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agg\_ohlc

Aggregate an OHLC time series to a single OHLC bar.

# **Description**

Aggregate an OHLC time series to a single OHLC bar.

### Usage

```
agg_ohlc(oh_lc)
```

# Arguments

oh\_lc

A matrix or time series with four or five columns of OHLC data.

### **Details**

The function agg\_ohlc() calculates the *open* value as equal to the *open* of the first row of oh\_lc. The *high* value as the maximum of the *high* column of oh\_lc. The *low* value as the minimum of the *low* column of oh\_lc. The *close* value as the *close* of the last row of oh\_lc. The *volume* value as the sum of the *volume* column of oh\_lc.

### Value

A *single row matrix* with the *open*, *high*, *low*, and *close* values, and also the total *volume* (if provided in the fifth column of oh\_lc).

```
## Not run:
# Define matrix of OHLC data
oh_lc <- coredata(rutils::etf_env$VTI[, 1:5])
# Aggregate to single row matrix
ohlc_agg <- HighFreq::agg_ohlc(oh_lc)
# Compare with calculation in R
all.equal(drop(ohlc_agg),
    c(oh_lc[1, 1], max(oh_lc[, 2]), min(oh_lc[, 3]), oh_lc[NROW(oh_lc), 4], sum(oh_lc[, 5])),
    check.attributes=FALSE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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ć	agg_regate	Calculate the aggregation (weighted average) of a statistical estimator over a OHLC time series using R.

# **Description**

Calculate the aggregation (weighted average) of a statistical estimator over a *OHLC* time series using R.

# Usage

```
agg_regate(oh_lc, mo_ment = "run_variance", weight_ed = TRUE, ...)
```

# Arguments

oh_lc	An <i>OHLC</i> time series of prices and trading volumes, in <i>xts</i> format.
mo_ment	A character string representing function for estimating the moment.
weight_ed	$\it Boolean$ argument: should estimate be weighted by the trading volume? (default is TRUE)
	additional parameters to the mo_ment function.

### **Details**

The function agg\_regate() calculates a single number representing the volume weighted average of an estimator over the *OHLC* time series of prices. By default the sum is trade volume weighted.

The function agg\_regate() is implemented in R code.

### Value

A single *numeric* value equal to the volume weighted average of an estimator over the time series.

# **Examples**

```
# Calculate weighted average variance for SPY (single number)
vari_ance <- agg_regate(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY, mo_ment="run_variance")
# Calculate time series of daily skew estimates for SPY
skew_daily <- apply.daily(x=HighFreq::SPY, FUN=agg_regate, mo_ment="run_skew")</pre>
```

back_test	Simulate (backtest) a rolling portfolio optimization strategy, using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Simulate (backtest) a rolling portfolio optimization strategy, using RcppArmadillo.

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### Usage

```
back_test(ex_cess, re_turns, start_points, end_points,
  typ_e = "max_sharpe", to_l = 0.001, max_eigen = 0L, pro_b = 0.1,
  al_pha = 0, scal_e = TRUE, vo_l = 0.01, co_eff = 1,
  bid_offer = 0)
```

# **Arguments**

ex_cess	A <i>matrix</i> of excess returns data (the returns in excess of the risk-free rate).
re_turns	A matrix of excess returns data (the returns in excess of the risk-free rate).
start_points	An integer vector of start points.
end_points	An integer vector of end points.
typ_e	A string specifying the objective for calculating the weights (see Details).
to_l	A <i>numeric</i> tolerance level for discarding small eigenvalues in order to regularize the matrix inverse. (The default is 0.001)
max_eigen	An <i>integer</i> equal to the number of eigenvectors used for calculating the regularized inverse of the covariance <i>matrix</i> (the default is the number of columns of re_turns).
al_pha	The shrinkage intensity between $\emptyset$ and 1. (the default is $\emptyset$ ).
scal_e	A $Boolean$ specifying whether the weights should be scaled (the default is $scal_e=TRUE$ ).
vo_l	A numeric volatility target for scaling the weights. (The default is 0.001)
co_eff	A numeric multiplier of the weights. (The default is 1)
bid_offer	A numeric bid-offer spread. (The default is 0)

### **Details**

The function back\_test() performs a backtest simulation of a rolling portfolio optimization strategy over a *vector* of end\_points.

It performs a loop over the end\_points, and subsets the *matrix* of excess returns ex\_cess along its rows, between the corresponding end point and the start point. It passes the subset matrix of excess returns into the function calc\_weights(), which calculates the optimal portfolio weights. The arguments max\_eigen, al\_pha, typ\_e, and scal\_e are also passed to the function calc\_weights().

The function back\_test() multiplies the weights by the coefficient co\_eff (with default equal to 1), which allows reverting a strategy if  $co_eff = -1$ .

The function back\_test() then multiplies the weights times the future portfolio returns, to calculate the out-of-sample strategy returns.

The function back\_test() calculates the transaction costs by multiplying the bid-offer spread bid\_offer times the absolute difference between the current weights minus the weights from the previous period. It then subtracts the transaction costs from the out-of-sample strategy returns.

The function back\_test() returns a *time series* (column *vector*) of strategy returns, of the same length as the number of rows of re\_turns.

# Value

A column vector of strategy returns, with the same length as the number of rows of re\_turns.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Calculate the ETF daily excess returns
re_turns <- na.omit(rutils::etf_env$re_turns[, 1:16])</pre>
\# risk_free is the daily risk-free rate
risk_free <- 0.03/260
ex_cess <- re_turns - risk_free</pre>
# Define monthly end_points without initial warmpup period
end_points <- rutils::calc_endpoints(re_turns, inter_val="months")</pre>
end_points <- end_points[end_points>50]
len_gth <- NROW(end_points)</pre>
# Define 12-month look_back interval and start_points over sliding window
look_back <- 12
start_points <- c(rep_len(1, look_back-1), end_points[1:(len_gth-look_back+1)])</pre>
# Define shrinkage and regularization intensities
al_pha <- 0.5
max_eigen <- 3
# Simulate a monthly rolling portfolio optimization strategy
pnl_s <- HighFreq::back_test(ex_cess, re_turns,</pre>
                             start_points-1, end_points-1,
                             max_eigen = max_eigen,
                             al_pha = al_pha)
pnl_s <- xts::xts(pnl_s, index(re_turns))</pre>
colnames(pnl_s) <- "strat_rets"</pre>
# Plot dygraph of strategy
dygraphs::dygraph(cumsum(pnl_s),
  main="Cumulative Returns of Max Sharpe Portfolio Strategy")
## End(Not run)
```

calc\_eigen

Calculate the eigen decomposition of the covariance matrix of returns using RcppArmadillo.

# **Description**

Calculate the eigen decomposition of the covariance *matrix* of returns using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
calc_eigen(re_turns)
```

#### **Arguments**

re\_turns

A numeric *matrix* or *time series* of returns data.

### **Details**

The function calc\_eigen() first calculates the covariance *matrix* of the returns, and then calculates its eigen decomposition.

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#### Value

A list with two elements: a *vector* of eigenvalues (named "values"), and a *matrix* of eigenvectors (named "vectors").

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create matrix of random returns
re_turns <- matrix(rnorm(5e6), nc=5)</pre>
# Calculate eigen decomposition
ei_gen <- HighFreq::calc_eigen(scale(re_turns, scale=FALSE))</pre>
# Calculate PCA
pc_a <- prcomp(re_turns)</pre>
# Compare PCA with eigen decomposition
all.equal(pc_a$sdev^2, drop(ei_gen$values))
all.equal(abs(unname(pc_a$rotation)), abs(ei_gen$vectors))
# Compare the speed of Rcpp with R code
summary(microbenchmark(
  rcpp=HighFreq::calc_eigen(re_turns),
  rcode=prcomp(re_turns),
  times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)
```

calc\_inv Calculate the regularized inverse of the covariance matrix of returns using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Calculate the regularized inverse of the covariance *matrix* of returns using RcppArmadillo.

### Usage

```
calc_inv(re_turns, to_l = 0.001, max_eigen = 0L)
```

# **Arguments**

re\_turns A *matrix* of returns data.

to\_1 A *numeric* tolerance level for discarding small eigenvalues in order to regularize the matrix inverse. (The default is 0.001)

max\_eigen An *integer* equal to the regularization intensity (the number of eigenvalues and

eigenvectors used for calculating the regularized inverse).

### **Details**

The function calc\_inv() calculates the regularized inverse of the *covariance matrix*, by discarding eigenvectors with small eigenvalues less than the tolerance level to\_1. The function calc\_inv() first calculates the covariance *matrix* of the re\_turns, and then it calculates its regularized inverse. If max\_eigen is not specified then it calculates the regularized inverse using the function arma::pinv(). If max\_eigen is specified then it calculates the regularized inverse using eigen decomposition with only the largest max\_eigen eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors.

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#### Value

A *matrix* equal to the regularized inverse.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create random matrix
re_turns <- matrix(rnorm(500), nc=5)
max_eigen <- 3
# Calculate regularized inverse using RcppArmadillo
in_verse <- HighFreq::calc_inv(re_turns, max_eigen)
# Calculate regularized inverse from eigen decomposition in R
ei_gen <- eigen(cov(re_turns))
inverse_r <- ei_gen$vectors[, 1:max_eigen] %*% (t(ei_gen$vectors[, 1:max_eigen]) / ei_gen$values[1:max_eigen]
# Compare RcppArmadillo with R
all.equal(in_verse, inverse_r)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

calc\_lm

Perform multivariate linear regression using Rcpp.

# **Description**

Perform multivariate linear regression using Rcpp.

# Usage

```
calc_lm(res_ponse, de_sign)
```

# **Arguments**

res\_ponse A *vector* of response data.

de\_sign A *matrix* of design (predictor i.e. explanatory) data.

