

M2 EEE MACHINE LEARNING

Final Project

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Introduction 1

Four dimension reduction devices: (1) Principal Component Analysis, (2) Ridge Regression, (3) Landweber Fridman (LF) regularization, (4) Partial least squares. Each involves a regularization or tuning parameter that is selected through genearlized cross validation (GCV).

Take two different data generating processes, (1) The eigenvalues of $\frac{X'X}{T}$ are bounded and decline to zero gradually. (2) Popular factor model with a finite number, r, of factors. Here, the r largest eigenvalues grow with N, while the remaining are bounded. In both cases, $\frac{X'X}{T}$ is ill-conditioned, which means the ratio of the largest to smallest eigenvalue diverges, and a regularization terms is needed to invert the matrix.

2 **Data Generating Process**

Large Sample Case: N=200 and T=500 Small Sample Case: N=100 and T=50

$$\underbrace{x_t}_{(N\times1)} = \underbrace{\Lambda}_{(N\times r)} \underbrace{F_t}_{(r\times1)} + \underbrace{\xi_t}_{(N\times1)}$$

$$\underbrace{y_t}_{(1\times1)} = \underbrace{\theta'}_{(1\times r)} \underbrace{F_t}_{(r\times1)} + \underbrace{\nu_t}_{(1\times1)}$$

$$\underbrace{y}_{(T\times1)} = \underbrace{F}_{(T\times r)} \underbrace{\theta'}_{(r\times1)} + \underbrace{\psi}_{(T\times1)}$$

$$\underbrace{X}_{(T\times N)} = \underbrace{F}_{(T\times r)} \underbrace{\Lambda'}_{(r\times N)} + \underbrace{\xi}_{(T\times N)}$$

DGP 1 (Few Factors Structure): θ is the $(r \times 1)$ vector of ones, r = 4 and $r_{max} = r + 10$ DGP 2 (Many Factors Structure): θ is the $(r \times 1)$ vector of ones, r = 50 and $r_{max} =$ $min(N, \frac{T}{2})$

DGP 3 (Five Factors but only One Relevant): $\theta = (1, 0_{1\times 4}), r = 5$ and $r_{max} =$ $min(r+10, min(N, \frac{T}{2}))$

$$F = [F_1, F_2']' \text{ and } F \times F' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $y = \hat{F}\theta + \nu$ where \hat{F} is generated from X equation in DGP 3, and $\sigma_{\nu} = 0.1$

DGP 4 (x_t Has a Factor Structure but Unrelated to y_t):

 θ is a vector of zeros with dimension $(r \times 1)$. r = 5, $r_{max} = r + 10$. $F \times F'$ is defined as in DGP 3.

DGP 5 (Eigenvalues Declining Slowly):

 θ is an $(N \times 1)$ vector of ones. r = N, $r_{max} = min(N, \frac{T}{2})$.

$$\Lambda = M \odot \xi, \text{ with } \xi \sim (N \times N) \text{ matrix of } iidN(0,1)$$

$$M \sim (N \times N) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1\\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{1}{2}\\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots\\ \frac{1}{N} & \frac{1}{N} & \cdots & \frac{1}{N} \end{bmatrix}$$

DGP 6 (Near Factor Model):

$$\theta = 1, r = 1, r_{max} = r + 10, \Lambda' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} 1_{r \times N}$$

Estimation:

Set 1: Bai-Ng, PCA, PLS, Ridge, LF, LASSO Set 2: GCV, Mallows, AIC, BIC Set 3: Small Sample, Large Sample

Parameter Iteration (For Later) Simulation (Andy) Model Estimation (Jacob) Evaluation (Jacob) Output (Andy)

3 Estimation Methods

Ridge Estimator:

$$\widehat{y} = M_T^{\alpha} y = X(S_{xx} + \alpha I)^{-1} S_{xy}$$

LF Estimator:

$$\widehat{y} = M_T^{\alpha} y = X \sum_{j=1}^{\min(N,T)} \frac{\left(1 - \left(1 - d\widehat{\lambda}_j^2\right)^{1/\alpha}\right)}{\widehat{\lambda}_j^2} \left\langle y, \hat{\psi}_j \right\rangle_T \frac{X' \hat{\psi}_j}{T}$$

Spectral Cutoff/Principal Components Estimator:

$$\widehat{y} = M_T^{\alpha} y = \widehat{\Psi} \left(\widehat{\Psi}' \widehat{\Psi} \right)^{-1} \widehat{\Psi}' y$$

