

# NIGHT OF CHANCES PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION WORKSHOP

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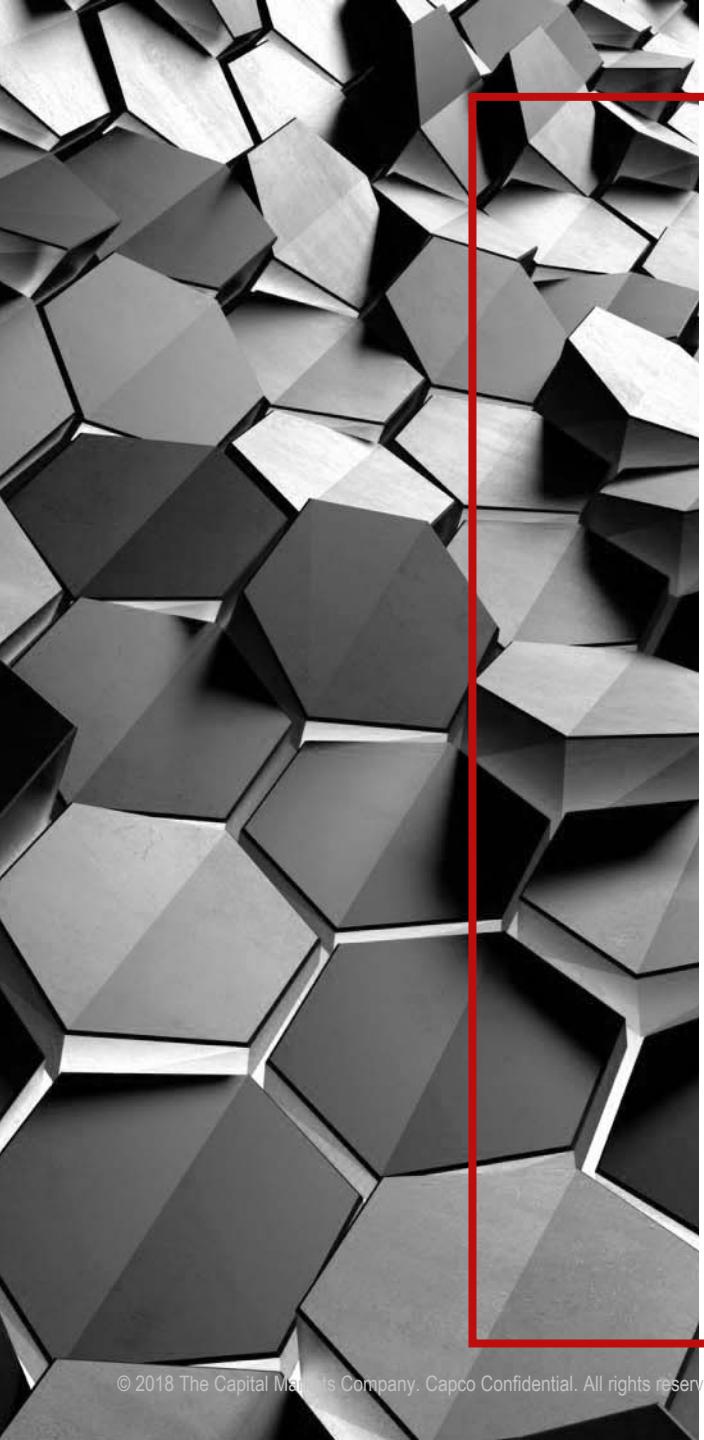
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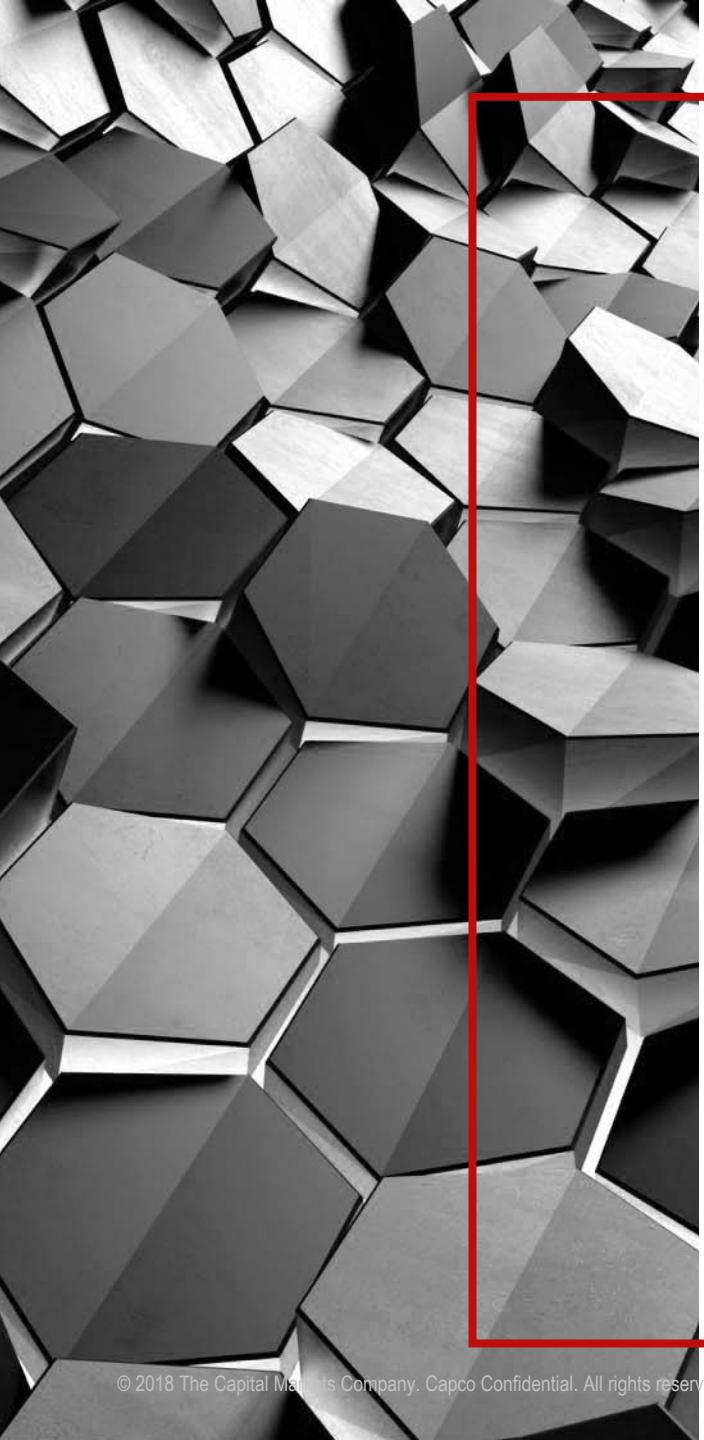
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# FINANCIAL MARKETS

