

Standard Deviation

More than a long list of good stocks and bonds, a good portfolio is a balanced whole providing the investor with protections and opportunities with respect to a wide range of contingencies. In the next, we will analyze the portfolio from the aspect of the return and the standard deviation.

In this article, we calculate the monthly return and standard deviation of four funds.

We constructed a portfolio based on the four funds given a weights vector [0.25, 0.3, 0.25, 0.2]. And we calculate the portfolio's return and standard deviation using xts, PerformanceAnalytics, tidyquant and tidyverse and visualizing them with ggplot.

In order to show the time-dependent volatility of the portfolio and the four funds, we also calculated the rolling standard deviation and visualized them with ggplot and highcharter. The details of our code are above

Import the packages

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```
library(highcharter)
library(tibbletime)
library(timetk)
library(shiny)
library(rmarkdown)
library(ggplot2)
library(xts)
library(DBI)
library(scales)
library(RMySQL)
library(purrr)
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyquant)
library(lubridate)
```

The assets we selected are:

华夏成长证券投资基金 000001

中海可转换债券债券型证券投资基金A类 000003

国联安中证医药100指数证券投资基金 000059

广发美国房地产指数证券投资基金（美元）000180

Import the daily net value data of the four funds from the database

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```
mydb= dbConnect(MySQL(),user='ktruc002', password='35442fed', dbname='cn_stock_quote', host=
'172.19.3.250')
SQL_statement<- "SELECT `end_date`, `fund_code`, `acc_net_value`
FROM `cn_fund`.`net_value`
WHERE fund_code IN (000001,000003,000059,000180)
ORDER BY `end_date` DESC"
funds <- dbGetQuery(mydb,SQL_statement)
```

Decimal MySQL column 2 imported as numeric

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```
funds <- reshape(funds, idvar = "end_date", timevar = "fund_code", direction = "wide")
funds <- zoo::na.locf(funds)
time <- funds$end_date %>% as.Date()
funds <- xts(funds[2:5],time)
tail(funds,5)
```

| | acc_net_value.000001 | acc_net_value.000003 | acc_net_value.000059 | acc_net_value.000180 |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 | | | | |
| 2019-09-27 | 3.524 | 0.966 | 1.4758 | 0.242 |
| 6 | | | | |
| 2019-09-30 | 3.512 | 0.959 | 1.4733 | 0.242 |
| 6 | | | | |
| 2019-10-08 | 3.511 | 0.955 | 1.4796 | 0.241 |
| 6 | | | | |
| 2019-10-09 | 3.515 | 0.959 | 1.4801 | 0.241 |
| 9 | | | | |
| 2019-10-10 | 3.528 | 0.965 | 1.5018 | 0.241 |
| 9 | | | | |

Calculate the assets' monthly return series

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```
funds <- to.period(funds,period = "months")
asset_returns_xts <-
  Return.calculate(funds,
    method = "log") %>%
  na.omit()

asset_returns_xts <- asset_returns_xts["201309/201909"]
names(asset_returns_xts) <- c("funds.000001","funds.000003","funds.000059","funds.000180")
tail(asset_returns_xts,5)
```

| | funds.000001 | funds.000003 | funds.000059 | funds.000180 |
|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2019-05-31 | -0.025747638 | -0.086207195 | -0.04032833 | -0.0004344992 |
| 2019-06-30 | -0.004884365 | -0.004296462 | -0.03453873 | -0.0056657375 |
| 2019-07-31 | 0.017699577 | 0.011771136 | 0.03866685 | 0.0199054603 |
| 2019-08-30 | -0.007384299 | 0.022094534 | -0.01344318 | 0.0203569371 |
| 2019-09-30 | 0.004834362 | 0.036776361 | 0.05762623 | 0.0183033396 |

4.0 Compute portfolio covariance matrix

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```
covariance_matrix <- cov(asset_returns_xts)
round(covariance_matrix,5)
```

| | funds.000001 | funds.000003 | funds.000059 | funds.000180 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| funds.000001 | 0.00060 | 0.00111 | 0.00091 | -0.00015 |
| funds.000003 | 0.00111 | 0.00390 | 0.00232 | -0.00021 |
| funds.000059 | 0.00091 | 0.00232 | 0.00360 | 0.00009 |
| funds.000180 | -0.00015 | -0.00021 | 0.00009 | 0.00122 |

Genertate weights and calculate portfolio standard deviation

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```
w = c(0.25,0.3,0.25,0.2)
# calculate standard deviation of portfolio
sd_matrix_algebra <- sqrt(t(w) %*% covariance_matrix %*% w)
#calculate std in percent
sd_matrix_algebra_percent <-
  round(sd_matrix_algebra * 100, 2) %>%
  `colnames<-`("standard deviation")
sd_matrix_algebra_percent
```

```
standard deviation
[1,] 3.55
```