Where
$$\widehat{\Psi} = \left[\widehat{\psi}_1 \left| \widehat{\psi}_2 \right| \dots \mid \widehat{\psi}_k \right]$$

Partial Least Squares Estimator:

$$\widehat{y} = M_T^{\alpha} y = X V_k \left(V_k' X' X V_k \right)^{-1} V_k' X' y$$

Where
$$V_k = \begin{pmatrix} X'y, & (X'X)X'y, \dots, (X'X)^{k-1}X'y \end{pmatrix}$$

3.1 Via SIMPLS Algorithm

$$S = X^{T}y$$
 for $i \in 1 : k$ if $i = 1, [u, s, v] = svd(S)$ if $i > 1, [u, s, v] = svd(S - (P_{k}[:, i - 1](P_{k}[:, i - 1]^{T}P_{k}[:, i - 1])^{-1}P_{k}[:, i - 1]^{T}S))$
$$T_{k}[:, i - 1] = XR_{k}[:, i - 1]$$

$$P_{k}[:, i - 1] = \frac{X^{T}T_{k}[:, i - 1]}{T_{k}[:, i - 1]^{T}T_{k}[:, i - 1]}$$

$$\widehat{y} = M_{T}^{\alpha}y = XR_{k}(T_{k}^{T}T_{k})^{-1}T_{k}^{T}y$$

4 Evaluation Methods

Generalized Cross Validation:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg\min_{\alpha \in A_T} \frac{T^{-1} \|y - M_T^{\alpha} y\|^2}{(1 - T^{-1} \operatorname{tr}(M_T^{\alpha}))^2}$$

Mallows Criterion:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg\min_{\alpha \in A_T} T^{-1} \|y - M_T^{\alpha} y\|^2 + 2\widehat{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^2 T^{-1} \operatorname{tr} (M_T^{\alpha})$$

Where $\hat{\sigma}_{\epsilon}^2$ is a consistent estimator of the variance of ϵ

So variance of ϵ is taken from the errors of the largest model, or from the model with all regressors for PC.

Leave-one-out Cross Validation:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg\min_{\alpha \in A_T} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\frac{y_i - \hat{y}_{i,\alpha}}{1 - M_T^{\alpha}[ii]} \right)^2$$

$$(GCV, N = 100, T = 50)$$

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		PC	PLS	Rio	dge	Γ	$\overline{\mathrm{F}}$
	r	k	k	α	DOF	α	DOF
DGP 1	4.00	4.56	4.16	6.56	16.21	0.00	7.48
(s.e.)	_	(2.17)	(3.25)	(2.96)	(9.53)	(0.00)	(1.31)
$\overrightarrow{\mathrm{DGP}}$ 2	50.00	20.24	[4.76]	[0.56]	47.49	[0.00]	31.85
(s.e.)	_	(5.55)	(6.32)	(0.46)	(2.00)	(0.00)	(2.20)
DGP´3	5.00	[1.76]	1.12	[5.08]	16.99	[0.00]	`7.91
(s.e.)	_	(1.58)	(0.59)	(1.83)	(4.20)	(0.00)	(5.11)
$\overrightarrow{\mathrm{DGP}}$ 4	5.00	`1.76'	1.84	8.48	14.52	[0.03]	$\hat{3}.52^{'}$
(s.e.)	_	(3.18)	(2.88)	(3.01)	(7.83)	(0.01)	(6.64)
$\overrightarrow{\mathrm{DGP}}$ 5	100.00	`1.44'	`3.56'	12.83	11.14	[0.03]	2.14'
(s.e.)	_	(2.35)	(3.13)	(4.46)	(8.50)	(0.01)	(2.79)
DGP 6	1.00	2.44	1.16	[4.85]	16.69	[0.28]	2.58'
(s.e.)	_	(2.55)	(0.78)	(3.27)	(7.89)	(0.45)	(1.00)

5 Empirical Application

5.1 Introduction and Data

Building on the long history of machine learning in forecasting macroeconomic variables¹ we use the Federal Reserve Bank's monthly database (FRED-MD) to apply the estimators discussed above on real data. This database was established for empirical analysis that requires 'big data' and hence constitutes an ideal environment to employ the methods discussed above. We took inspiration from the work of Coulombe et al. (2020) but limit ourselves to PC, Ridge, PLS and LF.² The dataset contains 134 monthly US macroeconomic and financial indicators observed from January 1959 to January 2021. An overview of all variables is given in the appendix. Following Coulombe et al. (2020) we predict three indicators which are of key economic interest, namely Industrial Production (IND-PRO), Unemployment Rate (UNRATE), and the Consumer Price Index (INF).³ For each of these variables of interest Y_t we follow Coulombe et al (2020) in defining the forecast objective as

$$y_{t+h} = (1/h)ln(Y_{t+h}/Y_t) (1)$$

where h denotes the number of periods ahead. This allows us to assess the performance of our predictive methods for further periods ahead.

