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dispositionEffect-package

*dispositionEffect: behavioral Analysis on Financial Data*

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## Description

The dispositionEffect package allows to perform different types of behavioral analysis using financial market and experimental data. The analysis of disposition effect, portfolio-driven disposition effect, and time series disposition effect can be performed with four different implemented methods.

## Main functions

- `portfolio_compute` is a wrapper function that compute realized and paper gains and losses from the investor's transactions and the market prices of the traded assets and updates the investor's portfolio
- `gains_losses` is the core function of the package. It performs all the necessary calculations and can be used for real-time processing (it is intended for advanced users only)
- `disposition_effect` Compute the disposition effect based on realized and paper gains and losses
- `disposition_difference` Compute the disposition difference based on realized gains and losses
- `disposition_compute` and `disposition_summary` interfaces that allow to easily compute disposition effect and summary statistics.

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closest\_market\_price    *Closest market price*

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## Description

Find the market price closest to a certain datetime and for specific assets.

## Usage

```
closest_market_price(  
  asset,  
  datetime,  
  market_prices,  
  price_only = FALSE,  
  exact = FALSE,  
  substitute_datetime = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

asset	Character vector of assets' names to look for.
datetime	POSIXct of the datetime at which looking for the asset's price.
market_prices	Data frame containing the market prices.
price_only	Logical. If TRUE then only the price is returned.
exact	Logical. If TRUE then it looks for market prices at the same datetime only, otherwise it looks for the nearest before the datetime.
substitute_datetime	Logical. If TRUE the datetime is substituted with the datetime argument.

**Value**

The data frame of closest market prices.

**See Also**

[evaluate](#), [lubridate::round\\_date](#)

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DEanalysis

*Real sample data for Disposition Effect analysis*

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**Description**

A sample dataset containing 10 investors, their market transactions and the market prices of the traded assets.

**Usage**

DEanalysis

**Format**

A list containing two data frames: transactions and marketprices.

**investor** id of the investor

**type** binary variable indicating the type of operation, B = buy and S = sell

**asset** id of the traded asset

**quantity** quantity of the traded asset

**price** market price of the traded asset

**datetime** timestamp of the operation

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disposition\_effect

*Disposition Effect*

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**Description**

Compute the disposition effect and the disposition difference.

**Usage**

```
disposition_effect(realized_gains, paper_gains, realized_losses, paper_losses)
```

```
disposition_difference(gains, losses)
```

```
disposition_compute(
  gainslosses,
  dispdiff_value = FALSE,
  aggregate_fun = NULL,
  ...
)
```

```
disposition_compute_ts(gainslosses, aggregate_fun = NULL, ...)
```

```
disposition_summary(gainslosses, dispdiff_value = FALSE)
```

```
disposition_summary_ts(de_timeseries)
```

**Arguments**

`realized_gains` Numeric vector (or scalar) containing realized gains values.

`paper_gains` Numeric vector (or scalar) containing paper gains values.

`realized_losses` Numeric vector (or scalar) containing realized losses values.

`paper_losses` Numeric vector (or scalar) containing paper losses values.

`gains` Numeric vector (or scalar) containing gains.

`losses` Numeric vector (or scalar) containing losses.

`gainslosses` Data frame, the portfolio of the investor containing the realized and paper gains and losses results (as those obtained via `portfolio_compute`).

`dispdiff_value` Logical, if TRUE the disposition difference on the "value" method is computed. Default to disposition effect (FALSE).

`aggregate_fun` Function to use to aggregate results. Default to NULL, that is no aggregation is performed and the results of each asset are shown.

`...` Further arguments to be passed to the aggregate function.

`de_timeseries` Data frame, the time series of disposition effects.

**Details**

The disposition effect is defined as  $DE = (RealizedGain / (RealizedGain - PaperGain)) - (RealizedLoss / (RealizedLoss + PaperLoss))$

The disposition difference is defined as  $DD = RealizedGain - |RealizedLoss|$  or  $DD = PaperGain - |PaperLoss|$

**Value**

Numeric vector (or scalar) with the value(s) of disposition effect(s) or disposition difference(s).

**Functions**

- `disposition_effect`: Compute the disposition effect
- `disposition_difference`: Compute the disposition difference
- `disposition_compute`: Compute the disposition effect directly on the investor's portfolio containing realized and paper gains and losses results.
- `disposition_compute_ts`: Compute the time series disposition effect on the gains and losses results.
- `disposition_summary`: Wrapper that returns the most important summary statistics related to the disposition effect.
- `disposition_summary_ts`: Wrapper that returns the most important summary statistics related to the time series disposition effect.

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evaluate

*Portfolio evaluation*

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**Description**

Calculate the portfolio value as the sum of each asset portfolio quantity times the excess return of each asset with respect to the market.

**Usage**

