

# Methods of Empirical Finance

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### A simple (univariate) linear regression model

```
y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \varepsilon_i
```

with  $i \in [1, 2, ..., n]$  referring to the ith observation

 $\alpha$ ... intercept (often denoted  $\beta_0$ )

 $\beta$ ... slope coefficient

 $\varepsilon$ ... a random disturbance term

#### Example: Download stock price data

```
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyquant)

sp500 <- tq_get("^GSPC")  # download S&P500 prices

nflx <- tq_get("NFLX")  # download Netflix (NFLX) prices

msft <- tq_get("MSFT")  # download Microsoft (MSFT) prices</pre>
```

#### Stata:

getsymbols command (install using ssc install getsymbols)

Example: MSFT prices

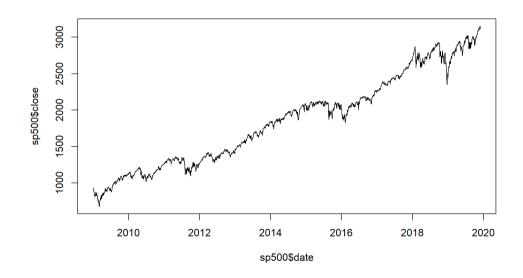
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2	2009-01-05	20.200001	20.67	20.059999	20.52	61475200	15.781175	
3	2009-01-06	20.75	21	20.610001	20.76	58083400	15.96575	
4	2009-01-07	20.190001	20.290001	19.48	19.51	72709900	15.004425	
5	2009-01-08	19.629999	20.190001	19.549999	20.120001	70255400	15.473547	
6	2009-01-09	20.17	20.299999	19.41	19.52	49815300	15.012109	
7	2009-01-12	19.709999	19.790001	19.299999	19.469999	52163500	14.97366	
8	2009-01-13	19.52	19.99	19.52	19.82	65843500	15.242832	
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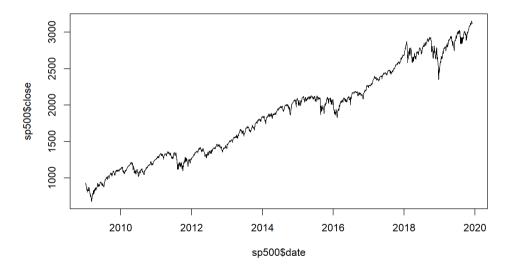


### Example: Plot price development

```
plot(sp500$date, sp500$close, type = "l")
```

plot(sp500\$date, sp500\$close, type = "l")





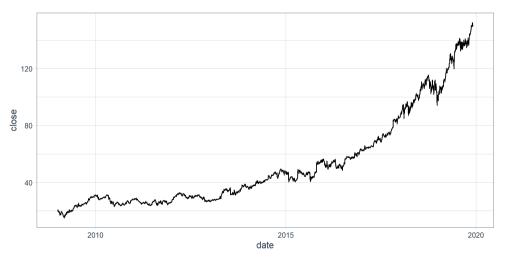


### Example: Plot price development (ggplot2)

```
sp500 %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = date, y = close)) +
  geom_line() +
  theme_tq()
```

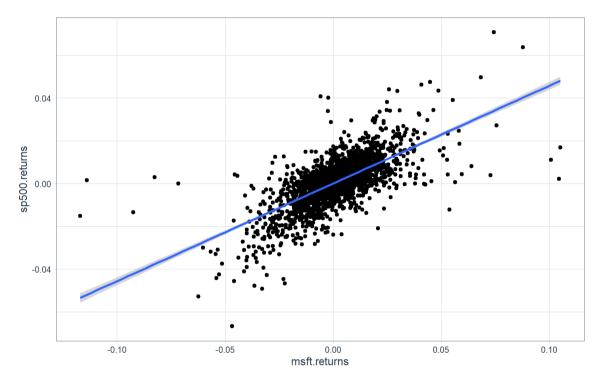


```
msft %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = date, y = close)) +
  geom_line() +
  theme_tq()
```





### Example: Correlation of Returns





Example: Estimating portfolio characteristics using OLS

CAPM:

$$E(R_i) - R_f = \beta_i (E(R_M) - R_f)$$

This implies the following linear model:

$$E(R_i) = lpha_i + eta_i E(R_M),$$

where  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  unless  $\beta_i = 1$ .

