

# Barnstable and Long-Run Risk

## HBS Case

*The Risk of Stocks in the Long-Run: The Barnstable College Endowment*

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## 2. Estimating Underperformance

### Data

Use the returns on the S&P 500 ( $r^m$ ) and 1-month T-bills, ( $r^f$ ) provided in `barnstable_analysis_data.xlsx`.

- Data goes through `END_YR=2024`.

Barnstable's estimates of mean and volatility are based on the subsample of 1965 to 1999.

- We consider this subsample, as well as 2000-`{END_YR}`, as well as the full sample of 1926-`{END_YR}`.

### Notation

- $r$  = level return rates
- $R$  = cumulative return factor
- $r$  = log return rates

$$R \equiv 1 + r$$

$$r \equiv \ln(1 + r) = \ln(R)$$

```
In [1]: import polars as pl
import polars.selectors as cs
import math
from datetime import datetime
import calendar

FREQ = 12
END_YR = 2024

xlsx_file = "../data/barnstable_analysis_data.xlsx"
```

```
raw = pl.read_excel(xlsx_file, sheet_name="data")
raw.tail()
```

Out[1]: shape: (5, 3)

date	SPX	TB1M
date	f64	f64
2024-08-30	0.024283	0.00438
2024-09-30	0.022821	0.003826
2024-10-31	-0.00869	0.003752
2024-11-29	0.06042	0.003475
2024-12-31	-0.023445	0.003337

```
In [2]: # add excess return
df = raw.with_columns(pl.col("SPX").sub(pl.col("TB1M")).alias("excess"))
```

```
In [3]: def parse_date(date_str: str, is_end: bool = False) -> datetime:
        """Parse date string with flexible format, defaulting to first day."""
        if date_str is None:
            return None

        # Try different formats
        for fmt in ["%Y-%m-%d", "%Y-%m", "%Y"]:
            try:
                dt = datetime.strptime(date_str, fmt)
                if fmt == "%Y-%m" and is_end:
                    last_day = calendar.monthrange(dt.year, dt.month)[1]
                    return dt.replace(day=last_day)
                elif fmt == "%Y" and is_end:
                    return dt.replace(month=12, day=31)
                return dt
            except ValueError:
                continue

        raise ValueError(f"Date string '{date_str}' doesn't match any supported
```

```
In [4]: def get_period(
        data: pl.DataFrame,
        start_str: str = None,
        end_str: str = None
    ) -> pl.DataFrame:
    """
    Args:
        - data: pl.DataFrame
        - start_str: Date string in format %Y-%m-%d, %Y-%m, or %Y
        - end_str: Date string in format %Y-%m-%d, %Y-%m, or %Y
    """
    start_day = parse_date(start_str)
    end_day = parse_date(end_str, is_end=True)

    if start_day is None and end_day is None:
```

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        tb = data
    elif start_day and end_day:
        tb = data.filter(pl.col("date").is_between(start_day, end_day))
    elif start_day:
        tb = data.filter(pl.col("date").ge(start_day))
    elif end_day:
        tb = data.filter(pl.col("date").le(end_day))

    return tb

def log_series(series: pl.Series) -> pl.Series:
    return (series + 1).log(base=math.exp(1))

def log_dataframe(df: pl.DataFrame) -> pl.DataFrame:
    return df.with_columns([
        log_series(pl.col(col)).alias(col)
        for col in df.columns if df.schema[col] == pl.Float64
    ])

```

```

In [5]: def get_stat(
        data: pl.DataFrame,
        start_str: str = None,
        end_str: str = None
    ) -> pl.DataFrame:
    result = (
        get_period(data, start_str, end_str)
        .drop("date")
        .describe()
        .filter(
            pl.col("statistic").is_in(["mean", "std"])
        )
        .with_columns(
            pl.when(pl.col("statistic") == "mean")
            .then(cs.float() * FREQ)
            .when(pl.col("statistic") == "std")
            .then(cs.float() * math.sqrt(FREQ)) # Annualize std differently
            .otherwise(cs.float())
            .name.keep()
        )
    )

    return result

```

## 1. Summary Statistics

Report the following (annualized) statistics.

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|| 1965-1999 || | 2000-{END_YR} || | 1926-{END_YR} || | |---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
-|---| || | mean | vol | mean | vol || | mean | vol || levels |  $r^m$  | 0.129354 | 0.149405
| 0.087542 | 0.152815 | | 0.115529 | 0.18665 || |  $\tilde{r}^m$  | 0.06866 | 0.150227 | 0.070091
| 0.153093 | | 0.083308 | 0.187329 || |  $r^f$  | 0.061503 | 0.007179 | 0.017451 | 0.005553 |
| 0.031928 | 0.008507 || | logs |  $r^m$  | 0.1176 | 0.149568 | 0.075553 | 0.153763 | | 0.097821

```

|0.185938 |||  $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}^m$  |0.057161 |0.151207 |0.058143 |0.154227 | |0.065673 |0.186914 |||  $\mathbf{r}_f$   
|0.06132 |0.007132 |0.017423 |0.005541 | |0.03185 |0.008473 |

- Comment on how the full-sample return stats compare to the sub-sample stats.
- Comment on how the level stats compare to the log stats.

