

## Locating Novel Digital Commodities Within a Cluster-Driven Model for Global Commodities

With massive, recent interest in institutional investment in digital commodities, ie cryptocurrencies, US and other regulatory commissions effectively classify such assets as commodities. Given that these risk assets are typically priced in tandem with stock equity, and contrasted against US Treasury instruments, little scholarship has analyzed cryptocurrencies and digital assets as effective commodities, such as Sugar, Timber, Oil products or Grains.

Seeing Bitcoin as a necessary commodity to participate in cross border money exchange, ecommerce, or oil purchasing is necessary to justify considering it as a commodity, rather than a risk asset. For those who analyze cryptocurrency as a holding, and analyze it via other valuation methods typically finds the exercise wanting, as valuation tends to look for underlying, fundamental value. The use case, also for Bitcoin and other digital commodities also leaves the analyst to wonder whether they are investing in Ponzi goods; Bitcoin is used to purchase hotel rooms, and at times, yachts or pizza slices, but it remains a held-good such as Gold.

### Why Cluster Commodities, to Study Bitcoin (or Hogs)?

When digital commodities are analyzed alongside Oats, Gold, E-Mini Futures and other classical commodities, their prices covariance, against a pool of commodities can be tracked. Unifying digital commodities within pools of other commonly traded daily commodities allows another category of analysis to emerge, where traders simply shift from one commodity to another, as economic winds change, or opportunities simply justify a change of trading venue, ie a trend-shift toward energy away from equity, and we have seen since the start of a hot war in Ukraine.

### Using Cluster Matrices to Study Covariant, Affine Price Behaviors between Bitcoin and Other Commodity Flows

This study samples the recent price behavior of 37 commodities, then traces the covariant, linear behavior, matrix style. Affine, or common mover groups are established, and presented interactively, for the viewer in a visual milieu.

Discussion of data pipeline used, and the subsequent data transformations needed in order to create this affine matrix, as well as the technical tools to facilitate this.



The pipeline includes downloading data, introducing processing efficiencies, model building and cross validation, and cluster expression. I outline my steps as I take them, to arrive at a matrix of pricing which affords the following advantages.

The experiment was adapted from scikit-learn's own documentation, where the techniques were applied to the US stock market. My rendition creates several departures while adapting the advantage of Varoquaux's pipeline.[1]

1. The data ingest is fast, efficient, updateable and portable. Anyone may use this code to build a working model of US-traded commodities, and add symbols they wish to see, where I have missed them.
2. Data represent public, recently settled trades.
3. Local CPU resources are used in order to use notebook memory efficiently, and leverage local Linux resources.
4. Data remains in perpetuity for the analyst, or it may be rebuilt, using updated, daily trade series.
5. Data is built as a time series, in the OHLC format, where Opening, Closing, High and daily Low prices are located.
6. Clustering is aimed toward predictive use, where clusters can achieve whatever size is needed, to cluster affine, covariant items
7. Every commodity under consideration is measured for covariance against each other, to locate a product that trades in the same linear way
8. Sparse Inverse Covariance is the technique used to identify relationships between every item in the Matrix, and thus expose clusters of products, trading similarly. This is a list of connected items, trading conditionally upon the others. Thus the list is a useable, probable list of items which trade in the same way, over a week of US business.
9. An edge model exposes the borders for classification, and locates clusters at its discretion. Thus, no supervised limits are imposed in cluster formation.
10. Hyperparameters are determined via search with a predetermined number of folds, where each subset is used to locate model parameters, which are averaged at the close of the run.
11. Given the large volume of colinear features, a cross validation technique is used to 'lasso' model features.

## Building the Data Science Environment for Linux and Python

Use the following commands to interface with your underlying linux environment. These may not need to be commented out, but will remain necessary each time a new kernel boot, in your notebook, takes place.

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!pip install yfinance
!pip install vega_datasets
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## Data Ingest from Public Markets

The free, common Yahoo Finance API is used to download data from all commodities you wish to see studied. This data will be stored in environments such as Binder.

