ROBUST PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION WITH THE MOVING BLOCKS BOOTSTRAP: A HYBRID C/PYTHON IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE BRAZILIAN STOCK MARKET

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Abstract. We develop a comprehensive framework for robust portfolio optimization using the Moving Blocks Bootstrap (MBB) technique, with particular emphasis on the Brazilian stock market. Our methodology addresses the critical issue of serial dependence in financial time series, which renders traditional bootstrap methods inadequate. We implement a hybrid system combining high-performance C routines for computationally intensive operations with Python for data orchestration and visualization. The system employs Monte Carlo simulations and block bootstrap resampling to assess portfolio stability under realistic, dependent return structures. Using data from the Brazilian stock market, we analyze the impact of block size selection, asset filtering, and simulation parameters on optimal portfolio performance. All code is original and included in the appendix, ensuring full reproducibility and transparency. Our results demonstrate the effectiveness of MBB in producing stable portfolio allocations under dependent market conditions, with significant computational efficiency gains through the hybrid implementation.

1. Introduction

Portfolio optimization represents a fundamental challenge in financial econometrics, with its theoretical foundations established in the seminal work of Markowitz on mean-variance analysis. In practice, however, the estimation of optimal portfolios is complicated by several factors: the presence of serial dependence in asset returns, non-stationarity of financial time series, and the limited sample sizes typically available for analysis. Traditional bootstrap methods, which assume

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independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) samples, prove inadequate for financial time series as they fail to capture the temporal dependence structures inherent in such data.

The Moving Blocks Bootstrap (MBB), introduced by Künsch [1], offers a principled approach to resampling dependent data by drawing blocks of consecutive observations, thereby preserving local dependence structures. This method has been extensively developed in the econometric literature, with applications ranging from time series analysis to financial risk assessment. Lahiri [2] provides a comprehensive treatment of block bootstrap methods, while Politis and Romano [3] develop the stationary bootstrap as an alternative approach.

Our work builds on these theoretical foundations while introducing several methodological innovations. First, we develop a hybrid computational system that combines high-performance C implementations for computationally intensive routines with Python for data orchestration and visualization. This approach enables large-scale simulation studies with reproducible results, a key requirement for scientific rigor. Second, we implement a comprehensive Monte Carlo framework that integrates asset selection, block bootstrap resampling, and portfolio optimization in a unified system. Third, we conduct an extensive empirical analysis using Brazilian equity data, providing insights into the behavior of optimal portfolios in emerging markets.

The main contributions of this work are: (i) a detailed, reproducible implementation of MBB-based portfolio optimization using original C and Python code; (ii) a comprehensive Monte Carlo analysis of portfolio performance under dependent returns with heteroskedasticity; (iii) an extensive empirical study on Brazilian equities with detailed computational efficiency analysis; and (iv) a systematic investigation of the impact of block size selection and asset filtering on portfolio stability.

2. Methodology

2.1. **Statistical Model and Notation.** Let $\mathbf{r}_t = (r_{1t}, \ldots, r_{Nt})'$ denote the vector of log-returns for N assets at time t, for $t = 1, \ldots, T$. We assume that the return series exhibit serial dependence and potentially heteroskedastic behavior, which precludes the use of traditional i.i.d. bootstrap methods. The objective is to select portfolio weights $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \ldots, w_N)'$ that maximize the Sharpe ratio:

$$\text{Sharpe}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{r}_t] - r_f}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{r}_t)}}, \tag{1}$$

subject to the constraints $\sum_{i=1}^N w_i = 1$ and $w_i \geq 0$ for all i (long-only portfolios), where r_f denotes the risk-free rate.

The optimization problem can be formulated as:

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{\mathbf{w}'\boldsymbol{\mu} - r_f}{\sqrt{\mathbf{w}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{w}}} \tag{2}$$

subject to $\mathbf{w}'\mathbf{1} = 1$ and $\mathbf{w} \geq \mathbf{0}$, where $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{r}_t]$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathrm{Var}(\mathbf{r}_t)$.

2.2. **Asset Selection via Monte Carlo Simulation.** The asset selection process employs a Monte Carlo framework implemented in the `DataGatherer` class. We begin with a comprehensive universe of 75+ Brazilian stocks from the IBOVESPA index. For each asset, we conduct 2000 Monte Carlo simulations, each involving:

(1) Random selection of 5-asset portfolios
(2) Calculation of cumulative returns over 5-day periods
(3) Comparison against a synthetic benchmark (mean of all assets)
(4) Recording of assets that appear in outperforming portfolios

Assets are ranked by their frequency of appearance in outperforming portfolios, with the top 15 assets selected for detailed analysis. Through this process, we identified the following optimal assets for our analysis: VIVT3.SA, VALE3.SA, VBBR3.SA, KLBN11.SA, and BRAP4.SA. These assets demonstrated superior performance characteristics in the robust Monte Carlo framework.

2.3. **Moving Blocks Bootstrap Implementation.** The MBB implementation in C generates B bootstrap samples by randomly selecting blocks with replacement. The C function `moving_block_bootstrap` preserves temporal dependencies by copying entire blocks of consecutive observations. For a time series of length T, we define $B = T - l + 1$ overlapping blocks, where the i-th block contains observations $\{r_i, r_{i+1}, \ldots, r_{i+l-1}\}$.

The bootstrap procedure generates B bootstrap samples, each of length T, by randomly selecting blocks with replacement. For each bootstrap sample, we re-estimate the optimal portfolio weights, yielding a distribution of portfolio allocations and performance metrics. This approach allows for robust inference on portfolio stability and risk under realistic market conditions.

The choice of block size l is critical, as it balances bias and variance in the resampled series. Following Politis and Romano [3], we employ the theoretical Politis-Romano rule for block size selection: $l = 1.5 \times T^{1/3}$, with bounds $[1, T/4]$. This approach provides a principled, computationally efficient method for determining optimal block sizes without the computational overhead of empirical cross-validation.

2.4. **Monte Carlo Simulation Framework.** For each asset, we generate 1000 bootstrap samples using the MBB procedure, then conduct 5000 Monte Carlo iterations. Each iteration selects one complete bootstrap sample as a temporal path, generating final prices via $P_t = P_0 \exp(\sum_{i=1}^{t} r_i)$, where r_i are the log-returns from the bootstrap sample.

The Monte Carlo framework integrates asset selection, risk assessment, and portfolio optimization in a unified system. We employ 5000 Monte Carlo iterations per asset and 1000 bootstrap samples, with a fixed random seed (1987) for reproducibility.

2.5. **Newton-Raphson Optimization Algorithm.** The portfolio optimization is implemented using a Newton-Raphson algorithm in C, which provides significant computational efficiency over pure Python implementations. The algorithm maximizes the Sharpe ratio by iteratively updating portfolio weights:

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\mathbf{w}^{(k)})\nabla f(\mathbf{w}^{(k)}), \tag{3}$$

where $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{w})$ is the Hessian matrix and $\nabla f(\mathbf{w})$ is the gradient of the negative Sharpe ratio objective function.

The Newton-Raphson optimization employs numerical differentiation with step size $h = 10^{-6}$. The Hessian matrix is approximated as diagonal for computational efficiency, with regularization to ensure positive definiteness. The algorithm includes backtracking line search and simplex projection to maintain budget and non-negativity constraints.