4.1 Calculate standard deviation using Performance Analytics

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```
portfolio_sd_xts_builtin <-
  PerformanceAnalytics::StdDev(asset_returns_xts, weights = w)
#std in percent
portfolio_sd_xts_builtin_percent <-
  round(portfolio_sd_xts_builtin * 100, 2)
portfolio_sd_xts_builtin_percent
```

```
[,1]
[1,] 3.55
```

4.2 Calculate standard deviation using tidyverse

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```

assets_returns_dplyr <- tk_tbl(asset_returns_xts)
portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand <- assets_returns_dplyr[1]
portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand <- add_column(portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand, returns = 0)
for (i in c(1,2,3,4)){
  portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand["returns"] = portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand["returns"] + w
[i]*assets_returns_dplyr[i+1]
}

portfolio_sd_tidy_builtin_percent <-
  portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand %>%
  summarise(
    sd = sd(returns),
    sd_byhand =
      sqrt(sum((returns - mean(returns))^2)/(nrow(.)-1))) %>%
  mutate(dplyr = round(sd, 4) * 100,
         dplyr_byhand = round(sd_byhand, 4) * 100)

portfolio_sd_tidy_builtin_percent %>%
  select(dplyr, dplyr_byhand)

```

| dplyr <dbl> | dplyr_byhand <dbl> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 3.55 | 3.55 |
| 1 row | |

portfolio_sd_tidy_builtin_percent

| sd <dbl> | sd_byhand <dbl> | dplyr <dbl> | dplyr_byhand <dbl> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 0.03549137 | 0.03549137 | 3.55 | 3.55 |
| 1 row | | | |

4.3 Calculate standard deviation using tidyquant

```
asset_returns_long <- assets_returns_dplyr %>% gather (assets,returns,-index) %>% group_by(assets)

portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly <- asset_returns_long %>%
  tq_portfolio(assets_col = assets,
               returns_col = returns,
               weights = w,
               col_rename = "returns",
               rebalance_on = "months")

portfolio_sd_tidyquant_builtint_percent <- tq_performance(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly,
                                                           Ra = returns,
                                                           Rb = NULL,
                                                           performance_fun = table.Stats) %>%
  select(Stdev) %>%
  mutate(tq_sd = round(Stdev,4)*100)

portfolio_sd_tidyquant_builtint_percent
```

| | Stdev <dbl> | tq_sd <dbl> |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| | 0.0355 | 3.55 |
| 1 row | | |