Please note that if you deploy this notebook in Google Collab that the 37+ files downloaded will be erased between uses, but can be rebuilt easily each time you operate this notebook.

The data you download becomes permanently usable, and the ingest request below can be customized in order to grab more, or less data and at different intervals.[2]

I have included several exceptions to the download and renaming technique, in order to tolerate commodities with differing ticker symbols.

```
import yfinance as yf
from time import time, ctime, clock_gettime
from time import gmtime, time, time_ns

def ifs(input):
    ni = ''
    if input == 'gff':
        input = 'GFF'
        ni = "GF=F"
    elif input == 'zff':
        input = 'ZFF'
        ni = "ZF=F"
    else:
        input = input.upper()
        ins = "="
        before = "F"
        ni = input.replace(before, ins + before , 1)
    print(ni)
    data = yf.download(
        tickers = ni,
        period = "500d",
        interval = "1d",
        group_by = 'ticker',
        auto_adjust = True,
        prepost = True,
        threads = 10,
        proxy = None
    )
```



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print("min length of data: ",mm)

for symbol in sym:
    symbol = symbol.upper()
    t = pd.read_csv(symbol)
    t= t.truncate(after=mm)
    quotes.append(t)
mi = np.vstack([q["Close"] for q in quotes]) #min
ma = np.vstack([q["Open"] for q in quotes]) #max

volatility = ma - mi

BTC=F
[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed
BZ=F
[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed
CC=F
[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed
CL=F
[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed
CT=F
[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed
ES=F
[*****100%*****] 1 of 1 completed
GC=F
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## Data Format

After downloading this massive store of data, you should click on a file, in your project. Using the file browser, you will see a large quantity of new files.

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## Cross Validate for Optimal Parameters: the Lasso

Varoquaux's pipeline involves steps in the following two cells.

A set of clusters is built using a set of predefined edges, called the edge model. The volatility of every OHLC tick is fed into the edge model, in order to establish every commodity's covariance to each other.

The advantages of the Graphical Lasso model is that a cross validated average set of hyperparameters is located, then applied to cluster each commodity. Thus, every commodity is identified with other commodities which move in tandem, together, over seven days. I print the alpha edges below, and visualize this group.

Depending upon the markets when you run this study, more intensive clustering may take place at either end of the spectrum. This exposes the covariance between different groups, while exposing outlier clusters.

## Using the Interactive Graph

Feel free to move your mouse into the graph, then roll your mouse. This will drill in/out and allow you to hover over data points. They will map to the edges of the clusters, under investigation.

```
from sklearn import covariance
import altair as alt
alphas = np.logspace(-1.5, 1, num=15)
edge_model = covariance.GraphicalLassoCV(alphas=alphas)
X = volatility.copy().T
X /= X.std(axis=0)
l = edge_model.fit(X)
n = []
print(type(l.alphas))
for i in range(len(l.alphas)):
    print(l.alphas[i])
    dict = {"idx":i , "alpha":l.alphas[i]}
    n.append(dict)

dd = pd.DataFrame(n)
a = alt.Chart(dd).encode(
    alt.X('alpha'), tooltip=[ 'alpha' ],).properties(
    x=alt.X('alpha'), tooltip=[ 'alpha' ],).properties(
```



```
width=800,  
height=400,  
title="Edges Present Within the Graphical Lasso Model"  
)interactive()
```

```
<class 'numpy.ndarray'>
0.03162277660168379
0.047705826961439296
0.07196856730011521
0.10857111194022041
0.16378937069540642
0.2470911227985605
```

## Defining cluster Membership, by Covariant Affinity

Clusters of covariant, affine moving commodities are established. This group is then passed into a dataframe so that the buckets of symbols can become visible.

```
4.39397056076079

from sklearn import cluster

                                #each symbol, at index, is labeled with a cluster id:
_, labels = cluster.affinity_propagation(edge_model.covariance_, random_state=0)
n_labels = labels.max()                                #integer limit to list of clusters ids
# print("names: ",names," symbols: ",sym)
gdf = pd.DataFrame()
for i in range(n_labels + 1):
    print(f"Cluster {i + 1}: {'', '.join(np.array(sym)[labels == i])}")
    l = np.array(sym)[labels == i]
    ss = np.array(names)[labels == i]
    dict = {"cluster":(i+1), "symbols":l, "size":len(l), "names":ss}
    gdf = gdf.append(dict, ignore_index=True, sort=True)

gdf.head(15)
```

