## 409 & 442B HW 3 Oishika Kar - Copy

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```
[]: # Import Libraries
    import numpy as np # package for scientific computing
    import pandas as pd # package for data manipulation
    import os # package for communicating with operating system
    import statsmodels.formula.api as smf # package for statistical models i.e. OLS
    import scipy.stats as st #open-source library used for scientific and technical,
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #plotting library for creating visualizations_
      ⇔in Python
    import seaborn as sns #import seaborn as sns
```

0.0.1 1) Use the hw3 data.csv file posted on the website for the following questions. The file contains the PE ratios and Returns for the Industrial and Financial Sectors.

```
[]: # Load the data
     data = pd.read_csv('hw3_data.csv', parse_dates = True)
     data.head()
[]:
             Date Health_PE HealthSector_Returns
                                                    Industrial_PE \
     0 1991-04-08
                     22.0549
                                          -0.014480
                                                           15.4770
     1 1991-04-09
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                                          -0.003043
                                                           15.2208
     2 1991-04-10
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                                          0.014624
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     3 1991-04-11
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                                          0.005691
     4 1991-04-12
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                                           0.003776
                                                           15.4863
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0.0.2 a) Perform a fisher transform on each of the P/E rartios where the transformation window size for Health is 756 observations and 1764 observations for the Industrial Sector

```
[]: #Rolling window size
    s_h = 756
    s_i = 1764
[]: # Establish rolling min and max for health:
    data['roll_min_h'] = data[['Health_PE']].rolling(int(s_h)).min()
    data['roll max h'] = data[['Health PE']].rolling(int(s h)).max()
    # Establish rolling min and max for industrial:
    data['roll min i'] = data[['Industrial PE']].rolling(int(s i)).min()
    data['roll_max_i'] = data[['Industrial_PE']].rolling(int(s_i)).max()
    #Fisher Transfomation:
    data['fisher_health'] = (data['Health_PE'] - data['roll_min_h']) /__
      data['fisher_industrial'] = (data['Industrial_PE'] - data['roll_min_i']) /__
      []: data.tail()
[]:
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    8264 2024-01-29
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                                            0.236309
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0.0.3 b) Write python code that will implement a trading strategy that will enter a short position when the fisher transformed PE of a sector crosses below an upper threshold and go long when we cross above a lower threshold. Once you enter a position, you will only exit when you receive a signal in the opposite direction. (Note: Neither the lecture or the exercise did exactly this, since we entered positions when we crossed the thresholds the first time. You must make changes).