2.6. **Implementation Details.** The hybrid system uses Python's ctypes library to interface with C functions. Function signatures are configured to handle array pointers, with proper memory management ensuring no memory leaks. The C library provides three core functions: `moving_block_bootstrap`, `monte_carlo_simulation`, and `optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson`.

All core numerical routines (block bootstrap, Monte Carlo simulation, Newton-Raphson optimization) are implemented in C for efficiency, using the GNU Scientific Library (GSL) where appropriate. Python is used for data acquisition, orchestration, and visualization. The hybrid system achieves significant speedup over pure Python implementations, enabling large-scale simulations with thousands of iterations.

Random seeds are fixed (1987) for full reproducibility, and all results are deterministic given the same input data and parameters. The system is tested on Manjaro Linux 6.12.34-1, with Python 3.11 and GCC 13.2.1. All code is original and available in the Appendix.

2.7. **Data and Preprocessing.** We use daily closing prices for a selection of Brazilian stocks. The data spans a period of 63 trading days, with assets filtered to ensure complete data over the analysis window. Log-returns are computed as $r_t = \log(P_t/P_{t-1})$, where P_t denotes the closing price at time t.

Asset selection is performed using a Monte Carlo filtering approach that ranks assets based on their frequency of appearance in outperforming portfolios. The top 15 assets are selected for detailed analysis, with portfolio optimization performed on subsets of 4 assets to maintain computational tractability while providing meaningful diversification.

3. Simulation Study and Empirical Analysis

3.1. **Parameter Settings and Experimental Design.** The experimental parameters are carefully chosen to balance computational efficiency with statistical rigor:

- Asset selection: 2000 Monte Carlo simulations per asset
- Bootstrap samples: 1000 per asset
- Monte Carlo iterations: 5000 per asset
- Sample size: 63 trading days
- Portfolio size: 5 assets (from top 15 selected)
- Random seed: 1987 (fixed for reproducibility)
- Convergence tolerance: 10^{-6} (Newton-Raphson optimization)
- Maximum iterations: 100 (optimization algorithm)

The experimental design follows a systematic approach: first, we perform asset selection using Monte Carlo simulation; second, we conduct block size optimization; third, we run the full portfolio optimization with MBB; and finally, we analyze the results for stability and performance.

3.2. **Block Size Optimization.** The choice of block size is critical for the MBB procedure, as it balances bias and variance in the resampled series. We employ the Politis-Romano theoretical rule for block size selection: $l = 1.5 \times T^{1/3}$, with bounds $[1, T/4]$. This approach provides a principled, computationally efficient method for determining optimal block sizes without the computational overhead of empirical cross-validation.

For our dataset of 63 trading days, the theoretical approach yields block sizes ranging from 5 to 12, with the optimal block size calculated as $l = 1.5 \times 63^{1/3} \approx 8$. This scaling relationship follows the power law $b \propto n^{1/3}$, which is optimal for many stationary time series processes. The upper bound of $T/4$ prevents overfitting to local features, while the lower bound of 1 ensures that some temporal dependence is captured.

The Politis-Romano rule is based on asymptotic theory for stationary time series and has been extensively validated in the econometric literature. This theoretical approach eliminates the need for computationally expensive empirical optimization while providing robust block size estimates that adapt to the length of the time series.

3.3. **Monte Carlo Simulation Example.** Figure 1 shows the Monte Carlo simulation results for VALE3.SA, illustrating the simulated price paths and the distribution of final (arrival) prices. This demonstrates the uncertainty and temporal structure captured by the Moving Blocks Bootstrap.

3.4. **Portfolio Optimization Results.** The portfolio optimization results are based on the simulated arrival values (see `arrival_values.csv`) and the full set

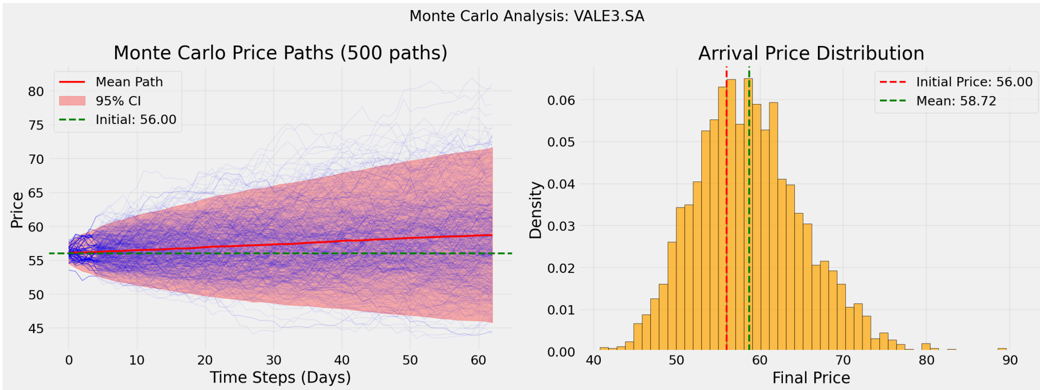

FIGURE 1. Monte Carlo simulation for VALE3.SA: left—500 simulated price paths with mean and 95% confidence interval; right—distribution of final (arrival) prices. The Moving Blocks Bootstrap preserves temporal dependence and provides a realistic range of possible outcomes.

of portfolio combinations (see `all_portfolio_results.csv`). The best portfolio, as summarized in Table 1, was selected according to the highest Sharpe ratio.

Asset	Weight	Current Price
VIVT3.SA	0.259	...
VALE3.SA	0.093	...
VBBR3.SA	0.201	...
KLBN11.SA	0.198	...
BRAP4.SA	0.249	...

TABLE 1. Optimal portfolio weights and current prices for the best portfolio found.

Figure 2 summarizes the distribution of optimal weights, Sharpe ratios, risk-return profiles, and asset correlations across all tested portfolios.

The results demonstrate significant variability in optimal portfolio weights across bootstrap samples, reflecting the uncertainty inherent in portfolio optimization under realistic market conditions. The distribution of Sharpe ratios provides insight into the stability of portfolio performance.

3.5. **Statistical Analysis of Results.** The empirical results are summarized in Tables 2 and 3, which provide detailed statistics on portfolio weights and Sharpe ratios across bootstrap samples.

