# Extracting columns from financial time series

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#### OHLC

- Stands for "Open High Low Close"
- Open and Close: first and last observed prices
- High and Low: largest and smallest observed prices
- Often Volume: sum of all contracts traded

#### **OHLC** data

#### head(DC)

```
DC.Open DC.High DC.Low DC.Close DC.Volume
                            20.850 20.835
2016-01-16 01:00:00
                    20.845
                                            20.845
                                                         157
2016-01-16 02:00:00 20.845 20.850 20.835
                                            20.845
                                                         214
2016-01-16 03:00:00 20.845 20.850 20.835
                                            20.845
                                                         103
2016-01-16 04:00:00
                    20.845 20.855 20.835
                                            20.845
                                                         180
2016-01-16 05:00:00
                    20.845 20.845 20.845
                                            20.845
                                                         211
2016-01-16 06:00:00 20.845 20.845 20.840
                                            20.845
                                                          35
```

#### Single-column extractor functions

- Op() opening price
- Hi() high price
- Lo() low price
- Cl() close price
- Vo() traded volume
- Ad() adjusted close price

#### Single-column extractor functions

```
# Open price
dc_open <- Op(DC)
head(dc_open, 4)</pre>
```

```
# High price
dc_high <- Hi(DC)
head(dc_high, 4)</pre>
```

```
DC.Open

2016-01-16 01:00:00 20.84

2016-01-16 02:00:00 20.85

2016-01-16 03:00:00 20.85

2016-01-16 04:00:00 20.85
```

```
DC.High
2016-01-16 01:00:00 20.85
2016-01-16 02:00:00 20.85
2016-01-16 03:00:00 20.85
2016-01-16 04:00:00 20.85
```

#### Multi-column extractor functions

```
# Extract multiple columns
dc_ohlc <- OHLC(DC)
head(dc_ohlc)</pre>
```

```
DC.Open DC.High DC.Low DC.Close
2016-01-16 01:00:00
                    20.84
                            20.85 20.83
                                           20.84
2016-01-16 02:00:00
                            20.85 20.83
                  20.85
                                           20.85
2016-01-16 03:00:00
                            20.85 20.84
                                           20.85
                   20.85
2016-01-16 04:00:00
                    20.85
                            20.85 20.84
                                           20.85
2016-01-16 05:00:00
                            20.85 20.84
                    20.85
                                           20.85
2016-01-16 06:00:00
                    20.84
                            20.85
                                  20.84
                                           20.85
```

## getPrice()

- 3 arguments
  - x : object that contains data
  - symbol : optional symbol if x contains multiple symbols
  - prefer : optional preferred price
- If prefer not specified:
  - o "price", then "trade", then "close"

head(DC)

```
Price Volume Bid. Price Bid. Size Ask. Price Ask. Size
2016-01-16 00:00:07
                       NA
                              NA
                                     20.84
                                                 198
                                                         20.85
                                                                    684
2016-01-16 00:00:08
                                                         20.85
                                     20.84
                                                198
                                                                    683
2016-01-16 00:00:08
                                     20.84
                                                         20.85
                                                                    682
                              NA
                                                198
2016-01-16 00:00:11
                              NA
                                     20.84
                                                198
                                                         20.85
                                                                    683
2016-01-16 00:00:25
                                     20.84
                                                198
                                                         20.85
                                                                    684
2016-01-16 00:00:44 20.84
                                     20.84
                                                 198
                                                         20.85
                                                                    684
```

```
dc_bid <- getPrice(DC, prefer = "bid")
head(dc_bid)</pre>
```

## Let's practice!

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# Importing and transforming multiple instruments

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## Aggregating with Quandl()

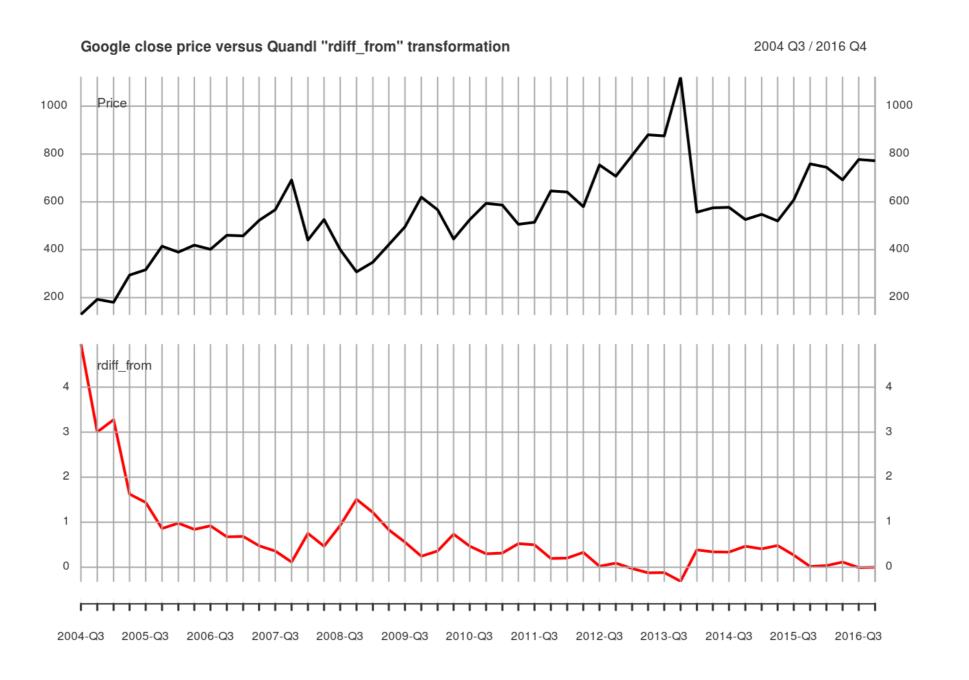
- Use collapse argument to aggregate
  - daily
  - weekly
  - monthly
  - quarterly
  - annual
- Always returns last observation for given time period
  - Can cause issues for some columns (e.g., opening price)

