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In [1]: from article_hypothesis_check import do_and_visualize_analysis, partition_
from simulate_data import simulate_fx_data, plot_price
from robustness_check import bootstrap_analysis
from identify_significant_hrs import plot_cum_mean_returns_per_hour, sr_p
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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## I - Data Simulation

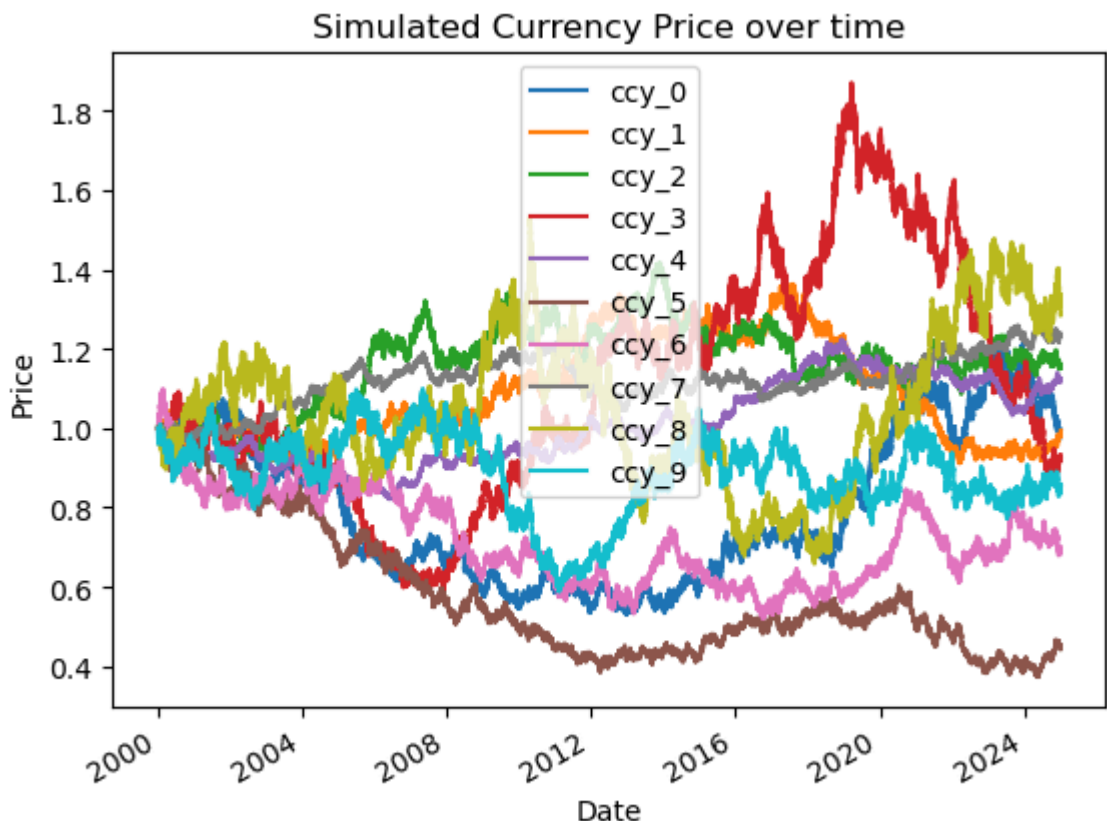
Finding free FX intraday data covering a long history proved to be challenging.

We will simulate the spot exchange rate as a geometric brownian motion.

To simulate the different behaviours between different trading sessions, we will use different drift values for foreign vs local session.

We will consider that prices are quoted as CCYUSD, so that negative returns indicate currency depreciating

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In [12]: # Calculate simulated data
data = simulate_fx_data(n_currencies=10)
# Compute log returns
returns = np.log(data.pct_change()+1)
# Plot Price for visualization
plot_price(data, n_plots=10)
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## II - Trading sessions

The article formulates the following hypothesis:

- home currencies depreciate during their local trading hours as well as during LDN-NY overlap.
- home currencies appreciate in the US session (between LDN 'close' and NY 'close')
- home currencies returns are insignificant outside of those sessions

To simplify, we will assume that all our currencies in our simulated data follow LDN time zone.

As such we can form the following trading sessions (which is what we used for simulating the data with the corresponding pattern):

- Non US session : 0AM to 7AM
- Domestic session : 7AM to 2PM
- LDN NY overlap: 2PM to 6PM
- US session : 6PM to 10PM

## III - Identify trading sessions

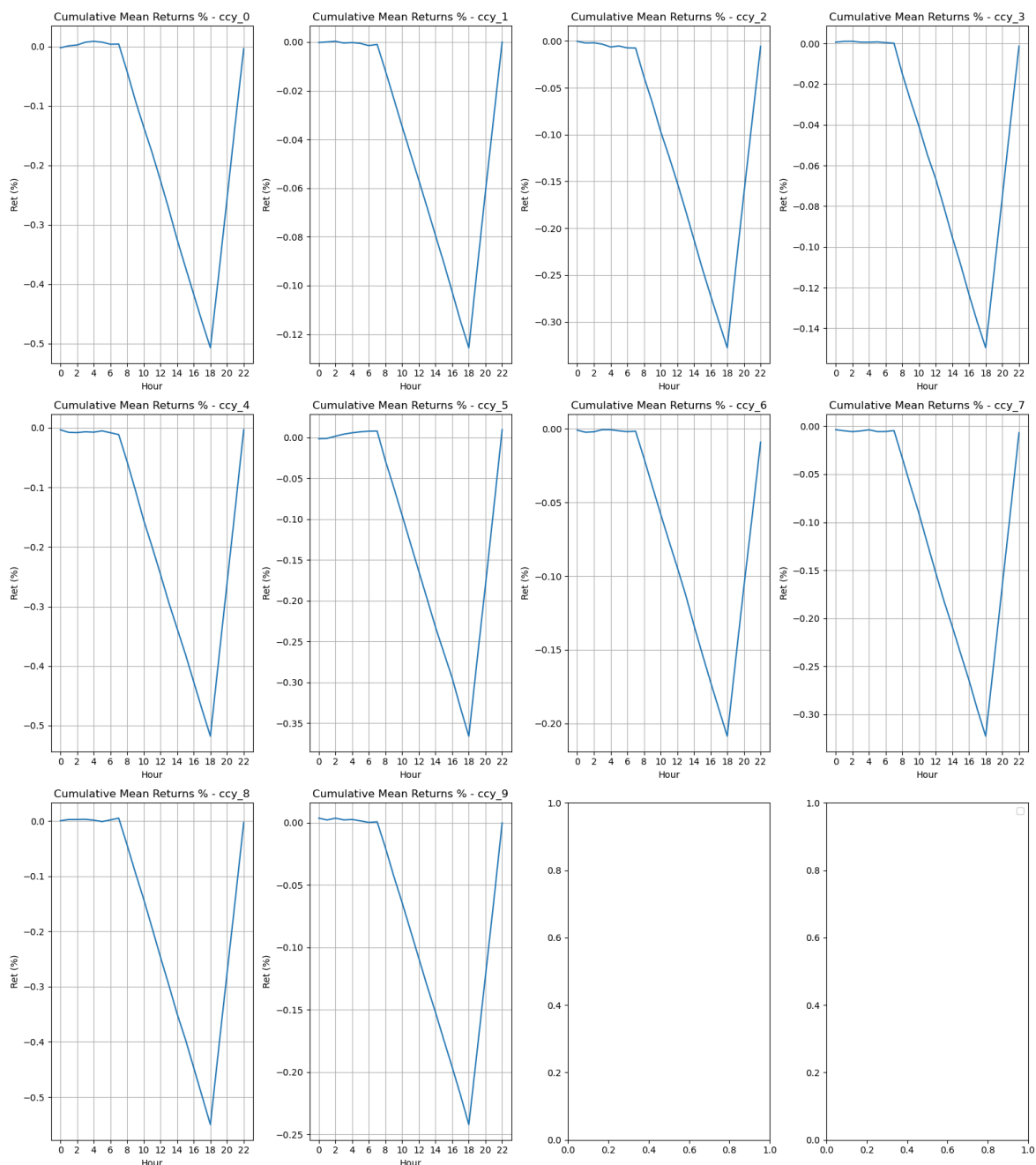
Assuming we do not know the data is simulated, we will first attempt to confirm the pattern highlighted in the article through a graphic approach and by measuring the

