

FA FinalProject

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1 FA Final Project - Portfolio Optimization

1.1 Introduction

According to Wikipedia, "Portfolio Optimization is the process of selecting the best portfolio (asset distribution), out of the set of all portfolios being considered, according to some objective. The objective typically maximizes factors such as expected return, and minimizes costs like financial risk."

In this project, our objective is to build a portfolio of 10 stocks with an aim to diversify the portfolio. The selected stocks will be evaluated for their return value. In addition, we will ensure that our portfolio is prone to minimal risks.

1.2 Problem Statement

Imagine an investor wants to build an efficient portfolio. He approaches a group of data analysts and asks them to build a diversified portfolio that gives the maximum return and is not prone to market risks.

Assuming that we are the group of data analysts that the investor has approached to. Our job is to deliver him an optimized and diversified portfolio that gives him maximum return and is less volatile to the market fluctuations.

1.3 Roadmap

As analysts, we will start by selecting a set of 10 stocks that belong to small to large cap stocks. We will focus on to diversify our portfolio by selecting the stocks from varied sectors such as beverage, restaurant, banking, tech, automobile, pharmaceuticals, apparels, biosciences, geophysical, and independent investment bank. For our portfolio, we have selected the below stocks:

MIND: MIND Technology, Inc. - The company, based in Huntsville, Texas, markets geophysical and other equipment to seismic data acquisition contractors conducting surveys on land, marsh, and marine areas, both shallow and deep water

COGT: Cogent Biosciences - A Biotechnology Company

OPY: Oppenheimer Holdings - American Multinational Independent Investment Bank

TAP: Molson Coors Beverage Company - A multinational drink and brewing company headquartered in Chicago in the United States

SBUX: Starbucks Corporation - An American multinational chain of coffeehouses and roastery reserves headquartered in Seattle, Washington

AXP: American Express - A multinational financial services corporation headquartered at 200 Vesey Street in the Financial District of Lower Manhattan in New York City

DMLRY: Daimler AG - A German multinational automotive corporation headquartered in Stuttgart, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

BB: BlackBerry Limited - A Canadian multinational company specialising in enterprise software and the Internet of things

PFE: Pfizer Inc - An American multinational pharmaceutical corporation

NKE: Nike Inc - An American multinational corporation that is engaged in the design, development, manufacturing, and worldwide marketing and sales of footwear, apparel, equipment, accessories, and services

Below are the reasons why we have picked these stocks:

1. We have attempted to diversify our portfolio across varied sectors.
2. We have picked the stocks which fall into the category of small to large cap stocks.

Post defining the portfolio, we will move on to optimize it.

1.4 Portfolio Optimization with manual approach

1.4.1 Import Standard Libraries

```
[1]: import numpy as np #for numerical calculations
import pandas as pd #For dataframe manipulation
from pandas_datareader import data as wb #For remote data access for pandas
    ↪ library
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #For plotting and visualization
import seaborn as sns
```

1.4.2 Read the data into a dataframe

```
[2]: #Load the data
tickers = ['MIND', 'COGT', 'OPY', 'TAP', 'SBUX', 'AXP', 'DMLRY', 'BB', 'PFE',
    ↪ 'NKE'] #load the 10 tickers for portfolio
mydata = pd.DataFrame() #Initiate the dataframe
for t in tickers:
    mydata[t] = wb.DataReader(t, data_source='yahoo',
    ↪ start='2018-04-01')['Close'] #Load the ticker data into dataframe
```

1.4.3 Data Inspection

```
[3]: mydata.info() #Display the info related to the dataset
```

```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
DatetimeIndex: 766 entries, 2018-04-02 to 2021-04-15
Data columns (total 10 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   MIND         766 non-null    float64
1   COGT         766 non-null    float64
2   OPY          766 non-null    float64
3   TAP          766 non-null    float64
4   SBUX         766 non-null    float64
5   AXP          766 non-null    float64
6   DMLRY        766 non-null    float64
7   BB           766 non-null    float64
8   PFE          766 non-null    float64
9   NKE          766 non-null    float64
dtypes: float64(10)
memory usage: 65.8 KB

```

```
[4]: mydata.head() #Display the first 5 rows of the dataframe
```

```

[4]:      MIND      COGT      OPY      TAP      SBUX      AXP  \
Date
2018-04-02  3.38  43.000000  25.000000  73.089996  56.240002  91.000000
2018-04-03  3.55  43.000000  25.400000  73.639999  58.000000  92.739998
2018-04-04  3.14  43.000000  25.750000  74.099998  58.830002  93.580002
2018-04-05  3.19  43.919998  26.150000  73.879997  59.139999  94.199997
2018-04-06  3.34  43.160000  25.700001  73.160004  58.340000  91.910004

      DMLRY      BB      PFE      NKE
Date
2018-04-02  20.750000  10.72  33.254269  64.120003
2018-04-03  21.100000  10.44  33.851994  66.699997
2018-04-04  21.330000  10.53  34.278938  68.419998
2018-04-05  21.459999  10.47  33.899429  69.589996
2018-04-06  20.000000  10.19  33.368122  67.550003

```

```
[5]: mydata.tail() #Display the last 5 rows of the dataframe
```

```

[5]:      MIND  COGT      OPY      TAP      SBUX      AXP  \
Date
2021-04-09  2.34  8.29  42.389999  50.000000  113.180000  147.779999
2021-04-12  2.38  8.64  42.900002  50.619999  113.809998  147.570007
2021-04-13  2.36  8.61  43.779999  51.740002  115.360001  145.990005
2021-04-14  2.31  8.83  44.099998  51.150002  115.160004  147.419998
2021-04-15  2.37  9.08  44.480000  52.939999  116.660004  148.529999

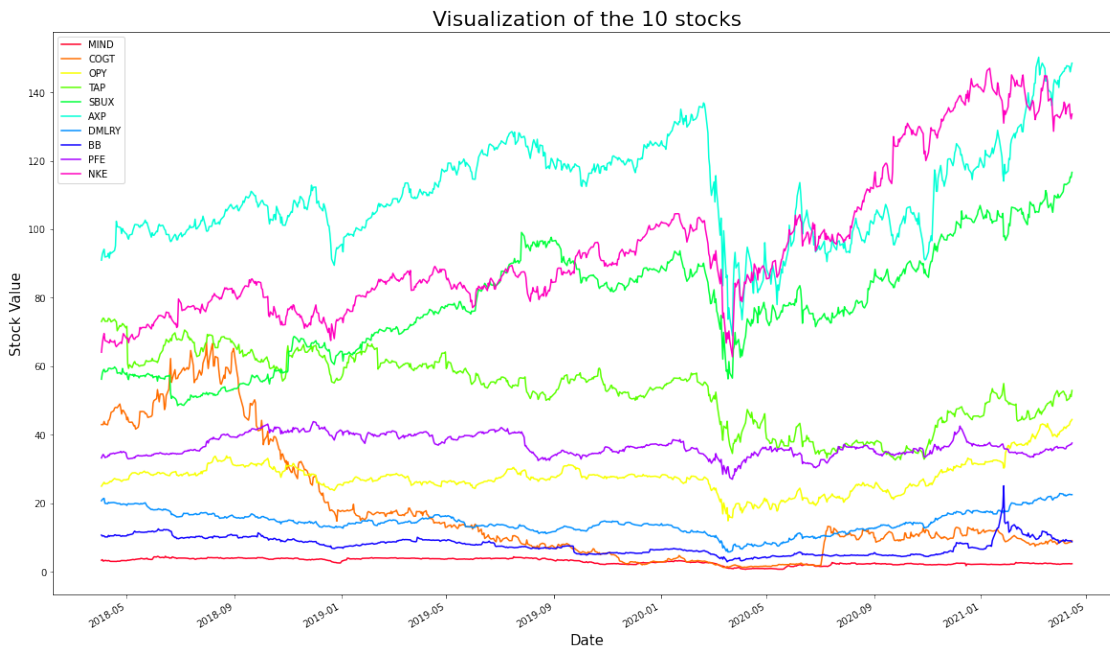
      DMLRY      BB      PFE      NKE