Demonstrate the Stds calculated by different methods

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```
portfolio_sd_tidy_builtint_percent %>%
  select(dplyr, dplyr_byhand) %>%
  mutate(xts_builtint = portfolio_sd_xts_builtint_percent,
         matrix = sd_matrix_algebra_percent,
         tq = portfolio_sd_tidyquant_builtint_percent$tq_sd)
```

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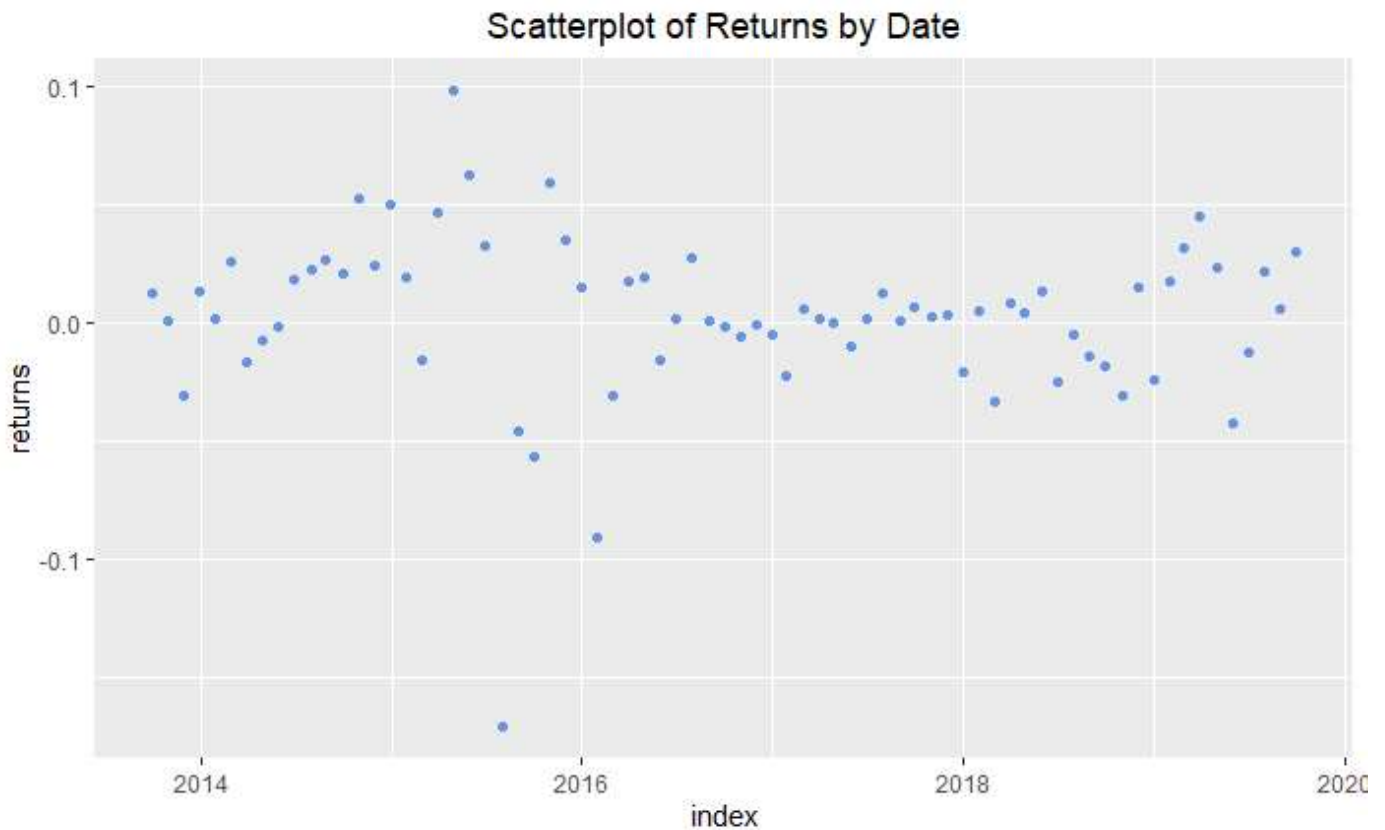
```
portfolio_sd_tidy_builtint_percent
```

4.4 Visualizing Standard Deviation

Show the scatter plot of monthly returns

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```
portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = index, y = returns)) +
  geom_point(color = "cornflowerblue") +
  scale_x_date(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 6)) +
  ggtitle("Scatterplot of Returns by Date") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



Create indicators sd_plot/mean_plot

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```
sd_plot <-  
  sd(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly$returns)  
mean_plot <-  
  mean(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly$returns)
```

