

PORTFOLIO THEORY (STA4028Z)

Data Wrangling and Optimization in MATLAB



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Required Toolboxes:

- Financial Toolbox
- Optimization Toolbox

Recommended Lecture Readings:

- Carmona, R., (2014) Statistical Analysis of Financial Data in R, Springer

Recommended Course Reading:

- Elton, E., Gruber, M., Brown, S., and Goetzmann, W., (2014), Modern Portfolio Theory and Investment Analysis, 9-th edition, Wiley [Chapters 13, 17, 26, 28]
- Lee, W., (2000)Theory and Methodology of Tactical Asset Allocation [Chapter 2, 3, 7]
- Prigent, P-L., (2007), Portfolio Optimization and Performance analysis. Chapman & Hall [Chapter 1, ...]
- Ross, S., (2005), Neoclassical Finance, Princeton Press [Chapter 1]

Markdown

```
title = "My assignment title";
title = "Portfolio_Theory_Lecture3";
author = "My Name : 0000000 ";
outputFormat = "docx"
export(title, format = outputFormat)
```

Rules of Engagement

1. You are strongly encouraged to **workshop and discuss assignment outputs**, graphs, tables and algorithms in order to refine your thinking about assignment solutions.
2. **There is to be no code sharing.** Duplicate code will be treated as plagiarism, and as such, intellectual property theft.
3. All MATLAB code is to be included in the appendix of your assignment submission marked up in the appropriate LaTeX environment. Where appropriate referenced by code pattern in the body of the assignment.
4. All equations used should be presented and discussed using the correct TeX markup.
5. MATLAB code executed within the document is to be suppressed where appropriate. The output is what is of interest in the body of the assignment text.

Script file description

Load the Tactical Asset Allocation data from EXCEL

1. ICB Industrial Level Indices
2. ALBI (All Bond Index (ALBI) Total Return Index (TRI) Data)
3. Money Market Data: JIBAR and STEFI TRI

4. Various Indices: JSE Growth, JSE Value, JSE ALSI, JSE SRI

Situation: Load data from *.csv file and convert into timeSeries

To open Excel spreadsheet: Navigate to the folder in the current folder, right click on spreadsheet and choose "Open Outside MATLAB"

Clear environment and remove all plots

```
clc % clears the command window  
close all %removes all figures  
clear % clears the workspace
```

Paths

Use your user path and folders to specify the correct path using absolute paths

```
% % use your default user path to create the filename and path  
% fileName = "PT-DATA-ALBI-JIBAR-JSEIND-Daily-1994-2017.xlsx"  
% fileName = fullfile(userpath, '\STA4028Z\Data\',fileName)
```

Loading the data from Excel spreadsheets

Load the dataset by sheet using [readtimetable](#). MATLAB has many functions to read in data in the format you would like to use it in. See [readtable](#), [readmatrix](#), [readvars](#), [readcell](#).

Timetable is a type of table that associates a time with each row. Like table, the timetable data type can store column-oriented data variables that have the same number of rows. All table functions work with timetables. In addition, timetables provide time-specific functions to align, combine, and perform calculations with one or more timetables. For more information, see [Create Timetables](#) or watch [Managing Time-Stamped Tabular Data with Timetables](#).

The loaded Excel sheets will be saved in a [cell array](#). A cell array is a data type with indexed data containers called cells. Each cell can contain any type of data. Cell arrays commonly contain pieces of text, combinations of text and numbers from spreadsheets or text files, or numeric arrays of different sizes.

```
excelSheetNames = sheetnames("C:\Users\User\OneDrive - University of Cape  
Town\Notes Honours 2025\Portfolio Theory\Portfolio_Theory_A1\Data\PT-DATA-ALBI-  
JIBAR-JSEIND-Daily-1994-2017.xlsx");  
  
%Preallocate cell array before looping  
data{numel(excelSheetNames)} = [];  
  
%Load the dataset by sheet  
for sheet = 1:numel(excelSheetNames)  
    data{sheet} = readtimetable("PT-DATA-ALBI-JIBAR-JSEIND-  
    Daily-1994-2017.xlsx", 'Sheet', excelSheetNames{sheet}, VariableNamingRule='preserve',  
    VariableNamesRange = 'A1', VariableDescriptionsRange = 'A2', Range='A5');  
end
```

Keep only the specified list of Tickers

Find Tickers in the column names and keep the TRI only of sheets JSE ICB 0500 Indices and JSE Various Indices.

`strcmp` is one of the text comparison functions that can be used. Read more [here](#).

```
variableTickers = string("J5" + (10 : 10 : 90));
entities = {'RATESTEFI', 'ALBI', 'J203', 'J500', variableTickers{:}};

for i = 1:numel(data)
    % 1. Keep TRI only in sheets 3 and 4
    if i == 3
        allVarTable = data{i};
        TRITable = allVarTable(:,(3:3:27));
        data{i} = TRITable;
    elseif i == 4
        allVarTable = data{i};
        allVarTable = removevars(allVarTable,[ "SOURCE68779", "Var2"]);
        TRITable = allVarTable(:,(4:4:19));
        data{i} = TRITable;
    end
    % 2. Find Tickers in column names,
    % get the table properties
    opts = data{i}.Properties;
    % Preallocate array for matching
    variableMatch = zeros(size(opts.VariableNames));
    % Do a string comparison to find tickers
    if i == 2 %Match 8 letters for STEFI to prevent unwanted variables
        for k = 1:numel(entities)
            variableMatch(strcmp(opts.VariableNames,entities{k},8)) = k;
        end
    else
        for k = 1:numel(entities)
            variableMatch(strcmp(opts.VariableNames,entities{k},4)) = k;
        end
    end
    % Index for unwanted tickers
    idx = find(variableMatch==0);
    %Remove unwanted tickers from the data
    tickersToBeRemoved = opts.VariableNames(idx);
    data{i} = removevars(data{i}, tickersToBeRemoved);
    % clean up the remaining column names
    hasColon = contains(data{i}.Properties.VariableNames, ':');
    data{i}.Properties.VariableNames(hasColon) =
    extractBefore(data{i}.Properties.VariableNames(hasColon), ':');
end
```

Clean and convert into a single timetable

Combine all four tables into one using synchronize.

The synchronize function collects the variables from all input timetables, synchronizes them to a common time vector, and returns the result as a single timetable. The effect is similar to a horizontal concatenation, though the input timetables can have different row times. When the synchronize function synchronizes timetable variables to different times, it also resamples or aggregates the data in the variables using a method that you specify.

```
allDataTable = synchronize(data{1},data{2},data{3},data{4});  
%Rename variables  
allDataTable = renamevars(allDataTable,{ 'RATESTEFI' , 'J203' }, { 'STEFI' , 'ALSI' } );
```

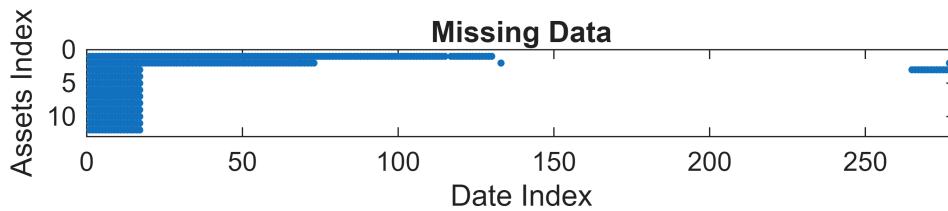
Resample and Visualise

Convert from Daily Sampled Data to Monthly Sampled Data.

```
% Decimate the daily data to monthly data  
allDataTable = convert2monthly(allDataTable);
```

Remove dates in the timetable where data is not recorded, i.e holidays, weekends once you are at the required sampling frequency. First, visualise where there is missing data (e.g. a NaN).

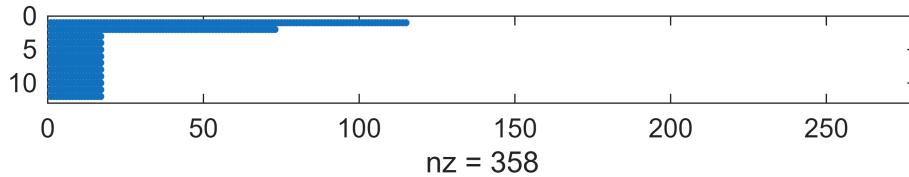
```
spy(transpose(isnan(table2array(allDataTable))));  
ylabel("Assets Index")  
xlabel("Date Index")  
title("Missing Data")
```



The recording of ALBI and STEFI indices starts a lot later than the other indices and removing all missing data would erase any data recorded prior. There are also assets which delisted or were discontinued and hence they

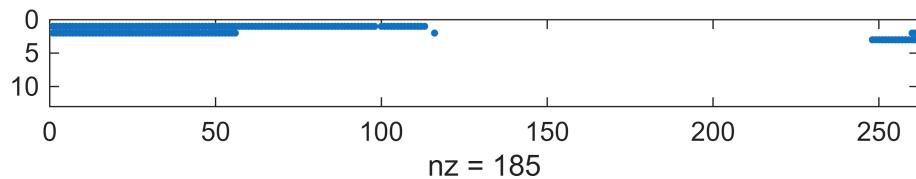
no-longer have recorded data at the end of the dataset. We could fill the missing data with the last measure data set using the prices. There returns would then become zero moving forward.

```
% we are going to use zero-order hold (the missing price is the last price)
allDataTableFilled = fillmissing(allDataTable, 'previous');
spy(transpose(isnan(table2array(allDataTableFilled))))
```



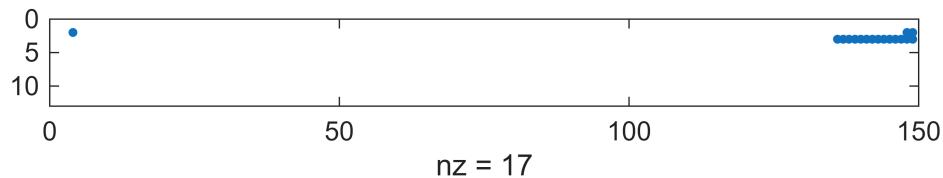
Here we want to find that data set where all the asset are populated sequentially. Having a single missing data point is okay but more than two in a sequence is a problem. We can find a variable with the least nans and use it as a proxy to remove the missing data from the beginning of the dataset.

```
[minNans,idx] = min(sum(isnan(allDataTable{:, :}), 1));
rmmissingProxy = allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames{idx};
allDataTable = rmmissing(allDataTable, "DataVariables", rmmissingProxy);
spy(transpose(isnan(table2array(allDataTable))))
```



