

STA457H1F Assignment 1

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Part A

Question 1

In this section, we will find the optimal double moving average (MA) trading rules for all 30 DJ constituents using monthly data. As hinted by the assignment, we will refer to the Fall 2018 assignment to implement this. We will proceed in chronological order of said assignment in order to gain understanding of this question.

We will predict the direction of the trend of asset prices using a function of past asset prices F_t , which will be converted to buy and sell trading signals B_t , with buy corresponding to +1 and sell to -1. F_t will be based on a moving-average technical indicator, which can be expressed as a function of log returns:

$$F_t = \delta + \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} d_j X_{t-j}$$

where $X_t = \ln(P_t/P_{t-1})$, while δ and d_j are defined by a given trading rule. For the assignment, we will assume $\delta = 0$.

The function is then, as mentioned earlier, converted to trading signals as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \text{"Sell"} \iff B_t = -1 \iff F_t < 0 \\ \text{"Buy"} \iff B_t = +1 \iff F_t > 0 \end{cases}$$

We will also be assessing the results and performance of trading decisions, and the returns at time t will be obtained using “ruled returns”, which will be denoted as R_t . So if for a period $[t-1, t)$, a trader establishes a position at time $t-1$, represented by B_{t-1} , the “ruled returns” expression is as follows:

$$R_t = B_{t-1} X_t \iff \begin{cases} R_t = -X_t & B_{t-1} = -1 \\ R_t = +X_t & B_{t-1} = +1 \end{cases}$$

where $X_t = \ln(P_t/P_{t-1})$ denote the logarithm return over this period (so we will be assuming no dividend payouts during the time period).

The realized returns will thus be determined using:

$$\tilde{R}_t = \sum_{D=1}^n R_{t+D}$$

where D represents the stochastic duration of the position lasting n days provided that:

$$\{D = n\} \iff \{B_{t-1} \neq B_t, B_t = \dots = B_{t+n-1}, B_{t+n-1} \neq B_{t+n}\}$$

Step 1: Derive variance of predictor F_t

The variance of the predictor is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_F^2 &= \text{var}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}\right) \\
&= \text{cov}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}\right) \\
&= d_0 \text{cov}\left(X_t, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}\right) + d_1 \text{cov}\left(X_{t-1}, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}\right) + \dots + d_{m-2} \text{cov}\left(X_{t-m+2}, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}\right) \\
&= d_0(d_0\gamma_0 + d_1\gamma_1 + \dots + d_{m-2}\gamma_{m-2}) + d_1(d_0\gamma_1 + d_1\gamma_0 + d_2\gamma_1 + \dots + d_{m-2}\gamma_{m-3}) + \dots + d_{m-2}(d_0\gamma_{m-2} + d_1\gamma_{m-3} + \dots + d_{m-2}\gamma_0) \\
&= \gamma_0 \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-2-i} d_j d_{j+i} \gamma_i \\
&= \gamma_0 \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-2-i} d_j d_{j+i} \rho_i \right) \\
&= \gamma_0 \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} \sum_{i=j+1}^{m-3} d_j d_i \rho_{i-j} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Provided below is the R code for computing the variance of the predictor:

```

#Step 1: Get the variance of the predictor
# d: vector of dj coefficients (j = 0, ..., m-2)
# X: log returns
#Will use quadratic form...
varF <- function(d, X){
  #maximum lag
  M <- length(d)-1
  #get auto-covariance
  acfs <- acf(X, plot = F, type="covariance", lag.max=M)$acf
  #get toeplitz matrix of acfs
  #name used to refer to:
  #[\gamma_0, ..., \gamma_{m-2}],
  # [\gamma_1, \gamma_0, ..., \gamma_{m-3}], ...
  # [\gamma_{m-2}, ..., \gamma_0]]
  Gamma <- toeplitz(as.vector(acfs))
  #quadratic form
  varF <- d%*%Gamma%*%as.vector(d)
  varF
}