```
[]: def strategy(u, 1, data):
        # Make a copy of the original data set
       data_copy = data.copy()
       # Health sector signals
       data_copy['signal_h'] = np.NaN
       # Enter short position for Health when crossing below upper threshold
       data_copy.loc[(data_copy['fisher_health'].shift() > u) &__
     # Enter long position for Health when crossing above lower threshold
       data_copy.loc[(data_copy['fisher_health'].shift() < 1) &__
     # Forward fill the 'signal_h' column to carry the position forward
       data_copy['signal_h'] = data_copy['signal_h'].ffill()
       # Industrial sector signals
       data copy['signal i'] = np.NaN
       # Enter short position for Industrial when crossing below upper threshold
       data copy.loc[(data copy['fisher industrial'].shift() > u) & | & |
     # Enter long position for Industrial when crossing above lower threshold
       data_copy.loc[(data_copy['fisher_industrial'].shift() < 1) &__
     ⇔(data_copy['fisher_industrial']> 1), 'signal_i'] = 1
       # Forward fill the 'signal_i' column to carry the position forward
       data_copy['signal_i'] = data_copy['signal_i'].ffill()
       return data_copy
```

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[]: # Define upper and lower thresholds
upper_threshold = 0.8
lower_threshold = 0.2

# Testing the trading strategy
result_data = strategy(upper_threshold, lower_threshold, data)

# Display the resulting DataFrame
result_data
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[]:		Date	Health_PE He	ealthSector_R	eturns	Industrial	_PE \	
	0	1991-04-08	22.0549	-0.014480		15.4770		
	1	1991-04-09	21.7379	-0.003043		15.2	15.2208	
	2	1991-04-10	21.6718	0.	014624	15.2	860	
	3	1991-04-11	21.9911	0.	005691	15.4	244	
	4	1991-04-12	22.1166	0.	003776	15.4	863	
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	8266	2024-01-31	19.9998	0.	0.012589		21.1433	
	8267	2024-02-01	20.2532	0.	001508	21.5	030	
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	2		0.019911	NaN		NaN	NaN	
	3		-0.001905	NaN		NaN	NaN	
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	8264	53.7319	0.975954		.233347	1.0	1.0	
	8265	53.7319	0.984721		.233582	1.0	1.0	
	8266	53.7319	0.980302		.227786	1.0	1.0	
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0.0.4 c) Test at least 400 different combinations of valid (Upper threshold greater than or equal to lower threshold) hyperparameters for your boundaries for each fisher transformed series of PEs. Use the geometric mean of returns as your metric for the success of each outcome.

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[]: u1_values = np.arange(0, 1, 0.05) #number of points to ensure at least 400 u
      ⇔combinations
     l1 values = np.arange(0, 1, 0.05)
     results = []
     result_data_copy = data.copy()
     for u1 in u1_values:
         for l1 in filter(lambda x: x < u1, l1_values):</pre>
             print(u1, 11)
             data_copy = strategy(u1, l1, result_data_copy.copy()) # Making sure to_
      ⇒pass a copy of the original data
             GM h, GM i = geometric mean(data copy)
             results.append({'u1': u1, '11': l1, 'GM_h': GM_h, 'GM_i': GM_i})
     results_data = pd.DataFrame(results)
     sorted_results = results_data.sort_values(by=['GM_h', 'GM_i'], ascending=False)
     sorted_results = sorted_results.dropna()
     sorted_results["GM_h"] = sorted_results["GM_h"] * 10000
     sorted_results["GM_i"] = sorted_results["GM_i"] * 10000
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[]: sorted_results.dropna()
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    27
        0.35 0.30 0.873051 -2.507838
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14 0.25 0.20 0.822049 -0.425975

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     34 0.40 0.30 0.609279 -2.016938
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     15 0.30 0.00 -4.232335 -2.221700
        0.20 0.00 -4.266324 -2.410998
     10 0.25 0.00 -4.284904 -2.239164
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[]: from IPython.display import display, HTML
    0.0.5 Q2) Hyperparameter analysis.
[]: max_GM_h_index = sorted_results['GM_h'].idxmax()
     max_GM_i_index = sorted_results['GM_i'].idxmax()
     # Extract the corresponding hyperparameters and GM values
     best_hyperparameters_h = sorted_results.loc[max_GM_h_index, ['u1', 'l1', _

    GM h']]

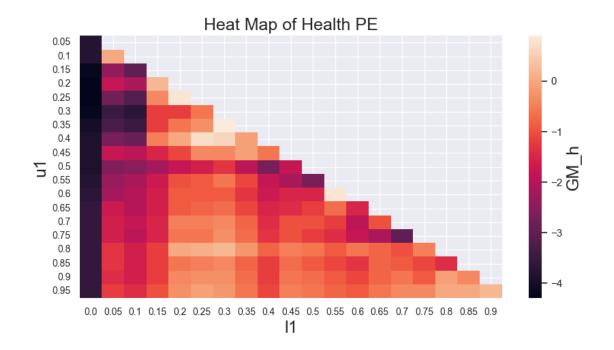
     best_hyperparameters_i = sorted_results.loc[max_GM_i_index, ['u1', 'l1', u]

    GM_i']]

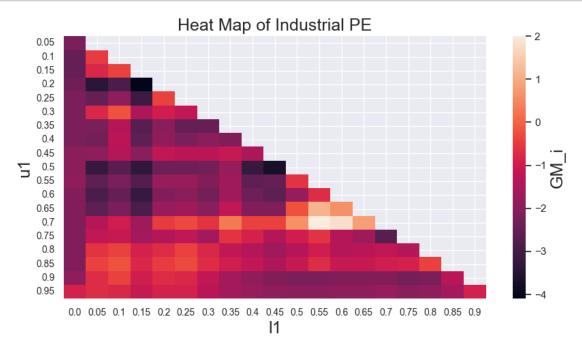
     display(HTML("<b>Best Hyperparameters for Health:</b>"))
     display(best_hyperparameters_h)
     display(HTML("<b>Best Hyperparameters for Industrial:</b>"))
     display(best_hyperparameters_i)
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    u1
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            2.035046
    Name: 102, dtype: float64
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0.0.6 a) Create two properly labelled heat maps (with a clear distinction between the values of the heat map, scaling may be required) for your tested hyper parameter values in the industrial and health sectors.

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[]: def heatmap(x, y, metric, values, title):
         # specify the columns I will be pulling from the results
         p2p = values[[x, y, metric]]
         # If p > 2, we need to group
         heat = np.round(p2p.groupby([x,y]).mean(),1)
         heat = heat.unstack()[metric]
         # round labels
         heat.index = np.round(heat.index,2)
         heat.columns = np.round(heat.columns,2)
         # make plot
         f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 5))
         ax = sns.heatmap(heat, fmt='.1g')
         ax.set_title(title,size = 18)
         ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=10)
         ax.set_xlabel(y, size = 18)
         ax.set_ylabel(x, size = 18)
         ax.collections[0].colorbar.set_label(metric, size = 18)
         sns.set(font_scale=1)
         plt.show()
[]: tmp = sorted_results
     heatmap("u1", "l1", "GM_h", tmp, 'Heat Map of Health PE')
```