In [6]: `log_df = log_dataframe(df)`  
`log_df.tail()`

Out[6]: shape: (5, 4)

date	SPX	TB1M	excess
date	f64	f64	f64
2024-08-30	0.023993	0.004371	0.019707
2024-09-30	0.022564	0.003819	0.018817
2024-10-31	-0.008728	0.003745	-0.01252
2024-11-29	0.058665	0.003469	0.055383
2024-12-31	-0.023724	0.003332	-0.027147

In [7]: `# levels`  
`get_stat(df, "1965", "1999")`

Out[7]: shape: (2, 4)

statistic	SPX	TB1M	excess
str	f64	f64	f64
"mean"	0.129354	0.061503	0.06866
"std"	0.149405	0.007179	0.150227

In [8]: `get_stat(df, "2000")`

Out[8]: shape: (2, 4)

statistic	SPX	TB1M	excess
str	f64	f64	f64
"mean"	0.087542	0.017451	0.070091
"std"	0.152815	0.005553	0.153093

In [9]: `get_stat(df, "1926")`

Out [9]: shape: (2, 4)

statistic	SPX	TB1M	excess
str	f64	f64	f64
"mean"	0.115529	0.031928	0.083308
"std"	0.18665	0.008507	0.187329

```
In [10]: # log
get_stat(log_df, "1965", "1999")
```

Out [10]: shape: (2, 4)

statistic	SPX	TB1M	excess
str	f64	f64	f64
"mean"	0.1176	0.06132	0.057161
"std"	0.149568	0.007132	0.151207

```
In [11]: get_stat(log_df, "2000")
```

Out [11]: shape: (2, 4)

statistic	SPX	TB1M	excess
str	f64	f64	f64
"mean"	0.075553	0.017423	0.058143
"std"	0.153763	0.005541	0.154227

```
In [12]: get_stat(log_df, "1926")
```

Out [12]: shape: (2, 4)

statistic	SPX	TB1M	excess
str	f64	f64	f64
"mean"	0.097821	0.03185	0.065673
"std"	0.185938	0.008473	0.186914

## 2. Probability of Underperformance

Recall the following:

- If  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$ , then

$$\Pr[x < \ell] = \Phi_{\mathcal{N}}(L)$$

where  $L = \frac{\ell - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}$  and  $\Phi_{\mathcal{N}}$  denotes the standard normal cdf.

- Remember that cumulative log returns are simply the sum of the single-period log returns:

$$\mathbf{r}_{t,t+h}^m \equiv \sum_{i=1}^h \mathbf{r}_{t+i}^m$$

- It will be convenient to use and denote sample averages. We use the following notation for an  $h$ -period average ending at time  $t + h$ :

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_{t,t+h}^m = \frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=1}^h \mathbf{r}_{t+i}^m$$

Calculate the probability that the cumulative market return will fall short of the cumulative risk-free return:

$$\Pr \left[ R_{t,t+h}^m < R_{t,t+h}^f \right]$$

To analyze this analytically, convert the probability statement above to a probability statement about mean log returns.

$$\Pr \left[ R_{t,t+h}^m < R_{t,t+h}^f \right] = \Pr \left[ \exp(\mathbf{r}_{t,t+h}^m) < \exp(\mathbf{r}_{t,t+h}^f) \right] = \Pr \left[ \mathbf{r}_{t,t+h}^m < \mathbf{r}_{t,t+h}^f \right] = \Pr \left[ \bar{\mathbf{r}}_t^m < \bar{\mathbf{r}}_t^f \right]$$

Log returns are approximately normally distributed (by CLT for sums) Level returns (products) are log-normally distributed, which doesn't have the nice properties needed for the  $\Phi_{\mathcal{N}}$  formula

## 2.1

Calculate the probability using the subsample 1965-1999.

```
In [13]: from scipy.stats import norm
```

```
In [ ]: def prob_underperform(data, h, os=False, os_data=None):
        """
        Arg:
        - data: log return dataframe
        - h: period
        - os: whether it's out sample prediction
        - os_data: out sample data
        """
        # in-sample
        excess_mean = data["excess"].mean() * FREQ
        excess_std = data["excess"].std() * math.sqrt(FREQ)

        # Calculate standardized value: L = (0 - mu_e) / sigma_e
        if not os:
```

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        L = -excess_mean / excess_std
    else:
        os_mean = os_data["excess"].mean() * FREQ
        L = (os_mean - excess_mean) / excess_std
        prob = norm.cdf(math.sqrt(h) * L)

    return prob

```

```

In [54]: sub_1965_1999 = get_period(log_df, "1965", "1999")
         prob_underperform(sub_1965_1999, 35)

```

```

Out[54]: np.float64(0.01266043954250752)

```

## 2.2

Report the precise probability for  $h = 15$  and  $h = 30$  years.

