

1a.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{var}(x + y) &= E[(x + y)^2] - (E[x + y])^2 \\
 &= E[x^2 + 2xy + y^2] - (E[x] + E[y])^2 \\
 &= E[x^2] + E[2xy] + E[y^2] - E[x]^2 - 2E[x]E[y] - E[y]^2 \\
 &= (E[x^2] - E[x]^2) + (E[y^2] - E[y]^2) + (2E[xy] - 2E[x]E[y]) \\
 &= \text{var}(x) + \text{var}(y) + 2\text{cov}(x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

1b.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho = \text{cor}(x, y) &= \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \\
 &= \frac{\text{cov}(x, y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(x) \text{var}(y)}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}))(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}))}} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

using Cauchy – Schwartz Inequality :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) \right)^2 &\leq \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}) \\
 \left| \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) \right| &\leq \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \right) \left( \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}) \right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

applying to (1) :

$$\left| \frac{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}))(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}))}} \right| \leq \frac{\sqrt{(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}))(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}))}}{\sqrt{(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}))(\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}))}} = 1$$

$$-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$$

1c. For  $\rho = -1$ , this means that the points  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  is perfectly negatively linear. In other words, the points  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  perfectly fit a decreasing linear function.

2a. Since  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are standard normal random variables, they have the special condition that

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mathbb{E}[X_2] = \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[Y_1] &= \mathbb{E}[3X_1 + X_2] & \mathbb{E}[Y_2] &= \mathbb{E}[X_1 - X_2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[3X_1] + \mathbb{E}[X_2] & &= \mathbb{E}[X_1] - \mathbb{E}[X_2] \\ &= 3\mathbb{E}[X_1] + \mathbb{E}[X_2] & &= 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

2b. From (1a):

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) &= \mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2] - \mathbb{E}[Y_1] \mathbb{E}[Y_2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(3X_1 + X_2)(X_1 - X_2)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[3X_1^2 - 2X_1 X_2 - X_2^2] \\ &= 3\mathbb{E}[X_1^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[X_1 X_2] - \mathbb{E}[X_2^2]\end{aligned}$$

Since  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent, then  $\mathbb{E}[X_1 X_2] = \mathbb{E}[X_1] \mathbb{E}[X_2]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) &= 3\mathbb{E}[X_1^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[X_1] \mathbb{E}[X_2] - \mathbb{E}[X_2^2] \\ &= 3\mathbb{E}[(X_1 - \mathbb{E}[X_1])^2] - \mathbb{E}[(X_2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2])^2] \\ &= 3(\mathbb{E}[X_1^2] - \mathbb{E}[X_1]^2) - \mathbb{E}[X_2^2] + \mathbb{E}[X_2]^2 \\ &= 3 - 1 = 2\end{aligned}$$

2c. The probability density function of a standard normal random variable  $X$  is:

$$f_X(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}X^2)}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}f(Y_1, Y_2) &= f(Y_1) f(Y_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(Y_1^2 + Y_2^2)}\end{aligned}$$

3. Since  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  are joint normal, we can assume that if the Pearson correlation coefficient is 0, then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{y_1, y_2} &= \text{cor}(Y_1, Y_2) = \frac{\text{cov}(Y_1, Y_2)}{\sigma_{Y_1} \sigma_{Y_2}} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2] - \mathbb{E}[Y_1] \mathbb{E}[Y_2]}{\sigma_{Y_1} \sigma_{Y_2}}\end{aligned}$$

For the correlation to be 0, we must show that the following is true:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2] - \mathbb{E}[Y_1] \mathbb{E}[Y_2] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2] - \mathbb{E}[Y_1] \mathbb{E}[Y_2] &= \mathbb{E}[(X_1 - X_2)(X_1 + X_2)] - \mathbb{E}[X_1 - X_2] \mathbb{E}[X_1 + X_2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X_1^2 - X_2^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X_1] - \mathbb{E}[X_2])(\mathbb{E}[X_1] + \mathbb{E}[X_2]) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X_1^2] - \mathbb{E}[X_2^2] - \mathbb{E}[X_1]^2 + \mathbb{E}[X_2]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X_1 - \mathbb{E}[X_1]]^2 + \mathbb{E}[X_1]^2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2]]^2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2]^2 - \mathbb{E}[X_1]^2 + \mathbb{E}[X_2]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(X_1 - \mathbb{E}[X_1])^2] - \mathbb{E}[(X_2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2])^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X_1^2] - \mathbb{E}[X_1]^2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2^2] + \mathbb{E}[X_2]^2 \\ &= 1 - 1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

4a. Take  $h(t) = \mathbb{E}[(X + tY)^2]$

$$\begin{aligned}h(t) &= \mathbb{E}[(X + tY)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2 + 2XtY + t^2Y^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] + \mathbb{E}[2XtY] + \mathbb{E}[t^2Y^2] \\ &= t^2\mathbb{E}[Y^2] + 2t\mathbb{E}[XY] + \mathbb{E}[X^2]\end{aligned}$$

The discriminant of this polynomial is:

$$4\mathbb{E}[XY]^2 - 4\mathbb{E}[Y^2]\mathbb{E}[X^2]$$

We can note that the sign of  $h$  is positive and thus its vertex must be greater than 0, so we know that the roots of this polynomial must be imaginary and thus:

$$\begin{aligned}4\mathbb{E}[XY]^2 - 4\mathbb{E}[Y^2]\mathbb{E}[X^2] &\leq 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[XY]^2 - \mathbb{E}[Y^2]\mathbb{E}[X^2] &\leq 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[XY]^2 &\leq \mathbb{E}[Y^2]\mathbb{E}[X^2]\end{aligned}$$

