWU P1	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.603
P7	-0.04	-0.09 – 0.02	0.227	EWU P2	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.734
P8	-0.02	-0.09 – 0.05	0.513	EWU P3	-0.76	-3.69 – 2.18	0.613
P9	0.02	-0.02 – 0.07	0.332	EWU P4	0.10	-0.09 – 0.28	0.314
P10	0.20	-0.00 – 0.41	0.051	EWU P5	0.27	-0.21 – 0.75	0.267
FXI Lag1	0.78	-0.61 – 2.17	0.273	EWU P6	-0.03	-0.09 – 0.04	0.381
FXI Lag2	0.57	-0.47 – 1.61	0.285	EWU P7	-0.02	-0.07 – 0.03	0.431
FXI Lag3	0.31	-0.39 – 1.00	0.384	EWU P8	0.05	-0.01 – 0.10	0.115
FXI Lag4	0.20	-0.15 – 0.54	0.268	EWU P9	0.00	-0.06 – 0.06	0.959
FXI Lag5	0.01	-0.03 – 0.05	0.729	EWU P10	-0.01	-0.20 – 0.18	0.918
FXI P1	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.405	EWJ Lag1	1.22	-1.75 – 4.20	0.419
FXI P2	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.313	EWJ Lag2	0.92	-1.31 – 3.15	0.417
FXI P3	-0.94	-2.67 – 0.80	0.291	EWJ Lag3	0.66	-0.82 – 2.15	0.382
FXI P4	0.08	-0.03 – 0.18	0.177	EWJ Lag4	0.35	-0.40 – 1.09	0.361
				EWJ Lag5	0.01	-0.05 – 0.07	0.707
				EWJ P1	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.879
				EWJ P2	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.409
				EWJ P3	-1.56	-5.28 – 2.16	0.410
				EWJ P4	0.03	-0.13 – 0.18	0.718
				EWJ P5	0.10	-0.25 – 0.45	0.582

EWJ P6	-0.01	-0.06 – 0.04	0.727	VIX P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.079
EWJ P7	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.03	0.783	VIX P10	0.00	-0.01 – 0.01	0.872
EWJ P8	0.02	-0.03 – 0.07	0.441	Observations	1400		
EWJ P9	0.04	-0.01 – 0.08	0.109	R ² / R ² adjusted	0.082 / 0.020		
EWJ P10	0.05	-0.14 – 0.24	0.620				
EWG Lag1	1.21	-1.98 – 4.39	0.457				
EWG Lag2	1.07	-1.32 – 3.46	0.382				
EWG Lag3	0.63	-0.96 – 2.23	0.438				
EWG Lag4	0.35	-0.44 – 1.15	0.384				
EWG Lag5	0.02	-0.06 – 0.09	0.672				
EWG P1	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.352				
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.216				
EWG P3	-1.57	-5.55 – 2.41	0.438				
EWG P4	0.09	-0.09 – 0.26	0.323				
EWG P5	-0.49	-1.27 – 0.30	0.222				
EWG P6	-0.01	-0.07 – 0.05	0.769				
EWG P7	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.03	0.617				
EWG P8	-0.02	-0.07 – 0.03	0.493				
EWG P9	-0.02	-0.07 – 0.02	0.353				
EWG P10	-0.03	-0.19 – 0.13	0.714				
VIX Lag1	0.00	-0.05 – 0.05	0.981				
VIX Lag2	-0.00	-0.04 – 0.03	0.898				
VIX Lag3	-0.00	-0.03 – 0.02	0.719				
VIX Lag4	0.00	-0.01 – 0.02	0.760				
VIX Lag5	0.01	-0.00 – 0.02	0.264				
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.07 – 0.04	0.628				
VIX P4	0.00	-0.02 – 0.02	0.736				
VIX P5	0.02	-0.07 – 0.10	0.677	Observations	1400		
VIX P6	-0.00	-0.01 – 0.00	0.733	R ² / R ² adjusted	0.060 / 0.043		
VIX P7	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.397				
VIX P8	0.01	-0.00 – 0.02	0.175				

