

# Empirical Asset Pricing A HW3

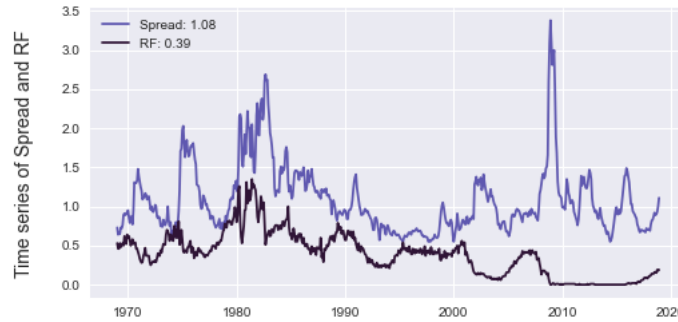
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## 1. Data Processing

I use Python to help analyze the data (see Appendix B the full code). The Data range of this exercise is 01.1969-12.2018, a total span of 50 years. I get the monthly FF three-factor data, and returns of 25 portfolios formed on size and book-to-market from Kenneth French; monthly labor compensation from BEA Table 2.6; and monthly time-series of the default spread ("Baa - Aaa") from FRED. I first discuss the test of conditional CAPM and then come to the return prediction practice. Note that I also go through the practice using unconditional CAPM as a benchmark, the result of which is given in the Appendix A.

Figure 1: Time series of monthly default spread and the short rate (%)



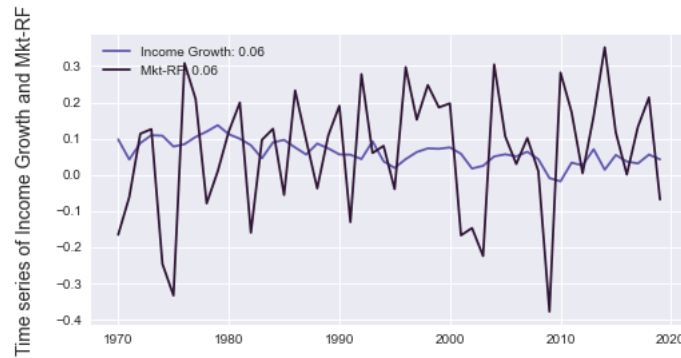
Spread is the difference of Moody's Seasoned Aaa Corporate Bond Yield [AAA] and Baa Corporate Bond Yield [BAA] (not seasonally adjusted), retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. RF is the from Fama-French, proxied by the yield of 3-month US Treasury bill, not adjusted by inflation.

I plot this graph because I hope to get a sense of the moves of the bond yield spread, denoted as  $R^{prem}$ , which is used by Jagannathan and Wang (1996) as a proxy of market risk premium. In particular, they assume that the market risk premium, denoted as  $E_t(R_{t+1}^{Mkt-RF})$ , is a linear function of  $R_t^{prem}$ . And their argument says: "stock prices vary over the business cycle, and market risk premium will also vary over the business cycle..." "..., interest-rate variables are likely to be most helpful in predicting future business conditions." As suggested by the literature, I do find a strong association between the pattern of Spread and the business cycle. Interestingly, another observation is that the risk-free rate has been

pushing to the ground for a decade, now it is just 0.03%, due to the effect of QE.

The next graph gives the time series of labor income growth:

Figure 2: Time series of annual labor income growth and the market return



In terms of volatility, labor income growth is much more stable than the market return. The inclusion of labor income is to better capture the risk of the market portfolio. Note that I annualise the growth and return to get a better sense of the patterns.

## 2. Time Series Regression

In this part, I use the same technique to estimate the factor loading of 25 portfolios. I report their betas as follows:

Table 1: Factor loading estimates of 25 testing portfolios

<b>Panel A: Mkt-RF</b>					
	BM1	BM2	BM3	BM4	BM5
ME1	1.41	1.23	1.10	1.01	1.04
ME2	1.39	1.17	1.04	1.00	1.11
ME3	1.32	1.12	1.00	0.96	1.04
ME4	1.23	1.08	1.00	0.94	1.06
ME5	0.98	0.94	0.87	0.88	0.94
<b>Panel B: Spread</b>					
	BM1	BM2	BM3	BM4	BM5
ME1	0.60	0.57	0.77	0.46	0.43
ME2	0.45	0.69	0.58	0.49	0.20
ME3	0.42	0.65	0.46	0.43	0.40
ME4	0.18	0.37	0.23	0.23	0.06
ME5	-0.16	0.01	-0.27	-0.46	-0.18
<b>Panel C: Labor</b>					
	BM1	BM2	BM3	BM4	BM5
ME1	0.57	0.33	0.32	0.38	0.41
ME2	0.08	0.12	0.06	0.34	0.31
ME3	0.08	0.10	-0.05	-0.06	-0.13
ME4	-0.12	-0.16	-0.19	-0.05	0.27
ME5	-0.19	0.03	-0.02	0.10	0.20

Here, row index ‘ME’ represents the size dimension, measured using market value. The larger the suffix, the bigger the company. Column index ‘BM’ represents the book-to-market dimension, measured by the book-to-market ratio. The larger the suffix, the lower the market value relative to the book value of the company.

Overall I notice a strong tendency for small stocks to have high loadings on all three risk factors. Second, the loadings by large fail to explain the risks premium associated with high book-to-market characteristics, as it shows that high ratios correspond to low loadings. This raises a warning for the choice of testing portfolios, which I will get back in the next section.