The problem is that we see that there is still missing data in the first 3 asset, and for the 3rd asset at the end too. So we can try remove all the missing data in the early part of the dataset.

```
[countNans,idx] = max(sum(isnan(allDataTable{:, :}), 1));
rmmissingProxy = allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames{idx};
allDataTable = rmmissing(allDataTable, "DataVariables", rmmissingProxy);
spy(transpose(isnan(table2array(allDataTable))))
```



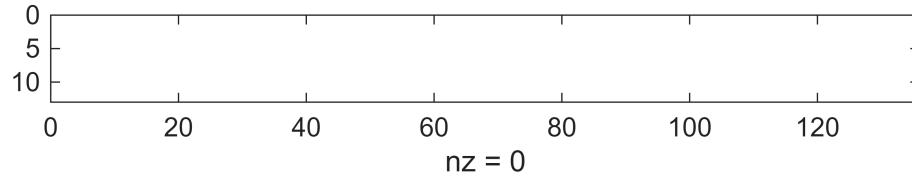
We can remove all the data at the end of the data set

```
[countNans,idx] = max(sum(isnan(allDataTable{:, :}), 1));
```

```
rmmissingProxy = allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames{idx};  
allDataTable = rmmissing(allDataTable,"DataVariables",rmmissingProxy);
```

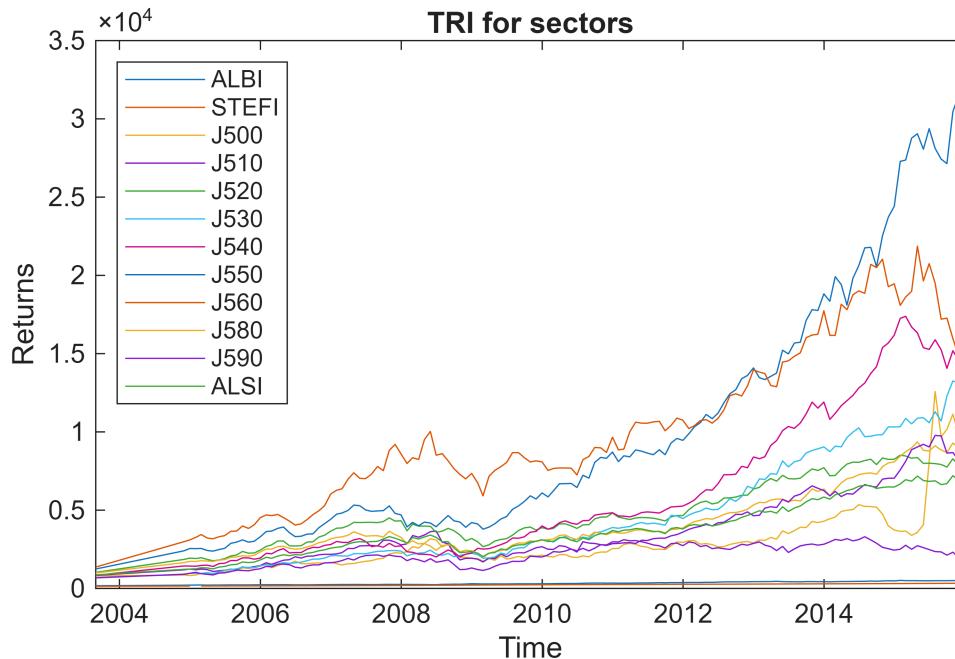
We can now fill in the missing data points

```
allDataTableFilled = fillmissing(allDataTable,'previous');  
spy(transpose(isnan(table2array(allDataTableFilled))))
```



We can now plot these as times series plots

```
% Visualise the data on a single plot  
%plot the timeseries  
plot(allDataTable.Time,allDataTable{:, :})  
ylabel("Returns")  
xlabel("Time")  
title("TRI for sectors")  
%include the legend  
legend(allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames,Location="northwest")
```



Compute returns

Remove rows and columns with missing data but ensure that the data is uniformly sampled

```
% compute the daily geometric returns and omit nan (not a number)
allDataTable = rmmissing(allDataTable);
```

Compute returns Simple returns (rather than Continuous returns)

$$R_t = \frac{P_t - P_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}}$$

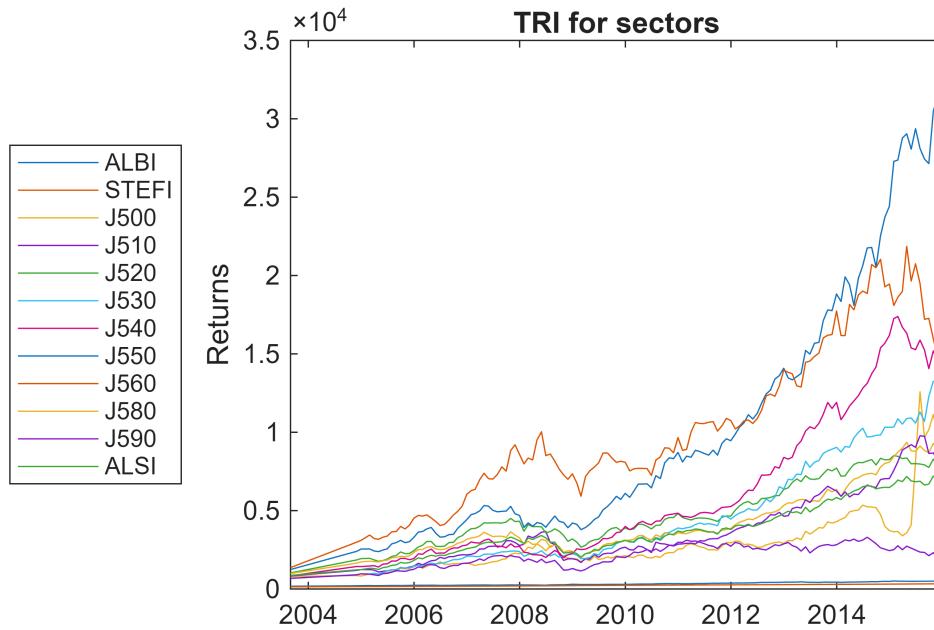
```
% allDataReturnsTable = tick2ret(allDataTable,'Method','continuous');
allDataReturnsTable = tick2ret(allDataTable,'Method','Simple');
```

Visualise the Index and Return data

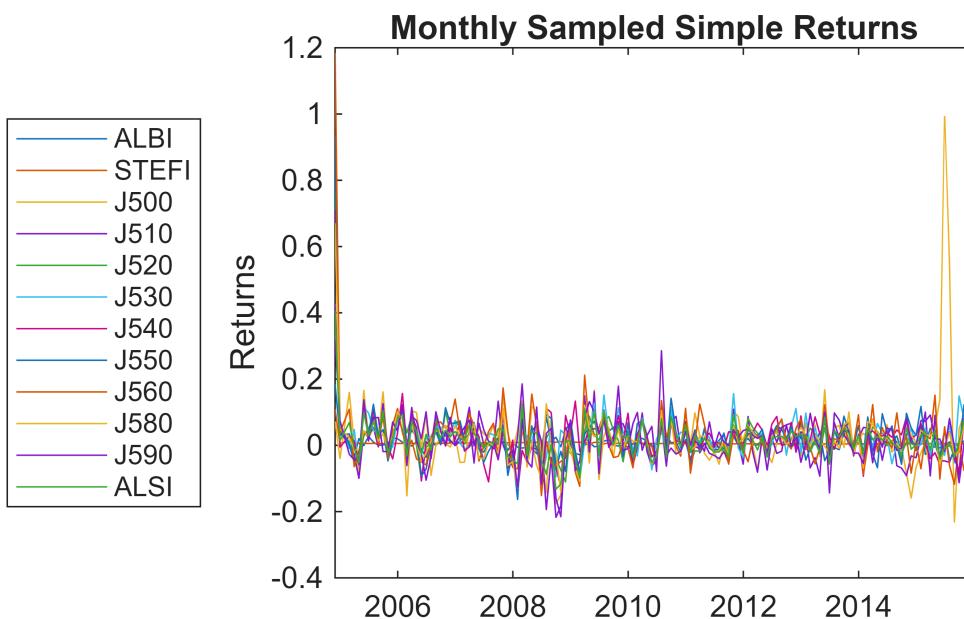
Plot two plots on the same figure

```
% Top plot
%plot the timeseries
plot(allDataTable.Time,allDataTable{:,1})
ylabel("Returns")
title("TRI for sectors")
%include the legend
legend(allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames,Location="westoutside")

% Bottom plot
nexttile
```



```
%plot the timeseries
plot(allDataReturnsTable.Time,allDataReturnsTable{:,,:})
ylabel("Returns")
title("Monthly Sampled Simple Returns")
%include the legend
legend(allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames,Location="westoutside")
```



Save your pre-processed data

The workspace is not maintained across sessions of MATLAB. When you quit MATLAB, the workspace clears. However, you can save any or all the variables in the current workspace to a MAT-file (.mat). You can then reuse the workspace variables later during the current MATLAB session or during another session by loading the saved MAT-file.

There are several ways to save workspace variables interactively:

- To save all workspace variables to a MAT-file, on the **Home** tab, in the **Variable** section, click **Save Workspace**.
- To save a subset of your workspace variables to a MAT-file, select the variables in the Workspace browser, right-click, and then select **Save As**. You also can drag the selected variables from the Workspace browser to the Current Folder browser.
- To save variables to a MATLAB script, click the **Save Workspace** button or select the **Save As** option, and in the **Save As** window, set the **Save as type** option to **MATLAB Script**. Variables that cannot be saved to a script are saved to a MAT-file with the same name as that of the script.