# **Details**

The function calc\_lm() performs the same calculations as the function lm() from package *stats*. It uses RcppArmadillo and is about *10* times faster than lm(). The code was inspired by this article (but it's not identical to it): http://gallery.rcpp.org/articles/fast-linear-model-with-armadillo/

# Value

A named list with three elements: a *matrix* of coefficients (named "coefficients"), the z-score of the last residual (named "z\_score"), and a vector with the R-squared and F-statistic (named "stats"). The numeric matrix of coefficients named "coefficients" contains the alpha and beta coefficients, and their t-values and p-values.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Define design matrix with explanatory variables
len_gth <- 100; n_var <- 5</pre>
de_sign <- matrix(rnorm(n_var*len_gth), nc=n_var)</pre>
# Response equals linear form plus error terms
weight_s <- rnorm(n_var)</pre>
res_ponse <- -3 + de_sign %*% weight_s + rnorm(len_gth, sd=0.5)
# Perform multivariate regression using lm()
reg_model <- lm(res_ponse ~ de_sign)</pre>
sum_mary <- summary(reg_model)</pre>
# Perform multivariate regression using calc_lm()
reg_model_arma <- calc_lm(res_ponse=res_ponse, de_sign=de_sign)</pre>
reg_model_arma$coefficients
# Compare the outputs of both functions
all.equal(reg_model_arma$coefficients[, "coeff"], unname(coef(reg_model)))
all.equal(unname(reg_model_arma$coefficients), unname(sum_mary$coefficients))
all.equal(drop(reg_model_arma$residuals), unname(reg_model$residuals))
all.equal(unname(reg_model_arma$stats), c(sum_mary$r.squared, unname(sum_mary$fstatistic[1])))
## End(Not run)
```

calc\_ranks

Calculate the ranks of the elements of a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Calculate the ranks of the elements of a *vector* or a single-column *time series* using RcppArmadillo.

### Usage

```
calc_ranks(vec_tor)
```

### **Arguments**

vec\_tor

A vector or a single-column time series.

### Details

The function calc\_ranks() calculates the ranks of the elements of a *vector* or a single-column *time series*. It uses the RcppArmadillo function arma::sort\_index(). The function arma::sort\_index() calculates the permutation index to sort a given vector into ascending order.

Applying the function arma::sort\_index() twice: arma::sort\_index(arma::sort\_index()), calculates the *reverse* permutation index to sort the vector from ascending order back into its original unsorted order. The permutation index produced by: arma::sort\_index(arma::sort\_index()) is the *reverse* of the permutation index produced by: arma::sort\_index().

The ranks of the elements are equal to the *reverse* permutation index. The function calc\_ranks() calculates the *reverse* permutation index.

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#### Value

An integer vector with the ranks of the elements of the vector.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a vector of random data
da_ta <- round(runif(7), 2)</pre>
# Calculate the ranks of the elements in two ways
all.equal(rank(da_ta), drop(HighFreq::calc_ranks(da_ta)))
# Create a time series of random data
da_ta <- xts::xts(runif(7), seq.Date(Sys.Date(), by=1, length.out=7))</pre>
# Calculate the ranks of the elements in two ways
all.equal(rank(coredata(da_ta)), drop(HighFreq::calc_ranks(da_ta)))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
da_ta <- runif(7)</pre>
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
  rcpp=calc_ranks(da_ta),
  rcode=rank(da_ta),
  times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)
```

calc\_scaled

Scale (standardize) the columns of a matrix of data using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Scale (standardize) the columns of a *matrix* of data using RcppArmadillo.

#### Usage

```
calc_scaled(mat_rix, use_median = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

mat\_rix A *matrix* of data.

use\_median A Boolean argument: if TRUE then the centrality (central tendency) is calculated

as the median and the dispersion is calculated as the median absolute deviation (MAD). If use\_median is FALSE then the centrality is calculated as the mean and the dispersion is calculated as the standard deviation. (The default is FALSE)

### **Details**

The function calc\_scaled() scales (standardizes) the columns of the mat\_rix argument using RcppArmadillo. If the argument use\_median is FALSE (the default), then it performs the same calculation as the standard R function scale(), and it calculates the centrality (central tendency) as the *mean* and the dispersion as the *standard deviation*. If the argument use\_median is TRUE, then it calculates the centrality as the *median* and the dispersion as the *median absolute deviation* (*MAD*).

The function calc\_scaled() uses RcppArmadillo and is about 5 times faster than function scale(), for a *matrix* with 1,000 rows and 20 columns.

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### Value

A *matrix* with the same dimensions as the input argument mat\_rix.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a matrix of random data
mat_rix <- matrix(rnorm(20000), nc=20)
scale_d <- calc_scaled(mat_rix=mat_rix, use_median=FALSE)
scale_d2 <- scale(mat_rix)
all.equal(scale_d, scale_d2, check.attributes=FALSE)
# Compare the speed of Rcpp with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
  rcpp=calc_scaled(mat_rix=mat_rix, use_median=FALSE),
  rcode=scale(mat_rix),
  times=100))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

calc\_var

Calculate the variance of the columns of a matrix or time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Calculate the variance of the columns of a matrix or time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
calc_var(mat_rix)
```

# **Arguments**

mat\_rix

A matrix or a time series.

# **Details**

The function calc\_var() calculates the variance of the columns of a *matrix* using RcppArmadillo.

The function calc\_var() performs the same calculation as the function colVars() from package matrixStats, but it's much faster because it uses RcppArmadillo.

# Value

A row vector equal to the variance of the *matrix* columns.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a matrix of random returns
re_turns <- matrix(rnorm(5e6), nc=5)</pre>
# Compare calc_var() with standard var()
all.equal(drop(HighFreq::calc_var(re_turns)),
  apply(re_turns, 2, var))
# Compare calc_var() with matrixStats
all.equal(drop(HighFreq::calc_var(re_turns)),
  matrixStats::colVars(re_turns))
\mbox{\#} Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with matrixStats and with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
  rcpp=HighFreq::calc_var(re_turns),
  matrixStats=matrixStats::colVars(re_turns),
  rcode=apply(re_turns, 2, var),
  times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)
```

calc\_var\_ohlc

Calculate the variance of an OHLC time series, using different range estimators and RcppArmadillo.

# **Description**

Calculate the variance of an OHLC time series, using different range estimators and RcppArmadillo.

### Usage

```
calc_var_ohlc(oh_lc, calc_method = "yang_zhang", lag_close = 0L,
  in_dex = 0L, scal_e = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

oh lc

An OHLC time series or a numeric matrix of prices.

calc\_method

A *character* string representing the range estimator for calculating the variance. The estimators include:

- "close" close-to-close estimator,
- "rogers\_satchell" Rogers-Satchell estimator,
- "garman\_klass" Garman-Klass estimator,
- "garman\_klass\_yz" Garman-Klass with account for close-to-open price jumps,
- "yang\_zhang" Yang-Zhang estimator,

(The default is the "yang\_zhang" estimator.)

lag\_close

A vector with the lagged close prices of the OHLC time series. This is an optional argument. (The default is lag\_close=0.)

in\_dex

A vector with the time index of the time series. This is an optional argument. (The default is in\_dex=0.)

scal\_e

Boolean argument: Should the returns be divided by the number of seconds in each period? (The default is scal\_e=TRUE.)

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#### **Details**

The function calc\_var\_ohlc() calculates the variance from all the different intra-day and day-over-day returns (defined as the differences of *OHLC* prices), using several different variance estimation methods.

The default calc\_method is "yang\_zhang", which theoretically has the lowest standard error among unbiased estimators. The methods "close", "garman\_klass\_yz", and "yang\_zhang" do account for close-to-open price jumps, while the methods "garman\_klass" and "rogers\_satchell" do not account for close-to-open price jumps.

The optional argument in\_dex is the time index of the *time series* oh\_1c. If the time index is in seconds, then the differences of the index are equal to the number of seconds in each time period. If the time index is in days, then the differences are equal to the number of days in each time period.

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the returns are divided by the differences of the time index (which scales the variance to the units of variance per second squared.) This is useful when calculating the variance from minutely bar data, because dividing returns by the number of seconds decreases the effect of overnight price jumps. If the time index is in days, then the variance is equal to the variance per day squared.

The optional argument lag\_close are the lagged *close* prices of the *OHLC time series*. Passing in the lagged *close* prices speeds up the calculation, so it's useful for rolling calculations.

The function calc\_var\_ohlc() is implemented in RcppArmadillo code, and it's over 10 times faster than calc\_var\_ohlc\_r(), which is implemented in R code.

#### Value

A single *numeric* value equal to the variance of the *OHLC time series*.

```
## Not run:
# Extract time index of SPY returns
in_dex <- c(1, diff(xts::.index(HighFreq::SPY)))</pre>
# Calculate the variance of SPY returns, with scaling of the returns
HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY,
 calc_method="yang_zhang", scal_e=TRUE, in_dex=in_dex)
# Calculate variance without accounting for overnight jumps
HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY,
 calc_method="rogers_satchell", scal_e=TRUE, in_dex=in_dex)
# Calculate the variance without scaling the returns
HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY, scal_e=FALSE)
# Calculate the variance by passing in the lagged close prices
lag_close <- HighFreq::lag_it(HighFreq::SPY[, 4])</pre>
all.equal(HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY),
  HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY, lag_close=lag_close))
# Compare with HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc_r()
all.equal(HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY, in_dex=in_dex),
  HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc_r(HighFreq::SPY))
# Compare the speed of Rcpp with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
  rcpp=HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc(HighFreq::SPY),
  rcode=HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc_r(HighFreq::SPY),
  times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)
```

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calc_var_ohlc_r	Calculate the variance of an OHLC time series, using different range estimators for variance.

# **Description**

Calculate the variance of an OHLC time series, using different range estimators for variance.

### Usage

```
calc_var_ohlc_r(oh_lc, calc_method = "yang_zhang", scal_e = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

oh\_lc

An *OHLC* time series of prices in xts format.

calc\_method

A *character* string representing the method for estimating variance. The methods include:

- "close" close to close,
- "garman\_klass" Garman-Klass,
- "garman\_klass\_yz" Garman-Klass with account for close-to-open price jumps,
- "rogers\_satchell" Rogers-Satchell,
- "yang\_zhang" Yang-Zhang,

(default is "yang\_zhang")

scal\_e

Boolean argument: should the returns be divided by the number of seconds in each period? (default is TRUE)

# Details

The function calc\_var\_ohlc\_r() calculates the variance from all the different intra-day and day-over-day returns (defined as the differences of *OHLC* prices), using several different variance estimation methods.

The default method is "yang\_zhang", which theoretically has the lowest standard error among unbiased estimators. The methods "close", "garman\_klass\_yz", and "yang\_zhang" do account for close-to-open price jumps, while the methods "garman\_klass" and "rogers\_satchell" do not account for close-to-open price jumps.

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the returns are divided by the differences of the time index (which scales the variance to the units of variance per second squared.) This is useful when calculating the variance from minutely bar data, because dividing returns by the number of seconds decreases the effect of overnight price jumps. If the time index is in days, then the variance is equal to the variance per day squared.

The function  $calc\_var\_ohlc\_r()$  is implemented in R code.

# Value

A single *numeric* value equal to the variance.

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### **Examples**

```
# Calculate the variance of SPY returns
HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc_r(HighFreq::SPY, calc_method="yang_zhang")
# Calculate variance without accounting for overnight jumps
HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc_r(HighFreq::SPY, calc_method="rogers_satchell")
# Calculate the variance without scaling the returns
HighFreq::calc_var_ohlc_r(HighFreq::SPY, scal_e=FALSE)
```

calc\_var\_vec

Calculate the variance of a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

# **Description**

Calculate the variance of a *vector* or a single-column *time series* using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
calc_var_vec(re_turns)
```

### **Arguments**

re\_turns

A vector or a single-column time series.

## **Details**

The function calc\_var\_vec() calculates the variance of a *vector* using RcppArmadillo, so it's significantly faster than the R function var().

