

Derivation of Online Weighted Upper Variance Bound

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Trying to find:

$$\sigma' = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m w_i w_j \sigma_i \sigma_j}{(\sum_{i=1}^m w_i)^2}}$$

Keep track of sum of weights $\sum_{i=1}^k w_i$, sum of weighted standard error $\sum_{i=1}^k w_i \sigma_i$, and U_k where

$$\begin{aligned} U_k &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k w_i w_j \sigma_i \sigma_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} w_i w_j \sigma_i \sigma_j + w_k^2 \sigma_k^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w_k w_i \sigma_k \sigma_i \\ &= U_{k-1} + w_k \sigma_k \left(w_k \sigma_k + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w_i \sigma_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\sigma' = \frac{\sqrt{U_m}}{\sum_{i=1}^m w_i}$$