## CLASSIFICATION & FINANCIAL ASSETS

### FINANCIAL MARKETS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	PROPERTIES	MONEY MARKETS	CAPITAL MARKETS
<p>A marketplace where buyers and sellers participate in the trade of various assets, typically defined by tools leading to efficient markets - transparent pricing, basic regulations, costs and fees, market forces determining the prices. Two major components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money market</li> <li>• Capital market</li> </ul> <p><b>Market efficiency</b> indicates how much do prices reflect available and relevant information. You can't beat the efficient market as all information is already included in the price! Components to market efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information arbitrage</li> <li>• Fundamental valuation</li> <li>• Full insurance</li> <li>• Operational efficiency</li> </ul> <p>Although markets are deemed efficient in the long run, short-term inefficiencies allow investors to capitalize on anomalies and reap higher rewards that may be out of proportion to the level of risk. Those anomalies are exactly what investors in capital markets try to uncover.</p>	<p><b>Horizon</b></p> <p>&lt; 1 year</p> <p><b>Aspects</b></p> <p>High liquidity &amp; low return, "safe place" to deposit money. Raising money, parking the money in the short-term.</p> <p><b>Market classification (Securities classification)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Cash Investments" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deposits</li> <li>• Certificates of deposits (CDs)</li> <li>• US Treasury bills (T-Bills)</li> <li>• Commercial paper</li> <li>• Municipal notes</li> <li>• Eurodollars</li> <li>• Repurchase agreements (REPOS)</li> <li>• Collateral loans</li> <li>• Acceptances</li> <li>• Bill of exchanges</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Market classification (security life cycle)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary "New Issues" Market</b> – 1<sup>st</sup> time an instrument is issued on an exchange (e.g. a stock via IPO). Used by entities to obtain funds via debt or equity issues</li> <li>• <b>Secondary Market</b> – trading newly issued securities on an exchange, where the securities were issued (e.g. NASDAQ, NYSE, AMEX). Represents the largest portion of all trades.</li> <li>• <b>OTC "Dealer" Market</b> – type of Secondary Market with fewer regulation, securities traded outside of exchanges (e.g. OTCBB, Pink Sheets). Typical market instruments penny stocks.</li> <li>• <b>Third / Fourth Markets</b> – OTC transactions between broker-dealers and large institutions / Transactions amongst large institutions</li> </ul>	<p>&gt; 1 year</p> <p>Long term liquidity &amp; risk management, capital raising &amp; investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed-income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bonds</b></li> <li>• Convertible / Callable / Puttable Bonds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred stock</li> <li>• <b>Common stock</b></li> <li>• <b>Stock Market Indices</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Derivatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options (Stocks, Fx, interest rates, commodities, ...)</li> <li>• Futures / Forwards (FX, Interest rate,...)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alternative investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forex / Cryptocurrencies / Commodities</li> <li>• Hedge / Mutual Funds / Venture Capital</li> <li>• Real Estate (<b>REITs</b>, CREFs, Ownership)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

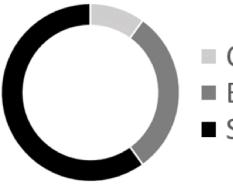
# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT PROCESS IN A NUTSHELL

### HOW DO I CONSTRUCT A PORTFOLIO?

#### KEY ASPECTS

Portfolio is a set of investments held by an individual or an organization. Each of the included financial instruments represents such portion of portfolio value (**weight**), which matches desired risk-return portfolio allocation.



