Evaluating the specification errors of asset pricing models [☆]

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Abstract

This paper evaluates the specification errors of several empirical asset pricing models that have been developed as potential improvements on the CAPM. We use the methodology of Hansen and Jagannathan (J. Finance 51 (1997) 3), and the test assets are the 25 Fama-French (J. Financial Econom. 52 (1997) 557) equity portfolios sorted on size and book-to-market ratio, and the Treasury bill. We allow the parameters of each model's pricing kernel to change with the business cycle. While we cannot reject correct pricing for Campbell's (J. Political Econom. 104 (1996) 298) model, stabilities tests indicate that the parameters may not be stable. A robustness test also indicates that none of the models correctly price returns that are scaled by the term premium. © 2001 Elsevier Science S.A. All rights reserved.

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1.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, financial economists investigated the pricing implications of the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) developed by Sharpe (1964) and Lintner (1965). The well-known prediction of the CAPM is that the expected excess return on an asset equals the covariance of the return on the asset with the return on the market portfolio times the market price of risk. This price is the ratio of the expected excess return on the market portfolio to the variance of the return on the market portfolio. The expected return prediction of the CAPM can equivalently be stated as the beta of the asset times the expected excess return on the market portfolio, where the beta is the covariance of the asset's return with the return on the market portfolio divided by the variance of the market return.

As empirical research began to uncover a number of expected-return anomalies that the CAPM could not explain, Roll (1977) argued that the model was not testable. Because investors and firms assessing their costs of capital want to know the determinants of expected returns, empirical research continued, but it was necessarily conducted under the recognition that the tests involve a joint hypothesis on the model and the choice of the market portfolio.

The inability of the CAPM to explain the cross-section of asset returns led to the development of a number of alternative empirical asset pricing models. The diversity of these models and the fact that they have been evaluated on a variety of data sets pose severe difficulties for someone who is trying to understand if any of these models is a reasonable replacement for the CAPM. The purpose of this paper is to evaluate and compare a number of these models on a common data set using an appropriate methodology.

Part of our empirical analysis uses the methodology of Hansen and Jagannathan (1997), who develop a distance metric we call the HJ-distance. Hansen and Jagannathan demonstrate how to measure the distance between a true pricing kernel (stochastic discount factor) that prices all assets, and the implied pricing kernel proxy of an asset pricing model. The distance between these two random variables is calculated in the usual way as the square root of the expected value of the squared difference between the two variables. HJ-distance can also be interpreted as the normalized maximum pricing error of the model for portfolios formed from a base set of assets. Thus, if the model is correct, the HJ-distance is zero, and there are no pricing errors. Glasserman and Jin (1998) provide an alternative way of comparing models of stochastic discount factors (SDF) by examining the physical probability measures of asset

he Sharpe ra io predic ed b he model and he r e Sharpe ra io. Conseq en l , es ima ion of HJ-dis ance also pro ides he ma im m e pec ed re rn error of he model b ass ming he in es or ses a par ic lar s andard de ia ion.

The models e e amine o from he de elopmen of he li era re. E en before he CAPM anomalies began o acc m la e, heoris s s ch as Mer on (1973) no ed ha he CAPM is a s a ic model, and he de eloped in er emporal models in hich co ariances of re rns i h s a e ariables o her han he marke re rn co ld in ence e pec ed re rns if he cons mp ion and in es men oppor ni se s of in es ors ar o er ime. Breeden (1979) de eloped a Cons mp ion CAPM (CCAPM) b demons ra ing ha an asse 's risk premi m depends on he co ariance of he asse 's re rn i h aggrega e cons mp ion in con in o s ime d namic opi ma ion models. Hansen and Single on (1982) de eloped an empirical es of he CCAPM in discre e ime b sing he E ler eq a ion of he in es or's d namic op imi a ion problem, in hich an e pec ed re rn depends on he co ariance of he re rn i h he marginal ili of cons mp ion.

The empirical fail re of he CCAPM and he heore ical appeal of he Mer on logic led Campbell (1993, 1996) o de elop a d namic asse pricing model in hich an e pec ed re rn depends on he co ariances of he re rn i h he marke por folio and i h he inno a ion in he presen disco n ed al e of f re e pec ed marke re rns. In he Campbell model, an hing ha forecas s marke re rns becomes a risk fac or for asse re rns.

Jaganna han and Wang (1996) no ed ha i is possible for he CAPM o hold as a condi ional model of e pec ed re rns i h condi ional be as, b he ncondi ional model o ld be more complica ed since be as co ld ar o er ime. The de eloped an empirical model of his be a-premi m sensi i i b aking a s and on he na re of he predic abili of marke re rns.

Cochrane (1996) responded o he fail re of he CCAPM b no ing ha he prod c ion side of he econom also m s sa isf d namic E ler eq a ions. This logic led him o de elop he implica ions of a prod c ion-based asse pricing model in hich co ariances of asse re rns i h macroeconomic meas res of in es men are impor an risk fac ors.

Finall , he empirical fail re of he CAPM and he heore ical appeal of m l i-fac or models led Fama and French (1992, 1993, 1995, 1996) o de elop a hree-fac or model. I is fair o sa ha his ne model, or some e ended arian of i , is no he orkhorse for risk adj s men in academic circles.

Al ho gh he es ima ion of he parame ers associa ed i h he meas remen of HJ-dis ance sol es a generali ed me hod of momen s (GMM) problem ha minimi es a q adra ic form based on he a erage pricing errors from he basic asse s, i is no he op imal GMM of Hansen (1982). We also repor res l s from op imal GMM es s of he models, and e generall nd similar inference abo he alidi of he models as in he HJ-dis ance problems. Nei her of

hese approaches direc l minimi es he pricing errors of he basic asse s   hich
is eq i alen o sing an iden i ma ri in GMM es ima ion. While s ch
es ima ion is pop lar and sa is es he e es' desire for small errors, inference
abo   he alidi of he models is a ec ed se erel b   he increase in he
s andard errors associa ed i h his approach. Conseq en l ,   e do no repor
 hese res l s.

   Beca se   here is considerable e idence ha e pec ed re rns   c a e
o er ime, e an o allo   for ime- ar ing prices of risks. We do
 his b allo ing he parame ers of he models o c a e i h he b siness
c cle. We meas re he b siness c cle in   o a s. One ses he Hodrick
and Presco   (1997) l er applied o ei her ind s rial prod c ion for
mon hl models or real GNP for q ar erl models. The second approach
for q ar erl models   ses he cons mp ion– eal h meas re de eloped
b Le a and L d igson (2001a, b). Also, beca se Lo ghran (1997) and
Daniel and Ti man (1997) arg e ha re rn charac eris ics are di eren
in Jan ar han o side of Jan ar , e se a Jan ar d mm ariable o
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mon hs.

   Bo h HJ-dis ance and op imal GMM ass me ha   he parame ers of he
model are s able o er ime. If a model is misspeci eqj aZPl beca se i s parame ers
no s able, i ma ne er heless pass he es of HJ-dis ance eq als ero, b i
   o ld no predic ell o -of-sample. This si a ion can charac eri e bo h
condi ional and   ncondi ional models. Gh sels (1998)   nds ha   sing
condi ioning ariables o impro e asse pricing models ma ac all   orsen
 heir performance o -of-sample beca se of parame er ins abili . We herefore
follo Gh sels   ho ses he s pLM es de eloped b Andre s (1993) o
in es iga e ins abili   in parame ers.

   The common re rns ha   e req ire each of he models o price are he
re rns on he 25 por folios cons r c ed b Fama and French (1993) in   hich
  rms are sor ed b   he marke   al e of heir eq i (si e) and he book- o-
marke ra io. We se re rns in e cess of he Treas r bill re rn, and e also
  req ire he models o price he Treas qj aZq r ZP-j M- billZP-4qM4 re rZP Mj n. ZP-4q]
 he econome ric aspec s of he paper incl ding he deri a ions of HJ-dis ance,
 he es ha HJ-dis eq als ero, and he in erpre a ion of HJ-dis ance as
 he ma im m di erence be een he Sharpe ra io of he model and he r e
 Sharpe ra io. Sec ion 3 disc sses he da a and he parame eri a ion of he

di eren models. Sec ion 4 con ains he empirical res l s. Sec ion 5 pro ides
concl ding remarks.

2.

2.1. Mo e e

Ass me e ha e basic asse s o be priced. I is ell kno n ha in he
absence of arbi rage oppor ni ies here e is s a se M of s ochas ic pricing
kernels hich price e er asse correc l . Tha is,

$$\mathrm{E}(\quad_{+1}\quad,_{+1}) = \quad,\quad \forall\,,\ >0,\ \forall\ _{+1}\in M_{+1}, \tag{1}$$

 here $_{+1}$ is he s ochas ic pricing kernel a ime $+1$, M_{+1} is he se of
correc pricing kernels, $,_{+1}$ is he re rn for por folio a ime $+1$, and he
price for re rn $,_{+1}$ a ime is . If $,_{+1}$ is a gross re rn for a por folio,
 hen $= 1$; if $,_{+1}$ is an e cess re rn for a por folio, hen $= 0$. The
condi ional e pec a ion in Eq. (1) is based on he informa ion se a , deno ed
Φ . B he la of i era ed e pec a ions, he ncondi ional ersion of Eq. (1) is

$$\mathrm{E}(\quad_{+1}\quad,_{+1}) = \quad,\quad \forall\,,\ >0,\ \forall\ _{+1}\in M_{+1}. \tag{2}$$

We se Eq. (2) o es ima e and es he ario s asse -pricing models.
As Hansen and Jaganna han (1997) no e, an asse pricing model pro ides a
pricing kernel pro , $_{+1}$. If he model is r e, $_{+1}\in M_{+1}$. We ill e amine
models in hich he pricing pro is a linear f nc ion of a cons an and a
 ec or of ariable fac ors, $_{+1}$. De ne $F'_{+1} = [1,\ '_{+1}]$, and le he ec or of
parame ers be $' = [\ _0,\ '_1]$. Then he pricing pro is

$$_{+1} = \ 'F_{+1} = \ _0 + \ '_1\ _{+1}, \tag{3}$$

 here F_{+1} is he $\times 1$ fac or ec or, and is he $\times 1$ coe cien ec or.
Non ero elemen s of indica e he impor ance of a fac or as a de erminan of
 he pricing kernel. For ease of presen a ion, e drop he ime s bscrip hen i
is no necessar for clari of presen a ion.
Cochrane (1996) no es ha if he model is r e, Eq. (2) holds for all asse s
i h $_{+1}$ s bs i ed for $_{+1}$. Then, if is he $\times 1$ ec or of 's, he pricing
model has an eq i alen represen a ion in erms of m l i aria e be as and
prices of risks

$$\mathrm{E}(\quad) = \ ^0 + \beta'\Lambda, \tag{4}$$

 here $^0 = 1/E(\ )$, $\beta = o v(\ ,\ ')^{-1} o v(\ ,\ ')$, and $\Lambda = -\ ^0 o v(\ ,\ ')\ _1$.
In Eq. (4), ^{0} is he ncondi ional risk-free ra e or he ero-be a ra e, he β's

de ermine he her he h fac or signi can l in   ences he e pec ed re   rns on
a par ic lar se of por folios, e m s assess   he her he corresponding Λ is
signi can l di eren from ero. No ice $\Lambda = 0$ does no mean $_{1,} = 0$ and ice
 ersa. Onl   hen o v(, ′) is diagonal are he   o s a emen s eq i alen . The
deri a ions and proofs of hese s a emen s can be fo nd in Cochrane (1996).

One m s be clear in disc ssing he prices of fac or risks he her i is be a
risk or co ariance risk. Campbell (1996), for e ample, ses he co ariance
decomposi ion of Eq. (2) o ri e

$$\mathrm{E}(\ ) = \ ^{0} - \ ^{0}\, o\,v(\ ,\ ). \tag{5}$$

B s bs i ing he de ni ion of $_{+1}$ for $_{+1}$ in Eq. (5), one can ri e

$$\mathrm{E}(\ ) = \ ^{0} + \sum_{=1}\ \ o\,v(\ ,\ ), \tag{6}$$

 here he price of he h co ariance risk is $= -\ ^{0}\ _{1,}$. Since ^{0} is no   er
di eren from one, e do no repor s a is ics for   .

2.2. HJ-   *ę*

Hansen and Jaganna han (1997) no e ha   hen he asse pricing model is
false, $\notin M$, and here is a s ric l posi i e dis ance be een   and M. Hansen
and Jaganna han de ne he dis ance, hich e call HJ-dis ance, as

$$\delta = \min_{\in L^2}\|\ -\ \|, \qquad here\ \mathrm{E}(\ ) = \ , \tag{7}$$

and he meas re of dis ance is he s al norm, $\|\ \| = \sqrt{\mathrm{E}(\ ^2)}$.[1] The problem
de ned in Eq. (7) can be re ri en as he follo ing Lagrangian minimi a ion
problem

$$\delta^2 = \min_{\in L^2}\ s\ p_{\lambda\in}\ \{\mathrm{E}(\ -\ )^2 + 2\lambda'[\mathrm{E}(\ ) - \ ]\}. \tag{8}$$

The al e of δ is he minim m dis ance from he pricing pro   o he se of
r e pricing kernels M. Le ~ and $\tilde{\lambda}$ be he sol ion o Eq. (8). One can hink of
 $-$ ~ as he minimal adj s men o   o make i a r e pricing kernel. Hansen
and Jaganna han (1997) sol e Eq. (8) o nd

$$\ -\ \tilde{}\ = \tilde{\lambda}'\ , \tag{9}$$

 here

$$\tilde{\lambda} = \mathrm{E}(\ \ ')^{-1}\mathrm{E}(\ -\ ). \tag{10}$$

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[1] Hansen and Jaganna han (1997) also consider a dis ance meas re in hich   is req ired o be
s ric l posi i e. If he problem is sol ed i ho   he cons rain and $_{+1} > 0$ for all , he   o
sol ions coincide. In heir empirical anal sis, Hansen and Jaganna han nd his addi ional
res ric ion does no make a big di erence.

