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1 %load_ext autoreload
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3 %matplotlib inline
4
5 from google.colab import drive
6 drive.mount('/content/drive')

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1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 #%matplotlib plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (12.0, 6.0)
3 #%matplotlib plt.rc('figure', figsize=(20.0, 10.0))
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13 sys.path.append(MODULEPATH)
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16 import numpy as np
17 import pandas as pd
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19 import edhec_risk_kit_111_BBI as erk

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	Food	Beer	Smoke	Games	Books	Hshld	Clths	Hlth
Food	0.002609	0.002379	0.002061	0.000846	0.001035	0.001374	0.001733	0.001230

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6 hfi_2000_end
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array([0.75040362, 0.24959638])
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2 erk.var_gaussian(hfi_2000_end["Distressed Securities"], level = 1, modified = Fa
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array([0.57930354, 0.42069646])
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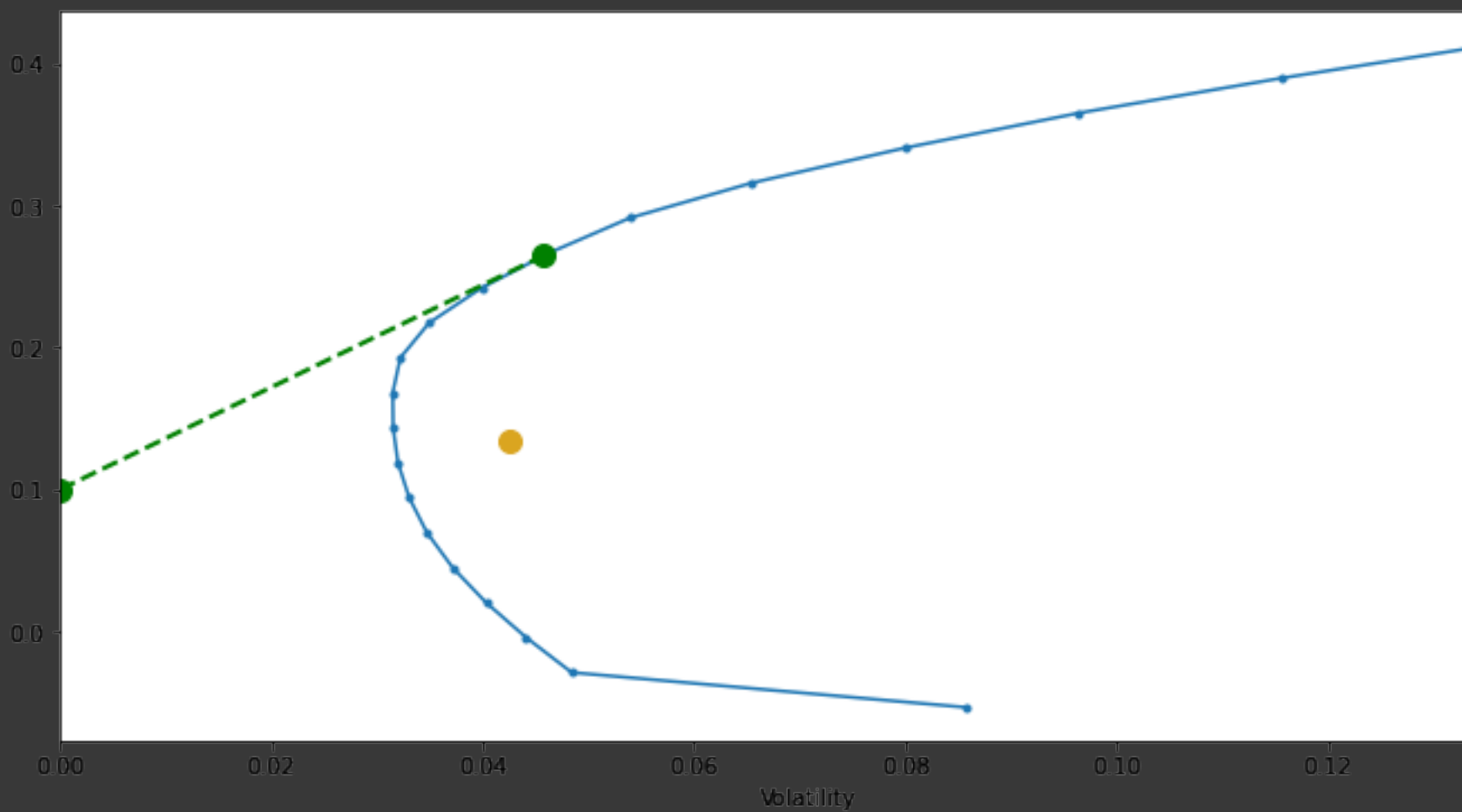
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1 ### Q2
2 erk.var_gaussian(hfi_2000_end["Distressed Securities"], level = 1, modified = Tr

