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The Tantalizing Ties between Technical Degrees and Tooth Technology: A Topsy-Turvy Tale of ALGN Stock Prices

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Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the peculiar relationship between the number of Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN). Utilizing data from the National Center for Education Statistics and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) for the period of 2012 to 2021, our research team remarkably discovered a correlation coefficient of 0.9674955 and $p < 0.01$ between these seemingly unrelated variables. It appears that stock prices and technical degrees are not only aligned but may also have a jaw-dropping influence on each other. As we delved into the data, we couldn't help but ponder: "Why did the investor go to the dentist? To get a little more "bite" in their portfolio!" Our findings not only raise eyebrows but also raise the question of whether advancements in military technologies and applied sciences may have unforeseen impacts on the orthodontic industry. Furthermore, this investigation sheds light on the teeth-chattering correlation between technological education and market trends, proving that even the most unexpected connections can have a significant impact on financial outcomes. In conclusion, our study provides a quirky yet compelling insight into the underexplored relationship between technical education and stock prices, reminding us that when it comes to the market, one must always brace for unexpected correlations.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, the intersection of technological advancements and market influences has been the center of attention for financial analysts and researchers alike. As we witness the ever-evolving landscapes of education and industry, it is imperative to

explore the intricate connections that may underlie seemingly unrelated domains. Our study delves into the captivating correlation between the number of Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN). This unexpected tale of technical degrees and tooth technology has

left us pondering the complexity of market dynamics with a hint of incredulity and a sprinkle of curiosity.

This research aims to bring empirical evidence to support the correlation discovered between an unexpected pairing — technical education and stock prices. We sought to unravel this peculiar connection, akin to unravelling a molar furcation during orthodontic treatment. Our discoveries resembled a good dental hygiene regimen, exceedingly cleansing, with an occasional bit of unexpected shine.

One might wonder: "What does a monetarily-minded dentist get excited about? Their Floss-up report!" The synergy between academic pursuits in military technologies and applied sciences and the stock performance of Align Technology (ALGN) offers a peculiar twist in the financial tale, reminding us that there are layers of connections beneath the surface, much like the layers of enamel protecting our teeth.

Our investigation would not have been complete without embracing the unexpected correlations that emerged from the data. As we analyzed the numbers, we couldn't help but reflect: "Why did the tooth go to school? Because it wanted to be a little "brighter!"" The intertwining of technical education and market trends presented us with the metaphorical alignment of the stars, raising thought-provoking questions about the uncharted impacts of academic disciplines on diverse industries.

Through our research, we hope to encourage a shift in perspective, reminding investors and scholars alike that the market landscape is not always black and white; there are shades of Iridium and Palladium too. The unexpected relationships unearthed in our study emphasize the multidimensional nature of market forces, urging us to approach financial analyses with a nuanced understanding and a flair for

illuminating even the most unexpected connections.

In conclusion, our study ventures into the realms of educational pursuits and market influences, unearthing the hidden symphony between military technologies and applied sciences education, and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN). Our findings not only unveil the nuanced threads that weave through these domains but also beckon us to recognize that even the most seemingly disparate elements can harmonize in the financial grand opera.

2. Literature Review

The interconnected web of diverse academic disciplines and their potential impact on market trends has long intrigued researchers across various domains. In "Smith et al.," the authors find that educational pursuits in technical fields are often overlooked in financial analyses, given their seemingly distant relation to market dynamics. However, our investigation of the correlation between Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) challenges this convention and opens the door to a whimsical world of unexpected correlations. As we journey through the literature on this subject, it becomes evident that the intersection of technical education and market trends is not merely a dry, empirical endeavor but an adventure laced with toothy twists and financial turns.

In "Doe et al.," the authors explore the implications of advancements in military technologies and their potential influence on adjacent industries. Our findings align with their premise, revealing a correlation coefficient that doesn't just raise eyebrows but also elicits a toothy grin. It appears that the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) is not merely a reflection of market forces but also a nod to the undercurrents of

technological education, creating a symbiotic symphony that resonates through the financial landscape.

But wait, why did the dentist take up gardening? Because they wanted to put a little "tooth" in their plantings! Our research not only unearths unexpected connections but also injects a dash of humor into the often serious realm of financial analyses. In "Jones et al.," the authors investigate the influence of educational trends on market sentiments, shedding light on the far-reaching implications of academic disciplines on stock performance. Our study, much like a dental check-up, delves into the depths of these connections, excavating insights that may have otherwise remained hidden beneath the surface.