Th s, he HJ-dis ance is

$$\delta = \| \quad - \tilde{} \| = \|\tilde{\lambda}' \quad \| = [\tilde{\lambda}' E(\quad ')\tilde{\lambda}]^{1/2}. \tag{11}$$

S bs i ing for he al e of $\tilde{\lambda}$ from Eq. (10) gi es

$$\delta = [E(\quad - \quad)' E(\quad ')^{-1} E(\quad - \quad)]^{1/2}. \tag{12}$$

B sol ing he conj ga e problem o Eq. (8), Hansen and Jaganna han (1997) also pro ide an impor an al erna i e in erpre a ion o δ. I is he ma im m pricing error for he se of por folios based on he basic asse pa o s i h he norm of he por folio re rn eq al o one. We follo Campbell and Cochrane (2000) in in erpre ing he re rn errors of he models sing his logic.

Consider he re rn on a por folio of he basic asse s, θ' . The r e e pec ed re rn for his por folio hen priced i h $\tilde{}$ is fo nd from Eq. (5) o be

$$E(\theta' \quad) = \quad^0 \theta' \quad - \quad^0 o v(\tilde{}, \theta' \quad). \tag{13}$$

Le E $(\theta' \quad)$ deno e he e pec ed al e of he por folio re rn predic ed b he pricing pro . When E( ) = E($\tilde{}$) = ($^0)^{-1}$, e can ri e

$$E (\theta' \quad) = \quad^0 \theta' \quad - \quad^0 o v(\quad, \theta' \quad). \tag{14}$$

B s b rac ing Eq. (14) from Eq. (13) and sing he Ca ch -Sch ar ine ali , e ha e

$$|E(\theta' \quad) - E (\theta' \quad)| = | \quad^0 o v(\quad - \tilde{}, \theta' \quad)| \leqslant \quad^0 \sigma(\quad - \tilde{})\sigma(\theta' \quad), \tag{15}$$

here $\sigma( )$ deno es he s andard de ia ion of . The ine ali in Eq. (15) holds as an eq ali hen he por folio re rn is perfec l correla ed i h $- \tilde{}$. Recall from Eq. (9) ha $\tilde{\lambda}' = \quad - \tilde{}$, and $\delta = \sigma(\quad - \tilde{})$ hen E( ) = E($\tilde{}$). Th s, he por folio i h shares $\theta = \tilde{\lambda}/\delta$ is he ma imall mispriced por folio i h norm eq al o one. S bs i ing hese res l s in o Eq. (15) and recogni ing ha E($\lambda' \quad$) = 0 gi es

$$\frac{|E (\lambda' \quad)|}{\sigma(\lambda' \quad)} = \quad^0 \delta. \tag{16}$$

The lef -hand side of Eq. (16) is he ma im m absol e pricing error per ni of s andard de ia ion, or he ma im m mispriced Sharpe ra io. Campbell and Cochrane (2000) e ploi his idea o e al a e ann ali ed e pec ed re rn errors of false models b m l ipl ing $^0 \delta$ b an ann ali ed s andard de ia ion of 20%. We repor his pe of model re rn error belo .

2.3. E .o o ....

Hansen and Jaganna han (1997) no e ha $\hat{}$, he es ima e of , can be chosen o minimi e δ. To see he rela ion of his problem o a s andard generali ed

me hod of momen s (GMM) problem, de ne he pricing error   ec or
$g = E(\quad - \quad)$, and i s sample co n erpar

$$g \quad (\quad) = \frac{1}{\quad} \sum_{=1} \quad - \quad , \tag{17}$$

and le   be a sample es ima e of $E(\quad ')^{-1}$. Then, b sq aring Eq. (12), $\hat{\quad}$ can
be chosen as

$$\hat{\quad} = \arg\min \delta^2 = \arg\min g'(\quad) \quad_g(\quad). \tag{18}$$

While Eq. (18) is a s andard GMM problem, i is no he op imal GMM of
Hansen (1982) hich ses as he eigh ing ma ri , $^* = \quad^{-1}$, here   is a
consis en es ima or of $^* \equiv [\quad v\quad(g\quad)]$. Hansen demons ra es ha * is
op imal in he sense ha   he es ima ed parame ers ha e he smalles as mp o ic
co ariance.

   In general, he op imal eigh ing ma ri assigns big eigh s o asse s i h
small ariances in heir pricing errors, and i assigns small eigh s o asse s
 i h large ariances of heir pricing errors. I is ob io s ha * changes i h
di eren models. This makes i ns i able for he ask of making comparisons
among compe ing models. The al erna i e eigh ing ma ri of Hansen and
Jaganna han (1997) is in arian across compe ing asse pricing models. Using a
common eigh ing ma ri allo s s o ha e a niform meas re of performance
across models for a common se of por folios. The onl ass mp ion needed is
 ha he eigh ing ma ri is nonsing lar.

   Cochrane (1996) arg es ha $E(\quad ')$ ma   be nearl sing lar in hich
case he in ersion is problema ic, b as e disc ss la er, e did no enco n er
in ersion problems. To a oid in ersion problems and o keep he eigh ing
ma ri   he same across asse s, Cochrane ses he iden i ma ri as a eigh ing
ma ri . This approach is of en done in he rs -s age es ima es of a GMM
problem beca se es ima ion of * req ires consis en es ima es of he
parame ers.

   B assigning eq al eigh s o all basic asse s and ignoring cross prod c s of
pricing errors, Cochrane's (1996) approach minimi es he s m of sq ared
pricing errors, hich is appealing for o reasons. Firs , i is eq i alen o a
 radi ional leas sq ares approach of en sed in nance, and second, i pro ides
 he bes graphical represen a ion of predic ed re rns on he basic asse s ers s
 heir a erage re rns.

   These desirable a rib es m s be balanced agains he heore ical
appeal of ei her op imal GMM or he HJ-dis ance approach. Op imal GMM
pro ides he mos e cien es ima es among es ima es ha se linear
combina ions of pricing errors as momen s. Working i h he smalles
s andard errors pro ides a more po erf l a o es he alidi of a
par ic lar model. B , beca se * is model dependen , i makes no sense o

compare chi-square statistics across models. We prefer the HJ-distance approach because it is explicitly designed for comparing the pricing errors of alternative models.

Below we report statistics for both HJ-distance and optimal GMM. We do not report statistics from first-stage estimates because we found them relatively uninformative. Most of the models were not rejected just due to large standard errors, which is economically uninteresting. We also do not find big

Since v $[g(\hat{})]$ onl has rank $-$, e se i s pse do in erse follo ing Cochrane (1996). For op imal GMM, his Wald es red ces o he ell-kno n J- es , i h

$$J = g'(\hat{})v [g(\hat{})]^{-1}g(\hat{}) = g(\hat{}) \; ^{*}g(\hat{})$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathrm{d}} \chi^2(\; - \;). \tag{25}$$

From Eq. (10) he co ariance ma ri of he Lagrange m l ipliers is

$$v (\tilde{\lambda}) = v [g(\hat{})] . \tag{26}$$

Since he ma im m pricing error δ is achie ed b θ' i h $\theta = \tilde{\lambda}/\delta$, e can e amine he impor ance of indi id al asse s o he pricing error b e amining he n ll h po hesis $\tilde{\lambda} = 0$.

Finall , i is impor an o dis ing ish hich pricing errors are nder disc ssion. We de ned he pricing errors of he models in Eq. (17). I is he sample a erage for he di erences in prices hen e se o price min s he correc prices hich sho ld be ero for an e cess re rn and one for a gross re rn. As in o her research, e can also de ne a erage re rn errors as

$$\pi = \; ^{-} - E(\;) = \frac{1}{\;}\sum_{=1} \; - \; ^{0}[\; - o v(\;,\;)] = \; ^{0}g(\hat{}). \tag{27}$$

To a oid conf sion, e refer o $g(\hat{})$ as model errors and π as he pricing errors of he basic asse s. Since ^{0} di ers sligh l across models, he o do no pro ide he same informa ion. We look a $g(\hat{})$ mainl for de ails associa ed direc l i h δ. We e amine π o compare pricing errors for he basic asse s across models.

2.4. Co o o

E amining he ncondi ional implica ions of linear fac or models has o inheren problems. One is ha onl ncondi ional risk premi ms are es ima ed. The second is ha he models force prices of f ndamen al risks o be cons an across b siness c cles. Cochrane (1996), Ferson and Har e (1999), and o hers r o sol e hese o problems b sing macroeconomic ariables as condi ioning ariables. In Eq. (3), all parame ers in are cons an . To allo hem o ar i h some elemen in Φ, e ri e

$$_{+1} = \; '(\;)F_{+1}$$

$$= (\; _{0,1} + \; _{0,2}\;) = [\; '_{1,1} + (\; _{1,2}\;)']F_{+1}$$

$$+ \; _{0,1} + \; _{0,2}\; + \; '_{1,1}F_{+1} + \; '_{1,2}(F_{+1}\;). \tag{28}$$

The last equality sign demonstrates Cochrane's point, scaling the prices of factors is equivalent to scaling the factors.

If prices of risks vary over the business cycle, we can capture this effect by using variables that are associated with business cycles. There are three requirements for macroeconomic variables to be legitimate instruments. First, they must be included in the time t information set. Second, they should summarize the status of the business cycle. Third, since the number of the parameters increases geometrically with the number of conditioning variables, which can make the estimates unreliable, the conditioning variables cannot be too numerous. We use only one conditioning variable at a time. Because the previous literature has focused on both monthly and quarterly horizons, we would like a similar conditioning variable for each horizon.

Daniel and Toro s (1995) find that the cyclical element in industrial production (IP) is predictive for common stock returns. We adopt their use of IP as one instrument for the monthly models. For quarterly models, we use the cyclical component of real GNP. Because the cyclical components are not observable, we derive both series by using the Hodrick–Prescott (1997) filter applied recursively. We elaborate on the construction of our data in the next section.

Lettau and Ludvigson (2001a) provide an alternative to these output-based measures of the business cycle. Lettau and Ludvigson (2001a) demonstrate that the cyclical element in the log consumption–aggregate wealth ratio (CAY) is strongly predictive for excess stock returns. This argument is consistent with the CCAPM. Lettau and Ludvigson (2001b) test the CCAPM and the CAPM using CAY as a conditioning variable. In their cross-sectional test, conditioning with CAY substantially improves the performance of the models. We also include CAY as a conditioning variable for the quarterly models.

Loughran (1997) and Daniel and Titman (1997) argue that the book-to-market (B/M) effect in stock returns is largely driven by a January effect, that is, the B/M effect is not present at other times of the year. The basic assets we use are the Fama and French 25 portfolios which are constructed precisely to incorporate the B/M and size effects. We use a January dummy variable (JAN) to allow prices of risks to differ between January and other months of the year.

Another important issue is the stability of the model's parameters. Conditional models are attractive because unconditional models may not adequately capture time-varying risk premiums. But, this approach is not costless. If the conditional version is correctly specified and captures the dynamics in risk premiums, it will outperform the unconditional model. However, if the model's implied time-varying risk premiums are inherently misspecified because we choose the wrong conditioning variable, this false model may still appear to work well in small samples since it uses additional degrees of freedom. Ghysels (1998) finds that conditional models are fragile and may have bigger pricing errors than unconditional models.

If the model is correctly specified, parameter stability is not a problem. We use the supLM test of Andrews (1993) to see whether there are structural shifts in the parameters. The null hypothesis is that there are no structural shifts. Andrews argues that the supLM test is powerful against the alternative of a single structural break at an unknown time. He also argues that even if this is not the most interesting alternative hypothesis, it provides a reasonable test of parameter stability. The LM statistics are evaluated at 5% increments between 20% and 80% of the sample, and the largest is the supLM statistic. The distribution for the supLM statistic is presented in Andrews's Table 1.

To keep the estimation tractable, we use the 26 portfolios as the basic assets to be priced. We also investigate whether the model is robust to a different set of assets by adopting Cochrane's approach of scaling returns. Cochrane (1996) notes that conditioning information can be used to scale returns as implied by Eq. (1). These scaled returns can be interpreted as the returns to managed portfolios. The portfolio manager changes the weight of each portfolio according to the signal he observes from the conditioning variable. To illustrate, we multiply both sides of Eq. (1) by an variable $z \in \Phi$ to get

$$E(m_{t+1} R_{t+1} z_t) = z_t, \quad \forall z, z > 0, \forall z \in \Phi. \tag{29}$$

By the law of iterated expectations, we have

$$E(m_{t+1} R_{t+1} z_t) = E(z_t), \quad \forall z, z > 0, \forall z \in \Phi. \tag{30}$$

Eq. (30) provides the orthogonality conditions for scaled returns. If the model is robust to changes in the underlying assets, it should price the new assets correctly. That is, if the model can price nonscaled returns, under the null hypothesis that the parameters are not asset-sensitive, the model should price scaled returns as well. The test statistic is described in Appendix B.

