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ActivePremium	<i>Active Premium or Active Return</i>
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### Description

The return on an investment's annualized return minus the benchmark's annualized return.

### Usage

ActivePremium(Ra, Rb, scale = NA)

### Arguments

Ra	return vector of the portfolio
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)

**Details**

Active Premium = Investment's annualized return - Benchmark's annualized return. With a view to speeding computation. I re-write the code of some ratios of the package PerformanceAnalytics, and use the same name for comparing the performance enhancing. Interested readers may compare speed improvement with the use of system.time().

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**References**

Sharpe, W.F. The Sharpe Ratio, *Journal of Portfolio Management*, Fall 1994, 49-58.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**See Also**

[Return.annualized](#),  
[InformationRatio](#),  
[TrackingError](#),

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2015::2018"] #short sample for fast example
# Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
# Rb=assetReturns[, 29] #DJI
# ActivePremium(Ra, Rb)
```

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AdjustedSharpeRatio     *Adjusted Sharpe ratio of the return distribution*

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**Description**

Adjusted Sharpe ratio was introduced by Pezier and White (2006) to adjust for skewness and kurtosis by incorporating a penalty factor for negative skewness and excess kurtosis.

**Usage**

```
AdjustedSharpeRatio(R, Rf = 0, FUN = "StdDev")
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rf	the risk free rate
FUN	one of "StdDev" or "VaR" or "ES" to use as the denominator for unadjusted Sharpe ratio, default="StdDev"

**Details**

$$AdjustedSharpeRatio = SR * [1 + (\frac{S}{6}) * SR - (\frac{K - 3}{24}) * SR^2]$$

where  $SR$  is the sharpe ratio with data annualized,  $S$  is the skewness and  $K$  is the kurtosis

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.99.

Pezier, Jaques and White, Anthony. 2006. The Relative Merits of Investable Hedge Fund Indices and of Funds of Hedge Funds in Optimal Passive Portfolios. Check <https://econpapers.repec.org/paper/rdgicmadp/icma-dp2006-10.htm>  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
```

```
AdjustedSharpeRatio(assetReturns)
```

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AppraisalRatio	<i>Appraisal ratio of the return distribution</i>
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**Description**

Appraisal ratio is the Jensen's alpha adjusted for specific risk. The numerator is divided by specific risk instead of total risk.

**Usage**

```
AppraisalRatio(Ra, Rb, Rf = 0, method = c("appraisal", "modified",  
"alternative"))
```

**Arguments**

Ra	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
Rf	risk free rate, in same period as your returns
method	is one of "appraisal" to calculate appraisal ratio, "modified" to calculate modified Jensen's alpha or "alternative" to calculate alternative Jensen's alpha.

**Details**

Modified Jensen's alpha is Jensen's alpha divided by beta.

Alternative Jensen's alpha is Jensen's alpha divided by systematic risk.

$$Appraisalratio = \frac{\alpha}{\sigma_{\epsilon}}$$

$$ModifiedJensen'salpha = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$AlternativeJensen'salpha = \frac{\alpha}{\sigma_S}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the Jensen's alpha,  $\sigma_{\epsilon}$  is the specific risk,  $\sigma_S$  is the systematic risk.

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.77.

See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
Rb=assetReturns[,29] #DJI
AppraisalRatio(Ra, Rb, method="appraisal")
```

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BernardoLedoitRatio *Bernardo and Ledoit ratio of the return distribution*

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### Description

To calculate Bernardo and Ledoit ratio we take the sum of the subset of returns that are above 0 and we divide it by the opposite of the sum of the subset of returns that are below 0

### Usage

```
BernardoLedoitRatio(R)
```

### Arguments

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

### Details

$$BernardoLedoitRatio(R) = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \max(R_t, 0)}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \max(-R_t, 0)}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series

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### References

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.95.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

### Examples

```
data(assetReturns)
BernardoLedoitRatio(R=assetReturns)
```

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BurkeRatio	<i>Burke ratio of the return distribution</i>
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### Description

To calculate Burke ratio we take the difference between the portfolio return and the risk free rate and we divide it by the square root of the sum of the square of the drawdowns. To calculate the modified Burke ratio we just multiply the Burke ratio by the square root of the number of datas.

### Usage

```
BurkeRatio(R, Rf = 0, modified = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rf	the risk free rate
modified	a boolean to decide which ratio to calculate between Burke ratio and modified Burke ratio.

### Details

$$BurkeRatio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^d D_t^2}}$$

$$ModifiedBurkeRatio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^d \frac{D_t^2}{n}}}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series,  $d$  is number of drawdowns,  $r_P$  is the portfolio return,  $r_F$  is the risk free rate and  $D_t$  the  $t^{th}$  drawdown.

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### References

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.90-91.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
BurkeRatio(assetReturns,Rf=0)
```

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CalmarRatio	<i>calculate a Calmar or Sterling reward/risk ratio Calmar and Sterling Ratios are yet another method of creating a risk-adjusted measure for ranking investments similar to the <a href="#">SharpeRatio</a>.</i>
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**Description**

Both the Calmar and the Sterling ratio are the ratio of annualized return over the absolute value of the maximum drawdown of an investment. The Sterling ratio adds an excess risk measure to the maximum drawdown, traditionally and defaulting to 10%.