4b. Let us take our same function  $h(t) = \mathbb{E}[(X + tY)^2]$  but have  $X \rightarrow X - \bar{X}$  and  $Y \rightarrow Y - \bar{Y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= \mathbb{E}[(X - \bar{X})^2 + 2(X - \bar{X})t(Y - \bar{Y}) + t^2(Y - \bar{Y})^2] \\ &= \text{var}(X) + 2tcov(X, Y) + t^2\text{var}(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\text{var}(X) \geq 0$ , then  $\text{var}(X + tY) \geq 0$ , then  $h(t) \geq 0$ .

This tells us that there can only be either 1 root or 2 imaginary roots, thus the discriminant of this quadratic must follow the condition:

$$\begin{aligned} (2cov(X, Y))^2 - 4\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y) &\leq 0 \\ 4cov(X, Y)^2 &\leq 4\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y) \\ |cov(X, Y)| &\leq \sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y)} \\ \frac{|cov(X, Y)|}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y)}} &\leq 1 \\ \left| \frac{cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y)}} \right| &\leq 1 \\ -1 \leq \frac{cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y)}} &\leq 1 \\ -1 \leq \rho &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Programming Assignment:

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#1. The histograms are attached.

#Create Histograms

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pdf("Ticker_Histograms.pdf", width = 8.5, height = 11);
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par(mfrow = c(4,3))
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```
for (i in 1:nrTickers) {
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```
  hist(RET[,i], main = tickers[i], xlab = 'Log Return', col = "red");
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}
```

```
dev.off()
```

#2. Collect the means and variance into a vector SampleMean and SampleVar:

```
SampleMean = matrix(, nrow = nrTickers, ncol = 1);
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SampleVar = matrix(, nrow = nrTickers, ncol = 1);
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for (i in 1:nrTickers) {
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  SampleMean[i] = mean(RET[,i]);
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  SampleVar[i] = var(RET[,i]);
```

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}
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```
colnames(SampleMean) = c("SM of Log Return");
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```
rownames(SampleMean) = tickers;
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```
colnames(SampleVar) = c("SV of Log Return");
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```
rownames(SampleVar) = tickers;
```

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#install.packages('ggplots');
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#library('gplots');
pdf("SampleMeanVar.pdf", width = 8.5, height = 11);
par(mfrow = c(4,3));
textplot(SampleMean);
textplot(SampleVar);
dev.off();

#Other Correlation Measurements (put in test_correlations())
#Maximal
#install.packages('acepack');
Max_cor = matrix(, nrow = nrTickers, ncol = nrTickers);
colnames(Max_cor) = tickers;
rownames(Max_cor) = tickers;

for (i in 1:nrTickers) {
  for(j in 1:nrTickers) {
    transfVars = ace(RET[,i],RET[,j]);
    Max_cor[i,j] = cor(transfVars$tx,transfVars$ty)[1];
    Max_cor[i,j] = round(Max_cor[i,j],3);
  }
}
print('Max_cor:'); print(Max_cor);
list_CorMats[['Maximal']] = Max_cor;

#Hoeffding's D
#library('Hmisc');
H_cor = hoeffd(RET)$D;
H_cor = round(H_cor,3);
print('Hoeffding\'s D:'); print(H_cor);
list_CorMats[['Hoeffding']] = H_cor;

#Distance
D_cor = matrix(, nrow = nrTickers, ncol = nrTickers);
colnames(D_cor) = tickers;
rownames(D_cor) = tickers;

#library('energy');
for (i in 1:nrTickers) {
  for(j in 1:nrTickers) {
    D_cor[i,j] = dcor(RET[,i],RET[,j]);
    D_cor[i,j] = round(D_cor[i,j],3);
  }
}
print('dCor:'); print(D_cor);
list_CorMats[['dCor']] = D_cor;

#MIC
#library('minerva');
MIC_cor = mine(RET,n.cores = 4)$MIC

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MIC_cor = round(MIC_cor,3);  
print('MIC_cor:'); print (MIC_cor);  
list_CorMats[['MIC']] = MIC_cor;
```

#3. Modified test\_correlations() to have a parameter Instr for the tickers being processed. Pearson, Spearman, Maximal, Distance, and MIC all approximate to 1, indicating that they are trivial relationships, with a near perfect linear relationship. We can conclude that SPXS is the leveraged inverse ETF(short/bear) and SPXL is the leveraged ETF(long/bull). From our results, we see that neither of these ETFs are earning or losing the expected increase/decrease from being leveraged ETFs, and they are following SPY almost perfectly.

#4. The figures are attached.

#5. Strongest Positive Correlations:

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GLD - GOLD  
SPY - ^FTSE  
SPY - OIL
```

Strongest Negative Correlations:

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SPY - ^VIX  
^VIX - ^TNX  
^VIX - ^FTSE
```

#6. A lagging indicator due to the extremely large dataset can be a reason why certain correlations are so weak. The moving average is widely distributed giving inaccurate points. With so many weak correlations in our figures, including a lagging variable would make our points more accurate and help predict future returns. We can also note the high chance of causation with certain correlations. An increase in a certain area does often cause certain stocks to increase or decrease.

#7. The figure is attached.

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