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1.1 Overview

`risk_dash` is a framework to help simplify the data flow for a portfolio of assets and handle market risk metrics at the asset and portfolio level. If you clone the source [repository](#), included is a [Dash](#) application to be an example of some of the uses for the package. To run the Dash app, documentation is [here](#)

1.2 Installation

Since the package is in heavy development, to install the package fork or clone the [repository](#) and run `pip install -e risk_dash/` from the directory above your local repository.

To see if installation was successful run `python -c 'import risk_dash; print(*dir(risk_dash), sep="\n")'` in the command line, currently the output should match the following:

```
$ python -c 'import risk_dash; print(*dir(risk_dash), sep="\n")'
__builtins__
__cached__
__doc__
__file__
__loader__
__name__
__package__
__path__
__spec__
```

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```
market_data
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```

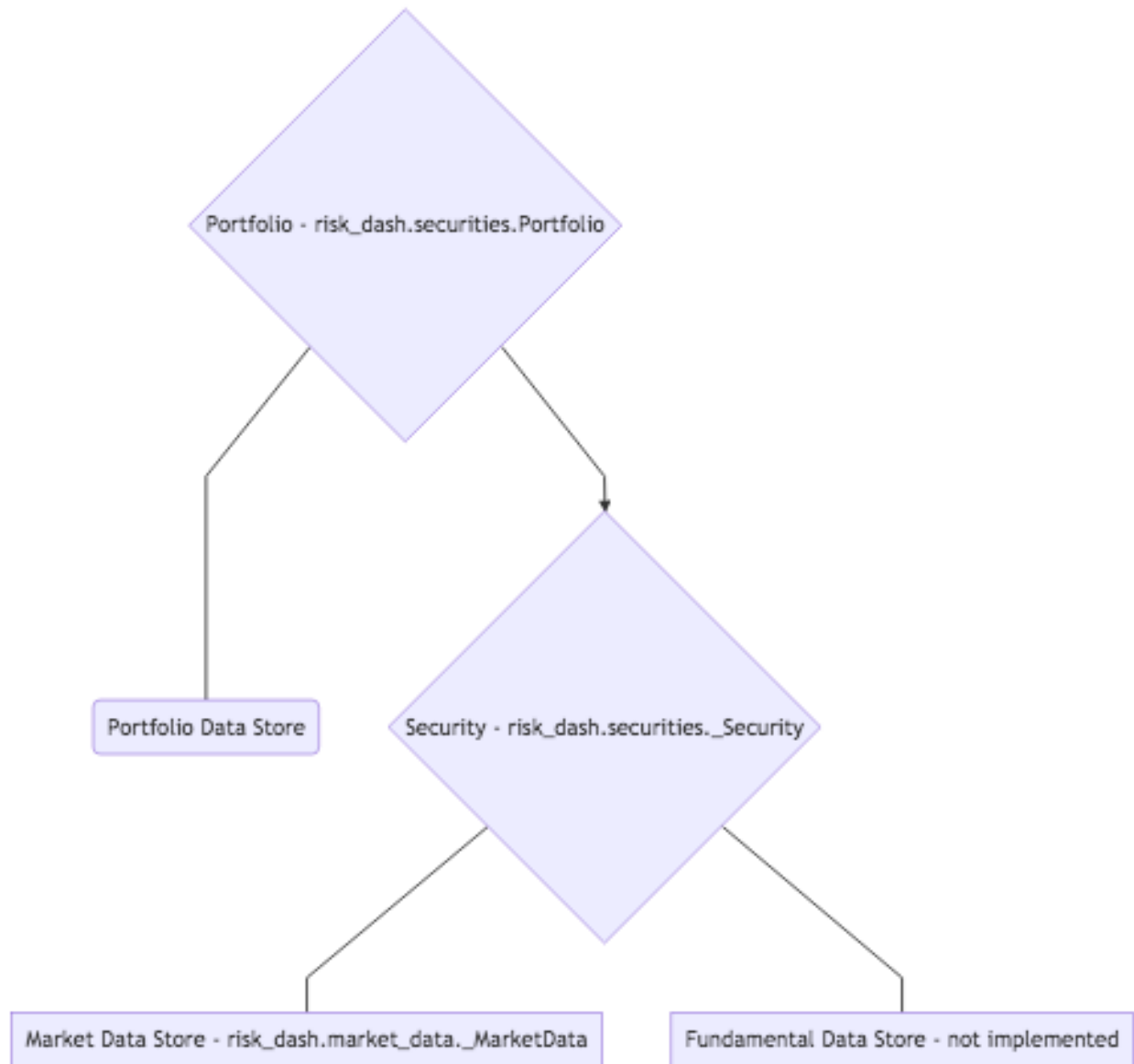
1.3 Getting Started

Now that we have the package installed, let's go through the object workflow to construct a simple long/short equity portfolio.