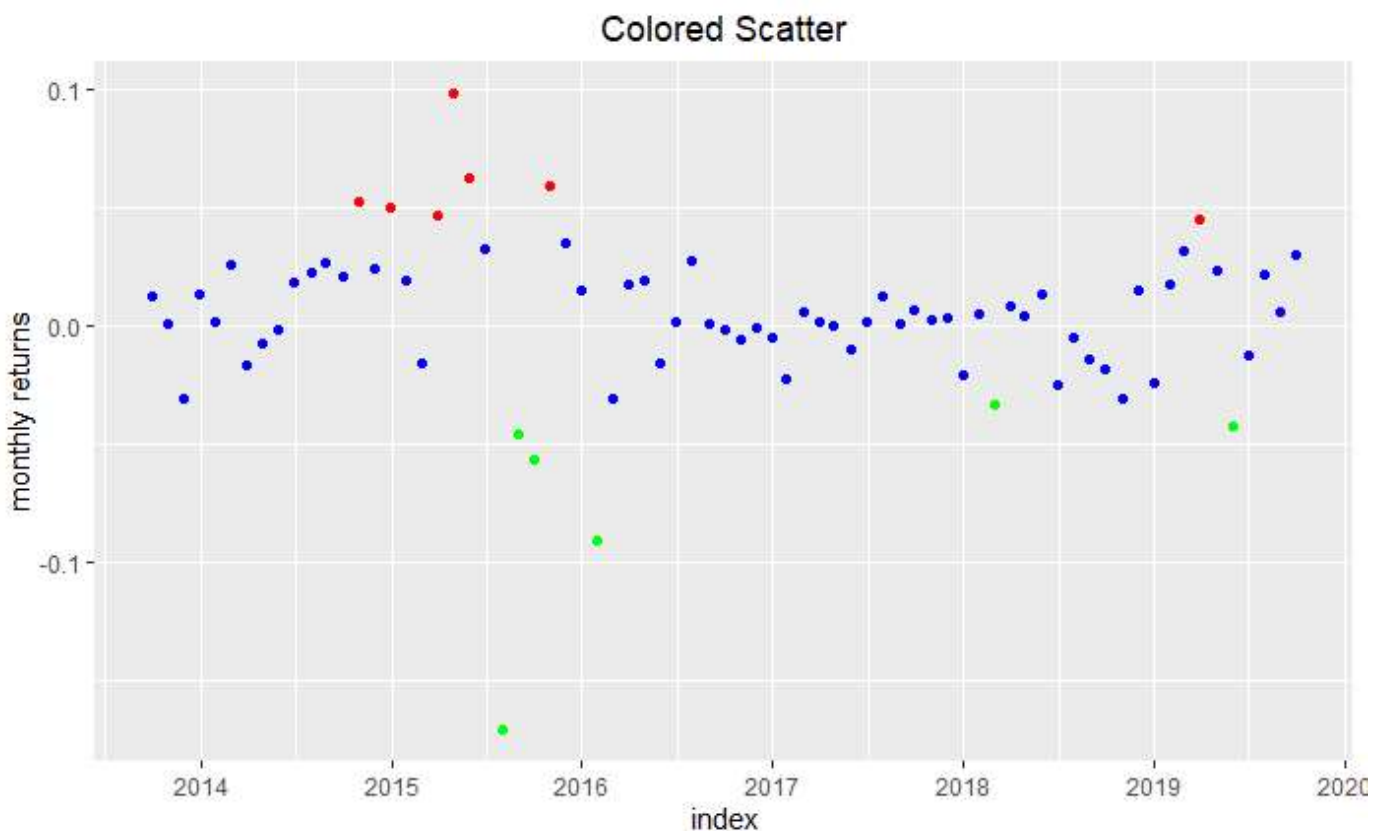
Set the returns that deviate from the mean too much to red/green