1B: Backward Elimination

Predictors	Estimates	y_Today	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.813
Lag1	-0.17	-0.27 – -0.06	0.002
Lag2	-0.17	-0.26 – -0.07	0.001
Lag4	-0.07	-0.15 – 0.02	0.139
P4	-0.14	-0.32 – 0.03	0.11
P10	0.17	0.05 – 0.29	0.005
FXI Lag1	0.16	0.07 – 0.24	< 0.001
FXI Lag2	0.11	0.04 – 0.17	0.003
FXI Lag4	0.04	0.00 – 0.09	0.047
FXI P3	-0.16	-0.26 – -0.07	0.001
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.003
EWU Lag1	0.18	0.05 – 0.30	0.006
EWU Lag3	0.07	-0.02 – 0.17	0.128
EWU Lag5	0.06	0.00 – 0.11	0.038
EWU P3	-0.12	-0.25 – 0.01	0.064
EWU P4	0.15	0.04 – 0.27	0.01
EWJ Lag3	0.04	-0.01 – 0.09	0.127
EWG Lag1	1.73	0.08 – 3.37	0.04
EWG Lag2	1.45	0.22 – 2.69	0.021
EWG Lag3	0.9	0.07 – 1.73	0.033
EWG Lag4	0.47	0.05 – 0.89	0.03
EWG P2	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.035
EWG P3	-2.23	-4.28 – -0.17	0.034
VIX Lag5	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.02
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.01	0.002
VIX P7	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.021
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.014

1C: Forward Selection

y_Today				EWJ Lag3	0.05	-0.00 – -0.10	0.057				
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p	P3	-0.22	-0.32 – -0.11	<0.001				
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.256	VIX P3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.004				
P10	0.13	0.04 – 0.22	0.006	EWG Lag2	0.09	0.03 – 0.16	0.005				
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.024	EWU Lag1	0.11	0.04 – 0.19	0.002				
VIX Lag3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.006	VIX P7	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.007				
FXI Lag3	-0.06	-0.09 – -0.02	0.003	VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.017				
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.002	EWU Lag2	-0.06	-0.13 – 0.01	0.096				
EWU Lag4	-0.05	-0.10 – 0.01	0.089	EWG Lag1	-0.05	-0.12 – 0.02	0.140				
EWJ Lag3	0.06	0.00 – 0.11	0.036								
FXI Lag1	0.03	-0.01 – 0.06	0.174								
P3	-0.22	-0.33 – -0.11	<0.001								
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.004								
EWG Lag2	0.10	0.03 – 0.16	0.003								
EWU Lag1	0.10	0.02 – 0.17	0.013								
VIX P7	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.007								
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.017								
EWJ Lag4	0.04	-0.01 – 0.09	0.113								
EWU Lag2	-0.06	-0.13 – 0.01	0.087								
EWG Lag1	-0.06	-0.12 – 0.01	0.099								
Observations	1400										
R ² / R ² adjusted	0.052 / 0.041										

1D: Stepwise

y_Today			
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.222
P10	0.13	0.04 – 0.22	0.005
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.024
VIX Lag3	-0.01	-0.02 – -0.00	0.004
FXI Lag3	-0.06	-0.09 – -0.02	0.002
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.05 – -0.01	0.001

