07 distribution shifts

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1 Distribution Shifts

- Consider our stock data.
- We are interested in testing changes in return distribution for our sample data around the time of the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic.

```
[2]: import dask
  dask.config.set({'dataframe.query-planning': True})
  import dask.dataframe as dd
  import pandas as pd
  import numpy as np
  import os
  from glob import glob
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[3]: ft_dir = os.getenv("FEATURES_DATA")
ft_glob = glob(ft_dir+'/*.parquet')
df = dd.read_parquet(ft_glob).compute().reset_index()
```

1.1 Data Preparation

- First, prepare four datasets, each with returns between March of a given year and March of the following year.
- For each data set, we can compute some descriptive statistics.
- We observe that there may be some distribution changes.

```
[4]: df_2018 = df[(df['Date'] >= '2018-03-01') & (df['Date'] < '2019-03-01')]
df_2019 = df[(df['Date'] >= '2019-03-01') & (df['Date'] < '2020-03-01')]
df_2020 = df[(df['Date'] >= '2020-03-01') & (df['Date'] < '2021-03-01')]
df_2021 = df[(df['Date'] >= '2021-03-01') & (df['Date'] < '2022-03-01')]
df_2022 = df[(df['Date'] >= '2022-03-01') & (df['Date'] < '2023-03-01')]
```

```
[5]: df_2018['returns'].describe()
              2257.000000
[5]: count
    mean
                 0.008123
     std
                 0.185545
     min
                -0.340990
     25%
                -0.007949
     50%
                 0.001295
     75%
                 0.009771
     max
                 6.441369
     Name: returns, dtype: float64
[6]: df_2019['returns'].describe()
[6]: count
              2267.000000
    mean
                 0.007072
     std
                 0.216974
    min
                -0.303547
     25%
                -0.007273
     50%
                 0.001091
     75%
                 0.008462
                 9.660822
     Name: returns, dtype: float64
[7]: df_2020['returns'].describe()
[7]: count
              2259.000000
     mean
                 0.009681
     std
                 0.177753
    min
                -0.345949
     25%
                -0.010707
                 0.002011
     50%
     75%
                 0.014895
                 5.675929
    max
     Name: returns, dtype: float64
[8]: df_2021['returns'].describe()
[8]: count
              2277.000000
     mean
                 0.034039
     std
                 1.116057
    min
                -0.101915
     25%
                -0.007290
     50%
                 0.001064
     75%
                 0.009198
                51.348436
     max
     Name: returns, dtype: float64
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[9]: df_2022['returns'].describe()
[9]: count
              2259.000000
                 0.016357
    mean
     std
                 0.510301
                -0.167932
     min
     25%
                -0.012159
     50%
                -0.000541
     75%
                 0.011908
     max
                22.977526
     Name: returns, dtype: float64
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2 Komogorov-Smirnov Test

- The KS test can be accessed via the scipy library: scipy.stats.kstest
- This function can be used to perform two sample tests.
- The null hypothesis is that the two distributions are identical.

```
[10]: from scipy.stats import kstest
      kstest(df_2018['returns'].dropna(),
             df_2019['returns'].dropna())
[10]: KstestResult(statistic=0.034314065596832595, pvalue=0.13480604903839485,
      statistic_location=0.013485812569593802, statistic_sign=-1)
[11]: kstest(df_2019['returns'].dropna(),
             df 2020['returns'].dropna())
[11]: KstestResult(statistic=0.13064753191322345, pvalue=2.670261822755509e-17,
      statistic_location=0.013644776357206068, statistic_sign=1)
[12]: kstest(df_2020['returns'].dropna(),
             df_2021['returns'].dropna())
[12]: KstestResult(statistic=0.1100472943535476, pvalue=2.0196636826634023e-12,
      statistic location=0.01143078433526279, statistic sign=-1)
[13]: kstest(df_2021['returns'].dropna(),
             df_2022['returns'].dropna())
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[13]: KstestResult(statistic=0.0940567987164211, pvalue=3.4449944295519247e-09, statistic_location=-0.007372480262691217, statistic_sign=-1)