```

Date				
2021-04-09	22.309999	9.13	36.599998	135.449997
2021-04-12	22.639999	9.03	36.970001	136.639999
2021-04-13	22.600000	9.10	37.160000	133.539993
2021-04-14	22.520000	9.00	37.169998	132.259995
2021-04-15	22.540001	8.77	37.599998	133.669998

1.4.4 Visualization of the Dataframe

```
[6]: mydata.plot(figsize = (20, 12), colormap="gist_rainbow") #Plot the dataframe
plt.title("Visualization of the 10 stocks", size=22) #Set the title of the plot
plt.xlabel("Date", size=15) #Set the x label
plt.ylabel("Stock Value", size=15) #Set the y label
plt.show() #Show the plot
```



1.4.5 Normalization to 100

$$\frac{P_t}{P_0} * 100$$

```
[7]: mydata.iloc[0].sort_values()
```

```
[7]: MIND      3.380000
     BB       10.720000
     DMLRY    20.750000
     OPY      25.000000
```

```

PFE      33.254269
COGT     43.000000
SBUX     56.240002
NKE      64.120003
TAP      73.089996
AXP      91.000000
Name: 2018-04-02 00:00:00, dtype: float64

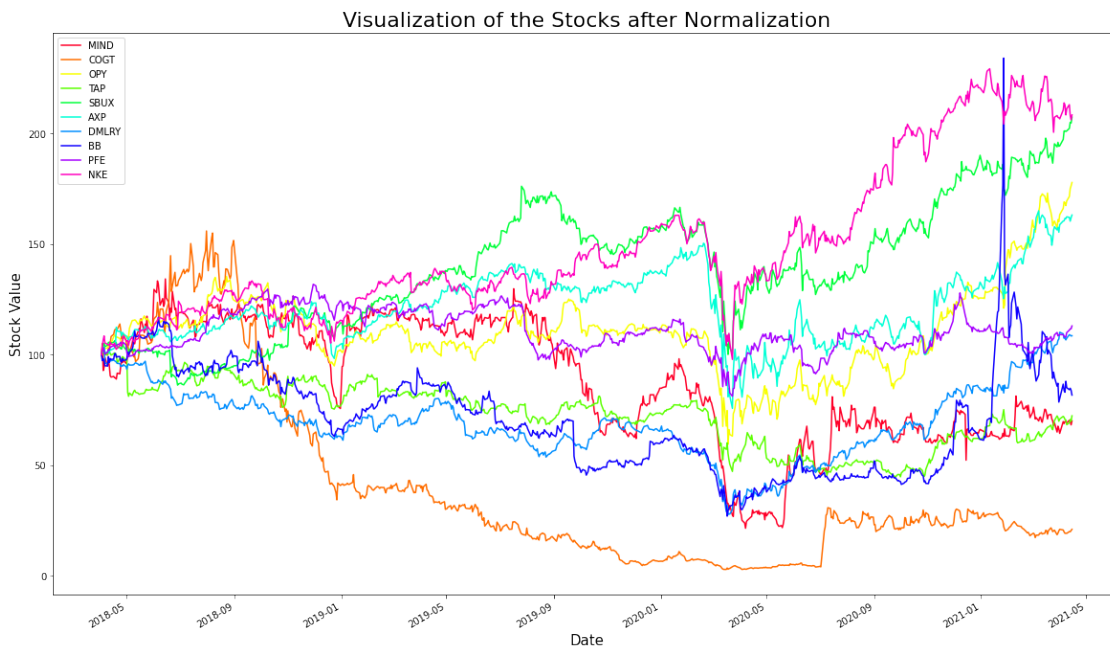
```

1.4.6 Visualization of the Dataframe after Normalization

```

[8]: (mydata / mydata.iloc[0] * 100).plot(figsize = (20, 12),
      colormap='gist_rainbow') #Plot the dataframe
plt.title("Visualization of the Stocks after Normalization", size=22) #Set the
      title
plt.xlabel("Date", size=15) #Set the x label
plt.ylabel("Stock Value", size=15) #Set the y label
plt.show() #Show the plot

```



1.4.7 Calculate the Return before changes to the portfolio

```

[9]: returns = (mydata / mydata.shift(1)) - 1
      returns.head()

```

```

[9]:      MIND      COGT      OPY      TAP      SBUX      AXP  \
Date

```

2018-04-02	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2018-04-03	0.050296	0.000000	0.016000	0.007525	0.031294	0.019121
2018-04-04	-0.115493	0.000000	0.013780	0.006247	0.014310	0.009058
2018-04-05	0.015924	0.021395	0.015534	-0.002969	0.005269	0.006625
2018-04-06	0.047022	-0.017304	-0.017208	-0.009745	-0.013527	-0.024310

	DMLRY	BB	PFE	NKE
Date				
2018-04-02	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2018-04-03	0.016867	-0.026119	0.017974	0.040237
2018-04-04	0.010900	0.008621	0.012612	0.025787
2018-04-05	0.006095	-0.005698	-0.011071	0.017100
2018-04-06	-0.068034	-0.026743	-0.015673	-0.029314

1.4.8 Calculate the Return after changes to the portfolio

```
[10]: change=mydata.pct_change().apply(lambda x: np.log(1+x))
      change.head()
```

```
[10]:
```

	MIND	COGT	OPY	TAP	SBUX	AXP \
Date						
2018-04-02	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2018-04-03	0.049072	0.000000	0.015873	0.007497	0.030815	0.018940
2018-04-04	-0.122725	0.000000	0.013685	0.006227	0.014209	0.009017
2018-04-05	0.015798	0.021170	0.015415	-0.002973	0.005256	0.006603
2018-04-06	0.045950	-0.017456	-0.017358	-0.009793	-0.013620	-0.024610

	DMLRY	BB	PFE	NKE
Date				
2018-04-02	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2018-04-03	0.016727	-0.026467	0.017815	0.039449
2018-04-04	0.010841	0.008584	0.012533	0.025460
2018-04-05	0.006076	-0.005714	-0.011133	0.016956
2018-04-06	-0.070458	-0.027107	-0.015797	-0.029753

1.4.9 Variance

Variance in prices is an indicator of how volatile the investment will be.

```
[11]: variance_df = change.var()
      variance_df
```

```
[11]: MIND      0.002465
      COGT      0.006565
      OPY       0.000711
      TAP       0.000521
      SBUX      0.000404
```

```
AXP      0.000640
DMLRY    0.000764
BB        0.002006
PFE       0.000258
NKE       0.000394
dtype: float64
```

1.4.10 Volatility

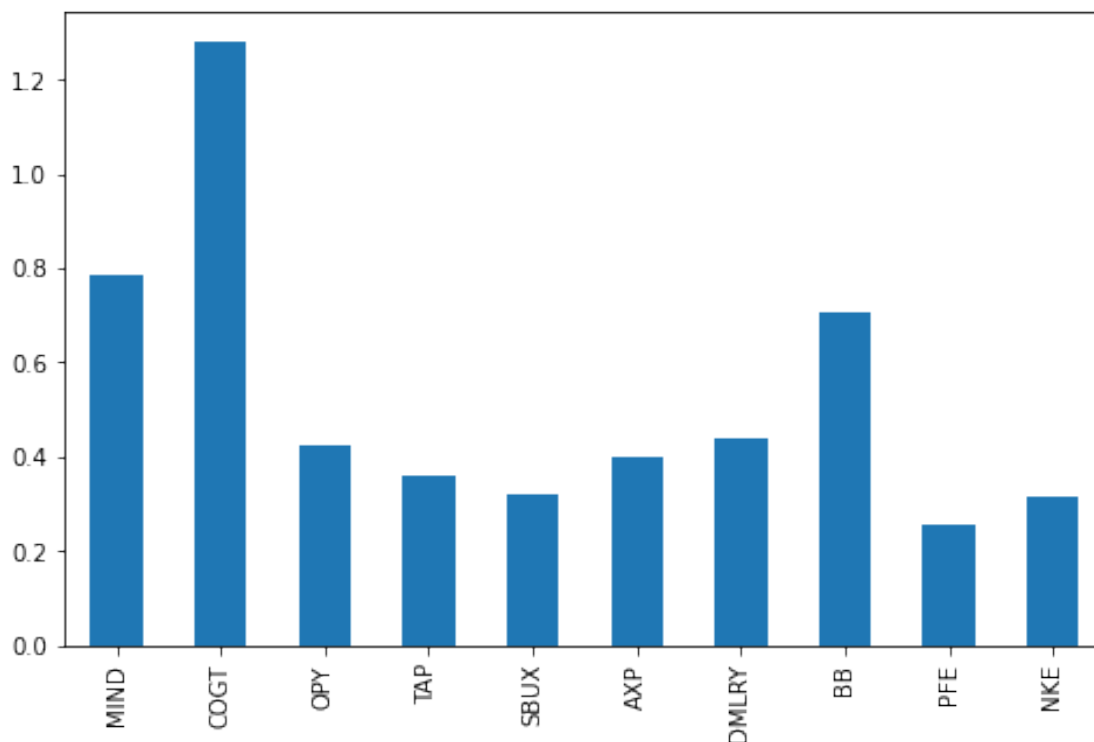
Volatility is the square root of the variance. This results in the volatility of one day. To obtain the annual volatility, we will use total number of trading days as 250. Source: Warrior Trading

```
[12]: volatility_df = np.sqrt(variance_df * 250)
      volatility_df
```

```
[12]: MIND      0.784962
      COGT      1.281158
      OPY       0.421605
      TAP       0.360750
      SBUX      0.317699
      AXP       0.400125
      DMLRY     0.437093
      BB        0.708132
      PFE       0.254166
      NKE       0.313917
      dtype: float64
```

1.4.11 Visualization of Volatility of Stocks

```
[13]: plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
      mydata.pct_change().apply(lambda x: np.log(1+x)).std().apply(lambda x: x*np.
      ↪sqrt(250)).plot(kind='bar')
      plt.show()
```



1.4.12 Covariance

Covariance measures how an asset varies with respect to other asset. A positive covariance means that the returns of two assets are directly proportional to each other while negative covariance implies that the two assets vary with respect to each other in inverse direction.

```
[14]: covariance_df = np.round(mydata.pct_change().apply(lambda x: np.log(1+x)).
      ↪ cov(),4)
      covariance_df
```

