

# DSME6682 Project 1: Robo-Advising

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# Introduction

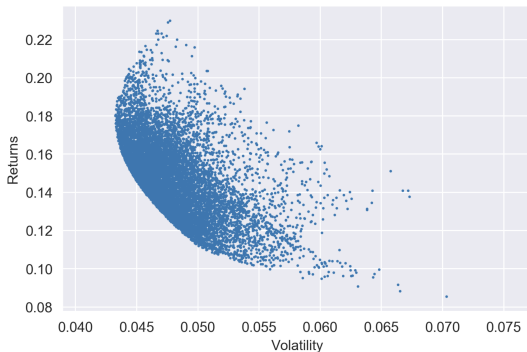
As we covered in class, robo-advisor helps to direct savings into the right portfolio and achieve financial goals. In this project, you would get a chance to **build your own robo-advising algorithm**.

To help you start, we have prepared the project for you with some basic codes. As you might find in the "Efficient Frontier - homework.ipynb", which can **read the data** and **define functions of calculating return, volatility, and Sharpe ratio**. We also include a simulation of portfolio performances with two assets. You are encouraged to **rewrite** the codes to improve the computational efficiency.

In this project, you need to implement the coding parts for the following tasks.

## Required Question 1

Do another simulation with three assets. You are expected to get a **scatter plot of return and volatility** like the following one. **Compare** the major difference between the two-assets case and three-assets case, and **briefly analyze the cause** of such difference.



## Required Question 2

**Replace** the industry portfolios with equity and bond ETFs, and **re-do** all the analysis above.

You are highly recommended to **browse** through top ETFs. A good place to start is Yahoo Finance website (<https://finance.yahoo.com/etfs>). You can easily download historical price data from this website.

All Screeners / Top ETFs US

> Applied Filters for ETFs screener Currency in USD  
 Price (Intraday): greater than 10, Morningstar Performance Rating Overall: ★★★★★ and ★★★★★, Region: United States

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Results List

Matching ETFs 1-25 of 332 results ☆ Add to Portfolio ↗ Share

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<input type="checkbox"/> Symbol	Name	Price (Intraday)	Change	% Change	Volume	50 Day Average	200 Day Average	52 Week Range
<input type="checkbox"/> SMH	VanEck Vectors Semiconductor ETF	139.86	+6.23	+4.46%	5,009K	132.49	118.00	60.71 - 147.55
<input type="checkbox"/> DFE	WisdomTree Europe SmallCap Dividend Fund	64.22	+1.29	+2.00%	9,106	60.49	57.61	51.81 - 64.51
<input type="checkbox"/> IEUS	iShares MSCI Europe Small-Cap ETF	55.15	+1.06	+2.00%	4,165	52.53	49.91	43.17 - 58.24
<input type="checkbox"/> PHD	Invesco International Dividend Achievers ETF	16.96	+0.27	+1.62%	88,210	16.42	16.10	13.58 - 16.05
<input type="checkbox"/> AVAL	Alpha Architect International Quantitative Value ETF	30.62	+0.46	+1.56%	0	28.94	27.02	23.08 - 29.75
<input type="checkbox"/> DIM	WisdomTree International MidCap Dividend Fund	65.58	+0.96	+1.48%	20,952	64.02	61.41	54.86 - 69.27
<input type="checkbox"/> HPXE	iQ 50 Percent Hedged FTSE Europe ETF	20.80	+0.27	+1.33%	0	20.34	19.64	17.02 - 20.61
<input type="checkbox"/> EUWF	WisdomTree Europe Multifactor Fund	29.88	+0.35	+1.20%	0	29.21	28.46	23.08 - 29.05

## Required Question 3

Simulate for several different settings, e.g. different compositions of assets, and report the **changing** trend of the efficient frontier. State your observations and analysis in **美国国债** report with the help of reasonable visualizations.

industry+ETF+index

什么trend

资产和数量的trend

种类？选择不同国家的资产可以分散风险

美国+香港+欧洲发行的ETF

标普500是美国的指数，发布的股票 收益率

德国

日本

中国 上证用这几个慢慢往上加

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## Bonus Question

The following is a bonus question. Your group would get extra credits if you finish them.

- Optimization: Using Mean-Variance Optimization approach to achieve the efficient frontier (minimize standard deviation given each expected return level) by changing weights of your assets (you need at least three assets as the inputs for this question). Then draw the efficient frontier.

# Submission Guidance

- You are required to code in Jupyter Notebook and write a project report (at most **8 pages**, including graphs and tables if any). Write down all your **group members' names on the first page** of the report.
- Aggregate your Jupyter Notebook and the report in **one zip** file. Here is an example of the name of the submitted zip file:  
**6682BA\_Robo\_Group1.**
- The submission deadline is **12:00 noon** on the day of the Module 8 lecture, you can check the due time on Blackboard as well. Each group should only submit one report by the group leader.
- Late submissions without proper excuses and prior applications will not be accepted.