Sharpe Ratio of returns per hour accross currencies.

a - We plot the average cumulative returns per hour accross currencies. This clearly highlights intraday seasonal pattern of depreciation in domestic session and then subsequent appreciation

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In [3]: plot_cum_mean_returns_per_hour(returns)
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b - We measure the Sharpe Ratio of returns per hour across currencies. We see strong negative sharpe ratio in the domestic session vs strong positive sharpe ratio in the foreign session.

The Sharpe Ratio allows us to have a normalized view across hours and currencies, since their volatility profile might be different.

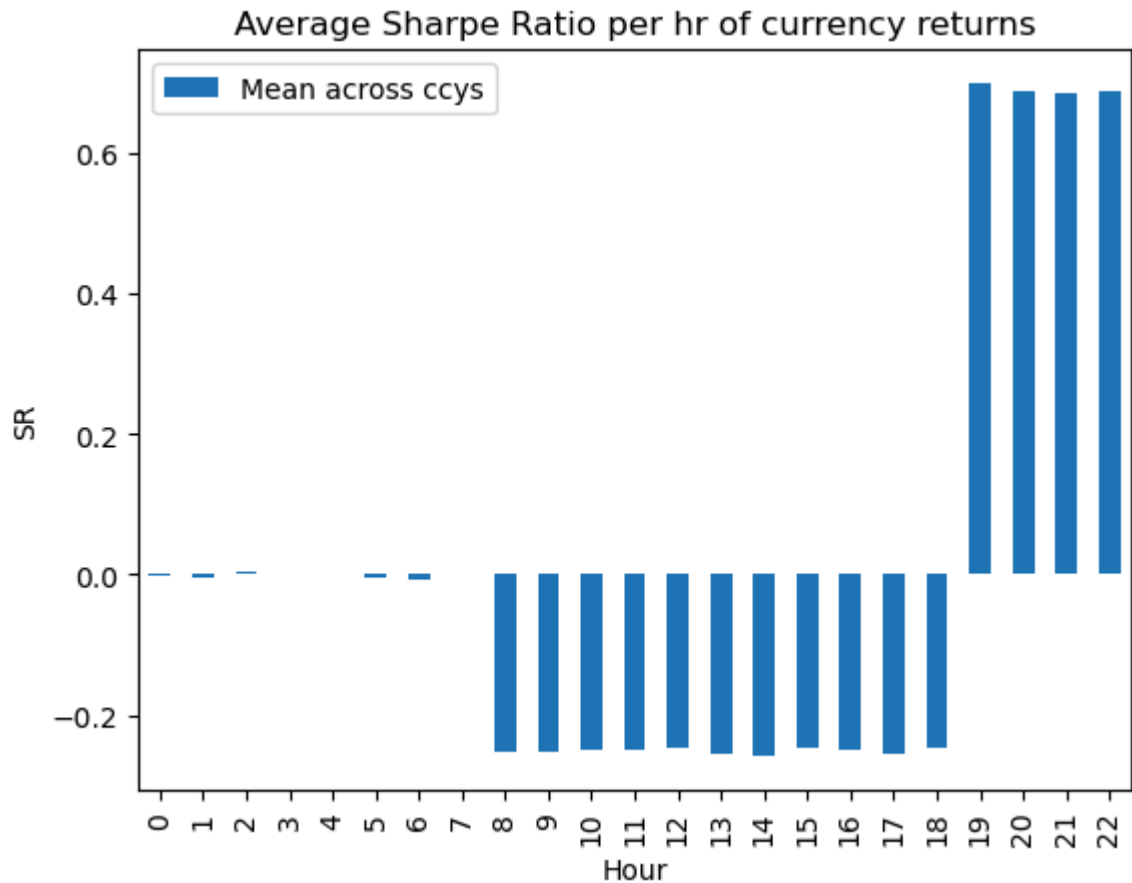
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In [4]: sharpe_ratios_per_hr = sr_per_hour(returns)
sharpe_ratios_per_hr
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Out [4]:

	Mean across ccys	ccy_0	ccy_1	ccy_2	ccy_3	ccy_4	ccy_5
0	-0.002727	-0.009010	-0.002773	-0.001667	0.008520	-0.013460	-0.008562
1	-0.004201	0.016948	0.005503	-0.016098	0.006998	-0.022551	0.002518
2	0.004774	0.007400	0.005335	0.002278	0.000477	-0.002179	0.020264
3	0.002589	0.025606	-0.015822	-0.012193	-0.007948	0.007407	0.018288
4	0.000174	0.008134	0.004585	-0.025676	-0.000355	-0.003412	0.012034
5	-0.003387	-0.007962	-0.007593	0.008957	0.002969	0.012104	0.009013
6	-0.007973	-0.018798	-0.019660	-0.017331	-0.006858	-0.017237	0.005827
7	0.002274	0.001719	0.010545	-0.001453	-0.005660	-0.017125	0.000629
8	-0.251807	-0.246090	-0.234039	-0.262322	-0.280371	-0.244239	-0.273487
9	-0.252337	-0.266577	-0.248911	-0.232696	-0.245718	-0.262392	-0.239770
10	-0.250571	-0.239085	-0.252693	-0.263860	-0.234147	-0.280759	-0.250814
11	-0.247834	-0.229445	-0.235666	-0.229604	-0.258860	-0.238653	-0.253829
12	-0.247344	-0.249773	-0.235564	-0.243759	-0.218736	-0.250699	-0.251635
13	-0.255721	-0.256978	-0.246605	-0.256242	-0.262204	-0.259890	-0.251497
14	-0.258240	-0.277161	-0.250951	-0.268656	-0.271595	-0.237530	-0.256760
15	-0.247253	-0.254114	-0.245384	-0.263417	-0.248098	-0.234768	-0.232863
16	-0.250358	-0.246453	-0.258343	-0.242831	-0.271654	-0.251977	-0.228921
17	-0.255526	-0.247959	-0.260421	-0.238963	-0.255167	-0.253458	-0.275013
18	-0.246449	-0.233113	-0.236651	-0.238397	-0.235648	-0.244902	-0.258047
19	0.698208	0.674556	0.703373	0.725717	0.703421	0.704096	0.699430
20	0.687376	0.693555	0.694557	0.701129	0.682010	0.683371	0.680865
21	0.683275	0.689586	0.671020	0.670406	0.704319	0.694198	0.704461
22	0.688551	0.666543	0.659663	0.667281	0.682800	0.707399	0.704052

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In [5]: sharpe_ratios_per_hr[['Mean across ccys']].plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Average Sharpe Ratio per hr of currency returns')
plt.ylabel('SR')
plt.xlabel('Hour')
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Out[5]: Text(0.5, 0, 'Hour')
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## IV - Significance test

The article suggests a number of tests to identify if the returns measured are statistically significant or a product of randomness.