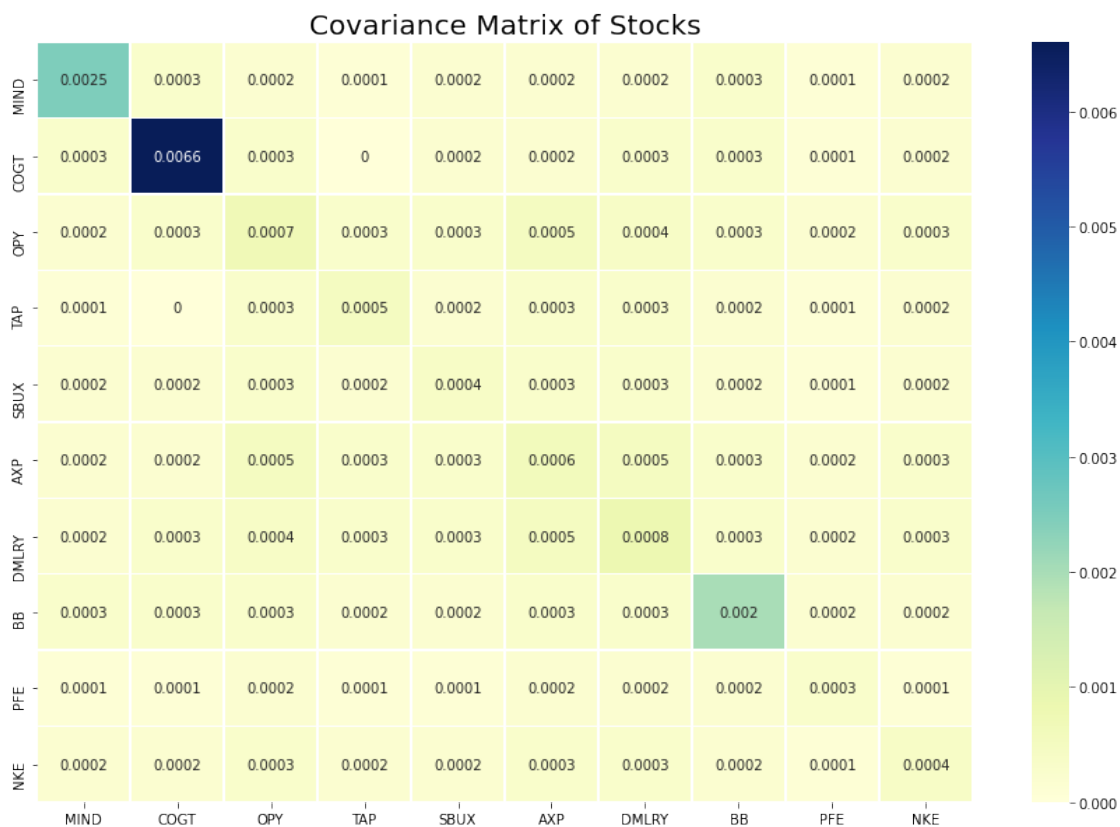
```
[14]:
```

	MIND	COGT	OPY	TAP	SBUX	AXP	DMLRY	BB	PFE	\
MIND	0.0025	0.0003	0.0002	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	0.0001	
COGT	0.0003	0.0066	0.0003	0.0000	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	0.0003	0.0001	
OPY	0.0002	0.0003	0.0007	0.0003	0.0003	0.0005	0.0004	0.0003	0.0002	
TAP	0.0001	0.0000	0.0003	0.0005	0.0002	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002	0.0001	
SBUX	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	0.0002	0.0004	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002	0.0001	
AXP	0.0002	0.0002	0.0005	0.0003	0.0003	0.0006	0.0005	0.0003	0.0002	
DMLRY	0.0002	0.0003	0.0004	0.0003	0.0003	0.0005	0.0008	0.0003	0.0002	
BB	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	0.0003	0.0020	0.0002	
PFE	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	
NKE	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	0.0002	0.0002	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002	0.0001	

	NKE
MIND	0.0002
COGT	0.0002
OPY	0.0003
TAP	0.0002
SBUX	0.0002
AXP	0.0003
DMLRY	0.0003
BB	0.0002
PFE	0.0001
NKE	0.0004

1.4.13 Visualization of Covariance of Stocks

```
[15]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))
sns.heatmap(covariance_df, annot=True, cmap='YlGnBu', linewidth=0.5)
plt.title("Covariance Matrix of Stocks", size=20)
plt.show()
```



The above plot illustrates the covariance of stocks with respect to each other. In the next step, we will evaluate the correlation of stocks to each other and will understand

the impact of the correlation for our portfolio.

1.4.14 Correlation

Correlation is a statistic that measures the degree to which two securities are related to each other. Correlation coefficient varies between -1 and 1. a) If correlation of two assets is negative, this implies that if one increases, the other decreases and vice-versa. b) If correlation of two assets is positive, the positive change in one increases the other positively and vice-versa. c) Correlation of 0 means there is no relation between the two assets.

```
[16]: correlation_df = np.round(mydata.pct_change().apply(lambda x: np.log(1+x)).  
    ↪corr(), 4)  
correlation_df
```

