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#### **Abstract**

This paper provides some new empirical evidence on the weekend effect, one of the most recognized anomalies in financial markets. Two different methods are used: (i) a trading robot approach to examine whether or not there is such an anomaly giving rise to exploitable profit opportunities by replicating the actions of traders; (ii) a fractional integration technique for the estimation of the (fractional) integration parameter d. The results suggest that trading strategies aimed at exploiting the weekend effect can generate extra profits but only in a minority of cases in the gold and stock markets, whist they appear to be profitable in most cases in the FOREX. Further, the lowest orders of integration are generally found on Mondays, which can be seen as additional evidence for a weekend effect.

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#### 1. Introduction

Detecting calendar effects (anomalies) in financial markets is of interest both to traders aiming to exploit them to gain extra profits and to researchers analysing whether there is evidence of market failure and of the inadequacy of the Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH). Several papers have tested for their presence using a variety of empirical methods. One of the most frequently studied anomalies is the weekend effect (Monday effect, day of the week effect) first discussed by French (1980), namely the tendency of financial assets to generate negative returns on Mondays. Different theories have been developed to account for its presence. In behavioural finance models it is attributed to the negative expectations of investors considering Monday the worst day of the week. Another possible explanation is that over the weekend market participants have more time to analyse price movements and as a result on Mondays a larger number of trades takes place. Alternatively, it might be due to deferred payments during the weekend, which create an extra incentive for the purchase of securities on Fridays leading to higher prices on that day.

Overall, the empirical evidence is still mixed. The present study provides some new results based on two different methods: (i) a trading robot approach to examine whether or not there is such an anomaly giving rise to exploitable profit opportunities by replicating the actions of traders; (ii) a fractional integration technique for the estimation of the (fractional) integration parameter d.

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows: Section 2 briefly reviews the literature on the weekend effect. Section 3 outlines the empirical methodology. Section 4 presents the empirical results. Section 5 offers some concluding remarks.

#### 2. Literature Review

Fields (1931) suggested that the best trading day of the week is Saturday. Another important study on the weekend effect is that by Cross (1973), who analysed the Friday-Monday data for the Standard & Poor's Composite Stock Index from January 1953 to December 1970 and found an increase on Fridays and a decrease on Mondays. French (1980) extended the analysis to 1977 and also reported negative returns on Mondays. Further contributions by Gibbons and Hess (1981), Keim and Stambaugh (1984), Rogalski (1984), and Smirlock and Starks (1986) also found the positive-Friday / negative-Monday pattern. Connolly (1999) also allowed for heteroscedasticity but still detected a Monday effect from the mid- 1970s.Rystrom and Benson (1989) explained the presence of the day-of-the-week effect on the basis of the psychology of investors who believe that Monday is a "difficult" day of the week and have a more positive perception of Friday. Ariel (1990) argued against a connection between the weekend and the Monday effect. Agrawal and Tandon (1994) examined 19 equity markets around the world, and found the day-of-the -week effect in most developed markets. Sias and Starks (1995) associate the weekend effect with stocks in large portfolios of institutional investors. Research conducted in Fortune (1998, 1999) shows that it has a tendency to disappear and is a phenomenon with two components: the first is the "weekend drift effect", i.e. stock prices tend to decline over weekends but rise during the trading week; the second is the "weekend volatility effect", i.e. the volatility of returns during weekends is less per day than that over contiguous trading days.

