Comparing against a benchmark

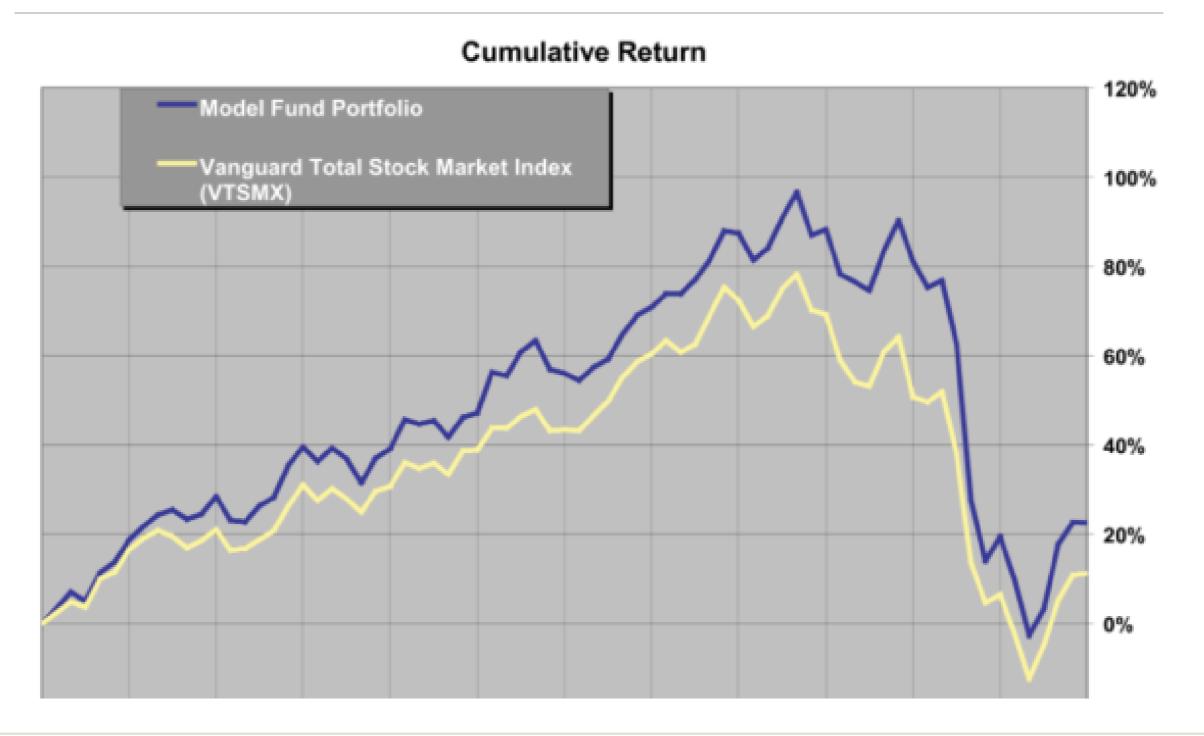
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Active investing against a benchmark