5.2 Evaluation

We evaluate the performance of our methods on two metrics, in-sample MSE and out of sample MSE. To be able to compute the latter we split our data into a training and a test set where the former spans all observations from ... to ... amounting to 80% of the data. We conduct forecasts for $h = \{1, 3, 9\}$ periods ahead. In line with the findings of Coulombe et al (2020) we observe that the performance increases for further periods ahead. Given the simulation results we expect Ridge to deliver the best results, here defined as yielding the smallest MSE, both in sample and out of sample. Importantly we find that the number of factors k as well as the penalty parameter α are very stable across all methods of parameter tuning (i.e. GCV, Mallows, LOO-CV) and across dependent variables. We were unable to discover evidence supporting nor disputing this finding in the literature related to the usage of FRED-MD.⁴ We therefore only report the tuning parameters in the appendix.

¹See e.g. ..

²Unfortunately we were unable to use (1) Gu et al. (2020) as TSE does not have access to WDRS returns, (2) as only data on the resulting factors is available or (3) as they do not offer any replication data.

³Fortunately McCracken and Ng (2016), the accompanying paper of the dataset, outlines a transformation method for each variable to achieve stationarity. We apply those transformations in our data preparation.

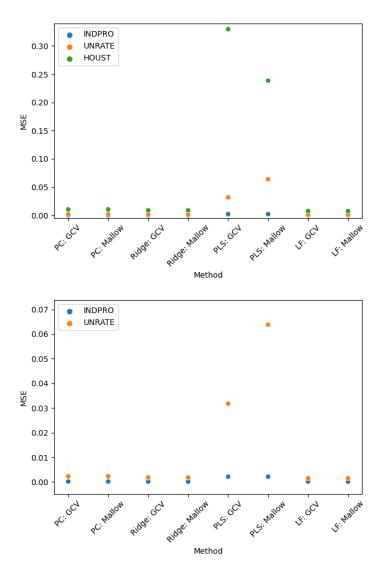
⁴We apply the same exact estimators as in the simulations hence we see room for error only in our data preparation steps, which are, however, directly taken from the literature. Given the nature of the data we might take this finding as an indication for a stable factor structure. Future research could discover interesting patterns.

5.3 Results and Discussion

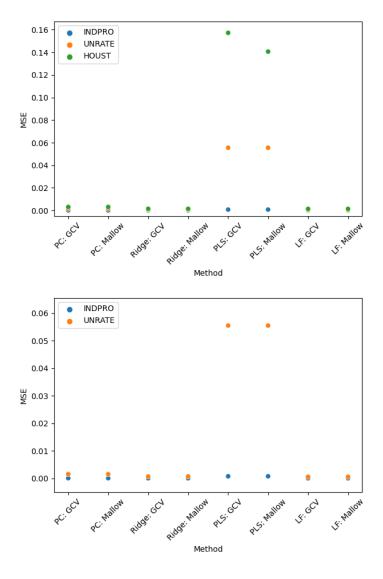
Given the similarity of the selected tuning parameters we only show MSE estimates for parameters selected by ${\rm GCV}.^5$