Appendix 2: Methods for y_High w/ Interactions

2A: Min Square Root

y_High				FXI P8	-0.02	-0.04 – -0.00	0.045
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p	FXI P9	0.00	-0.01 – 0.02	0.906
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.479	FXI P10	0.00	-0.07 – 0.08	0.955
Lag1	-2.41	-6.13 – 1.31	0.205	EWU Lag1	-0.28	-1.65 – 1.09	0.687
Lag2	-1.84	-4.64 – 0.96	0.198	EWU Lag2	-0.29	-1.32 – 0.74	0.583
Lag3	-1.14	-3.00 – 0.72	0.229	EWU Lag3	-0.17	-0.86 – 0.52	0.634
Lag4	-0.60	-1.53 – 0.33	0.205	EWU Lag4	-0.11	-0.45 – 0.24	0.550
Lag5	-0.06	-0.14 – 0.01	0.085	EWU Lag5	0.04	-0.01 – 0.09	0.110
P1	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.348	EWU P1	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.375
P2	-0.00	-0.01 – 0.00	0.264	EWU P2	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.786
P3	2.79	-1.87 – 7.46	0.240	EWU P3	0.46	-1.26 – 2.19	0.597
P4	-0.00	-0.16 – 0.15	0.951	EWU P4	0.01	-0.10 – 0.12	0.802
P5	-0.27	-0.90 – 0.35	0.395	EWU P5	0.01	-0.27 – 0.29	0.937
P6	-0.02	-0.08 – 0.03	0.376	EWU P6	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.03	0.643
P7	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.02	0.586	EWU P7	0.01	-0.02 – 0.04	0.488
P8	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.03	0.518	EWU P8	0.03	0.00 – 0.07	0.049
P9	0.01	-0.02 – 0.03	0.619	EWU P9	0.02	-0.01 – 0.05	0.275
P10	0.09	-0.03 – 0.21	0.156	EWU P10	0.04	-0.07 – 0.16	0.445
FXI Lag1	-0.56	-1.38 – 0.25	0.178	EWJ Lag1	1.24	-0.50 – 2.99	0.162
FXI Lag2	-0.43	-1.04 – 0.18	0.168	EWJ Lag2	0.93	-0.38 – 2.24	0.164
FXI Lag3	-0.31	-0.72 – 0.09	0.132	EWJ Lag3	0.64	-0.23 – 1.51	0.149
FXI Lag4	-0.15	-0.35 – 0.06	0.164	EWJ Lag4	0.32	-0.11 – 0.76	0.147
FXI Lag5	0.00	-0.02 – 0.03	0.799	EWJ Lag5	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.02	0.371
FXI P1	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.858	EWJ P1	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.626
FXI P2	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.494	EWJ P2	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.189
FXI P3	0.69	-0.33 – 1.71	0.182	EWJ P3	-1.57	-3.76 – 0.61	0.159
FXI P4	0.03	-0.04 – 0.09	0.398	EWJ P4	0.02	-0.07 – 0.11	0.690
FXI P5	0.09	-0.17 – 0.34	0.489	EWJ P5	0.04	-0.17 – 0.24	0.739
FXI P6	0.01	-0.01 – 0.03	0.425	EWJ P6	-0.00	-0.03 – 0.03	0.832
FXI P7	-0.01	-0.02 – 0.01	0.296	EWJ P7	0.01	-0.01 – 0.03	0.314
				EWJ P8	0.02	-0.01 – 0.05	0.170

EWJ P9	0.02	-0.01 – 0.04	0.204
EWJ P10	0.04	-0.07 – 0.15	0.508
EWG Lag1	1.30	-0.57 – 3.18	0.172
EWG Lag2	1.08	-0.32 – 2.49	0.130
EWG Lag3	0.66	-0.28 – 1.59	0.169
EWG Lag4	0.34	-0.13 – 0.81	0.161
EWG Lag5	0.03	-0.02 – 0.07	0.205
EWG P1	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.704
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.057
EWG P3	-1.67	-4.01 – 0.67	0.162
EWG P4	0.04	-0.06 – 0.14	0.472
EWG P5	-0.42	-0.88 – 0.04	0.072
EWG P6	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.03	0.629
EWG P7	-0.02	-0.05 – -0.00	0.040
EWG P8	-0.00	-0.03 – 0.03	0.815
EWG P9	-0.00	-0.03 – 0.02	0.778
EWG P10	0.02	-0.07 – 0.12	0.667
VIX Lag1	0.00	-0.02 – 0.03	0.835
VIX Lag2	0.00	-0.02 – 0.02	0.793
VIX Lag3	0.00	-0.01 – 0.01	0.998
VIX Lag4	0.00	-0.01 – 0.01	0.663
VIX Lag5	0.00	-0.00 – 0.01	0.358
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.02	0.614
VIX P4	0.00	-0.01 – 0.01	0.824
VIX P5	0.02	-0.03 – 0.07	0.451
VIX P6	-0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.413
VIX P7	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.545
VIX P8	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.006
VIX P9	0.01	-0.01 – 0.02	0.326
VIX P10	0.00	-0.00 – 0.01	0.618

