

Introduction to Trading Systems

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Lecture references

- TradeAnalytics project page on R-forge: http://r-forge.r-project.org/projects/blotter/
 - documents and demos for:
 - blotter package
 - quantstrat package (specifically the macd and Luxor demo scripts)[†]
- Using quantstrat by Jan Humme & Brian Peterson
 http://www.rinfinance.com/agenda/2013/workshop/Humme+Peterson.pdf
- R-SIG-FINANCE: https://stat.ethz.ch/mailman/listinfo/r-sig-finance

[†]demos are located in the directory: .../R-3.x.x/library/quantstrat/demo

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- Baseline MACD strategy
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Multi-asset portfolios

Diversified portfolio of 4 exchange traded funds:

Symbol	Sector
ITOT	iShares Core S&P Total US Stock Market
AGG	iShares Core Total US Bond Market
VNQ	Vanguard REIT Index
GLD	SPDR Gold Shares

Fetch data and initialize financial instruments

```
library(quantstrat)
startDate <- '2010-01-01' # start of data
endDate <- '2013-07-31' # end of data
symbols = c("ITOT", "AGG", "GLD", "VNQ")
Sys.setenv(TZ="UTC") # set time zone</pre>
```

```
getSymbols(symbols, src='yahoo', index.class=c("POSIXt","POSIXct"),
  from=startDate, to=endDate,adjust=TRUE)
```

```
initDate <- '2009-12-31'
initEq <- 1e6
currency("USD")
stock(symbols, currency="USD",multiplier=1)</pre>
```

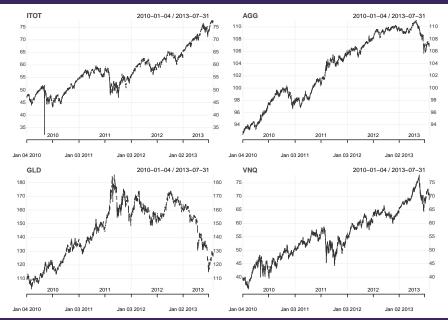
- Recommended that time zone be set to UTC
- Recommended that time series index is class POSIXct

Plot time series of portfolio constituents

```
myTheme<-chart theme()</pre>
myTheme$col$dn.col<-'lightblue'
myTheme$col$dn.border <- 'lightgray'
myTheme$col$up.border <- 'lightgray'</pre>
```

```
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
for(symbol in symbols)
  plot(chart_Series(get(symbol),name=symbol))
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```

Four asset portfolio



MACD (Moving Average Convergence-Divergence)

- Trend-following momentum indicator
- Published by Gerald Appel in the late 1970
- MACD Calculation (defaults TTR calculation and values)
 - MACD = 100 * ((12-day EMA of close) / (26-day EMA of close) 1)
 - MACD Signal Line = 9-day EMA of MACD
 - $\bullet \quad \mathsf{MACD} \; \mathsf{histogram} = \mathsf{MACD} \; \mathsf{-} \; \mathsf{Signal} \; \mathsf{Line}$
- Interpretation
 - Buy/Sell when MACD Signal Line crosses 0

Long-only MACD momentum strategy

Buy rule:

Buy long when the MACD signal crosses above 0

Exit rule:

Sell when the MACD signal crosses below 0

Fixed-dollar order sizing function

This order sizing function adjusts the share quantity such that the transaction value is approximately equal to a pre-defined *tradesize*

```
osFixedDollar <- function(timestamp,orderqty, portfolio, symbol, ruletype, ...)
{
   ClosePrice <- as.numeric(Cl(mktdata[timestamp,]))
   orderqty <- round(tradeSize/ClosePrice,-2)
   return(orderqty)
}</pre>
```

 Function retrieves the current close price and sets order quantity as follows:

$$\mathsf{orderqty} = \frac{\mathsf{tradeSize}}{\mathit{ClosePrice}}$$

Define indicators and signals

```
strategy("macd", store=TRUE)
add.indicator("macd", name = "MACD",
 arguments = list(x=quote(Cl(mktdata))),label='osc')
add.signal("macd",name="sigThreshold",
 arguments=list(column="signal.osc",relationship="gt",threshold=0,cross=TRUE).
 label="signal.gt.zero")
add.signal("macd",name="sigThreshold",
  arguments=list(column="signal.osc", relationship="lt", threshold=0, cross=TRUE),
 label="signal.lt.zero")
```

Long entry rule

```
add.rule("macd",name='ruleSignal',
    arguments = list(sigcol="signal.gt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
    replace=FALSE,
    orderside='long',
    ordertype='market',
    orderqty=100,
    osFUN='osFixedDollar',
    orderset='ocolong'
    ),
    type='enter',
    label='LE'
)
```

Belongs to orderset ocolong

Long exit rule

```
add.rule("macd",name='ruleSignal',
   arguments = list(sigcol="signal.lt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
    replace=TRUE,
   orderside='long',
   ordertype='market',
   orderqty='all',
   orderset='ocolong'
),
   type='exit',
   label='LX'
)
```

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Data integrity check

- Verifies portfolio P&L and account summary P&L match
- Verifies no duplicate rows in summary objects

```
checkBlotterUpdate <- function(port.st.account.st.verbose=TRUE)</pre>
 ok <- TRUE
 p <- getPortfolio(port.st)
 a <- getAccount(account.st)
 syms <- names(p$symbols)
 port.tot <- sum(sapply(syms,FUN = function(x) eval(parse(
   text=paste("sum(p$symbols",x,"posPL.USD$Net.Trading.PL)",sep="$")))))
 port.sum.tot <- sum(p$summary$Net.Trading.PL)
 if( !isTRUE(all.equal(port.tot,port.sum.tot)) ) {
   ok <- FALSE
   if( verbose )
     print("portfolio P&L doesn't match sum of symbols P&L")
 initEq <- as.numeric(first(a$summary$End.Eq))
 endEq <- as.numeric(last(a$summary$End.Eq))
 if( !isTRUE(all.equal(port.tot,endEq-initEq)) ) {
   ok <- FALSE
   if ( verbose )
     print("portfolio P&L doesn't match account P&L")
 if( sum(duplicated(index(p$summary))) ) {
   ok <- FALSE
   if ( verbose )
     print("duplicate timestamps in portfolio summary")
 if( sum(duplicated(index(a$summary))) ) {
   ok <- FALSE
   if ( verbose )
     print("duplicate timestamps in account summary")
 return(ok)
```

Initialize portfolio/account, apply strategy and verify