Cluster 1: bzf, clf, ctf, hef, hgf, hof, ngf, ojf, rbf, sbf

Cluster 2: btcf, ccf, esf, nqf, rtyf, ymf

Cluster 3: gcf, kcf, mgcf

Cluster 4: gff, lbsf, lef

Cluster 5: paf, plf, sif, silf

Cluster 6: zbf, zff, znf, ztf

Cluster 7: kef, zcf, zlf, zmf, zof, zrf, zsf

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gdf = gdf.append(dict, ignore_index=True, sort=True)
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```

	cluster	names	size	symbols
0	1	[Brent Crude Oil, crude oil, Cotton, Lean Hogs...	10	[bzf, clf, ctf, hef, hgf, hof, ngf, ojf, rbf, ...
1	2	[Bitcoin, Cocoa, E-Mini S&P 500, Nasdaq 100, E...	6	[btcf, ccf, esf, nqf, rtyf, ymf]
2	3	[Gold, Coffee, Micro Gold]	3	[acf, kcf, macf]

## Visualizing cluster and affine commodities, by volatility

The interactive graphic requires the user to hover over each dot, in the scatter chart. The size of the commodity cluster pushes it to the top, where the user can study the members, whose prices move in covariant fashion.

I have experimented with laying the text of the commodity group over the dots, but I find that the above table is most helpful, in identifying markets which move in tandem, and with similar price graphs. Also, as groups expand and contract, overlaying text on the chart below may prevent certain clusters from appearing. I appreciate spacing them out, and not congesting the chart.