0.0.7 b) What do the heatmaps tell you about the hyperparameters that are best for each sector? Is there any similarity between the two?

Best hyperparameters sector wise - For Health sector, u1 = 0.35 and l1 = 0.30 For Industrial sector u1 = 0.70 and l1 = 0.55

For health sector u1 and l1 are almost same. For industrial sector, there appears to be a significant difference between u1 and l1. In case of health sector when u1 and l1 both are low, GM is highest. In case of industrial sector, when u1 and l1 are increasing slightly in magnitude, we get highest GM.

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[]: data.columns
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0.0.8 c) Based on what you learned from the heatmaps, pick a pair of hyperparameters for the health and industrial sector strategies and visualize the equity curve they produce for each.

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[]: u1, 11 = 1, 0.3
     u2, 12 = 0.7, 0.55
     # Health sector strategy
     data_copy_new_h = strategy(u1, l1, data.copy())
     data_copy_new_h['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(data_copy_new_h['Date'])
     data_copy_new_h.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
     data copy new h["strat returns h"] = (data copy new h["signal h"].shift() *||

data_copy_new_h['HealthSector_Returns'])
     data_copy_new_h["strat_returns h"] = data_copy_new_h["strat_returns h"].
      →fillna(0)
     data_copy_new_h["cumulative_returns_h"] = (np.
      Gexp(data_copy_new_h['strat_returns_h'].cumsum()) - 1) * 100
     # Industrial sector strategy
     data_copy_new_i = strategy(u2, 12, data.copy())
     data_copy_new_i['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(data_copy_new_i['Date'])
     data_copy_new_i.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
     data_copy_new_i["strat_returns_i"] = (data_copy_new_i["signal_i"].shift() *__