We will split our day into the 4 trading sessions described earlier and will measure each overall session return.

1) We will measure the mean return across session and perform an univariate t-tests, this will allow us to know if the mean is significantly different from 0.

2) We will perform a bivariate t-test and simultaneous Welch test across all our currencies to check if the means are significantly different across trading sessions.

Hence this will confirm that the patterns seen across the different sessions are statistically different

3) The article uses a GARCH(1,1) model. It takes interests in the mean equation and it then looks at the sign of the intercept and its statistical significance to confirm our findings regarding trading session returns.

4) Finally the article perform a regression of the session returns against the realised volatility of the returns.

We will not investigate this further as it is simply outlining a trivial relationship from the definition of the variables.

The realised volatility being defined in the article as the square root of the sum of the squared hourly returns within the session, it is by construction linked to the session returns. High returns will be correlated with high realised volatility

We gather all the results in one dictionary

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In [6]: results = do_and_visualize_analysis(data)
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### 1) Mean Return (%) per session and ccy.

We display the mean return per session highlighted by their pvalues from the one sample t-test.

The one sample t-test tests the hypothesis  $H_0 \beta=0$ . If the p-value is below 0.05 it means that we have less than 5% chance of being wrong by rejecting  $H_0$ . We can then conclude that the mean ( $\beta$ ) is significant

**Going forward all values significant at the 5% confidence level ( $p\_value < 0.05$ ) will be displayed in a green cell vs a red cell for values not significant at the 5% level**

We see that Domestic session and LDN NY overlap exhibit significant negative returns while the US session exhibits significant positive returns.

The returns in Non US session are not significant

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In [7]: results['styled_mean_by_session']
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Out [7]:

	Domestic	LDN-NY	US	Non US
ccy_0	-0.003283	-0.001827	0.005032	0.000038
ccy_1	-0.000784	-0.000461	0.001255	-0.000010
ccy_2	-0.002044	-0.001158	0.003220	-0.000075
ccy_3	-0.000954	-0.000543	0.001482	0.000001
ccy_4	-0.003252	-0.001812	0.005146	-0.000114
ccy_5	-0.002400	-0.001336	0.003753	0.000077
ccy_6	-0.001316	-0.000754	0.001997	-0.000016
ccy_7	-0.002043	-0.001140	0.003160	-0.000045
ccy_8	-0.003540	-0.002011	0.005473	0.000052
ccy_9	-0.001527	-0.000901	0.002419	0.000007

## 2) Bivariate t-tests and simultaneous welch test

We will first normalize the returns by the length of the trading sessions before comparing them, otherwise the tests might lose their significance.

The Bivariate t-tests tests for each ccy the hypothesis that mean return of trading session i is equal to the mean return of the domestic trading session.

The Welch F-test tests the hypothesis that all mean returns across all trading sessions are equal.

Both tests had significant p-values, allowing us to reject the null hypothesis at the 5% confidence level, with the exception of the LDN-NY overlap session that we had already graphically identified as behaving similarly to the Domestic session.

This suggests that overall we are seeing three different behaviours/patterns across trading sessions.

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In [8]: results['styled_two_sample_ttest']
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Out [8]:

	LDN-NY	US	Non US
ccy_0	-0.867455	-121.715482	-36.547188
ccy_1	0.915915	-118.339492	-33.628075
ccy_2	-0.277146	-122.810655	-34.038338
ccy_3	-0.117188	-122.239958	-35.543842
ccy_4	-0.803930	-121.739169	-34.422305
ccy_5	-0.853847	-121.914655	-37.152796
ccy_6	0.084037	-122.338935	-35.988960
ccy_7	-0.771808	-118.939312	-35.038113
ccy_8	-0.192968	-123.364249	-36.677881
ccy_9	1.026810	-118.663299	-35.078206

In [9]: `results['styled_simultaneous_welch_test']`

Out [9]:

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ccy_0	6167.121142
ccy_1	6035.922994
ccy_2	6258.082146
ccy_3	6199.689001
ccy_4	6285.060534
ccy_5	6321.524019
ccy_6	6332.457196
ccy_7	6099.420316
ccy_8	6332.368225
ccy_9	6124.071767

### 3) GARCH (1,1)

Intraday returns often exhibit heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation. For this reasons t-tests and F-tests which assume uncorrelated error and homoscedasticity might lose some of their power.

As a sanity check of our conclusions, we use the GARCH(1,1) model presented in the article with lag=2. GARCH allows to model heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation in the variance of errors.

We estimate the GARCH coefficients through Maximum Likelihood Estimation, using arch package.

We are especially interested in the constant mean from the GARCH mean equation for each session. We see that the constant mean per session is consistant with our



previous finding, in terms of sign and significance.

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In [10]: # Jupyter Notebook seems to have some compatibility issues with arch pack
# So we will load our results csv in this cell. The results were computed
garch_means = pd.read_csv('./garch_means.csv', index_col=[0])
garch_pvals = pd.read_csv('./garch_pvals.csv', index_col=[0])
styled_means = style_df_based_on_pval(garch_means, garch_pvals)
styled_means
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Out [10]:
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	Domestic	LDN-NY	US	Non US
ccy_0	-0.001906	-0.001091	0.002972	0.000021
ccy_1	-0.002858	-0.001620	0.004263	-0.000050
ccy_2	-0.000727	-0.000402	0.001119	0.000006
ccy_3	-0.001562	-0.000906	0.002487	-0.000048
ccy_4	-0.001138	-0.000662	0.001809	-0.000019
ccy_5	-0.000957	-0.000533	0.001540	0.000015
ccy_6	-0.001233	-0.000713	0.001969	-0.000007
ccy_7	-0.001680	-0.000976	0.002636	-0.000004
ccy_8	-0.001847	-0.000987	0.002887	0.000007
ccy_9	-0.002208	-0.001317	0.003539	-0.000030

## V) Robustness Check through bootstrapping

To check the robustness of the results and make sure they are not sample dependant, we will perform bootstrapping.