As for the role of short-selling, Kazemi, Zhai, He and Cai (2013) and Chen and Singal (2003) explain the weekend effect as resulting from the closing of speculative positions on Fridays and the establishing of new short positions on Mondays by traders. However, the results of the study by Christophe, Ferri and Angel (2007) do not support this conclusion. Further evidence is provided by Singal and Tayal (2014) for the futures market, Olson, Chou, Mossman (2011) who carry out various breakpoint and stability tests, and Racicot (2011) who uses spectral analysis. The findings from other relevant studies are summarised in Table 1.

| Table 1 Weekend effect: an overview of recent researches |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Author   | Type of analysis   | Object of analysis (time period, market, index)   | Results  |  |  |  |  |
| Sias, Starks<br>(1995)                                   | Hypothesis<br>testing (t-test<br>and F-test)   | 1977-1991 market<br>equity capitalization,<br>institutional holdings,<br>daily returns and<br>volume of 1500<br>institutional investors<br>on the NYSE  | The weekend effect is driven primarily by institutional investor trading patterns                        |  |  |  |  |
| Fortune (1998)   |  | January 1980 -June<br>1998 - daily close-to-<br>close data for the<br>S&P<br>500  | The negative weekend drift appears to have disappeared although weekends continue to have low volatility |  |  |  |  |
| Fortune (1999)   | Jump<br>diffusion model<br>of stock returns  | January 1980 -<br>January 1999<br>daily close-to-close<br>data of the Dow 30,<br>the S&P 500, the<br>Wilshire 5000, the<br>Nasdaq Composite,<br>and the Russell 2000  | The weekend drift effect is a financial anomaly that will ultimately correct itself.                     |  |  |  |  |
| Schwert (2003)   | Correlation analysis   | Jones indexes<br>portfolio; 1928–2002<br>- the S&P composite<br>portfolio   | The weekend effect seems to have disappeared since the 1980-s  |  |  |  |  |
| Chen, Singal (2003)                                      | Descriptive and regression analysis  | July 1962 - December 1999 - New York Stock (NYSE); December 1972 - December 1999 - Nasdaq - daily returns for stocks; June 1988 - December 1999 Nasdaq and January 1988 - 1999 NYSE - monthly short interest data | Speculative short sales can explain the weekend effect.  |  |  |  |  |
| Hsaio, Solt<br>(2004)                                    | one-tailed<br>nonparametric<br>test based on<br>the<br>approximated<br>normal<br>distribution and<br>parametric test<br>to examine the | January 1988 to December 2000 (678 weeks) - the 3:00 and closing values for the S&P 500 index; April 1988 to December 2000 (669 weeks) - the CREF stock, growth, and  | Presence of weekend effect in the average daily returns for many of the tested portfolios till 2000.     |  |  |  |  |

|                                       | strategies'<br>market timing<br>ability                                   | money market<br>account; April 1994<br>to December 2000<br>(332 weeks) – growth<br>account  |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Christophe,<br>Ferri, Angel<br>(2007) | Descriptive and regression analysis                                       | September 2000 -<br>July 2001 daily 9:30<br>am-4:00 pm data on<br>NASDAQ-listed<br>stock  | Speculative short-selling does not explain the Monday-Friday difference in returns  |
| Olson, Chou,<br>Mossman,<br>(2011)    | Regression<br>analysis, Chow<br>breakpoint<br>tests, Bai-<br>Perron Tests | 1973 – 2007 - the Dow-Jones 30 Industrials, Standard and Poor's 500, Standard & Poor's Midcap 400, Standard & Poor's Smallcap 600, NASDAQ 100, American Stock Exchange (AMEX) Composite indices | The weekend effect may have already gone through its entire involving identification, exploitation, decline, reversal, and disappearance. There is no significant weekend effect in U.S. small stocks after about mid 2003                            |
| Racicot                               | Spectral  | 1970-1973 - S&P500  | Spectral analysis confirms the Monday   |
| Kazemi, Zhai,<br>He and Cai<br>(2013) | Descriptive and regression analysis                                       | index January 1980 – present time, 60 market indices from 59 countries (For all countries, except US, major stock index is used. For the US both the Dow Jones Index and the S&P 500 were used) | During the period from 1980 to 1994, short sales can explain the weekend effect. During the period from 1995 to 2007, the cross-sectional weekend effect cannot be explained by short sales.  |
| Singal and<br>Tayal (2014)            | Descriptive and regression analysis                                       | 1990 – 2012, eight futures: Crude oil, Heating Oil, Soybeans, Sugar, S&P 500 Index, British Pound, 10-Year Treasury Note, and Gold  | Evidence of the weekend effect in futures markets shows that security prices will generally be biased upwards, with greater overvaluation for more volatile securities. Unconstrained short selling is not a sufficient condition for unbiased prices |

