Data availability

The dataset used in this paper [1] is based on a survey of firms quoted in the Japanese stock-exchange markets (Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka and Sapporo, in the order of market size). The data were compiled from the firms' financial statements and survey by *Nikkei Media Marketing, Inc.* in Tokyo, and are commercially available. Interested reader may want to take a look into the following web sites.

- `http://www.nikkeieu.com/needs/index.html`
- `http://www.nikkeieu.com/needs/data/d_cor_borrow.html`

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