```

In [55]: prob_underperform(sub_1965_1999, 15)

```

```

Out[55]: np.float64(0.07158133198503584)

```

```

In [56]: prob_underperform(sub_1965_1999, 30)

```

```

Out[56]: np.float64(0.019199471302532578)

```

## 2.3

Plot the probability as a function of the investment horizon,  $h$ , for  $0 < h \leq 30$  years.

**Hint:** The probability can be expressed as:

$$p(h) = \Phi_{\mathcal{N}}(-\sqrt{h} \text{ SR})$$

where SR denotes the sample Sharpe ratio of **log** market returns.

```

In [59]: def h_years_probs(data, h, os=False, os_data=None):
         probs = []
         for i in range(1, h+1):
             probs.append(prob_underperform(data, i, os=os, os_data=os_data))

         result = pl.DataFrame({
             "h": pl.arange(1, h+1, eager=True),
             "probs": probs
         })
         return result

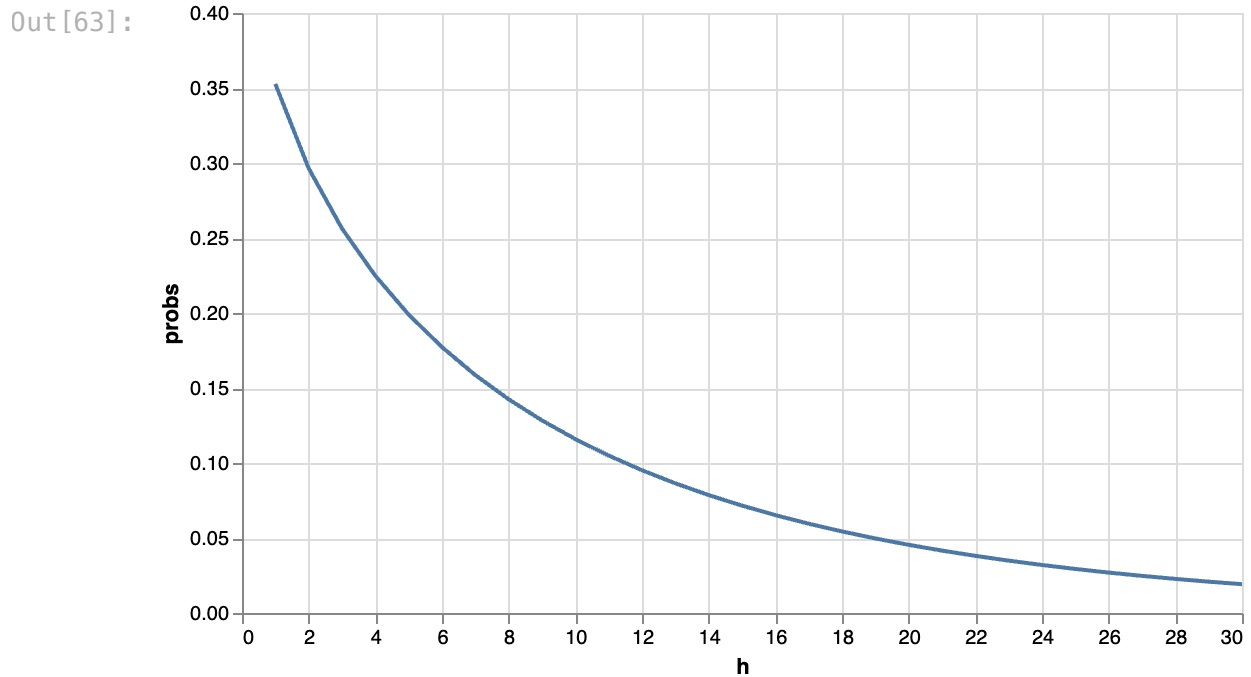
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```

In [60]: def plot_line(df: pl.DataFrame, x, y):
         return df.plot.line(
             x=x, y=y
         ).properties(width=500)

```

