

#### Portfolio:

- Stock A, 60%
- Stock B, 30%
- Stock C, 10%

#### Analysis that we are running on the portfolio:

In finance, a number "+10% return" is meaningless in a vacuum. It only has meaning when compared to an alternative. We evaluate a portfolio (a set of stocks) by asking three fundamental questions:

1. The Survival Test (Inflation): Did the portfolio make money *in real terms*?
  - o i.e. if your portfolio grew by 2% but inflation was 3%, you actually *lost* purchasing power.
  - o CPI (Consumer Price Index) or a **flat inflation rate (e.g., 3%)**.
  - o We test whether portfolio return is greater than inflation or not.
2. The Opportunity Cost Test (S&P 500): Could the portfolio have made this money *doing nothing*?
  - o User could have just bought the entire S&P 500 (the 500 biggest US companies) with one click. If you spent hours picking specific stocks (Stock A, Stock B) but made *less* money than the S&P 500, you wasted your time.
  - o Portfolio's return must be higher than the S&P 500 return.
3. The "Skill" Test (Risk-Adjusted Return): Did portfolio take on too much danger to get this return?
  - o Making 20% is great. But if you took a risk that could have wiped you out to get it, that was "bad" investing (gambling). We need to measure if the speed was worth the bumpiness.
  - o Beta scoring.  $\text{Beta} > 1 \Rightarrow$  more volatile than S&P 500.
  - o We test whether  $\text{beta} \leq 1$ .

#### Fetching:

- Market data
  - o Getting price **returns** from raw data of closing prices
  - o  $(\text{today's closure price} / \text{yesterday's closure price}) - 1$

#### need to find:

- Portfolio Return ( $R_p$ ): The weighted average return of the user's stocks over the period.
  - o  $PR1$ : avg return for Stock A over 1 year
  - o  $PR2$ : avg return for Stock B over 1 year
  - o  $PR3$ : avg return for Stock C over 1 year
  - o Percentage split:  $p1, p2, p3$  (e.g. 0.6, 0.3, 0.1)
  - o  $R_p = PR1 \cdot p1 + PR2 \cdot p2 + PR3 \cdot p3$ .
- Market Return ( $R_m$ ): The return of the S&P 500 over the same period.
  - o  $R_m$ : avg return of S&P 500 over 1 year
- Risk-Free Rate ( $R_f$ ): Usually the 10-Year Treasury Yield (currently ~4-4.5%). This is the return you get for taking zero risk.
  - o  $R_f$ : fixed rate, 4%, i.e. 0.04
- Beta ( $\beta$ ): A measure of how volatile the portfolio is compared to the market.
  - o Volatility of S&P 500 is defined as 1.0.
  - o Annual (individual!) volatility = daily std \*  $\sqrt{252}$ 
    - Daily std:
      - Collect closing prices
      - $(\text{today's closure price} / \text{yesterday's closure price}) - 1$

- STD of the above data
- to find the covariance between Stock A and Stock B, you multiply their deviations together for every single day, sum them up, and divide by the number of days.
- $\text{STD of portfolio} = \sqrt{\text{weights}^T * \text{CovMatrix} * \text{weights}}$

Score calculation:

1. Survival Test, Inflation (**30** points)

- Survival gradient: if Inflation is 3% and you made 2.9%, you preserved almost all your wealth. That is infinitely better than losing -20%. So we set a "Floor" (0% return) and a "Ceiling" (a great return, e.g., 10% or Inflation + 7%).
- Floor (<0% Return): 0 Points. (You lost nominal money. This is bad.)
- Baseline (0% to Inflation): 1 to 15 Points. (You made money, but lost purchasing power. Better than nothing.)
- Target (> Inflation): 16 to 30 Points. (You grew your wealth in real terms.)
- $\text{ScoreInflation} = (Rp / 0.1) * 30\text{pts}$

2. Opportunity Cost Test, S&P 500 (**40** points)

- $\alpha=0$ : You did exactly as well as the market expected for your risk level. This is actually a good result.
- $\alpha>0$ : You are beating the market (great).
- $\alpha<0$ : You are underperforming (bad).
- Since beating the market is extremely hard, we shouldn't punish a user too hard for having an Alpha near 0.
  - We will center the score at 20 points (half credit) for an Alpha of 0.
  - Range: We will look at an Alpha range of -5% to +5%.
  - Alpha  $\leq$  -5%: 0 Points (failed badly).
  - Alpha = 0%: 20 Points (solid, efficient investment).
  - Alpha  $\geq$  +5%: 40 Points (amazing).
- $\text{ScoreAlpha} = 20 + (\alpha * 400); \leftarrow \text{clamp it to be } 0..40/$

3. "Skill" Test, Risk-Adjusted Return (**30** points)

- Sharpe <0: 0 Points.
- Sharpe =1.0 (Market Average): 15 Points.
- Sharpe  $\geq$ 2.0: 30 Points.
- Sharpe ratio measures "Return per unit of Risk."
  - $\text{Sharpe} = (Rp - Rf) / \text{StdPortfolio}$
- $\text{ScoreSharpe} = \text{Sharpe} * 15; \leftarrow \text{clamp it to be } 0..30/$

The score should be >65 to be Good.

Example: