

Quadratic Model Algorithm

The polynomial model has a formula like below (let $s_t = \ln(S_t)$):

$$s_t = \theta_0 1 + \theta_1 t + \theta_2 t^2 + \dots + \theta_n t^n + \epsilon_t \quad (1)$$

where t is the number of trading days, θ are model parameters, and ϵ are the error terms. For prices collected over m trading days, the data would fit below equation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1^n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & 2^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & m & \dots & m^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_0 \\ \epsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Or,

$$\vec{s} = \mathbf{K} \vec{\theta} + \vec{\epsilon} \quad (3)$$

The objective for the model determination is to select a vector of $\vec{\theta}$ so that the magnitude of the error term, or the square of it, is minimized.

$$\min \|\vec{\epsilon}\|^2 = \min \|\mathbf{K} \vec{\theta} - \vec{s}\|^2 = \min \left[\sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=0}^n K_{ij} \theta_j - s_i \right)^2 \right] \quad (4)$$

The partial derivative of $\|\vec{\epsilon}\|^2$ with respect to θ_k is

$$\nabla (\|\vec{\epsilon}\|^2)_k = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=0}^n K_{ij} \theta_j - s_i \right) 2K_{ik} = \sum_{i=1}^m 2 (\mathbf{K}^T)_{ki} (\mathbf{K} \vec{\theta} - \vec{s})_i \quad (5)$$

$$\nabla (\|\vec{\epsilon}\|^2)_k = \left(2\mathbf{K}^T (\mathbf{K} \vec{\theta} - \vec{s}) \right)_k \quad (6)$$

To minimize $\|\vec{\epsilon}\|^2$, the first derivative of it must be zero.

$$\nabla (\|\vec{\epsilon}\|^2) = 2\mathbf{K}^T (\mathbf{K} \vec{\theta} - \vec{s}) = 0 \quad (7)$$

As the result, the model parameters are solved using the equation below

$$\vec{\theta} = (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{K}^T \vec{s} \quad (8)$$

Specifically,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1^n & 2^n & \dots & m^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1^n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & 2^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & m & \dots & m^n \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m 1 & \sum_{i=1}^m i & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^m i^n \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i & \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^m i^{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i^n & \sum_{i=1}^m i^{n+1} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^m i^{n+n} \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{K}^T \vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1^n & 2^n & \dots & m^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ \vdots \\ s_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m 1 s_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i^n s_i \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

Further, the summation terms in $\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K}$ may be evaluated using Faulhaber's formula.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^p = \frac{1}{p+1} \sum_{r=0}^p \binom{p+1}{r} B_r n^{p-r+1} \tag{11}$$

where B_r are the Bernoulli numbers.

1 Constant Model (n=0) :

$$\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K} = m \tag{12}$$

$$\mathbf{K}^T \vec{s} = \sum_{i=1}^m s_i \tag{13}$$

$$\vec{\theta} = (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K})^{-1} \mathbf{K}^T \vec{s} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m s_i \quad (14)$$

The zero-th constant model predicts the average logarithmic price as the future prices.

2 Linear Model (n=1) :

$$\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} m & \sum_{i=1}^m i \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i & \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^m i = \frac{1}{2} (m^2 + m) \quad (16)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m i^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(m^3 + \frac{3}{2} m^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \right) \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{K}^T \vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m s_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (18)$$

One year model (m = 252):

$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.016 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - 9.4859 \cdot 10^{-5} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \\ -9.4859 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m s_i + 7.4987 \cdot 10^{-7} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

Ten year model (m = 2520):

$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0016 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - 9.452 \cdot 10^{-7} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \\ -9.452 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m s_i + 7.4986 \cdot 10^{-10} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

3 Quadratic Model (n=2) :

$$\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} m & \sum_{i=1}^m i & \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i & \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 & \sum_{i=1}^m i^3 \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 & \sum_{i=1}^m i^3 & \sum_{i=1}^m i^4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^m i^3 = \frac{1}{4} (m^4 + 2m^3 + m^2) \quad (22)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m i^4 = \frac{1}{5} \left(m^5 + \frac{5}{2}m^4 + \frac{5}{3}m^3 - \frac{5}{30}m \right) \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{K}^T \vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m s_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

One year model (m = 252):

$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0289 \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - 0.0004 \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i + 1.3322 \cdot 10^{-6} \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \\ -0.0004 \sum_{i=1}^m s_i + 8.9733 \cdot 10^{-6} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i - 3.3334 \cdot 10^{-8} \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \\ 1.3322 \cdot 10^{-6} \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - 3.3334 \cdot 10^{-8} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i + 1.3493 \cdot 10^{-10} \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (25)$$

Ten year model (m = 2520):

$$\vec{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0035 \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - 5.4828 \cdot 10^{-6} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i + 1.8048 \cdot 10^{-9} \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \\ -5.4828 \cdot 10^{-6} \sum_{i=1}^m s_i + 1.1608 \cdot 10^{-8} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i - 4.3177 \cdot 10^{-12} \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \\ 1.8048 \cdot 10^{-9} \sum_{i=1}^m s_i - 4.3177 \cdot 10^{-12} \sum_{i=1}^m i s_i + 1.7168 \cdot 10^{-15} \sum_{i=1}^m i^2 s_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (26)$$

4 Conclusion

Although generic algorithms for a polynomial model may not be expressed in simple programming codes, models of specific time periods (e.g., 1 year, 5 years, or 10 years) with linear, quadratic, or higher degrees can be implemented as concise programming codes. If one adopts array programming techniques, the summation terms can further be composed using short `reduce()` statements.