```
In [63]: probs_1965_1999 = h_years_probs(sub_1965_1999, 30)
plot_line(probs_1965_1999, x="h", y="probs")
```



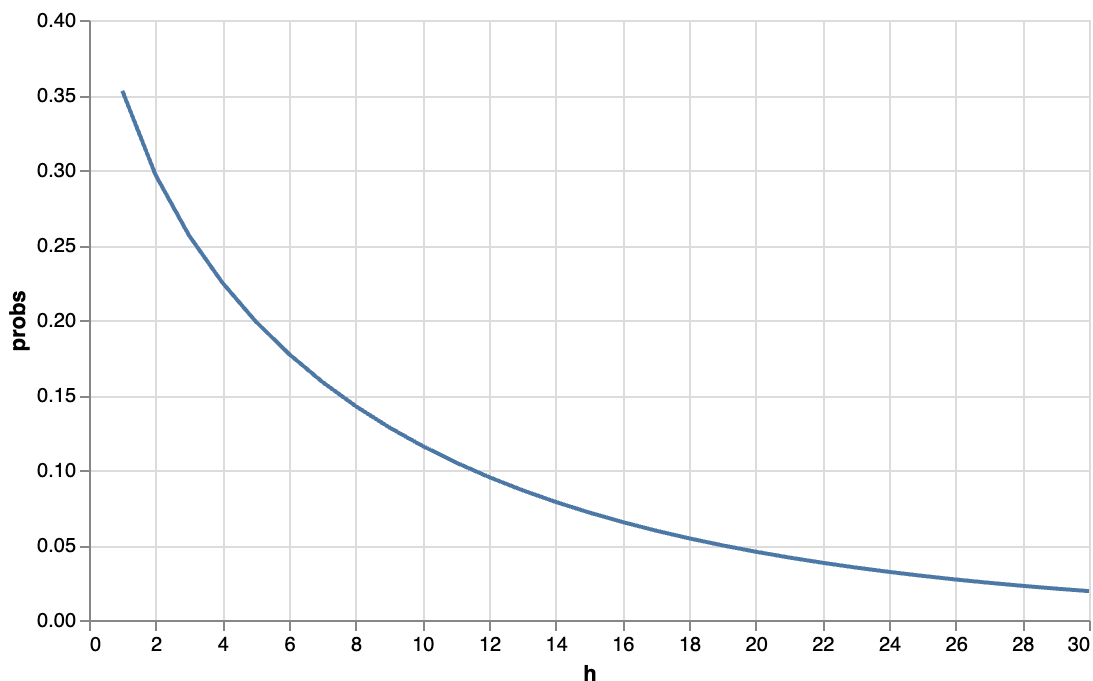
### 3. Full Sample Analysis

Use the sample 1965- $\{\text{END\_YR}\}$  to reconsider the 30-year probability. As of the end of  $\{\text{END\_YR}\}$ , calculate the probability of the stock return underperforming the risk-free rate over the next 30 years. That is,  $R_{t,t+h}^m$  underperforming  $R_{t,t+h}^f$  for  $0 < h \leq 30$ .

```
In [64]: full_1965_end = get_period(log_df, "1965")
probs_1965_end = h_years_probs(full_1965_end, 30)
plot_line(probs_1965_end, x="h", y="probs")
```



Out [64]:



## 4. In-Sample Estimate of Out-of-Sample Likelihood

Let's consider how things turned out relative to Barnstable's 1999 expectations.

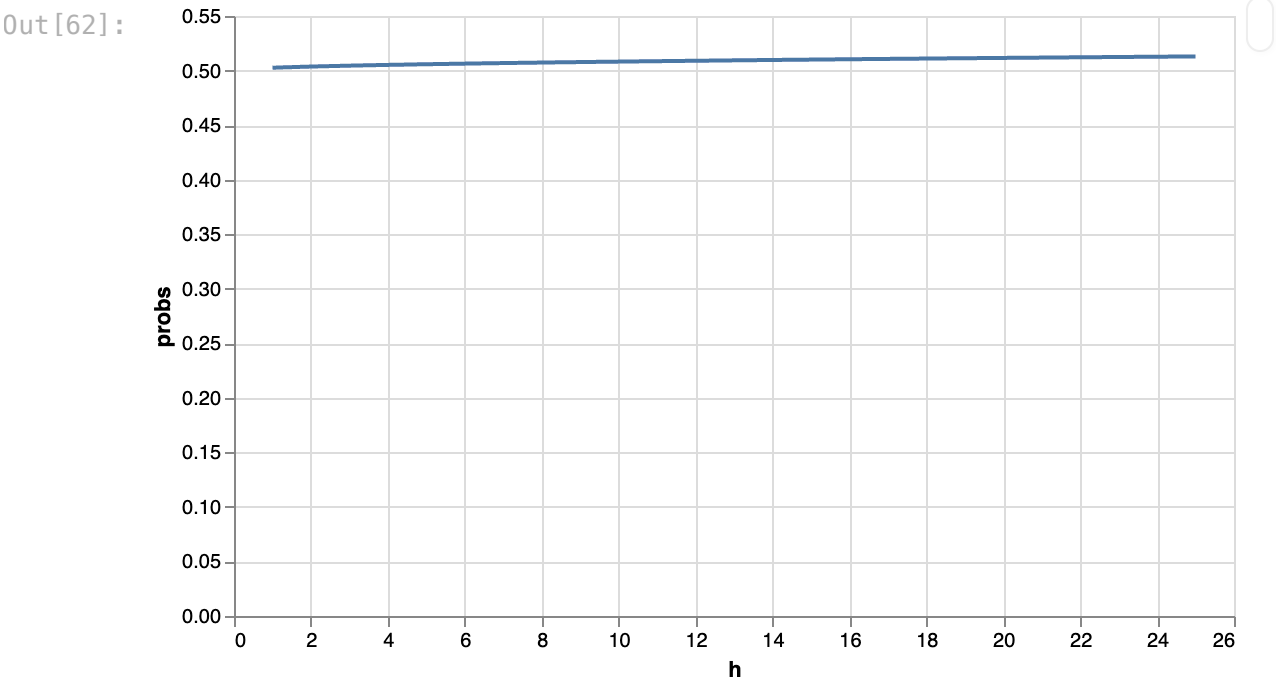
What was the probability (based on the 1999 estimate of  $\mu$ ) that the  $h$ -year market return,  $R_{t,t+h}^m$ , would be smaller than that realized in 2000-2009?

**Hint:** You can calculate this as:

$$p = \Phi_{\mathcal{N}} \left( \sqrt{h} \frac{\bar{r}_{\text{out-of-sample}} - \bar{r}_{\text{in-sample}}}{\sigma_{\text{in-sample}}} \right)$$

where "in-sample" denotes 1965-1999 and "out-of-sample" denotes 2000-2009.

