

QRM - Assignment 1

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Problem 3

The data used in this problem is located in the file `dax_returns.txt` which is loaded into R using the following

```
dax <- read.delim("dax_returns.txt", header = TRUE)
head(dax) %>% kbl() %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("striped", "center", "HOLD_position"))
```

dax_return
0.0000000
0.0133215
0.0300128
-0.0182327
-0.0086874
0.0126884

The data contains 1700 one day log-returns of one share in the European DAX index.

Problem 3.a

Using the above data we want to construct an estimate of $Var_{0.99}(L)$ where L is the loss random variable associated with a portfolio consisting of only DAX shares, that is

$$L_i = -100(\exp(X_i) - 1), \quad i \geq 1$$

where $X_i = -\log(S_i) + \log(S_{i-1})$ and S_i is the share price at time t_i . We assume throughout that $t_i = i$ for all i . The data consist of data drawn from the log-return random variable X . Drawing the stock prices we may add the log-return to the share price $S_0 = 100$. We use that

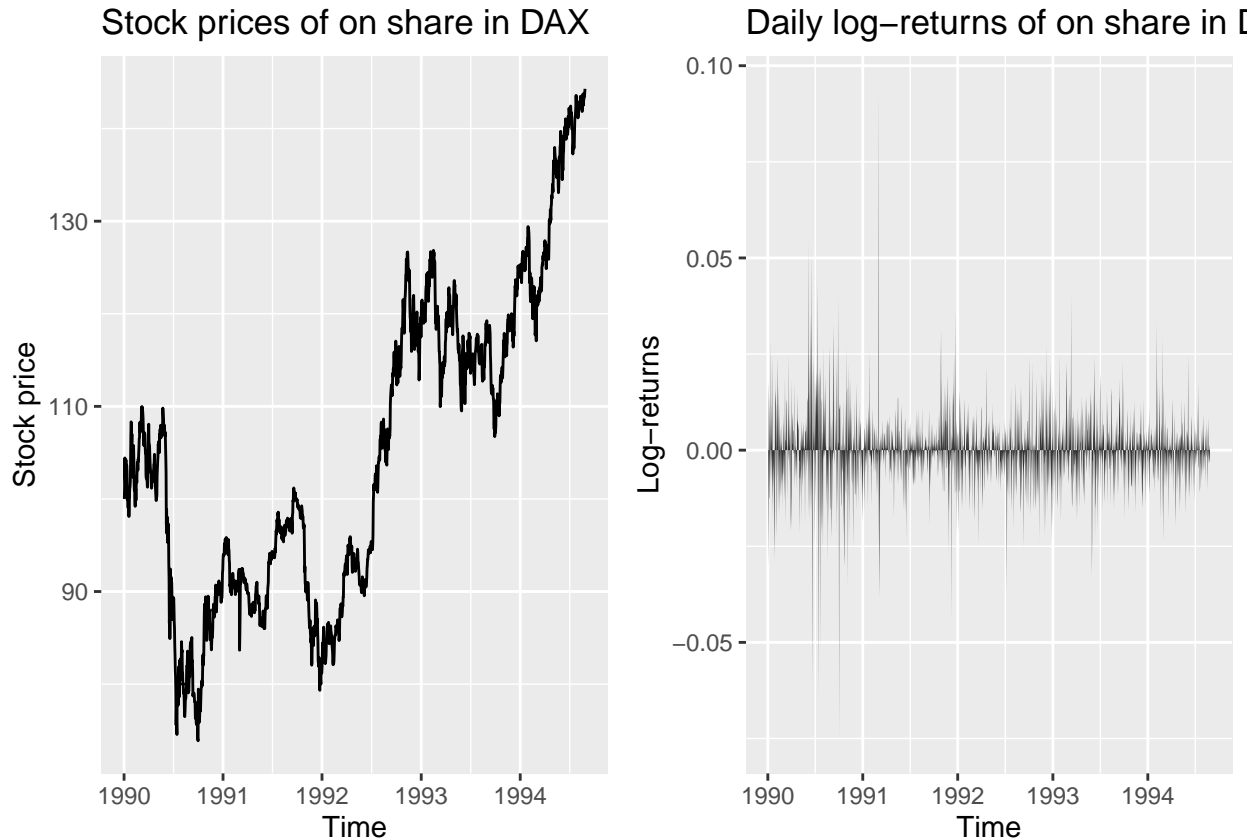
$$S_i = S_{i-1} \cdot \frac{S_i}{S_{i-1}} = S_{i-1} \cdot \exp\{\log(S_i) - \log(S_{i-1})\} = S_{i-1} \cdot \exp\{X_i\}$$

