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The Alpha and Beta of Stock Returns

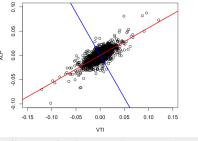
The daily stock returns r_i-r_f in excess of the risk-free rate r_f , can be decomposed into systematic returns $\beta(r_m-r_f)$ (where r_m-r_f are the excess market returns) plus idiosyncratic returns $\alpha+\varepsilon_i$ (which are uncorrelated to the market returns):

$$r_i - r_f = \alpha + \beta(r_m - r_f) + \varepsilon_i$$

The alpha α are the abnormal returns in excess of the risk premium, and ε_i are the regression residuals with zero mean.

The *idiosyncratic* risk (equal to ε_i) is uncorrelated to the *systematic* risk, and can be reduced through portfolio diversification.

```
> # Perform regression using formula
> retp <- na.omit(rutils::etfenv$returns[, c("XLP", "VTI")])
> raterf <- 0.03/252
> retp <- (retp - raterf)
> regmod <- lm(XLP ~ VTI, data=retp)
> regsum <- summary(regmod)
> # Get regression coefficients
> coef(regsum)
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 4.14e-05 7.94e-05
                                  0.521
                                           0.602
            5.60e-01 6.57e-03 85.298
                                           0.000
> # Get alpha and beta
> coef(regsum)[, 1]
```



Regression XLP ~ VTI

```
> # Plot scatterplot of returns with aspect ratio 1
> plot(XLP ~ VTI, data=rutils::etfenv$returns, main="Regression XLP + Xiim=(-0.1, 0.1), ylim=(-0.1, 0.1), pch=1, col="blue", asp > # Add regression line and perpendicular line > abline(regmod, lwd=2, col="red") > abline(a=0, b=-1/coef(regsum) [2, 1], lwd=2, col="blue")
```

VTT

5.60e-01

(Intercept)

4.14e - 05

The Statistical Significance of Alpha and Beta

The stock β is independent of the risk-free rate r_f :

$$\beta = \frac{\mathrm{Cov}(r_i, r_m)}{\mathrm{Var}(r_m)}$$

The t-statistic (t-value) is the ratio of the estimated value divided by its standard error.

The p-value is the probability of obtaining values exceeding the t-statistic, assuming the null hypothesis is true

A small p-value means that the regression coefficients are very unlikely to be zero (given the data).

The beta β values of stock returns are very statistically

significant, but the alpha α values are mostly not significant.

The p-value of the Durbin-Watson test is large, which indicates that the regression residuals are not autocorrelated.

In practice, the α , β , and the risk-free rate r_f , depend on the time interval of the data, so they're time dependent.

> # Get regression coefficients > coef(regsum)

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) 7.94e-05 (Intercept) 4.14e-05 0.521 0.602

VTT 5.60e-01 6.57e-03 85.298 0.000

> # Calculate regression coefficients from scratch > betac <- drop(cov(retp\$XLP, retp\$VTI)/var(retp\$VTI))

> alphac <- drop(mean(retp\$XLP) - betac*mean(retp\$VTI))

> c(alphac, betac)

[1] 4.14e-05 5.60e-01 > # Calculate the residuals

> residuals <- (retp\$XLP - (alphac + betac*retp\$VTI))

> # Calculate the standard deviation of residuals

> nrows <- NROW(residuals) > residsd <- sqrt(sum(residuals^2)/(nrows - 2))

> # Calculate the standard errors of beta and alpha

> sum2 <- sum((retp\$VTI - mean(retp\$VTI))^2)

> betasd <- residsd/sqrt(sum2) > alphasd <- residsd*sqrt(1/nrows + mean(retp\$VTI)^2/sum2)

> c(alphasd, betasd) [1] 7.94e-05 6.57e-03

> # Perform the Durbin-Watson test of autocorrelation of residuals

> lmtest::dwtest(regmod)

Durhin-Watson test

data: regmod DW = 2, p-value = 1

alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0

The Alpha and Beta of ETF Returns

The beta β values of ETF returns are very statistically significant, but the alpha α values are mostly not significant.