### 3. Cross Sectional Regression

For the second stage, I use Fama-Macbeth to estimate the factor loadings, I add a constant in the regression and test whether it is significantly different from 0:

$$R_i^e = c + c_{vw}\hat{\beta}_i + c_{labor}\hat{\beta}_i^{labor} + c_{prem}\hat{\beta}_i^{prem} + \varepsilon_i, \forall i$$

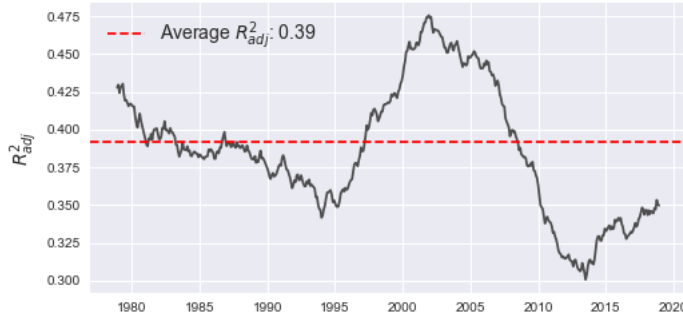
If we assume that these estimations are independent from each other, we can simple use their means as the best estimate of their true value, and use the sample standard error to get the t-statistics. The detailed procedure is documented in the code. I report the result below.

Table 2: Fama-Macbeth estimates of price of risk

	<b>Price of risk estimated from 25 testing portfolios</b>			
	$c$	$c_{vw}$	$c_{prem}$	$c_{labor}$
FM coef	1.65	-1.04	0.34	-0.00
t-stats	4.39	-2.65	2.85	-0.02

Apparently this model is not well supported by the test. More specifically, Its constant is significantly positive, indicating a large portion of unexplained premiums. Second, the market risk premium  $c_{vw}$  is negative and significant, violating our assumption that it should deliver positive risk premium. Thirdly,  $c_{prem}$  is not significant at all, contradicting with the estimate of Jagannathan and Wang (1996)<sup>1</sup>. My guess is that this has to do with the test portfolio. In the paper they choose 100 portfolios sorted on size, which is less convincing than using the double-sorting portfolios in my view. Next, I report the average  $R^2$  and plot it using a rolling window of 10 years.

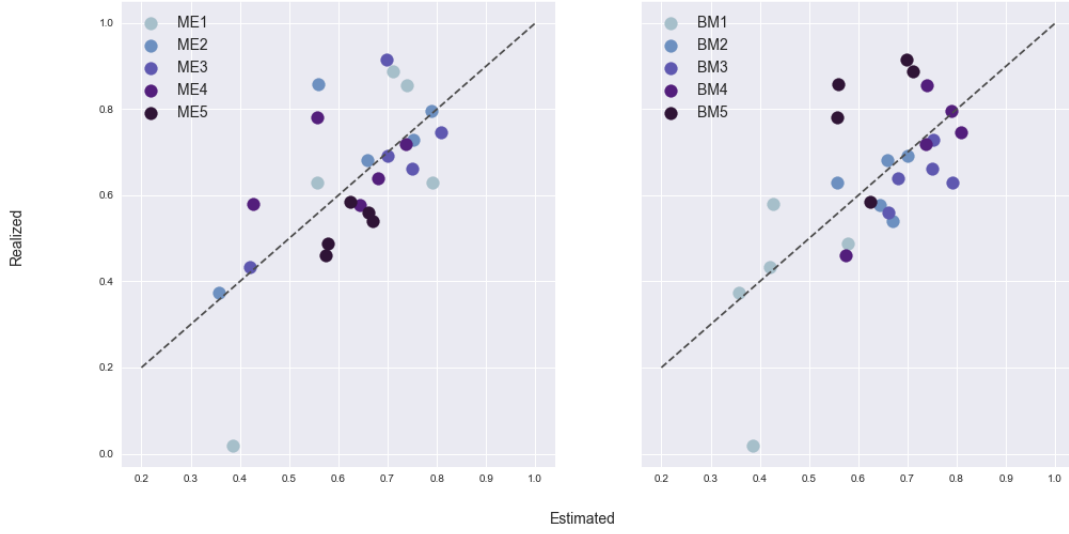
Figure 3: Moving average of  $R^2_{adj}$  from Fama-Macbeth



There is quite a bit variation of power of explanation across time. Again, this result is not as strong as the result from the original paper (0.55). Lastly, I show the scatter plots group by  $ME$  and  $BM$ .

<sup>1</sup>I tried to use the same time period but this does not help get any closer.

Figure 4: Scatter plots between realized and estimated excess return



From this graph we can evaluate the fitting condition. First of all, the overall fitting situation is captured by  $R^2$ , and there is a moderate linear association between the estimation and real excess returns. However, there is also sizable deviation from the diagonal, suggesting that the conditional CAPM model is still insufficient to capture the entire risk structure. Thirdly, compared with the left scatter plot, the right one classified by group of  $BM$  ratios shows less explaining power within each subgroups (the estimated returns do not move accordingly as size changes). Lastly, the least fitted point is the portfolio with smallest size and lowest book to market value, where the estimated value is much higher than realized excess return.

I use the 25 market cap and book to market ratio sorted portfolios to study the difference (see Appendix A) between the unconditional CAPM and the conditional CAPM (market portfolio adjusted) advocated by Jagannathan and Wang (1996), the estimated betas of market excess returns remain almost the same. The price of risk from Fama-Macbeth shows a decrease in market risk and an increase in the unexplained intercept, which seems to make things worse. By looking at the  $R^2$  and scattered plot, the fitting is indeed better in conditional CAPM. Overall the attempt to use conditional CAPM delivers a mix change to the original model.