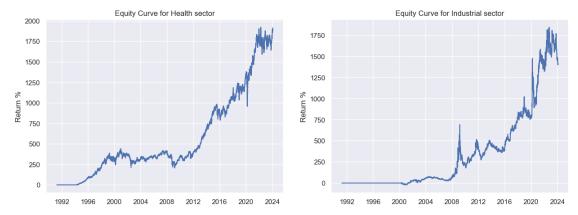
data_copy_new_i['IndustrialSector_Returns'])
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      →fillna(0)
     data_copy_new_i["cumulative_returns_i"] = (np.
      Gexp(data_copy_new_i['strat_returns_i'].cumsum()) - 1) * 100
     # Plotting side by side
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plt.figure(figsize=(15, 5))

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(data_copy_new_h.cumulative_returns_h)
plt.ylabel('Return %')
plt.title('Equity Curve for Health sector')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(data_copy_new_i.cumulative_returns_i)
plt.ylabel('Return %')
plt.title('Equity Curve for Industrial sector')

plt.show()
```



### 0.0.9 Q3) Portfolio creation

0.0.10 a) Use the outcomes you generated in 2c to create an equally weighted portfolio.

### []: portfolio

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Date
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1991-04-09
1991-04-10
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## 0.0.11 b) Show the equity curve of the portfolio from the previous part.



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[]: # Calculate CCRoR for Health Sector
t_h = len(data_copy_new_h) / 252
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A_h = data_copy_new_h["cumulative_returns_h"].iloc[-1] + 1
ccror_h = (np.log(A_h) / t_h) * 100
# Calculate CCRoR for Industrial Sector
t_i = len(data_copy_new_i) / 252
A_i = data_copy_new_i["cumulative_returns_i"].iloc[-1] + 1
ccror_i = (np.log(A_i) / t_i) * 100
# Calculate CCRoR for the Equally Weighted Portfolio
t_portfolio = len(portfolio) / 252
A portfolio = portfolio["cumulative returns"].iloc[-1] + 1
ccror_portfolio = (np.log(A_portfolio) / t_portfolio) * 100
print("CCRoR:")
print(f"Health Sector: {ccror_h:.2f}%")
print(f"Equally Weighted Portfolio: {ccror_portfolio:.2f}%")
print(f"Industrial Sector: {ccror_i:.2f}%\n")
# Calculate Annualized Returns for Health Sector
AR_h = ((A_h ** (1 / t_h)) - 1) * 100
# Calculate Annualized Returns for Industrial Sector
AR_i = ((A_i ** (1 / t_i)) - 1) * 100
# Calculate Annualized Returns for the Equally Weighted Portfolio
AR_portfolio = ((A_portfolio ** (1 / t_portfolio)) - 1) * 100
print("Annualized Returns:")
print(f"Health Sector: {AR_h:.2f}%")
print(f"Equally Weighted Portfolio:{AR_portfolio:.2f}%")
print(f"Industrial Sector: {AR_i:.2f}%")
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#### CCRoR:

Health Sector: 23.03%

Equally Weighted Portfolio: 22.56%

Industrial Sector: 22.09%

Annualized Returns: Health Sector: 25.90%

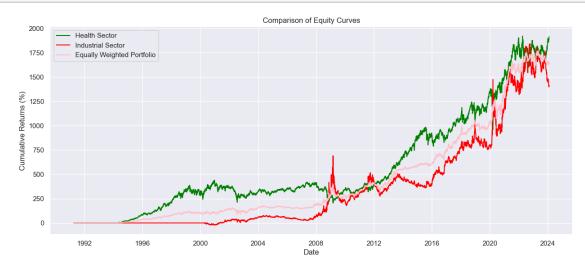
Equally Weighted Portfolio:25.31%

Industrial Sector: 24.72%

The portfolio, though not achieving the same level of risk-adjusted returns as the Health Sector, is able to outperform the Industrial Sector in terms of CCRoR. The balanced nature of the portfolio helps in achieving a risk-return profile between the two sectors. The portfolio, while not reaching the same level of annualized returns as the Health Sector, still provides a higher return compared to the Industrial Sector. The diversification benefits of the portfolio contribute to achieving a balance

in overall annualized returns

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[]: # Plotting the Cumulative Returns for each sector and the Equally Weighted
      \hookrightarrow Portfolio
     plt.figure(figsize=(15, 6))
     # Health Sector
     plt.plot(data_copy_new_h.index, data_copy_new_h['cumulative_returns_h'],__
      ⇔label='Health Sector', linestyle='-', color='green')
     # Industrial Sector
     plt.plot(data_copy_new_i.index, data_copy_new_i['cumulative_returns_i'],_
      ⇔label='Industrial Sector', linestyle='-', color='red')
     # Equally Weighted Portfolio
     plt.plot(portfolio.index, portfolio['cumulative_returns'], label='Equally_
      ⇔Weighted Portfolio', linestyle='-', color='pink')
     # Adding labels and title
     plt.xlabel('Date')
     plt.ylabel('Cumulative Returns (%)')
     plt.title('Comparison of Equity Curves')
     plt.legend()
     plt.grid(True)
     plt.show()
```



