Extra Credit JMP Assignment

Introduction to Business Statistics – STAT 1010

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For this assignment, you will work in teams of two to create fictitious stock portfolios. Each portfolio will have \$100,000 to invest. For the first portfolio, you will pick stocks based on heuristics and your general intuition of what you think will perform well. For the second portfolio, you will pick stocks based on indicators from stock return data (the Sharpe ratio and Jensen's Alpha) which I will explain how to calculate in this document.

Towards the end of the semester, we will look at the value of the two portfolios. Then, we will do a statistical test to see if the difference in portfolios is due to random variation or if there is actually a difference.

Just for fun, the team with the highest performing portfolio (either one) will win a prize. But don't get too excited, I am not a millionaire and the prize will be small.

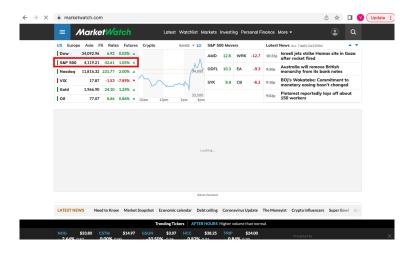
We will use https://www.investopedia.com/simulator/portfolio to create the portfolios. To start, one of you create an account and together pick some stocks to buy.

In the following section, I will give you instructions on how to make some indicators. After following the instructions, the other team member will make an account and together you will pick stocks for the second portfolio.

How to calculate the Sharpe ratio and Jensen's Alpha:

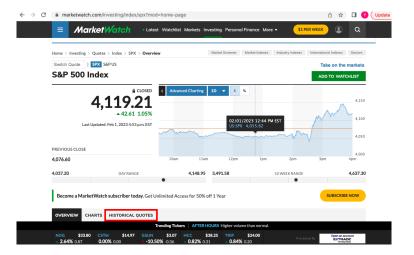
We are going to download stock price data.

Go to https://www.marketwatch.com/ and click "S&P 500"1:

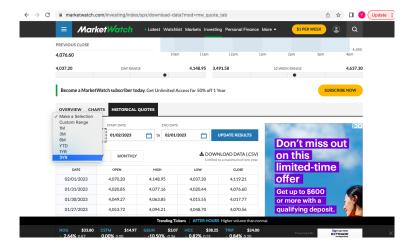


Click "Historical Quotes":

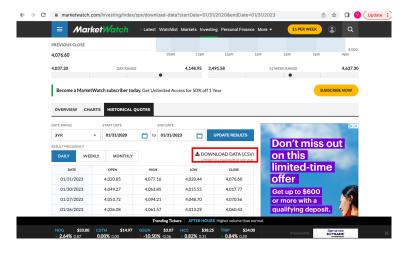
¹The S&P 500 is a stock market index tracking the stock performance of 500 large companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States. It is used to measure how the market (in general) is doing.



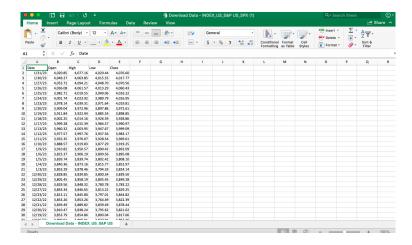
Under "Date Range", select "3Y" and then click "Update Results":



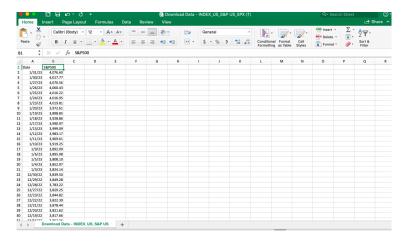
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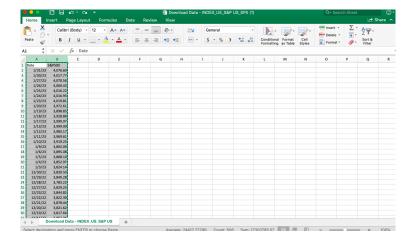
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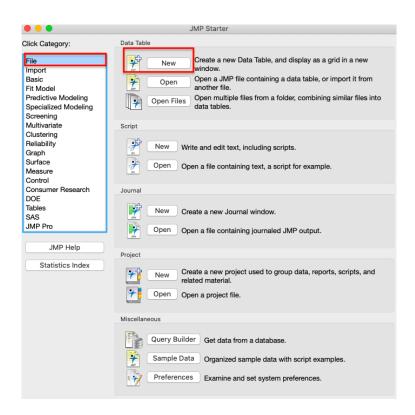
We only need the date and the closing value. So, delete the other columns and rename Close "S&P500":



