Installation

To install the package:

- > #library(devtools)
- > #install_github("rynkwn/qmj")

Background

qmj implements the results and methodology of the paper *Quality Minus Junk* by Clifford Asness, Andrea Frazzini, Lasse Pedersen. In their paper, they use several measures to calculate the relative profitability, growth, safety, and payouts of a company, which they use to provide an overall quality score for a company.

This quality score is used to recommend which companies to buy and which to sell, by reasoning that quality companies are likely to outperform the market, while "junk" companies are likely to underperform relative to the market.

Here we use the equations and methods described in the paper, coupled with data taken from reputable online sources, in order to produce quality measurements for companies listed in the Russell 3000 Index.

Getting Started

In order to start you off, qmj comes equipped with several data sets, including company information, financial statements, and daily stock data. To access them, call:

- > library(qmj)
- > data(companies) #Stores company names and tickers from the
- > #Russell 3000 index
- > data(financials) #Stores financial documents for the given
- > #list of companies.
- > data(prices) # Stores price returns and closing stock prices
- > #for the past two years.
- > data(quality) #Stores the quality scores and the scores of
- > #its components.

- > #And more detailed data sets into what makes up quality
- > data(profitability)
- > data(growth)
- > data(payouts)
- > data(safety)

Getting a quality data frame and a holistic summary of all its components can be done by calling

> #market_data(companies, financials, prices)

If you're only interested in accessing certain quality factors, such as profitability, as well as what makes it up (such as gross profits over assets (GPOA), or cash flow over assets (CFOA)) call

> #market_profitability(companies, financials)

Analyzing your Data

The qmj package has stored a large number of qmj objects, which store significant amounts of information about a single company and which allows more in-depth analysis of that company. Some examples of analysis follow:

- > data(qmjs)
- > first_qmj <- qmjs[[1]]</pre>
- > summarize(first_qmj) # Displays key information about this qmj object.

Information for: FLWS

Quality Score: 0.3588747

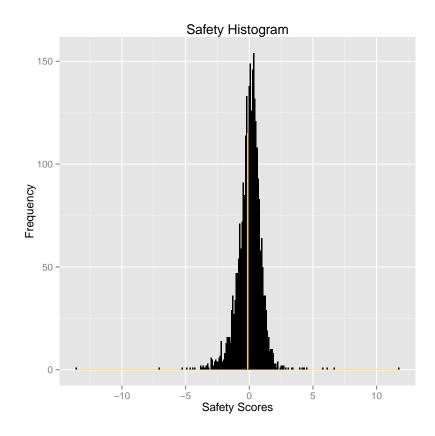
profitability GPOA ROE ROA CFOA GMAR ACC 1 0.2911018 0.262272 -0.01867136 0.2019969 0.1198031 0.2308763 0.1606091

growth GPOA ROE ROA CFOA GMAR ACC 1 -0.03357491 -0.03355643 0 0.02050147 -0.01102495 -0.05582183 0.01561731

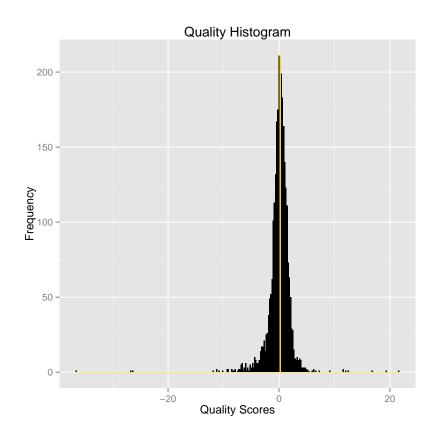
safety BAB IVOL LEV OhlsonOScore AltmanZScore 1 -0.08842572 0.142523 -0.2184943 -0.009880442 0 0

payouts EISS DISS NPOP 1 0.1897736 0.1998357 0.09870005 0.01514234

- > #We're clearly missing some interesting data, but we can still
- > #perform some analysis.
- > data(safety)
- > plot_safety(first_qmj, safety)
- [1] "Selected object is in the yellow bin."



- > #Now let's look at a graph for quality.
- > data(quality)
- > second_qmj <- qmjs[[2]]</pre>
- > plot_quality(second_qmj, quality)
- [1] "Selected object is in the yellow bin."



- > #What if I'm only interested in looking closely at a few companies?
- > #Well, voila.
- > desired_companies <- c("GOOG", "IBM", "FLWS")</pre>
- > #Returns a list containing the given qmj objects in order.
- > desired_qmjs <- get_qmjs(desired_companies, qmjs)</pre>
- > summarize(desired_qmjs[[1]])

Information for: GOOG

Quality Score: 0.4324132

profitability GPOA ROE ROA CFOA GMAR ACC 1 0.1768459 2.118874 -0.2618723 -0.8683505 -0.5174924 0.4885829 -0.3784276

growth GPOA ROE ROA CFOA GMAR ACC 1 -0.03648541 -0.02796106 0 0.01365657 -0.01396494 -0.05372761 0.01214001

safety BAB IVOL LEV OhlsonOScore AltmanZScore 1 -0.2362488 -0.3126085 0.7353582 0.3042633 -0.6317125 -0.6706373

payouts EISS DISS NPOP 1 0.5283014 0.1308389 0.7281532 0.0142409

But the package also provides some tools for better examining your data en masse, as opposed to individual companies.

