Umsmooth Return Models Impact

Shubhankit Mohan

September 10, 2013

Abstract

The fact that many hedge fund returns exhibit extraordinary levels of serial correlation is now well-known and generally accepted as fact. Because hedge fund strategies have exceptionally high autocorrelations in reported returns and this is taken as evidence of return smoothing, we first develop a method to completely eliminate any order of serial correlation across a wide array of time series processes. Once this is complete, we can determine the underlying risk factors to the "true" hedge fund returns and examine the incremental benefit attained from using nonlinear payoffs relative to the more traditional linear factors.

Contents

| 1 | Okunev White Model Methodology | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2 To Remove Up to m Orders of Autocorrelation | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Time Series Characteristics | 3 | | | | | | |
| | 3.1 Performance Summary | 4 | | | | | | |
| | 3.2 Autocorrelation UnSmoothing Impact | 5 | | | | | | |
| | 3.3 Comparing Distributions | 7 | | | | | | |
| 4 | Risk Measure | 10 | | | | | | |
| | 4.1 Mean absolute deviation | 10 | | | | | | |
| | 4.2 Sharpe Ratio | 11 | | | | | | |
| | 4.3 Value at Risk | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Regression analysis | 12 | | | | | | |
| | 5.1 Regression equation | 12 | | | | | | |
| | 5.2 Regression alpha | | | | | | | |
| | 5.3 Regression beta | | | | | | | |

| | 5.4 | Jensen's alpha | 4 |
|---|------|---------------------------------|----|
| | 5.5 | Systematic Risk | .5 |
| | 5.6 | Treynor ratio | 16 |
| | 5.7 | Downside Risk | 17 |
| 6 | Rela | | 7 |
| | 6.1 | Tracking error | 17 |
| | 6.2 | Information ratio | 18 |
| 7 | Dra | ${ m wdown}$ | 9 |
| | 7.1 | Pain index | 19 |
| | 7.2 | Calmar ratio | 20 |
| | 7.3 | Sterling ratio | 21 |
| | 7.4 | Burke ratio | 22 |
| | 7.5 | Modified Burke ratio | 23 |
| | 7.6 | | 24 |
| | 7.7 | | 25 |
| 8 | Per | formance Analysis Charts 2 | 26 |
| | 8.1 | · | 26 |
| | 8.2 | Examine Performance Consistency | 28 |

1 Okunev White Model Methodology

Given a sample of historical returns $(R_1, R_2, ..., R_T)$, the method assumes the fund manager smooths returns in the following manner:

$$r_{0,t} = \sum_{i} \beta_{i} r_{0,t-i} + (1 - \alpha) r_{m,t}$$
(1)

where:
$$\sum_{i} \beta_{i} = (1 - \alpha) \tag{2}$$

 $r_{0,t}$: is the observed (reported) return at time t (with 0 adjustments' to reported returns),

 $r_{m,t}$: is the true underlying (unreported) return at time t (determined by making m adjustments to reported returns).

The objective is to determine the true underlying return by removing the autocorrelation structure in the original return series without making any assumptions regarding the actual time series properties of the underlying process. We are implicitly assuming by this approach that the autocorrelations that arise in reported returns are entirely due to the smoothing behavior funds engage in when reporting results. In fact, the method may be adopted to produce any desired level of autocorrelation at any lag and is not limited to simply eliminating all autocorrelations.

2 To Remove Up to m Orders of Autocorrelation

To remove the first m orders of autocorrelation from a given return series we would proceed in a manner very similar to that detailed in **Geltner Return**. We would initially remove the first order autocorrelation, then proceed to eliminate the second order autocorrelation through the iteration process. In general, to remove any order, m, autocorrelations from a given return series we would make the following transformation to returns:

$$r_{m,t} = \frac{r_{m-1,t} - c_m r_{m-1,t-m}}{1 - c_m} \tag{3}$$

Where $r_{m-1,t}$ is the series return with the first (m-1) order autocorrelation coefficient's removed. The general form for all the autocorrelations given by the process is:

$$a_{m,n} = \frac{a_{m-1,n}(1+c_m^2) - c_m(1+a_{m-1,2m})}{1+c_m^2 - 2c_m a_{m-1,n}}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

