Basics

of return calculations: returns, average returns and volatilities of portfolios.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

The notebook uses the functions printmat() and printlnPs() for formatted printing of matrices and numbers. These functions are in the included src/printmat.jl file and call on the Printf package.

Also, the lag() function (from src/lag.jl) lags a vector/matrix.

```
using Printf
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/lag.jl"); #; to suppress printing of last command in cell
```

Return Calculations

The return of holding the asset between t - 1 and t is

$$R_t = (P_t + D_t)/P_{t-1} - 1,$$

where P_t is the price (measured after dividends) and D_t is the dividend.

We can calculate the returns by a loop or by a more compact notation, see below.

A Remark on the Code

For the vectorized version, notice that - lag(P) creates a vector [NaN,P[1],...,P[end-1], that is, the previous (lagged) value of P. - use [a,b]./[c,d] to do element-by-element division. Also, use [a,b] .- 1 to subtract 1 from each element. In contrast, [a,b]-[c,d] (or +) needs no dot.

```
period return, %return (alt), %
2 10.000 10.000
3 0.926 0.926
```

Cumulating Returns

Net returns can be cumulated to calculate portfolio values as

$$V_t = V_{t-1}(1 + R_t)$$

where we need a starting value (initial investment) for the portfolio (a common choice is to normalise to $V_0 = 1$).

With log returns, $r_t = \log(1 + R_t)$, we instead do

$$\ln V_t = \ln V_{t-1} + r_t$$

If the return series is an excess return, add the riskfree rate to convert it to get net returns - and then cumulate as described above.

A Remark on the Code

- Use cumprod([a,b] to calculate [a,a*b] and cumsum([a,b] to calculate [a,a+b].
- To add 1 to each element of an array R, do 1 .+ R (Notice the dot and the space before the dot.)
- To calculate the logarithm of each value in a matrix X, do log.(X) Again, notice the dot. In general, a function that is defined for a scalar can be called like that to do the calculation for each element in an array (vector, matrix,...).

```
period R V lnV
1 0.200 1.200 0.182
2 -0.350 0.780 -0.248
3 0.250 0.975 -0.025
```

Check that lnV really equals log.(V). Also, try a loop instead

Portfolio Return

We form a portfolio by combining n assets: v is the vector of n portfolio weights. The portfolio return is

```
R_{\upsilon} = \upsilon' R,
```

where *R* is a vector of returns of the *n* assets.

```
v = [0.8,0.2]
R = [10,5]/100  #returns of asset 1 and 2
R<sub>v</sub> = v'R  #R\_v[TAB] to get R<sub>v</sub>

printblue("Portfolio weights:")
printmat(v;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"])
```

```
printblue("Returns:")
printmat(R;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"])

printblue("Portfolio return: ")
printlnPs(Rv)
```

Portfolio weights: asset 1 0.800 asset 2 0.200 Returns: asset 1 0.100 asset 2 0.050 Portfolio return:

0.090

Portfolio Choice 1

This notebook analyses the effect of leverage and diversification on the portfolio performance, and solves a (simple) optimal portfolio choice problem.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf
include("src/printmat.jl");
using Plots
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png) #or :svg
```

Portfolio Return: Expected Value and Variance

We form a portfolio by combining n assets: v is the vector of n portfolio weights. The portfolio return is

```
R_{\upsilon} = \upsilon' R,
```

where R is a vector of returns of the n assets.

```
v = [0.8,0.2]
printblue("Portfolio weights:")
printmat(v;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"])

Portfolio weights:
asset 1   0.800
asset 2   0.200
```

The expected portfolio return and the portfolio variance can be computed as

$$ER_v = v'\mu$$
 and

$$Var(R_v) = v' \Sigma v$$
,

where μ is a vector of expected (average) returns of the n assets and Σ the $n \times n$ variance-covariance matrix.

Also, the covariance of two portfolios (with vectors of portfolio weights v and x, respectively) can be computed as

 $Cov(R_v, R_x) = v'\Sigma x.$

Portfolio variance and std:

```
\mu = [9,6]/100
                                   \#\mbox{mu[TAB]} to get \mu
\Sigma = [256 \ 96;
                                   #\Sigma[TAB]
     96 144]/100^2
printblue("expected returns*100: ")
printmat(\mu*100; rowNames=["asset 1", "asset 2"], prec=2)
printblue("covariance matrix*100^2:")
printmat(Σ*100^2;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],colNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec=2)
expected returns*100:
             9.00
asset 1
asset 2
             6.00
covariance matrix*100^2:
          asset 1 asset 2
          256.00
asset 1
                      96.00
                      144.00
asset 2
            96.00
ER_v = v'\mu
VarR_v = v'\Sigma * v
printlnPs("Expected portfolio return: ",ERv)
printlnPs("Portfolio variance and std:", VarRv, sqrt(VarRv))
Expected portfolio return:
                                  0.084
```

0.142

0.020

```
x = [0.3, 0.7] #weights for portfolio x printlnPs("Covariance of R_v and R_x: ",v'\Sigma * x)
```

Covariance of R_v and R_x: 0.014

Leverage: A Risky and a Riskfree Asset

Suppose you can invest in a risky asset (with return R, expected return μ and standard deviation σ) and also in a riskfree asset (at the rate R_f).

With the portfolio weight v on the risky asset, the portfolio return is

$$R_p = vR + (1 - v)R_f.$$

v > 1 is called leverage (and it is financed by borrowing at the rate R_f).

The average and standard deviation of the portfolio are

$$ER_p = v\mu + (1 - v)R_f$$

and

$$Std(R_p) = |v|\sigma$$
,

where (μ, σ) are the average return and standard deviation of the risky asset.

By considering different values of v, we can show what sort of combinations of ER_p and $Std(R_p)$ that can be achieved.

A Remark on the Code

- 1. if v=0.2, then println("hello is \$v") will print hello is 0.2
- 2. if $v_{range}=[0.5,0.25]$, then 1.0 .- v_{range} will give [1-0.5,1-0.25].

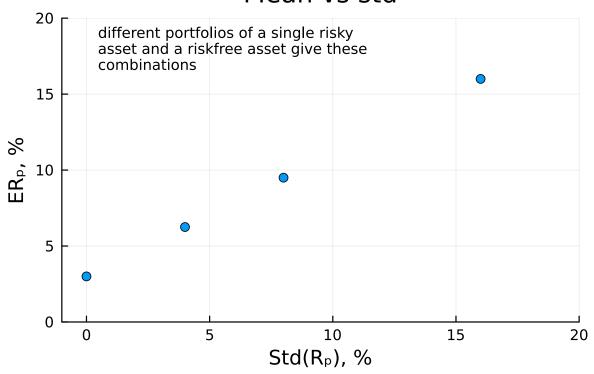
```
\mu = 9.5/100 #expected return of the risky asset \sigma = 8/100 #std of the risky asset Rf = 3/100 #risk free return (interest rate) \nu = 0.5 #try a single value of \nu ER<sub>p</sub> = \nu*\mu + (1 - \nu)*Rf StdR<sub>p</sub> = abs(\nu)*\sigma
```

```
printlnPs("ER_p and Std(R_p) when v=$v:",ER_p,StdR_p)
```

 ER_p and $Std(R_p)$ when v=0.5: 0.062 0.040

```
v_range = [0,0.5,1,2]
                                            #try different values of v
                                            #a vector of the same length as v_range, notice the
ERp
        = v_range*\mu + (1 \cdot - v_range)*Rf
StdRp
        = abs.(v_range)*σ
                                            #notice the dot.
txt = text("different portfolios of a single risky\nasset and a riskfree asset give these\ncom
p1 = scatter( StdR_p*100, ER_p*100,
              legend = false,
              ylim = (0,20),
              xlim = (-1,20),
              title = "Mean vs std",
              xlabel = "Std(R_p), %",
              ylabel = "ERp, %",
              annotation = (0.5,18,txt))
display(p1)
```

Mean vs std



Portfolio Choice: A Risky and a Riskfree Asset

Consider the objective function ("utility") $ER_p - k/2 \times Var(R_p)$.

It depends on the weight v on the risky asset (and 1 - v on the riskfree asset), since both terms do (see the previous cells).

The optimal portfolio weight is

$$v = \frac{\mu - R_f}{k\sigma^2}$$

```
linecolor = :red,
linewidth = 2,
legend = false,
title = "Utility, ERp - k/2*Var(Rp)",
xlabel = "v (weight on risky asset)" )
display(p1)
```

Utility, ER_p - k/2*Var(R_p) -0.05 -0.10

```
\label{eq:vopt} $$ vopt = (\mu-Rf)/(k*\sigma^2) $$ #optimal solution (according to the lecture notes) $$ printblue("Optimal weights on risky and riskfree assets when k = $k: ") $$ printmat([vopt,1-vopt];rowNames=["risky","riskfree"]) $$ printred("compare with the figure") $$
```

v (weight on risky asset)

0.5

1.0

2.0

```
Optimal weights on risky and riskfree assets when k=25: risky 0.406 riskfree 0.594 compare with the figure
```

0.0

-0.5

Diversification

The variance of an equally weighted portfolio of two assets is

$$Var(R_p) = \sigma_{11}/4 + \sigma_{22}/4 + \sigma_{12}/2,$$

where σ_{ii} the variance of asset *i* and σ_{ij} is the covariance of assets *i* and *j*. Notice that $\sigma_{12} = \rho \sqrt{\sigma_{11}\sigma_{22}}$, where ρ is the correlation.

Notice that we use σ_{ii} to denote a variance since it is tricky to write σ_i^2 in the code (it looks ugly, like σ_1^2).

More generally, the variance of an equally weighted portfolio of *n* assets is

$$Var(R_p) = (\bar{\sigma}_{ii} - \bar{\sigma}_{ij})/n + \bar{\sigma}_{ij},$$

where $\bar{\sigma}_{ii}$ is the average variance (across the assets) and $\bar{\sigma}_{ij}$ is the average covariance. (In the code, we use σ_{i} and σ_{ij} are to denote this.)

```
\sigma_{11} = 256/100^2
\sigma_{22} = \sigma_{11} #assume the same variance of the two assets
\rho = 0.5

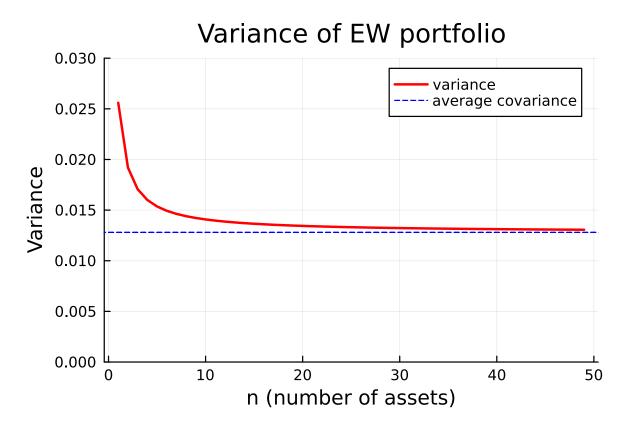
VarR_p = \sigma_{11}/4 + \sigma_{22}/4 + \rho*sqrt(\sigma_{11}*\sigma_{22})/2

printmat([\sigma_{11};VarR_p];rowNames=["Individual variance","portfolio variance"])
```

Individual variance 0.026 portfolio variance 0.019

Portfolio variance and std, n = 1 to 3

```
n var std
1 0.026 0.160
2 0.019 0.139
3 0.017 0.131
```



Calculate the Average Correlation (extra)

A Remark of the Code

tril(C,-1) creates a new matrix where all n(n-1)/2 elements below the main diagonal are kept unchanged, and all other elements are replaced by zeros.

0.283

Review of Statistics

This notebook shows some basic statistics needed for this course.

It uses the Statistics package (built in) for descriptive statistics (averages, autocorrelations, etc) and the Distributions.jl package for statistical distributions (pdf, cdf, etc).

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, Statistics, LinearAlgebra, DelimitedFiles, Distributions
include("src/OlsGMFn.jl")
include("src/printmat.jl");
```

Distributions

Probability Density Function (pdf)

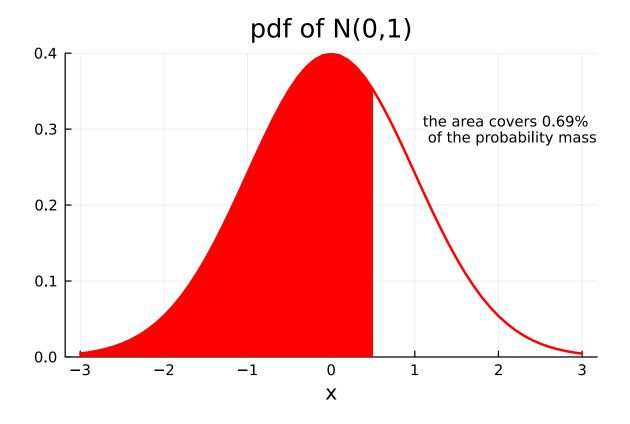
The cells below calculate and plot pdfs and cdfs of some distributions often used in the lecture notes. The Distributions.jl package has many more distributions.

A Remark on the Code

- Notice that the Distributions.jl package wants Normal(μ , σ), where σ is the standard deviation. However, the notation in the lecture notes is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. For instance, N(0, 2) from the lectures is coded as Normal(0,sqrt(2)).
- pdf. (Normal(0,1),x) calculates the pdf of a standard normal variable at each value in the array x. Notice the dot(.).

```
x = -3:0.1:3
xb = x[x.<=0.5]
                                  #pick out x values <= 0.5</pre>
pdfx = pdf.(Normal(0,1),x)
                                   #calculate the pdf of a N(0,1) variable
                                   #colour the area below this curve
pdfxb = pdf.(Normal(0,1),xb)
Prb = cdf(Normal(0,1),0.5)
printlnPs("Pr(x<=0.5) ",Prb)</pre>
p1 = plot(x, pdfx,
                                           #plot pdf
           linecolor = :red,
           linewidth = 2,
           legend = nothing,
           ylims = (0,0.4),
           title = "pdf of N(0,1)",
           xlabel = "x",
           annotation = (1.1,0.3,text("the area covers $(round(Prb,digits=2))%\n of the probab
plot!(xb,pdfxb,linecolor=:red,linewidth=2,legend=nothing,fill=(0,:red))
                                                                            #plot area under pd
display(p1)
```

```
Pr(x <= 0.5) 0.691
```



```
printlnPs("5% quantile of N(0,1): ", quantile(Normal(0,1),0.05))
```

5% quantile of N(0,1): -1.645

Expected Values and Variances

The random variable used in the example below can only take two values in the vector $x = [x_1, x_2]$, with probabilities in $p = [p_1, 1-p_1]$. (π is already defined in one of the packages.)

```
x = [9.5,11]
p = [0.4,0.6]

\mu = sum(p.*x) #or 'dot(\pi,x)'

printlnPs("\mu: ",\mu)

\sigma^2 = dot(p,(x.-\mu).^2)

printlnPs("\sigma^2: ",\sigma^2)
```

```
printlnPs("\nCheck the variance against the theoretical result:", p[1]*p[2]*(x[2]-x[1])^2)
```

```
\mu: 10.400 \sigma^2: 0.540
```

Check the variance against the theoretical result: 0.540

Expected Value of a function and Its Derivative

```
Elnx = dot(p,log.(x))  #expected value of log(x)
println("log(x) and its expected value")
Edlnx = dot(p,1.0./x)  #derivative of log(x) is 1/x

xut = hcat([x;\mu],[log.(x);Elnx],[1.0./x;Edlnx])
printmat(xut;rowNames=["state 1","state 2","expected value"],colNames=["x","log(x)","dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlog(x)/dlo
```

log(x) and its expected value

	Х	log(x)	dlog(x)/dx
state 1	9.500	2.251	0.105
state 2	11.000	2.398	0.091
expected value	10.400	2.339	0.097

Expected Value and Variance of Linear Combinations

0.03

```
w = [0.25,0.68,0.07] #portfolio weights summing to 1
```

```
3-element Vector{Float64}: 0.25 0.68 0.07 ERp = dot(w,\mu) VarRp = w'*\Sigma*w; 	 #or dot(w,\Sigma,w)
```

0.0054429400000000001

```
xut = [ERp,VarRp,sqrt(VarRp)]
printmat(xut;rowNames=["mean","variance","std"])
```

mean 0.098 variance 0.005 std 0.074

Linear Regressions

using the included function OlsGMFn(Y,X) where Y

```
x = readdlm("Data/FFmFactorsPs.csv",',',skipstart=1)

#yearmonth, market, small minus big, high minus low
(ym,Rme,RSMB,RHML) = (x[:,1],x[:,2]/100,x[:,3]/100,x[:,4]/100)
x = nothing

printlnPs("Sample size:",size(Rme))
```

Sample size: (388,)

```
Y = Rme  #T-vector, to get standard OLS notation
T = size(Y,1)
X = [ones(T) RSMB RHML] #TxK matrix, regressors

(b,-,-,V,R²) = OlsGMFn(Y,X)
Stdb = sqrt.(diag(V)) #standard errors, assuming iid errors
```

```
printblue("OLS Results:\n")
xNames = ["c","SMB","HML"]
printmat(b,Stdb,colNames=["b","std"],rowNames=xNames)
printlnPs("R<sup>2</sup>: ",R<sup>2</sup>)
```

OLS Results:

```
b std
c 0.007 0.002
SMB 0.217 0.073
HML -0.429 0.074
```

Test a Single Coefficient

Suppose we want to test if the 2nd coefficient os equal to 0.3 THis can be done as follows. If the |t-stat|, is larger than 1.645, then you cannot reject the null hypothesis on the 10% significance level

```
t = (b[2]-0.3)/Stdb[2]
printlnPs("|t| : ",abs(t))
```

|t|: 1.132

Test Several coefficients

or some linear combinations of them, then

Since the estimator $\hat{\beta}_{k\times 1}$ satisfies

$$\hat{\beta} - \beta_0 \sim N(0, V_{k \times k}),$$

we can easily apply various tests. Consider a joint linear hypothesis of the form

$$H_0: R\beta = q$$
,

where R is a $J \times k$ matrix and q is a J-vector. To test this, use

```
(R\beta-q)'(RVR')^{-1}(R\beta-q) \stackrel{d}{\to} \chi_J^2.

R = [0 1 0;
    0 0 1]
q = [0.3;0]  #\beta[2]=0.3 and \beta[3]=0

2-element Vector{Float64}:
    0.3
    0.0

Q = (R*b-q)'*inv(R*V*R')*(R*b-q)
printlnPs("Compare with 10% critical value of X^2(2): ",Q," ",quantile(Chisq(2),0.9))

Compare with 10% critical value of X^2(2): 34.669  4.605
```

Mean Variance Frontiers

This notebook calculates (a) the mean-variance frontiers when there are no portfolio restrictions; (b) the tangency portfolio.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, LinearAlgebra
include("src/printmat.jl");
prec = 2; #default number of decimal digits in printmat()
```

```
using Plots
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png) #or :svg
```

The MV Frontier

Mean variance (MV) analysis starts with providing the vector of expected returns μ and the covariance matrix Σ of the investable assets.

Then, it plots the "mean variance" frontier: it is a scatter plot showing the lowest possible portfolio standard deviation ($\operatorname{Std}(R_p)$) on the horizontal axis (yes, the standard deviation, not the variance) at a required average return ($\operatorname{ER}_p = \mu^*$) on the vertical axis. We consider many different μ^* values to create the scatter. In most figures we connect the dots to form a curve.

Remember: to calculate the expected return and the variance of a portfolio with portfolio weights in the vector w, use

```
ER_p = w'\mu and Var(R_p) = w'\Sigma w.
```

Also, the sum of the portfolio weights should equal 1.

MV Frontier with Two Assets

With only two investable assets, all portfolios of them are on the MV frontier. We can therefore trace out the entire MV frontier by calculating the means and standard deviations of a range of portfolios with different weights $(w_1, 1 - w_1)$ on the two assets.