```
In [62]: sub_2000_end = get_period(log_df, "2000")
probs_2000_end = h_years_probs(sub_1965_1999, 25, os=True, os_data=sub_2000_end)
plot_line(probs_2000_end, x="h", y="probs")
```



```
In [74]: probs_2000_end
```

Out [74]: shape: (25, 2)

h	probs
i64	f64
1	0.502591
2	0.503664
3	0.504487
4	0.505181
5	0.505793
...	...
21	0.51187
22	0.512149
23	0.512422
24	0.51269
25	0.512951

# hw3\_\_exercise

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## 1 Exercise - VaR

### 1.1 Data

This problem uses weekly return data from `data/spx_returns_weekly.xlsx`.

Choose any 4 stocks to evaluate below.

For example, \* AAPL \* META \* NVDA \* TSLA

```
[1]: import polars as pl
import polars.selectors as cs
import numpy as np
from scipy import stats
from openpyxl import load_workbook

xlsx_file = '../data/spx_returns_weekly.xlsx'
TICKERS = ["AAPL", "META", "NVDA", "TSLA"]
FREQ = 52
```

```
[2]: wb = load_workbook(xlsx_file, read_only=True)
print(wb.sheetnames)
wb.close()
```

```
['s&p500 names', 'benchmark names', 's&p500 rets', 'benchmark rets']
```

```
[3]: rets = pl.read_excel(xlsx_file, sheet_name='s&p500 rets')[TICKERS]
rets.head(3)
```

```
[3]: shape: (3, 4)
```

AAPL	META	NVDA	TSLA
---	---	---	---
f64	f64	f64	f64
0.024514	-0.009055	-0.009315	-0.057685
-0.053745	-0.032931	0.000836	-0.06576
0.06595	0.035255	0.037578	0.042575

## 2 Diversification

### 2.1 Unconditional Vol, VaR, cVaR

Using the full sample, calculate for each series the (unconditional) \* volatility \* empirical VaR (.05) \* empirical CVaR (.05)

Recall that by **empirical** we refer to the direct quantile estimation. (For example, using `.quantile()` in pandas.

```
[4]: def calc_cvar(series: pl.Series) -> pl.Float64:
      return series.filter(series <= series.quantile(.05)).mean()

[5]: def get_risk_metrics(rets: pl.DataFrame|pl.Series) -> pl.DataFrame:
      if isinstance(rets, pl.Series):
          rets = rets.to_frame()

      vol = rets.std() * np.sqrt(FREQ)
      var = rets.quantile(.05)
      cvar = rets.select(pl.all()).map_batches(calc_cvar, returns_scalar=True))
      result = pl.concat(
          [vol, var, cvar], how='vertical'
      ).insert_column(
          0, pl.Series("metric", ["vol", "var", "cvar"])
      )
      return result

[6]: ans1_1 = get_risk_metrics(rets)
      print(ans1_1)
```

shape: (3, 5)

metric	AAPL	META	NVDA	TSLA
---	---	---	---	---
str	f64	f64	f64	f64
vol	0.276629	0.351336	0.463283	0.586431
var	-0.056501	-0.07004	-0.086876	-0.117432
cvar	-0.083125	-0.103196	-0.116455	-0.147814

Note: The volatility [output](#) in the textbook is incorrect. It's the result of mistakenly using `FREQ=252` to annualize the volatility.

### 2.2 Equally-weighted portfolio

Form an equally-weighted portfolio of the investments.

Calculate the statistics of 1.1 for this portfolio, and compare the results to the individual return statistics. What do you find? What is driving this result?