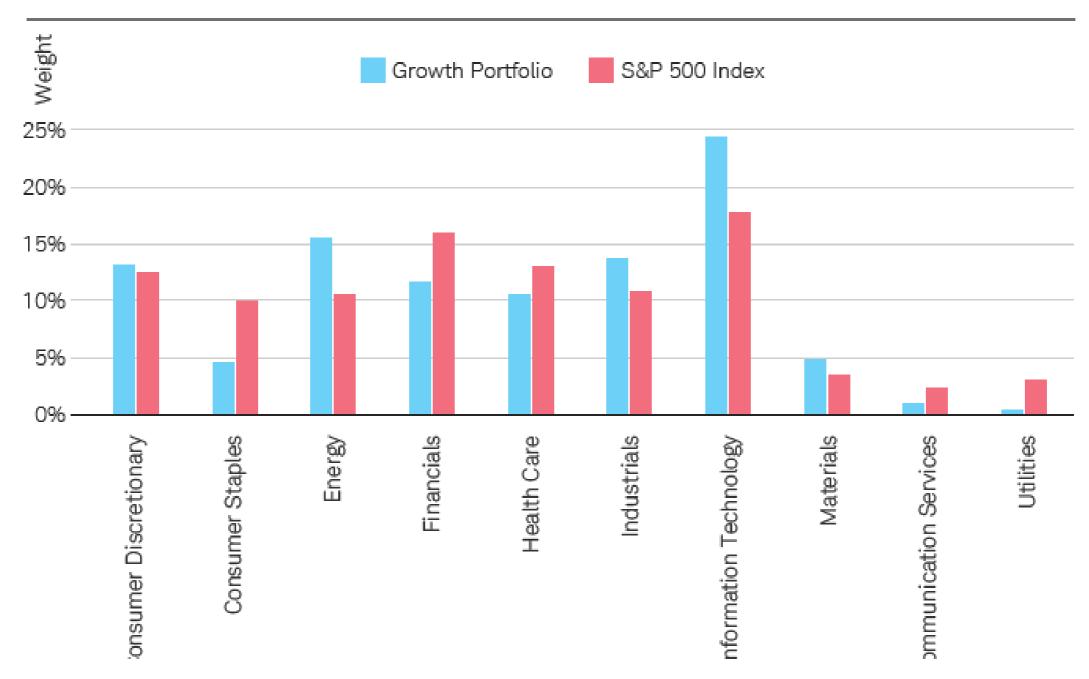
Active return for an actively managed portfolio

- Active return is the performance of an (active) investment, relative to the investment's benchmark.
- Calculated as the difference between the benchmark and the actual return.
- Active return is achieved by "active" investing, i.e. taking overweight and underweight
 positions from the benchmark.

Tracking error for an index tracker

- Passive investment funds, or **index trackers**, don't use active return as a measure for performance.
- Tracking error is the name used for the difference in portfolio and benchmark for a passive investment fund.

Active weights



¹ Source: Schwab Center for Financial Research.



Active return in Python

```
# Inspect the data
portfolio_data.head()
```

	mean_ret	var	pf_w	bm_w	GICS Sector
Ticke	er				
Α	0.146	0.035	0.002	0.005	Health Care
AAL	0.444	0.094	0.214	0.189	Industrials
AAP	0.242	0.029	0.000	0.000	Consumer Discretionary
AAPL	0.225	0.027	0.324	0.459	Information Technology
ABBV	0.182	0.029	0.026	0.010	Health Care

¹ Global Industry Classification System (GICS)



Active return in Python

```
# Calculate mean portfolio return
total_return_pf = (pf_w*mean_ret).sum()

# Calculate mean benchmark return
total_return_bm = (bm_w*mean_ret).sum()

# Calculate active return
active_return = total_return_pf - total_return_bm
print ("Simple active return: ", active_return)
```

Simple active return: 6.5764



Active weights in Python

```
# Group dataframe by GICS sectors
grouped_df=portfolio_data.groupby('GICS Sector').sum()
# Calculate active weights of portfolio
grouped_df['active_weight']=grouped_df['pf_weights']-
                            grouped_df['bm_weights']
print (grouped_df['active_weight'])
GICS Sector
Consumer Discretionary
                               20.257
Financials
                               -2.116
```