**Usage**

```
CalmarRatio(R, scale = NA)

SterlingRatio(R, scale = NA, excess = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)
excess	for Sterling Ratio, excess amount to add to the max drawdown, traditionally and default .1 (10%)

**Details**

It is also traditional to use a three year return series for these calculations, although the functions included here make no effort to determine the length of your series. If you want to use a subset of your series, you'll need to truncate or subset the input data to the desired length.

Many other measures have been proposed to do similar reward to risk ranking. It is the opinion of this author that newer measures such as Sortino's [SharpeRatio](#) are both "better" measures, and should be preferred to the Calmar or Sterling Ratio.

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**References**

Bacon, Carl. *Practical Portfolio Performance Measurement and Attribution*. Wiley, 2004.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**See Also**

[Return.annualized](#),  
[maxDrawdown](#),

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

# SterlingRatio(R)
```

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CAPM.jensenAlpha      *Jensen's alpha of the return distribution*

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**Description**

The Jensen's alpha is the intercept of the regression equation in the Capital Asset Pricing Model and is in effect the excess return adjusted for systematic risk.

**Usage**

```
CAPM.jensenAlpha(Ra, Rb, Rf = 0)
```

**Arguments**

Ra	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
Rf	risk free rate, in same period as your returns

**Details**

$$\alpha = r_p - r_f - \beta_p * (b - r_f)$$

where  $r_f$  is the risk free rate,  $\beta_r$  is the regression beta,  $r_p$  is the portfolio return and b is the benchmark return

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008  
p.72  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
Rb=assetReturns[,29] #DJI

CAPM.jensenAlpha(Ra, Rb)
```

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data-sets

*Data Sets*

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**Description**

assetReturns contains DJ component stocks returns data. macrodata contains US unemployment(unrate) and year-to-year changes in three regional business cycle indices (OECD, NAFTA, and G7).

**Usage**

```
data(assetReturns)
data(macrodata)
```

**Value**

assetReturns is a time series object of package xts. macrodata is macroeconomic time series data.

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DownsideDeviation

*downside risk (deviation, variance) of the return distribution*

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**Description**

Downside deviation, semideviation, and semivariance are measures of downside risk.

**Usage**

```
DownsideDeviation(R, MAR = 0, method = c("full", "subset"),potential = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
MAR	Minimum Acceptable Return, in the same periodicity as your returns
method	one of "full" or "subset", indicating whether to use the length of the full series or the length of the subset of the series below the MAR as the denominator, defaults to "full"
potential	if TRUE, calculate downside potential instead, default FALSE

**Details**

Downside deviation, similar to semi deviation, eliminates positive returns when calculating risk. Instead of using the mean return or zero, it uses the Minimum Acceptable Return as proposed by Sharpe (which may be the mean historical return or zero). It measures the variability of under-performance below a minimum target rate. The downside variance is the square of the downside potential.

To calculate it, we take the subset of returns that are less than the target (or Minimum Acceptable Returns (MAR)) returns and take the differences of those to the target. We sum the squares and divide by the total number of returns to get a below-target semi-variance.

$$DownsideDeviation(R, MAR) = \delta_{MAR} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \min[(R_t - MAR), 0]^2}{n}}$$

$$DownsideVariance(R, MAR) = \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\min[(R_t - MAR), 0]^2}{n}$$

$$DownsidePotential(R, MAR) = \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{\min[(R_t - MAR), 0]}{n}$$

where  $n$  is either the number of observations of the entire series or the number of observations in the subset of the series falling below the MAR.

SemiDeviation or SemiVariance is a popular alternative downside risk measure that may be used in place of standard deviation or variance. SemiDeviation and SemiVariance are implemented as a wrapper of DownsideDeviation with  $MAR = \text{mean}(R)$ .

In many functions like Markowitz optimization, semideviation may be substituted directly, and the covariance matrix may be constructed from semideviation or the vector of returns below the mean rather than from variance or the full vector of returns.

In semideviation, by convention, the value of  $n$  is set to the full number of observations. In semi-variance the the value of  $n$  is set to the subset of returns below the mean. It should be noted that while this is the correct mathematical definition of semivariance, this result doesn't make any sense if you are also going to be using the time series of returns below the mean or below a MAR to construct a semi-covariance matrix for portfolio optimization.