```
[7]: eq_w_port = rets.mean_horizontal().alias("eq_w_rets")
      ans1_2 = get_risk_metrics(eq_w_port)
      print(ans1_2)
```

```
shape: (3, 2)
```

metric	eq_w_rets
---	---
str	f64
vol	0.315543
var	-0.061982
cvar	-0.084992

Compare with 1.1, we find that the absolute value of three risk metrics have decreased after forming the portfolio. AAPL is lowering the volatility, while other three securities are boosting it.

## 2.3 Drop most volatile asset

Re-calculate 1.2, but this time drop your most volatile asset, and replace the portion it was getting with 0. (You could imagine we're replacing the most volatile asset with a negligibly small risk-free rate.)

In comparing the answer here to 1.2, how much risk is your most volatile asset adding to the portfolio? Is this in line with the amount of risk we measured in the stand-alone risk-assessment of 1.1?

```
[8]: (
      get_risk_metrics(rets).unpivot(index="metric", variable_name="ticker",
      ↪value_name="value")
      .sort(pl.col("value").abs(), descending=True)
      .group_by("metric")
      .first()
    )
```

```
[8]: shape: (3, 3)
```

metric	ticker	value
---	---	---
str	str	f64
var	TSLA	-0.117432
cvar	TSLA	-0.147814
vol	TSLA	0.586431

TSLA is the most volatile asset, drop it and replace with 0.

```
[9]: drop_volatile = rets.drop("TSLA")
ans1_3 = get_risk_metrics(
    drop_volatile
    .mean_horizontal().alias("eq_w_rets")
)
print(ans1_3)
```

shape: (3, 2)

metric	eq_w_rets
---	---
str	f64
vol	0.291153
var	-0.056641
cvar	-0.080708

```
[10]: # compare with 1.2
print(ans1_2)
```

shape: (3, 2)

metric	eq_w_rets
---	---
str	f64
vol	0.315543
var	-0.061982
cvar	-0.084992

```
[11]: print(rets.corr())
```

shape: (4, 4)

AAPL	META	NVDA	TSLA
---	---	---	---
f64	f64	f64	f64
1.0	0.429349	0.492375	0.453314
0.429349	1.0	0.426005	0.274745
0.492375	0.426005	1.0	0.415838
0.453314	0.274745	0.415838	1.0

### 3 Dynamic Measures

#### 3.1 Conditional vol, VaR, cVaR

Let's measure the **conditional** statistics of the equally-weighted portfolio of 1.2, as of the end of the sample.

**Volatility** For each security, calculate the **rolling** volatility series,  $\sigma_t$ , with a window of  $m = 26$ .

The value at  $\sigma_t$  in the notes denotes the estimate using data through time  $t - 1$ , and thus (potentially) predicting the volatility at  $\sigma_t$ .

**Mean** Suppose we can approximate that the daily mean return is zero.

**VaR** Calculate the **normal VaR** and **normal CVaR** for  $q = .05$  and  $\tau = 1$  as of the end of the sample. Use the approximation,  $z_{.05} = -1.65$ .

**Notation Note** In this setup, we are using a forecasted volatility,  $\sigma_t$  to estimate the VaR return we would have estimated at the end of  $t - 1$  in prediction of time  $t$ .

**Conclude and Compare** Report \* volatility (annualized). \* normal VaR (.05) \* normal CVaR (.05)

How do these compare to the answers in 1.2?

**Setup:** - Returns:  $r_{\tau,t} \sim N(\mu_{\tau,t}, \sigma_{\tau,t}^2)$  - Standardized:  $z = \frac{r_{\tau,t} - \mu_{\tau,t}}{\sigma_{\tau,t}} \sim N(0, 1)$  - Quantile:  $P(z \leq z_q) = q$

**Key Result for Truncated Normal:**

$$E[z \mid z < z_q] = -\frac{\phi_z(z_q)}{\Phi_z(z_q)}$$

**Proof:**

$$E[z \mid z < z_q] = \frac{E[z \mathbf{1}_{\{z < z_q\}}]}{P(z < z_q)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{z_q} z \cdot \phi_z(z) dz}{\Phi_z(z_q)}$$

Since  $\phi_z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2}$  and  $\frac{d}{dz} \phi_z(z) = -z \cdot \phi_z(z)$ :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{z_q} z \cdot \phi_z(z) dz = -[\phi_z(z)]_{-\infty}^{z_q} = -\phi_z(z_q)$$

Therefore:  $E[z \mid z < z_q] = -\frac{\phi_z(z_q)}{\Phi_z(z_q)} = -\frac{\phi_z(z_q)}{q}$

**CVaR Formula:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CVaR}_{q,\tau} &= E[r_{\tau,t} \mid r_{\tau,t} \leq \text{VaR}_{q,\tau}] \\ &= \mu_{\tau,t} + \sigma_{\tau,t} \cdot E[z \mid z < z_q] \\ &= \mu_{\tau,t} - \frac{\phi_z(z_q)}{q} \sigma_{\tau,t} \end{aligned}$$

**Compare with VaR:** - VaR:  $\mu_{\tau,t} + z_q \sigma_{\tau,t}$  - CVaR:  $\mu_{\tau,t} - \frac{\phi_z(z_q)}{q} \sigma_{\tau,t}$

Both are linear in  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  (sufficient statistics for normal distribution)

Implementation: -  $z_q$ : `stats.norm.ppf(q)` -  $\phi_z(z_q)$ : `stats.norm.pdf(z_q)`

**Volatility (annualized)**