```
\mu = [11.5, 6]/100
                              #expected returns
\Sigma = \lceil 166 \rceil
           58;
                              #covariance matrix
      58 100]/100^2
printblue("expected returns, %:")
printmat(µ*100;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec)
                                                            #prec is defined above
printblue("covariance matrix, bp:")
printmat(Σ*100^2;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],colNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec)
expected returns, %:
            11.50
asset 1
asset 2
             6.00
covariance matrix, bp:
          asset 1
                    asset 2
           166.00
asset 1
                       58.00
asset 2
            58.00
                      100.00
```

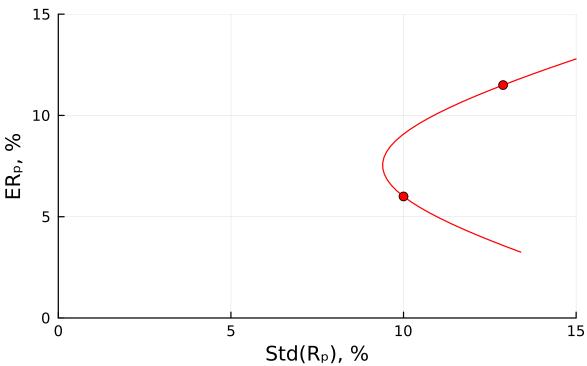
Remarks on the Code

For the the code in the next cell, notice the following:

- 1. $(ER_p,StdR_p) = (fill(NaN,L),fill(NaN,L))$ creates two L-vectors filled with NaNs. (This is the same as having two lines of code.)
- 2. local w makes sure that w inside the loop does not affect any previously assigned w. In contrast, a global w would make the value created in the loop overwrite any previous w. In a notebook, global is implicitly assumed. In a script (.jl) file, you typically have to explicitly indicate local/global.

```
 p1 = plot( StdR_p*100, ER_p*100, \\ legend = nothing, \\ linecolor = :red, \\ xlim = (0,15), \\ ylim = (0,15), \\ title = "Mean vs standard deviation", \\ xlabel = "Std(R_p), %", \\ ylabel = "ER_p, %" ) \\ scatter!(sqrt.(diag(<math>\Sigma))*100, \mu*100, markercolor=:red) \\ display(p1)
```





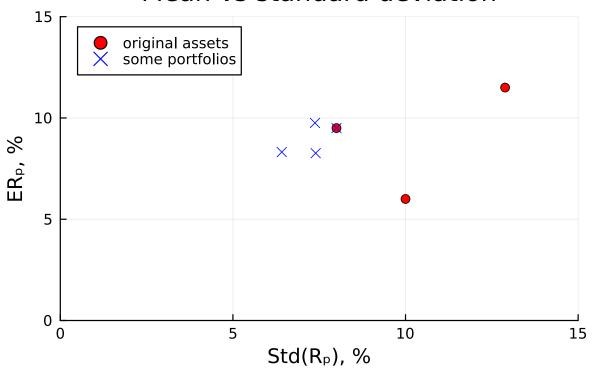
Portfolios of 3 or More (Risky) Assets

The next few cells define the average returns and the covariance matrix for 3 assets and illustrate a few portfolios.

```
μ and Rf in %:
      11.50
Α
       9.50
В
С
       6.00
      3.00
\Sigma in bp:
                     В
                               С
          Α
Α
     166.00
                 34.00
                           58.00
В
      34.00
                 64.00
                            4.00
С
      58.00
                  4.00
                          100.00
WM = [0 \ 0.22 \ 0.02 \ 0.25;
                                     #different portfolios (one in each column)
      1 0.30 0.63 0.68;
      0 0.48 0.35 0.07]
K = size(wM, 2)
                                     #number of different portfolios
(ER_p,StdR_p) = (fill(NaN,K),fill(NaN,K))
for i in 1:K
                                    #loop over columns in wM
    ER_p[i] = wM[:,i]'\mu
    StdR_p[i] = sqrt(wM[:,i]'\Sigma*wM[:,i])
end
printblue("mean and std (in %) of portfolio: ")
printmat([ERp';StdRp']*100;colNames=["A","1","2","3"],rowNames=["mean","std"],prec)
mean and std (in %) of portfolio:
                        1
                                             3
             Α
          9.50
                     8.26
                                8.31
                                          9.75
mean
std
          8.00
                     7.40
                               6.41
                                          7.38
p1 = scatter( sqrt.(diag(\Sigma))*100,\mu*100,
               markercolor = :red,
               label = "original assets",
               xlim = (0,15),
               ylim = (0,15),
               title = "Mean vs standard deviation",
               xlabel = "Std(R_p), %",
               ylabel = "ERp, %",
               legend = :topleft )
```

scatter!(StdR_p*100,ER_p*100,marker=:x,markercolor=:blue,label="some portfolios")
display(p1)

Mean vs standard deviation



Calculating the MV Frontier: 3 or More (Risky) Assets

To find the MV frontier with 3 or more assets we have to solve the optimization problem:

$$\min \operatorname{Var}(R_p) \text{ s.t. } \operatorname{E} R_p = \mu^* \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1.$$

This can be done with a numerical minimization routine or by linear algebra (at least when we do not put any further restrictions on the portfolio weights). The next cells use the linear algebra approach: it solves for *w* from the following linear equations (first order conditions):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma & \mu & \mathbf{1}_n \\ \mu' & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{1}'_n & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ \lambda \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_n \\ \mu^* \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
MVCalc(\mu^{x},\mu,\Sigma)
Calculate the std and weights of a portfolio (with mean return \mu^*) on MVF of risky assets.
We use \mu^{x} to denote the required average return, si
# Remark
- The code could be made quicker by calculating `Af = factorize(A)` once and then loop
over different elements in a vector of \mu^x values as in \hbar \delta = ... but using \hbar \delta instead of
11 11 11
function MVCalc(\mu^x,\mu,\Sigma) #the std of a portfolio on MVF of risky assets
          = length(\mu)
           = [Σ
                         μ ones(n); #A is just a name of this matrix, it's not asset A
    Α
              μ'
                         0 0;
               ones(n)' 0 0];
           = A \setminus [zeros(n); \mu^x; 1]
    wλδ
           = w\lambda\delta[1:n]
    StdRp = sqrt(w'\Sigma*w)
    return StdRp,w
end
```

MVCalc

```
(StdAt10,wAt10) = MVCalc(0.1,μ,Σ)
printblue("Testing: the portfolio with a mean return of 10%")
printlnPs("\nstd: ",StdAt10)

printblue("\nw and its sum: ")
printmat([wAt10;sum(wAt10)];rowNames=[assetNames;"sum"],prec)
```

Testing: the portfolio with a mean return of 10%

std: 0.077

w and its sum:
A 0.29
B 0.69
C 0.02
sum 1.00

A Remark on the Code

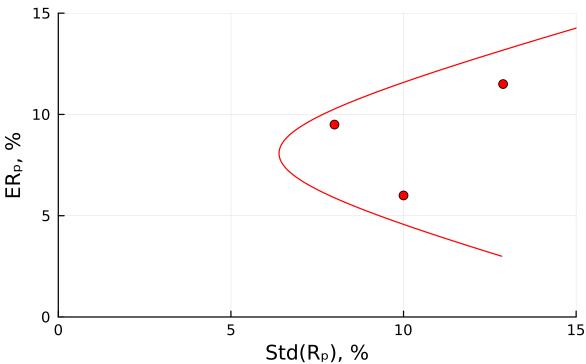
- MVCalc (μ^x, μ, Σ) [1] picks out the first output from the MVCalc function.
- StdR_p = [MVCalc(μ^x , μ , Σ)[1] for μ^x in μ^x _range] is a loop over the different μ^x values in μ^x _range

It is the same as writing an explicit loop as in

```
\label{eq:local_local} \begin{split} & L &= length(\mu^x\_range) \\ & StdR_p = fill(NaN,L) \\ & for \ i \ in \ 1:L \\ & StdR_p[i] = MVCalc(\mu^x\_range[i],\mu,\Sigma)[1] \\ & end \end{split}
```

```
\begin{split} \text{yx\_range} &= \text{range}(\text{Rf}, 0.15, \text{length=101}) \\ \text{StdR}_p &= \left[ \text{MVCalc}(\mu^x, \mu, \Sigma) [1] \text{ for } \mu^x \text{ in } \mu^x\_\text{range} \right] \text{ #loop over different required average returns,} \\ p1 &= \text{plot}(\text{ StdR}_p*100, \mu^x\_\text{range*100,} \\ & \text{legend} &= \text{nothing,} \\ & \text{linecolor} &= :\text{red,} \\ & \text{xlim} &= (0,15), \\ & \text{ylim} &= (0,15), \\ & \text{title} &= \text{"Mean vs standard deviation",} \\ & \text{xlabel} &= \text{"Std}(\text{R}_p), \text{ %",} \\ & \text{ylabel} &= \text{"ER}_p, \text{ %"} \right) \\ \text{scatter!} (\text{sqrt.}(\text{diag}(\Sigma))*100, \mu*100, \text{markercolor=:red)} \\ \text{display}(p1) \end{split}
```





Calculating the MV Frontier (of Risky and Riskfree Assets)

All portfolios on the MV frontier of both risky and riskfree have (a vector of) portfolio weights on the risky assets as in

$$w = \frac{\mu^* - R_f}{\mu^{e'} \Sigma^{-1} \mu^e} \Sigma^{-1} \mu^e,$$

where μ^* is the required average return.

The weight of the riskfree asset is 1 - 1'w.

The cell also contains an alternative formulation based on the first order conditions.

```
Calculate the std of a portfolio (with mean \mu^x) on MVF of (Risky,Riskfree) 
# Remark 
- This code could be speeded up by calculating `(\Sigma_1*\mu^e)/(\mu^e'\Sigma_1*\mu^e) ` once and then multiply with different values of ``(\mu^x-Rf)`.
```

```
.....
function MVCalcRf(\mu^x,\mu,\Sigma,Rf)
    \mu^e = \mu \cdot - Rf
                                            #expected excess returns
    \Sigma_1 = inv(\Sigma)
    W = (\mu^{x}-Rf)/(\mu^{e} \Sigma_{1}*\mu^{e}) * \Sigma_{1}*\mu^{e}
    StdRp = sqrt(w'\Sigma * w)
    return StdRp,w
end
11 11 11
Alternative calculation of the std of a portfolio (with mean \mu^{x}) on MVF of (Risky,Riskfree)
function MVCalcRfX(μ*,μ,Σ,Rf)
                                              #calculates the std of a portfolio
           = length(µ)
                                                    #on MVF of (Risky,Riskfree)
    n
    μ
         = \mu . - Rf
    Α
          = [\Sigma \mu^e;
             µe' 0]
           = A \setminus [zeros(n); (\mu^x - Rf)]
    wλ
           = w\lambda[1:n]
    StdRp = sqrt(w'\Sigma*w)
    return StdRp,w
end
```

MVCalcRfX

```
(Std,w) = MVCalcRf(0.1,μ,Σ,Rf)
printblue("Testing: the portfolio with a mean return of 10%")
printlnPs("\nstd: ",Std)

printlnPs("\nw and its sum: ")
printmat([w;sum(w)];rowNames=[assetNames;"sum"],prec)

printlnPs("weight on riskfree:",1-sum(w))
```

Testing: the portfolio with a mean return of 10%

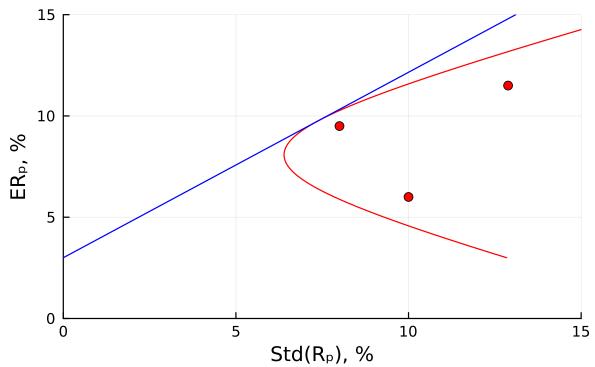
std: 0.076

w and its sum:

```
A 0.26
B 0.71
C 0.07
sum 1.04
```

weight on riskfree: -0.037

Mean vs standard deviation



Tangency Portfolio

The tangency portfolio is a particular portfolio on the MV frontier of risky and riskfree, where the weights on the risky assets sum to 1. It is therefore also on the MV frontier of risky assets only. The vector of portfolio weights is

$$w_T = \frac{\Sigma^{-1}\mu^e}{1'\Sigma^{-1}\mu^e}$$

```
\begin{array}{lll} & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ &
```

MVTangencyP (generic function with 1 method)

```
(wT,μT,σT) = MVTangencyP(μ,Σ,Rf)
printblue("Tangency portfolio: ")
printmat([wT;sum(wT)];rowNames=[assetNames;"sum"],prec)
printlnPs("mean and std of tangency portfolio, %: ",[μT σT]*100)
```

```
Tangency portfolio:
```

A 0.25 B 0.68 C 0.07 sum 1.00

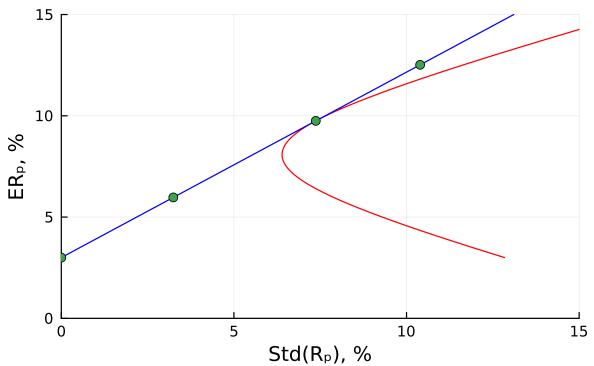
mean and std of tangency portfolio, %: 9.750 7.372

By mixing the tangency portfolio and the riskfree, we can create any point on the MV frontier of risky and riskfree (also called the Capital Market Line, CML).

The code below shows the expected return and standard deviation of several portfolio (different v values) of the form

$$R_v = vR_T + (1 - v)R_f$$
 where $R_T = w'_T R$

Mean vs standard deviation



Examples of Tangency Portfolios

```
\mu b = [9; 6]/100
                                        #means
\Sigma b = [256 0;
            144]/100^2
      0
Rfb = 1/100
wT, = MVTangencyP(\mu b,\Sigma b,Rfb)
printmat(wT;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec)
wT, = MVTangencyP([13; 6]/100,\Sigmab,Rfb)
printmat(wT;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec)
\Sigma b = [1 -0.8;
      -0.8
               1]
wT, = MVTangencyP(\mu b, \Sigma b, Rfb)
printmat(wT;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec)
\Sigma b = [ 1 0.8;
      0.8 1]
wT, = MVTangencyP(\mu b,\Sigma b,Rfb)
printmat(wT;rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2"],prec)
              0.47
asset 1
asset 2
              0.53
```

```
asset 2 0.53

asset 1 0.57

asset 2 0.43

asset 1 0.51

asset 2 0.49

asset 1 1.54

asset 2 -0.54
```

Drawing the MV Frontier Revisited (extra)

Recall: with only two investable assets, all portfolios of them are on the MV frontier.

We apply this idea by using the global minimum variance portfolio (see below for code) and the tangency portfolios (see above).

```
Calculate the global minimum variance portfolio """

function MVMinimumVarP(\mu,\Sigma,Rf)

n = length(\mu)

\mu^e = \mu \cdot - Rf

\Sigma_1 = inv(\Sigma)

w = \Sigma_1*ones(n)/(ones(n)'\Sigma_1*ones(n))

mu = w'\mu + (1-sum(w))*Rf

Std = sqrt(w'\Sigma*w)

return w,mu,Std

end
```

MVMinimumVarP

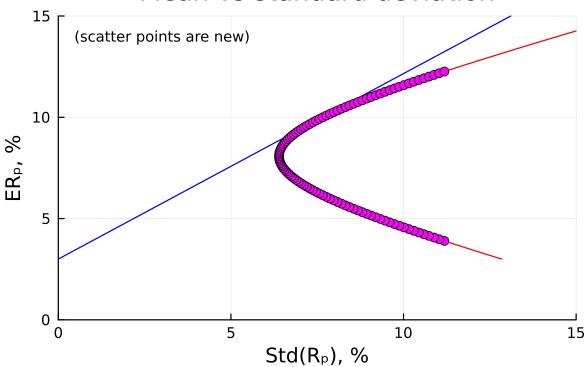
```
(wT,μT,σT) = MVTangencyP(μ,Σ,Rf)
(wMvp,muMvp,StdMvp) = MVMinimumVarP(μ,Σ,Rf)
printblue("Tangency and minimum variance portfolios: ")
printmat([wT wMvp];colNames=["tangency","min var"],rowNames=assetNames,prec)
```

```
Tangency and minimum variance portfolios:
```

```
tangency min var
A 0.25 -0.02
B 0.68 0.62
C 0.07 0.40
```

```
\label{eq:continuous} y \text{lim} = (0,15), \\ \text{title} = "Mean vs standard deviation", \\ \text{xlabel} = "Std(R_p), %", \\ \text{ylabel} = "ER_p, %", \\ \text{annotation} = (0.5,14,\text{text}("(\text{scatter points are new})",8,:left))) \\ \text{scatter!}(\text{StdR}_v*100,\text{ER}_v*100,\text{markercolor=:magenta}) \\ \text{display}(p1)
```

Mean vs standard deviation



Mean Variance Frontier with Short Sales Constraints

This notebook alculates mean variances frontiers for two cases (1) when there are no restrictions on the portfolio weights and (2) when we impose the restriction that no weights can be negative.

We use the package OSQP.jl which solves problems of the type:

```
\min 0.5\theta' P\theta + q'\theta subject to l \le A\theta \le u.
```

As an alternative, consider the EfficientFrontier.jl package.

Load Packages and Utility Functions

```
using Printf, LinearAlgebra, SparseArrays, OSQP
include("src/printmat.jl");
using Plots
```

Inputs to MV Calculations

default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)

```
\mu = [11.5, 9.5, 6]/100 #expected returns \Sigma = [166 34 58; #covariance matrix 34 64 4; 58 4 100]/100^2 Rf = 0.03
```

```
assetNames = ["A","B","C"]
printblue("µ in %:")
printmat(µ*100;rowNames=assetNames,prec=2)
printblue("\Sigma in bp:")
printmat(\Sigma * 10000; rowNames=assetNames, colNames=assetNames, prec=2)
printblue("Rf in %:")
printlnPs(Rf*100)
μ in %:
      11.50
В
       9.50
С
       6.00
\Sigma in bp:
           Α
                      В
                                C
Α
     166.00
                 34.00
                            58.00
      34.00
                 64.00
                             4.00
В
С
      58.00
                 4.00
                           100.00
Rf in %:
     3.000
```

Traditional MV Calculations

(when there are no constraints) from the chapter on MV analysis.