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```

portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly %>%
  mutate(hist_col_red =
    if_else(returns < (mean_plot - sd_plot),
            returns, as.numeric(NA)),
    hist_col_green =
    if_else(returns > (mean_plot + sd_plot),
            returns, as.numeric(NA)),
    hist_col_blue =
    if_else(returns > (mean_plot - sd_plot) &
            returns < (mean_plot + sd_plot),
            returns, as.numeric(NA))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = index)) +
  geom_point(aes(y = hist_col_red),
    color = "green") +
  geom_point(aes(y = hist_col_green),
    color = "red") +
  geom_point(aes(y = hist_col_blue),
    color = "blue") +
  labs(title = "Colored Scatter", y = "monthly returns") +
  scale_x_date(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 8)) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

```



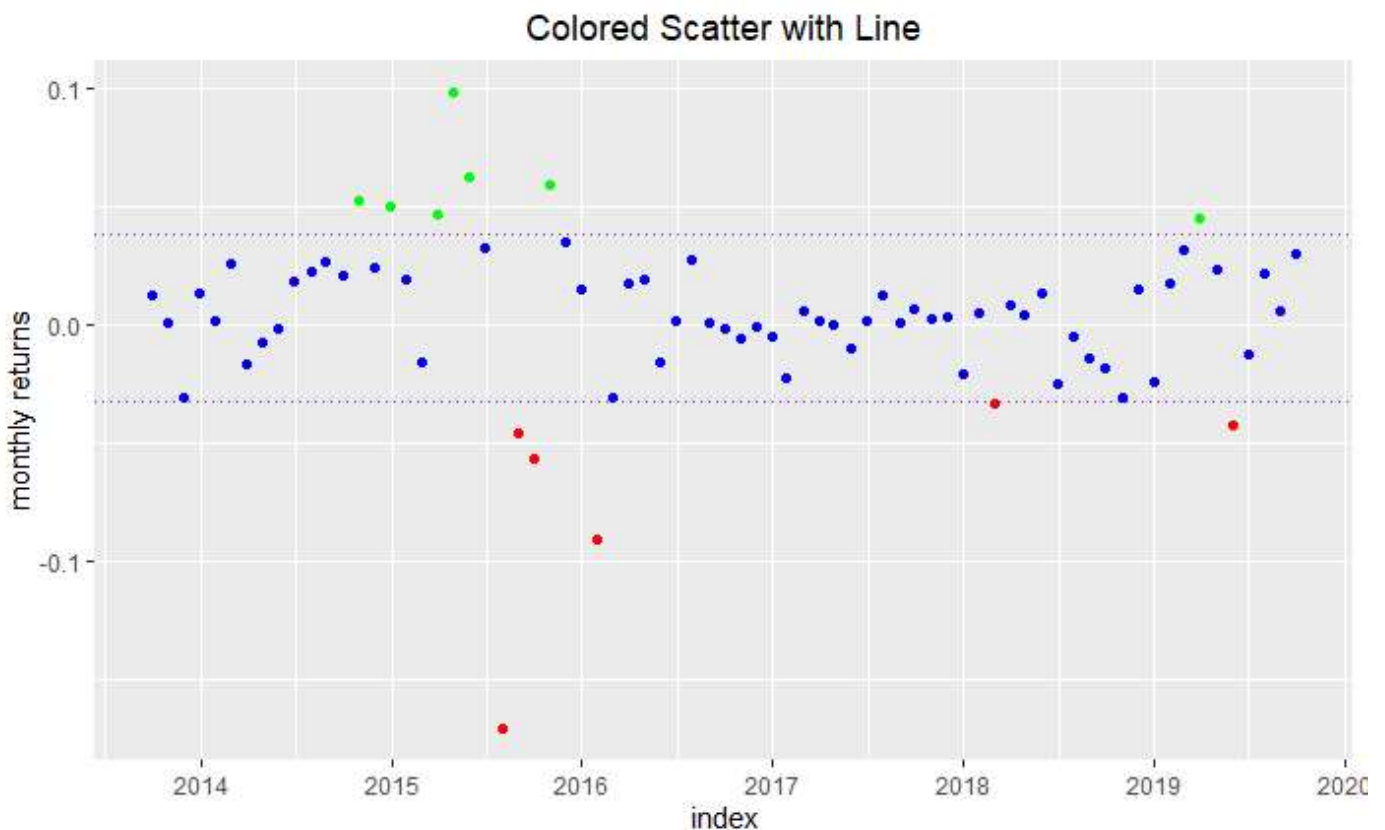
Add a line for the value that is one standard deviation above and below the mean

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```

portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly %>%
  mutate(hist_col_red =
    if_else(returns < (mean_plot - sd_plot),
            returns, as.numeric(NA)),
    hist_col_green =
    if_else(returns > (mean_plot + sd_plot),
            returns, as.numeric(NA)),
    hist_col_blue =
    if_else(returns > (mean_plot - sd_plot) &
            returns < (mean_plot + sd_plot),
            returns, as.numeric(NA))) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = index)) +
  geom_point(aes(y = hist_col_red),
    color = "red") +
  geom_point(aes(y = hist_col_green),
    color = "green") +
  geom_point(aes(y = hist_col_blue),
    color = "blue") +
  geom_hline(yintercept = (mean_plot + sd_plot),
    color = "purple",
    linetype = "dotted") +
  geom_hline(yintercept = (mean_plot - sd_plot),
    color = "purple",
    linetype = "dotted") +
  labs(title = "Colored Scatter with Line", y = "monthly returns") +
  scale_x_date(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 8)) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

