# project\_1\_starter

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# 1 Project 1: Trading with Momentum

#### 1.1 Instructions

Each problem consists of a function to implement and instructions on how to implement the function. The parts of the function that need to be implemented are marked with a # TODO comment. After implementing the function, run the cell to test it against the unit tests we've provided. For each problem, we provide one or more unit tests from our project\_tests package. These unit tests won't tell you if your answer is correct, but will warn you of any major errors. Your code will be checked for the correct solution when you submit it to Udacity.

# 1.2 Packages

When you implement the functions, you'll only need to you use the packages you've used in the classroom, like Pandas and Numpy. These packages will be imported for you. We recommend you don't add any import statements, otherwise the grader might not be able to run your code.

The other packages that we're importing are helper, project\_helper, and project\_tests. These are custom packages built to help you solve the problems. The helper and project\_helper module contains utility functions and graph functions. The project\_tests contains the unit tests for all the problems.

## 1.2.1 Install Packages

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#### 1.2.2 Load Packages

#### 1.3 Market Data

#### 1.3.1 Load Data

The data we use for most of the projects is end of day data. This contains data for many stocks, but we'll be looking at stocks in the S&P 500. We also made things a little easier to run by narrowing down our range of time period instead of using all of the data.

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#### 1.3.2 View Data

Run the cell below to see what the data looks like for close.

```
In [30]: project_helper.print_dataframe(close)
```

#### 1.3.3 Stock Example

Let's see what a single stock looks like from the closing prices. For this example and future display examples in this project, we'll use Apple's stock (AAPL). If we tried to graph all the stocks, it would be too much information.

# 1.4 Resample Adjusted Prices

The trading signal you'll develop in this project does not need to be based on daily prices, for instance, you can use month-end prices to perform trading once a month. To do this, you must first resample the daily adjusted closing prices into monthly buckets, and select the last observation of each month.

Implement the resample\_prices to resample close\_prices at the sampling frequency of freq.

```
In [32]: def resample_prices(close_prices, freq='M'):
             Resample close prices for each ticker at specified frequency.
             Parameters
             _____
             close_prices : DataFrame
                 Close prices for each ticker and date
             freq : str
                 What frequency to sample at
                 For valid freq choices, see http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/timeser
             Returns
             prices_resampled : DataFrame
                 Resampled prices for each ticker and date
             # TODO: Implement Function
             return close_prices.resample(freq).last()
         project_tests.test_resample_prices(resample_prices)
Tests Passed
```

#### 1.4.1 View Data

Let's apply this function to close and view the results.

#### 1.5 Compute Log Returns

Compute log returns ( $R_t$ ) from prices ( $P_t$ ) as your primary momentum indicator:

$$R_t = log_e(P_t) - log_e(P_{t-1})$$

Implement the compute\_log\_returns function below, such that it accepts a dataframe (like one returned by resample\_prices), and produces a similar dataframe of log returns. Use Numpy's log function to help you calculate the log returns.

```
In [34]: def compute_log_returns(prices):
    """
    Compute log returns for each ticker.

Parameters
------
prices: DataFrame
    Prices for each ticker and date

Returns
-----
log_returns: DataFrame
    Log returns for each ticker and date
"""

# TODO: Implement Function
result = np.log(prices) - np.log(prices.shift(1))
return result

project_tests.test_compute_log_returns(compute_log_returns)
```

Tests Passed

#### 1.5.1 View Data

Using the same data returned from resample\_prices, we'll generate the log returns.

#### 1.6 Shift Returns

Implement the shift\_returns function to shift the log returns to the previous or future returns in the time series. For example, the parameter shift\_n is 2 and returns is the following:

Returns					
	Α	В	C	D	
2013-07-08	0.015	0.082	0.096	0.020	
2013-07-09	0.037	0.095	0.027	0.063	
2013-07-10	0.094	0.001	0.093	0.019	
2013-07-11	0.092	0.057	0.069	0.087	

the output of the shift\_returns function would be:

	Shift Returns					
	Α	В	C	D		
2013-07-08	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN		
2013-07-09	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN		
2013-07-10	0.015	0.082	0.096	0.020		
2013-07-11	0.037	0.095	0.027	0.063		

Using the same returns data as above, the shift\_returns function should generate the following with shift\_n as -2:

Shift Returns							
	A	В	C	D			
2013-07-08	0.094	0.001	0.093	0.019			
2013-07-09	0.092	0.057	0.069	0.087			
• • •							
	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN			
	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN			

Note: The "..." represents data points we're not showing.

```
In [36]: def shift_returns(returns, shift_n):
    """
    Generate shifted returns

Parameters
------
returns : DataFrame
    Returns for each ticker and date
shift_n : int
    Number of periods to move, can be positive or negative

Returns
-----
shifted_returns : DataFrame
    Shifted returns for each ticker and date
"""
# TODO: Implement Function
return returns.shift(shift_n)

project_tests.test_shift_returns(shift_returns)
```

Tests Passed

#### 1.6.1 View Data

Let's get the previous month's and next month's returns.

# 1.7 Generate Trading Signal

A trading signal is a sequence of trading actions, or results that can be used to take trading actions. A common form is to produce a "long" and "short" portfolio of stocks on each date (e.g. end of each month, or whatever frequency you desire to trade at). This signal can be interpreted as rebalancing your portfolio on each of those dates, entering long ("buy") and short ("sell") positions as indicated.

Here's a strategy that we will try: > For each month-end observation period, rank the stocks by *previous* returns, from the highest to the lowest. Select the top performing stocks for the long portfolio, and the bottom performing stocks for the short portfolio.

Implement the get\_top\_n function to get the top performing stock for each month. Get the top performing stocks from prev\_returns by assigning them a value of 1. For all other stocks, give them a value of 0. For example, using the following prev\_returns:

	Previous Keturns						
	A	В	C	D	E	F	G
2013-07-08	0.015	0.082	0.096	0.020	0.075	0.043	0.074
2013-07-09	0.037	0.095	0.027	0.063	0.024	0.086	0.025

The function get\_top\_n with top\_n set to 3 should return the following:

	Previous Returns							
	Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	
2013-07-08	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
2013-07-09	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	

Note: You may have to use Panda's DataFrame. iterrows with Series.nlargest in order to implement the function. This is one of those cases where creating a vecorization solution is too difficult.

#### 1.7.1 View Data

We want to get the best performing and worst performing stocks. To get the best performing stocks, we'll use the get\_top\_n function. To get the worst performing stocks, we'll also use the get\_top\_n function. However, we pass in -1\*prev\_returns instead of just prev\_returns. Multiplying by negative one will flip all the positive returns to negative and negative returns to positive. Thus, it will return the worst performing stocks.

```
In [38]: def get_top_n(prev_returns, top_n):
             Select the top performing stocks
             Parameters
             _____
             prev_returns : DataFrame
                 Previous shifted returns for each ticker and date
             top_n: int
                 The number of top performing stocks to get
             Returns
             _____
             top_stocks : DataFrame
                 Top stocks for each ticker and date marked with a 1
             # TODO: Implement Function
             # .apply(lambda dfq: dfq.nlargest(3))
             copy_prev_returns = prev_returns.copy()
             for i, row in prev_returns.iterrows():
                 t = row.nlargest(top_n)
                 copy_prev_returns.loc[i] = 0.0
                 copy_prev_returns.loc[i, t.index] = 1.0
                 copy_prev_returns = copy_prev_returns.fillna(0).astype(np.int)
             return copy_prev_returns
         project_tests.test_get_top_n(get_top_n)
Tests Passed
In [41]: top_bottom_n = 50
         df_long = get_top_n(prev_returns, top_bottom_n)
         df_short = get_top_n(-1*prev_returns, top_bottom_n)
         project_helper.print_top(df_long, 'Longed Stocks')
         project_helper.print_top(df_short, 'Shorted Stocks')
```

```
10 Most Longed Stocks:
INCY, AMD, AVGO, NFX, SWKS, NFLX, ILMN, UAL, NVDA, MU
10 Most Shorted Stocks:
RRC, FCX, CHK, MRO, GPS, WYNN, DVN, FTI, SPLS, TRIP
```

# 1.8 Projected Returns

It's now time to check if your trading signal has the potential to become profitable!

We'll start by computing the net returns this portfolio would return. For simplicity, we'll assume every stock gets an equal dollar amount of investment. This makes it easier to compute a portfolio's returns as the simple arithmetic average of the individual stock returns.