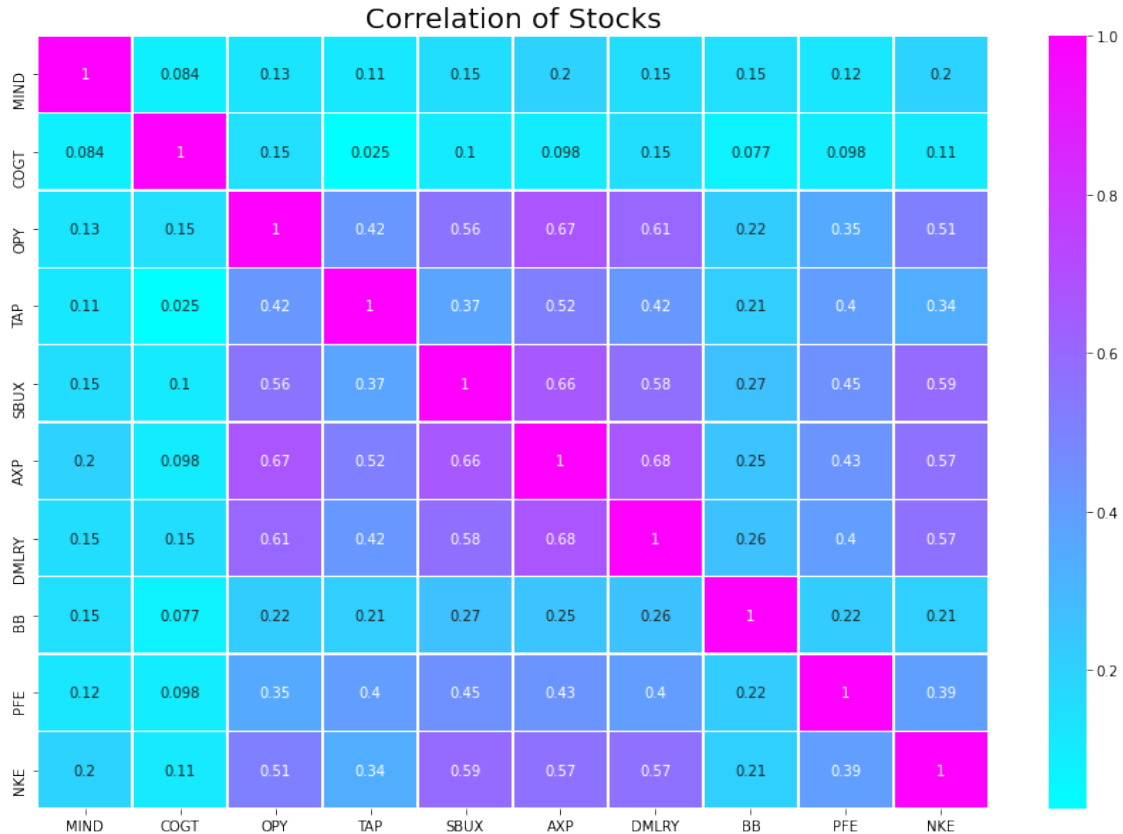
```
[16]:
```

	MIND	COGT	OPY	TAP	SBUX	AXP	DMLRY	BB	PFE	\
MIND	1.0000	0.0835	0.1279	0.1127	0.1540	0.1975	0.1519	0.1479	0.1229	
COGT	0.0835	1.0000	0.1507	0.0255	0.1045	0.0981	0.1539	0.0775	0.0975	
OPY	0.1279	0.1507	1.0000	0.4201	0.5598	0.6741	0.6065	0.2170	0.3501	
TAP	0.1127	0.0255	0.4201	1.0000	0.3685	0.5151	0.4207	0.2110	0.3966	
SBUX	0.1540	0.1045	0.5598	0.3685	1.0000	0.6623	0.5758	0.2668	0.4452	
AXP	0.1975	0.0981	0.6741	0.5151	0.6623	1.0000	0.6752	0.2521	0.4339	
DMLRY	0.1519	0.1539	0.6065	0.4207	0.5758	0.6752	1.0000	0.2627	0.3980	
BB	0.1479	0.0775	0.2170	0.2110	0.2668	0.2521	0.2627	1.0000	0.2222	
PFE	0.1229	0.0975	0.3501	0.3966	0.4452	0.4339	0.3980	0.2222	1.0000	
NKE	0.1967	0.1083	0.5125	0.3365	0.5932	0.5655	0.5672	0.2062	0.3941	

	NKE
MIND	0.1967
COGT	0.1083
OPY	0.5125
TAP	0.3365
SBUX	0.5932
AXP	0.5655
DMLRY	0.5672
BB	0.2062
PFE	0.3941
NKE	1.0000

1.4.15 Visualization of Correlation of Stocks

```
[17]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))  
sns.heatmap(correlation_df, annot=True, cmap='cool', linewidth=0.5)  
plt.title("Correlation of Stocks", size=20)  
plt.show()
```



The general rule of portfolio diversification is to select the stocks which are weakly related to each other or have no correlation. This helps to minimize the risk associated with the portfolio.

On a closer look, we can observe that American Express, Daimler AG and Nike are strongly related to other stocks. We can handle this by replacing American Express with Air Canada. Secondly, we can replace Daimler AG stock with Costco Wholesale Corporation. Thirdly, we can replace Nike with Under Armour.

Keeping all other stocks same, we are replacing (i) American Express with Air Canada (AC.TO), (ii) Daimler AG with Costco Wholesale Corporation (COST). (iii) Nike with Under Armour (UA). Thus, our portfolio becomes:

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COGT: Cogent Biosciences - A Biotechnology Company

OPY: Oppenheimer Holdings - American Multinational Independent Investment Bank

TAP: Molson Coors Beverage Company - A multinational drink and brewing company headquartered in Chicago in the United States

SBUX: Starbucks Corporation - An American multinational chain of coffeehouses and roastery reserves headquartered in Seattle, Washington

AC.TO: Air Canada - The flag carrier and the largest airline of Canada by fleet size and passengers carried

COST: Costco Wholesale Corporation - An American multinational corporation which operates a chain of membership-only big-box retail stores

BB: BlackBerry Limited - A Canadian multinational company specialising in enterprise software and the Internet of things

PFE: Pfizer Inc - An American multinational pharmaceutical corporation

UA: Under Armour Inc - An American sports equipment company that manufactures footwear, sports and casual apparel.

```
[18]: #Load the data
tickers_1 = ['MIND', 'COGT', 'OPY', 'TAP', 'SBUX', 'AC.TO', 'COST', 'BB',
            ↪ 'PFE', 'UA'] #load the 10 tickers for portfolio
mydata_1 = pd.DataFrame() #Initiate the dataframe
for t in tickers_1:
    mydata_1[t] = wb.DataReader(t, data_source='yahoo',
    ↪ start='2018-04-01')['Close'] #Load the ticker data into dataframe
```

1.4.16 Evaluation of Returns of Portfolio

```
[19]: returns_1 = (mydata_1 / mydata_1.shift(1)) - 1
returns_1.head()
```

```
[19]:
```

	MIND	COGT	OPY	TAP	SBUX	AC.TO \
Date						
2018-04-02	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2018-04-03	0.050296	0.000000	0.016000	0.007525	0.031294	-0.001140
2018-04-04	-0.115493	0.000000	0.013780	0.006247	0.014310	0.002664
2018-04-05	0.015924	0.021395	0.015534	-0.002969	0.005269	-0.017837
2018-04-06	0.047022	-0.017304	-0.017208	-0.009745	-0.013527	-0.002705

	COST	BB	PFE	UA
Date				
2018-04-02	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2018-04-03	-0.000766	-0.026119	0.017974	0.052895
2018-04-04	0.015936	0.008621	0.012612	0.061779
2018-04-05	0.003935	-0.005698	-0.011071	-0.028772
2018-04-06	-0.012295	-0.026743	-0.015673	-0.028966

1.4.17 Correlation of Stocks

```
[20]: corr_df = np.round(mydata_1.pct_change().apply(lambda x: np.log(1+x)).corr(), 4)
      corr_df
```