Some of the ETFs with significant $alpha \alpha$ values are the bond ETFs IEF and TLT (which have performed very well), and the natural resource ETFs USO and DBC (which have performed very poorly).

```
> retp <- rutils::etfenv$returns
> symbolv <- colnames(retp)
> symbolv <- symbolv[symbolv != "VTI"]
> # Perform regressions and collect statistics
> betam <- sapply(symbolv, function(symbol) {
+ # Specify regression formula
    formulav <- as.formula(paste(symbol, "~ VTI"))</pre>
+ # Perform regression
    regmod <- lm(formulav, data=retp)
+ # Get regression summary
    regsum <- summary(regmod)
+ # Collect regression statistics
   with(regsum,
      c(beta=coefficients[2, 1],
+ pbeta=coefficients[2, 4],
+ alpha=coefficients[1, 1],
+ palpha=coefficients[1, 4],
+ pdw=lmtest::dwtest(regmod)$p.value))
+ }) # end sapply
> betam <- t(betam)
> # Sort by palpha
> betam <- betam[order(betam[, "palpha"]), ]
```

```
> betam
        beta
                 pbeta
                           alpha palpha
                                               pdw
     -2.7731 0.00e+00 -1.42e-03 0.000708 4.30e-01
     -0.1123 4.74e-127 1.76e-04 0.001333 5.69e-01
VEU
     0.9905 0.00e+00 -2.49e-04 0.008108 1.00e+00
USO
     0.6936 4.62e-152 -6.90e-04 0.029073 8.83e-02
TLT
     -0.2449 3.28e-137 2.48e-04 0.030957 6.82e-01
GI.D
     0.0591 4.10e-06 3.12e-04 0.044299 8.17e-01
XI.F
              0.00e+00 -2.31e-04 0.057204 1.00e+00
              0.00e+00 -1.41e-04 0.114397 9.57e-01
VI.UF.
     0.9785
EEM
              0.00e+00 -1.94e-04 0.144715 1.00e+00
TVE
     0.9771 0.00e+00 -6.20e-05 0.197533 1.00e+00
TWD
     0.9742
              0.00e+00 -5.55e-05 0.234829 1.00e+00
XI.P
      0.5604
              0.00e+00 9.37e-05 0.237906 1.00e+00
ATEO
             1.46e-81 -3.68e-04 0.263245 7.93e-01
VNQ
             0.00e+00 -1.84e-04 0.265568 1.00e+00
     2.1530 1.68e-217 -7.34e-04 0.282504 6.16e-07
USMV
     0.7250 0.00e+00 6.59e-05 0.298680 4.41e-01
     0.4053 1.61e-191 -1.44e-04 0.376089 9.61e-01
DBC
V.TX
     0.7378
             0.00e+00 6.60e-05 0.431471 8.01e-01
IVW
     0.9760
             0.00e+00 3.25e-05 0.443135 1.00e+00
QUAL
     0.9759
            0.00e+00 2.91e-05 0.479518 9.96e-01
000
      1.0940
              0.00e+00 6.14e-05 0.479825 9.97e-01
XLE
      1.0897
              0.00e+00 -1.10e-04 0.510482 4.54e-01
VTV
     0.9498
              0.00e+00 -3.09e-05 0.572592 1.00e+00
XT.V
      1 0398
              0.00e+00 4.06e-05 0.604821 1.00e+00
XLU
     0.6440
              0.00e+00 5.85e-05 0.629979 9.99e-01
XLB
              0.00e+00 -4.62e-05 0.646307 1.00e+00
IWF
      1.0052
              0.00e+00 2.81e-05 0.680330 1.00e+00
XLI
      1.0008
              0.00e+00 -2.49e-05 0.729167 1.00e+00
XLK
      1.1020
              0.00e+00 2.90e-05 0.738961 9.99e-01
SPY
     0.9853
              0.00e+00 -6.19e-06 0.778835 1.00e+00
      0.9836
              0.00e+00 -2.81e-06 0.886924 1.00e+00
     1 0035
              0.00e+00 1.31e-05 0.893495 4.87e-02
      0.8641 0.00e+00 -7.81e-06 0.910916 1.00e+00
```

Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

The *CAPM* model states that the expected return for stock n: $\mathbb{E}[R_n]$ is proportional to its beta β_n times the expected excess return of the market $\mathbb{E}[R_m] - r_f$:

$$\mathbb{E}[R_n] = r_f + \beta_n(\mathbb{E}[R_m] - r_f)$$

The *CAPM* model states that if a stock has a higher beta then it's also expected to earn higher returns.

According to the *CAPM* model, assets are on average expected to earn only a *systematic* return proportional to their *systematic* risk.

The CAPM model is not a regression model.

The *CAPM* model depends on the choice of the risk-free rate r_f .

```
> library(PerformanceAnalytics)
> # Calculate XLP beta
```

> PerformanceAnalytics::CAPM.beta(Ra=retp\$XLP, Rb=retp\$VTI)

[1] 0.56

* # Or

> retxlp <- na.omit(retp[, c("XLP", "VTI")])
> betac <- drop(cov(retxlp\$XLP, retxlp\$VTI)/var(retxlp\$VTI))</pre>

> betac

[1] 0.56 > # Calculate XLP alpha

> PerformanceAnalytics::CAPM.alpha(Ra=retp\$XLP, Rb=retp\$VTI) [1] 9.37e-05

> # Or

> mean(retp\$XLP - betac*retp\$VTI)

[1] NA

> # Calculate XLP bull beta

> PerformanceAnalytics::CAPM.beta.bull(Ra=retp\$XLP, Rb=retp\$VTI)
[1] 0.576

> # Calculate XLP bear beta

> PerformanceAnalytics::CAPM.beta.bear(Ra=retp\$XLP, Rb=retp\$VTI)

[1] 0.578

The Security Market Line for ETFs

The Security Market Line (SML) represents the linear relationship between expected stock returns and their systematic risk β .

The SML depends on the choice of the risk-free rate r_f . with a steeper SML line for lower risk-free rates r_f .

All the different SML lines pass through the point $(\beta = 1, r = R_m)$ corresponding to the market, and they intersect the y-axis at the risk-free point $(\beta = 0, r = r_f).$

which assets earn a positive α , and which don't. If an asset lies on the SML, then its returns are mostly systematic, and its α is equal to zero.

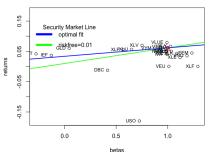
Assets above the *SML* have a positive α , and those below have a negative α .