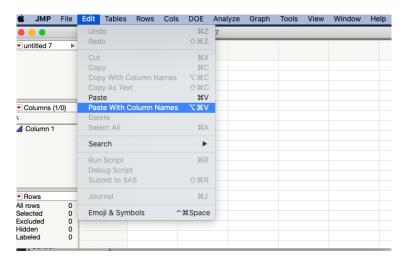
Copy those two columns by click cntrl + c:



In JMP click "File" and then "New":

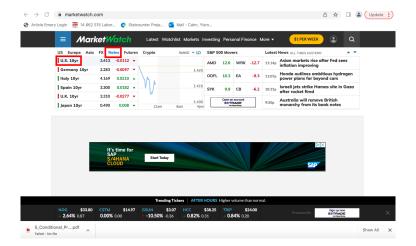


Paste the data by clicking Edit>Paste Columns With Names:

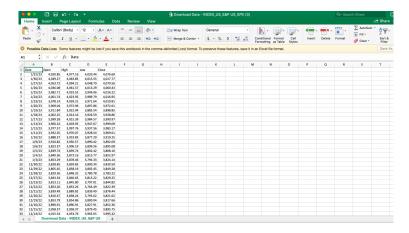


Go back to https://www.marketwatch.com/. Then select "Rates" and "US 10yr"²:

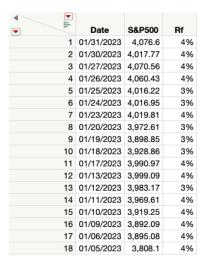
²The US 10 Year Treasury bond is considered a "risk-free asset." There is no risk of loosing your investment on a US Treasury bond, but its average return is usually less than stocks which are more risky. The idea is that there is a trade-off between risk and reward. Less risky assets have a lower return.



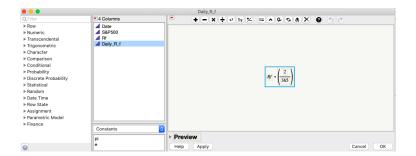
In "Date Range", select "3Y", click "Apply", and download the data:



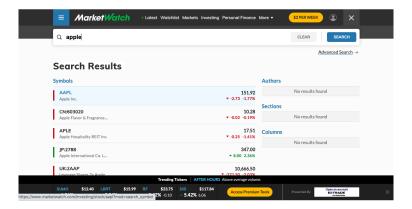
Delete all the columns except "Close", rename Close "Rf" (for risk-free rate), and copy and past it into your JMP file:



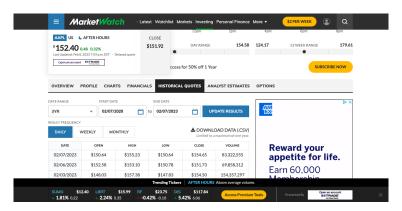
Since Rf is semiannually, create a new variable called "Daily_R_f" that is equal to Rf·2/365:



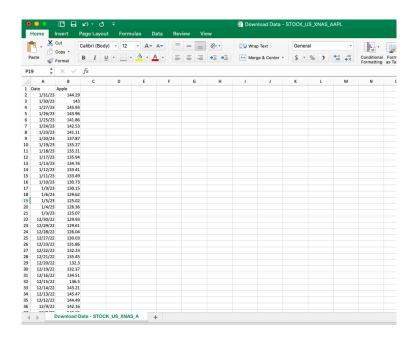
Now go back to https://www.marketwatch.com/ and pick a stock (e.g. Apple):