High level, we need to specify:

1. Portfolio Data
 - We need to know what's in the portfolio
 - Portfolio weights
 - Types of Assets/Securities
2. Security data
 - We need to know what is important to financially model the security
 - Identification data: Ticker, CUSIP, Exchange
 - Security specific data: expiry, valuation functions
 - Market data: Closing prices, YTM
3. Portfolio/security constructors to handle the above data

To visualize these constructors, the below chart shows how the data will sit:



To do so, we'll need subclasses for the `_Security` and `_MarketData` classes to model specific types of securities. Currently supported is the `Equity` subclass. Once we have the portfolio constructed, we will specify and calculate parameters to simulate or look at historic distributions. We'll then create a subclass of `_Simulation` and `_RandomGen`

1.3.1 Security data, `_Security` objects, and creating Security Subclasses

The core of the package is in the `_Security` and `Portfolio` objects. `Portfolio` objects are naturally a collection of `Securities`, however we want to specify the type of securities that are in the portfolio. Since we're focusing on a long/short equity portfolio we want to create an `Equity` subclass.

Subclasses of `_Security` classes must have the following methods:

- `valuation(current_price)`
- `mark_to_market(current_price)`
- `get_marketdata()`

In addition, we want to pass them the associated `_MarketData` object to represent the security's historic pricing data. To build the `Equity` subclass, we first want to inherit any methods from the `_Security` class:

```
class Equity(_Security):

    def __init__(
        self,
        ticker,
        market_data : md.QuandlStockData,
        ordered_price,
        quantity,
        date_ordered
    ):
        self.name = ticker
        self.market_data = market_data
        self.ordered_price = ordered_price
        self.quantity = quantity
        self.initial_value = ordered_price * quantity
        self.date_ordered = date_ordered
        self.type = 'Equity'
```

To break down the inputs, we want to keep in mind that the goal of this subclass of the `_Security` object is to provide an interface to model the `Equity` data.

- `ticker` is going to be the ticker code for the equity, such as 'AAPL'
- `market_data` is going to be a subclass of the `_MarketData` object
- `ordered_price` is going to be the price which the trade occurred
- `quantity` for `Equity` will be the number of shares
- `date_ordered` should be the date the order was placed

Note: Currently the implemented `_MarketData` subclass is `QuandlStockData`, which is a wrapper for [this Quandl dataset api](#). This data is no longer being updated, for current market prices you must create a `_MarketData` subclass for your particular market data. Information to construct the subclass is on [Building Custom Classes](#).

Required Inputs at the `_Security` level are intentionally limited, for example if we wanted to create a class for Fixed Income securities, we would want more information than this `Equity` subclass. An example `Bond` class might look like this:

```
class Bond(_Security):
    def __init__(
        self,
        CUSIP,
        market_data,
        expiry,
        coupon,
        frequency,
        settlement_date,
        face_value
    ):
        self.name = CUSIP
        self.market_data = market_data
        self.expiry = expiry
        self.coupon = coupon
        self.frequency = frequency
```

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```

self.settlement_date = settlement_date
self.face_value = face_value
self.type = 'Bond'

```

Similarly to the Equity subclass, we want identification information, market data, and arguments that will either help in calculating valuation, current returns, or risk measures.

Returning to the Equity subclass, we now need to write the valuation and mark to market methods:

```

class Equity(_Security):
    # ...
    def valuation(self, price):
        value = (price - self.ordered_price) * self.quantity
        return value

    def mark_to_market(self, current_price):
        self.market_value = self.quantity * current_price
        self.marked_change = self.valuation(current_price)
        return (self.marked_change)

```

For linear instruments such as equities, valuation of a position is just the price observed minus the price ordered at the size of the position. `valuation` is then used to pass a hypothetical price into the valuation function, in this case $(\text{Price} - \text{Ordered}) * \text{Quantity}$, whereas `mark_to_market` is used to pass the current EOD price and mark the value of the position. This is an important distinction, if we had a nonlinear instrument such as a call option on a company's equity price, the valuation function would then be:

$$Value = \min\{0, S_T - K\}$$

Where S_T is the spot price for the equity at expiry and K is the agreed strike price. Valuation also is dependent on time for option data, 0.

Our mark to market then would need to make the distinction between this valuation and the current market price for the call option. The mark would then keep track of what the current market value for the option to keep track of actualized returns.

The final piece to creating the Equity subclass is then to add a `get_marketdata()` method. Since we just want a copy of the reference of the `market_data`, we can just inherit the `get_marketdata()` from the `_Security` class.

The Equity subclass is already implemented in the package, we can create an instance from `risk_dash.securities`. Let's make an instance that represents an order of 50 shares of AAPL, Apple Inc, at close on March 9th, 2018:

```

>>> from risk_dash.market_data import QuandlStockData
>>> from risk_dash.securities import Equity
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> apikey = 'valid-quandl-apikey'
>>> aapl_market_data = QuandlStockData(
    apikey = apikey,
    ticker = 'AAPL'
)
>>> aapl_stock = Equity(
    ticker = 'AAPL',
    market_data = aapl_market_data,
    ordered_price = 179.98,
    quantity = 50,
    date_ordered = datetime(2018, 3, 9)
)

```

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```
>>> aapl_stock.valuation(180.98) # $1 increase in value
50.0
>>> aapl_stock.mark_to_market(180.98) # Same $1 increase
50.0
>>> aapl_stock.market_value
9049.0
>>> aapl_stock.marked_change
50.0
>>> vars(aapl_stock)
{'name': 'AAPL',
 'market_data': <risk_dash.market_data.QuandlStockData at 0x1147c2668>,
 'ordered_price': 179.98,
 'quantity': 50,
 'initial_value': 8999.0,
 'date_ordered': datetime.datetime(2018, 3, 9, 0, 0),
 'type': 'Equity',
 'market_value': 9049.0,
 'marked_change': 50.0}
```

As we can see `aapl_stock` now is a container that we can use to access it's attributes at the Portfolio level.

Note: Another important observation is that the Equity subclass will only keep a reference to the underlying Quandl-StockData, which will minimize duplication of data. However, at scale, you'd want minimize price calls to your data source, you could then do one call at the Portfolio level then pass a reference to that `market_data` at the individual level. Then your Equity or other `_Security` subclasses can share the same `_MarketData`, you would then just write methods to interact with that data.

Now that we have a feeling for the `_Security` class, we now want to build a Portfolio that contains the `_Security` instances.

1.3.2 Portfolio Data and creating a Portfolio

To iterate on what we said before, an equity position in your portfolio is represented by the quantity you ordered, the price ordered at, and when you ordered or settled the position. In this example, we'll use the following theoretical portfolio found in `portfolio_example.csv`:

Type	Ticker	Ordered Price	Ordered Date	Quantity
Equity	AAPL	179.98	3/9/18	50
Equity	AMD	11.7	3/9/18	100
Equity	INTC	52.19	3/9/18	-50
Equity	GOOG	1160.04	3/9/18	5

With this example, the portfolio is static, or just one snap shot of the weights at a given time. In practice, it might be useful to have multiple snapshots of your portfolio, one's portfolio would be changing as positions enter and leave thus having a time dimensionality. The Portfolio class could be easily adapted to handle that information to accurately plot historic performance by remarking through time. This seems more of an accounting exercise, risk metrics looking forward would probably still only want to account for the current positions in the portfolio. Due to this insight, the current Portfolio class only looks at one snap shot in time.