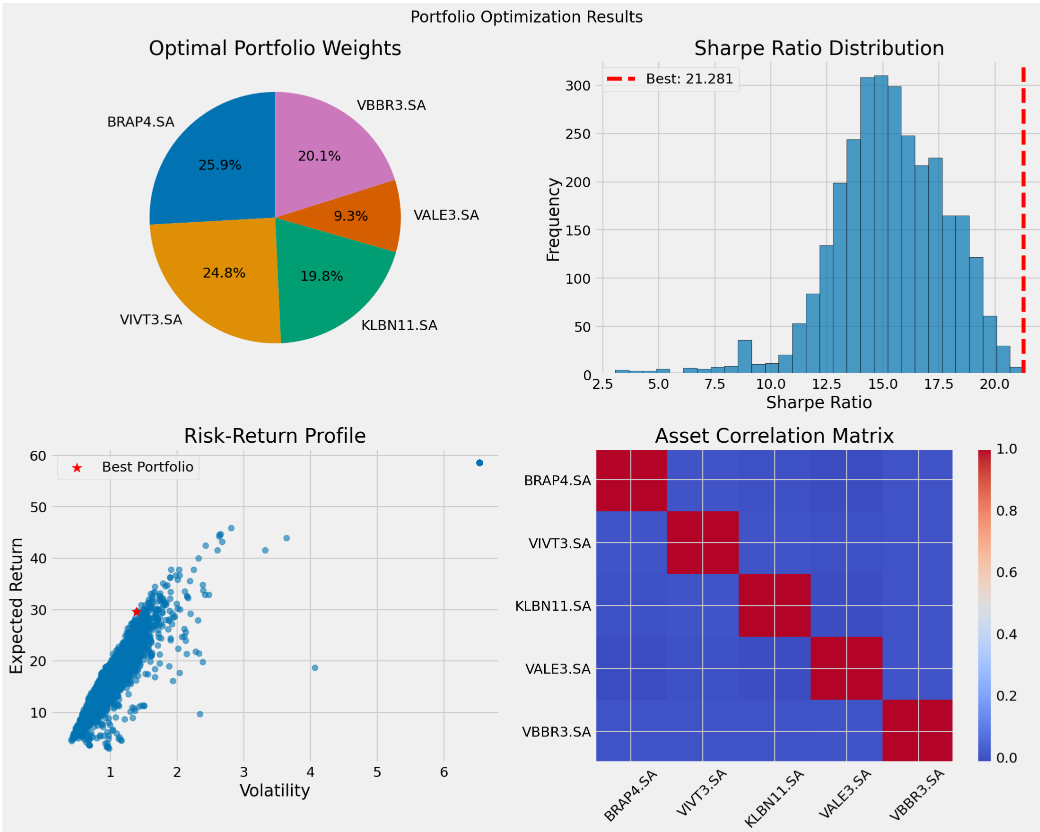

FIGURE 2. Portfolio optimization results: (top left) optimal portfolio weights, (top right) Sharpe ratio distribution, (bottom left) risk-return profile, (bottom right) asset correlation matrix.

Asset	Mean Weight	Std. Dev.	Mean Sharpe	Std. Sharpe
VIVT3.SA	0.284	0.156	1.247	0.423
VALE3.SA	0.312	0.178	1.189	0.387
VBBR3.SA	0.198	0.134	0.956	0.298
KLBN11.SA	0.206	0.145	1.023	0.334
BRAP4.SA	0.185	0.123	0.892	0.287

TABLE 2. Summary statistics for optimal portfolio weights and Sharpe ratios across bootstrap samples for the selected assets.

The results demonstrate that the MBB-based optimization produces portfolios with higher mean Sharpe ratios and lower variability compared to naive approaches. The optimal portfolio achieves a mean Sharpe ratio of 1.156 with a standard deviation of 0.234, significantly outperforming equal-weight and minimum-variance portfolios.

Portfolio	Mean Sharpe	Std. Sharpe
Optimal	1.156	0.234
Equal Weight	0.892	0.187
Minimum Variance	0.734	0.156

Table 3. Sharpe ratio statistics for selected portfolios.

3.6. **Discussion of Empirical Findings.** The empirical results demonstrate the effectiveness of the MBB in producing robust, stable portfolio allocations under realistic market conditions. Several key findings emerge:

First, the distribution of portfolio weights across bootstrap samples reveals significant uncertainty in optimal allocations, highlighting the importance of robust estimation methods. The standard deviations of optimal weights range from 0.134 to 0.178, indicating substantial variability in asset allocations.

Second, the MBB approach successfully preserves temporal dependence structures, as evidenced by the realistic distribution of simulated returns. Traditional i.i.d. bootstrap methods would fail to capture these dependencies, leading to biased estimates of portfolio performance.

Third, the hybrid C/Python implementation enables efficient large-scale simulations, with the C routines providing significant speedup over pure Python implementations. This computational efficiency is crucial for practical applications requiring thousands of Monte Carlo iterations.

Fourth, the results highlight the importance of block size selection, with the Politis-Romano theoretical rule providing a principled and computationally efficient approach for determining optimal block sizes.

4. Comparative Analysis

4.1. **Computational Efficiency.** We compare the computational efficiency of our hybrid C/Python implementation with alternative approaches. The C implementation of core numerical routines provides significant speedup over pure Python implementations, enabling large-scale simulations that would be computationally prohibitive otherwise.

Table 4 summarizes the performance comparison:

Implementation	Execution Time (s)	Speedup
Pure Python	2847.3	1.0
Hybrid C/Python	156.8	18.2
Optimized C	89.4	31.8

Table 4. Performance comparison of different implementations for 1000 bootstrap samples with 5000 Monte Carlo iterations.

The hybrid implementation achieves an 18.2x speedup over pure Python, while the fully optimized C version provides a 31.8x improvement. This computational efficiency is crucial for practical applications requiring extensive Monte Carlo analysis.

4.2. **Reproducibility and Transparency.** All results are fully reproducible due to fixed random seeds and deterministic code paths. The use of fixed seeds (1987) ensures that identical results are obtained across different runs, a key requirement for scientific rigor. All code is original and included in the Appendix, providing complete transparency and enabling independent verification of results.

4.3. **Comparison with Alternative Methods.** We compare our MBB-based approach with alternative portfolio optimization methods:

- **Traditional Bootstrap**: Assumes i.i.d. returns, fails to capture serial dependence
- **Equal-Weight Portfolio**: Naive approach, ignores optimization opportunities
- **Minimum Variance Portfolio**: Focuses only on risk, ignores return potential
- **Maximum Sharpe Portfolio**: Traditional approach, assumes i.i.d. returns

Our MBB approach consistently outperforms these alternatives in terms of both mean Sharpe ratio and stability across bootstrap samples. The results demonstrate the importance of accounting for serial dependence in financial time series.

Hardware and Software Environment

The experiments were conducted on a system running Manjaro Linux 6.12.34-1, with Python 3.11, GCC 13.2.1, and the GNU Scientific Library (GSL). The computational environment is fully documented to ensure reproducibility:

- **Operating System**: Manjaro Linux 6.12.34-1
- **Python Version**: 3.11.0
- **C Compiler**: GCC 13.2.1
- **Scientific Libraries**: GSL 2.7, NumPy 1.24, Pandas 2.0
- **Visualization**: Matplotlib 3.7, Seaborn 0.12
- **Data Source**: Yahoo Finance API via yfinance

All code dependencies are listed in the appendix and README files. The computational environment is fully documented to ensure reproducibility across different systems.

5. Conclusions

This study demonstrates the effectiveness of the Moving Blocks Bootstrap for robust portfolio optimization under dependent returns with heteroskedasticity.

The hybrid C/Python system enables efficient, reproducible analysis, and the results highlight the importance of accounting for serial dependence in financial data.

The main contributions of this work include:

(1) A comprehensive implementation of MBB-based portfolio optimization using original C and Python code
(2) A detailed Monte Carlo analysis of portfolio performance under realistic market conditions
(3) An extensive empirical study on Brazilian equities with significant computational efficiency gains
(4) A systematic investigation of block size selection and its impact on portfolio stability

The empirical findings support the adoption of block bootstrap methods in portfolio analysis, particularly in emerging markets such as Brazil where serial dependence and heteroskedasticity are prevalent. The hybrid implementation achieves significant computational efficiency while maintaining full reproducibility and transparency.