A scatterplot of asset returns versus their β shows

> symboly <- rownames(betam) > betac <- betam[-match(c("VXX", "SVXY", "MTUM", "USMV", "QUAL"), ; > betac <- c(1, betac) > names(betac)[1] <- "VTI" > retsann <- sapply(retp[, names(betac)], PerformanceAnalytics::Re > optimrss <- optimize(rss, c(-1, 1))

> # Plot scatterplot of returns vs betas > raterf <- optimrss\$minimum > minrets <- min(retsann) > plot(retsann ~ betac, xlab="betas", vlab="returns", vlim=c(minrets, -minrets), main="Security Market Line for E' > betadj <- (1-betac) > retvti <- retsann["VTI"]

Security Market Line for ETFs



> # Add labels > text(x=betac, y=retsann, labels=names(betac), pos=2, cex=0.8)

> # Find optimal risk-free rate by minimizing residuals > rss <- function(raterf) { sum((retsann - raterf - betac*(retvti-raterf))^2)

+ } # end rss

> # Or simply > retsadj <- (retsann - retvti*betac)

> raterf <- sum(retsadj*betadj)/sum(betadj^2) > abline(a=raterf, b=(retvti-raterf), col="blue", lwd=2)

> legend(x="topleft", bty="n", title="Security Market Line", + legend=c("optimal fit", "raterf=0.01"),

+ y.intersp=0.5, cex=1.0, lwd=6, lty=1, col=c("blue", "green"))

> points(x=1, y=retvti, col="red", lwd=3, pch=21)

> # Plot Security Market Line > raterf <- 0.01

The Security Market Line for Stocks

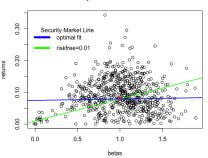
The best fitting Security Market Line (SML) for stocks is almost flat, which shows that stocks with higher β don't earn higher returns.

This is called the low beta anomaly.

```
> # Load S&P500 constituent stock returns
> load("/Users/jerzy/Develop/lecture_slides/data/sp500_returns.RData
> retvti <- na.omit(rutils::etfenv$returns$VTI)
> retp <- retstock[index(retvti), ]
> nrows <- NROW(retp)
> # Calculate stock betas
> betac <- sapply(retp, function(x) {
   retp <- na.omit(cbind(x, retvti))
   drop(cov(retp[, 1], retp[, 2])/var(retp[, 2]))
+ }) # end sapply
> mean(betac)
> # Calculate annual stock returns
> retsann <- retp
> retsann[1, ] <- 0
> retsann <- zoo::na.locf(retsann, na.rm=FALSE)
> retsann <- 252*sapply(retsann, sum)/nrows
> # Remove stocks with zero returns
> sum(retsann == 0)
> betac <- betac[retsann > 0]
> retsann <- retsann[retsann > 0]
> retvti <- 252*mean(retvti)
> # Plot scatterplot of returns vs betas
> plot(retsann ~ betac, xlab="betas", ylab="returns",
      main="Security Market Line for Stocks")
> points(x=1, y=retvti, col="red", lwd=3, pch=21)
> # Plot Security Market Line
> raterf <- 0.01
```

> abline(a=raterf, b=(retvti-raterf), col="green", lwd=2)

Security Market Line for Stocks



- > # Find optimal risk-free rate by minimizing residuals
- > retsadi <- (retsann retvti*betac) > betadi <- (1-betac)
- > raterf <- sum(retsadj*betadj)/sum(betadj^2)
- > abline(a=raterf, b=(retvti-raterf), col="blue", lwd=2)
- > legend(x="topleft", bty="n", title="Security Market Line",
- + legend=c("optimal fit", "raterf=0.01"),
- + y.intersp=0.5, cex=1.0, lwd=6, lty=1, col=c("blue", "green"))

Beta-adjusted Performance Measurement

The *Treynor* ratio measures the excess returns per unit of the *systematic* risk *beta* β , and is equal to the excess returns (over a risk-free rate) divided by the β :

$$T_r = \frac{E[R - r_f]}{\beta}$$

The *Treynor* ratio is similar to the *Sharpe* ratio, with the difference that its denominator represents only *systematic* risk, not total risk.

The *Information* ratio is equal to the excess returns (over a benchmark) divided by the *tracking error* (standard deviation of excess returns):

$$I_r = \frac{E[R - R_b]}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (R_i - R_{i,b})^2}}$$

The *Information* ratio measures the amount of outperformance versus the benchmark, and the consistency of outperformance.

- > library(PerformanceAnalytics)
 > # Calculate XLP Treynor ratio
- > TreynorRatio(Ra=retp\$XLP, Rb=retp\$VTI)
- [1] 0.0974
- > # Calculate XLP Information ratio
- > InformationRatio(Ra=retp\$XLP, Rb=retp\$VTI)
- [1] -0.0545

