

The practitioner's defence of the use of auto-trading algorithms.

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Lightning talk take home points

Just remember this:

Market participants should consider auto-trading.

Changing markets can make a rising rate environment work in the investor's favor.

Be vigilant in recognizing your biases in real-time.

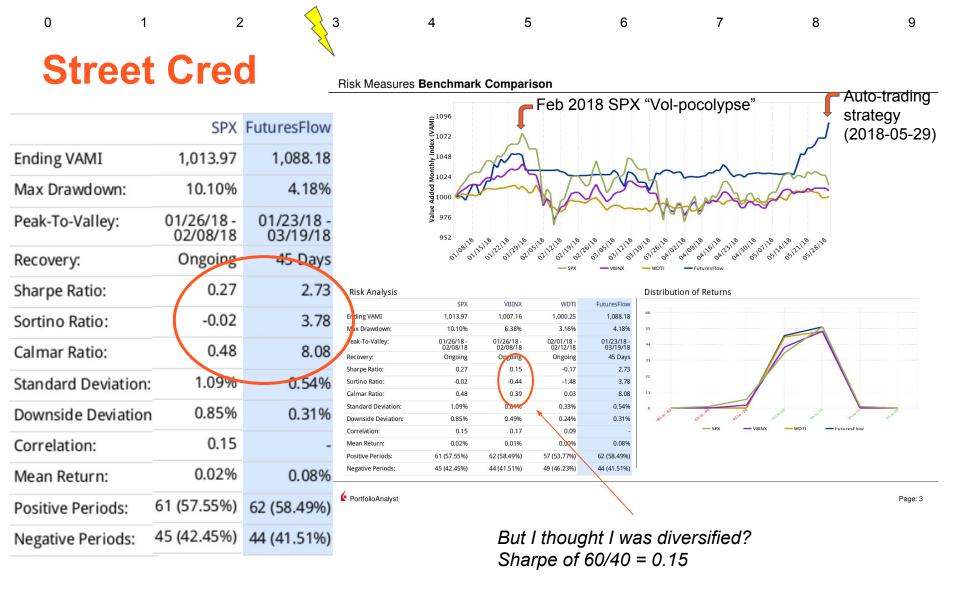
Bias affects us all

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Background:

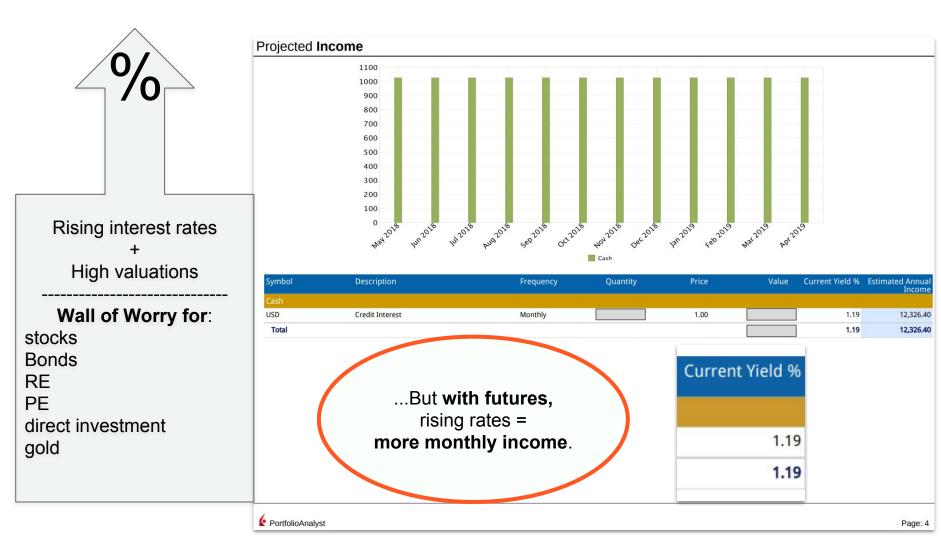
Cardiac anesthesiologist by training
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Result → Different biases and strengths/weakness when approaching the market.





Street Cred



O 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Goal = "Minimize and Match" (or exceed)

...Drawdowns and S&P 500 performance.

Focus on absolute and risk-adjusted returns

Pay for performance fee structure

Close at \$300MM



2 kinds of auto-trading algos

YOUR STRATEGY

(insert your backtested code here ... AKA "I've never seen a bad backtest.")



YOUR EXECUTION

(Use Interactive Brokers IBALGO)

Why you should auto-trade

Because it probably improves performance (anecdotal evidence)

How?

Reduces order transmission variance

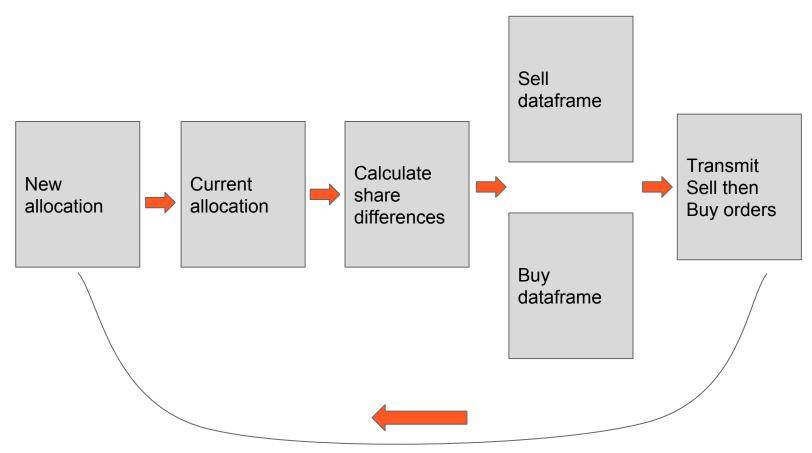
IBALGO probably fills better than human trader

Reduces costs - slippage, human trader time

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Auto-trading logic

Download full code - https://github.com/PhilGuerra/autotrade.



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R and Python with Reticulate & ib_insync

```
Sys.setenv(RETICULATE_PYTHON = "/opt/Python-3.6.3")
  library(reticulate)
 3 insync <- import("ib insync")</pre>
  ib <- insync$IB()</pre>
   ibSconnect( port = "4001" )
### SELL ORDERS ###
 9 - if (nrow(sell.df) > 0 ) {
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      for (i in 1:nrow(sell.df)) {
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        conContract = insync$Contract()
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        conContractSsymbol = sell.df[i.1]
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        conContractSsecType = "STK"
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        conContractSexchange = "SMART"
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        conContractScurrency = "USD"
        ibSqualifyContracts(conContract)
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        print(conContract)
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        order = insync$MarketOrder(action = 'SELL',
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                                  totalQuantity = sell.df[i,4],
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                                  algoStrategy = 'Adaptive'.
23
                                  algoParams = list(insync$TagValue('adaptivePriority', 'Normal'))) ### R and Python! ###
24
        print(order)
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        trade = ib$placeOrder(conContract,order)
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                                                                   (How to say "TagValue" in R & IBAPI)
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<u>Who</u>

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Our clients

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R Studio

Interactive Brokers

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Hull Investments

All package authors &

maintainers

<u>For</u>

Sizemore Capital CIO

Developing a thought partnership that works

Opportunity to present and share code

R Studio and Reticulate package

IBAPI written in native Python, IBALGO

Futures data

High-caliber research

Quantmod, XTS, twsInstrument, IBrokers, SIT, quantstrat,

rtsviz, Ib_insync, FinancialInstrument, zoo,

PerformanceAnalytics, dplyr, psych, many more

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