	Target	Method	MSE_is	MSE_oos	opt_par	horizon
22	HOUST	LF: GCV	0.005382	0.007627	0.000117	1
23	HOUST	LF: Mallow	0.005382	0.007627	0.000117	1
4	HOUST	PC: GCV	0.005383	0.010409	15.000000	1
5	HOUST	PC: Mallow	0.005383	0.010409	15.000000	1
16	HOUST	PLS: GCV	0.005748	0.329750	11.000000	1
17	HOUST	PLS: Mallow	0.005748	0.238590	15.000000	1
10	HOUST	Ridge: GCV	0.005016	0.008906	0.117000	1
11	HOUST	Ridge: Mallow	0.005016	0.008906	0.117000	1
18	INDPRO	LF: GCV	0.000051	0.000126	0.000117	1
19	INDPRO	LF: Mallow	0.000051	0.000126	0.000117	1
0	INDPRO	PC: GCV	0.000053	0.000162	13.000000	1
1	INDPRO	PC: Mallow	0.000053	0.000162	15.000000	1
12	INDPRO	PLS: GCV	0.000055	0.002139	15.000000	1
13	INDPRO	PLS: Mallow	0.000055	0.002139	15.000000	1
6	INDPRO	Ridge: GCV	0.000049	0.000130	0.117000	1
7	INDPRO	Ridge: Mallow	0.000049	0.000130	0.117000	1
20	UNRATE	LF: GCV	0.000707	0.001488	0.000117	1
21	UNRATE	LF: Mallow	0.000707	0.001488	0.000117	1
2	UNRATE	PC: GCV	0.000729	0.002247	9.000000	1
3	UNRATE	PC: Mallow	0.000729	0.002276	15.000000	1
14	UNRATE	PLS: GCV	0.000733	0.031782	13.000000	1
15	UNRATE	PLS: Mallow	0.000733	0.063822	15.000000	1
8	UNRATE	Ridge: GCV	0.000677	0.001779	0.117000	1
9	UNRATE	Ridge: Mallow	0.000677	0.001779	0.117000	1

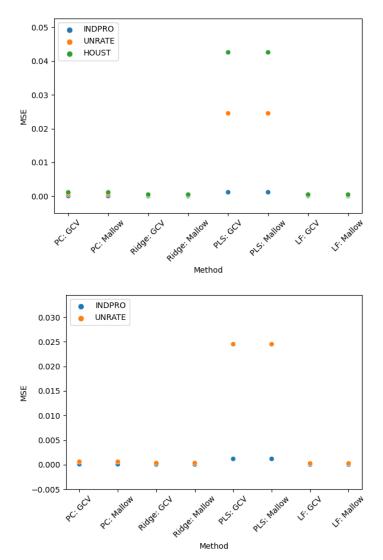
⁵For details see table ??



Out of sample MSE, h = 1



Out of sample MSE, h=3



Out of sample MSE, h=9

Appendix

Data Dictionary

Group 1: Output and income

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	1	5	RPI	Real Personal Income	M_14386177	PI
2	2	5	W875RX1	Real personal income ex transfer receipts	$M_{145256755}$	PI less transfers
3	6	5	INDPRO	IP Index	$M_{116460980}$	IP: total
4	7	5	IPFPNSS	IP: Final Products and Nonindustrial Supplies	$M_{116460981}$	IP: products
5	8	5	IPFINAL	IP: Final Products (Market Group)	$M_{116461268}$	IP: final prod
6	9	5	IPCONGD	IP: Consumer Goods	$M_{116460982}$	IP: cons gds
7	10	5	IPDCONGD	IP: Durable Consumer Goods	$M_{116460983}$	IP: cons dble
8	11	5	IPNCONGD	IP: Nondurable Consumer Goods	$M_{116460988}$	IP: cons nondble
9	12	5	IPBUSEQ	IP: Business Equipment	$M_{116460995}$	IP: bus eqpt
10	13	5	IPMAT	IP: Materials	$M_{116461002}$	IP: matls
11	14	5	IPDMAT	IP: Durable Materials	$M_{116461004}$	IP: dble matls
12	15	5	IPNMAT	IP: Nondurable Materials	$M_{116461008}$	IP: nondble matls
13	16	5	IPMANSICS	IP: Manufacturing (SIC)	$M_{116461013}$	IP: mfg
14	17	5	IPB51222s	IP: Residential Utilities	$M_{116461276}$	IP: res util
15	18	5	IPFUELS	IP: Fuels	$M_{116461275}$	IP: fuels
16	19	1	NAPMPI	ISM Manufacturing: Production Index	$M_{110157212}$	NAPM prodn
17	20	2	CUMFNS	Capacity Utilization: Manufacturing	$M_{116461602}$	Cap util