3.

Unless otherwise indicated, all data are from the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP). For the monthly models, the sample period in 1952:01 to 1997:12, for 552 total observations. For the quarterly models, the sample is from 1953:01 to 1997:04, for 180 total observations. We begin in 1953:01 because CAY is only available after 1953:01.

3.1.

Our basic equity assets are the 25 excess returns on the portfolios sorted by size and book-to-market ratio that are calculated as in Fama and French (1993). Excess returns are constructed by subtracting the T-bill rate, and our twenty-sixth asset is the gross return on the T-bill. The previous literature tends

ha   he 25 B/M and si e por folios are   er hard o price correc l beca se
 he   incorpora e bo h si e premi ms and   al e premi ms. We req ire he
models o price hese e cess eq i re rns and he risk-free ra e, as   ell.

   Por folios are n mbered 11–55,   here he rs n mber refers o he si e
q in ile and he second n mber refers o he B/M q in ile. For e ample, 11 is
 he por folio of he smalles   rms i h he lo es B/M,   hile 55 is he por folio
  i h he larges   rms and highes B/M. Table 1 pro ides s mmar s a is ics for
 he 25 por folios for he sample period 1952 01 o 1997 12. I is similar o
Table 2 of Fama and French (1993),   hich in ol es a shor er sample period
from 1963 01 o 1991 12. For o r longer sample, mos a erage re rns are
larger, e cep for he lo B/M   rms. Since he s andard errors are smaller, he
 -s a is ics are larger e cep for he lo B/M   rms. Table 1 indica es ha   here
is considerable di erence in he a erage re rns across he 25 por folios. The
a erage ann ali ed re rns range from 4.3% for he smalles   rms i h lo es
B/M ra io o 13.6% for he smalles   rms i h highes B/M ra io. Wi hin a si e
q in ile, here is a nearl mono onic increase in a erage re rns as B/M
increases. Wi hin he B/M q in iles, he a erage re rns o he smalles   rms
are larger han he a erage re rns o he larges   rms, e cep for he lo es

Table 1
S mmar s a is ics for Fama-French 25 por folios

The da a are mon hl re rns on he Fama-French 25 por folios from 1952 01 o 1997 12 in
e cess of he one-mon h T-bill ra e. Por folios are n mbered   i h inde ing si e increasing from
one o e and inde ing book- o-marke ra io increasing from one o   e.

Por folios	BM1	BM2	BM3	BM4	BM5
A M					
SIZE1	0.36	0.77	0.83	1.03	1.13
SIZE2	0.49	0.78	0.96	1.00	1.15
SIZE3	0.59	0.76	0.80	0.97	1.04
SIZE4	0.60	0.60	0.82	0.87	1.02
SIZE5	0.57	0.63	0.68	0.67	0.85
B o					
SIZE1	7.17	6.25	5.56	5.26	5.53
SIZE2	6.49	5.62	5.11	4.85	5.39
SIZE3	5.94	5.04	4.66	4.50	5.14
SIZE4	5.32	4.80	4.61	4.52	5.22
SIZE5	4.54	4.39	4.09	4.24	4.91
C -					
SIZE1	1.18	2.91	3.52	4.58	4.82
SIZE2	1.76	3.25	4.41	4.85	5.03
SIZE3	2.33	3.55	4.05	5.04	4.76
SIZE4	2.64	2.93	4.17	4.50	4.60
SIZE5	2.97	3.36	3.89	3.74	4.07

B/M q in ile, b here is no mono onici in a erage re rns across si e q in iles.

As demons ra ed in Sec ion 2, he eigh ing ma ri for he calc la ion of HJ-dis ance depends onl on he asse s and is he same for di eren models. The eigh ing ma ri is no he same hen e se condi ioning informa ion o scale re rns. Hence, e ha e fo r eigh ing ma rices mon hl and q ar erl nonscaled re rns, and mon hl and q ar erl scaled re rns. Beca se o r main res l s are deri ed from mon hl and q ar erl nonscaled re rns, e foc s primaril on hese o cases. Eq. (18) demons ra es ha he eigh ing ma ri is he es ima e of he in erse of he second momen ma ri of re rns, hich m s be nonsing lar. The condi ion n mbers of he o ma rices of sample second momen s are 13, 548 and 7, 851 for mon hl and q ar erl re rns, respec i el . For mon hl scaled re rns, he condi ion n mber is 10, 264; for q ar erl scaled re rns, he condi ion n mber is 5, 238. This indica es ha in ersion of he ma rices sho ld be ell beha ed.

Cochrane (1996) no es ha one can ransform he eigh ing ma ri sing eigen al e decomposi ion s ch ha $= \Gamma \ \Gamma'$ here Γ is an or honormal ma ri i h he eigen ec ors of on i s col mns, and is a diagonal ma ri of eigen al es. Then, he HJ-dis ance problem in Eq. (12) can be re ri en as

$$\delta = [\mathrm{E}(\quad - \quad)' \Gamma \ \Gamma' \mathrm{E}(\quad - \quad)]^{1/2}. \tag{31}$$

The elemen s of he h col mn in Γ can be in erpre ed as eigh s ha are assigned o he basic asse s o form a por folio associa ed i h he h eigen al e in . If here are a fe large eigen al es of i h eigen ec ors ha place large eigh s on onl a fe por folios, he GMM problem ma be choosing parame ers ha are associa ed onl i h a fe por folios. Beca se does no change across models, i is fair o ask he compe ing models o price he same por folios. B , e do an he s r c re of he eigh ing ma ri o be reasonable.

Fig. 1 presen s he por folio eigh s associa ed i h he o larges eigen al es of he mon hl and q ar erl eigh ing ma rices. The eigh s are s andardi ed o s m o one. For mon hl re rns, Fig. 1 demons ra es ha no par ic lar por folio recei es more han ice he eigh of he ne smalles . Fo r por folios, 14, 15, 41, and 42, recei e s bs an ial eigh s, b se eral o her por folios also recei e non ri ial eigh s. Gi en ha here are o her eigen al es ha are also q an i a i el impor an , e concl de ha he eigh ing ma rices for he HJ-dis ance pro ide a fair challenge o he asse pricing models.

3.2. Co o g v e

We se e ariables o cap re mo emen s in he prices of risks o er he b siness c cle. For he mon hl models, he c clical par of he na ral

Panel A:

Monthly Nonscaled Returns

Panel B:

Quarterly Nonscaled Returns

Fig. 1. S andardi ed eigen ec ors of   o larges eigen al es of he eigh ing ma ri   =
$[(1/)\sum ']^{-1}$. The da a are mon hl and q ar erl e cess re rns of he Fama-French 25
por folios and he re rn on he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12. Q ar erl da a
are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. The por folio n mbers on he -a is are n mbered   i h inde ing
si e increasing from one o   e and inde ing book- o-marke ra io increasing from one o   e.
The ec or a(1) and a(2) are he eigen ec ors corresponding o he   o larges eigen al es of   .

logari hm of he ind s rial prod c ion inde is one condi ioning ariable. The
ind s rial prod c ion inde is from he Ci ibase mon hl da a se . The series is
a ailable from Jan ar 1947 o April 1999. We se he Hodrick–Presco
(1997) l er on he rs e ears o ini iali e he c clical series. The smoo hing
parame er is se o be 6, 400. Conseq en l , he rs elemen of o r c cle is
1951 12. We hen se he proced re rec rsi el on all a ailable da a o nd he
s bseq en elemen s for he c clical series. This me hod g aran ees ha each
elemen is in he ime informa ion se . Panel A of Fig. 2 displa s he c clical
elemen of log ind s rial prod c ion inde , IP.

Panel A:

Monthly cycle (IP)
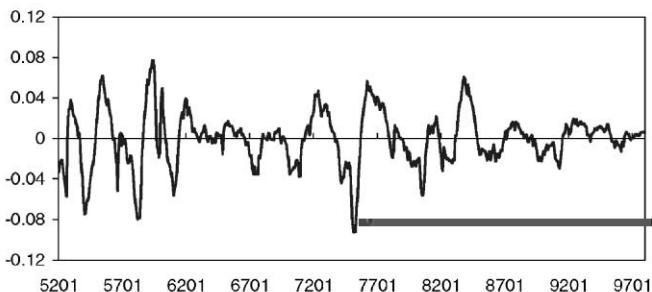
Panel B:

Quarterly cycle (GNP)
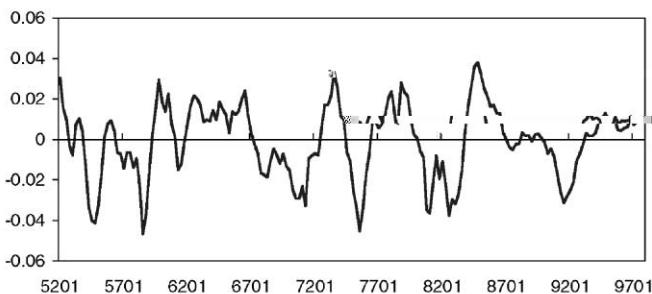
Panel C:

Quarterly cycle (CAY)
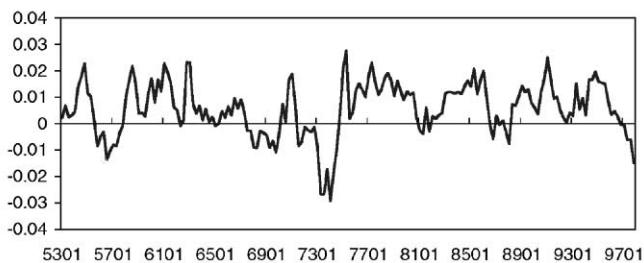
Fig. 2. Time series of hree condi ioning ariables. C cle (IP) is he c clical elemen in mon hl Hodrick–Presco (1997) l ered ind s rial prod c ion. C cle (GNP) is he c clical elemen in q ar erl Hodrick–Presco (1997) l ered GNP. C cle (CAY) is he aggrega e cons mp ion- eal h ra io, deri ed in Le a and L d igson (2001a). Mon hl da a for IP are from 1952 01 o 1997 12. Q ar erl da a for GNP are from 1952 01 o 1997 04, and q ar erl da a for CAY are from 1953 01 o 1997 04.

As men ioned abo e, in mon hl models e also scale he fac ors i h a
Jan ar d mm , JAN, ha akes he al e one for each Jan ar and is ero
o her ise. For q ar erl models, JAN akes he al e one for he rs q ar er
and is ero o her ise.

For he q ar erl models, e also scale he fac ors i h he c clical
componen of real GNP. The da a are also from he Ci ibase q ar erl da a se

can in erpre he HJ-dis ance as he s andard de ia ion for he leas   ola ile elemen in M. In he condi ional case, he N ll model has   o fac ors, he cons an and he condi ional e. The condi ional N ll model de ermines he her he mo emen in he c cle is an impor an pricing fac or.

The second model is he CAPM. The model SDF has   o fac ors, a cons an , and he e cess re rn on he marke por folio. We se he re rn on he al e- eigh ed CRSP inde in e cess of he one mon h risk free re rn, vw, as a pro   for he e cess re rn on he marke . For he q ar erl model, e compo nd he mon hl marke re rns o prod ce q ar erl re rns, and e s b rac   he re rn on he hree-mon h in eres ra e. In he condi ional model of he SDF, here are fo r fac ors he cons an , he e, vw and $vw \cdot$ e.

The hird model is a lineari ed CCAPM. The original CCAPM is nonlinear and req ires a par ic lar form for he   ili f nc ion. Ra her han de elop nonlinear models of marginal   ili , e simple se cons mp ion gro h, Δ , as he fac or. We se he gro h ra e in real nond rables cons mp ion from CP j9M9 fromZ?Im5Rjqar

The fo r h model is he condi ional CAPM de eloped b Jaganna han and Wang (1996) (hereaf er he JW model).- The JW model is deri ed from he ass mp ion ha   he CAPM holds as a condi ional model and ha   he re rn on he marke is predic able i h he defa l premi m, $_{PREM}$, hich is he di erence be een he ield on   and   corpora e bonds from he Board of Go ernors of he Federal Reser e.- The JW model's ncondi ional form in ol es o be as.- One is he original marke be a.- The o her be a incorpora es aria ion in he marke be a, hich Jaganna han and Wang call be a-premi m sensi i i .-Be a-premi m sensi i i is cap red b aria ion in he defa l premi m.- $_{PREM}$ meas res he ins abili of he marke be a o er he b siness c cle.-Jaganna han and Wang also arg e ha   he al e- eigh ed inde is an inadeq a e pro for he marke re rn.-The incl de labor income gro h, $_{LBR}$, as an addi ional fac or re ec ing a re rn o h man capi al.- Jaganna han and Wang meas reincom-T5qP M' gr-aZP M -ch a,

The si h model is a lineari ed ersion of Cochrane's (1996) prod c ion based asse pricing model (described in he ables as COCH). Cochrane arg es ha re rns sho ld be ell priced b he in es men re rn, hich is a complica ed f nc ion of he in es men -capi al ra io and se eral parame ers. B , Cochrane nds ha he in es men gro h ra e performs eq all ell, and e adop he in es men gro h ra e model ins ead of he in es men re rn model. The fac ors are he gro h ra e on real nonresiden ial in es men , GNR, and he gro h ra e on real residen ial in es men , GR. Bo h original series are from Ci ibase. The model has hree fac ors in he ncondi ional model, a cons an , GNR, and GR. The condi ional Cochrane model has si fac ors. The da a are from Ci ibase. Since e onl ha e q ar erl da a for real in es men , e do no comp e a mon hl model in his case.