CAPM Summary Statistics

```
PerformanceAnalytics::table.CAPM() calculates the beta
                                                                         > rutils::etfenv$capmstats[, c("Beta", "Alpha", "Information"
\beta and alpha \alpha values, the Treynor ratio, and other
                                                                                        Alpha Information Treynor
                                                                         GI.D
                                                                               0.0524 0.0825
                                                                                                  -0.0485 1.3631
performance statistics.
                                                                         TLT
                                                                              -0.2487 0.0644
                                                                                                  -0.2355 -0.1055
> PerformanceAnalytics::table.CAPM(Ra=retp[, c("XLP", "XLF")],
                                                                                                  -0.2719 -0.2676
                                                                         TEF
                                                                              -0.1141 0.0454
                            Rb=retp$VTI, scale=252)
                                                                         XLU
                                                                               0.6191 0.0228
                                                                                                  -0.0473 0.0866
                    XLP to VTI XLF to VTI
                                                                         XLV
                                                                               0.7427 0.0221
                                                                                                   0.0344 0.0886
Alpha
                       0.0001
                                 -0.0002
                                                                         XI.P
                                                                               0.5549 0.0217
                                                                                                  -0.0503 0.0984
Beta
                       0.5604
                                  1.2651
                                                                         XT.Y
                                                                               1.0086 0.0161
                                                                                                   0.0864 0.0711
Beta+
                       0.5759
                                  1.3452
                                                                               0.7470 0.0116
                                                                                                  -0.3001 0.1483
                                                                         USMV
Beta-
                       0.5777
                                  1.3393
                                                                         XT.T
                                                                               0.9689 0.0088
                                                                                                   0.0254 0.0663
                                  0.7269
R-squared
                       0.5509
                                                                         QQQ
                                                                               1.1900 0.0046
                                                                                                   0.0070 0.0509
Annualized Alpha
                       0.0239
                                 -0.0567
                                                                         VTT
                                                                               0.9947 0.0033
                                                                                                   0.1046 0.0710
Correlation
                       0.7422
                                  0.8526
                                                                         TWB
                                                                               0.9791 0.0022
                                                                                                   0.0209 0.0614
Correlation p-value
                       0.0000
                                  0.0000
                                                                         TVW
                                                                               0.9889 0.0020
                                                                                                  -0.0021
                                                                                                          0.0609
Tracking Error
                       0.1285
                                  0.1571
                                                                         XI.B
                                                                               0.9488 0.0019
                                                                                                  -0.0812 0.0521
                      -0.0070
Active Premium
                                 -0.0598
                                                                         SPY
                                                                               1.0000 0.0000
                                                                                                      NaN 0.0856
Information Ratio
                      -0.0545
                                 -0.3809
                                                                         QUAL 1.0008 -0.0001
                                                                                                  -0.0165 0.1181
                       0.0974
                                  0.0117
Treynor Ratio
                                                                         XLE
                                                                               0.9873 -0.0017
                                                                                                  -0.1262 0.0347
> capmstats <- table.CAPM(Ra=retp[, symbolv],
                                                                         IWD
                                                                               0.9503 -0.0019
                                                                                                  -0.0990 0.0568
         Rb=retp$VTI, scale=252)
                                                                         IWF
                                                                               1.0268 -0.0019
                                                                                                  -0.0593 0.0535
> colv <- strsplit(colnames(capmstats), split=" ")
                                                                         XLK
                                                                               1.1535 -0.0031
                                                                                                  -0.0443 0.0484
> colv <- do.call(cbind, colv)[1, ]
                                                                         VYM
                                                                               0.8711 -0.0031
                                                                                                  -0.1883 0.0766
> colnames(capmstats) <- colv
                                                                         MTUM 1.0246 -0.0032
                                                                                                  -0.0562 0.1174
> capmstats <- t(capmstats)
                                                                         IVE
                                                                               0.9635 -0.0046
                                                                                                  -0.1353 0.0537
> capmstats <- capmstats[, -1]
                                                                         VTV
                                                                               0.9572 -0.0078
                                                                                                  -0.2093 0.0726
> colv <- colnames(capmstats)
                                                                         DBC
                                                                               0.4058 -0.0360
                                                                                                  -0.4692 -0.0367
> whichv <- match(c("Annualized Alpha", "Information Ratio", "Treynor Rat XLF
                                                                               1.2303 -0.0401
                                                                                                  -0.2845 0.0120
> colv[whichv] <- c("Alpha", "Information", "Treynor")
                                                                         VLUE 0.9919 -0.0402
                                                                                                  -0.6214 0.0761
> colnames(capmstats) <- colv
                                                                         VNQ
                                                                               1.1619 -0.0441
                                                                                                  -0.2935 0.0255
> capmstats <- capmstats[order(capmstats[, "Alpha"], decreasing=TRUE), ]
                                                                         EEM
                                                                               1.2042 -0.0465
                                                                                                  -0.3048 0.0358
> # Copy capmstats into etfenv and save to .RData file
                                                                         VEU
                                                                               1.0032 -0.0628
                                                                                                  -0.7358 0.0100
> etfenv <- rutils::etfenv
                                                                         AIEQ 1.1876 -0.0946
                                                                                                  -0.8937 0.1153
> etfenv$capmstats <- capmstats
                                                                         USO
                                                                               0.7014 -0.1610
                                                                                                  -0.7018 -0.2300
> save(etfenv, file="/Users/jerzy/Develop/lecture_slides/data/etf_data.RD SVXY 2.1902 -0.1780
                                                                                                      NaN
                                                                                                              NaN
                                                                         VXX -2.8408 -0.2929
                                                                                                  -0.9416 0.2174
```

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Dec. 2017: VTI: 4.85 beta: 0.44

Trailing Stock Beta Over Time

The trailing beta of XLP versus VTI changes over time, with lower beta in periods of stock selloffs.

The function roll_reg() from package HighFred performs trailing regressions in C++ (RcppArmadillo), so it's therefore much faster than equivalent R code.

```
> # Calculate XLP and VTI returns
> retp <- na.omit(rutils::etfenv$returns[, c("XLP", "VTI")])
> # Calculate monthly end points
> endd <- xts::endpoints(retp, on="months")[-1]
> # Calculate start points from look-back interval
> lookb <- 12 # Look back 12 months
> startp <- c(rep(1, lookb), endd[1:(NROW(endd)-lookb)])
> head(cbind(endd, startp), lookb+2)
> # Calculate trailing beta regressions every month in R
> formulav <- XLP ~ VTI # Specify regression formula
> betar <- sapply(1:NROW(endd), FUN=function(tday) {
     datay <- retp[startp[tday]:endd[tday]. ]
      # coef(lm(formulay, data=datay))[2]
      drop(cov(datav$XLP, datav$VTI)/var(datav$VTI))
   }) # end sapply
> # Calculate trailing betas using RcppArmadillo
> control1 <- HighFreq::param_reg()
> reg_stats <- HighFreq::roll_reg(respv=retp$XLP, predm=retp$VTI,
    startp=(startp-1), endp=(endd-1), controll=controll)
> betac <- reg_stats[, 2]
> all.equal(betac, betar)
   Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
> library(microbenchmark)
> summary(microbenchmark(
   Rcpp=HighFreq::roll_reg(respv=retp$XLP, predm=retp$VTI, startp=(startp-1), endp=(endd-1), controll=controll),
   Rcode=sapply(1:NROW(endd), FUN=function(tday) {
```

```
5.4
    5.2
    4.8
                                                              0.65
    4.6
                                                              0.55
                                                              0.5
                                                             0.45
                                                              0.4
    3.4
                                                              0.35
    3.2
                           2010
                                                     2020
> # dygraph plot of trailing XLP beta and VTI prices
> datev <- zoo::index(retp[endd, ])
> pricev <- rutils::etfenv$prices$VTI[datev]
> datav <- cbind(pricev, betac)
> colnames(datav)[2] <- "beta"
> colv <- colnames(datav)
```

XLP Trailing 12-month Beta and VTI Prices

datav <- retp[startp[tday]:endd[tday],] drop(cov(datav\$XLP, datav\$VTI)/var(datav\$VTI))

Trailing Stock Beta Over Time

The trailing beta of XLP versus VTI changes over time, with lower beta in periods of stock selloffs.

The function roll_reg() from package HighFred performs trailing regressions in C++ (RcppArmadillo), so it's therefore much faster than equivalent R code.

```
> # Calculate XLP and VTI returns
> retp <- na.omit(rutils::etfenv$returns[, c("XLP", "VTI")])
> # Calculate monthly end points
> endd <- rutils::calc_endpoints(retp, interval="months")[-1]
> # Calculate start points from look-back interval
> lookb <- 12 # Look back 12 months
> startp <- c(rep(1, lookb), endd[1:(NROW(endd)-lookb)])
> head(cbind(endd, startp), lookb+2)
> # Calculate trailing beta regressions every month in R
> formulav <- XLP ~ VTI # Specify regression formula
> betar <- sapply(1:NROW(endd), FUN=function(tday) {
     datay <- retp[startp[tday]:endd[tday]. ]
      # coef(lm(formulay, data=datay))[2]
      drop(cov(datav$XLP, datav$VTI)/var(datav$VTI))
   }) # end sapply
> # Calculate trailing betas using RcppArmadillo
> control1 <- HighFreq::param_reg()
> reg_stats <- HighFreq::roll_reg(respv=retp$XLP, predm=retp$VTI,
    startp=(startp-1), endp=(endd-1), controll=controll)
> betac <- reg_stats[, 2]
> all.equal(betac, betar)
   Compare the speed of RcppArmadillo with R code
> library(microbenchmark)
> summary(microbenchmark(
   Rcpp=HighFreq::roll_reg(respv=retp$XLP, predm=retp$VTI, startp=(startp-1), endp=(endd-1), controll=controll),
   Rcode=sapply(1:NROW(endd), FUN=function(tday) {
```



```
> pricev <- log(rutils::etfenv$prices$VTI[datev])
> datav <- cbind(pricev, betac)
> colnames(datav)[2] <- "beta"
> colv <- colnames(datav)
> dygraphs::dygraph(datav, main="XLP Trailing 12-month Beta and VTI
    dyAxis("y", label=colv[1], independentTicks=TRUE) %>%
    dyAxis("y2", label=colv[2], independentTicks=TRUE) %>%
```

- dySeries(name=colv[1], axis="y", col="blue", strokeWidth=2) %>% dySeries(name=colv[2], axis="y2", col="red", strokeWidth=2) %>%
- dyLegend(show="always", width=500)

datav <- retp[startp[tday]:endd[tday],] drop(cov(datav\$XLP, datav\$VTI)/var(datav\$VTI))

Recursive Trailing Stock Beta

The trailing beta β of a stock with returns r_t with respect to a stock index with returns R_t can be updated using these recursive formulas with the decay factor λ :

$$\begin{split} & \bar{r}_t = \lambda \bar{r}_{t-1} + (1-\lambda)r_t \\ & \bar{R}_t = \lambda \bar{R}_{t-1} + (1-\lambda)R_t \\ & \sigma_t^2 = \lambda \sigma_{t-1}^2 + (1-\lambda)(R_t - \bar{R}_t)^2 \\ & \operatorname{cov}_t = \lambda \operatorname{cov}_{t-1} + (1-\lambda)(r_t - \bar{r}_t)(R_t - \bar{R}_t) \\ & \beta_t = \frac{\operatorname{cov}_t}{\sigma^2} \end{split}$$

The parameter λ determines the rate of decay of the weight of past returns. If λ is close to 1 then the decay is weak and past returns have a greater weight, and the trailing mean values have a stronger dependence on past returns. This is equivalent to a long look-back interval. And vice versa if λ is close to 0.

The function HighFreq::run_covar() calculates the trailing variances, covariances, and means of two *time series*.

