

Lecture 7: MPT Applications

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1 Numerical solver for optimal portfolios

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import pandas_datareader as pdr
from numpy.linalg import inv
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.optimize import minimize
import seaborn as sns
cmap = sns.color_palette()

factor = pdr.get_data_famafrench('F-F_Research_Data_Factors', start='1-1-1926')
asset = pdr.get_data_famafrench('10_Industry_Portfolios', start='1-1-1926')
print(asset['DESCR'])
```

10 Industry Portfolios

This file was created by CMPT_IND_RETs using the 202107 CRSP database. It contains value- and equal-weighted returns for 10 industry portfolios. The portfolios are constructed at the end of June. The annual returns are from January to December. Missing data are indicated by -99.99 or -999. Copyright 2021 Kenneth R. French

0 : Average Value Weighted Returns -- Monthly (1141 rows x 10 cols)
1 : Average Equal Weighted Returns -- Monthly (1141 rows x 10 cols)
2 : Average Value Weighted Returns -- Annual (94 rows x 10 cols)
3 : Average Equal Weighted Returns -- Annual (94 rows x 10 cols)
4 : Number of Firms in Portfolios (1141 rows x 10 cols)
5 : Average Firm Size (1141 rows x 10 cols)
6 : Sum of BE / Sum of ME (96 rows x 10 cols)
7 : Value-Weighted Average of BE/ME (96 rows x 10 cols)

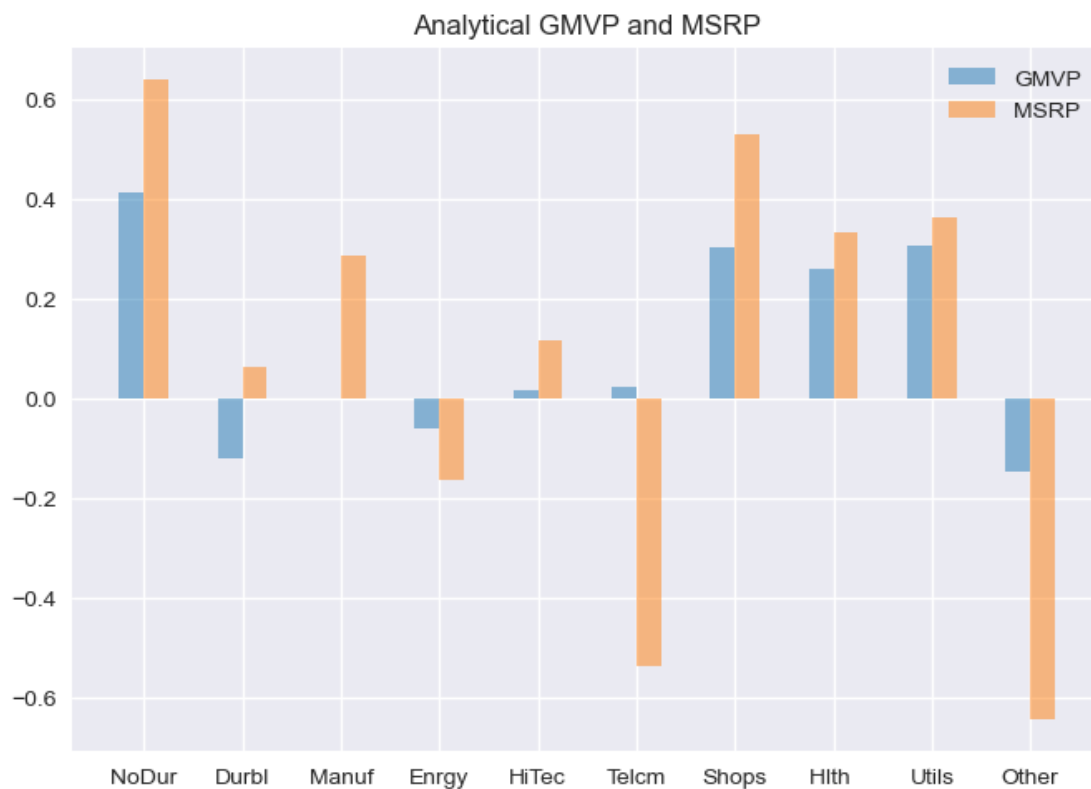
1.1 Subsetting the data

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[2]: df_FF = factor[0].loc['2000':'2020']
df_R = asset[0].loc['2000':'2020']
df_ER = df_R.subtract(df_FF.RF,axis=0)
```