The abo e si models are all based on e plici economic heories. We also consider o empirical asse pricing models. The are called empirical beca se heir ke pricing fac ors are deri ed from he da a. The se en h model is he Fama-French (1993) hree-fac or model (hereaf er he FF3 model). The rs fac or is he e cess re rn on he marke por folio, VW, as calc la ed abo e. To mimic he risk fac ors in re rns rela ed o si e and B/M ra io, Fama and French (1993) rs sor all s ocks in o o si e por folios, and g, he also sor all s ocks in o hree B/M por folios, g , , and o . Fac or SMB (small min s big) is cons r c ed as he di erence in re rns on and g, h s i cap res risk rela ed o si e. Fac or HML (high min s lo) is cons r c ed as he di erence in re rns on g and o , h s i cap res risk rela ed o he B/M ra io. The ncondi ional model of he SDF has fo r fac ors a cons an , VW, SMB, and HML. We cons r c q ar erl fac ors b compo nding he mon hl fac ors. There are eigh fac ors in he condi ional model.

The eigh h model is he Fama-French (1993) e-fac or model in hich he add a erms r c re fac or and a defa l -premi m fac or o heir hree-fac or model (hereaf er he FF5 model). The erm s r c re fac or, TERM, is he di erence be een he ield on a hir - ear bond and he ield on he one-mon h bill. Defa l risk is he di erence be een he ields on and corpora e bonds ($PREM$ as in JW). We cons r c q ar erl da a b compo nding he mon hl VW, SMB and HML, and e se he hird obser a ion of each q ar er for TERM and $PREM$. The condi ional model has el e fac ors.

4.

4.1. B o g o

The basic model diagnos ics are presen ed in he se en panels of Table 3. The es ima es of HJ-dis ance are labeled HJ-dis (δ). The - al es of he es $\delta = 0$,

Table 3
S mmar of models sing nonscaled re rns (26 asse s)

The da a are re rns on he Fama-French 25 por folios in e cess of he T-bill ra e and he re rn on he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12; q ar erl da a are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. C cle (IP) is he c clical elemen in he ind s rial prod c ion inde ; c cle (GNP) is he c clical elemen in real GNP; CAY is from Le a   and L d igson (2001a). JAN is a d mm   ariable i h al e one for Jan ar (mon hl models) or rs q ar er (q ar erl models) and ero o her ise. HJ-dis (δ) is Hansen-Jagannathan dis ance. - al e for he es δ = 0 calc la ed nder he n ll δ = 0 is (δ = 0). Ma -Error is he ma im m ann al pricing error for a por folio i h ann al s andard error of 20% nder he ass mp ion E( ) = E( ). The s andard error for HJ-dis ance nder he al erna i e h po hesis δ ≠ 0 is se(δ). The - al e of he op imal GMM es is (J). The - al e of he Wald es ha all condi ional elemen s of * are ero is -Wald(*). The al e of he s pLM s a is ics is s pLM. An as erisk indica es he model fails he s pLM es a he 5% signi cance le el. N mber of parame ers is No. of para.

MODEL	NULL	CAPM	CCAPM	JW	CAMP	FF3	FF5
ρ A Mo	o ρ	o	ρ	o			
HJ-dis (δ)	0.420	0.390	0.429	0.386	0.296	0.323	0.316
(δ = 0)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.347	0.000	0.001
Ma -Error	8.4%	7.8%	8.6%	7.8%	5.9%	6.5%	6.4%
se(δ)	0.051	0.050	0.063	0.052	0.065	0.052	0.055
(J)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.494	0.001	0.005
s pLM	216.500*	3.548	4.234	38.290*	193.976*	9.971	58.889*
No. of para	1	2	2	4	6	4	6
ρ B Mo	o ρ		ρ	o	ρ (I)		
HJ-dis (δ)	0.410	0.352	0.389	0.314	0.256	0.302	0.273
(δ = 0)	0.000	0.026	0.041	0.057	0.580	0.010	0.143
Ma -Error	8.2%	7.4%	7.8%	6.3%	5.4%	6.4%	5.5%
se(δ)	0.054	0.064	0.084	0.050	0.079	0.062	0.062
(J)	0.000	0.269	0.002	0.062	0.534	0.027	0.218
-Wald(*)	0.006	0.003	0.021	0.016	0.486	0.329	0.398
s pLM	10.028	15.963*	9.831	28.254*	73.909*	16.646	40.204*
No. of para	2	4	4	8	12	8	12
ρ C Mo	o ρ		ρ	o	JAN		
HJ-dis (δ)	0.396	0.366	0.367	0.274	0.284	0.287	0.268
(δ = 0)	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.650	0.426	0.401	0.335
Ma -Error	8.0%	7.3%	7.4%	5.5%	5.7%	5.8%	5.4%
se(δ)	0.060	0.067	0.089	0.086	0.064	0.049	0.067
(J)	0.000	0.000	0.022	0.809	0.065	0.025	0.098
-Wald(*)	0.000	0.465	0.026	0.018	0.962	0.238	0.594
s pLM	5.692	6.244	10.345	52.663*	180.979*	13.470	39.225*
No. of para	2	4	4	8	12	12	12

MODEL	NULL	CAPM	CCAPM	JW	CAMP	COCH	FF3	FF5
ρ D	ρ o ρ		o	ρ	o			
HJ-dis (δ)	0.649	0.621	0.619	0.578	0.550	0.626	0.537	0.516
(δ = 0)	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.037	0.016	0.000	0.001	0.018
Ma -Error	13.2%	12.6%	12.6%	11.8%	11.2%	12.7%	10.9%	10.5%
se(δ)	0.103	0.097	0.108	0.125	0.107	0.113	0.116	0.105

Table 3 (o   ℮)

MODEL	NULL	CAPM	CCAPM	JW	CAMP	COCH	FF3	FF5
(J)	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.083	0.050	0.000	0.010	0.125
s pLM	55.023*	3.671	10.071	31.078*	55.957*	10.026	8.746	52.170*
No. of para	1	2	2	4	6	3	4	6
℮ E	℮ o ℮		℮ o	℮ (L GN)				
HJ-dis (δ)	0.642	0.600	0.613	0.543	0.504	0.559	0.452	0.429
(δ = 0)	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.088	0.147	0.108	0.488	0.362
Ma.-Error	13.1%	12.2%	12.5%	11.1%	10.3%	11.4%	9.2%	8.7%
se(δ)	0.099	0.082	0.106	0.111	0.104	0.129	0.108	0.099
(J)	0.000	0.011	0.001	0.056	0.101	0.086	0.423	0.254
-Wald(*)	0.219	0.051	0.799	0.013	0.575	0.008	0.411	0.242
s pLM	10.837	11.076	11.578	37.006*	44.640*	9.848	11.285	34.071*
No. of para	2	4	4	8	12	6	8	12
℮ F	℮ o ℮		℮ o	CA				
HJ-dis (δ)	0.634	0.613	0.608	0.544	0.515	0.623	0.528	0.498
(δ = 0)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.269	0.099	0.000	0.001	0.011
Ma.-Error	12.9%	12.5%	12.4%	11.1%	10.5%	12.7%	10.8%	10.1%
se(δ)	0.099	0.110	0.105	0.154	0.125	0.114	0.105	0.090
(J)	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.428	0.097	0.001	0.003	0.032
-Wald(*)	0.012	0.542	0.253	0.404	0.834	0.609	0.931	0.930
s pLM	14.028*	14.310	7.470	39.471*	40.373*	16.757	20.149	30.937*
No. of para	2	4	4	8	12	6	8	12
℮ G	℮ o ℮		℮ o	JAN				
HJ-dis (δ)	0.590	0.564	0.582	0.391	0.379	0.510	0.509	0.394
(δ = 0)	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.997	0.975	0.429	0.005	0.870
Ma.-Error	12.0%	11.5%	11.9%	8.0%	7.7%	10.4%	10.4%	8.0%
se(δ)	0.135	0.127	0.131	0.239	0.195	0.133	0.129	0.149
(J)	0.011	0.003	0.010	0.997	0.984	0.600	0.004	0.910
-Wald(*)	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.206	0.435	0.001	0.676	0.500
s pLM	8.586	9.481	9.433	32.223*	28.311	11.794	20.144	52.123*
No. of para	2	4	4	8	12	6	8	12

as calc la ed in Appendi A nder he n ll h po hesis ha he r e dis ance is ero, are labeled p($\delta = 0$). The ma im m ann ali ed e pec ed re rn error from a por folio of he basic asse s based on Eq. (16) is labeled Ma.-Error. The ma im m pricing error is he prod c of he HJ-dis ance and he a erage risk-free ra e imes an ass med s andard de ia ion of 20%. The s andard errors for he es ima es of HJ-dis ance are labeled se(δ) and are calc la ed nder he al erna i e h po hesis ha he r e dis ance is no eq al o ero as in Eq. (45) of Hansen and Jaganna han (1997). These s andard errors allo an assessmen of he precision i h hich δ is es ima ed, and he can h s be sed o infer an appro ima e s andard error for he pricing errors in ro hree b m l ipl ing b he a erage risk free re rn and he ass med s andard de ia ion of 20%.

The values of the *J*-statistics from optimal GMM estimates of the models are labeled (*J*). The values of the Wald tests that the parameters of the scaled factors are all zero are labeled t-Wald(θ*). The values of the supLM tests are labeled supLM, and an asterisk indicates that the test statistic exceeds the 0.05 critical value taken from Table 1 of Andrews (1993). The number of estimated parameters is labeled No. of para.

In finite samples, interpretation of the HJ-distance estimates and their associated maximum pricing errors is hampered by the fact that zero is on the boundary of the parameter space. Even if the null hypothesis is true, in finite samples the estimated HJ-distance will be positive. Of course, if the values of the test statistics are well behaved, false rejections of the null hypothesis only occur the correct percentage of the time.

The Monte Carlo experiments conducted by Ahn and Gadarowski (1999) indicate that the expected value of the HJ-distance calculated under the null hypothesis that a three-factor model is true can be quite large and depends on the number of assets and the number of time periods. From Table 1 of Ahn and Gadarowski (1999) with 25 returns, we find average HJ-distances of 0.393 for 160 observations, 0.260 for 330 observations, and 0.174 for 700 observations. Hence, by extrapolating to our monthly sample of 552 observations, we should not be surprised to see an HJ-distance equal to 0.21, even though a three-factor model is true. This corresponds to an annualized maximum pricing error of 4.2%. Similarly, for a quarterly sample of 180 observations, we should not be surprised to see an HJ-distance equal to 0.38 with a maximum pricing error of 7.7%, even though the model is true.

Ahn and Gadarowski (1999) also investigate the empirical size of the test that HJ-distance equals zero. For 25 assets they find that 5.5% of their experiments exceed the 1% critical value with 160 observations, 2.5% are greater with 330 observations, and 1.5% are greater with 700 observations. Thus, for our sample sizes, the monthly model appears to be close to that the correct size of the test if a three-factor model is true, while the rejection rates for the quarterly model appear to be too high.

Panels A–C of Table 3 summarize the results for the monthly models. The first row of Panel A in Table 3 indicates that the Null model, the CAPM, the CCAPM, the JW model, and the FF3 model all have HJ-distances that are larger than or equal to 0.32. The values of the tests that these distances are zero are all less than 0.0001. The maximum annualized pricing errors from these models are between 6.5% and 8.6%. The standard errors of the HJ-distances in row four are all about 0.05. Hence, the standard errors of the maximum pricing errors are all about 1%. Generally, we find little disagreement between the Wald tests based on HJ-distance or on optimal GMM of whether the pricing errors on the 26 original portfolios are jointly zero. Consequently, we only report the J-tests from optimal GMM, and in Panel A of Table 3 we find two of the seven models are rejected at the 0.001

marginal level of significance or smaller. Campbell's model achieves the smallest HJ-distance, and the t-value of the test $\delta = 0$ indicates we cannot reject correct pricing. Thus, the model captures the size and B/M effects and also prices the risk-free rate. It is notable that the same model also passes the J-test. Unfortunately, Campbell's model does not have stable parameters as it fails the supLM test severely.

The HJ-distance of the FF5 model is smaller than that of the FF3 model, but it is still around 0.30. If we subtract the small sample bias in the statistic of 0.21, discussed above, we can conclude that the bias-adjusted HJ-distance is around 0.11 and the maximum annualized pricing error is around 2.2%. As one might suspect, the chief difference between the FF3 model and the FF5 model comes from the fact that the T-bill rate is hard for the FF3 model to price because it only includes equity pricing factors. To evaluate this conjecture, we did a test which only used gross returns on the 25 size and B/M portfolios. There were only small differences between the FF3 model and the FF5 model in that test, and we could reject correct pricing for both models at the 5% marginal level of significance.

