VALUATION OF FUTURES

Arbitrage Opportunities – Hedging Strategies

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IDEA OF THE PROJECT

To value and analyse if there's any arbitrage opportunity i.e. an opportunity to make profit on the actual future price and calculated price, on the futures.

Project Scope

Futures

- Equity S&P Index
- Commodity Corn
- Commodity WTI Oil
- Currency GBP USD

Data

- Target Future Date: Dec'18
- Simulation Dates: Sep'18 Dec'18

End Objective

- Study of Futures
- Identification of Arbitrage Opportunity
- Automation in Decision Making

Project Methodology

Data Gathering

Model Preparation

Simulation

Identification of Arbitrate Opportunity

Hedging Strategies Automation in Decision Making

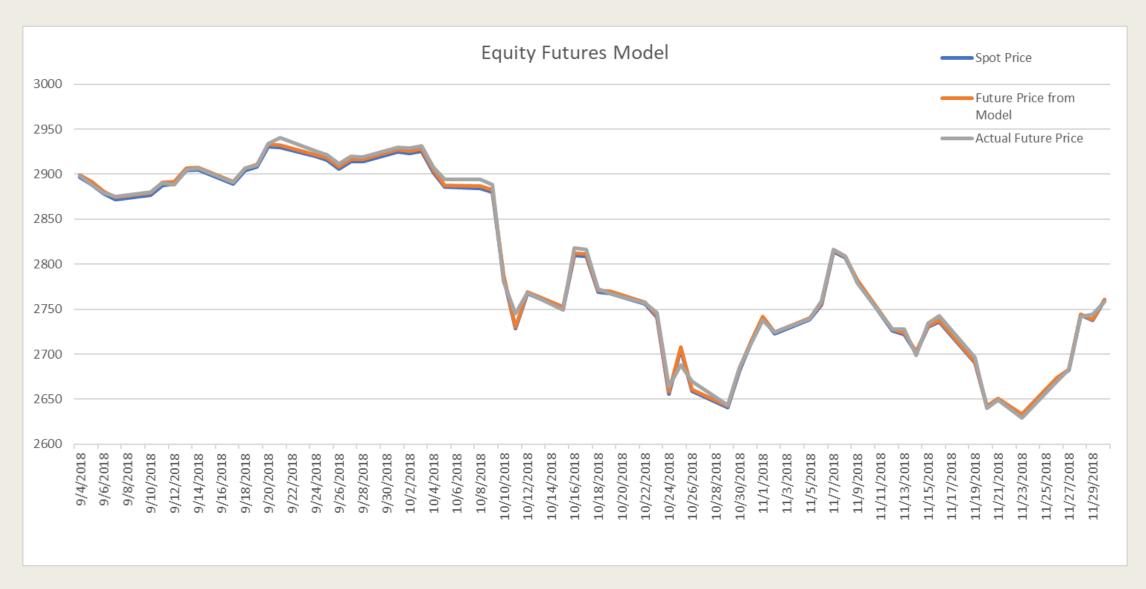
Assumptions

- Borrowing rate is assumed to be the country specific risk-free rate.
- Storage costs are continuously compounded and are assumed to be similar for both Corn and Oil.
- Convenience yield for corn is assumed to be zero, calculated to be 11% for Crude oil.
- Dividend yield was annualized and retrieved from Yahoo Finance for S&P 500.
- Interest rates presented are annually compounded continuously.
- Day Count: Day/ 360

EQUITY (S&P) FUTURES

Equity	S&P 500 Futures				
Time Period	86	Today is Sept 20th 2018 and			
		looking for Dec'18 delivery S&P			
		Futures			
Inventory Cost (considering this is	NA	USD per unit at end of year			
paid at the end of year)					
Spot Price	2915.56	Current Index level		mean (Spot Price)	
Income	0	USD		2799.715072	
Risk Free Rate rf	0.0212			Standard Deviation (Spot Price)	
Borrowing Rate r	0.0212	Assumption: Lending and borrowing rate are the same		94.58579986	
Dividend yield q	0.0176			mean (Actual Future Project)	
Cost of inventory u	NA			2,802.44	
Cost of Cary (r+u-y)	NA			Std. Deviation (Actual Future Proje	ect)
Futures Price =So*exp((r-q)*T)	2918.06846	Assumption : payment being made at the end of the period		96.01719443	
Market Future Price (Fo)	2922.75				
Observation					
1. Here	Fo>(So)exp((r-q)*T)				
2. Therefore this is	Contango				
3. Aribtrage					
To take advantage of this opportunity, an arbitrageur can implement the following strategy:-					
a. Borrow an amount So at the risk-free rate and use it to purchase underlying stocks equivalent to spot level of index for immediate delivery					
	b. Short a futures contract o	n index			

