



Predictive Relationship: Signal Regression

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1 Trading Strategy Description

A regression based approach to forecast price change in asset using signals generated from technical indicators.

2 How to Trade

In order to trade with the rules InferTrade provides, we calculate allocations for each day. We then allocate that fraction of our total portfolio value (cash and securities) to the market we are trading - to do this we buy or sell securities to reach the target allocation.

How Allocation Determines Trade Size

The allocation is the fractional amount of the portfolios value used to determine the size of the trading position. For example, if the allocation for Microsoft (MSFT) shares is 50%, and we have \$100, we invest \$50 so that the value of held stock is the same as the value of held cash.

Rule Specific Trading Details

Any of the available technical indicators can be used as signal to forecast price change in asset. Usually a technical indicator is used to find the strength or weakness of a stock price.

As an example we can consider Money Flow Index. MFI indicator is a momentum indicator which varies between 0 and 100 and is used to define an overbought and oversold conditions. Usually MFI value above 80 is considered overbought and a sell signal is generated while a value below 20 is considered oversold and a buy signal is generated.

By using this trading strategy we compute the MFI of underlying asset using it's historical High, Low, Close & Volume. Instead of using the MFI value to generate buy/sell signal as explained above, a forecast is made for expected change in price using MFI as a signal governed by Equation 1. β coefficient determines the relationship and impact of Signal S on expected change in price of asset $E[\Delta p]$.

Forecast generated as described above is then used to generate fractional portfolio investment using formulation mentioned in Equation 2.

3 Rule Parameters

Below is a table summarizing the parameters specific to this trading rule.

Parameter Name	Default Value	Description	Symbol
Regression Period	120	Previous data points used to fit a regression line.	L
Kelly fraction	1	Amplitude weighting. 1.0 is maximum growth if regression is exact. < 1.0 scales down positions taken.	F
Volatility	0.1	Volatility used to compute the Kelly recommended optimum.	σ

4 Equation

Below is the equations which govern how this specific trading rule calculates a trading position.

$$E[\Delta p_t] = \beta_1 S_{t-1} + c + \varepsilon_t \quad (1)$$

$$z_t = F \frac{\Delta p_t}{\sigma^2} \quad (2)$$

with:

$E[\Delta p_t]$: is the expected change in price at time t .

S_{t-1} : is the signal value at time $t - 1$.

β : is the relationship coefficient between S_{t-1} and $E[\Delta p_t]$.

c : is a constant bias.

ε_t : is the error term.

F : is the Kelly fraction.

z_t : is the resultant fractional portfolio investment at time t .

5 Glossary

- **Bullish:** Positive outlook on the market. Expectation of positive returns.
- **Bearish:** Negative outlook on the market. Expectation of negative returns.
- **Allocation:** The allocation is the fractional amount of the portfolios value used to determine the size of the trading position.
- **Parameter:** Value used by the trading rule in the calculation for trading position
- **Trading Rule:** Strategy to determine when to buy, hold or sell a position.

Further Links

1. InferTrade: <https://www.infertrade.com>
2. Privacy Policy/Legal notice: <https://www.infertrade.com/privacy-policy>
3. InferStat Ltd: <https://www.inferstat.com>