ECON 3140A Financial Data Analysis
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Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

This course aims to introduce contemporary approaches to technical analysis. Technical analysis involves the use of historical stock prices, volume, and other related data to forecast future price movements. Its objective is to identify trend changes at an early stage based on information available.

On completion of this course, students should be able to analyze financial data by using mainstream technical analysis techniques, evaluate the performance of different technical trading rules in different markets, and write a research paper on technical analysis.

References

Reading materials of this course will be mainly based on the lecture handouts, which will be uploaded regularly at the Blackboard: https://blackboard.cuhk.edu.hk

Murphy (1999), Technical Analysis of the Financial Markets, New York Institute of Finance

Pring (2014), Technical Analysis Explained, McGraw-Hill

Soros (1994, 2003), The Alchemy of Finance, John Wiley & Sons

There are many studies in the literature on technical analysis. You may go to the Library homepage, use the search engine "EconLit", and type "trading rules" or "technical analysis" to search for those journal articles.

Useful websites:

http://www.hkex.com.hk   http://hk.finance.yahoo.com
http://www.etnet.com.hk   http://www.reuters.com/finance
http://www.aastocks.com   http://www.bloomberg.com
http://www.google.com.hk/finance http://money.cnn.com

Assessment

Term Paper 25% Deadline: Dec 3

➔ Each group should have no more than 4 members. The project is a 2000-word paper studying the profitability of trading rules. Data can be obtained from Thomson Reuters Eikon (DataStream) in the University Library. Span of the time series data used in the project should be at least 10 years.

➔ All student groups must upload the electronic copy of their term papers to the plagiarism detection engine, VeriGuide. Term papers that without the VeriGuide receipt will not be graded.

Mid-term Exam 30% In-Class, Oct 29

Final Exam 45% University Centralized Exam Period: Dec 5 to Dec 21

➔ **Make-up exam will never be provided. Absence must lead to zero point.**

Teaching Schedule

Part 1. Brief Introduction to the Stock Market of Hong Kong and other Equity Markets

- The History of Hong Kong Stock market
- The Calculation of Hang Seng Index
- The Hang Seng Futures
- Commodity Market
- Forex Market

Part 2. Chart Construction

- Type of Charts Available
- Construction of the Daily Bar Chart
- Weekly and Monthly Bar Charts
- Candlesticks, Prosticks

Part 3. Chart Pattern Analysis

- Support, Resistance
- Trendlines, Channels, Trend Channels
- One-day Reversal, Two-day Reversal
- Blowoffs and Selling Climaxes
- V Formation and the Extended V Formation
- Double Bottoms and Double Tops
- Triple Tops and Bottoms
- Saucer Top or Rounding Top
- Saucer Bottom or Round Bottom
- Line Bottom or Dormant Bottom
- Head-and-Shoulders Top
- Head-and-Shoulders Bottom
- Complex Head-and-Shoulders Pattern
- Head-and-Shoulders Consolidation
- Inverted Triangle, Symmetrical Triangle, Ascending Triangle, Descending Triangle
- Diamond
- Rising Wedge, Falling Wedge
- Rectangle
- Flag, Pennant
- Scallops, Fan Principle
- Gaps, The Island Reversal

Part 4. Moving Average

- Simple Moving Average
- Weighted Moving Average
- Exponential Moving Average
- Moving-Average Channels
- Bollinger Bands

Part 5. Oscillators Analysis

- Oscillators, Momentum
- Relative Strength Index, Stochastics
- MACD
- DMI
- OBV
- ACD

Part 6. Warrants

- Covered and Noncovered Warrants
- American and European Warrants
- Premiums
- Gearings
- Profit-Loss diagram

Part 7. The Elliott Wave Theory

- Corrective Waves
- The Rule of Alternation
- Channeling
- Fibonacci Numbers as the Basis of the Wave Principle
- Fibonacci Ratios and Retracements
- Using Fibonacci and Other Number Series to Establish Price and Time Targets

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