```
evaluate_portfolio(portfolio, market_prices)
```

**Arguments**

`portfolio` Data frame of the investor's portfolio at time  $t$ .  
`market_prices` Data frame containing the market prices.

**Value**

The portfolio value.

**See Also**

[portfolio\\_compute](#), [gains\\_losses](#), [closest\\_market\\_price](#)

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gains_losses	<i>Gains &amp; Losses</i>
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## Description

Calculation of the realized gains and losses and the paper gains and losses.

## Usage

```
gains_losses(
  portfolio,
  market_prices,
  transaction_type,
  transaction_asset,
  transaction_quantity,
  transaction_price,
  transaction_datetime,
  previous_datetime,
  time_threshold = "0 mins",
  method = "all",
  allow_short = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

portfolio	Data frame of the investor's portfolio at time t.
market_prices	Data frame containing the market prices.
transaction_type	Character string. Either "B" = buy or "S" = sell.
transaction_asset	Character string. The name of the traded asset.
transaction_quantity	Numeric value. The quantity of the traded asset.
transaction_price	Numeric value. The market price of the traded asset.
transaction_datetime	POSIXct value. The date-time at which the transaction is going to occur.
previous_datetime	POSIXct value. The date-time of the last transaction performed by the investor.
time_threshold	Character in the format "value units" indicating the time threshold at which the computed financial difftime has to be evaluated (for instance "05 mins" or "20 hours"). The allowed units are "secs", "mins", "hours", "days" and "weeks" (See <code>base::difftime</code> ).

method	Character string. The method used to compute papers. Allowed values are "count", "total", "value", "duration" and "all".
allow_short	Logical. If TRUE short positions are allowed, otherwise only long positions are allowed.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE than messages are printed to the console.

### Details

It is essentially a wrapper around [paper\\_compute](#) and [realized\\_compute](#) functions. It is the function that can be used for streaming computations of gains and losses.

### Value

A data frame containing the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed by means of the chosen method on each portfolio assets.

### See Also

[realized\\_compute](#), [paper\\_compute](#), [portfolio\\_compute](#)

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investor

*Sample investor financial transactions*

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### Description

A sample dataset containing 19 transactions over time.

### Usage

```
investor
```

### Format

A data frame with 19 rows and 6 variables:

**investor** id of the investor

**type** binary variable indicating the type of operation, B = buy and S = sell

**asset** id of the traded asset

**quantity** quantity of the traded asset

**price** market price of the traded asset

**datetime** timestamp of the operation

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marketprices	<i>Market prices of assets traded by the sample investor</i>
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**Description**

A sample dataset containing 6895 market prices of 5 different assets over time.

**Usage**

```
marketprices
```

**Format**

A data frame with 6895 rows and 4 variables:

**asset** id of the asset

**datetime** timestamp of market price

**price** market price of the asset

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paper_compute	<i>Papers' estimation</i>
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**Description**

Compute paper gains and paper losses as either simple counts, total quantities, expected returns and financial duration.

**Usage**

```
paper_count(  
  portfolio_quantity,  
  portfolio_price,  
  market_price,  
  allow_short = TRUE  
)
```

```
paper_total(  
  portfolio_quantity,  
  portfolio_price,  
  market_price,  
  allow_short = TRUE  
)
```

```
paper_value(  
  portfolio_quantity,
```

```

    portfolio_price,
    market_price,
    allow_short = TRUE
)

paper_duration(
  portfolio_quantity,
  portfolio_price,
  market_price,
  datetime_difference = NULL,
  previous_datetime = NULL,
  transaction_datetime = NULL,
  allow_short = TRUE
)

paper_compute(
  portfolio_quantity,
  portfolio_price,
  market_price,
  previous_datetime,
  transaction_datetime,
  assets,
  allow_short = TRUE,
  method = "all"
)

```

### Arguments

portfolio_quantity	Numeric vector. The portfolio quantities of assets into the investor's portfolio.
portfolio_price	Numeric vector. The portfolio prices of assets into the investor's portfolio.
market_price	Numeric vector. The market prices of assets into the investor's portfolio.
allow_short	Logical. If TRUE short positions are allowed, otherwise only long positions are allowed.
datetime_difference	Numeric value of time difference between the previous_datetime and the transaction_datetime, computed through <a href="#">difftime_financial</a> . If NULL, then previous_datetime and transaction_datetime must be specified.
previous_datetime	POSIXct value. The date-time of the last transaction performed by the investor.
transaction_datetime	POSIXct value. The date-time at which the transaction is going to occur.
assets	Character vector. The name of assets into the investor's portfolio but the traded asset.
method	Character string. The method used to compute papers. Allowed values are "count", "total", "value", "duration" and "all".

