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Question 1. (15 pts) The supplied data.zip file contains 30 space-delimited text files that contain price and volume data for 30 companies. Each row of each file contains date, opening price, closing price, high price, low price, volume, and adjusted closing price (last column). You will need that data for question 1.

Write a program processdata to:

- 1. Read all daily price files;
- 2. Create a price matrix P by aligning the data's dates and placing the adjusted closing prices side-by-side in columns;
- 3. From the P matrix, create a matrix of simple (not logarithmic) daily returns R;
- 4. Compute the vector of average daily returns mu for the companies using the mean function (do not use loops);
- 5. Compute the covariance matrix Q from the return matrix using the cov function; and
- 6. Save the return vector mu and the covariance matrix Q in the native format for your programming language in a file called inputs.ext, where ext is the appropriate extension for a binary file in your language.

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[]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import os
from typing import List

def processdata(data_dir: str = 'data') → None:
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Processes stock price data to compute and save the average daily return

vector and covariance matrix.

This function reads stock price data from text files, each containing data

ofor a company, then:
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1. Creates a price matrix with adjusted close prices,
      2. Calculates the daily return matrix,
      3. Computes the vector of average daily returns for each company,
      4. Computes the covariance matrix of the return matrix,
      5. Saves the average daily returns vector and the covariance matrix to_{\sqcup}
\hookrightarrow binary files.
      Parameters:
       - data_dir (str): The directory containing the stock price files. Default\sqcup
⇔is 'data'.
      Returns:
       - None. The function saves two files: 'inputs_mu.pkl' and 'inputs_Q.pkl'_{\sqcup}
\hookrightarrow with the results.
      # List to store the adjusted close price data for each company.
      price_data: List[pd.Series] = []
      # Loop through each file in the specified directory.
      for file in os.listdir(data_dir):
                if file.endswith('.txt'):
                         filepath = os.path.join(data_dir, file)
                         # Read data, assuming space-separated values without an explicit_
\rightarrowheader.
                         df = pd.read_csv(filepath, sep=' ', header=None,
                                                                names=['Date', 'Open', 'Close', 'High', 'Low', Low', L
⇔'Volume', 'Adj Close'])
                         # Set date as the index for easy alignment later.
                         df.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
                         # Append the adjusted close price series to the list.
                         price_data.append(df['Adj Close'])
      # Concatenate all the adjusted close prices side-by-side, aligning by date.
      P = pd.concat(price_data, axis=1)
      P.sort_index(inplace=True) # Ensure the dates are in order.
      # Calculate daily returns by comparing each price with the previous day's
⇔price.
      R = P.pct_change().dropna() # Drop the first row since its percentage_
⇔change is undefined.
      # Calculate the vector of average daily returns for each company.
      mu = R.mean(axis=0)
      print(mu)
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# Calculate the covariance matrix of the daily returns.
    Q = R.cov()
    print(Q)
    # Save the vector of average daily returns and the covariance matrix as_{\sqcup}
 ⇔binary files.
    mu.to_pickle('inputs_mu.pkl')
    Q.to_pickle('inputs_Q.pkl')
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Question 2. (15 pts) Write a function called port that uses standard quadratic programming libraries that will:

• Take the set of input parameters \mathtt{mu} (mean vector μ), \mathbb{Q} (covariance matrix Q), and \mathtt{tau} (risk tolerance τ), and return vector h that maximizes the following utility function U defined by:

$$U(h) = -\frac{1}{2}h^TQh + \tau h^T\mu$$

subject to the constraints

 $0 \le h_i \le 0.1$ for all i, and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} h_i = h^T e = 1$$

where n is the number of securities in the portfolio.

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[]: import cvxpy as cp

def port(mu: np.ndarray, Q: np.ndarray, tau: float) -> np.ndarray:
    """
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Solves the portfolio optimization problem to maximize the utility function
under given constraints using quadratic programming.
Parameters:
- mu (np.ndarray): The mean return vector for the securities.
- Q (np.ndarray): The covariance matrix of the securities' returns.
- tau (float): The risk tolerance parameter of the utility function.
Returns:
- h (np.ndarray): The optimized portfolio weights vector.
# Number of securities
n = mu.shape[0]
print(n)
# Portfolio weights variable
h = cp.Variable(n)
print(h)
# Define utility function to maximize.
utility = -0.5 * cp.quad_form(h, Q) + tau * cp.matmul(h.T, mu)
print(utility)
# Constraints: 0 \le h_i \le 0.1 for all i, and sum(h_i) == 1
constraints = [0 \le h, h \le 0.1, cp.sum(h) == 1]
print(constraints)
# Problem definition
problem = cp.Problem(cp.Maximize(utility), constraints)
# Solve the problem.
problem.solve()
# Return the optimized portfolio weights.
return h.value
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