

# Backtesting Sector Strategy

MGMT 638: Data-Driven Investments: Equity

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## Read data

- Penny stocks have been eliminated
- Data includes both large caps and small caps. You can filter to small caps if you want.
- Filter to your sector.



```
In [1]: import pandas as pd

url = "https://www.dropbox.com/s/lm4v48d51g64l0f/data-2023-11-29.csv?dl=1"
df = pd.read_csv(url)
```



In [2]: *# uncomment and execute the following to filter to small caps*

```
"""
df["rnk"] = df.groupby("date", group_keys=False).marketcap.rank(
    ascending=False,
    method="first"
)
df = df[(df.rnk>1000) & (df.rnk<=3000)]
df = df.drop(columns=["rnk"])
"""
```

Out[2]: ' \ndf["rnk"] = df.groupby("date", group\_keys=False).marketcap.rank(\n ascending=False, \n method="first"\n)\ndf = df[(df.rnk>1000) & (df.rnk<=3000)]\ndf = df.drop(columns=["rnk"])\n'



Select a sector



```
In [3]: sector = "Healthcare"  
df = df[df.sector==sector]
```

## Define model and target

- Current code uses `max_depth=4` and `n_estimators=200`
- Two possible targets: return in excess of the median or rank of the return.
- Comment one of them out.

```
In [4]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
forest = RandomForestRegressor(max_depth=4, n_estimators=200)

df["target"] = df.groupby("date", group_keys=False).ret.apply(
    lambda x: 100 * (x-x.median())
)

"""
# could use this instead

df["target"] = df.groupby("date", group_keys=False).ret.apply(
    lambda x: 100 * x.rank(pct=True)
)
"""
```

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Out[4]: ' \n# could use this instead\n\ndf["target"] = df.groupby("date", gro
up_keys=False).ret.apply(\n    lambda x: 100 * x.rank(pct=True)\n)\n'
```





## Define predictors (features)

- Leaving out interactions with market volatility, because they didn't seem to make much difference.



```
In [5]: features = [  
        "marketcap",  
        "pb",  
        "mom",  
        "volume",  
        "volatility",  
        "roe",  
        "accruals",  
        "agr"  
    ]  
features.sort()
```

## Define training dates and training windows

- Start training once we have three years of data.
- Specify `num_years_for_training  $\geq$  3` as the number of years of past data to train on in each iteration of the backtesting loop.



```
In [6]: num_years_for_training = 5
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In [7]: dates = list(df.date.unique())
        dates.sort()
        train_dates = dates[156::52] # once per year starting after three years

        past_dates = {} # dates on which to train for each training date
        future_dates = {} # dates for which to predict for each training date
        for date in train_dates:
            start_index = dates.index(date) - 52*num_years_for_training
            start_index = start_index if start_index >= 0 else 0
            past_dates[date] = dates[start_index:dates.index(date)]
            if date < train_dates[-1]:
                future_dates[date] = dates[dates.index(date):(dates.index(date)+52)]
            else:
                future_dates[date] = dates[dates.index(date):]
```



Run the loop



```
In [8]: new_data = None
        for date in train_dates:
            past = past_dates[date]
            past = df[df.date.isin(past)]
            future = future_dates[date]
            future = df[df.date.isin(future)]
            forest.fit(X=past[features], y=past.target)
            predictions = forest.predict(X=future[features])
            predictions = pd.DataFrame(predictions)
            predictions.columns = ["predict"]
            for col in ["ticker", "date"]:
                predictions[col] = future[col].to_list()
            new_data = pd.concat((new_data, predictions))

        df = df.merge(new_data, on=["ticker", "date"], how="inner")
```

## Calculate portfolio returns

- Specify how many stocks you want to hold in each (long or short) portfolio





```
In [10]: numstocks = 50
```



```
In [11]: df["rnk_long"] = df.groupby("date", group_keys=False).predict.rank(
        ascending=False,
        method="first"
    )
df["rnk_short"] = df.groupby("date", group_keys=False).predict.rank(
    ascending=True,
    method="first"
)

longs = df[df.rnk_long<=numstocks]
shorts = df[df.rnk_short<=numstocks]
```

```
In [12]: long_ret = longs.groupby("date").ret.mean()
short_ret = shorts.groupby("date").ret.mean()
print(f"mean annualized long return is {52*long_ret.mean():.2%}")
print(f"mean annualized short return is {52*short_ret.mean():.2%}")
```

```
mean annualized long return is 24.74%
mean annualized short return is -25.62%
```

Evaluate long returns



## Get weekly factors and risk-free rate

- There is some weekly data on French's website, but not everything we want is available weekly.
- So, we will get daily data and compound to weekly.