Sortino recommends calculating downside deviation utilizing a continuous fitted distribution rather than the discrete distribution of observations. This would have significant utility, especially in cases of a small number of observations. He recommends using a lognormal distribution, or a fitted

distribution based on a relevant style index, to construct the returns below the MAR to increase the confidence in the final result. Hopefully, in the future, we'll add a fitted option to this function, and would be happy to accept a contribution of this nature.

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### References

Sortino, F. and Price, L. Performance Measurement in a Downside Risk Framework. *Journal of Investing*. Fall 1994, 59-65.

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008

Plantinga, A., van der Meer, R. and Sortino, F. The Impact of Downside Risk on Risk-Adjusted Performance of Mutual Funds in the Euronext Markets. July 19, 2001. Available at SSRN:[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=277352](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=277352)

see especially end note 10 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semivariance>.

See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

### Examples

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
R=assetReturns[, -29]
DownsideDeviation(R, MAR = 0)
```

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DRatio

*d ratio of the return distribution*

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### Description

The d ratio is similar to the Bernado Ledoit ratio but inverted and taking into account the frequency of positive and negative returns.

### Usage

```
DRatio(R)
```

### Arguments

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

**Details**

It has values between zero and infinity. It can be used to rank the performance of portfolios. The lower the d ratio the better the performance, a value of zero indicating there are no returns less than zero and a value of infinity indicating there are no returns greater than zero.

$$DRatio(R) = \frac{n_d * \sum_{t=1}^n \max(-R_t, 0)}{n_u * \sum_{t=1}^n \max(R_t, 0)}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series,  $n_d$  is the number of observations less than zero,  $n_u$  is the number of observations greater than zero

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.95  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

DRatio(R)
```

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DrawdownPeak

*Drawdown peak of the return distribution*

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**Description**

Drawdown peak is for each return its drawdown since the previous peak

**Usage**

```
DrawdownPeak(R)
```

**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
# Not run
# DrawdownPeak(R)
```

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durbinH

*calculate Sortino Ratio of performance over downside risk*

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**Description**

durbinH test the serial correlation of a dynamic regression, namely, a time series regression with AR(1) terms. It modifies Durbin-Watson statistic.

**Usage**

```
durbinH(model, Ly.label="ar1")
```

**Arguments**

model	Estimation result object by, for example, dynlm or arima
Ly.label	Label of AR(1) dependent variable

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**Examples**

```
data(macrodatab)
y=ts(macrodatab[, "OECD"], start=c(1961, 1), freq=12) #OECD business cycle index

out1=dynlm::dynlm(y~L(y, 1)+season(y)+trend(y))
durbinH(out1, Ly.label="L(y, 1)")
```

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getEER	<i>Download effective exchange rates data frame from Bank of International Settlement</i>
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### Description

It downloads effective exchange rates data frame from BIS.

### Usage

```
getEER(Areas=c("US", "JP"), Freq="Monthly", Type="Real", Basket="Broad")
```

### Arguments

Areas	The currency country of effective exchange rates (EER) of BIS, it allows many countries. The defaults are "US" and "JP".
Freq	The type of EER, it has two types: "Daily" and "Monthly". The default is "Monthly". "Daily" works only for "Nominal" of NEER.
Type	The type of EER, it has two types: "Nominal" and "Real". The default is "Real".
Basket	The basket of EER, it has two types: "Broad" and "Narrow". The default is "Broad".

### Details

This function connects with [<"https://www.bis.org/statistics/eer/">](https://www.bis.org/statistics/eer/) and downloads the specified data. The rownames of downloaded data embeds the timestamp already, which can be directly transformed into timeSeries via, as.timeSeries.

### Value

Retrieved BIS effective exchange rates time series, without any time series format.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
#To save time, the example below is commented.  
output=getEER(Areas=c("US", "JP"), Freq="Monthly", Type="Real", Basket="Broad")  
head(output)
```

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`getFed`*Download financial and economic time series data from the Fed*

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**Description**

It downloads financial and economic time series data from the Fed.

**Usage**

```
getFed(var.name="UNRATE", freq="Monthly")
```

**Arguments**

<code>var.name</code>	The name of variable as used by <"https://fred.stlouisfed.org">. For example, "UNRATE" denotes unemployment rate, "CPIAUCSL" is monthly consumer price index, "GDP" is Gross domestic product, and "ICSA" is the initial claim seasonally adjusted. User please check with the web for symbol.
<code>freq</code>	The time series frequency, match Fed label, for example, "Monthly", "Quarterly".

**Details**

This function connects with <"https://fred.stlouisfed.org"> and downloads the specified market data. The rownames of downloaded data is embedded by the timestamp already.