The file included below contains the function MVCalc() from the chapter on MV analysis. It calculates the (MV efficient) portfolio standard deviation for a given required return (μ^x), for the case of no restrictions on the portfolio except that the weights sum to one.

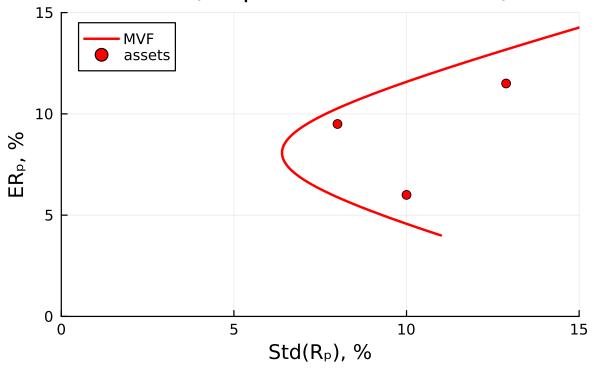
A Remark on the Code

• [MVCalc(μ^x , μ , Σ)[1] for μ^x in μ^x _range] is the same as writing a loop over all values in μ^x _range and extracting the first output from MVCalc() for each iteration.

```
include("src/MvCalculations.jl");
```

```
\begin{split} \mu^x\_range &= range(0.04,0.15,length=201) \\ \text{StdR}_p &= \left[\text{MVCalc}(\mu^x,\mu,\Sigma)[1] \text{ for } \mu^x \text{ in } \mu^x\_range\right] \\ &= \mu^x\_range \\ \text{MVCalculations without portfolio res} \\ p1 &= \text{plot}(\text{ StdR}_p*100,\mu^x\_range*100,\\ & \text{ linewolor} = :\text{red},\\ & \text{ linewidth } = 2,\\ & \text{ label} = \text{"MVF"},\\ & \text{ legend} = :\text{topleft},\\ & \text{ xlim} = (0,15),\\ & \text{ ylim} = (0,15),\\ & \text{ title} = \text{"MVF (no portfolio constraints)"},\\ & \text{ xlabel} = \text{"Std}(R_p), \text{ %"},\\ & \text{ ylabel} = \text{"ER}_p, \text{ %"})\\ & \text{scatter!}(\text{sqrt.}(\text{diag}(\Sigma))*100,\mu*100,\text{color=:red,label="assets"}) \\ & \text{display}(\text{p1}) \\ \end{split}
```

MVF (no portfolio constraints)



MV Frontier when Short Sales are Not Allowed

The code below solves the problem

```
\min \mathrm{Var}(R_p) \ \text{ s.t. } \ \mathrm{E}R_p = \mu^*, and where we also require w_i \geq 0 and \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1.
```

It is straightforward to add other constraints, for instance, that all weights are between 0 and 0.5.

A Remark on the Code

• The function MeanVarNoSS(μ , Σ , μ ^x) takes a vector μ ^x_range as input and loops over those μ ^x_range[i] values that are feasible (must be between the lowest and highest values in μ).

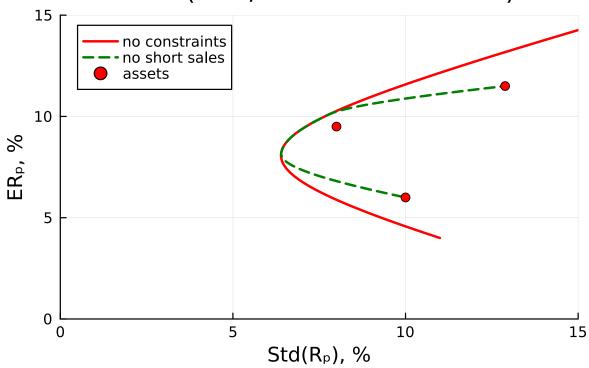
```
MeanVarNoSS(\mu,\Sigma,\mu<sup>x</sup>_range_range)
Calculate mean variance frontier when short sales are not allowed.
# Input
- `µ::Vector`: n vector, mean returns
- `∑::Matrix`: nxn, covariance matrix of returns, can contain riskfree assets
- 'µx_range:: Vector': K vector, mean returns to calculate results for
# Output
- `StdRp::Vector`: K vector, standard deviation of mean-variance portfolio (risky only) wit
- 'w_p::Matrix': Kxn, portfolio weights of
# Requires
- LinearAlgebra, SparseArrays, OSQP
function MeanVarNoSS(\mu,\Sigma,\mu*_range) #MV with no short-sales, numerical minimization
    (K,n) = (length(\mu^x range), length(\mu))
    vv = findall(minimum(\mu) .<= \mu^x\_range .<= maximum(\mu)) #solve only if feasible
    P = sparse(2*\Sigma)
                                        #P and A must be sparse
    q = zeros(n)
    A = sparse([\mu'; ones(1,n); I])
    l = [NaN;1;zeros(n)]
```

```
u = [NaN;1;ones(n)]
    prob = OSQP.Model()
                                       #initial set up of problem
    settings = Dict(:verbose ⇒ false)
   OSQP.setup!(prob;P=P,q=q,A=A,l=l,u=u,settings...)
    (w_p,StdRp) = (fill(NaN,K,n),fill(NaN,K))
    for i in vv
                         #loop over (feasible) μ<sup>x</sup>_range elements
        (l[1],u[1]) = (\mu^x\_range[i],\mu^x\_range[i])
        OSQP.update!(prob; l=l, u=u) #update problem
        result = OSQP.solve!(prob)
        w = result.info.status == :Solved ? result.x : NaN
        if !any(isnan,w)
            w_p[i,:] = w
            StdRp[i] = sqrt(w'\Sigma*w)
        end
    end
    return StdRp, w_p
end
```

MeanVarNoSS

```
StdR_{p}_no_ss = MeanVarNoSS(\mu,\Sigma,\mu<sup>x</sup>_range)[1]; #MV calculations with no short sales
```

MVF (with/without constraints)



Betas and Covariance Matrices

This notebook estimates (single and multi-) index models. It uses those to construct (alternative) estimates of the covariance matrix of the asset returns.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, LinearAlgebra, Statistics, DelimitedFiles
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/OlsM.jl");
```

Loading Data

We load data from two data files: for the returns on Fama-French equity factors and then also for the 25 Fama-French portfolios. To keep the output simple (easy to display...), we use only 5 of those portfolios.

```
= readdlm("Data/FFmFactorsPs.csv",',',skipstart=1)
Rme = x[:,2]
                             #market excess return
RSMB = x[:,3]
                             #small minus big firms
                             #high minus low book-to-market ratio
RHML = x[:,4]
Rf = x[:,5]
                             #interest rate
x = readdlm("Data/FF25Ps.csv",',') #no header line: x is matrix
R = x[:,2:end]
                                    #returns for 25 FF portfolios
Re = R \cdot - Rf
                                    #excess returns for the 25 FF portfolios
Re = Re[:,[1,7,13,19,25]]
                                    #use just 5 assets to make the printing easier
(T,n) = size(Re)
                                    #no. obs and no. test assets
```

Covariance Matrix with Average Correlations

The next cell contains to two functions that will help us construct a covariance matrix from (a) estimated standard deviations and (b) a common (average) number for all correlations.

```
11 11 11
    vech(x, k=0)
Stack the matrix elements on and below the principal diagonal into a vector (k=0).
With k=-1, instead stacks just the elements below the diagonal.
function vech(x,k=0)
    vv = tril(trues(size(x)),k)
    y = x[vv]
    return y
end
11 11 11
Cov_withSameCorr(\sigma, \rho)
Compute covariance matrix from vector of standard deviations (\sigma)
and a single correlation (assumed to be the same across all pairs).
function Cov_withSameCorr(σ,ρ)
                                            #to make sure it is a vector
    \sigma = \text{vec}(\sigma)
    n = length(\sigma)
    CorrMat = ones(n,n)*\rho + (1-\rho)*I #corr matrix, correlation = \rho
    CovMat = (\sigma * \sigma') . * CorrMat
    return CovMat
end
```

Cov_withSameCorr

```
S = cov(Re) #Covariance matrix calculated from data (to compare with)
#printblue("Covariance matrix calculated from data (to compare with):")
#printmat(S)

C = cor(Re) #nxn correlation matrix
printblue("Correlation matrix:")
printmat(C)
```

```
ρ_avg = mean(vech(C,-1))
printblue("Average correlation:")
printlnPs(ρ_avg)
```

Correlation matrix:

1.000	0.821	0.664	0.581	0.468
0.821	1.000	0.919	0.819	0.696
0.664	0.919	1.000	0.909	0.805
0.581	0.819	0.909	1.000	0.852
0.468	0.696	0.805	0.852	1.000

Average correlation:

0.753

```
\begin{split} \Sigma_1 &= \text{Cov\_withSameCorr}(\text{std}(\text{Re,dims=1}), \rho\_\text{avg}) \\ \text{printblue}(\text{"Covariance matrix assuming same correlation:"}) \\ \text{printmat}(\Sigma_1) \\ \text{printblue}(\text{"Difference to data:"}) \\ \text{printmat}(\Sigma_1-S) \end{split}
```

Covariance matrix assuming same correlation:

73.475	39.483	33.433	32.422	32.509
39.483	37.371	23.844	23.123	23.185
33.433	23.844	26.796	19.580	19.632
32.422	23.123	19.580	25.200	19.039
32.509	23.185	19.632	19.039	25.335

Difference to data:

0.000	-3.540	3.962	7.410	12.321
-3.540	-0.000	-5.229	-2.013	1.778
3.962	-5.229	-0.000	-4.052	-1.349
7.410	-2.013	-4.052	-0.000	-2.494
12.321	1.778	-1.349	-2.494	-0.000

Covariance Matrix from a Single-Index Model

Step 1: Do Regressions

A Remark on the Code

- The function OlsM is included in the file OlsM. jl (see the first cell of the notebook). It does OLS estimation and reports the point estimates and standard deviations of the residuals.
- The functions reports for several dependent variables (different columns in the first function input).

```
x = [ones(T) Rme] #regressors

(b,σ) = OlsM(Re,x)
(β,VarRes) = (b[2:2,:],vec(σ).^2)

colNames = [string("asset ",i) for i=1:n]
printblue("β for $n assets, from OLS of Re on constant and Rme:")
printmat(β,colNames=colNames,rowNames=["β on Rme"])
```

```
\beta for 5 assets, from OLS of Re on constant and Rme: asset 1 asset 2 asset 3 asset 4 asset 5 \beta on Rme 1.341 1.169 0.994 0.943 0.849
```

Step 2: Use OLS Estimates to Calculate the Covariance Matrix

The single index model implies that the covariance of assets i and j is

```
\sigma_{ij} = \beta_i \beta_i \text{Var}(R_{mt}) + \text{Cov}(\varepsilon_{it}, \varepsilon_{jt}),
```

but where we assume that $Cov(\varepsilon_{it}, \varepsilon_{it}) = 0$ if $i \neq j$

The betas are typically estimated by a linear regression (OLS), as above.

A Remark on the Code

• The CovFromIndexModel() function can handle both the case with one factor (as used here) and with several factors (a multi-index model, as will be used further down). In the code β is a $K \times n$ matrix, where K is the number of factors (K = 1 for the single index model) and n is the number of assets.

CovFromIndexModel

```
\sigma_{mm} = var(Rme)
\Sigma_2 = CovFromIndexModel(\beta,VarRes,\sigma_{mm})

printblue("Covariance matrix calculated from betas:")

printmat(\Sigma_2)

printblue("Difference to data:")

printmat(\Sigma_2-S)
```

```
Covariance matrix calculated from betas:
   73.475
             33.232
                       28.269
                                 26.797
                                           24.146
   33.232
             37.371
                       24.644
                                 23.361
                                           21.049
   28.269
             24.644
                       26.796
                                 19.872
                                           17.906
   26.797
             23.361
                       19.872
                                 25.200
                                           16.973
   24.146
             21.049
                       17.906
                                 16.973
                                           25.335
```

```
Difference to data:
```

```
    -0.000
    -9.791
    -1.202
    1.784
    3.958

    -9.791
    -0.000
    -4.428
    -1.775
    -0.357

    -1.202
    -4.428
    -0.000
    -3.760
    -3.075
```

```
1.784 -1.775 -3.760 -0.000 -4.560
3.958 -0.357 -3.075 -4.560 0.000
```

Covariance Matrix from a Multi-Index Model

A multi-index model is based on

$$R_{it} = a_i + b_i' I_t + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where b_i is a K-vector of slope coefficients.

If Ω is the covariance matrix of the indices I_t , then the covariance of assets i and j is

$$\sigma_{ij} = b_i' \Omega b_j + \operatorname{Cov}(\varepsilon_{it}, \varepsilon_{jt}),$$

but where we assume that $Cov(\varepsilon_{it}, \varepsilon_{it}) = 0$ if $i \neq j$

```
x = [ones(T) Rme RSMB RHML] #regressors

(b,σ) = OlsM(Re,x)
(β,VarRes) = (b[2:end,:],vec(σ).^2)

printblue("OLS slope coefficients:")
printmat(β,colNames=colNames,rowNames=["β on Rme", "β on RSMB", "β on RHML"])
```

OLS slope coefficients:

```
asset 1 asset 2 asset 3 asset 4
                                              asset 5
β on Rme
            1.070
                     1.080
                                       1.056
                                               1.041
                              1.035
β on RSMB
           1.264
                    0.768
                              0.437
                                       0.153
                                               -0.088
β on RHML
           -0.278
                     0.160
                              0.487
                                       0.603
                                                0.770
```

```
\Omega = \text{cov}(x[:,2:end]) #covariance matrix of the (non-constant) factors \Sigma_3 = \text{CovFromIndexModel}(\beta,\text{VarRes},\Omega) printblue("Covariance matrix calculated from betas:") printmat(\Sigma_3) printblue("Difference to data:") printmat(\Sigma_3-S)
```

```
Covariance matrix calculated from betas:
    73.475
              41.847
                         31.050
                                   25.449
                                              18.940
    41.847
              37.371
                         27.384
                                   24.141
                                              20.145
    31.050
              27.384
                         26.796
                                   22.239
                                              20.109
    25.449
                         22.239
              24.141
                                   25.200
                                              20.717
    18.940
              20.145
                         20.109
                                   20.717
                                              25.335
Difference to data:
    -0.000
              -1.176
                          1.578
                                    0.436
                                              -1.248
    -1.176
              -0.000
                         -1.688
                                   -0.995
                                              -1.261
     1.578
              -1.688
                         -0.000
                                   -1.393
                                              -0.873
     0.436
              -0.995
                         -1.393
                                   -0.000
                                              -0.816
                         -0.873
                                              -0.000
    -1.248
              -1.261
                                   -0.816
```

A Shrinkage Estimator

is

$$\Sigma = \delta F + (1 - \delta)S,$$

where $0 < \delta < 1$, F is the "target covariance matrix" (for instance, from the constant correlation approach or one of the index models) and S is the sample variance-covariance matrix.

This approach will (by definition) be worse in-sample, but may well be better out-of-sample (a forecast for the coming period).

```
\delta = 0.6
\Sigma_4 = \delta * \Sigma_1 + (1-\delta) * S
printmat(\Sigma_4)
```

73.475	40.899	31.849	29.458	27.581
40.899	37.371	25.935	23.928	22.473
31.849	25.935	26.796	21.201	20.172
29.458	23.928	21.201	25.200	20.036
27.581	22.473	20.172	20.036	25.335

Portfolio Choice 2

This notebook solves a portfolio optimization problem with several risky assets. The objective function of the investor trades off the portfolio expected return and variance. There are no restrictions on the portfolio weights, except that they must sum to 1 (across all assets, risky and riskfree).

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, LinearAlgebra
include("src/printmat.jl");
using Plots
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png) #or :svg
```

From Chapter on Mean-Variance Analysis

The file included below contains functions from the chapter on MV analysis, in particular, MV-TangencyP() which calculates the tangency portfolio, MVCalc() which calculates the MV frontier from risky assets, and MVCalcRf() which does the same but from both risky assets and a riskfree asset.

```
include("src/MvCalculations.jl");
```

Optimal Portfolio Choice

An investor who maximizes

$$\begin{split} & ER_p - \frac{k}{2} \text{Var}(R_p), \\ & \text{subject to} \\ & R_p = v'R^e + R_f \\ & \text{will pick the portfolio weights (on the risky assets)} \\ & v = \frac{1}{k} \Sigma^{-1} \mu^e \end{split}$$

The portfolio weight on the riskfree asset is $1 - \mathbf{1}'v$

OptimalPortfolio

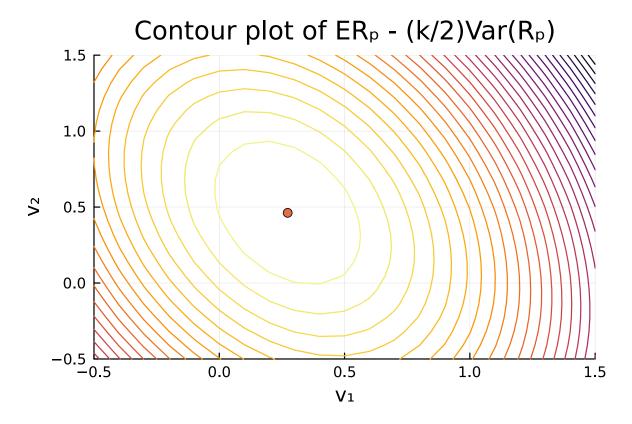
An Example with 2 Risky Assets and a Riskfree Asset

We first solve an example with 2 risky assets and a riskfree asset. In this case, we can plot how the objective function depends on the portfolio weights.

```
\mu_a = [8.5, 6.5]/100  #means, \mu_a to indicate that this is case a \Sigma_a = [166 34;  #covariance matrix 34 64]/100^2  
Rf<sub>a</sub> = 3/100;  #riskfree rate
```

```
 \begin{array}{l} k=9 \\ \\ (n_1,n_2)=(21,23) \\ v_1\_range=range(-0.5,1.5,length=n_1) & \text{\#portfolio weights asset 1} \\ v_2\_range=range(-0.5,1.5,length=n_2) & \text{\#""} \\ \\ 2 \\ \\ Util=fill(NaN,n_1,n_2) \\ \text{for i in 1:} n_1, \text{ j in 1:} n_2 & \text{\#loop across portfolio weights} \\ & \text{\#local v} & \text{\#local/global is needed in script} \\ v & = [v_1\_range[i];v_2\_range[j]] \\ & \text{Util[i,j]}=v'\mu_a+(1-sum(v))*Rf_a-(k/2)*v'\Sigma_a*v \\ \text{end} \\ \end{array}
```

```
p1 = contour( v_1_range,v_2_range,Util', #notice the transpose xlims = (-0.5,1.5), ylims = (-0.5,1.5), legend = false, levels = 31, title = "Contour plot of ER<sub>p</sub> - (k/2)Var(R<sub>p</sub>)", xlabel = "v_1", ylabel = "v_2") scatter!([0.273],[0.462]) display(p1)
```



The next cell calls on OptimalPortfolio() to calculate the optimal weights - and also compares with the tangency portfolio.