...etc

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Risk factors

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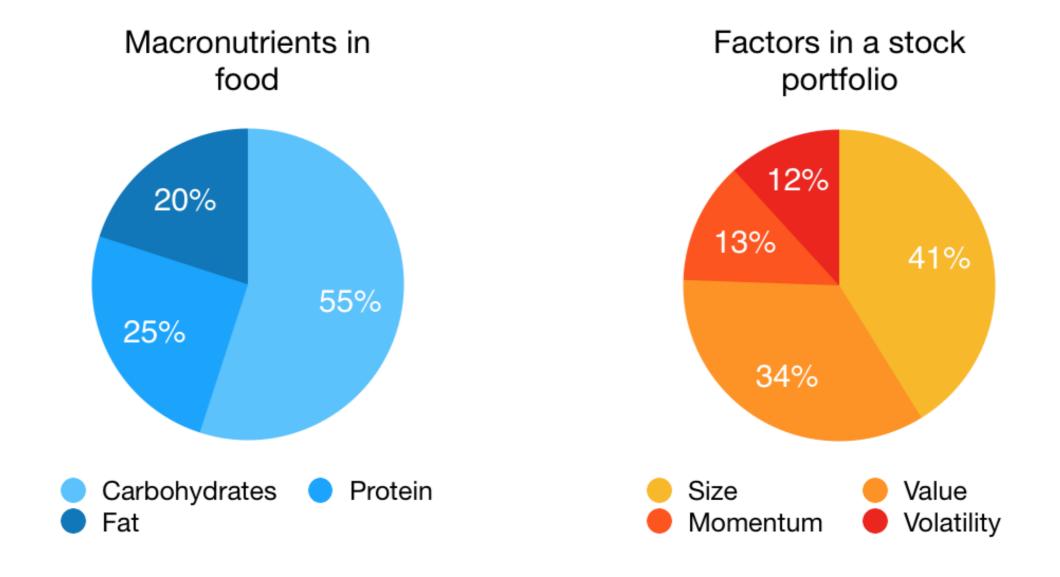


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What is a factor?

Factors in portfolios are like nutrients in food





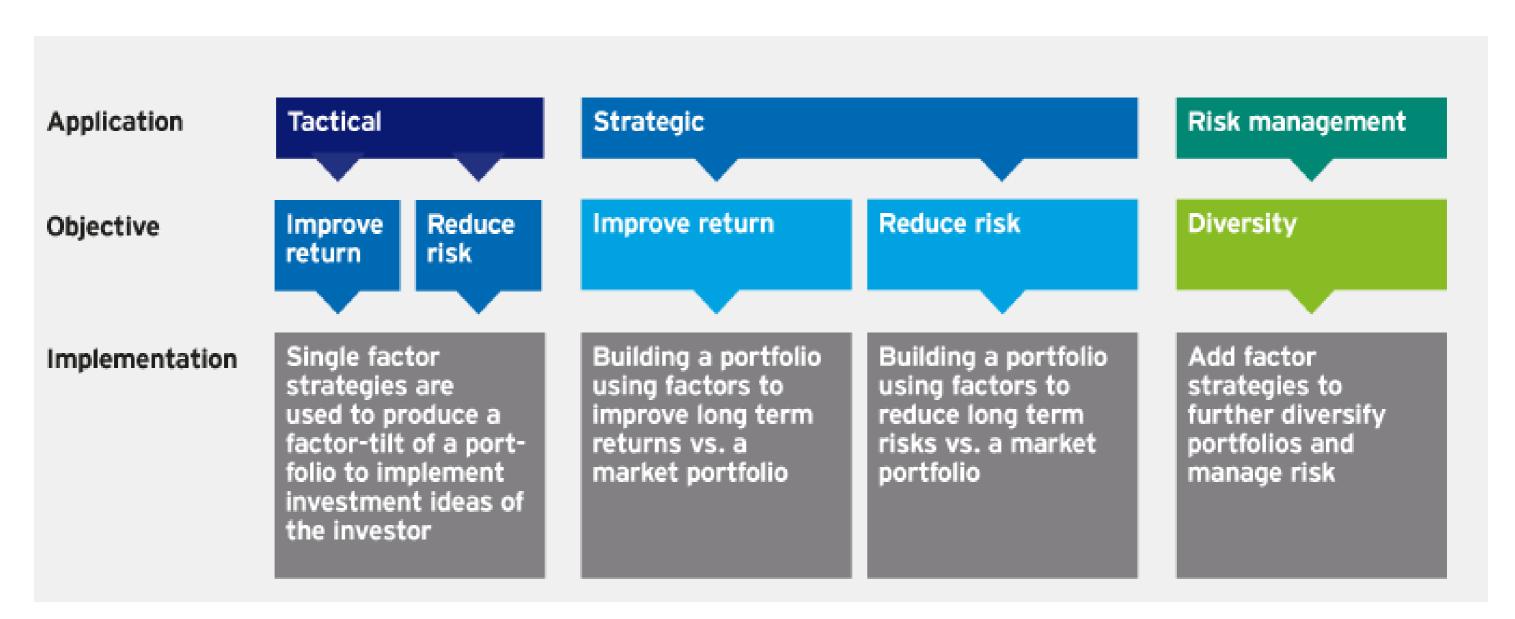
Factors in portfolios

Different types of factors:

- Macro factors: interest rates, currency, country, industry
- Style factors: momentum, volatility, value and quality



Using factor models to determine risk exposure



¹ Source: https://invesco.eu/investment-campus/educational-papers/factor-investing



Factor exposures

df.head()

date	portfolio	volatility	quality
2015-01-05	-1.827811	1.02	-1.76
2015-01-06	-0.889347	0.41	-0.82
2015-01-07	1.162984	1.07	1.39
2015-01-08	1.788828	0.31	1.93
2015-01-09	-0.840381	0.28	-0.77

Factor exposures

```
df.corr()
```

```
portfolio volatility quality
portfolio 1.000000 0.056596 0.983416
volatility 0.056596 1.000000 0.092852
quality 0.983416 0.092852 1.000000
```

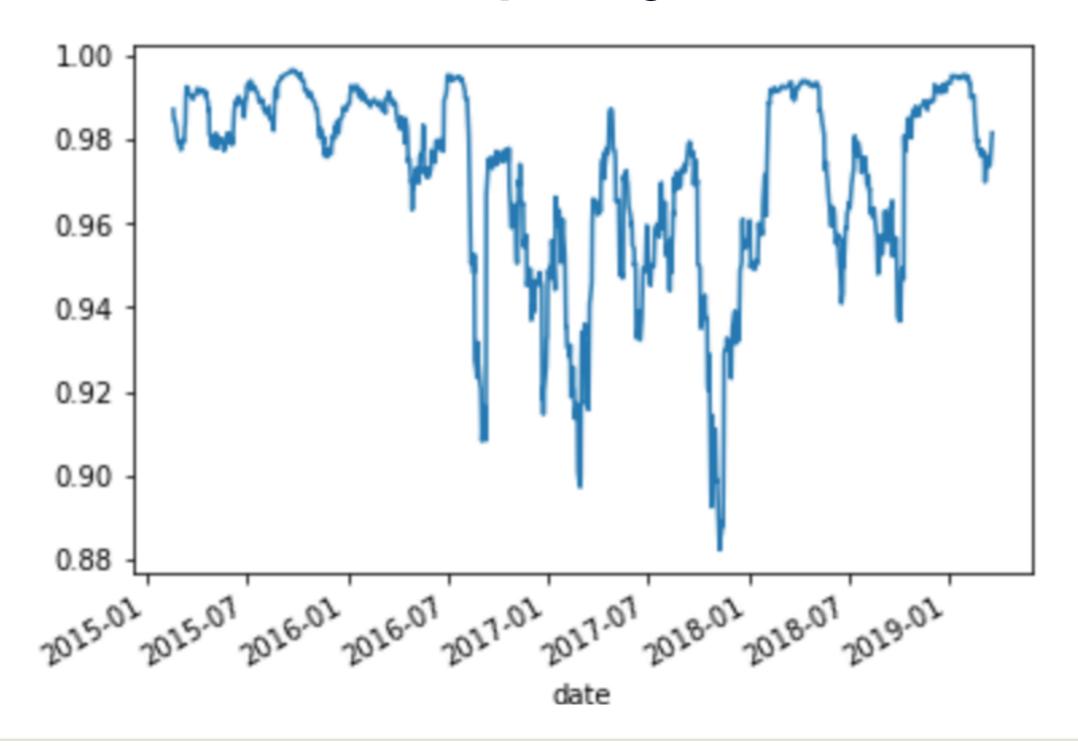
Correlations change over time

```
# Rolling correlation
df['corr']=df['portfolio'].rolling(30).corr(df['quality'])

# Plot results
df['corr'].plot()
```