Panel B of Table 3 reports the results when the factors of the model SDF's are scaled by cycle(IP). We find the magnitudes of HJ-distances and the corresponding maximum pricing errors all shrink significantly by approximately 10%, except for the Null model. The t-values for the test of HJ-distance equal zero are now between 1% and 5%. We test whether the conditioning information is statistically significant with a Wald test on the joint hypothesis that the parameters for all scaled factors equal zero. For the CAPM, the CCAPM and the JW model, the t-values are smaller than 0.023, which means the scaling variable IP significantly captures time-varying behavior of risks. Using cycle(IP) reduces HJ-distance for all models, and Campbell's model achieves the smallest distance, although there is no significance of the parameters associated with scaling. None of the models pass both the test of HJ-distance equal zero and the supLM test. It is notable that the CAPM with scaled factors marginally passes both the test of HJ-distance equal zero and the optimal GMM test. Again, all results from minimizing HJ-distance are similar to that we find from the optimal GMM approach.

The fact that scaled factor models have smaller HJ-distances than nonscaled factor models comes from two sources. First, the conditioning information reduces the pricing errors by allowing the prices of risks to vary with the business cycle. Second, by doubling the number of parameters, a scaled factor model uses additional degrees of freedom in the minimization problem and is better able to fit the data. This better fit may be spurious, though, as small-sample biases may worsen. The next section examines the details of individual models.

According to Loughran (1997), the January effect explains a substantial part of the B/M effect. When we allow only for a January dummy variable in

addi ion o he cons an erm of he SDF's, here are er fe changes compared o he res l s in Panel A of Table 3. These res l s are no repor ed o sa e space. Panel C of Table 3 repor s res l s i h all fac ors scaled b JAN. This e ec i el separa es he Jan ar obser a ions from he non-Jan ar obser a ions b allo ing di eren fac or risk prices in Jan ar . For he N ll model, he Wald s a is ic for he es ha he JAN parame er eq als ero is 0.0001, hich demons ra es he impor ance of a Jan ar e ec . Allo ing for a Jan ar condi ioning ariable impro es he poin es ima es of HJ-dis ance for all he models. Ne er heless, - al es of he *J* s a is ics indica ed ha he CAPM, he CCAPM, and he FF3 models are s ill rejec ed a he 0.05 le el of signi cance. The mos drama ic impro emen is in he JW model hich no passes all of he es s e cep he s abili es . The Wald es on he impor ance of he scaled fac ors indica es heir join signi cance. There is a sligh impro emen in he performance of he FF3 model al ho gh he join es of he signi cance of he scaled fac ors has a - al e of 0.15. The FF5 model and Campbell's model alread do reasonabl ell i h nonscaled fac ors. Scaling all he fac ors in hese models i h a Jan ar d mm does no appear o add an impor an fac ors since he - al es of he Wald es s are bo h q i e large.

The pre io s li era re picall repor s ei her mon hl or q ar erl models. Some models, s ch as Cochrane's (1996) model, can onl be applied o q ar erl da a beca se of da a cons rain s. In his sec ion e in es iga e he performance of he models i h q ar erl da a. Se eral iss es arise. Firs , ime aggrega ion ma orsen he be een he fac ors and he models b smoo hing he fac ors.[4] Second, marke imperfec ions ha ca se shor - erm de ia ions from he models ma be lessened beca se he re rns are c m la ed. Third, as no ed abo e, he small-sample performance of an model de eriora es i h a smaller n mber of obser a ions. The rs and hird e ec s gges he performance of he models i h q ar erl da a de eriora es, hile he second fac or allo s for impro emen .

Panel D pro ides he s mmar res l s for he eigh q ar erl models, he se en pre io sl in es iga ed pl s Cochrane's (1996) model. Al ho gh he poin es ima es of he HJ-dis ances are m ch larger for he q ar erl models han he mon hl models, recall from o r disc ssion of Ahn and Gadaro ski (1999) ha al es like 0.38 are o be e pec ed in hese sample si es e en if a hree-fac or model is r e. Ne er heless, he q ar erl HJ-dis ances generall e ceed he a erage of he Ahn and Gadaro ski g res b more han he mon hl es ima es e ceed he corresponding a erage from he Mon e Carlo e perimen s. For e ample, he mon hl FF3 models has an HJ-dis ance of 0.323 and he Mon e Carlo a erage is appro ima el 0.21 for a di erence of

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[4] This logic leads Cochrane (1996) o ime a erage mon hl re rns in cons r c ing q ar erl re rns. While e cons r c he q ar erl re rns from he compo nd mon hl re rns as $_{+1} + _{+2} + _{+3}$, Cochrane (1996) ses $\frac{1}{3} _{+1} + \frac{2}{3} _{+2} + _{+3} + \frac{2}{3} _{+4} + \frac{1}{3} _{+5}$.

0.113. A he q ar erl sampling in er al e nd a di erence of $0.537 - 0.38 =$ 0.157. Using his bias-adj s ed al e o calc la e he ma im m pricing error for he FF3 model leads o a al e of 3.2% ra her han he 10.9% repor ed in Panel D.

While he - al es of he es s ha HJ-dis ance eq als ero are all less ha 0.037, recall also ha in his sample si e he as mp o ic - al es probabl nders a e he probabili of a T pe I error as Ahn and Gadaro ski (1999) nd ha 15.7% of heir empirical e perimen s e ceed he 5% as mp o ic cri ical al e in samples of 160 obser a ions. Hence, i seems reasonable o concl de ha he e idence agains he JW model, he FF5 model, and Campbell's model is no par ic larl s rong. Unfor na el hese hree models all fail he parame er s abili es .

In Panel E, e scale all fac ors b he lagged c clical componen of GNP. Incl ding his condi ioning informa ion red ces he magni des of HJ-dis ance and he associa ed ma im m pricing errors b 5–10%. T o models, he FF3 model and Cochrane's, no pass he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero and he s pLM es , al ho gh Cochrane's model has a considerabl larger δ. Once again he HJ-dis ance es s are consis en i h he res l s from op imal GMM. The es s ha all parame ers for scaled fac ors eq al ero indica e scaling i h GNP does no signi can l impro e he performance of he models. One sho ld keep in mind, ho gh, his is a join es hich ma o ershado he signi cance indi id al parame ers.

An al erna i e q ar erl scaling ariable is he cons mp ion- eal h ra io, CAY, from Le a and L d igson (2001a). The nd ha scaling i h CAY grea l impro es he performance of he CCAPM in pricing he e cess re rns on he 25 Fama-French por folios o er a sample period 1963–1997 hen he re rns are eq all eigh ed. Ho e er, e al a ing he model i h he HJ-dis ance me ric for o r sample of 1953 o 1998 indica es ha scaling i h CAY does no prod ce a no iceable impro emen for he CCAPM. The scaled model fails bo h he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero and he op imal GMM es . None of he models scaled b CAY passes bo h he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero and he s pLM es . The Wald es of he impor ance of he scaling parame ers also does no indica e s rong s a is ical signi cance of CAY.

Panel G pro ides res l s hen all he fac ors are scaled b JAN. For he q ar erl models, JAN akes he al e one for he rs q ar er of each ear and he al e ero o her ise. The rs hing o no e is scaling all fac ors i h JAN red ces he magni de of he HJ-dis ance for all models. The JW model, Campbell's model, and he FF5 model all ha e - al es for he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero abo e 80%. The ann ali ed pricing errors for hese hree models also are no less han or eq al o 8%, hich is in he range of correc pricing gi en he bias disc ssed abo e. S rprisingl , he FF3 model does no pass he HJ-dis ance es and he J es . This is beca se he scaled fac or model is s ill nable o price he small gro h rms. Cochrane's model passes bo h he

es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero and he s pLM es .More de ails for his model
are pro ided in he sec ion on s ccessf l models .

4.2. Mo e e o   o o   e   o   o e

Addi ional informa ion on he performance of he models is a ailable b
e amining he model errors and he Lagrange m l ipliers   hich are he
componen s of δ. To check   he her condi ioning informa ion impro es he
performance of a model, e rs need o nders and he performance of he
original nonscaled fac or model . The a erage model errors from HJ-dis ance
es ima es i h a o s andard error band are presen ed in Fig . 3 . Since mon hl
 ncondi ional model errors share er similar pa erns i h he q ar erl
model errors, e onl presen mon hl model errors (g) as de ned in Eq . (17) .
For Cochrane's model, e repor q ar erl   model errors .[5]

In Panel A of Fig . 3, he model errors for he N ll model range from -0.01%
for he T-bill o 1. 15% per mon h for por folio 25 . Remember ha he rs
n mber of a por folio inde es he si e q in ile i h increasing n mbers
indica ing increases in si e and ha   he second n mber of a por folio inde es
 he book- o-marke ra io i h increasing n mbers indica ing increases in B/M .
The B/M e ec is er e iden in Fig . 3 as in each si e q in ile, higher B/M
por folios ha e larger a erage pricing errors . As e increase across si e
q in iles, here is less dispersion in he pricing errors b   no par ic larl
prono nced decrease in a erage pricing errors . The model nder-es ima es he
re rns on all por folios e cep   he T-bill ra e .

Panel B of Fig . 3 demons ra es ha   he CAPM correc l prices he larges
si e por folios, b i ends o nder-es ima e re rns on high B/M por folios
and o o er-es ima e re rns on lo B/M por folios . The model errors range
from -0.50% per mon h for por folio 11 o 0. 45% per mon h for por folio 15 .

The CCAPM is presen ed in Panel C of Fig . 3 . I has a pa ern er similar
 o he N ll model, hich is consis en i h he correla ion of 0. 93 be een he
adj s men , $-\tilde{} = \tilde{\lambda}'$, o he N ll model and he adj s men o he
CCAPM o make i a correc SDF . High B/M rms are more se erel
 nderpriced b he CCAPM han b he CAPM .

The JW model is presen ed in Panel D of Fig . 3 . I has a er similar pa ern
 o he CAPM e cep   he o er-es ima ion for lo B/M por folios is sligh l
smaller . This is no s rprising in ligh of he correla ion of 0. 99 be een he
adj s men s o he CAPM and o he JW model .

Panel E of Fig . 3 repor s he pa ern for Campbell's pricing errors . The
model considerabl a en a es he B/M e ec . The a erage errors range from

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[5] We also e amined model errors from minimi ing he eq al- eigh ed s m of sq ared pricing
errors, ha is sing an iden i ma ri as he eig hing ma ri . The pa erns of errors across he
 ario s models are q i e similar o he errors in Fig . 3 and are conseq en l no repor ed .

−0.28% o 0.30%. Par of he abili of he model o pass he es of HJ-distance eq al ero arises from i s increased s andard errors rela i e o he CAPM. Al ho gh δ can be compared across models, he -al es of he es s are no comparable beca se he are based on he eigen al es of A in Appendi A hich depend on he pricing fac ors, he ariance of pricing errors, and he n mber of parame ers.

Panel F presen s he pricing errors in Cochrane's q ar erl model hich shares he same magni de and pa ern as he q ar erl CAPM, hich is no presen ed. There is a dis inc B/M e ec as in he mon hl CAPM. The correla ion be een he adj s men o Cochrane's model o make i a correc pricing model and he adj s men o he q ar erl CAPM is 0.97.

The FF3 model is presen ed in Panel G. The presence of he o fac ors SMB and HML in addi ion o he marke re rn considerabl dampens he B/M e ec presen in Panel B. No here is no par ic lar pa ern for he model errors. The are sca ered aro nd he ero a is. The FF3 model o erpredic s he a erage re rns for bo h he smalles rms and he larges rms, b especiall he small gro h s ocks (smalles rms i h lo B/M ra ios). The FF5 model in Panel H has a similar pa ern o he FF3 model, e cep i red ces he pricing errors sligh l . The correla ion of he adj s men s o he o models is 0.98.

All models share one common charac eris ic, he do no misprice he T-bill ra e. Model errors for he T-bill ra e are al a s aro nd ero.

4.3. I e e g o e

Since e ha e 21 mon hl models and 32 q ar erl models, e canno displa all he parame er es ima es, b e repor res l s for "in eres ing models". We de ne "in eres ing" as a model ha a leas marginall passes he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero a he 1% marginal le el of signi cance. We also req ire ha he scaling parame ers for an in eres ing scaled fac or model are join l signi can a he 5% le el. Beca se inference abo he alidi of he models based on he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero is al a s similar o inference based on he J es from op imal GMM, passing he J es is implici l also a cri erion. In o al e ha e 12 models sa isf ing bo h

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Fig. 3. Model errors for mon hl models i h nonscaled fac ors. The da a are mon hl and q ar erl e cess re rns of he Fama-French 25 por folios o er he T-bill ra e and he re rn on he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12. Q ar erl da a are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. The por folio n mbers on he -a is are n mbered i h inde ing si e increasing from one o e and inde ing book- o-marke ra io increasing from one o e. The diamonds are he model errors, as de ned in Eq. (17), and he n mbers are in mon hl (q ar erl from Cochranes's model) percen . The o o her lines pro ide a o s andard error band.