- > #Let's look at the head of our quality data frame.
- > data(quality)
- > head(quality)

name ticker profitability growth safety ANGIES LIST INC ANGI -0.1575365 24.55764246 -0.89076389 2 SEACOAST BANKING CORP F SBCF -0.9552288 21.17749195 0.23623565 3 **AMERCO** UHAL -0.3350943 19.25596295 -0.16064717 4 GUIDANCE SOFTWARE INC GUID 0.2245725 13.61798234 0.09569998 BROWN & BROWN INC 0.1484205 -0.04063592 11.76587071 BRO 6 CAPITOL FEDERAL FINL IN CFFN 5.7540587 -0.04904148 5.73770806 payouts quality

- 1 -1.8699982 21.63934
- 2 -1.0820805 19.37642

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3 -1.9855567 16.77466
4 -1.5591484 12.37911
5 0.2254432 12.09910
6 0.2292110 11.67194
> #Angies has an abnormally high growth score, which is very suspicious.
> #Companies that are primarily driven by a single component score
> #are suspect, so let's filter out companies that are driven by growth.
> sans_growth <- filter_companies(quality, filter="growth")
> head(sans_growth)
                      name ticker profitability
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  CORRECTIONS CORP OF AME
                              CXW
                                     -0.3283571 3.22020489 4.1009744
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     ROUSE PROPERTIES INC
                              RSE
                                      3.6209141 0.04701919 1.8876675
                                     -0.7411908 -0.05296278 0.1659304
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        PATTERSON COS INC
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   0.2254432 12.099098
   0.2292110 11.671936
8 -0.1956603 9.229632
   0.1910389 7.183861
10 0.9855644 6.541165
   6.7805708 6.152348
> #On the other hand, if we're interested in only companies that are
> #driven by growth, we can do the following:
> driven_by_growth <- filter_companies(quality, filter="growth", remove=FALSE, i
> head(driven_by_growth)
                      name ticker profitability
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                                                                        payouts
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                                    -0.15753650 24.55764 -0.89076389 -1.8699982
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                                    -0.95522880 21.17749 0.23623565 -1.0820805
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                    AMERCO
                             UHAL
                                    -0.33509433 19.25596 -0.16064717 -1.9855567
                                     0.22457246 13.61798 0.09569998 -1.5591484
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     GUIDANCE SOFTWARE INC
                             GUID
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-3.30709253 16.48412 -1.72466975

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21.63934
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  11.58872
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> #We can also remove all companies with quality scores which are
> #primarily driven by any component.
> #Notice that the remove parameter is by default TRUE, and
> #isolate is by default FALSE
> liberal_arts_companies <- filter_companies(quality, filter="all")</pre>
> head(liberal_arts_companies)
                     name ticker profitability
                                                  growth
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                                    5.7540587 -0.04904148 5.7377081 0.2292110
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                           ADMS
                                    0.9992939 1.89816751 1.2105671 0.2178525
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    OPLINK COMMUNICATIONS
                           OPLK
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               WATSCO INC
                            WSO
                                    1.9397013 -0.01815565 1.8758314 0.1712876
           P C CONNECTION
                                    1.4991871 -0.01996304 0.5011669 1.9790272
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6 11.671936
21 4.652201
22 4.628838
24 4.325881
33 3.968665
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Updating your Data

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If you're interested in inputting your own data, you can generate financial statements for a data frame of companies as follows:

- > #companies #Your custom data frame of company names and tickers.
- > #The column name for tickers must be "ticker"
- > #rawdata <- get_info(companies) #Retrieves raw financial
- > #statements from google finance through the quantmod package.

- > #financials <- tidyinfo(rawdata) #Renders raw data in a format
- > #usable by other functions in this package.

get_info temporarily saves your progress to the extdata folder at all stages of its process, allowing you to resume your downloading if the process is interrupted for any reason.

Updating Prices

Updating prices is a separate, lengthy process, and for that reason is separated from the other functions that automatically collect financial statements. To update prices, which is necessary for calculating safety measurements, call:

- > # rawprices <- get_prices(companies) #Retrieves stock price
- > #data from Google Finance for listed companies for the past
- > #two years. Also saves data from the S&P 500, retrieved from
- > #Yahoo Finance.
- > # prices <- tidy_prices(rawprices) #Renders the raw data into
- > #a form usable by other functions in this package.

The get_prices function is able to save its progress as it temporarily saves its download data to the extdata folder in the package's folder.