

# Homework 5

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7.7

Show that the solution to 7.18 is given by 7.17. As a further generalization, what is the solution to the following problem: minimizing with respect the symmetric matrix  $S$ :

$$\|\hat{\Sigma}_\lambda - S\|_F^2 \text{ such that } \lambda_{\min}(S) \geq \delta$$

We can show the solution to 7.18 is given by 7.17 since:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\Sigma}_\lambda - S\|_F^2 &= \text{tr}[(\hat{\Sigma}_\lambda - S)(\hat{\Sigma}_\lambda - S)^T] \\ &= \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}\hat{\Sigma}^T) - \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}S^T) - \text{tr}(S\hat{\Sigma}^T) + \text{tr}(SS^T) \\ &= \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}\hat{\Sigma}^T) - 2\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}S^T) + \text{tr}(SS^T) \end{aligned}$$

Since we eventually want to constrain  $S$  to positive definite matrices, let's represent  $S$  as  $VV^T$ , leading to:

$$\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}\hat{\Sigma}^T) - 2\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}SS^T) + \text{tr}(VV^T VV^T)$$

Taking the derivative of this relative to  $V$  results in  $-4V^T\hat{\Sigma} + 4V^T VV^T = 0$ . We can simplify and solve this by letting  $V = \Gamma^T(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}$ . Since our covariance matrix is symmetric and can be broken down into  $\Gamma^T\Lambda\Gamma$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} &-4[(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}\Gamma\Gamma^T(\Lambda^+ + \Lambda^-)\Gamma] + 4(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}\Gamma\Gamma^T(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}\Gamma \\ &-4[(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}(\Lambda^+ + \Lambda^-)\Gamma] + 4(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}\Lambda^+\Gamma \\ &-4[(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}\Lambda^+\Gamma] + 4(\Lambda^+)^{1/2}\Lambda^+\Gamma \end{aligned}$$

Our positive definite matrix  $S = VV^T$  thus minimizes the function, which can also be represented by 7.17 where:

$$\hat{\Sigma}^+ = \Lambda^T \text{diag}(\lambda_1^+, \dots, \lambda_p^+) \Lambda$$

7.10

Let  $\hat{\Sigma}$  be an estimated volatility matrix of a true volatility. Show that for any portfolio allocation  $w$ , the relative estimation error is bounded by:

$$\left| \frac{w^T \hat{\Sigma} w}{w^T \Sigma w} - 1 \right| \leq \|\Sigma^{-1/2} \hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1/2} - I_p\|$$

As proven in 7.8:

$$\text{tr}[\hat{\Sigma}\Sigma^{-1} - I_p]^2 = \|\Sigma^{-1/2} \hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1/2} - I_p\|_F^2$$

Thus:

$$\text{tr}[\hat{\Sigma}\Sigma^{-1} - I_p] = \|\Sigma^{-1/2} \hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1/2} - I_p\|_F$$

We can then simplify:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{w^T \hat{\Sigma} w}{w^T \Sigma w} - 1 \right| &= \left| \frac{w^T (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma) w}{w^T \Sigma w} \right| \\
&= \left\| \frac{\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma}{\Sigma} \right\| \\
&= \left\| \hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1} - I_p \right\| \\
&\leq \left\| \hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1} - I_p \right\|_F \\
&\leq \text{tr}[\hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1} - I_p] \\
&= \left\| \Sigma^{-1/2} \hat{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1/2} - I_p \right\|_F
\end{aligned}$$

## 7.11

Suppose that we have 100 investable stocks, labeled as 1 through 100 and classified as “Consumer Non-durables”, “Consumer durables”, “Manufacturing”, “Energy”, “Business equipment”, “Telecommunications”, “Shops”, “Health”, “Utilities”, and “Others”. Let  $w_1, \dots, w_{100}$  be the portfolio weights. If the first 10 stocks are labeled as “Consumer Non-durables”, the second 10 stock are in “Consumer durables”, etc, write down the constraints of the portfolio.

1. the “health stocks” are no more than 15% and “energy stocks” are no more than 30%.
2. no exposure to Telecommunications.
3. exposure to “Consumer durables” but gross exposure is zero.

## 7.12

Let the study period be Jan 2001 to Jan 2015. Apply the sample covariance matrix, the FF 3 factor model, and the RiskMetrics with  $\lambda = .94$  to obtain the time varying covariance matrix for Dell, Ford, GE, IBM, Intel, J&J, Merck, 3-mo Tres, and S&P500 at the beginning of each month. Optimize the portfolio and holds for the next 21 days. Compute the risk of such a portfolio and compare it with the equally weighted portfolio.