```



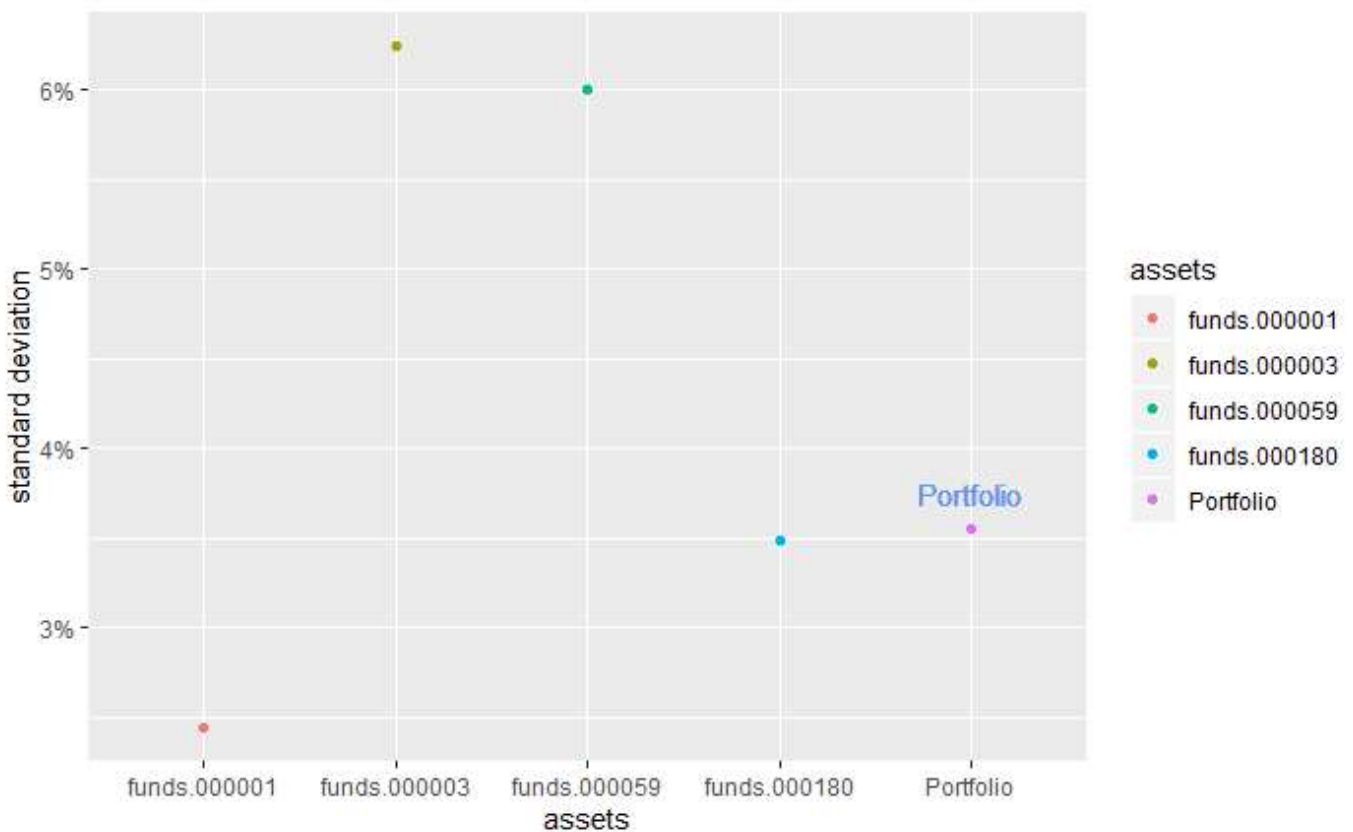
Visualize the actual standard deviation of our portfolio