For the purpose of completeness, I also use the sorting originally used by Jagannathan and Wang (1996), but with a coarser grid<sup>2</sup>. The result aligns largely with their findings, and it has a better fit than the previous testing portfolio (average adjusted  $R^2$  is 0.52, see fig. 8). Except that I don't get significant price

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<sup>2</sup>25 market cap and beta sorted portfolios

of risk on labor income growth (see table 8). The simple comparison raises questions on the credibility of the model used in Jagannathan and Wang (1996). The change of testing portfolios fundamentally impacts the power of explanation.

#### 4. Return predictability

Below I run predictability regressions for the one-year ahead market excess return using (a) the default spread and (b) the short rate as predictor.

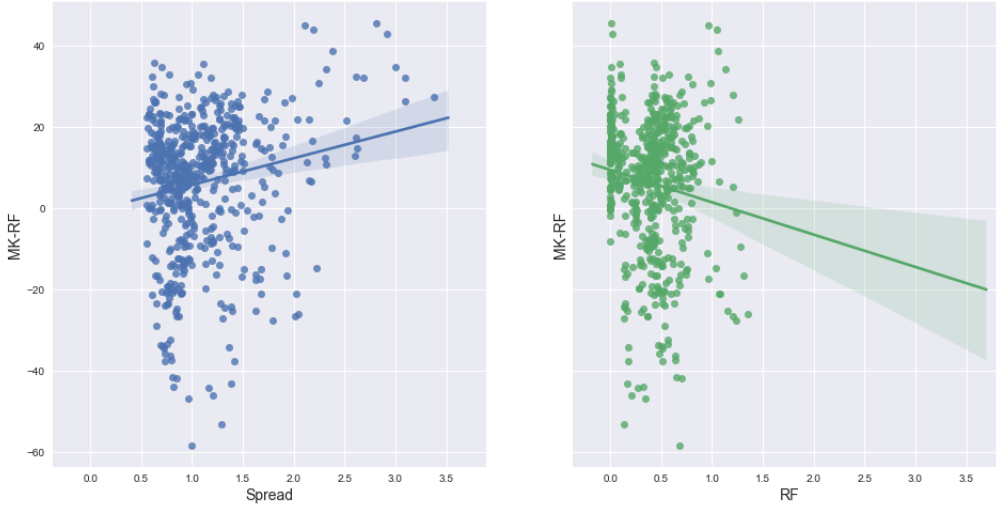
Table 3: Predictability regressions

Univariate regression coefficients and t-values		
	RF	Spread
coef	NaN	6.55
t	NaN	4.32
coef	-7.96	NaN
t	-3.27	NaN

I conduct two regression tests, both using 1 year ahead market excess return as the dependent variable, and short rate and yield spread as regressor respectively. Note that I calculate the 1 year ahead market excess return using rolling window sum.

Note that both regressions show significant prediction power, the sign of the coefficients aligns with intuition: worse economic environment is associated with low risk free rate and high yield spread, which is also the time when risk premium is high. However, I **cannot** find strong short term statistical correlation between this Spread and **next month** market excess return (very small correlation coefficient:  $-0.02$ ). This also coincides with the classical observation that return predictability is mostly seen in the longer horizon. Lastly, I show the scatter plots using regressors and the 1 year ahead market excess return:

Figure 5: Scatter plot from predictive regressions



As a practice, I also check the predictability using just past price information. I replicate the short horizon autocorrelation test of Campbell et al. (1997). See table 5 below for detailed estimates. The result still suggests that there is some autocorrelation in the time series of return. In Appendix A I also show the ACF&PACF plot for the market portfolio using the entire sample. However, the weak positive autocorrelation reported in the original table is no longer true in a subsample. Overall, the market seems to be less predictable as time goes by.

Table 4: Value weighted market portfolio autocorrelation test

<b>Panel A: Daily Returns</b>										
Sample Period	Sample Size	Mean	SD	$\hat{\rho}_1$	$\hat{\rho}_2$	$\hat{\rho}_3$	$\hat{\rho}_4$	$\hat{Q}_5$	$\hat{Q}_{10}$	
1969/01/02-2018/12/31	12611	0.024	1.020	4.7	-2.9	0.5	-1.0	45.3	51.3	
1969/01/02-1985/08/22	4204	0.005	0.833	24.6	2.5	2.4	0.7	260.4	263.5	
1985/08/23-2002/04/22	4204	0.035	1.010	7.4	-4.7	-3.3	0.3	37.3	40.5	
2002/04/23-2018/12/31	4203	0.031	1.188	-7.1	-4.2	2.4	-2.7	43.2	51.2	
<b>Panel B: Monthly Returns</b>										
Sample Period	Sample Size	Mean	SD	$\hat{\rho}_1$	$\hat{\rho}_2$	$\hat{\rho}_3$	$\hat{\rho}_4$	$\hat{Q}_5$	$\hat{Q}_{10}$	
1969/01/01-2018/12/01	600	0.492	4.514	7.4	-3.1	1.8	1.7	5.9	9.4	
1969/01/01-1985/08/01	200	0.148	4.744	6.6	-2.6	2.3	7.9	5.9	9.3	
1985/09/01-2002/04/01	200	0.716	4.628	2.5	-8.0	-5.0	-10.4	4.2	10.3	
2002/05/01-2018/12/01	200	0.613	4.151	13.0	0.0	8.1	8.6	6.3	14.2	

Table reports the empirical autocorrelation coefficients (in percent), and also the Ljung and Box test for 5 and 10 lags. Market returns uses the value weighted CRSP portfolios from Fama French.