## 3. Data and Methodology

We use daily data for 35 US companies included in the Dow Jones index and 8 Blue-chip Russian companies. The sample period for the US and Russian stock markets covers the period from January 2005 and 2008 respectively till the end of April 2014. We also analyse the FOREX using data on the six most liquid currency pairs (EURUSD, GBPUSD, USDJPY, USDCHF, AUDUSD, USDCAD) and gold prices over the period from January 2000 and 2005 respectively till the end of April 2014.

Our first (trading-bot) approach considers the weekend effect from the trader's viewpoint, namely whether it is possible to make abnormal profits by exploiting it. Specifically, we programme a trading robot which simulates the actions of a trader according to an algorithm (trading strategy). To test it with historical data we use a MetaTrader trading platform which provides tools for replicating price dynamics and trades according to the adopted strategy.

We examine two trading strategies:

- **Strategy 1:** Sell on Friday close. Close position on Monday close.
- Strategy 2: Sell on Monday open. Close position on Monday close.

If a strategy results in the number of profitable trades > 50% and/or total profits from trading are > 0, then we conclude that there is a market anomaly.

Our second approach is based on estimating the degree of integration of the series for different days of the week. Specifically, we use the Whittle function in the frequency domain, as in following model:

$$y_t = \alpha + \beta t + x_t; \quad (1 - L)^d x_t = u_t,$$
 (\*)

where  $y_t$  is the observed time series;  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the intercept and the coefficient on the linear trend respectively,  $x_t$  is assumed to be an I(d) process where d can be any real number, and  $u_t$  is assumed to be weakly autocorrelated. However, instead of specifying a parametric ARMA model, we follow the non-parametric approach of Bloomfield (1973), which also produces autocorrelations decaying exponentially as in the AR case. If the estimated order of integration for a particular day,

specifically Monday, is significantly different from that for the other days of the week, then it can be argued that there is evidence of a weekend effect.

#### 4. Empirical Results

Detailed results are presented in the Appendix. Table 1 summarises those for Strategy 1.

Table 1a: Summary of testing results for Strategy 1

| Type of a market           | Totaltrades | Profittrades | Profittrades<br>% oftotal | Totalnetprofit | Profittrades %>50, % | Profit>0, % |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| US stock<br>market         | 434         | 201          | 46%                       | -1334          | 14%                  | 26%         |
| Russian<br>stock<br>market | 325         | 141          | 43%                       | -285           | 0%                   | 13%         |
| FOREX                      | 724         | 357          | 49%                       | 7726           | 50%                  | 50%         |
| GOLD                       | 453         | 210          | 46%                       | -18733         | 0%                   | 0%          |

In general this strategy is unprofitable in the stock markets (both US and Russian) and in gold market but can generate profits in the FOREX. However, in the latter case, the number of profitable trades is less than 50%, and only for 3 of the 6 currencies analysed can profits be made. Overall, the EMH is not contradicted.

The corresponding results for Strategy 2 are presented in Table 1b.

Table 1b: Summary of testing results for the Strategy 2

| Type of a market           | Totaltrades | Profittrades | Profittrades<br>% oftotal | Totalnetprofit | Profittrades %>50% | Profit>0, % |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| US stock<br>market         | 405         | 190          | 47%                       | -650           | 20%                | 34%         |
| Russian<br>stock<br>market | 329         | 149          | 45%                       | 40             | 13%                | 25%         |
| FOREX                      | 724         | 358          | 49%                       | 2738           | 33%                | 67%         |
| GOLD                       | 449         | 224          | 50%                       | 15673          | 0%                 | 100%        |

It appears that this strategy can be profitable in 3 of the 4 markets examined, especially in the FOREX and gold markets. However, the number of profitable trades is less than 50% in the

stock market, specifically 34% and 25% using a single asset in the US (with only 12 out of 35 instruments generating profits) and Russian stock markets. The corresponding percentage for the FOREX is 67%, indicating the existence of a market anomaly in this case.