**Value**

Retrieved Fed time series data, but without any time series format.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
#To save time, the example below is commented.  
output=getFed(var.name="UNRATE", freq="Monthly")  
head(output)
```



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getFrench.Factors	<i>Download seven asset pricing factors data from the data library of Dr. French</i>
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### Description

It downloads seven factors data used for asset pricing analysis from the data library of Dr. Kenneth R. French at Dartmouth College.

### Usage

```
#To save time, the example below is commented.
#getFrench.Factors(filename="F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3")
```

### Arguments

filename	The name of data file as listed in <"http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.h" which is an important database for asset pricing literature, this function supports seven factor files: "F-F_Research_Data_Factors",# Fama/French 3 Factors "F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3",# Fama/French 5 Factors "F-F_Momentum_Factor", # Fama/French Momentum Factors "F-F_Momentum_Factor_daily", # Fama/French Momentum Factors(daily) "F-F_Research_Data_Factors_weekly",# Fama/French 3 Factors(weekly) "F-F_Research_Data_Factors_daily", # Fama/French 3 Factors(daily) "F-F_Research_Data_5_Factors_2x3_daily" # Fama/French 5 Factors (daily)
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### Details

This function connects with <"http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data\_library.html"> and downloads the specified factors data. Sometimes, the datafile contains multiple data tables, hence the code returns a list.

### Value

ff.factor	The data retrieved and arranged.
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### Examples

```
#Data server may reject external connection. If it happens, never mind.
#getFrench.Factors(filename="F-F_Research_Data_Factors")
```

---

getFrench.Portfolios *Download 24 asset pricing factors data from the data library of Dr. French*

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### Description

It downloads 24 factors data used for asset pricing analysis from the data library of Dr. Kenneth R. French at Dartmouth College.

### Usage

```
getFrench.Portfolios(filename="Portfolios_Formed_on_ME")
```

### Arguments

filename	The name of portfolio data file as listed in ( <a href="http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.html">http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.html</a> ) the default is "Portfolios_Formed_on_ME". So far, this function supports retrieving 24 portfolio data files: "Portfolios_Formed_on_ME",#Portfolios Formed on Size "Portfolios_Formed_on_BE-ME",#On Book-to-Market "Portfolios_Formed_on_OP", #On Operating Profitability "Portfolios_Formed_on_INV",#On Investment "6_Portfolios_2x3", #6 Ports on Size and Book-to-Market "25_Portfolios_5x5", #25 Ports on Size and Book-to-Market "100_Portfolios_10x10", #100 Ports on Size and Book-to-Market "6_Portfolios_ME_INV_2x3", #6 Ports on Size and Investment "25_Portfolios_ME_INV_5x5",#25 Ports on Size and Investment "100_Portfolios_ME_INV_10x10",#100 Ports on Size and Investment "25_Portfolios_BEME_OP_5x5",#25 Ports on Book-to-Market and Operating Profitability "25_Portfolios_BEME_INV_5x5",#25 Ports on Book-to-Market and Investment "25_Portfolios_OP_INV_5x5",#25 Ports on Operating Profitability and Investment "32_Portfolios_ME_BEME_OP_2x4x4",#32 Ports on Size,Book-to-Market and Operating Profitability "32_Portfolios_ME_BEME_INV_2x4x4",#32 Ports on Size,Book-to-Market and Investment "32_Portfolios_ME_OP_INV_2x4x4",#32 Ports on Size,Operating Profitability and Investment "5_Industry_Portfolios", # Industry Portfolios by c(5,10,12,17,30,38,48,49)
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### Details

This function connects with ["http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data\\_library.html"](http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.html) and downloads the specified portfolio data constructed by factors. Currently, we support on retrieving and arranging 24 portfolio datasets. Sometimes, the datafile contains multiple data tables, hence the code returns a list. Since the csv spreadsheet on the web is not structured data table, it does not

only contain irregular headings, but also 7, or more, data tables; and the trivial portfolio data tables labelled by "Portfolio Formed by ..." are omitted. Check the "table.names" of output object.

### Value

data	The data retrieved and arranged.
table.names	The names of data table.
file.name	The file name of portfolio data.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
#To save time, the example below is commented.
#Data server may not allow external connection. If it happens, never mind.
#output=getFrench.Portfolios(filename="5_Industry_Portfolios")
#output$file.name
#dim(output$data[[1]])
#output$data
#output$table.names
```

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InformationRatio	$InformationRatio = ActivePremium/TrackingError$
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### Description

The Active Premium divided by the Tracking Error.

### Usage

```
InformationRatio(Ra, Rb, scale = NA)
```

### Arguments

Ra	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)

### Details

$InformationRatio = ActivePremium/TrackingError$

This relates the degree to which an investment has beaten the benchmark to the consistency with which the investment has beaten the benchmark.

**Note**

William Sharpe now recommends InformationRatio preferentially to the original [SharpeRatio](#).