Lastly, I test long term mean reversion of the market index. For our given sample period, all coefficients

are negative but only the 10 year horizon shows significant, whereas in Cochrane (2009), only the two year lag shows significance. This test again shows that the pattern is rather unstable and varies from sample to sample.

Table 5: Long-horizon predictive regressions

<b>Panel A: 1969-2018levels</b>						
	1	2	3	5	7	10
$\beta_k$	-0.03	-0.27	-0.14	-0.23	-0.26	-0.54
t	-0.20	-1.88	-0.97	-1.67	-1.70	-3.81
$\sigma(r_k)/\sqrt{k}$	18.00	17.90	16.20	15.50	13.00	12.70
<b>Panel B: 1969-2018logs</b>						
	1	2	3	5	7	10
$\beta_k$	-0.01	-0.23	-0.14	-0.20	-0.20	-0.52
t	-0.04	-1.64	-0.91	-1.49	-1.39	-3.66
$\sigma(r_k)/\sqrt{k}$	18.50	18.50	17.00	16.30	13.90	13.60

Table reports the coefficients and t-values from the regressions .



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# Appendices

## Appendix A

The following results are counterpart benchmarks for the second practice question.

Table 6: Factor loading estimates of 25 testing portfolios, unconditional CAPM

<b>Panel A: Mkt-RF</b>					
	BM1	BM2	BM3	BM4	BM5
ME1	1.42	1.23	1.10	1.02	1.04
ME2	1.39	1.18	1.05	1.00	1.11
ME3	1.32	1.12	1.00	0.96	1.04
ME4	1.23	1.09	1.00	0.95	1.07
ME5	0.98	0.94	0.86	0.88	0.94

Here, row index ‘ME’ represents the size dimension, measured using market value. The larger the suffix, the bigger the company. Column index ‘BM’ represents the book-to-market dimension, measured by the book-to-market ratio. The larger the suffix, the lower the market value relative to the book value of the company.

Table 7: Fama-Macbeth estimates of price of risk, unconditional CAPM

<b>Price of risk estimated from 25 testing portfolios</b>			
		$c$	$c_{vw}$
	FM coef	1.30	-0.62
	t-stats	3.26	-1.43

Figure 6: Moving average of  $R_{adj}^2$  from Fama-Macbeth, unconditional CAPM

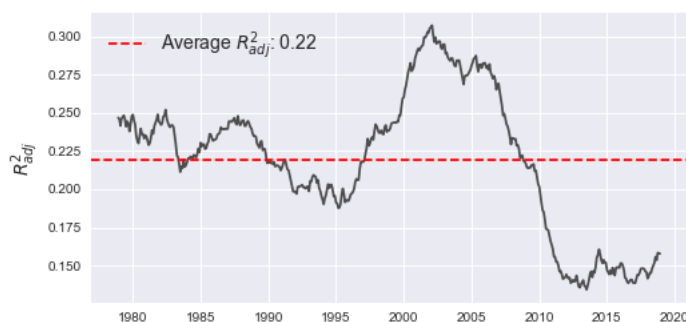


Figure 7: Scatter plots between realized and estimated excess return, unconditional CAPM

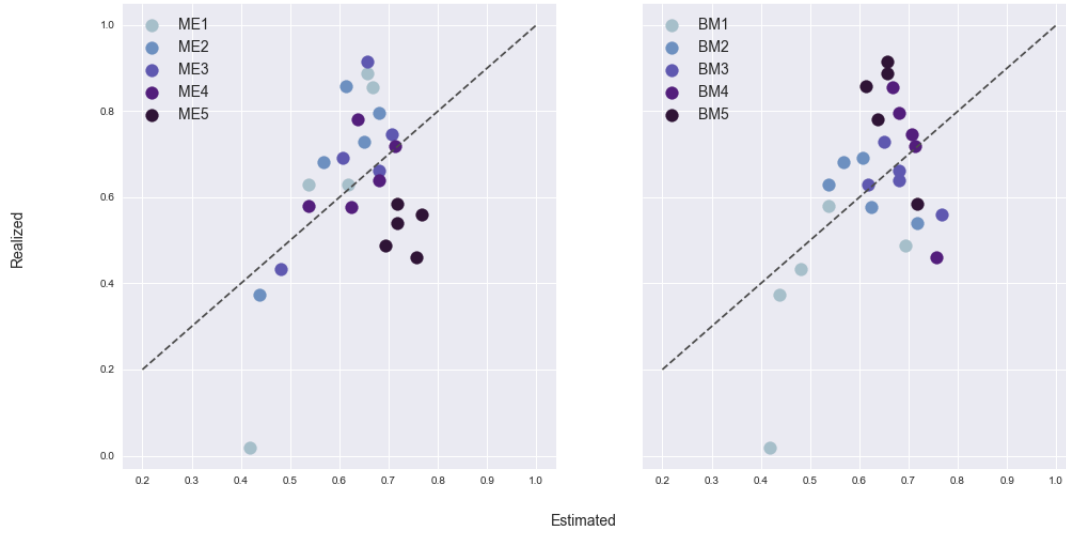


Table 8: Fama-Macbeth estimates of price of risk, 25 ME&Beta sorted portfolios

Price of risk estimated from 25 testing portfolios				
	$c$	$c_{vw}$	$c_{prem}$	$c_{labor}$
FM coef	0.77	-0.22	0.35	0.09
t-stats	4.53	-0.89	2.48	0.45