```
In [13]: from pandas_datareader import DataReader as pdr

famafrench = pdr("F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3_daily", "famafrench", start:
famafrench.index.name = "date"
famafrench = famafrnch.reset_index()
famafrench["year"] = famafrnch.date.apply(lambda x: x.isocalendar()[0])
famafrench["week"] = famafrnch.date.apply(lambda x: x.isocalendar()[1])

ff = None
for col in ["Mkt-RF", "SMB", "HML", "CMA", "RMW", "RF"]:
    ser = famafrnch.groupby(["year", "week"], group_keys=True)[col].apply(
        lambda x: (1+x).prod() - 1
    )
    ser.name = col
    ff = pd.concat((ff, ser), axis=1)
ff["date"] = famafrnch.groupby(["year", "week"], group_keys=True).date.last(
ff = ff.reset_index(drop=True)
ff = ff.set_index("date")
```

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In [20]: mom = pdr("F-F_Momentum_Factor_daily", "famafrench", start=2010)[0]/100
mom.index.name = "date"
mom.columns = ["UMD"]
mom = mom.reset_index()
mom["year"] = mom.date.apply(lambda x: x.isocalendar()[0])
mom["week"] = mom.date.apply(lambda x: x.isocalendar()[1])

umd = mom.groupby(["year", "week"], group_keys=True).UMD.apply(
    lambda x: (1+x).prod() - 1
)
umd = pd.DataFrame(umd)
umd["date"] = mom.groupby(["year", "week"], group_keys=True).date.last()
umd = umd.reset_index(drop=True)
umd = umd.set_index("date")
```

Combine factors and long returns





```
In [28]: long_ret.name = "ret"
long_ret.index = pd.to_datetime(long_ret.index)
data = pd.concat((ff, umd, long_ret), axis=1).dropna()
data.head(3)
```

```
Out[28]:
```

	Mkt-RF	SMB	HML	CMA	RMW	RF	UMD
date							
2014-01-10	0.006690	0.003776	-0.014450	-0.009374	-0.016990	0.0	0.016774
2014-01-17	-0.001175	0.004805	-0.006908	-0.001320	-0.007482	0.0	-0.003429
2014-01-24	-0.025944	0.004589	-0.001517	-0.005691	0.000292	0.0	-0.012687

Sharpe ratio



In [30]: `import numpy as np`

```
sharpe = np.sqrt(52) * (data.ret - data.RF).mean() / data.ret.std()  
print(f"annualized Sharpe ratio is {sharpe:.2%}")
```

annualized Sharpe ratio is 71.08%



Market alpha and information ratio



```
In [31]: import statsmodels.formula.api as smf

data["ret_rf"] = data.ret - data.RF
data["mkt_rf"] = data["Mkt-RF"]
result = smf.ols("ret_rf ~ mkt_rf", data).fit()

alpha = 52*result.params["Intercept"]
resid_stdev = np.sqrt(52 * result.mse_resid)
info_ratio = alpha / resid_stdev

print(f"annualized alpha is {alpha:.2%}")
print(f"annualized information ratio is {info_ratio:.2%}")
```

```
annualized alpha is 18.65%
annualized information ratio is 56.31%
```



## Attribution analysis



```
In [32]: result = smf.ols("ret_rf ~ mkt_rf + SMB + HML + CMA + RMW + UMD", data).fit()  
result.summary()
```

Out[32]:

OLS Regression Results							
Dep. Variable:		ret_rf			R-squared:		0.152
Model:		OLS			Adj. R-squared:		0.141
Method:		Least Squares			F-statistic:		14.93
Date:		Wed, 29 Nov 2023			Prob (F-statistic):		9.78e-16
Time:		12:52:13			Log-Likelihood:		866.84
No. Observations:		508			AIC:		-1720.
Df Residuals:		501			BIC:		-1690.
Df Model:		6					
Covariance Type:		nonrobust					
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
Intercept	0.0043	0.002	2.181	0.030	0.000	0.008	
mkt_rf	0.4520	0.089	5.065	0.000	0.277	0.627	
SMB	0.4939	0.166	2.974	0.003	0.168	0.820	
HML	-0.5072	0.152	-3.330	0.001	-0.806	-0.208	
CMA	0.6061	0.275	2.201	0.028	0.065	1.147	
RMW	-0.5944	0.204	-2.911	0.004	-0.995	-0.193	



Analyze fitted model on most recent data





Get most recent data from backtest data



```
In [39]: present = future[future.date==future.date.max()]
```

Visualize distributions of characteristics



```
In [41]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_style("whitegrid")

sns.pairplot(present[features])
```

Out[41]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x208d2a27c70>



Calculate medians to use as base values for characteristics



```
In [33]: present = future[future.date==future.date.max()]
medians = present[features].median()
medians = pd.DataFrame(medians).T
```