- Cryptocurrency
- Bonds
- Stocks

**Portfolio Management** is a scientific alchemy of making decisions about strategy considering aspects not limited to:

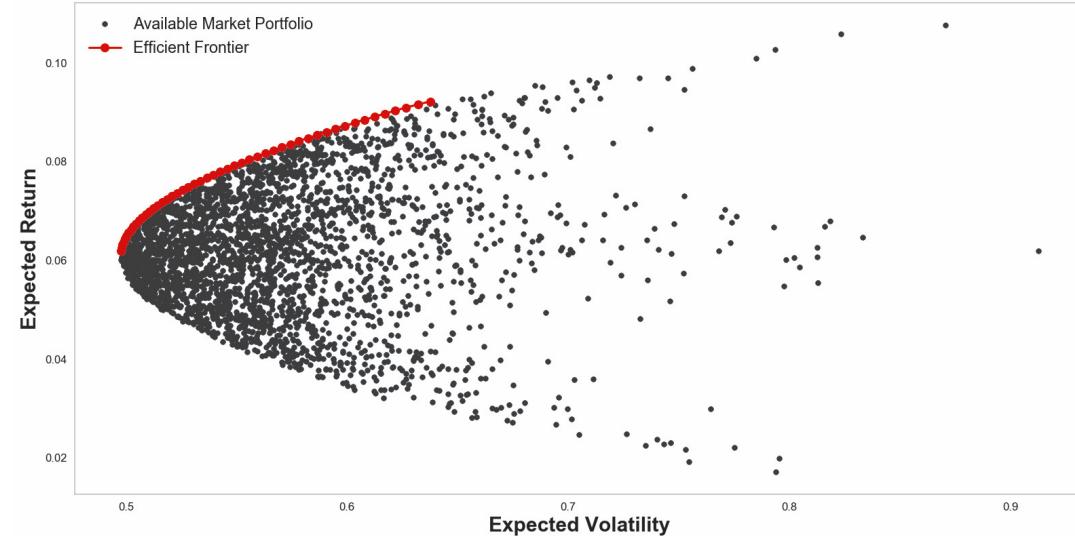
- performance targets & risk appetite (Return, Variance, Correlation, StdErr, Sharpe Ratio, ...)
- constraints (diversification, liquidity, max / min weight per asset class, ESG, regulation ...)
- horizon (short- / mid- / long-term)
- purpose (e.g. retirement plan, financing school, investment, funding, hedging, ...)

**Investment Portfolio Statement (IPS)** is constructed which defines documents the specifics listed above and concludes how will be the portfolio constructed (e.g. expert opinion, following index, **quantitative optimization** or combination) at inception and managed further (e.g. Buy & Hold, Regular rebalancing, Maintaining certain indicator constant).

**Frontier** is a hyperbolic curve plotted on graph with Portfolio's Risk (X-axis) and Expected Return (Y-axis). The curve surrounds all possible combinations of selected assets packaged into a portfolio (available market portfolios).

**Efficient Frontier** is the upward sloping hyperbola, which reveals the optimal portfolios offering highest (max.) expected return for a defined level of risk or conversely, the lowest (min.) risk for a given level of expected return. All portfolios below this curve are **sub-optimal**.