### Value

A numeric value equal to the variance of the vector.

```
## Not run:
# Create a vector of random returns
re_turns <- rnorm(1e6)
# Compare calc_var_vec() with standard var()
all.equal(HighFreq::calc_var_vec(re_turns),
    var(re_turns))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=HighFreq::calc_var_vec(re_turns),
    rcode=var(re_turns),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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calc_weights Calculate the optimal portfolio weights for different objective functions.	calc_weights	
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### **Description**

Calculate the optimal portfolio weights for different objective functions.

### Usage

```
calc_weights(re_turns, typ_e = "max_sharpe", to_l = 0.001,
  max_eigen = 0L, pro_b = 0.1, al_pha = 0, scal_e = TRUE,
  vo_l = 0.01)
```

### **Arguments**

re_turns	A <i>matrix</i> of excess returns data (the returns in excess of the risk-free rate).
typ_e	A string specifying the objective for calculating the weights (see Details).
to_l	A <i>numeric</i> tolerance level for discarding small eigenvalues in order to regularize the matrix inverse. (The default is 0.001)
max_eigen	An <i>integer</i> equal to the number of eigenvectors used for calculating the regularized inverse of the covariance <i>matrix</i> (the default is the number of columns of re_turns).
al_pha	The shrinkage intensity between $\emptyset$ and 1. (the default is $\emptyset$ ).
scal_e	A <i>Boolean</i> specifying whether the weights should be scaled (the default is scal_e=TRUE).
vo_l	A numeric volatility target for scaling the weights. (The default is 0.001)

## **Details**

The function calc\_weights() calculates the optimal portfolio weights for different objective functions, using RcppArmadillo.

If typ\_e == "max\_sharpe" (the default) then calc\_weights() calculates the weights of the maximum Sharpe portfolio, by multiplying the inverse of the covariance *matrix* times the mean column returns.

If typ\_e == "min\_var" then it calculates the weights of the minimum variance portfolio under linear constraints.

If typ\_e == "min\_varpca" then it calculates the weights of the minimum variance portfolio under quadratic constraints (which is the highest order principal component).

If typ\_e == "rank" then it calculates the weights as the ranks (order index) of the trailing Sharpe ratios of the portfolio assets.

If scal\_e == TRUE (the default) then the weights are scaled so that the resulting portfolio has a volatility equal to vo\_l.

calc\_weights() applies dimensional regularization to calculate the inverse of the covariance *matrix* of returns from its eigen decomposition, using the function arma::eig\_sym().

In addition, it applies shrinkage to the *vector* of mean column returns, by shrinking it to its common mean value. The shrinkage intensity al\_pha determines the amount of shrinkage that is applied, with al\_pha = 0 representing no shrinkage (with the estimator of mean returns equal to the means of the columns of re\_turns), and al\_pha = 1 representing complete shrinkage (with the estimator of mean returns equal to the single mean of all the columns of re\_turns)

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#### Value

A column *vector* of the same length as the number of columns of re\_turns.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Calculate covariance matrix of ETF returns
re_turns <- na.omit(rutils::etf_env$re_turns[, 1:16])</pre>
ei_gen <- eigen(cov(re_turns))</pre>
# Calculate regularized inverse of covariance matrix
max_eigen <- 3
eigen_vec <- ei_gen$vectors[, 1:max_eigen]</pre>
eigen_val <- ei_gen$values[1:max_eigen]</pre>
in_verse <- eigen_vec %*% (t(eigen_vec) / eigen_val)</pre>
# Define shrinkage intensity and apply shrinkage to the mean returns
al_pha <- 0.5
col_means <- colMeans(re_turns)</pre>
col_means <- ((1-al_pha)*col_means + al_pha*mean(col_means))</pre>
# Calculate weights using R
weight_s <- in_verse %*% col_means</pre>
n_col <- NCOL(re_turns)</pre>
weights\_r <- \ weights\_r *sd(re\_turns \ %*% \ rep(1/n\_col, \ n\_col))/sd(re\_turns \ %*% \ weights\_r)
# Calculate weights using RcppArmadillo
weight_s <- drop(HighFreq::calc_weights(re_turns, max_eigen=max_eigen, al_pha=al_pha))</pre>
all.equal(weight_s, weights_r)
## End(Not run)
```

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Calculate the row differences of a matrix or a time series using Rcp-pArmadillo.

# Description

Calculate the row differences of a matrix or a time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
diff_it(mat_rix, lagg = 1L, padd = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

mat_rix	A matrix or time series.
lagg	An <i>integer</i> equal to the number of rows (time periods) to lag when calculating the differences (the default is lagg=1).
padd	<i>Boolean</i> argument: Should the output <i>matrix</i> be padded (extended) with zeros, in order to return a <i>matrix</i> with the same number of rows as the input? (the default is padd=TRUE)

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#### **Details**

The function diff\_it() calculates the differences between the rows of the input *matrix* or *time* series and its lagged version. The lagged version has its rows shifted down by the number equal to lagg rows.

The argument lagg specifies the number of lags applied to the rows of the lagged version. For example, if lagg=3 then the lagged version will have its rows shifted down by 3 rows, and the differences will be taken between each row minus the row three time periods before it (in the past). The default is lagg=1.

The argument padd specifies whether the output *matrix* should be padded (extended) with rows of zeros at the beginning, in order to return a *matrix* with the same number of rows as the input. The default is padd=TRUE. The padding operation can be time-consuming, because it requires the copying of data.

The function diff\_it() is implemented in RcppArmadillo code, which makes it several times faster than R code.

### Value

A *matrix* containing the differences between the rows of the input *matrix*.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a matrix of random returns
re_turns <- matrix(rnorm(5e6), nc=5)
# Compare diff_it() with rutils::diff_it()
all.equal(HighFreq::diff_it(re_turns, lagg=3, padd=TRUE),
    rutils::diff_it(re_turns, lagg=3))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=HighFreq::diff_it(re_turns, lagg=3, padd=TRUE),
    rcode=rutils::diff_it(re_turns, lagg=3),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

diff\_vec

Calculate the differences of a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

# **Description**

Calculate the differences of a *vector* or a single-column *time series* using *RcppArmadillo*.

# Usage

```
diff_vec(vec_tor, lagg = 1L, padd = TRUE)
```

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### **Arguments**

vec\_tor A *vector* or single-column *time series*.

lagg An *integer* equal to the number of time periods to lag when calculating the differences (the default is lagg=1).

padd Boolean argument: Should the output *vector* be padded (extended) with ze-

ros, in order to return a *vector* of the same length as the input? (the default is

padd=TRUE)

### **Details**

The function diff\_vec() calculates the differences between the input *vector* or *time series* and its lagged version.

The argument lagg specifies the number of lags. For example, if lagg=3 then the differences will be taken between each element minus the element three time periods before it (in the past). The default is lagg=1.

The argument padd specifies whether the output *vector* should be padded (extended) with zeros at the beginning, in order to return a *vector* of the same length as the input. The default is padd=TRUE. The padding operation can be time-consuming, because it requires the copying of data.

The function diff\_vec() is implemented in RcppArmadillo code, which makes it several times faster than R code.

### Value

A column *vector* containing the differences between the elements of the input vector.

```
## Not run:
# Create a vector of random returns
re_turns <- rnorm(1e6)
# Compare diff_vec() with rutils::diff_it()
all.equal(drop(HighFreq::diff_vec(re_turns, lagg=3, padd=TRUE)),
    rutils::diff_it(re_turns, lagg=3))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=HighFreq::diff_vec(re_turns, lagg=3, padd=TRUE),
    rcode=rutils::diff_it(re_turns, lagg=3),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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### **Description**

hf\_data.RData is a file containing the datasets:

**SPY** an xts time series containing 1-minute OHLC bar data for the SPY etf, from 2008-01-02 to 2014-05-19. SPY contains 625,425 rows of data, each row contains a single minute bar.

TLT an xts time series containing 1-minute OHLC bar data for the TLT etf, up to 2014-05-19.

VXX an xts time series containing 1-minute OHLC bar data for the VXX etf, up to 2014-05-19.

# Usage

```
data(hf_data) # not required - data is lazy load
```

### **Format**

Each xts time series contains OHLC data, with each row containing a single minute bar:

Open Open price in the bar

High High price in the bar

Low Low price in the bar

Close Close price in the bar

Volume trading volume in the bar

### **Source**

```
https://wrds-web.wharton.upenn.edu/wrds/
```

### References

Wharton Research Data Service (WRDS)

### **Examples**

```
# data(hf_data) # not required - data is lazy load
head(SPY)
chart_Series(x=SPY["2009"])
```

lag\_it

Apply a lag to a matrix or time series using RcppArmadillo.

# **Description**

Apply a lag to a *matrix* or *time series* using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
lag_it(mat_rix, lagg = 1L)
```

## **Arguments**

mat\_rix A matrix or time series.

lagg An *integer* equal to the number of periods to lag (the default is lagg=1).

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#### **Details**

The function lag\_it() applies a lag to the input *matrix* by shifting its rows by the number equal to the argument lagg. For positive lagg values, the rows are shifted forward (down), and for negative lagg values they are shifted backward (up). The output *matrix* is padded with either the first or the last row, to maintain it original dimensions. The function lag\_it() can be applied to vectors in the form of single-column matrices.

#### Value

A *matrix* with the same dimensions as the input argument mat\_rix.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a matrix of random returns
re_turns <- matrix(rnorm(5e6), nc=5)
# Compare lag_it() with rutils::lag_it()
all.equal(HighFreq::lag_it(re_turns),
    rutils::lag_it(re_turns))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=HighFreq::lag_it(re_turns),
    rcode=rutils::lag_it(re_turns),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

lag\_vec

Apply a lag to a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Apply a lag to a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
lag_vec(vec_tor, lagg = 1L)
```

# **Arguments**

vec\_tor A vector or a single-column time series.

lagg An *integer* equal to the number of periods to lag (the default is lagg=1).

### **Details**

The function lag\_vec() applies a lag to the input *vector* by shifting its elements by the number equal to the argument lagg. For positive lagg values, the elements are shifted forward, and for negative lagg values they are shifted backward. The output *vector* is padded with either the first or the last element, to maintain its original length.

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#### Value

A column vector with the same number of elements as the input vector.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a vector of random returns
re_turns <- rnorm(1e6)
# Compare lag_vec() with rutils::lag_it()
all.equal(drop(HighFreq::lag_vec(re_turns)),
    rutils::lag_it(re_turns))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=HighFreq::lag_vec(re_turns),
    rcode=rutils::lag_it(re_turns),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

mult\_vec\_mat

Multiply the columns or rows of a matrix times a vector, element-wise.

### **Description**

Multiply the columns or rows of a matrix times a vector, element-wise.

### Usage

```
mult_vec_mat(vec_tor, mat_rix, by_col = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

by\_col A Boolean argument: if TRUE then multiply the columns, otherwise multiply the

rows. (The default is by\_col=TRUE.)

# **Details**

The function mult\_vec\_mat() multiplies the columns or rows of a *matrix* times a *vector*, elementwise.

If the number of *vector* elements is equal to the number of matrix columns, then it multiplies the columns by the *vector*, and returns the number of columns. If the number of *vector* elements is equal to the number of rows, then it multiplies the rows, and returns the number of rows.

If the *matrix* is square and if by\_col is TRUE then it multiplies the columns, otherwise it multiplies the rows.

It accepts *pointers* to the *matrix* and *vector*, and replaces the old *matrix* values with the new values. It performs the calculation in place, without copying the *matrix* in memory (which greatly increases the computation speed). It performs an implicit loop over the *matrix* rows and columns using

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the *Armadillo* operators each\_row() and each\_col(), instead of performing explicit for() loops (both methods are equally fast).

The function mult\_vec\_mat() uses RcppArmadillo, so when multiplying large *matrix* columns it's several times faster than vectorized R code, and it's even much faster compared to R when multiplying the *matrix* rows.