1.2 Analytical solutions

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[3]: S = df_R.cov()
R = df_R.mean(axis=0)
ER = df_ER.mean(axis=0)
N = len(ER)
ONE = np.ones(len(ER))
GMVP = (inv(S) @ ONE) / (ONE.T @ inv(S) @ ONE)
MSRP = (inv(S) @ ER) / (ONE.T @ inv(S) @ ER)
```

```
[4]: plt.style.use('seaborn')
ind = np.arange(N)
plt.bar(ind, GMVP, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color=cmap[0])
plt.bar(ind + 0.25, MSRP, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color=cmap[1])
plt.xticks(ind + 0.25 / 2, ER.index)
plt.legend(['GMVP', 'MSRP'])
plt.title('Analytical GMVP and MSRP')
plt.show()
```



1.3 Define objective functions

For GMVP, we want to minimize the portfolio variance:

$$\sigma_p^2 = \mathbf{w}^T \Sigma \mathbf{w}$$

subject to:

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{1} = 1$$

For MSRP, we want to maximize the portfolio Sharpe ratio:

$$\text{SR}_p = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{R}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{w}^T \Sigma \mathbf{w}}}$$

subject to:

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{1} = 1$$

Since numerical solvers find parameters that minimize the objective function, we have to define the objective function as the negative of portfolio Sharpe ratio.

```
[5]: def pvar(w, S):
      return (w @ S @ w)

      def pret(w, ER):
          return (w @ ER)

      def sharpe(w, ER, S):
          return -(w @ ER)/np.sqrt(w @ S @ w)
```

1.3.1 Numerical GMVP

Our initial guess is simply:

$$w_i = \frac{1}{N}$$

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[6]: x0 = np.ones(N)/N
      cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun' : lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1}),
      NGMVP = minimize(pvar, x0, method='SLSQP', args=S, constraints=cons,
      ↪options={'disp': True, 'ftol': 1e-9})
      NGMVP
```

Optimization terminated successfully (Exit mode 0)