```

Note that the implementation above uses the quadratic form of the expression:

$$\sigma_F^2 = \begin{bmatrix} d_0 & \dots & d_{m-2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_0 & \dots & \gamma_{m-2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \gamma_{m-2} & \dots & \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_0 \\ \dots \\ d_{m-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Derive expectation of predictor F_t

The expectation of the predictor is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_F &= E\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i E(X_{t-i}) \\ &= \mu_X \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i\end{aligned}$$

Provided below is the R code for computing the expectation of the predictor:

```
#Step 2: Get the expectation of the predictor
# d: vector of dj coefficients (j = 0, ..., m-2)
# X: log returns
muF <- function(d, X){
  muF <- mean(X)*sum(d)
  muF
}
```

Step 3: Derive autocorrelation function at lag one for predictor

The expression for the autocorrelation function for lag 1 is derived as follows:

$$\rho_F(1) = \text{corr}(F_t, F_{t-1}) = \frac{\text{cov}(F_t, F_{t-1})}{\text{var}(F_t)}$$

First the covariance expression,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(F_t, F_{t-1}) &= \text{corr}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-i}, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-1-i}\right) \\ &= d_0 \text{cov}\left(X_t, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-1-i}\right) + d_1 \text{cov}\left(X_{t-1}, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-1-i}\right) + \dots + d_{m-2} \text{cov}\left(X_{t-m+2}, \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i X_{t-1-i}\right) \\ &= d_0(d_0\gamma_1 + d_1\gamma_2 + \dots + d_{m-2}\gamma_{m-1}) + d_1(d_0\gamma_0 + d_1\gamma_1 + d_2\gamma_2 + \dots + d_{m-2}\gamma_{m-2}) + \dots + d_{m-2}(d_0\gamma_{m-3} + d_1\gamma_{m-4} + \dots + d_{m-2}\gamma_1) \\ &= \gamma_0 \{d_0(d_0\rho_1 + d_1\rho_2 + \dots + d_{m-2}\rho_{m-1}) + \dots + d_{m-2}(d_0\rho_{m-3} + d_1\rho_{m-4} + \dots + d_{m-2}\rho_1)\} \\ &= \gamma_0 \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} d_i d_j \rho_{j-1-i}\end{aligned}$$

Then the autocorrelation function:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_F(1) &= \frac{\text{cov}(F_t, F_{t-1})}{\text{var}(F_t)} \\ &= \frac{\gamma_0 \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} d_i d_j \rho_{j-1-i}}{\text{var}(F_t)}\end{aligned}$$

Provided below is the R code for computing the lag one autocorrelation of the predictor:

```

#Step 3: Computing ACF(1) of forecaster
#will use a quadratic form
# d: vector of dj coefficients (j = 0, ..., m-2)
# X: log returns
rhoF <- function(d, X){
  #max lag
  M <- length(d)-1
  #get acfs
  acfs <- acf(X, plot = F, type = "covariance", lag.max = M+2)$acf
  #get the covariance
  temp <- d%*%matrix(acfs[as.vector(
    abs(outer(0:M,1:(M+1), "-")+1)], M+1, M+1)%*%as.vector(d)
  rhoF <- temp/varF(d, X)
  rhoF
}

```

Additionally note that as with when computing the variance of the predictor, a similar approach utilizing matrix multiplication is being used above:

$$cov(F_t, F_{t-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} d_0 & \dots & d_{m-2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & \dots & \dots & \gamma_{m-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \gamma_{m-3} & \dots & \gamma_0 & \gamma_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_0 \\ \dots \\ d_{m-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 4: Computing the expected ruled returns and expected holding period length

Under the assumption that X_t follows a stationary Gaussian process, the expected ruled returns has been provided as follows:

$$E(R_t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sigma_X \text{corr}(X_t, F_{t-1}) \exp \left\{ -\frac{\mu_F^2}{2\sigma_F^2} \right\} + \mu_X (1 - 2\phi \left[-\frac{\mu_F}{\sigma_F} \right])$$