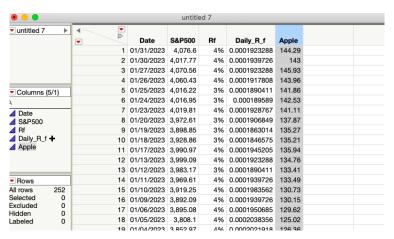


Later you will come back and redo these next few steps several times with different stocks Select "Historical Quotes", change the time period to 3Y, click "Update Results", and then "Download Data":

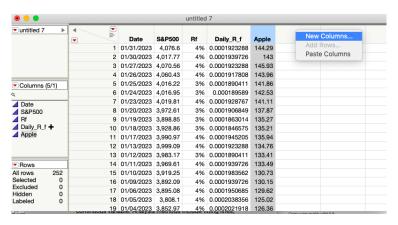


Copy the Close into JMP and rename it "Apple":

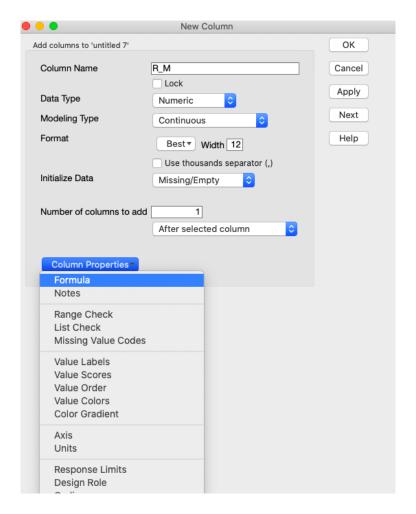




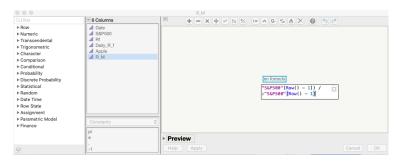
Create a new variable called R_M:



Click Formula:

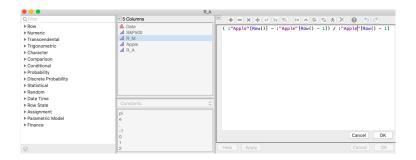


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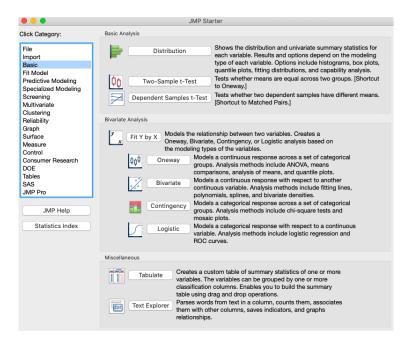


Do the same for Apple with a variable called R_A:

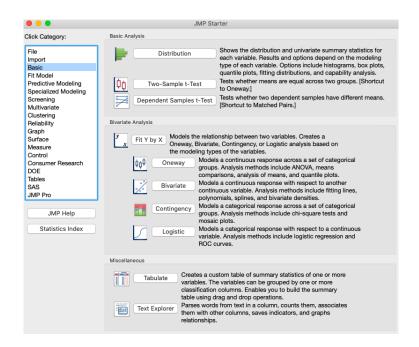
This is making a return variable, i.e. return = $\frac{\text{old price-new price}}{\text{old price}}$ or $R_i = \frac{P_i - P_{i-1}}{P_{i-1}}$.



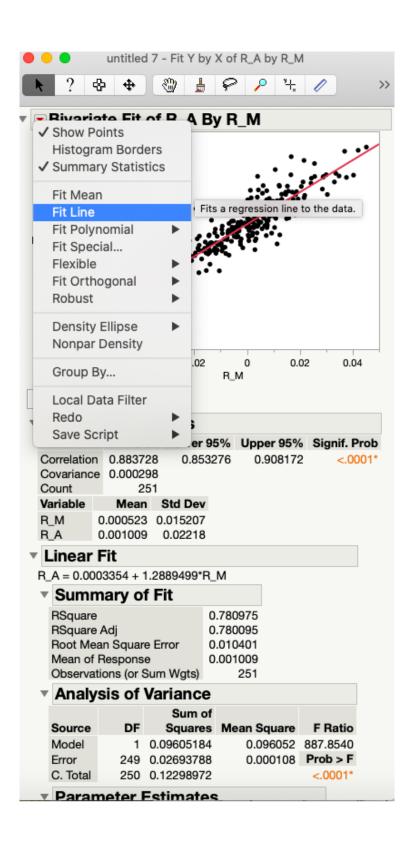
Now let's calculate the Sharpe ratio and Jensen's Alpha. Under Basic, select Fit Y by X:

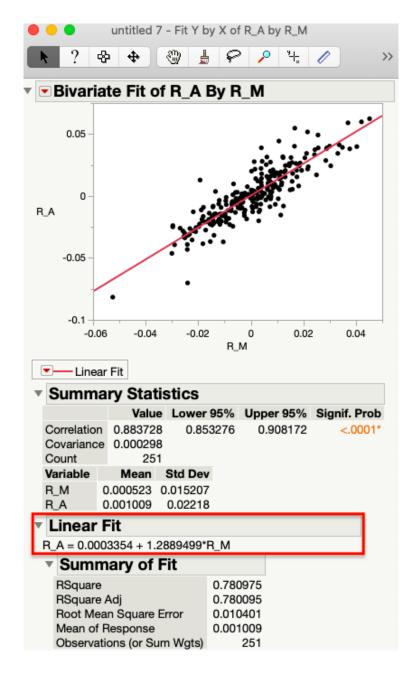


Choose the return on the stock at the Y variable and the return on the market at the X variable:



Under the red arrow, select "Summary Statistics" and "Fit Line":



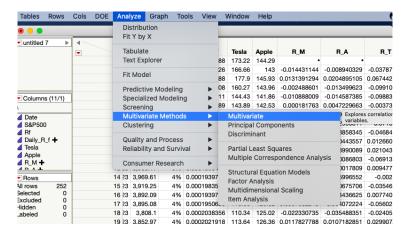


The equation in the red box shows what line best fits the data.

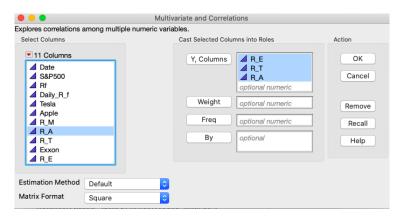
- $r_f = 0.00017$ (this is the average of R_f; to get this just make a histogram of R_f and select summary statistics) $r_M = 0.000523$
- $\beta = 1.2889499$. So the return is higher than the market (if $\beta = 1$ it would be equal to the market) but takes on more risk.
- Jensen's Alpha = intercept + $(r_f \beta(r_M r_f))$ = 0.0003354 + (0.00017 1.2889499(0.000523-(0.00017))=0.00005, so Apple did a little better than CAPM expected.
- Sharpe ratio = $\frac{r_A r_f}{\sigma_A} = \frac{0.001 0.00017}{0.02218} = 0.037$

Redo this with a few different stocks and find their Sharpe ratios and Jensen's Alphas. You still want to diversify and have several different stocks in your portfolio.

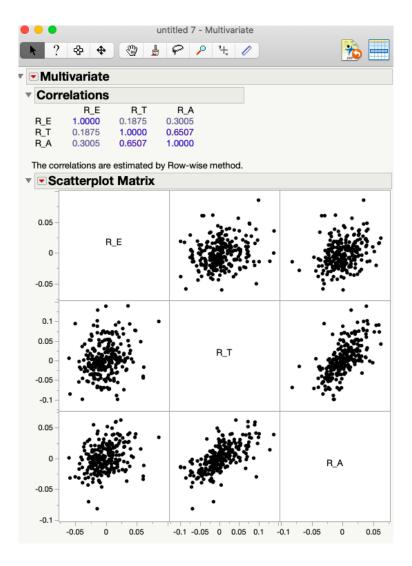
To diversify, look at the correlations and pick stocks that have less correlated. For example (after downloading and creating a variable for returns on Tesla and Exxon), select Analyze, Multivariate Methods, Multivariate:



Select the stock returns:



The correlation matrix looks like:



Since the correlation between Telsa and Exxon is relatively small, having both in your portfolio will reduce unsystematic risk.

The only thing you need to submit for this homework is a 5×5 correlation matrix (i.e. analyse at least 5 stocks).