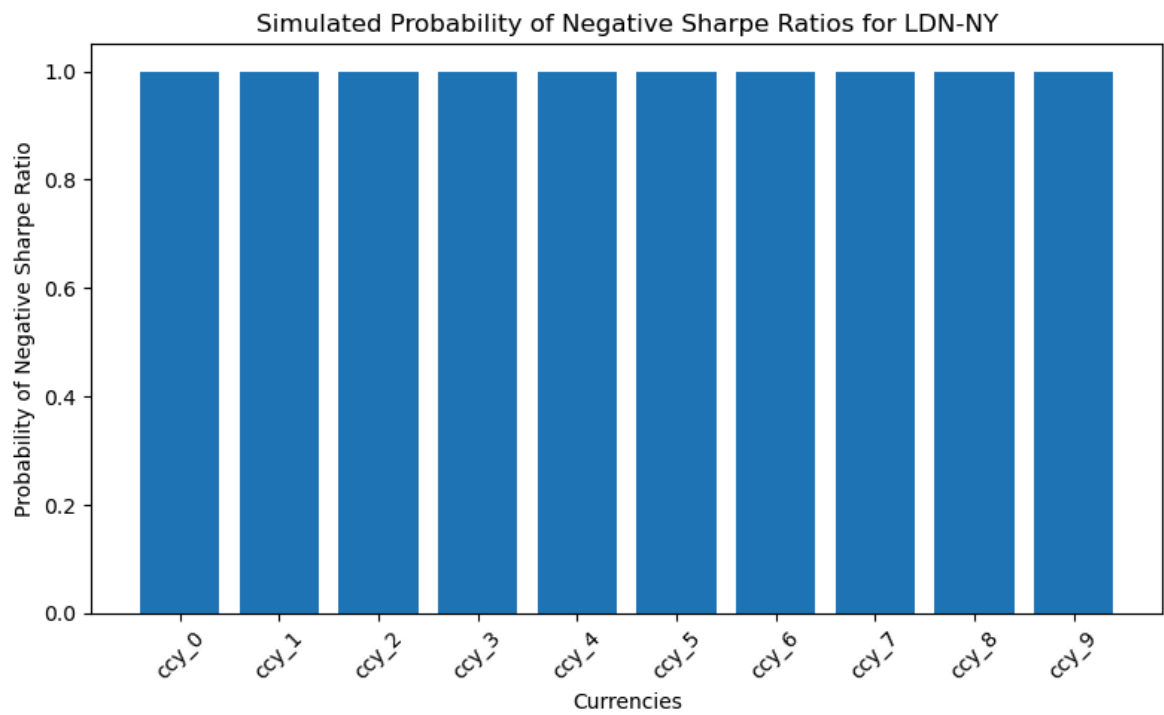
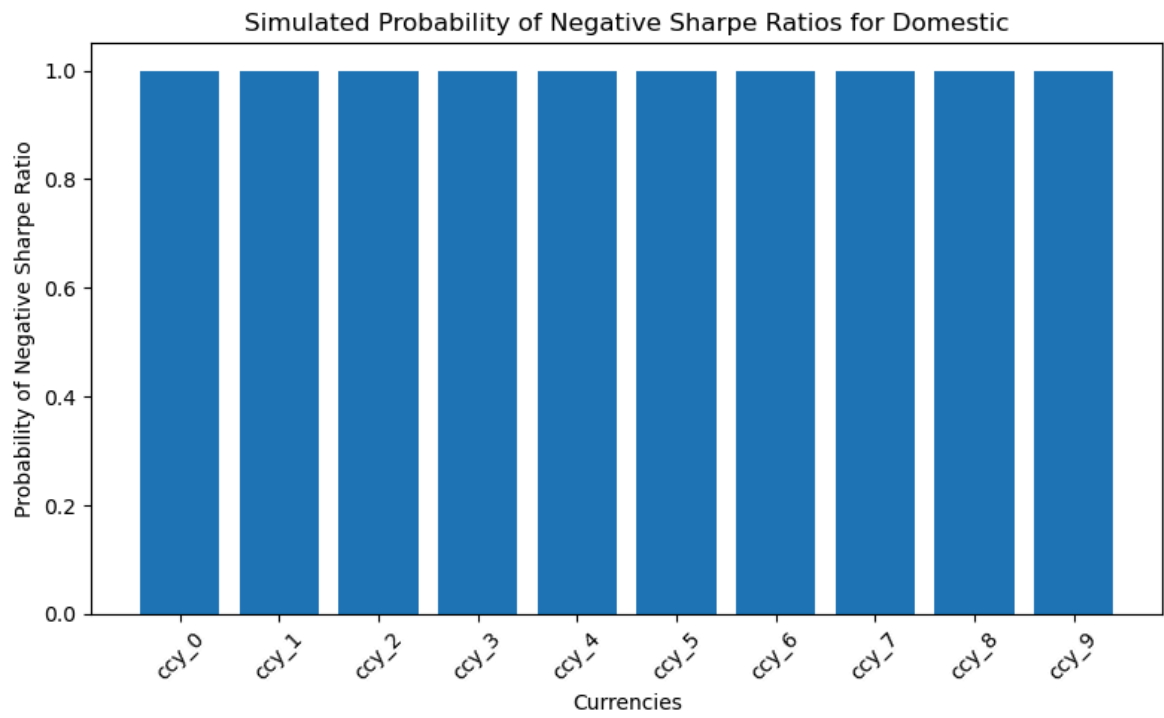
Over 1000 iterations we sample randomly a subset of 1000 returns per trading sessions.