Most of the expressions needed for this computation has been derived earlier. We just need the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{corr}(X_t, F_{t-1}) &= \frac{cov(X_t, F_{t-1})}{\sqrt{\gamma_0 var(F_t)}} \\ &= \frac{(d_0 \gamma_1 + d_1 \gamma_2 + \dots + d_{m-2} \gamma_{m-1})}{\sqrt{\gamma_0 var(F_t)}} \\ &= \frac{\gamma_0 \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} d_i \rho_{i+1}}{\sqrt{\gamma_0 var(F_t)}} \end{aligned}$$

The R code for implementing this computation is as follows:

```

#Step 4 Intermediate: correlation between X_t and F_{t-1}
#will use a quadratic form
# d: vector of dj coefficients (j = 0, ..., m-2)
# X: log returns

corXF <- function(d, X){
  Mp <- length(d)

```

```

acfs <- acf(X, plot = F, type = "covariance", lag.max = Mp)$acf
corXF <- sum(d*acfs[-1])/sqrt(acfs[1]*varF(d, X))
corXF
}

```

Additionally, the unconditional variance of the ruled returns has been provided as:

$$\text{var}(R_t) = E(X_t^2) - E(R_t)^2 = \sigma_X^2 + \mu_X^2 - E(R_t)^2$$

Furthermore, as provided, Kedem (1986) shows that the expected zero-crossing rate for a discrete-time, zero-mean, stationary Gaussian sequence Z_t is given by:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \rho_Z(1)$$

where $\rho_Z(1)$ denotes the autocorrelation function of $\{Z_t\}$ at lag one. Using this result, we may approximate the expected length of the holding period to be:

$$H = \frac{\pi}{\cos^{-1} \rho_F(1)}$$

Provided below is the R code for the computation of the expected holding period, the double MA co-efficients and the expected ruled returns:

```

#Step 4: Expected holding period and ruled returns
#expected holding period
#rho is lag one autocorrelation
#provided by step 3
Hold <- function(rho){
  Hold <- pi/acos(rho)
}

#next is the double MA co-efficients
d <- function(m, r){
  d <- c((m-r)*((0:(r-1))+1), r*(m-(r: (m-1))-1))
  d
}

# retX: log asset return
# m: long-term MA
# r: short-term MA

ruleReturn <- function(retX, m, r){
  #returns variance
  vX <- sd(retX)
  #returns mean
  mX <- mean(retX)
  #predictor mean
  mF <- muF(d(m, r), retX)
  #predictor sd
  vF <- sqrt(varF(d(m, r), retX))
  #lag 1 correlation (rho) between X_t and F_{t-1}
  rXF <- corXF(d(m, r), retX)
}

```

```

#lag 1 correlation of predictor
rF <- rhoF(d(m, r), retX)
#expected return
ER <- sqrt(2/pi)*vX*rXF*exp(-mF*mF/(vF*vF)) +
mX*(1-2*pnorm(-mF/vF))
#expected hold duration
H <- Hold(rF)
#return results
list("ER" = ER, "H" = H, "rhoF" = rF, "VF" = vF, "muF" = mF,
"corXF" = rXF)
}

```

Step 5: Downloading the monthly data of the constituents

The data for the DJ constituents were downloaded from Yahoo Finance in csv files and stored in a folder. The R code for retrieving this data from the csv files is as follows:

```

#This function is to download data from folder...
#idea: return three arrays - one containing the stock tickers...
#  another the adjusted close (using hint from prev assn)
#  and finally one containing the log returns

# dataDir: directory containing csv files containing data
# currDir: current working directory (to change back to after
#  loading data)
getAdC <- function(dataDir, currDir){
  #switch to directory containing price data
  setwd(dataDir)
  #get list of files in directory
  priceFiles <- list.files(dataDir, pattern="*.csv",
full.names = F, recursive = F)
  #to hold tickers
  tickers <- c()
  #to hold prices
  prices <- c()
  #to hold log returns
  logrets <- c()
  #iterate through list above
  for (file in seq(1, length(priceFiles))){
    tickers <- c(tickers, substr(priceFiles[file],
1,nchar(priceFiles[file])-4))
    #use rbind for the adjusted close data...
    #first read the file
    stockdat <- read.csv(file = priceFiles[file],
header = T, sep=",")
    #then get adjusted close prices from file
    price <- stockdat[1:dim(stockdat)[1], 6]
    prices <- rbind(prices, price)
    #also the log returns
    logrets <- rbind(logrets,
log(price[2:length(price)]/price[1:(length(price)-1)]))
  }
  #return to original directory
}