#### Value

A single *integer* value, equal to either the number of *matrix* columns or the number of rows.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Multiply matrix columns using R
mat_rix <- matrix(round(runif(25e4), 2), nc=5e2)</pre>
vec_tor <- round(runif(5e2), 2)</pre>
prod_uct <- vec_tor*mat_rix</pre>
# Multiply the matrix in place
mult_vec_mat(vec_tor, mat_rix)
all.equal(prod_uct, mat_rix)
# Compare the speed of Rcpp with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=mult_vec_mat(vec_tor, mat_rix),
    rcode=vec_tor*mat_rix,
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
\# Multiply matrix rows using R
mat_rix <- matrix(round(runif(25e4), 2), nc=5e2)</pre>
vec_tor <- round(runif(5e2), 2)</pre>
prod_uct <- t(vec_tor*t(mat_rix))</pre>
# Multiply the matrix in place
mult_vec_mat(vec_tor, mat_rix, by_col=FALSE)
all.equal(prod_uct, mat_rix)
\# Compare the speed of Rcpp with R code
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    rcpp=mult_vec_mat(vec_tor, mat_rix, by_col=FALSE),
    rcode=t(vec_tor*t(mat_rix)),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)
```

random\_ohlc

Calculate a random OHLC time series of prices and trading volumes, in xts format.

# Description

Calculate a random *OHLC* time series either by simulating random prices following geometric Brownian motion, or by randomly sampling from an input time series.

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### Usage

```
random_ohlc(oh_lc = NULL, re_duce = TRUE, vol_at = 6.5e-05,
  dri_ft = 0, in_dex = seq(from = as.POSIXct(paste(Sys.Date() - 3,
  "09:30:00")), to = as.POSIXct(paste(Sys.Date() - 1, "16:00:00")), by =
  "1 sec"), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

oh_lc	An <i>OHLC</i> time series of prices and trading volumes, in <i>xts</i> format (default is <i>NULL</i> ).
re_duce	Boolean argument: should oh_lc time series be transformed to reduced form? (default is TRUE)
vol_at	The volatility per period of the in_dex time index (default is 6.5e-05 per second, or about 0.01=1.0% per day).
dri_ft	The drift per period of the in_dex time index (default is 0.0).
in_dex	The time index for the <i>OHLC</i> time series.

### **Details**

If the input oh\_lc time series is *NULL* (the default), then the function random\_ohlc() simulates a minutely *OHLC* time series of random prices following geometric Brownian motion, over the two previous calendar days.

If the input oh\_lc time series is not *NULL*, then the rows of oh\_lc are randomly sampled, to produce a random time series.

If re\_duce is TRUE (the default), then the oh\_lc time series is first transformed to reduced form, then randomly sampled, and finally converted to standard form.

Note: randomly sampling from an intraday time series over multiple days will cause the overnight price jumps to be re-arranged into intraday price jumps. This will cause moment estimates to become inflated compared to the original time series.

### Value

An xts time series with the same dimensions and the same time index as the input oh\_1c time series.

# Examples

```
# Create minutely synthetic OHLC time series of random prices
oh_lc <- HighFreq::random_ohlc()
# Create random time series from SPY by randomly sampling it
oh_lc <- HighFreq::random_ohlc(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY["2012-02-13/2012-02-15"])</pre>
```

remove_jumps	Remove overnight close-to-open price jumps from an OHLC time se-
	ries, by adding adjustment terms to its prices.

### **Description**

Remove overnight close-to-open price jumps from an *OHLC* time series, by adding adjustment terms to its prices.

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### Usage

```
remove_jumps(oh_lc)
```

### **Arguments**

oh\_lc

An OHLC time series of prices and trading volumes, in xts format.

#### **Details**

The function remove\_jumps() removes the overnight close-to-open price jumps from an *OHLC* time series, by adjusting its prices so that the first *Open* price of the day is equal to the last *Close* price of the previous day.

The function remove\_jumps() adds adjustment terms to all the *OHLC* prices, so that intra-day returns and volatilities are not affected.

The function remove\_jumps() identifies overnight periods as those that are greater than 60 seconds. This assumes that intra-day periods between neighboring rows of data are 60 seconds or less.

The time index of the oh\_lc time series is assumed to be in *POSIXct* format, so that its internal value is equal to the number of seconds that have elapsed since the *epoch*.

#### Value

An *OHLC* time series with the same dimensions and the same time index as the input oh\_1c time series.

### **Examples**

```
# Remove overnight close-to-open price jumps from SPY data
oh_lc <- remove_jumps(HighFreq::SPY)</pre>
```

Apply an aggregation function over a rolling look-back interval and the end points of an OHLC time series.

# Description

roll\_apply

Apply an aggregation function over a rolling look-back interval and the end points of an *OHLC* time series.

# Usage

```
roll_apply(x_ts, agg_fun, look_back = 2, end_points = seq_along(x_ts),
  by_columns = FALSE, out_xts = TRUE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x_ts	An OHLC time series of prices and trading volumes, in xts format.
agg_fun	The name of the aggregation function to be applied over a rolling look-back interval.

look\_back The number of end points in the look-back interval used for applying the aggre-

gation function (including the current row).

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end\_points An integer vector of end points.

by\_columns

Boolean argument: should the function agg\_fun() be applied column-wise (individually), or should it be applied to all the columns combined? (default is FALSE)

out\_xts

Boolean argument: should the output be coerced into an xts series? (default is TRUE)

additional parameters to the agg\_fun function.

#### **Details**

The function roll\_apply() applies an aggregation function over a rolling look-back interval attached at the end points of an *OHLC* time series.

HighFreq::roll\_apply() performs similar operations to the functions rollapply() and period.apply() from package xts, and also the function apply.rolling() from package PerformanceAnalytics. (The function rollapply() isn't exported from the package xts.)

But HighFreq::roll\_apply() is faster because it performs less type-checking and skips other overhead. Unlike the other functions, roll\_apply() doesn't produce any leading *NA* values.

The function roll\_apply() can be called in two different ways, depending on the argument end\_points. If the argument end\_points isn't explicitly passed to roll\_apply(), then the default value is used, and roll\_apply() performs aggregations over overlapping intervals at each point in time.

If the argument end\_points is explicitly passed to roll\_apply(), then roll\_apply() performs aggregations over intervals attached at the end\_points. If look\_back=2 then the aggregations are performed over non-overlapping intervals, otherwise they are performed over overlapping intervals.

If the argument out\_xts is TRUE (the default) then the output is coerced into an *xts* series, with the number of rows equal to the length of argument end\_points. Otherwise a list is returned, with the length equal to the length of argument end\_points.

If out\_xts is TRUE and the aggregation function agg\_fun() returns a single value, then roll\_apply() returns an xts time series with a single column. If out\_xts is TRUE and if agg\_fun() returns a vector of values, then roll\_apply() returns an xts time series with multiple columns, equal to the length of the vector returned by the aggregation function agg\_fun().

### Value

Either an *xts* time series with the number of rows equal to the length of argument end\_points, or a list the length of argument end\_points.

```
# extract a single day of SPY data
oh_lc <- HighFreq::SPY["2012-02-13"]
inter_val <- 11  # number of data points between end points
look_back <- 4  # number of end points in look-back interval
# Calculate the rolling sums of oh_lc columns over a rolling look-back interval
agg_regations <- roll_apply(oh_lc, agg_fun=sum, look_back=look_back, by_columns=TRUE)
# Apply a vector-valued aggregation function over a rolling look-back interval
agg_function <- function(oh_lc) c(max(oh_lc[, 2]), min(oh_lc[, 3]))
agg_regations <- roll_apply(oh_lc, agg_fun=agg_function, look_back=look_back)
# Define end points at 11-minute intervals (HighFreq::SPY is minutely bars)
end_points <- rutils::end_points(oh_lc, inter_val=inter_val)
# Calculate the sums of oh_lc columns over end_points using non-overlapping intervals
agg_regations <- roll_apply(oh_lc, agg_fun=sum, end_points=end_points, by_columns=TRUE)</pre>
```

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roll_backtest	Perform a backtest simulation of a trading strategy (model) over a vector of end points along a time series of prices.
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### **Description**

Perform a backtest simulation of a trading strategy (model) over a vector of end points along a time series of prices.

### Usage

```
roll_backtest(x_ts, train_func, trade_func, look_back = look_forward,
  look_forward, end_points = rutils::calc_endpoints(x_ts, look_forward),
  ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x_ts	A time series of prices, asset returns, trading volumes, and other data, in <i>xts</i> format.
train_func	The name of the function for training (calibrating) a forecasting model, to be applied over a rolling look-back interval.
trade_func	The name of the trading model function, to be applied over a rolling look-forward interval.
look_back	The size of the look-back interval, equal to the number of rows of data used for training the forecasting model.
look_forward	The size of the look-forward interval, equal to the number of rows of data used for trading the strategy.
end_points	A vector of end points along the rows of the x_ts time series, given as either integers or dates.
	additional parameters to the functions train_func() and trade_func().

#### **Details**

The function roll\_backtest() performs a rolling backtest simulation of a trading strategy over a vector of end points. At each end point, it trains (calibrates) a forecasting model using past data taken from the x\_ts time series over the look-back interval, and applies the forecasts to the trade\_func() trading model, using out-of-sample future data from the look-forward interval.

The function trade\_func() should simulate the trading model, and it should return a named list with at least two elements: a named vector of performance statistics, and an xts time series of out-of-sample returns. The list returned by trade\_func() can also have additional elements, like the in-sample calibrated model statistics, etc.

The function roll\_backtest() returns a named list containing the lists returned by function trade\_func(). The list names are equal to the *end\_points* dates. The number of list elements is equal to the number of *end\_points* minus two (because the first and last end points can't be included in the backtest).

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#### Value

An xts time series with the number of rows equal to the number of end points minus two.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Combine two time series of prices
price_s <- cbind(rutils::etf_env$XLU, rutils::etf_env$XLP)</pre>
look_back <- 252
look_forward <- 22</pre>
# Define end points
end_points <- rutils::calc_endpoints(price_s, look_forward)</pre>
# Perform back-test
back_test <- roll_backtest(end_points=end_points,</pre>
    look_forward=look_forward,
    look_back=look_back,
    train_func = train_model,
    trade_func = trade_model,
    model_params = model_params,
    trading_params = trading_params,
    x_ts=price_s)
## End(Not run)
```

roll\_conv

Calculate the convolutions of the matrix columns with a vector of weights.

# **Description**

Calculate the convolutions of the *matrix* columns with a *vector* of weights.

### Usage

```
roll_conv(mat_rix, weight_s)
```

### **Arguments**

mat\_rix A matrix of data.

weight\_s A column *vector* of weights.

### **Details**

The function roll\_conv() calculates the convolutions of the *matrix* columns with a *vector* of weights. It performs a loop down over the *matrix* rows and multiplies the past (higher) values by the weights. It calculates the rolling weighted sum of the past values.

The function roll\_conv() uses the RcppArmadillo function arma::conv2(). It performs a similar calculation to the standard R function filter(x=mat\_rix,filter=weight\_s,method="convolution",sides=1), but it's over 6 times faster, and it doesn't produce any leading NA values.

### Value

A *matrix* with the same dimensions as the input argument mat\_rix.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# First example
# Create matrix from historical prices
mat_rix <- na.omit(rutils::etf_env$re_turns[, 1:2])</pre>
# Create simple weights equal to a 1 value plus zeros
weight_s <- matrix(c(1, rep(0, 10)), nc=1)
# Calculate rolling weighted sum
weight_ed <- HighFreq::roll_conv(mat_rix, weight_s)</pre>
# Compare with original
all.equal(coredata(mat_rix), weight_ed, check.attributes=FALSE)
# Second example
# Create exponentially decaying weights
weight_s <- exp(-0.2*(1:11))
weight_s <- matrix(weight_s/sum(weight_s), nc=1)</pre>
# Calculate rolling weighted sum
weight_ed <- HighFreq::roll_conv(mat_rix, weight_s)</pre>
# Calculate rolling weighted sum using filter()
filter_ed <- filter(x=mat_rix, filter=weight_s, method="convolution", sides=1)</pre>
# Compare both methods
all.equal(filter_ed[-(1:11), ], weight_ed[-(1:11), ], check.attributes=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

roll\_conv\_ref

Calculate the convolutions of the matrix columns with a vector of weights.

### **Description**

Calculate the convolutions of the matrix columns with a vector of weights.

### Usage

