Introduction to R

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1	Packages	
	<pre>see loaded packages packages())</pre>	
	[1] "stats" "graphics" "grDevices" "utils" "datasets" "methods" [7] "base"	
	# see (the first 10) function within stats package ls("package:stats")[1:10]	
#	<pre># ?, help() operator, access to the documentation pages for R functions, # data sets, and other objects ?acf</pre>	
	Download and install packages install.packages('tidyverse')	
	load and attach add-on packages brary(tidyverse)	
#	?group_by ?library or use function: help()	

2 Data type

```
# vector
vec_num = c(1,2,3,4) #numeric
class(vec_num)
## [1] "numeric"
vec_num = 1:3 #integer
class(vec_num)
## [1] "integer"
vec_char = c("a","b","c") # character
class(vec_char)
## [1] "character"
# matrix
matrix_a = matrix(1:9, nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
class(matrix_a)
## [1] "matrix" "array"
# data frame
df_a = data.frame(id1 = c(111,222,333),
                 id2 = c("a", "b", "c"),
                  age = c(20,30,40))
View(df_a)
class(df_a)
## [1] "data.frame"
# select or remove
df_a[2:3,] # select only the second and third rows
## id1 id2 age
## 2 222 b 30
## 3 333 c 40
df_a[-c(1),] # exclude the first row
## id1 id2 age
## 2 222 b 30
## 3 333 c 40
df_a[, 1] # select the first column
## [1] 111 222 333
# list
list_a = list(vec_num = vec_num, vec_char, matrix_a, df_a)
View(list_a)
class(list_a)
## [1] "list"
list_a$vec_num
## [1] 1 2 3
```

```
list_a[[1]] # member reference
## [1] 1 2 3
list_a[1] # list slice
## $vec_num
## [1] 1 2 3
class(list_a[[1]] )
## [1] "integer"
class(list a[1])
## [1] "list"
# or use function: str(), to check data structure
str(list_a)
## List of 4
## $ vec_num: int [1:3] 1 2 3
            : chr [1:3] "a" "b" "c"
## $
            : int [1:3, 1:3] 1 4 7 2 5 8 3 6 9
            :'data.frame': 3 obs. of 3 variables:
## $
   ..$ id1: num [1:3] 111 222 333
##
##
   ..$ id2: chr [1:3] "a" "b" "c"
##
    ..$ age: num [1:3] 20 30 40
    Code Snippets
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Used for quickly inserting common snippets of code, for example:
  • fun (function)
```

```
fun (function)
mat (matrix)
if, el, and ei (conditional expressions)
for (for loop)
# code snippets example: typing "for", then press tab
# for (variable in vector) {
# # }
```

4 Load and save

```
# check current working directory
# getwd()

# set working directory using the following function
# setwd(dir) # e.g. "C:/Users/.../"

# read csv
FF5 <- read.csv(file = "F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3.csv")
# FF5 <- read.csv(file = "C:/Users/.../F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3.csv")
# OR
# FF5 <- read.csv(file = "C:\\Users\\...\\F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3.csv")</pre>
```

```
# save data to RData format
save(FF5, file = "FF5.RData")

# save data to csv format
write.csv(FF5, file = "FF5.csv")

# remove the data
rm(FF5)

# load RData
load("FF5.RData")
```