```
rm.strat("multi.macd.nostop") # remove portfolio, account, orderbook if re-run
initPortf(name="multi.macd.nostop", symbols, initDate=initDate)
initAcct(name="multi.macd.nostop", portfolios="multi.macd.nostop",
  initDate=initDate, initEq=initEq)
initOrders(portfolio="multi.macd.nostop", initDate=initDate)
fastMA = 12
slowMA = 26
signalMA = 9
maType="EMA"
tradeSize <- initEq/10
out<-applyStrategy("macd" , portfolios="multi.macd.nostop",</pre>
  parameters=list(nFast=fastMA, nSlow=slowMA, nSig=signalMA,maType=maType),
  verbose=TRUE)
updatePortf("multi.macd.nostop")
updateAcct("multi.macd.nostop")
updateEndEq("multi.macd.nostop")
checkBlotterUpdate("multi.macd.nostop", "multi.macd.nostop")
```

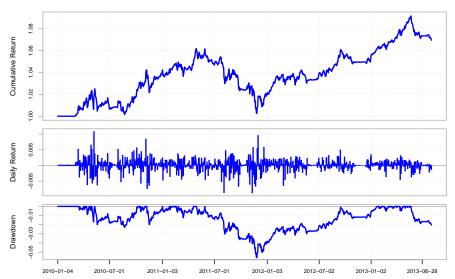
[1] TRUE

Performance results with no stoploss

```
equity.curve <- getAccount("multi.macd.nostop")$summary$End.Eq
returns.ns <- Return.calculate(equity.curve, "log")</pre>
table.AnnualizedReturns(returns.ns)
##
                             End.Ea
## Annualized Return
                           0.0190
## Annualized Std Dev 0.0313
## Annualized Sharpe (Rf=0%) 0.6074
charts.PerformanceSummary(returns.ns, wealth.index=TRUE, colorset="blue",
  xlab="",main="MACD Performance (no stoploss)",minor.ticks=FALSE)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(t(tradeStats("multi.macd.nostop")))
chart.ME("multi.macd.nostop",'VNQ',type='MAE',scale='percent')
ob <- getOrderBook("multi.macd.nostop")$multi.macd.nostop$VNQ
ob.df <- data.frame(Date=time(ob),coredata(ob),stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
ob.df$Order.Price <- round(as.numeric(ob.df$Order.Price),3)</pre>
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(ob.df,show.rownames=F)
```

Performance summary with no stoploss





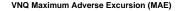
Trade stats for MACD strategy with no stoploss

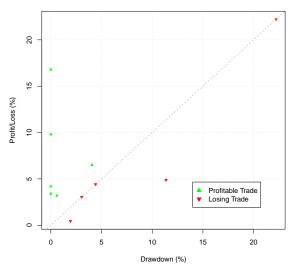
	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Portfolio	multi.macd.nostop	multi.macd.nostop	multi.macd.nostop	multi.macd.nostop
Symbol	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Num.Txns	16	18	21	21
Num.Trades	8	9	10	10
Net.Trading.PL	12082.7662	15841.0000	34545.1189	8940.6918
Avg.Trade.PL	1510.3458	1760.1111	3399.9119	1343.4692
Med.Trade.PL	187.68348	2492.00000	2339.79841	3346.22656
Largest.Winner	6023.5203	10664.0000	17445.4703	16360.1052
Largest.Loser	-1019.4467	-9918.0000	-9161.5201	-22036.6577
Gross.Profits	13375.593	33139.000	51935.977	43778.801
Gross.Losses	-1292.8272	-17298.0000	-17936.8581	-30344.1093
Std.Dev.Trade.PL	2599.5428	6637.9819	8643.3157	10268.9104
Percent.Positive	62.500000	66.666667	60.000000	60.000000
Percent.Negative	37.500000	33.333333	40.000000	40.000000
Profit.Factor	10.3460022	1.9157706	2.8954891	1.4427446
Avg.Win.Trade	2675.1187	5523.1667	8655.9962	7296.4668
Med.Win.Trade	2122.1957	5821.5000	7613.1972	5437.1565
Avg.Losing.Trade	-430.94241	-5766.00000	-4484.21453	-7586.02733
Med.Losing.Trade	-250.04185	-4734.00000	-3318.00511	-3926.30823
Avg.Daily.PL	1510.3458	1760.1111	3399.9119	1343.4692
Med.Daily.PL	187.68348	2492.00000	2339.79841	3346.22656
Std.Dev.Daily.PL	2599.5428	6637.9819	8643.3157	10268.9104
Ann.Sharpe	9.2231587	4.2092459	6.2443546	2.0768427
Max.Drawdown	-2921.0877	-34381.0000	-18323.7820	-41204.2080
Profit.To.Max.Draw	4.13639279	0.46074867	1.88526140	0.21698492
Avg.WinLoss.Ratio	6.20760133	0.95788530	1.93032606	0.96182976
Med.WinLoss.Ratio	8.4873620	1.2297212	2.2945104	1.3848012
Max.Equity	13078.139	42398.000	38651.851	26969.252
Min.Equity	-168.98432	-3996.00000	-2933.01693	-23526.00567
End.Equity	12082.7662	15841.0000	34545.1189	8940.6918

Order book for VNQ no stoploss

	Order.Qty	Order.Price	Order.Type	Order.SideOrder.TI	hreshold Order.Status	Order.StatusTime	Prefer	Order.Set	Txn.Fees	Rule Time.In.Force
2010-03-04 00:00:00	2500	39.816	market	long	closed 20	010-03-05 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2010-05-24 00:00:00	all	41.953	market	long	closed 20	010-05-25 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2010-06-23 00:00:00	2300	43.897	market	long	closed 20	010-06-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2010-06-29 00:00:00	all	42.107	market	long	closed 20	010-06-30 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2010-07-27 00:00:00	2200	45.862	market	long	closed 20	010-07-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2010-11-23 00:00:00	all	47.830	market	long	closed 20	010-11-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2010-12-27 00:00:00	2000	50.273	market	long	closed 20	010-12-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2011-03-23 00:00:00	all	51.864	market	long	closed 20	011-03-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2011-04-01 00:00:00	1900	53.917	market	long	closed 20	011-04-04 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2011-06-14 00:00:00	all	54.516	market	long	closed 20	011-06-15 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2011-07-06 00:00:00	1700	57.627	market	long	closed 20	011-07-07 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2011-08-05 00:00:00	all	49.706	market	long	closed 20	011-08-08 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2011-10-27 00:00:00	1800	55.017	market	long	closed 20	011-10-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2011-11-29 00:00:00	all	50.104	market	long	closed 20	011-11-30 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2011-12-12 00:00:00	1900	51.886	market	long	closed 20	011-12-13 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2012-05-24 00:00:00	all	60.126	market	long	closed 20	012-05-25 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2012-06-25 00:00:00	1700	60.361	market	long	closed 20	012-06-26 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2012-10-01 00:00:00	all	62.628	market	long	closed 20	012-10-02 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2012-12-12 00:00:00	1600	63.279	market	long	closed 20	012-12-13 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE
2013-06-04 00:00:00	all	69.525	market	long	closed 20	013-06-05 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX
2013-07-19 00:00:00	1400	72.330	market	long	closed 20	013-07-22 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE

Maximum adverse excursion for VNQ no stoploss





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Long-only MACD momentum strategy

Buy rule:

• Buy long when the MACD signal crosses above 0

Exit rule:

• Sell when the MACD signal crosses below 0

Stop rule:

• Stop loss set at 0.05% below entry price

Ordersets and order chains

To implement stop-loss or trailing-stop orders, quantstrat utilizes the concept of ordersets and order chains:

orderset An orderset is a collection of OCO orders

OCO order One-Cancels-Other (OCO) orders are grouped orders such that when one is filled, all others in the orderset are cancelled

order chain An order chain defines an order (child) which will be created when another order (parent) is filled

The add.rule function

The function add.rule adds a rule to a strategy

