My chunk of code has about 120 lines

The R loops take more time to run. To optimize them, I will use vectorization instead R loops.

Codes	Elapsed Time (in Seconds)
<pre># for loop to estimate returns (as a single column) based on price: P(i)/P(i-1) returns &lt;- vector(); for(i in 2:length(market_data[,1])) {    if(identical(market_data[i,1], market_data[i-1,1]))    {      returns[i]=market_data[i,72]/market_data[i-1,72];    }    else {      returns[i]=0;    } }</pre>	27.83 sec elapsed
returns[1]=0;  # adding the returns column to the market_data market_data <- cbind(market_data,returns)  head(market_data, 2) t(names(market_data))	
# selecting my 20 factors market_data.factors <- market_data[c(1,3,12,17,18,22,26,30,38,40,43,65, 67,68,69,70,72,73,74,77,89,92,94)] head(market_data.factors, 2) t(names(market_data.factors))	0.01 sec elapsed

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22.325 sec elapsed
# for loop to estimate log of returns (as a single
column) based on price: Pt/P(t-1)
logreturns <- vector();
for(i in 2:length(market_data.factors[,1]))
  logreturns[i]=log(market_data.factors[i,23]);
head(logreturns)
# adding the logreturns column to the market_data
market_data.factors <-
cbind(market_data.factors,logreturns)
head(market_data.factors, 2)
t(names(market_data.factors))
                                                   2.287 sec elapsed
# replacing all 'Inf' in the data with NA
market_data.factors[mapply(is.infinite,
market_data.factors)] <- NA
head(market_data.factors)
# removing all NAs
market_data.factors.noNA <-
na.omit(market_data.factors)
head(market_data.factors.noNA, 2)
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## # Normalizing all 20 factors

bvps\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,3] - mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,3]))/ sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,3])

currentratio\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,4] mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,4]))/
sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,4])</pre>

de\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,5] mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,5]))/
sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,5])</pre>

divyield\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,6] mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,6]))/
sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,6])</pre>

ebitdamargin\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,7] - mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,7]))/ sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,7])

eps\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,8] - mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,8]))/ sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,8])

evebitda\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,9] - mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,9]))/ sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,9])

fcfps\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,10] mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,10]))/
sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,10])</pre>

grossmargin\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,11]
- mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,11]))/
sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,11])</pre>

netmargin\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,12] mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,12]))/
sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,12])</pre>

payoutratio\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,13] - mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,13]))/ sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,13])

pb\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,14] - mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,14]))/ sd(market\_data.factors.noNA[,14])

pe\_N <- (market\_data.factors.noNA[,15] mean(market\_data.factors.noNA[,15]))/
sd(market\_data\_factors\_noNA[,15])

# creating a data frame of all the normalized 20 factors

market\_data.factors.Norm <- data.frame(bvps\_N, currentratio\_N, de\_N, divyield\_N, ebitdamargin\_N, eps\_N, evebitda\_N, fcfps\_N, grossmargin\_N, netmargin\_N, payoutratio\_N, pb\_N, pe\_N, pe1\_N, price\_N, ps\_N, ps1\_N, revenue\_N, sps\_N, tbvps\_N)

# cbinding columns 'calendardate', 'returns', and 'logreturns' to the normalized factors. calendardate <market\_data.factors.noNA\$calendardate
returns <- market\_data.factors.noNA\$returns
logreturns <- market\_data.factors.noNA\$logreturns
ticker <- market\_data.factors.noNA\$ticker

market\_data.factors.Norm\_complete <cbind(calendardate, market\_data.factors.Norm, returns, logreturns) head(market\_data.factors.Norm\_complete)

## 0.013 sec elapsed

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# finding out how many different date are there in
the data
date <- split(market data.factors.Norm complete.
as.factor(market_data.factors.Norm_complete$cal
length(date) # there are 20 different calendar dates
# extracting all data for a particular calendar date
and assign each to a dataframe
funct3 <-
split(market_data.factors.Norm_complete,
market_data.factors.Norm_complete$calendardate
factor names <-
c("n.market_data.factors_2011_03_31",
"n.market_data.factors_2011_06_30",
"n.market_data.factors_2011_09_30",
"n.market data.factors 2011 12 31",
"n.market_data.factors_2012_03_31",
"n.market_data.factors_2012_06_30",
"n.market_data.factors_2012_09_30",
"n.market_data.factors_2012_12_31",
"n.market_data.factors_2013_03_31"
"n.market_data.factors_2013_06_30",
"n.market data.factors 2013 09 30",
"n.market_data.factors_2013_12_31",
"n.market_data.factors_2014_03_31"
"n.market_data.factors_2014_06_30",
"n.market data.factors 2014 09 30",
"n.market_data.factors_2014_12_31",
"n.market_data.factors_2015_03_31",
"n.market_data.factors_2015_06_30",
"n.market_data.factors_2015_09_30",
"n.market_data.factors_2015_12_31")
for (i in 1:length(funct3)) {
 assign(factor_names[i], funct3[[i]])
# Verifying data for few calendar dates
head(n.market_data.factors_2011_09_30, 2)
head(n.market_data.factors_2013_03_31, 2)
head(n.market_data.factors_2011_12_31, 2)
head(n.market_data.factors_2014_06_30, 2)
head(n.market_data.factors_2015_09_30, 2)
head(n.market_data.factors_2011_06_30)
head(n.market_data.factors_2011_03_31)
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## 0.101 sec elapsed

names(n.market_data.factors_2011_03_31)  nn.formula <- as.formula(paste("logreturns ~", paste(colnames[!colnames %in% c("calendardate", "returns","logreturns")], collapse = " + "))) nn.formula	0.008 sec elapsed
# For 2011 nn.model_2011_03_31 <- neuralnet(nn.formula, data=n.market_data.factors_2011_03_31, hidden=c(7,7), linear.output = T) plot(nn.model_2011_03_31) weights_nn.model_2011_03_31 <- nn.model_2011_03_31\$result.matrix View(weights_nn.model_2011_03_31)	6.605 sec elapsed