These results imply that Strategy 2 (Sell on Monday open. Close position on Monday close) is much more profitable than Strategy 1 (Sell on Friday close. Close position on Monday close). The implication is that the weekend effect cannot be attributed to the arrival of new information during weekends, and that the appropriate formulation for the weekend effect is "Mondays tend to generate negative returns".

Given this mixed evidence, we also estimate the differencing parameter d for each day of the week under the three standard parameterisations of no deterministic terms, an intercept, and an intercept with a linear time trend. In the majority of cases, the lowest estimated value of d is found to be on Mondays (see Table B in the Appendix). The only two exceptions are the USDCHF and ALTRIA series, for which the lowest estimate corresponds to Friday and Wednesday respectively. However, this evidence is weak, since the unit root null hypothesis (d = 1) cannot be rejected in any case. The fact that the estimate of d is systematically smaller for Mondays than for the other days of the week suggests abnormal behaviour on this day. An estimated value of d significantly smaller than 1 would imply that it is possible to make systematic profits on this day of the week using historical data. However, as can be seen in the Appendix, the confidence intervals are relatively wide in all cases, and therefore the unit root null hypothesis cannot be rejected for any day of the week, which implies weak support for a weekend effect.

#### 5. Conclusions

This paper examines one of the most recognized anomalies, i.e. the weekend effect, in various financial markets (US and Russian stock markets, FOREX, gold) applying two different methods to daily data. The first, the trading-bot approach, uses a trading robot to simulate the behaviour of traders according to a given algorithm (in our case trading on the weekend effect) and considering

two alternative strategies. The second analyses the stochastic properties of the series on different days of the week by estimating their fractional integration parameter, testing if this value differs depending on the day of the week.

The results can be summarised as follows. Strategy 1 (Sell on Friday close. Close position on Monday close) is unprofitable in most cases. The only possible "weekend effect" formulation is "negative returns on Mondays". This is confirmed by the results for Strategy 2 (Sell on Monday open. Close position on Monday close): in this case it is possible to make profits, although the number of profitable deals is less than 50% and therefore it cannot be concluded that there is a market anomaly according to our criterion. The estimates of the fractional parameter d are lowest on Mondays in most cases, which is evidence in favour of the weekend effect, although the wide confidence intervals mean that this evidence is rather weak. Finally, exploitable profit opportunities based on the weekend effect are found mainly in the FOREX market.

