

Problem 3 Code & Results (Parts b - d)

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[1]: import numpy as np
import scipy.io as sio
import cvxpy as cvx
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
%matplotlib inline

[2]: mat_contents = sio.loadmat('meanvariance.mat')
mu = mat_contents['mu']
S = np.matrix(mat_contents['S'])
d = np.size(mu)
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Part b:

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[3]: J = np.ones((len(S),1))      # d x 1 ones vector
S_inv = np.linalg.inv(S)          # inverse of covariance matrix

[4]: x_numerator = np.matmul(S_inv, J)      # numerator of the optimal solution
JS_inv = J.T*S_inv
x_denominator = np.matmul(JS_inv, J)      # denominator of the optimal solution

x_min = x_numerator/x_denominator      # optimal solution (min variance portfolio)
r_min = np.dot(mu.T, x_min).item(0)      # minimum expected return

[5]: opt_val = x_min.T*S*x_min          # minimum variance (i.e. optimal objective
    →value)

sigma2_min = opt_val.item(0)            # extracts the scalar value from the 1x1
    →matrix

[6]: print('Minimum Variance (opt value): ', sigma2_min)
print('\nMinimum Return (r_min): ', r_min)
#print('\nMinimum Variance Portfolio x (optimal solution):\n\n', x_min)
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Minimum Variance (opt value): 5.850607343853076e-11

Minimum Return (r_min): 0.05152761072308839

Part c:

Want to solve the following system of equations for x and u (critical values)

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mu^T & 0 \\ \mathbf{1}^T & \\ 2S & -[\mu \quad \mathbf{1}] \end{bmatrix}}_M \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix}}_z = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1.1r_{min} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_q$$

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[7]: M11 = np.concatenate((mu.T, J.T),axis=0)
M12 = np.zeros((len(M11),len(M11)))
M21 = 2*S
M22 = np.concatenate((mu, J),axis=1)
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M1 = np.concatenate((M11, M12), axis=1)
M2 = np.concatenate((M21, M22), axis=1)
M = np.concatenate((M1, M2), axis=0)

b = np.array([[1.1*r_min], [1]])
q = np.concatenate((b, np.zeros((len(S), 1))), axis=0)

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[8]: z = np.linalg.solve(M, q)
     x_opt = z[0:d]

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Alternative approach to solving for x^* (Determined using the lecture notes on the optimal solution to equality constrained QPs):

$$x^* = S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mu & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu^\top \\ \mathbf{1}^\top \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mu & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1.1r_{min} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[9]: # Computes the expression above for optimal x (primal critical values using
     → gradient condition)

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x_left = S_inv*M22
x_mid = np.linalg.inv(M11*S_inv*M22)
x_right = b

x_optimal = x_left*x_mid*x_right

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[10]: alpha1 = r_min
      alpha2 = np.dot(mu.T, x_opt).item(0)

      sigma2 = np.zeros(len(S))
      r = np.zeros(len(S))
      alpha = r_min

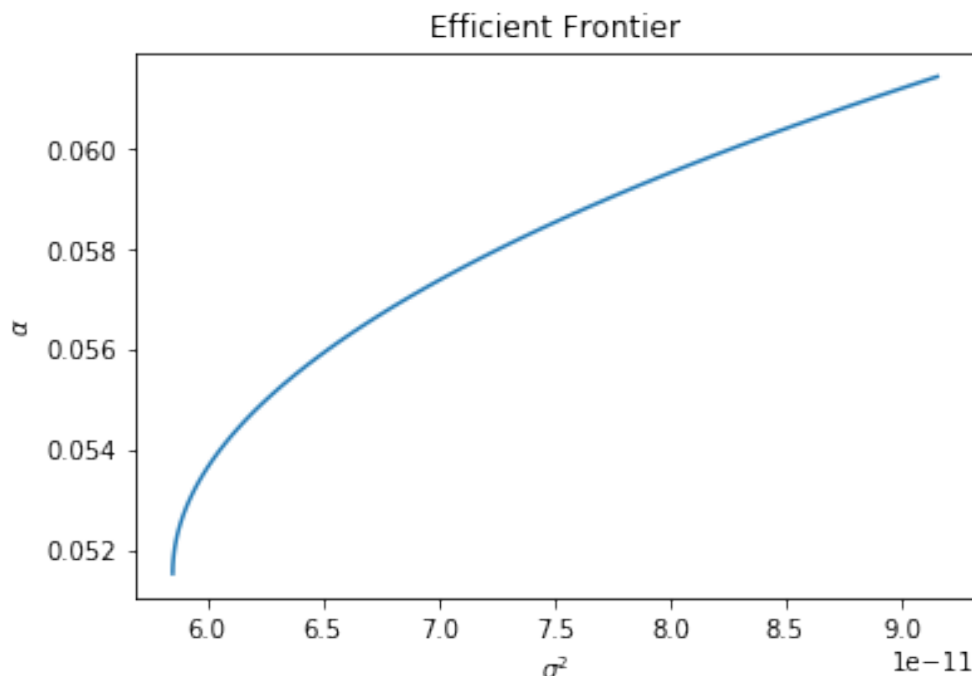
      for i in range(len(S)):
          weight = (alpha2-alpha)/(alpha2-alpha1)
          phi = weight*x_min + (1-weight)*x_opt
          #eff = np.concatenate((eff, phi), axis=1)
          sigma2[i] = phi.T*S*phi
          r[i] = alpha
          alpha += 0.0001

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[11]: plt.title('Efficient Frontier')
      plt.xlabel(r'$\sigma^2$')
      plt.ylabel(r'$\alpha$')
      plt.plot(sigma2, r)
      plt.show()

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Part d - Sharpe optimal portfolio:

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[12]: r_f = 0.04                #risk-free rate

J = np.ones((len(mu),1)) # d x 1 ones vector
mu_ex = mu - r_f*J        # vector of expected excess returns

x_num = S_inv*mu_ex
x_den = mu_ex.T*S_inv*mu_ex

x_star = x_num/x_den      # Optimal solution

x_sh = x_star/np.dot(J.T, x_star).item(0)    # Sharpe optimal portfolio

[13]: opt_variance = x_sh.T*S*x_sh           # variance on optimal Sharpe portfolio
ex_return = mu_ex.T*x_sh                     # excess return on optimal Sharpe portfolio
sharpe_ratio = ex_return/np.sqrt(opt_variance)

print('Optimal Sharpe portfolio statistics:')
print('\nVariance:      ', opt_variance.item(0))
print('\nExcess Return:   ', ex_return.item(0))
print('\nSharpe Ratio:     ', sharpe_ratio.item(0))
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Optimal Sharpe portfolio statistics:

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Variance:      1.3485956836610517e-10
Excess Return:  0.026571747427911182
Sharpe Ratio:   2288.1222961738217
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