Rolling correlation with quality





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Factor models

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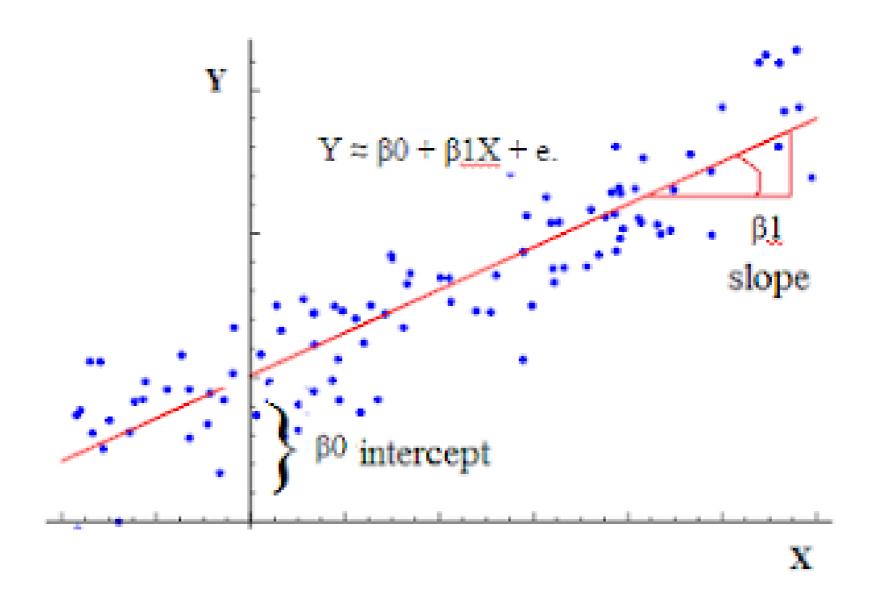
Using factors to explain performance

- Factors are used for risk management.
- Factors are used to help explain performance.
- Factor models help you relate factors to portfolio returns
- Empirical factor models exist that have been tested on historic data.
- Fama French 3 factor model is a well-known factor model.

Fama French Multi Factor model

- $R_{pf} = \alpha + \beta_m MKT + \beta_s SMB + \beta_h HML$
- ullet MKT is the excess return of the market, i.e. R_m-R_f
- SMB (Small Minus Big) a size factor
- HML (High Minus Low) a value factor

Regression model refresher





Difference between beta and correlation

Beta	Correlation		
"How much does factor movement X change your portfolios returns Y."	"How completely does factor movement explain your portfolio return"		
Not standardised	Between -1 and 1		
Strict direction: effect of X on Y only, and not visa versa.	Does not have direction, correlation between X and Y is the same as Y and X.		



Regression model in Python

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
# Define the model
model = sm.OLS(factor_data['sp500'],
               factor_data[['momentum','value']]).fit()
# Get the model predictions
predictions = model.predict(factor_data[['momentum','value']])
b1, b2 = model.params
```



The regression summary output

Print out the summary statistics
model.summary()

OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	sp500	R-squared:	0.964
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.963
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	3322.
Date:	Tue, 28 May 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	8.59e-181
Time:	19:38:35	Log-Likelihood:	109.08
No. Observations:	252	AIC:	-214.2
Df Residuals:	250	BIC:	-207.1
Df Model:	2		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
momentum	-0.0381	0.013	-2.896	0.004	-0.064	-0.012
value	0.9859	0.013	74.741	0.000	0.960	1.012

Omnibus:	10.373	Durbin-Watson:	1.974



Obtaining betas quickly