The number of commodity clusters and the number of commodity members in each cluster may sit, in close relation to other globally relevant commodities.

```

for i in gdf['cluster']:
    print("cluster ",i)
    d = gdf[gdf['cluster'].eq(i)]
    for j in d.names:
        print(j, ", ")

cluster 1
['Brent Crude Oil' 'crude oil' 'Cotton' 'Lean Hogs' 'Copper' 'Heating Oil'
 'Natural Gas' 'Orange Juice' 'RBOB Gasoline' 'Sugar #11'] ,
cluster 2
['Bitcoin' 'Cocoa' 'E-Mini S&P 500' 'Nasdaq 100' 'E-mini Russell 2000'
 'Mini Dow Jones Indus'] ,
cluster 3
['Gold' 'Coffee' 'Micro Gold'] ,
cluster 4
['Feeder Cattle' 'Lumber' 'Live Cattle'] ,
cluster 5
['Palladium' 'Chicago Ethanol (Platts)' 'Silver' 'Micro Silver'] ,
cluster 6
['U.S. Treasury Bond Futures' 'Five-Year US Treasury Note'
 '10-Year T-Note' '2-Year T-Note'] ,
cluster 7
['KC HRW Wheat' 'Corn' 'Soybean Oil Futures' 'Soybean Meal' 'Oat Futures'
 'Rough Rice' 'Soybean'] ,

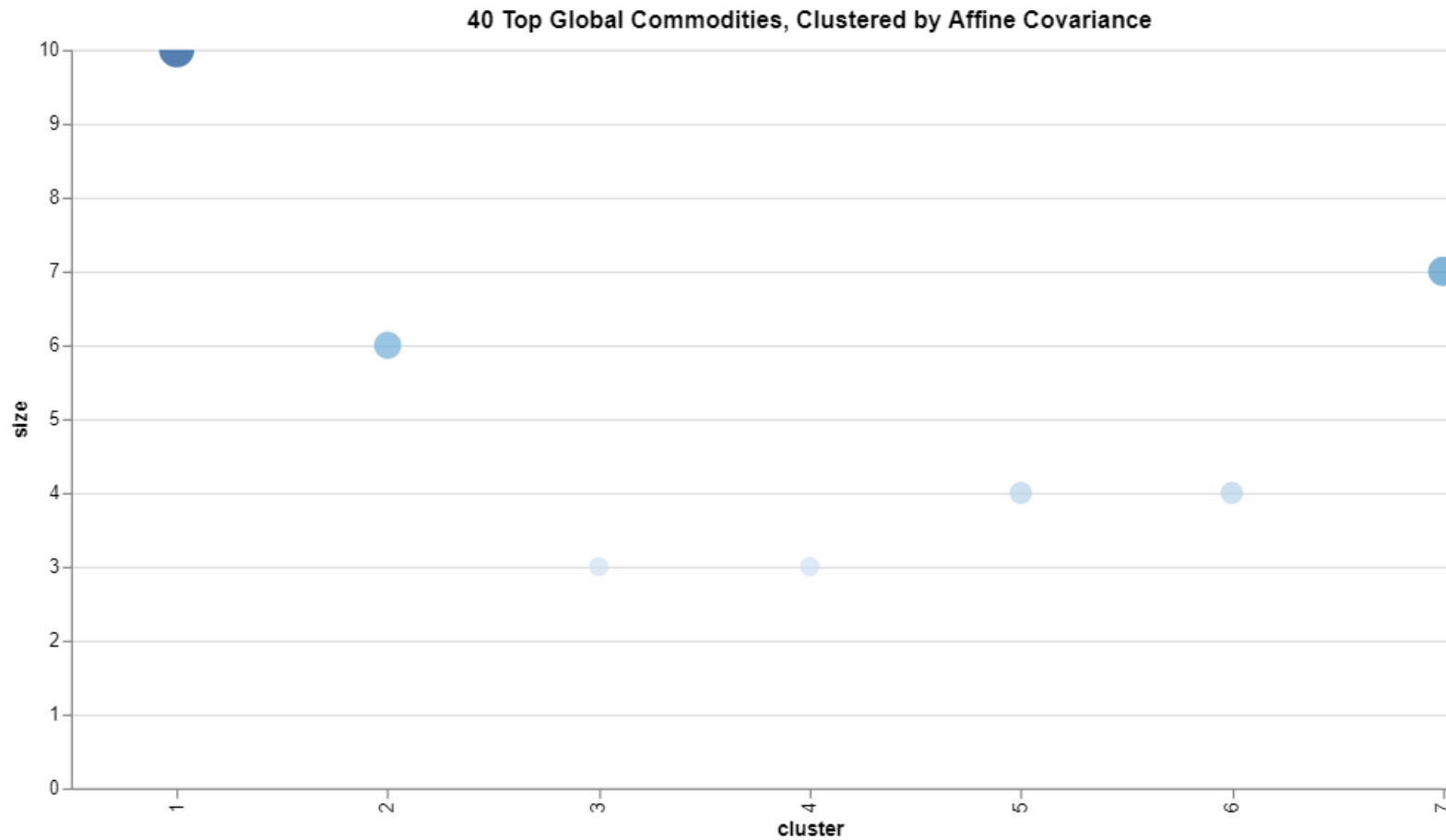
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```

import altair as alt
def runCluster():
    c = alt.Chart(gdf).mark_circle(size=60).encode(
        x= alt.X('cluster:N'),
        y= alt.Y('size:Q'),
        color='size:Q',
        tooltip=['names'],
        size=alt.Size('size:Q')
    ).properties(
        width=800,
        height=400,
        title="40 Top Global Commodities Clustered by Affine Covariance"
    ).nt
    com
        ties, Clustered by Affine Covariance")

```

```
chart = c  
return chart  
runCluster()
```



Double-click (or enter) to edit

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2. Ran Aroussi. YFinance API documents. <https://github.com/ranaroussi/yfinance>
3. The Altair Charting Toolkit. <https://altair-viz.github.io/index.html>

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!pip install plotly
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```

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import plotly.graph_objects as go  
import pandas as pd  
from datetime import datetime
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```
df_symbol = pd.read_csv('BTCF')    #no .csv
```