```
## function (strategy, name, arguments, parameters = NULL, label = NULL,
## type = c(NULL, "risk", "order", "rebalance", "exit", "enter",
## "chain"), parent = NULL, ..., enabled = TRUE, indexnum = NULL,
## path.dep = TRUE, timespan = NULL, store = FALSE, storefun = TRUE)
## NULL
```

Main arguments:

```
strategy strategy object

name name of the rule (typically ruleSignal)

arguments arguments to be passed to the rule function

type type of rule ("risk", "order", "rebalance", "exit", "enter")
```

The ruleSignal function

ruleSignal is the default rule to generate a trade order on a signal

```
args(ruleSignal)

## function (mktdata = mktdata, timestamp, sigcol, sigval, orderqty = 0,

## ordertype, orderside = NULL, orderset = NULL, threshold = NULL,

## tmult = FALSE, replace = TRUE, delay = 1e-04, osFUN = "osNoOp",

## pricemethod = c("market", "opside", "active"), portfolio,

## symbol, ..., ruletype, TxnFees = 0, prefer = NULL, sethold = FALSE,

## label = "", order.price = NULL, chain.price = NULL, time.in.force = "")

## NULL
```

Main arguments:

sigcol column name to check for signal

sigval signal value to match

orderqty quantity for order or 'all', modified by osFUN

ordertype "market", "limit", "stoplimit", "stoptrailing", "iceberg"

orderside "long", "short", or NULL

osFUN function or name of order sizing function (default is osNoOp)

The ruleSignal function

Stoplimit-related arguments:

orderset A tag identifying the orderset; if one order of the set is filled,

all others are canceled

threshold A numeric or name of indicator column in mktdata

tmult If TRUE, threshold is a percent multiplier for price, not a scalar

replace If an orderset is specified and replace=TRUE, all open orders

for the orderset will be replaced

prefer The preferred order price

Long stop loss

```
stopLossPercent <- 0.05
```

```
add.rule("macd",name='ruleSignal',
  arguments = list(sigcol="signal.gt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
    replace=FALSE,
    orderside='long',
    ordertype='stoplimit',
    tmult=TRUE,
    threshold=quote( stopLossPercent ),
    orderqty='all',
    orderset='ocolong'
  type='chain', parent="LE",
  label='StopLossLong',
  enabled=FALSE
```

Belongs to orderset ocolong

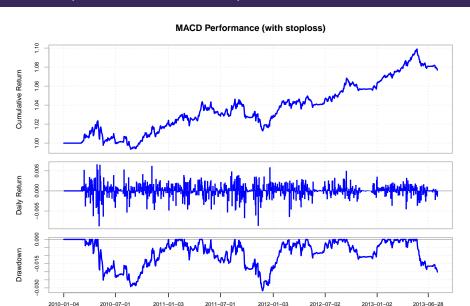
Enable stoploss rule

```
rm.strat("multi.macd.stop") # remove portfolio, account, orderbook if re-run
initPortf(name="multi.macd.stop", symbols, initDate=initDate)
initAcct(name="multi.macd.stop", portfolios="multi.macd.stop",
  initDate=initDate, initEq=initEq)
initOrders(portfolio="multi.macd.stop", initDate=initDate)
enable.rule("macd",type="chain",labe="StopLoss")
out<-applyStrategy("macd" , portfolios="multi.macd.stop",</pre>
  parameters=list(nFast=fastMA, nSlow=slowMA, nSig=signalMA,maType=maType),
  verbose=TRUE)
updatePortf("multi.macd.stop")
updateAcct("multi.macd.stop")
updateEndEq("multi.macd.stop")
checkBlotterUpdate("multi.macd.stop", "multi.macd.stop")
## [1] TRUE
```

Performance results with stoploss