array([1., 0.]
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1 ### Q3
2 erk.var_historic(hfi_2000_end['Distressed Securities'], level = 1) * 100.0
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1 ind = erk.get_ind_returns(DATAPATH)
2 ind_2013_2017 = ind["2013":"2017"]
3 ind_2013_2017
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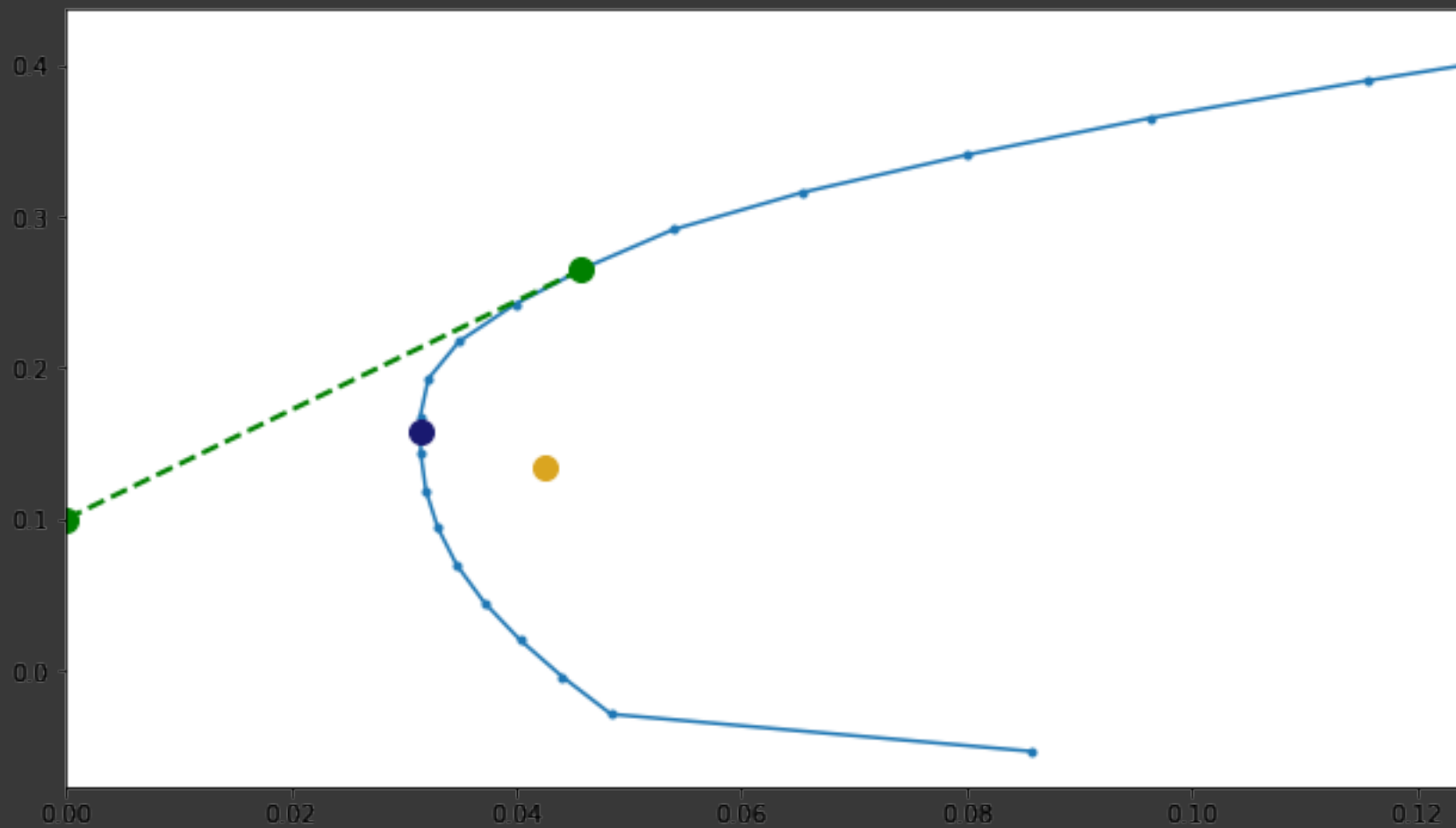
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2 assets = ['Books', 'Steel', 'Oil', 'Mines']
3 er_2013_2017 = erk.annualize_rets(ind_2013_2017[assets], 12)
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4 print(f"\nexpected returns:"); print(er_2013_2017)
5 cov_2013_2017 = ind_2013_2017.cov().loc[assets, assets]
6 print(f"\ncovariance:"); print(cov_2013_2017)
7 rf_rate = 0.1
8 print(f"\nrisk free rate:{rf_rate}")