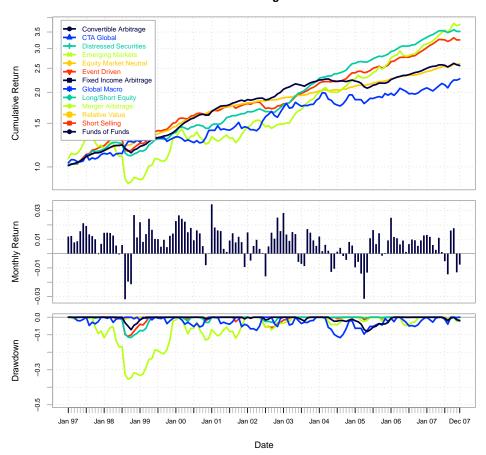
Once a solution is found for c_m to create $r_{m,t}$, one will need to iterate back to remove the first 'm'autocorrelations again. One will then need to once again remove the mth autocorrelation using the adjustment in equation (3). It would continue the process until the first m autocorrelations are sufficiently close to zero.

3 Time Series Characteristics

Given a series of historical returns $(R_1, R_2, ..., R_T)$ from **January-1997** to **January-2008**, create a wealth index chart, bars for per-period performance, and underwater chart for drawdown of the Hedge Funds Indicies from EDHEC Database.

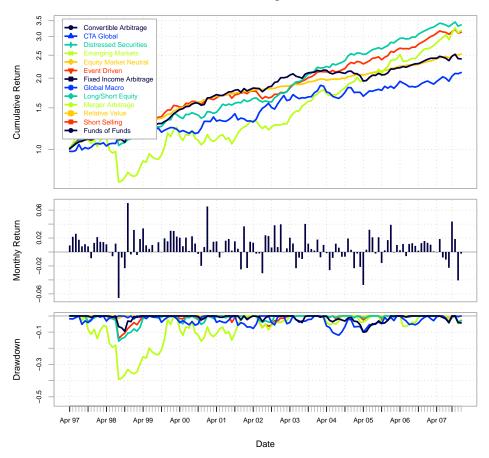
3.1 Performance Summary

Convertible Arbitrage Performance



After applying the **Okunev White Model** to remove the serial correlation , we get the following Performance Chart.

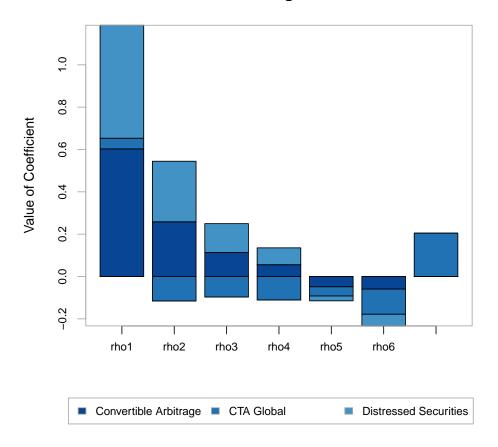




3.2 Autocorrelation UnSmoothing Impact

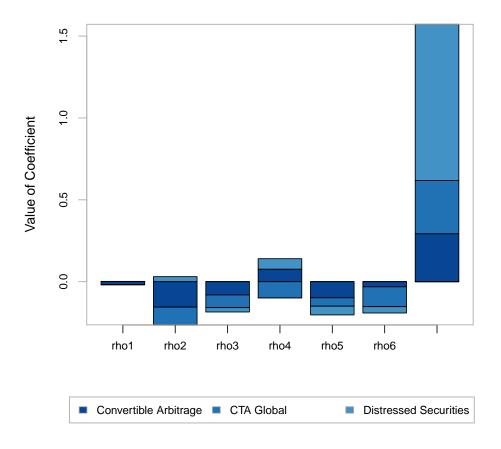
One promiment feature visible by the summary chart is the removal of **serial autocorrelation** and **unsoomthing** of the return series. The significant drop in autocorrelation, is visible by the following chart based on indicies of the CTA global ,Distressed Securities and Ememrging Markets which had the highest autocorrelation .

ACF Lag Plot



The change can be evidently seen by the following chart :

ACF Lag Plot



3.3 Comparing Distributions

In this example we use edhec database, to compute true Hedge Fund Returns.

