



Multi-Objective Portfolio Optimization

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Introduction

- financial portfolio selection problem
- finding the most appropriate stocks to hold, based on fluctuations of each of the stocks.
- Goal → reaching high returns with low risks





Problem definition

we can formulate the problem in the following three different ways

1. Minimizing the risk with the constraint of having lower limit on return value:

$$\textit{Minimize } F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w})$$

$$s.t \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{w})) \geq R^*$$

$$\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$w_j \geq 0, \quad \forall_j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



Problem definition

2. Maximizing the return with the constraint of having upper limit on risk value:

$$\text{Maximize } \mathbb{E}(R(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\text{s.t. } F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w}) \leq L$$

$$\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$w_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



Problem definition

3. Design a multi-objective problem for maximizing return while minimizing risk level

$$\textit{Maximize } \mathbb{E}(R(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\textit{Minimize } F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w})$$

$$s.t \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$w_j \geq 0, \quad \forall_j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$




Multi-objective Optimization Definition

- are realistic models for many complex engineering optimization problems.
- A reasonable solution: is to investigate a set of solutions, each of which satisfies the objectives at an acceptable level without being dominated by any other solution
- A general multi-objective optimization problem can be described as a vector function:

$$\min / \max x = f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x))$$

$$\text{subject to } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in X$$

$$y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \in Y$$



Multi-objective optimization in Portfolio optimization

we write the problem in multi-objective format:

$$\textit{Minimize} \left(-\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{w})) , F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w}) \right)$$

$$\textit{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$$



Our Novel Contribution

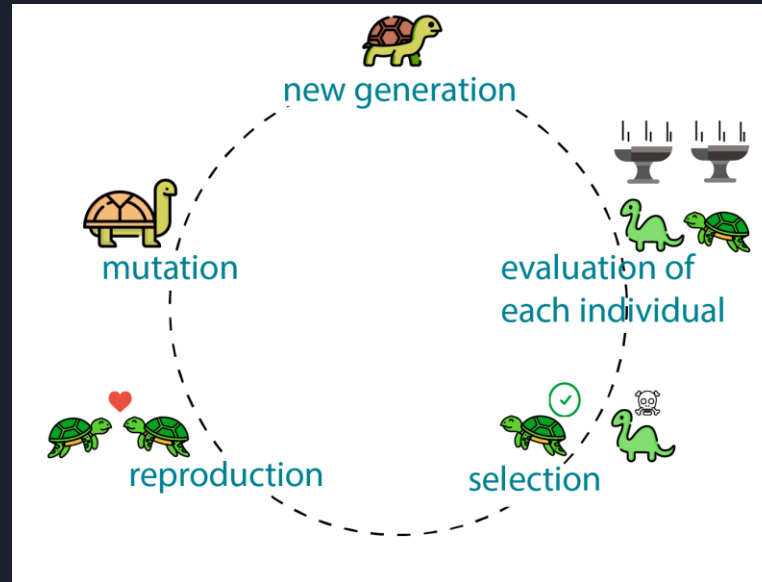
- We changed the objective function in order to have better portfolio optimization
- Added the term called "Score":

$$\textit{Minimize} \left(-\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{w})) , F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w}) , -\text{Score}(\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

$$s.t \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

Genetic Algorithms



Solving Methods: NGSA-II

for each $p \in P$

$S_p = \emptyset$

$n_p = 0$

for each $q \in P$

if ($p < q$) then

$S_p = S_p \cup q$

elseif ($q < p$) then

$n_p = n_p + 1$

if $n_p = 0$ then

$p_{rank} = 1$

$F_1 = F_1 \cup p$

$i = 1$

while $F_i \neq \emptyset$

$Q = \emptyset$

for each $p \in F_i$

for each $q \in S_p$

$n_q = n_q + 1$

if $n_q = 0$ then

$q_{rank} = i + 1$

$Q = Q \cup q$

$i = i + 1$

$F_i = Q$

If p dominates q

Add q to the set of solutions dominated

Increment the domination counter of p

p belongs to the first front

Initialize the front counter

Used to store the members of the next front

q belongs to the next front



Solving Methods: SPEA-2 Algorithms

input: N population size

\bar{N} archive size

T maximum number of generations

Output: A nondominated set

Step1: Initialization: Generate an initial population P_0 and create the empty archive (external set) $\bar{P}_0 = \emptyset$. set $t=0$.