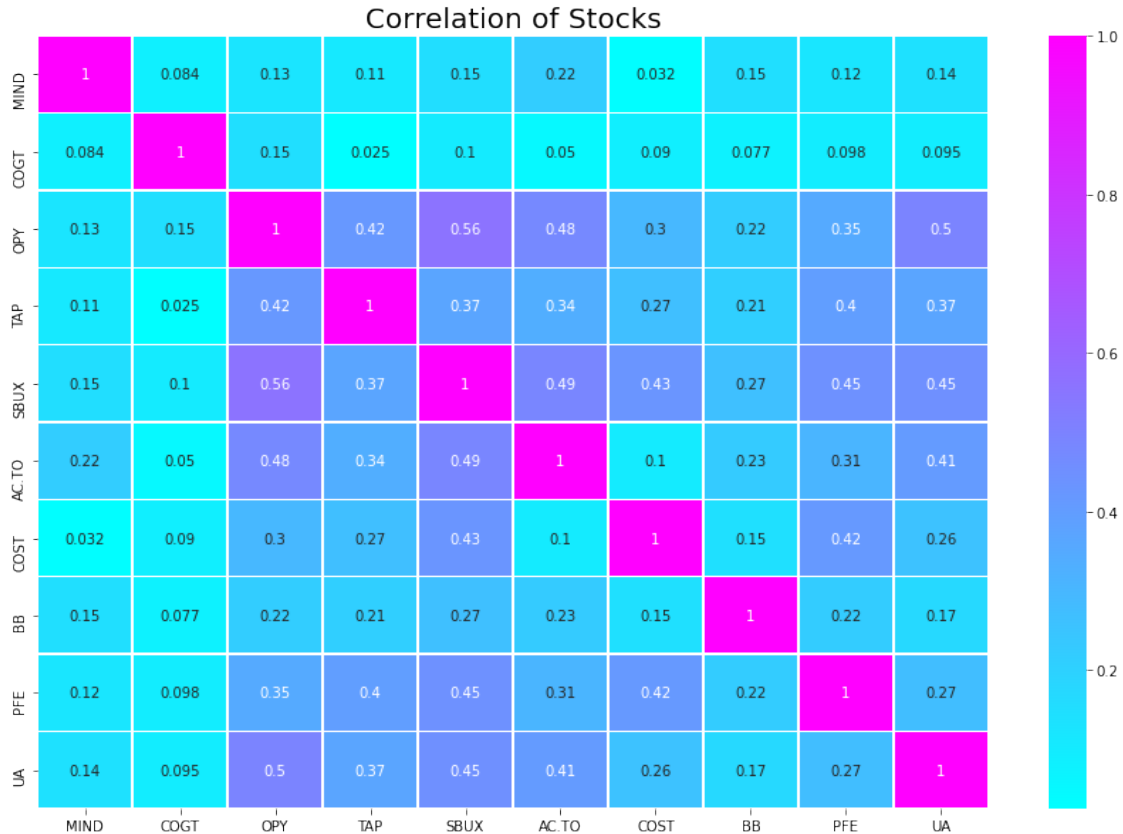
```
[20]:
```

	MIND	COGT	OPY	TAP	SBUX	AC.TO	COST	BB	PFE	\
MIND	1.0000	0.0835	0.1279	0.1127	0.1540	0.2171	0.0315	0.1479	0.1229	
COGT	0.0835	1.0000	0.1507	0.0255	0.1045	0.0503	0.0897	0.0775	0.0975	
OPY	0.1279	0.1507	1.0000	0.4201	0.5598	0.4756	0.2990	0.2170	0.3501	
TAP	0.1127	0.0255	0.4201	1.0000	0.3685	0.3351	0.2724	0.2110	0.3966	
SBUX	0.1540	0.1045	0.5598	0.3685	1.0000	0.4867	0.4312	0.2668	0.4452	
AC.TO	0.2171	0.0503	0.4756	0.3351	0.4867	1.0000	0.1020	0.2255	0.3098	
COST	0.0315	0.0897	0.2990	0.2724	0.4312	0.1020	1.0000	0.1451	0.4162	
BB	0.1479	0.0775	0.2170	0.2110	0.2668	0.2255	0.1451	1.0000	0.2222	
PFE	0.1229	0.0975	0.3501	0.3966	0.4452	0.3098	0.4162	0.2222	1.0000	
UA	0.1416	0.0947	0.4969	0.3681	0.4516	0.4070	0.2604	0.1738	0.2732	

	UA
MIND	0.1416
COGT	0.0947
OPY	0.4969
TAP	0.3681
SBUX	0.4516
AC.TO	0.4070
COST	0.2604
BB	0.1738
PFE	0.2732
UA	1.0000

1.4.18 Visualization of Correlation Matrix

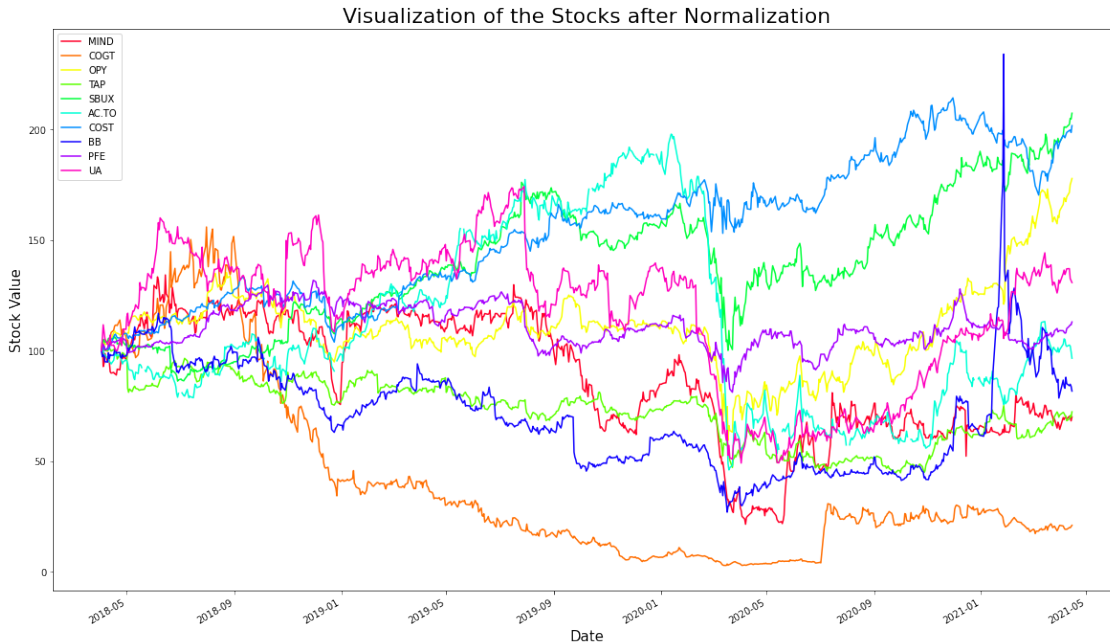
```
[21]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))
      sns.heatmap(corr_df, annot=True, cmap='cool', linewidth=0.5)
      plt.title("Correlation of Stocks", size=20)
      plt.show()
```



In the next step, we will calculate the expected returns for this portfolio.

1.4.19 Visualization of the Stocks

```
[22]: (mydata_1 / mydata_1.iloc[0] * 100).plot(figsize = (20, 12),
        colormap='gist_rainbow') #Plot the dataframe
plt.title("Visualization of the Stocks after Normalization", size=22) #Set the
        title
plt.xlabel("Date", size=15) #Set the x label
plt.ylabel("Stock Value", size=15) #Set the y label
plt.show() #Show the plot
```



1.4.20 Evaluation of Expected Returns

Expected returns of an asset are the average of percentage change in its stock prices. For expected returns, we assign the weights to the assets.

1.4.21 Assigning Equal Weights to the Portfolio

```
[23]: weights = np.array([0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10])
```

```
[24]: annual_returns = returns_1.mean() * 250
      annual_returns
```

```
[24]: MIND      0.199232
      COGT      0.661503
      OPY      0.276676
      TAP      -0.040826
      SBUX      0.288903
      AC.TO     0.084420
      COST      0.255195
      BB        0.178314
      PFE        0.072361
      UA        0.225982
      dtype: float64
```

```
[25]: np.dot(annual_returns, weights)
```

```
[25]: 0.22017615966053547
```

```
[26]: pfolio_1 = np.round((np.dot(annual_returns, weights))*100, 3)
      print(f"{pfolio_1} %")
```

22.018 %

This indicates that if the investor distributes the investment on equal proportion, then they would fetch 22.018% of return on their portfolio.