Current function value: 9.390276191622382

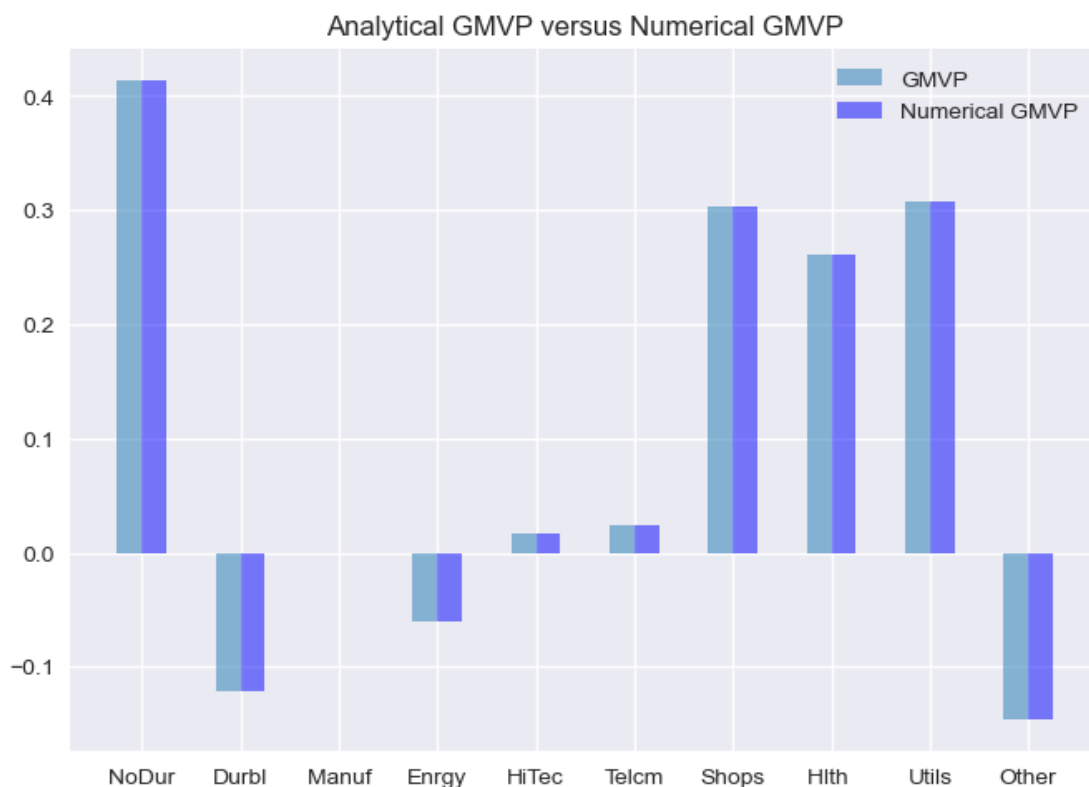
Iterations: 11

Function evaluations: 135

Gradient evaluations: 11

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[6]: fun: 9.390276191622382
      jac: array([18.78055251, 18.78055251, 18.78055251, 18.78055263,
18.78055251,
      18.78055251, 18.78055263, 18.78055251, 18.78055274, 18.78055251])
      message: 'Optimization terminated successfully'
      nfev: 135
      nit: 11
      njev: 11
      status: 0
      success: True
      x: array([ 4.13753735e-01, -1.20903693e-01,  8.54418565e-05,
-5.99156115e-02,
      1.70379759e-02,  2.34358013e-02,  3.03497904e-01,  2.61004190e-01,
      3.08068716e-01, -1.46064460e-01])
```