and so with initial condition $S_0 = 100$ it follows that

$$S_i = S_0 \prod_{n=1}^i \exp\{X_n\} = 100 \prod_{n=1}^i \exp\{X_n\}$$

```
prices <- data.frame(date = as.Date("1990-1-1") + as.numeric(row.names(dax)),
  X = dax$dax_return,
  S = 100*cumprod(exp(dax$dax_return)),
  L = -(exp(dax$dax_return)-1))
```

```
p1 <- ggplot(data = prices) + geom_line(mapping = aes(x=date,y=S)) +
  labs(title = "Stock prices of on share in DAX",
       x = "Time", y = "Stock price")
p2 <- ggplot(data = prices) + geom_ribbon(aes(x=date,ymin = pmin(0,L), ymax = pmax(0,L))) +
  labs(title = "Daily log-returns of on share in DAX",
       x = "Time", y = "Log-returns")
ggarrange(p1,p2,ncol=2)
```

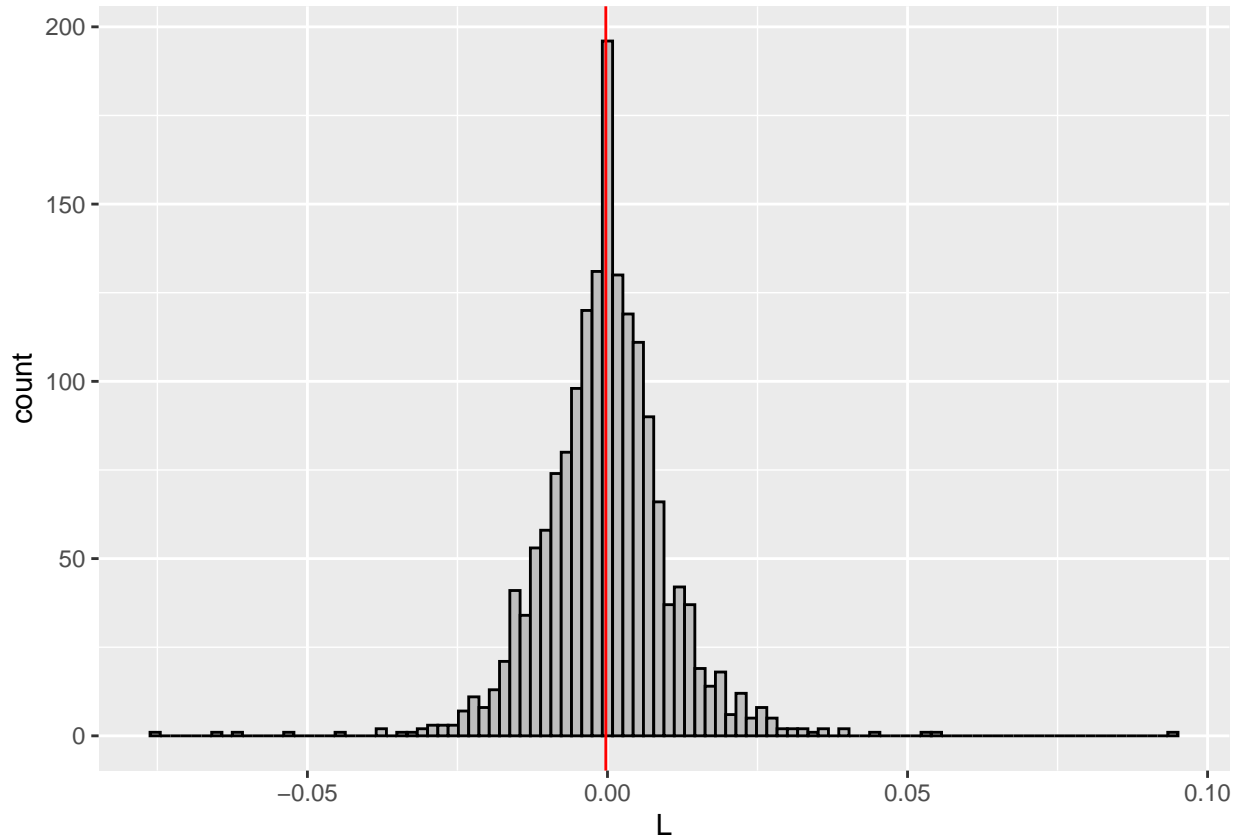


For the purpose of this exercise the first row is deleted, since this does not represent any gain or loss on the portfolio and only serve as an initial value of the portfolio.

```
prices <- prices[2:dim(prices)[1],]
```

Drawing the empirical distribution of the losses L_i

```
m <- mean(prices$L) #-0.0002727548
ggplot(data = prices) +
  geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x=L), fill = "gray", col = "black",bins = 100) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = m, col ="red")
```



The estimate of $VaR_{0.99}(L)$ is then the empirical 99% quantile i.e.

$$\widehat{VaR}_{0.99}(L) = L^{(\lceil N \cdot 0.99 \rceil - 1)},$$

where $N = 1700$ is the number of observations. That is

```
alpha <- 0.99
VaR <- sort(prices$L)[floor(dim(prices)[1]*alpha)-1]
VaR*100
```

```
## [1] 2.706366
```

That is an empirical estimate of the value at risk at level $\alpha = 0.01$ given the data is 2.71%.