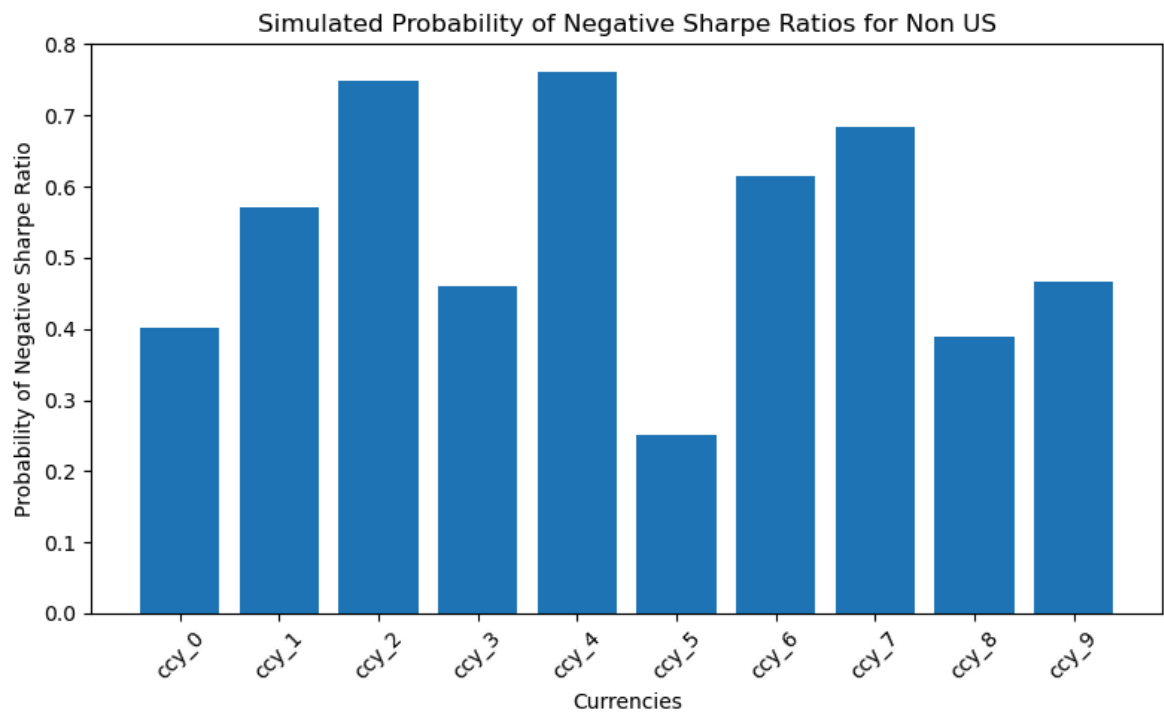
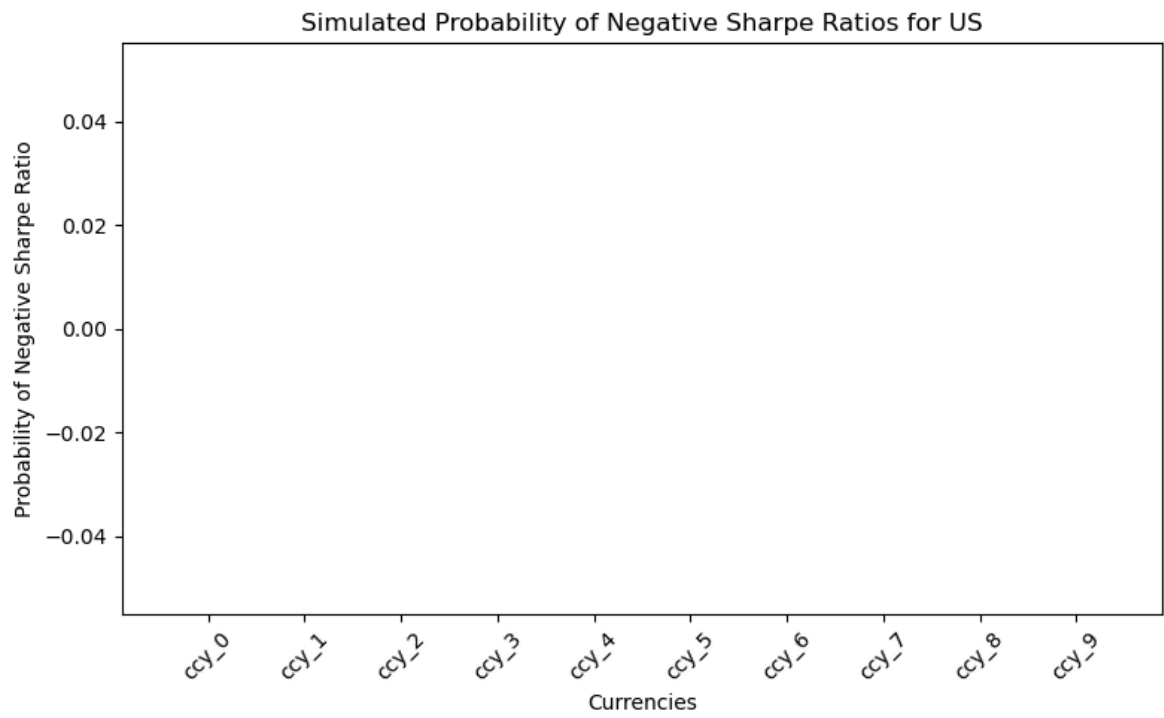
1) We infer the empirical probability of having negative sharpe ratio per trading session and it is consistent with our findings: probability close to 1 (this is expected since it is simulated data) in Domestic and overlap session, probability of 0 in US session, probability around 50% in Non US session.

2) We plot the distribution of Sharpe Ratios across trading sessions and this confirms: a consistent positive sharpe ratio in US Session, a consistent negative sharpe ratio in Domestic session and overlap session, a random pattern in Non US Session.

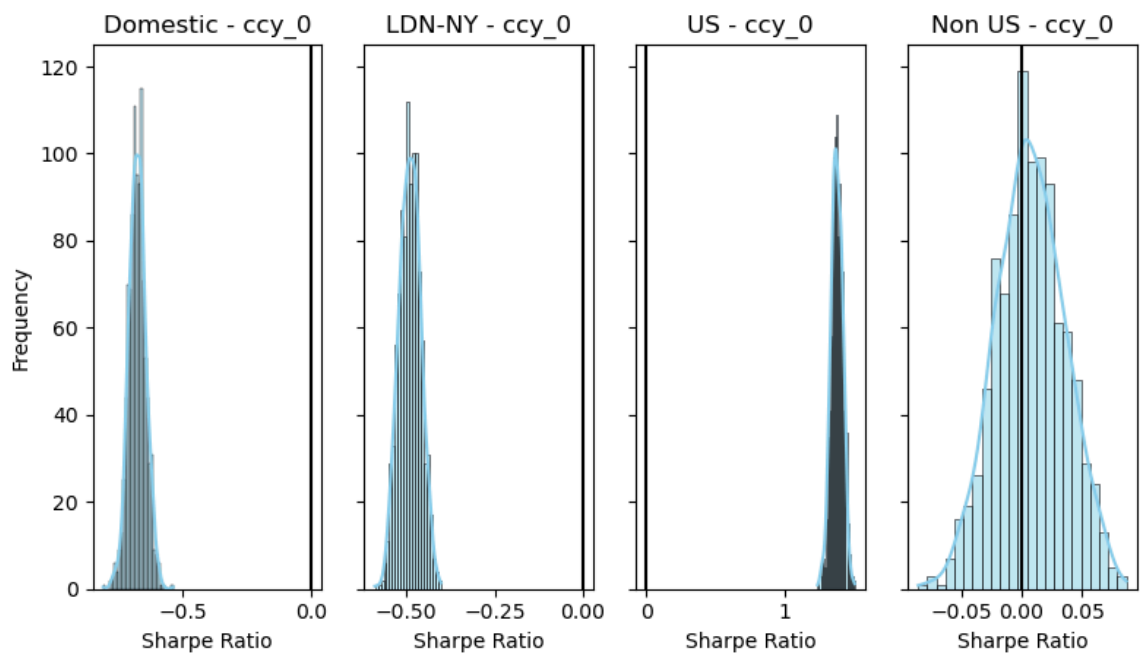
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In [11]: sessions = partition_returns_into_session(returns)
bootstrap_analysis(sessions, n_iterations=1000, sample_size=1000)
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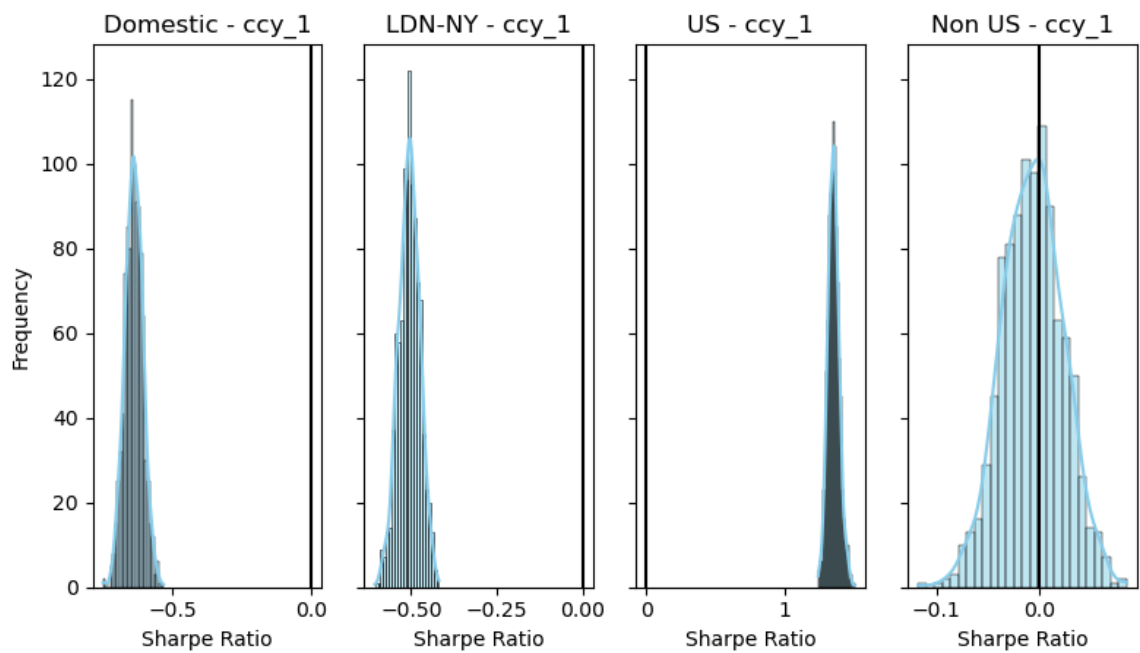