1.4.22 Assigning Unequal Weights to the Portfolio - Weights sum up to 1

```
[27]: weights_1 = np.array([0.10, 0.20, 0.075, 0.10, 0.20, 0.10, 0.025, 0.075, 0.10,
      ↪0.025])
```

```
[28]: pfolio_2 = np.round((np.dot(annual_returns, weights_1))*100, 3)
      print (f'pfolio_2 is {pfolio_2} %')
```

pfolio_2 is 26.775 %

This indicates that if the investor distributes the investment on unequal proportion with conservation approach, then they would fetch 26.775% of return on their portfolio.

1.4.23 Assigning Unequal Weights to the Portfolio (to get high return) - Weights sum up to 1

```
[29]: weights_2 = np.array([0.00125, 0.65, 0.00125, 0.0225, 0.05, 0.025, 0.025, 0.
      ↪015, 0.005, 0.205])
```

```
[30]: pfolio_3 = np.round((np.dot(annual_returns, weights_2))*100, 3)
      print (f'pfolio_3 is {pfolio_3} %')
```

pfolio_3 is 50.195 %

This indicates that if the investor distributes the investment on unequal proportion with aggressive approach, then they would fetch 50.195% of return on their portfolio.

1.5 Portfolio Optimization with Monte Carlo Simulation

According to Investopedia, “Monte Carlo simulations are used to model the probability of different outcomes in a process that cannot easily be predicted due to the intervention of random variables. It is a technique used to understand the impact of risk and uncertainty in prediction and forecasting models.”

In this part, we will be performing Monte Carlo Simulation on our portfolio to assess the expected return and the risk associated with all the simulations. We are creating 1 million simulations for our portfolio.

1.5.1 Load the dataset

```
[31]: #Load the data
tickers_1 = ['MIND', 'COGT', 'OPY', 'TAP', 'SBUX', 'AC.TO', 'COST', 'BB',
            ↪ 'PFE', 'UA'] #load the 10 tickers for portfolio
mydata_1 = pd.DataFrame() #Initiate the dataframe
for t in tickers_1:
    mydata_1[t] = wb.DataReader(t, data_source='yahoo',
    ↪ start='2018-04-01')['Close'] #Load the ticker data into dataframe
```

1.5.2 Evaluate Annual Returns on Portfolio

```
[32]: daily_returns = mydata_1.pct_change()
annual_returns = daily_returns.mean()*250
annual_returns
```

```
[32]: MIND      0.199232
COGT      0.661503
OPY       0.276676
TAP       -0.040826
SBUX      0.288903
AC.TO     0.138735
COST      0.255195
BB        0.178314
PFE       0.072361
UA        0.225982
dtype: float64
```

1.5.3 Calculate Covariance of the portfolio

```
[33]: covariance = np.round(daily_returns.cov()*250,4) #Evaluation of Covariance
covariance
```

```
[33]:
```

	MIND	COGT	OPY	TAP	SBUX	AC.TO	COST	BB	PFE	\
MIND	0.6740	0.1243	0.0388	0.0304	0.0342	0.0903	0.0041	0.0749	0.0228	
COGT	0.1243	5.9007	0.1071	0.0175	0.0570	0.0219	0.0400	0.0923	0.0310	
OPY	0.0388	0.1071	0.1757	0.0634	0.0745	0.1036	0.0285	0.0624	0.0374	
TAP	0.0304	0.0175	0.0634	0.1278	0.0422	0.0663	0.0223	0.0518	0.0365	
SBUX	0.0342	0.0570	0.0745	0.0422	0.1007	0.0817	0.0307	0.0568	0.0355	
AC.TO	0.0903	0.0219	0.1036	0.0663	0.0817	0.2989	0.0104	0.0815	0.0424	
COST	0.0041	0.0400	0.0285	0.0223	0.0307	0.0104	0.0515	0.0222	0.0241	
BB	0.0749	0.0923	0.0624	0.0518	0.0568	0.0815	0.0222	0.4730	0.0384	
PFE	0.0228	0.0310	0.0374	0.0365	0.0355	0.0424	0.0241	0.0384	0.0644	
UA	0.0591	0.0887	0.1077	0.0695	0.0746	0.1134	0.0308	0.0629	0.0358	
		UA								
MIND	0.0591									

```

COGT    0.0887
OPY     0.1077
TAP     0.0695
SBUX    0.0746
AC.TO   0.1134
COST    0.0308
BB      0.0629
PFE     0.0358
UA      0.2737

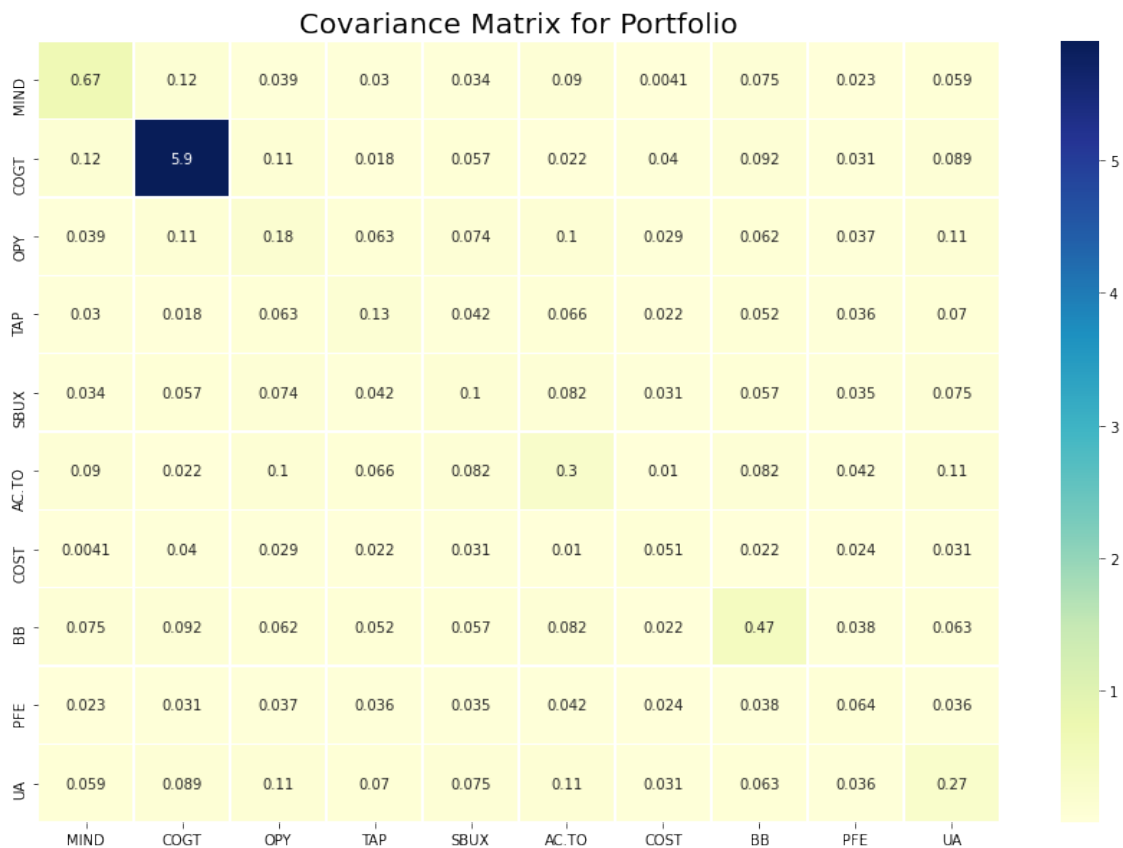
```