Group 2: Labour market

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	21*	2	HWI	Help-Wanted Index for United States		Help wanted indx
2	22*	2	HWIURATIO	Ratio of Help Wanted/No. Unemployed	$M_110156531$	Help wanted/unemp
3	23	5	CLF16OV	Civilian Labor Force	$M_{110156467}$	Emp CPS total
4	24	5	CE16OV	Civilian Employment	$M_{110156498}$	Emp CPS nonag
5	25	2	UNRATE	Civilian Unemployment Rate	$M_{110156541}$	U: all
6	26	2	UEMPMEAN	Average Duration of Unemployment (Weeks)	$M_{110156528}$	U: mean duration
7	27	5	UEMPLT5	Civilians Unemployed - Less Than 5 Weeks	$M_{110156527}$	U < 5 wks
8	28	5	UEMP5TO14	Civilians Unemployed for 5-14 Weeks	$M_{110156523}$	U 5-14 wks
9	29	5	UEMP15OV	Civilians Unemployed - 15 Weeks & Over	$M_110156524$	U $15+$ wks
10	30	5	UEMP $15T26$	Civilians Unemployed for 15-26 Weeks	$M_110156525$	U 15-26 wks
11	31	5	UEMP27OV	Civilians Unemployed for 27 Weeks and Over	$M_110156526$	U $27+$ wks
12	32*	5	CLAIMSx	Initial Claims	$M_{15186204}$	UI claims
13	33	5	PAYEMS	All Employees: Total nonfarm	$M_{123109146}$	Emp: total
14	34	5	USGOOD	All Employees: Goods-Producing Industries	$M_{123109172}$	Emp: gds prod
15	35	5	CES1021000001	All Employees: Mining and Logging: Mining	$M_{123109244}$	Emp: mining
16	36	5	USCONS	All Employees: Construction	$M_{123109331}$	Emp: const
17	37	5	MANEMP	All Employees: Manufacturing	$M_{123109542}$	Emp: mfg
18	38	5	DMANEMP	All Employees: Durable goods	$M_123109573$	Emp: dble gds
19	39	5	NDMANEMP	All Employees: Nondurable goods	$M_{123110741}$	Emp: nondbles
20	40	5	SRVPRD	All Employees: Service-Providing Industries	$M_{123109193}$	Emp: services
21	41	5	USTPU	All Employees: Trade, Transportation & Utilities	$M_{123111543}$	Emp: TTU
22	42	5	USWTRADE	All Employees: Wholesale Trade	$M_{123111563}$	Emp: wholesale
23	43	5	USTRADE	All Employees: Retail Trade	$M_{123111867}$	Emp: retail
24	44	5	USFIRE	All Employees: Financial Activities	$M_{123112777}$	Emp: FIRE
25	45	5	USGOVT	All Employees: Government	$M_123114411$	Emp: Govt
26	46	1	CES0600000007	Avg Weekly Hours: Goods-Producing	$M_140687274$	Avg hrs
27	47	2	AWOTMAN	Avg Weekly Overtime Hours: Manufacturing	$M_123109554$	Overtime: mfg
28	48	1	AWHMAN	Avg Weekly Hours: Manufacturing	$M_{14386098}$	Avg hrs: mfg
29	49	1	NAPMEI	ISM Manufacturing: Employment Index	$M_{110157206}$	NAPM empl
30	127	6	CES0600000008	Avg Hourly Earnings: Goods-Producing	$M_123109182$	AHE: goods
31	128	6	CES2000000008	Avg Hourly Earnings: Construction	$M_123109341$	AHE: const
32	129	6	CES3000000008	Avg Hourly Earnings: Manufacturing	$M_123109552$	AHE: mfg

Group 3: Housing

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	50	4	HOUST	Housing Starts: Total New Privately Owned	M_110155536	Starts: nonfarm
2	51	4	HOUSTNE	Housing Starts, Northeast	$M_110155538$	Starts: NE
3	52	4	HOUSTMW	Housing Starts, Midwest	$M_{110155537}$	Starts: MW
4	53	4	HOUSTS	Housing Starts, South	$M_{110155543}$	Starts: South
5	54	4	HOUSTW	Housing Starts, West	$M_{110155544}$	Starts: West
6	55	4	PERMIT	New Private Housing Permits (SAAR)	$M_110155532$	BP: total
7	56	4	PERMITNE	New Private Housing Permits, Northeast (SAAR)	$M_{110155531}$	BP: NE
8	57	4	PERMITMW	New Private Housing Permits, Midwest (SAAR)	$M_{110155530}$	BP: MW
9	58	4	PERMITS	New Private Housing Permits, South (SAAR)	$M_{110155533}$	BP: South
10	59	4	PERMITW	New Private Housing Permits, West (SAAR)	$M_110155534$	BP: West