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**References**

Sharpe, W.F. The Sharpe Ratio, *Journal of Portfolio Management*, Fall 1994, 49-58.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**See Also**

[TrackingError](#)  
[ActivePremium](#)  
[SharpeRatio](#)

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
Rb=assetReturns[,29] #DJI

InformationRatio(Ra, Rb)
```

---

KellyRatio

*calculate Kelly criterion ratio (leverage or bet size) for a strategy*

---

**Description**

Kelly criterion ratio (leverage or bet size) for a strategy.

**Usage**

```
KellyRatio(R, Rf = 0)
```

**Arguments**

R                    a vector of returns to perform a mean over  
Rf                   risk free rate, in same period as your returns

## Details

The Kelly Criterion was identified by Bell Labs scientist John Kelly, and applied to blackjack and stock strategy sizing by Ed Thorpe.

The Kelly ratio can be simply stated as: “bet size is the ratio of edge over odds.” Mathematically, you are maximizing log-utility. As such, the Kelly criterion is equal to the expected excess return of the strategy divided by the expected variance of the excess return, or

$$leverage = \frac{(\bar{R}_s - R_f)}{StdDev(R)^2}$$

As a performance metric, the Kelly Ratio is calculated retrospectively on a particular investment as a measure of the edge that investment has over the risk free rate. It may be use as a stack ranking method to compare investments in a manner similar to the various ratios related to the Sharpe ratio.

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## References

Thorp, Edward O. (1997; revised 1998). The Kelly Criterion in Blackjack, Sports Betting, and the Stock Market.

See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

## Examples

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

KellyRatio(R, Rf=0)
```

---

M2Sortino

*M squared for Sortino of the return distribution*

---

## Description

M squared for Sortino is a M<sup>2</sup> calculated for Downside risk instead of Total Risk

## Usage

```
M2Sortino(Ra, Rb, MAR = 0)
```

**Arguments**

Ra	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset return
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
MAR	the minimum acceptable return

**Details**

$$M_S^2 = r_P + \text{Sortinoratio} * (\sigma_{DM} - \sigma_D)$$

where  $M_S^2$  is MSquared for Sortino,  $r_P$  is the annualised portfolio return,  $\sigma_{DM}$  is the benchmark annualised downside risk and  $D$  is the portfolio annualised downside risk

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.102-103  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
Rb=assetReturns[,29] #DJI

M2Sortino(Ra, Rb, MAR=0)
```

---

MartinRatio

*Martin ratio of the return distribution*

---

**Description**

To calculate Martin ratio we divide the difference of the portfolio return and the risk free rate by the Ulcer index

**Usage**

```
MartinRatio(R, Rf = 0)
```

**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns  
 Rf risk free rate, in same period as your returns

**Details**

$$\text{Martinratio} = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i'^2}{n}}}$$

where  $r_P$  is the annualized portfolio return,  $r_F$  is the risk free rate,  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series,  $D_i'$  is the drawdown since previous peak in period  $i$

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.91  
 See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

# Not run
# MartinRatio(R)
```

---

maxDrawdown *caclulate the maximum drawdown from peak equity*

---

**Description**

To find the maximum drawdown in a return series, we need to first calculate the cumulative returns and the maximum cumulative return to that point. Any time the cumulative returns dips below the maximum cumulative returns, it's a drawdown. Drawdowns are measured as a percentage of that maximum cumulative return, in effect, measured from peak equity.

**Usage**

```
maxDrawdown(R, geometric = TRUE, invert = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
geometric	utilize geometric chaining (TRUE) or simple/arithmetic chaining (FALSE) to aggregate returns, default TRUE
invert	TRUE/FALSE whether to invert the drawdown measure. see Details.

**Details**

The option to invert the measure should appease both academics and practitioners. The default option `invert=TRUE` will provide the drawdown as a positive number. This should be useful for optimization (which usually seeks to minimize a value), and for tables (where having negative signs in front of every number may be considered clutter). Practitioners will argue that drawdowns denote losses, and should be internally consistent with the quantile (a negative number), for which `invert=FALSE` will provide the value they expect. Individually, different preferences may apply for clarity and compactness. As such, we provide the option, but make no value judgment on which approach is preferable.

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**References**

Bacon, C. *Practical Portfolio Performance Measurement and Attribution*. Wiley. 2004. p. 88  
See also package `PerformanceAnalytics`.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

maxDrawdown(R)
```

---

MeanAbsoluteDeviation *Mean absolute deviation of the return distribution*

---

**Description**

To calculate Mean absolute deviation we take the sum of the absolute value of the difference between the returns and the mean of the returns and we divide it by the number of returns.

