

RiskPortfolios: Computation of Risk-Based Portfolios in R

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Summary

RiskPortfolios is an R package (R Core Team, 2016) for constructing risk-based portfolios. It provides a set of functionalities to build mean-variance, minimum variance, inverse-volatility weighted (Leote De Carvalho et al., 2012), equal-risk-contribution (Maillard et al., 2010), maximum diversification (Choueifaty and Coignard, 2008), and risk-efficient (Amenc et al., 2011) portfolios. Optimization is achieved with the R packages quadprog (Weingessel, 2013) and nloptr (Ypma, 2014). Long-only or gross constraints can be added to the optimization. As risk-based portfolios are mainly based on covariances, the package also provides a large set of covariance matrix estimators. A simulation study relying on the package is described in Ardia et al. (2016).

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