With a portfolio so small, it is very easily stored in a csv and each security can store the reference to the underlying market data independently. As such, there is an included portfolio constructor method in the portfolio class from csv, `construct_portfolio_csv`:

```

>>> from risk_dash.securities import Portfolio
>>> current_portfolio = Portfolio()
>>> port_dict = current_portfolio.construct_portfolio_csv(
    data_input='portfolio_example.csv',
    apikey=apikey
)
>>> vars(current_portfolio)
{'port': {'AAPL Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x11648b5c0>,
  'AMD Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x116442c50>,
  'INTC Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x1177b75c0>,
  'GOOG Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x1177bc390>}}
>>> vars(current_portfolio.port['AMD Equity'])
{'name': 'AMD',
 'market_data': <risk_dash.market_data.QuandlStockData at 0x11648b2e8>,
 'ordered_price': 11.699999999999999,
 'quantity': 100,
 'initial_value': 1170.0,
 'date_ordered': '3/9/18',
 'type': 'Equity'}

```

At this moment, the `current_portfolio` instance is only a wrapper for its `port` attribute, a dictionary containing the securities in the `Portfolio` object. Soon we'll use this object to mark the portfolio, create a simulation to estimate value at risk, look at the covariance variance matrix to calculate a parameterized volatility measure, and much more.

The `Portfolio` class handles interactions with the portfolio data and the associated securities in the portfolio. If you have a list of securities you can also just pass the list into the `Portfolio` instance. The following code creates a portfolio of just the AAPL equity that we created earlier:

```

>>> aapl_portfolio = sec.Portfolio([aapl_stock])
>>> vars(aapl_portfolio)
{'port': {'AAPL Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x1164b2e80>}}

```

If we want to add a security to this portfolio, we can call the `add_security` method, to remove a security we call the `remove_security` method:

```

>>> amd_market_data = sec.QuandlStockData(
    ticker='AMD',
    apikey=apikey
)
>>> amd_stock = sec.Equity(
    ticker = 'AAPL',
    market_data = amd_market_data,
    ordered_price = 11.70,
    quantity = 100,
    date_ordered = datetime(2018,3,9)
)
>>> aapl_portfolio.add_security(amd_stock)
>>> aapl_portfolio.port
{'AAPL Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x1164b2e80>,
 'AMD Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x11791cc88>}
>>> aapl_portfolio.remove_security(amd_stock)
>>> aapl_portfolio.port
{'AAPL Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x1164b2e80>}
>>> aapl_portfolio.remove_security(aapl_stock)
>>> aapl_portfolio.port
{}

```

1.3.3 Calculating Risk Metrics and Using the Portfolio class

Now that we have our `Portfolio` constructed with the securities we have on the book let's use the class to calculate some market risk metrics.

Mark the Portfolio

Let's first mark the current portfolio. Since we want to know the current value of the portfolio, the mark method will calculate the value of the portfolio at the current price for each security. The current price is going to be the last known mark, the price at the closest date to today.

Note: Since the `QuandlStockData` source hasn't been updated since 3/27/2018, we would expect the last shared date to be 3/27/2018. However, you should use the last shared date as a flag to see if an asset's `_MarketData` isn't updating. With certain assets, such as Bonds or illiquid securities, marking daily might not make as much sense, so common shared date doesn't mean as much.

```
>>> current_portfolio.mark()
>>> vars(current_portfolio)
{'port': {'AAPL Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x10f8b2940>,
  'AMD Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x1a1f6b0908>,
  'INTC Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x110538d30>,
  'GOOG Equity': <risk_dash.securities.Equity at 0x110548e10>},
'market_change': -1476.6999999999989,
'marked_portfolio': {'AAPL Equity': (8999.0, 8417.0),
  'AMD Equity': (1170.0, 1000.0),
  'INTC Equity': (-2609.5, -2559.5),
  'GOOG Equity': (5800.1999999999998, 5025.5)},
'date_marked': Timestamp('2018-03-27 00:00:00'),
'initial_value': 13359.700000000001}
```

The mark method now creates the `marked_portfolio` dictionary that stores a tuple, (`initial_value`, `market_value`), for every security in the portfolio. We also now can calculate a quick holding period return, `holdingreturn = (current_portfolio.initial_value + current_portfolio.market_change) / current_portfolio.initial_value`

```
>>> holdingreturn = (current_portfolio.market_change) / current_portfolio.initial_value
>>> print(holdingreturn)
-0.11053391917483169
```

This hypothetical portfolio apparently hasn't performed over the month since inception, it's lost 11%, but let's look at historic returns before we give up on the portfolio. We can call `portfolio.quick_plot` to look at a `matplotlib` generated cumulative return series of the portfolio. If you wanted more control over plotting, you could use the returned `pandas DataFrame`. In fact, the current implementation is just using the `pandas DataFrame` `methodplot()`:

```
>>> marketdata = current_portfolio.quick_plot()
```