```
equity.curve <- getAccount("multi.macd.stop")$summary$End.Eq
returns.sl <- Return.calculate(equity.curve, "log")</pre>
table.AnnualizedReturns(returns.sl)
##
                             End.Ea
## Annualized Return
                            0.0210
## Annualized Std Dev 0.0281
## Annualized Sharpe (Rf=0%) 0.7470
charts.PerformanceSummary(returns.sl,wealth.index=TRUE,colorset="blue",
  xlab="", main="MACD Performance (with stoploss)", minor.ticks=FALSE)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(t(tradeStats("multi.macd.stop")))
chart.ME("multi.macd.stop",'VNQ',type='MAE',scale='percent')
ob <- getOrderBook("multi.macd.stop")$multi.macd.stop$VNQ</pre>
ob.df <- data.frame(Date=time(ob),coredata(ob),stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
ob.df$Order.Price <- round(as.numeric(ob.df$Order.Price),3)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(ob.df,show.rownames=F)
```

MACD performance with stoploss



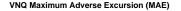
Trade stats for MACD strategy with stoploss

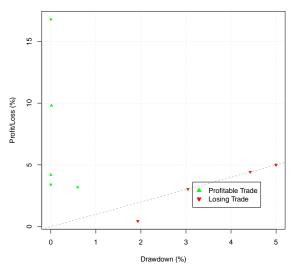
	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Portfolio	multi.macd.stop	multi.macd.stop	multi.macd.stop	multi.macd.stop
Symbol	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Num.Txns	16	18	21	21
Num.Trades	8	9	10	10
Net.Trading.PL	12082.766	20174.500	31866.836	14308.849
Avg.Trade.PL	1510.3458	2241.6111	3132.0836	1880.2849
Med.Trade.PL	187.68348	2492.00000	347.01546	1381.33074
Largest.Winner	6023.5203	10664.0000	17445.4703	16360.1052
Largest.Loser	-1019.4467	-5249.4000	-5088.1645	-5034.9672
Gross.Profits	13375.593	33139.000	50089.739	37223.230
Gross.Losses	-1292.8272	-12964.5000	-18768.9026	-18420.3804
Std.Dev.Trade.PL	2599.5428	5783.9806	8514.4779	7104.5242
Percent.Positive	62.500000	66.666667	50.000000	50.000000
Percent.Negative	37.500000	33.333333	50.000000	50.000000
Profit.Factor	10.3460022	2.5561341	2.6687623	2.0207634
Avg.Win.Trade	2675.1187	5523.1667	10017.9478	7444.6459
Med.Win.Trade	2122.1957	5821.5000	11648.5551	4318.7416
Avg.Losing.Trade	-430.94241	-4321.50000	-3753.78052	-3684.07608
Med.Losing.Trade	-250.04185	-5069.10000	-3791.74331	-4959.82655
Avg.Daily.PL	1510.3458	2241.6111	3132.0836	1880.2849
Med.Daily.PL	187.68348	2492.00000	347.01546	1381.33074
Std.Dev.Daily.PL	2599.5428	5783.9806	8514.4779	7104.5242
Ann.Sharpe	9.2231587	6.1522462	5.8394991	4.2013507
Max.Drawdown	-2921.0877	-29387.5000	-16471.8712	-29406.1295
Profit.To.Max.Draw	4.13639279	0.68649936	1.93462151	0.48659410
Avg.WinLoss.Ratio	6.2076013	1.2780670	2.6687623	2.0207634
Med.WinLoss.Ratio	8.48736199	1.14842872	3.07208429	0.87074448
Max.Equity	13078.139	42398.000	35973.569	32337.409
Min.Equity	-168.98432	-3996.00000	-9551.36238	-11727.92725
End.Equity	12082.766	20174.500	31866.836	14308.849

Order book for VNQ with stoploss

	Order.Qty	Order.Price	Order.Type	Order.Side	Order.Threshold	Order.Status	Order.StatusTime	Prefer	Order.Set	Txn.Fees	Rule	Time.In.Force
2010-03-04 00:00:00	2500	39.816	market	long		closed	2010-03-05 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-03-05 00:00:00	all	38.855	stoplimit	long	-2.04500908438919	replaced	2010-05-24		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2010-05-24 00:00:00	all	41.953	market	long		closed	2010-05-25 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2010-06-23 00:00:00	2300	43.897	market	long		closed	2010-06-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-06-24 00:00:00	all	40.819	stoplimit	long	-2.14838290307716	replaced	2010-06-29		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2010-06-29 00:00:00	all	42.107	market	long		closed	2010-06-30 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2010-07-27 00:00:00	2200	45.862	market	long		closed	2010-07-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-07-28 00:00:00	all	43.484	stoplimit	long	-2.28862145337188	closed	2010-08-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2010-12-27 00:00:00	2000	50.273	market	long		closed	2010-12-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-12-28 00:00:00	all	47.951	stoplimit	long	-2.52372390081176	replaced	2011-03-23		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2011-03-23 00:00:00	all	51.864	market	long		closed	2011-03-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2011-04-01 00:00:00	1900	53.917	market	long		closed	2011-04-04 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2011-04-04 00:00:00	all	51.186	stoplimit	long	-2.69402347989991	replaced	2011-06-14		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2011-06-14 00:00:00	all	54.516	market	long		closed	2011-06-15 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2011-07-06 00:00:00	1700	57.627	market	long		closed	2011-07-07 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2011-07-07 00:00:00	all	55.433	stoplimit	long	-2.91754502732244	closed	2011-08-01 00:00:00		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2011-10-27 00:00:00	1800	55.017	market	long		closed	2011-10-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2011-10-28 00:00:00	all	52.373	stoplimit	long	-2.75648405334092	closed	2011-11-09 00:00:00		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2011-12-12 00:00:00	1900	51.886	market	long		closed	2011-12-13 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2011-12-13 00:00:00	all	48.712	stoplimit	long	-2.56381144349004	replaced	2012-05-24		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2012-05-24 00:00:00	all	60.126	market	long		closed	2012-05-25 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2012-06-25 00:00:00	1700	60.361	market	long		closed	2012-06-26 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2012-06-26 00:00:00	all	57.535	stoplimit	long	-3.02817247468729	replaced	2012-10-01		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2012-10-01 00:00:00	all	62.628	market	long		closed	2012-10-02 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2012-12-12 00:00:00	1600	63.279	market	long		closed	2012-12-13 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2012-12-13 00:00:00	all	59.653	stoplimit	long	-3.13965624080501	replaced	2013-06-04		ocolong	0	StopLossLong	
2013-06-04 00:00:00	all	69.525	market	long		closed	2013-06-05 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LX	
2013-07-19 00:00:00	1400	72.330	market	long		closed	2013-07-22 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2013-07-22 00:00:00	all	68.922	stoplimit	long	-3.6275	open			ocolong	0	StopLossLong	

Maximum adverse excursion for VNQ with stoploss





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Long-only MACD momentum strategy

Buy rule:

• Buy long when the MACD signal crosses above 0

Exit rule:

Sell when the MACD signal crosses below 0

Stop rule:

- Stop loss set at 0.05% below entry price
- Stop loss set at 0.07% below position high

Trailing stop loss