- > # Calculate the trailing betas
- > lambdaf <- 0.99
- > covarv <- HighFreq::run_covar(retp, lambdaf)
- > betac <- covarv[, 1]/covarv[, 3]



- > # dygraph plot of trailing XLP beta and VTI prices
- > datav <- cbind(pricev, betac[endd])[-(1:11)] # Remove warmup peri > colnames(datav)[2] <- "beta"</pre>
- > colv <- colnames(datav)
- > dygraphs::dygraph(datav, main="XLP Trailing 12-month Beta and VTI
- + dyAxis("y", label=colv[1], independentTicks=TRUE) %>%
- + dyAxis("y2", label=colv[2], independentTicks=TRUE) %>%
 + dySeries(name=colv[1], axis="v", col="blue", strokeWidth=2) %>%
- dySeries(name=colv[2], axis="y2", col="red", strokeWidth=2) %>%
- dyLegend(show="always", width=500)

Principal Components of S&P500 Stock Constituents

The *PCA* standard deviations are the volatilities of the *principal component* time series.

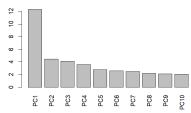
The original time series of returns can be calculated approximately from the first few *principal components* with the largest standard deviations.

The Kaiser-Guttman rule uses only principal components with variance greater than 1.

Another rule of thumb is to use the *principal* components with the largest standard deviations which sum up to 80% of the total variance of returns.



Volatilities of S&P500 Principal Components



- > # Plot standard deviations of principal components
- > barplot(pcad\$sdev[1:ncomp],
- + names.arg=colnames(pcad\$rotation[, 1:ncomp]),
- + las=3, xlab="", ylab="",
- + main="Volatilities of S&P500 Principal Components")

S&P500 Principal Component Loadings

Principal component loadings are the weights of principal component portfolios.

The principal component portfolios have mutually orthogonal returns represent the different orthogonal modes of the return variance.

```
> # Calculate principal component loadings (weights)
> # Plot barplots with PCA weights in multiple panels
> ncomps <- 6</pre>
```

> par(mfrow=c(ncomps/2, 2)) > par(mar=c(4, 2, 2, 1), oma=c(0, 0, 0, 0))

> # First principal component weights

> weightv <- sort(pcad\$rotation[, 1], decreasing=TRUE)

> barplot(weightv[1:6], las=3, xlab="", ylab="", main="")

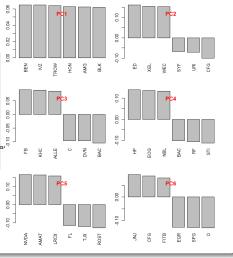
> title(paste0("PC", 1), line=-2.0, col.main="red")
> for (ordern in 2:ncomps) {

+ weightv <- sort(pcad\$rotation[, ordern], decreasing=TRUE)

barplot(weightv[c(1:3, 498:500)], las=3, xlab="", ylab="", main:
title(paste0("PC", ordern), line=-2.0, col.main="red")

title(pasteO("PC", ordern), line=-2.0, col.main="red"

+ } # end for

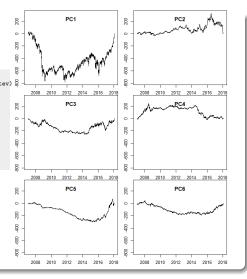


S&P500 Principal Component Time Series

The time series of the *principal components* can be calculated by multiplying the loadings (weights) times the original data.

Higher order *principal components* are gradually less volatile.

```
> # Calculate principal component time series
> retpca <- xts(retp %*% pcad$rotation[, 1:ncomps], order.by=datev)
> round(cov(retpca), 3)
> retpca <- cumsum(retpca)
> # Plot principal component time series in multiple panels
> par(mfrow=c(ncomps/2, 2))
> par(mar=c(2, 2, 0, 1), oma=c(0, 0, 0, 0))
> rangev <- range(retpcac)
> for (ordern in 1:ncomps) {
    plot.zoo(retpcacl, ordern], ylim=rangev, xlab="", ylab="")
    title(paste0("PC", ordern), line=-2.0)
+ } # end for
```



S&P500 Factor Model From Principal Components

By inverting the PCA analysis, the S&P500 constituent returns can be calculated from the first k principal components under a factor model:

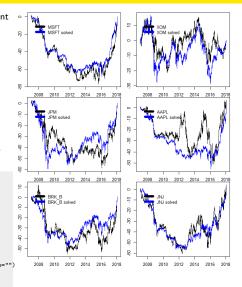
$$\mathbf{r}_i = lpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^k eta_{jj} \, \mathbf{F}_j + arepsilon_i$$

The principal components are interpreted as market factors: $\mathbf{F}_i = \mathbf{pc}_i$.

The market betas are the inverse of the principal component loadings: $\beta_{ii} = w_{ii}$.

The ε_i are the *idiosyncratic* returns, which should be mutually independent and uncorrelated to the market factor returns.

```
> # Invert principal component time series
> pcinv <- solve(pcad$rotation)
> all.equal(pcinv, t(pcad$rotation))
> solved <- retpca %*% pcinv[1:ncomps, ]
> solved <- xts::xts(solved, datev)
> solved <- cumsum(solved)
> retc <- cumsum(retp)
> # Plot the solved returns
> symbolv <- c("MSFT", "XOM", "JPM", "AAPL", "BRK_B", "JNJ")
> for (symbol in symboly) {
   plot.zoo(cbind(retc[, symbol], solved[, symbol]),
      plot.type="single", col=c("black", "blue"), xlab="", vlab="")
```



legend(x="topleft", btv="n", legend=pasteO(symbol, c("", " solved")), title=NULL, inset=0.05, cex=1.0, lwd=6,

end for

S&P500 Factor Model Residuals

The original time series of returns can be calculated exactly from the time series of all the principal components, by inverting the loadings matrix.