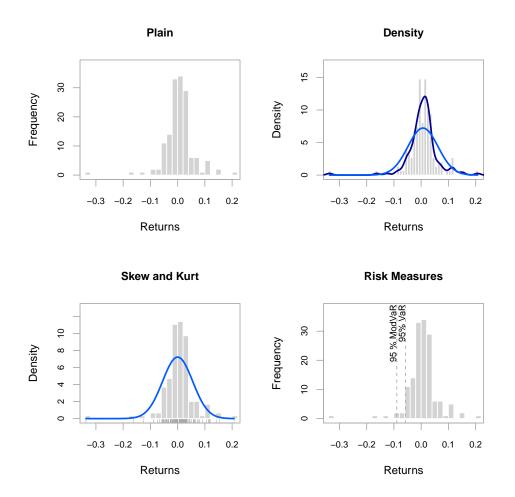
- > library(PerformanceAnalytics)
- > data(edhec)
- > Returns = Return.Okunev(edhec[,1])
- > skewness(edhec[,1])
- [1] -2.683657
- > skewness(Returns)
- [1] -1.19068

```
> # Right Shift of Returns Ditribution for a negative skewed distribution
> kurtosis(edhec[,1])

[1] 16.17819
> kurtosis(Returns)

[1] 10.59337

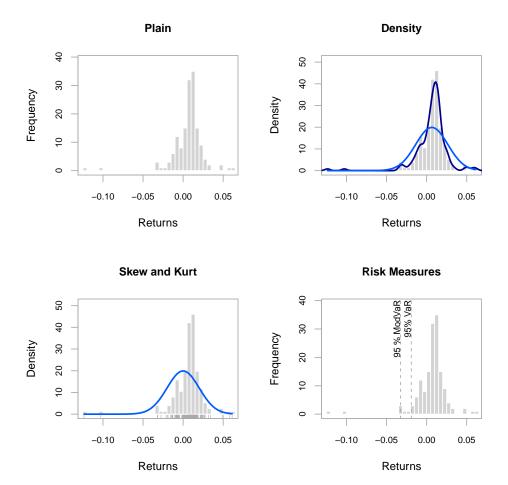
> # Reduction in "peakedness" around the mean
> layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 4)))
> chart.Histogram(Returns, main = "Plain", methods = NULL)
> chart.Histogram(Returns, main = "Density", breaks = 40,
+ methods = c("add.density", "add.normal"))
> chart.Histogram(Returns, main = "Skew and Kurt",
+ methods = c("add.centered", "add.rug"))
> chart.Histogram(Returns, main = "Risk Measures",
+ methods = c("add.risk"))
```



The above figure shows the behaviour of the distribution tending to a normal IID distribution. For comparitive purpose, one can observe the change in the characteristics of return as compared to the orignal.

```
> library(PerformanceAnalytics)
> data(edhec)
> Returns = Return.Okunev(edhec[,1])
> layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 4)))
> chart.Histogram(edhec[,1], main = "Plain", methods = NULL)
> chart.Histogram(edhec[,1], main = "Density", breaks = 40,
+ methods = c("add.density", "add.normal"))
> chart.Histogram(edhec[,1], main = "Skew and Kurt",
+ methods = c("add.centered", "add.rug"))
> chart.Histogram(edhec[,1], main = "Risk Measures",
+ methods = c("add.risk"))
```

>



4 Risk Measure

4.1 Mean absolute deviation

To calculate Mean absolute deviation we take the sum of the absolute value of the difference between the returns and the mean of the returns and we divide it by the number of returns.

$$MeanAbsoluteDeviation = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |r_i - \overline{r}|}{n}$$

where ns the number of observations of the entire series, r_i s the return in month i and \overline{r} s the mean return

| | ${\tt Convertible}$ | Arbitrage | CTA | ${\tt Global}$ | ${\tt Distressed}$ | ${\tt Securities}$ |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|-----|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ion | | 191.5453 | 5. | 581807 | | 89.59503 |

We can observe than due to the spurious serial autocorrelation, the true **volatility** was hidden, which is **more than 100** % in case of Distressed Securities to the one apparent to the investor.**CTA Global**, has the lowerst change, which is consistent, with the fact with it has the lowest autocorreration.

4.2 Sharpe Ratio

Mean absolute deviati

The Sharpe ratio is simply the return per unit of risk (represented by variability). In the classic case, the unit of risk is the standard deviation of the returns.

$$\frac{\overline{(R_a - R_f)}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{(R_a - R_f)}}}$$

| | Convertible Arbitrage | CTA Global |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| StdDev Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.31967021 | 0.2582269 |
| VaR Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.19734443 | 0.1919833 |
| ES Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.06437672 | 0.1514751 |
| | Distressed Securities | |
| StdDev Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.4334711 | |
| VaR Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.2892904 | |
| ES Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.1306556 | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | Convertible Arbitrage | CTA Global |
| StdDev Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 9 | CTA Global 0.2330569 |
| StdDev Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): VaR Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.12060647 | |
| <u>-</u> | 0.12060647 0.07461253 | 0.2330569 |
| VaR Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.12060647 0.07461253 | 0.2330569 0.1689703 |
| VaR Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.12060647 0.07461253 0.02832469 | 0.2330569 0.1689703 |
| VaR Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): ES Sharpe (Rf=0%, p=95%): | 0.12060647 0.07461253 0.02832469 Distressed Securities | 0.2330569 0.1689703 |

The Sharpe Ratio should expectedly fall, as in UnSmooth Return model, the returns decrease and standard deveation increases simultaneously. **CTA Global**, is the sole index, which does not experience a sharp fall, which can be attributed to the low autocorrelation coefficient (0.05).