Asset 2

0.462

An Example with 3 Risky Assets (and a Riskfree)

We now apply the same approach on more assets - and compare the optimal portfolios for different investors (with different risk aversions).

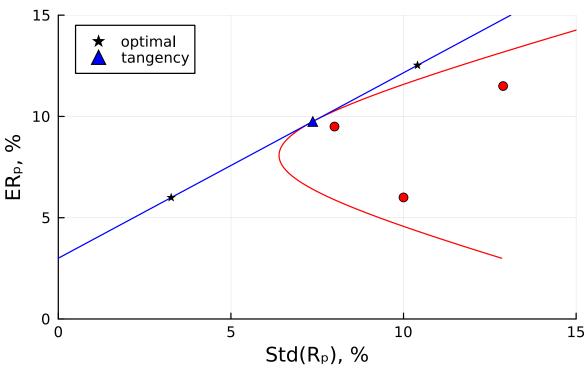
We then show that the optimal portfolios are on the mean-variance frontier.

```
optimal portfolio weights:
```

```
D (high k) E (low k)
Asset A 0.110 0.350
Asset B 0.302 0.962
Asset C 0.031 0.099
Riskfree 0.556 -0.411
```

```
optimal weights/tangency portfolio:
        D (high k) E (low k)
Asset A
             0.444
                        1.411
             0.444
                        1.411
Asset B
Asset C
             0.444
                        1.411
L = 101
µstar_range = range(Rf,0.15,length=L)
StdR_p = fill(NaN, L, 2)
                                        #loop over required average returns (µstar)
for i in 1:L
    StdR_p[i,1] = MVCalc(\mu star\_range[i], \mu, \Sigma)[1]
                                                            #risky only
    StdR_p[i,2] = MVCalcRf(\mu star\_range[i], \mu, \Sigma, Rf)[1]
                                                            #risky and riskfree
end
p1 = plot( StdR<sub>p</sub>*100, µstar_range*100,
           label = "",
           linecolor = [:red :blue],
           xlim = (0,15),
           ylim = (0,15),
           title = "Mean vs standard deviation",
           xlabel = "Std(R_p), %",
           ylabel = "ER_p, %" )
scatter!(sqrt.(diag(Σ))*100,μ*100,color=:red,label="")
scatter!([StdD,StdE]*100,[muD,muE]*100,color=:black,marker=:star,label="optimal")
scatter!([StdT]*100,[muT]*100,color=:blue,marker=:utriangle,label="tangency",legend=:topleft)
display(p1)
```

Mean vs standard deviation



Interpreting the First Order Conditions (extra)

The first order conditions for optimal portfolio choice are

$$\mu^e = k\Sigma v$$

Notice that Σv is a vector of covariances of each asset with the portfolio v.

The next cell shows what happens to the first order condition at/off the optimal choice of v.

```
printmagenta("the difference between \mu^e and k\Sigma v suggests that we should increase v_1")
```

```
Checking the first order conditions at optimal v:
```

Checking the first order conditions at another v (lower v_1 , same v_2):

		V	μ^{e}	kΣv
Asset 3	1	0.100	0.055	0.029
Asset 2	2	0.462	0.035	0.030

the difference between μ^e and $k\Sigma v$ suggests that we should increase v_1

Maximising the Sharpe Ratio (extra)

The cells below defines the Sharpe ratio of a portfolio. To normalise the portfolio, the weights on the n risky assets a forced to sum to one (by setting the weight on asset n to be $1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w_i$). The optimization is over the n-1 first weights. (The need for a normalisation stems from the fact that any portfolio on the CML is a solution - and that they are all scalings of each other.)

The Optim.jl package is used for the optimisation.

```
using Optim
```

```
SRFn(w,\mu,\Sigma,Rf)

Calculate the Sharpe ratio of a portfolio based on the portfolio weights 'v=[w;1-sum(w)]', the expected asset returns '\mu', their covariance matrix '\Sigma' and the riskfree rate 'Rf'.

"""

function SRFn(w,\mu,\Sigma,Rf)

v = [w;1-sum(w)] #last asset has the weight 1-sum(w): this makes sum(v)=1

ERp = v'\mu

StdRp = sqrt(v'\Sigma*v)

SRp = (ERp-Rf)/StdRp

return SRp
```

SRFn

```
Sol = optimize(w \rightarrow -SRFn(w,\mu,\Sigma,Rf),zeros(2)) #maximise SR \rightarrow minimize -SR v = \text{Optim.minimizer(Sol)} v = [v;1-\text{sum}(v)] printblue("Portfolio of risky assets that maximizes the Sharpe ratio:") <math display="block">printmat([wT \ v];colNames=["tangency","optimal"],rowNames=assetNames)
```

Portfolio of risky assets that maximizes the Sharpe ratio:

	tangency	optimal
Asset A	0.248	0.248
Asset B	0.682	0.682
Asset C	0.070	0.070

CAPM

This notebook summarizes the implications of CAPM and then tests them by OLS.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, DelimitedFiles, Statistics
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/OlsGMFn.jl"); #contains a function for OLS

using Plots, LaTeXStrings
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)
```

The Theoretical Predictions of CAPM

The following section illustrates the theoretical predictions of CAPM by taking the following steps:

- 1. define a set of investable assets
- 2. find the tangency portfolio
- 3. calculate the betas of each asset against the tangency portfolio
- 4. check whether the average returns are in accordance with CAPM: $ER_i = R_f + \beta_i(\mu_T R_f)$ or equivalently $ER_i^e = \beta_i \mu_T^e$, where superscript e indicates an excess return.

Characteristics of Three Assets: Means, Variances and Covariances

```
\mu = [0.115, 0.095, 0.06]
                             #expected returns
\Sigma = [166 \ 34 \ 58;
                             #covariance matrix
      34 64 4;
          4 100]/100^2
      58
Rf = 0.03
assetNames = ["A","B","C"]
printblue("expected returns, in %:")
printmat(µ*100;rowNames=assetNames)
printblue("covariance matrix, in bp:")
printmat(Σ*10_000; colNames=assetNames, rowNames=assetNames)
expected returns, in %:
     11.500
В
      9.500
С
      6.000
covariance matrix, in bp:
          Α
                               C
Α
    166.000
               34.000
                          58.000
В
    34.000
               64.000
                         4.000
С
     58.000
                4.000
                         100.000
```

The Tangency Portfolio

The file included below contains, among other things, the function MVTangencyP() from the chapter on MV analysis. It calcuates the tangency portfolio.

```
include("src/MvCalculations.jl");

(wT,μT,σT) = MvTangencyP(μ,Σ,Rf)  #tangency portfolio weights and implied mean return
printblue("Tangency portfolio weights:")
printmat(wT;rowNames=assetNames)

printblue("mean and std of tangency portfolio:")
printmat([μT,σT];rowNames=["μT","σT"])
```

```
Tangency portfolio weights: A 0.248 B 0.682 C 0.070 mean and std of tangency portfolio: \mu T 0.097 \sigma T 0.074
```

(Theoretical) of the Assets

The tangency portfolio is a portfolio of the investable assets ($R_T = w_T'R$). It is therefore straightforward to calculate the covariance of each of the assets with R_T . The β values are then obtained by dividing the covariances with the variance of R_T .

Details: The covariance of R_i and R_T is $\sigma_{iT} = w_i' \Sigma w_T$ where w_i is the vector of portfolio weights that creates return R_i . Then, calculate $\beta_i = \sigma_{iT}/\sigma_T^2$.

Since w_i is a trivial vector (1 in position i and zeros elsewhere), we could (here) equally well calculate the vector of all betas by $\Sigma w_T/\sigma_T^2$. (Alternatively, in a loop do w=zeros(n); w[i]=1; β [i] = w'* Σ *wT/ σ T^2.)

```
β = Σ*wT/σT^2
printblue("β of the assets:")
printmat(β,rowNames=assetNames)
```

```
β of the assets:
A      1.259
B      0.963
C      0.444
```

Trying CAPM on the Assets

CAPMS says that

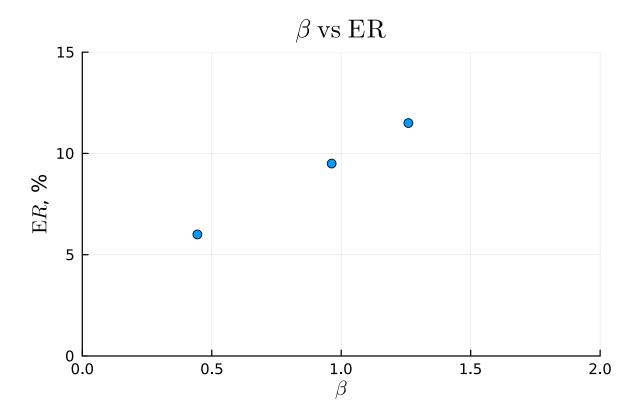
 $ER_i = R_f + \beta_i(\mu_T - R_f)$ or equivalently $ER_i^e = \beta_i\mu_T^e$, where superscript e indicates an excess return.

Notice that there is no intercept in the second expression.

This can be compared with the actual average returns (or average excess returns for the second expression).

If we have done the previous calculations correctly, then CAPM should hold for assets A,B and C).

```
ER\_CAPM = Rf .+ \beta*(\mu T-Rf)
                                 \#ER\_CAPM is a vector since \beta is a vector
printblue("µ and ER as suggested by CAPM: ")
printmat([µ ER_CAPM];rowNames=assetNames,colNames=["actual","from CAPM"])
printblue("µe and ERe as suggested by CAPM (subtract Rf=$Rf from the previous results): ")
printmat([(µ.-Rf) (ER_CAPM.-Rf)];rowNames=assetNames,colNames=["actual","from CAPM"])
μ and ER as suggested by CAPM:
     actual from CAPM
      0.115
                 0.115
В
      0.095
                 0.095
      0.060
                 0.060
\mu^e and ER<sup>e</sup> as suggested by CAPM (subtract Rf=0.03 from the previous results):
     actual from CAPM
      0.085
                 0.085
Α
      0.065
В
                 0.065
      0.030
                 0.030
p1 = scatter(\beta, ER_CAPM*100,
                                    #points on the security market line
              xlim = (0,2),
              ylim = (0,15),
              legend = false,
              title = L"\beta \mathrm{\ vs \ ER}",
              xlabel = L"\beta",
              ylabel = L"$\mathrm{E}R$, %" )
display(p1)
```



An Empirical Test of CAPM

The next section performs an empirical test of CAPM. First, we load data. Then, we run linear regressions and test whether the intercepts are zero (the CAPM prediction) or not. (We test each asset separately.)

Loading Data

We load data from two data files: for the returns on Fama-French equity factors and then also for the 25 Fama-French portfolios. To keep the output simple, we use only 5 of those return series.

```
x = readdlm("Data/FF25Ps.csv",',') #no header line: x is matrix
R = x[:,2:end]  #returns for 25 FF portfolios
Re = R .- Rf  #excess returns for the 25 FF portfolios
Re = Re[:,[1;7;13;19;25]]  #use just 5 assets to make the printing easier

(T,n) = size(Re)  #no. obs and no. test assets

(388, 5)
```

OLS Estimation and Testing = 0

We now use the market return as a proxy for the tangency portfolio - and test if CAPM holds for the test assets.

To do that, we estimate (α_i, b_i) in the CAPM regression

$$R_{it}^e = \alpha_i + \beta_i R_{mt}^e + \varepsilon_{it}$$

where R_{it}^e and R_{mt}^e are excess return, and then test if $\alpha_i = 0$. This corresponds to the CAPM prediction that $ER_i^e = \beta_i \mu_m^e$. Compared with the theoretical expression above, we use the market excess return as a measure of the excess return of the tangency portfolio.

A Remark on the Code

- The function OlsGMFn is included in the file OlsGMFn.jl (see the first cell of the notebook). It does OLS estimation and reports the point estimates, residuals and more. The variance-covariance matrix of the coefficients is based on the Gauss-Markov assumptions.
- In the call on printmat(), ;colNames (notice: semicolon) is the same as ,col-Names=colNames.

```
x = [ones(T) Rme]  #regressors

(α,tstat) = (fill(NaN,n),fill(NaN,n))
for i in 1:n  #loop over the different test assets
    #local b_i, residual, Covb  #local/global is needed in script
    (b_i,_,_,Covb,) = OlsGMFn(Re[:,i],x)
    α[i]  = b_i[1]  #estimated α
    tstat[i] = (α[i]-0)/sqrt(Covb[1,1])  #t-stat of H<sub>0</sub>: true α=0
end

printblue("OLS intercepts and t-stats:")
```

```
colNames = [string("asset ",i) for i=1:n]
rowNames = ["α","t-stat"]
printmat([α';tstat'];colNames,rowNames)
```

OLS intercepts and t-stats:

	asset 1	asset 2	asset 3	asset 4	asset 5
α	-0.504	0.153	0.305	0.279	0.336
t-stat	-1.656	1.031	2.471	2.163	2.073

Risk Measures

This notebook illustrates the *Value at Risk* (VaR) and *Expected Shortfall*. To improve the performance, a model for time-varying risk is estimated and incorporated into the calculations. The model is backtested on a data set.

We use the the Distributions.jl package to calculate probability values and quantiles.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, Dates, Distributions, DelimitedFiles
include("src/printmat.jl");
```

```
using Plots
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)
```

Value at Risk (VaR) for a N(, 2) Return

```
VaR_{95\%} = -(5^{th} \text{ percentile of the return distribution})
```

With a $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution this gives approximately

$$VaR_{95\%} = -(\mu - 1.64\sigma)$$

A Remark on the Code

label = "pdf",

display(p1)

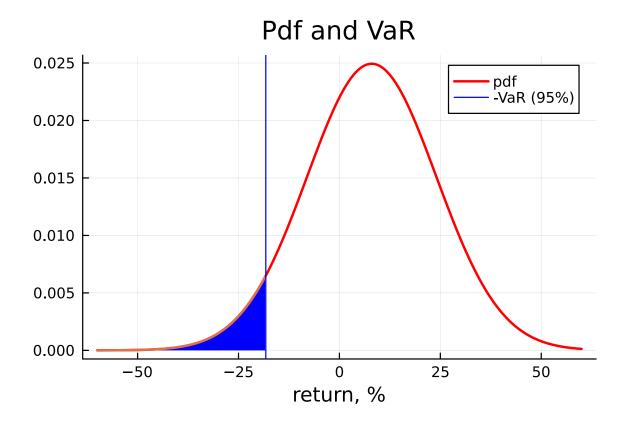
title = "Pdf and VaR",
xlabel = "return, %")

vline!([-VaR₉₅],linecolor=:blue,label="-VaR (95%)")

• The Distributions.jl package defines a normal distribution as Normal(μ , σ). Notice that it uses the standard deviation, not the variance. For instance, to calculate the 5th quantile, use quantile(Normal(μ , σ),0.05) and to calculate the pdf value at each element of a vector x, use pdf. (Normal(μ , σ),x).

```
(\mu, \sigma) = (8, 16)
VaR_{95} = -(\mu - 1.64*\sigma)
printblue("with \mu=$\mu and \sigma=$\sigma, we have approximately:\n")
printmat([µ - 1.64*\sigma, VaR<sub>95</sub>]; rowNames=["5th quantile", "VaR 95\"])
with \mu=8 and \sigma=16, we have approximately:
5th quantile
                 -18.240
VaR 95%
                  18.240
#exact calculation of quantile 0.05, notice: σ
printlnPs("get an exact result by using the quantile() function: ",-quantile(Normal(\mu,\sigma),0.05)
get an exact result by using the quantile() function:
                                                                    18.318
     = range(-60,60, length=301)
pdfR = pdf.(Normal(\mu, \sigma), R)
   = R[R .<= -VaR_{95}]
                                        #or filter(<=(-VaR<sub>95</sub>),R)
p1 = plot( R,pdfR,
            linecolor = :red,
            linewidth = 2,
```

plot!(Rb,pdf.(Normal(μ , σ),Rb),fillcolor=:red,linewidth=2,fill=(0,:blue),label="")



Loading Daily S&P 500 Data

Days in the sample: 9352

Backtesting a Static VaR from N() on Data

To backtest a VaR model, we study the relative frequency of loss > VaR.

Backtesting for the Full Sample

The code below does this for different confidence levels (0.95,0.96,...) of the VaR. For instance, at the 0.95 confidence levels we 1. calculate the VaR as the (negative of the) 0.05 quantile of a normal distribution (with the mean and std estimated from the sample, which is just one possible choice) 2. count the relative frequency of the loss > VaR (it should be 0.05).

```
#mean and std of data (empirical)
\mu_{emp} = mean(R)
\sigma_{emp} = std(R)
                                     #different confidence levels
confLev = 0.95:0.005:0.995
L = length(confLev)
loss
(VaR_L,BreakFreq_L) = (fill(NaN,L),fill(NaN,L)) #for different confidence levels
for i in 1:L
                              #loop over confidence levels
               = -quantile(Normal(μ<sub>emp</sub>,σ<sub>emp</sub>),1-confLev[i])
    VaR_L[i]
    BreakFreq_L[i] = mean(loss .> VaR_L[i]) #freq of breaking the VaR
end
printblue("Backtesting a static VaR:\n")
colNames = ["conf level","N()-based VaR","break freq"]
printmat([confLev VaR_L BreakFreq_L];colNames,width=18)
printred("The break frequency should be 1-confidence level")
```

Backtesting a static VaR:

conf	level	N()-based VaR	break freq
	0.950	1.790	0.041
	0.955	1.846	0.037
	0.960	1.907	0.034
	0.965	1.975	0.032
	0.970	2.052	0.029
	0.975	2.140	0.026
	0.980	2.244	0.023
	0.985	2.373	0.019
	0.990	2.547	0.016
	0.995	2.824	0.012

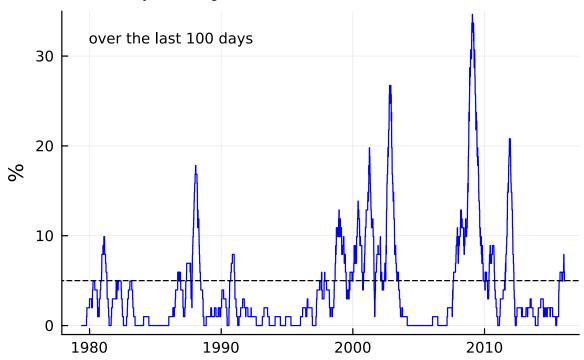
The break frequency should be 1-confidence level

Backtesting on a Moving Data Window

The code below also studies the relative frequency of loss > VaR, but over a *moving data window* of 100 days (and only for a single confidence level, 0.95). This allows us to investigate if there are long periods of failures of the VaR model.

```
\label{eq:Var} \begin{array}{lll} \mbox{VaR} = -\mbox{quantile}(\mbox{Normal}(\mbox{$\mu_{emp}$,$\sigma_{emp}$}),0.05) & \mbox{$\#$static VAR at 95\% confidence level} \\ \mbox{BreakFreq} = \mbox{$fill(\mbox{NaN},T)$} & \mbox{$\#$vector, freq(loss>VaR)$ on moving data window} \\ \mbox{$for t in 101:T$} & \mbox{$\#$loop over end-points of the data window} \\ \mbox{$BreakFreq[t] = mean(loss[t-100:t] .> VaR)$} \\ \mbox{end} \end{array}
```

Frequency of loss > static VaR 95%



A Simple Dynamic VaR with Time-Varying Volatility

To improve the performance of the VaR model, we combine a simple time series model for volatility with an N()-based VaR calculation.