Figure 8: Scatter plots between realized and estimated excess return, 25 ME&Beta sorted portfolios

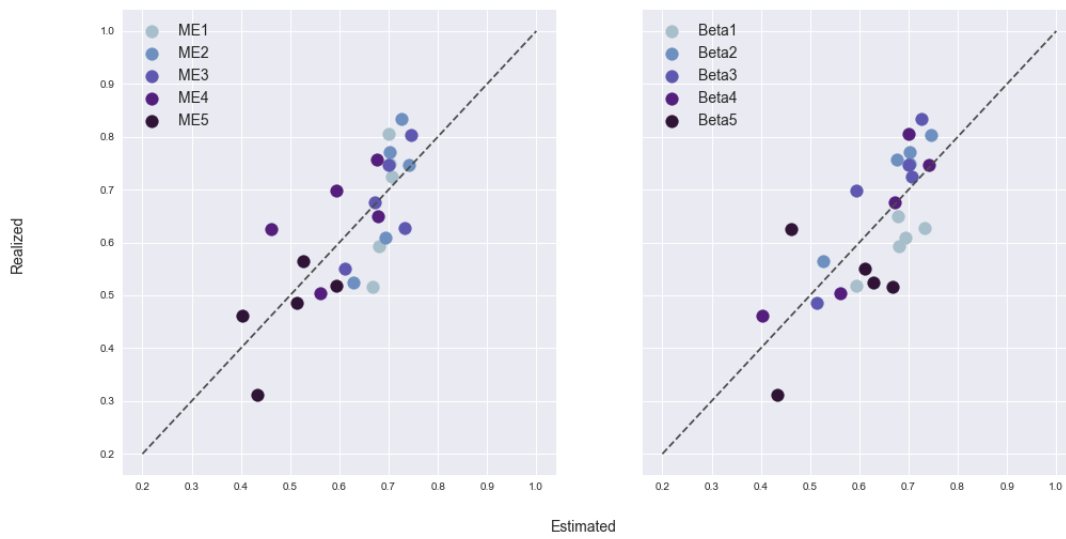
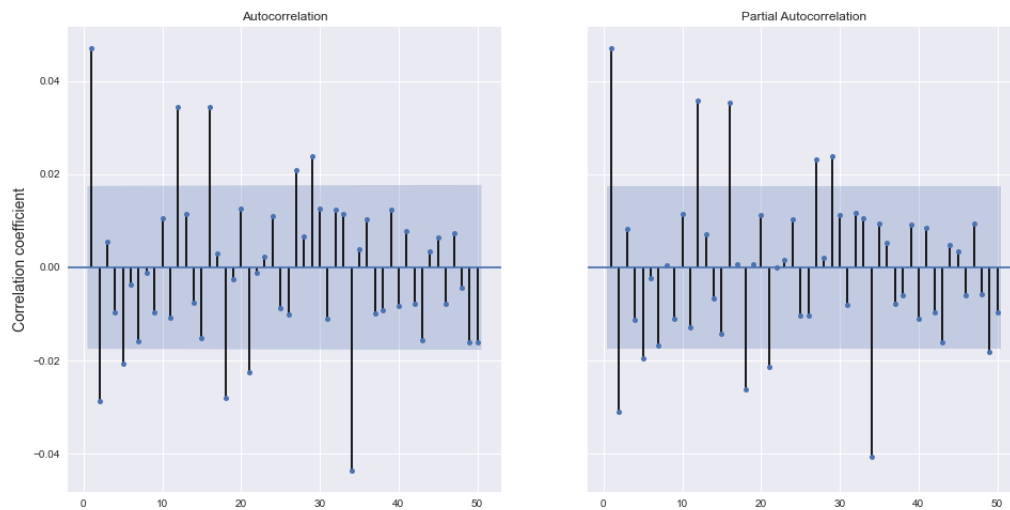


Figure 9: ACF&PACF plot for the market portfolio



## Appendix B

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1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  # coding: utf-8
3
4  # # Empirical Asset Pricing A 2021
5  # ## Homework 3&4: on empirical tests for conditional CAPM, return predictability
6  # **Xinyu Liu, INSEAD**
7  #
8  # **02.02.2021**
9
10 # ## Overview
11 #
12 # The goal of this exercise is to get a sense of the testing procedures in conditional
13 #   CAPM, and check predictability of the market return.
14
15 # ## Preparation: Import packages and access data
16 #
17 # In[1]:
18
19
20 import pandas_datareader.data as web # module for reading datasets directly from the
21   web
22 #pip install pandas-datareader (in case you haven't install this package)
23 from pandas_datareader.famafrench import get_available_datasets
24 import pandas as pd
25 import numpy as np
26 import datetime as dt
27 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
28 plt.style.use('seaborn')
29 from matplotlib.dates import DateFormatter
30 import matplotlib.dates as mdates
31 import statsmodels.api as sm
32 import scipy as sp
33 from dateutil.relativedelta import relativedelta
34 import datapungibea as dpb
35 import os
36 # print latex
37 # from IPython.display import display, Math