4.3 Value at Risk

Value at Risk (VaR) has become a required standard risk measure recognized by Basel II and MiFID. Traditional mean-VaR may be derived historically, or estimated parametrically using

$$z_c = q_p = qnorm(p)$$
$$VaR = \bar{R} - z_c \cdot \sqrt{\sigma}$$

- > data(edhec)
- > VaR(edhec, p=.95, method="gaussian")

```
Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Emerging Markets
              -0.02645782 -0.03471098
VaR
                                                 -0.0221269
                                                                  -0.05498927
   Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro
VaR
             -0.008761813 -0.02246202
                                                  -0.01900198 -0.02023018
    Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling
VaR
          -0.02859264
                           -0.01152478
                                          -0.01493049
                                                        -0.08617027
    Funds of Funds
       -0.02393888
VaR
```

> VaR(Return.Okunev(edhec), p=.95, method="gaussian")

```
Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Emerging Markets
VaR
              -0.08394453 -0.03724858
                                                -0.04617951
                                                                  -0.07864815
    Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro
VaR
                            -0.0372441
              -0.01238121
                                                  -0.04178068 -0.02143809
    Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling
          -0.03983483
                           -0.01841034
                                          -0.02907754
VaR
                                                          -0.1026801
    Funds of Funds
VaR
       -0.03504775
```

5 Regression analysis

5.1 Regression equation

$$r_P = \alpha + \beta * b + \epsilon$$

5.2 Regression alpha

"Alpha" purports to be a measure of a manager's skill by measuring the portion of the managers returns that are not attributable to "Beta", or the portion of performance attributable to a benchmark.

```
> data(managers)
```

> CAPM.alpha(edhec, managers[,8,drop=FALSE], Rf=.035/12)

```
Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities
Alpha: SP500 TR
                          0.004471465 0.003821383
                                                             0.00636263
                Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven
Alpha: SP500 TR
                     0.004841242
                                           0.004170222 0.005182049
                Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity
Alpha: SP500 TR
                           0.002324711 0.004706408
                                                          0.005009663
                Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds
                     0.003935414
                                    0.004268617
                                                  0.005397325
Alpha: SP500 TR
> CAPM.alpha(Return.Okunev(edhec), managers[,8,drop=FALSE], Rf=.035/12)
                Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities
Alpha: SP500 TR
                          0.003623436 0.003482153
                                                            0.005457597
                Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven
                                           0.004048946 0.004523336
Alpha: SP500 TR
                     0.003004784
                Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity
                            0.00184902 0.004405292
                                                          0.004630361
Alpha: SP500 TR
                Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds
                      0.00365762
                                    0.003672505
                                                  0.005288907
                                                                 0.003442342
Alpha: SP500 TR
```

5.3 Regression beta

CAPM Beta is the beta of an asset to the variance and covariance of an initial portfolio. Used to determine diversification potential.

```
> data(managers)
```

> CAPM.beta(edhec, managers[, "SP500 TR", drop=FALSE], Rf = managers[, "US 3m TR",

```
Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities

Beta: SP500 TR 0.04824155 -0.07328212 0.1692722

Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Beta: SP500 TR 0.5092851 0.05648291 0.2379033

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity
```

Beta: SP500 TR -0.009447579 0.1664831 0.3368761

Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds

Beta: SP500 TR 0.1357786 0.1356442 -1.000142 0.2145575

> CAPM.beta(Return.Okunev(edhec), managers[, "SP500 TR", drop=FALSE], Rf = manager

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities

Beta: SP500 TR 0.2324435 -0.08548672 0.3996316

Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Beta: SP500 TR 0.7753848 0.07331462 0.4013961

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity

Beta: SP500 TR 0.03619617 0.1681044 0.4535646

Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds

Beta: SP500 TR 0.199134 0.2684195 -1.177247 0.318659

This is an **interesting** find of investigation. **Contorary**, to the belief, that *umsmoothing the returns would make it more volatile*, with idiosyncratic components, the regression shows, that the true returns are **much more** significantly related to Financial Markets, as compared to the visible returns to the investors. This also weakens the belief, that hedge funds give returns, irrespective of the market conditions.