**Value**

The described functions have different return behaviors

- `paper_compute` returns a data frame containing the values of paper gains and paper losses computed by means of the chosen method on each portfolio assets.
- `paper_count` returns a named vector containing the values of paper gains and paper losses computed using the count method.
- `paper_total` returns a named vector containing the values of paper gains and paper losses computed using the total method.
- `paper_value` returns a named vector containing the values of paper gains and paper losses computed using the value method.
- `paper_duration` returns a named vector containing the values of paper gains and paper losses computed using the duration method.

In particular:

- `RG_ "method"` contains Realized Gains results
- `RL_ "method"` contains Realized Losses results
- `PG_ "method"` contains Paper Gains results
- `PL_ "method"` contains Paper Losses results

**Functions**

- `paper_count`: Computation of paper gains and paper losses as simple counts (default method).
- `paper_total`: Computation of paper gains and paper losses as total quantity of assets.
- `paper_value`: Computation of paper gains and paper losses as expected return of assets.
- `paper_duration`: Computation of paper gains and paper losses as financial duration.
- `paper_compute`: Wrapper that calls other `paper_.` functions to compute paper gains and paper losses based on the chosen method.

**See Also**

[realized\\_compute](#), [gains\\_losses](#)

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portfolio\_compute      *Portfolio Compute*

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**Description**

Computation of all the transaction updates and the realized and paper gains and losses for each assets.

**Usage**

```

portfolio_compute(
  portfolio_transactions,
  market_prices,
  method = "count",
  allow_short = TRUE,
  time_threshold = "0 mins",
  exact_market_prices = TRUE,
  portfolio_driven_DE = FALSE,
  time_series_DE = FALSE,
  assets_time_series_DE = NULL,
  verbose = c(0, 0),
  progress = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

portfolio_transactions	Data frame. The investor's transactions data frame.
market_prices	Data frame containing the market prices.
method	Character string containing the method to use to compute realized and paper gains and losses. If "none" nothing is computed but the investor's portfolio updates. Otherwise it has to be one of "count" (default), "total", "value", "duration", or "all".
allow_short	Logical. If TRUE short positions are allowed, otherwise only long positions are allowed.
time_threshold	Character in the format "value units" indicating the time threshold at which the computed financial difftime has to be evaluated (for instance "05 mins" or "20 hours"). The allowed units are "secs", "mins", "hours", "days" and "weeks" (See <code>base::difftime</code> ).
exact_market_prices	Logical. If TRUE then <code>closest_market_price</code> uses exact datetime match to look for the closest price of each asset. It usually speeds up computation by a small degree, but it requires the <code>market_prices</code> to have the prices for each transaction asset along each transaction datetimes.
portfolio_driven_DE	Logical. If TRUE the realized and paper gains and losses for the positive (that is when the investor's portfolio value, as computed through <code>evaluate_portfolio</code> , is greater than zero) and the negative (that is when the investor's portfolio value, as computed through <code>evaluate_portfolio</code> , is smaller than zero) portfolios are returned.
time_series_DE	Logical. If TRUE the time series of disposition effect is computed on 'count' and 'value' methods only.
assets_time_series_DE	Character vector of assets' names as contained into <code>portfolio_transactions</code> on which to compute the time series disposition effect.

verbose	Numeric or logical vector of length 2 that allows to control for the function's verbosity.
progress	Logical. If TRUE a progress bar is displayed.

**Value**

A data frame containing the investor's portfolio and the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed by means of the chosen method on each portfolio assets.

If time\_series\_DE is set to TRUE, then also time series disposition effect results are returned.

**See Also**

[realized\\_compute](#), [paper\\_compute](#), [gains\\_losses](#)

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portfolio_results	<i>Realized and paper results</i>
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**Description**

Results obtained by means of portfolio\_compute on the data sets investor and marketprices.

**Usage**

```
portfolio_results
```

**Format**

A data frame with 5 rows and 21 variables:

**investor** id of the investor

**asset** id of the traded asset

**quantity** quantity of the traded asset at the end of the portfolio updating process

**price** last market price of the traded asset

**datetime** timestamp of the last operation

**RG\_count** realized gains via count method

**RL\_count** realized losses via count method

**PG\_count** paper gains via count method

**PL\_count** paper losses via count method

**RG\_total** realized gains via total method

**RL\_total** realized losses via total method

**PG\_total** paper gains via total method

**PL\_total** paper losses via total method

**RG\_value** realized gains via value method

**RL\_value** realized losses via value method  
**PG\_value** paper gains via value method  
**PL\_value** paper losses via value method  
**RG\_duration** realized gains via duration method  
**RL\_duration** realized losses via duration method  
**PG\_duration** paper gains via duration method  
**PL\_duration** paper losses via duration method

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portfolio\_results\_ts *Realized and paper results*

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### Description

Results obtained by means of `portfolio_compute` on the data sets `investor` and `marketprices` with `time_series_DE = TRUE`.

### Usage