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1 erk.plot_ef(25, er_2013_2017, cov_2013_2017, riskfree_rate = rf_rate,
2             show_cml = True, show_ew = True, show_gmv = True)

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1 ### Q4
2 w_ew_2013_2017 = np.repeat(1.0 / cov_2013_2017.shape[0], cov_2013_2017.shape[0])
3 print(list(zip(assets, w_ew_2013_2017 * 100.0)))
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1 ### Q5-7
2 w_msr_2013_2017 = erk.msr(rf_rate, er_2013_2017, cov_2013_2017)
3 print(list(zip(assets, w_msr_2013_2017 * 100.0)))
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1 ### Q8-10
2 w_gmv_2013_2017 = erk.gmv(cov_2013_2017)
3 print(list(zip(assets, w_gmv_2013_2017 * 100.0)))
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## ▼ Q11-???

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1 ### Q11
2 ind_2018 = ind['2018'][assets]
3 print(ind_2018)
4 ind_2018_cov = ind_2018.cov()
5 print(ind_2018_cov)
6 ret_msr_2018 = erk.portfolio_return(w_msr_2013_2017, erk.annualize_rets(ind_2018))
7 print(f"\nret_msr_2018:{ret_msr_2018 * 100.0}")
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9 vol_msr_2018 = erk.annualize_vol(erk.portfolio_vol(w_msr_2013_2017, ind_2018_cov))
10 print(f"\nvol_msr_2018:{vol_msr_2018 * 100.0}")
```

4.966909110627918

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1 ### Q12
2 ret_gmv_2018 = erk.portfolio_return(w_gmv_2013_2017, erk.annualize_rets(ind_2018))
3 print(f"\nret_gmv_2018:{ret_gmv_2018 * 100.0}")
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## ▼ Lack of Robustness of the Markowitz procedure and the GM

Although the promise of the Markowitz procedure is exciting, it tends to fall apart in practice. The procedure requires accurate estimates of Expected Returns and Expected Covariance in advance. Our estimates almost certainly contain some errors, and it turns out that the procedure is highly sensitive to these errors, which tend to get exaggerated in the portfolio optimization process.

To see this, let's start by loading up our data as usual.

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8 cov = ind["1996":"2000"].cov()
9 cov
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Let's look at a simple 2-asset portfolio and find the optimal weights if we had known what the returns

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Now assume that we had a really good estimator, and we were off by only a fraction of a percent in each estimate and estimated a return of 11 and 12 percent respectively for Food and Steel

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1 erk.msr(0.1, np.array([.11, .12]), cov.loc[1,1])
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We see that even a small change in the estimate causes a major change in the weights. What if we were off by a fraction of a percent in each estimate and estimated 10% and 13% instead of the return of 11.6% and 11.5%?

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[('Books', 0.0), ('Steel', 100.0), ('Oil', 6.002143226879753e-14), ('Mines', 7.002143226879753e-14)]
```

And if we had made the *same* estimation error, but the error went the other way (13% and 10%)?

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## ▼ Avoiding estimating returns

Let's look at the efficient frontier one more time, and plot the efficient frontier again.

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if show_ew:
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However, there is another point on the efficient frontier that is very interesting. This is the *nose* of the efficient frontier, which has the lowest volatility across all possible portfolios. This is called the Minimum Volatility or the Global Minimum Variance (GMV) portfolio.

But how do we find the weights of the GMV portfolio?

The interesting thing about it is that if you assume that all returns are the same, the optimizer cannot raise the return without raising volatility, and so it must do so by lowering volatility. This means that if we just skip any return estimates and assume all returns have the return, we'd get the weights of the GMV portfolio!

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def gmv(cov):  
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