**Usage**

```
MeanAbsoluteDeviation(R)
```



**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

**Details**

$$MeanAbsoluteDeviation = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |r_i - \bar{r}|}{n}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series,  $r_i$  is the return in month  $i$  and  $\bar{r}$  is the mean return

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.62.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
R=assetReturns[, -29]

MeanAbsoluteDeviation(R)
```

---

OmegaSharpeRatio	<i>Omega-Sharpe ratio of the return distribution</i>
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---

**Description**

The Omega-Sharpe ratio is a conversion of the omega ratio to a ranking statistic in familiar form to the Sharpe ratio.

**Usage**

```
OmegaSharpeRatio(R, MAR = 0)
```

**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns  
MAR Minimum Acceptable Return, in the same periodicity as your returns

**Details**

To calculate the Omega-Sharpe ration we subtract the target (or Minimum Acceptable Returns (MAR)) return from the portfolio return and we divide it by the opposite of the Downside Deviation.

$$OmegaSharpeRatio(R, MAR) = \frac{r_p - r_t}{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{max(r_t - r_i, 0)}{n}}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008, p.95  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
OmegaSharpeRatio(R)
```

---

PainIndex

*Pain index of the return distribution*


---

**Description**

The pain index is the mean value of the drawdowns over the entire analysis period. The measure is similar to the Ulcer index except that the drawdowns are not squared. Also, it's different than the average drawdown, in that the numerator is the total number of observations rather than the number of drawdowns.

**Usage**

```
PainIndex(R)
```

**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

**Details**

Visually, the pain index is the area of the region that is enclosed by the horizontal line at zero percent and the drawdown line in the Drawdown chart.

$$Painindex = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|D'_i|}{n}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series,  $D'_i$  is the drawdown since previous peak in period  $i$

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.89, Becker, Thomas (2006) Zephyr Associates  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
# Not run
# PainIndex(R)
```

---

PainRatio

*Pain ratio of the return distribution*


---

**Description**

To calculate Pain ratio we divide the difference of the portfolio return and the risk free rate by the Pain index

**Usage**

```
PainRatio(R, Rf = 0)
```

**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns  
Rf risk free rate, in same period as your returns

**Details**

$$Painratio = \frac{r_P - r_F}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|D'_i|}{n}}$$

where  $r_P$  is the annualized portfolio return,  $r_F$  is the risk free rate,  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series,  $D'_i$  is the drawdown since previous peak in period  $i$

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.91  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
R=assetReturns[, -29]
PainRatio(R)
```

---

ProspectRatio	<i>Prospect ratio of the return distribution</i>
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**Description**

Prospect ratio is a ratio used to penalise loss since most people feel loss greater than gain

**Usage**

```
ProspectRatio(R, MAR)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
MAR	the minimum acceptable return

**Details**

$$ProspectRatio(R) = \frac{\frac{1}{n} * \sum_{i=1}^n (Max(r_i, 0) + 2.25 * Min(r_i, 0) - MAR)}{\sigma_D}$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations of the entire series, MAR is the minimum acceptable return and  $\sigma_D$  is the downside risk

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.100

See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

ProspectRatio(R, MAR=0)
```

---

Return.annualized	<i>calculate an annualized return for comparing instruments with different length history</i>
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**Description**

An average annualized return is convenient for comparing returns.

**Usage**

```
Return.annualized(R, scale = NA, geometric = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)
geometric	utilize geometric chaining (TRUE) or simple/arithmetic chaining (FALSE) to aggregate returns, default TRUE

**Details**

Annualized returns are useful for comparing two assets. To do so, you must scale your observations to an annual scale by raising the compound return to the number of periods in a year, and taking the root to the number of total observations:

$$\text{prod}(1 + R_a)^{\frac{\text{scale}}{n}} - 1 = \sqrt[n]{\text{prod}(1 + R_a)^{\text{scale}}} - 1$$

where scale is the number of periods in a year, and n is the total number of periods for which you have observations.

For simple returns (geometric=FALSE), the formula is:

$$\overline{R}_a \cdot \text{scale}$$

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**References**

Bacon, Carl. *Practical Portfolio Performance Measurement and Attribution*. Wiley. 2004. p. 6  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

Return.annualized(R)
```

---

SharpeRatio	<i>calculate a traditional or modified Sharpe Ratio of Return over StdDev or VaR or ES</i>
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**Description**

The Sharpe ratio is simply the return per unit of risk (represented by variability). In the classic case, the unit of risk is the standard deviation of the returns.

**Usage**

```
SharpeRatio(R, Rf = 0, alpha = 0.05, FUN="StdDev", annualize=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rf	risk free rate, in same period as your returns
alpha	Tail probability for VaR or ES, default alpha=.05
FUN	one of "StdDev" or "VaR" or "ES" to use as the denominator
annualize	if TRUE, annualize the measure, default FALSE

**Details**

$$\frac{(R_a - R_f)}{\sqrt{\sigma(R_a - R_f)}}$$

William Sharpe now recommends [InformationRatio](#) preferentially to the original Sharpe Ratio.

The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the combined performance of "risk" and return.

As noted, the traditional Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure of return that uses standard deviation to represent risk.

A number of papers now recommend using a "modified Sharpe" ratio using a Modified Cornish-Fisher VaR or CVaR/Expected Shortfall as the measure of Risk.

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**References**

Sharpe, W.F. The Sharpe Ratio, *Journal of Portfolio Management*, Fall 1994, 49-58.

Laurent Favre and Jose-Antonio Galeano. Mean-Modified Value-at-Risk Optimization with Hedge Funds. *Journal of Alternative Investment*, Fall 2002, v 5.  
See also package [PerformanceAnalytics](#).

**See Also**

[SharpeRatio.annualized](#)  
[InformationRatio](#)  
[TrackingError](#)  
[ActivePremium](#)  
[SortinoRatio](#)

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

SharpeRatio(R)
```