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38
39 # In[2]:
40
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42 #####
43 # Fama French Factor Grabber
44 #####
45 #https://randlow.github.io/posts/finance-economics/pandas-datareader-KF/
46 #Please refer to this link if you have any further questions.
47
48 #You can extract all the available datasets from Ken French's website and find that
49   there are 297 of them. We can opt to see all the datasets available.
50 datasets = get_available_datasets()
51 print('No. of datasets:{}'.format(len(datasets)))
52 #datasets # comment out if you want to see all the datasets
53
54 # In[7]:
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57 #####
58 #Customize your data selection
59 #####
60 #It is important to check the description of the dataset we access by using the
61   following codes
62 sdate='1969-01-01'
63 edate='2018-12-31'
64 dir = os.path.realpath('.')
65
66 # #### For $M kt-Rf, SMB, HML$ Factors:
67
68 # In[4]:
69
70
71 Datatoread='F-F_Research_Data_Factors'
72 ds_factors = web.DataReader(Datatoread,'famafrench',start=sdate,end=edate) # Taking [0]
73   as extracting 1F-F-Research_Data_Factors_2x3')
74 print('\nKEYS\n{}'.format(ds_factors.keys()))
75 print('DATASET DESCRIPTION \n {}'.format(ds_factors['DESCR']))
76 #From the printed information we know that we need to select the "0" name in the
77   dictionary
78 #copy the right dict for later examination
79 dfFactor = ds_factors[0].copy()
80 # 0 for monthly data and 1 for yearly data
81 dfFactor.reset_index(inplace=True)
82
83 #Date format adjustment
84 # dfFactor['Date']=dfFactor['Date'].dt.strftime('%Y-%m')
85 dfFactor = dfFactor.set_index(['Date'])
86 dfFactor.index=dfFactor.index.to_timestamp()
87 # dfFactor['Date']=dfFactor['Date'].dt.to_timestamp(freq='M').dt.strftime('%Y-%m')
88 #Obtained object dtype
89 # dfFactor.index=pd.to_datetime(dfFactor.index)
90 #Obtained dt64, which is needed for the plotting
91
92 RF = dfFactor['RF']
93 # dfFactor=dfFactor.drop(columns = ['RF'])
94 # I check the scale of the data by printing out the head:
95 dfFactor.head()
96
97
98 # #### For 25 portfolios formed on size and book-to-market (5 x 5)
99
100 # In[16]:
101
102
103 # I searched for the exact name for this portfolio set by methods mentioned above
104 #It is important to check the description of the dataset we access by using the
105   following codes
106 Datatoread_PORT='25_Portfolios_5x5'
107 Datatoread_PORT='25_Portfolios_ME_BETA_5x5'
108 ds_PORT = web.DataReader(Datatoread_PORT,'famafrench',start=sdate,end=edate) # Taking

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[0] as extracting 1F-F-Research_Data_Factors_2x3')
106 print('\nKEYS\n{}'.format(ds_PORT.keys()))
107 print('DATASET DESCRIPTION \n {}'.format(ds_PORT['DESCR']))
108 #From the printed information we know that we need to select the "0" name in the
    dictionary
109 #copy the right dict for later examination
110 dfPORT = ds_PORT[0].copy()
111 dfPORT.reset_index(inplace=True)
112
113 dfPORT = dfPORT.set_index(['Date'])
114 # I check the scale of the data by printing out the head:
115 dfPORT.head()
116
117
118 # #### For monthly time-series of the default spread ( Baa - Aaa )
119
120 # In[53]:
121
122
123 # from fredapi import Fred
124 # fred = Fred(api_key='867c31a2baca3a69effa928b9b294289')
125 # Aaa = fred.get_series_latest_release('AAA')
126 # Baa = fred.get_series_latest_release('BAA')
127 #####
128 # The API above is not stable so I make a local copy and access them below
129 #####
130 filename = os.path.join(dir, 'Data', 'AAA.csv')
131 Aaa = pd.read_csv(filename, index_col='DATE', parse_dates=True)
132 filename = os.path.join(dir, 'Data', 'BAA.csv')
133 Baa = pd.read_csv(filename, index_col='DATE', parse_dates=True)
134
135 Bond_spread = pd.DataFrame({'Aaa':Aaa.iloc[:,0].values, 'Baa':Baa.iloc[:,0].values}, index
    = Aaa.index)
136 Bond_spread = Bond_spread[(Bond_spread.index<=pd.to_datetime(edate)) & (Bond_spread.
    index>=pd.to_datetime(sdate))]
137 Bond_spread['Spread'] = Bond_spread['Baa']- Bond_spread['Aaa']
138 dfFactor = dfFactor.merge(Bond_spread[['Spread']], how='inner', left_index=True,
    right_index=True)
139
140
141 # In[56]:
142
143
144 def portfolio_plot(df, num_subplot, plot_name='testing', figsize=(8,8), cmap = 'twilight'
    ):
145     n = num_subplot
146     fig, axes = plt.subplots(n,1,figsize=figsize,sharex=True,sharey=True)
147     years_fmt = mdates.DateFormatter('%Y')
148     # fig.suptitle('Time series of relevant variables',fontsize=16)
149     # Add an origin point at the top of the dataframe
150     dfcopy = df.copy()
151     # dfcopy.index = dfcopy.index.to_timestamp()
152     # origin = dfcopy.index[0]-relativedelta(months=1)
153     # dfcopy.loc[origin,:] = [1]*len(dfcopy.columns)
154     # dfcopy=dfcopy.sort_index()
155
156     dfFactor_cum = dfcopy
157     for k,factortitle in enumerate(dfcopy.columns):
158         if n==1:
159             ax = axes
160         else:
161             ax = axes[k//n]
162             ax.plot(dfFactor_cum.index,dfFactor_cum[factortitle], label='{0}: {:.2f}'.format(
                factortitle, dfFactor_cum[factortitle].mean()))
163             ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(years_fmt)
164             colormap = plt.cm.get_cmap(cmap)
165             colors = [colormap(i) for i in np.linspace(0.3, 0.5, len(ax.lines))]
166             for i,j in enumerate(ax.lines):
167                 j.set_color(colors[i])
168             ax.legend(fontsize = 10,loc=2)
169     fig.text(0.04, 0.5, 'Time series of ' +plot_name, va='center', ha='center',rotation=
        'vertical',fontsize = 14)
170     plt.savefig("Time series of "+plot_name)