```

```

setwd(currDir)

#return tickers, prices and log returns
list("tickers"=tickers, "prices"=prices, "logrets" = logrets)
}

```

Step 6: Writing R function to find optimal monthly double MA trading rules

Provided below are the R functions utilized to find the optimal double MA trading rules using monthly data:

```

#Function to choose the optimal daily and monthly MA trading rules
# (i.e. that maximize expected rule returns)
#will test function against the one in prev assn after
# implementation...

#first optimal monthly
# retX: vector of log returns
monthlyoptimal_dma <- function(retX){
  #to hold optimal m and r
  optimal_m <- 2
  optimal_r <- 1
  #get ruleReturn for this setting
  currER <- ruleReturn(retX, optimal_m, optimal_r)$ER
  #iterate up to 12 max as we are doing monthly
  #loop through r
  for (i in seq(1, 11)){
    for (j in seq(i+1, 12)){
      ERij <- ruleReturn(retX, j, i)$ER
      if (ERij > currER){
        optimal_m <- j
        optimal_r <- i
        currER <- ERij
      }
    }
  }
  #return optimal double MA trading rules
  list("monthlyoptimal_m"=optimal_m, "monthlyoptimal_r"=optimal_r)
}

#functions that will implement the above for all constituents...

# retsX: the log returns of the constituents

monthlyoptimals_dma <- function(retsX){
  #to hold the optimal trading rules
  m <- c()
  r <- c()
  #amount of tickers to go through
  numstocks <- dim(retsX)[1]
  #number of periods/ months
  months <- dim(retsX)[2]
  for (i in seq(1, numstocks)){
    optimals <- monthlyoptimal_dma(retsX[i, 1:months])
  }
}

```

```

    #add optimal rules to list
    m <- c(m, optimals$monthlyoptimal_m)
    r <- c(r, optimals$monthlyoptimal_r)
  }

  #return optimal rules
  list("monthlyoptimal_m"=m, "monthlyoptimal_r"=r)
}

```

Disclosed below are the optimal trading rules found for the constituents:

```

## Warning in rbind(prices, price): number of columns of result is not a
## multiple of vector length (arg 2)

## Warning in rbind(logrets, log(price[2:length(price)]/price[1:(length(price)
## - 1): number of columns of result is not a multiple of vector length (arg 2)

## Warning: package 'knitr' was built under R version 3.2.5

```

Table 1: DJ double MA optimal trading rules

tickers	m	r
AAPL	3	2
AXP	2	1
BA	9	8
CAT	5	4
CSCO	7	6
CVX	8	6
DIS	5	4
DWDP	2	1
GS	2	1
HD	11	10
IBM	12	11
INTC	4	3
JNJ	9	8
JPM	12	11
KO	7	6
MCD	7	1
MMM	9	8
MRK	12	11
MSFT	9	8
NKE	10	7
PFE	10	8
PG	2	1
TRV	9	8
UNH	9	8
UTX	2	1
V	12	2
VZ	9	8
WBA	11	10
WMT	9	8
XOM	12	11

Step 7: Writing R function to compute in-sample trading statistics and compare with theoretical results