```
[7]: ind = np.arange(N)
      plt.bar(ind, GMVP, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color=cmap[0])
      plt.bar(ind + 0.25, NGMVP.x, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color='blue')
      plt.xticks(ind + 0.25 / 2, ER.index)
      plt.legend(['GMVP', 'Numerical GMVP'])
      plt.title('Analytical GMVP versus Numerical GMVP')
      plt.show()
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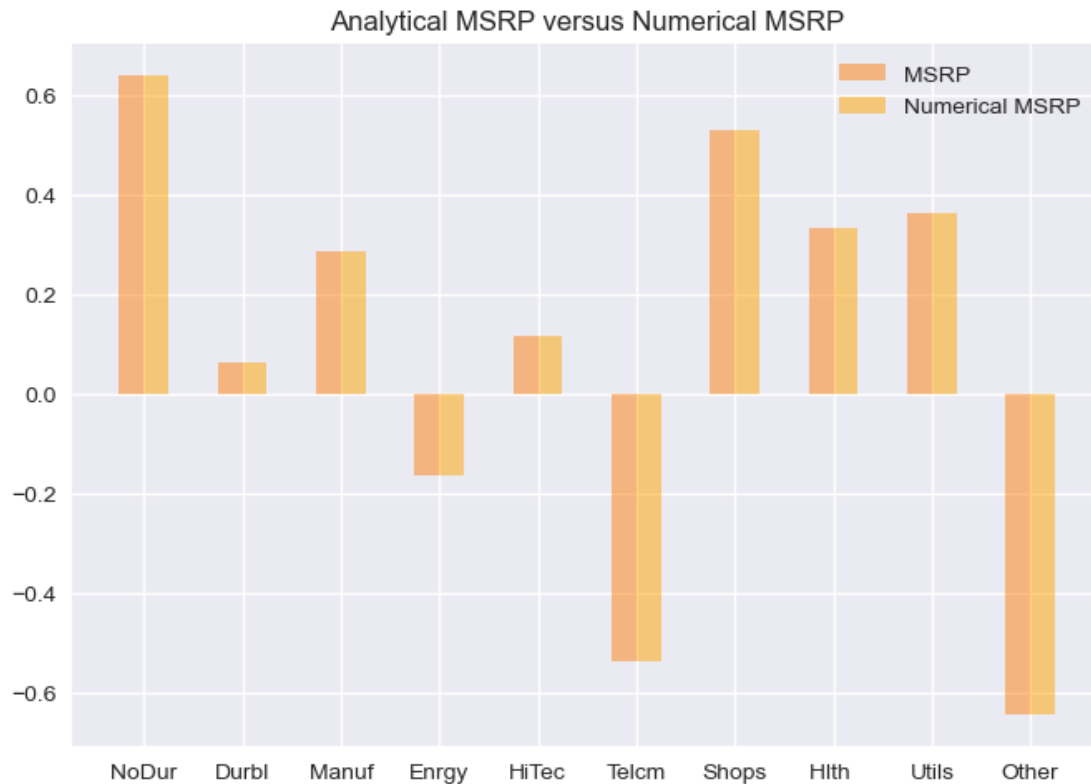
1.3.2 Numerical MSRP

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[8]: x0 = np.arange(N)/N
      cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun' : lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1}),
      NMSRP = minimize(sharpe, x0, method='SLSQP', args=(ER, S), constraints=cons,
      ↪options={'disp': True, 'ftol': 1e-9})
      NMSRP
```

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Optimization terminated successfully    (Exit mode 0)
      Current function value: -0.2966267564788634
      Iterations: 30
      Function evaluations: 331
      Gradient evaluations: 30
```

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[8]:      fun: -0.2966267564788634
      jac: array([ 4.78327274e-06,  2.13831663e-06,  1.87382102e-06,
      1.30087137e-05,
      -6.10947609e-06, -7.71135092e-07,  8.25524330e-06, -1.62422657e-06,
      7.89016485e-06,  1.25765800e-05])
      message: 'Optimization terminated successfully'
      nfev: 331
      nit: 30
      njev: 30
      status: 0
      success: True
      x: array([ 0.64003671,  0.06497472,  0.28757172, -0.16099811,
      0.11635957,
      -0.53696856,  0.53157973,  0.33495086,  0.36472336, -0.64223001])
```