```
trailingStopPercent <- 0.07
```

```
add.rule("macd", name = 'ruleSignal',
  arguments=list(sigcol="signal.gt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
    replace=FALSE,
    orderside='long',
    ordertype='stoptrailing',
    tmult=TRUE,
    threshold=quote(trailingStopPercent),
    orderqty='all',
    orderset='ocolong'
  type='chain', parent="LE",
  label='StopTrailingLong',
  enabled=FALSE
```

Belongs to orderset ocolong

Enable trailing stop rule

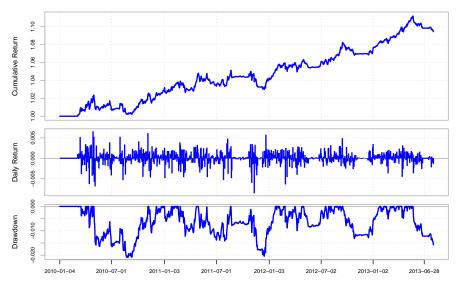
```
rm.strat("multi.macd.trail") # remove portfolio, account, orderbook if re-run
initPortf(name="multi.macd.trail", symbols, initDate=initDate)
initAcct(name="multi.macd.trail", portfolios="multi.macd.trail",
  initDate=initDate, initEq=initEq)
initOrders(portfolio="multi.macd.trail", initDate=initDate)
enable.rule("macd",type="chain",labe="StopTrailingLong")
out<-applyStrategy("macd" , portfolios="multi.macd.trail",</pre>
  parameters=list(nFast=fastMA, nSlow=slowMA, nSig=signalMA,maType=maType),
  verbose=TRUE)
updatePortf("multi.macd.trail")
updateAcct("multi.macd.trail")
updateEndEq("multi.macd.trail")
checkBlotterUpdate("multi.macd.trail", "multi.macd.trail")
## [1] TRUE
```

Performance results with stoploss and trailing stop

