

Table 1

Means, standard deviations and autocorrelations of monthly nominal rates of return, January 1953 – July 1971.^a

Asset	ρ_1	ρ_2	ρ_3	ρ_4	ρ_5	ρ_6	ρ_7	ρ_8	ρ_9	ρ_{10}	ρ_{11}	ρ_{12}	Mean	Standard deviation
Treasury bills														
B_{1t}	0.97	0.95	0.93	0.91	0.88	0.85	0.83	0.81	0.78	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.0026	0.0013
B_{2t}	0.91	0.88	0.86	0.83	0.81	0.76	0.74	0.73	0.71	0.68	0.66	0.64	0.0029	0.0014
B_{3t}	0.83	0.79	0.78	0.75	0.73	0.67	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.0031	0.0015
Government bonds														
D_{1t}	0.25	0.09	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.04	-0.05	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.06	0.06	0.0031	0.0044
D_{2t}	0.16	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.01	0.02	-0.11	-0.05	-0.03	-0.06	0.00	0.02	0.0031	0.0066
D_{3t}	0.18	0.11	0.05	0.10	-0.01	-0.02	-0.11	-0.10	-0.04	-0.05	-0.02	-0.03	0.0029	0.0080
D_{4t}	0.15	0.05	0.08	0.11	-0.07	-0.04	-0.11	-0.09	-0.01	-0.04	-0.06	0.00	0.0026	0.0096
Real estate														
r_t	0.39	0.21	0.06	0.13	0.13	0.21	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.25	0.29	0.25	0.0017	0.0036
Labor income														
h_t	0.09	0.11	-0.02	0.14	0.08	0.10	0.02	-0.03	-0.05	-0.07	0.00	-0.12	0.0032	0.0059
Common stocks														
s_{vt}	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.14	0.09	-0.03	-0.09	-0.11	0.07	-0.17	0.00	0.01	0.0089 ^a	0.0362
s_{ct}	0.19	0.08	-0.01	0.11	0.06	0.04	-0.14	-0.21	0.01	-0.09	0.04	0.00	0.0102	0.0425
Inflation														
Δ_t	0.37	0.36	0.27	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.25	0.33	0.35	0.33	0.26	0.36	0.0019	0.0023

^aSample autocorrelations are estimated as regression coefficients. The asymptotic standard error of ρ_t is 0.07 under the hypothesis that the true autocorrelations are all equal to zero.

Table 2

Means, standard deviations and autocorrelations of monthly real rates of return, January 1953 – July 1971.^a

Asset	ρ_1	ρ_2	ρ_3	ρ_4	ρ_5	ρ_6	ρ_7	ρ_8	ρ_9	ρ_{10}	ρ_{11}	ρ_{12}	Mean	Standard deviation
Treasury bills														
B_{1t}	0.11	0.12	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.07	0.05	0.10	0.10	0.03	0.19	0.0007	0.0020
B_{2t}	0.13	0.14	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.06	-0.08	0.03	0.06	0.12	0.04	0.18	0.0010	0.0020
B_{3t}	0.15	0.14	-0.03	-0.06	-0.01	-0.08	-0.09	0.01	0.05	0.11	0.03	0.17	0.0012	0.0020
Government bonds														
D_{1t}	0.17	0.07	0.04	0.01	0.07	-0.03	-0.12	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03	0.03	0.05	0.0012	0.0047
D_{2t}	0.14	0.12	0.02	0.04	-0.01	0.00	-0.13	-0.07	-0.05	-0.05	0.00	0.04	0.0012	0.0068
D_{3t}	0.18	0.14	0.03	0.07	-0.02	-0.02	-0.12	-0.10	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.0010	0.0083
D_{4t}	0.15	0.08	0.07	0.09	-0.07	-0.03	-0.11	-0.09	0.00	-0.03	-0.05	0.02	0.0007	0.0099
Real estate														
r_t	0.14	-0.03	-0.16	-0.16	-0.02	0.04	0.05	0.01	-0.02	0.05	0.09	0.13	-0.0002	0.0034
Labor income														
h_t	0.16	0.15	0.00	0.10	0.03	0.10	0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.06	0.03	-0.12	0.0013	0.0061
Common stocks														
s_{st}	0.14	0.02	0.03	0.14	0.10	-0.03	-0.09	-0.10	0.08	-0.16	0.00	0.01	0.0070	0.0366
s_{at}	0.21	0.09	0.00	0.11	0.07	0.04	-0.13	-0.20	0.02	-0.09	0.04	0.00	0.0084	0.0430

^aThe asymptotic standard error of ρ_i is 0.07 under the hypothesis that the true autocorrelations are all equal to zero.