```
[9]: ind = np.arange(N)
      plt.bar(ind, MSRP, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color=cmap[1])
      plt.bar(ind + 0.25, NMSRP.x, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color='orange')
      plt.xticks(ind + 0.25 / 2, ER.index)
      plt.legend(['MSRP', 'Numerical MSRP'])
      plt.title('Analytical MSRP versus Numerical MSRP')
      plt.show()
```



1.4 Numerical GMVP with short selling constraint

Each asset must have a weight great or equal to 0:

$$w_i \geq 0$$

We have to define bounds by using the “Bounds()” method.

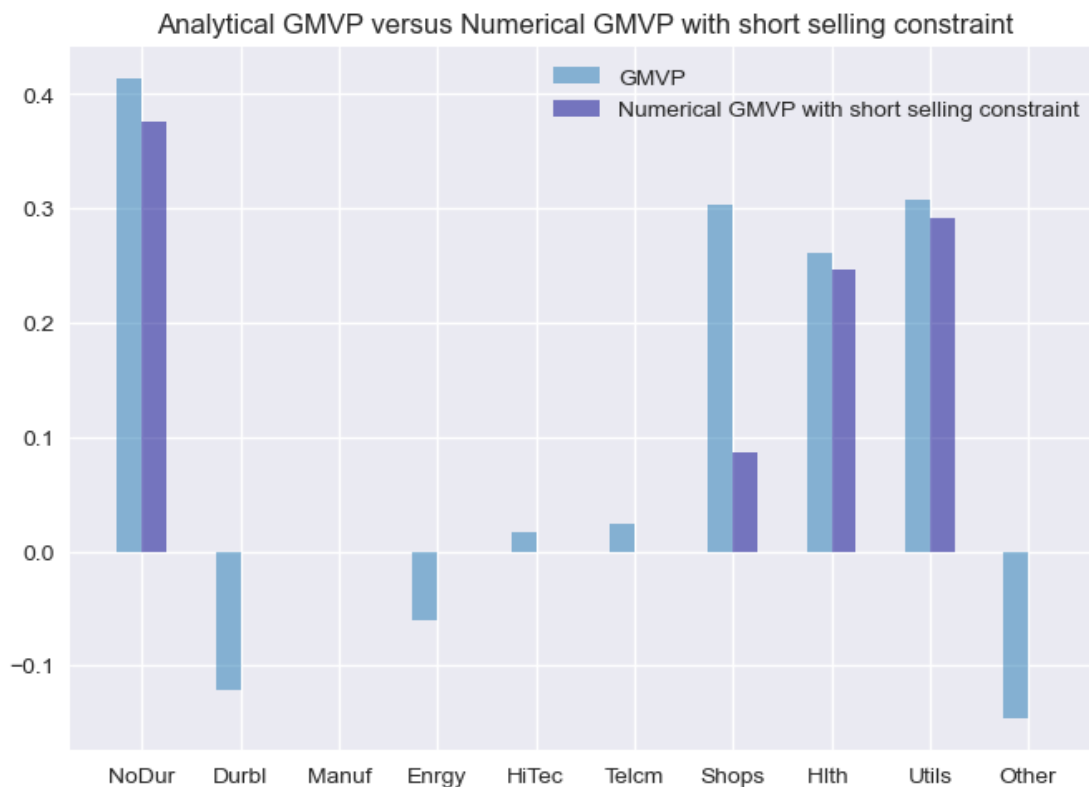
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[10]: from scipy.optimize import Bounds
      bounds = Bounds(0, 1)

      x0 = GMVP
      cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun' : lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})
      NGMVPnoSS = minimize(pvar, x0, method='SLSQP', constraints=cons, args=S,
                          options={'disp': True, 'ftol': 1e-9}, bounds=bounds)
      NGMVPnoSS
```

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Optimization terminated successfully    (Exit mode 0)
      Current function value: 10.677670244592571
      Iterations: 8
      Function evaluations: 91
      Gradient evaluations: 8
```

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[10]: fun: 10.677670244592571
      jac: array([21.35534084, 33.41619241, 25.80424976, 28.39166665,
23.65987611,
      22.79438603, 21.35534108, 21.35534036, 21.35534036, 26.61583376])
      message: 'Optimization terminated successfully'
      nfev: 91
      nit: 8
      njev: 8
      status: 0
      success: True
      x: array([3.75368003e-01, 0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00,
0.00000000e+00, 1.62231095e-15, 8.67982811e-02, 2.46870695e-01,
2.90963020e-01, 0.00000000e+00])
```

```
[11]: ind = np.arange(N)
      plt.bar(ind, GMVP, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color=cmap[0])
      plt.bar(ind + 0.25, NGMVPnoSS.x, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color='darkblue')
      plt.xticks(ind + 0.25 / 2, ER.index)
      plt.legend(['GMVP', 'Numerical GMVP with short selling constraint'])
      plt.title('Analytical GMVP versus Numerical GMVP with short selling constraint')
      plt.show()
```