Please find below the functions implemented in R to generate the in-sample as well as theoretical trade statistics (cumulative return and holding time) for the optimal trade rules derived earlier.

```
#functions for computing in-sample trading statistics
# (i.e. cumulative return and holding time)
# to later compare with theoretical results
#first function to compute the predictor

# d: d is d(m,r) - presumably the optimal ones found
# retX: the log returns
# t: get signal at time t

f <- function(d, retX, t){
  M <- length(d) - 1
  if (t >= M){
    output <- sum(d*rev(retX[(t-M):t]))
    output
  }
  else {print('t is smaller than M')}
}

#next the realized return
# d: d is d(m,r) - presumably the optimal ones found
# retX: the log returns
realized_ret <- function(d, retX){
  re <- c()
  M <- length(d)
  for (t in seq(M + 1,length(retX))){
    re <- c(re, sign(f(d, retX, t-1))*retX[t])
  }
  realized_ret <- sum(re)/length(M:length(retX))
  realized_ret
}

#next is the holding period
holding_period <- function(d, retX){
  num_change <- 0
  M <- length(d)
  for (t in seq(M+1, length(retX))){
    if (sign(f(d, retX,t)) != sign(f(d, retX,t-1))){
      num_change <- num_change + 1
    }
  }
  hold <- length(M:length(retX))/num_change
  hold
}

#function that will take in the array of log returns
# and the optimal trading decisions
in_sample_estimate <- function(retX, m, r){
  #number of tickers
```

```

num_stocks <- dim(retX)[1]
#number of periods/ months
#to hold in_sample and theoretical values
djER <- c()
djH <- c()
djISR <- c()
djISH <- c()
months <- dim(retX)[2]
for (i in seq(1, num_stocks)){
  ruleReturn_i <- ruleReturn(retX[i, 1:months], m[i], r[i])
  djER <- c(djER, ruleReturn_i$ER)
  djH <- c(djH, ruleReturn_i$H)
  djISR <- c(djISR,
    realized_ret(d(m[i],r[i]),retX[i, 1:months]))
  djISH <- c(djISH,
    holding_period(d(m[i],r[i]),retX[i, 1:months]))
}
#return estimated and theoretical values
list("djER"=djER, "djH"=djH, "djISR"=djISR, "djISH"=djISH)
}

```

The results are disclosed below as well:

Table 2: DJ double MA optimal trading rules statistics

tickers	theoretical return	expected return	theoretical hold	expected hold
AAPL	0.0141	0.0062	2.932	2.861
AXP	0.0089	0.0107	2.178	2.225
BA	0.0082	0.0077	5.933	7.333
CAT	0.0138	0.0108	3.865	4.48
CSCO	0.0112	0.0065	4.671	4.826
CVX	0.0043	0.005	6.016	6.697
DIS	0.0054	0.0117	4.012	4.87
DWDP	0.0086	0.0031	2.144	2.102
GS	0.0074	0.0049	2.136	2.248
HD	0.0047	0.0044	5.928	7.517
IBM	0	-0.0028	4.796	4.717
INTC	0.0088	-0.0017	3.239	3.629
JNJ	0.0021	0.0038	4.473	6.471
JPM	-8e-04	0.0031	4.986	7.233
KO	0.0026	0.0068	4.311	5.163
MCD	0.0052	0.0046	4.961	4.723
MMM	0.0028	0.0035	4.84	6.286
MRK	0.003	0.005	5.85	7
MSFT	0.0043	2e-04	4.444	6.286
NKE	0.0079	0.0107	7.02	13.688
PFE	0.0019	0.0048	7.23	7.3
PG	0.0045	0.0056	2.129	2.064
TRV	-2e-04	0.0046	4.256	5.641
UNH	0.013	0.0142	5.6	8.462
UTX	0.0011	0.002	2.012	2.142
V	0.0095	0.0155	7.499	31
VZ	0.0032	0.0053	4.034	4.49

tickers	theoretical return	expected return	theoretical hold	expected hold
WBA	-0.005	-0.0382	2.228	6.412
WMT	0.0016	0.0012	4.334	3.607
XOM	0.002	0.0048	5.451	7.483

Question 2

In this section, we will construct the equally weighted (EW) and risk-parity (RP) weighted portfolios using the 30 DJ constituents and summarize the performance.

As per general instruction, performance will be based on a 60-month rolling window and the portfolio will be rebalanced monthly. The parameters (σ) will be calibrated/ estimated at the end of each year.