You also can save workspace variables programmatically using the `save` function.

```
save("PortfolioTheory.mat", 'allDataTable', 'allDataReturnsTable')
```

Read more about saving options [here](#).

Load pre-processed data

Clear environment and remove all plots

```
clc % clears the command window  
close all % removes all figures  
clear % clears the workspace
```

Load previously prepared data

```
load('PortfolioTheory.mat')
```

Tickers to be considered

```
tickers = {'J510', 'J550'};
```

Manage Missing Data

Checking for missing data

```
isnan(allDataReturnsTable{:, :})
```

```
ans = 133x12 logical array  
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

Compute the Geometric mean

- #### 1. without correcting for missing data (NAN)

```
portfolioMean = mean(allDataReturnsTable{:, :});  
portfolioStandardDev = std(allDataReturnsTable{:, :});
```

- ## 2. include the missing data (NAN)

```
portfolioMean = mean(allDataReturnsTable{:, :,}, 'omitnan');
portfolioStdDev = std(allDataReturnsTable{:, :,}, 1, 'omitnan');
portfolioVariance = var(allDataReturnsTable{:, :,}, 'omitnan');
```

We will remove all the rows with missing data

```
allDataReturnsTable = rmmissing(allDataReturnsTable)
```

allDataReturnsTable = 133×12 timetable

...

	Time	ALBI	STEFI	J500	J510	J520	J530	J540
1	30-Nov-2004	0.1841	0.1083	0.0723	0.4266	0.8035	0.3627	0.7108
2	31-Dec-2004	0.0306	0.0062	-0.0399	0.0409	0.0464	0.0601	-0.0052
3	28-Feb-2005	0.0347	0.0117	0.1597	0.0016	0.0108	-0.0092	0.0279
4	31-Mar-2005	-0.0367	0.0061	0.0079	-0.0288	-0.0534	0.0479	0.0134
5	30-Apr-2005	0.0204	0.0059	-0.0865	-0.0997	-0.0479	-0.0607	-0.0582
6	31-May-2005	-9.6470e-04	0.0059	0.1654	0.0418	0.0282	0.1151	0.1321
7	30-Jun-2005	0.0269	0.0056	0.0247	0.0306	0.0508	0.0978	0.0131
8	31-Jul-2005	0.0096	0.0057	0.0500	0.0540	0.0876	0.0456	0.1106
9	31-Aug-2005	5.7318e-04	0.0057	0.0291	-0.0047	0.0308	0.0346	-0.0026
10	30-Sep-2005	7.6977e-04	0.0055	0.1612	0.1259	0.1044	0.0832	0.0972
11	31-Oct-2005	0.0063	0.0057	-0.0286	-0.0315	-0.0458	-0.0048	-0.0018
12	30-Nov-2005	0.0237	0.0055	0.0298	0.0473	0.0044	-0.0058	-0.0411
13	31-Dec-2005	0.0197	0.0058	0.0718	0.0488	0.0825	0.0803	0.0381

	Time	ALBI	STEFI	J500	J510	J520	J530	J540
14	31-Jan-2006	0.0096	0.0058	0.0993	0.1228	0.0950	0.0470	0.1567
15	28-Feb-2006	0.0078	0.0052	-0.1526	-0.0614	0.0370	-0.0257	-0.0148
16	31-Mar-2006	-0.0023	0.0058	0.1043	0.0881	0.0896	0.0558	0.0935
17	30-Apr-2006	0.0116	0.0056	0.0990	0.0749	-1.0224e-04	0.0567	0.0519
18	31-May-2006	-0.0112	0.0058	-0.0067	0.0195	-0.1015	-0.0287	-0.1076
19	30-Jun-2006	-0.0361	0.0056	0.0943	0.1012	-0.0047	0.0216	0.0111
20	31-Jul-2006	0.0068	0.0059	-0.0911	-0.0400	0.0071	0.0271	-0.0018
21	31-Aug-2006	3.9312e-04	0.0061	1.9624e-04	0.0619	0.0851	0.0564	0.0952
22	30-Sep-2006	0.0136	0.0061	0.0240	0.0018	0.0043	0.0552	0.0450
23	31-Oct-2006	0.0311	0.0065	0.0055	0.0401	0.1036	0.0024	-0.0024
24	30-Nov-2006	0.0086	0.0065	-0.0051	0.0151	0.0358	0.0363	0.0525
25	31-Dec-2006	0.0151	0.0069	0.0290	-8.4382e-04	0.0754	0.0735	0.0186
26	31-Jan-2007	0.0069	0.0069	-0.0515	0.0128	0.0521	0.0062	0.0690
27	28-Feb-2007	0.0142	0.0064	-0.0507	0.0376	0.0042	-0.0115	-0.0174
28	31-Mar-2007	-0.0049	0.0072	0.0520	0.1150	0.0348	-0.0017	-0.0044
29	30-Apr-2007	0.0153	0.0071	0.0085	-0.0015	0.0554	0.0690	0.0581
30	31-May-2007	-0.0110	0.0073	0.0531	0.0661	-0.0028	0.0051	0.0258
31	30-Jun-2007	-0.0206	0.0072	0.0348	0.0038	0.0031	-0.0054	-0.0569
32	31-Jul-2007	0.0034	0.0076	0.0226	0.0052	1.3027e-04	0.0367	-0.1101
33	31-Aug-2007	0.0065	0.0078	0.0625	-0.0104	-0.0043	0.0321	0.0224
34	30-Sep-2007	0.0234	0.0077	0.0242	0.1336	0.0164	0.0039	-0.0370
35	31-Oct-2007	0.0160	0.0081	0.1427	0.0013	0.0545	0.0163	0.0945
36	30-Nov-2007	-0.0155	0.0080	0.0362	-0.0364	-0.0453	0.0021	-0.0689
37	31-Dec-2007	0.0086	0.0085	-0.0146	-0.0637	0.0053	-0.0136	0.0161
38	31-Jan-2008	-0.0053	0.0087	0.0472	0.0252	-0.1480	-0.1291	-0.1400
39	29-Feb-2008	-0.0083	0.0083	0.1338	0.1854	0.1156	0.0560	-0.0153
40	31-Mar-2008	-0.0053	0.0089	-0.0346	-0.0305	-0.0323	0.0262	-0.0515
41	30-Apr-2008	-0.0074	0.0088	0.1173	0.0427	0.0013	0.0116	-0.0040
42	31-May-2008	-0.0250	0.0092	0.1000	0.0619	-0.0041	0.0716	-0.0132
43	30-Jun-2008	-0.0173	0.0091	-0.0254	0.0124	-0.0963	-0.1027	-0.0643
44	31-Jul-2008	0.0851	0.0096	-0.1432	-0.1937	0.0211	-0.0351	0.1118
45	31-Aug-2008	0.0128	0.0098	0.0758	-0.0370	0.0488	0.0556	0.0992
46	30-Sep-2008	0.0243	0.0095	-0.1766	-0.2176	-0.0387	-0.0949	-0.0641

	Time	ALBI	STEFI	J500	J510	J520	J530	J540
47	31-Oct-2008	-0.0045	0.0113	-0.1497	-0.1827	-0.0741	0.0460	-0.1273
48	30-Nov-2008	0.0461	0.0095	-0.0041	0.0538	-0.1108	0.0311	0.0901
49	31-Dec-2008	0.0693	0.0094	-0.0254	0.0044	0.0508	0.0314	0.0324
50	31-Jan-2009	-0.0238	0.0093	-0.0144	-0.0313	-0.0651	-0.0406	0.1336
51	28-Feb-2009	-0.0286	0.0092	-0.0870	-0.0959	-0.1061	-0.1046	-0.0182
52	31-Mar-2009	3.6315e-04	0.0091	0.0913	0.1496	0.0438	0.0111	0.0094
53	30-Apr-2009	0.0096	0.0045	-0.0536	-0.0203	0.0878	0.0248	0.0491
54	31-May-2009	-0.0043	0.0090	0.1667	0.1619	0.0324	0.1270	0.0497
55	30-Jun-2009	-0.0023	0.0089	-0.1031	-0.0853	0.0162	-0.0374	0.0524
56	31-Jul-2009	0.0129	0.0044	0.0297	0.1065	0.0711	0.1519	0.0946
57	31-Aug-2009	0.0157	0.0076	0.0540	0.0189	0.0872	0.0335	-0.0046
58	30-Sep-2009	7.8486e-04	0.0062	-0.0362	-0.0011	0.0453	0.0070	0.0283
59	31-Oct-2009	-0.0022	0.0061	0.0697	0.0715	0.0140	0.1135	0.0900
60	30-Nov-2009	9.9260e-04	0.0062	-0.0169	0.0649	-0.0497	0.0383	0.0132
61	31-Dec-2009	0.0120	0.0061	0.0248	0.0258	0.0416	0.0269	0.0972
62	31-Jan-2010	0.0027	0.0057	-0.0369	-0.0611	-0.0255	-0.0081	-0.0529
63	28-Feb-2010	0.0202	0.0055	-0.0176	-0.0045	0.0134	-0.0321	0.0330
64	31-Mar-2010	0.0211	0.0065	0.0737	0.0975	0.0751	0.0821	0.0740
65	30-Apr-2010	0.0126	0.0058	0.0036	-0.0185	0.0013	0.0331	0.0282
66	31-May-2010	-0.0042	0.0059	-0.0705	-0.0640	-0.0319	-0.0739	-0.0345
67	30-Jun-2010	0.0027	0.0056	-0.0185	-0.0431	-0.0409	0.0196	-0.0173
68	31-Jul-2010	0.0412	0.0055	0.0524	0.0655	0.0591	0.0472	0.0565
69	31-Aug-2010	0.0299	0.0058	-0.0282	-0.0629	0.0035	-0.0240	0.0037
70	30-Sep-2010	0.0076	0.0054	0.1140	0.0715	0.0904	0.1123	0.0780
71	31-Oct-2010	0.0104	0.0050	0.0329	0.0875	0.0262	0.0120	0.0136
72	30-Nov-2010	-0.0199	0.0054	-3.4868e-04	-0.0066	2.1497e-04	0.0396	0.0085
73	31-Dec-2010	0.0173	0.0051	0.0979	0.0720	0.0562	0.0390	0.0106
74	31-Jan-2011	-0.0214	0.0049	0.0024	-0.0014	-0.0540	-0.0129	-0.0424
75	28-Feb-2011	8.9774e-04	0.0044	0.0980	0.0466	-0.0165	0.0168	-0.0033
76	31-Mar-2011	0.0049	0.0048	0.0278	-0.0225	-0.0177	0.0126	-0.0100
77	30-Apr-2011	0.0226	0.0044	-0.0245	0.0055	0.0235	0.0405	0.0232
78	31-May-2011	0.0144	0.0049	-0.0448	-0.0241	0.0059	0.0231	0.0368
79	30-Jun-2011	0.0016	0.0046	-0.0179	-0.0303	-0.0026	-0.0208	0.0080

	Time	ALBI	STEFI	J500	J510	J520	J530	J540
80	31-Jul-2011	0.0146	0.0044	-0.0568	-0.0401	-0.0071	0.0115	-0.0058
81	31-Aug-2011	0.0349	0.0050	0.0080	-0.0186	-0.0178	-0.0132	-0.0095
82	30-Sep-2011	-0.0209	0.0045	-0.0110	-0.0535	-0.0218	-0.0192	0.0408
83	31-Oct-2011	0.0275	0.0047	0.1013	0.1088	0.0613	0.1563	0.0393
84	30-Nov-2011	1.3465e-04	0.0045	0.0870	0.0114	0.0180	-0.0083	0.0042
85	31-Dec-2011	0.0072	0.0045	-0.0093	-0.0567	-0.0015	-0.0359	0.0067
86	31-Jan-2012	0.0206	0.0048	0.0350	0.0870	0.0811	0.0496	0.0342
87	29-Feb-2012	0.0018	0.0044	0.0021	-0.0188	0.0540	0.0339	0.0377
88	31-Mar-2012	0.0012	0.0045	-0.0734	-0.0809	0.0373	0.0217	0.0671
89	30-Apr-2012	0.0181	0.0047	0.0126	0.0268	0.0151	0.0378	0.0462
90	31-May-2012	-1.3595e-04	0.0047	-0.0223	-0.0748	-0.0325	-0.0202	-0.0043
91	30-Jun-2012	0.0334	0.0044	-0.0519	0.0222	0.0140	0.0026	0.0642
92	31-Jul-2012	0.0396	0.0048	0.0062	-0.0244	0.0551	0.0587	0.0873
93	31-Aug-2012	7.1165e-04	0.0046	0.0528	-0.0174	0.0023	0.0745	-2.7387e-04
94	30-Sep-2012	0.0093	0.0040	0.0264	0.0622	0.0083	-0.0299	0.0045
95	31-Oct-2012	-0.0060	0.0047	0.0255	0.0665	0.0201	0.0554	0.0692
96	30-Nov-2012	0.0088	0.0042	0.0126	-0.0206	0.0010	0.1111	-0.0114
97	31-Dec-2012	0.0230	0.0043	-0.0316	0.0407	0.0654	-0.0227	0.0887
98	31-Jan-2013	6.6144e-04	0.0043	0.0674	0.0324	0.0170	0.0976	-0.0131
99	28-Feb-2013	0.0066	0.0039	-0.0088	-0.0679	0.0523	-0.0058	0.0153
100	31-Mar-2013	0.0024	0.0039	0.0611	-0.0371	0.0331	0.0536	0.0860
		⋮						

Different kinds of returns when considering compounding and means

We consider three different type of returns and there compounding. First, continuous time returns for prices at time t given by P_t