5.4 Jensen's alpha

The Jensen's alpha is the intercept of the regression equation in the Capital Asset Pricing Model and is in effect the exess return adjusted for systematic risk.

$$\alpha = r_p - r_f - \beta_p * (b - r_f)$$

where r_f is the risk free rate, β_r is the regression beta, r_p is the portfolio return and b is the benchmark return

> data(edhec)

> CAPM.jensenAlpha(edhec,managers[,8],Rf=.03/12)

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global

Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.06999936 0.0812573

Distressed Securities Emerging Markets

Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.07949484 0.04377234

Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.06617577 0.06851869

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro

```
Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage
Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025)
                                            0.05988859
                                                             0.06845796
                                    Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds
Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025)
                                                        0.1240347
                                                                      0.04870534
                                         0.06714829
> CAPM.jensenAlpha(Return.Okunev(edhec),managers[,8],Rf=.03/12)
                                    Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global
                                                0.03808553 0.07805832
Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025)
                                    Distressed Securities Emerging Markets
Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025)
                                                0.05490376
                                                                0.002827883
                                    Equity Market Neutral Event Driven
```

0.0493231

0.07618595

Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.06349135 0.05133152 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.03995779 0.0726611 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.04786047 0.06170853 Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025) 0.05300399 0.1250439 0.03648212

The Jensen's alpha diminish significantly with Okunev Return model. However, with ${\bf CTA~Global}$, the alpha does not change by more than 3% .

5.5 Systematic Risk

Jensen's Alpha (Risk free = 0.0025)

Systematic risk as defined by Bacon(2008) is the product of beta by market risk. Be careful! It's not the same definition as the one given by Michael Jensen. Market risk is the standard deviation of the benchmark. The systematic risk is annualized

$$\sigma_s = \beta * \sigma_m$$

where σ_s is the systematic risk, β is the regression beta, and σ_m s the market risk

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global

Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 382.1817 18.46926

Distressed Securities Emerging Markets

Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 139.0751 52.54349

Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 27.61317 68.90475

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro

Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 157.3361 0.02542014 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 34.37248 45.69652 Relative Value Short Selling Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 97.82683 17.98637 Funds of Funds Systematic Risk to SP500 TR (Rf = 0) 48.21903

The above table shows, the increase in % of the market risk σ_m after Okunev White model has been implemented. Concurrent with the investment stlye, **Equity Market Neutral**, **Short Selling**, **Global Macro** show least amount of indifference to their market risk exposure.

5.6 Treynor ratio

The Treynor ratio is similar to the Sharpe Ratio, except it uses beta as the volatility measure (to divide the investment's excess return over the beta). It is a performance metric that measures the effective return adjusted for market risk. Well-diversified portfolios should have similar Sharpe and Treynor Ratios because the standard deviation reduces to the beta.

$$TreynorRatio = \frac{\overline{(R_a - R_f)}}{\beta_{a,b}}$$

| | | | | Convertible Arbitrage (| CTA Global Di | stressed Securities | 3 |
|---|--------|-------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.8368 | -0.5328 | 0.3644 | 1 |
| | | | | Emerging Markets Equity | Market Neut | ral Event Driven | |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.1119 | 0.6 | 6658 0.2372 | |
| | | | | Fixed Income Arbitrage | Global Macro | Long/Short Equity | |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | -1.2009 | 0.3448 | 0.1687 | |
| Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selli | | | ort Selling | | | | |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.3444 | 0.3368 | 0.0029 | |
| | | | | Funds of Funds | | | |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.1624 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Convertible Arbitrage (| CTA Global Di | stressed Securities | 3 |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.112 | -0.4005 | 0.145 | 5 |
| | | | | Emerging Markets Equity | Market Neut | ral Event Driven | |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.053 | 0. | 505 0.1358 | |
| | | | | Fixed Income Arbitrage | Global Macro | Long/Short Equity | |
| Treynor | Ratio: | SP500 | TR | 0.3037 | 0.324 | 0.123 | |

Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling

Treynor Ratio: SP500 TR 0.2318 0.1639 0.0155

Funds of Funds

Treynor Ratio: SP500 TR 0.1017

CTA Global has a negative value, which imply as risk-free rate is less than the expected return, but the beta is negative. This means that the fund manger has performed well, managing to reduce risk but getting a return better than the risk free rate

5.7 Downside Risk

As we have obtained the true hedge fund returns, what is the actual **VaR,drawdown and** downside potential of the indices, can be illustrated by the following example, where we CTA Global and Distressed Securities indicies have been taken as sample data sets.