We can then express the single index model in the form

$$R_{it} = lpha_i + eta_i X_t + arepsilon_{it}, ~~arepsilon_{it} \sim i.\,i.\,d.\,(0,\sigma_i^2).$$

### Example: Estimating portfolio characteristics using OLS

```
msft_weekly <- msft %>%
   tq_transmute(
    adjusted, periodReturn, period ="weekly", col_rename = "msft.weekly"
)
sp500_weekly <- sp500 %>%
   tq_transmute(
    adjusted, periodReturn, period="weekly", col_rename = "sp500.weekly"
)
weekly_combined <- left_join(msft_weekly, sp500_weekly, by = "date")</pre>
```



### Example: Estimating portfolio characteristics using OLS

```
msft ols <- lm(msft.weekly ~ sp500.weekly, data = weekly combined)
summary(msft ols)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = msft.weekly ~ sp500.weekly, data = weekly combined)
##
## Residuals:
                   10 Median
        Min
                                               Max
## -0.128693 -0.010955 -0.000378 0.011463 0.131208
##
## Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 0.002231 0.001025
                                    2.176
                                              0.03 *
## sp500.weekly 0.953651 0.047945 19.890 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.02435 on 569 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4101, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4091
## F-statistic: 395.6 on 1 and 569 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



#### Example: Estimating portfolio characteristics using OLS

```
weekly combined %>%
  tg performance(Ra = msft.weekly, Rb = sp500.weekly, performance fun = table.CAPM)
## # A tibble: 1 x 12
    ActivePremium Alpha AnnualizedAlpha Beta `Beta-` `Beta+` Correlation
##
            <dbl> <dbl>
                                   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                    <dbl>
## 1
            0.112 0.0022
                                  0.123 0.954 1.05 0.826
                                                                    0.640
## # ... with 5 more variables: `Correlationp-value` <dbl>,
     InformationRatio <dbl>, `R-squared` <dbl>, TrackingError <dbl>,
## #
## #
     TreynorRatio <dbl>
```



#### A multivariate regression model

$$y_i = eta_1 \; x_{i,1} + eta_2 \; x_{i,2} + \ldots + eta_k \; x_{i,k} + arepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \ldots n$$

#### **Vector notation**

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i' \ eta + arepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots n \qquad o \mathbf{x}_i = egin{bmatrix} x_{i,1} \ x_{i,2} \ dots \ x_{i,k} \end{bmatrix} ext{ includes } k \geq 1 ext{ variable(s)}$$

#### Matrix notation

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}oldsymbol{eta} + oldsymbol{arepsilon} \qquad ext{with } \mathbf{X} = egin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & \dots & x_{1,k} \ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & \dots & x_{2,k} \ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \ x_{n,1} & x_{n,2} & \dots & x_{n,k} \ \end{bmatrix}$$
 ,  $oldsymbol{eta} = egin{bmatrix} eta_1 \ eta_2 \ \vdots \ eta_k \ \end{bmatrix}$  , and  $\mathbf{y} = egin{bmatrix} y_1 \ y_2 \ \vdots \ y_n \ \end{bmatrix}$ 

### Assumptions of the linear regression model

- **1.** the residuals have zero mean:  $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0$
- **2.** the variance of the residuals is constant and finite for all values of  $x_i$ :  $Var(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$
- **3.** the residuals are linearly independent of each other:  $Cov(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0$
- **4.** the residuals are linearly independent of the corresponding x variates:  $Cov(\varepsilon_i, x_i) = 0$
- **5.** the residuals are normally distributed with zero mean and constant variance  $\sigma^2$ :  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$

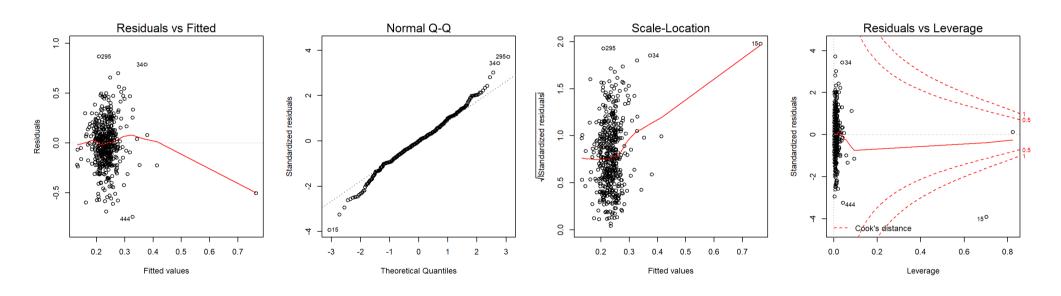
### Example