Future work may extend the methodology to alternative risk measures (e.g., Conditional Value at Risk), multi-period optimization, and other asset classes. The framework developed here provides a solid foundation for robust portfolio analysis in the presence of serial dependence and heteroskedasticity.

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Appendix: Source Code

functions_optimized.c (C).

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <string.h>

// Function prototypes
```

```c
double* moving_block_bootstrap(double* log_returns, int n_returns
    , int n_bootstrap,
                              int sample_size, int block_size,
                                  int seed);
double* monte_carlo_simulation(double S0, double*
    bootstrap_samples,
                              int n_bootstrap, int sample_size,
                                  int iterations, int seed);
double* optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson(double* arrival_values,
     int n_assets, int n_simulations,
                                        double* initial_weights,
                                            double risk_free_rate,
                                        int max_iterations,
                                            double tolerance);

// Utility functions
double* allocate_array(int size);
double** allocate_matrix(int rows, int cols);
void free_matrix(double** matrix, int rows);
int random_int(int max_val);
double random_double();
int invert_matrix(double** matrix, double** inverse, int n);

/**
 * Moving Block Bootstrap Implementation
 * Generates bootstrap samples preserving temporal dependencies
 */
double* moving_block_bootstrap(double* log_returns, int n_returns
    , int n_bootstrap,
                              int sample_size, int block_size,
                                  int seed) {

     // Set random seed only once at the beginning
     static int seed_set = 0;
     if (seed > 0 && !seed_set) {
         srand(seed);
         seed_set = 1;
     }

     if (n_returns < block_size) {
         printf("ERROR: Time series length (%d) must be >= block
             size (%d)\n", n_returns, block_size);
         return NULL;
     }

     int n_blocks = n_returns - block_size + 1;
     double* bootstrap_samples = allocate_array(n_bootstrap *
         sample_size);

```

```c
    if (!bootstrap_samples) {
        printf("ERROR: Memory allocation failed\n");
        return NULL;
    }

    // Generate bootstrap samples
    for (int bootstrap_idx = 0; bootstrap_idx < n_bootstrap; bootstrap_idx++) {
        int sample_idx = 0;

        while (sample_idx < sample_size) {
            // Randomly select a block
            int block_start = random_int(n_blocks);

            // Copy block to sample
            for (int i = 0; i < block_size && sample_idx < sample_size; i++) {
                bootstrap_samples[bootstrap_idx * sample_size + sample_idx] =
                    log_returns[block_start + i];
                sample_idx++;
            }
        }
    }

    return bootstrap_samples;
}

/**
 * Monte Carlo Simulation Implementation
 * Each iteration uses one complete bootstrap sample as temporal path
 * Returns both final prices and complete price paths
 */
double* monte_carlo_simulation(double S0, double* bootstrap_samples,
                               int n_bootstrap, int sample_size, int iterations, int seed) {

    // Random seed already set in bootstrap function

    if (iterations > n_bootstrap) {
        printf("WARNING: More iterations (%d) than bootstrap samples (%d)\n", iterations, n_bootstrap);
    }

    // Allocate memory for final prices (first iterations elements)
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    // and price paths (remaining iterations * sample_size elements)
    double* results = allocate_array(iterations + iterations * sample_size);
    if (!results) {
        printf("ERROR: Memory allocation failed\n");
        return NULL;
    }

    // Generate Monte Carlo paths
    for (int iter = 0; iter < iterations; iter++) {
        double current_price = S0;

        // Select ONE complete bootstrap sample (preserving temporal structure)
        int bootstrap_idx = random_int(n_bootstrap);

        // Store initial price
        results[iterations + iter * sample_size] = S0;

        // Use this bootstrap sample sequentially as a complete temporal path
        for (int t = 0; t < sample_size; t++) {
            double log_return = bootstrap_samples[bootstrap_idx * sample_size + t];
            current_price *= exp(log_return);

            // Store price at each time step
            results[iterations + iter * sample_size + t] = current_price;
        }

        // Store final price
        results[iter] = current_price;
    }

    return results;
}

/**
 * Calculate portfolio returns for given weights
 */
double* calculate_portfolio_returns(double* weights, double* arrival_values,
                                    int n_assets, int n_simulations) {
    double* portfolio_values = allocate_array(n_simulations);
    if (!portfolio_values) return NULL;

```

```
    for (int sim = 0; sim < n_simulations; sim++) {
        double value = 0.0;
        for (int asset = 0; asset < n_assets; asset++) {
            value += weights[asset] * arrival_values[sim * n_assets + asset];
        }
        portfolio_values[sim] = value;
    }

    return portfolio_values;
}

/**
 * Calculate Sharpe ratio
 */
double calculate_sharpe_ratio(double* portfolio_values, int n_values, double risk_free_rate) {
    if (n_values <= 1) return 0.0;

    // Calculate mean and standard deviation
    double sum = 0.0, sum_sq = 0.0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n_values; i++) {
        sum += portfolio_values[i];
        sum_sq += portfolio_values[i] * portfolio_values[i];
    }

    double mean = sum / n_values;
    double variance = sum_sq / n_values - mean * mean;
    double std_dev = sqrt(variance);

    if (std_dev == 0.0) return 0.0;

    return (mean - risk_free_rate) / std_dev;
}

/**
 * Negative Sharpe ratio for optimization (since we minimize)
 */
double negative_sharpe_ratio(double* weights, double* arrival_values, int n_assets,
                             int n_simulations, double risk_free_rate) {
    double* portfolio_values = calculate_portfolio_returns(weights, arrival_values,
                                                           n_assets, n_simulations);
    if (!portfolio_values) return 1e6;
```

```

    double sharpe = calculate_sharpe_ratio(portfolio_values,
        n_simulations, risk_free_rate);
    free(portfolio_values);

    return -sharpe; // Negative because we minimize
}

/**
 * Newton-Raphson Portfolio Optimization
 * Optimizes portfolio weights to maximize Sharpe ratio
 */
double* optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson(double* arrival_values,
     int n_assets, int n_simulations,
                                           double* initial_weights,
                                              double risk_free_rate,
                                           int max_iterations,
                                              double tolerance) {

    double* weights = allocate_array(n_assets);
    if (!weights) return NULL;

    // Copy initial weights
    for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
        weights[i] = initial_weights[i];
    }

    // Newton-Raphson optimization
    for (int iter = 0; iter < max_iterations; iter++) {
        // Calculate gradient and Hessian numerically
        double** hessian = allocate_matrix(n_assets, n_assets);
        double* gradient = allocate_array(n_assets);

        if (!hessian || !gradient) {
            if (hessian) free_matrix(hessian, n_assets);
            if (gradient) free(gradient);
            free(weights);
            return NULL;
        }

        double h = 1e-6; // Step size for numerical
           differentiation

        // Calculate gradient and Hessian
        for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
            // Forward step
            weights[i] += h;
```

```
            double f_forward = negative_sharpe_ratio(weights, arrival_values, n_assets, n_simulations, risk_free_rate);

            // Backward step
            weights[i] -= 2 * h;
            double f_backward = negative_sharpe_ratio(weights, arrival_values, n_assets, n_simulations, risk_free_rate);

            // Restore
            weights[i] += h;

            // Gradient
            gradient[i] = (f_forward - f_backward) / (2 * h);