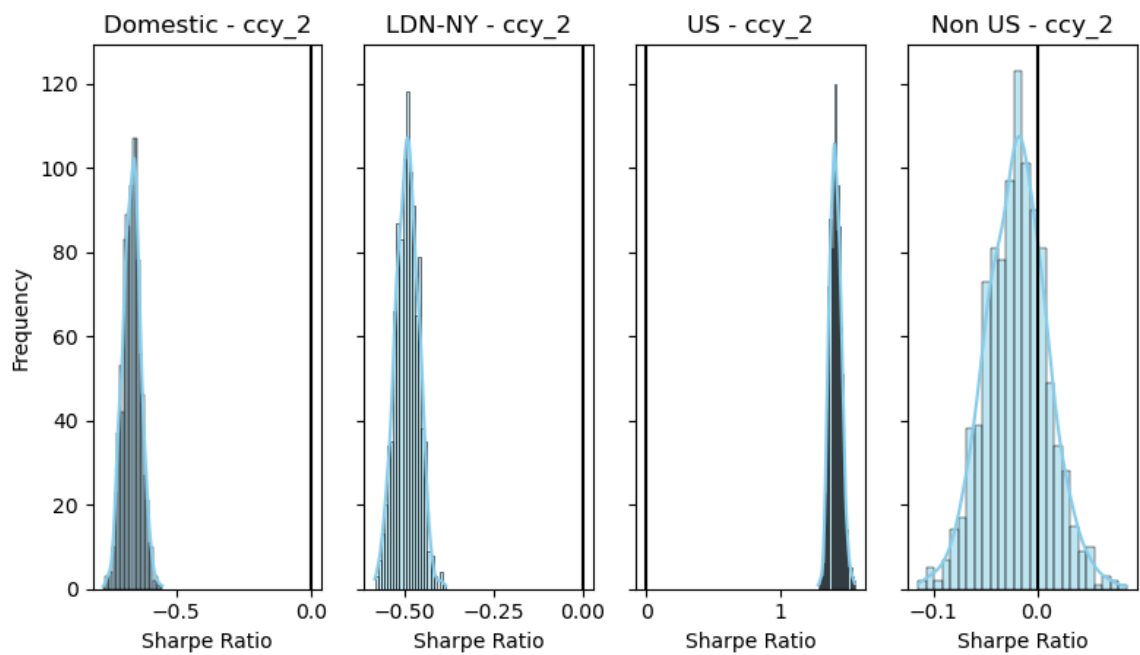
## Simulated Distribution of the Sharpe Ratio of each trading session returns - ccy\_0



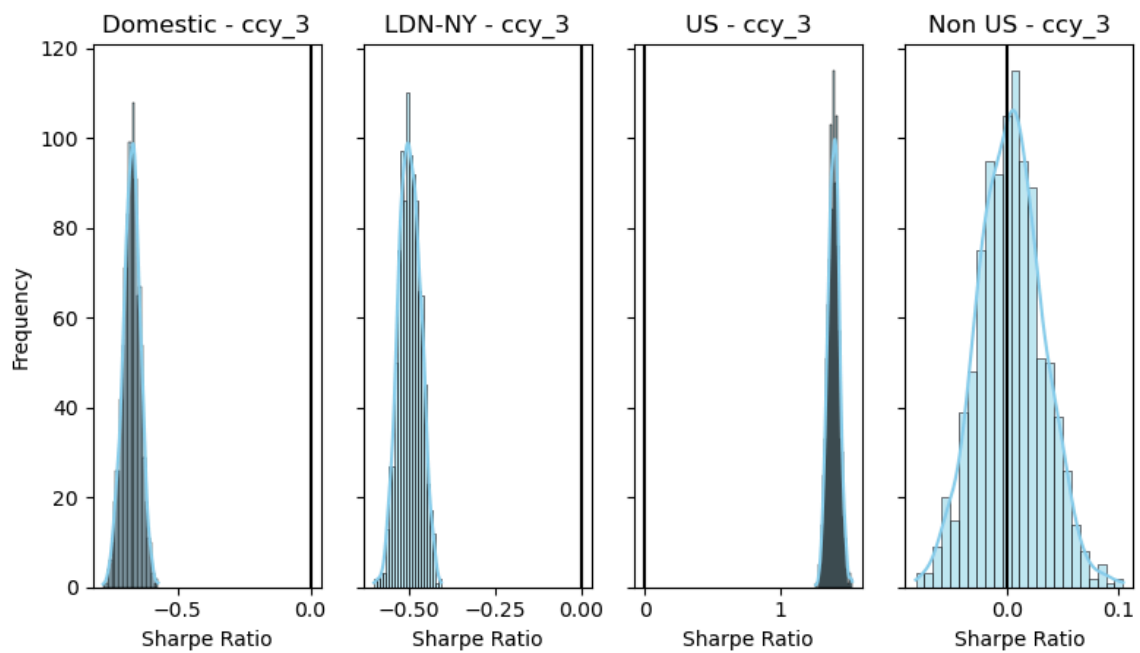
## Simulated Distribution of the Sharpe Ratio of each trading session returns - ccy\_1