We first construct an simple estimate of σ_t^2 and μ_t as a backward looking exponential moving average (cf. RiskMetrics)

$$\sigma_t^2 = \lambda \sigma_{t-1}^2 + (1 - \lambda)(R_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^2$$
, where $\mu_t = \lambda \mu_{t-1} + (1 - \lambda)R_{t-1}$,

where we use $0.9 \le \lambda < 1$.

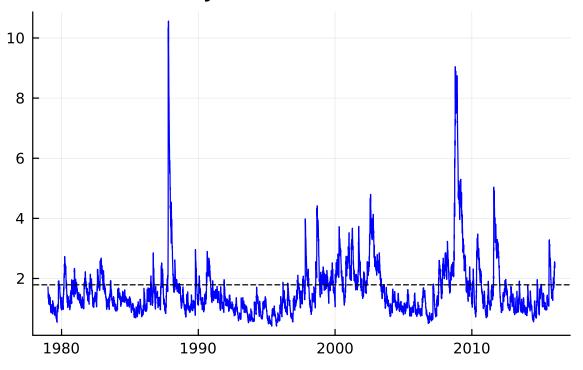
We then redo the $VaR_{95\%}$ calculation using

$$VaR_t = -(\mu_t - 1.64\sigma_t)$$

and study if it has better properties than the static VaR.

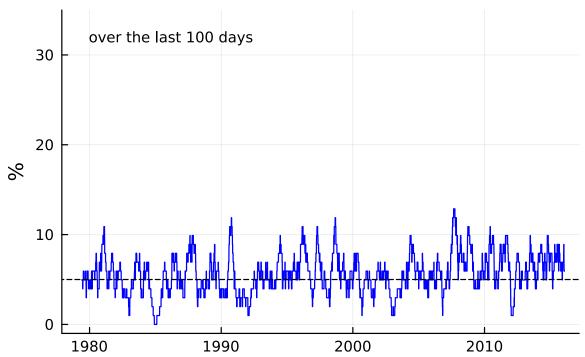
```
\begin{array}{lll} \lambda &= 0.94 \\ (\mu,\sigma^2,\text{VaRd}) &= (\text{fill}(\mu_{\text{emp}},T),\text{fill}(\sigma_{\text{emp}}^2,T),\text{fill}(\text{NaN},T)) \\ \text{for t in 2:T} \\ \mu[t] &= \lambda*\mu[t-1] \; + \; (1-\lambda)*R[t-1] \\ \sigma^2[t] &= \lambda*\sigma^2[t-1] \; + \; (1-\lambda)*(R[t-1]-\mu[t-1])^2 \\ \text{VaRd}[t] &= -\text{quantile}(\text{Normal}(\mu[t],\text{sqrt}(\sigma^2[t])),0.05) \;\; \#\text{dynamic VaR} \\ \text{end} \end{array}
```

Dynamic VaR 95%



```
BreakFreq = fill(NaN,T) #freq(loss>VaR) on moving data window
for t in 101:T
    BreakFreq[t] = mean(loss[t-100:t] .> VaRd[t-100:t])
end
```

Frequency of loss > dynamic VaR 95%



Expected Shortfall

The Expected Shortfall (ES) is the average loss, conditional on exceeding the VaR level. In terms of the returns (not losses) this is

$$ES_{\alpha} = -E(R|R \le -VaR_{\alpha})$$

For a normally distributed return $R \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ we have

$$ES_{95\%} = -\left(\mu - \frac{\phi(-1.64)}{0.05}\sigma\right),\,$$

where $\phi()$ is the pdf of a N(0,1) variable. For other confidence levels, change -1.64 and 0.05.

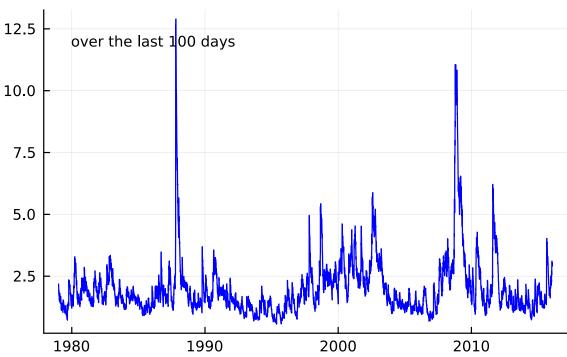
Alternatively, we can calculate the ES as -mean(truncated(Normal(μ , σ);upper=q)) where q is the quantile of the return distribution.

ES 95% with μ =8 and σ =16 is:

```
approx 25.268 exact 25.003
```

```
 (VaRd,ESd) = (fill(NaN,T),fill(NaN,T)) \qquad \text{\#calculate a dynamic ES at the } 95\% \text{ conf level } \\  for \ t = 2:T \qquad \text{\#local q_n, ER_n} \qquad \text{\#only needed in script} \\  q_n = \text{quantile}(Normal(\mu[t],sqrt(\sigma^2[t])),0.05) \\  ER_n = \text{mean}(truncated(Normal(\mu[t],sqrt(\sigma^2[t]));upper=q_n)) \\  VaRd[t] = -q_n \\  ESd[t] = -ER_n \\ end
```

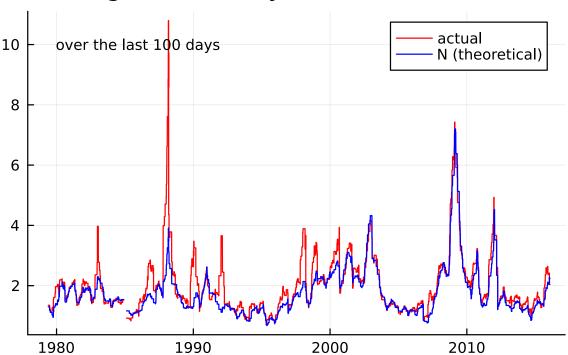
Dynamic ES 95%



Backtesting ES

by comparing the empirical average return (conditional on loss > VaR) with the predictions from the model with $N(\mu_t, \sigma_t^2)$.

Avg. loss on days when loss > VaR



Utility Theory

This notebook summarizes basic utility theory and how it can be used in portfolio optimisation.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

Optim.jl is an optimization package.

```
using Printf, Optim
include("src/printmat.jl");
```

```
using Plots
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)
```

Utility Functions

Several of the examples will use the CRRA utility function, which is $U(x) = \frac{x^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma}$, where γ is the relative risk aversion.

A Remark on the Code

- 1. A Julia function can be created in several ways. For a simple one-liner, it is enough to do like this: MySum(x,y) = x + y
- 2. If the function U(x, y) is written for a scalar x value, then we can calculate its value at each element of an array or range x_range by using $U_*(x_range, y)$.

```
CRRA utility function, \gamma is the risk aversion.

U(x,\gamma) = x^(1-\gamma)/(1-\gamma)

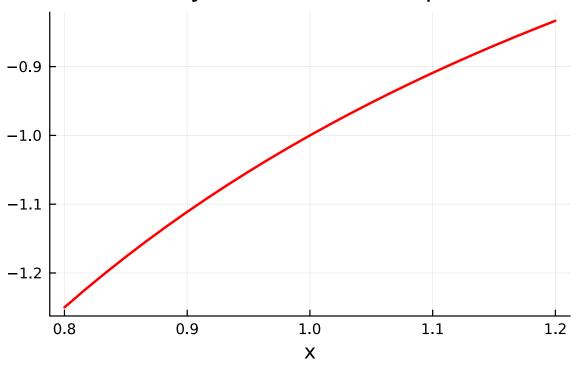
U_1(u,\gamma)

Inverse of CRRA utility function. Solves for x st. U(x,\gamma) = u.

U_1(u,\gamma) = (u*(1-\gamma))^(1/(1-\gamma))
```

U_1

Utility function, CRRA, $\gamma = 2$



Expected Utility

Recall: if π_s is the probability of outcome ("state") x_s and there are S possible outcomes, then the expected value is

$$\mathbf{E}x = \sum_{s=1}^{S} \pi_s x_s.$$

Similarly, the expected utility is

$$EU(x) = \sum_{s=1}^{S} \pi_s U(x_s)$$

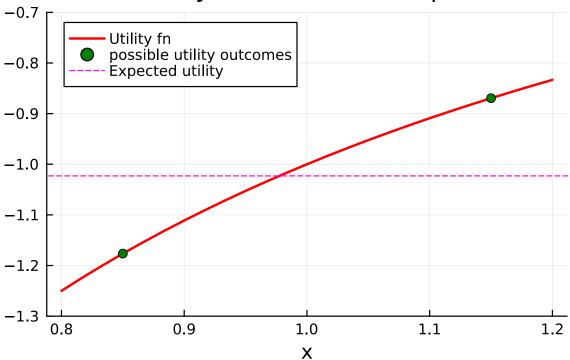
A Remark on the Code

When x is a vector, then U.(x,y) is a vector of the corresponding utility values. Therefore, $E(\pi,U.(x,y))$ sums $\pi[i]*U(x[i],y)$ across all i.

```
11 11 11
    E(\pi,z)
Calculate the expected value from vector of outcomes 'z' and a vector of their probabilities '
E(\pi,z) = sum(\pi.*z)
                                #alternatively, dot(\pi,z) or \pi'z
Ε
\gamma = 2
                           #risk aversion
(x_1, x_2) = (0.85, 1.15)
                                      #possible outcomes
                                      #probabilities of outcomes
(\pi_1,\pi_2) = (0.5,0.5)
state_1 = [x_1, U(x_1, \gamma), \pi_1]
                                      #for printing
state_2 = [x_2, U(x_2, \gamma), \pi_2]
printblue("Different states: wealth, utility and probability:\n")
printmat([state1 state2];colNames=["state 1","state 2"],rowNames=["wealth","utility","probabil
Ex
         = E([\pi_1, \pi_2], [x_1, x_2])
                                         #expected wealth
ExpUtil = E([\pi_1, \pi_2], \cup .([x_1, x_2], \gamma)) #expected utility
printmat([Ex,ExpUtil];rowNames=["Expected wealth","Expected utility"])
Different states: wealth, utility and probability:
               state 1
                           state 2
wealth
                             1.150
                  0.850
utility
                 -1.176
                            -0.870
```

ylim = (-1.3, -0.7),

Utility function, CRRA, $\gamma=2$



Certainty Equivalent

The certainty equivalent (here denoted *P*) is the sure value that solves

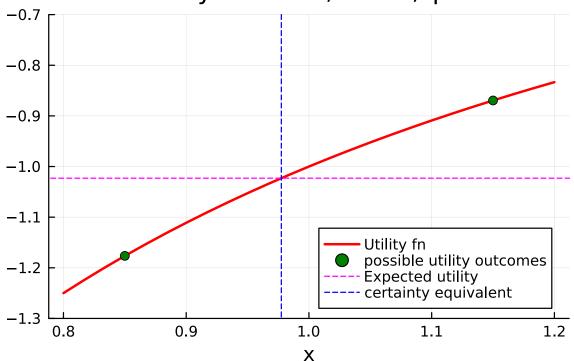
$$U(P) = EU(x),$$

where the right hand side is the expected utility from the random x. P is thus the highest price the investor is willing to pay for "asset" x.

The code below solves for *P* by inverting the utility function, first for the same risk aversion (γ) as above, and later for different values of γ .

We can think of E(x)/P - 1 as the expected return on x that the investor requires in order to buy the asset. It is increasing in the risk aversion γ .





```
\gamma M = [0,2,5,10,25,50,100]
                                           #different risk aversions
L = length(\gamma M)
(P,ERx) = (fill(NaN,L),fill(NaN,L))
for i in 1:L
                                             #loop over y values
    #local EU_i
                                              #local/global is needed in script
    EU_i = E([\pi_1, \pi_2], U.([x_1, x_2], \gamma M[i]))
                                                 #expected utility with yM[i]
    P[i] = U_1(EU_i, \gamma M[i])
                                               #inverting the utility fn
    ERx[i] = Ex/P[i] - 1
                                               #required expected net return
end
printblue("risk aversion and certainly equivalent (recall: E(wealth) = $Ex):\n")
printmat(\gammaM,P,ERx;colNames= ["\gamma","certainty eq","expected return"],width=20)
```

risk aversion and certainly equivalent (recall: E(wealth) = 1.0):

	γ	certainty eq	expected return
0		1.000	0.000
2		0.977	0.023
5		0.947	0.056
10		0.912	0.097
25		0.875	0.143
50		0.862	0.160
100		0.856	0.168

Utility-Based Portfolio Choice with One Risky Asset

In the example below, the investor maximizes $E \ln(1 + R_p)$, with $R_p = vR^e + R_f$ by choosing v (the weight on the only risky asset). For simplicity, there are only two possible outcomes for R^e with equal probabilities.

This particular problem can be solved by pen and paper, but this becomes very difficult when the number of states increases - and even worse when there are many assets. To prepare for these tricker cases, we apply a numerical optimization algorithm already to this simple problem.

Remark on the Code

To solve the optimization problem we use optimize() from the Optim.jl package. The key steps are:

- 1. Define a function for expected utility, $EUlog(v,\pi,R^e,Rf)$. The value depends on the portfolio choice v, as well as the properties of the asset (probabilities and returns for different states, the vectors π and R^e) and the riskfree return (Rf).
- 2. To create data for the plot, we loop over v[i] values and calculate expected utility as EU-log($v[i], \pi, R^e, Rf$). (Warning: you can assign a value to π provided you have not used the built-in constant π (3.14156...) first.)
- 3. For the optimization, we minimize the anonymous function $v \rightarrow -EUlog(v, \pi, R^e, Rf)$. This is a function of v only and we multiply by -1 since optimize() is a *minimization* routine.

```
EUlog(v,\pi,R°,Rf)

Calculate expected utility (log(1+Rp)) from investing into one risky and one riskfree asset v: scalar

\pi: S vector probabilities of the different states

R°: S vector, excess returns of the risky asset in different states

Rf: scalar, riskfree rate

"""

function EUlog(v,\pi,R°,Rf)  #expected utility, utility fn is logarithmic

R_p = v*R^e \cdot + Rf  #portfolio return

eu = E(\pi,log.(1 \cdot + R_p))  #expected utility

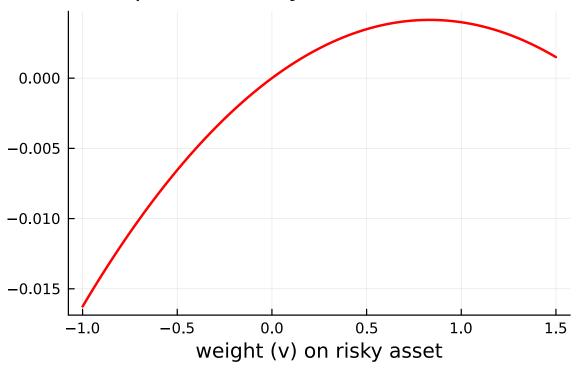
return eu
```

EUlog

```
\pi = [0.5, 0.5]
                                #probabilities for different states
R^e = [-0.10, 0.12]
                                #excess returns in different states
Rf = 0
                                #riskfree rate
v_range = range(-1,1.5,length=101)
                                       #try different weights on risky asset
L = length(v_range)
EUv = fill(NaN,L)
for i in 1:L
                                              #loop over v values
    EUv[i] = EUlog(v_range[i], \pi, R^e, Rf)
end
p1 = plot( v_range, EUv,
           linecolor = :red,
```

```
linewidth = 2,
legend = false,
title = "Expected utility as a function of v",
xlabel = "weight (v) on risky asset" )
display(p1)
```

Expected utility as a function of v



```
Sol = optimize(v→-EUlog(v,π,Re,Rf),-1,1) #minimize -EUlog
printlnPs("Optimum at: ",Optim.minimizer(Sol))
printred("\nCompare with the figure")
```

Optimum at: 0.833

Compare with the figure

Portfolio Choice with Several Risky Assets

This optimization problem has several risky assets and states and a CRRA utility function. Numerical optimization is still straightforward.

A Remark on the Code

- The code below is fairly similar to the log utility case solved before, but extended to handle CRRA utility and several assets and states.
- With several choice variables, the call to optimize() requires a vector of starting guesses as input.

```
EUcrra(v,\pi,R^e,Rf,\gamma)
Calculate expected utility from investing into n risky assets and one riskfree asset
v: n vector (weights on the n risky assets)
π: S vector (S possible "states")
Re: nxS matrix, each column is the n vector of excess returns in one of the states
Rf: scalar, riskfree rate
γ: scalar, risk aversion
11 11 11
function EUcrra(v,π,Re,Rf,γ)
    S = length(\pi)
    Rp = fill(NaN,S)
    for s in 1:S
                            #loop over states, Rp in state s
        Rp[s] = v'R^e[:,s] + Rf
                              #same as Rp = R^{e} v \cdot + Rf
    eu = E(\pi, U.(1 .+ Rp, \gamma)) #expected utility when using portfolio v
    return eu
end
```

EUcrra

```
Sol = optimize(v→-EUcrra(v,π,Re,Rf,γ),[-0.6,1.2]) #minimize -EUcrra
v = Optim.minimizer(Sol) #extract the solution

printblue("optimal portfolio weights from max EUcrra():\n")
printmat([v;1-sum(v)];rowNames=["asset 1","asset 2","riskfree"])
```

```
optimal portfolio weights from max EUcrra():
```

```
asset 1 -0.726
asset 2 1.317
riskfree 0.409
```

Mean-Variance and the Telser Criterion

Let μ be a vector of expected returns of the investible assets and Σ be their covariance matrix.

The Telser criterion solves a problem of the following type:

```
\max_{v} ER_{p} subject to VaR_{95\%} < 0.1, where ER_{p} = v'\mu^{e} + R_{f}.
```

If the returns are normally distributed then

$$VaR_{95\%} = -[ER_p - 1.64Std(R_p)],$$

It follows that the VaR restriction can be written

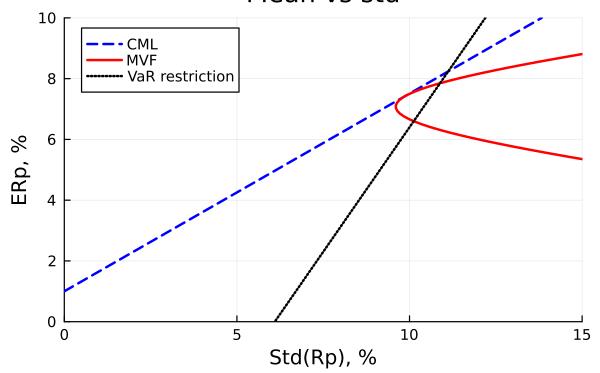
$$ER_p > -0.1 + 1.64Std(R_p)$$
.