Define plotting functions



```
In [51]: def predict1(char):  
        data = medians.copy()  
        grid = np.linspace(  
            present[char].quantile(0.01),  
            present[char].quantile(0.99),  
            100  
        )  
        predictions = []  
        for x in grid:  
            data[char] = x  
            prediction = forest.predict(X=data).item()  
            predictions.append(prediction)  
        return grid, predictions
```



```
In [52]: def predict2(char1, char2):
        data = medians.copy()
        grid1 = np.linspace(
            present[char1].quantile(0.01),
            present[char1].quantile(0.99),
            20
        )
        grid2 = np.linspace(
            present[char2].quantile(0.01),
            present[char2].quantile(0.99),
            20
        )
        grid1, grid2 = np.meshgrid(grid1, grid2)
        predictions = np.empty(grid1.shape)
        for i in range(20):
            for j in range(20):
                data[char1] = grid1[i, j]
                data[char2] = grid2[i, j]
                predictions[i, j] = forest.predict(data)
        return grid1, grid2, predictions
```

Feature importances



```
In [44]: importances = pd.Series(forest.feature_importances_, index=features)
importances.sort_values(ascending=False).round(3)
```

```
Out[44]: pb          0.464
volume    0.134
marketcap 0.115
agr       0.082
volatility 0.068
mom       0.064
accruals  0.047
roe       0.027
dtype: float64
```



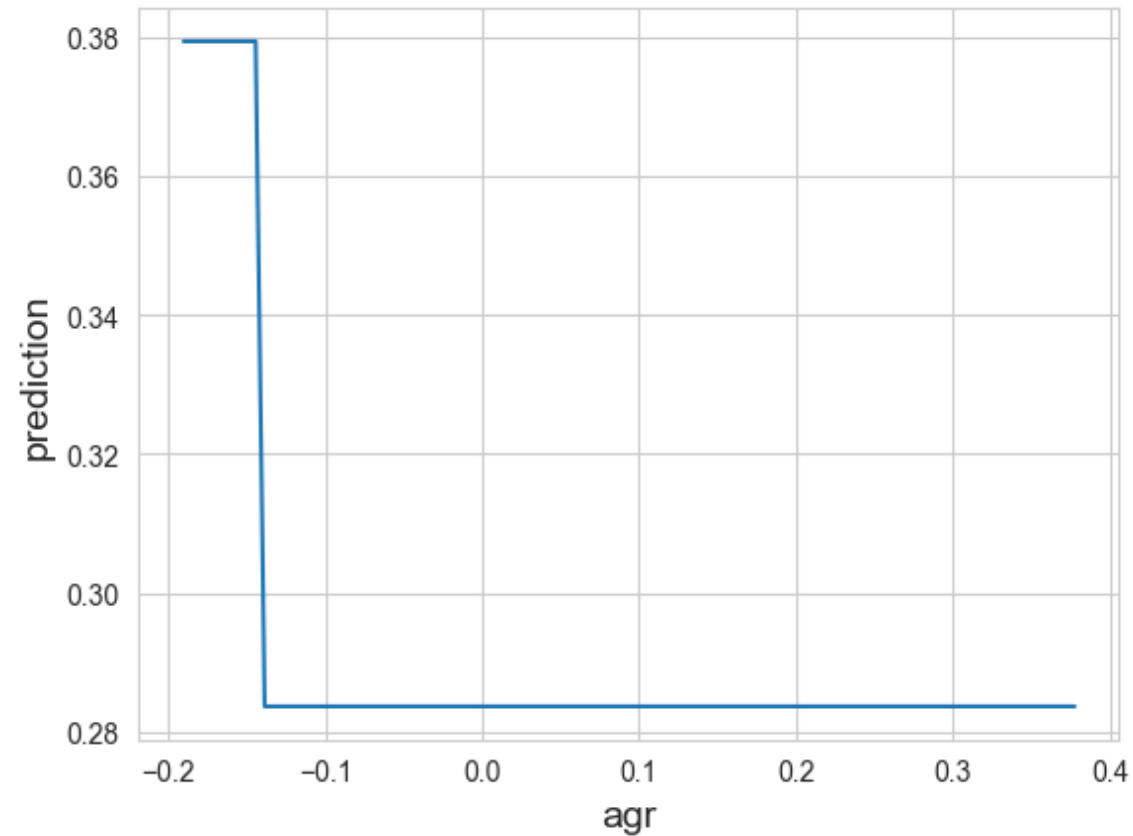
Vary one characteristic at a time and plot

- Specify which characteristic



```
In [53]: char = "agr"

grid, predictions = predict1(char)
plt.plot(grid, predictions)
plt.xlabel(char, fontdict={"size": 14})
plt.ylabel("prediction", fontdict={"size": 14})
plt.show()
```



Vary two characteristics at a time and plot

- Specify which characteristics



In [54]:

```
char1 = "pb"  
char2 = "marketcap"  
  
grid1, grid2, predictions = predict2(char1, char2)  
contour = plt.contourf(grid1, grid2, predictions, 20, cmap="viridis")  
cbar = plt.colorbar(contour)  
plt.xlabel(char1, fontdict={"size": 14})  
plt.ylabel(char2, fontdict={"size": 14})  
plt.show()
```