### Transforming with Quandl()

• Use transform argument to perform simple calculations before downloading

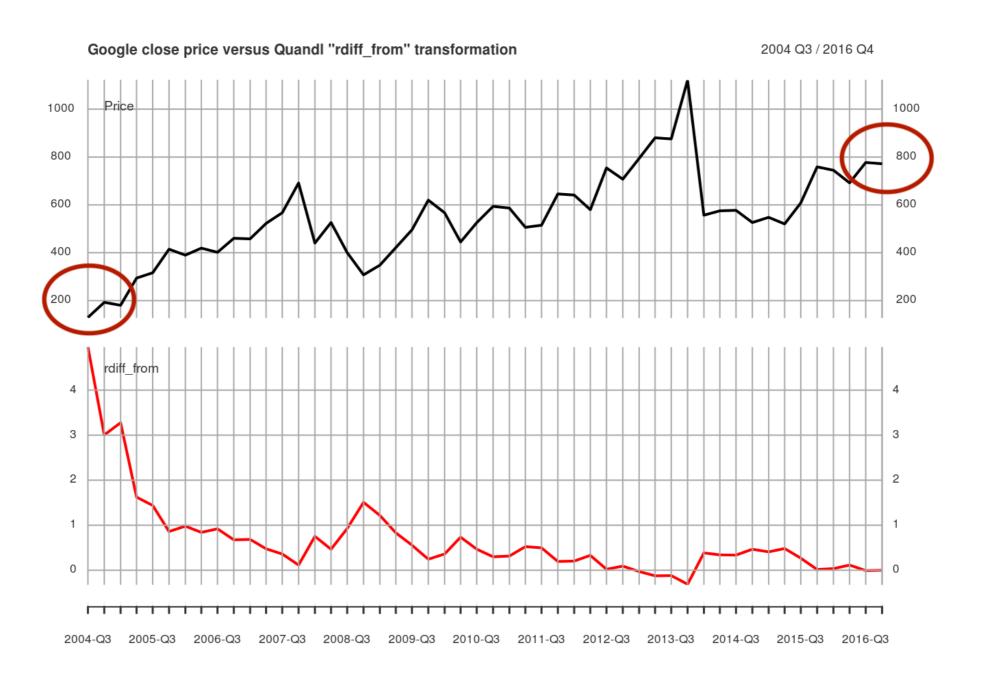
Name	Effect	Formula
none	no effect	$y'_t = y_t$
diff	row-on-row change	$\mathbf{y}_t' = y_t - y_{t-1}$
rdiff	row-on-row % change	$y_t' = (y_t - y_{t-1})/y_{t-1}$
rdiff-from	latest value as % increment	$\mathbf{y}_t' = (y_{latest} - y_t)/y_t$
cumul	cumulative sum	$\mathrm{y}_t'=y_0+y_1+\cdots+y_t$
normalize	scale series to start at 100	$\mathbf{y}_t' = y_t \div y_0 * 100$