The figure below illustrates that the optimal portfolio is *on the CML* when the returns are normally distributed.

```
include("src/MvCalculations.jl"); #functions for traditional MV frontiers
```

```
for i in 1:L
                                                       #loop over different required returns (\mu^{x})
    \sigma MVF[i] = MVCalc(\mu^x\_range[i], \mu, \Sigma)[1]
                                                       #std of MVF (risky only) at \mu^x
    σCML[i] = MVCalcRf(μ*_range[i],μ,Σ,Rf)[1]
                                                       #std of MVF (risky&riskfree) at \mu^{x}
end
                                   #the portfolio mean return must be above this
VaRRestr = -0.1 .+ 1.64*\sigma CML;
p1 = plot( [\sigmaCML \sigmaMVF \sigmaCML]*100,[\mu^range \mu^range VaRRestr]*100,
            linestyle = [:dash :solid :dot],
            linecolor = [:blue :red :black],
            linewidth = 2,
            label = ["CML" "MVF" "VaR restriction"],
            xlim = (0,15),
            ylim = (0,10),
            legend = :topleft,
            title = "Mean vs std",
            xlabel = "Std(Rp), %",
            ylabel = "ERp, %" )
display(p1)
```

Mean vs std



Multi-Factor Models

The first part of this notebook summarizes a simple economic model that leads to a multi-factor representation of the expected returns. The second part tests a multi-factor model by OLS.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, DelimitedFiles, Statistics, LinearAlgebra
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/OlsGMFn.jl"); #funtcion for doing OLS
```

```
using Plots, LaTeXStrings
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)
```

Portfolio Choice with Background Risk

The investor maximizes $ER_p - \frac{k}{2}Var(R_p)$, where

$$R_p = (1-\phi)R_{Fin} + \phi R_c \text{ with } R_{Fin} = w'R + (1-\mathbf{1}'w)R_f.$$

In this definition of the portfolio return, ϕ is the fraction of total wealth that is bound to non-traded "assets": this is the background risk.

Notice that $ER_p = v'\mu^e + \phi\mu_c^e + R_f$, where $v = w(1 - \phi)$ and where μ^e is the vector of excess returns on the risky assets and μ_c^e is the excess return on the background risk. Also, $Var(R_p) = v'\Sigma v + \phi^2\sigma_{cc} + 2\phi v'S_c$, where S_c is a vector of covariances of the risky assets with the background risk, and σ_{cc} is the variance of the background risk.

The next cell defined functions for expected utility and the optimal portfolio choice.

A Remark on the Code

The code uses the subscript h (as in S_h etc) instead of c. The reason is that the Julia unicode symbols do not include a subscripted c.

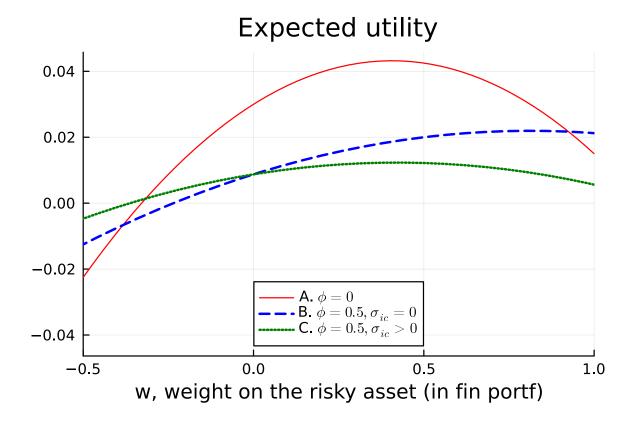
```
EU
Expected utility for the case with background risk.
The notation follows the text above, except that the subscript h (as in S_h) for the non-traded
function EU(v, \phi, k, \mu^e, \Sigma, S_h, \sigma_{hh}, \mu^e_h, Rf)
          = v'\mu^e + \phi*\mu^e_h + Rf
    VarRp = v'*\Sigma*v + \phi^2*\sigma_{hh} + 2*\phi*v'*S_h
    EUtil = ERp - k/2*VarRp
     return EUtil
end
11 11 11
     PortFOpt
Solve for the optimal weight on risky asset (ν), φ in non-traded asset (background risk), 1-ν-
The notation follows the text above.
function PortFOpt(\phi, k, \mu<sup>e</sup>, \Sigma, S<sub>h</sub>)
     vopt = inv(\Sigma)*(\mu^e/k-\phi*S_h)
                                       #weight on risky in financial subportfolio
    wopt = vopt/(1-\phi)
    return vopt, wopt
end
```

PortFOpt

One Risky Asset

We first consider the case when there is only one risky asset (v is a scalar). We will illustrate several cases (A, B, C) which differ with respect to the fraction of non-traded asset (denoted ϕ) and its covariance with the risk assets (denoted S_c as in the lecture notes or S_h as in the code).

```
\Sigma = 0.08^2
                                   #covariance (matrix) of risky assets, here only one
S_h A = 0
                                   #covariance(s) of risky with background, case A
S_{h}_{C} = 0.0025
                                   #case C
(\mu^e, k, \sigma_{hh}, \mu^e_{h}, Rf) = (0.065, 25, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03)
v_range = range(-0.5, 1, length=51) #weight on risky investable asset
L = length(v_range)
                                           #expected utility at different v values
(EU_case_A,EU_case_B,EU_case_C) = (fill(NaN,L),fill(NaN,L),fill(NaN,L))
for i in 1:L
    EU_case_A[i] = EU(v_range[i], 0, k, \mu^e, \Sigma, S_h_A, \sigma_h, \mu^e_h, Rf)
                                                                         #Φ=0
    EU\_case\_B[i] = EU(v\_range[i], 0.5, k, \mu^e, \Sigma, S_h\_A, \sigma_h, \mu^e_h, Rf)
                                                                         \# \phi > 0, S_h = 0
    EU_{case\_C[i]} = EU(v_{range[i]}, 0.5, k, \mu^{e}, \Sigma, S_{h\_C}, \sigma_{hh}, \mu^{e}_{h}, Rf)
                                                                         \#\phi>0, S_h>0
end
p1 = plot([v\_range v\_range/(1-0.5)], [EU\_case\_A EU\_case\_B EU\_case\_C],
            linecolor = [:red :blue :green],
            linestyle = [:solid :dash :dot],
            linewidth = [1 2 2],
            label = [L"A. \$\phi: L"B. \$\phi: 0.5, \sigma: 0.5] \sigma_{ic}=0 $" L"C. $\phi=0.5, \sigma_{ic}=0.5]
             xlims = (-0.5, 1),
            legend = :bottom,
             title = "Expected utility",
             xlabel = "w, weight on the risky asset (in fin portf)" )
display(p1)
```



```
 \begin{array}{lll} (v_-A,w_-A) &=& \operatorname{PortFOpt}(0,k,\mu^e,\Sigma,S_{h-A}) & \text{#optimal portfolio choice} \\ (v_-B,w_-B) &=& \operatorname{PortFOpt}(0.5,k,\mu^e,\Sigma,S_{h-A}) \\ (v_-C,w_-C) &=& \operatorname{PortFOpt}(0.5,k,\mu^e,\Sigma,S_{h-C}) \\ \\ & \operatorname{printblue}("\setminus nOptimal weight on (a single) risky asset in three cases ($\varphi >= 0$): $\setminus n"$) \\ & \operatorname{xx} &=& [v_-A w_-A;v_-B w_-B;v_-C w_-C] \\ & \operatorname{colNames} &=& ["in total portf","in financial portf"] \\ & \operatorname{rowNames} &=& ["A. $\varphi = 0","B. $\varphi = 0.5$, $\sigma_{ih} = 0","C. $\varphi = 0.5$, $\sigma_{ih} > 0"] \\ & \operatorname{printmat}(xx;\operatorname{colNames,rowNames,width} &=& 20) \\ \\ & \operatorname{printred}("\setminus nCompare with the plot") \\ \\ \end{array}
```

Optimal weight on (a single) risky asset in three cases ($\phi >= 0$):

		ın	total portf	ın financıal	portf
Α.	φ=0		0.406		0.406
В.	φ=0.5,	σi _h =0	0.406		0.812
С.	φ=0.5,	σ: _h >0	0.211		0.422

Compare with the plot

Several Risky Assets

We now consider several risky assets. Notice that S_c (or S_h) is now a vector of covariances of each of the investable risky assets with the non-traded asset.

A Remark on the Code

• The S_h vector is here created in such a way that we prespecify the correlations (and then scale with the product of the standard deviations of the non-traded assets and the risky assets).

```
\mu = [11.5, 9.5, 6]/100
                                   #expected returns
\Sigma = [166 \ 34 \ 58]
                                   #covariance matrix
      34 64 4;
          4 100]/100^2
      58
Rf = 0.03
\Phi = 0.3
                                         #fraction of non-traded asset
\sigma_{hh} = 0.25^2
S_h = [0.5, 0.9, -0.1].*sqrt(\sigma_{hh}).*sqrt.(diag(\Sigma)) #a vector of covariances
\mu_h = 0.1
k = 8
(v,w) = PortFOpt(\phi,k,\mu.-Rf,\Sigma,S_h)
printblue("optimal weights (inside the financial subportfolio):\n")
printmat([w;1-sum(w)],rowNames=["A","B","C","Rf"])
```

optimal weights (inside the financial subportfolio):

```
A 0.235
B 0.453
C 0.488
Rf -0.176
```

Asset Pricing Implications of a Multifactor Model

If several factors affect the portfolio choice, then they will (in equilibrium) also affect prices and returns. In fact, the expected excess return on asset i is

$$ER_i^e = \beta_i' \mu_F^e$$
,

where β_i is the vector of regressions coefficients from regressing R_i^e on the factors and μ_F^e is the vector of expected excess returns on those factors.

The example below assumes there are two factors and we only consider the pricing of a single investable asset. The numbers used have nothing in particular to do with those used in the previous examples. (That link could be done, but requires some intermdiate steps that we here skip.)

Remark

A vector of regression slopes (y regressed on the vector x) can be calculated as

$$\beta = \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} S_{xy},$$

where Σ_{xx} is the variance-covariance matrix of x and S_{xy} is a vector of covariance of each x with y.

```
The multiple regression coefficients: 0.371 0.257 \mu^{\text{e}} \text{ for asset i according to 2-factor model:} \\ 0.045
```

Empirical Test of a 3-Factor Model: Loading Data

Load Data

```
x = readdlm("Data/FFmFactorsPs.csv",',',skipstart=1)
                            #market excess return
Rme = x[:,2]
RSMB = x[:,3]
                             #small minus big firms
RHML = x[:,4]
                            #high minus low book-to-market ratio
Rf = x[:,5]
                             #interest rate
x = readdlm("Data/FF25Ps.csv",',') #no header line: x is matrix
R = x[:,2:end]
                                   #returns for 25 FF portfolios
Re = R \cdot - Rf
                                    #excess returns for the 25 FF portfolios
Re = Re[:,[1,7,13,19,25]]
                                   #use just 5 assets to make the printing easier
(T,n) = size(Re)
                                   #no. obs and no. test assets
```

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OLS Estimation and Testing = 0

Recall: estimate (α_i, b_i) in the factor model

$$R_{it}^e = \alpha_i + b_i' f_t + \varepsilon_{it},$$

where f_t is a vector of excess returns of the factors.

Test if $\alpha_i = 0$

```
colNames = [string("asset ",i) for i=1:n]
printmat([a';tstat'];colNames,rowNames=["a","t-stat"])
```

Regression of Re on constant and 3 factors:

	asset 1	asset 2	asset 3	asset 4	asset 5
α	-0.513	-0.006	0.030	-0.020	-0.015
t-stat	-2.306	-0.066	0.328	-0.206	-0.133

Efficient Markets

This notebook describes and tests the predictability of asset returns (autocorrelations, autoregressions, out-of-sample R2, Mariano-Diebold test) and implements a simple trading strategy.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, Dates, DelimitedFiles, Statistics, LinearAlgebra, StatsBase
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/OlsGMFn.jl") #OLS with covariance matrix etc
include("src/OlsM.jl"); #OLS, basic

using Plots
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)
```

Load Data

The data set contains daily data of the equity market return, riskfree rate and the returns of the 25 Fama-French portfolios. All returns are in percent.

```
println("size of dN, Rm, Rf, R")
println(size(dN),"\n",size(Rm),"\n",size(Rf),"\n",size(R))

T = length(R);  #number of periods
```

```
The first few rows of data
                             Rf
        dΝ
                   Rm
                                         R
1979-01-02
               0.615
                          0.035
                                    1.420
1979-01-03
              1.155
                          0.035
                                    1.750
1979-01-04 0.975
1979-01-05 0.685
                          0.035
                                    1.560
                          0.035
                                    1.430
size of dN, Rm, Rf, R
(9837,)
(9837,)
(9837,)
(9837,)
```

Autocorrelations

The sth autocorrelation is

```
\rho_s = \operatorname{Corr}(R_t, R_{t-s})
```

In large samples, $\sqrt{T}\hat{\rho}_s \sim N(0,1)$ if the true value is $\rho_s = 0$ for all s.

A Remark on the Code

The StatsBase.jl package contains methods for estimating autocorrelations (see autocor() below).

```
plags = 1:5  #different lags to calculate autocorrelations for
ρ  = autocor(R,plags)

printblue("autocorrelations and their t-stats:\n")
printmat(ρ,sqrt(T)*ρ;colNames=["ρ","t-stat"],rowNames=plags,cell00="lag")
```

autocorrelations and their t-stats:

```
lag
                  t-stat
1
                  -2.697
       -0.027
2
       -0.028
                  -2.747
3
       -0.024
                  -2.343
4
       -0.014
                  -1.350
       -0.020
                  -2.015
```

Autoregressions

```
An AR(1) is R_t = c + a_1 R_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t. We also consider an asymmetric AR(1) R_t = \alpha + \beta Q_{t-1} R_{t-1} + \gamma (1 - Q_{t-1}) R_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, where Q_{t-1} = 1 if R_{t-1} < 0 and zero otherwise. Both models can be estimated by OLS.
```

A Remark on the Code

- The function OlsGMFn() does OLS and reports, among other things, the variance-covariance matrix of the estimates (called Covb below).
- To get standard errors, we first extract the variances from the variance-covariance matrix (diag(Covb)) and then calculate the square roots (sqrt.()). Notice the dot. in the latter calculation: to calculate the square root of each element in the vector of variances.
- The t-stats are then just the point estimates (minus the null hypothesis, which is here 0) divided by the standard errors.

```
x = [ones(T-1) R[1:end-1]] #R(t) is regressed on (1,R(t-1))
(b,_,_,Covb,) = OlsGMFn(R[2:end],x)
Stdb = sqrt.(diag(Covb)) #diag() picks out the diagonal of the variance-covariance
tstat = b./Stdb

printblue("Results from an AR(1):\n")
printmat([b tstat];colNames=["coef","t-stat"],rowNames=["constant","slope"])
```

Results from an AR(1):

```
coef t-stat
constant 0.061 4.314
slope -0.027 -2.698
```

Results from an AR(1) with dummies:

```
coef t-stat
constant -0.007 -0.385
slope (down) -0.102 -6.134
slope (up) 0.048 2.872
```

Recursive Estimation and Out-of-Sample R2

The next cell does recursive estimation (longer and longer sample) and predicts one period ahead (outside of the sample). The performance of this prediction model is measured by an "out-of-sample" R_{OOS}^2 defined as

$$R_{OOS}^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{MSE(forecasting model)}}{\text{MSE(benchmark forecast)}}$$

A Remark on the Code

- The code loops over t=100:Tb where Tb is the effective length of the sample. Inside the loop we use data on y[1:t-1] and x[1:t-1,:]. This means that the first estimation uses the first 99 observations, the second estimation the first 100 observations and so forth. After the loop, we discard the first 100 observations from the output since they are just NaN.
- For estimation we use the basic OLS function OlsM(). Clearly, OlsGMFn() gives the same results (but is a tiny bit slower).

```
y = R[2:end]
                     #traditional symbol for the LHS variable
dNb = dN[2:end]
                     #corresponding dates, used for plotting
Tb = length(y)
                     #length of the effective sample
    = [ones(Tb) Q.*R[1:end-1] (1.0.-Q).*R[1:end-1]] #predictors
(\varepsilon, \mathbf{e}) = (fill(NaN, Tb), fill(NaN, Tb))
for t in 100:Tb
    local b
    b, = OlsM(y[1:t-1],x[1:t-1,:]) #estimate on sample 1:t-1
    \varepsilon[t] = y[t] - x[t,:]'b #forecast error for t, model
    e[t] = y[t] - mean(y[1:t-1]) #forecast error for t, historical average
end
(\varepsilon, e, dNb) = (\varepsilon[100:end], e[100:end], dNb[100:end]) #drop periods without forecasts
MSE\_Model = mean(abs2, \epsilon)
                             #MSE for out-of-sample forecasts, same as mean(\epsilon.^2) but quicker
MSE_Bench = mean(abs2,e)
R2oos
      = 1 - MSE_Model/MSE_Bench
printblue("Performance of out-of-sample forecasting:\n")
printmat([MSE_Model; MSE_Bench; R2oos]; rowNames=["MSE of AR(1)", "MSE of hist avg", "R2_oos"])
Performance of out-of-sample forecasting:
MSE of AR(1)
                     2.014
                     2.008
MSE of hist avg
R2_oos
                    -0.003
xTicksLoc = [Date(1980);Date(1990);Date(2000);Date(2010)]
xTicksLab = Dates.format.(xTicksLoc,"Y") #formatting of date axis
p1 = plot( dNb, [\epsilon.^2 e.^2],
      linecolor = [:blue :red],
      linestyle = [:solid :dash],
      label = ["AR(1) model" "historical mean"],
      legend = :topleft,
      xticks = (xTicksLoc,xTicksLab),
      title = "forecast errors^2" )
display(p1)
```

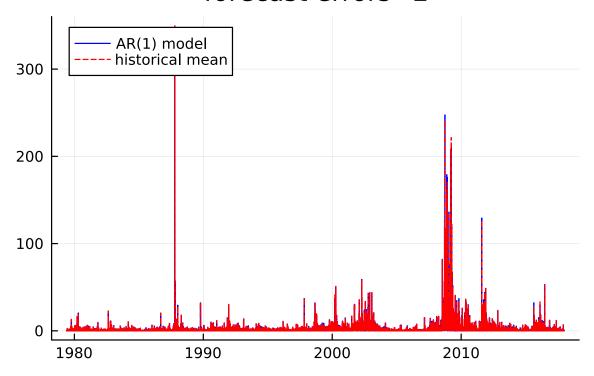
```
p2 = plot( dNb,[cumsum(e.^2) cumsum(e.^2)],
        linecolor = [:blue :red],
        linestyle = [:solid :dash],
        label = ["AR(1) model" "historical mean"],
        legend = :topleft,
        xticks = (xTicksLoc,xTicksLab),
        title = "Cumulated forecast errors^2" )

display(p2)

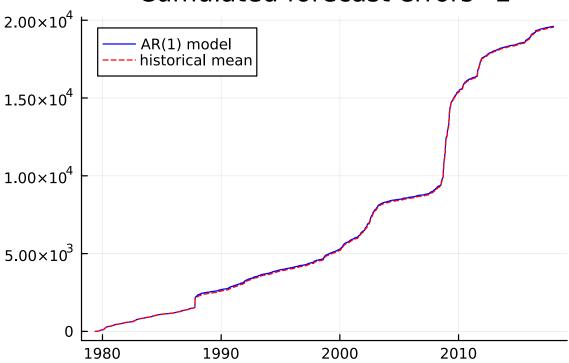
p3 = plot( dNb,cumsum(e.^2) - cumsum(e.^2),
        linecolor = :black,
        linestyle = :solid,
        label = ["AR(1) model - historical mean"],
        xticks = (xTicksLoc,xTicksLab),
        title = "Difference of cumulated forecast errors^2" )

display(p3)
```

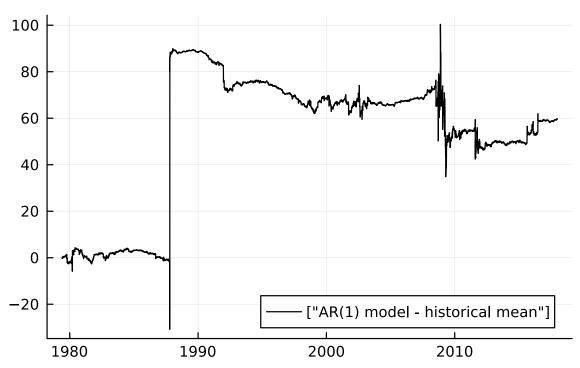
forecast errors^2



Cumulated forecast errors^2



Difference of cumulated forecast errors^2



Mariano-Diebold and Clark-West Tests (extra)

The Mariano-Diebold and Clark-West tests compare the prediction errors of two models (e: benchmark; ϵ : your model). Notice that the Mariano-Diebold test is not well suited for nested models (when your model is an augmented version of the baseline model). Use the Clark-West in that case.