2B: Backward Elimination

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.777
Lag2	-0.1	-0.18 – -0.02	0.019
P4	-0.31	-0.43 – -0.18	<0.001
P5	-0.59	-1.00 – -0.18	0.004
P7	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.00	0.078
FXI Lag1	0.09	0.03 – 0.15	0.004
FXI Lag2	0.08	0.03 – 0.13	0.002
FXI Lag4	0.02	-0.01 – 0.04	0.157
FXI Lag5	0.02	-0.00 – 0.05	0.069
FXI P3	-0.12	-0.18 – -0.05	<0.001
FXI P4	0.08	0.02 – 0.15	0.013
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.04 – -0.01	0.005
EWU Lag1	0.05	0.00 – 0.10	0.037
EWU P4	0.07	-0.01 – 0.15	0.102
EWU P8	0.02	-0.01 – 0.05	0.147
EWJ Lag1	-0.08	-0.16 – -0.00	0.041
EWJ Lag2	-0.06	-0.12 – 0.01	0.079
EWJ P3	0.07	-0.01 – 0.16	0.099
EWJ P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.125
EWG Lag2	0.04	-0.00 – 0.09	0.067
EWG P1	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.038
EWG P8	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.01	0.111
EWG P9	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.00	0.136
EWG P10	-0.07	-0.15 – 0.02	0.114
VIX Lag1	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.026
VIX Lag5	0	-0.00 – 0.01	0.067
VIX P3	-0.02	-0.03 – -0.01	<0.001
VIX P7	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.058
VIX P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.009
VIX P10	0.01	-0.00 – 0.01	0.06

Observations 1400

R² / R² adjusted 0.129 / 0.111

2C: Forward Selection

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.01	0.686

Lag1	-3.47	-8.35 – 1.41	0.163	EWU P8	0.04	-0.01 – 0.08	0.103
Lag2	-2.65	-6.32 – 1.02	0.157	EWU P9	-0.02	-0.07 – 0.02	0.329
Lag3	-1.76	-4.20 – 0.67	0.156	EWU P10	0.01	-0.14 – 0.16	0.93
Lag4	-0.83	-2.05 – 0.39	0.18	EWJ Lag1	-0.92	-3.21 – 1.37	0.431
Lag5	0.03	-0.07 – 0.13	0.533	EWJ Lag2	-0.69	-2.40 – 1.03	0.433
P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.192	EWJ Lag3	-0.42	-1.57 – 0.72	0.468
P2	0	-0.01 – -0.00	0.027	EWJ Lag4	-0.21	-0.78 – 0.36	0.468
P3	4.31	-1.80 – 10.43	0.167	EWJ Lag5	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.04	0.809
P4	-0.41	-0.62 – -0.20	<0.001	EWJ P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.901
P5	-0.74	-1.56 – 0.08	0.076	EWJ P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.601
P6	0.02	-0.05 – 0.09	0.623	EWJ P3	1.12	-1.74 – 3.99	0.442
P7	-0.03	-0.07 – 0.02	0.208	EWJ P4	-0.05	-0.17 – 0.07	0.379
P8	0	-0.05 – 0.06	0.947	EWJ P5	0.23	-0.05 – 0.50	0.102
P9	0.01	-0.02 – 0.04	0.546	EWJ P6	0.01	-0.03 – 0.05	0.663
P10	0.07	-0.09 – 0.23	0.382	EWJ P7	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.02	0.511
FXI Lag1	0.41	-0.66 – 1.48	0.454	EWJ P8	0	-0.04 – 0.04	0.934
FXI Lag2	0.32	-0.48 – 1.12	0.43	EWJ P9	0.03	-0.01 – 0.06	0.147
FXI Lag3	0.16	-0.38 – 0.69	0.561	EWJ P10	-0.05	-0.19 – 0.10	0.518
FXI Lag4	0.11	-0.16 – 0.37	0.441	EWG Lag1	1	-1.45 – 3.46	0.423
FXI Lag5	0.03	-0.01 – 0.06	0.119	EWG Lag2	0.83	-1.02 – 2.67	0.379
FXI P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.719	EWG Lag3	0.52	-0.71 – 1.75	0.409
FXI P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.387	EWG Lag4	0.28	-0.34 – 0.89	0.38
FXI P3	-0.51	-1.85 – 0.83	0.453	EWG Lag5	-0.01	-0.07 – 0.04	0.695
FXI P4	0.11	0.02 – 0.19	0.014	EWG P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.286
FXI P5	-0.06	-0.39 – 0.28	0.747	EWG P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.261
FXI P6	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.02	0.508	EWG P3	-1.28	-4.35 – 1.78	0.412
FXI P7	0	-0.01 – 0.02	0.863	EWG P4	0.05	-0.09 – 0.18	0.486
FXI P8	-0.02	-0.04 – 0.01	0.183	EWG P5	-0.27	-0.88 – 0.33	0.378
FXI P9	0	-0.03 – 0.02	0.634	EWG P6	0.01	-0.03 – 0.06	0.598
FXI P10	-0.04	-0.14 – 0.06	0.448	EWG P7	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.02	0.58
EWU Lag1	0.04	-1.75 – 1.84	0.961	EWG P8	-0.04	-0.08 – 0.00	0.066
EWU Lag2	-0.05	-1.40 – 1.29	0.937	EWG P10	-0.06	-0.18 – 0.07	0.38
EWU Lag3	0.02	-0.89 – 0.92	0.966	VIX Lag1	0.04	-0.00 – 0.07	0.051
EWU Lag4	-0.02	-0.48 – 0.44	0.924	VIX Lag2	0.02	-0.00 – 0.05	0.076
EWU Lag5	0.01	-0.05 – 0.08	0.657	VIX Lag3	0.01	-0.01 – 0.03	0.223
EWU P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.531	VIX Lag4	0.01	-0.00 – 0.02	0.061
EWU P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.209	VIX Lag5	0.01	-0.00 – 0.01	0.102
EWU P3	0.02	-2.23 – 2.28	0.983	VIX P3	-0.05	-0.10 – -0.01	0.013
EWU P4	0.08	-0.07 – 0.22	0.307	VIX P4	0.01	-0.01 – 0.03	0.226
EWU P5	0.24	-0.14 – 0.61	0.213	VIX P5	0.02	-0.04 – 0.08	0.54
EWU P6	-0.04	-0.09 – 0.01	0.116	VIX P6	0	-0.01 – 0.00	0.573
EWU P7	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.03	0.512	VIX P7	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.225