1.5 Numerical MSRP with short selling constraint

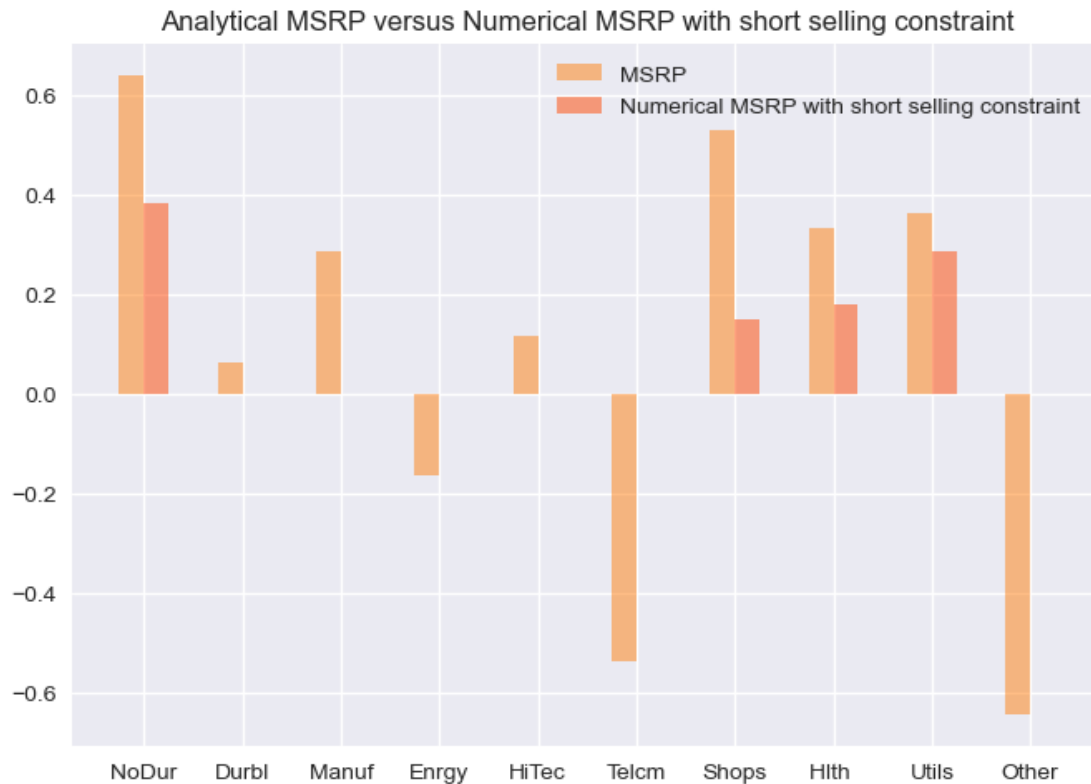
```
[12]: from scipy.optimize import Bounds
      bounds = Bounds(0, 1)

      x0 = MSRP
      cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun' : lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})
      NMSRPnoSS = minimize(sharpe, x0, method='SLSQP', constraints=cons, args=(ER, S),
                          options={'disp': True, 'ftol': 1e-9}, bounds=bounds)
      NMSRPnoSS
```