#### EFFICIENT FRONTIER & AVAILABLE PORTFOLIOS EXMAPLE

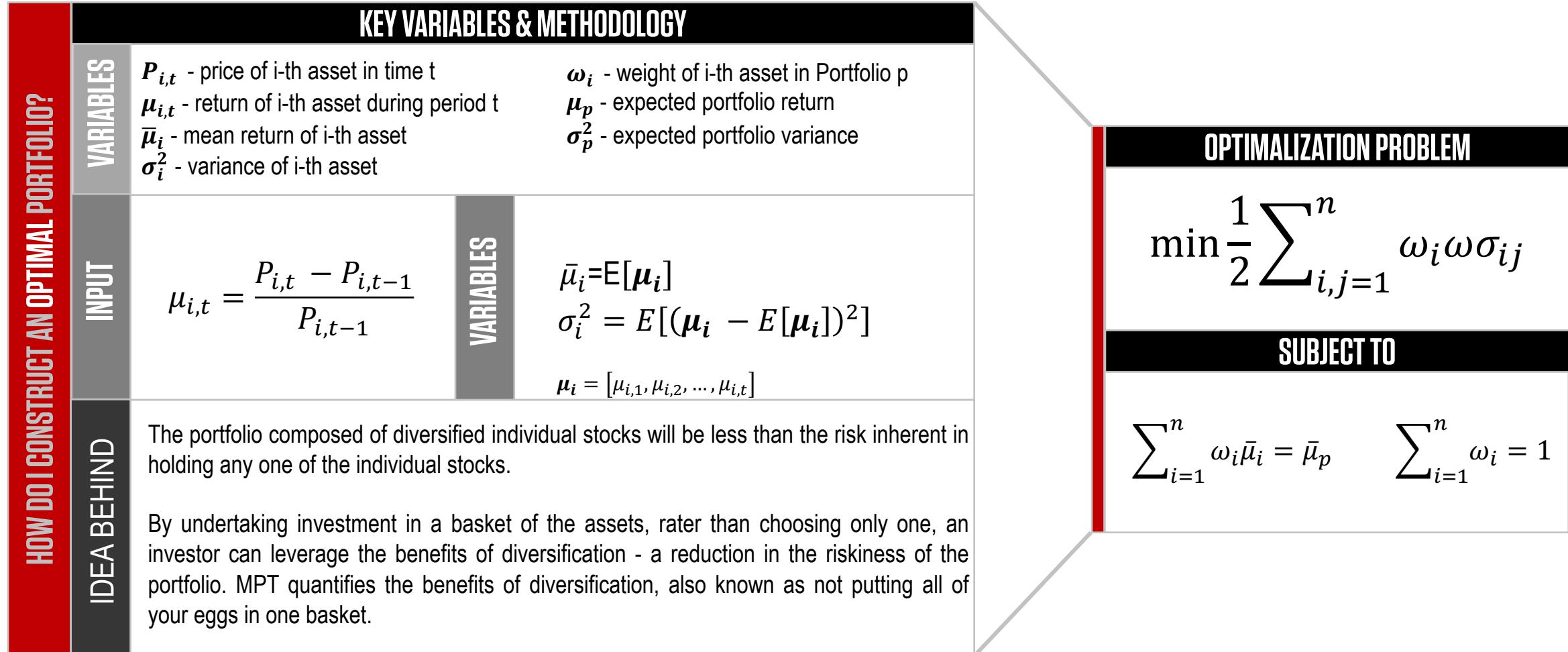


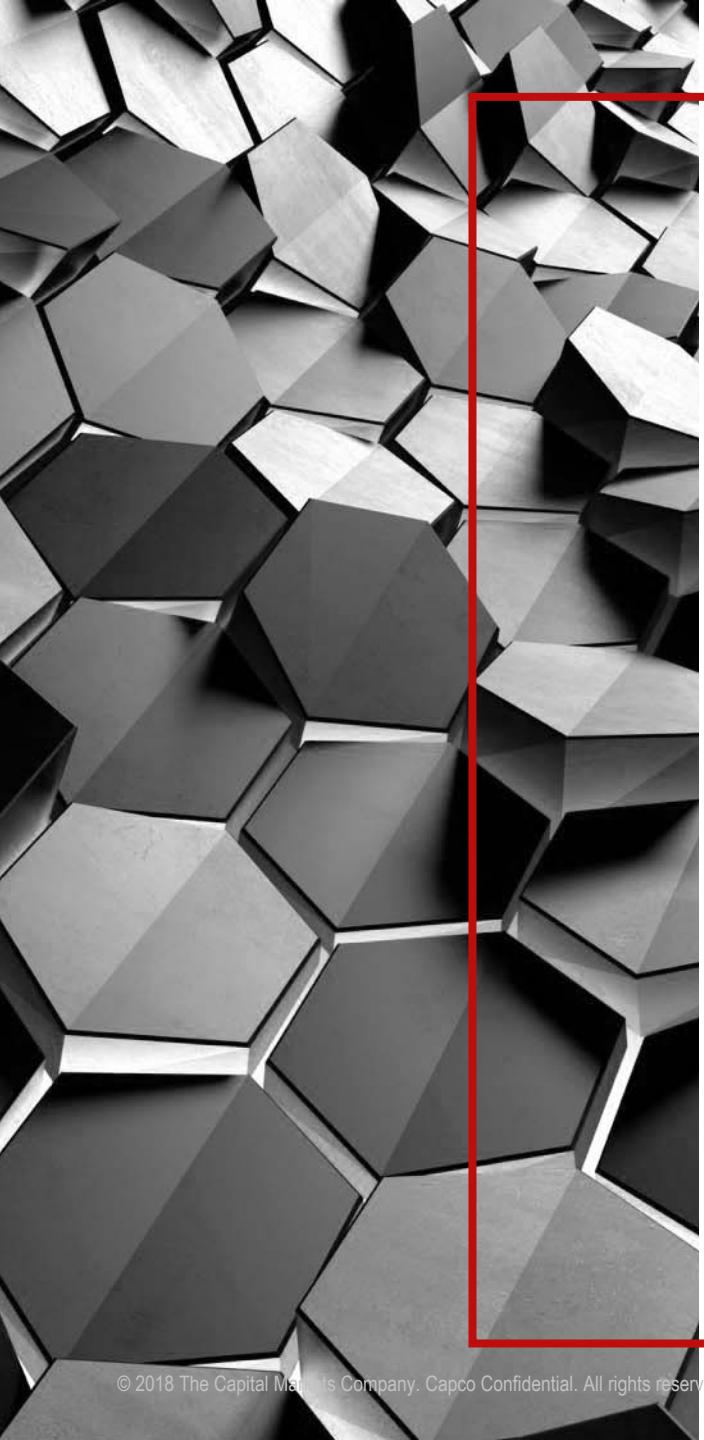
Desired **Optimal Portfolios** lay on the **Efficient Frontier** as they provide maximum expected return at a given level of risk measure (expected volatility). Rational and risk-averse investor will select one of these portfolios in order to support his investment strategy (e.g. higher risk acceptance rings higher expected returns).

### HOW DO I DETERMINE THE OPTIMAL WEIGHTS OF THE RESPECTIVE ASSETS?

# MODERN PORTFOLIO THEORY (HARRY MARKOWITZ)

## INTEGRAL METHODOLOGY IN THE PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION JOURNEY





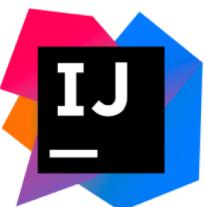
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# TECHNOLOGIES

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# WORKSHOP IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

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# INPUTS & MODEL CONSTRUCTION

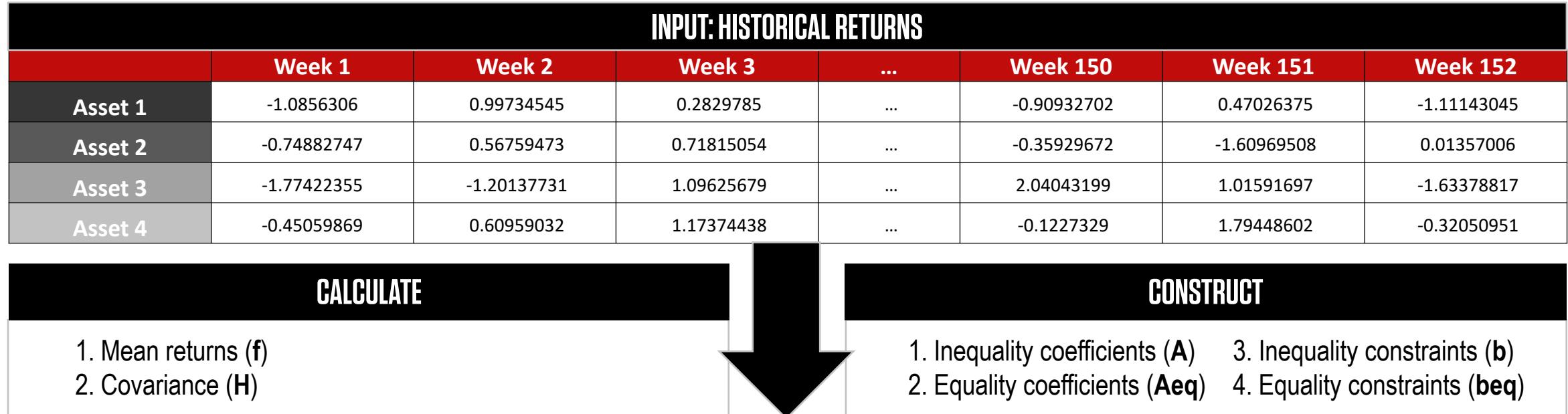
HISTORIC ASSET RETURNS USED TO DERIVE MEAN, COVARIANCE & CONSTRUCT OPTIMIZATION MODEL CONSTRAINTS