5 Vector and matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

```
# create vector and matrix
vec1 \leftarrow matrix(c(10, 20), nrow = 2, ncol = 1)
vec2 \leftarrow c(10,20)
mat1 <- matrix(c(10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60), nrow = 2) # default: byrow = FALSE
mat2 \leftarrow matrix(c(10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
# check the data dimension
dim(vec1)
## [1] 2 1
dim(vec2)
## NULL
length(vec2)
## [1] 2
dim(mat2)
## [1] 2 3
# transpose
t(vec1)
      [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 10 20
t(vec2)
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 10 20
class(vec2); class(t(vec2))
## [1] "numeric"
## [1] "matrix" "array"
t(mat2)
```

```
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 10 40
## [2,] 20 50
## [3,] 30 60
# add
vec1+vec2
## [,1]
## [1,] 20
## [2,] 40
mat1+mat2
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 20 50 80
## [2,] 60 90 120
# multiplication with constant
2*vec1
## [,1]
## [1,] 20
## [2,] 40
2*mat2
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 20 40 60
## [2,] 80 100 120
# matrix multiplication
vec2 %*% t(vec2)
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 100 200
## [2,] 200 400
vec1 %*% t(vec1)
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 100 200
## [2,] 200 400
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 500 1100 1700
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 2200 4900
## [2,] 2800 6400
t(mat1) %*% mat2
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 900 1200 1500
## [2,] 1900 2600 3300
## [3,] 2900 4000 5100
```

```
# element wise multiplication
mat1 * mat1
         [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 100 900 2500
## [2,] 400 1600 3600
                                  x^t Y x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}
# FF5 returns are in percentage
FF5 <- read.csv(file = "F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3.csv")
x_{\text{vec}} \leftarrow \text{matrix}(c(0.2, 0.8), \text{nrow} = 2)
sigma_mat <- cov(FF5 %>% select(SMB, HML)) # using dplyr
sigma_mat2 \leftarrow cov(FF5[, c(3,4)])
# variance of portfolio
t(x_vec) %*% sigma_mat %*% x_vec
##
            [,1]
## [1,] 5.71319
var(FF5$SMB*0.2+FF5$HML*0.8)
## [1] 5.71319
Inverse
solve(sigma_mat)
                 SMB
                               HML
## SMB 0.108879024 0.002633249
## HML 0.002633249 0.118340274
round(solve(sigma_mat) %*% sigma_mat, 2) # identity matrix
##
       SMB HML
## SMB
         1
## HML
        0
     Example 1: summary statistics, function, and plot
  • Load and check data
   • Calculate summary statistics
  • Create function
  • Create plot
# read data
FF5 <- read.csv(file = "F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3.csv")
# check first n row
head(FF5)
##
        date Mkt.RF SMB
                             HML
                                     RMW
                                            CMA
## 1 196307 -0.39 -0.45 -0.94 0.66 -1.15 0.27
## 2 196308 5.07 -0.82 1.82 0.40 -0.40 0.25
## 3 196309 -1.57 -0.48 0.17 -0.76 0.24 0.27
```

4 196310 2.53 -1.30 -0.04 2.75 -2.24 0.29

```
## 5 196311 -0.85 -0.85 1.70 -0.45 2.22 0.27
head(FF5, n = 10)
##
       date Mkt.RF
                    SMB
                          HML
                               RMW
                                     CMA
## 1 196307 -0.39 -0.45 -0.94 0.66 -1.15 0.27
## 2 196308
             5.07 -0.82 1.82 0.40 -0.40 0.25
## 3 196309 -1.57 -0.48 0.17 -0.76 0.24 0.27
## 4 196310
             2.53 -1.30 -0.04 2.75 -2.24 0.29
## 5 196311 -0.85 -0.85 1.70 -0.45 2.22 0.27
## 6 196312
             1.83 -1.90 -0.06 0.07 -0.30 0.29
## 7 196401
             2.24 0.08 1.53 0.22 1.50 0.30
## 8 196402 1.54 0.31 2.86 0.06 0.85 0.26
## 9 196403
              1.41 1.40 3.37 -2.01 2.93 0.31
## 10 196404
             0.10 -1.50 -0.66 -1.35 -1.08 0.29
tail(FF5)
        date Mkt.RF
                     SMB
                           HML
                                RMW
                                      CMA RF
##
## 691 202101 -0.03 6.88 2.85 -3.33 4.68
## 692 202102
             2.78 4.51 7.08 0.09 -1.97
## 693 202103
             3.08 -0.97 7.40 6.43 3.44
## 694 202104
             4.93 -3.06 -0.74 2.26 -2.71
## 695 202105
             0.29 1.27 7.04 2.37 3.20
## 696 202106
             2.79 -0.22 -7.70 -1.97 -1.03 0
colnames(FF5)
                                                         "RF"
## [1] "date"
               "Mkt.RF" "SMB"
                                "HML"
                                        "RMW"
                                                 "CMA"
dim(FF5); nrow(FF5); ncol(FF5)
## [1] 696
## [1] 696
## [1] 7
# check data structure
str(FF5)
                  696 obs. of 7 variables:
## 'data.frame':
## $ date : int 196307 196308 196309 196310 196311 196312 196401 196402 196403 196404 ...
## $ Mkt.RF: num -0.39 5.07 -1.57 2.53 -0.85 1.83 2.24 1.54 1.41 0.1 ...
## $ SMB
           : num -0.45 -0.82 -0.48 -1.3 -0.85 -1.9 0.08 0.31 1.4 -1.5 ...
## $ HML
           : num -0.94 1.82 0.17 -0.04 1.7 -0.06 1.53 2.86 3.37 -0.66 ...
## $ RMW
           : num 0.66 0.4 -0.76 2.75 -0.45 0.07 0.22 0.06 -2.01 -1.35 ...
           : num -1.15 -0.4 0.24 -2.24 2.22 -0.3 1.5 0.85 2.93 -1.08 ...
##
   $ CMA
   $ RF
           : num 0.27 0.25 0.27 0.29 0.27 0.29 0.3 0.26 0.31 0.29 ...
# summary statistics
summary(FF5)
##
                       Mkt.RF
                                          SMB
                                                           HML
        date
## Min.
          :196307
                          :-23.2400
                                     Min.
                                           :-14.890
                                                      Min.
                                                             :-13.9600
                   Min.
## 1st Qu.:197779
                   1st Qu.: -1.9450
                                     1st Qu.: -1.492
                                                      1st Qu.: -1.3900
## Median :199207
                   Median : 0.9250
                                     Median : 0.090
                                                      Median: 0.2400
                   Mean : 0.5829
                                     Mean : 0.240
## Mean :199207
                                                      Mean : 0.2717
```