```
portfolio_results_ts
```

### Format

A data frame with 19 rows and 6 variables:

**investor** id of the investor

**datetime** timestamp of the last operation

**DEts\_count** Partial disposition effect computed at time t

**DEts\_count** Complete disposition effect computed after updating at time t

**DEts\_value** Partial disposition difference computed at time t

**DEts\_value** Complete disposition difference computed after updating at time t

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realized_compute	<i>Realized estimation</i>
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**Description**

Compute realized gains and realized losses as either simple counts, total quantities, expected returns and financial duration.

**Usage**

```
realized_count(  
  portfolio_quantity,  
  portfolio_price,  
  transaction_quantity,  
  transaction_price,  
  transaction_type,  
  allow_short = TRUE,  
  realized_only = FALSE  
)
```

```
realized_total(  
  portfolio_quantity,  
  portfolio_price,  
  transaction_quantity,  
  transaction_price,  
  transaction_type,  
  allow_short = TRUE,  
  realized_only = FALSE  
)
```

```
realized_value(  
  portfolio_quantity,  
  portfolio_price,  
  transaction_quantity,  
  transaction_price,  
  transaction_type,  
  allow_short = TRUE,  
  realized_only = FALSE  
)
```

```
realized_duration(  
  portfolio_quantity,  
  portfolio_price,  
  transaction_quantity,  
  transaction_price,  
  transaction_type,  
  previous_transaction_datetime,
```

```

    previous_datetime,
    transaction_datetime,
    allow_short = TRUE,
    realized_only = FALSE
)

realized_compute(
  portfolio_quantity,
  portfolio_price,
  transaction_quantity,
  transaction_price,
  transaction_type,
  previous_transaction_datetime,
  previous_datetime,
  transaction_datetime,
  transaction_asset,
  allow_short = TRUE,
  realized_only = FALSE,
  method = "all"
)

realized_empty(transaction_asset, method = "all")

```

### Arguments

<code>portfolio_quantity</code>	Numeric vector. The portfolio quantities of assets into the investor's portfolio.
<code>portfolio_price</code>	Numeric vector. The portfolio prices of assets into the investor's portfolio.
<code>transaction_quantity</code>	Numeric value. The quantity of the traded asset.
<code>transaction_price</code>	Numeric value. The market price of the traded asset.
<code>transaction_type</code>	Character string. Either "B" = buy or "S" = sell.
<code>allow_short</code>	Logical. If TRUE short positions are allowed, otherwise only long positions are allowed.
<code>realized_only</code>	Logical. If TRUE only realized gains and realized losses are computed. Otherwise also paper gains and paper losses on excess quantity of the traded asset are computed.
<code>previous_transaction_datetime</code>	POSIXct value. The portfolio date-time related to the last transaction of the traded asset.
<code>previous_datetime</code>	POSIXct value. The date-time of the last transaction performed by the investor.
<code>transaction_datetime</code>	POSIXct value. The date-time at which the transaction is going to occur.

transaction_asset	Character string. The name of the traded asset.
method	Character string. The method used to compute papers. Allowed values are "count", "total", "value", "duration" and "all".

## Value

The described functions have different return behaviors

- `realized_compute` returns a data frame containing the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed by means of the chosen method on each portfolio assets.
- `realized_count` returns a named vector containing the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed using the count method.
- `realized_total` returns a named vector containing the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed using the total method.
- `realized_value` returns a named vector containing the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed using the value method.
- `realized_duration` returns a named vector containing the values of realized and paper gains and losses computed using the duration method.
- `realized_empty` returns a named vector containing empty values of realized and paper gains and losses computed using the chosen method.

In particular:

- `RG_"method"` contains Realized Gains results
- `RL_"method"` contains Realized Losses results
- `PG_"method"` contains Paper Gains results
- `PL_"method"` contains Paper Losses results

## Functions

- `realized_count`: Computation, as simple counts, of realized gains and realized losses of the traded asset.
- `realized_total`: Computation, as total quantity, of realized gains and realized losses of the traded asset.
- `realized_value`: Computation, as expected return, of realized gains and realized losses of the traded asset.
- `realized_duration`: Computation, as financial duration, of realized gains and realized losses of the traded asset.
- `realized_compute`: Wrapper that calls other `realized_.` functions to compute realized gains and realized losses of the traded asset based on the chosen method.
- `realized_empty`: Simple function to obtain empty results for realized and paper computations based on the chosen method.

## See Also

[paper\\_compute, gains\\_losses](#)

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