Group 4: Consumption, orders and inventories

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	3	5	DPCERA3M086SBEA	Real personal consumption expenditures	M_123008274	Real Consumption
2	4*	5	CMRMTSPLx	Real Manu. and Trade Industries Sales	$M_{110156998}$	M&T sales
3	5*	5	RETAILx	Retail and Food Services Sales	$M_130439509$	Retail sales
4	60	1	NAPM	ISM: PMI Composite Index	$M_110157208$	PMI
5	61	1	NAPMNOI	ISM : New Orders Index	$M_110157210$	NAPM new ordrs
6	62	1	NAPMSDI	ISM : Supplier Deliveries Index	$M_110157205$	NAPM vendor del
7	63	1	NAPMII	ISM : Inventories Index	$M_{110157211}$	NAPM Invent
8	64	5	ACOGNO	New Orders for Consumer Goods	$M_{14385863}$	Orders: cons gds
9	65*	5	AMDMNOx	New Orders for Durable Goods	$M_{14386110}$	Orders: dble gds
10	66*	5	ANDENOx	New Orders for Nondefense Capital Goods	$M_{178554409}$	Orders: cap gds
11	67*	5	AMDMUOx	Unfilled Orders for Durable Goods	$M_{14385946}$	Unf orders: dble
12	68*	5	BUSINVx	Total Business Inventories	$M_{15192014}$	M&T invent
13	69*	2	ISRATIOx	Total Business: Inventories to Sales Ratio	$M_{15191529}$	M&T invent/sales
14	130*	2	UMCSENTx	Consumer Sentiment Index	hhsntn	Consumer expect

Group 5: Money and credit

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	70	6	M1SL	M1 Money Stock	M_110154984	M1
2	71	6	M2SL	M2 Money Stock	$M_{110154985}$	M2
3	72	5	M2REAL	Real M2 Money Stock	$M_{110154985}$	M2 (real)
4	73	6	BOGMBASE	Monetary Base	$M_{110154995}$	MB
5	74	6	TOTRESNS	Total Reserves of Depository Institutions	$M_{110155011}$	Reserves tot
6	75	7	NONBORRES	Reserves Of Depository Institutions	$M_{110155009}$	Reserves nonbor
7	76	6	BUSLOANS	Commercial and Industrial Loans	BUSLOANS	C&I loan plus
8	77	6	REALLN	Real Estate Loans at All Commercial Banks	BUSLOANS	DC&I loans
9	78	6	NONREVSL	Total Nonrevolving Credit	$M_{110154564}$	Cons credit
10	79*	2	CONSPI	Nonrevolving consumer credit to Personal Income	$M_{110154569}$	$Inst \ cred/PI$
11	131	6	MZMSL	MZM Money Stock	N.A.	N.A.
12	132	6	DTCOLNVHFNM	Consumer Motor Vehicle Loans Outstanding	N.A.	N.A.
13	133	6	DTCTHFNM	Total Consumer Loans and Leases Outstanding	N.A.	N.A.
14	134	6	INVEST	Securities in Bank Credit at All Commercial Banks	N.A.	N.A.