Step2: Fitness assignment: calculate fitness values of individuals in P_t and \bar{P}_t

Step3: Environmental selection: Copy all nondominated individuals in P_t and \bar{P}_t to \bar{P}_{t+1} .

If size of \bar{P}_{t+1} exceeds N then reduce \bar{P}_{t+1} by means of the truncation operator, otherwise

if size of \bar{P}_{t+1} is less than \bar{N} then fill \bar{P}_{t+1} with dominated individuals in P_t and \bar{P}_t



Solving Methods: SPEA-2 Algorithms

Step 4: Termination: If $t \geq T$ or another stopping criterion is satisfied then set A to the set of decision vectors represented by the nondominated individuals in \overline{P}_{t+1} .

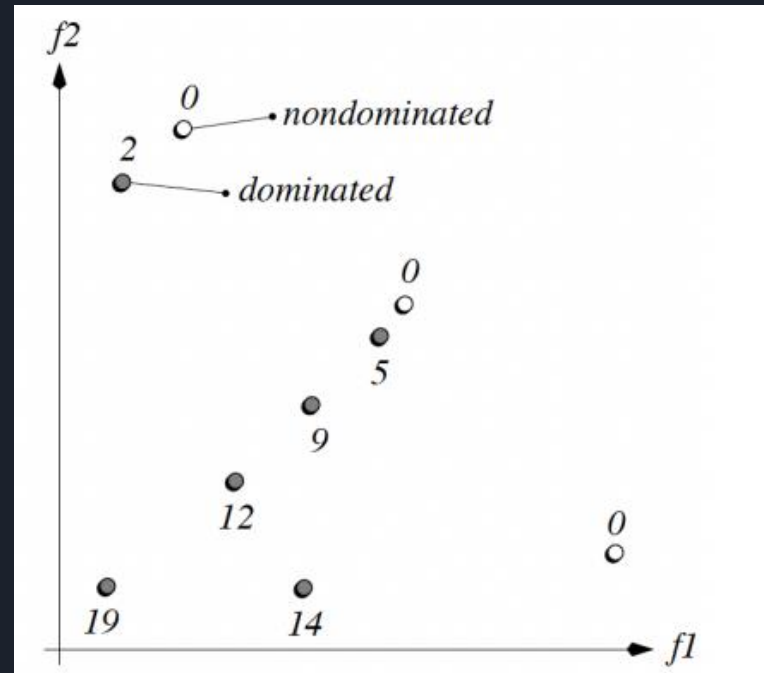
Stop.

Step 5: Mating selection: Perform binary tournament selection with replacement on \overline{P}_{t+1} in order to fill the mating pool.

Step 6: Variation: Apply recombination and mutation operators to the mating pool and set P_{t+1} to the resulting population. Increment generation counter ($t = t + 1$) and go to Step 2.

Solving Methods: SPEA-2

the fitness assignment in a maximization problem:





Methodology & Approach: Data

- monthly return of 10 shares in the Iran stock market:
 1. Mellat bank (MLT)
 2. hiweb (HW),
 3. Tondgooyan Petrochemical (TOP)
 4. Iran national copper industry (NCI)
 5. Persian Golf Petrochemical (PGP)
 6. Iran khodro Investigation (IKHI)
 7. Ghadir Investigation (GHI)
 8. Shooyandeh Industry (SHI)
 9. Bandar Abbas oil refining(BAOR)
 10. Barekat Pharmacy (BPH)
- the data collected for 12 months.