```
equity.curve <- getAccount("multi.macd.trail")$summary$End.Eq
returns.tr <- Return.calculate(equity.curve, "log")
table.AnnualizedReturns(returns.tr)
##
                             End.Eq
## Annualized Return
                             0.0256
## Annualized Std Dev 0.0255
## Annualized Sharpe (Rf=0%) 1.0035
charts.PerformanceSummary(returns.tr,wealth.index=TRUE,colorset="blue",
  xlab="",main="MACD Performance (with stoploss)",minor.ticks=FALSE)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(t(tradeStats("multi.macd.trail")))
chart.ME("multi.macd.trail",'VNQ',type='MAE',scale='percent')
ob <- getOrderBook("multi.macd.trail")$multi.macd.trail$VNQ</pre>
ob <- ob[ob$Order.Status=="closed",]
ob.df <- data.frame(Date=time(ob),coredata(ob),stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
ob.df$Order.Price <- round(as.numeric(ob.df$Order.Price).3)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(ob.df,show.rownames=F)
```

MACD performance with stoploss and trailing stop





Trade stats with stoploss and trailing stop

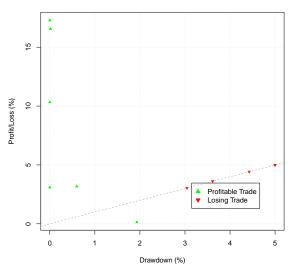
	AGG	GLD	ІТОТ	VNQ
Portfolio	multi.macd.trail	multi.macd.trail	multi.macd.trail	multi.macd.trail
Symbol	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Num.Txns	16	18	21	21
Num.Trades	8	9	10	10
Net.Trading.PL	12082.766	31605.640	22475.376	29521.072
Avg.Trade.PL	1510.3458	3511.7378	2192.9376	3401.5072
Med.Trade.PL	187.68348	5085.00000	-1221.65989	1661.71453
Largest.Winner	6023.5203	13923.1400	13958.6017	16839.1614
Largest.Loser	-1019.4467	-5249.4000	-5088.1645	-4961.6713
Gross.Profits	13375.593	44570.140	41624.551	50584.074
Gross.Losses	-1292.8272	-12964.5000	-19695.1750	-16569.0023
Std.Dev.Trade.PL	2599.5428	6977.7493	7689.6761	8487.2990
Percent.Positive	62.500000	66.666667	40.000000	60.000000
Percent.Negative	37.500000	33.333333	60.000000	40.000000
Profit.Factor	10.3460022	3.4378603	2.1134390	3.0529342
Avg.Win.Trade	2675.1187	7428.3567	10406.1377	8430.6791
Med.Win.Trade	2122.1957	7269.0000	12044.0550	6891.2761
Avg.Losing.Trade	-430.94241	-4321.50000	-3282.52916	-4142.25057
Med.Losing.Trade	-250.04185	-5069.10000	-3629.14529	-4299.12538
Avg.Daily.PL	1510.3458	3511.7378	2192.9376	3401.5072
Med.Daily.PL	187.68348	5085.00000	-1221.65989	1661.71453
Std.Dev.Daily.PL	2599.5428	6977.7493	7689.6761	8487.2990
Ann.Sharpe	9.2231587	7.9892680	4.5270834	6.3621245
Max.Drawdown	-2921.0877	-17956.3600	-19147.7247	-20318.4053
Profit.To.Max.Draw	4.1363928	1.7601362	1.1737883	1.4529227
vg.WinLoss.Ratio	6.2076013	1.7189302	3.1701585	2.0352895
ed.WinLoss.Ratio	8.4873620	1.4339824	3.3187029	1.6029484
Max.Equity	13078.139	42398.000	28727.069	40762.630
Min.Equity	-168.98432	-3996.00000	-9581.18286	-2640.20303
End.Equity	12082.766	31605.640	22475.376	29521.072

Order book for VNQ with stoploss and trailing stop

Time.In.Forc	Rule	Txn.Fees	Order.Set	Prefer	Order.StatusTime	Order.Status	Order.Threshold	Order.Side	Order.Type	Order.Price	Order.Qty	
	LE	0	ocolong		2010-03-05 00:00:00	closed		long	market	39.816	2500	2010-03-04 00:00:00
	StopTrailingLong	0	ocolong		2010-05-06 00:00:00	closed	-2.86301271814487	long	stoptrailing	45.126	all	2010-04-29 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2010-06-24 00:00:00	closed		long	market	43.897	2300	2010-06-23 00:00:00
	LX	0	ocolong		2010-06-30 00:00:00	closed		long	market	42.107	all	2010-06-29 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2010-07-28 00:00:00	closed		long	market	45.862	2200	2010-07-27 00:00:00
	StopTrailingLong	0	ocolong		2010-08-23 00:00:00	closed	-3.20407003472063	long	stoptrailing	44.119	all	2010-08-02 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2010-12-28 00:00:00	closed		long	market	50.273	2000	2010-12-27 00:00:00
	LX	0	ocolong		2011-03-24 00:00:00	closed		long	market	51.864	all	2011-03-23 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2011-04-04 00:00:00	closed		long	market	53.917	1900	2011-04-01 00:00:00
	StopTrailingLong	0	ocolong		2011-06-10 00:00:00	closed	-3.77163287185988	long	stoptrailing	53.957	all	2011-05-31 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2011-07-07 00:00:00	closed		long	market	57.627	1700	2011-07-06 00:00:00
	StopLossLong	0	ocolong		2011-08-01 00:00:00	closed	-2.91754502732244	long	stoplimit	55.433	all	2011-07-07 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2011-10-28 00:00:00	closed		long	market	55.017	1800	2011-10-27 00:00:00
	StopLossLong	0	ocolong		2011-11-09 00:00:00	closed	-2.75648405334092	long	stoplimit	52.373	all	2011-10-28 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2011-12-13 00:00:00	closed		long	market	51.886	1900	2011-12-12 00:00:00
	StopTrailingLong	0	ocolong		2012-05-17 00:00:00	closed	-3.58933602088606	long	stoptrailing	60.139	all	2012-05-01 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2012-06-26 00:00:00	closed		long	market	60.361	1700	2012-06-25 00:00:00
	StopTrailingLong	0	ocolong		2012-10-01 00:00:00	closed	-4.2394414645622	long	stoptrailing	62.432	all	2012-09-14 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2012-12-13 00:00:00	closed		long	market	63.279	1600	2012-12-12 00:00:00
	StopTrailingLong	0	ocolong		2013-05-29 00:00:00	closed	-4.39551873712702	long	stoptrailing	73.192	all	2013-05-21 00:00:00
	LE	0	ocolong		2013-07-22 00:00:00	closed		long	market	72.330	1400	2013-07-19 00:00:00

MAE for VNQ with stoploss and trailing stop





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Optimization range for stop loss

```
stopLossPercentRange <- seq(0.03,0.05,by=0.01)
```

```
add.distribution("macd",
  paramset.label = "STOPOPT",
  component.type = "chain",
  component.label = "StopLossLong",
  variable = list( threshold = stopLossPercentRange ),
  label = "StopLossLONG"
)
```

Optimization range for stop loss

```
trailingPercentRange <- seq(0.03,0.05,by=0.01)</pre>
```

```
add.distribution("macd",
  paramset.label = "STOPOPT",
  component.type = "chain",
  component.label = "StopTrailingLong",
  variable = list( threshold = trailingPercentRange ),
  label = "TrailingLONG"
)
```

The apply.paramset function

The function apply.paramset function will run applyStrategy() on portfolio.st, once for each parameter combination as specified by the parameter distributions and constraints in the paramset

```
## function (strategy.st, paramset.label, portfolio.st, account.st,
## mktdata = NULL, nsamples = 0, user.func = NULL, user.args = NULL,
## calc = "slave", audit = NULL, packages = NULL, verbose = FALSE,
## paramsets, ...)
## NULL
```

Main arguments:

```
strategy.st text name of the strategy
paramset.label text name of the paramset

portfolio.st text name of the portfolio

nsamples if nsamples > 0 then take a sample of size nsamples from the paramset
```

Initialize portfolio/account, apply strategy and verify