Group 6: Interest and exchange rates $\,$

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	84	2	FEDFUNDS	Effective Federal Funds Rate	M_110155157	Fed Funds
2	85*	2	CP3Mx	3-Month AA Financial Commercial Paper Rate	CPF3M	Comm paper
3	86	2	TB3MS	3-Month Treasury Bill:	$M_{110155165}$	3 mo T-bill
4	87	2	TB6MS	6-Month Treasury Bill:	$M_{110155166}$	6 mo T-bill
5	88	2	GS1	1-Year Treasury Rate	$M_{110155168}$	1 yr T-bond
6	89	2	GS5	5-Year Treasury Rate	$M_{110155174}$	5 yr T-bond
7	90	2	GS10	10-Year Treasury Rate	M_110155169	10 yr T-bond
8	91	2	AAA	Moody's Seasoned Aaa Corporate Bond Yield		Aaa bond
9	92	2	BAA	Moody's Seasoned Baa Corporate Bond Yield		Baa bond
10	93*	1	COMPAPFFx	3-Month Commercial Paper Minus FEDFUNDS		CP-FF spread
11	94	1	TB3SMFFM	3-Month Treasury C Minus FEDFUNDS		3 mo-FF spread
12	95	1	TB6SMFFM	6-Month Treasury C Minus FEDFUNDS		6 mo-FF spread
13	96	1	T1YFFM	1-Year Treasury C Minus FEDFUNDS		1 yr-FF spread
14	97	1	T5YFFM	5-Year Treasury C Minus FEDFUNDS		5 yr-FF spread
15	98	1	T10YFFM	10-Year Treasury C Minus FEDFUNDS		10 yr-FF spread
16	99	1	AAAFFM	Moody's Aaa Corporate Bond Minus FEDFUNDS		Aaa-FF spread
17	100	1	BAAFFM	Moody's Baa Corporate Bond Minus FEDFUNDS		Baa-FF spread
18	101	5	TWEXAFEGSMTHx	Trade Weighted U.S. Dollar Index		Ex rate: avg
19	102*	5	EXSZUSx	Switzerland / U.S. Foreign Exchange Rate	$M_{110154768}$	Ex rate: Switz
20	103*	5	EXJPUSx	Japan / U.S. Foreign Exchange Rate	$M_{110154755}$	Ex rate: Japan
21	104*	5	EXUSUKx	U.S. / U.K. Foreign Exchange Rate	$M_110154772$	Ex rate: UK
22	105*	5	EXCAUSx	Canada / U.S. Foreign Exchange Rate	$M_{110154744}$	EX rate: Canada

Group 7: Prices

	id	tcode	fred	description	gsi	gsi:description
1	106	6	WPSFD49207	PPI: Finished Goods	M110157517	PPI: fin gds
2	107	6	WPSFD49502	PPI: Finished Consumer Goods	M110157508	PPI: cons gds
3	108	6	WPSID61	PPI: Intermediate Materials	$M_{110157527}$	PPI: int matls
4	109	6	WPSID62	PPI: Crude Materials	$M_{110157500}$	PPI: crude matls
5	110*	6	OILPRICEx	Crude Oil, spliced WTI and Cushing	$M_{110157273}$	Spot market price
6	111	6	PPICMM	PPI: Metals and metal products:	$M_110157335$	PPI: nonferrous
7	112	1	NAPMPRI	ISM Manufacturing: Prices Index	$M_{110157204}$	NAPM com price
8	113	6	CPIAUCSL	CPI : All Items	$M_110157323$	CPI-U: all
9	114	6	CPIAPPSL	CPI : Apparel	$M_{110157299}$	CPI-U: apparel
10	115	6	CPITRNSL	CPI : Transportation	$M_110157302$	CPI-U: transp
11	116	6	CPIMEDSL	CPI : Medical Care	$M_{110157304}$	CPI-U: medical
12	117	6	CUSR0000SAC	CPI : Commodities	$M_110157314$	CPI-U: comm.
13	118	6	CUUR0000SAD	CPI : Durables	$M_{110157315}$	CPI-U: dbles
14	119	6	CUSR0000SAS	CPI : Services	$M_{110157325}$	CPI-U: services
15	120	6	CPIULFSL	CPI : All Items Less Food	$M_{110157328}$	CPI-U: ex food
16	121	6	CUUR0000SA0L2	CPI : All items less shelter	$M_110157329$	CPI-U: ex shelter
17	122	6	CUSR0000SA0L5	CPI : All items less medical care	$M_110157330$	CPI-U: ex med
18	123	6	PCEPI	Personal Cons. Expend.: Chain Index	gmdc	PCE defl
19	124	6	DDURRG3M086SBEA	Personal Cons. Exp: Durable goods	gmdcd	PCE defl: dlbes
20	125	6	DNDGRG3M086SBEA	Personal Cons. Exp: Nondurable goods	gmdcn	PCE defl: nondble
21	126	6	DSERRG3M086SBEA	Personal Cons. Exp: Services	gmdcs	PCE defl: service

Group 8: Stock market

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1	80*	5	S&P 500	S&P's Common Stock Price Index: Composite	M_110155044	S&P 500
2	81*	5	S&P: indust	S&P's Common Stock Price Index: Industrials	$M_{110155047}$	S&P: indust
3	82*	2	S&P div yield	S&P's Composite Common Stock: Dividend Yield		S&P div yield
4	83*	5	S&P PE ratio	S&P's Composite Common Stock: Price-Earnings Ratio		S&P PE ratio
5	135*	1	VXOCLSx	VXO		