```
df_symbol.columns
```

```
Index(['Date', 'Open', 'High', 'Low', 'Close', 'Volume'], dtype='object')
```

```
df_symbol.head(2)
```

	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
0	2021-09-20	47415.0	47620.0	42365.0	43780.0	8330
1	2021-09-21	43410.0	43870.0	40085.0	42030.0	8523

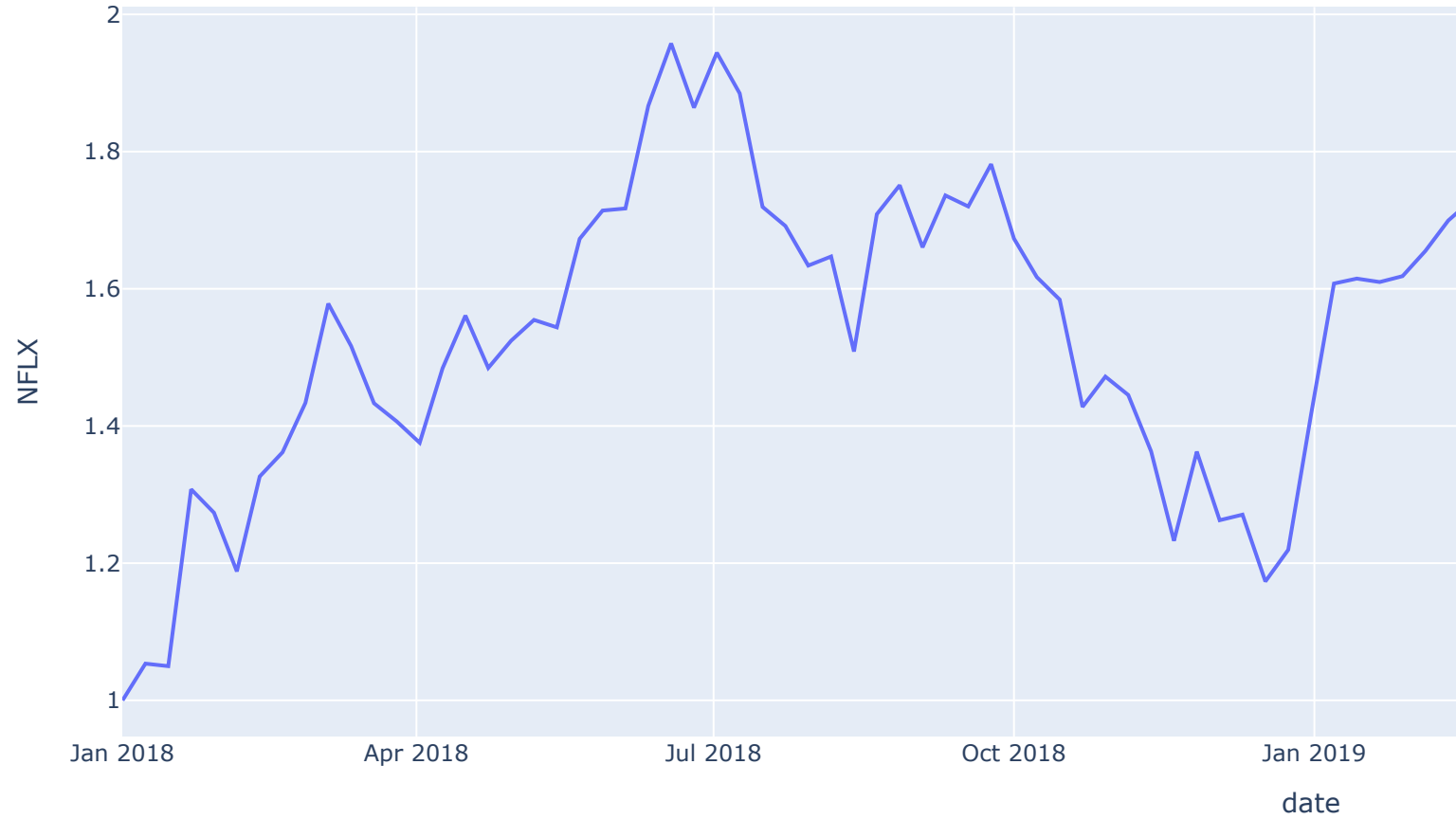
```
fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Candlestick(x=df_symbol['Date'],  
                                     open=df_symbol['Open'],  
                                     high=df_symbol['High'],
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close=df_symbol['Close']]))
fig.show()
```



