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## Notes

<sup>1</sup> The Nikkei 225 Index contains about twofold fewer stocks than the S&P 500, which makes the detection of a large number (at least 20 per month/sequence) of cointegrated pairs, at a 5% rate, quite difficult. For cointegration only, the pre-selection is based on a 20% filter so that the population after this preliminary step remains large enough.

<sup>2</sup> The Japanese factors reported in this library are in dollars and not in yen.  
[http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data\\_library.html](http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/data_library.html).

<sup>3</sup> These time series end in March 2013. Regressions are thus computed between July 2003 and March 2013 (117 points versus 120 points with U.S. data),  
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