





### We understand

- Financial stock market is a dynamic and complex system
- Even the professional users need to use computer technology for its modeling and prediction.
- Not to mention people with no financial knowledge and background, it's much harder for them to make investment to fit their financial goals
- Simplify the process and make the tool more available



### **Current Market**

- SmartFolio
  - Designed by BMO
  - Online portfolio manager
  - Enable to customize portfolio using the Black-Litterman
- ❖ 401K Plus
  - Developed by Retirement Management System Inc.
  - Use Mean Variance optimization as one of their tool to make asset allocation decisions

### **Problem Definition**

- Create a software system that allows a user to create multiple portfolios given a set of assets and associated data.
- Also, the system should allow ad-hoc side constraints for all model types e.g. portfolio limits
- The system is user friendly in terms of entering data, choosing portfolio model types,

and displaying results



## Models Adopted

### Mean Variance Optimization

- Fundamental of many portfolio management techniques
- Asset allocation by considering the trade-off between risk and return.
- Enable to choose either a desired minimum level of return or maximum level of risk with the combination of the assets
- Maximize the return with minimizing the covariance between each asset

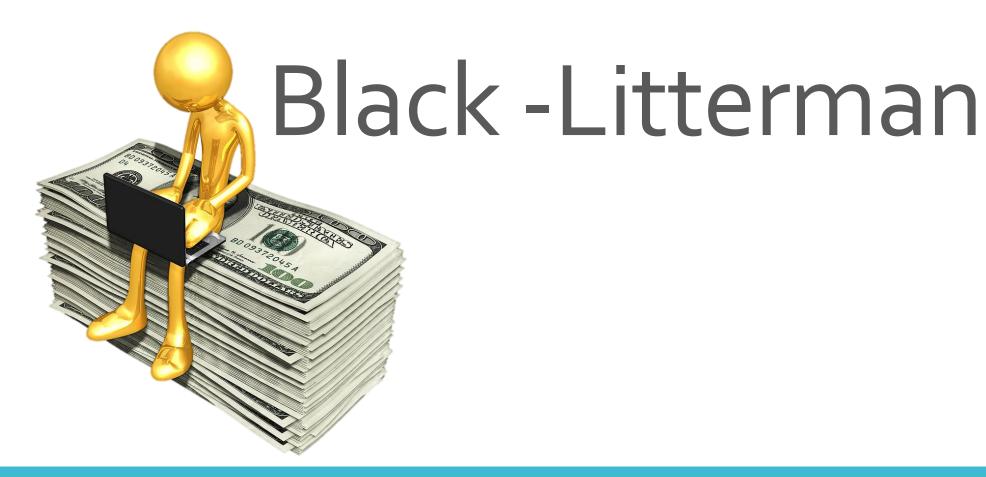
#### Black-Litterman

- The model combines CAPM, MVO, and specific user views into a single model, creating a sophisticated, yet customizable model.
- The model provides a clear way to specify investors views on returns and to blend the investors views with prior information.
- It uses the equilibrium market portfolio, as a starting point for estimation of asset returns, to balance against investor's subjective view

# BUT

### Mean Variance Optimization

- Early tests show that MVO results in portfolios with unrealistically heavy weights in a small number of assets, especially there are more stocks get selected.
- MVO also possesses many limitations that could potentially derail the result produced. MVO tends to creates biased portfolios when there are more stocks selected



### Problem Re-Definition

New

Create an asset allocation decision software system

- Enable to customize equity portfolio for both professional and nonprofessional groups
- The system should allow ad-hoc side constraints for professional users, and generate portfolio automatically for non-professional users
- The system is user friendly in terms of entering data, and displaying results



## Targeting Users

**Professional** 

- Use the Black-Litterman as the main model to optimize the portfolio
- Able to input their selected stocks and views, and generate the portfolio weights based on the views and market equilibrium expected return

Non-Professional

- Use the Black-Litterman as the main model to optimize as well
- Stocks will be selected from different sectors based on their Earning Per Share
- Relative Strength Index and Stochastic Oscillator will be used to generate the views

# Professional Users

- Stocks can be selected from S&P500
- Views can be input by the users
- The market equilibrium portfolio is calculated from market capitalizations of portfolio components
- Covariance matrix will be calculated every time based on the different combination of the assets

### Non-Professional Users





Relative Strength Index

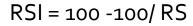


Stochastic Oscillator

# Non-professional Users

- The list is generated based on the top earning per share performances in different sectors from S&P500
- Views are generated using Relevant Asset Index and Stochastic Oscillator
- The market equilibrium portfolio is calculated from market capitalizations of portfolio components
- Covariance matrix will be calculated every time based on the different combination of the assets