## Quandl() rdiff\_from transformation



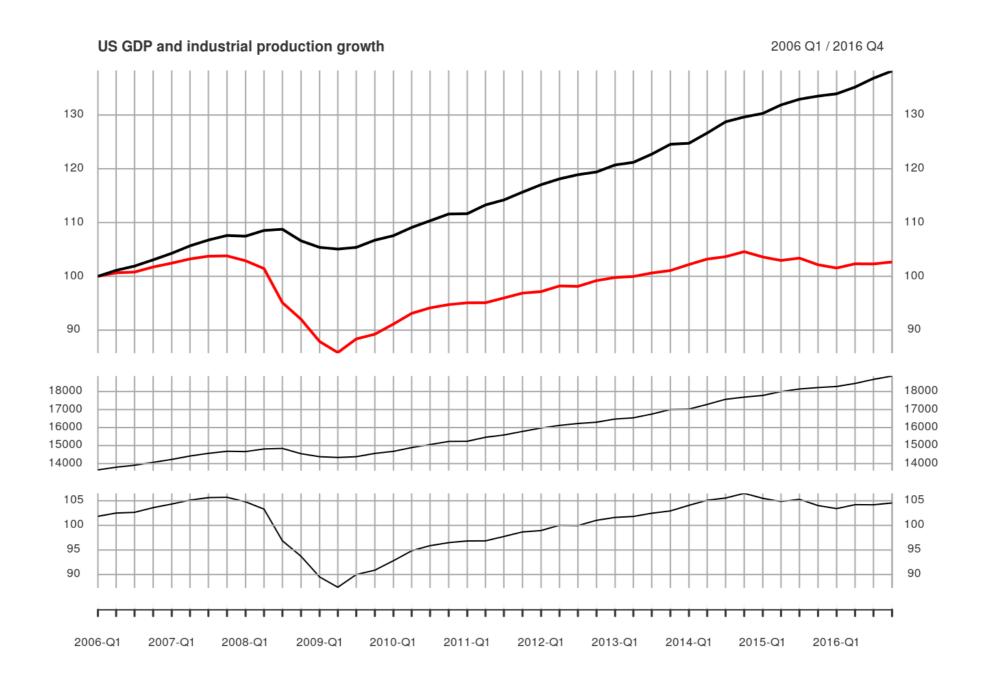


## Quandl() rdiff\_from transformation



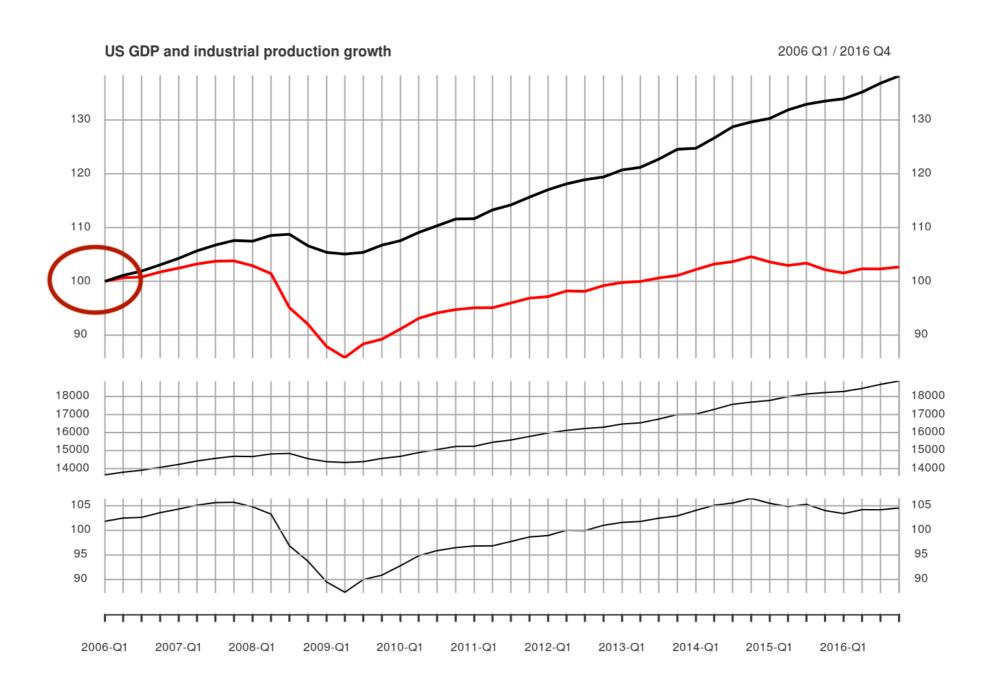


#### Quandl() normalize transformation





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#### Download instruments into a custom environment

```
# Create new environment
data_env <- new.env()
# Use getSymbols to load data into the environment
getSymbols(c("SPY", "QQQ"), env = data_env, auto.assign = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
"SPY" "QQQ"
```

```
# Look at a few rows of the SPY data
head(data_env$SPY, 3)
```

```
SPY.Open SPY.High SPY.Low SPY.Close SPY.Volume SPY.Adjusted
2007-01-03 142.25 142.86 140.57 141.37 94807600 114.8094
2007-01-04 141.23 142.05 140.61 141.67 69620600 115.0530
2007-01-05 141.33 141.40 140.38 140.54 76645300 114.1353
```

## Using lapply()

- Loops over all objects in environment
- Combine list of function results into one object using do.call()
  - First argument (what ) is the function to be called
  - Second argument (args) is a list of arguments to pass

#### Extract volume and merge into one object

```
# Extract volume column from each object
adjusted_list <- lapply(data_env, Ad)
# Merge each list element into one object
adjusted <- do.call(merge, adjusted_list)</pre>
```

head(adjusted)

```
QQQ.Adjusted SPY.Adjusted
2007-01-03
              39.47694
                           114.8094
2007-01-04
              40.22558
                           115.0530
2007-01-05
              40.03385
                           114.1353
2007-01-08
                           114.6632
              40.06124
2007-01-09
                           114.5658
              40.26210
2007-01-10
              40.73684
                           114.9475
```



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