

Data Analytics in Business

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Week 6: Upcoming deadlines and updates

- **Week 6 (Module 6)** is now available.
- **(Graded) Self-Assessment 5** has been released and is due by this Sunday, September 29, at 11:59 PM EST.
- **(Graded) Group Project Proposal** is due by next Sunday, October 6, at 11:59 PM EST
- **(Graded) Homework #2:** is now available and is due in three weeks, by Sunday, October 13, at 11:59 PM EST.
This assignment includes:
 - **Homework #2, Part 1 (Theoretical): One attempt allowed.**
 - **Homework #2, Part 2 (Computation): One attempt allowed.**
 - You can work on both parts as much as you want within the due period, but remember to click "submit" only when you're completely ready.
- **Piazza Forum:** Always open for questions! It's the perfect place to interact with our teaching team and your classmates.

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Main topics

- **Module 2: Finance & Investment (weeks 6-8)**
 - Week 6: Introduction, and Measuring Risk and Return

Introduction, and Measuring Risk and Return

Introduction: investing analytics

- Simple and compound returns(`Return.cumulative()` and `chart.CumReturns()`)
 - **Stock splits (e.g., 3 for 2)**
 - Dividends

Example I: stock split

We will calculate the new price per share after a stock split.

- **Scenario:** The original stock price is \$30.375 per share before the split. We have a **3 for 2** stock split.
- **The split ratio means that for every 2 shares owned before the split, the shareholder now owns 3 shares. To find the new price per share, we divide the old price by the split ratio of 1.5 (which is the equivalent of $3/2$).**

- **R code**

```
# Step 1: Old price before the stock split
old_price ← 30.375
# Step 2: The split ratio is 3 for 2
split_ratio ← 1.5
# Step 3: Calculating the new price per share after the stock split
new_price ← old_price / split_ratio
```

- **Output**

```
*new_price
20.25
```

Measuring risk

- **Measures of risk**

- Standard deviation (SD): measures variation by looking at how far observations are from the mean
 - **a measure of total risk**
 - `table.Stats()`
- Beta (β): a measure of a stock's sensitivity to overall market movements/measures sensitivity to market movements
 - e.g., **a risk free asset has a $\beta=0$ and the overall stock market has a $\beta=1$.**
- R^2 : a measure of the percentage of the fund's performance that occurs as a result of the market
- Compounded return
- Drawdown: measures the peak to trough decline in your investment
 - cumulative loss since losses started
 - `chart.Drawdown()` and `table.Drawdowns()`
- **Sharpe ratio** (e.g., Return–Risk free rate)/Standard Deviation of excess return)

Simple returns

- Calculating Simple Returns in R
 - This example demonstrates how to calculate the simple return of a stock, including dividends. The formula for the simple return is:

$$\blacksquare \text{ Simple Return} = \frac{\text{Closing Price}_{\text{end}} + \text{Dividend} - \text{Closing Price}_{\text{start}}}{\text{Closing Price}_{\text{start}}}$$

Output

	Date	Close	Dividend	SimpleReturn
1	2023-01-01	100	0	NA
2	2023-01-02	105	2	0.07

Calculating simple returns in R

R code

```
# Example data
data <- data.frame(
  Date = as.Date(c('2023-01-01', '2023-01-02')),
  Close = c(100, 105), # Adjusted closing prices
  Dividend = c(0, 2) # Dividends paid out
)

# Calculating simple return
data$SimpleReturn <- with(data, (Close + Dividend) / lag(Close)-1)

# Viewing the results
print(data)
```

Output

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```

For more details, see the "Simple-Return.R" file, under 'Instructor's Session Files

Calculating simple returns in R (cont'd)

Note:

- The `shift()` function from the `data.table` package achieves the same result as the `dplyr` package's `lag()` function.
 - Please click on the link provided below.
 - `shift` function

Q&A

- **Q:** which stock is most/least risky based on standard deviation. For this purpose are we to consider the standard deviation of the "market" to be a stock?

Q&A (cont'd)

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 - **A:** In simple terms, no, we usually don't treat the market's standard deviation as a stock. The market is more like a backdrop to compare how risky each individual stock is. We look at the market to get a sense of the overall risk, but we don't call it a stock itself.

Open for discussion

What is the topic for next week?

Factor investing

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Prior academic research has uncovered a number of fundamental factors that drive stock returns: [Click on the link: Description of Fama/French Factors](#)

- **Size (SMB)**
 - A positive coefficient on SMB indicates that the fund is tilted toward small cap stocks.
- **Market Value (HML)**
 - A positive coefficient on HML indicates that the fund is tilted toward value stocks.
- **Momentum (MOM)**
 - A positive coefficient on MOM indicates that the fund is tilted toward high momentum stocks.
- **Risk (BAB)**
 - A positive coefficient on BAB indicates that the fund is tilted toward safe stocks.
- **Quality (QMJ)**
 - A positive coefficient on QMJ indicates that the fund is tilted toward profitable stocks.

Run factor regressions in R

We typically estimate factor models using linear regression:

- **The dependent variable** $r^{\text{fund}} - r^f$ is typically the **fund's excess return above the risk free rate**.
- **The factors are typically the independent variables.**
 - Market Beta $r^m - r^f$, Size (SMB), Market Value (HML), Quality (QMJ)...
- The constant term (intercept) captures alpha: the measure of skill for the fund manager
 - **A positive (negative) alpha** and significant coefficient indicate the fund manager is **outperforming (underperforming)** the regression- based benchmark

R code

```
factor1 ← lm(Contra.rf~Mkt_rf, data=data)
factor3 ← lm(Contra.rf ~ Mkt_rf+SMB+HML, data = data)
factor4 ← lm(Contra.rf ~ Mkt_rf+SMB+HML+Mom, data=data)
factor6 ← lm(Contra.rf~Mkt_rf+SMB+HML+Mom+BAB+QMJ, data=data)
```

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HML		-0.048 (0.030)	0.004 (0.029)	-0.070** (0.032)
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BAB				0.150*** (0.025)
QMJ				-0.011 (0.045)
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- Model 4 (six-factors model): Four coefficients are significant.
 - Mkt_rf : The fund has a market beta of 0.914.
 - HML : The fund is tilted away from value stocks.
 - MOM : The fund is tilted toward high momentum stocks.
 - BAB : The fund is tilted toward safe stocks (those with low beta).