First, we get the data we need:

```
start <- as.Date("2001-01-01")
end <- as.Date("2015-01-01")
assets <- c(# "DVMT" # DELL is DROPPED since not provided by Quantmod
  "F",
  "GE",
  "IBM",
  "INTC",
  "JNJ",
  "MRK",
  "SPY")
getSymbols(assets, from = start, to = end)
# get the 3 mo treasury data
getSymbols("DGS3MO", src = "FRED")
# combine all info
closing.prices <- merge.xts(DGS3MO,
  F[, 4],
  GE[, 4],
  IBM[, 4],
  INTC[, 4],
  JNJ[, 4],
  MRK[, 4],
  SPY[, 4])
# filter out to only dates of interest
data <- closing.prices["2001-01-01/2015-01-01"]
# save
saveRDS(data, "~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/covdata.rds")
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Now we can reorganize the data within our desired time frame:

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data <- readRDS("~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/covdata.rds")

# break it down monthly
by_month <- data.frame()
for(i in 1:ncol(data)){
  temp <- data[, i]
  monthly <- monthlyReturn(temp)
  by_month <- cbind(by_month, monthly)
  colnames(by_month)[i] <- strsplit(names(temp), "[.]")[[1]][1]
}
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by_month <- na.omit(by_month)
# get the Fama French data
FF <- matrix(scan("~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/F-F_Research_Data_Factors_daily.txt", s
# match dates
D <- time(by_month)
D <- paste0(substr(D, 1, 4),
             substr(D, 6, 7),
             substr(D, 9, 10))
ind <- rep(0, length(D))
for(i in 1:length(ind)){
  ind[i] = (1:dim(FF)[1])[D[i] == FF[,1]]
}
ff <- FF[ind, ]
# break it down daily
dat <- na.omit(data)
by_day <- data.frame()
for(i in 1:ncol(dat)){
  temp <- dat[, i]
  daily <- dailyReturn(temp)
  by_day <- cbind(by_day, daily)
  colnames(by_day)[i] <- strsplit(names(temp), "[.]")[[1]][1]
}
by_day <- na.omit(by_day)
# get the FF by day
days <- time(by_day)
days <- paste0(substr(days, 1, 4),
               substr(days, 6, 7),
               substr(days, 9, 10))
ind2 <- rep(0, length(days))
for(i in 1:length(ind2)){
  ind2[i] = (1:dim(FF)[1])[days[i] == FF[,1]]
}
ff_days <- FF[ind2, ]
saveRDS(by_day, "~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/byday.rds")
saveRDS(ff_days, "~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/ff_byday.rds")
saveRDS(by_month, "~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/bymonth.rds")
saveRDS(ff, "~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/ff_bymonth.rds")

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With our data in the desired format, we can now calculate our rolling covariances:

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by_day <- readRDS("~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/byday.rds")