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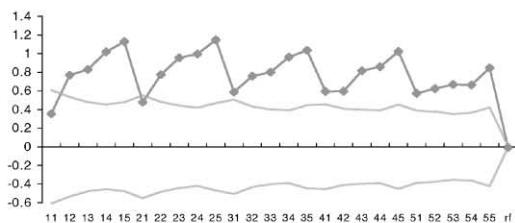
Panel B:

CAPM
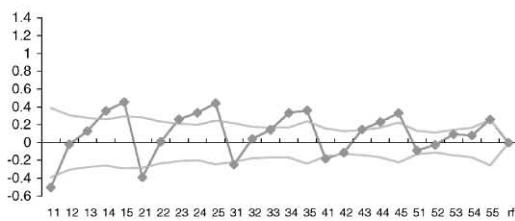
Panel C:

CCAPM
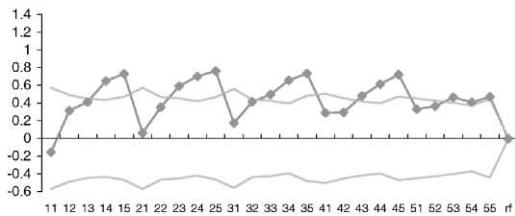
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JW
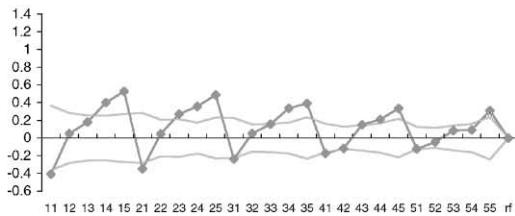
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CAMPBELL
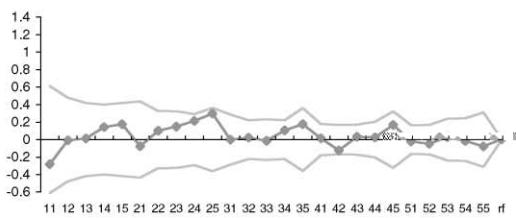
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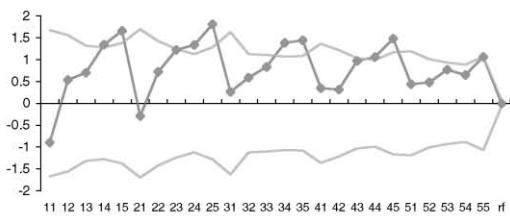
Panel G:

FF3

Panel H:

FF5
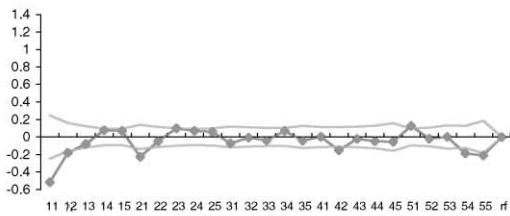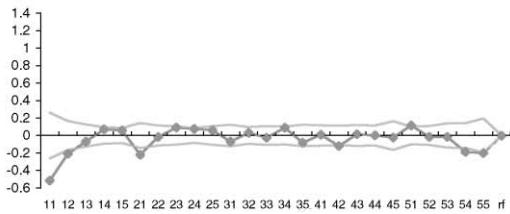
Fig. 3. (o   e)

condi ions. In addi ion e pro ide informa ion on he mon hl FF3 model
  i h nonscaled fac ors for comparison. This sec ion rs disc sses mon hl
models, hen q ar erl models.

Table 4 repor s parame er es ima es from minimi ing he HJ-dis ance
meas re for he in eres ing models. Each panel has   o par s. The rs par
presen s es ima es for   as in Eq. (3). If $_1$ for one fac or is signi can l
di eren from ero, hen ha fac or is an impor an de erminan of he pricing
kernel. The second par of each panel presen s es ima es for he prices of risks,
Λ, as in Eq. (4). I pro ides informa ion on   he her he fac or risk prices
signi can l in uence he e pec ed re rns.

The rs model is he mon hl CAPM i h fac ors scaled b IP. The model
marginall passes he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero i h a - al e of 0.026.
Bo h $_{VW}$ and IP are signi can de erminan s of he correc pricing kernel,
 hile he in erac ion be een he   o ariables is no signi can . Th s, he
b siness c cle in uence speci ed b IP is an impor an elemen missing from
 he CAPM. The same   o fac ors ha e signi can prices of risks i h posi i e
signs. Th s, a posi i e co ariance i h he marke or he s a e of he b siness
c cle increases he req ired ra e of re rn. The fac ha IP helps o e plain he
B/M and si e e ec s ma arise as in he frame ork of Jaganna han and Wang
(1996) beca se IP co ld be a pro   for be a-premi m sensi i i . The fac ha
 $_{VW} \cdot$ IP is no impor an indica es ha allo ing he price of marke risk o
change across he b siness c cle is no an impor an de erminan of he cross
sec ion of re rns. Panel A of Fig. 4 repor s he model's pricing errors, i h i s
nonscaled co n erpar . Mos of he impro emen in pricing from adding IP
and $_{VW} \cdot$ IP o he CAPM occ rs for lo B/M por folios, and he bigges
impro emen is for he smalles gro h rms. As si e increases, he
impro emen becomes smaller. Ho e er, he scaled fac or model does no
elimina e ei her he B/M or si e e ec s. The mon hl CAPM i h fac ors scaled
b IP also does no pass he s pLM es a he 5% le el indica ing ha he
es ima es ma be ns able.

The second mon hl model is he CCAPM i h fac ors scaled b
IP. Parame er es ima es are repor ed in Panel B of Table 4. The es of
HJ-dis ance eq al ero is passed i h a - al e of 0.041. The parame ers
associa ed i h Δ , IP and $\Delta \cdot$ IP are all s a is icall signi can elemen s of he
pricing kernel. The es ima es for fac or risk prices indica e ha bo h Δ and IP
signi can l in uence he e pec ed re rns on he nderl ing 26 por folios
 i h economicall sensible signs. Re rns ha co ar posi i el   i h
ei her cons mp ion gro h or he b siness c cle ha e higher req ired ra es
of re rn.

The mon hl CCAPM i h fac ors scaled b JAN also sa is es bo h
condi ions for being "in eres ing" i h a - al e for he es of HJ-dis ance
eq al ero of 0.057. The parame er es ima es are pro ided in Panel C of Table 4.
Onl   he in erac ion be een Δ and JAN is s a is icall signi can for bo h he

pricing kernel and prices of risk. While his res l li erall implies ha he cons mp ion gro h ra e is impor an onl in Jan ar , an al erna i e in erpre a ion is ha he re rn charac eris ics of he nderl ing 26 por folios are mos e iden in Jan ar . The pricing errors for he o scaled fac or ersions of he CCAPM oge her i h he nonscaled fac or benchmark are gi en in Panel B of Fig. 4. When he fac ors are scaled b IP, he impro emen s mos l in ol e a red c ion of he errors for he high B/M por folios b 0.1–0.2% per mon h hich a ens he pricing errors rela i e o he nonscaled CCAPM. When he fac ors are scaled b JAN, bo h he si e e ec and he B/M e ec are smaller and he line connec ing he pricing errors is some ha a er.

Panel D of Table 4 repor s he parame er es ima es for he mon hl JW model i h fac ors scaled b IP. The - al e for he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero is 0.057. The signi can de erminan s of he pricing kernel are $_{VW}$ and $_{LBR}$ · IP. The same o fac or risk prices along i h ha of $_{PREM}$ · IP signi can l a ec risk premi ms. Panel E of Table 4 presen s he parame er es ima es for he mon hl JW model i h fac ors scaled b JAN. The - al e of he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero is 0.650. From he parame er es ima es, bo h $_{LBR}$ and $_{LBR}$ · JAN are signi can de erminan s of he model's pricing kernel. The parame ers indica e ha he fac or risk price of he labor income gro h ra e is di eren in Jan ar $(-0.28 + 0.13 = -0.15)$ han o side of Jan ar (-0.28). The pricing errors of hese o models oge her i h he nonscaled JW benchmark model are presen ed in Panel C of Fig. 4. When he fac ors are scaled b IP, he pricing errors are smaller for bo h small rms and high B/M rms. Th s IP helps dampen bo h he si e e ec and he B/M e ec . When he fac ors are scaled b JAN, he pricing errors are e en smaller, as in he CCAPM abo e. Ho e er, nei her of he models passes he s pLM es .

Campbell's model i h nonscaled fac ors is repor ed in Panel F of Table 4. The model passes he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero i h a - al e 0.347. Bo h he di idend ield, DIV, and he erm premi m, TRM, are s a is icall signi can de erminan s of he pricing kernel. The second par of Panel F indica es ha hree ariables, $_{VW}$, DIV, and TRM, ha e s a is icall signi can prices of risks. Nei her labor income nor he rela i e bill ra e is impor an in ei her he pricing kernel or he prices of risks. Panel D of Fig. 4

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Fig. 4. Pricing errors for in eres ing models. The da a are mon hl and q ar erl e cess re rns of he Fama-French 25 por folios o er he T-bill ra e and he re rn on he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12. Q ar erl da a are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. The por folio n mbers on he -a is are n mbered i h inde ing si e increasing from one o e and inde ing book- o-marke ra io increasing from one o e. Pricing errors are de ned in Eq. (27), and he n mbers are in mon hl (q ar erl) percen .

Panel A:

monthly CAPM and CAPM(IP)
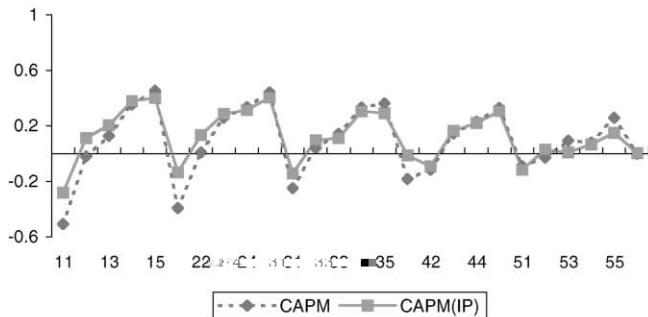
Panel B:

monthly CCAPM(IP) and CCAPM(JAN)
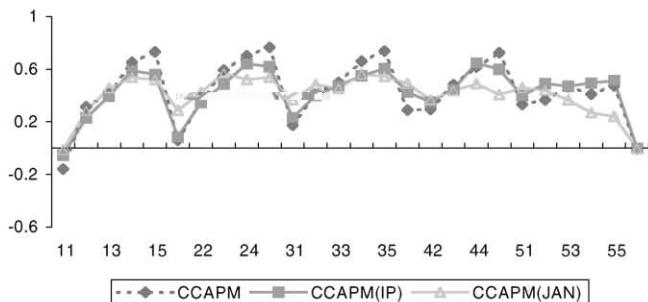
Panel C:

monthly JW(IP) and JW(JAN)
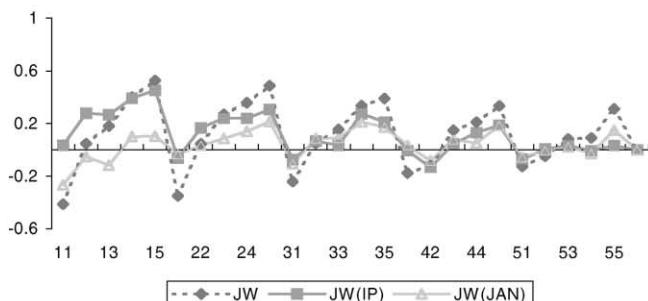
Panel G:

quarterly Campbell's model and FF3
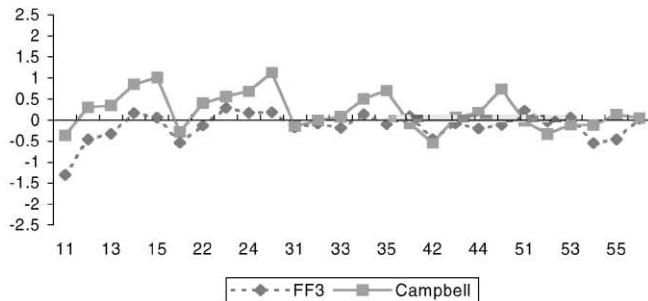
Panel H:

quarterly Cochrane(GNP) and Cochrane(JAN)
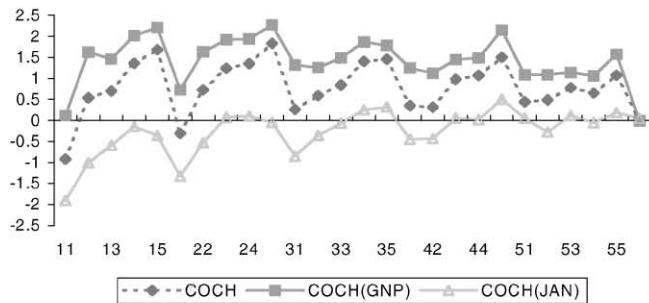
Panel I:

quarterly FF5 and FF3

Fig. 4. (o   e)

Table 4

Parame ers es ima es of in eres ing models

The da a are re rns on he Fama-French 25 por folios in e cess of he T-bill ra e and he re rn on he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12; q ar erl da a are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. The es ima ed parame ers, ˆ, are he fac or prices de ned in Eq. (3). The es ima ed parame ers, $\hat{\Lambda}$, are he be a risk prices de ned in Eq. (4). The s andard errors for he parame er es ima es are pro ided in he ro s labeled se.