```
rm.strat("multi.macd.opt") # remove portfolio, account, orderbook if re-run
initPortf(name="multi.macd.opt", symbols, initDate=initDate)
initAcct(name="multi.macd.opt", portfolios="multi.macd.opt",
  initDate=initDate, initEq=initEq)
initOrders(portfolio="multi.macd.opt", initDate=initDate)
library(parallel)
detectCores()
## [1] 8
if( Sys.info()['sysname'] == "Windows" )
  library(doParallel)
   registerDoParallel(cores=detectCores())
} else {
  library(doMC)
  registerDoMC(cores=detectCores())
```

Apply strategy and verify

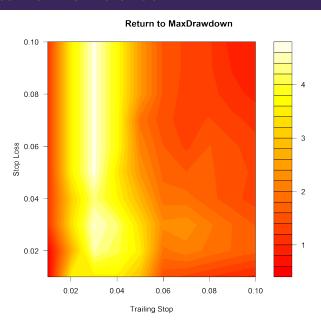
```
if( file.exists("resultsStopOpt.RData") )
{
    load("resultsStopOpt.RData")
} else {
    results <- apply.paramset("macd", paramset.label = "STOPOPT",
        portfolio="multi.macd.opt", account="multi.macd.opt", nsamples=0)
    save(list="results",file="resultsStopOpt.RData")
}</pre>
```

```
head(names(results),20)
    [1] "multi.macd.opt.1"
                             "tradeStats"
##
                                                  "multi.macd.opt.2"
##
    [4] "multi.macd.opt.3"
                             "multi.macd.opt.4"
                                                  "multi.macd.opt.5"
    [7] "multi.macd.opt.6"
                             "multi.macd.opt.7"
                                                  "multi.macd.opt.8"
##
   [10] "multi.macd.opt.9"
                             "multi.macd.opt.10"
                                                  "multi.macd.opt.11"
   [13] "multi.macd.opt.12"
                             "multi.macd.opt.13"
                                                  "multi.macd.opt.14"
   [16] "multi.macd.opt.15"
                             "multi.macd.opt.16"
                                                  "multi.macd.opt.17"
##
   [19] "multi.macd.opt.18"
                             "multi.macd.opt.19"
```

Heatmaps of strategy performance

```
z <- tapply(X=results$tradeStats$Profit.To.Max.Draw,
   INDEX=list(results$tradeStats$TrailingLONG,results$tradeStats$StopLossLONG),
   FUN=median)
x <- as.numeric(rownames(z))
y <- as.numeric(colnames(z))
filled.contour(x=x,y=y,z=z,color = heat.colors,
   xlab="Trailing Stop",ylab="Stop Loss")
title("Return to MaxDrawdown")</pre>
```

Return to maximum drawdown



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Define indicators and signals

```
strategy("macd.opt", store=TRUE)
add.indicator("macd.opt", name = "MACD",
  arguments = list(x=quote(Cl(mktdata))), label='osc')
add.signal("macd.opt", name="sigThreshold",
  arguments=list(column="signal.osc", relationship="gt", threshold=0, cross=TRUE),
  label="signal.gt.zero")
add.signal("macd.opt",name="sigThreshold",
  arguments=list(column="signal.osc", relationship="lt", threshold=0, cross=TRUE),
  label="signal.lt.zero")
```

Long entry/exit rule

```
add.rule("macd.opt",name='ruleSignal',
  arguments = list(sigcol="signal.gt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
    replace=FALSE,
    orderside='long',
    ordertype='market',
    ordergty=100,
    osFUN='osFixedDollar',
    orderset='ocolong'
  type='enter'.
  label='LE'
add.rule("macd.opt",name='ruleSignal',
  arguments = list(sigcol="signal.lt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
    replace=TRUE,
    orderside='long',
    ordertype='market',
    orderqty='all',
    orderset='ocolong'
  type='exit',
  label='LX'
```

Long stop loss

```
stopLossPercent <- 0.03
```

```
add.rule("macd.opt",name='ruleSignal',
    arguments = list(sigcol="signal.gt.zero", sigval=TRUE,
        replace=FALSE,
        orderside='long',
        ordertype='stoplimit',
        tmult=TRUE,
        threshold=quote( stopLossPercent ),
        orderqty='all',
        orderset='ocolong'
    ),
    type='chain', parent="LE",
    label='StopLossLong',
    enabled=TRUE
)
```

Trailing stop loss

```
trailingStopPercent <- 0.03
```

```
add.rule("macd.opt", name = 'ruleSignal',
    arguments=list(sigcol="signal.gt.zero" , sigval=TRUE,
    replace=FALSE,
    orderside='long',
    ordertype='stoptrailing',
    tmult=TRUE,
    threshold=quote(trailingStopPercent),
    orderqty='all',
    orderset='ocolong'
),
    type='chain', parent="LE",
    label='StopTrailingLong',
    enabled=TRUE
```

Apply optimal settings

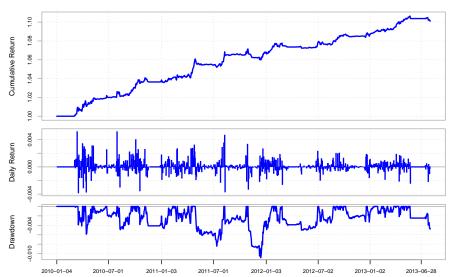
```
rm.strat("multi.macd.opt") # remove portfolio, account, orderbook if re-run
initPortf(name="multi.macd.opt", symbols, initDate=initDate)
initAcct(name="multi.macd.opt", portfolios="multi.macd.opt",
  initDate=initDate, initEq=initEq)
initOrders(portfolio="multi.macd.opt", initDate=initDate)
out<-applyStrategy("macd.opt" , portfolios="multi.macd.opt",</pre>
  parameters=list(nFast=fastMA, nSlow=slowMA, nSig=signalMA,maType=maType),
  verbose=TRUE)
updatePortf("multi.macd.opt")
updateAcct("multi.macd.opt")
updateEndEq("multi.macd.opt")
checkBlotterUpdate("multi.macd.opt", "multi.macd.opt")
## [1] TRUE
```

Performance results with optimal settings