Parametrically Calculating the Value at Risk

As we can see, this portfolio is pretty volatile, but has almost doubled over the last four years. Let's calculate what the portfolio daily volatility over the period based off the percent change by calling `get_port_volatility` using `percentchange` from the `market_data`:

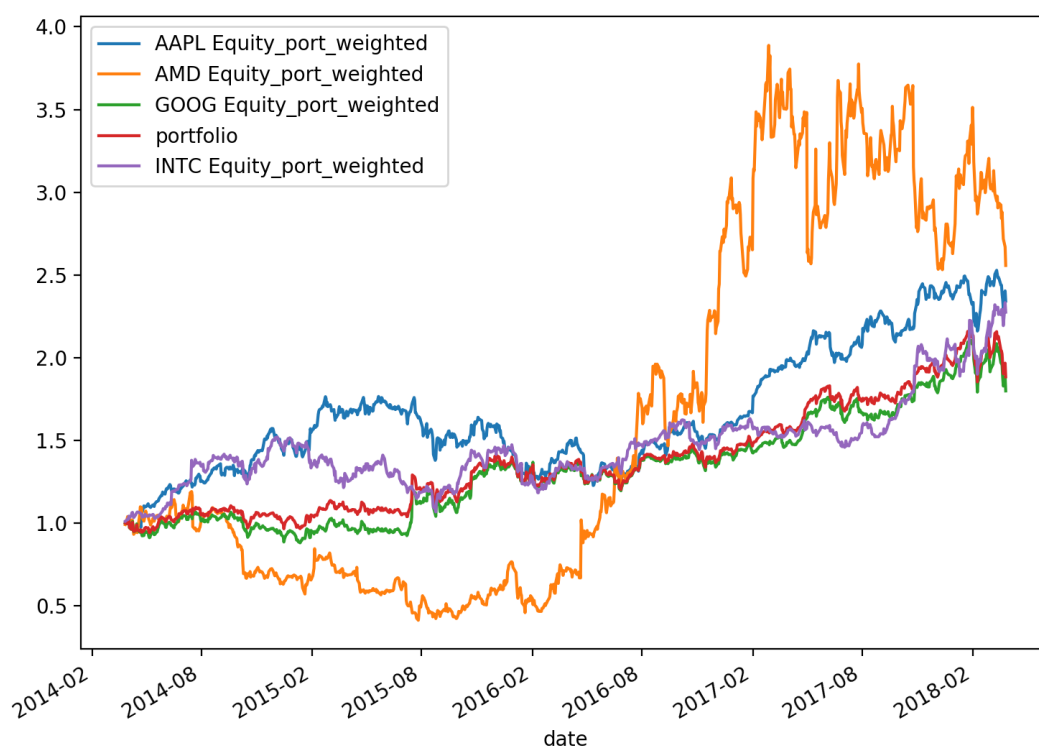


Fig. 1: quick_plot() Output

```
>>> variance, value_at_risk = current_portfolio.set_port_variance(
    key = 'percentchange'
)
>>> volatility = np.sqrt(variance)
>>> print(volatility)
0.01345831069378136
>>> mean = np.mean(current_portfolio.market_data['portfolio'])
>>> print(mean)
0.0007375242310493472
```

We calculated 1.3% daily standard deviation or daily volatility, if the distribution is normally distributed around zero, then we would expect that 95% of the data is contained within approximately 2 standard deviations. We can visually confirm, as well as look to see if there are other distributional aspects we can visually distinguish:

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> marketdata['portfolio'].plot.hist(bins=20,title='Portfolio Historic Returns')
>>> plt.axvline(temp * 1.96, color='r', linestyle='--') # if centered around zero,
    ↪ then
>>> plt.axvline(-temp * 1.96, color='r', linestyle='--') #
```

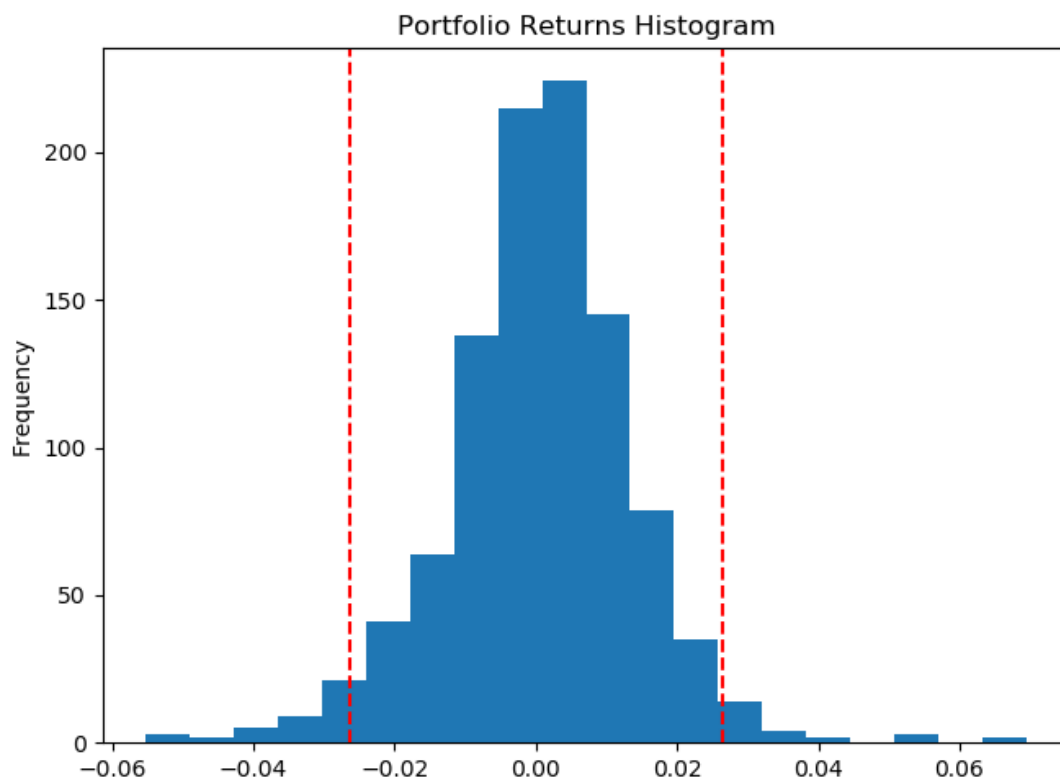


Fig. 2: Portfolio Returns

This distribution looks highly centered around zero, which could signal kurtosis. This seems indicative of equity data, especially for daily returns. Right now, a good place to start thinking about metric parameterization is to assume normality and independence in daily returns. While this assumption might not be very good or might vary between

security to security in the portfolio, which we can account for in simulation or purely using historic returns to calculate risk metrics, we can use this distribution assumption to quickly get a Value at Risk metric over a time horizon.

The default time horizon is 10 days at a 95% confidence level for the `set_port_variance` method, so if we look at the returned `value_at_risk`:

```
>>> print(value_at_risk)
-0.083413941112170473
```

This value is simply the standard deviation scaled by time, at the critical value specified:

$$VaR_{t,T} = \sigma * \sqrt{T-t} * Z_{p=\alpha}^*$$

We can interpret this Value at Risk as being the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the 10 day distribution. For this portfolio, a return over 10 days less than 8.3% should occur 2.5% of the time, on average. To get the dollar value of the 10 Day Value at Risk, we would just multiply this percent change by the current portfolio market value.

```
>>> dollar_value_at_risk = value_at_risk * (current_portfolio.initial_value + current_
↳ portfolio.marked_change)
>>> print(dollar_value_at_risk)
-991.20786223592188
```

Similarly, we could interpret as over the a 10 day period, on average, 2.5% of the time there could be an approximate loss over \$991.21 dollars for this portfolio. However, this is relying on the assumption that the portfolio is: a) normally distributed, and b) daily returns are serially independent and identically distributed. One way we can go around this is to look at the historic distribution