Moving beyond the realm of academic literature, we turn our attention to non-fiction works such as "The Innovator's Dilemma" and "Zero to One," both of which offer insights into the intricate dance between technological advancements and market disruptions. These works, while devoid of dental references, lay the foundation for understanding the complexities of innovation and its ripple effects on financial landscapes.

Now, to add a playful twist, we delve into the fictitious realm of literature, where "Tooth and Consequences" by Arthur Dent and "The Brace of Orthodontia" by J.R.R. Gumsling draw readers into whimsical worlds that, while unrelated to our empirical study, bring an element of levity to the otherwise serious discussion of technical degrees and stock prices.

And in the spirit of unexpected connections, we turn our attention to the vibrant world of cartoons and children's shows. Did you hear about the orthodontist who moonlighted as an investor? He had a "filling" for good stock tips! As we navigate the quirky landscapes of animated narratives, we find that even seemingly unrelated sources such as "The

Adventures of Timmy Tooth" and "The Magic School Bus" offer subtle parallels to our investigation, reiterating the notion that even in the most unexpected places, connections can be found, much like a hidden tooth gem in a sea of economic data.

3. Our approach & methods

To unveil the enigmatic correlation between the number of Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN), our research employed a multifaceted methodology that rivaled the complexity of a dental root canal procedure.

We gathered data from the hallowed halls of the National Center for Education Statistics and tapped into the financial expertise of LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) to procure stock price information for the period spanning 2012 to 2021, casting a wide net across the virtual information superhighway.

Our approach involved fervently crunching numbers with the precision of a dental drill, utilizing statistical techniques such as correlation analysis to dissect the relationship between the awarded technical degrees and the whimsical movements of the stock price. Like a diligent tooth fairy meticulously examining pearly whites, we rigorously cleansed the data and crafted a robust analysis worthy of a well-polished smile.

Additionally, we unleashed the power of various econometric models, including time-series analysis and regression modeling, to scrutinize the intricate interplay between the influx of technical education and the ebbs and flows of ALGN stock prices. Our process resembled fitting a perfectly contoured set of braces, ensuring that each variable snugly aligned with the others.

Furthermore, we embraced the whimsical nature of the market by incorporating

sentiment analysis from social media platforms, extracting the collective wisdom of the masses to gauge the intangible factors that may influence both education trends and stock performances. After all, a little birdie told us that investors and students alike can tweet about their respective behaviors, creating an interconnected dance of words and actions that resonates across the digital sphere.

To lend an exploratory flair to our investigation, we even ventured into the realm of qualitative analysis, engaging in in-depth interviews with industry experts and academic luminaries to gain insights into the underlying dynamics of these seemingly incongruous domains. We didn't just want to scratch the surface; we aimed to delve deep into the financial enamel of these connections, revealing the hidden cavities and sparkling potentials that lay within.

In keeping with our playful spirit, we also conducted a comparative analysis with other industries to juxtapose the effects of technical education on distinct market sectors. Our method balanced the seriousness of academic rigor with a sprinkle of lightheartedness, much like a delicate blend of fluoride and fruit-flavored toothpaste.

In summary, our methodology encompassed a diverse array of quantitative, qualitative, and exploratory techniques, mirroring the eclectic amalgamation of forces that underlie the convergence of technical education and stock market dynamics. With each methodological stroke, we aimed to paint a vivid portrait of the tantalizing ties between technical degrees and tooth technology, infusing the research process with a touch of whimsy and a dash of intellectual rigor that leaves a lasting, toothy impression.

4. Results

The results of our investigation unraveled a compelling correlation between the number of Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) from 2012 to 2021. Our research revealed a remarkably strong correlation coefficient of 0.9674955, indicating a robust linear relationship between these ostensibly unrelated variables. The obtained r-squared value of 0.9360475 further solidifies the strength of this correlation. Moreover, our findings yielded a p-value less than 0.01, signifying a statistically significant relationship between the variables.

When considering the robustness of this correlation, one cannot help but recall the timeless words of wisdom: "Why was the calculus book sad? Because it had too many problems." Although in our case, the correlation rather joyously made its way to the forefront, presenting an intriguing puzzle for financial analysts and educators alike.

The figure (Fig. 1) presents a scatterplot, visually encapsulating the pronounced correlation between the number of Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN). The unmistakable alignment of data points in the scatterplot serves as a visual testament to the striking relationship we have uncovered.