```
prc = allDataTable.ALB;
```

The price relatives from time $t - 1$ to t are x_t

$$x_t = \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}$$

The returns R_t (Simple) are then

$$R_t = \frac{P_t - P_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}} = x_t - 1$$

The continuous returns are μ_t (Continuous)

$$\mu_t = \ln(P_t) - \ln(P_{t-1}) \iff P_t = e^{\mu_t} P_{t-1} \iff x_t = e^{\mu_t}$$

This is mathematically useful because it implies that: $P_t = P_0 e^{\mu t}$ given an initial price P_0 .

It is computational convenient because returns can be efficiently computed over vectors

```
mut = diff(log(prc))
```

```
mut = 133x1
0.1690
0.0301
0.0341
-0.0374
0.0202
-0.0010
0.0265
0.0096
0.0006
0.0008
0.0063
0.0234
0.0195
0.0096
0.0077
:
:
```

The arithmetic average of this gives the mean continuous returns: $\bar{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mu_t$

```
mu =mean(mut)
```

```
mu =
0.0074
```

Geometric returns are geometrically compounding over discrete time-intervals for times $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, t, \dots, n$ where there are $n + 1$ prices and n returns:

$$(R_1 + 1)(R_2 + 1) \dots (R_t + 1) \dots (R_n + 1) = \frac{P_1}{P_0} \frac{P_2}{P_1} \dots \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} \dots \frac{P_n}{P_{n-1}} = \frac{P_n}{P_0}$$

```
R = (prc(2:end)./prc(1:end-1))-1
```

```
R = 133x1
0.1841
0.0306
0.0347
-0.0367
0.0204
-0.0010
0.0269
0.0096
```

```

0.0006
0.0008
0.0063
0.0237
0.0197
0.0096
0.0078
:

```

The mean geometric returns are: $\mu_G = \left(\prod_{t=1}^n x_t \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 = \left(\prod_{t=1}^n (R_t + 1) \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1$

```
muG = exp(mean(log(R+1)))-1
```

```

muG =
0.0074

```

The mean arithmetic returns are: $\mu_A = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n R_t$

```
muA = mean(R)
```

```

muA =
0.0077

```

These are not the same. Note that because $\mu = \ln(\mu_G + 1)$ over the entire period we have

```
prc(1) * exp((length(prc)-1)*mu)
```

```

ans =
462.0710

```

```
prc(1) * (muG+1)^(length(prc)-1)
```

```

ans =
462.0710

```

```
prc(end)
```

```

ans =
462.0710

```

We will typically use geometric returns compound monthly because we will hold the portfolio for a single month. These will be annualised when presented i.e. NACM (Nominally Annualised Compounded Monthly). This can be managed by a portfolio object, however we should make sure that the returns being used are those correct for the use case. Not all portfolio optimisations use monthly geometrically compounded returns. For example, when modelling a long-short hedge fund we will use arithmetically linked returns, and arithmetic averaging (because we will assume the fund has fixed leverage through multiple rebalances), while for a mutual (pension) fund we will use geometric compounding to link the returns across the months, weeks or days. Another example is when holding a balanced fund from futures close-out to future close-out and then only rebalancing every 3 months, the returns should be quarterly returns, then are then compounded 4 times over a year to get the appropriate annual returns. If the continuous-time returns μ_t are Gaussian then the prices will be log-normally distributed.

Create a Portfolio Object

When creating software applications, it is important to organize the various building blocks of your software into related groups. Object-oriented programming (OOP) allows you to group the solver's configuration parameters (properties) with its functions (methods) into a single definition, or *class*. Everything a user will need to properly execute this solver is defined in this class.

An object is an instance of a class. When a program executes, the object is created based on its class definition and behaves in the way defined by the class. The properties of an object represent its state, and its methods represent all the actions a user may perform. In this way, a code author can easily group all the related data and functions for a software system and a user can easily find and use all the capabilities the code author has developed.

Learn more about OOP:

- [Object-Oriented Programming in MATLAB](#)
- [Working with Objects in MATLAB](#)
- [MATLAB self-paced OOP onramp](#)

The `Portfolio` object implements mean-variance portfolio optimization. Every property and function of the `Portfolio` object is public, although some properties and functions are hidden. See [Portfolio](#) for the properties and functions of the `Portfolio` object.

First create a "standard" `Portfolio` object with [Portfolio](#) to incorporate the list of assets.

```
q = Portfolio('AssetList',allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames)
```

```
q =
Portfolio with properties:

    BuyCost: []
    SellCost: []
    RiskFreeRate: []
    AssetMean: []
    AssetCovar: []
    TrackingError: []
    TrackingPort: []
    Turnover: []
    BuyTurnover: []
    SellTurnover: []
    Name: []
    NumAssets: 12
    AssetList: {'ALBI'  'STIFI'  'J500'  'J510'  'J520'  'J530'  'J540'  'J550'  'J560'  'J580'  'J590'  'J600'}
    InitPort: []
    AInequality: []
    bInequality: []
    AEquality: []
    bEquality: []
    LowerBound: []
    UpperBound: []
    LowerBudget: []
    UpperBudget: []
    GroupMatrix: []
    LowerGroup: []
    UpperGroup: []
```

```

        GroupA: []
        GroupB: []
        LowerRatio: []
        UpperRatio: []
        MinNumAssets: []
        MaxNumAssets: []
    ConditionalBudgetThreshold: []
    ConditionalUpperBudget: []
    BoundType: []

```

Once the initial portfolio is created, the `estimateAssetMoments` function estimates the mean and standard deviation of portfolio returns.