```
# Using plotly.express
import plotly.express as px
```

```
df = px.data.gapminder()
fig = px.line(df, x='year', y='lifeExp')
fig.show()
```



```
df2.columns
```

```
Index(['date', 'GOOG', 'AAPL', 'AMZN', 'FB', 'NFLX', 'MSFT'], dtype='object')
```

```
df2.head(2)
```



	date	GOOG	AAPL	AMZN	FB	NFLX	MSFT
0	2018-01-01	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

```
df2['AMZN']
```

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0      1.000000
1      1.061881
2      1.053240
3      1.140676
4      1.163374
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100     1.425061
101     1.432660
102     1.453455
103     1.521226
104     1.503360
```

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Name: AMZN, Length: 105, dtype: float64
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```
df_symbol.columns
```

```
Index(['Date', 'Open', 'High', 'Low', 'Close', 'Volume'], dtype='object')
```

```
df_symbol['Close']
```

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0      43780.000000
1      42030.000000
2      43385.000000
3      44785.000000
4      42359.398438
```

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...
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404     27900.000000
405     29690.000000
406     29177.000000
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```
Name: Close, Length: 409, dtype: float64
```

```
# Using plotly.express
import plotly.express as px
fig = px.line(df_symbol, x='Date', y="Close") #contains BTCF daily price series
fig.show()
```



```
#generate a Date column in gdf
def getDateColumn():
    df = pd.read_csv('BTCF') #CHOOSE an equity or vehicle for which you possess a Date index
    return df['Date'] #pandas series