The following table, shows the change in **absolute value** in terms of percentage, when the Okunev White Return model has been implemented as compared to the Orginal model. We can observe, that for the given period , before the 2008 financial crisis, the hedge fund returns have a 100~% increase in exposure. The result is consistent , when tested on other indicies, which show that true risk was camouflaged under the haze of smoothing in the hedge fund industry.

| | ~~. ~ | |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | CTA Global | Distressed Securities |
| Semi Deviation | 5.780347 | 75.67568 |
| Gain Deviation | 1.775148 | 70.19231 |
| Loss Deviation | 7.407407 | 48.18653 |
| Downside Deviation (MAR=10%) | 6.521739 | 75.16779 |
| Downside Deviation (Rf=0%) | 8.759124 | 89.07563 |
| Downside Deviation (0%) | 8.759124 | 89.07563 |
| Maximum Drawdown | 2.568493 | 17.88831 |
| Historical VaR (95%) | 5.932203 | 86.24339 |
| Historical ES (95%) | 5.518764 | 77.75176 |
| Modified VaR (95%) | 7.988166 | 96.72727 |
| Modified ES (95%) | 8.644860 | 85.38588 |

6 Relative Risk

6.1 Tracking error

A measure of the unexplained portion of performance relative to a benchmark. Tracking error is calculated by taking the square root of the average of the squared deviations

between the investment's returns and the benchmark's returns, then multiplying the result by the square root of the scale of the returns.

$$TrackingError = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(R_a - R_b)^2}{len(R_a)\sqrt{scale}}}$$

> data(managers)

> TrackingError(edhec, managers[,8,drop=FALSE])

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1543707 0.1685952 0.1539006

Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1950528 0.1423184 0.1517637

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1458036 0.1529016 0.157304

Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1412594 0.1452275 0.2391201

Funds of Funds

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1524484

> TrackingError(Return.Okunev(edhec), managers[,8,drop=FALSE])

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.2445393 0.1725162 0.187338

Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.2375463 0.1474357 0.176381

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.183249 0.1623801 0.1801033

Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1551378 0.1655992 0.246828

Funds of Funds

Tracking Error: SP500 TR 0.1730591

6.2 Information ratio

The Active Premium divided by the Tracking Error.

InformationRatio = ActivePremium/TrackingError

This relates the degree to which an investment has beaten the benchmark to the consistency with which the investment has beaten the benchmark.

- > data(managers)
- > InformationRatio(edhec, managers[,8,drop=FALSE])

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.06641876 -0.05510777

Distressed Securities Emerging Markets

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.2728265 0.1837459

Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.05213518 0.2018958

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro

Information Ratio: SP500 TR -0.1439689 0.1284569

Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.2147325 0.06278675 0.09164164

Short Selling Funds of Funds

Information Ratio: SP500 TR -0.2589545 0.08212568

> abs(InformationRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec), managers[,8,drop=FALSE]))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.01739878 0.08246386

Distressed Securities Emerging Markets

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.2154123 0.08186685

Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.04971605 0.1709152

Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.1428086 0.09947874

Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.1907038 0.05806339 0.07847608

Short Selling Funds of Funds

Information Ratio: SP500 TR 0.3250201 0.06674165

Short Selling has the highest value as the returns produced by this fund have low correlation with the market returns.

7 Drawdown

7.1 Pain index

The pain index is the mean value of the drawdowns over the entire analysis period. The measure is similar to the Ulcer index except that the drawdowns are not squared. Also, it's different than the average drawdown, in that the numerator is the total number of observations rather than the number of drawdowns. Visually, the pain index is the area of the region that is enclosed by the horizontal line at zero percent and the drawdown line in the Drawdown chart.

$$Painindex = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|D'_i|}{n}$$

where n is the number of observations of the entire series, D'_i is the drawdown since previous peak in period i

- > data(edhec)
- > print(PainIndex(edhec[,]))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Pain Index 0.02515669 0.02330895 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Pain Index 0.08077422 0.008118339 0.02245003 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity Pain Index 0.01783657 0.01035735 0.03111831 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds 0.006876259 0.01253914 0.2192711 Pain Index 0.02395462

> print(PainIndex(Return.Okunev(edhec[,])))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Pain Index 0.04347953 0.02519844 0.03675718 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven 0.0933349 Pain Index 0.009222145 0.02850331 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity 0.01109697 Pain Index 0.02460773 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds Pain Index 0.009386586 0.01790537 0.2460317 0.03089789

7.2 Calmar ratio

Calmar ratio is another method of creating a risk-adjusted measure for ranking investments similar to the Sharpe ratio.

