

ALPHAS AND BETAS

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS WEEK

- 1. Estimate the cost of equity capital for CVX
- 2. Evaluate the performance of Fidelity Magellan relative to a Fama-French benchmark

COST OF EQUITY CAPITAL

CAPITAL ASSET PRICING MODEL

Expected stock return is $r_f + eta imes \overline{r_m - r_f}$

- 1. Get today's r_f from FRED
- 2. Get historical $\overline{r_m r_f}$ from French's data library
- 3. Estimate beta by running regression

$$r-r_f=lpha+eta(r_m-r_f)+arepsilon$$

Let's estimate the beta first.

DATA FOR REGRESSION

The regression is:

$$r-r_f=lpha+eta(r_m-r_f)+arepsilon$$

a. CVX return r from Yahoo adjusted closing prices b. Risk-free rate r_f from French's data library c. Market excess return $r_m - r_f$ from French's data library

COMPUTE CVX RETURNS

- Ask Julius to pip install yfinance==0.1.70 and import yfinance as yf
- Then (all instructions at once to avoid repeated downloads) ask Julius to:
 - use yf.Ticker to get CVX closing prices (= adjusted closing prices) since 2010
 - downsample to end-of-month and compute returns as 100 times percent change
 - convert dates to pandas monthly period format

GET FAMA-FRENCH FACTORS

Ask Julius to use the pandas datareader get the monthly Fama-French factors since 2010 from French's data library,

PREPARE DATA FOR THE REGRESSION

- Ask Julius to do an inner merge on the dates of the CVX returns and Fama-French factors.
- Ask Julius to keep only the last 120 rows.
- Ask Julius to add the excess CVX return to the dataframe by subtracting RF from the CVX return.
- Ask Julius to show the head and tail of the dataframe.

RUN THE REGRESSION

- Ask Julius to regress the excess CVX return on MKT-RF, including an intercept, and show a summary of the results.
- Ask Julius to assign the MKT-RF regression coefficient to a new variable called beta.

ESTIMATE THE MARKET RISK PREMIUM

- Ask Julius to use pandas datareader to get the annual Fama-French factors from French's data library starting in 1926.
- Ask Julius to compute the mean of MKT-RF and assign it to a new variablecalled market_premium.

GET THE CURRENT RISK-FREE RATE

- Ask Julius to use pandas datareader to get 1-month Treasury bill yields from FRED.
- Ask Julius to get the most recent 1-month Treasury bill yield and assign it to a new variable called rf.

CVX COST OF EQUITY CAPITAL

Ask Julius to compute rf + beta * market_premium.

VISUALIZE THE REGRESSION

- Ask Julius to produce a scatter plot with the excess CVX return on the y axis and MKT-RF on the x axis.
 - Tip: we might need to give Julius the name of the dataframe containing the excess CVX return and MKT-RF.
 - Look back at the code where Julius showed the head and tail of the dataframe to find the name.
- Ask Julius to include the regression line on the scatter plot.

VISUALIZATION TIPS

- We can ask Julius to set the style of the plot. I like the seaborn whitegrid style.
- There are other choices: seaborn plot styles
- If Julius is balky at including the regression line, ask it to create a seaborn regplot with ci=None.
- You can also specify the colors of the points and the line (the line could be a different color than the points).

INTERACTIVE PLOTS

- Suppose we're giving a presentation in which we show the regression plot.
 - We anticipate there might be questions about some of the points - e.g., extreme values.
 - We could tag them with annotations, but it creates clutter.
 - It might be useful to be able to hover over points and have pop-ups with details.
- This requires html.

USE PLOTLY

- Ask Julius to use the dataframe containing the CVX excess return and MKT-RF and to convert the dates to strings.
- Ask Julius to use plotly to create a scatter plot with a regression line, the CVX excess return on the y-axis, and MKT-RF on the x-axis.
- Ask Julius to include the date in the hover data.
- Ask Julius to save the figure as html.

SEE THE RESULTS

- Download the html file.
- Open it from Windows Explorer or the Mac Finder (it probably won't work opening it from your web browser).
- Try out different plotly templates e.g., plotly_dark.
- More visualization coming next week.

MUTUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Rankings
- Performance relative to benchmark (large cap, ...)
- Performance after adjusting for risk exposures
 - relative to benchmark adjusting for benchmark beta
 - or including other risk exposures
 - alpha = average return after adjustments

FAMA-FRENCH FACTORS: MOTIVATION

- Certain types of stocks have beaten others historically
- Efficient markets view: must be due to risk exposures that investors care about
- Not sure what risks are, but use difference in returns of different types of stocks as proxies

FAMA-FRENCH 5 FACTORS

- MKT-RF = market return minus T-bill return
- SMB = Small stock return Minus Big stock return
- HML = High book-to-market (value) return Minus Low book-to-market return
- CMA = Conservative (low asset growth) return Minus Aggressive return
- RMW = Robust (high profitability) return Minus Weak return

DATA

- Start a new chat.
- Repeat the steps in the Yahoo/Fama-French merge, except
 - Get FMAGX (Fidelity Magellan) from Yahoo for the maximum history possible
 - Get the monthly 5-factor Fama-French factors from French's data library for the maximum history possible
 - Keep all months after doing an inner merge (not just last 120)

RUN REGRESSION

• The regression is

 $r-\mathrm{RF}=lpha+eta_1 imes\mathrm{MKT} ext{-}\mathrm{RF}+eta_2 imes\mathrm{SMB}$

 $+eta_3 imes \mathrm{HML} + eta_4 imes \mathrm{CMA} + eta_5 imes \mathrm{RMW} + arepsilon$

- Ask Julius to add the excess FMAGX return to the dataframe (FMAGX return minus RF).
- Ask Julius to regress the excess FMAGX return on the Fama-French factors and report the summary.

INTERPRETATION

• A risk-adjusted benchmark for FMAGX is

 $(1-eta_1) imes \mathrm{RF} + eta_1 imes \mathrm{MKT} + eta_2 imes \mathrm{SMB}$

 $+eta_3 imes \mathrm{HML} + eta_4 imes \mathrm{CMA} + eta_5 imes \mathrm{RMW} + arepsilon$

• Call this BMARK. The regression can be restated as

 $r-\mathrm{BMARK}=lpha+arepsilon$

• $\alpha + \varepsilon$ is over-performance when positive and underperformance when negative.

HISTORY OF OVER OR UNDER-PERFORMANCE

- Ask Julius to add a variable called over_under to the dataset defined as (regression intercept + regression residuals) / 100.
- Ask Julius to compute the cumulative product of (1 + over_under) and to plot it.

ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

- Attribution analysis is breaking down the benchmark.
- How much return comes from market exposure? size exposure? value exposure? ...
- We can calculate the average return to the value exposure as $\beta_3 \overline{\text{HML}}$, etc.
- We can visualize these by plotting the cumulative product of $1+eta_3 imes {
 m HML}/100$, etc.
- Ask Julius.