```
data$PCT CHANGE <- data$CHG NET YTD/(data$PX LAST-data$CHG NET YTD)
reg <- lm(PCT_CHANGE ~ PE_RATIO + PCT_WOMEN_ON_BOARD + BOARD_AVERAGE_TENURE +
            BOARD AVERAGE AGE + AVERAGE BOD TOTAL COMPENSATION,
          data = data)
summary(reg)
## Call:
## lm(formula = PCT_CHANGE ~ PE_RATIO + PCT_WOMEN_ON_BOARD + BOARD_AVERAGE_TENURE +
      BOARD_AVERAGE_AGE + AVERAGE_BOD_TOTAL_COMPENSATION, data = data)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                 10 Median
## -0.74114 -0.14035 0.00104 0.13755 0.86784
## Coefficients:
##
                                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                 3.615e-01 2.208e-01 1.637 0.10229
## PE_RATIO
                                 8.474e-04 2.862e-04
                                                       2.960 0.00323 **
## PCT_WOMEN_ON_BOARD
                                 -2.845e-03 1.231e-03 -2.310 0.02130 *
## BOARD_AVERAGE_TENURE
                                 -3.332e-04 3.675e-03 -0.091 0.92779
## BOARD_AVERAGE_AGE
                                 -1.205e-03 3.601e-03 -0.335 0.73796
## AVERAGE_BOD_TOTAL_COMPENSATION -1.859e-09 3.542e-08 -0.053 0.95815
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.2338 on 469 degrees of freedom
    (30 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.02927, Adjusted R-squared: 0.01892
## F-statistic: 2 829 on 5 and 469 DF n-value: 0 01575
```



### Regression Diagnostics

```
par(mfrow=c(1,4))
plot(reg)
```





### Heteroskedasticity

Breusch Pagan Test

## data: reg

##

```
library(lmtest, lib.loc = "I:/R/library")
bptest(reg)

##
## studentized Breusch-Pagan test
```

## BP = 33.823, df = 5, p-value = 2.583e-06

We can reject the null hypothesis that the variance of the residuals is constant  $\rightarrow$  heteroskedasticity

### Heteroskedasticity

Non-adjusted standard errors

```
coeftest(reg)
##
## t test of coefficients:
##
##
                                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                 3.6151e-01 2.2083e-01 1.6371 0.10229
                                8.4737e-04 2.8625e-04 2.9603 0.00323 **
## PE_RATIO
## PCT_WOMEN_ON_BOARD
                            -2.8450e-03 1.2313e-03 -2.3105 0.02130 *
                            -3.3325e-04 3.6754e-03 -0.0907 0.92779
## BOARD_AVERAGE_TENURE
                              -1.2055e-03 3.6011e-03 -0.3348 0.73796
## BOARD_AVERAGE_AGE
## AVERAGE_BOD_TOTAL_COMPENSATION -1.8594e-09 3.5416e-08 -0.0525 0.95815
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



### Heteroskedasticity

Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors

```
library(sandwich)
coeftest(reg, vcov. = vcovHC(reg, "HCO"))
##
## t test of coefficients:
##
##
                                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                3.6151e-01 2.4987e-01 1.4468 0.14862
## PE_RATIO
                               8.4737e-04 5.5162e-04 1.5361 0.12518
                          -2.8450e-03 1.4126e-03 -2.0140 0.04458 *
## PCT_WOMEN_ON_BOARD
                         -3.3325e-04 3.5304e-03 -0.0944 0.92484
## BOARD_AVERAGE_TENURE
                       -1.2055e-03 3.8963e-03 -0.3094 0.75717
## BOARD_AVERAGE_AGE
## AVERAGE_BOD_TOTAL_COMPENSATION -1.8594e-09 1.6788e-08 -0.1108 0.91186
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



### Multicollinearity

Variance inflation factors

```
library(car, lib.loc = "I:/R/library")
vif(reg)
##
                         PE RATIO
                                               PCT WOMEN ON BOARD
##
                         1.012047
                                                          1,027449
##
             BOARD_AVERAGE_TENURE
                                                BOARD_AVERAGE_AGE
##
                         1.256336
                                                          1,249016
## AVERAGE_BOD_TOTAL_COMPENSATION
##
                         1.003105
```

Interpretation: The square root of the variance inflation factor indicates how much larger the standard error increases compared to if that variable had 0 correlation to other predictor variables in the model.