```
q = estimateAssetMoments(q,allDataReturnsTable{:, :});
```

Visualise the Risk-Return relationship

A specialized "helper" function `portfolioexamples_plot` in [Local Functions](#) makes it possible to plot all results to be developed here. The first plot shows the distribution of individual assets according to their means and standard deviations of returns.

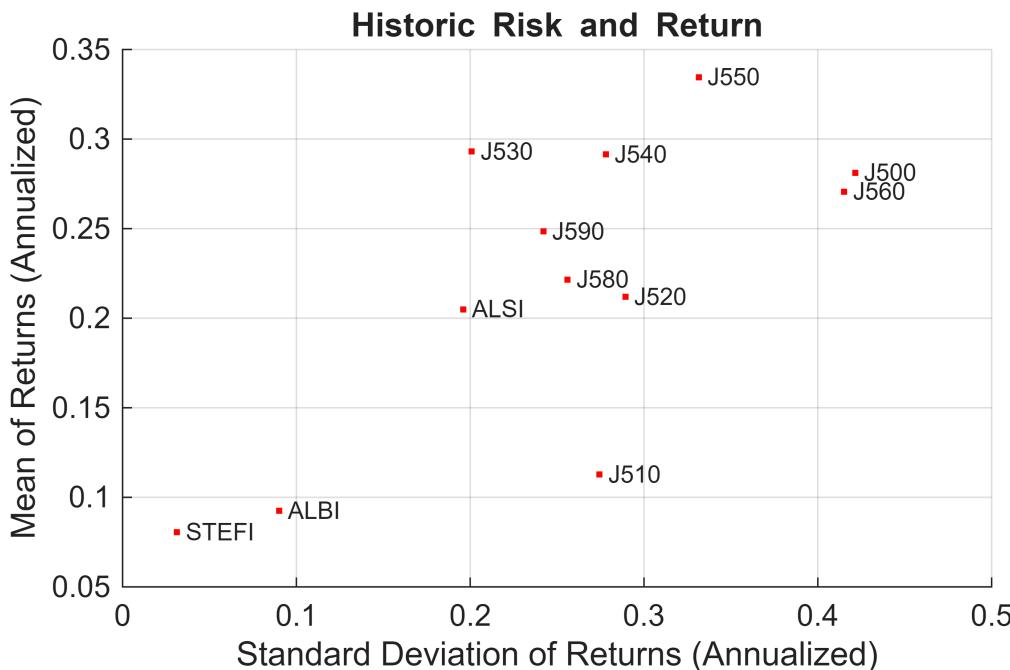
Note that the `portfolioexamples_plot` function converts monthly total returns into annualized total returns. To view this right click anywhere on the word `portfolioexamples_plot` and select the first option [Open "portfolioexamples_plot"](#).

The annualization of the returns is arithmetic and not geometric as can be seen in line 70 and 82 of the function `portfolioexamples_plot`. This means that the compounding that takes place from period to period is not accounted for.

```

clf; %clear figure
portfolioexamples_plot('Historic Risk and Return', ...
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});

```



Portfolio weights for 2 Assets

Calculating the Risk-Return trade-off for two-risky assets

Create a new Portfolio objects that incorporates the specified tickers only and estimate the asset moments.

```
p = Portfolio('AssetList',allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames(tickers));  
p = estimateAssetMoments(p,allDataReturnsTable{:,tickers});
```

Number of rows of weights

```
rowNum = 60;
```

Generate a weight vector for 2 assets

```
Wts = (0:rowNum)/rowNum;  
PortWts = [Wts',(1-Wts)'];
```

Risk-Return relationship for 2 Assets

Compute return and risk for each weight vector (How are the returns calculated?)

In this live script the computation of the portfolio risk and returns is done through the use of MATLAB built-in functions. The calculations are as follows:

Returns

- input - asset means and weights

```
assetmean'*pwgt
```

Risk

- inputs - asset covarince and weights

```
pnum = size(pwgt, 2);  
  
pstd = zeros(pnum, 1);  
  
for i = 1:pnum  
    x = pwgt(:,i);  
    pstd(i) = sqrt(abs(x'*assetcovar*x));  
end
```

```
ret = estimatePortReturn(p, PortWts')
```

```
ret = 61x1  
0.0279
```

```
0.0276  
0.0273  
0.0270  
0.0266  
0.0263  
0.0260  
0.0257  
0.0254  
0.0251  
0.0248  
0.0245  
0.0242  
0.0239  
0.0236  
:  
:
```

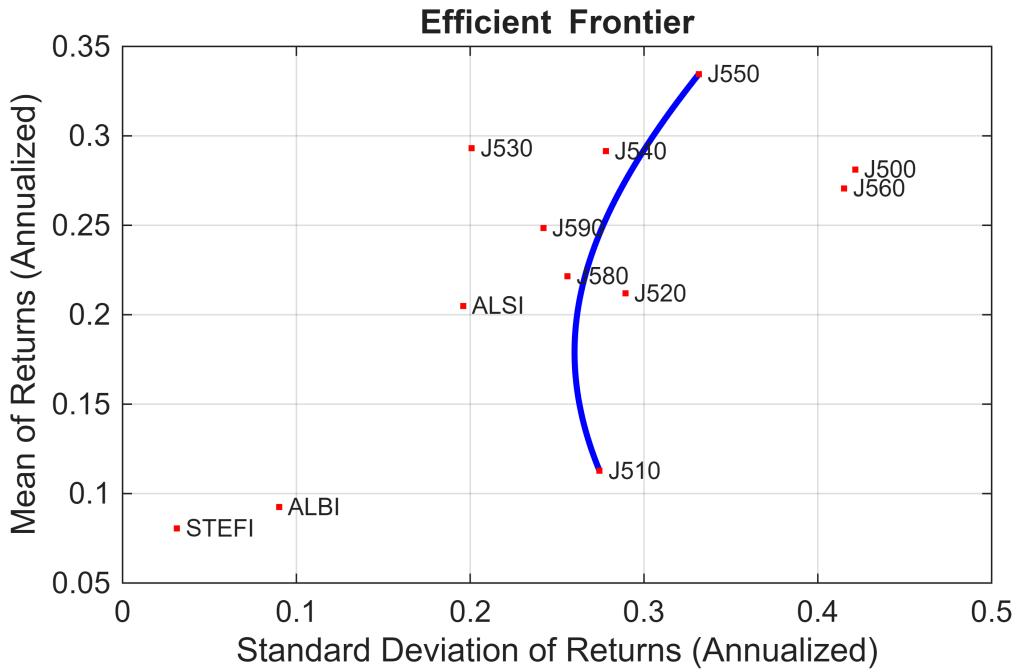
```
rsk = estimatePortRisk(p,PortWts')
```

```
rsk = 61x1  
0.0957  
0.0948  
0.0940  
0.0931  
0.0923  
0.0915  
0.0907  
0.0899  
0.0891  
0.0884  
0.0876  
0.0869  
0.0862  
0.0855  
0.0849  
:  
:
```

Add an Efficient Frontier

Add risk return curves to plot

```
clf;  
portfolioexamples_plot('Efficient Frontier', ...  
{'line', rsk, ret}, ...  
{'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});
```



Visualise the weights

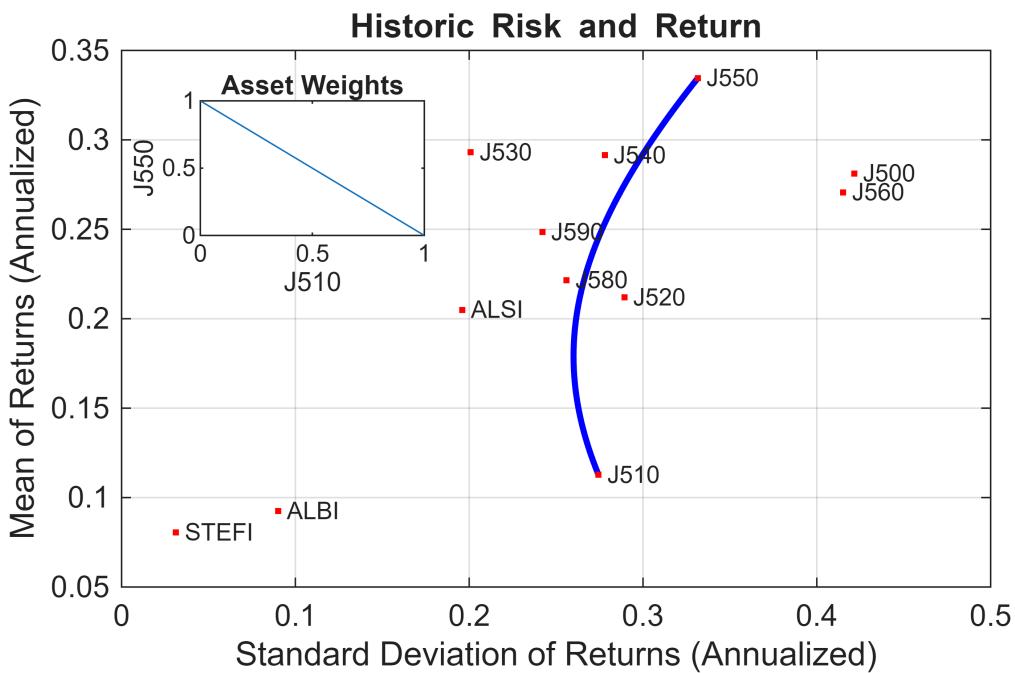
Plot the control simplex as an inset plot

```

portfolioexamples_plot('Historic Risk and Return', ...
    {'line', rsk, ret}, ...
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});
axes('Position',[.2 .65 .2 .2])
box on

plot(PortWts(:,1),PortWts(:,2));
% plot(PortWts)
title('Asset Weights')
xlabel('J510')
ylabel('J550')
hold off

```



The effect of correlations

Calculating the Risk-Return trade-off for two-risky assets

```
%with different correlation
rho2ij = [1,0.5,0,-0.5,-0.98];

%We use the original annualized variances
s1ij = sqrt(diag(p.AssetCovar));
```

Compute the portfolio volatility

```
%loop over different correlations
figure;

for j = 1:length(rho2ij)
    %create the family of correlation matrices
    Rho2 = eye(2); %initialise correlations
    Rho2(2,1) = rho2ij(j);
    Rho2(1,2) = Rho2(2,1);%symmetric
    Sigma2 = diag(s1ij) .* Rho2 .* diag(s1ij);
    p.AssetCovar = Sigma2;