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## **APPENDIX**

### Table A1

US stock market, Strategy 1

| US stock market, Strategy 1        |                 |               |                            |                  |                 |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Company                            | Total<br>trades | Profit trades | Profit trades (% of total) | Total net profit | Profit per deal |  |
| Alcoa                              | 442             | 206           | 47%                        | -379             | -0.9            |  |
| AltriaGroup                        | 444             | 177           | 40%                        | -2518            | -5.7            |  |
| American Express Company           | 442             | 224           | 51%                        | 747              | 1.7             |  |
| AmericanInternationalGroupInc      | 444             | 205           | 46%                        | -1003            | -2.3            |  |
| ATT Inc                            | 441             | 184           | 42%                        | -2253            | -5.1            |  |
| BankofAmerica                      | 409             | 201           | 49%                        | 1881             | 4.6             |  |
| Boeing                             | 444             | 212           | 48%                        | -2324            | -5.2            |  |
| CaterpillarInc                     | 408             | 185           | 45%                        | -5631            | -13.8           |  |
| CISCO                              | 409             | 187           | 46%                        | -1478            | -3.6            |  |
| Coca-Cola                          | 445             | 184           | 41%                        | 1009             | 2.3             |  |
| DuPont                             | 445             | 215           | 48%                        | -670             | -1.5            |  |
| ExxonMobilCorporation              | 445             | 200           | 45%                        | -3803            | -8.5            |  |
| Freeport-McMoRan<br>Copper&GoldInc | 409             | 207           | 51%                        | 3711             | 9.1             |  |
| Hewlett-Packard Company            | 412             | 194           | 47%                        | 417              | 1.0             |  |
| HomeDepotCorp                      | 445             | 223           | 50%                        | -755             | -1.7            |  |
| HoneywellInternationalInc          | 445             | 218           | 49%                        | -685             | -1.5            |  |
| IntelCorporation                   | 444             | 190           | 43%                        | -1778            | -4.0            |  |
| InternationalPaperCompany          | 445             | 213           | 48%                        | -832             | -1.9            |  |
| Johnson&Johnson                    | 445             | 201           | 45%                        | -3261            | -7.3            |  |
| JP MorganChase                     | 445             | 220           | 49%                        | 2016             | 4.5             |  |
| KraftFoods                         | 410             | 166           | 40%                        | -2781            | -6.8            |  |
| McDonaldsCorporation               | 445             | 190           | 43%                        | -5021            | -11.3           |  |
| MerckCoInc                         | 445             | 205           | 46%                        | -3812            | -8.6            |  |
| Microsoft                          | 445             | 198           | 44%                        | -1365            | -3.1            |  |
| MMM Company                        | 445             | 201           | 45%                        | -2364            | -5.3            |  |
| Pfizer                             | 445             | 202           | 45%                        | -1409            | -3.2            |  |
| ProcterGambleCompany               | 445             | 198           | 44%                        | -3563            | -8.0            |  |
| QUALCOMM Inc                       | 409             | 230           | 56%                        | 2824             | 6.9             |  |
| Travelers                          | 409             | 189           | 46%                        | 27,8             | 0.1             |  |
| UnitedParcelServiceInc             | 409             | 175           | 43%                        | -4776            | -11.7           |  |
| United Technologies Corporation    | 445             | 209           | 47%                        | -4521            | -10.2           |  |
| VerizonCommunicationsInc           | 449             | 203           | 45%                        | -1059            | -2.4            |  |
| Wal-Mart StoresInc                 | 445             | 200           | 45%                        | -3445            | -7.7            |  |
| WaltDisney                         | 445             | 213           | 48%                        | -824             | -1.9            |  |
| Yahoo! Inc                         | 406             | 215           | 53%                        | 2977             | 7.3             |  |

| Average | 434 | 201 | 46% | -1334 | -3 |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|
|         |     |     |     |       |    |