INPUT: HISTORICAL RETURNS

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	...	Week 150	Week 151	Week 152
Asset 1	-1.0856306	0.99734545	0.2829785	...	-0.90932702	0.47026375	-1.11143045
Asset 2	-0.74882747	0.56759473	0.71815054	...	-0.35929672	-1.60969508	0.01357006
Asset 3	-1.77422355	-1.20137731	1.09625679	...	2.04043199	1.01591697	-1.63378817
Asset 4	-0.45059869	0.60959032	1.17374438	...	-0.1227329	1.79448602	-0.32050951

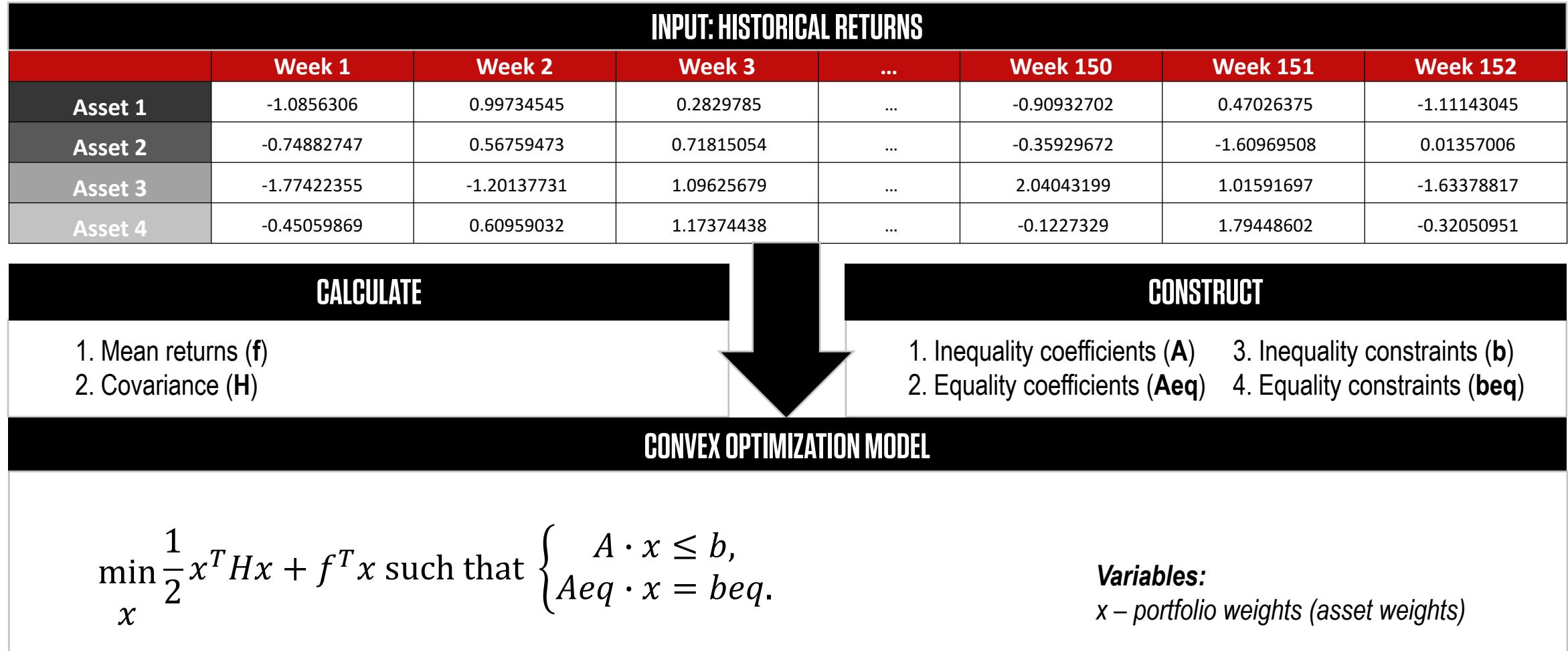
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# PORTFOLIO

## IN TERMS OF OPTIMIZATION

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$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$$