$$F_0 = (S_0)e^{(r-q)*T}$$

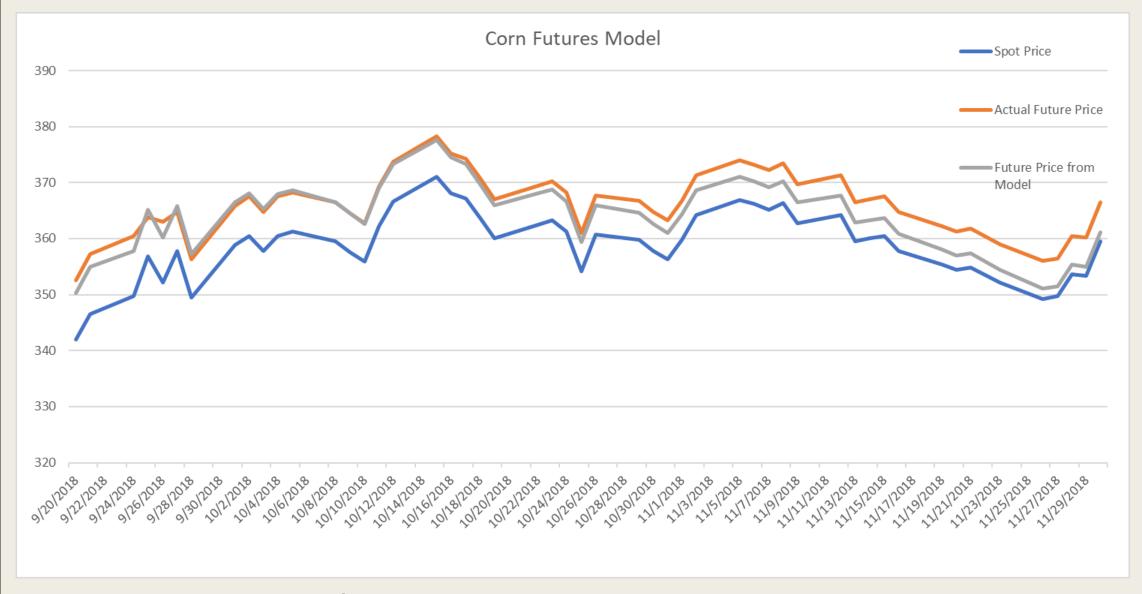


 F_0 = Theoretical Future Price, S_0 = Current Spot Price, r = Borrowing Rate, q = Dividend Yield, T = Time

CORN FUTURES

Commodities	Corn Futures				
Time Period	86	Today is Sept 20th 2018 and	Days to 15th of Calendar date		
		looking for Dec'18 delivery			
		Corn Futures			
Inventory Cost (considering this is	0.04	USD per unit at end of year			
paid at the end of year)					
Spot Price	3.45	USD per bushel			
Income	0	USD			
Risk Free Rate rf	0.0212				
Borrowing Rate r	0.0212	Assumption : Lending and borrowing rate are the same			
Convinience yield y	0				
Cost of inventory u	0.08	per annum per bushel			
Cost of Cary (r+u-y)	0.1012				
Futures Price (So)exp((r+u-y)*T)	3.53442203	Assumption : payment being made at the end of the period			
Market Future Price (Fo)	3.54				
Observation					
1. Here	Fo>(So)exp((r+u-y)*T)				
2. Therefore this is	Countango				
3. Aribtrage					
To take advantage of this opportunity, an arbitrageur can implement the following strategy:-					
	a. Borrow an amount So at the risk-free rate and use it to purchase one unit of the commodity and pay storage costs at the end of contract				
b. Short a futures contract on one unit of the commodity.					