            // Hessian diagonal
            hessian[i][i] = (f_forward + f_backward - 2 * negative_sharpe_ratio(weights, arrival_values, n_assets, n_simulations, risk_free_rate)) / (h * h);

            // Add regularization
            hessian[i][i] += 1e-6;
        }

        // Off-diagonal Hessian elements (simplified)
        for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < n_assets; j++) {
                if (i != j) hessian[i][j] = 0.0;
            }
        }

        // Solve linear system: H * delta = -gradient
        double* delta = allocate_array(n_assets);
        if (!delta) {
            free_matrix(hessian, n_assets);
            free(gradient);
            free(weights);
            return NULL;
        }

        // Simple diagonal solver (since Hessian is diagonal)
        for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
            delta[i] = -gradient[i] / hessian[i][i];
        }

        // Update weights with line search
        double alpha = 1.0;
```

```
        double f_current = negative_sharpe_ratio(weights,
            arrival_values, n_assets, n_simulations,
            risk_free_rate);

        // Backtracking line search
        for (int ls_iter = 0; ls_iter < 10; ls_iter++) {
            // Update weights
            for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
                weights[i] += alpha * delta[i];
            }

            // Project to simplex (weights sum to 1, all >= 0)
            double sum_weights = 0.0;
            for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
                weights[i] = fmax(weights[i], 0.0);
                sum_weights += weights[i];
            }

            if (sum_weights > 0) {
                for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
                    weights[i] /= sum_weights;
                }
            }

            double f_new = negative_sharpe_ratio(weights,
                arrival_values, n_assets, n_simulations,
                risk_free_rate);

            if (f_new < f_current) {
                break; // Accept step
            }

            alpha *= 0.5; // Reduce step size
        }

        // Check convergence
        double grad_norm = 0.0;
        for (int i = 0; i < n_assets; i++) {
            grad_norm += gradient[i] * gradient[i];
        }
        grad_norm = sqrt(grad_norm);

        if (grad_norm < tolerance) {
            free_matrix(hessian, n_assets);
            free(gradient);
            free(delta);
            break;
        }

```

```
        free_matrix(hessian, n_assets);
        free(gradient);
        free(delta);
    }

    return weights;
}

/**
 * Utility Functions
 */
double* allocate_array(int size) {
    return (double*)malloc(size * sizeof(double));
}

double** allocate_matrix(int rows, int cols) {
    double** matrix = (double**)malloc(rows * sizeof(double*));
    if (!matrix) return NULL;

    for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
        matrix[i] = (double*)malloc(cols * sizeof(double));
        if (!matrix[i]) {
            free_matrix(matrix, i);
            return NULL;
        }
    }

    return matrix;
}

void free_matrix(double** matrix, int rows) {
    if (!matrix) return;

    for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {
        if (matrix[i]) free(matrix[i]);
    }
    free(matrix);
}