```
[12]: # annualized rolling vol
def annual_rolling_vol(rets: pl.DataFrame|pl.Series) -> pl.DataFrame:
    if isinstance(rets, pl.Series):
        rets = rets.to_frame()

    res = rets.with_columns(
        pl.all().rolling_std(window_size=26)
        .mul(np.sqrt(FREQ)).name.suffix("_vol")
    ).drop_nulls()

    return res.select(cs.ends_with("_vol")).rename(lambda col: col[:-4])
```

```
[13]: roll_vol = (
    pl.concat([
        annual_rolling_vol(rets)[-1, :],
        annual_rolling_vol(eq_w_port)[-1, :]
        .select(pl.all().alias("portfolio"))
    ], how="horizontal")
)
print(roll_vol)
```

shape: (1, 5)

AAPL	META	NVDA	TSLA	portfolio
---	---	---	---	---
f64	f64	f64	f64	f64
0.371224	0.41831	0.598249	0.598597	0.38975

**normal VaR (0.05) and normal cVaR (0.05)**

```
[14]: def calc_var_cvar(
    rets: pl.DataFrame|pl.Series,
    conditional: bool=False,
    type: str="var",
    q: pl.Float64=.05
) -> pl.DataFrame:
    """
    Args:
        - rets: rows are periodic returns, cols are tickers
        - conditional: assume normal dist or not
```



```

        - type: "var" or "cvar"
        - q: quantile
    Return:
        - a 1*(rets.width) shape DataFrame
    """
    z = stats.norm.ppf(q)
    vol_annual = annual_rolling_vol(rets)[-1, :]
    vol_daily = vol_annual / np.sqrt(252)
    if type == "var":
        if not conditional:
            var = rets.quantile(q)
            return var
        else:
            # assume daily mean is 0
            return 0 + vol_daily * z
    elif type == "cvar":
        if not conditional:
            cvar = rets.select(pl.all().map_batches(calc_cvar,
↳ returns_scalar=True))
            return cvar
        else:
            return 0 + vol_daily * (-1) * stats.norm.pdf(z) / q

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[15]: # concat individual stock and portfolio return
total_rets = pl.concat(
    [rets, eq_w_port.to_frame()], how="horizontal"
).rename({"eq_w_rets": "portfolio"})
total_rets.head(3)

```

[15]: shape: (3, 5)

AAPL	META	NVDA	TSLA	portfolio
---	---	---	---	---
f64	f64	f64	f64	f64
0.024514	-0.009055	-0.009315	-0.057685	-0.012885
-0.053745	-0.032931	0.000836	-0.06576	-0.0379
0.06595	0.035255	0.037578	0.042575	0.04534

```

[16]: uncon_var = calc_var_cvar(total_rets, conditional=False, type="var")
con_var = calc_var_cvar(total_rets, conditional=True, type="var")
ucon_cvar = calc_var_cvar(total_rets, conditional=False, type="cvar")
con_cvar = calc_var_cvar(total_rets, conditional=True, type="cvar")

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[17]: summary = {
    "conditional": [False, True, False, True],

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        "type": ["var", "var", "cvar", "cvar"]
    }

    # Add the value columns
    tickers = total_rets.schema.names()
    results = [uncon_var, con_var, uncon_cvar, con_cvar]
    for ticker in tickers:
        summary[f"{ticker}"] = [result[ticker][0] for result in results]