1.5.4 Visualization of Covariance

```

[34]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,10))
      sns.heatmap(covariance, annot=True, cmap='YlGnBu', linewidth=0.5)
      plt.title("Covariance Matrix for Portfolio", size=20)
      plt.show()

```



1.5.5 Instantiate the Lists for Simulations

```
[35]: port_returns = []
port_risk = []
stock_weight = []

n = 1000000 #Number of Simulations for Portfolio
```

1.5.6 Run the simulations

```
[36]: for port in range(n):
    weights = np.random.random(len(tickers_1))
    weights /= np.sum(weights)

    returns = np.dot(weights, annual_returns)
    risk = np.sqrt(np.dot(weights.T, np.dot(covariance, weights)))

    port_returns.append(returns)
    port_risk.append(risk)
    stock_weight.append(weights)

portfolios = {'Returns':port_returns, 'Risk':port_risk}
for indices, t in enumerate(tickers_1):
    portfolios[t+'Weight'] = [weight[indices] for weight in stock_weight]

df = pd.DataFrame(portfolios)

df.head()
```

```
[36]:
```

	Returns	Risk	MIND_Weight	COGT_Weight	OPY_Weight	TAP_Weight	\
0	0.221565	0.406499	0.093687	0.122861	0.053683	0.112026	
1	0.198333	0.322359	0.165993	0.074243	0.156166	0.159593	
2	0.251109	0.440091	0.095201	0.146623	0.152256	0.030288	
3	0.202553	0.307996	0.062368	0.047398	0.078342	0.045086	
4	0.244273	0.402173	0.104197	0.121628	0.099189	0.074990	

	SBUX_Weight	AC.TO_Weight	COST_Weight	BB_Weight	PFE_Weight	UA_Weight
0	0.084795	0.114866	0.045047	0.123526	0.123637	0.125873
1	0.022666	0.011328	0.127586	0.011569	0.159432	0.111422
2	0.002865	0.162293	0.157002	0.058002	0.154044	0.041426
3	0.062617	0.116201	0.111659	0.204394	0.141038	0.130896
4	0.116731	0.068945	0.084330	0.124494	0.096159	0.109337

1.5.7 Creation of Data to plot Efficient Frontier

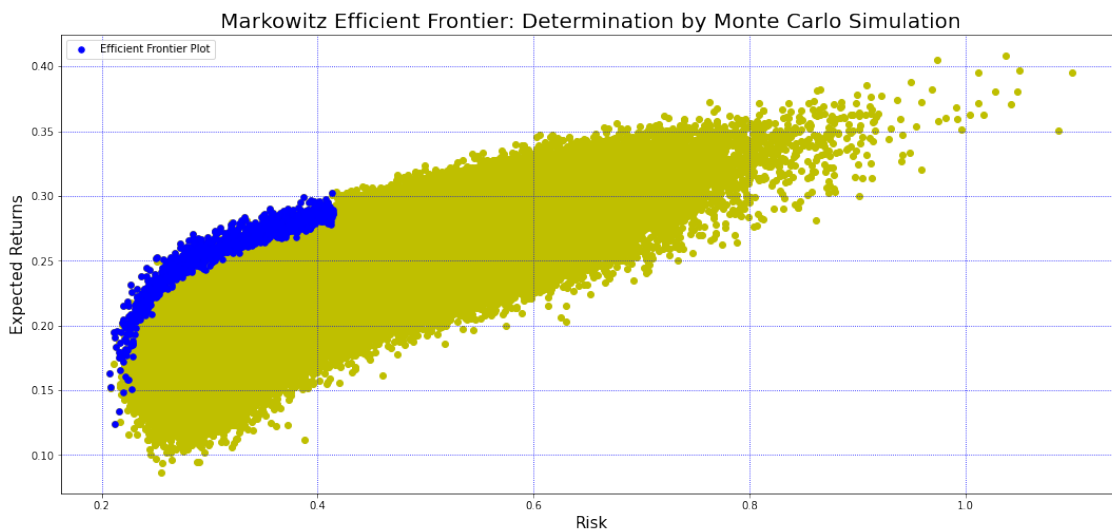
```
[37]: data = pd.concat([df['Returns'],df['Risk']], axis=1)
start = data["Risk"].min()
end = data["Risk"].max()

step = start*(1/1000)

X=[]
Y=[]
for i in range(1000):
    ↵
    ↪y=data['Returns'][data['Risk']>=start+(i*step)][data['Risk']<=start+(i+1)*step].
    ↪max()
    x=(start+(i*step) + start+(i+1)*step)/2
    X.append(x)
    Y.append(y)
```

1.5.8 Visualization of Efficient Frontier

```
[38]: fig = plt.figure(figsize=(18,8))
ax = plt.subplot2grid((4,4),(0,0), rowspan=4, colspan=4, facecolor='w')
ax.scatter(df['Risk'], df['Returns'], color="y", label='')
ax.scatter(X, Y, color='blue', s=30, label="Efficient Frontier Plot")
plt.xlabel('Risk', size=15)
plt.ylabel('Expected Returns', size=15)
plt.legend()
plt.title("Markowitz Efficient Frontier: Determination by Monte Carlo
↪Simulation", size=20)
ax.grid(True, color="b", linestyle=":")
plt.show()
```



Using 1000000 random simulations for portfolio, we have observed the above results. As per the plot, the portfolios that have risk less than or equal to 40% will generate expected returns in the range of 10% to 30%. In other words, out of 1 million simulations of our portfolio, we have found out that portfolios that will fetch 10% to 30% of expected returns will be prone to less than 40% of the risk.

1.6 Conclusion

We have optimized our portfolio of 10 stocks for our investor and built him a portfolio that would fetch him expected return with minimum risk.

Using Monte Carlo Simulations, we have evaluated the chances of risk associated to different versions of our portfolio by generating 1 million simulations.