```
>>> historic_distribution, historic_var = current_portfolio.historic_var()
>>> print(historic_var)
-0.073051970330112487
```

This is calculated by doing a cumulative sum of returns over each horizon time period, then taking the appropriate percentile of the distribution to get a VaR based on historic prices. This is smaller than the parametric VaR due to the fact that the distribution looks more right skewed as shown below

This method is fairly simple, however it is based on the assumption that the previous distribution of outcomes is a good representation of the future distribution.

The final way to simulate the portfolio distribution and then calculate the value at risk.

Simulating the Portfolio

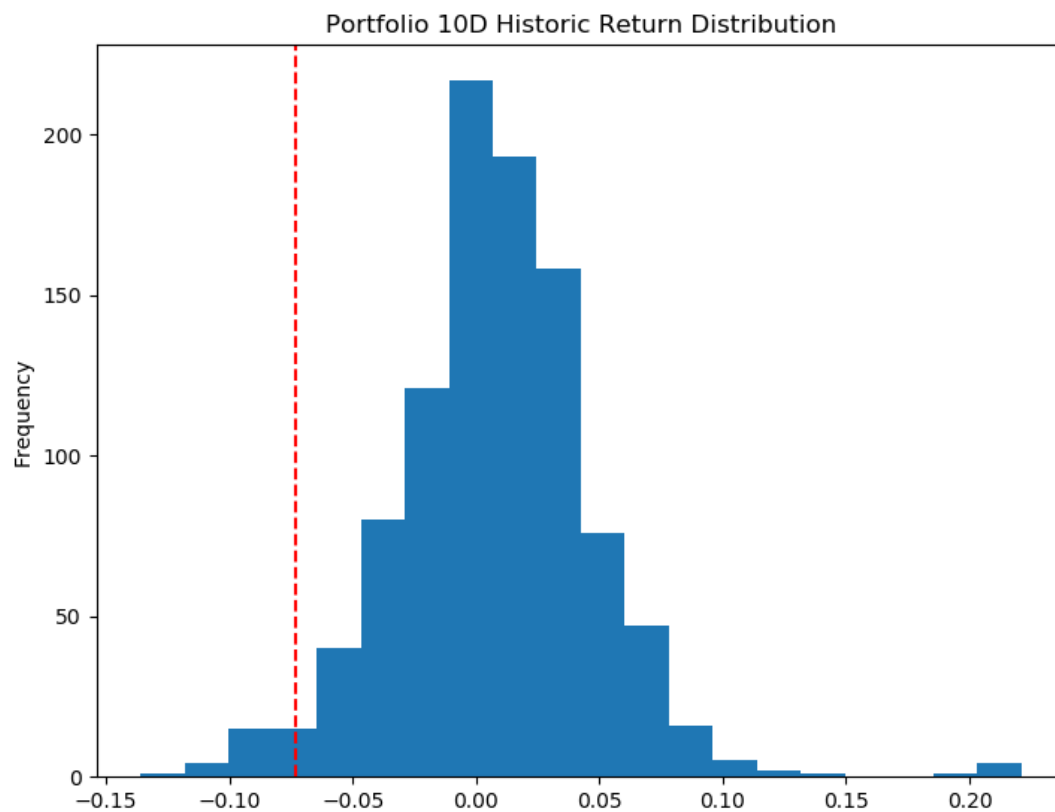


Fig. 3: Historic 10D VaR

RISK_DASH.SECURITIES

```
class risk_dash.securities._Security(name, market_data: risk_dash.market_data._MarketData,  
                                     **kwargs)
```

Template for _Security subclasses

```
class risk_dash.securities.Equity(ticker, market_data: risk_dash.market_data.QuandlStockData,  
                                 ordered_price, quantity, date_ordered)
```

```
class risk_dash.securities.Portfolio(securities=None, data_input=None, apikey=None)
```

The Portfolio class handles interactions with the portfolio data and the associated securities in the portfolio.

Parameters

- **securities** –
- **data_input** –
- **apikey** –

```
calculate_portfolio_returns(market_data)
```

Calculates market data returns from flat prices

Parameters **market_data** – the market_data variable with a flat price values

Returns the market_data variable with log returns

```
construct_portfolio_csv(data_input, apikey)
```

Built in portfolio constructor method

Parameters

- **data_input** – either pandas DataFrame or string path to a portfolio matching ‘./portfolio_example.csv’
- **apikey** – ApiKey for the market data object

Returns dict for self.port