2 cases with different objective functions

Case 1:

$$\textit{Minimize} (- \mathbb{E}(R(\mathbf{w})) , F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\textit{s.t} \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

Case 2:

$$\textit{Minimize} (- \mathbb{E}(R(\mathbf{w})) , F_{\Omega}(\mathbf{w}) , - \text{Score}(\mathbf{x}))$$

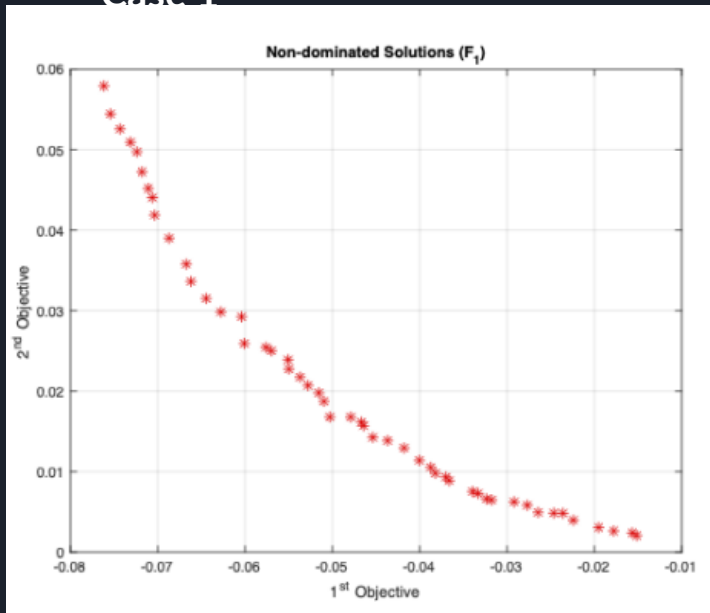
$$\textit{s.t} \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