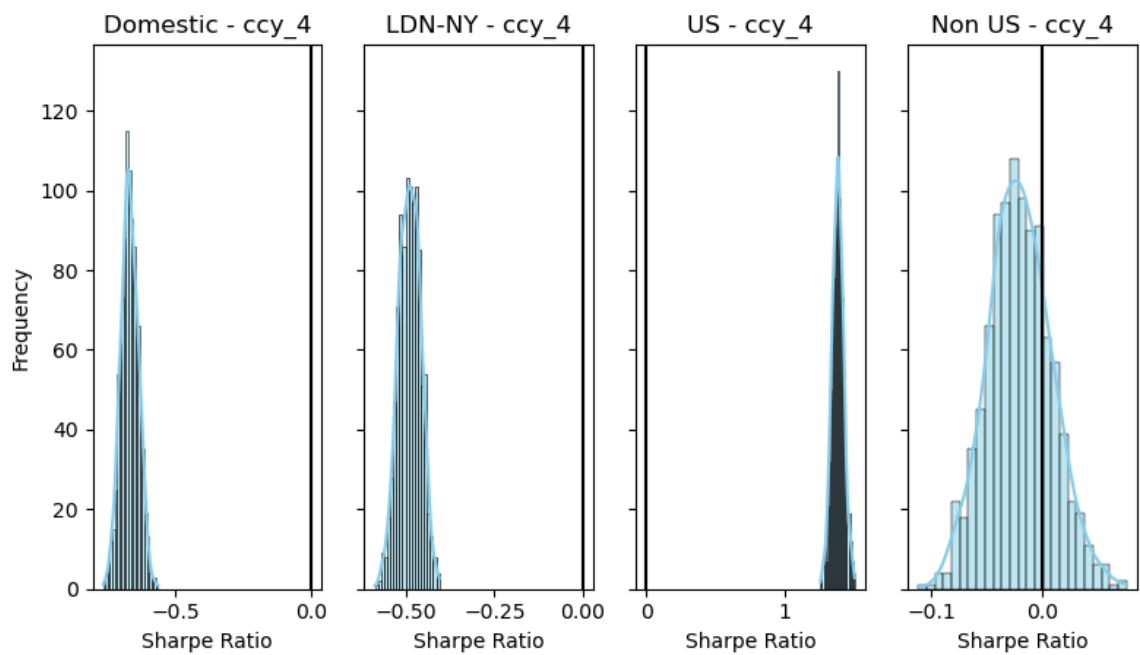
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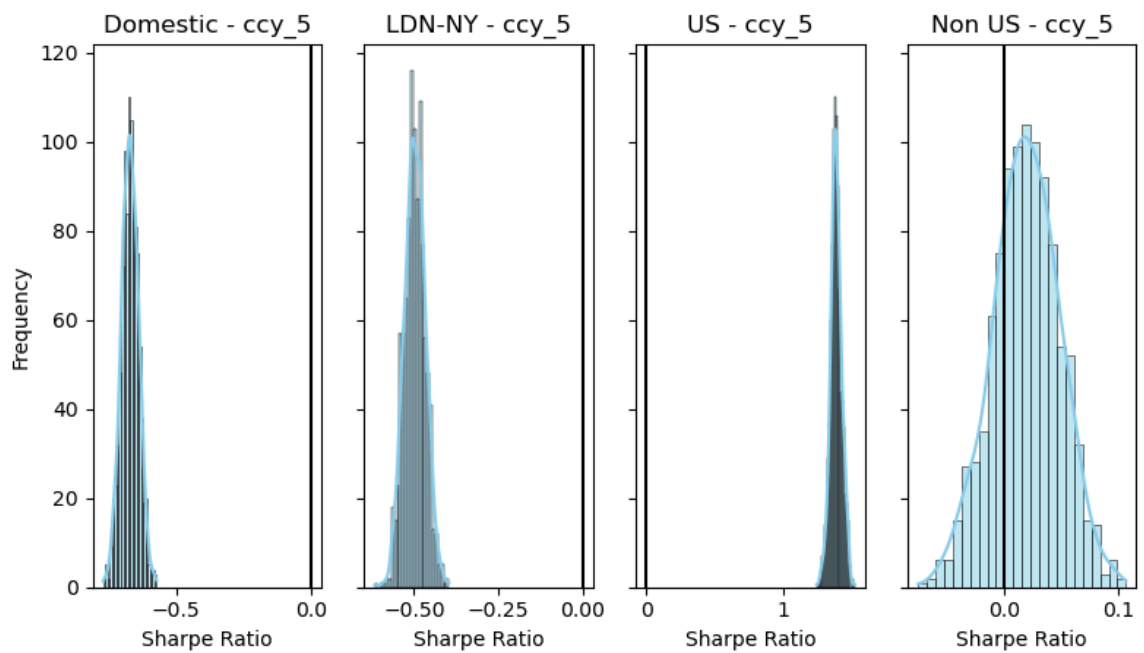
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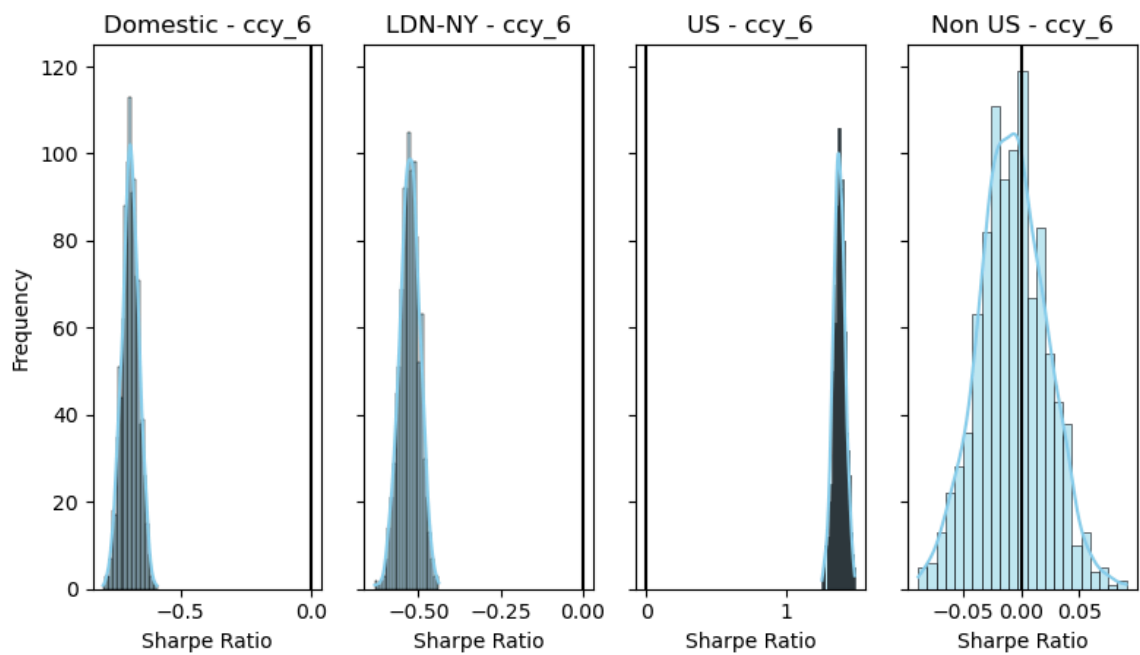
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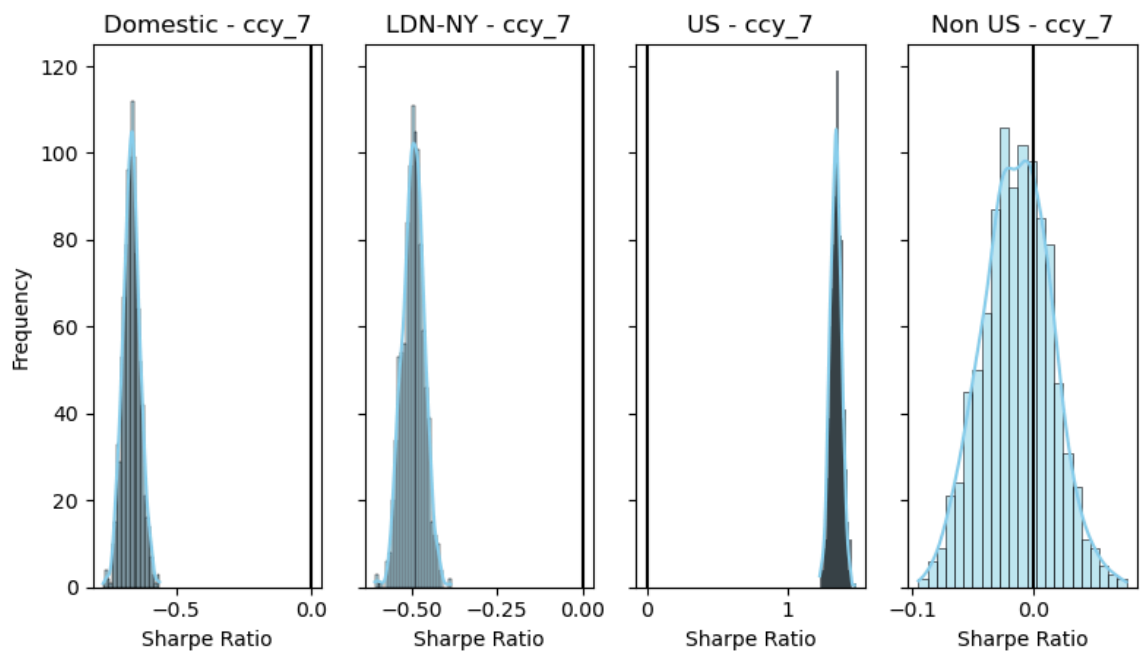
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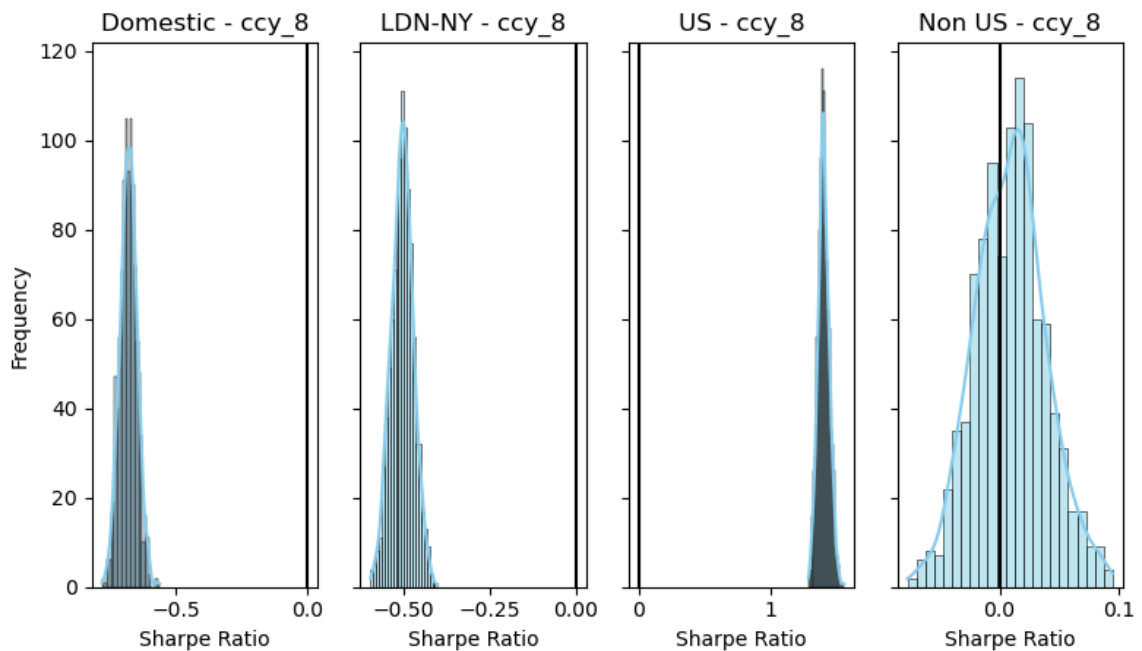
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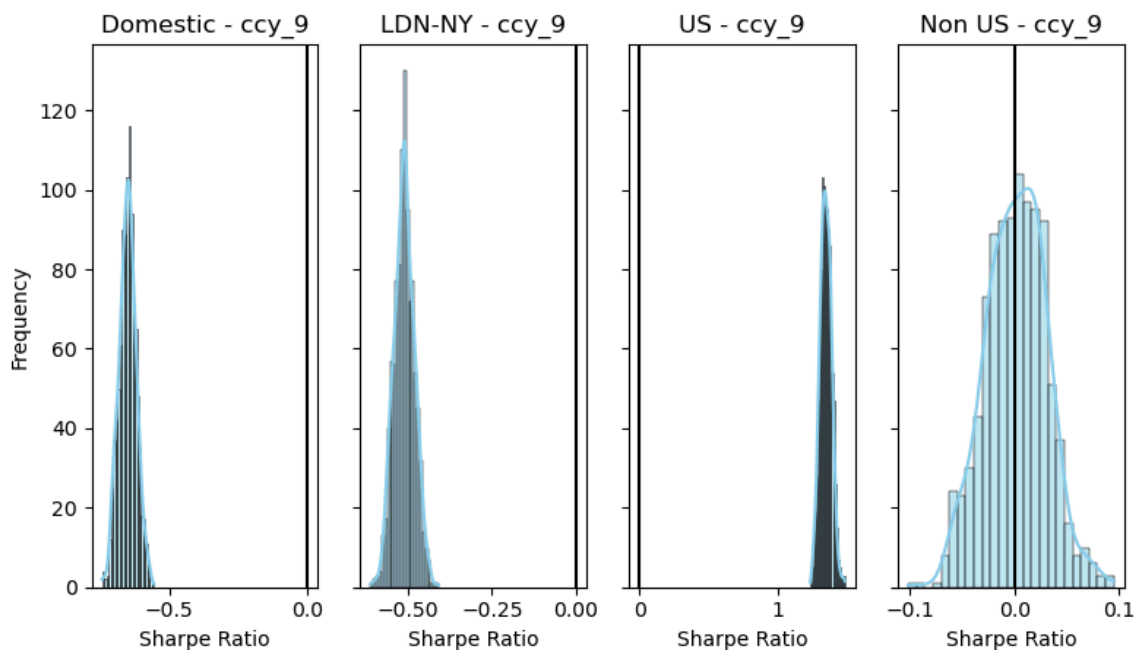
## Simulated Distribution of the Sharpe Ratio of each trading session returns - ccy\_7



### Simulated Distribution of the Sharpe Ratio of each trading session returns - ccy\_8



### Simulated Distribution of the Sharpe Ratio of each trading session returns - ccy\_9



## VI) Final Word

We have given strong evidence that:

- 1) home currencies tend to depreciate during domestic trading hours and the LDN-NY overlap session.
- 2) home currencies tend to appreciate during US session.
- 3) home currencies don't show any special pattern in Non US session.

One could profit from this effect by trading this seasonal pattern (if and only if the magnitude of this effect is greater than transaction costs), or one might adjust their execution strategy based on those patterns.



For a real world analysis it would have been interesting to analyze the volume profile of currencies during those trading sessions, to see if the patterns are exacerbated in low liquidity periods, which might not be easily tradeable. It would also have been interesting to see if this effect is persistent in the futures/forwards markets vs spot.

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