If $g_1 = e^2$ and $g_2 = \epsilon^2$ are not autocorrelated, then the standard deviation of the sample average is $Std(g_i)/\sqrt{T}$. For simplicity, this assumption is used below. (Otherwise, use a Newey-West estimator or similar.)

```
MDCW(e,\epsilon)

Moment conditions doing MD or CW tests of two series of forrecast errors (e: benchmark,\epsilon: from MDCW(e,\epsilon) = hcat(e.^2 - \epsilon.^2, 2*e.*(e - \epsilon)) #Mariano-Diebold and Clark&West
```

```
g = MDCW(e,ε)  #e,ε are from the recursive estimation (above)
Tg = size(g,1)

μ = mean(g,dims=1)
Stdμ = std(g,dims=1)/sqrt(Tg)
tstats = μ./Stdμ

printblue("t-stats of tests of difference in performance (errors^2)\n")
printmat(tstats';rowNames=["Mariano-Diebold","Clark-West"])

t-stats of tests of difference in performance (errors^2)
```

```
Mariano-Diebold -0.430
Clark-West 0.814
```

A Trading Strategy

This section implements a momentum strategy (buy past winners, short sell past losers), which is rebalanced daily. For simplicity, we disregard trading costs.

Implementing the Strategy

- 1. Rank the 25 assets according to the lagged return R_{t-1} .
- 2. (In the evening of) period t-1 buy 1/5 of each of the 5 best assets based on the ranking in point 1. Similarly, buy -1/5 (short-sell) each of the 5 worst assets. Collect these portfolio weights in a vector w_t .
- 3. In period *t* , the return on the portfolio is $R_{p,t} = w_t' R_t$.
- 4. Repeat for all periods

A Remark on the Code

- With x = [9,7,8], the rankPs(x) function (see below) gives the output [3,1,2]. This says, for instance, that 7 is the lowest number (rank 1).
- The portfolio weights are not stored for use outside the loop. Only the strategy (portfolio) return is.

```
rankPs(x)

Calculates the ordinal rank of eack element in a vector `x`. As an aternative,
use `ordinalrank` from the `StatsBase.jl` package.

"""
rankPs(x) = invperm(sortperm(x))
```

rankPs

```
m = 5  #number of assets in long/short leg of portfolio

R = copy(R25)  #we recycly the `R` notation: it is now a Tx25 matrix
(T,n) = size(R)

Rp = fill(NaN,T)
for t in 2:T  #loop over periods, save portfolio returns
  #local r,w  #local/global is needed in script
  r = rankPs(R[t-1,:])
  w = (r.<=m)*(-1/m) + ((n-m+1).<=r)*(1/m)
  Rp[t] = w'R[t,:]  #same as sum(w.*R[t,:])
end

Rp = Rp[2:end];</pre>
```

We calculate the mean (excess) return, its standard deviation and the Sharpe ratio. Annualising is done by assuming 250 trading days per year (means are multiplied by 250 and standard deviation by $\sqrt{250}$). Compare with the excess return on passively holding an equity market index.

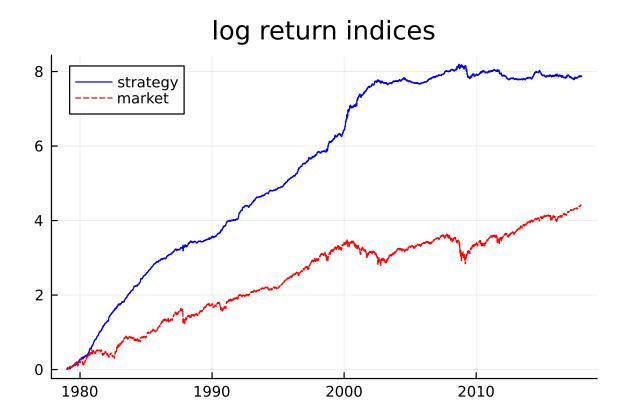
Annualised results:

```
Strategy market
mean 16.134 8.307
std 9.871 16.770
SR 1.634 0.495
```

To cumulate the returns to a return index, use $(1 + R_1)$, $(1 + R_1)(1 + R_2)$, etc. However, this does not work for excess returns, so convert them to net returns by adding the riskfree rate.

It is often more useful to show the logarithm of the return index. The slope can then be interpreted as a return.

```
Rb_p = R_p + Rf[2:end] #add Rf to make it a net return  V_p = cumprod(1 .+ Rb_p/100)  #cumulate to return index ("value")  V_m = cumprod(1 .+ Rm[2:end]/100);  #notice /100 since percentage returns
```



Performance Evaluation

The first part of this notebook summarizes the conventional performance measures for an investment fund. The second part does a "style analysis" to find out how the fund has changed its portfolio weights over time.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, Dates, DelimitedFiles, Statistics
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/OlsM.jl");

using Plots
gr(size=(480,320))
default(fmt = :png)
```

Loading Data

The weekly return data for the mutual funds that we will evaluate are in the matrix R, the benchmarks (a number of returns on different asset indices) in Rb and the riskfree rate in the vector Rf.

A Remark on the Code

In the code below, x from readdlm() is an Any matrix (the first column are strings, the other columns are numbers). It often helps to convert to the right type. For the numbers in column 2:end we can do that by Float64.(x[:,2:end]) (or alternatively by convert.(Float64,x[:,2:end])).

```
The data is weekly. The first 4 observations are: 1999-01-15 1999-01-22 1999-01-29 1999-02-05
```

Performance Evaluation

The next few cells report a number of different performance measures for the funds. We annualize the weekly return statistics by multiplying by $\sqrt{52}$ or 52, depending on the measure. In many cases, we also convert the numbers to percentage (%) by multiplying by 100.

A Remark on the Code

We use Re to denote excess returns for the funds and Re_m the excess return of the market. (R^e_m looks ugly, so we avoid it.) Similarly for μe and μe_m .

```
Re = R \cdot - Rf #excess returns of the funds
Re<sub>m</sub> = Rb[:,1] - Rf; #excess returns of the market<sub>m</sub> (S&P 500)
```

Average Returns, Sharpe Ratio and M²

The Sharpe ratio (SR) is μ^e/σ , where μ^e is the average excess return and σ the standard deviation of the excess return. The M^2 is the difference of the SRs of a fund and the market, scaled by the standard deviation of the market.

Mean returns are annualized by $\times 52$ and standard deviations by $\times \sqrt{52}$, so a SR by $\times \sqrt{52}$.

```
SRFn(Re,Rem,AnnFactor=[])
Calculate Sharpe rations and M<sup>2</sup>
.....
function SRFn(Re,Rem,AnnFactor=Int[])
     \mu^e = mean(Re, dims=1)
    \mu e_m = mean(Re_m)
    \sigma = std(Re, dims=1)
                                #std, 1xn
    \sigma_m = std(Re_m)
    SR = \mu^e \cdot / \sigma
    SR_m = \mu e_m / \sigma_m
    MM = (SR .- SR_m) * \sigma_m
    MM_m = 0
                                                   \#(SR_m.-SR_m)*\sigma_m=0
    if !isempty(AnnFactor)
          (\mu^e, \mu e_m, MM) = (\mu^e, \mu e_m, MM).*AnnFactor
          (SR,SR_m) = (SR,SR_m).*sqrt(AnnFactor)
    end
    return \mu^e, \mu e_m, SR, SR<sub>m</sub>, MM
end
```

SRFn

```
(μe, μem, SR, SRm, MM) = SRFn(Re,Rem,52)
xut = hcat([μem;μe']*100,[SRm;SR'],[0;MM']*100) #returns and MM in percent
printmat(xut;colNames=["ERe","SR","M2"],rowNames=["Market";FundNames])
```

	ERe	SR	М2
Market	4.696	0.268	0.000
Putnam Asset Allocation: Growth A	4.143	0.283	0.265
Vanguard Wellington	5.234	0.489	3.865

Appraisal Ratio, Traynor's Ratio and

Appraisal Ratio

Estimate a single index model

```
R_t^e = \alpha + \beta R_{mt}^e + \epsilon_t
```

The appraisal ratio (AR) is $\alpha/\text{Std}(\epsilon)$.

Treynor's Ratio and T²

Treynor's ratio is μ^e/β , where β is the slope from the single index regression.

A Remark on The Code

• The OlsM(y,x) function (included above) does a regression for each of the n columns in y on the same set of K regressors in x. It returns ($K \times n$) coefficients b and ($1 \times n$) standard deviations of the residuals σ .

```
11 11 11
    AppraisalRatioFn(Re,Rem,AnnFactor=52)
Calculate appraisal ratio, Treynor's ratio and \alpha.
11 11 11
function ARTRFn(Re,Rem,AnnFactor=Int[])
    \mu^e = mean(Re, dims=1)
    \mu e_m = mean(Re_m)
    T = size(Re, 1)
    (b,\sigma_e) = OlsM(Re,[ones(T) Re_m]) #OLS regression for each column in Re_p
                                              #intercept and slopes (1xn)
    (\alpha,\beta) = (b[1:1,:],b[2:2,:])
            = \alpha./\sigma_e
                                              \#\alpha and \sigma_e are 1xn
    AR
    (Re == Re_m) \&\& (AR=0)
                                              #impose this because \alpha, \sigma_e close to 0 may give stange rat
    TR
             = \mu^e ./\beta
            = TR .- µe<sub>m</sub>
    if !isempty(AnnFactor)
         (\alpha, TR, TT) = (\alpha, TR, TT).*AnnFactor
         AR
                     = AR.*sqrt(AnnFactor)
    end
    return AR, TR, TT, \alpha
end
```

ARTRFn

```
(\mathsf{AR},\mathsf{TR},\mathsf{TT},\alpha) = \mathsf{ARTRFn}(\mathsf{Re},\mathsf{Re}_\mathsf{m},52) (\mathsf{AR}_\mathsf{m},\mathsf{TR}_\mathsf{m},\mathsf{TT}_\mathsf{m},\alpha_\mathsf{m}) = \mathsf{ARTRFn}(\mathsf{Re}_\mathsf{m},\mathsf{Re}_\mathsf{m},52) \mathsf{xut} = \mathsf{hcat}([\mathsf{AR}_\mathsf{m};\mathsf{AR}'],[\mathsf{TR}_\mathsf{m};\mathsf{TR}']*100,[\mathsf{TT}_\mathsf{m};\mathsf{TT}']*100,[\alpha_\mathsf{m};\alpha']*100) \quad \#\mathsf{TR},\;\;\mathsf{TT}\;\;\mathsf{and}\;\;\alpha\;\;\mathsf{in}\;\;\mathsf{percent}\;\;\mathsf{printmat}(\mathsf{xut},\mathsf{colNames}=[\mathsf{"AR}",\mathsf{"TR}",\mathsf{"T}^2",\mathsf{"}\alpha"],\mathsf{rowNames}=[\mathsf{"Market}";\mathsf{FundNames}])
```

	AR	TR	T ²	α
Market	0.000	4.696	-0.000	-0.000
Putnam Asset Allocation: Growth A	0.092	5.193	0.497	0.396
Vanguard Wellington	0.671	9.158	4.462	2.550

Style Analysis

The regression is $Y = \sum_{j=1}^{K} b_j X_j + \varepsilon$, where $0 <= b_j$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{K} b_j = 1$.

Write the sum of squared residuals of the regression as

$$(Y - Xb)'(Y - Xb) = Y'Y - 2Y'Xb + b'X'Xb.$$

Only the two last terms matter for the choice of *b*.

A Remark on the Code

- The code uses the OSQP.jl package which solves problems of the type: $\min 0.5b'Pb + q'b$ subject to $l \le Ab \le u$.
- The restricted regression (above) can easily be written in this form by letting P = X'X/T and q = -X'Y/T. These choices give the loss function 0.5b'X'Xb/T Y'Xb/T, which is proportional (0.5/T) to the last two terms in the sum of squared residuals. Dividing by T improves the numerical stability.
- The *A* matrix is used to construct the restrictions (*b* sums to 1 and $0 \le b \le 1$).

```
using LinearAlgebra, SparseArrays, OSQP #OSQP needs SparseArrays
```

```
# Output:
- 'b_sa::Vector':
                        K-vector, restricted regression coefficients
- 'b_ls::Vector':
                        K-vector, OLS regression coefficients
.....
function StyleAnalysisPs(Y,X)
    (T,K) = (size(X,1), size(X,2))
    b_ls = X \setminus Y
                                         #LS estimate, no restrictions
    settings = Dict(:verbose ⇒ false)
    P = X'X/T
    q = -X'Y/T
    A = [ones(1,K);I]
                                       #1st restriction: sum(b)=1,
                                       #the rest: 0<=b<=1
   l = [1; zeros(K)]
    u = [1; ones(K)]
    settings = Dict(:verbose ⇒ false)
   model = OSQP.Model() #(P,A) must be 'Sparse', (q,l,u) vectors of 'Float64'
    OSQP.setup!(model; P=sparse(P), q=q, A=sparse(A), l=l, u=u, settings...)
    result = OSQP.solve!(model)
    b_sa = result.info.status == :Solved ? result.x : NaN
    return b_sa, b_ls
end
```

StyleAnalysisPs

(b,b_ls) = StyleAnalysisPs(R[:,1],Rb)

The next cell makes a "style analysis regression" based on the entire sample. The dependent variable is the first mutual fund in R (see data loading) and the regressors include all indices (again, see data loading).

```
OLS and style analysis coeffs:
                                       OLS Restricted LS
S&P 500
                                     0.429
                                                    0.429
S&P MidCap 400
                                     0.086
                                                    0.087
S&P Small Cap 600
                                     0.067
                                                    0.069
World Developed - Ex. U.S.
                                    0.199
                                                    0.203
Emerging Markets
                                    0.054
                                                    0.058
US Corporate Bonds
                                    0.176
                                                    0.071
U.S. Treasury Bills
                                    0.085
                                                    0.083
US Treasury
                                    -0.151
                                                   -0.000
                                     0.944
                                                    1.000
sum
```

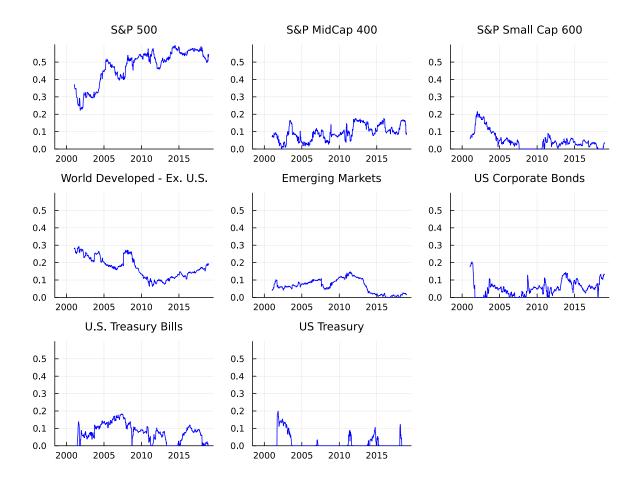
Notice that the restricted LS has (approximately) no negative coeffs and that sum(coeffs) = 1

Redo the Style Analysis on a Moving Data Window

of size WinSize (see below). Then plot to see how the coefficients change over time.

```
(T,K) = size(Rb)
WinSize = 104

b = fill(NaN,T,K)
for t = (WinSize+1):T
    #local vv  #local/global is needed in script
    vv = (t-WinSize):t  #moving data window
    b[t,:] = StyleAnalysisPs(R[vv,1],Rb[vv,:])[1]
end
```



Long Run Portfolio Choice

This notebook summarizes how the distribution of returns is affected by the investment horizon.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, LinearAlgebra, Distributions
include("src/printmat.jl")
include("src/lag.jl");

using Plots, LaTeXStrings
default(size = (480,320),fmt = :png)
```

Distribution of Long-Run Returns in the iid Case

If the excess log return over one period r^e is iid $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then excess log return over q periods is z_q^e is $N(q\mu, q\sigma^2)$. We use this result to draw the density function and to calculate the probability of $z_q^e < 0$.

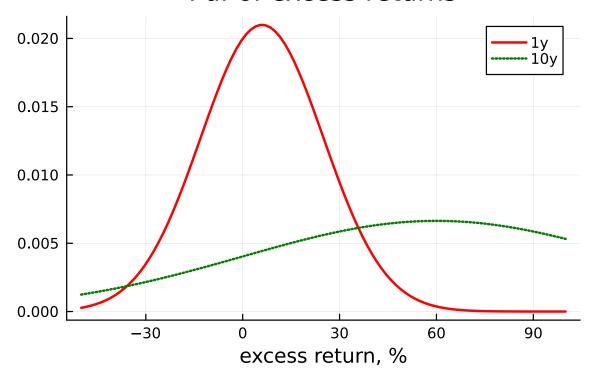
A Remark on the Code

The Distributions.jl package defines a normal distribution by Normal(μ , σ), that is, using the standard deviation (not the variance) as the 2nd argument. For horizon q we thus use Normal($q*\mu$, $sqrt(q)*\sigma$).

Pdfs of Long-Run Returns (for Different Horizons)

```
z^e_range = range(-50,100,length=101)
\mu^{e} = 0.06*100
                                                    #average excess return of annual data
\sigma = 0.19*100
                                                    #std of annual data
pdf_1y = pdf.(Normal(\mu^e, \sigma), z^e_range)
                                                        #pdf of 1-year returns
pdf_10y = pdf.(Normal(10*\mu^e, sqrt(10)*\sigma), z^e_range); #pdf of 10-year returns
p1 = plot( ze_range,[pdf_1y pdf_10y],
           linecolor = [:red :green],
           linestyle = [:solid :dot],
            linewidth = 2,
            label = ["1y" "10y"],
            title = "Pdf of excess returns",
           xlabel = "excess return, %" )
display(p1)
```

Pdf of excess returns

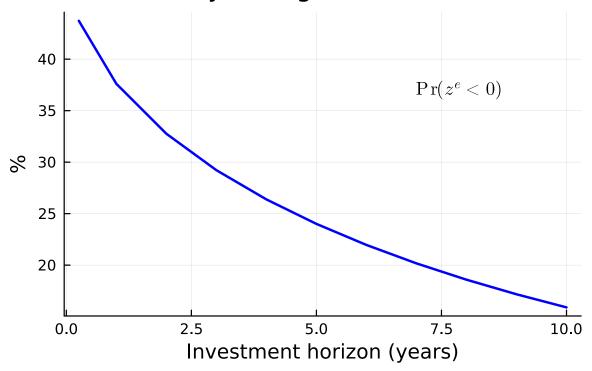


Prob(z < 0) for Different Horizons

A Remark on the Code

code like $y = [\exp(q) \text{ for } q \text{ in } 1:10]$ creates a vector with 10 elements $(\exp(1), \exp(2)...)$. It's a short form of a loop. In some cases, this is more conveniently writen as $\exp.(1:10)$, but in other cases a loop works better (here it does since we have to change the distribution for each q).