---

```
SharpeRatio.annualized
```

*calculate annualized Sharpe Ratio*

---

**Description**

The Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure of return that uses standard deviation to represent risk.

**Usage**

```
SharpeRatio.annualized(R, Rf = 0, alpha=0.05, scale = NA, geometric = TRUE, FUN = "StdDev")
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rf	risk free rate, in same period as your returns
alpha	Tail probability for VaR or ES, default alpha=.05
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)
geometric	utilize geometric chaining (TRUE) or simple/arithmetic chaining (FALSE) to aggregate returns,default TRUE
FUN	one of "StdDev" or "VaR" or "ES" to use as the denominator, default="StdDev"

**Details**

The Sharpe ratio is simply the return per unit of risk (represented by variance). The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the combined performance of "risk" and return.

This function annualizes the number based on the scale parameter.

$$\frac{\sqrt[n]{\text{prod}(1 + R_a)^{\text{scale}} - 1}}{\sqrt{\text{scale} \cdot \sigma}}$$

Using an annualized Sharpe Ratio is useful for comparison of multiple return streams. The annualized Sharpe ratio is computed by dividing the annualized mean monthly excess return by the annualized monthly standard deviation of excess return.

William Sharpe now recommends Information Ratio preferentially to the original Sharpe Ratio.



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**References**

Sharpe, W.F. The Sharpe Ratio, *Journal of Portfolio Management*, Fall 1994, 49-58.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**See Also**

[SharpeRatio](#)  
[InformationRatio](#)  
[TrackingError](#)  
[ActivePremium](#)  
[SortinoRatio](#)

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
SharpeRatio.annualized(R)
```

---

SkewnessKurtosisRatio *Skewness-Kurtosis ratio of the return distribution*

---

**Description**

Skewness-Kurtosis ratio is the division of Skewness by Kurtosis.

**Usage**

```
SkewnessKurtosisRatio(R)
```

**Arguments**

R an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

**Details**

It is used in conjunction with the Sharpe ratio to rank portfolios. The higher the rate the better.

$$SkewnessKurtosisRatio(R, MAR) = \frac{S}{K}$$

where  $S$  is the skewness and  $K$  is the Kurtosis

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**References**

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.100  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
SkewnessKurtosisRatio(R)
```

---

SortinoRatio	<i>calculate Sortino Ratio of performance over downside risk</i>
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**Description**

Sortino proposed an improvement on the Sharpe Ratio to better account for skill and excess performance by using only downside semivariance as the measure of risk.

**Usage**

```
SortinoRatio(R, MAR = 0)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
MAR	Minimum Acceptable Return, in the same periodicity as your returns

**Details**

Sortino contends that risk should be measured in terms of not meeting the investment goal. This gives rise to the notion of “Minimum Acceptable Return” or MAR. All of Sortino’s proposed measures include the MAR, and are more sensitive to downside or extreme risks than measures that use volatility (standard deviation of returns) as the measure of risk.

Choosing the MAR carefully is very important, especially when comparing disparate investment choices. If the MAR is too low, it will not adequately capture the risks that concern the investor, and if the MAR is too high, it will unfavorably portray what may otherwise be a sound investment. When comparing multiple investments, some papers recommend using the risk free rate as the MAR. Practitioners may wish to choose one MAR for consistency, several standardized MAR values for reporting a range of scenarios, or a MAR customized to the objective of the investor.

$$\text{SortinoRatio} = \frac{(R_a - \overline{MAR})}{\delta_{MAR}}$$

where  $\delta_{MAR}$  is the [DownsideDeviation](#).

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### References

Sortino, F. and Price, L. Performance Measurement in a Downside Risk Framework. *Journal of Investing*. Fall 1994, 59-65.  
See also package [PerformanceAnalytics](#).