ff <- readRDS("~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/ff_byday.rds")
by_day[is.infinite(by_day)] <- 0
by_month <- readRDS("~/workspace/st790-financial-stats/hw5/bymonth.rds")
# risk metrics
n <- nrow(by_day)
lambda <- .94 # for daily

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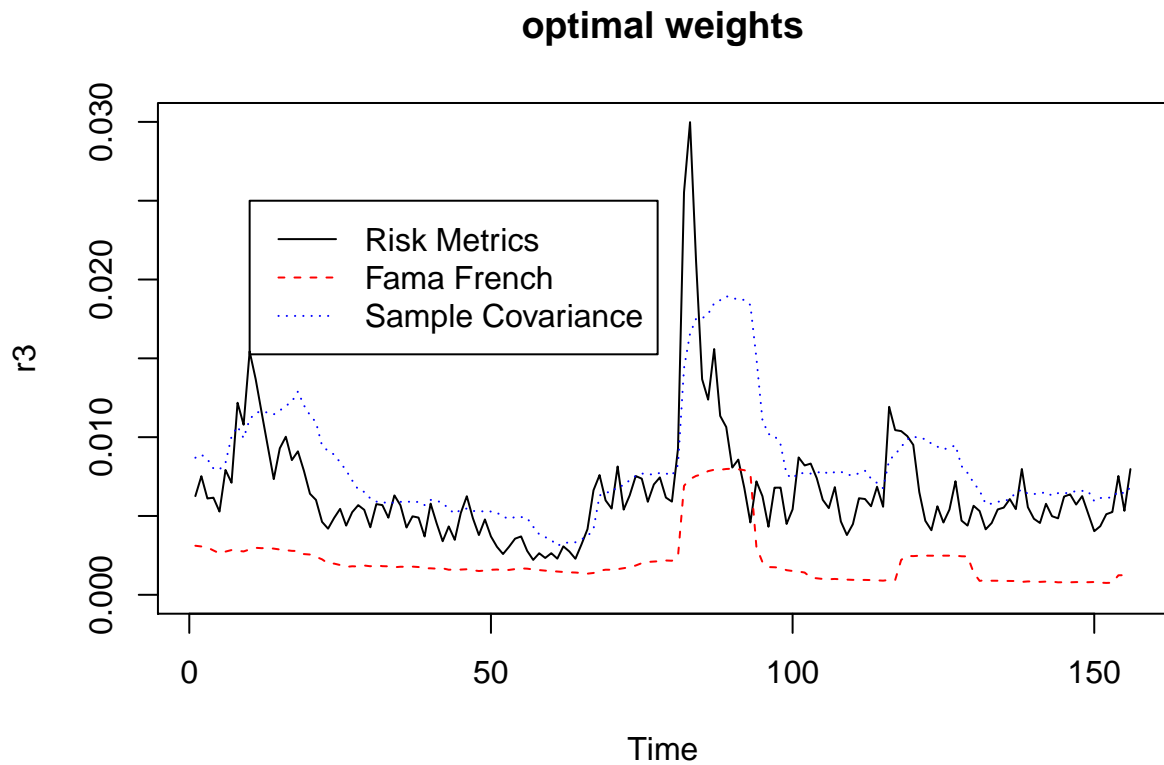
Sigma <- array(0, c(8, 8, n+1))
for(i in 1:n){
  tmp <- as.numeric(c(as.numeric(by_day[i, ])))
  Sigma[,i+1] <- lambda*Sigma[,i] + (1-lambda)*tmp %*% t(tmp)
}
# only need optimize monthly
dates_of_interest <- time(by_month)
# start window in 2002
dates_of_interest <- dates_of_interest[12:length(dates_of_interest)]
r1 <- r2 <- r3 <- r4 <- r5 <- r6 <- numeric(length(dates_of_interest))
equal_weight <- rep(1, 8)/8
for(i in 1:length(dates_of_interest)){
  temp_date <- dates_of_interest[i]
  # find the correct index to get 252 rolling window
  temp_D <- paste0(substr(temp_date, 1, 4),
    substr(temp_date, 6, 7),
    substr(temp_date, 9, 10))
  temp_i <- (1:dim(ff)[1])[temp_D == ff[,1]]
  X <- ff[(temp_i - 252):temp_i, 2:4]
  Y <- by_day[(temp_i - 252):temp_i, ]
  # method 1: sample covariance
  SigmaS <- cov(Y)
  # method 2: fama french
  resid <- resid(lsfit(X, Y))
  N <- dim(Y)[1] # length of window
  SigmaE <- t(resid) %*% resid / (N-4)
  # method 3: risk metrics
  SigmaR <- Sigma[,temp_i]
  # optimize
  result1 <- optimalPortfolio(SigmaS, control = list(type = "minvol"))
  result2 <- optimalPortfolio(SigmaE, control = list(type = "minvol"))
  result3 <- optimalPortfolio(SigmaR, control = list(type = "minvol"))
  # compute risk
  r1[i] <- sqrt(result1 %*% SigmaS %*% result1)
  r2[i] <- sqrt(result2 %*% SigmaE %*% result2)
  r3[i] <- sqrt(result3 %*% SigmaR %*% result3)
  # compare to equal weight
  r4[i] <- sqrt(equal_weight %*% SigmaS %*% equal_weight)
  r5[i] <- sqrt(equal_weight %*% SigmaE %*% equal_weight)
  r6[i] <- sqrt(equal_weight %*% SigmaR %*% equal_weight)
}
# viz
plot(r3, type = "l", ylim = c(0, .03), xlab = "Time", ylab = "Risk",
  lty = 1)
lines(r2, col = "red", lty = 2)
lines(r1, col = "blue", lty = 3)
legend(10, .025, legend = c("Risk Metrics",

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        "Fama French",
        "Sample Covariance"),
col=c("black", "red", "blue"),
lty=1:3)
title("optimal weights")

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# viz
plot(r6, type = "l", ylim = c(0, .2), xlab = "Time", ylab = "Risk",
     lty = 1)
lines(r5, col = "red", lty = 2)
lines(r4, col = "blue", lty = 3)
legend(5, .15, legend = c("Risk Metrics",
                          "Fama French",
                          "Sample Covariance"),
      col=c("black", "red", "blue"),
      lty=1:3)
title("equal weights")

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## equal weights

