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# econ424lab1.r
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# R functions used
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# as.Date()
                                coerce to Date object
                      coerce to numeric object
# as.numeric()
# class()
                                return or set class of object
# colnames()
                        extract column names
# format()
                                format output
# head()
                                show fist few rows of data object
# read.csv()
                        read comma separated file into R
# rownames()
# seq()
                        create sequence
# tail()
                                show last few rows of data object
# set output options to show only 4 significant digits
options(digits = 4)
# read .csv files containing Yahoo! monthly adjusted closing price data on sbux
# from March, 1993 through March 2008. The files sbuxPrices.csv is
# assumed to be in the directory C:\Users\ezivot\Documents\classes\econ424\fall2009.
# Change to the appropriate directory where you have saved the data.
# read the sbux prices into a data.frame object. First look at the online help file
# for read.csv
?read.csv
# now read in the data - make sure to change the path to where the data is on your
# system
setwd("C:/Users/ezivot/Documents/classes/econ424/summer2011/")
sbux.df = read.csv(file="sbuxPrices.csv",
                   header=TRUE, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
# sbux.df is a data.frame object. Data.frames are rectangular data objects typically with
# observations in rows and variables in columns
class(sbux.df)
str(sbux.df)
head(sbux.df)
tail(sbux.df)
colnames(sbux.df)
class(sbux.df$Date)
class(sbux.df$Adj.Close)
# notice how dates are not the end of month dates. This is Yahoo!'s fault when
# you download monthly data. Yahoo! doesn't get the dates right for the adjusted
# close data.
# subsetting operations
# extract the first 5 rows of the price data.
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sbux.df[1:5, "Adj.Close"]
sbux.df[1:5, 2]
sbux.df$Adj.Close[1:5]
# in the above operations, the dimension information was lost. To preserve
# the dimension information use drop=FALSE
sbux.df[1:5, "Adj.Close", drop=FALSE]
sbux.df[1:5, 2, drop=FALSE]
sbux.df$Adj.Close[1:5, drop=FALSE]
# drop=FALSE had no effect on the last command, why?
# find indices associated with the dates 3/1/1994 and 3/1/1995
which(sbux.df$Date == "3/1/1994")
which(sbux.df == "3/1/1995")
# extract prices between 3/1/1994 and 3/1/1995
sbux.df[13:25,]
# create a new data.frame containing the price data with the dates as the row names
sbuxPrices.df = sbux.df[, "Adj.Close", drop=FALSE]
rownames(sbuxPrices.df) = sbux.df$Date
head(sbuxPrices.df)
# with Dates as rownames, you can subset directly on the dates
# find indices associated with the dates 3/1/1994 and 3/1/1995
sbuxPrices.df["3/1/1994", 1]
sbuxPrices.df["3/1/1995", 1]
# to show the rownames use drop=FALSE
sbuxPrices.df["3/1/1994", 1, drop=FALSE]
# plot the data
# note: the default plot is a "points" plot
plot(sbux.df$Adj.Close)
# let's make a better plot
# type="l" specifies a line plot
# col="blue" specifies blue line color
# lwd=2 doubles the line thickness
# ylab="Adjusted close" adds a y axis label
# main="Monthly closing price of SBUX" adds a title
plot(sbux.df$Adj.Close, type="1", col="blue",
     lwd=2, ylab="Adjusted close",
     main="Monthly closing price of SBUX")
# now add a legend
legend(x="topleft", legend="SBUX",
       lty=1, lwd=2, col="blue")
#
# compute returns
# simple 1-month returns
n = nrow(sbuxPrices.df)
sbux.ret = (sbuxPrices.df[2:n,1] - sbuxPrices.df[1:(n-1),1])/sbuxPrices.df[1:(n-1),1]
# notice that sbux.ret is not a data.frame object
class(sbux.ret)
# now add dates as names to the vector.
names(sbux.ret) = rownames(sbuxPrices.df)[2:n]
head(sbux.ret)
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# Note: to ensure that sbux.ret is a data.frame use drop=FALSE when computing returns
sbux.ret.df = (sbuxPrices.df[2:n,1,drop=FALSE] - sbuxPrices.df[1:(n-
1),1,drop=FALSE])/sbuxPrices.df[1:(n-1),1,drop=FALSE]
# continuously compounded 1-month returns
sbux.ccret = log(1 + sbux.ret)
# alternatively
sbux.ccret = log(sbuxPrices.df[2:n,1]) - log(sbuxPrices.df[1:(n-1),1])
names(sbux.ccret) = rownames(sbuxPrices.df)[2:n]
head(sbux.ccret)
# compare the simple and cc returns
head(cbind(sbux.ret, sbux.ccret))
# plot the simple and cc returns in separate graphs
# split screen into 2 rows and 1 column
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
# plot simple returns first
plot(sbux.ret, type="1", col="blue", lwd=2, ylab="Return",
     main="Monthly Simple Returns on SBUX")
abline(h=0)
# next plot the cc returns
plot(sbux.ccret, type="1", col="blue", lwd=2, ylab="Return",
     main="Monthly Continuously Compounded Returns on SBUX")
abline(h=0)
# reset the screen to 1 row and 1 column
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
# plot the returns on the same graph
plot(sbux.ret, type="1", col="blue", lwd=2, ylab="Return",
     main="Monthly Returns on SBUX")
# add horizontal line at zero
abline(h=0)
# add the cc returns
lines(sbux.ccret, col="red", lwd=2)
# add a legend
legend(x="bottomright", legend=c("Simple", "CC"),
       lty=1, lwd=2, col=c("blue","red"))
# calculate growth of $1 invested in SBUX
# compute gross returns
sbux.gret = 1 + sbux.ret
# compute future values
sbux.fv = cumprod(sbux.gret)
plot(sbux.fv, type="1", col="blue", lwd=2, ylab="Dollars",
     main="FV of $1 invested in SBUX")
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