```
equity.curve <- getAccount("multi.macd.opt")$summary$End.Eq
returns.opt <- Return.calculate(equity.curve, "log")</pre>
table.AnnualizedReturns(returns.opt)
##
                             End.Eq
## Annualized Return
                             0.0274
## Annualized Std Dev 0.0143
## Annualized Sharpe (Rf=0%) 1.9192
charts.PerformanceSummary(returns.opt, wealth.index=TRUE, colorset="blue",
  xlab="",main="MACD Performance (with stoploss)",minor.ticks=FALSE)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(t(tradeStats("multi.macd.opt")))
chart.ME("multi.macd.opt",'VNQ',type='MAE',scale='percent')
ob <- getOrderBook("multi.macd.opt")$multi.macd.opt$VNQ
ob <- ob[ob$Order.Status=="closed",]
ob.df <- data.frame(Date=time(ob),coredata(ob),stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
ob.df$Order.Price <- round(as.numeric(ob.df$Order.Price),3)
PerformanceAnalytics:::textplot(ob.df,show.rownames=F)
```

MACD performance with optimal settings





Trade stats with optimal settings

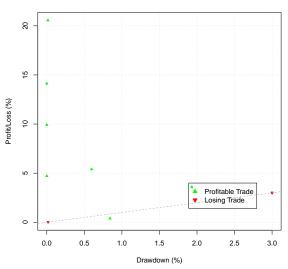
	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Portfolio	multi.macd.opt	multi.macd.opt	multi.macd.opt	multi.macd.opt
Symbol	AGG	GLD	ITOT	VNQ
Num.Txns	16	18	21	22
Num.Trades	8	9	10	11
Net.Trading.PL	12082.7662	36490.3800	3182.5269	49925.0266
Avg.Trade.PL	1510.34578	4054.48667	263.65269	4538.63878
Med.Trade.PL	187.68348	5589.45000	-791.99440	3681.36559
Largest.Winner	6023.5203	11456.0600	6475.4303	20657.6916
Largest.Loser	-1019.4467	-3149.6400	-3102.8443	-3047.1000
Gross.Profits	13375.593	42625.920	14067.171	58942.544
Gross.Losses	-1292.8272	-6135.5400	-11430.6436	-9017.5173
Std.Dev.Trade.PL	2599.5428	5541.5180	3259.4109	7657.6328
Percent.Positive	62.500000	66.666667	30.000000	63.636364
Percent.Negative	37.500000	33.333333	70.000000	36.363636
Profit.Factor	10.3460022	6.9473787	1.2306543	6.5364492
Avg.Win.Trade	2675.1187	7104.3200	4689.0569	8420.3634
Med.Win.Trade	2122.1957	8270.8850	3867.6101	5454.0224
Avg.Losing.Trade	-430.94241	-2045.18000	-1632.94909	-2254.37933
Med.Losing.Trade	-250.04185	-2962.44000	-1595.25278	-2976.44935
Avg.Daily.PL	1510.34578	4054.48667	263.65269	4538.63878
Med.Daily.PL	187.68348	5589.45000	-791.99440	3681.36559
Std.Dev.Daily.PL	2599.5428	5541.5180	3259.4109	7657.6328
Ann.Sharpe	9.2231587	11.6146839	1.2840838	9.4087375
Max.Drawdown	-2921.0877	-7111.5800	-12000.2540	-8691.7060
Profit.To.Max.Draw	4.13639279	5.13112135	0.26520496	5.74398477
vg.WinLoss.Ratio	6.2076013	3.4736894	2.8715267	3.7351138
led.WinLoss.Ratio	8.4873620	2.7919165	2.4244497	1.8323921
Max.Equity	13078.139	39006.900	14467.781	55700.925
Min.Equity	-168.98432	-4312.44000	0.00000	0.00000
End.Equity	12082.7662	36490.3800	3182.5269	49925.0266

Order book for VNQ with optimal settings

	Order.Qty	Order.Price	Order.Type	Order.Side	Order.Threshold	Order.Status	Order.StatusTime	Prefer	Order.Set	Txn.Fees	Rule	Time.In.Force
2010-03-04 00:00:00	2500	39.816	market	long		closed	2010-03-05 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-04-13 00:00:00	all	44.960	stoptrailing	long	-1.22700545063352	closed	2010-04-15 00:00:00		ocolong	0	StopTrailingLong	
2010-06-23 00:00:00	2300	43.897	market	long		closed	2010-06-24 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-06-25 00:00:00	all	42.960	stoptrailing	long	-1.2890297418463	closed	2010-06-29 00:00:00		ocolong	0	StopTrailingLong	
2010-07-27 00:00:00	2200	45.862	market	long		closed	2010-07-28 00:00:00		ocolong	0	LE	
2010-08-02 00:00:00	all	45.949	stoptrailing	long	-1.37317287202313	closed	2010-08-11 00:00:00		ocolong	0	StopTrailingLong	
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MAE for VNQ with optimal settings





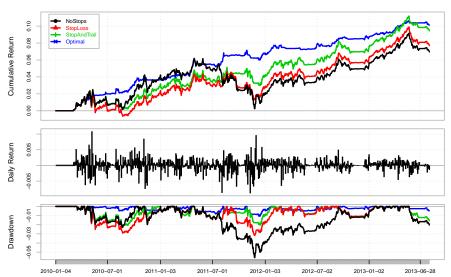
Comparison of stops

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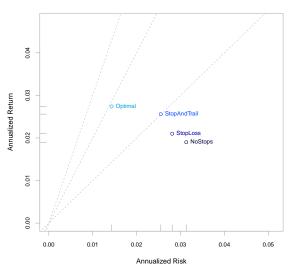
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Risk management progression







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