```
roll_conv_ref(mat_rix, weight_s)
```

# **Arguments**

mat\_rix A *matrix* of data.

weight\_s A column *vector* of weights.

### **Details**

The function roll\_conv\_ref() calculates the convolutions of the *matrix* columns with a *vector* of weights. It performs a loop down over the *matrix* rows and multiplies the past (higher) values by the weights. It calculates the rolling weighted sum of the past values.

The function roll\_conv\_ref() accepts a *pointer* to the argument mat\_rix, and replaces the old *matrix* values with the weighted sums. It performs the calculation in place, without copying the *matrix* in memory (which greatly increases the computation speed).

The function roll\_conv\_ref() uses the RcppArmadillo function arma::conv2(). It performs a similar calculation to the standard R function filter(x=mat\_rix,filter=weight\_s,method="convolution", sides=but it's over 6 times faster, and it doesn't produce any leading NA values.

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#### Value

A *matrix* with the same dimensions as the input argument mat\_rix.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# First example
# Create matrix from historical prices
mat_rix <- na.omit(rutils::etf_env$re_turns[, 1:2])</pre>
# Create simple weights equal to a 1 value plus zeros
weight_s <- matrix(c(1, rep(0, 10)), nc=1)
# Calculate rolling weighted sum
weight_ed <- HighFreq::roll_conv_ref(mat_rix, weight_s)</pre>
# Compare with original
all.equal(coredata(mat_rix), weight_ed, check.attributes=FALSE)
# Second example
# Create exponentially decaying weights
weight_s <- exp(-0.2*(1:11))
weight_s <- matrix(weight_s/sum(weight_s), nc=1)</pre>
# Calculate rolling weighted sum
weight_ed <- HighFreq::roll_conv_ref(mat_rix, weight_s)</pre>
# Calculate rolling weighted sum using filter()
filter_ed <- filter(x=mat_rix, filter=weight_s, method="convolution", sides=1)</pre>
# Compare both methods
all.equal(filter_ed[-(1:11), ], weight_ed[-(1:11), ], check.attributes=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

roll\_hurst

Calculate a time series of Hurst exponents over a rolling look-back interval.

# **Description**

Calculate a time series of *Hurst* exponents over a rolling look-back interval.

### Usage

```
roll_hurst(oh_lc, look_back = 11)
```

# **Arguments**

oh\_lc An *OHLC* time series of prices in *xts* format.

look\_back The size of the look-back interval, equal to the number of rows of data used for

aggregating the OHLC prices.

### **Details**

The function roll\_hurst() calculates a time series of *Hurst* exponents from *OHLC* prices, over a rolling look-back interval.

The *Hurst* exponent is defined as the logarithm of the ratio of the price range, divided by the standard deviation of returns, and divided by the logarithm of the interval length.

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The function roll\_hurst() doesn't use the same definition as the rescaled range definition of the *Hurst* exponent. First, because the price range is calculated using *High* and *Low* prices, which produces bigger range values, and higher *Hurst* exponent estimates. Second, because the *Hurst* exponent is estimated using a single aggregation interval, instead of multiple intervals in the rescaled range definition.

The rationale for using a different definition of the *Hurst* exponent is that it's designed to be a technical indicator for use as input into trading models, rather than an estimator for statistical analysis.

#### Value

An xts time series with a single column and the same number of rows as the argument oh\_lc.

# **Examples**

```
# Calculate rolling Hurst for SPY in March 2009
hurst_rolling <- roll_hurst(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY["2009-03"], look_back=11)
chart_Series(hurst_rolling["2009-03-10/2009-03-12"], name="SPY hurst_rolling")</pre>
```

roll_moment	Calculate a vector of statistics over an OHLC time series, and calcu-
	late a rolling mean over the statistics.

### **Description**

Calculate a vector of statistics over an *OHLC* time series, and calculate a rolling mean over the statistics.

### Usage

```
roll_moment(oh_lc, mo_ment = "run_variance", look_back = 11,
  weight_ed = TRUE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

oh_lc	An OHLC time series of prices and trading volumes, in xts format.
mo_ment	The name of the function for estimating statistics of a single row of <i>OHLC</i> data, such as volatility, skew, and higher moments.
look_back	The size of the look-back interval, equal to the number of rows of data used for calculating the rolling mean.
weight_ed	Boolean argument: should statistic be weighted by trade volume? (default TRUE)
	additional parameters to the mo_ment function.

### **Details**

The function roll\_moment() calculates a vector of statistics over an *OHLC* time series, such as volatility, skew, and higher moments. The statistics could also be any other aggregation of a single row of *OHLC* data, for example the *High* price minus the *Low* price squared. The length of the vector of statistics is equal to the number of rows of the argument oh\_lc. Then it calculates a trade volume weighted rolling mean over the vector of statistics over and calculate statistics.

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#### Value

An xts time series with a single column and the same number of rows as the argument oh\_lc.

#### **Examples**

```
# Calculate time series of rolling variance and skew estimates
var_rolling <- roll_moment(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY, look_back=21)
skew_rolling <- roll_moment(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY, mo_ment="run_skew", look_back=21)
skew_rolling <- skew_rolling/(var_rolling)^(1.5)
skew_rolling[1, ] <- 0
skew_rolling <- rutils::na_locf(skew_rolling)</pre>
```

roll\_scale

Perform a rolling scaling (standardization) of the columns of a matrix of data using RcppArmadillo.

# Description

Perform a rolling scaling (standardization) of the columns of a matrix of data using RcppArmadillo.

### Usage

```
roll_scale(mat_rix, look_back, use_median = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

mat\_rix A *matrix* of data.

look\_back The length of the look-back interval, equal to the number of rows of data used

in the scaling.

use\_median A Boolean argument: if TRUE then the centrality (central tendency) is calcu-

lated as the *median* and the dispersion is calculated as the *median absolute deviation (MAD)*. If use\_median is FALSE then the centrality is calculated as the *mean* and the dispersion is calculated as the *standard deviation*. (The default is

use\_median=FALSE)

### **Details**

The function roll\_scale() performs a rolling scaling (standardization) of the columns of the mat\_rix argument using RcppArmadillo. The function roll\_scale() performs a loop over the rows of mat\_rix, subsets a number of previous (past) rows equal to look\_back, and scales the subset matrix. It assigns the last row of the scaled subset *matrix* to the return matrix.

If the argument use\_median is FALSE (the default), then it performs the same calculation as the function roll::roll\_scale(). If the argument use\_median is TRUE, then it calculates the centrality as the *median* and the dispersion as the *median absolute deviation (MAD)*.

# Value

A *matrix* with the same dimensions as the input argument mat\_rix.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
mat_rix <- matrix(rnorm(20000), nc=2)
look_back <- 11
rolled_scaled <- roll::roll_scale(data=mat_rix, width=look_back, min_obs=1)
rolled_scaled2 <- roll_scale(mat_rix=mat_rix, look_back=look_back, use_median=FALSE)
all.equal(rolled_scaled[-1, ], rolled_scaled2[-1, ])
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

roll\_sharpe

Calculate a time series of Sharpe ratios over a rolling look-back interval for an OHLC time series.

# **Description**

Calculate a time series of Sharpe ratios over a rolling look-back interval for an OHLC time series.

### Usage

```
roll_sharpe(oh_lc, look_back = 11)
```

# **Arguments**

oh\_lc An *OHLC* time series of prices in *xts* format.

look\_back The size of the look-back interval, equal to the number of rows of data used for

aggregating the OHLC prices.

### **Details**

The function roll\_sharpe() calculates the rolling Sharpe ratio defined as the ratio of percentage returns over the look-back interval, divided by the average volatility of percentage returns.

# Value

An xts time series with a single column and the same number of rows as the argument oh\_lc.

```
# Calculate rolling Sharpe ratio over SPY
sharpe_rolling <- roll_sharpe(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY, look_back=11)</pre>
```

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roll_sum	Calculate the rolling sum over a vector or a single-column time series using Rcpp.

# Description

Calculate the rolling sum over a *vector* or a single-column *time series* using *Rcpp*.

# Usage

```
roll_sum(re_turns, look_back)
```

# **Arguments**

re\_turns A vector or a single-column time series.

look\_back The length of the look-back interval, equal to the number of elements of data

used for calculating the sum.

### **Details**

The function roll\_sum() calculates a *vector* of rolling sums, over a *vector* of data, using *Rcpp*. The function roll\_sum() is several times faster than rutils::roll\_sum() which uses vectorized R code.

# Value

A column *vector* of the same length as the argument re\_turns.

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roll_var	Calculate a matrix of variance estimates over a rolling look-back in-
	terval for a time series or a matrix, using RcppArmadillo.

# **Description**

Calculate a *matrix* of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for a *time series* or a *matrix*, using RcppArmadillo.

### Usage

```
roll_var(mat_rix, look_back = 11L)
```

# **Arguments**

mat\_rix A *matrix* or a *time series*.

look\_back The length of the look-back interval, equal to the number of time periods (matrix

rows) used for calculating a single variance estimate.

### **Details**

The function roll\_var() calculates a mat\_rix of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for a *time series* or a *matrix*, using RcppArmadillo.

The function roll\_var() uses an expanding look-back interval in the initial warmup period, to calculate the same number of rows as the input argument mat\_rix.

The function roll\_var() performs the same calculation as the function roll\_var() from package RcppRoll, but it's several times faster because it uses RcppArmadillo.

#### Value

A *matrix* with the same number of rows and columns as the input argument mat\_rix.

```
## Not run:
# Create a matrix of random returns
re_turns <- matrix(rnorm(5e3), nc=5)
# Compare the variance estimates over 11-period lookback intervals
all.equal(HighFreq::roll_var(re_turns, look_back=11)[-(1:10), ],
    RcppRoll::roll_var(re_turns, n=11))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with RcppRoll
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    RcppArmadillo=HighFreq::roll_var(re_turns, look_back=11),
    RcppRoll=RcppRoll::roll_var(re_turns, n=11),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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roll_var_ohlc	Calculate a vector of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for an OHLC time series, using different range estimators and RcppArmadillo.