- > data(managers)
- > CalmarRatio(edhec)

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities
Calmar Ratio 0.263148 0.6569514 0.4253743
Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

 Calmar Ratio
 0.2601868
 0.6671512
 0.4640555

 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity

 Calmar Ratio
 0.2834293
 1.189059
 0.4308705

 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds

 Calmar Ratio
 1.485945
 0.5163909
 0.06588579
 0.3461158

> CalmarRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities 0.1198212 0.6025441 Calmar Ratio 0.3496838 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven 0.187074 0.55529 0.4050253 Calmar Ratio Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity Calmar Ratio 0.1738416 1.128598 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Funds of Funds Calmar Ratio 1.026547 0.3803846 0.03089017 0.3060663

7.3 Sterling ratio

Sterling ratio is another method of creating a risk-adjusted measure for ranking investments similar to the Sharpe ratio.

- > data(managers)
- > SterlingRatio(edhec)

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.1961361 0.353885 Distressed Securities Emerging Markets Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.2961725 0.2035986 Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.3507009 0.3097907 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.1817662 0.5256301 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.2954606 0.5355002 0.3173254 Short Selling Funds of Funds Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.05482407 0.2329745

> SterlingRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.1005155 0.3284646 Distressed Securities Emerging Markets Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.2552339 0.1507136 Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.3148317 0.2805439 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.1257162 0.5028299 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.2776743 0.4583353 0.2583881 Short Selling Funds of Funds Sterling Ratio (Excess = 10%) 0.02608718 0.2117567

7.4 Burke ratio

To calculate Burke ratio we take the difference between the portfolio return and the risk free rate and we divide it by the square root of the sum of the square of the drawdowns.

$$BurkeRatio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^d {D_t}^2}}$$

where d is number of drawdowns, r_P s the portfolio return, r_F is the risk free rate and D_t the t^{th} rawdown.

- > data(edhec)
- > (BurkeRatio(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2447676 0.3526829 Distressed Securities Emerging Markets Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.3774068 0.178912 Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.6317512 0.3975819 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2264446 0.7490102 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value 0.8688048 Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.3681217 0.4618429 Short Selling Funds of Funds Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.05035482 0.3107097

> BurkeRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.1043484 0.313335 Distressed Securities Emerging Markets Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2677291 0.1258649 Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.6975856 0.3278118 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.1231584 0.6873877 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2999348 0.6113309 0.3520044 Short Selling Funds of Funds Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.02314389 0.2471398

7.5 Modified Burke ratio

To calculate the modified Burke ratio we just multiply the Burke ratio by the square root of the number of datas.

$$ModifiedBurkeRatio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^d \frac{{D_t}^2}{n}}}$$

where n is the number of observations of the entire series, ds number of drawdowns, r_P is the portfolio return, r_F is the risk free rate and D_t the t^{th} drawdown.

- > data(edhec)
- > BurkeRatio(edhec)

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2447676 0.3526829 Distressed Securities Emerging Markets Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.3774068 0.178912 Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.6317512 0.3975819 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2264446 0.7490102 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.3681217 0.8688048 0.4618429 Short Selling Funds of Funds Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.05035482 0.3107097

> BurkeRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.1043484 0.313335 Distressed Securities Emerging Markets Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2677291 0.1258649 Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.6975856 0.3278118 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.1231584 0.6873877 Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.2999348 0.6113309 0.3520044 Short Selling Funds of Funds Burke ratio (Risk free = 0) 0.02314389 0.2471398

7.6 Martin ratio

To calculate Martin ratio we divide the difference of the portfolio return and the risk free rate by the Ulcer index

$$Martin ratio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{{D_i'}^2}{n}}}$$

where r_P is the annualized portfolio return, r_F is the risk free rate, n is the number of observations of the entire series, D'_i is the drawdown since previous peak in period i

```
> data(edhec)
> MartinRatio(edhec) #expected 1.70
```

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.188397 2.201226 1.61687 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 0.6683931 2.709051 1.778773 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.108342 4.64473 1.549726 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 5.881015 2.313093 0.1233799 Funds of Funds Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.238275

> MartinRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 0.6523562 1.957153 1.275891 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 0.5046302 2.474297 1.520402 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 0.7965394 4.30898 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 4.470347 1.831024 0.05787034 Funds of Funds Martin Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.052294