```
# Get just beta coefficients from linear regression model
b1, b2 = regression.linear_model.OLS(df['returns'],
                          df[['F1', 'F2']]).fit().params
# Print the coefficients
print 'Sensitivities of active returns to factors:
                \nF1: %f\nF2: %f' % (b1, b2)
Sensitivities of active returns to factors:
F1: -0.0381
```



F2: 0.9858

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Portfolio analysis tools

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Professional portfolio analysis tools





Back-testing your strategy

- Back-testing: run your strategy on historic data and see how it would have performed
- Strategy works on historic data: not guaranteed to work well on future data -> changes in markets



Quantopian's pyfolio tool





¹ Github: https://github.com/quantopian/pyfolio



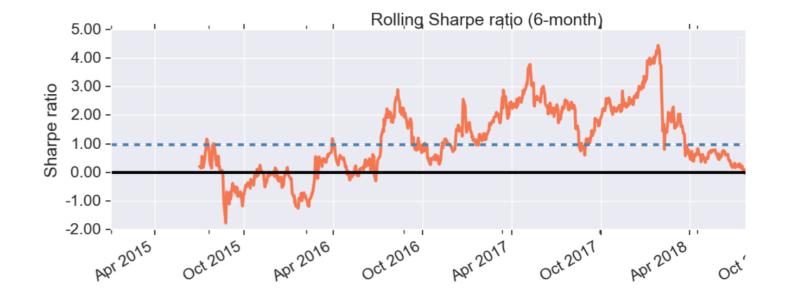
Performance and risk analysis in Pyfolio

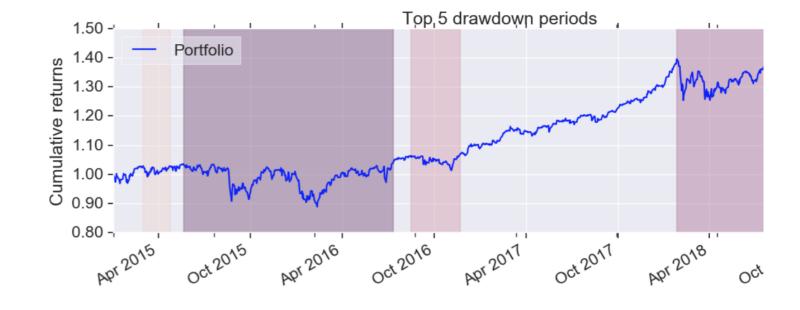
```
# Install the package
!pip install pyfolio
# Import the package
import pyfolio as pf
# Read the data as a pandas series
returns=pd.Series(pd.read_csv('pf_returns.csv')
returns.index=pd.to_datetime(returns.index)
# Create a tear sheet on returns
pf.create returns tear sheet(returns)
# If you have backtest and live data
pf.create_returns_tear_sheet(returns, live_start_date='2018-03-01')
```



Pyfolio's tear sheet

Start date	2015-01-02				
End date	2019-03-19				
In-sample months	37				
Out-of-sample months	12				
	All	In-sample	Out-of-sample		
Annual return	7.9%	9.2%	4.2%		
Cumulative returns	37.6%	31.9%	4.4%		
Annual volatility	13.7%	12.8%	16.0%		
Sharpe ratio	0.62	0.75	0.34		
Calmar ratio	0.40	0.65	0.21		
Stability	0.85	0.76	0.00		
Max drawdown	-19.8%	-14.2%	-19.8%		
Omega ratio	1.12	1.15	1.06		
Sortino ratio	0.87	1.04	0.47		



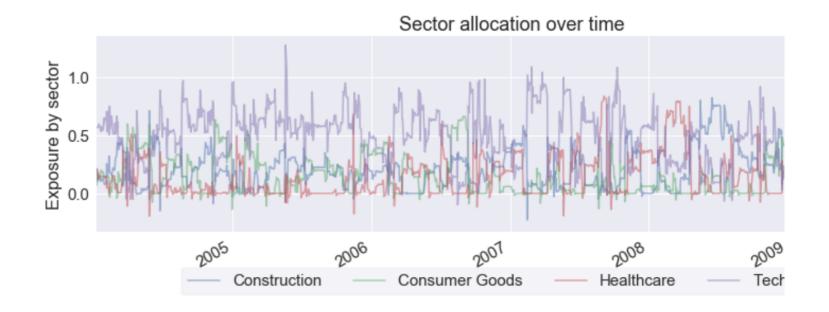




Holdings and exposures in Pyfolio

Exposure tear sheet results

Top 10 positions of all time	max
COST	90.01%
DELL	85.73%
CERN	83.53%
МММ	82.09%
INTC	78.59%
AMD	75.76%
GPS	62.24%





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