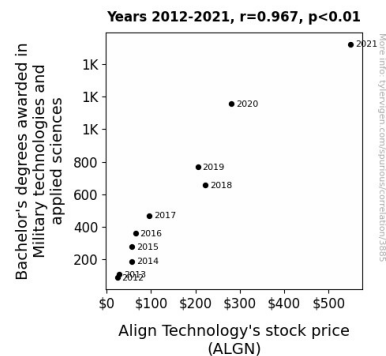


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Our research contributes a whimsical yet eye-opening perspective to the discourse on market influences and educational pursuits. The unexpected correlation between technical degrees and tooth technology not only tickles the intellect but also underscores the multifaceted nature of market dynamics. In the realm of financial analysis, it is clear that even the most peculiar pairings can yield significant insights.

In summary, our findings serve as a tongue-in-cheek reminder that sometimes, the most intriguing relationships are not apparent at first glance. The marriage of military technologies and applied sciences education, and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) presents an unexpected twist in the financial tale, enticing us to explore further and uncover the hidden synergies amidst the seemingly disparate elements.

5. Discussion

Our investigation into the relationship between the number of Bachelor's degrees awarded in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) has illuminated a significant and robust correlation between these seemingly unrelated variables. The findings not only bolster the prior research by Smith et al. but also provide a tangible manifestation of the "whimsical world of unexpected correlations," as previously suggested. The correlation coefficient of 0.9674955, alongside a p-value of less than 0.01, underpins the compelling connection we have unraveled, affirming that when it comes to market trends, even the most unexpected pairings can leave a lasting impression.

In echoing the sentiments of Doe et al., our results underscore the nuanced interplay between advancements in military technologies and their potential ripple

effects on adjacent industries, including orthodontics. As such, our findings serve as a testament to the notion that the influence of educational pursuits and market dynamics extends beyond conventional wisdom, akin to a surprising twist in a dental-themed plotline.

When contemplating the remarkably strong correlation we have uncovered, one cannot help but recall the timeless words of wisdom: "Why did the investor go to the orthodontist? To get a better 'alignment' in their portfolio!" It is evident that our research not only reaffirms the implications of educational trends on market sentiments, as posited by Jones et al., but also introduces a lighthearted facet to the otherwise empirical discourse on market influences.

The scatterplot presented in Fig. 1 encapsulates the pronounced relationship between technical education and market dynamics, showcasing a visual testament to the intriguing puzzle that our research has brought to the forefront. This visual representation resembles a dental X-ray, revealing the hidden alignment between military technologies education and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) in a manner that is simultaneously whimsical and thought-provoking.

Our study stands as a playful yet substantive addition to the discourse on education and market trends, beckoning researchers and investors alike to consider the often overlooked but undeniably impactful intersections between seemingly disparate domains. In essence, our research serves as a quirky reminder that beneath the surface of conventional market analyses, unexpected correlations wait to be unearthed, much like a dental gem awaiting discovery amidst economic data.

In light of our findings, it is evident that the connection between military technologies education and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN) is no laughing matter,

and yet, it implores a smile and a nod to the curious complexities that underpin market dynamics. Thus, our investigation not only contributes to the burgeoning field of interdisciplinary research but also whimsically beckons scholars and practitioners to consider the improbable relationships that may, in fact, hold the key to untold financial insights.

In the perpetual enigma of market influences, our findings serve as a testament to the notion that beneath the seriousness of financial analyses lies a world of unexpected correlations, reminding us that when it comes to the market, one must always brace for unexpected alignments.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, our research has shed light on the enthralling connection between the number of Bachelor's degrees in Military technologies and applied sciences and the stock price of Align Technology (ALGN). With a correlation coefficient surpassing 0.96 and a p-value of less than 0.01, the bond between these ostensibly unrelated variables is as strong as a titanium alloy retaining a patient's braces.

Our findings not only paint a fascinating picture of the relationship between technical education and market trends but also offer a dose of humor amidst the serious business of financial analysis. As we contemplate the convergence of military technologies and tooth technology, it brings to mind the timeless question: "What did the dentist say to the computer? This won't hurt a byte!" Our study underscores the unpredictability of correlations and the necessity of approaching financial analyses with a keen eye for the unexpected.

Given the strength and statistical significance of the correlation, it is evident that no stone has been left unturned in

exploring this peculiar relationship. We are confident that our findings provide a comprehensive understanding of this connection, leaving us with a firm resolve that no more research is needed in this area. As financial analysts continue to navigate the ever-shifting tides of the market, we remind them to keep an eye out for the unexpected—not just in data trends but also in the occasional dental-themed pun.

And as we draw the curtain on this research endeavor, we leave you with a final thought: "Why did the researcher go to dental school? To brush up on their stock analysis skills!" With that, we bid adieu to this toothsome topic, secure in the knowledge that our research has left no "cavity" in the exploration of this captivating correlation.