- x – *portfolio weight (asset weight)*,  
- percentage from the total investment amount

$$0.1 + 0.3 + 0.4 + 0.2$$

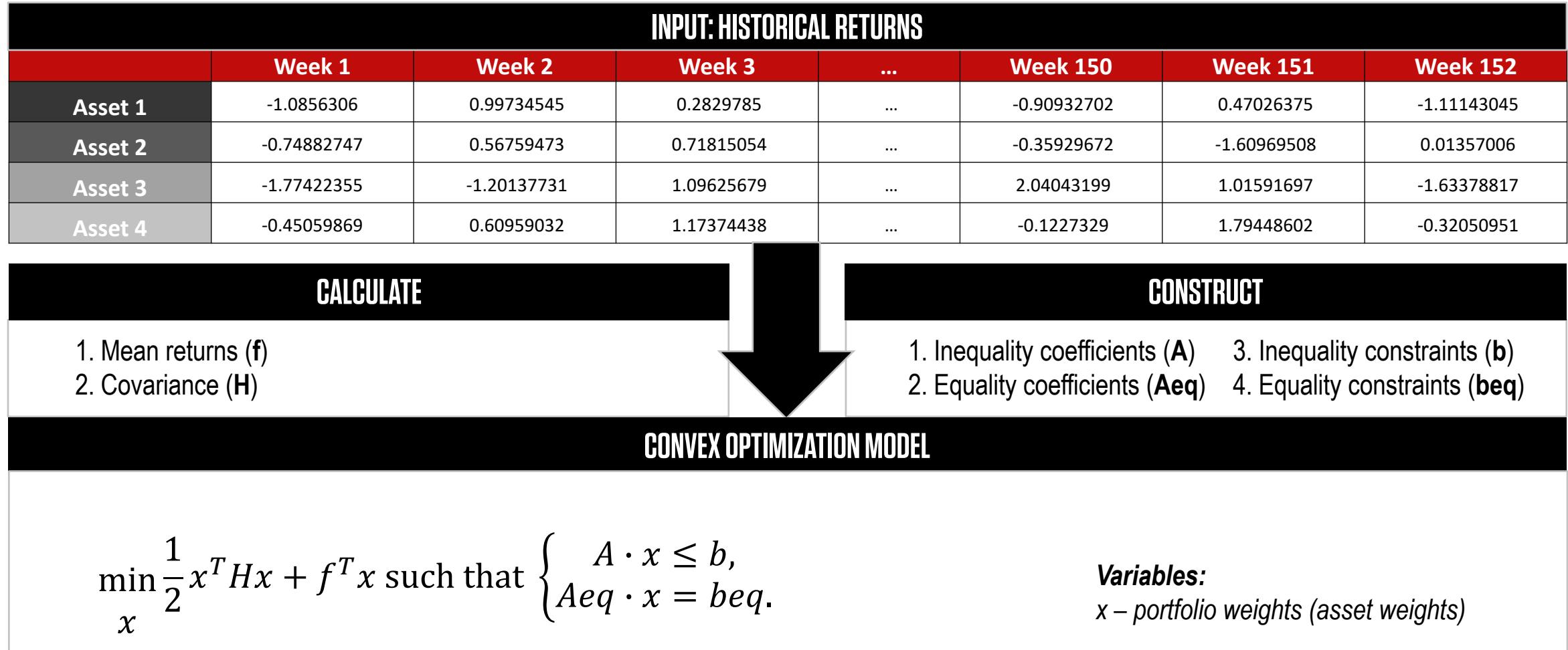
$$10\% + 30\% + 40\% + 20\%$$

$$100.000 \text{ €} + 300.000 \text{ €} + 400.000 \text{ €} + 200.000 \text{ €}$$

*(if the investment amount is 1.000.000 €)*

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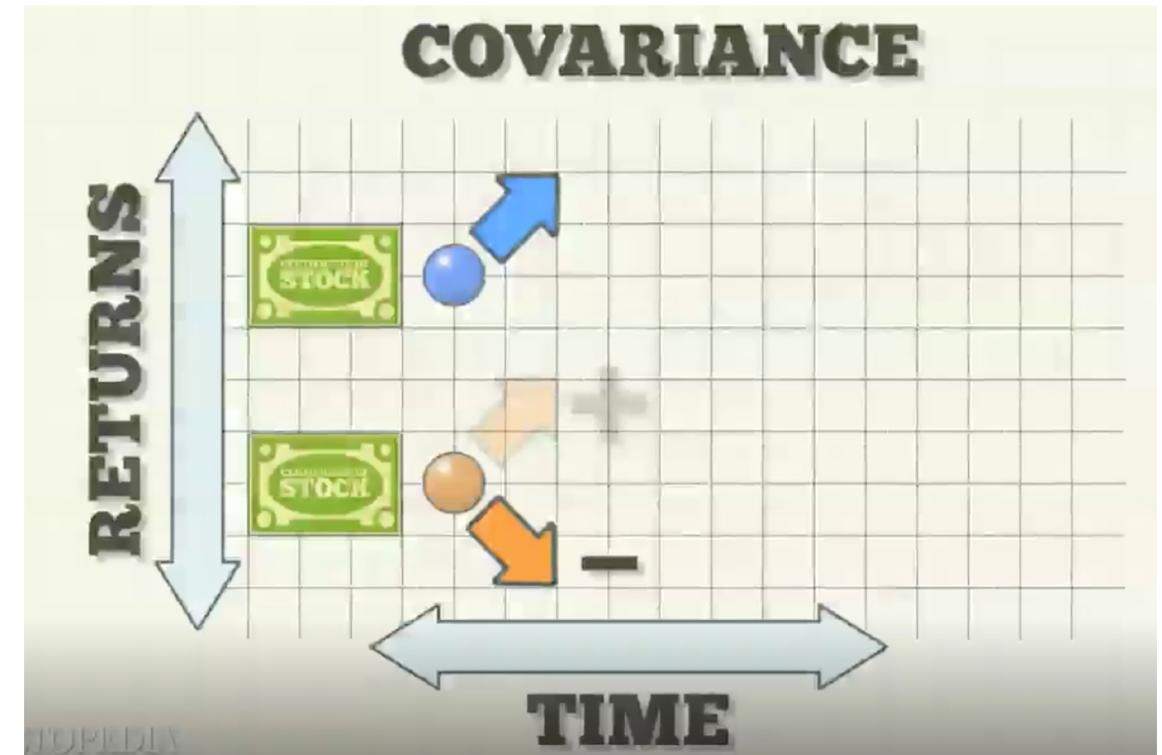
# MODEL DECOMPOSITION: COVARIANCE