symUpper = [x.upper() for x in sym] #make all symbols in sym to uppercase
# print(symUpper)
gdf = pd.DataFrame(columns=symUpper) #form a new global dataframe, gdf, for purpose of graphing
gdf['Date'] = getDateColumn() #get a common index for dates, for every commodity or equity
for i in range(len(symUpper)): #iterate the length of the uppercase symbols
    df_x = pd.read_csv( symUpper[i]) #create one dataframe to hold the csv contents
    gdf[symUpper[i]] = df_x['Close'] #extract the price series from the 'Closed' column
print(gdf.head(3)) #print the resulting top three rows from the new gdf
# print(gdf.columns)
```

	BTCF	BZF	CCF	CLF	CTF	ESF	GCF	\
0	43780.0	73.919998	2593.0	70.290001	89.889999	4348.25	1761.800049	
1	42030.0	74.360001	2605.0	70.559998	91.180000	4343.25	1776.000000	
2	43385.0	76.190002	2652.0	72.230003	91.830002	4384.00	1776.699951	

	GFF	HEF	HGF	...	ZCF	ZFF	ZLF	\
0	155.000000	84.974998	4.1170	...	521.75	124.000000	54.910000	
1	154.850006	84.375000	4.1280	...	517.00	123.960938	55.320000	
2	154.800003	83.849998	4.2525	...	525.50	123.742188	56.389999	

	ZMF	ZNF	ZOF	ZRF	ZSF	ZTF	Date
0	336.100006	133.843750	532.25	1372.5	1262.50	110.320312	2021-09-20
1	337.899994	133.859375	532.75	1385.0	1274.00	110.328125	2021-09-21
2	337.899994	132.984375	557.75	1388.5	1282.75	110.273438	2021-09-22

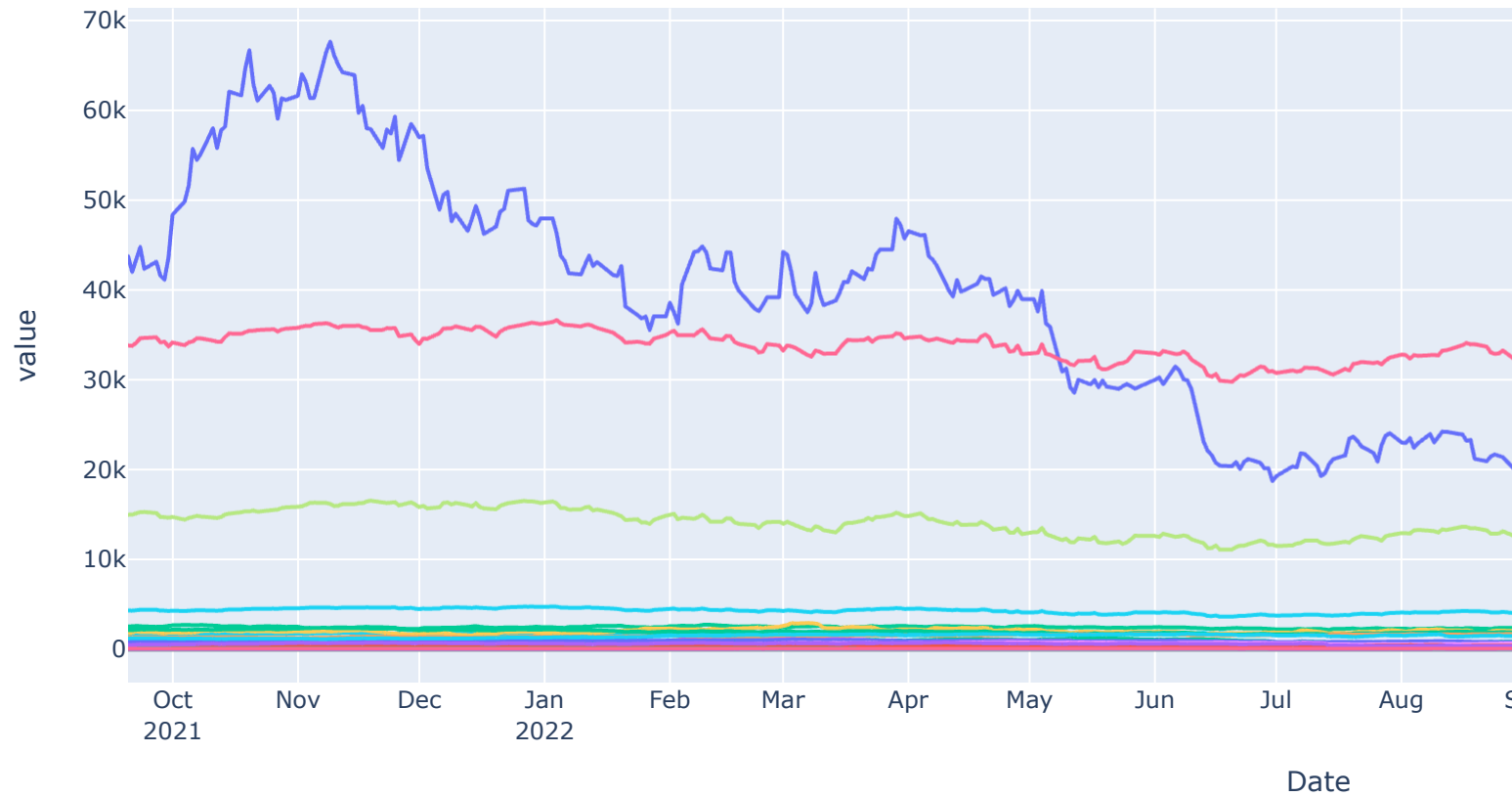
[3 rows x 38 columns]

```
fig = px.line(gdf, x="Date", y=gdf.columns,
               title="Commodity Clusters", labels={"Date": "%Y"},
               template="plotly_dark", style="PLEASE...')

fig.update_
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dtick="M1",  
tickformat="%b\n%Y")  
fig.show()
```

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```
type(gdf.columns)
```

```
pandas.core.indexes.base.Index
```