### **Description**

Calculate a *vector* of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for an *OHLC time series*, using different range estimators and RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
roll_var_ohlc(oh_lc, calc_method = "yang_zhang", in_dex = 0L,
    scal_e = TRUE, look_back = 11L)
```

### **Arguments**

on_1c	An OHLC time series or a numeric matrix of prices.
calc_method	A <i>character</i> string representing the range estimator for calculating

A *character* string representing the range estimator for calculating the variance. The estimators include:

- "close" close-to-close estimator,
- "rogers\_satchell" Rogers-Satchell estimator,
- "garman\_klass" Garman-Klass estimator,
- "garman\_klass\_yz" Garman-Klass with account for close-to-open price jumps,
- "yang\_zhang" Yang-Zhang estimator,

(The default is the "yang\_zhang" estimator.)

in\_dex A vector with the time index of the time series. This is an optional argument.

(The default is in\_dex=0.)

scal\_e Boolean argument: Should the returns be divided by the number of seconds in

each period? (The default is scal\_e=TRUE.)

look\_back The length of the look-back interval, equal to the number of time periods (oh\_lc

rows) used for calculating a single variance estimate.

### **Details**

The function roll\_var\_ohlc() performs a loop over the rows of oh\_lc, subsets a number of previous (past) rows equal to look\_back, and passes them into the function calc\_var\_ohlc(). It uses an expanding look-back interval in the initial warmup period, to calculate the same number of elements as the number of rows in the input argument oh\_lc.

The function roll\_var\_ohlc() calculates the variance from all the different intra-day and day-over-day returns (defined as the differences of *OHLC* prices), using several different variance estimation methods.

The default calc\_method is "yang\_zhang", which theoretically has the lowest standard error among unbiased estimators. The methods "close", "garman\_klass\_yz", and "yang\_zhang" do account for close-to-open price jumps, while the methods "garman\_klass" and "rogers\_satchell" do not account for close-to-open price jumps.

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The optional argument in\_dex is the time index of the *time series* oh\_1c. If the time index is in seconds, then the differences of the index are equal to the number of seconds in each time period. If the time index is in days, then the differences are equal to the number of days in each time period.

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the returns are divided by the differences of the time index (which scales the variance to the units of variance per second squared.) This is useful when calculating the variance from minutely bar data, because dividing returns by the number of seconds decreases the effect of overnight price jumps. If the time index is in days, then the variance is equal to the variance per day squared.

The function roll\_var\_ohlc() is implemented in RcppArmadillo code, so it's many times faster than the equivalent R code.

#### Value

A column *vector* of the same length as the number of rows of oh\_lc.

#### **Examples**

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Calculate a vector of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for a vector or a single-column time series, using RcppArmadillo.

## Description

Calculate a *vector* of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for a *vector* or a single-column *time series*, using RcppArmadillo.

#### Usage

```
roll_var_vec(re_turns, look_back = 11L)
```

# **Arguments**

re\_turns A *vector* or a single-column *time series*.

look\_back The length of the look-back interval, equal to the number of *vector* elements

used for calculating a single variance estimate.

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#### **Details**

The function roll\_var\_vec() calculates a re\_turns of variance estimates over a rolling look-back interval for a *vector* or a single-column *time series*, using RcppArmadillo.

The function roll\_var\_vec() uses an expanding look-back interval in the initial warmup period, to calculate the same number of elements as the input argument re\_turns.

The function roll\_var\_vec() performs the same calculation as the function roll\_var() from package RcppRoll, but it's several times faster because it uses RcppArmadillo.

#### Value

A column *vector* with the same number of elements as the input argument re\_turns.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create a vector of random returns
re_turns <- rnorm(1e6)
# Compare the variance estimates over 11-period lookback intervals
all.equal(drop(HighFreq::roll_var_vec(re_turns, look_back=11))[-(1:10)],
    RcppRoll::roll_var(re_turns, n=11))
# Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with RcppRoll
library(microbenchmark)
summary(microbenchmark(
    RcppArmadillo=HighFreq::roll_var_vec(re_turns, look_back=11),
    RcppRoll=RcppRoll::roll_var(re_turns, n=11),
    times=10))[, c(1, 4, 5)] # end microbenchmark summary
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

roll\_vwap

Calculate the volume-weighted average price of an OHLC time series over a rolling look-back interval.

#### **Description**

Performs the same operation as function VWAP() from package VWAP, but using vectorized functions, so it's a little faster.

## Usage

```
roll_vwap(oh_lc, x_ts = oh_lc[, 4], look_back)
```

## **Arguments**

oh\_lc An *OHLC* time series of prices in *xts* format.

x\_ts A single-column *xts* time series.

look\_back The size of the look-back interval, equal to the number of rows of data used for

calculating the average price.

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#### **Details**

The function roll\_vwap() calculates the volume-weighted average closing price, defined as the sum of the prices multiplied by trading volumes in the look-back interval, divided by the sum of trading volumes in the interval. If the argument x\_ts is passed in explicitly, then its volume-weighted average value over time is calculated.

#### Value

An xts time series with a single column and the same number of rows as the argument oh\_lc.

## **Examples**

```
# Calculate and plot rolling volume-weighted average closing prices (VWAP)
prices_rolling <- roll_vwap(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY["2013-11"], look_back=11)
chart_Series(HighFreq::SPY["2013-11-12"], name="SPY prices")
add_TA(prices_rolling["2013-11-12"], on=1, col="red", lwd=2)
legend("top", legend=c("SPY prices", "VWAP prices"),
bg="white", lty=c(1, 1), lwd=c(2, 2),
col=c("black", "red"), bty="n")
# Calculate running returns
returns_running <- run_returns(x_ts=HighFreq::SPY)
# Calculate the rolling volume-weighted average returns
roll_vwap(oh_lc=HighFreq::SPY, x_ts=returns_running, look_back=11)</pre>
```

roll\_wsum

Calculate the rolling weighted sum over a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

#### **Description**

Calculate the rolling weighted sum over a vector or a single-column time series using RcppArmadillo.

# Usage

```
roll_wsum(re_turns, weight_s)
```

## **Arguments**

re\_turns A *vector* or a single-column *time series*.

weight\_s A *vector* of weights.

## Details

The function roll\_wsum() calculates the rolling weighted sum of a *vector* over its past values (a convolution with the *vector* of weights), using RcppArmadillo. It performs a similar calculation as the standard R function stats::filter(x=re\_turns,filter=weight\_s,method="convolution",sides=1), but it's over 6 times faster, and it doesn't produce any NA values.

## Value

A column *vector* of the same length as the argument re\_turns.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# First example
# Create vector from historical prices
re_turns <- as.numeric(rutils::etf_env$VTI[, 6])</pre>
# Create simple weights
weight_s <- c(1, rep(0, 10))
# Calculate rolling weighted sum
weight_ed <- HighFreq::roll_wsum(re_turns=re_turns, weight_s=weight_s)</pre>
# Compare with original
all.equal(re_turns, as.numeric(weight_ed))
# Second example
# Create exponentially decaying weights
weight_s <- exp(-0.2*1:11)
weight_s <- weight_s/sum(weight_s)</pre>
# Calculate rolling weighted sum
weight_ed <- HighFreq::roll_wsum(re_turns=re_turns, weight_s=weight_s)</pre>
# Calculate rolling weighted sum using filter()
filter_ed <- stats::filter(x=re_turns, filter=weight_s, method="convolution", sides=1)</pre>
# Compare both methods
all.equal(filter_ed[-(1:11)], weight_ed[-(1:11)], check.attributes=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

roll\_zscores

Perform rolling regressions over the rows of the design matrix, and calculate a vector of z-scores of the residuals.

# Description

Perform rolling regressions over the rows of the design matrix, and calculate a *vector* of z-scores of the residuals.

# Usage

```
roll_zscores(res_ponse, de_sign, look_back)
```

# **Arguments**

res\_ponse A *vector* of response data.

de\_sign A *matrix* of design (predictor i.e. explanatory) data.

look\_back The length of the look-back interval, equal to the number of elements of data

used for calculating the regressions.

## Details

The function  $roll_zscores()$  performs rolling regressions along the rows of the design matrix de\_sign, using the function  $calc_lm()$ .

The function roll\_zscores() performs a loop over the rows of de\_sign, and it subsets de\_sign and res\_ponse over a number of previous (past) rows equal to look\_back. It performs a regression on the subset data, and calculates the *z-score* of the last residual value for each regression. It returns a numeric *vector* of the *z-scores*.

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#### Value

A column *vector* of the same length as the number of rows of de\_sign.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Calculate Z-scores from rolling time series regression using RcppArmadillo
look_back <- 11
clo_se <- as.numeric(Cl(rutils::etf_env$VTI))</pre>
date_s <- xts::.index(rutils::etf_env$VTI)</pre>
z_scores <- HighFreq::roll_zscores(res_ponse=clo_se,</pre>
de_sign=matrix(as.numeric(date_s), nc=1),
look_back=look_back)
# Define design matrix with explanatory variables
len_gth <- 100; n_var <- 5</pre>
de_sign <- matrix(rnorm(n_var*len_gth), nc=n_var)</pre>
# response equals linear form plus error terms
weight_s <- rnorm(n_var)</pre>
res_ponse <- -3 + de_sign %*% weight_s + rnorm(len_gth, sd=0.5)
# Calculate Z-scores from rolling multivariate regression using RcppArmadillo
look_back <- 11
z_scores <- HighFreq::roll_zscores(res_ponse=res_ponse, de_sign=de_sign, look_back=look_back)</pre>
# Calculate z-scores in R from rolling multivariate regression using lm()
z_scores_r <- sapply(1:NROW(de_sign), function(ro_w) {</pre>
  if (ro_w==1) return(0)
  start_point <- max(1, ro_w-look_back+1)</pre>
  sub_response <- res_ponse[start_point:ro_w]</pre>
  sub_design <- de_sign[start_point:ro_w, ]</pre>
  reg_model <- lm(sub_response ~ sub_design)</pre>
  resid_uals <- reg_model$residuals</pre>
 resid_uals[NROW(resid_uals)]/sd(resid_uals)
}) # end sapply
# Compare the outputs of both functions
all.equal(unname(z_scores[-(1:look_back)]),
  unname(z_scores_r[-(1:look_back)]))
## End(Not run)
```

run\_returns

Calculate single period percentage returns from either TAQ or OHLC prices.

# **Description**

Calculate single period percentage returns from either TAQ or OHLC prices.

# Usage

```
run_returns(x_ts, lagg = 1, col_umn = 4, scal_e = TRUE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x_ts	An xts time series of either TAQ or OHLC data.
lagg	An integer equal to the number of time periods of lag. (default is 1)
col_umn	The column number to extract from the <i>OHLC</i> data. (default is 4, or the <i>Close</i> prices column)
scal_e	<i>Boolean</i> argument: should the returns be divided by the number of seconds in each period? (default is TRUE)

#### **Details**

The function run\_returns() calculates the percentage returns for either *TAQ* or *OHLC* data, defined as the difference of log prices. Multi-period returns can be calculated by setting the lag parameter to values greater than 1 (the default).

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the returns are divided by the differences of the time index (which scales the returns to units of returns per second.)

The time index of the x\_ts time series is assumed to be in *POSIXct* format, so that its internal value is equal to the number of seconds that have elapsed since the *epoch*.

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the returns are expressed in the scale of the time index of the x\_ts time series. For example, if the time index is in seconds, then the returns are given in units of returns per second. If the time index is in days, then the returns are equal to the returns per day.

The function run\_returns() identifies the x\_ts time series as *TAQ* data when it has six columns, otherwise assumes it's *OHLC* data. By default, for *OHLC* data, it differences the *Close* prices, but can also difference other prices depending on the value of col\_umn.

#### Value

A single-column xts time series of returns.

## **Examples**

```
# Calculate secondly returns from TAQ data
re_turns <- HighFreq::run_returns(x_ts=HighFreq::SPY_TAQ)
# Calculate close to close returns
re_turns <- HighFreq::run_returns(x_ts=HighFreq::SPY)
# Calculate open to open returns
re_turns <- HighFreq::run_returns(x_ts=HighFreq::SPY, col_umn=1)</pre>
```

run_sharpe	Calculate time series of Sharpe-like statistics for each row of a OHLC
	time series.

# Description

Calculate time series of Sharpe-like statistics for each row of a *OHLC* time series.

#### Usage