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171     plt.show()
172 portfolio_plot(dfFactor[['Spread', 'RF']], 1, plot_name='Spread and RF', figsize=(8,4),
173               cmap='twilight')
174
175 # #### For monthly time-series of labor income growth (BEA)
176
177 # In[57]:
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179
180 BEA_data = dpb.data('FDA2D756-CC0A-4AAA-A1D5-980FA23F31BB') #or data = dpb.data("API Key
181 ")
182 NIPA_cons=BEA_data.NIPA('T20600',frequency='M')
183 #Download annual consumption data on nondurable goods from Table 2.6.
184 #on Personal Income and Its Disposition, Monthly
185 NIPA_cons.reset_index(inplace=True)
186 Compensation_data=NIPA_cons[NIPA_cons['LineDescription']=='-Compensation of employees']
187 Compensation_data = Compensation_data.T.iloc[4:,:]
188 Compensation_data.columns=['Compensation']
189 Compensation_data.index = pd.to_datetime(Compensation_data.index.values, format='%YM%m')
190 Compensation_data['Income Growth'] = (Compensation_data['Compensation']-
191   Compensation_data['Compensation'].shift(1))/Compensation_data['Compensation'].shift
192   (1)
193 # Convert strings to datetime
194 Compensation_data = Compensation_data[(Compensation_data.index<=pd.to_datetime(edate)) &
195   (Compensation_data.index>pd.to_datetime(sdate))]
196 Compensation_data['Mkt-RF'] = dfFactor['Mkt-RF']/100
197 Compensation_data['Income Growth'] = Compensation_data['Income Growth']
198 labor_market = (Compensation_data[['Income Growth', 'Mkt-RF']] + 1).astype('f').resample('Y
199   ').prod() - 1
200 portfolio_plot(labor_market, 1, plot_name='Income Growth and Mkt-RF (monthly)', figsize
201   =(8,4), cmap='twilight')
202 dfFactor['Labor'] = Compensation_data['Income Growth'].astype('f') * 100
203 # I don't know why but the api is not stable so I kept a copy of data
204 # Compensation_data.to_pickle('compensation')
205 #or [All just for saving the intermediary data]
206 # Compensation_data.to_csv(os.path.join(dir, 'Data', 'Compensation.csv'))
207 # Compensation_data = pd.read_pickle('compensation')
208 # dfFactor.to_csv(os.path.join(dir, 'Data', 'dfFactor.csv'))
209
210
211 # ## Test functions
212 # #### Define the function for conducting cross-sectional test, where the first stage is
213   a time series regression
214
215 # In[10]:
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217
218
219 # I can import directly the saved dfFactor
220 filename = os.path.join(dir, 'Data', 'dfFactor.csv')
221 dfFactor = pd.read_csv(filename, index_col='Date', parse_dates=True)
222
223
224 # In[17]:
225
226
227 def FamaMacbeth_Test(factor_matrix, test_assets, RF):
228     try:
229         test_assets.index = test_assets.index.to_timestamp()
230     except Exception:
231         pass
232     # Step one, time series regression, obtain estimated beta for each portfolio
233     X = sm.add_constant(factor_matrix)
234     beta_matrix = pd.DataFrame()
235     for i in range(len(test_assets.columns)):
236         y = test_assets.iloc[:, i] - RF
237         model = sm.OLS(y, X)
238         results = model.fit()
239         beta_i = pd.DataFrame(results.params[1:]).T
240         beta_matrix = pd.concat([beta_matrix, beta_i])
241     beta_matrix.index = test_assets.columns
242
243     # Step two, cross sectional regression, obtain estimated intercept and factor risk

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236 premium period by period
237 X = sm.add_constant(beta_matrix)
238 premium_matrix = pd.DataFrame()
239 rsquare_matrix = []
240 for i in range(len(test_assets.index)):
241     # Note to be consisitent we should still use the excess return
242     y= test_assets.iloc[i,:]-RF[i]
243     model = sm.OLS(y, X)
244     results = model.fit()
245     premium_i = pd.DataFrame(results.params).T
246     premium_matrix= pd.concat([premium_matrix, premium_i])
247
248     rsquare_matrix.append(results.rsquared_adj)
249 premium_matrix.index = factor_matrix.index
250
251 ## Key formula to calculate the statistics
252 point_estimate = premium_matrix.mean()
253 N = len(test_assets.index)
254 std = premium_matrix.std()/np.sqrt(N)
255 df = N-1
256 significant_level = 0.975
257 critical_value = sp.stats.t.ppf(significant_level, df)
258 CI = [point_estimate-std*critical_value, point_estimate+std*critical_value]
259 reports = pd.DataFrame(point_estimate).T
260 reports = reports.rename(index={0:'FM coef'})
261 reports.loc['t-stats',:] = reports.iloc[0,:]/std
262
263 print(reports.round(2).to_latex())
264 return beta_matrix, premium_matrix, point_estimate, rsquare_matrix
265
266 # In[18]:
267
268
269 beta_matrix, premium_matrix, point_estimate, rsquare_mean = FamaMacbeth_Test(dfFactor[['
270     Mkt-RF', 'Spread','Labor']], dfPORT, RF)
271
272 # In[73]:
273
274
275 beta_matrix, premium_matrix, point_estimate, rsquare_mean = FamaMacbeth_Test(dfFactor[['
276     Mkt-RF']], dfPORT, RF)
277
278 # In[286]:
279
280
281 # Sensitivity check for the parameters
282 cut = 240
283 beta_matrix, premium_matrix, point_estimate, rsquare_mean = FamaMacbeth_Test(dfFactor[['
284     Mkt-RF', 'Spread','Labor']].iloc[:cut,:], dfPORT.iloc[:cut,:], RF[:cut])
285
286 # In[21]:
287
288
289 # Rolling average calcualtion for list data
290 numbers = rsquare_mean
291 window_size = 120
292 numbers_series = pd.Series(numbers)
293 windows = numbers_series.rolling(window_size)
294 moving_averages = windows.mean()
295 moving_averages_list = moving_averages.tolist()
296 without_nans = moving_averages_list[window_size - 1:]
297
298
299 # In[22]:
300
301
302 # plot time series of rolling average
303 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(8,4),sharex=True,sharey=True)
304 fig.text(0.04, 0.5, r'$R^2_{adj}$', va='center', ha='center',rotation='vertical',