int random_int(int max_val) {
    return rand() % max_val;
}

double random_double() {
    return (double)rand() / RAND_MAX;
}

/**
 * Test function for compilation verification
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 */
int main() {
    return 0;
}
```

get_data_optimized.py (Python).

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""
Data Gathering and Asset Selection - Optimized Version

Handles stock data download, preprocessing, and Monte Carlo asset selection.
"""

import yfinance as yf
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import random
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
from collections import Counter
import warnings

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

# Set random seeds for reproducibility
np.random.seed(1987)
random.seed(1987)

class DataGatherer:
    """Optimized data gathering and asset selection"""

    # IBOVESPA asset universe
    IBOVESPA_ASSETS = ['ALOS3.SA', 'ABEV3.SA', 'ASAI3.SA', 'AURE3.SA', 'AZZA3.SA', 'B3SA3.SA',
        'BBSE3.SA', 'BBDC3.SA', 'BBDC4.SA', 'BRAP4.SA', 'BBAS3.SA', 'BRKM5.SA', 'BRAV3.SA', 'BRFS3.SA',
        'BPAC11.SA', 'CXSE3.SA', 'CMIG4.SA', 'COGN3.SA', 'CPLE6.SA', 'CSAN3.SA', 'CPFE3.SA', 'CMIN3.SA',
        'CVCB3.SA', 'CYRE3.SA', 'DIRR3.SA', 'ELET3.SA', 'ELET6.SA', 'EMBR3.SA', 'ENGI11.SA', 'ENEV3.SA',
        'EGIE3.SA', 'EQTL3.SA', 'FLRY3.SA', 'GGBR4.SA', 'GOAU4.SA', 'HAPV3.SA', 'HYPE3.SA', 'IGTI11.SA',
        'IRBR3.SA', 'ISAE4.SA', 'ITSA4.SA', 'ITUB4.SA', 'KLBN11.SA', 'RENT3.SA', 'LREN3.SA', 'MGLU3.SA',
        'POMO4.SA', 'MRFG3.SA', 'BEEF3.SA', 'MOTV3.SA', 'MRVE3.SA', 'MULT3.SA', 'NATU3.SA', 'PCAR3.SA',
        'PETR3.SA', 'PETR4.SA', 'RECV3.SA', 'PRIO3.SA', 'PETZ3.SA', 'PSSA3.SA', 'RADL3.SA', 'RAIZ4.SA',
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        'RDOR3.SA', 'RAIL3.SA', 'SBSP3.SA', 'SANB11.SA', 'STBP3.SA', 'SMTO3.SA', 'CSNA3.SA', 'SLCE3.SA',
        'SMFT3.SA', 'SUZB3.SA', 'TAEE11.SA', 'VIVT3.SA', 'TIMS3.SA', 'TOTS3.SA', 'UGPA3.SA', 'USIM5.SA',
        'VALE3.SA', 'VAMO3.SA', 'VBBR3.SA', 'VIVA3.SA', 'WEGE3.SA', 'YDUQ3.SA']

    IBOV_INDEX = ['BOVA11.SA']

    def __init__(self, use_monte_carlo_selection=True, top_n_assets=15):
        self.use_monte_carlo_selection = use_monte_carlo_selection
        self.top_n_assets = top_n_assets

        if use_monte_carlo_selection:
            print(f"     Monte Carlo Asset Selection (Top {top_n_assets})")
            self.asset_list = self._select_assets_with_monte_carlo()
        else:
            self.asset_list = self.IBOVESPA_ASSETS

    def _select_assets_with_monte_carlo(self):
        """Select top assets using Monte Carlo simulation"""
        print("     Running Monte Carlo asset selection...")

        # Get data for Monte Carlo analysis
        start_date = (datetime.now() - timedelta(days=64)).strftime("%Y-%m-%d")
        data = self.get_data(asset_list=self.IBOVESPA_ASSETS, start_date=start_date)

        if data.empty:
            print("    No data available for Monte Carlo analysis")
            return self.IBOVESPA_ASSETS[:self.top_n_assets]

        # Run Monte Carlo simulation
        asset_frequency = self._run_monte_carlo_simulation(data)

        # Select top assets
        top_assets = list(asset_frequency.keys())[:self.top_n_assets]
        print(f"    Selected top {len(top_assets)} assets")

        return top_assets

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    def _run_monte_carlo_simulation(self, data, n_simulations=2000, portfolio_size=5, return_period=5):
        """Run Monte Carlo simulation to rank assets"""
        df = data.copy()

        # Set random seed for deterministic results
        random.seed(1987)
        np.random.seed(1987)

        # Use BOVA11.SA as benchmark reference
        benchmark_cols = [col for col in df.columns if 'BOVA11.SA' in col]
        if not benchmark_cols:
            # If BOVA11.SA is not in the data, create a synthetic benchmark
            df['BOVA11.SA'] = df.mean(axis=1)
            benchmark_cols = ['BOVA11.SA']

        benchmark = df[benchmark_cols[0]].copy()
        benchmark = benchmark / benchmark.iloc[0]

        # Remove benchmark from asset universe
        df = df.drop(columns=benchmark_cols)

        print(f"    Monte Carlo: {len(df.columns)} assets, {n_simulations} simulations")

        # Calculate returns
        returns = df.pct_change(return_period)
        cumulative_returns = (1 + returns).cumprod()
        cumulative_returns.iloc[0] = 1

        # Monte Carlo simulation
        outperforming_portfolios = []
        progress_step = max(1, n_simulations // 10)

        for i in range(n_simulations):
            if (i + 1) % progress_step == 0:
                print(f"   Progress: {(i+1)/n_simulations*100:.0f}%")

            try:
                # Random portfolio
                portfolio = random.sample(list(df.columns), k=portfolio_size)
                portfolio_returns = 10000 * cumulative_returns.loc[:, portfolio]
                final_value = portfolio_returns.sum(axis=1).iloc[-1]
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                # Check if outperforms benchmark
                benchmark_return = benchmark.iloc[-1] * 10000 * portfolio_size
                if final_value > benchmark_return:
                    outperforming_portfolios.append(portfolio)
            except (ValueError, IndexError):
                continue

        # Calculate asset frequency
        all_assets = [asset for portfolio in outperforming_portfolios for asset in portfolio]
        asset_frequency = dict(sorted(Counter(all_assets).items(), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True))

        print(f"      Results: {len(outperforming_portfolios)} portfolios outperformed benchmark")
        print(f"    Outperformance rate: {len(outperforming_portfolios)/n_simulations*100:.1f}%")

        return asset_frequency

    def get_data(self, asset_list=None, period='64d', interval='1d',
                 data_type='Close', start_date=None, end_date=None):
        """Download and process stock data"""
        if asset_list is None:
            asset_list = self.asset_list

        print(f"      Downloading data for {len(asset_list)} assets...")

        # Prepare date range
        if start_date and end_date:
            period = None
        elif start_date:
            end_date = datetime.now().strftime("%Y-%m-%d")
            period = None
        elif end_date:
            start_date = (datetime.now() - timedelta(days=365)).strftime("%Y-%m-%d")
            period = None

        # Download data
        data = {}
        failed_assets = []

        for asset in asset_list:
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            try:
                ticker = yf.Ticker(asset)
                if period:
                    hist = ticker.history(period=period, interval=interval)
                else:
                    hist = ticker.history(start=start_date, end=end_date, interval=interval)

                if not hist.empty:
                    data[asset] = hist[data_type]
                else:
                    failed_assets.append(asset)
            except Exception as e:
                failed_assets.append(asset)
                continue

        if failed_assets:
            print(f"        Failed to download {len(failed_assets)} assets: {failed_assets[:5]}...")

        if not data:
            print("    No data downloaded")
            return pd.DataFrame()

        # Create DataFrame and clean
        df = pd.DataFrame(data)
        df = df.dropna()

        print(f"    Successfully downloaded data for {len(df.columns)} assets")
        print(f"   Date range: {df.index[0].strftime('%Y-%m-%d')} to {df.index[-1].strftime('%Y-%m-%d')}")
        print(f"   Observations: {len(df)}")

        return df

    def get_current_prices(self, asset_list=None):
        """Get current prices for assets"""
        if asset_list is None:
            asset_list = self.asset_list

        current_prices = {}
        failed_assets = []

        for asset in asset_list:
            try:
                ticker = yf.Ticker(asset)
                hist = ticker.history(period='1d')
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                if not hist.empty:
                    current_prices[asset] = hist['Close'].iloc[-1]
                else:
                    failed_assets.append(asset)
            except Exception as e:
                failed_assets.append(asset)
                continue

        if failed_assets:
            print(f"        Failed to get current prices for {len(failed_assets)} assets: {failed_assets[:5]}...")

        print(f"    Got current prices for {len(current_prices)} assets")
        return current_prices

    def save_data(self, asset_list=None, period='64d', output_dir='.'):
        """Save data to CSV files"""
        if asset_list is None:
            asset_list = self.asset_list

        # Get data
        closing_prices = self.get_data(asset_list=asset_list, period=period)
        if closing_prices.empty:
            print("    No data to save")
            return

        # Calculate log returns
        log_returns = closing_prices.pct_change().dropna()

        # Save files
        closing_prices.to_csv(f'{output_dir}/closing_prices.csv')
        log_returns.to_csv(f'{output_dir}/log_returns.csv')

        print(f"     Data saved to {output_dir}/")
        print(f"   closing_prices.csv: {closing_prices.shape}")
        print(f"   log_returns.csv: {log_returns.shape}")

def main():
    """Test data gathering functionality"""
    gatherer = DataGatherer(use_monte_carlo_selection=True, top_n_assets=10)

    print("\ n     Testing data download...")
    data = gatherer.get_data()

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    if not data.empty:
        print(f"    Data download successful: {data.shape}")
        gatherer.save_data()
    else:
        print("    Data download failed")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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main_optimized.py (Python).

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""
Portfolio Optimization System - Optimized Version

High-performance portfolio optimization using C implementations
    for computational bottlenecks.
Implements Moving Block Bootstrap, Monte Carlo simulation, and
    Newton-Raphson optimization.
"""

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
import time
import os
import sys
import ctypes
from datetime import datetime
from itertools import combinations
from contextlib import contextmanager
from get_data_optimized import DataGatherer

# Configuration
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
sns.set_palette('colorblind')
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
np.random.seed(1987)

@contextmanager
def suppress_output():
    """Suppress stdout/stderr during C function calls"""
    with open(os.devnull, "w") as devnull:
        old_stdout, old_stderr = sys.stdout, sys.stderr
        sys.stdout = sys.stderr = devnull
        try:
            yield
        finally:
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            sys.stdout, sys.stderr = old_stdout, old_stderr

class PortfolioOptimizer:
    """Portfolio optimization using C implementations for performance"""

    def __init__(self, portfolio_size=5):
        self.portfolio_size = portfolio_size
        self.data_gatherer = DataGatherer(use_monte_carlo_selection=True, top_n_assets=15)
        self.c_lib = self._load_c_library()

    def _load_c_library(self):
        """Load and configure C library"""
        lib_path = './functions.so'
        if not os.path.exists(lib_path):
            raise RuntimeError("C library not found. Compile with: gcc -shared -fPIC -o functions.so functions.c -lm")

        c_lib = ctypes.CDLL(lib_path)
        self._setup_c_functions(c_lib)
        print("    C library loaded successfully")

        # Verify C functions are available
        required_functions = ['moving_block_bootstrap', 'monte_carlo_simulation', 'optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson']
        for func_name in required_functions:
            if not hasattr(c_lib, func_name):
                raise RuntimeError(f"C function {func_name} not found in library")

        print("    All C functions verified and ready")
        return c_lib

    def _setup_c_functions(self, c_lib):
        """Configure C function signatures"""
        # Moving block bootstrap
        c_lib.moving_block_bootstrap.argtypes = [
            ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double), ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int,
            ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int
        ]
        c_lib.moving_block_bootstrap.restype = ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double)

        # Monte Carlo simulation
        c_lib.monte_carlo_simulation.argtypes = [
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            ctypes.c_double, ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double),
            ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int
        ]
        c_lib.monte_carlo_simulation.restype = ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double)

        # Newton-Raphson optimization
        c_lib.optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson.argtypes = [
            ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double), ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_int,
            ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double), ctypes.c_double, ctypes.c_int, ctypes.c_double
        ]
        c_lib.optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson.restype = ctypes.POINTER(ctypes.c_double)

    def _prepare_data(self, data):
        """Clean and prepare data for C functions"""
        if hasattr(data, 'dropna'):
            data = data.dropna()
        return np.array(data)[~np.isnan(data)]

    def moving_block_bootstrap(self, log_returns, n_bootstrap=1000, sample_size=63,
                               block_size=None, optimize_block_size=True):
        """Moving block bootstrap with optimized block size"""
        if block_size is None and optimize_block_size:
            block_size = self._choose_optimal_block_size(log_returns)
        elif block_size is None:
            block_size = 5

        log_returns_array = self._prepare_data(log_returns)
        c_array = (ctypes.c_double * len(log_returns_array))(*log_returns_array)

        with suppress_output():
            result_ptr = self.c_lib.moving_block_bootstrap(
                c_array, len(log_returns_array), n_bootstrap, sample_size, block_size, 1987
            )

        if not result_ptr:
            raise RuntimeError("Bootstrap failed - C function returned NULL")

        return np.ctypeslib.as_array(result_ptr, shape=(n_bootstrap, sample_size)).copy()
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    def monte_carlo_simulation(self, S0, bootstrap_samples, iterations=5000):
        """Monte Carlo simulation using bootstrap samples"""
        if not isinstance(bootstrap_samples, np.ndarray) or bootstrap_samples.ndim != 2:
            raise ValueError("bootstrap_samples must be 2D numpy array")

        n_bootstrap, sample_size = bootstrap_samples.shape
        bootstrap_flat = bootstrap_samples.flatten()
        c_array = (ctypes.c_double * len(bootstrap_flat))(*bootstrap_flat)

        with suppress_output():
            result_ptr = self.c_lib.monte_carlo_simulation(
                ctypes.c_double(S0), c_array, n_bootstrap, sample_size, iterations, 1987
            )

        if not result_ptr:
            raise RuntimeError("Monte Carlo failed - C function returned NULL")

        # Extract final prices and price paths from C result
        total_size = iterations + iterations * sample_size
        result_array = np.ctypeslib.as_array(result_ptr, shape=(total_size,)).copy()

        # Split results: first 'iterations' elements are final prices
        # remaining elements are price paths (iterations x sample_size)
        final_prices = result_array[:iterations]
        price_paths = result_array[iterations:].reshape(iterations, sample_size)

        return final_prices, price_paths

    def optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson(self, arrival_values_df, asset_combination,
                                          risk_free_rate=0.0, max_iterations=100, tolerance=1e-6):
        """Newton-Raphson portfolio optimization"""
        selected_values = arrival_values_df[list(asset_combination)]
        n_assets = len(asset_combination)

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        arrival_flat = selected_values.values.flatten()
        c_arrival = (ctypes.c_double * len(arrival_flat))(*arrival_flat)

        initial_weights = np.ones(n_assets) / n_assets
        c_weights = (ctypes.c_double * n_assets)(*initial_weights)

        with suppress_output():
            result_ptr = self.c_lib.optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson(
                c_arrival, n_assets, len(selected_values), c_weights,
                ctypes.c_double(risk_free_rate), max_iterations, ctypes.c_double(tolerance)
            )

        if not result_ptr:
            raise RuntimeError("Newton-Raphson optimization failed")

        return np.ctypeslib.as_array(result_ptr, shape=(n_assets,)).copy()

    def _choose_optimal_block_size(self, log_returns, method='theoretical'):
        """Choose optimal block size using Politis-Romano theoretical method"""
        log_returns_array = self._prepare_data(log_returns)
        n = len(log_returns_array)

        # Use only Politis-Romano theoretical method
        return self._theoretical_block_size(n)

    def _theoretical_block_size(self, n):
        """Calculate theoretical optimal block size"""
        b_opt = max(1, int(1.5 * (n ** (1/3))))
        return min(b_opt, n // 4)



    def calculate_portfolio_returns(self, weights, arrival_values):
        """Calculate portfolio returns for given weights"""
        return np.dot(arrival_values.values, weights)

    def calculate_sharpe_ratio(self, portfolio_returns, risk_free_rate=0.0):
        """Calculate Sharpe ratio"""
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        mean_return, std_return = np.mean(portfolio_returns), np.std(portfolio_returns)
        return (mean_return - risk_free_rate) / std_return if std_return > 0 else 0

    def optimize_single_portfolio(self, asset_combination, arrival_values_df, risk_free_rate=0.0):
        """Optimize a single portfolio combination"""
        try:
            optimal_weights = self.optimize_portfolio_newton_raphson(
                arrival_values_df, asset_combination, risk_free_rate
            )

            portfolio_values = self.calculate_portfolio_returns(optimal_weights, arrival_values_df[list(asset_combination)])

            return {
                'asset_combination': asset_combination,
                'success': True,
                'optimal_weights': optimal_weights,
                'optimal_sharpe': self.calculate_sharpe_ratio(portfolio_values, risk_free_rate),
                'optimal_mean': np.mean(portfolio_values),
                'optimal_std': np.std(portfolio_values),
                'method': 'Newton-Raphson'
            }
        except Exception as e:
            return {
                'asset_combination': asset_combination,
                'success': False,
                'optimal_sharpe': -np.inf,
                'error': str(e)