The estimate of the expected shortfall

$$ES_{0.99}(L) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}\{L | L \geq VaR_{0.99}(L)\},$$

is then estimated simply by

$$\widehat{ES}_{0.99}(L) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 1_{(L_i \geq \widehat{VaR}_{0.99}(L))}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} L_i \cdot 1_{(L_i \geq \widehat{VaR}_{0.99}(L))},$$

being the empirical estimate of the mean value of L given L is larger than the estimated Value-at-Risk.

```
ES <- mean(prices$L[prices$L >= VaR])
ES*100
```

```
## [1] 3.817269
```

That is an empirical estimate of the expected shortfall at level $\alpha = 0.01$ given the data is 3.82%.
The confidence interval of the Value-at-Risk is computed using the binomial distribution given by

$$P(Y \geq y) = \sum_{k=y}^N \binom{n}{y} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}$$

for an $Y \sim \text{Binom}(N, p)$. Assuming that $Y = \#\{L_i \geq \text{VaR}_{0.99}(L)\}$ is binomial distributed with $p = 0.01$.
For a confidence level β we find the smallest j in the ordered set $\{L_{i,N}\}_{i=1,\dots,N}$ of N -trials such that

$$P(Y \geq j) = P(L_{j,n} \geq \text{VaR}_{0.99}(L)) \leq \frac{\beta}{2}$$

and the largest j such that

$$P(Y \leq j) = P(L_{j,n} \leq \text{VaR}_{0.99}(L)) \leq \frac{\beta}{2}$$

Giving that this choice yield a $1 - \beta$ confidence interval for the estimate.

```
N <- dim(prices)[1]
prices[order(prices$X), "binom_lower"] <- pbinom(
  as.numeric(row.names(prices))-1, N, 0.01, lower.tail = TRUE
) #P(Y<= j-1) = P(L_(j,n)<= VaR),          j= 1,...,N
beta <- 0.05
lower_bound <- prices$L[prices$binom_lower == min(prices$binom_lower[prices$binom_lower >= 1-beta/2])]
upper_bound <- prices$L[prices$binom_lower == max(prices$binom_lower[prices$binom_lower <= beta/2])]
lower_bound*100

## [1] 2.505703
upper_bound*100

## [1] 3.564213
```

That is

$$P(\text{VaR}_{0.99}(L) \in [2.51, 3.56]) \leq \beta$$

Problem 3.b

The 10-day log-return is given by

$$X_i^{[10]} = \log(S_i) - \log(S_{i-10}) = \log\left(\frac{S_i}{S_{i-10}}\right) = \log\left(\prod_{j=i-10}^i \frac{S_j}{S_{j-1}}\right) = \log\left(\prod_{j=i-10}^i \exp\{X_j\}\right)$$

```
prices[10:dim(prices)[1], "X10"] <- log(unlist(lapply(10:dim(prices)[1], function(x){prod(exp(prices$X[(x-9):(x-1)]))}))
prices_small <- prices[10:dim(prices)[1], ]
prices_small[, "L10"] <- -(exp(prices_small$X10)-1)
```

We compute Value-at-Risk with a confidence interval and the expected shortfall.

```
N <- dim(prices_small)[1]
alpha <- 0.99
VaR <- sort(prices_small$L10)[floor(N*alpha)-1]
VaR*100
```

```

## [1] 9.397154
ES <- mean(sort(prices_small$L10)[N:(floor(N*alpha)-1)])
ES*100

## [1] 11.3995
prices_small[order(prices_small$X10),"binom_lower"] <- pbinom(
  as.numeric(row.names(prices_small))-1,N,0.01,lower.tail = TRUE
) # $P(Y \leq j-1) = P(L_-(j,n) \leq VaR)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N$ 
beta <- 0.05
lower_bound <- prices_small$L[prices_small$binom_lower == min(prices_small$binom_lower[prices_small$binom_lower >= beta/2])]
upper_bound <- prices_small$L[prices_small$binom_lower == max(prices_small$binom_lower[prices_small$binom_lower <= beta/2])]

## Warning in max(prices_small$binom_lower[prices_small$binom_lower <= beta/2]):
## no non-missing arguments to max; returning -Inf
lower_bound*100

## [1] 0.2878405
upper_bound*100

## numeric(0)

```

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