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        fontsize = 14)
305 colormap = plt.cm.get_cmap('twilight')
306 axes.plot(dfPORT.index[window_size - 1:],without_nans,c=".3")
307 axes.axhline(y=np.mean(rsquare_mean),color='r', linestyle='--',label='Average ' + r'$R^2_{\{adj\}}$'+': {}'.format(np.round(np.mean(rsquare_mean),2)))
308 axes.legend(fontsize = 14)
309 plt.plot()
310 plt.savefig('Rsquared')
311 plt.show()
312
313
314 # In[23]:
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316
317 # Make the output table more readable
318 beta_matrix = beta_matrix.round(2)
319 for content in beta_matrix.T.index:
320     print_report = pd.DataFrame(beta_matrix.T.loc[content,:].values.reshape(5,5),columns
321     = ["BM" + str(i+1) for i in range(5)], index= ["ME" + str(i+1) for i in range(5)])
322     print_report = pd.concat([print_report], axis=1, keys=[content])
323     print(print_report.to_latex())
324
325 # In[24]:
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327
328 # Process result from regressions to plot scatter plot
329 X = sm.add_constant(beta_matrix)
330 Estimated = X @ point_estimate
331 Realized = (dfPORT.sub(RF,axis = 'index')).mean()
332
333
334 # In[26]:
335
336
337 # Make the scatter plot
338 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(16,8),sharex=True,sharey=True)
339 fig.text(0.04, 0.5, 'Realized', va='center', ha='center',rotation='vertical',fontsize =
340 14)
341 fig.text(0.5,0.04, 'Estimated', va='center', ha='center',rotation='horizontal',fontsize
342 = 14)
343 colormap = plt.cm.get_cmap('twilight')
344 colors = [colormap(i) for i in np.linspace(0.1, 0.5,5)]
345 axes[0].plot([0.2, 1], [0.2, 1], ls="--", c=".3")
346 for i in range(0,5):
347     axes[0].scatter(Estimated[i*5:(i+1)*5],Realized[i*5:(i+1)*5],c=colors[i],label = 'ME
348 '+str(i+1), s=140)
349 axes[0].legend(fontsize = 14)
350 axes[1].plot([0.2, 1], [0.2, 1], ls="--", c=".3")
351 for i in range(0,5):
352     axes[1].scatter(Estimated[i::5],Realized[i::5],c=colors[i],label = 'BM'+str(i+1), s
353 =140)
354 axes[1].legend(fontsize = 14)
355 plt.plot()
356 plt.savefig('Scatter_mebetaCAPM')
357 plt.show()
358
359
360 # ### Return predictability test
361 # 1. Default spread
362 # 2. Short rate
363
364 # In[144]:
365
366
367 to_predict= dfFactor[['Mkt-RF']].rolling(12).sum().shift(-12)
368
369 # In[145]:
370
371
372 # Make the scatter plot
373 import seaborn as sns

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371 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(16,8),sharex=True,sharey=True)
372 colormap = plt.cm.get_cmap('twilight')
373 colors = [colormap(i) for i in np.linspace(0.3, 0.5,5)]
374 # axes[0].plot([0.2, 1], [0.2, 1], ls="--", c=".3")
375 for i, k in enumerate(dfFactor[['Spread','RF']].columns):
376     print(i,k)
377     sns.regplot(dfFactor[[k]],to_predict['Mkt-RF'],ax= axes[i])
378     axes[i].set_xlabel(k, fontsize = 14)
379     axes[i].set_ylabel('MK-RF', fontsize = 14)
380 # plt.plot()
381 plt.savefig('Return_predictability')
382 plt.show()
383
384
385 # In[150]:
386
387
388 # Output the regression test result in latex
389 beta_matrix = pd.DataFrame()
390 for i in range(len(dfFactor[['Spread','RF']].columns)):
391     y = to_predict[:-12]
392     X = sm.add_constant(dfFactor[['Spread','RF']].iloc[:-12,i])
393     model = sm.OLS(y, X)
394     results = model.fit()
395     beta_i = pd.DataFrame(results.params[1:]).T
396     beta_i = beta_i.rename(index= {0:'coef'})
397     beta_matrix= pd.concat([beta_matrix, beta_i])
398     t_i = pd.DataFrame(results.tvalues[1:]).T
399     t_i = t_i.rename(index= {0:'t'})
400     beta_matrix= pd.concat([beta_matrix, t_i])
401 print(beta_matrix.round(2).to_latex())

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