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```

asset_returns_long %>%
  group_by(assets) %>%
  summarize(sd = 100 *sd(returns)) %>%
  add_row(assets = "Portfolio",
          sd = portfolio_sd_tidy_builtin_percent$dplyr) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = assets,
             y = sd,
             colour = assets)) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = function(x) paste0(x, "%")) +
  geom_text(
    aes(x = "Portfolio",
        y =
          portfolio_sd_tidy_builtin_percent$dplyr + .2),
    label = "Portfolio",
    color = "cornflowerblue") +
  labs(y = "standard deviation")

```



Visualizing expected monthly returns

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```

asset_returns_long %>%
  group_by(assets) %>%
  summarise(expected_return = mean(returns),
            stand_dev = sd(returns)) %>%
  add_row(assets = "Portfolio",
        stand_dev =
          sd(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly$returns),
        expected_return =
          mean(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly$returns)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = stand_dev,
            y = expected_return,
            color = assets)) +
  geom_point(size = 2) +
  geom_text(
    aes(x =
        sd(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly$returns) * 1.11,
        y =
          mean(portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly$returns),
        label = "Portfolio")) +
  ylab("expected return") +
  xlab("standard deviation") +
  ggtitle("Expected Monthly Returns versus Risk") +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = function(x){ paste0(x, "%")}) +
  # The next line centers the title
  theme_update(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

```



4.6 Rolling Standard Deviation in the xts world

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```

window<-24
portfolio_returns_xts_rebalanced_monthly <-
  Return.portfolio(asset_returns_xts,
                    weights = w,
                    rebalance_on = "months") %>%
  `colnames<-`("returns")
# calculate rolling standard deviation based on xts
port_rolling_sd_xts <-
  rollapply(portfolio_returns_xts_rebalanced_monthly,
            FUN = sd,
            width = window) %>%
  na.omit() %>%
  `colnames<-`("rolling_sd")
tail(port_rolling_sd_xts,5)

```

```

      rolling_sd
2019-05-31 0.02160900
2019-06-30 0.02172044
2019-07-31 0.02205498
2019-08-30 0.02209345
2019-09-30 0.02295307

```

4.7 Rolling standard deviation based on tidyverse

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```

port_rolling_sd_tidy_does_not_work <-
  portfolio_returns_dplyr_byhand %>%
  mutate(rolling_sd = rollapply(returns,
                                FUN = sd,
                                width = window,
                                fill = NA)) %>%
  select(index, rolling_sd) %>%
  na.omit()
tail(port_rolling_sd_tidy_does_not_work,3)

```

4.8 Rolling Standard Deviation with the tidyverse

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```

# define a rolling sd function based on rollify of tibbletime package
sd_roll_24 <-
  rollify(sd, window = window)
# calculate the rolling standard deviation using tibbletime
port_rolling_sd_tidy_tibbletime <-
  portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly %>%
  as_tbl_time(index = index) %>%
  mutate(sd = sd_roll_24(returns)) %>%
  select(-returns) %>%
  na.omit()
tail(port_rolling_sd_tidy_tibbletime, 3)

```