The following assumptions are going to be made:

1. Will use the 60-month window to get optimal trading rules
2. Will use these optimal settings to predict the signals for next month
3. For risk parity, will use the last 261 days of window to calibrate the asset volatilities (see section B) as brought up earlier.
4. Use predicted signal and portfolio weights to get rule return of portfolio (see hint).
5. Check performance of next 12 months. Will rebalance portfolio in each of these 12 months (so only risk parity will have altered distributions).
6. The 60-month window moves 12 months ahead and we repeat (1-5). Process terminates when we reach the end of our data.

Please find the implementation of these steps for the equally weighted portfolio as follows:

```
#Question 2: summarizing performance of the equally weighted
# portfolio
# retX: 30X(periods) dim matrix of log returns

ew_performance <- function(retX){
  #number of stocks provided
  num_stocks <- dim(retX)[1]
  #number of periods of data provided
  months <- dim(retX)[2]
  #to hold the ruled returns
  re <- c()
  #only go up to as long as window can be fit
  for (i in seq(1, months - 60, 12)){
    #get optimal dma within 60 month window for all stocks
    optimal_dma <- monthlyoptimals_dma(
      retX[1:num_stocks, i:(i+60-1)])
    m <- optimal_dma$monthlyoptimals_m
    r <- optimal_dma$monthlyoptimals_r
    #Ok, now use this to get ruled returns for the 12 months
    # after this rolling window
    #we will iterate through the 12 months following this window
    # and iterate through the stocks
  }
}
```

```

    for (t in seq(i + 60, i + 72 - 1)){
      if (t <= months){
        re_t <- 0
        for (s in seq(1, num_stocks)){
          s_d <- d(m[s], r[s])
          re_t <- re_t + (1/num_stocks)*
            sign(f(s_d, retX[s, 1:months], t-1))*retX[s,t]
        }
        #now add the portfolio ruled return
        re <- c(re, re_t)
        #note that since this is a EW portfolio, there is
        # no rebalancing step as weights remain the same
      }
    }
  }

#the above will give me the ruled returns - can use this to
# get realized return...
#note that annualized expected return, volatility and sharpe
# ratio are needed
#we can get the monthly expected return as follows:
realized_ret <- sum(re)/length(re)
#can convert this to annual as follows:
realized_ret <- 12*realized_ret
#question is though how I get the annualized volatility?
#do I just get the volatility of the assets from the returns
# data and then just sum (1/30)^2*volatility, then annualize?
#do this for now...
volatility <- 0
for (s in seq(1, num_stocks)){
  volatility <- volatility + (1/30)^2*(sd(retX[s, 1:months]))^2
}
#convert to annualized
volatility <- sqrt(12)*sqrt(volatility)
#next is annualized sharpe ratio
#assuming 0.02 annual-risk free for this assn
sharpe <- (realized_ret - 0.02)/volatility
#return results
list("return"=realized_ret, "volatility"=volatility,
     "sharpe"=sharpe)
}

```

The performance results obtained implementing the function above is as follows:

Part B

Question 1

In this section, we will cover the computation of the ex-ante volatility estimate σ_t for the DJ constituents. The formula used is:

$$\sigma_{s,t}^2 = 261 \sum_{i=0}^{260} (1-\delta)\delta^i (r_{s,t-1-i} - \bar{r}_{s,t})^2$$

Where the weights $\delta^i(1-\delta)$ add up to one, and $\bar{r}_{s,t}$ is the exponentially weighted average return computed similarly:

$$\bar{r}_{s,t} = \sum_{i=0}^{260} (1-\delta)\delta^i r_{s,t-1-i}$$

So, first let's try to solve for δ . We will retrieve the δ value using the same reasoning as Moskowitz in his journal, i.e. choose δ so that the centre of mass of the weights is:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (1-\delta)\delta^i i = \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} = 60days$$

$$\delta = 60(1-\delta)$$

$$61\delta = 60$$

$$\delta = \frac{60}{61} = 0.9836$$