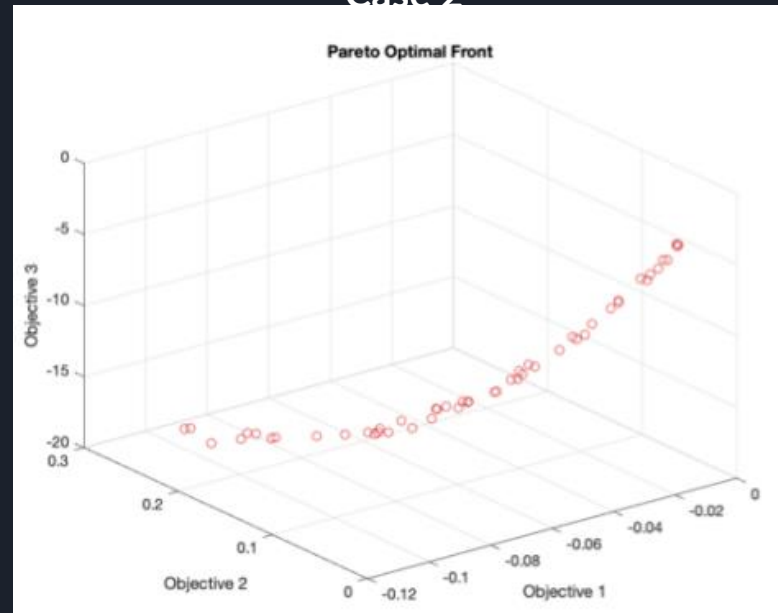
Methodology & Approach: Result

NGSA-2 algorithm

Case 1



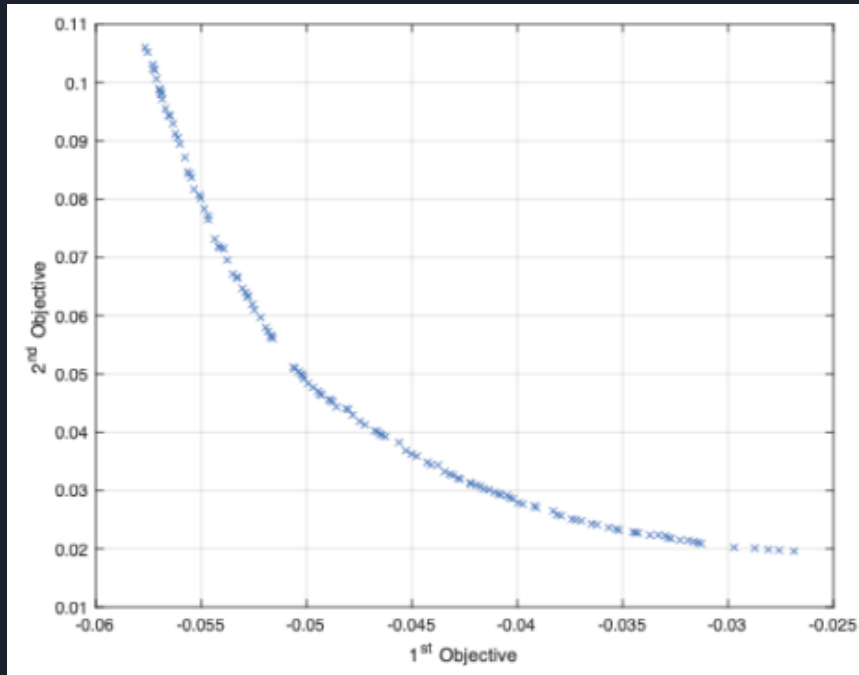
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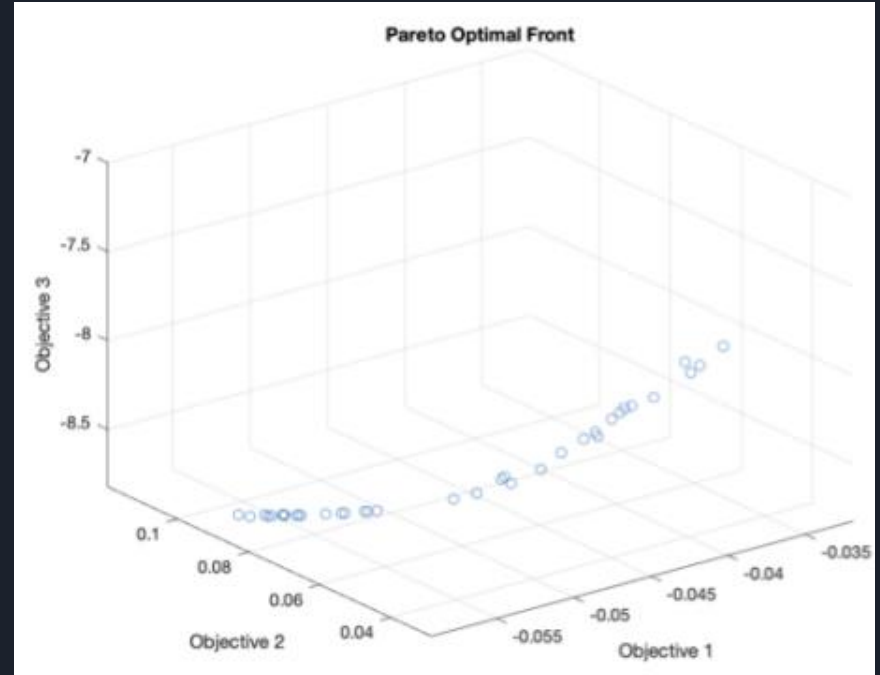
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Case 1



Case 2



Methodology & Approach: Result

Example of normal case using NGSA-II:

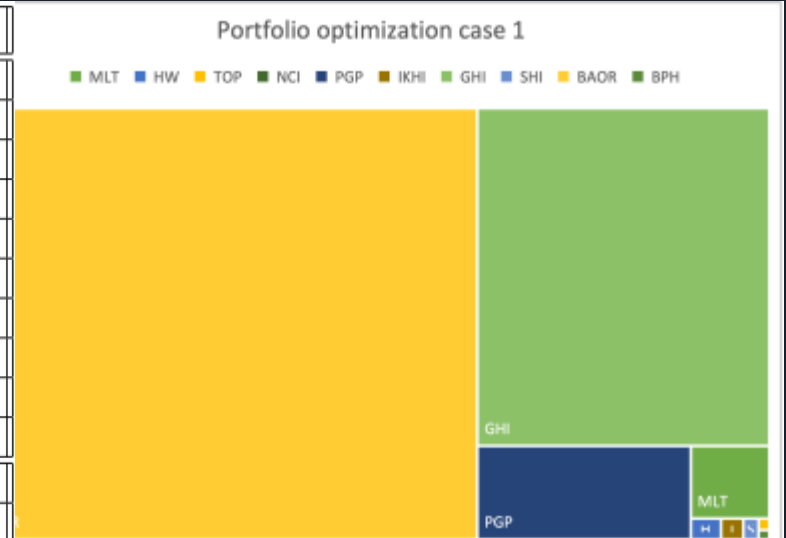
| | Solution |
|--------|----------|
| Retrun | 0.04809 |
| Risk | 0.021445 |

Portfolio in case 1

using SPEA-2

algorithm:

| | Solution |
|--------|----------|
| MLT | 0.0167 |
| HW | 0.0018 |
| TOP | 0.0004 |
| NCI | 0.0000 |
| PGP | 0.0581 |
| IKHI | 0.0014 |
| GHI | 0.2871 |
| SHI | 0.0009 |
| BAOR | 0.6333 |
| BPH | 0.0003 |
| Retrun | 0.046179 |
| Risk | 0.050178 |



Methodology & Approach: Result

Example of normal case using NGSA-II:

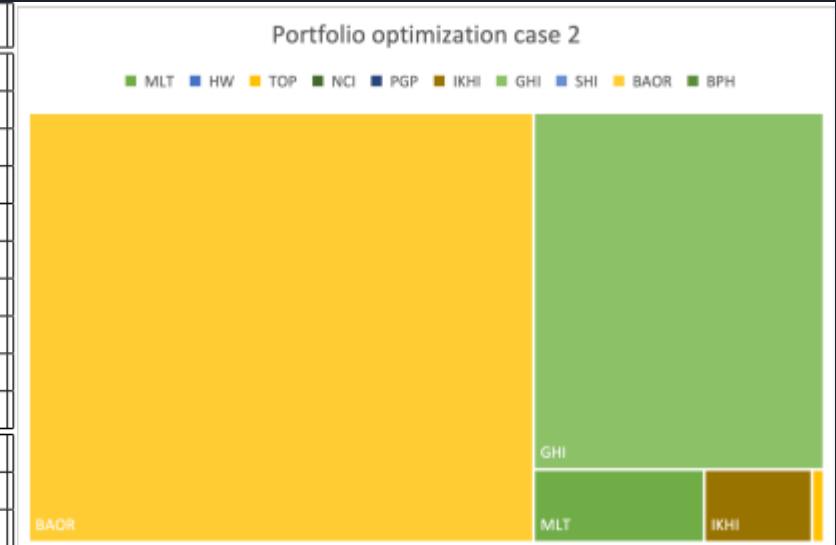
| | Solution |
|--------|----------|
| Retrun | 0.061405 |
| Risk | 0.078709 |
| Score | 11.345 |

Portfolio in case 2

using SPEA-2

algorithm:

| | Solution |
|--------|----------|
| MLT | 0.0362 |
| HW | 0.0000 |
| TOP | 0.0026 |
| NCI | 0.0000 |
| PGP | 0.0000 |
| IKHI | 0.0229 |
| GHI | 0.3034 |
| SHI | 0.0000 |
| BAOR | 0.6348 |
| BPH | 0.0000 |
| Retrun | 0.045311 |
| Risk | 0.046755 |
| Score | 8.007 |





Future Work

Add term liquidity to objective func

$$\textit{Minimize} \ (- \mathbb{E}(R(w)) , F_{\Omega}(w) , - \text{Score}(x) , - \text{Liquidity}(x))$$

$$s.t \ 1^T w = 1$$

$$x \geq 0$$

Thanks for your
attention!