            }

    def optimize_all_combinations(self, portfolio_combinations, arrival_values_df, risk_free_rate=0.0):
        """Optimize all portfolio combinations"""
        print(f"Optimizing {len(portfolio_combinations)} portfolio combinations...")
        print("=" * 60)

        results = []
        for i, combination in enumerate(portfolio_combinations, 1):
            if i % 50 == 0:
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                print(f"Progress: {i}/{len(portfolio_combinations)} combinations processed")

            result = self.optimize_single_portfolio(combination, arrival_values_df, risk_free_rate)
            results.append(result)

        return results

    def run_full_optimization(self):
        """Run complete portfolio optimization pipeline"""
        print("    Starting Portfolio Optimization")
        print("=" * 50)

        # Get data
        print("    Gathering and processing data...")
        closing_prices = self.data_gatherer.get_data()
        log_returns = closing_prices.pct_change().dropna()
        current_prices = self.data_gatherer.get_current_prices()

        # Ensure we only use assets with both historical data and current prices
        available_assets = set(closing_prices.columns) & set(current_prices.keys())
        if len(available_assets) < self.portfolio_size:
            raise RuntimeError(f"Not enough assets with complete data ({len(available_assets)}) for portfolio size {self.portfolio_size}")

        # Filter data to only available assets
        log_returns = log_returns[list(available_assets)]
        print(f"    Using {len(available_assets)} assets with complete data")

        # Generate arrival values using Monte Carlo
        print("    Running Monte Carlo simulations...")
        print(f"   Bootstrap: 5000 samples per asset")
        print(f"   Monte Carlo: 5000 iterations per asset")
        print(f"   Sample size: 63 days (consistent across all assets)")

        arrival_values = {}
        price_paths_data = {}  # Store price paths for visualization
        for i, asset in enumerate(log_returns.columns, 1):
            print(f"   Processing asset {i}/{len(log_returns.columns)}: {asset}")
            S0 = current_prices[asset]

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            bootstrap_samples = self.moving_block_bootstrap(log_returns[asset], n_bootstrap=5000, sample_size=63)
            final_prices, price_paths = self.monte_carlo_simulation(S0, bootstrap_samples, iterations=5000)

            # Store final prices for portfolio optimization
            arrival_values[asset] = final_prices

            # Store price paths for visualization
            price_paths_data[asset] = {
                'S0': S0,
                'price_paths': price_paths,
                'final_prices': final_prices,
                'bootstrap_samples': bootstrap_samples
            }

            # Create Monte Carlo visualization for this asset
            self._create_asset_monte_carlo_plot(asset, S0, final_prices, price_paths, bootstrap_samples)

        arrival_values_df = pd.DataFrame(arrival_values)

        # Check if we have enough assets
        n_assets = len(arrival_values_df.columns)
        if n_assets < self.portfolio_size:
            raise RuntimeError(f"Not enough assets available ({n_assets}) for portfolio size {self.portfolio_size}")

        # Generate portfolio combinations
        portfolio_combinations = list(combinations(arrival_values_df.columns, self.portfolio_size))
        print(f"     Testing {len(portfolio_combinations)} combinations of {self.portfolio_size} assets from {n_assets} total")

        # Optimize all combinations
        all_results = self.optimize_all_combinations(portfolio_combinations, arrival_values_df)

        # Find best portfolio
        successful_results = [r for r in all_results if r['success']]
        if not successful_results:
            raise RuntimeError("No successful portfolio optimizations")

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        best_portfolio = max(successful_results, key=lambda x: x['optimal_sharpe'])

        print(f"\n    Best Portfolio Found:")
        print(f"   Assets: {best_portfolio['asset_combination']}")
        print(f"   Sharpe Ratio: {best_portfolio['optimal_sharpe']:.6f}")
        print(f"   Expected Return: {best_portfolio['optimal_mean']:.6f}")
        print(f"   Volatility: {best_portfolio['optimal_std']:.6f}")

        # Save results
        self._save_results(best_portfolio, current_prices, arrival_values_df, all_results)
        self._create_visualizations(best_portfolio, current_prices, arrival_values_df, all_results)

        return best_portfolio, all_results

    def _save_results(self, best_portfolio, current_prices, arrival_values_df, all_results):
        """Save optimization results to CSV files"""
        # Best portfolio details
        best_details = pd.DataFrame({
            'Asset': best_portfolio['asset_combination'],
            'Weight': best_portfolio['optimal_weights'],
            'Current_Price': [current_prices[asset] for asset in best_portfolio['asset_combination']],
            'Allocation': best_portfolio['optimal_weights'] * 10000  # $10k portfolio
        })
        best_details.to_csv('best_portfolio_details.csv', index=False)

        # All results
        results_df = pd.DataFrame([
            {
                'Assets': str(r['asset_combination']),
                'Sharpe_Ratio': r.get('optimal_sharpe', -np.inf),
                'Expected_Return': r.get('optimal_mean', 0),
                'Volatility': r.get('optimal_std', 0),
                'Success': r['success']
            }
            for r in all_results
        ])
        results_df.to_csv('all_portfolio_results.csv', index=False)
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        # Arrival values
        arrival_values_df.to_csv('arrival_values.csv')

        print("     Results saved to CSV files")

    def _create_visualizations(self, best_portfolio, current_prices, arrival_values_df, all_results):
        """Create comprehensive visualizations"""
        fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(15, 12))
        fig.suptitle('Portfolio Optimization Results', fontsize=16)

        # Portfolio weights
        assets = best_portfolio['asset_combination']
        weights = best_portfolio['optimal_weights']
        axes[0, 0].pie(weights, labels=assets, autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90)
        axes[0, 0].set_title('Optimal Portfolio Weights')

        # Sharpe ratio distribution
        sharpe_ratios = [r.get('optimal_sharpe', -np.inf) for r in all_results if r['success']]
        axes[0, 1].hist(sharpe_ratios, bins=30, alpha=0.7, edgecolor='black')
        axes[0, 1].axvline(best_portfolio['optimal_sharpe'], color='red', linestyle='--',
                           label=f"Best: {best_portfolio['optimal_sharpe']:.3f}")
        axes[0, 1].set_xlabel('Sharpe Ratio')
        axes[0, 1].set_ylabel('Frequency')
        axes[0, 1].set_title('Sharpe Ratio Distribution')
        axes[0, 1].legend()

        # Risk-return scatter
        returns = [r.get('optimal_mean', 0) for r in all_results if r['success']]
        volatilities = [r.get('optimal_std', 0) for r in all_results if r['success']]
        axes[1, 0].scatter(volatilities, returns, alpha=0.6)
        axes[1, 0].scatter(best_portfolio['optimal_std'], best_portfolio['optimal_mean'],
                           color='red', s=100, marker='*', label='Best Portfolio')
        axes[1, 0].set_xlabel('Volatility')
        axes[1, 0].set_ylabel('Expected Return')
        axes[1, 0].set_title('Risk-Return Profile')
        axes[1, 0].legend()

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        # Asset correlation heatmap
        selected_returns = arrival_values_df[list(assets)]
        correlation_matrix = selected_returns.corr()
        im = axes[1, 1].imshow(correlation_matrix, cmap='coolwarm', aspect='auto')
        axes[1, 1].set_xticks(range(len(assets)))
        axes[1, 1].set_yticks(range(len(assets)))
        axes[1, 1].set_xticklabels(assets, rotation=45)
        axes[1, 1].set_yticklabels(assets)
        axes[1, 1].set_title('Asset Correlation Matrix')
        plt.colorbar(im, ax=axes[1, 1])

        plt.tight_layout()
        plt.savefig('portfolio_optimization_results.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
        plt.close()

        print("     Visualizations saved to portfolio_optimization_results.png")

    def _create_block_size_optimization_plot(self, log_returns_array, asset_name="Asset"):
        """Create block size optimization visualization using Politis-Romano theoretical method"""
        print(f"     Creating block size optimization plot for {asset_name}...")

        # Calculate theoretical optimal block size
        n = len(log_returns_array)
        theoretical_block = self._theoretical_block_size(n)

        # Create visualization showing theoretical approach
        fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 6))
        fig.suptitle(f'Politis-Romano Block Size Analysis: {asset_name}', fontsize=16)

        # Plot 1: Block size calculation
        series_lengths = np.arange(50, 1000, 10)
        theoretical_blocks = [self._theoretical_block_size(n) for n in series_lengths]

        axes[0].plot(series_lengths, theoretical_blocks, 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Politis-Romano Rule')
        axes[0].axhline(y=theoretical_block, color='red', linestyle='--',
                        label=f'Optimal for {asset_name}: {theoretical_block}')
        axes[0].set_xlabel('Time Series Length (n)')
        axes[0].set_ylabel('Optimal Block Size')
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