```
run_sharpe(oh_lc, calc_method = "close")
```

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#### **Arguments**

oh\_lc An *OHLC* time series of prices in *xts* format.

calc\_method A character string representing method for estimating the Sharpe-like exponent.

#### **Details**

The function run\_sharpe() calculates Sharpe-like statistics for each row of a *OHLC* time series. The Sharpe-like statistic is defined as the ratio of the difference between *Close* minus *Open* prices divided by the difference between *High* minus *Low* prices. This statistic may also be interpreted as something like a Hurst exponent for a single row of data. The motivation for the Sharpe-like statistic is the notion that if prices are trending in the same direction inside a given time bar of data, then this statistic is close to either 1 or -1.

#### Value

An xts time series with the same number of rows as the argument oh\_lc.

#### **Examples**

```
# Calculate time series of running Sharpe ratios for SPY
sharpe_running <- run_sharpe(HighFreq::SPY)</pre>
```

run\_skew Calculate time series of skew estimates from a OHLC time series, assuming zero drift.

#### **Description**

Calculate time series of skew estimates from a *OHLC* time series, assuming zero drift.

## Usage

```
run_skew(oh_lc, calc_method = "rogers_satchell")
```

#### **Arguments**

oh\_lc An *OHLC* time series of prices in *xts* format.

calc\_method A *character* string representing method for estimating skew.

#### Details

The function run\_skew() calculates a time series of skew estimates from *OHLC* prices, one for each row of *OHLC* data. The skew estimates are expressed in the time scale of the index of the *OHLC* time series. For example, if the time index is in seconds, then the skew is given in units of skew per second. If the time index is in days, then the skew is equal to the skew per day.

Currently only the "close" skew estimation method is correct (assuming zero drift), while the "rogers\_satchell" method produces a skew-like indicator, proportional to the skew. The default method is "rogers\_satchell".

#### Value

A time series of skew estimates.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Calculate time series of skew estimates for SPY
sk_ew <- HighFreq::run_skew(HighFreq::SPY)</pre>
```

run\_variance

Calculate a time series of point estimates of variance for an OHLC time series, using different range estimators for variance.

## Description

Calculates the point variance estimates from individual rows of *OHLC* prices (rows of data), using the squared differences of *OHLC* prices at each point in time, without averaging them over time.

#### Usage

```
run_variance(oh_lc, calc_method = "yang_zhang", scal_e = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

oh\_lc

An OHLC time series of prices in xts format.

calc\_method

A *character* string representing the method for estimating variance. The methods include:

- "close" close to close,
- "garman\_klass" Garman-Klass,
- "garman\_klass\_yz" Garman-Klass with account for close-to-open price jumps,
- "rogers\_satchell" Rogers-Satchell,
- "yang\_zhang" Yang-Zhang,

(default is "yang\_zhang")

scal\_e

*Boolean* argument: should the returns be divided by the number of seconds in each period? (default is TRUE)

## **Details**

The function run\_variance() calculates a time series of point variance estimates of percentage returns, from *OHLC* prices, without averaging them over time. For example, the method "close" simply calculates the squares of the differences of the log *Close* prices.

The other methods calculate the squares of other possible differences of the log *OHLC* prices. This way the point variance estimates only depend on the price differences within individual rows of data (and possibly from the neighboring rows.) All the methods are implemented assuming zero drift, since the calculations are performed only for a single row of data, at a single point in time.

The user can choose from several different variance estimation methods. The methods "close", "garman\_klass\_yz", and "yang\_zhang" do account for close-to-open price jumps, while the methods "garman\_klass" and "rogers\_satchell" do not account for close-to-open price jumps. The default method is "yang\_zhang", which theoretically has the lowest standard error among unbiased estimators.

The point variance estimates can be passed into function roll\_vwap() to perform averaging, to calculate rolling variance estimates. This is appropriate only for the methods "garman\_klass" and

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"rogers\_satchell", since they don't require subtracting the rolling mean from the point variance estimates.

The point variance estimates can also be considered to be technical indicators, and can be used as inputs into trading models.

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the variance is divided by the squared differences of the time index (which scales the variance to units of variance per second squared.) This is useful for example, when calculating intra-day variance from minutely bar data, because dividing returns by the number of seconds decreases the effect of overnight price jumps.

If scal\_e is TRUE (the default), then the variance is expressed in the scale of the time index of the *OHLC* time series. For example, if the time index is in seconds, then the variance is given in units of variance per second squared. If the time index is in days, then the variance is equal to the variance per day squared.

The time index of the oh\_1c time series is assumed to be in *POSIXct* format, so that its internal value is equal to the number of seconds that have elapsed since the *epoch*.

The function run\_variance() performs similar calculations to the function volatility() from package TTR, but it assumes zero drift, and doesn't calculate a running sum using runSum(). It's also a little faster because it performs less data validation.

#### Value

An xts time series with a single column and the same number of rows as the argument oh\_lc.

#### **Examples**

```
# Create minutely OHLC time series of random prices
oh_lc <- HighFreq::random_ohlc()
# Calculate variance estimates for oh_lc
var_running <- HighFreq::run_variance(oh_lc)
# Calculate variance estimates for SPY
var_running <- HighFreq::run_variance(HighFreq::SPY, calc_method="yang_zhang")
# Calculate SPY variance without overnight jumps
var_running <- HighFreq::run_variance(HighFreq::SPY, calc_method="rogers_satchell")</pre>
```

save\_rets

Load, scrub, aggregate, and rbind multiple days of TAQ data for a single symbol. Calculate returns and save them to a single '\*.RData' file.

#### **Description**

Load, scrub, aggregate, and rbind multiple days of TAQ data for a single symbol. Calculate returns and save them to a single '\*.RData' file.

## Usage

```
save_rets(sym_bol, data_dir = "E:/mktdata/sec/",
  output_dir = "E:/output/data/", look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2,
  period = "minutes", tzone = "America/New_York")
```

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# Arguments

sym_bol	A <i>character</i> string representing symbol or ticker.
data_dir	A <i>character</i> string representing directory containing input '*.RData' files.
output_dir	A character string representing directory containing output '*.RData' files.
look_back	The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling quantile.
vol_mult	The quantile multiplier.
period	The aggregation period.
tzone	The timezone to convert.

#### **Details**

The function save\_rets loads multiple days of TAQ data, then scrubs, aggregates, and rbinds them into a OHLC time series. It then calculates returns using function run\_returns(), and stores them in a variable named 'symbol.rets', and saves them to a file called 'symbol.rets.RData'. The TAQ data files are assumed to be stored in separate directories for each 'symbol'. Each 'symbol' has its own directory (named 'symbol') in the 'data\_dir' directory. Each 'symbol' directory contains multiple daily '\*.RData' files, each file containing one day of TAQ data.

#### Value

A time series of returns and volume in xts format.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
save_rets("SPY")
## End(Not run)
```

save_rets_ohlc	Load OHLC time series data for a single symbol, calculate its returns,	
	and save them to a single '*.RData' file, without aggregation.	

# Description

Load *OHLC* time series data for a single symbol, calculate its returns, and save them to a single '\*.RData' file, without aggregation.

## Usage

```
save_rets_ohlc(sym_bol, data_dir = "E:/output/data/",
  output_dir = "E:/output/data/")
```

# Arguments

sym_bol	A <i>character</i> string representing symbol or ticker.
data_dir	A <i>character</i> string representing directory containing input '*.RData' files.
output_dir	A <i>character</i> string representing directory containing output '*.RData' files.

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#### **Details**

The function save\_rets\_ohlc() loads *OHLC* time series data from a single file. It then calculates returns using function run\_returns(), and stores them in a variable named 'symbol.rets', and saves them to a file called 'symbol.rets.RData'.

#### Value

A time series of returns and volume in xts format.

#### **Examples**

## **Description**

Load, scrub, aggregate, and rbind multiple days of *TAQ* data for a single symbol, and save the *OHLC* time series to a single '\*.RData' file.

#### Usage

```
save_scrub_agg(sym_bol, data_dir = "E:/mktdata/sec/",
  output_dir = "E:/output/data/", look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2,
  period = "minutes", tzone = "America/New_York")
```

#### Arguments

sym_bol	A <i>character</i> string representing symbol or ticker.
data_dir	A character string representing directory containing input '*.RData' files.
output_dir	A character string representing directory containing output '*.RData' files.
look_back	The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling quantile.
vol_mult	The quantile multiplier.
period	The aggregation period.
tzone	The timezone to convert.

#### **Details**

The function save\_scrub\_agg() loads multiple days of TAQ data, then scrubs, aggregates, and rbinds them into a OHLC time series, and finally saves it to a single '\*.RData' file. The OHLC time series is stored in a variable named 'symbol', and then it's saved to a file named 'symbol.RData' in the 'output\_dir' directory. The TAQ data files are assumed to be stored in separate directories for each 'symbol'. Each 'symbol' has its own directory (named 'symbol') in the 'data\_dir' directory. Each 'symbol' directory contains multiple daily '\*.RData' files, each file containing one day of TAQ data.

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#### Value

An OHLC time series in xts format.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# set data directories
data_dir <- "C:/Develop/data/hfreq/src/"
output_dir <- "C:/Develop/data/hfreq/scrub/"
sym_bol <- "SPY"
# Aggregate SPY TAQ data to 15-min OHLC bar data, and save the data to a file
save_scrub_agg(sym_bol=sym_bol, data_dir=data_dir, output_dir=output_dir, period="15 min")
## End(Not run)

save_taq

Load and scrub multiple days of TAQ data for a single symbol, and
save it to multiple '*.RData' files.</pre>
```

#### **Description**

Load and scrub multiple days of *TAQ* data for a single symbol, and save it to multiple '\*.RData' files.

## Usage

```
save_taq(sym_bol, data_dir = "E:/mktdata/sec/",
  output_dir = "E:/output/data/", look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2,
  tzone = "America/New_York")
```

#### **Arguments**

sym_bol	A <i>character</i> string representing symbol or ticker.
data_dir	A character string representing directory containing input '*.RData' files.
output_dir	A character string representing directory containing output '*.RData' files.
look_back	The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling quantile.
vol_mult	The quantile multiplier.
tzone	The timezone to convert.

# Details

The function save\_taq() loads multiple days of TAQ data, scrubs it, and saves the scrubbed TAQ data to individual '\*.RData' files. It uses the same file names for output as the input file names. The TAQ data files are assumed to be stored in separate directories for each 'symbol'. Each 'symbol' has its own directory (named 'symbol') in the 'data\_dir' directory. Each 'symbol' directory contains multiple daily '\*.RData' files, each file containing one day of TAQ data.

#### Value

```
a TAQ time series in xts format.
```

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
save_taq("SPY")
## End(Not run)
```

scrub\_agg

Scrub a single day of TAQ data, aggregate it, and convert to OHLC format.

## **Description**

Scrub a single day of TAQ data, aggregate it, and convert to OHLC format.

# Usage

```
scrub_agg(ta_q, look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2, period = "minutes",
  tzone = "America/New_York")
```

# **Arguments**

ta\_q TAQ A time series in xts format.

look\_back The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling

quantile.

vol\_mult The quantile multiplier.
period The aggregation period.
tzone The timezone to convert.