```
# A time tibble: 3 x 2
[38;5;246m# Index: index[39m
  index      sd
  [3m[38;5;246m<date>[39m[23m      [3m[38;5;246m<dbl>[39m[23m
[38;5;250m1[39m 2019-07-31 0.022[4m1[24m
[38;5;250m2[39m 2019-08-30 0.022[4m1[24m
[38;5;250m3[39m 2019-09-30 0.023[4m0[24m
```

4.9 Rolling Standard Deviation in the tidyquant world

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```
## calculate std using tidyquant
port_rolling_sd_tq <-
  portfolio_returns_tq_rebalanced_monthly %>%
  tq_mutate(mutate_fun = rollapply,
            width = window,
            FUN = sd,
            col_rename = "rolling_sd") %>%
  select(index, rolling_sd) %>%
  na.omit()
## confirm three different methods
port_rolling_sd_tidy_tibbletime %>%
  mutate(sd_tq = port_rolling_sd_tq$rolling_sd,
         sd_xts = round(port_rolling_sd_xts$rolling_sd, 4)) %>%
  tail(3)
```

```
# A time tibble: 3 x 4
[38;5;246m# Index: index[39m
  index      sd sd_tq sd_xts[, "rolling_sd"]
  [3m[38;5;246m<date>[39m[23m      [3m[38;5;246m<dbl>[39m[23m  [3m[38;5;246m<dbl>[39m[23m  [3
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```

4.10 Visualizing Rolling Standard Deviation in the xts world

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port_rolling_sd_xts_hc <-
  round(port_rolling_sd_xts, 4) * 100

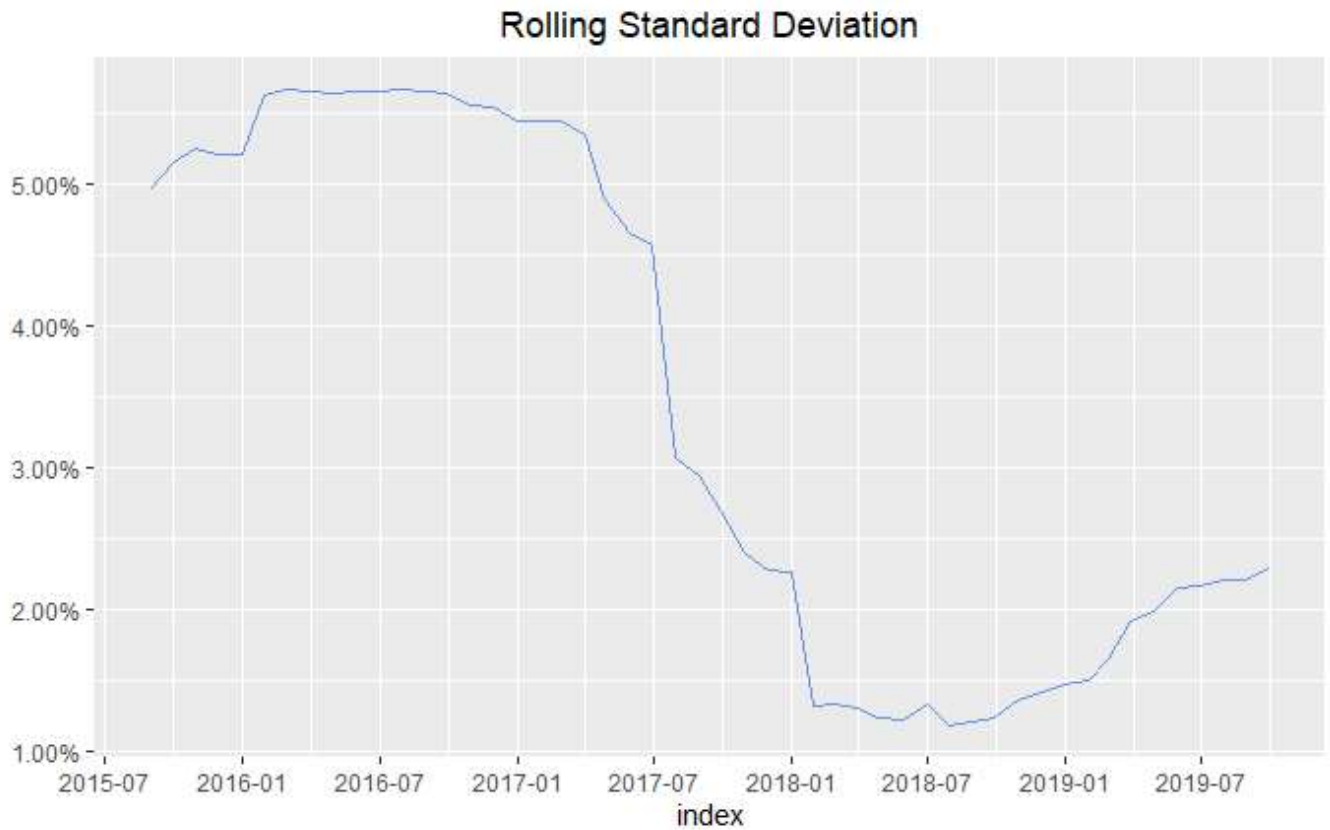
highchart(type = "stock") %>%
  hc_title(text = "24-Month Rolling Volatility") %>%
  hc_add_series(port_rolling_sd_xts_hc,
    color = "cornflowerblue") %>%
  hc_add_theme(hc_theme_flat()) %>%
  hc_yAxis(
    labels = list(format = "{value}%"),
    opposite = FALSE) %>%
  hc_navigator(enabled = FALSE) %>%
  hc_scrollbar(enabled = FALSE) %>%
  hc_exporting(enabled = TRUE) %>%
  hc_legend(enabled = TRUE)
```



4.11 Visualizing Rolling Standard Deviation in the tidyverse

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```
port_rolling_sd_tq %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = index)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = rolling_sd), color = "cornflowerblue") +  
  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::percent) +  
  scale_x_date(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 8)) +  
  labs(title = "Rolling Standard Deviation", y = "") +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



4.12 The Shiny is written in the app.Rmd in the Rmarkdown format