In []: import talk.config as con # environment variable for MOSEK

con.config_mosek()
con.config_configManager()

Leveraged Portfolios

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A 130/30 Equity Portfolio

- Allocate capital C=1 . Sell short at most c=0.3 to finance a long position of 1+c .
- Universe of n assets: $\left\{ \frac{x}^*}=\arg\max_{x_i=1} \operatorname{R}^n \& \frac{T}\mathbb{x} \right\}$

Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix: $\sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^T\mathbf{x}} = \|\mathbf{G}^T\mathbf{x}\|_2$

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Introduce the cone $[y, G^Tx] \in Q_{n+1}$.

The absolute value:

$$|x_i| = \sqrt{x_i^2} = ||x_i||_2$$

The sum of absolute values (e.g. the 1 -norm) is replaced by n cones of dimension 2, e.g. $[t_i,x_i]\in \mathcal{Q}_2$. Now

$$\sum t_i \le 1 + 2c$$

implies

$$\sum |x_i| \le 1 + 2c$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \Sigma x_i = 1$$

$$\Sigma t_i \le 1 + 2c$$

$$[y, G^T x] \in \mathcal{Q}_{n+1}$$

$$y \le \sigma_{\max}$$

$$[t_i, x_i] \in \mathcal{Q}_2, \ i \in [1, \dots, n]$$

Summary

- Leverage is here a constraint for the 1-norm of the weight vector.
- We replace the 1-norm of a vector of length n with n cones each of dimension 2.
- We compute the Cholesky decomposition of a $n \times n$ covariance matrix to introduce a cone of dimension n+1.

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