## Table A2

US stock market, Strategy 2

| US stock market, Strategy 2        |                 |               |                                  |                  |                    |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Company                            | Total<br>trades | Profit trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net profit | Profit per<br>deal |  |  |
| Alcoa                              | 412             | 204           | 50%                              | 594              | 1.4                |  |  |
| AltriaGroup                        | 413             | 184           | 45%                              | -1389            | -3.4               |  |  |
| American Express Company           | 412             | 218           | 53%                              | 1194             | 2.9                |  |  |
| AmericanInternationalGroupInc      | 413             | 231           | 56%                              | 1227             | 3.0                |  |  |
| ATT Inc                            | 410             | 182           | 44%                              | -1179            | -2.9               |  |  |
| BankofAmerica                      | 384             | 204           | 53%                              | 2840             | 7.4                |  |  |
| Boeing                             | 413             | 190           | 46%                              | -851             | -2.1               |  |  |
| CaterpillarInc                     | 385             | 188           | 49%                              | 78               | 0.2                |  |  |
| CISCO                              | 384             | 173           | 45%                              | -1091            | -2.8               |  |  |
| Coca-Cola                          | 413             | 175           | 42%                              | -2691            | -6.5               |  |  |
| DuPont                             | 413             | 180           | 44%                              | -594             | -1.4               |  |  |
| ExxonMobilCorporation              | 413             | 180           | 44%                              | -4024            | -9.7               |  |  |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper&GoldInc    | 384             | 202           | 53%                              | 7284             | 19.0               |  |  |
| Hewlett-Packard Company            | 383             | 163           | 43%                              | -2305            | -6.0               |  |  |
| HomeDepotCorp                      | 413             | 197           | 48%                              | -679             | -1.6               |  |  |
| HoneywellInternationalInc          | 413             | 200           | 48%                              | -190             | -0.5               |  |  |
| IntelCorporation                   | 413             | 187           | 45%                              | -1137            | -2.8               |  |  |
| InternationalPaperCompany          | 413             | 206           | 50%                              | 61               | 0.1                |  |  |
| Johnson&Johnson                    | 413             | 180           | 44%                              | -2377            | -5.8               |  |  |
| JP MorganChase                     | 413             | 197           | 48%                              | 2259             | 5.5                |  |  |
| KraftFoods                         | 382             | 174           | 46%                              | -1374            | -3.6               |  |  |
| McDonaldsCorporation               | 413             | 179           | 43%                              | -3537            | -8.6               |  |  |
| MerckCoInc                         | 413             | 181           | 44%                              | -2268            | -5.5               |  |  |
| Microsoft                          | 413             | 197           | 48%                              | -1165            | -2.8               |  |  |
| MMM Company                        | 413             | 172           | 42%                              | -1977            | -4.8               |  |  |
| Pfizer                             | 413             | 178           | 43%                              | -1185            | -2.9               |  |  |
| ProcterGambleCompany               | 413             | 173           | 42%                              | -3806            | -9.2               |  |  |
| QUALCOMM Inc                       | 384             | 197           | 51%                              | 1693             | 4.4                |  |  |
| Travelers                          | 384             | 185           | 48%                              | 320              | 0.8                |  |  |
| UnitedParcelServiceInc             | 384             | 161           | 42%                              | -3972            | -10.3              |  |  |
| United Technologies<br>Corporation | 413             | 201           | 49%                              | -2158            | -5.2               |  |  |
| VerizonCommunicationsInc           | 416             | 207           | 50%                              | 140              | 0.3                |  |  |
| Wal-Mart StoresInc                 | 413             | 189           | 46%                              | -2782            | -6.7               |  |  |
| WaltDisney                         | 413             | 208           | 50%                              | -5               | 0.0                |  |  |
| Yahoo! Inc                         | 383             | 211           | 55%                              | 2311             | 6.0                |  |  |
| Average                            | 405             | 190           | 47%                              | -650             | -2                 |  |  |

Table A3

Russian stock market, Strategy 1

| Company         | Total<br>trades | Profit<br>trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net profit | Profit per<br>deal |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| GAZPROM         | 335             | 153              | 46%                              | -81              | -0.2               |
| NORILSKY NICKEL | 373             | 174              | 47%                              | -1540            | -4.1               |
| LUKOIL          | 393             | 190              | 48%                              | 1857             | 4.7                |
| ROSNEFT         | 218             | 98               | 45%                              | -117             | -0.5               |
| SBERBANK        | 365             | 158              | 43%                              | -1262            | -3.5               |
| GAZPROM NEFT    | 357             | 143              | 40%                              | -228             | -0.6               |
| SURGUTNEFTEGAZ  | 240             | 103              | 43%                              | -540             | -2.3               |
| VTB BANK        | 315             | 111              | 35%                              | -369             | -1.2               |
| Average         | 325             | 141              | 43%                              | -285             | -0.96              |

Table A4
Russian stock market, Strategy 2

| Company         | Total<br>trades | Profit<br>trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net<br>profit | Profit per<br>deal |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| GAZPROM         | 325             | 135              | 42%                              | -345                | -1.1               |
| NORILSKY NICKEL | 359             | 180              | 50%                              | 1055                | 2.9                |
| LUKOIL          | 376             | 186              | 49%                              | 1295                | 3.4                |
| ROSNEFT         | 210             | 89               | 42%                              | -200                | -1.0               |
| SBERBANK        | 352             | 171              | 49%                              | -257                | -0.7               |
| GAZPROM NEFT    | 345             | 141              | 41%                              | -321                | -0.9               |
| SURGUTNEFTEGAZ  | 359             | 168              | 47%                              | -657                | -1.8               |
| VTB BANK        | 306             | 120              | 39%                              | -254                | -0.8               |
| Average         | 329             | 149              | 45%                              | 40                  | 0.01               |