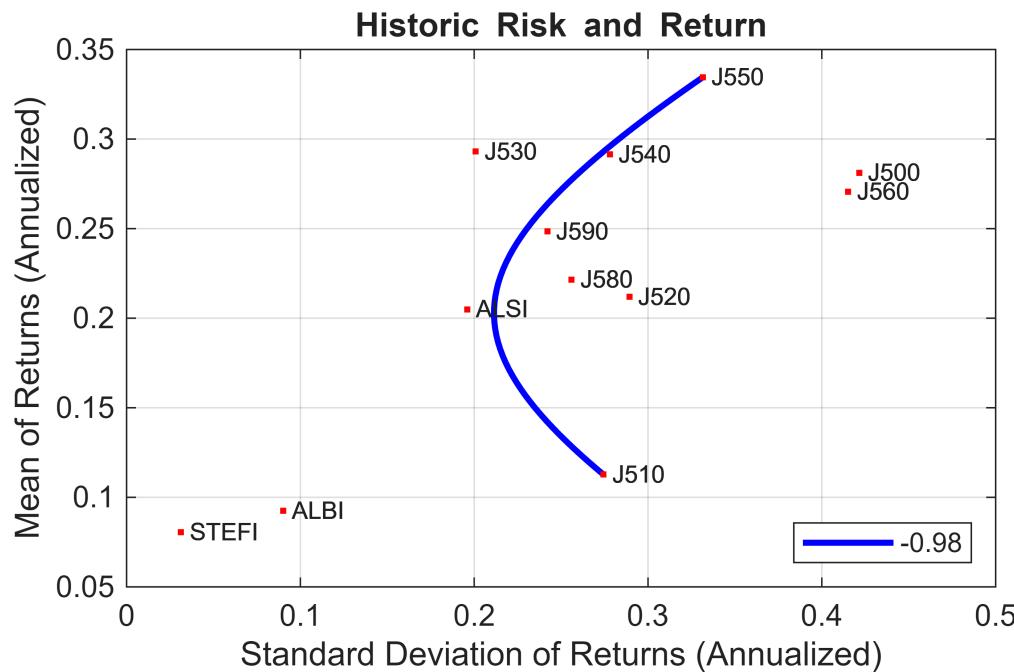
    %Compute return and risk
    ret = estimatePortReturn(p, PortWts');
    rsk = estimatePortRisk(p,PortWts');

    %matrix to plot
```

```

portfolioexamples_plot('Historic Risk and Return', ...
    {'line', rsk, ret,{string(rho2ij(j))}}, ...
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});
hold on
end

```



Fully invested portfolio with varying risk aversion

Plot Efficient frontier by varying risk aversion by solving the risk adjusted return maximisation:

$$\max_{\omega} \left\{ \mu\omega - \frac{\gamma}{2} \omega \Sigma \omega \right\} \text{s.t. } \omega' \mathbf{1} = 1$$

for the vector of portfolio weights ω where these sum to one. This is done by instead solving:

$$\min_x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x' H x + f' x \right\} \text{s.t. } Ax \leq b$$

for an appropriate choice of H , f , A and x . Where we implement the equality constraint as two inequality constraints or use the equality constraint functionality.

```

%create the range of risk aversion parameters
lambda = linspace(-0.25,0.25,50);

%Fully Invested
q.AEquality = ones(1,length(q.AssetMean));
q.bEquality = 1;

```

Initialise the weights

```
PortWts = NaN(length(lambda),length(q.AssetMean));
```

Find the weight vector for each return level using that $H = \Sigma$ (the asset covariance matrix) and that $f = -\lambda\mu$ for the asset returns μ and the parameter λ that selects the return level at which the risk is minimised.

```
for i = 1:length(lambda)
    f = - lambda(i) * q.AssetMean; % This moves the solution up along the efficient
    frontier
    H = q.AssetCovar; %the covariance matrix
    PortWts(i,:) = quadprog(H,f,[],[],q.AEquality,q.bEquality) ;
end
```

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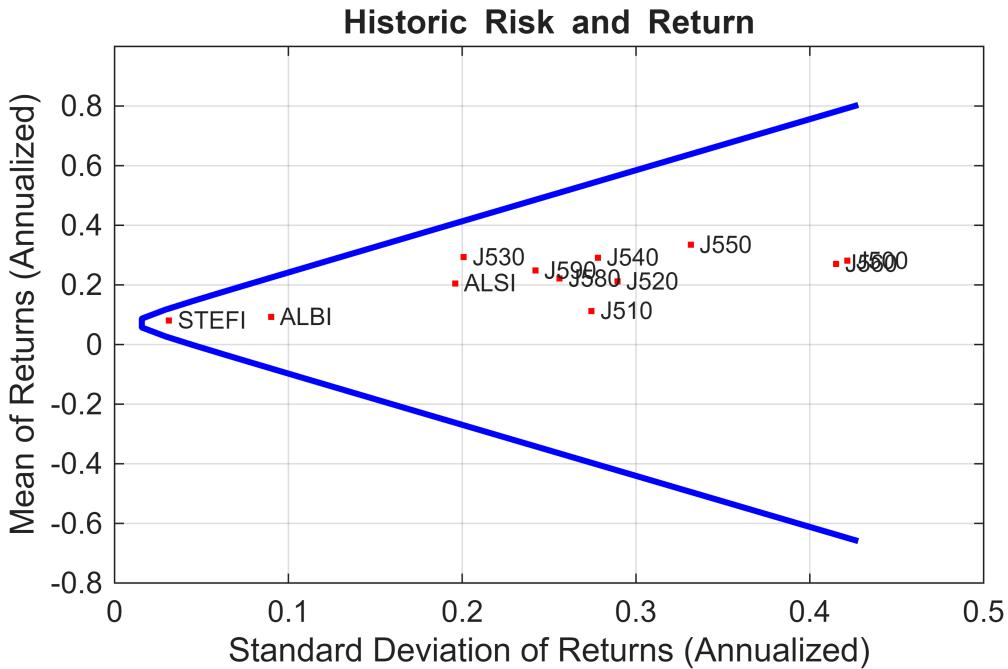
Compute Portfolio Risk and Return

Compute return and risk for each weight vector

```
ret = estimatePortReturn(q, PortWts');  
rsk = estimatePortRisk(q, PortWts');
```

Add risk return curves to plot

```
clf;  
portfolioexamples_plot('Historic Risk and Return', ...  
    {'line', rsk, ret}, ...  
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});
```



Include the no short selling constraint

We again want to solve an optimisation that maximises the risk adjusted returns. However, now we need to include both the full investment constraint: $\sum_i \omega_i = 1$ (which in vector notation is $\omega' \mathbf{1} = 1$ and is an equality constraint), and the inequality constraints $\omega_i \geq 0$ (or in vector notation $\omega \geq 0$).

```
% Create the range of risk aversion parameters
lambda = 6*linspace(-0.5,1,90);

% Fully Invested (equality constraint)
q.AEquality = ones(1,length(q.AssetMean));
q.bEquality = 1;
```

No short-selling (using that $Ax \leq b$ we then have that $A = -I$ for the identity matrix I , and $b = 0$)

```
% No Short-selling (inequality constraint)
q.AInequality = -eye(length(q.AssetMean));
q.bInequality = zeros(length(q.AssetMean),1);
```

Initialise the weights

```
PortWts = NaN(length(lambda), length(q.AssetMean));
```

Find the weight vector for each return level here

```
for i = 1:length(lambda)
    f = - lambda(i) * q.AssetMean; % This moves the solution up along the efficient
    frontier
    H = q.AssetCovar; %the covariance matrix
```

```
PortWts(i,:) =  
quadprog(H,f,q.AInequality,q.bInequality,q.AEquality,q.bEquality) ;  
end
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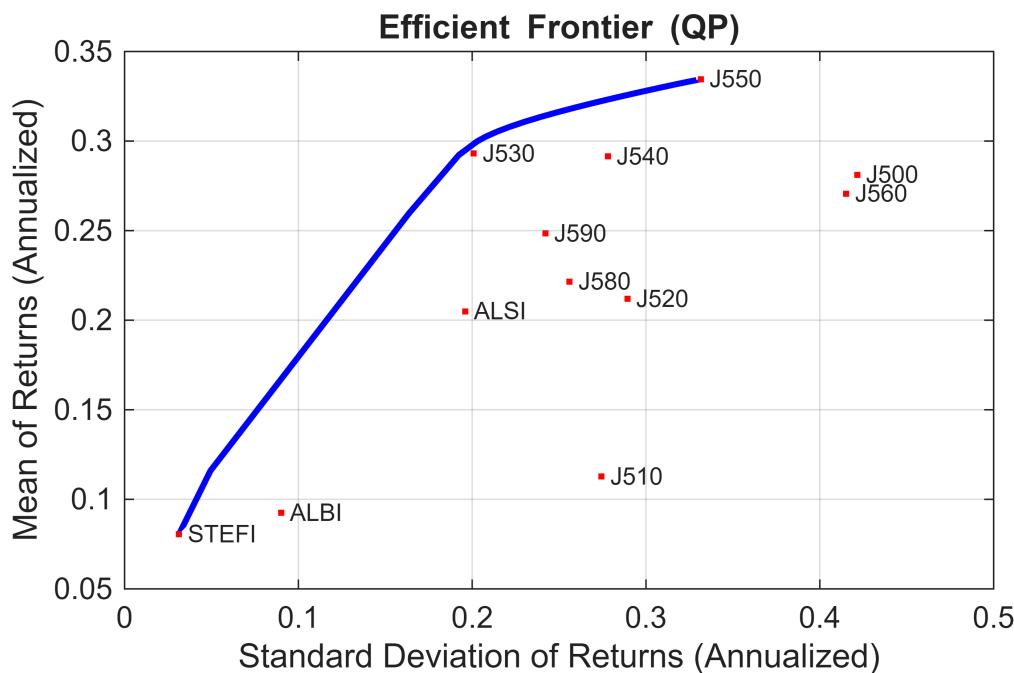
Fully invested and no short selling

Compute return and risk for each weight vector

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ret = estimatePortReturn(q, PortWts');  
rsk = estimatePortRisk(q, PortWts');
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Add risk return curves to plot

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clf;  
portfolioexamples_plot('Efficient Frontier (QP)', ...  
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    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});
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Mutual/Pension Fund Efficient Frontier

Plot Efficient frontier by varying risk aversion and only keep positive risk aversion

```
% Create the range of risk aversion parameters  
lambda = 6*linspace(0,1,45);
```

Fully Invested

```
% Fully Invested  
q.AEquality = ones(1,length(q.AssetMean));  
q.bEquality = 1;
```