# Relative Strength Index





14 Days Average

> 8o Overbought

< 20 Oversold



Oversold will outperform overbought by 1%

### Stochastic Oscillator





K% =

**Current Close** 

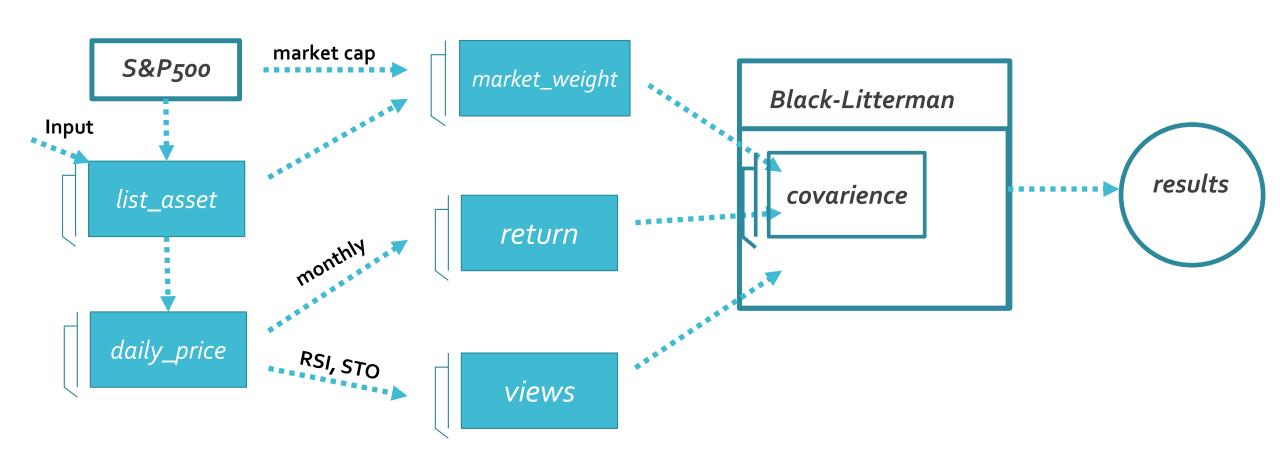
Compare 20 Days

> 8o Overbought

< 20 Oversold

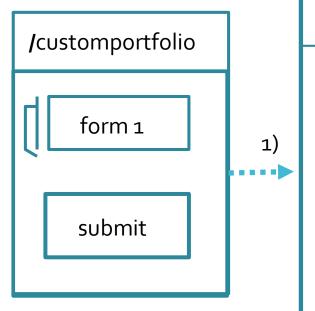
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# Product Design: Back-End Flow



# Product Design: Front-End Flow

app.py



@app.route ('/customtportfolio')

- 2) Request.form.getlist("form1)
- 3) Python code to change input from form into type suited for optimization functions
- 4) Get weights back from optimization functions
- 5) Session ['data'] weights this saves the results in a session cookie for passing between pages
- 6) Return direct ('/customresult')

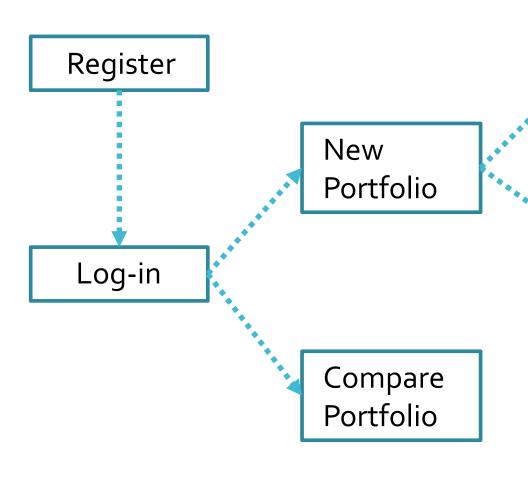
'@app.route ('/customtportfolio')

- 7) data=session.get('data', none)
- gets cookie data from previous page
- 8) Return render\_template
- ('customresulthtml,' data=data)

customresult.html

Table is generated by jinja with this line{{data|saf e}} ticker holdings

### **User Work Flow**



#### **Professional**

- Input stocks and views
- Generate to get the optimized portfolio

### Quick create

- Specify the stocks we want to invest
- Generate to get the optimized portfolio





# Demo Time

# Product Strengths

 We have provide an alternative approach to use the Black –Litterman, as we generate the views from Relative Strength Index and Stochastic Oscillator

 Our product enable to select a large combination of assets from S&P500, and easy and effective to use for both professional and non-professional users

Input Views are really simple, no dimension matches

# Further Improvements

 Transaction cost has not been used in the model, which in fact can affect many decisions in real life scenarios.

 Diversified models adopted in the future. ie.VaR and CVaR

Better Styles