A MEASURE OF THE DIRECTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RETURNS ON TWO RISKY ASSETS

- positive covariance
  - asset returns move together
- negative covariance
  - returns move inversely

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} \text{cov}(x,x) & \text{cov}(x,y) & \text{cov}(x,z) \\ \text{cov}(y,x) & \text{cov}(y,y) & \text{cov}(y,z) \\ \text{cov}(z,x) & \text{cov}(z,y) & \text{cov}(z,z) \end{bmatrix}$$

Variances

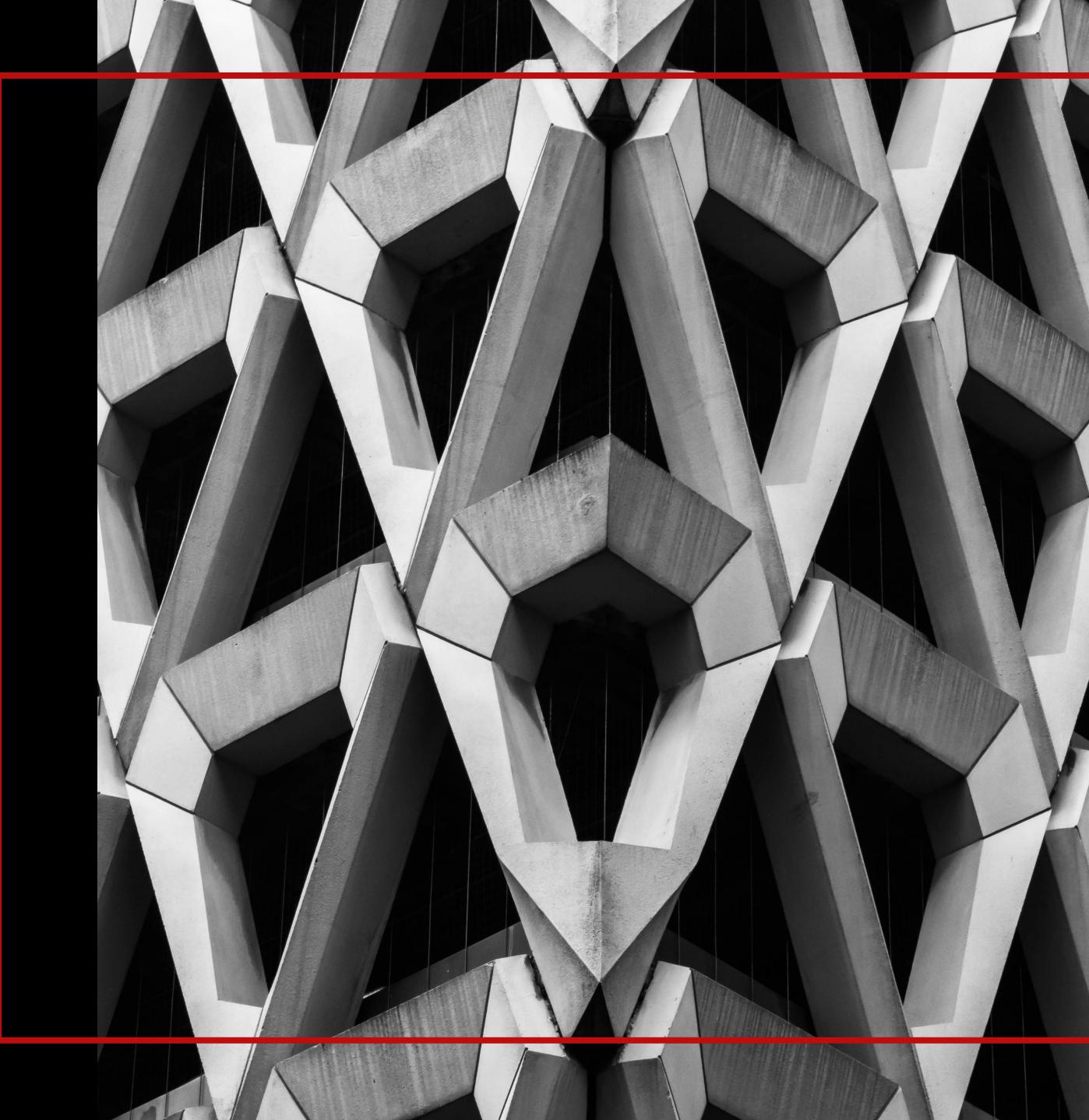


<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/covariance.asp>

# IMPLEMENTATION

## COVARIANCE AND MEAN RETURNS

- `PCA.covarianceMatrix()`
- `meanReturns( historicReturns )`
- `Nd4j.create( double[] )`
- `Nd4j.create( double[][] )`



# MODEL DECOMPOSITION: CONSTRAINTS

INEQUALITY & EQUALITY CONSTRAINTS FURTHER DEFYNING THE OPTIMISATION MODEL

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## 1. Inequality

- each asset weight  $\leq 1$
- each asset weight  $> 0$

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T H x + f^T x \text{ such that } \begin{cases} A \cdot x \leq b, \\ Aeq \cdot x = beq. \end{cases}$$

## 2. Equality

- sum of all asset weights = 1

# MODEL DECOMPOSITION: CONSTRAINTS

## INEQUALITY – UPPER BOUNDARY

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Inequality Coefficients (A)

	Asset 1	Asset 2	Asset 3
Constraint 1	1	0	0
Constraint 2	0	1	0
Constraint 3	0	0	1

$$A1.x1 + A2.x2 + A3.x3$$

Inequality Constants (b)

Constraint 1	1	$x1 \leq 1$
Constraint 2	1	$x2 \leq 1$
Constraint 3	1	$x3 \leq 1$

$$\leq b$$

# MODEL DECOMPOSITION: CONSTRAINTS

## INEQUALITY – LOWER BOUNDARY

### 1. Inequality

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Constraint 1	?	?	?
Constraint 2	?	?	?
Constraint 3	?	?	?