No short-selling

```
% No Short-selling  
q.AInequality = -eye(length(q.AssetMean));  
q.bInequality = zeros(length(q.AssetMean),1);
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Initialise the weights

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PortWts = NaN(length(lambda), length(q.AssetMean));
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Find the weight vector for each return level

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for i = 1:length(lambda)  
    f = - lambda(i) * q.AssetMean; % This moves the solution up along the efficient  
    frontier  
    H = q.AssetCovar; %the covariance matrix  
    PortWts(i,:) =  
    quadprog(H,f,q.AInequality,q.bInequality,q.AEquality,q.bEquality);  
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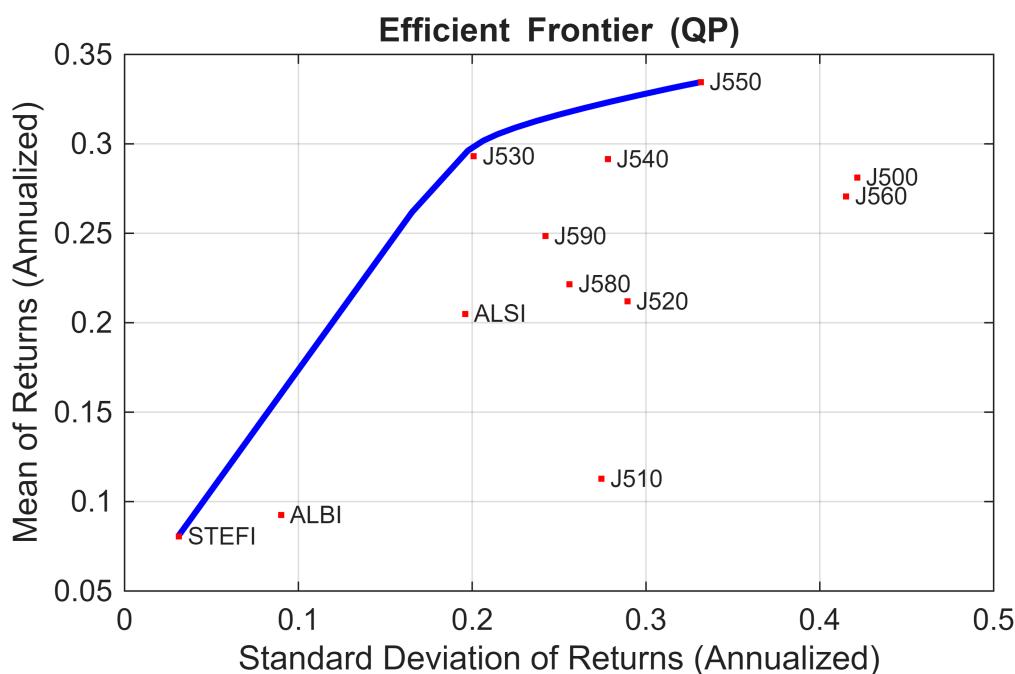
Fully invested, no short selling and positive risk-aversion

Compute return and risk for each weight vector

```
ret = estimatePortReturn(q, PortWts');  
rsk = estimatePortRisk(q, PortWts');
```

Add risk return curves to plot

```
clf;  
portfolioexamples_plot('Efficient Frontier (QP)', ...  
    {'line', rsk, ret}, ...  
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(q.AssetCovar)), q.AssetMean, q.AssetList, '.r'});
```



Load the Data

Clear workspace and load previously prepared data

```
clc  
close all  
clear  
  
load('PortfolioTheory.mat')
```

Define tickers of interest

```
Entities = allDataReturnsTable.Properties.VariableNames;
```

Remove the money market asset (we will compute excess returns!)

```
Entities = setdiff(Entities, {'STEFI', 'ALSI'}, 'stable');
```

Reference out the risk-free asset returns

```
riskFreeReturns = allDataReturnsTable(:, 'STEFI');
```

Reference out the "market portfolio"

```
marketPort = allDataReturnsTable(:, 'ALSI');
```

Create a new Porfolio object to incorporate the tickers of interest and estimate the asset moments

```
r = Portfolio('AssetList', allDataTable.Properties.VariableNames(Entities));  
r = estimateAssetMoments(r, allDataReturnsTable(:, Entities)); %BOND + EQTY. INDEX.  
PORTFOLIO
```

Compute Risk and Return

Compute the Arithmetic mean

Without correcting for missing data (nan)

```
r.RiskFreeRate = mean(riskFreeReturns{:, :});
```

Include the missing data

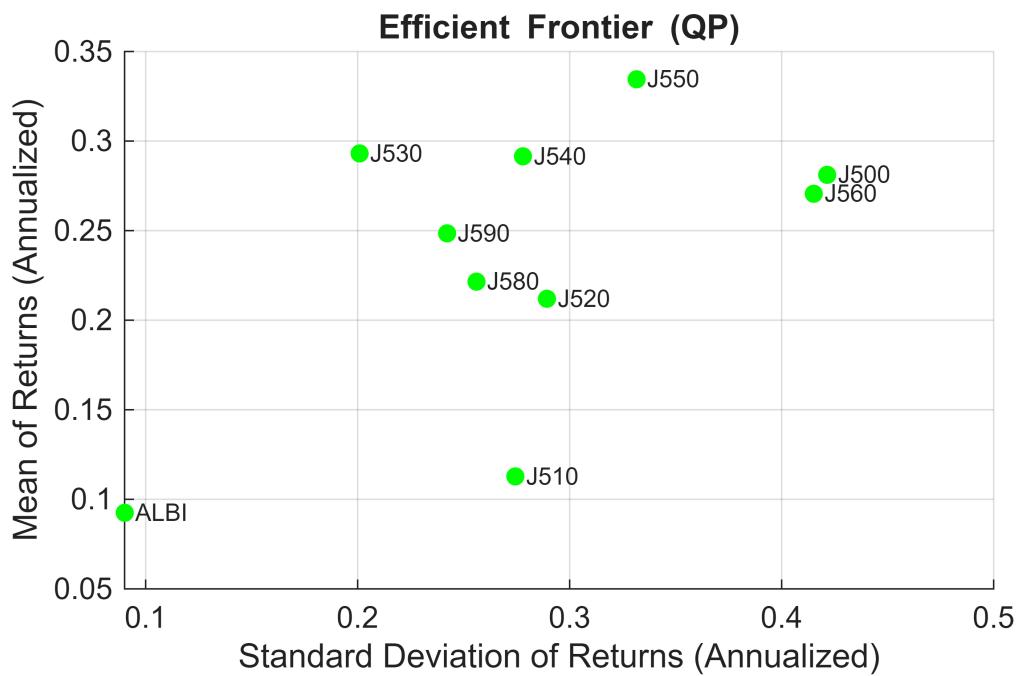
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r.RiskFreeRate = mean(riskFreeReturns{:, :, 'omitnan'});  
mktMean = mean(marketPort{:, :, 'omitnan'});  
mktStdDev = std(marketPort{:, :, 'omitnan'})
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```
mktStdDev =  
0.0566
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Visualise Risk and Return

```
portfolioexamples_plot('Efficient Frontier (QP)', ...
```

```
{'scatter', sqrt(diag(r.AssetCovar)), r.AssetMean, r.AssetList});
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Compute the Efficient Frontier

Plot Efficient frontier by varying risk aversion

```
% create the range of risk aversion parameters
lambda = 6*linspace(0,1,90);
```

Fully Invested (as inequality constraints)

```
r.AInequality = ones(2,length(r.AssetMean));
r.bInequality = ones(2,1);
```

No short-selling

```
r.AInequality = vertcat(r.AInequality, eye(length(r.AssetMean)));
r.bInequality = [r.bInequality; zeros(length(r.AssetMean),1)];
```

Initialise the weights

```
PortWts = NaN(length(lambda), length(r.AssetMean));
```

Find the weight vector for each return level ensure that the compounding is correct

```
for i = 1:length(lambda)
    f = - r.AssetMean * lambda(i); % This moves the solution up along the efficient
    frontier
    H = r.AssetCovar; %the covariance matrix
    PortWts(i,:) = quadprog(H,f,r.AInequality,r.bInequality) ;
end
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<stopping criteria details>
```

Fully invested, no short selling and positive risk-aversion

Compute return and risk for each weight vector

```
ret = estimatePortReturn(r, PortWts');  
rsk = estimatePortRisk(r, PortWts');
```

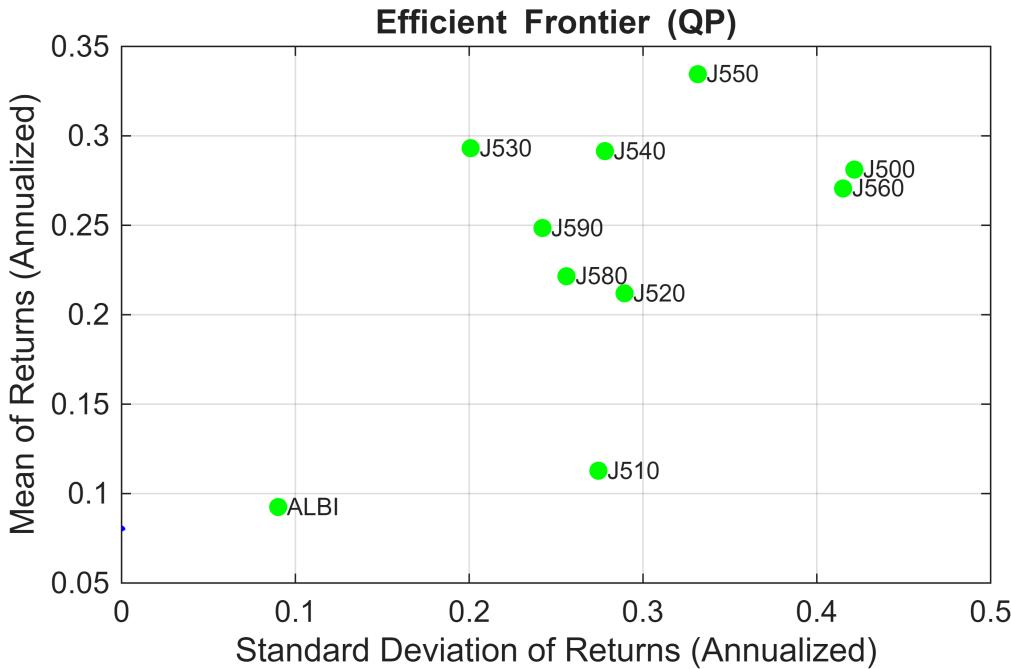
Compute the sharpe ratio

```
SR = ((ret-r.RiskFreeRate) ./ sqrt(rsk))
```

```
SR = 90x1  
-0.0025  
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⋮
```

