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Abstract

This paper investigates the modelling and trading of oil futures spreads in the context of a portfolio of contracts. A portfolio of six spreads is constructed and each spread forecasted using a variety of modelling techniques, namely, a cointegration fair value model and three different types of neural network (NN), such as multi-layer perceptron

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- See, for example, Tucker (2000) and Ross (2003).
- See, for example, Girma and Paulson (1998) and Salcedo (2004a, 2004b).
- See, for example, MacKinlay and Ramaswamy (1988), Yadav and Pope (1990), Chung (1991), and among others.
- Notable exceptions include Billingsley and Chance (1988), Board and Sutcliffe (1996), Butterworth and Holmes (2002), and Butterworth and Holmes (2003).
- Leg₁ being the first contract under consideration.
- Leg₂ being the second contract under consideration.
- NYMEX Europe has traded the Brent crude oil contracts since September 2005.
- It has been decided that for ease of calculation, any round turn commission $(\sim 0.03\%)$ be ignored.
- 9. Associative recall is the act of associating two seemingly unrelated entities, such as smell and colour. For more information, see Karayiannis and Venetsanopoulos (1994).
- 10. Unfiltered is the model statistics without the application of a filter; Threshold is the model statistics with the application of the threshold filter, optimized in-sample; Correlation - is the model statistics with the application of the correlation filter, optimized in-sample; Transitive - is the model statistics with the application of the transitive filter, optimized in-sample; Ann. Return - is the annualized percentage

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