3rd Qu.: 2.040

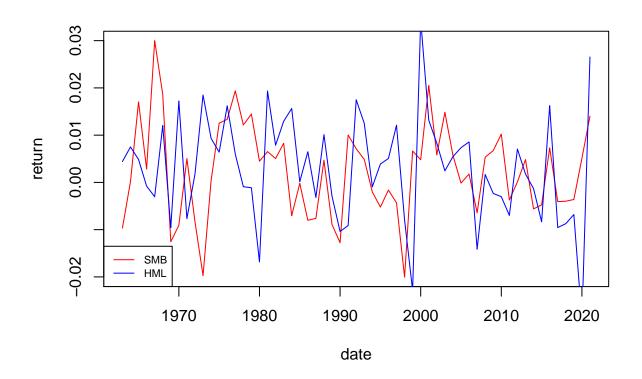
3rd Qu.: 1.7125

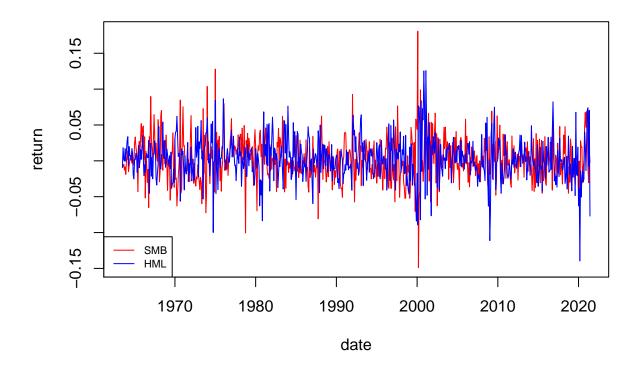
3rd Qu.: 3.4325

3rd Qu.:200634

```
Max. :202106
                    Max.
                         : 16.1000
                                           : 18.080
                                                        Max. : 12.5800
##
                                      Max.
##
                          CMA
                                            R.F
        R.MW
                    Min. :-6.8600
##
  Min.
         :-18.480
                                      Min.
                                            :0.0000
                    1st Qu.:-1.0300
  1st Qu.: -0.820
                                      1st Qu.:0.1500
## Median : 0.220
                    Median : 0.1100
                                      Median :0.3800
                    Mean : 0.2619
                                            :0.3693
## Mean
         : 0.255
                                      Mean
## 3rd Qu.: 1.252
                     3rd Qu.: 1.5000
                                      3rd Qu.:0.5100
## Max.
         : 13.380
                    Max. : 9.5600
                                      Max. :1.3500
# change returns from % to actual
FF5 \leftarrow FF5[,c(2:7)]/100
# ways of calculating mean of each column
colMeans(FF5)
##
       Mkt.RF
                      SMB
                                 HML
                                             R.MW
                                                         CMA
## 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
sapply(FF5, mean)
##
       Mkt.RF
                      SMB
                                 HML
                                             RMW
                                                         CMA
                                                                     RF
## 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
apply(FF5, MARGIN = 2, FUN = mean)
                                                                     RF
##
                      SMB
       Mkt.RF
                                 HML
                                             RMW
                                                         CMA
## 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
c(mean(FF5$Mkt.RF), mean(FF5$SMB), mean(FF5$HML),
 mean(FF5$RMW) , mean(FF5$CMA), mean(FF5$RF))
## [1] 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
c(mean(FF5[,1]), mean(FF5[,2]), mean(FF5[,3]),
 mean(FF5[,4]), mean(FF5[,5]), mean(FF5[,6]))
## [1] 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
# using dplyr
FF5 %>%
 summarise_all(.funs = ~ mean(.))
         Mkt.RF
                                   HML
                                                           CMA
                        SMB
                                               R.MW
## 1 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
# covariance and correlation
round(cov(FF5), 6)
##
            Mkt.RF
                         SMB
                                                      CMA
                                  HML
                                            RMW
## Mkt.RF 0.001984 0.000388 -0.000275 -0.000194 -0.000332 -1.1e-05
## SMB
          -0.000275 -0.000020 0.000845 0.000056 0.000391 7.0e-06
## HML
         -0.000194 -0.000227  0.000056  0.000475 -0.000009  0.0e+00
## RMW
## CMA
         -0.000332 -0.000057 0.000391 -0.000009 0.000400 4.0e-06
