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EDUCATION

Columbia University , Department of Mathematics <i>MA in Mathematics of Finance</i>	New York, NY <i>Expected Dec. 2017</i>
• Coursework: Risk Management, Linear Regression, Time Series, Stochastic Process, Mathematics of Finance	
Xiamen University , School of Mathematical Sciences (<i>Graduate with Honors</i>) <i>BS in Computational Mathematics (Major GPA: 3.82/4.00)</i>	Xiamen, China <i>June 2016</i>
• Coursework: Data Structure & Algorithms, Numerical Analysis, Numerical Methods for PDE, Mathematical Modeling	
College of Charleston	Charleston, SC
<i>Fall Exchange Sponsored by China Scholarship Council (GPA: 4.00/4.00)</i>	<i>Aug.-Dec. 2015</i>
University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Summer Exchange (GPA: 4.00/4.00)</i>	<i>June-Aug. 2014</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dalian King-hedger Commodity Trading Co., LTD	Dalian, China
<i>Quantitative Research Intern, Department of Corn and Soybean</i>	<i>July-Aug. 2016</i>
• Sourced and visualized historical price of Corn Futures and Soybean Futures from Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT); processed the data of price movement with packages of NumPy and pandas in Python	
• Developed regression models and cointegration model to analyze correlation between historical price of Corn Futures from Dalian Commodity Exchange (DCE) and Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) and compared models' performance	
• Assisted in fundamental analysis of corn and soybean markets by creating and analyzing balance sheet according to monthly data from United States Department of Agriculture in Excel; results employed by trading desk	
Dalian Commodity Exchange	Dalian, China
<i>Intern Analyst, Department of Agricultural Products</i>	<i>Jan.-Feb. 2016</i>
• Investigated three delivery locations of egg and soybean; surveyed five companies and participated in amendment of future contracts including adjusting premiums & discounts and adding new delivery locations	
• Tracked Blockboard and Fiberboard markets, monitored daily transaction records and responsible for risk alerting	
• Focused on notable circuit breakers events to analyze the adaption of circuit breaker policy for China futures market	

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Pairs Trading Strategy Using Dow Jones Industrial Average (R) , <i>Columbia University</i>	Fall 2016
• Developed a pairs trading strategy combined minimum distance method with cointegration model, gained annualized return of 13.75% and Sharpe Ratio of 0.89 according to back-test results in three years based on historical stock prices	
• Employed minimum distance method to find five pairs of stocks with minimum 'distance' among 30 components of DJI	
• Conducted cointegration test on log price of five pairs of stocks by employing Dickey-Fuller test, estimated trading triggers in two-year training period and back-tested the performance of the trading strategy in one-year trading period	
Portfolio Optimizer Using Time Series (R) , <i>Columbia University</i>	Fall 2016
• Estimated statistical characteristics of the log-returns of 100 stocks in last 16 years by using rolling windows	
• Conducted portfolio optimizers to find maximum Sharpe Ratio under time series models- IID model and AR model were employed to fit return while GARCH and OHLC estimator were employed to fit volatility under rolling windows	
• Back-tested portfolio optimizers by using historical data and compared performances of optimizers	
Value at Risk (VaR) & Expected Shortfall (ES) Calculation System (MATLAB) , <i>Columbia University</i>	Fall 2016
• Developed interactive VaR & ES calculation system for portfolio of stocks and options under multiple window lengths	
• Implemented Monte Carlo, parametric and historical methods calculating VaR & ES and compared their performances	
• Back-tested computed results against historical stock prices and implied volatility of options under real world scenarios	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer Skills: MATLAB, C, Python, R, LaTeX, Excel, VBA, Bloomberg Terminal

Interests: Top-level amateur clarinet player, Poker, Cue sports, Music, NBA