Add risk return curves to plot

```
clf;  
portfolioexamples_plot('Efficient Frontier (QP)', ...  
    {'line', rsk, ret}, ...  
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(r.AssetCovar)), r.AssetMean, r.AssetList});
```



Find the Sharpe Ratio Maximising Portfolio

Find The Sharpe Ratio maximising portfolio

Initial values as fully invested equally weighted portfolio

```
Ones0 = linspace(1,1,length(r.AssetMean));

%Equally weighted portfolio
Wts0 = Ones0 / length(Ones0);

% unit vector
e = ones(length(Wts0),1);

%initialise the weights
Wts = NaN(1,length(r.AssetMean));

fn0 = @(x) (-(x.* r.AssetMean' - r.RiskFreeRate)/sqrt(x*r.AssetCovar.*x) );
```

Fully Invested + Return Target

```
heq0 = @(x) (x* e - 1); % fully invested
c = @(x) [];
nonlincfcn = @(x)deal(c(x),heq0(x)); %conmbine nonlinear equality and inequality constraints

% Use SQP to solve for the tangency portfolio
options = optimoptions(@fmincon,'Algorithm','sqp','OptimalityTolerance',1e-8)

options =
```

```
fmincon options:
```

```
Options used by current Algorithm ('sqp'):
(Other available algorithms: 'active-set', 'interior-point', 'sqp-legacy', 'trust-region-reflective')

Set properties:
    Algorithm: 'sqp'
    OptimalityTolerance: 1.0000e-08

Default properties:
    ConstraintTolerance: 1.0000e-06
        Display: 'final'
    FiniteDifferenceStepSize: 'sqrt(eps)'
        FiniteDifferenceType: 'forward'
    MaxFunctionEvaluations: '100*numberOfVariables'
        MaxIterations: 400
    ObjectiveLimit: -1.0000e+20
        OutputFcn: []
        PlotFcn: []
    ScaleProblem: 0
SpecifyConstraintGradient: 0
SpecifyObjectiveGradient: 0
    StepTolerance: 1.0000e-06
        TypicalX: 'ones(numberOfVariables,1)'
    UseCodegenSolver: 0
        UseParallel: 0
```

```
Show options not used by current Algorithm ('sqp')
```

```
soln = fmincon(fn0, Wts0, [],[],[],[],... %target returns
                zeros(length(Wts0),1),... %no short-selling
                ones(length(Wts0),1),... %no leverage
                nonlincn, options); % fully invested constraint function
```

```
Local minimum found that satisfies the constraints.
```

```
Optimization completed because the objective function is non-decreasing in
feasible directions, to within the value of the optimality tolerance,
and constraints are satisfied to within the value of the constraint tolerance.
```

```
<stopping criteria details>
```

```
Wts = soln
```

```
Wts = 1x10
    0.0000    0.0000    0.0000    0.0000    0.0000    0.0000    1.0000    0 ...
```

Fully invested, no short selling and positive risk-aversion

```
ERetPSR = Wts * r.AssetMean;

% use matrix multiplication to find the risk
ERiskPSR = Wts * r.AssetCovar * Wts';
% add risk return curves to plot

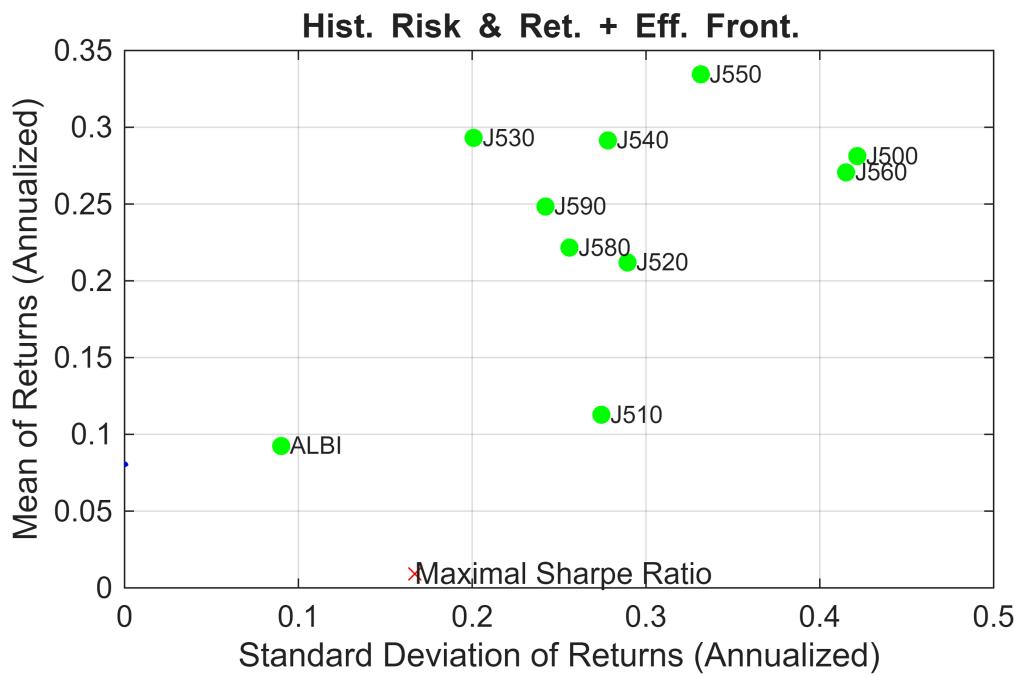
portfolioexamples_plot('Hist. Risk & Ret. + Eff. Front. ', ...
    {'line', rsk, ret}, ...
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(r.AssetCovar)), r.AssetMean, r.AssetList})
```

```

hold on

plot(sqrt(ERetPSR),ERiskPSR,'xr')
text(sqrt(ERetPSR),ERiskPSR,'Maximal Sharpe Ratio')
hold off

```



Compute and Plot the Tangency portfolio

```

SR0 = ((ERetPSR-r.RiskFreeRate) ./ sqrt(ERiskPSR));
eq = @(x) (r.RiskFreeRate + SR0 * x);
x = linspace(0,0.30,20);

```

Fully invested, no short selling and positive risk-aversion

Plot SML (Security Market Line)

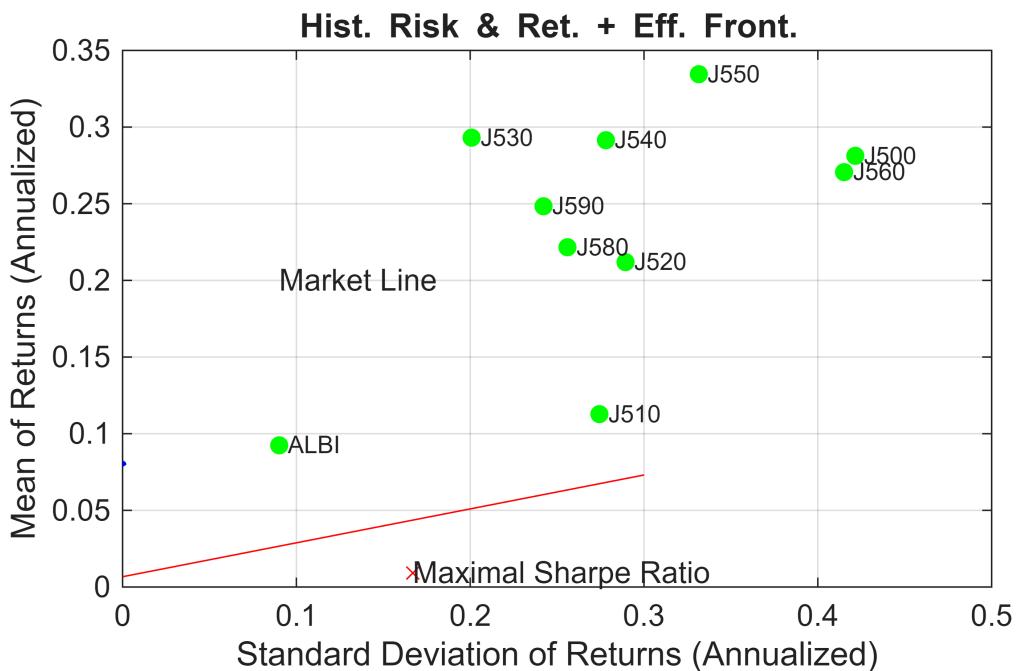
```

clf; %clear figure
portfolioexamples_plot('Hist. Risk & Ret. + Eff. Front. ', ...
    {'line', rsk, ret},...
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(r.AssetCovar)), r.AssetMean, r.AssetList})
hold on

plot(sqrt(ERetPSR),ERiskPSR,'xr')
text(sqrt(ERetPSR),ERiskPSR,'Maximal Sharpe Ratio')
hold on

plot(x,eq(x),'r')
text(0.09,0.20,'Market Line')
hold off

```



Visualise the Sharpe Ratio values

Plot the Sharpe Ratio against risk levels

```

clf; %clear figure
portfolioexamples_plot('Hist. Risk & Ret. + Eff. Front. ', ...
    {'line', rsk, ret},...
    {'scatter', sqrt(diag(r.AssetCovar)), r.AssetMean, r.AssetList})
hold on

plot(sqrt(ERetPSR),ERiskPSR,'xr')
text(sqrt(ERetPSR),ERiskPSR,'Maximal Sharpe Ratio')
hold on

plot(x,eq(x),'r')
text(0.09,0.20,'Market Line')
hold on

%plot the Sharpe Ratio against risk levels
yyaxis right
plot(sqrt(rsk),SR,'.b')
ylabel('Sharpe Ratio ${ ( r_p - r_{f} ) / \sigma_p }$','interpreter','latex')
hold off

```

