

Introduction to Python for Finance

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Abstract

The project will be the ending point of the course "Introduction to Python for Finance" given for master student at UCLouvain. The purpose of this project is to give the opportunity to the student to apply their skills to a real-world application. At the end of the project, a certificate will be delivered by UCLouvain.

1 Introduction

The subject of the project will be to use the theoretical aspect of Markovitz modern portfolio theory in order to apply them to real-world data using Python.

Each student (or group of students) has to choose a certain number of stocks and calculate the efficient frontier, the minimum-Variance portfolio and the market portfolio. In the next section, a detailed expectation from students will be given

2 Instructions

1. Download series of stocks prices (2 years) for $n \geq 5$ stocks. Calculate the daily return. Extract the mean of returns by asset $\hat{\mu} := (\hat{\mu}_1, \dots, \hat{\mu}_n)$, the variance-covariance matrix $\hat{\Sigma}$ and the correlation matrix ρ . Please add at least one graphic.
2. Then, for a set of γ compute the efficient frontier and make the graphic of the frontier (Cf. Course 4) using the simulation method. Please place on this graph, each point of mean of return and standard deviation of return. Suppose that at this stage, you don't have any free risk asset.
3. Let's suppose now you have an annual free risk rate of 5%. Calculate the portfolio which maximizes the Sharpe-Ratio. Calculate the corresponding Sharpe-ratio. To find the portfolio which maximizes the Sharpe-Ratio, you can use the method that you want (see course 4). Please add this portfolio on the previous graph and trace the Capital Market Line (CML). (Cfr. Course 4). Add also the portfolio that has the minimum variance with its corresponding return.

3 Requirements

Student must code everything in Python. In order to facilitate the writing of report, Student has to use Jupyter Notebook. A complete report with comment and explanation of result has to appear in the Jupyter Notebook. There is no need to explain the theoretical aspect. Just result and comment on them is enough !

Good luck !

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