$F_0 = (S_0)e^{(r+u-y)*T}$

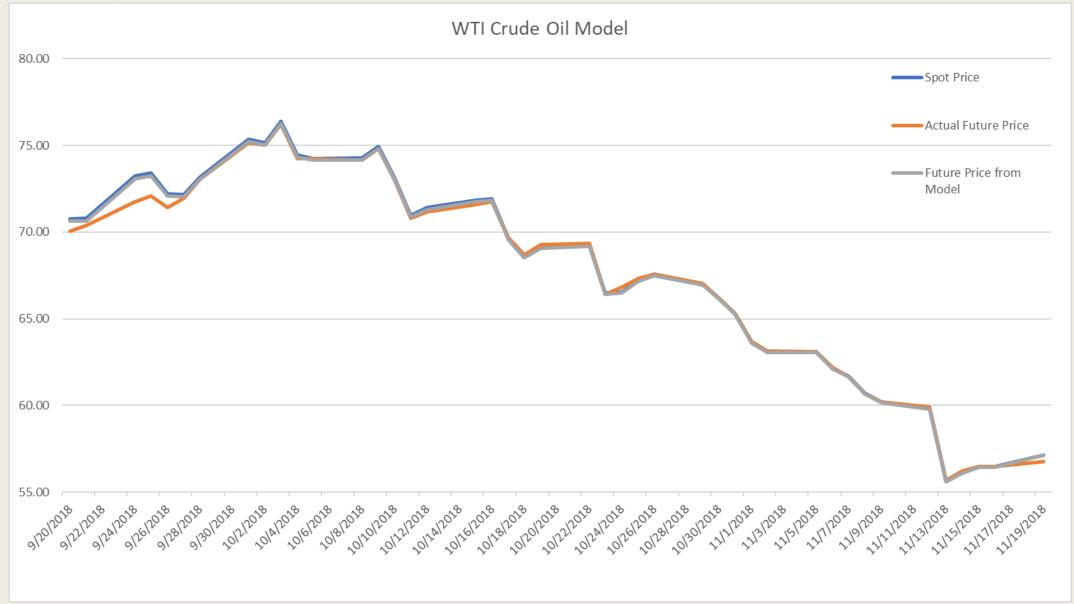


 F_0 = Theoretical Future Price, S_0 = Current Spot Price, S_0 = Borrowing Rate, S_0 = Convenience Yield, S_0 = Time

WTI Crude oil futures

Commodities	Oil Futures			
Time Period	86	Today is Sept 20th 2018 and looking for Dec'18	Days to 15th of	
		delivery Corn Futures	Calendar date	
Spot Price	70.77	USD per barrel		
Income	0	USD		
Risk Free Rate rf	0.0212			
Borrowing Rate r	0.0212			
Convinience yield y	0.11	Theoritically I can't be found because it is		
		subjective. We have calculated using Futures		
		Price formula. We take average of y		
Cost of inventory u	0.08			
Cost of Cary (r+u-y)	-0.0088			
Futures Price (So)exp((r+u-y)*T)	70.621382			
Market Future Price (Fo)	70.06			
Observation				
1. Here	Fo <(So+U)exp((r+u-y)*	T)		
2. Therefore this is	Backwardation			
3. Aribtrage				
To take advantage of this opportunity,	an arbitrageur can implem	ent the following strategy:-		
a. Borrow an amount Fo at the risk-free rate and use it to purchase one unit of the futures commodity.				
b. Short a spot contract on one unit of the commodity.				