The original time series of returns can be calculated approximately from just the first few principal components, which demonstrates that PCA is a form of dimension reduction

> # Perform ADF unit root tests on original series and residuals

The function solve() solves systems of linear equations, and also inverts square matrices.

```
c(series=tseries::adf.test(retc[, symbol])$p.value.
     resid=tseries::adf.test(retc[, symbol] - solved[, symbol])$p.1
+ }) # end sapply
> # Plot the residuals
> for (symbol in symboly) {
   plot.zoo(retc[, symbol] - solved[, symbol],
     plot.type="single", col="blue", xlab="", ylab="")
  legend(x="topleft", bty="n", legend=paste(symbol, "residuals"),
    title=NULL, inset=0.05, cex=1.0, lwd=6, lty=1, col="blue")
   # end for
   Perform ADF unit root test on principal component time series
> retpca <- xts(retp %*% pcad$rotation, order.by=datev)
> retpcac <- cumsum(retpca)
```

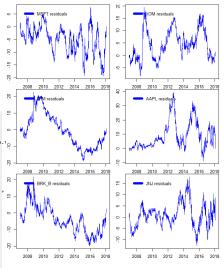
> adf_pvalues <- sapply(1:NCOL(retpcac), function(ordern)

tseries::adf.test(retpcac[, ordern])\$p.value)

> # AdF unit root test on stationary time series

> tseries::adf.test(rnorm(1e5))

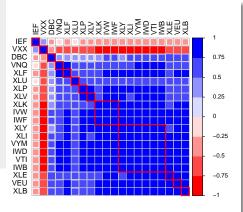
> sapply(symboly, function(symbol) {



Correlation and Factor Analysis

```
> ### Perform pair-wise correlation analysis
> # Calculate correlation matrix
> cormat <- cor(retp)
> colnames(cormat) <- colnames(retp)
> rownames(cormat) <- colnames(retp)
> # Reorder correlation matrix based on clusters
> # Calculate permutation vector
> library(corrplot)
> ordern <- corrMatOrder(cormat, order="hclust",
          hclust.method="complete")
> # Apply permutation vector
> cormat <- cormat[ordern, ordern]
> # Plot the correlation matrix
> colorv <- colorRampPalette(c("red", "white", "blue"))
> corrplot(cormat, tl.col="black", tl.cex=0.8,
      method="square", col=colorv(8),
      cl.offset=0.75, cl.cex=0.7,
      cl.align.text="1", cl.ratio=0.25)
> # draw rectangles on the correlation matrix plot
> corrRect.hclust(cormat, k=NROW(cormat) %/% 2,
```

method="complete", col="red")



Hierarchical Clustering Analysis

The function as.dist() converts a matrix representing the *distance* (dissimilarity) between elements, into a list of class "dist".

For example, as .dist() converts (1-correlation) to distance.

The function hclust() recursively combines elements into clusters based on their mutual *distance*.

First hclust() combines individual elements that are closest to each other.

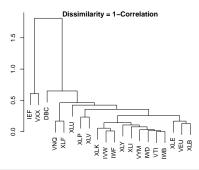
Then it combines elements to the closest clusters, then clusters with other clusters, until all elements are combined into one cluster.

This process of recursive clustering can be represented as a *dendrogram* (tree diagram).

Branches of a *dendrogram* represent clusters.

Neighboring branches contain elements that are close to each other (have small distance).

Neighboring branches combine into larger branches, that then combine with their closest branches, etc.



- > # Convert correlation matrix into distance object
- > distancev <- as.dist(1-cormat)
 > # Perform hierarchical clustering analysis
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 > compclust <- hclust(distancev)
- > plot(compclust, ann=FALSE, xlab="", vlab="")
- > title("Dendrogram representing hierarchical clustering
- + \nwith dissimilarity = 1-correlation", line=-0.5)
- + \nwith dissimilarity = 1-correlation", line=-0.5)

depr: Principal Component Returns Time Series

```
> # PC returns from rotation and scaled returns
> rets c < apply(retp, 2, scale)
> retpca <- retsc %*% pcad$rotation
> # "x" matrix contains time series of PC returns
> dim(pcad$x)
> class(pcad$x)
> head(pcad$x[, 1:3], 3)
> # Convert PC matrix to xts and rescale to decimals
> retpca <- xts(pcad$x/100, order.by=zoo::index(retp))

> chart.CumReturns(
+ retpca[, 1:3], lwd=2, ylab=",
+ legend.loc="topright", main="")
> # Add title
> title(main="ETF cumulative returns", line=-1)
```

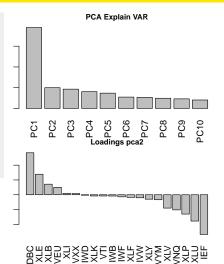


depr: Principal Component Returns Analysis

- > # Calculate PC correlation matrix
- > cormat <- cor(retpca)
- > colnames(cormat) <- colnames(retpca)
- > rownames(cormat) <- colnames(retpca)
- > cormat[1:3, 1:3]
- > table.CAPM(Ra=retpca[, 1:3], Rb=retp\$VTI, scale=252)

