### **Technical Analysis**

- Technical analysis technical trading rules based on past price movements
- Contrast to EMH
  - past influence has no impact on future performance
- Examination of past market data
  - Prices and the volume of trade
- Which leads to an estimation of future price trends and investment decision
  - Market is its own best predictor

# Underlying Assumptions of Technical Analysis

- 1. The market value of any good or service is determined solely by the interaction of supply and demand
- 2. Supply and demand are governed by numerous factors, both rational and irrational

# Underlying Assumptions of Technical Analysis

- 3. Disregarding minor fluctuations, the prices for individual securities and the overall value of the market tend to move in trends, which persist for appreciable lengths of time
- 4. Prevailing trends change in reaction to shifts in supply and demand relationships and these shifts can be detected in the action of the market

#### TECHNICAL VIEW OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT TO NEW INFORMATION





Time

# Advantages of Technical Analysis

- Not heavily dependent on financial accounting statements
  - Problems with accounting statements:
  - 1. Lack information needed by security analysts
  - 2. GAAP allows firms to select reporting procedures, resulting in difficulty comparing statements from two firms
  - 3. Non-quantifiable factors do not show up in financial statements

# Advantages of Technical Analysis

- Fundamental analyst must process new information and quickly determine a new intrinsic value, but technical analyst merely has to recognize a movement to a new equilibrium
- Technicians trade when a move to a new equilibrium is underway but a fundamental analyst finds undervalued securities that may not adjust their prices as quickly

# Challenges to Technical Analysis

- Assumptions of Technical Analysis
  - Empirical tests of Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH) show that prices do not move in trends
- Technical Trading rules
  - The past may not be repeated
  - Patterns may become self-fulfilling prophecies
  - A successful rule will gain followers and become less successful
  - Rules require a great deal of subjective judgement

# Technical Trading Rules and Indicators

- Stock cycles typically go through a peak and trough
- Analyze the following chart of a typical stock price cycle and we will show a rising trend channel, a flat trend channel, a declining trend channel, and indications of when a technical analyst would want to trade



# Typical Stock Market Cycle



## **Typical Stock Market Cycle**



# **Contrary-Opinion**

- Many analysts rely on rules developed from the premise that the majority of investors are wrong as the market approaches peaks and troughs
- Technicians try to determine whether investors are strongly bullish or bearish and then trade in the opposite direction
- These positions have various indicators

# **Contrary-Opinion Rules**

- Mutual fund cash positions
  - 4 (TA sell, near peak)- 11 %(TA buy, near trough)
- Credit balances in brokerage accounts
  - Purchasing power
- Investment advisory opinions
  - Trend followers
- OTC versus NYSE volume
- Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) put/call ratio
  - 0,4 0,6
  - 40:100 60:100
- Futures traders bullish on stock index futures
  - 70 % bearish speculators
  - 30 % bullish speculators

# Follow the Smart Money

- Indicators showing behavior of sophisticated investors
- The Barron's Confidence Index
- T-Bill Eurodollar yield spread
- Debit balances in brokerage accounts (margin debt)

## Kinds of charts

- Line chart
- Bar charting
- Candle stick
- Point-and-figure charts
  Ch. Dow

## Line Chart with volume of trade



### Bar chart



#### Candel stick



#### SAMPLE POINT-AND-FIGURE CHART

50							
48							
46			X				
44			X				
42	Х	Х	X				
40	Х	Х	X				
38		Х	X				
36		Х	X				
34		Х	X				
32							
30							

# Dow theory

- Charles Dow
- DJTA, DJIA
- Grandfather of TA, indexing
- 3 trends

- Major, intermediate, short-run

- Only major trend
- Importance of volume

- On the basis of security rates study assumed conclusion that
  - As market barometry can be used the average closing rate of particular securities.
  - This can be used as a rate of whole market performance.
  - First application in 1884 Railroad Average first index composes of 11 stocks (9 stocks of railroad companies)
  - In 1896 Dow created new index because Railroad Average was able to describe only part of the economy because of limited number of sector securities.
  - Dow Jones Industrial Average average of closing rates of 12 securities
    - Highly speculative
    - Industry companies
  - In 1928 basis of DJIA extent to 30 titles.
  - Value of DJIA first published in Wall Street Journal in May 1896 its value was 40,96 points (that days 8.000 points)
  - Former Railroad Average is still used is known as a Dow Jones Transportation Average (DJTA).

### **Bull Trend**

Bull Trend: Start and End



#### **Bear Trend**





#### FIGURE 12.3 Dow theory trends

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### **Trend Line**



#### **Trend Line**



Trading I	NYS	% chg from	1	% chg from 65-day avg	AMEX	% chg from
lssues traded	3,41	-0.1	3,086	-1.9	1,254	-1.1
Advances	1,23	-25.2	1,137	-21.5	479	-19.1
Declines	2,06	3 23.3	1,807	15.0	684	16.5
Unchanged	11	<b>24.1</b>	142	13.3	91	3.1
New highs	8	5 <b>-18.9</b>	114	47.2	47	9.6
Newlows	24	-85.5	35	-68.7	15	-68.8
Adv. volume*	467,560,15	-41.4	685,769,070	-34.6	10,816,500	-41.9
Decl. volume*	766,901,46	-7.6	1,143,477,485	13.4	19,158,379	2.2
Total volume*	1,246,345,66	-24.2	1,857,988,473	-11.1	33,068,379	-15.3
Closingtick	-16		-264		-64	
Closing Arms (1	'RIN)* 0.9	3	1.05		1.24	
Block trades*	p4,45	7	p8,629		p421	

#### FIGURE 12.7 Market Diary

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## Support and resistance level

- Support and resistance levels
- Overbought v. oversold
- Psychological barrier

– Price ending by 0 or 5

EXHIBIT 16.9

DAILY STOCK PRICES FOR STRYKER CORP. WITH INDICATIONS OF SUPPORT AND RESISTANCE LEVELS





#### FIGURE 12.5 Moving average for Microsoft

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Week	DJIA	5-Week Moving Average	Week	DJIA	5-Week Moving Average
1	13,290		11	13,590	13,555
2	13,380		12	13,652	13,586
3	13,399		13	13,625	13,598
4	13,379		14	13,657	13,624
5	13,450	13,380	15	13,699	13,645
6	13,513	13,424	16	13,647	13,656
7	13,500	13,448	17	13,610	13,648
8	13,565	13,481	18	13,595	13,642
9	13,524	13,510	19	13,499	13,610
10	13,597	13,540	20	13,466	13,563

# Psychological analysis

- Herd behaviour
  - Bubbles, crissis
  - Tulip bubble
  - South sea company bubble
  - .... Dot com bubble
- A.Kostolany
- J.M. Keynes







Market	Year	P/E ratio
NYSE	1929	21
NYSE	1969	18
NASDAQ	2000	200