VIX P8	0.01	-0.01 – 0.02	0.353
VIX P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.03	0.076
VIX P10	0.01	-0.00 – 0.02	0.057
Observations			1400
R^2 / R^2 adjusted			0.151 / 0.094

2D: Stepwise

<i>Predictors</i>	<i>Estimates</i>	y_Low	
		<i>CI</i>	<i>p</i>
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.321
FXI P5	-0.17	-0.27 – -0.06	0.002
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.01 – -0.01	<0.001
P4	-0.31	-0.40 – -0.21	<0.001
FXI Lag3	-0.05	-0.08 – -0.03	<0.001
VIX Lag3	0	-0.01 – 0.00	0.094
EWG P2	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.015
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.04 – -0.01	0.002
FXI P4	0.09	0.03 – 0.16	0.004
EWJ Lag3	0.03	-0.01 – 0.07	0.121
P7	-0.02	-0.04 – 0.00	0.123
Observations			1400
R^2 / R^2 adjusted			0.111 / 0.104

Appendix 3: Methods for y_Low w/ Interactions

3A: Min Square Root

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low		
		CI	p	
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.777	
Lag2	-0.1	-0.18 – -0.02	0.019	
P4	-0.31	-0.43 – -0.18	<0.001	
P5	-0.59	-1.00 – -0.18	0.004	
P7	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.00	0.078	
FXI Lag1	0.09	0.03 – 0.15	0.004	
FXI Lag2	0.08	0.03 – 0.13	0.002	
FXI Lag4	0.02	-0.01 – 0.04	0.157	
FXI Lag5	0.02	-0.00 – 0.05	0.069	
FXI P3	-0.12	-0.18 – -0.05	<0.001	
FXI P4	0.08	0.02 – 0.15	0.013	
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.04 – -0.01	0.005	
EWU Lag1	0.05	0.00 – 0.10	0.037	
EWU P4	0.07	-0.01 – 0.15	0.102	
EWU P8	0.02	-0.01 – 0.05	0.147	
EWJ Lag1	-0.08	-0.16 – -0.00	0.041	
EWJ Lag2	-0.06	-0.12 – 0.01	0.079	
EWJ P3	0.07	-0.01 – 0.16	0.099	
EWJ P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.125	
EWG Lag2	0.04	-0.00 – 0.09	0.067	
EWG P1	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.038	
EWG P8	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.01	0.111	
EWG P9	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.00	0.136	
EWG P10	-0.07	-0.15 – 0.02	0.114	
VIX Lag1	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.026	
VIX Lag5	0	-0.00 – 0.01	0.067	
VIX P3	-0.02	-0.03 – -0.01	<0.001	
VIX P7	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.058	
VIX P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.009	
VIX P10	0.01	-0.00 – 0.01	0.06	