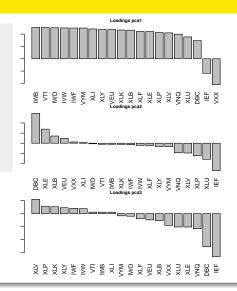
depr: Principal Component Analysis

```
> ### Perform principal component analysis PCA
> retp <- na.omit(rutils::etfenv$returns)
> pcad <- prcomp(retp, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
> barplot(pcad$sdev[1:10],
   names.arg=colnames(pcad$rotation)[1:10],
   las=3, ylab="STDEV", xlab="PCVec",
   main="PCA Explain VAR")
> # Show first three principal component loadings
> head(pcad$rotation[,1:3], 3)
> # Permute second principal component loadings by size
> pca2 <- as.matrix(
   pcad$rotation[order(pcad$rotation[, 2],
   decreasing=TRUE), 2])
> colnames(pca2) <- "pca2"
> head(pca2, 3)
> # The option las=3 rotates the names.arg labels
> barplot(as.vector(pca2),
   names.arg=rownames(pca2),
  las=3, ylab="Loadings",
  xlab="Symbol", main="Loadings pca2")
```



depr: Principal Component Vectors

```
> # Get list of principal component vectors
> pca_vecs <- lapply(1:3, function(ordern) {
   pca_vec <- as.matrix(
     pcad$rotation[
     order(pcad$rotation[, ordern],
     decreasing=TRUE), ordern])
   colnames(pca_vec) <- paste0("pca", ordern)
   pca_vec
+ }) # end lapply
> names(pca_vecs) <- c("pca1", "pca2", "pca3")
> # The option las=3 rotates the names.arg labels
> for (ordern in 1:3) {
   barplot(as.vector(pca_vecs[[ordern]]),
   names.arg=rownames(pca_vecs[[ordern]]),
   las=3, xlab="", ylab="",
   main=paste("Loadings",
     colnames(pca_vecs[[ordern]])))
   # end for
```



depr: Package factorAnalytics

The package factorAnalytics performs estimation and risk analysis of linear factor models for portfolio asset returns.

```
> library(factorAnalytics) # Load package "factorAnalytics"

> # Get documentation for package "factorAnalytics"

> packageDescription("factorAnalytics") # Get short description

> help(package="factorAnalytics") # Load help page

> # List all objects in "factorAnalytics"
```

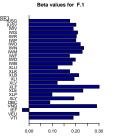
> ls("package:factorAnalytics")
> # List all datasets in "factorAnalytics"
> # data(package="factorAnalytics")
> # Remove factorAnalytics from search path
> detach("package:factorAnalytics")

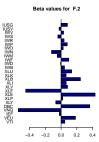
depr: Fitting Factor Models Using PCA

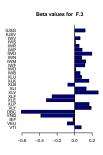
- > library(factorAnalytics)
- > # Fit a three-factor model using PCA
- > factpca <- fitSfm(rutils::etfenv\$returns, k=3) > head(factpca\$loadings, 3) # Factor loadings
- > # Factor realizations (time series)
- > head(factpca\$factors)
- > # Residuals from regression
- > factpca\$residuals[1:3, 1:3]

- > factpca\$alpha # Estimated alphas
- > factpca\$r2 # R-squared regression > # Covariance matrix estimated by factor model
- > factpca\$0mega[1:3, 4:6]

depr: Factor Loadings

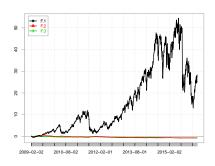






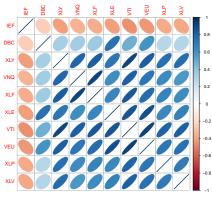
depr: Time Series of Factors

```
> library(PortfolioAnalytics)
> # Plot factor cumulative returns
> chart.CumReturns(factpca$factors,
     lwd=2, ylab="", legend.loc="topleft", main="")
> # Plot time series of factor returns
> # Plot(factpca, which.plot.group=2,
   loop=FALSE)
```



depr: Asset Correlations

- > # Asset correlations "hclust" hierarchical clustering
- > plot(factpca, which.plot.group=7, loop=FALSE,
- + order="hclust", method="ellipse")



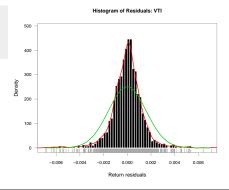
depr: Time Series of Residuals

- > library(PortfolioAnalytics)
- > # Plot residual cumulative returns
- > chart.CumReturns(factpca\$residuals[, c("IEF", "DBC", "XLF")]
- + lwd=2, ylab="", legend.loc="topleft", main="")



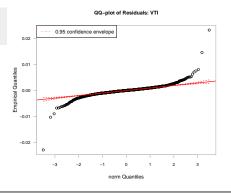
depr: Residual Returns Histogram

- > library(PortfolioAnalytics) > # Plot residual histogram with normal curve > plot(factpca, asset.name="VTI",
- which.plot.single=8,
- plot.single=TRUE, loop=FALSE,
- xlim=c(-0.007, 0.007))



depr: Residual Returns and the Q-Q Plot

> # Residual Q-Q plot
> plot(factpca, asset.name="VTI",
+ which.plot.single=9,
+ plot.single=TRUE, loop=FALSE)



depr: Autocorrelation of Residuals

- > # SACF and PACF of residuals
 > plot(factpca, asset.name="VTI",
 + which.plot.single=5,
- + plot.single=TRUE, loop=FALSE)