7.7 Pain ratio

To calculate Pain ratio we divide the difference of the portfolio return and the risk free rate by the Pain index

$$Painratio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|D_i'|}{n}}$$

where r_P is the annualized portfolio return, r_F is the risk free rate, n is the number of observations of the entire series, D'_i is the drawdown since previous peak in period i

- > data(edhec)
- > PainRatio(edhec)

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities 3.291054 Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 3.061626 4.017428 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.15894 4.151015 9.107276 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity Pain Ratio (Rf = 0)2.841078 9.095792 3.021203 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling 12.1754 6.564771 Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 0.148922 Funds of Funds Pain Ratio (Rf = 0)2.97522

> PainRatio(Return.Okunev(edhec))

Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global Distressed Securities Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.434813 2.865677 2.57081 Emerging Markets Equity Market Neutral Event Driven

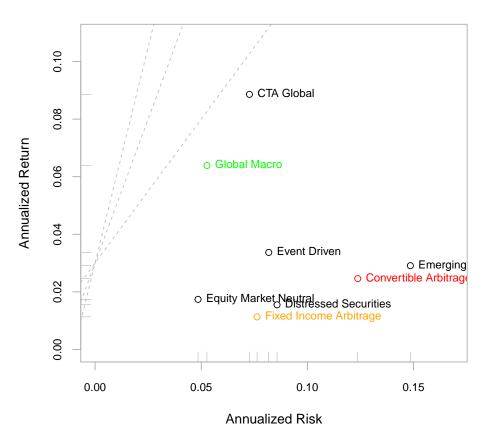
Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 0.8307953 7.883636 3.202458 Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro Long/Short Equity Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 1.845438 8.17227 Merger Arbitrage Relative Value Short Selling Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 8.821538 4.499503 0.06819378 Funds of Funds Pain Ratio (Rf = 0) 2.22417

8 Performance Analysis Charts

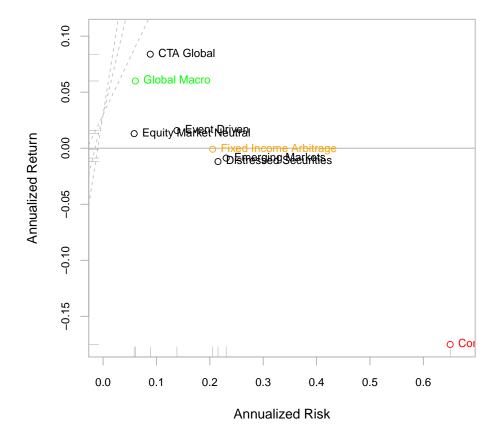
8.1 Show relative return and risk

Returns and risk may be annualized as a way to simplify comparison over longer time periods. Although it requires a bit of estimating, such aggregation is popular because it offers a reference point for easy comparison





As we can see that, for a given amount of risk, all the funds deliver a positive return. The funds, standing out from the cluster, are the ones which have **lowest autocorrelation**, among the whole group. Also, given their stability, when we unsmooth the returns, it is expectedly seen, that they remain **unaffected**, by the change in model, while the rest of the funds, display a negative characteristic.



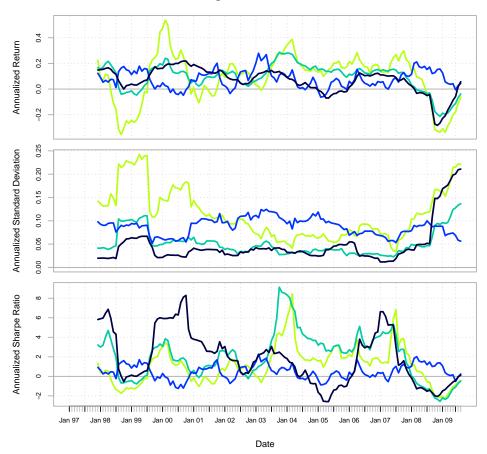
Trailing 36-Month Performance

8.2 Examine Performance Consistency

Rolling performance is typically used as a way to assess stability of a return stream. Although perhaps it doesn't get much credence in the financial literature because of it's roots in digital signal processing, many practitioners and rolling performance to be a useful way to examine and segment performance and risk periods.

> charts.RollingPerformance(edhec[,1:4], Rf=.03/12, colorset = rich6equal, lwd = 2

Rolling 12 month Performance



We can observe that **CTA Global** has once again, outperformed it's peer in the 3 charts respectively as well in the case of Okunev Return Model altough a steep fall is evident in the end time period for returns and subsequent rise in volatility.

> charts.RollingPerformance(Return.Okunev(edhec[,1:4]), Rf=.03/12, colorset = rich

Rolling 12 month Performance