Probability of negative excess return



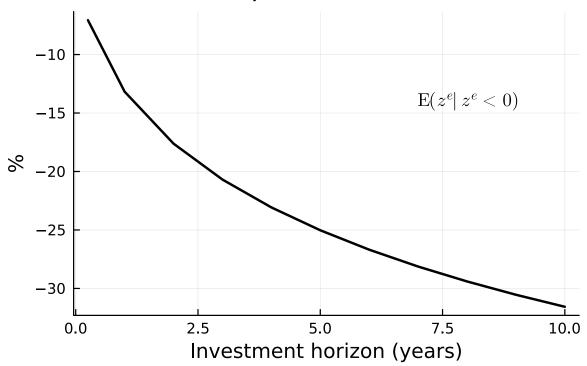
E(z | z < 0) for Different Horizons

The Distributions. jl package has methods fot trunctated distributions. We calculate $\mathrm{E}(z^e|z^e<0)$ for horizon q by using

mean(truncated(Normal($q*\mu^e$, $sqrt(q)*\sigma$);upper=0)

```
annotation = (7,-14,text(txt,10,:left)) )
display(p1)
```

Conditional expectation of excess return



Mean-Variance Portfolio Choice

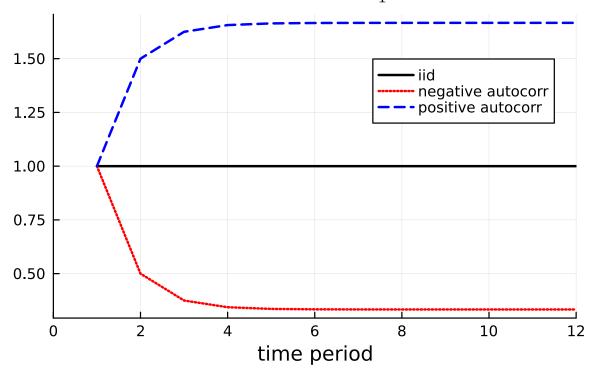
This section runs the time series model presented in the lecture notes. It therefore more code than usual

```
0 1]
  C = VAR1IR(A,T,B)
  r = C[1,:,:]'
  z = C[2,:,:]'
  return r, z
end
11 11 11
    xzModel3Cov(\phi,\theta,\sigma_u,\sigma_eta,q)
Calculate conditional variance-covariance matrix of q future
returns (r_1, r_2, ..., r_q) by first finding the MA representation
and then apply MACov.
0.00
function xzModel3Cov(\phi,\theta,\sigmau,\sigma_eta,q)
  (r_IR,z_IR) = xzModel3(\phi,\theta,q+10)
  r_{IR} .*= [\sigma_u \sigma_{eta}]
  z_{IR} .*= [\sigma_u \sigma_eta]
  k = 2
                                                     #no. variables
  C = fill(NaN,q,k,q)
  for t in 1:q
    r_t = vcat(zeros(q-t,k),r_IR[1:t,:])
                                                     #t=1: [zeros(9,2);[1 0]]
    C[t,:,:] = r_t'
                                                     #t=2: [zeros(8,2);[-0.5 1];[1 0]]
  end
  CovM = MACov(C, 1.0I(k))
  return CovM, r_IR, C
end
```

xzModel3Cov

```
 (\phi, \sigma_u, \sigma_e ta, T) = (0.25, 0.05, 0.02, 12) 
 (r_0, z_0) = xz Model3(0, 0, T) 
 (r_m, z_m) = xz Model3(\phi, -0.5, T) 
 (r_p, z_p) = xz Model3(\phi, 0.5, T)
```

Cumuative effect of u_1 on returns



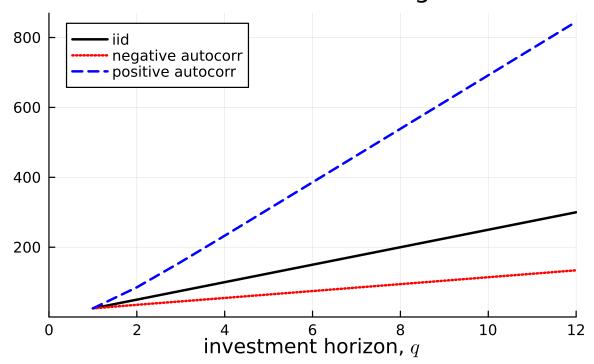
```
qM = 1:T

Var_q = fill(NaN,T,3)
for q in qM
  local CovM_m, CovM_0, CovM_p
  CovM_0, = xzModel3Cov(\phi,0,\sigma_u,0,q) #iid
  CovM_m, = xzModel3Cov(\phi,-0.5,\sigma_u,\sigma_eta,q) #reversal
  CovM_p, = xzModel3Cov(\phi,0.5,\sigma_u,\sigma_eta,q) #momentum
```

```
Var_q[q,:] = [sum(CovM_0) sum(CovM_m) sum(CovM_p)] #var(r_1+r_2+...+r_q)
printmat(Var_q*10_000);
    25.000
              25.000
                        25.000
    50.000
              35.250
                        85.250
    75.000
              45.016
                       157.516
   100.000
              54.860
                       232.985
              64.737
   125.000
                       309.269
   150.000
              74.623
                       385.756
   175.000
              84.511
                       462.295
   200.000
             94.400
                       538.846
   225.000
             104.289
                       615.400
   250.000
             114.178
                       691.956
   275.000
             124.067
                       768.511
   300.000
             133.956
                       845.067
p1 = plot(qM, Var_q*10_000,
           xlims = (0,T),
           linestyle = [:solid :dot :dash],
           linecolor = [:black :red :blue],
           linewidth = 2,
           title = "variance of cumulated log returns",
           label = ["iid" "negative autocorr" "positive autocorr"],
```

xlabel = L"investment horizon, \$q\$")

variance of cumulated log returns



```
vWeight(\mu^e, \sigma^2, k)

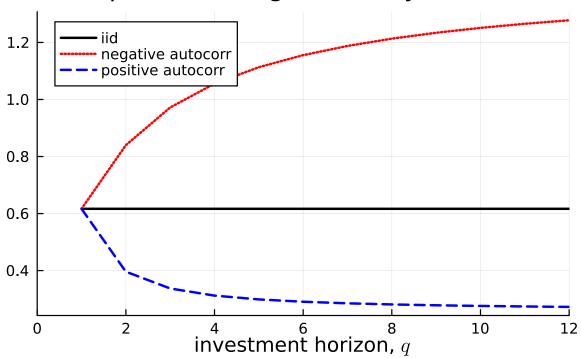
Optimal portfolio weight on the risky asset, so (1-v) is in the risk-free asset

vWeight(\mu^e, \sigma^2, k) = \mu^e/((1+k)*\sigma^2) + 1/(2*(1+k))
```

vWeight

```
label = ["iid" "negative autocorr" "positive autocorr"],
xlabel = L"investment horizon, $q$" )
```

portfolio weight on risky asset



Dynamic Portfolios

and intertemporal hedging in a simple discrete time model.

WARNING: the lecture notes for this topic has been revised, and this notebook has still not been synced with that.

Load Packages and Extra Functions

```
using Printf, LinearAlgebra, Distributions
include("src/printmat.jl");
```

Log Utility

We first find the *myopic* (period by period) optimal portfolio when the investor has log utility,

$$U(R_p) = \ln(1 + R_p),$$

where R_p is the portfolio return.

In all examples discussed below, the log returns are normally distributed, but the vector of *expected* returns changes across time. In particular, the vector of expected returns take on two different values (state A and state B).

```
rf = 0.03  #riskfree rate  
\sigma^2 = 100/10000  #variance of risky asset
\mue1A = 1/100  #mean excess return of single risky asset, state A
\mue1B = 0.5/100  #state B
vA = (\mue1A + \sigma^2/2)/\sigma^2
vB = (\mue1B + \sigma^2/2)/\sigma^2
```

```
rowNames1 = ["risky asset","riskfree"]
printblue("Portfolio weights in the two states (the case of a single risky asset):")
printmat([vA vB;1-sum(vA) 1-sum(vB)];colNames=["state A","state B"],rowNames=rowNames1)
Portfolio weights in the two states (the case of a single risky asset):
               state A
                         state B
risky asset
                 1.500
                           1.000
riskfree
                -0.500
                            0.000
11 11 11
Calculate optimal portfolio for log utility case, when the log returns are N(\mu e + rf, \Sigma),
Campbell&Viceira.
11 11 11
function OptPortLogUtil(\Sigma,\mue,rf)
        = inv(\Sigma)*(\mu e + diag(\Sigma)/2)
  Erp = rf + v'\mu e + v'diag(\Sigma)/2 - v'\Sigma*v/2
  Varrp = v'\Sigma * v
  return v, Erp, Varrp
end
OptPortLogUtil
\Sigma = 166 34
                58;
                                  #3 risky assets
       34 64
                 4;
       58 4 100]/10000
\mueA = [2.0, 1.0, 0.5]/100
                                  #expected excess returns in state A
                                  #expected excess returns in state B
\mu eB = [2.0, 0.0, 0.5]/100
vA, = OptPortLogUtil(\Sigma,\mu eA,rf) #myopic portfolio choice in each state
vB, = OptPortLogUtil(\Sigma,\mu eB,rf)
printblue("Portfolio weights in the two states (several risky assets):")
rowNames3 = ["asset 1", "asset 2", "asset 3", "riskfree"]
printmat([vA vB;1-sum(vA) 1-sum(vB)];colNames=["state A","state B"],rowNames=rowNames3)
Portfolio weights in the two states (several risky assets):
            state A
                      state B
              1.384
asset 1
                       1.810
asset 2
              1.318
                       -0.460
asset 3
             0.144
                      -0.031
riskfree -1.847
                      -0.319
```

CRRA Utility

We now turn to the *myopic* (period by period) optimal portfolio when the investor has CRRA utility

$$U(R_p) = (1 + R_p)^{1-\gamma}/(1 - \gamma),$$

where R_p is the portfolio return. As $\gamma \to 1$, this becomes the same as log utility (need to take the limit to prove that).

```
y = 3
                                           #risk aversion
VA = (\mu e1A + \sigma^2/2)/(\sigma^2 * \gamma)
                                          #with a single risky asset
vB = (\mu e1B + \sigma^2/2)/(\sigma^2 * \gamma)
printblue("Portfolio weights in the two states (the case of a single risky asset):")
printmat([vA vB;1-sum(vA) 1-sum(vB)];colNames=["state A","state B"],rowNames=rowNames1)
Portfolio weights in the two states (the case of a single risky asset):
                state A
                            state B
risky asset
                   0.500
                              0.333
riskfree
                   0.500
                              0.667
Calculate optimal portfolio for CRRA utility case, when the log returns are N(\mu e + rf, \Sigma),
Campbell&Viceira.
function OptPortCRRA(\Sigma,\mue,rf,\gamma)
         = inv(\Sigma)*(\mue+diag(\Sigma)/\gamma)/\gamma
  Erp = rf + v'\mu e + v'diag(\Sigma)/2 - v'\Sigma * v/2
  Varrp = v'\Sigma * v
  return v, Erp, Varrp
end
```

OptPortCRRA

```
vA, = OptPortCRRA(\Sigma,\mueA,rf,\gamma) #with several risky assets vB, = OptPortCRRA(\Sigma,\mueB,rf,\gamma) printblue("Portfolio weights in the two states (several risky assets):") printmat([vA vB;\mathbf{1}-sum(vA) \mathbf{1}-sum(vB)];colNames=["state A","state B"],rowNames=rowNames3)
```

```
Portfolio weights in the two states (several risky assets):

state A state B
asset 1 0.461 0.603
asset 2 0.439 -0.153
asset 3 0.048 -0.010
riskfree 0.051 0.560
```

Intertemporal Hedging

We now consider the more difficult case when the CRRA investor considers several periods.

In the case of log utility ($\gamma = 1$), this actually gives a myopic solution: in each period, $\ln(1 + R_p)$ is maximized, where R_p is the one period portfolio return.

With CRRA this may no longer hold. In particular, if there are some predictable (non-iid) features of the asset returns, then today's investment may be influenced by how the return over the next period is correlated with the investment opportunities in the subsequent periods.

The optimal solution used in the next few cells (see lecture notes for details) is for the case when the vector (n assets) of excess returns follow

```
r_{t+1}^e = a + z_t + u_{t+1},
```

where the vector z_t follows the VAR(1)

$$z_{t+1} = \phi z_t + \eta_{t+1}$$
, with η_{t+1} being $N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_{\eta})$.

The covariance matrix of u_{t+1} and η_{t+1} , which plays a key role of the analysis, is denoted by $\Sigma_{u\eta}$.

Notice that the first equation implies that (1) returns are predictable, that is, the expected returns change over time; (b) and that those expectations potentially correlates with today's return. This may lead to *intertemporal hedging*, where the portfolio weights for an investment between t and t+1 is affected by how the return in t+1 correlates with the investment oppurtunity set in t+1, that is, with the return distribution in t+2.

A Single Risky Asset

and a riskfree

```
Optimal dynamic portfolio choice when there is a single risky asset.  

function CRRAPortOpt1(\Sigma_u,\Sigma_n,\Sigma_u,\alpha,\phi,\gamma,z)

v_myop = inv(\Sigma_u)*(a + z + \Sigma_u/2)/\gamma
```

```
\begin{split} \Sigma &= 2*\Sigma_{-}u + \Sigma_{-}\eta + 2*\Sigma_{-}u\eta \\ v_{-}noreb &= inv(\Sigma)*(2*a + (I+\varphi)*z + \Sigma/2)/\gamma \\ \text{Ev1} &= inv(\Sigma_{-}u)*(a + \varphi*z + \Sigma_{-}u/2)/\gamma \\ v_{-}rebal &= inv(\Sigma_{-}u)*(a + z + \Sigma_{-}u/2 + (1-\gamma)*\Sigma_{-}u\eta*\text{Ev1})/\gamma \\ \text{return } v_{-}myop, v_{-}noreb, v_{-}rebal \\ \text{end} \end{split}
```

CRRAPortOpt1

Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), $corr(u,\eta)=0$ myopic 2-period investor risky asset 0.417 0.417 riskfree 0.583 0.583

no intertemporal hedging if $corr(u,\eta) = 0.0$

Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), $corr(u,\eta)$ =-0.5

myopic 2-period investor

```
risky asset 0.417 0.537
riskfree 0.583 0.463
```

the risky asset hedges changes in future investment opportunities when $corr(u,\eta) < 0$

Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), $corr(u,\eta)=0.5$

	myopic	2-period investor
risky asset	0.417	0.296
riskfree	0.583	0.704

the risky asset 'anti-hedges' changes in future investment opportunities when $corr(u,\eta) > 0$

Several Risky Assets

and a riskfree

```
Optimal dynamic portfolio choice when there are several risky assets """

function CRRAPortOpt(\Sigma_u,\Sigma_n,\Sigma_u,\alpha,\phi,\gamma,z)

v_myop = inv(\Sigma_u)*(a + z + diag(\Sigma_u)/2)/\gamma

\Sigma = 2*\Sigma_u + \Sigma_n + 2*\Sigma_u
v_noreb = inv(\Sigma)*(2*a + (I+\phi)*z + diag(\Sigma)/\gamma)/\gamma

Ev1 = inv(\Sigma_u)*(a + \phi*z + diag(\Sigma_u)/\gamma)/\gamma
v_rebal = inv(\Sigma_u)*(a + z + diag(\Sigma_u)/\gamma)/\gamma
return v_myop, v_noreb, v_rebal
end
```

CRRAPortOpt

```
y = 3
Σ_u
         = [166 34 58;
              34 64 4;
              58 4 100]/10000
         = [0 0 0;
Σ_η
            0 100 0;
                                         #only asset 2 has dynamics in expected returns
            0 0
                     0]/10000
         = [2,0.5,0.5]/100
         = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
                                         #doesn't matter for 2-period problem when z_t=0
             0 0.9 0;
             0 0 0
\Sigma_u\eta L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
                                       \#Cov(u,\eta)<0 for asset 2
                     0;
            0 -40 0;
                       0]/10000
            0 0
\Sigma_u\eta H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
                     0;
                                        \#Cov(u,\eta)>0 for asset 2
            0 40
                       0;
                       0]/10000
printblue("The model parameters:\n")
println("\Sigma_u * 10000")
printmat(\Sigma_u * 10000)
println("\Sigma_{\eta*10000}")
printmat(\Sigma_{\eta*10000})
println("a*100")
printmat(a*100)
println("\nTwo cases: negative and positive Cov(u,η) for asset 2")
printmat(\Sigma_u\eta L*10000)
printmat(\Sigma_u\eta H*10000)
The model parameters:
Σ_u*10000
```

```
Σ_u*10000

166.000 34.000 58.000

34.000 64.000 4.000

58.000 4.000 100.000
```

```
\Sigma_{\eta}*10000
     0.000
                0.000
                            0.000
     0.000
              100.000
                            0.000
     0.000
                0.000
                            0.000
a*100
     2.000
     0.500
     0.500
Two cases: negative and positive Cov(u,\eta) for asset 2
     0.000
                0.000
                            0.000
     0.000
              -40.000
                            0.000
                0.000
     0.000
                            0.000
     0.000
                0.000
                            0.000
     0.000
               40.000
                            0.000
     0.000
                0.000
                            0.000
(v_myopL, v_norebL, v_rebalL) = CRRAPortOpt(\Sigma_u, \Sigma_n, \Sigma_unL, a, \phi, \gamma, zeros(3))
                                                                                     #different Cov(u,n
(v_myopH, v_norebH, v_rebalH) = CRRAPortOpt(\Sigma_u, \Sigma_\eta, \Sigma_u\eta H, a, \phi, \gamma, zeros(3))
printblue("Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), corr(u,\eta) < 0"
xx = [v_myopL]
                  v_rebalL;
      1-sum(v_myopL) 1-sum(v_rebalL)]
printmat(xx;colNames=["myopic","2-period investor"],rowNames=rowNames3,width=20)
printblue("Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), corr(u,\eta) > 0"
xx = [v_myopH]
                v_rebalH;
      1-sum(v_myopH) 1-sum(v_rebalH)]
printmat(xx;colNames=["myopic","2-period investor"],rowNames=rowNames3,width=20)
Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), corr(u,\eta) < 0
                                  2-period investor
                        myopic
asset 1
                         0.532
                                                0.516
                                                0.211
asset 2
                         0.143
asset 3
                         0.019
                                                0.026
riskfree
                         0.306
                                                0.247
Portfolio weights: myopic and 2-period investor (who can rebalance), corr(u,\eta) > 0
```

	myopic	2-period investor
asset 1	0.532	0.549
asset 2	0.143	0.075
asset 3	0.019	0.012
riskfree	0.306	0.364