

Chekhlov Conditional Drawdown at Risk

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Abstract

A new one-parameter family of risk measures called Conditional Drawdown (CDD) has been proposed. These measures of risk are functionals of the portfolio drawdown (underwater) curve considered in active portfolio management. For some value of $\hat{\alpha}$ the tolerance parameter, in the case of a single sample path, drawdown functional is defined as the mean of the worst $(1 - \hat{\alpha})100\%$ drawdowns. The CDD measure generalizes the notion of the drawdown functional to a multi-scenario case and can be considered as a generalization of deviation measure to a dynamic case. The CDD measure includes the Maximal Drawdown and Average Drawdown as its limiting cases.

1 Background

The model is focused on concept of drawdown measure which is in possession of all properties of a deviation measure, generalization of deviation measures to a dynamic case. Concept of risk profiling - Mixed Conditional Drawdown (generalization of CDD). Optimization techniques for CDD computation - reduction to linear programming (LP) problem. Portfolio optimization with constraint on Mixed CDD The model develops concept of drawdown measure by generalizing the notion of the CDD to the case of several sample paths for portfolio uncompounded rate of return.

2 Methodology

For a given value of sequence ξ_k where ξ is a time series unit drawdown vector. The CV@R is formally defined as :

$$CV@R_{\alpha}(\xi) = \frac{\pi_{\xi}(\zeta(\alpha)) - \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \zeta(\alpha) + \frac{\sum_{\xi_k=1} \xi_k}{(1 - \alpha)N} \quad (1)$$

Note that the first term in the right-hand side of equation appears because of inequality greater than equal to $\hat{\alpha}$. If $(1 - \hat{\alpha})$ 100% of the worst drawdowns can be counted precisely, then and the first term in the right-hand side of equation disappears. Equation follows from the framework of the CVaR methodology

3 Usage

In this example we use edhec database, to compute true Hedge Fund Returns.

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> library(PerformanceAnalytics)
> data(edhec)
> CDrawdown(edhec)
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	Convertible Arbitrage CTA Global		
Conditional Drawdown at Risk	-0.2524256	-0.1183364	
	Distressed Securities Emerging Markets		
Conditional Drawdown at Risk	-0.1423125	-0.4464759	
	Equity Market Neutral Event Driven		
Conditional Drawdown at Risk	-0.0578064	-0.1582837	
	Fixed Income Arbitrage Global Macro		
Conditional Drawdown at Risk	-0.1503749	-0.07968906	
	Long/Short Equity Merger Arbitrage Relative Value		
Conditional Drawdown at Risk	-0.1995105	-0.08693944	-0.1079869
	Short Selling Funds of Funds		
Conditional Drawdown at Risk	-0.8982062	-0.1600725	