```
drawdown(market_data=None, returns=True, key='adj_close')
```

Calculate Draw Down, the previous peak to current trough, through the historic market data

Parameters

- **market_data** – DataFrame, the portfolio level market_data. Use if made external changes to the market_data
- **returns** – Bool, True if calculate DD based on continuous returns, False if on level prices
- **key** – string, corresponds to the market_data column to be calculated

Returns DataFrame representing the Draw Down for the portfolio and components

get_date()

Grab the security with the most dates.

Returns returns a DatetimeIndex to construct a shared portfolio market_data DataFrame

get_last_shared_date()

Return the last shared date

Returns DateTime object

get_port_variance (*recalc=False, confidence_interval=0.39881763041638185, var_horizon=10, lookback_periods=0, key=None*)

Returns portfolio variance

Parameters

- **recalc** – bool, If True recalculate variance
- **confidence_interval** – float, The critical value to implement parametric VaR
- **var_horizon** – int, how many days/periods forward the parametric VaR should be calculated
- **lookback_periods** – int, how many days/periods backward to condition the underlying distribution
- **key** – string, corresponds to the market_data column to be calculated

Returns tuple: (float Var(Portfolio), float Parametric Portfolio V@R)

get_portfolio_marketdata (*key=None, recalc=False*)

Returns self.market_data

Parameters **key** – If not set, use key to set market_data

Returns pandas DataFrame self.market_data

get_weights()

Returns self.weights

Returns dict for each security weight

historic_var (*market_data=None, returns=True, key='adj_close', confidence=2.5, var_horizon=10*)

Calculate Value at Risk from the historic distribution

Parameters

- **market_data** – DataFrame, the portfolio level market_data. Use if made external changes to the market_data
- **returns** – Bool, True if calculate DD based on continuous returns, False if on level prices
- **key** – string, corresponds to the market_data column to be calculated
- **confidence** – float, percentile in percentage to pass into np.percentile
- **var_horizon** – int, how many days/periods forward the parametric VaR should be calculated

Returns tuple, (DataFrame, market_data, float, Historic VaR)

mark()

Mark portfolio with current market prices, sets marked_portfolio and market_change.

quick_plot (*returns=True, key='adj_close', plot=True*)

Quickly plot using matplotlib and pandas.plot()

Parameters

- **returns** – Bool, True if calculate DD based on continuous returns, False if on level prices
- **key** – string, corresponds to the market_data column to be calculated
- **plot** – Bool, if True, plot the data frame, if false just return the market_data DataFrame

Returns DataFrame market_data

set_port_variance (*market_data=None, confidence_interval=-1.9599639845400545, var_horizon=10, lookback_periods=0, key='percentchange'*)

Calculates parametric Variance by calculating $\text{Weight.T} * \text{Cov} * \text{Weight}$

Parameters

- **market_data** – DataFrame, the portfolio level market_data. Use if made external changes to the market_data
- **confidence_interval** – float, The critical value to implement parametric VaR
- **var_horizon** – int, how many days/periods forward the parametric VaR should be calculated
- **lookback_periods** – int, how many days/periods backward to condition the underlying distribution
- **key** – string, corresponds to the market_data column to be calculated

Returns float portfolio variance, standard deviation ** 2, float parametric value at risk

set_portfolio_marketdata (*key*)

Combine individual market data into one pandas DataFrame.

Parameters **key** – Common column name for each security

Returns pandas DataFrame containing columns for each security's common market_data

set_weights ()

Calculate value weighted portfolio.

Returns dict for each security weight

value ()

Value current portfolio with current market prices.

Returns value of the portfolio

RISK_DASH.MARKET_DATA

```
class risk_dash.market_data._MarketData
```

```
    current_price()
```

This should return the current market price, the price at the last available time period

Returns float the market price

```
    gather()
```

This should gather data from the source and store it into memory or dictate how to interact with the source

Returns a pandas DataFrame, market_data or other data type to interact with

```
class risk_dash.market_data.QuandlStockData(apikey, ticker, days=80)
```

```
    current_price()
```

Returns the latest available market price

Returns float, latest available market price

```
    gather()
```

Gathers the data from the Quandl api and returns a pandas DataFrame

Returns pandas DataFrame

```
    set_expected(days)
```

Calculate exponentially and simply weighted rolling averages

Parameters **days** – int, look back days to compute rolling averages

```
    set_price_changes()
```

Set daily price changes and logged percent changes

```
    set_volatility(days)
```

Calculate exponentially and simply weighted rolling standard deviations

Parameters **days** – int, look back days to compute rolling std deviation

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