Observations 1400

R² / R² adjusted 0.129 / 0.111

3B: Backward Elimination

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.777
Lag2	-0.1	-0.18 – -0.02	0.019
P4	-0.31	-0.43 – -0.18	<0.001
P5	-0.59	-1.00 – -0.18	0.004
P7	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.00	0.078
FXI Lag1	0.09	0.03 – 0.15	0.004
FXI Lag2	0.08	0.03 – 0.13	0.002
FXI Lag4	0.02	-0.01 – 0.04	0.157
FXI Lag5	0.02	-0.00 – 0.05	0.069
FXI P3	-0.12	-0.18 – -0.05	<0.001
FXI P4	0.08	0.02 – 0.15	0.013
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.04 – -0.01	0.005
EWU Lag1	0.05	0.00 – 0.10	0.037
EWU P4	0.07	-0.01 – 0.15	0.102
EWU P8	0.02	-0.01 – 0.05	0.147
EWJ Lag1	-0.08	-0.16 – -0.00	0.041
EWJ Lag2	-0.06	-0.12 – 0.01	0.079
EWJ P3	0.07	-0.01 – 0.16	0.099
EWJ P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.04	0.125
EWG Lag2	0.04	-0.00 – 0.09	0.067
EWG P1	0	-0.00 – -0.00	0.038
EWG P8	-0.02	-0.05 – 0.01	0.111
EWG P9	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.00	0.136
EWG P10	-0.07	-0.15 – 0.02	0.114
VIX Lag1	0.01	0.00 – 0.02	0.026
VIX Lag5	0	-0.00 – 0.01	0.067
VIX P3	-0.02	-0.03 – -0.01	<0.001
VIX P7	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.058
VIX P9	0.02	0.00 – 0.03	0.009
VIX P10	0.01	-0.00 – 0.01	0.06

3C: Forward Selection

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0	-0.00 – 0.01	0.686
Lag1	-3.47	-8.35 – 1.41	0.163
Lag2	-2.65	-6.32 – 1.02	0.157
Lag3	-1.76	-4.20 – 0.67	0.156