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Optimization terminated successfully    (Exit mode 0)
      Current function value: -0.21830140101397755
      Iterations: 15
      Function evaluations: 165
      Gradient evaluations: 15
```

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[12]:      fun: -0.21830140101397755
      jac: array([-2.44192779e-06,  7.86497425e-02,  4.41473387e-02,
1.43232191e-01,
      5.68958819e-02,  1.58268843e-01, -1.22934580e-07, -8.00937414e-07,
      3.85567546e-06,  1.17689932e-01])
      message: 'Optimization terminated successfully'
      nfev: 165
      nit: 15
      njev: 15
      status: 0
      success: True
      x: array([3.83523011e-01, 1.57886941e-18, 5.72560391e-17, 0.00000000e+00,
0.00000000e+00, 0.00000000e+00, 1.51734348e-01, 1.78931849e-01,
      2.85810792e-01, 4.17417836e-18])
```

```
[13]: ind = np.arange(N)
      plt.bar(ind, MSRP, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color=cmap[1])
      plt.bar(ind + 0.25, NMSRPnoSS.x, width=0.25, alpha=0.5, color='orangered')
      plt.xticks(ind + 0.25 / 2, ER.index)
      plt.legend(['MSRP', 'Numerical MSRP with short selling constraint'])
      plt.title('Analytical MSRP versus Numerical MSRP with short selling constraint')
      plt.show()
```

1.6 Numerical MVF with short selling constraint

```
[14]: GMVPR = pret(GMVP, R)
      GMVPSD = np.sqrt(pvar(GMVP, S))

      MSRPR = pret(MSRP, R)
      MSRPSD = np.sqrt(pvar(MSRP, S))

      NGMVPnoSSR = pret(NGMVPnoSS.x, R)
      NGMVPnoSSSD = np.sqrt(pvar(NGMVPnoSS.x, S))

      NMSRPnoSSR = pret(NMSRPnoSS.x, R)
      NMSRPnoSSSD = np.sqrt(pvar(NMSRPnoSS.x, S))

      W = np.linspace(-4, 4, 100, endpoint=True)
      MVFR = []
      MVFSD = []
      for u in W:
          MVFR.append(u*GMVPR + (1-u)*MSRPR)
          MVFSD.append(np.sqrt(u**2 * GMVPSD**2 + (1-u)**2 * MSRPSD**2 + 2*u*(1-u)*np.
→dot(GMVP, np.dot(S, MSRP))))
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N Rand = 500
W Rand = pd.DataFrame(np.random.uniform(0, 1, size=(N Rand, N)))
W Rand = W Rand.divide(W Rand.sum(axis=1), axis=0).to_numpy()

RandR = []
RandSD = []

for i in range(N Rand):
    RandR.append(pret(W Rand[i], R))
    RandSD.append(np.sqrt(pvar(W Rand[i], S)))

MVFnoSSR = []
MVFnoSSSD = []

TR = np.linspace(0, 1.75, 100, endpoint=True)
for r in TR:
    x0 = np.arange(N)/N
    cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun' : lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1},
            {'type': 'eq', 'fun' : lambda x: pret(x, R) - r})
    TMP = minimize(pvar, x0, method='SLSQP', constraints=cons, args=S,
                   options={'disp': False, 'ftol': 1e-9}, bounds=bounds)
    MVFnoSSR.append(pret(TMP.x, R))
    MVFnoSSSD.append(np.sqrt(pvar(TMP.x, S)))

plt.plot(MVFSD, MVFR, color='orangered', linewidth=2.5, alpha=0.25)
plt.plot(MVFnoSSSD, MVFnoSSR, color='purple', linewidth=2.5, alpha=0.25)
plt.scatter(x=MSRPSD, y=MSRPR, c='red', marker='D', s=50, alpha=1)
plt.scatter(x=GMVPSD, y=GMVPR, c='orange', marker='D', s=50, alpha=1)
plt.scatter(x=NGMVPnoSSSD, y=NGMVPnoSSR, c='blue', marker='x', s=50, alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(x=NMSRPnoSSSD, y=NMSRPnoSSR, c='green', marker='o', s=50, alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(x=RandSD, y=RandR, c='gray', marker=',', s=10, alpha=0.25)
plt.xlim([0, 5])
plt.ylim([0, 2])
plt.legend(['MVF', 'MVFnoSS', 'MSRP', 'GMVP', 'NGMVPnoSS', 'NMSRPnoSS', 'Rand'])
plt.title('Analytical MVF versus Numerical MVF with short selling constraint')
plt.show()

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