Table A5

FOREX, Strategy 1

| Asset   | Total<br>trades | Profit<br>trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net profit | Profit per<br>deal |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| EURUSD  | 724             | 367              | 51%                              | 25948            | 36                 |
| GBPUSD  | 724             | 364              | 50%                              | 48839            | 67                 |
| USDCHF  | 724             | 334              | 46%                              | -17523           | -24                |
| USDJPY  | 724             | 370              | 51%                              | 9807             | 14                 |
| AUDUSD  | 724             | 358              | 49%                              | -4671            | -6                 |
| USDCAD  | 724             | 349              | 48%                              | -16044           | -22                |
| Average | 724             | 357              | 49%                              | 7726             | 11                 |

## TABLE A6

FOREX, Strategy 2

| Asset   | Total<br>trades | Profit<br>trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net profit | Profit per deal |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| EURUSD  | 724             | 363              | 50%                              | 18640            | 26              |
| GBPUSD  | 724             | 360              | 50%                              | 20576            | 28              |
| USDCHF  | 724             | 355              | 49%                              | -16479           | -23             |
| USDJPY  | 724             | 377              | 52%                              | 6281             | 9               |
| AUDUSD  | 724             | 337              | 47%                              | 554              | 1               |
| USDCAD  | 724             | 357              | 49%                              | -13142           | -18             |
| Average | 724             | 358              | 49%                              | 2738             | 4               |

**TABLE A7** 

Gold, Strategy 1

| Asset | Total<br>trades | Profit<br>trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net profit | Profit per<br>deal |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Gold  | 453             | 210              | 46%                              | -18733           | -41                |

## TABLE A8

# Gold, Strategy 2

| Asset | Total<br>trades | Profit<br>trades | Profit<br>trades (%<br>of total) | Total net profit | Profit per<br>deal |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Gold  | 449             | 224              | 50%                              | 15673            | 35                 |

### Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors

Table B1: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: GOLD

|                 | No recognized An intersect A linear time transf |                      |                      |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Day of the week | No regressors                                   | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
| Monday          | 0.930 (0.855, 1.064)                            | 0.939 (0.866, 1.032) | 0.939 (0.865, 1.035) |
| Tuesday         | 0.930 (0.854, 1.047)                            | 0.942 (0.871, 1.044) | 0.942 (0.877, 1.042) |
| Wednesday       | 0.938 (0.841, 1.064)                            | 0.949 (0.872, 1.062) | 0.950 (0.876, 1.068) |
| Thursday        | 0.937 (0.843, 1.055)                            | 0.946 (0.866, 1.053) | 0.946 (0.864, 1.057) |
| Friday          | 0.936 (0.840, 1.060)                            | 0.943 (0.865, 1.054) | 0.943 (0.863, 1.057) |

Table B2: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: EURUSD

| Day of the week | No regressors        | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday          | 0.954 (0.877, 1.044) | 0.963 (0.885, 1.066) | 0.963 (0.885, 1.063) |
| Tuesday         | 0.958 (0.884, 1.037) | 0.991 (0.900, 1.092) | 0.992 (0.902, 1.092) |
| Wednesday       | 0.961 (0.886, 1.055) | 1.010 (0.921, 1.107) | 1.010 (0.924, 1.107) |
| Thursday        | 0.964 (0.876, 1.045) | 1.008 (0.936, 1.106) | 1.008 (0.935, 1.106) |
| Friday          | 0.972 (0.890, 1.050) | 1.003 (0.914, 1.104) | 1.003 (0.914, 1.098) |