e A Mo CA M e o I

	Cons an	VW	IP	VW * IP
Parame ers of he pricing kernel				
ˆ	1.03	−0.04	−0.34	0.02
se	0.05	0.02	0.12	0.03
Fac or risk prices				
$\hat{\Lambda}$		0.66	2.16	0.58
se		0.27	0.74	2.75

e B Mo CCA M e o I

	Cons an	Δ	IP	Δ * IP
Parame ers of he pricing kernel				
ˆ	1.14	−0.75	−0.28	0.22
se.	0.10	0.36	0.11	0.12
Fac or risk prices				
$\hat{\Lambda}$		0.43	1.38	−0.49
se		0.21	0.65	0.55

e C Mo CCA M e o JAN

	Cons an	Δ	JAN	Δ * JAN
Parame ers of he pricing kernel				
ˆ	1.05	−0.42	0.58	−3.93
se	0.06	0.37	0.90	1.62
Fac or risk prices				
$\hat{\Lambda}$		0.26	0.02	0.20
se		0.22	0.06	0.08

e D Mo J ' o e e o I

	Cons an	VW	PREM	LBR	IP	VW * IP	PREM * IP	LBR * IP
Parame ers of he pricing kernel								
ˆ	1.38	−0.04	−0.66	0.68	0.38	0.00	−0.40	−0.40
se	0.68	0.02	0.64	0.71	0.38	0.03	0.31	0.22
Fac or risk prices								
$\hat{\Lambda}$		0.65	0.05	−0.05	1.01	0.80	1.72	1.09
se		0.28	0.12	0.13	0.98	2.68	1.02	0.41

Table 4 (*o*   *e*)

e J   *e*   C   *e*' *o* *e*   *o*   *e*   *o*

	Cons an	VW	LBR	DIV	RTB	TRM
Parame ers of he pricing kernel						
^	0.22	0.00	0.10	0.28	−0.20	−0.56
se	1.00	0.02	0.16	0.27	2.64	0.22
Fac or risk prices						
$\hat{\Lambda}$		1.52	−0.13	−0.28	−0.03	0.85
se		0.79	0.37	0.24	0.02	0.34

e K   *e*   *G̈o*   *e*' *o* *e*   *e*   *o*   GN

	Cons an	NRINV	RINV	GNP	NRINV∗GNP	RINV∗GNP
Parame ers of he pricing kernel						
^	0.92	−0.01	−0.16	0.12	−0.04	−0.09
se	0.27	0.16	0.07	0.22	0.07	0.04
Fac or risk prices						
$\hat{\Lambda}$		0.33	1.76	0.03	0.86	5.33
se		0.85	1.31	0.58	1.21	3.24

e L   *e*   *G̈o*   *e*' *o* *e*   *e*   *o*   JAN

	Cons an	NRINV	RINV	JAN	NRINV∗JAN	RINV∗JAN
Parame ers of he pricing kernel						
^	1.41	−0.24	0.09	−1.44	0.90	−0.19
se	0.21	0.17	0.07	0.53	0.37	0.15
Fac or risk prices						
$\hat{\Lambda}$		−0.63	−1.38	0.15	−1.25	−0.03
se		0.75	1.44	0.08	0.59	0.61

e M   *e*   FF5   *o*   *e*   *o*

	Cons an	VW	SMB	HML	TERM	PREM
Parame ers of he pricing kernel						
^	1.23	−0.05	0.00	−0.06	−0.21	1.25
se	0.52	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.41	0.78
Fac or risk prices						
$\hat{\Lambda}$		1.51	0.58	1.12	0.23	−0.06
se		0.79	0.42	0.41	0.51	0.10

repor s he model's pricing errors along i h he errors from he FF3 model as a comparison. No si e ec is apparen and Campbell's model prices he small gro h rms be er han he FF3 model. While a B/M e ec is presen in he pricing errors of Campbell's model, i s magni de is no large. O erall, he pricing errors for Campbell's model are no bigger han hose of he FF3 model, hile he la er model is cons r c ed o price he si e e ec and B/M e ec . Ho e er, Campbell's model fails he s pLM es . Th s, he parame er es ima es ma be ns able and sho ld be sed ca io sl .

The las mon hl models e repor are FF3 i h nonscaled fac ors and FF3 i h fac ors scaled b JAN. FF3 is repor ed beca se i is so idel   sed, and e an o e amine ho i prices he si e and B/M e ec s, hich i is cons r c ed o do. I does no pass he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero. Parame er es ima es for FF3 are presen ed in Panel G of Table 4. I is some ha s rprising ha onl $_{VW}$ and HML are impor an for he pricing kernel, and he are also signi can l priced risk fac ors. Panel E of Fig. 4 pro ides he pricing errors for FF3. The problem por folios are he lo es B/M i h smalles and second smalles si es, hich are o erpriced b he model. Th s, he fac or SMB canno adeq a el cap re he si e e ec in he por folios, and SMB is no signi can l priced in he ncondi ional ersion hen risk prices are held cons an .

The mon hl FF3 i h fac ors scaled b JAN is repor ed in Panel H of Table 4. I passes he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero i h a - al e of 0.101. From he parame er es ima es, $_{VW}$, SMB and SMB · JAN are impor an fac ors for he pricing kernel. For he prices of risks, $_{VW}$, HML and SMB · JAN are signi can . This is consis en i h he ie ha he si e e ec is primaril a Jan ar e ec as he prices of risks for $_{VW}$ and HML are essen iall he same across he models i ho and i h scaling b he Jan ar d mm . As men ioned in he pre io s sec ion, if he B/M e ec occ rred mainl in Jan ar , and HML e plained he B/M e ec , HML o ld no be priced o side Jan ar . Th s, he res l s ell s ei her here is s ill a signi can B/M e ec o side of Jan ar or here are some o her risks hich can be priced b HML. We also e amine he pricing errors o see he her scaling b JAN reall impro es on he performance of he FF3 model in an in eres ing a . In he Panel E of Fig. 4, e nd ha scaling he FF3 fac ors i h JAN ac all red ces he pricing errors b 0.2% for he smalles gro h s ocks. Since he FF3 model alread cap res he B/M e ec reasonabl ell, JAN does no impro e his dimension. Bo h models pass he s pLM es .

The rs q ar erl model is he JW model. I marginall passes he es of HJ-dis ance eq al ero i h a - al e 0.037. The parame er es ima es are presen ed in Panel I of Table 4. Onl $_{LBR}$ is s a is icall signi can in he pricing kernel. For he prices of fac or risks, $_{LBR}$ is also signi can i h a posi i e sign. In addi ion, he price of marke risk is marginall signi can , b $_{PREM}$ is no priced in con ras o Jaganna han and Wang (1996). The pricing

errors of the JW model are reported in Panel F of Fig. 4 together with the quarterly FF3 model with nonscaled factors as a benchmark. Both the size effect and the B/M effect are evident in the JW pricing errors, which range from 0.5% to 2% per quarter. These pricing errors are quite large compared to those of the FF3 model. Thus, the quarterly JW model passes the HJ-distance test not because it has small pricing errors but because it has larger standard errors. Hence, our quarterly version of the JW model with nonscaled factors is not an economically interesting model. It also fails the supLM test indicating that the parameter estimates may be unstable.

The second quarterly model is Campbell's model with nonscaled factors. The test of HJ-distance equal zero has a p-value 0.016. Panel J of Table 4 provides the parameter estimates, and as in the monthly models, the term premium is important in the pricing kernel. Both market risk and term premium risk are priced factors for the risk premiums. The pricing errors are reported in Panel G of Fig. 4 together with the benchmark FF3. The pattern of the errors is very similar to the monthly errors in Panel D. Campbell's model improves on the smallest growth portfolio, but it has an evident B/M effect. It also fails the supLM test.

The third quarterly model is Cochrane's model with factors scaled by the cyclical element in lag GNP. The parameter estimates are given in Panel K of Table 4. For the pricing kernel, both RINV and RINV · GNP are important, and both have marginally significant prices of risks. This is consistent with Cochrane (1996) who demonstrates the importance of residential investment. The HJ-distance measure drops from 0.626 for Cochrane's nonscaled factor model to 0.559 for its scaled factor model. In all of the models discussed above, the scaled-factor models perform better than nonscaled models in the sense of HJ-distance, and we confirm that the scaling factors are economically interesting by looking at the pricing errors and parameter estimates. However, for Cochrane's model, the improvement in HJ-distance does not actually come from the improvements on pricing errors. This can be seen in Panel H of Fig. 4. The pricing errors of the nonscaled model show a distinct pattern of size and B/M effects. The scaled factor model shifts most of the pricing error up ward by 0.5–1%. There is improvement only for the rs portfolio. The smaller HJ-distance for the scaled factor model arises because the additional free parameters make it easier for the scaled-factor model to solve the minimization problem with the particular weighting matrix. This is significant statistically, but it is not interesting economically.

Panel L of Table 4 reports the quarterly Cochrane model with factors scaled by JAN. Both JAN and NRINV · JAN are important for the pricing kernel, and the same two factors also have significant prices of risks. By looking at Panel H of Fig. 4, we find after controlling for the January effect, the pricing errors are shifted downward by 1–1.5%, which is a big improvement for all the firms. The B/M effect is mitigated but still present. Thus we conclude that the

improvement in HJ-distance arises from an improvement of pricing errors. Both Cochrane's scaled factor models are stable, and they both pass the supLM test.

The quarterly FF5 model with nonscaled factors is provided in Panel M of Table 4. It passes the test of HJ-distance equal zero with a p-value 0.018. From the parameter estimates, we find that VW and HML are determinants of the pricing kernel, as in the FF3 model, but the two macro factors, TERM and PREM are also significant determinants of the pricing kernel. The two macro factors do not have significant prices of risks. The pricing errors from FF5 in Panel I of Fig. 4 are almost the same as those in FF3. There are only small improvements on the smallest growth portfolios. Unfortunately, the two additional macro factors bring instability into the model as it fails the supLM test.

There is one last issue to note. All of the models do well in pricing the gross return of the T-bill. This implies that although the minimization problem does not put a particularly large weight on the T-bill return, it does not ignore it either. Others, such as Letau and Ludvigson (2001b) and Jagannathan and Wang (1996), only include stock portfolios and have big estimates for the zero-beta rate. We estimate the zero-beta rate for each model. For monthly models, the rate is around 0.4% per month; for quarterly models, it is around 1.8% per quarter. We believe these estimates are more reasonable.

4.4. *e o e e*

We noted above that the solution for the HJ-distance from the Null model provides the least volatile element of the set of true stochastic discount factors, M. From Eq. (9) we know that $\tilde{} = - \tilde{\lambda}'$, and Eq. (10) provides the estimated values of the Lagrange multipliers. The standard errors of the Lagrange multipliers are found from Eq. (24). These values for the Null model are presented in Table 5 for the monthly and quarterly data.

The Lagrange multipliers can be interpreted as portfolio weights on the basic assets. They are the product of the HJ-distance weighting matrix and the vector of average pricing errors from the model. As both the weights and the errors differ across assets and because there is correlation across the elements of the multipliers, the interpretation of the individual significance of the multipliers is best done with caution. Nevertheless, for monthly data, we find that portfolios 11,14,42, and 53 as well as the risk free return have statistically significant multipliers when the individual coefficients are evaluated at the 5% critical level. For quarterly data, these same portfolios plus portfolios 41 and 54 are also important. The importance of these portfolios is consistent with the observation that within each size quintile, there is at least one large spread position in which one of the Lagrange multipliers is a large

Table 5
λ for mon hl and q ar erl n ll models

The da a are re rns on he Fama-French 25 por folios in e cess of he T-bill ra e and he re rn on he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12; q ar erl da a are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. Por folios are n mbered   i h inde ing si e increasing from 1 o 5 and inde ing book- o-marke ra io increasing from 1 o 5. The Lagrangian M l ipliers, λ's, are de ned in Eq. (10) and heir s andard errors, se(λ), are de ned in Eq. (26). An as erisk indica es he parame er is signi can a he 5% le el.

Por folio	Mon hl		Q ar erl	
	λ	se(λ)	λ	se(λ)
11	−6.35*	1.73	−5.42*	1.72
12	−3.83	2.41	−3.60	2.32
13	−1.75	3.27	−3.32	3.52
14	8.76*	4.24	10.02*	4.69
15	3.72	3.71	−2.45	4.24
21	−3.66	2.65	−3.93	2.69
22	−0.09	3.15	5.02	3.32
23	6.94	3.73	5.59	3.48
24	3.40	3.75	5.28	3.83
25	2.56	3.27	4.56	3.43
31	−2.75	3.17	−3.53	3.22
32	0.02	3.67	0.17	4.05
33	−3.72	3.87	−7.36	4.36
34	5.85	3.82	4.79	4.35
35	−0.29	2.71	1.92	2.58
41	6.92	3.62	9.90*	4.03
42	−10.59*	3.95	−11.97*	4.18
43	0.09	3.66	0.91	3.98
44	−0.67	3.10	−4.63	3.64
45	0.36	2.33	2.33	2.57
51	1.78	2.43	0.28	2.39
52	−0.25	3.11	1.21	3.15
53	5.65*	2.70	5.48*	2.77
54	−4.22	2.64	−6.21*	2.85
55	−0.30	1.67	−0.16	1.72
f	−0.18*	0.02	−0.42*	0.06

posi i e n mber and ano her one close b is a large nega i e n mber. For he small rms, he por folio posi ions indica e being long high B/M rms and shor lo B/M rms. S mming i hin a si e q in ile re eals ha one o ld be primaril long he second and shor he fo r h si e q in iles. Beca se he spread posi ions are probabl associa ed i h a single so rce of risk, i appears ha here are essen iall fo r so rces of signi can eq i   risk in hese 25 por folios.