### See Also

[SharpeRatio](#)  
[DownsideDeviation](#)  
[InformationRatio](#)

### Examples

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]

SortinoRatio(R)
```

---

table.AnnualizedReturns

*Annualized Returns Summary: Statistics and Stylized Facts*

---

### Description

Table of Annualized Return, Annualized Std Dev, and Annualized Sharpe

### Usage

```
table.AnnualizedReturns(R, scale = NA, Rf = 0, geometric = TRUE,
  digits = 4)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)
Rf	risk free rate, in same period as your returns
geometric	utilize geometric chaining (TRUE) or simple/arithmetic chaining (FALSE) to aggregate returns, default TRUE
digits	number of digits to round results to

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**See Also**

[Return.annualized](#)  
[SharpeRatio.annualized](#)

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
table.AnnualizedReturns(R=Ra)
```

---

TrackingError

*Calculate Tracking Error of returns against a benchmark*


---

**Description**

A measure of the unexplained portion of performance relative to a benchmark.

**Usage**

```
TrackingError(Ra, Rb, scale = NA)
```

**Arguments**

Ra	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)

**Details**

Tracking error is calculated by taking the square root of the average of the squared deviations between the investment's returns and the benchmark's returns, then multiplying the result by the square root of the scale of the returns.

$$TrackingError = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(R_a - R_b)^2}{len(R_a)\sqrt{scale}}}$$

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**References**

Sharpe, W.F. The Sharpe Ratio, *Journal of Portfolio Management*, Fall 1994, 49-58.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**See Also**

[InformationRatio](#) [TrackingError](#)

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
Rb=assetReturns[, 29] #DJI
```

```
TrackingError(Ra, Rb)
```

---

TreydorRatio

*calculate Treynor Ratio or modified Treynor Ratio of excess return over CAPM beta*

---

**Description**

The Treynor ratio is similar to the Sharpe Ratio, except it uses beta as the volatility measure (to divide the investment's excess return over the beta).

**Usage**

```
TreydorRatio(Ra, Rb, Rf = 0, scale = NA, modified = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

Ra	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
Rb	return vector of the benchmark asset
Rf	risk free rate, in same period as your returns
scale	number of periods in a year (daily scale = 252, monthly scale = 12, quarterly scale = 4)
modified	a boolean to decide whether to return the Treynor ratio or Modified Treynor ratio

**Details**

To calculate modified Treynor ratio, we divide the numerator by the systematic risk instead of the beta.

Equation:

$$TreyNorRatio = \frac{(R_a - R_f)}{\beta_{a,b}}$$

$$ModifiedTreyNorRatio = \frac{r_p - r_f}{\sigma_s}$$

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**References**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treynor\\_ratio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treynor_ratio), Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.77

See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

**See Also**

[SharpeRatio](#) [SortinoRatio](#)

**Examples**

```
data(assetReturns)
assetReturns=assetReturns["2011::2018"] #short sample for fast example
Ra=assetReturns[, -29]
Rb=assetReturns[,29] #DJI

TreyNorRatio(Ra, Rb)
```

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UlcerIndex	<i>calculate the Ulcer Index</i>
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### Description

Developed by Peter G. Martin in 1987 (Martin and McCann, 1987) and named for the worry caused to the portfolio manager or investor. This is similar to drawdown deviation except that the impact of the duration of drawdowns is incorporated by selecting the negative return for each period below the previous peak or high water mark. The impact of long, deep drawdowns will have significant impact because the underperformance since the last peak is squared.

### Usage

```
UlcerIndex(R)
```

### Arguments

R a vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns

### Details

$UI = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1,2,\dots,n} (D'_i)^2/n}$  where  $D'_i$  = drawdown since previous peak in period  $i$

DETAILS: This approach is sensitive to the frequency of the time periods involved and penalizes managers that take time to recover to previous highs.

REFERENCES: Martin, P. and McCann, B. (1989) The investor's Guide to Fidelity Funds: Winning Strategies for Mutual Fund Investors. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

See also package `PerformanceAnalytics`.

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### Examples

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
maxDrawdown(R)
```

---

VolatilitySkewness      *Volatility and variability of the return distribution*

---

### Description

Volatility skewness is a similar measure to omega but using the second partial moment. It's the ratio of the upside variance compared to the downside variance. Variability skewness is the ratio of the upside risk compared to the downside risk.

### Usage

```
VolatilitySkewness(R, MAR = 0, stat = c("volatility", "variability"))
```

### Arguments

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
MAR	Minimum Acceptable Return, in the same periodicity as your returns
stat	one of "volatility", "variability" indicating whether to return the volatility skewness or the variability skewness

### Details

$$VolatilitySkewness(R, MAR) = \frac{\sigma_U^2}{\sigma_D^2}$$

$$VariabilitySkewness(R, MAR) = \frac{\sigma_U}{\sigma_D}$$

where  $\sigma_U$  is the Upside risk and  $\sigma_D$  is the Downside Risk

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### References

Carl Bacon, *Practical portfolio performance measurement and attribution*, second edition 2008 p.97-98.  
See also package PerformanceAnalytics.

### Examples

```
data(assetReturns)
R=assetReturns[, -29]
VolatilitySkewness(R, MAR=0, stat="volatility")
```



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