         -0.000011 -0.000004 0.000007 0.000000 0.000004 7.0e-06
## RF
round(cor(FF5), 2)
         Mkt.RF
                  SMB
                        HML
                             RMW
                                   CMA
## Mkt.RF
           1.00 0.29 -0.21 -0.20 -0.37 -0.10
```

```
## SMB
           0.29 1.00 -0.02 -0.34 -0.09 -0.04
## HML
          -0.21 -0.02 1.00 0.09 0.67 0.09
## RMW
          -0.20 -0.34 0.09 1.00 -0.02 0.01
           -0.37 -0.09 0.67 -0.02 1.00 0.08
## CMA
## RF
           -0.10 -0.04 0.09 0.01 0.08 1.00
cor(FF5$Mkt.RF, FF5$SMB)
## [1] 0.2869758
Make average function
f_average <- function(x) {</pre>
 N <- length(x)
 average <- sum(x)/N
 return(average)
}
sapply(FF5, f_average)
        Mkt.RF
                                   HML
                                               RMW
## 0.005828879 0.002399713 0.002717385 0.002549713 0.002619253 0.003693103
f_average(x = FF5$Mkt.RF)
## [1] 0.005828879
Using dplyr to calculate yearly average of monthly returns
FF5 <- read.csv(file = "F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3.csv")
library(lubridate) # for ymd function
## Warning: package 'lubridate' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       date, intersect, setdiff, union
FF5 <- FF5 %>%
  # change returns from % to actual
 mutate_at(.vars = vars(Mkt.RF:RF),
            .funs = list(\sim . /100)) %>%
  # make new variables of date_format and date_year
  mutate(date_format = ymd(paste0(date, "01")),
         date_year = year(date_format))
# FF5_sum: FF5 summary
FF5_sum <- FF5 %>%
  # calculate average monthly returns for each year
  group_by(date_year) %>%
  summarise_at(.vars = vars(Mkt.RF:RF),
               .funs = list( ~ mean(.))) %>%
  ungroup()
# plot SMB and HML, average monthly returns for each year
```





7 Example 2: regression and for loop

- Simulate data
- Run regressions
- $\bullet\,$ Find the true relationship between Y and X

```
set.seed(1) # for replication

N_obs = 1000

# generate random numbers for X

df_regression <- data.frame(
    #Random number UNIForm

X1 = runif(n = N_obs, min = -5, max = 10) ,
    #Random number NORMal

X2 = rnorm(n = N_obs, mean = 3, sd = 5),
    X3 = rexp(n = N_obs, rate = 1),
    X4 = rbinom(n = N_obs, size = 10, prob = 0.3),
    X5 = rpois(n = N_obs, lambda = 3),
    noise = rnorm(n = N_obs, mean = 0, sd = 1)
)

# define Y

df_regression$Y <- 3*df_regression$X1 + df_regression$noise</pre>
```

```
# prepare data frame to store output of loop
df_out <- data.frame(coef = rep(NA, 5),</pre>
                     ts = rep(NA, 5),
                     R2 = rep(NA, 5))
# run univariate regressions
for (i in 1:5) {
  # # run regression at each loop, using X_i
  # reg_temp <- lm(df_regression$Y ~ df_regression[, i])</pre>
  # alternatively
  f <- as.formula(paste0("Y ~ X",i))</pre>
  reg_temp <- lm(f, data = df_regression)</pre>
  # store the results
  df_out[i,] <- c(reg_temp$coefficients[2],</pre>
                   summary(reg_temp)$coefficients[2,3],
                   summary(reg_temp)$r.squared)
}
round(df_out,2)
##
     coef
              ts
                    R2
## 1 3.00 408.09 0.99
## 2 0.02
           0.27 0.00
## 3 0.24
           0.64 0.00
## 4 0.14
           0.48 0.00
## 5 0.21
           0.88 0.00
```

8 Further readings

- R for Data Science, free book
- RMarkdown, for writing reports and interactive documents
- Stackoverflow, question and answer website for programming