## **Details**

The function scrub\_agg() performs:

- index timezone conversion,
- · data subset to trading hours,
- removal of duplicate time stamps,
- scrubbing of quotes with suspect bid-offer spreads,
- scrubbing of quotes with suspect price jumps,
- cbinding of mid prices with volume data,
- aggregation to OHLC using function to.period() from package xts,

Valid 'period' character strings include: "minutes", "3 min", "5 min", "10 min", "15 min", "30 min", and "hours". The time index of the output time series is rounded up to the next integer multiple of 'period'.

## Value

A OHLC time series in xts format.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Create random TAQ prices
ta_q <- HighFreq::random_taq()
# Aggregate to ten minutes OHLC data
oh_lc <- HighFreq::scrub_agg(ta_q, period="10 min")
chart_Series(oh_lc, name="random prices")
# scrub and aggregate a single day of SPY TAQ data to OHLC
oh_lc <- HighFreq::scrub_agg(ta_q=HighFreq::SPY_TAQ)
chart_Series(oh_lc, name=sym_bol)</pre>
```

scrub\_taq

Scrub a single day of TAQ data in xts format, without aggregation.

## **Description**

Scrub a single day of TAQ data in xts format, without aggregation.

# Usage

```
scrub_taq(ta_q, look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2,
tzone = "America/New_York")
```

## **Arguments**

ta\_q TAQ A time series in xts format.

look\_back The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling

quantile.

vol\_mult The quantile multiplier.
tzone The timezone to convert.

## **Details**

The function scrub\_taq() performs the same scrubbing operations as scrub\_agg, except it doesn't aggregate, and returns the *TAQ* data in *xts* format.

#### Value

A TAQ time series in xts format.

```
ta_q <- HighFreq::scrub_taq(ta_q=HighFreq::SPY_TAQ, look_back=11, vol_mult=1)
# Create random TAQ prices and scrub them
ta_q <- HighFreq::random_taq()
ta_q <- HighFreq::scrub_taq(ta_q=ta_q)
ta_q <- HighFreq::scrub_taq(ta_q=ta_q, look_back=11, vol_mult=1)</pre>
```

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season_ality Perform seasonality aggregations over a single-column xts time series.	Perform seasonality	ty aggregations over a single-column xts tir	ne series.
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#### **Description**

Perform seasonality aggregations over a single-column xts time series.

## Usage

```
season_ality(x_ts, in_dex = format(zoo::index(x_ts), "%H:%M"))
```

#### **Arguments**

x\_ts A single-column xts time series.

in\_dex A vector of *character* strings representing points in time, of the same length as

the argument x\_ts.

## **Details**

The function season\_ality() calculates the mean of values observed at the same points in time specified by the argument in\_dex. An example of a daily seasonality aggregation is the average price of a stock between 9:30AM and 10:00AM every day, over many days. The argument in\_dex is passed into function tapply(), and must be the same length as the argument x\_ts.

#### Value

An xts time series with mean aggregations over the seasonality interval.

## **Examples**

```
# Calculate running variance of each minutely OHLC bar of data
x_ts <- run_variance(HighFreq::SPY)
# Remove overnight variance spikes at "09:31"
in_dex <- format(index(x_ts), "%H:%M")
x_ts <- x_ts[!in_dex=="09:31", ]
# Calculate daily seasonality of variance
var_seasonal <- season_ality(x_ts=x_ts)
chart_Series(x=var_seasonal, name=paste(colnames(var_seasonal),
    "daily seasonality of variance"))</pre>
```

sim\_arima

Recursively filter a vector of innovations through a vector of ARIMA coefficients.

#### **Description**

Recursively filter a vector of innovations through a vector of ARIMA coefficients.

#### Usage

```
sim_arima(in_nov, co_eff)
```

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#### **Arguments**

in\_nov A *vector* of innovations (random numbers).

co\_eff A *vector* of ARIMA coefficients.

#### **Details**

The function sim\_arima() recursively filters a *vector* of innovations through a *vector* of *ARIMA* coefficients, using RcppArmadillo. It performs the same calculation as the standard R function filter(x=in\_nov,filter=co\_eff,method="recursive"), but it's over 6 times faster.

## Value

A column vector of the same length as the argument in\_nov.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create vector of innovations
in_nov <- rnorm(100)
# Create ARIMA coefficients
co_eff <- c(-0.8, 0.2)
# Calculate recursive filter using filter()
filter_ed <- filter(in_nov, filter=co_eff, method="recursive")
# Calculate recursive filter using RcppArmadillo
ari_ma <- HighFreq::sim_arima(in_nov, rev(co_eff))
# Compare the two methods
all.equal(as.numeric(ari_ma), as.numeric(filter_ed))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

sim\_garch

Simulate a GARCH process using Rcpp.

# Description

Simulate a GARCH process using Rcpp.

# Usage

```
sim_garch(om_ega, al_pha, be_ta, in_nov)
```

## **Arguments**

om_ega	Parameter proportional to the long-term average level of variance.
al_pha	The weight associated with recent realized variance updates.
be_ta	The weight associated with the past variance estimates.
in_nov	A vector of innovations (random numbers).

#### **Details**

The function sim\_garch() simulates a *GARCH* process using *Rcpp*.

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#### Value

A *matrix* with two columns: the simulated returns and variance, and with the same number of rows as the length of the argument in\_nov.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Define the GARCH model parameters
om_ega <- 0.01
al_pha <- 0.5
be_ta <- 0.2
# Simulate the GARCH process using Rcpp
garch_rcpp <- sim_garch(om_ega=om_ega, al_pha=al_pha, be_ta=be_ta, in_nov=rnorm(10000))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

sim\_ou

Simulate an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process using Rcpp.

## **Description**

Simulate an *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck* process using *Rcpp*.

## Usage

```
sim_ou(eq_price, vol_at, the_ta, in_nov)
```

# **Arguments**

eq\_price The equilibrium price.

vol\_at The volatility of returns.

the\_ta The strength of mean reversion.

in\_nov A vector of innovations (random numbers).

#### **Details**

The function sim\_ou() simulates an *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck* process using *Rcpp*, and returns A column *vector* representing the *time series* of prices.

#### Value

A column *vector* representing the *time series* of prices, with the same length as the argument in\_nov.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Define the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model parameters
eq_price <- 5.0
vol_at <- 0.01
the_ta <- 0.01
# Simulate Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process using Rcpp
price_s <- HighFreq::sim_ou_rcpp(eq_price=eq_price, vol_at=vol_at, the_ta=the_ta, in_nov=rnorm(1000))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

to\_period

Aggregate an OHLC time series to a lower periodicity.

#### **Description**

Given an *OHLC* time series at high periodicity (say seconds), calculates the *OHLC* prices at lower periodicity (say minutes).

#### Usage

```
to_period(oh_lc, end_points)
```

## **Arguments**

oh\_lc A *matrix* or *time series* with four or five columns of *OHLC* data. end\_points An integer *vector* of end points.

#### **Details**

The function to\_period() performs a loop over the *end\_points* and calls function agg\_ohlc().

The function to\_period() performs a similar aggregation as function to.period() from package xts.

# Value

A *matrix* with *OHLC* data, with the same number of columns as oh\_lc, and the number of rows equal to the number of *end\_points* minus one.

```
## Not run:
# Define matrix of OHLC data
oh_lc <- rutils::etf_env$VTI[, 1:5]
# Define end points at 25 day intervals
end_points <- rutils::calc_endpoints(oh_lc, inter_val=25)
# Aggregate over end_points:
ohlc_agg <- HighFreq::to_period(oh_lc=oh_lc, end_points=end_points-1)
# Compare with xts::to.period()
ohlc_agg_xts <- .Call("toPeriod", oh_lc, as.integer(end_points), TRUE, NCOL(oh_lc), FALSE, FALSE, colnames(oh_all.equal(ohlc_agg, coredata(ohlc_agg_xts), check.attributes=FALSE)</pre>
```

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## End(Not run)

which\_extreme Calculate a Boolean vector that identifies extreme tail values in a single-column xts time series or vector, over a rolling look-back interval.

# Description

Calculate a *Boolean* vector that identifies extreme tail values in a single-column *xts* time series or vector, over a rolling look-back interval.

## Usage

```
which_extreme(x_ts, look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2)
```

#### **Arguments**

x\_ts A single-column xts time series, or a numeric or Boolean vector.

look\_back The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling

quantile.

vol\_mult The quantile multiplier.

#### **Details**

The function which\_extreme() calculates a *Boolean* vector, with TRUE for values that belong to the extreme tails of the distribution of values.

The function which\_extreme() applies a version of the Hampel median filter to identify extreme values, but instead of using the median absolute deviation (MAD), it uses the 0.9 quantile values calculated over a rolling look-back interval.

Extreme values are defined as those that exceed the product of the multiplier times the rolling quantile. Extreme values belong to the fat tails of the recent (trailing) distribution of values, so they are present only when the trailing distribution of values has fat tails. If the trailing distribution of values is closer to normal (without fat tails), then there are no extreme values.

The quantile multiplier vol\_mult controls the threshold at which values are identified as extreme. Smaller quantile multiplier values will cause more values to be identified as extreme.

#### Value

A *Boolean* vector with the same number of rows as the input time series or vector.

```
# Create local copy of SPY TAQ data
ta_q <- HighFreq::SPY_TAQ
# scrub quotes with suspect bid-offer spreads
bid_offer <- ta_q[, "Ask.Price"] - ta_q[, "Bid.Price"]
sus_pect <- which_extreme(bid_offer, look_back=51, vol_mult=3)
# Remove suspect values
ta_q <- ta_q[!sus_pect]</pre>
```

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which_jumps	Calculate a Boolean vector that identifies isolated jumps (spikes) in a single-column xts time series or vector, over a rolling interval.

#### **Description**

Calculate a *Boolean* vector that identifies isolated jumps (spikes) in a single-column *xts* time series or vector, over a rolling interval.

# Usage

```
which_jumps(x_ts, look_back = 51, vol_mult = 2)
```

#### **Arguments**

x\_ts A single-column xts time series, or a numeric or Boolean vector.

look\_back The number of data points in rolling look-back interval for estimating rolling

quantile.

vol\_mult The quantile multiplier.

#### **Details**

The function which\_jumps() calculates a *Boolean* vector, with TRUE for values that are isolated jumps (spikes).

The function which\_jumps() applies a version of the Hampel median filter to identify jumps, but instead of using the median absolute deviation (MAD), it uses the 0.9 quantile of returns calculated over a rolling interval. This is in contrast to function which\_extreme(), which applies a Hampel filter to the values themselves, instead of the returns. Returns are defined as simple differences between neighboring values.

Jumps (or spikes), are defined as isolated values that are very different from the neighboring values, either before or after. Jumps create pairs of large neighboring returns of opposite sign.

Jumps (spikes) must satisfy two conditions:

- 1. Neighboring returns both exceed a multiple of the rolling quantile,
- 2. The sum of neighboring returns doesn't exceed that multiple.

The quantile multiplier vol\_mult controls the threshold at which values are identified as jumps. Smaller quantile multiplier values will cause more values to be identified as jumps.

# Value

A Boolean vector with the same number of rows as the input time series or vector.

```
# Create local copy of SPY TAQ data
ta_q <- SPY_TAQ
# Calculate mid prices
mid_prices <- 0.5 * (ta_q[, "Bid.Price"] + ta_q[, "Ask.Price"])
# Replace whole rows containing suspect price jumps with NA, and perform locf()
ta_q[which_jumps(mid_prices, look_back=31, vol_mult=1.0), ] <- NA
ta_q <- xts:::na.locf.xts(ta_q)</pre>
```

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