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Leveraged/inverse exchange-traded funds (ETFs) seek to deliver the multiples/opposite of the performance of the index or benchmark they track. Leveraged and inverse ETFs typically are designed to achieve their stated performance objectives on a daily basis. Many real-life and hypothetical examples have been given to show that performance of these ETFs over a period longer than one day can differ significantly from their stated daily performance objectives. In this paper, we are attempting to establish a mathematical framework for this highly sophisticated financial engineering product and give mathematically rigorous treatments of some well-known observations. (Received May 14, 2013)