Implement the portfolio\_returns function to compute the expected portfolio returns. Using df\_long to indicate which stocks to long and df\_short to indicate which stocks to short, calculate the returns using lookahead\_returns. To help with calculation, we've provided you with n\_stocks as the number of stocks we're investing in a single period.

```
In [42]: def portfolio_returns(df_long, df_short, lookahead_returns, n_stocks):
             Compute expected returns for the portfolio, assuming equal investment in each long,
             Parameters
             df_long: DataFrame
                 Top stocks for each ticker and date marked with a 1
             df\_short : DataFrame
                 Bottom stocks for each ticker and date marked with a 1
             lookahead_returns : DataFrame
                 Lookahead returns for each ticker and date
             n_stocks: int
                 The number number of stocks chosen for each month
             Returns
             portfolio_returns : DataFrame
                 Expected portfolio returns for each ticker and date
             # TODO: Implement Function
             portfolio_returns = lookahead_returns*(df_long-df_short)/n_stocks
             return portfolio_returns
         project_tests.test_portfolio_returns(portfolio_returns)
```

Tests Passed

#### 1.8.1 View Data

Time to see how the portfolio did.

#### 1.9 Statistical Tests

#### 1.9.1 Annualized Rate of Return

```
In [44]: expected_portfolio_returns_by_date = expected_portfolio_returns.T.sum().dropna()
         portfolio_ret_mean = expected_portfolio_returns_by_date.mean()
         portfolio_ret_ste = expected_portfolio_returns_by_date.sem()
         portfolio_ret_annual_rate = (np.exp(portfolio_ret_mean * 12) - 1) * 100
         print("""
         Mean:
                                     {:.6f}
         Standard Error:
                                     {:.6f}
         Annualized Rate of Return: {:.2f}%
         """.format(portfolio_ret_mean, portfolio_ret_ste, portfolio_ret_annual_rate))
Mean:
                            0.003253
Standard Error:
                            0.002203
Annualized Rate of Return: 3.98%
```

The annualized rate of return allows you to compare the rate of return from this strategy to other quoted rates of return, which are usually quoted on an annual basis.

## 1.9.2 T-Test

Our null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) is that the actual mean return from the signal is zero. We'll perform a one-sample, one-sided t-test on the observed mean return, to see if we can reject  $H_0$ .

We'll need to first compute the t-statistic, and then find its corresponding p-value. The p-value will indicate the probability of observing a t-statistic equally or more extreme than the one we observed if the null hypothesis were true. A small p-value means that the chance of observing the t-statistic we observed under the null hypothesis is small, and thus casts doubt on the null hypothesis. It's good practice to set a desired level of significance or alpha ( $\alpha$ ) before computing the p-value, and then reject the null hypothesis if  $p < \alpha$ .

For this project, we'll use  $\alpha = 0.05$ , since it's a common value to use.

Implement the analyze\_alpha function to perform a t-test on the sample of portfolio returns. We've imported the scipy.stats module for you to perform the t-test.

Note: scipy.stats.ttest\_1samp performs a two-sided test, so divide the p-value by 2 to get
1-sided p-value

```
In [45]: from scipy import stats
```

```
def analyze_alpha(expected_portfolio_returns_by_date):
    Perform a t-test with the null hypothesis being that the expected mean return is ze
    Parameters
    expected\_portfolio\_returns\_by\_date : Pandas Series
        Expected portfolio returns for each date
    Returns
    _____
    t_{value}
        T-statistic from t-test
    p_value
        Corresponding p-value
    net_returns = pd.core.series.Series(expected_portfolio_returns_by_date)
    null_hypothesis = 0
    t_value, p_value = stats.ttest_1samp(expected_portfolio_returns_by_date,null_hypoth
    return t_value, p_value/2
project_tests.test_analyze_alpha(analyze_alpha)
```

#### 1.9.3 View Data

Tests Passed

Let's see what values we get with our portfolio. After you run this, make sure to answer the question below.

# 1.9.4 Question: What p-value did you observe? And what does that indicate about your signal?

p-value > 0 it's a signal to buy

# 1.10 Submission

Now that you're done with the project, it's time to submit it. Click the submit button in the bottom right. One of our reviewers will give you feedback on your project with a pass or not passed grade. You can continue to the next section while you wait for feedback.