4.5. Co....g...ę...o...o...o...o...ę..

An al erna i e a o compare models is o incl de he fac ors of se eral models sim l aneo sl in o he model of he pricing kernel and perform an e cl sion es asking he her he second se of fac ors is necessar in he presence of he rs . This sec ion performs a limi ed comparison beca se he large dimensionali of he fac ors and scaled fac or makes s ch a comparison impossible.

In he anal sis abo e, bo h he Campbell model and he Fama-French hree-fac or model are reasonabl s ccessf l. B incl ding he o addi ional FF3 fac ors, SMB and HML, in he pricing kernel of he Campbell model, one can es he her he are signi can addi ional de erminan s of he pricing kernel. The res l s of his anal sis are presen ed in Panel A of Table 6. No ice ha none of he indi id al coe cien s is signi can a he 0.05 le el of signi cance, in s rong con ras o he res l s of he indi id al models. This is an indica ion of m l icollineari . Correla ion across he fac ors also makes he e cl sion es s inconcl si e. The - al e of he Wald es ha he parame ers associa ed i h SMB and HML are ero is 0.135 indica ing ha hese fac ors are nnecessar once he Campbell fac ors are presen , b he comparable es ha he FF3 model does no need he fo r addi ional fac ors of Campbell's model has a - al e of 0.215. Th s, since he fac ors of he respec i e models are signi can hen incl ded indi id all , e can concl de ha he same basic informa ion is cap red in di eren a s b he o models.

To a oid problems i h m l icollineari , Campbell (1996) or hogonali es he fac ors and scales hem o ha e he same ariance as he marke re rn. The rs fac or is he marke re rn, he second is he par of labor income ha is no e plained b he marke re rn, he hird is he par of he di idend ield ha is no e plained b he marke re rn and labor income, and so on. When e place he o Fama-French fac ors af er he e Campbell fac ors, e ask he her he par s of SMB and HML ha canno be e plained b he Campbell fac ors are signi can de erminan s of he pricing kernel. The res l s are presen ed in Panel B of Table 6.

The coe cien s on $_{VW}$, DIV, TRM, and HML are all more han 1.5 imes heir s andard errors. In par ic lar, e en ho gh HML is placed las in he ordering of ariables, i s - al e remains 0.069. Th s, HML appears o add some independen informa ion o he pricing kernel o er and abo e ha pro ided b he Campbell fac ors.

Panels C and D of Table 6 repor he res l s of a h brid model ha   ses hese fo r elemen s i h or hogonali ed fac ors. The h brid model has he smalles HJ-dis ance, 0.285, of an of he es ima ed models, and he es s indica e no e idence agains he model, e cep for he s abili es hich again indica es po en ial problems i h he model.

Table 6

Combining fac ors of Campbell's model and he Fama-French hree-fac or model

The da a are re rns on he Fama-French 25 por folios in e cess of he T-bill ra e and he re rn on
 he T-bill. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12; q ar erl da a are from 1953 01 o
1997 04. The fac ors are collec ed from Campbell's model and FF3. We   se Cholesk
decomposi ion o or hogonali e fac ors in Panels B and C. The parame er es ima es, ˆ, are fac or
prices de ned in Eq. (3). The s andard errors for ˆ are pro ided in he ro of se. The - al e for he es
 es   ˆ = 0 is (ˆ = 0). HJ-dis (δ) is Hansen-Jaganshan dis ance. - al e for he es   δ = 0
calc la ed nder he n ll δ = 0 is (δ = 0). Ma -Error is he ma im m ann al pricing error for a
por folio i h ann al s andard error of 20% nder he ass mp ion E( ) = E( ). The s andard
error for HJ-dis ance nder he al erna i e h po hesis δ ≠ 0 is se(δ). The - al e of he op imal
GMM es is (J). The al e of s pLM s a is ics is s pLM. An as erisk indica es he model fails he
s pLM es a he 5% signi cance le el. No. of para is he n mber of parame ers.

Fac ors	Cons an	VW	LBR	DIV	RTB	TRM	SMB	HML
$\wp$ A F o	$\wp$ o	$\wp$ o	$\wp$ o $\wp$ (	o	$\wp$ o o	o o	$\wp$)	
ˆ	−0.31	−0.02	−0.11	0.43	0.70	−0.38	−0.02	−0.06
se	1.03	0.02	0.33	0.27	3.33	0.26	0.02	0.03
(ˆ = 0)	0.76	0.35	0.74	0.11	0.83	0.14	0.37	0.07
$\wp$ B: F o	$\wp$ o	$\wp$ o	$\wp$ o $\wp$ (	o	$\wp$o o o	$\wp$)		
ˆ	−0.31	−0.05	−0.03	0.11	0.07	−0.10	−0.01	−0.03
se	1.03	0.01	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.01	0.02
(ˆ = 0)	0.76	0.00	0.61	0.09	0.27	0.12	0.46	0.07

Fac ors	Cons an	VW	DIV	TRM	HML
$\wp$ C: F o	$\wp$ o	$\wp$ o $\wp$ (	o	$\wp$o o o	$\wp$)
ˆ	0.02	−0.05	0.09	−0.14	−0.03
se	0.95	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.02
(ˆ = 0)	0.99	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.11

HJ-dis (δ)	(δ = 0)	Ma -error	se(δ)	(J)	S pLM	No. of para
$\wp$ D	o $\wp$	o $\wp$				
0.285	0.235	5.7%	0.058	0.144	192.736	5

The in i ion of he Campbell model is ha an   ariable ha predic s he
marke re rn in a m l i aria e se ing is a po en ial fac or ha a ec s he
cross-sec ion of asse prices. To de ermine   he her HML arises as a risk fac or
 i hin his res ric ed con e   e es ima ed a ec or a oregression of he fo r
fac ors. The res l s indica e ha HML is no an impor an de erminan of he

o her hree ariables beca se he smalles - al e associa ed i h he coe cien s on HML in an of he hree eq a ions as 0.336. The HML eq a ion also indica ed ha none of he o her hree ariables is a signi can de erminan of HML, al ho gh here is e idence of o n serial correla ion. Th s, if HML is a risk fac or, i s impor ance m s be e9an o he more general economic s a e ariables of Mer on (1973) ra her han he res ric ions arisn in Campbell's model. Some s pn por for his posi n is pro ided b Lie an Vassalo (2000) and Vassalo (2000) ho arg e ha SMB and HML are risk fac ors ha arise beca se of heir abili o predic f re GDP.

4.6. o ę

In all of he abo res l s, e ob ain paraman er es ima es an cond c es s sing nonscaled re rnn To e amine he her hese models are rob s , e change he nderlMing asse s from nonscaled re rn o scaled re rn in es iga e he her he models (he rs s age es ima es) can price he scaled re rnn We scale re rnn i h he erm premi m, he di erence in ields be een a 30- ear go ernmen bond and a one- ear go ernmen bond. If a model is able o price he ba asse s (nonscaled re rn he scaled re rn hich he manager in es s di eren amo n dependi erm premi m.

Table 7 pro ides he inforn on hese e perimen s. We se he es ima es ob ainan d from he rs s age b op imal GMM, o calc la e he es of he HJ-dis ance eq al ero fornMj heZP- scaleZPjM-J dZaPi s ḷMḷrmMj ron iZPlMZPaj5MdqeGMMZ

5. ⟍·

This paper e al a es a of asse pricing e he anomalies nco ered in es ing he CAP common se ofre rn 25 an book- o-marke Fama an French forn,4M4 aZP ' sampl as high as 1.13% per mon h. Wi hin marke por folios ha e higher a erage re

Table 7
Rob s ness es for nonscaled re   rns models

The es s are based on re   rns on he Fama-French 25 por folios in e cess of he T-bill ra e and he
re   rn on he T-bill, condi ioned on he erm premi m, he di erence in ields be   een a 30- ear
go ernmen bond and a one- ear bond. Mon hl da a are from 1952 01 o 1997 12; q ar erl
da a are from 1953 01 o 1997 04. The - al es are   1, es of HJ-dis ance = 0   sing parame er
es ima es from op imal GMM for corresponding nonscaled re   rn models; 2, es of op imal
GMM o er-iden i ca ion   sing parame er es ima es from op imal GMM for corresponding
nonscaled re   rn models; 3, es of HJ-dis ance = 0   sing parame er es ima es from minimi ing
HJ-dis ance for corresponding nonscaled re   rn models.

	NULL	CAPM	CCAPM	JW	CAMP	FF3	FF5
A M			E M	o		o		
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0.001	0.003
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B M			E M		o	I		
1	0	0	0	0.002	0	0	0
2	0	0.004	0	0.004	0	0.017	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C M			E M		o	JAN		
1	0	0	0.001	0	0	0	0
2	0	0.001	0.036	0.002	0	0.007	0.086
3	0	0	0.075	0.004	0	0.001	0.001

	NULL	CAPM	CCAPM	JW	CAMP	COCH	FF3	FF5
D				E M	o		o		
1	0	0	0.014	0.002	0	0	0.002	0.003
2	0.003	0.005	0.012	0.006	0	0	0.040	0.049
3	0	0	0.006	0.001	0	0	0.001	0.002
E					,				
3 0.005 0.006	0.001	0	00.0010
2	0.001	0.005	0.0060.001

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book-to-market quintiles, average returns are generally decreasing in size. The unconditional CAPM cannot explain these returns.

We consider only linearized versions of the models, and we evaluate the models with both nonscaled factors and scaled factors, where the scaling reflects either business-cycle movements or a January dummy. The models are compared using the methodology of Hansen and Jagannathan (1997) who recognize that the estimated distance between a model's pricing kernel and the true pricing kernel also is an estimate of the maximal mispricing of a portfolio of the assets. We also evaluate the models using the optimal GMM test of Hansen (1982). In general, we find little disagreement between the two tests. Finally, we evaluate the temporal stability of the parameters using the supLM test of Andrews (1993).

For monthly models with nonscaled factors, Campbell's (1996) model is the only model that passes the test of HJ-distance equals zero, and its estimated HJ-distance is also smaller than that of the Fama-French (1993) three-factor model. Only three of the five factors in the model appear to be important: the return on the market portfolio, the dividend yield, and the term premium. The HML factor of the Fama-French model also has independent information over and above that provided by these three factors. Unfortunately, the Campbell model fails to pass the stability tests. While the simulation study of Ahn and Gadarowski (1999) provides some support that the small-sample distributions of the HJ-distance test are reliable for our sample size, no comparable study of the small-sample distributions of the stability tests has been conducted. Thus, additional study of the Campbell model is desirable. In particular, we evaluate only the linearized version of the model.

Scaling the risk factors of the models with the cyclical element in industrial production as measured by the Hodrick–Prescott (1997) filter improves the performance of several of the models. The CAPM, CCAPM, and Jagannathan and Wang (1996) models all have significant coefficients on the scaled factors. There is also evidence that pricing in January is significantly different than pricing outside of January. For example, when the three factors of the Fama-French (1993) model are entered without scaling, only the market return and the HML portfolio are significant risk factors. When the factors are also scaled with a January dummy, the market return and the HML portfolio retain their significance and the SMB portfolio is significant in January. This latter model also passes the stability tests.

With quarterly data, none of the models with nonscaled factors passes the test of HJ-distance equal to zero. Nevertheless, the simulation results of Ahn and Gadarowski (1999) suggest that these results should be interpreted with care as the sizes of the tests appear to deteriorate in this sample size. Neither scaling with the cyclical component of GNP, as measured by the Hodrick–Prescott (1997) filter, nor scaling with the consumption-wealth series of Lettau and Ludvigson (2001a) has much of an influence on the results.

Addi ionall , none of he models, ei her mon hl or q ar erl appears o be rob s in he follo ing sense. When e es ima e he parame ers of he models sing he basic re rns and ask he models o price he se of asse s cons r c ed b scaling re rns i h he erm premi m, all of he models fail.

There are se eral direc ions in   hich his s d co ld be e ended. Firs , e cons r c o r es ima es as if here are no ransac ions cos s or shor -sale cons rain s in asse marke s. Hanna and Read (1999) nd ha ransac ion

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We rs calc la e parame er es ima es from op imal GMM sing he 26 re rns as

$$\hat{} = \arg\min g\ (\ ,\ )'\ {}^*g\ (\ ,\ ). \tag{B.1}$$

Then, nder he n ll ha $\hat{}$ is he r e parame er, he se of scaled re rns sho ld be correc l priced i h $\hat{}$. We calc la e he ne J s a is ics as

$$J = g\ (\ ,\ \hat{})'v\ [g\ (\ ,\ \hat{})]^{-1}g\ (\ ,\ \hat{}), \tag{B.2}$$

here

$$g\ (\ ,\ \hat{}) = \frac{1}{}\sum_{=1}^{-1} [(\ _{+1}\ )(^{\prime}F_{+1}) -\ \ ]. \tag{B.3}$$

The J-s a is ic is dis rib ed as a $\chi^2(\ )$ nder he n ll. The degrees of freedom are beca se e ha e or hogonali condi ions, and e do no es ima e an addi ional parame ers. The same arg men applies o HJ-dis ance. Wi h he ne or hogonali condi ions for scaled re rns, e need o calc la e he ne δ and he dis rib ion of δ^2. Since he rs s age es ima es b op imal GMM are no er di eren from hose ob ained from HJ-dis ance es ima ion, e choose o se he es ima es from op imal GMM o calc la e ne HJ-dis ances for he ne scaled asse s.

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