$F_0 = (S_0)e^{(r+u-y)*T}$

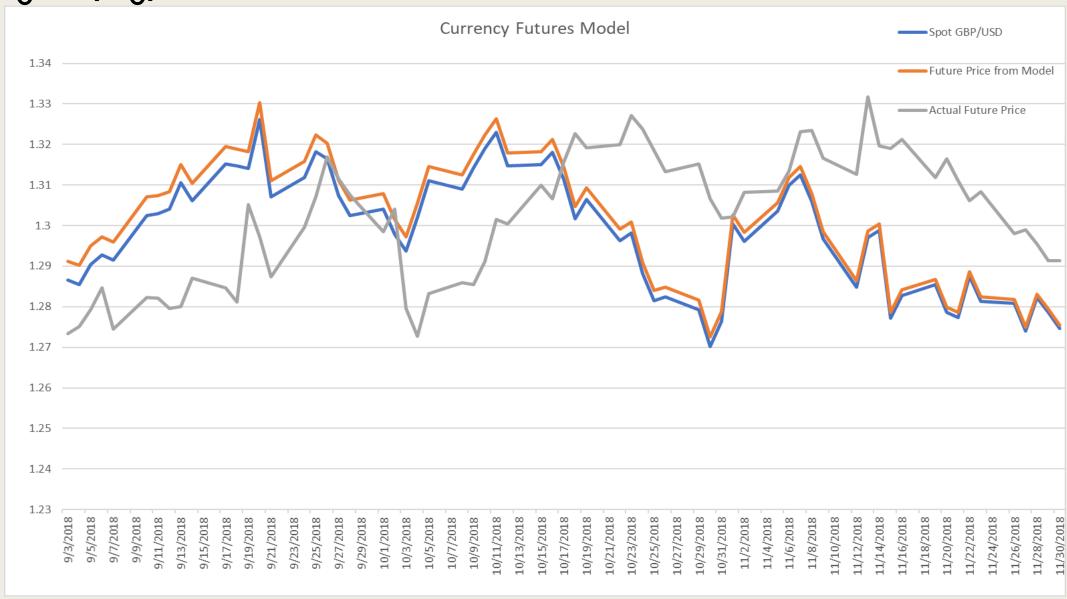


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CURRENCY FUTURES

FX Futures	FX Futures GBP/USD		
Time Period	86	Today is Sept 20th 2018 and lo	oking for Dec'18
		delivery FX Futures	
Inventory Cost (considering this is paid at	NA.		
the end of year)			
Spot Price	1.3271	USD per GBP	
Income	NA	USD	
Domestic Risk Free Rate (rd)	0.0212		
Foreign Rate (rf)	0.0075		
Convinience yield y	NA		
Cost of inventory u	NA		
Cost of Cary (r+u-y)			
Futures Price (So)exp((r+u-y)*T)	1.331450418		
Market Future Price (Fo)	1.332		
Observation			
1. Here	Fo <soexp((rd-rf)*t)< td=""><td></td><td></td></soexp((rd-rf)*t)<>		
2. Therefore this is	Contango		
3. Aribtrage		<u> </u>	
To take advantage of this opportunity, an art	itrageur can implement the f	following strategy:-	
	a. Borrow in the GBP, convert into USD, invest in US market		
	b. Buy forward contract to convert USD into GBP		
4. But this is not arbitrage opportunity bec	ause there are broker cost,		
technology costs, transactions and taxes wh	nich has not been account in		
above model.			

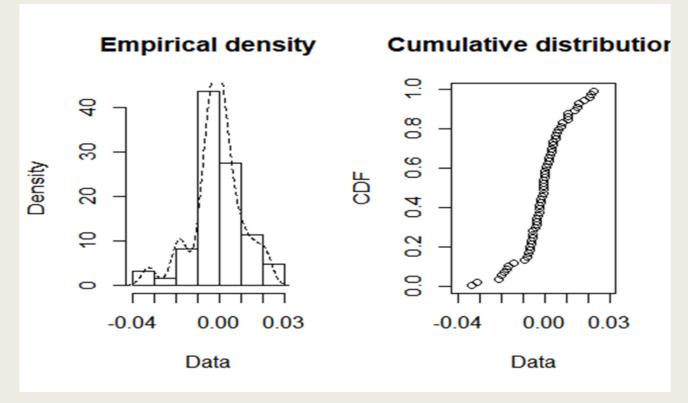
 $F_0 = (S_0)e^{(rd-rf)*T}$



 F_0 = Theoretical Future Price, S_0 = Current Spot Price, rd = Domestic Borrowing Rate, rf = Foreign Borrowing Rate, T = Time

Distribution

Inherent Risk



Histogram of S&P Index

Automation in Decision Making

Pass the parameters required to determine the possibility of Hedging. Code written in R: libraries included were openxlsx, fitdistrplus

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#Equity(Spot, Risk Free Rate, Dividend Yield, Time To Maturity, Futures
Market Price) )
equityd(2919.56,0.022,0.0176,80,2922.75)

## [1] "Possible Arbitrage Opportunity exits. 1. Borrow"
## [2] "2919.56"

## [3] "amount at the rate"

## [4] "2.2"

## [5] "% and use it to purchase underlying stocks equivalent to spot level
of the index for immediate delivery and \n 2. Short a futures
contract on index"
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