Table B3: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: USDCHF

| Day of the week | No regressors        | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday          | 1.008 (0.940, 1.104) | 0.936 (0.856, 1.042) | 0.936 (0.856, 1.045) |
| Tuesday         | 1.016 (0.945, 1.117) | 0.937 (0.857, 1.044) | 0.936 (0.857, 1.042) |
| Wednesday       | 1.012 (0.941, 1.113) | 0.929 (0.853, 1.030) | 0.929 (0.842, 1.032) |
| Thursday        | 1.015 (0.931, 1.098) | 0.930 (0.843, 1.013) | 0.930 (0.846, 1.012) |
| Friday          | 1.002 (0.920, 1.089) | 0.928 (0.850, 1.034) | 0.928 (0.843, 1.034) |

Table B4: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: LUKOIL

| Day of the week | No regressors        | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday          | 0.987 (0.888, 1.118) | 0.858 (0.736, 1.035) | 0.858 (0.734, 1.035) |
| Tuesday         | 0.989 (0.882, 1.155) | 0.859 (0.739, 0.978) | 0.859 (0.739, 0.977) |
| Wednesday       | 0.934 (0.837, 1.059) | 0.868 (0.752, 1.024) | 0.868 (0.752, 1.019) |
| Thursday        | 1.007 (0.883, 1.143) | 0.927 (0.793, 1.073) | 0.921 (0.802, 1.075) |
| Friday          | 1.002 (0.905, 1.136) | 0.898 (0.767, 1.057) | 0.898 (0.776, 1.055) |

Table B5: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: GAZPROM

| Day of the week | No regressors        | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday          | 0.939 (0.820, 1.184) | 0.963 (0.836, 1.102) | 0.963 (0.836, 1.102) |
| Tuesday         | 0.962 (0.845, 1.107) | 0.992 (0.857, 1.144) | 0.992 (0.855, 1.142) |
| Wednesday       | 0.954 (0.841, 1.100) | 0.982 (0.863, 1.130) | 0.982 (0.863, 1.132) |
| Thursday        | 0.962 (0.831, 1.118) | 0.997 (0.863, 1.155) | 0.997 (0.862, 1.155) |
| Friday          | 0.939 (0.877, 1.089) | 0.987 (0.860, 1.131) | 0.988 (0.861, 1.132) |

Table B6: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: ALTRIA

| Day of the week | No regressors        | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday          | 1.005 (0.910, 1.122) | 1.008 (0.916, 1.132) | 1.007 (0.915, 1.133) |
| Tuesday         | 0.993 (0.925, 1.097) | 0.992 (0.907, 1.094) | 0.992 (0.907, 1.096) |
| Wednesday       | 0.986 (0.911, 1.090) | 0.971 (0.883, 1.076) | 0.971 (0.883, 1.076) |
| Thursday        | 0.986 (0.913, 1.103) | 0.979 (0.903, 1.085) | 0.979 (0.903, 1.086) |
| Friday          | 1.001 (0.917, 1.093) | 0.991 (0.900, 1.091) | 0.994 (0.900, 1.091) |

Table B7: Estimates of d in a model with autocorrelated errors: FREEPORT

| Day of the week | No regressors        | An intercept         | A linear time trend  |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monday          | 1.042 (0.944, 1.183) | 1.047 (0.944, 1.183) | 1.047 (0.943, 1.190) |
| Tuesday         | 1.096 (0.984, 1.232) | 1.050 (0.990, 1.255) | 1.064 (0.990, 1.255) |
| Wednesday       | 1.074 (0.960, 1.210) | 1.073 (0.962, 1.204) | 1.072 (0.960, 1.204) |
| Thursday        | 1.044 (0.943, 1.199) | 1.044 (0.943, 1.179) | 1.049 (0.943, 1.179) |
| Friday          | 1.067 (0.967, 1.221) | 1.088 (0.962, 1.224) | 1.088 (0.962, 1.225) |