As we can see, Portfolio performs better than Industrial Sector but worse than Health Sector.

# 0.0.12 Q4) Describe a mechanism that may explain why the principle of contrarian opinion may be observed across many financial markets.

As we learnt in class, The Principle of Contrarian Opinion means that financial markets exhibit predictable patterns of behavior in response to the sentiments of speculators. The contrarian pattern suggests that when speculators are excessively optimistic about future prices, the market is likely to experience a subsequent fall, and conversely, when speculators are overly pessimistic, future prices are expected to increase.

One possible mechanism that I can think of that explains why POC may be observed across many financial markets is herding and informational cascades. It begins when a piece of information enters the market, whose true significance may be obscured by its ambiguity in complex financial landscapes. Due to limited information, individual investors struggle with assessing the genuine value of an asset. This creates a cascade effect, making it seem like everyone agrees on the market direction, leading to either overvaluation or undervaluation of assets. Contrarian investors, who do deeper analysis or have different perspectives, take advantage of this trend to make decisions against the popular sentiment, hoping to benefit from the market's overreaction. If their analysis is correct, the market eventually corrects itself, supporting the idea that herding behavior influences financial trends. Another reason for contrarian behavior is the recognition of market inefficiencies and cognitive biases. Markets are not perfect, and sometimes prices don't reflect all available information, causing temporary mispricings of assets. Investors also have biases like anchoring, loss aversion, and overconfidence, which can lead to mistakes. Contrarian investors, who question prevailing market beliefs and rely on fundamental analysis, can identify, and take advantage of these mispricings. By strategically buying undervalued assets or selling overvalued ones, contrarian investors challenge popular sentiments. If their assessments are correct and biases fade away, the market may correct itself, supporting and rewarding the contrarian approach. This two-fold explanation, involving both herding and market inefficiencies, highlights the various factors influencing contrarian behavior in financial markets.

# 0.0.13 Q5) Higher feds funds rates lead to declines in stock price indexes. True or false, explain.

Generally, it is true. An increase in the federal funds rates typically correlates with declines in stock price indexes. Firstly, as the Federal Reserve raises the federal funds rate, the cost of borrowing for businesses and consumers rises, impacting corporate profits by increasing expenses associated with servicing debts. Secondly, higher interest rates often prompt a shift in investor sentiment, with fixed-income securities becoming more attractive relative to stocks. Consequently, investors may redirect their investments away from stocks, contributing to a decline in stock prices. Additionally, stock prices are influenced by discounting future cash flows, and when interest rates climb, the higher discount rates applied to these future cash flows result in lower present values for future earnings, placing downward pressure on stock prices. Furthermore, while the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates to cool down an overheating economy and control inflation, the subsequent economic slowdown can negatively affect corporate earnings and, in turn, stock prices.