    ans2_1 = pl.DataFrame(summary)
    print(ans2_1)

```

shape: (4, 7)

conditional	type	AAPL	META	NVDA	TSLA	portfolio
---	---	---	---	---	---	---
bool	str	f64	f64	f64	f64	f64
false	var	-0.056501	-0.07004	-0.086876	-0.117432	-0.061982
true	var	-0.038465	-0.043344	-0.061988	-0.062024	-0.040384
false	cvar	-0.083125	-0.103196	-0.116455	-0.147814	-0.084992
true	cvar	-0.048236	-0.054355	-0.077736	-0.077781	-0.050644

### 3.2 Hit test

Backtest the VaR using the **hit test**. Namely, check how many times the realized return at  $t$  was smaller than the VaR return calculated using  $\sigma_t$ , (where again remember the notation in the notes uses  $\sigma_t$  as a vol based on data through  $t - 1$ .)

Report the percentage of “hits” using both the \* expanding volatility \* rolling volatility

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[18]: from dataclasses import dataclass

    @dataclass
    class BacktestResults:
        """Container for backtest results"""
        hit_rate: float

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num_hits: int
num_observations: int
expected_hit_rate: float
hit_series: pl.Series
var_series: pl.Series

def __repr__(self) -> str:
    return (
        f"BacktestResults(\n"
        f"  Hit Rate: {self.hit_rate:.2%}\n"
        f"  Expected: {self.expected_hit_rate:.2%}\n"
        f"  Hits: {self.num_hits} / {self.num_observations}\n"
        f")"
    )

```

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[19]: class Backtest:

    def __init__(
        self,
        data: pl.DataFrame,
        ticker: str = "AAPL",
        loss_prob: float = 0.05
    ) -> None:

        self.data = data
        self.ticker = ticker
        self.q = loss_prob

        if ticker not in self.data.columns:
            raise ValueError(f"Ticker '{ticker}' not found in data")

    def calc_expanding_vol(self, min_periods: int=26) -> pl.DataFrame:
        result = self.data.with_columns(
            pl.col(self.ticker).shift(1)
            .cumulative_eval(
                pl.element().std()
            )
            .alias("vol_expanding")
        )
        return result[min_periods:, :]

    def calc_rolling_vol(
        self,
        window_size: int = 26,
        min_periods: int = 26
    ) -> pl.DataFrame:
        result = self.data.with_columns(

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        pl.col(self.ticker).shift(1)
        .rolling_std(window_size=window_size, min_samples=min_periods)
        .alias("vol_rolling")
    ).drop_nulls()
    return result

def _calc_var(
    self,
    test_df: pl.DataFrame,
    vol_col: str = "vol_expanding",
    mean_return: float = 0.
) -> pl.Series:
    """
    Calculate conditional (normal) VaR value series
    Args:
        - test_df: DataFrame with volatility column
        - vol_col: column name for vol
        - mean_return: typical to ignore
    Return:
        - VaR value over time
    """
    z = stats.norm.ppf(self.q)
    var = test_df.select(
        (pl.lit(mean_return) + z * pl.col(vol_col))
        .alias("var")
    )["var"]
    return var

def hit_test(
    self,
    method: str = "expanding",
    params: dict = {}
) -> BacktestResults:

    window_size, min_periods = params["window_size"], params["min_periods"]

    if method == "expanding":
        test_df = self.calc_expanding_vol(min_periods)
    elif method == "rolling":
        test_df = self.calc_rolling_vol(window_size, min_periods)
    else:
        raise ValueError("Can only enter 'expanding' or 'rolling' for method")

    vol_col = f"vol_{method}"
    var_series = self._calc_var(test_df, vol_col=vol_col, mean_return=0)
    test_df = test_df.with_columns(

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        var_series.alias("var"),
    ).with_columns(
        (pl.col(self.ticker) < pl.col("var"))
        .cast(pl.Int32)
        .alias("hit")
    )

    n_hit = test_df.select("hit").sum().to_numpy()[0][0]
    n_obs = test_df.select(pl.len()).cast(pl.Int32).to_numpy()[0][0]
    hit_rate = n_hit / n_obs
    expd_hit_rate = self.q # prob of loss exceeding q
    hit_series = test_df.select("hit")
    var_series = test_df.select(vol_col)

    return BacktestResults(
        hit_rate, n_hit, n_obs, expd_hit_rate, hit_series, var_series
    )

def run(self, params):
    results = {}
    results["expanding"] = self.hit_test(method="expanding", params=params)
    results["rolling"] = self.hit_test(method="rolling", params=params)
    return results

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[21]: expanding = []
      rolling = []
      for ticker in tickers:
          bt = Backtest(total_rets, ticker, .05)
          params = {"window_size": 26, "min_periods": 26}
          results = bt.run(params)
          expanding.append(results["expanding"].hit_rate)
          rolling.append(results["rolling"].hit_rate)

      print(
          pl.DataFrame({
              'tickers': tickers,
              'expanding_hit_rate': expanding,
              'rolling_hit_rate': rolling
          })
      )

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shape: (5, 3)

tickers	expanding_hit_rate	rolling_hit_rate
---	---	---
str	f64	f64
AAPL	0.044574	0.052326

META	0.04845	0.044574
NVDA	0.02907	0.044574
TSLA	0.065891	0.052326
portfolio	0.052326	0.042636