Lag4	-0.83	-2.05 – 0.39	0.18	EWJ Lag2	-0.69	-2.40 – 1.03	0.433
Lag5	0.03	-0.07 – 0.13	0.533	EWJ Lag3	-0.42	-1.57 – 0.72	0.468
P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.192	EWJ Lag4	-0.21	-0.78 – 0.36	0.468
P2	0	-0.01 – 0.00	0.027	EWJ Lag5	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.04	0.809
P3	4.31	-1.80 – 10.43	0.167	EWJ P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.901
P4	-0.41	-0.62 – 0.20	< 0.001	EWJ P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.601
P5	-0.74	-1.56 – 0.08	0.076	EWJ P3	1.12	-1.74 – 3.99	0.442
P6	0.02	-0.05 – 0.09	0.623	EWJ P4	-0.05	-0.17 – 0.07	0.379
P7	-0.03	-0.07 – 0.02	0.208	EWJ P5	0.23	-0.05 – 0.50	0.102
P8	0	-0.05 – 0.06	0.947	EWJ P6	0.01	-0.03 – 0.05	0.663
P9	0.01	-0.02 – 0.04	0.546	EWJ P7	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.02	0.511
P10	0.07	-0.09 – 0.23	0.382	EWJ P8	0	-0.04 – 0.04	0.934
FXI Lag1	0.41	-0.66 – 1.48	0.454	EWJ P9	0.03	-0.01 – 0.06	0.147
FXI Lag2	0.32	-0.48 – 1.12	0.43	EWJ P10	-0.05	-0.19 – 0.10	0.518
FXI Lag3	0.16	-0.38 – 0.69	0.561	EWG Lag1	1	-1.45 – 3.46	0.423
FXI Lag4	0.11	-0.16 – 0.37	0.441	EWG Lag2	0.83	-1.02 – 2.67	0.379
FXI Lag5	0.03	-0.01 – 0.06	0.119	EWG Lag3	0.52	-0.71 – 1.75	0.409
FXI P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.719	EWG Lag4	0.28	-0.34 – 0.89	0.38
FXI P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.387	EWG Lag5	-0.01	-0.07 – 0.04	0.695
FXI P3	-0.51	-1.85 – 0.83	0.453	EWG P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.286
FXI P4	0.11	0.02 – 0.19	0.014	EWG P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.261
FXI P5	-0.06	-0.39 – 0.28	0.747	EWG P3	-1.28	-4.35 – 1.78	0.412
FXI P6	-0.01	-0.03 – 0.02	0.508	EWG P4	0.05	-0.09 – 0.18	0.486
FXI P7	0	-0.01 – 0.02	0.863	EWG P5	-0.27	-0.88 – 0.33	0.378
FXI P8	-0.02	-0.04 – 0.01	0.183	EWG P6	0.01	-0.03 – 0.06	0.598
FXI P9	0	-0.03 – 0.02	0.634	EWG P7	-0.01	-0.04 – 0.02	0.58
FXI P10	-0.04	-0.14 – 0.06	0.448	EWG P8	-0.04	-0.08 – 0.00	0.066
EWU Lag1	0.04	-1.75 – 1.84	0.961	EWG P9	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.03	0.605
EWU Lag2	-0.05	-1.40 – 1.29	0.937	EWG P10	-0.06	-0.18 – 0.07	0.38
EWU Lag3	0.02	-0.89 – 0.92	0.966	VIX Lag1	0.04	-0.00 – 0.07	0.051
EWU Lag4	-0.02	-0.48 – 0.44	0.924	VIX Lag2	0.02	-0.00 – 0.05	0.076
EWU Lag5	0.01	-0.05 – 0.08	0.657	VIX Lag3	0.01	-0.01 – 0.03	0.223
EWU P1	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.531	VIX Lag4	0.01	-0.00 – 0.02	0.061
EWU P2	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.209	VIX Lag5	0.01	-0.00 – 0.01	0.102
EWU P3	0.02	-2.23 – 2.28	0.983	VIX P3	-0.05	-0.10 – -0.01	0.013
EWU P4	0.08	-0.07 – 0.22	0.307	VIX P4	0.01	-0.01 – 0.03	0.226
EWU P5	0.24	-0.14 – 0.61	0.213	VIX P5	0.02	-0.04 – 0.08	0.54
EWU P6	-0.04	-0.09 – 0.01	0.116	VIX P6	0	-0.01 – 0.00	0.573
EWU P7	-0.01	-0.05 – 0.03	0.512	VIX P7	0	-0.00 – 0.00	0.225
EWU P8	0.04	-0.01 – 0.08	0.103	VIX P8	0.01	-0.01 – 0.02	0.353
EWU P9	-0.02	-0.07 – 0.02	0.329	VIX P9	0.02	-0.00 – 0.03	0.076
EWU P10	0.01	-0.14 – 0.16	0.93	VIX P10	0.01	-0.00 – 0.02	0.057
EWJ Lag1	-0.92	-3.21 – 1.37	0.431	Observations		1400	

R² / R²
adjusted 0.151 / 0.094

3D: Stepwise

Predictors	Estimates	y_Low	
		CI	p
(Intercept)	0.00	-0.00 – 0.00	0.321
FXI P5	-0.17	-0.27 – -0.06	0.002
VIX P3	-0.01	-0.01 – -0.01	<0.001
P4	-0.31	-0.40 – -0.21	<0.001
FXI Lag3	-0.05	-0.08 – -0.03	<0.001
VIX Lag3	-0.00	-0.01 – 0.00	0.094
EWG P2	-0.00	-0.00 – -0.00	0.015
FXI P8	-0.03	-0.04 – -0.01	0.002
FXI P4	0.09	0.03 – 0.16	0.004
EWJ Lag3	0.03	-0.01 – 0.07	0.121
P7	-0.02	-0.04 – 0.00	0.123
Observations	1400		
R ² / R ² adjusted	0.111 / 0.104		