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	Asset 1	Asset 2	Asset 3
Constraint 1	-1	0	0
Constraint 2	0	-1	0
Constraint 3	0	0	-1

$$A1.x1 + A2.x2 + A3.x3$$

Inequality Constants (b)

Constraint 1	0	$x_1 > 0$
Constraint 2	0	$x_2 > 0$
Constraint 3	0	$x_3 > 0$

$$\leq b$$

# MODEL DECOMPOSITION: CONSTRAINTS

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Constraint 4	-1	0	0
Constraint 5	0	-1	0
Constraint 6	0	0	-1

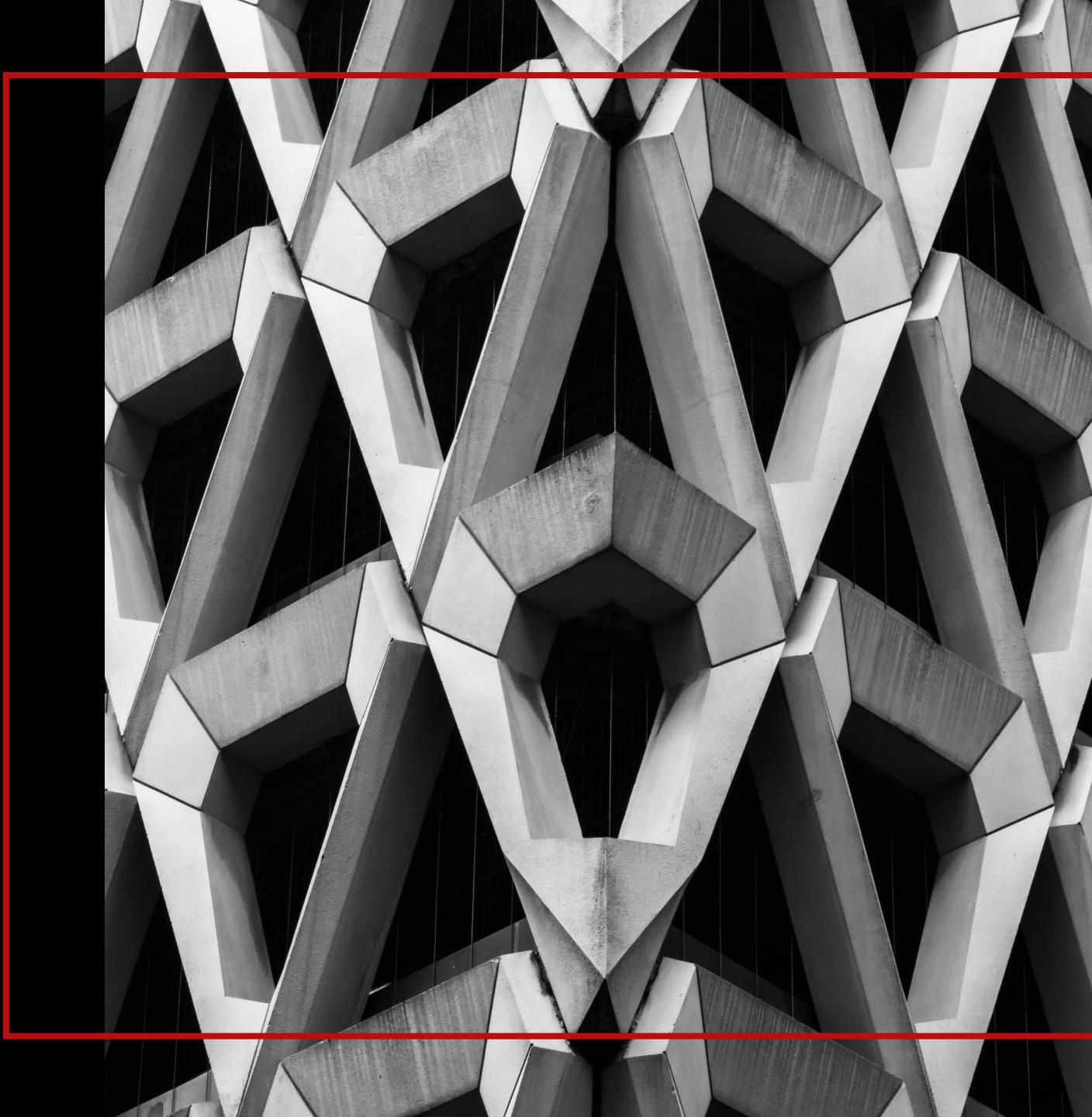
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Constraint 1	1	$x_1 \leq 1$
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Constraint 3	1	$x_3 \leq 1$
Constraint 4	0	$x_1 > 0$
Constraint 5	0	$x_2 > 0$
Constraint 6	0	$x_3 > 0$

# IMPLEMENTATION

## INEQAUILITY CONSTRAINTS

- `Nd4j.eye( size )`
- `Nd4j.concat( 0, topMatrix, bottomMatrix )`
- `Nd4j.zeros( rows, columns )`
- `Nd4j.ones( rows, columns )`



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Equality Constants (beq)

Constraint 1	1

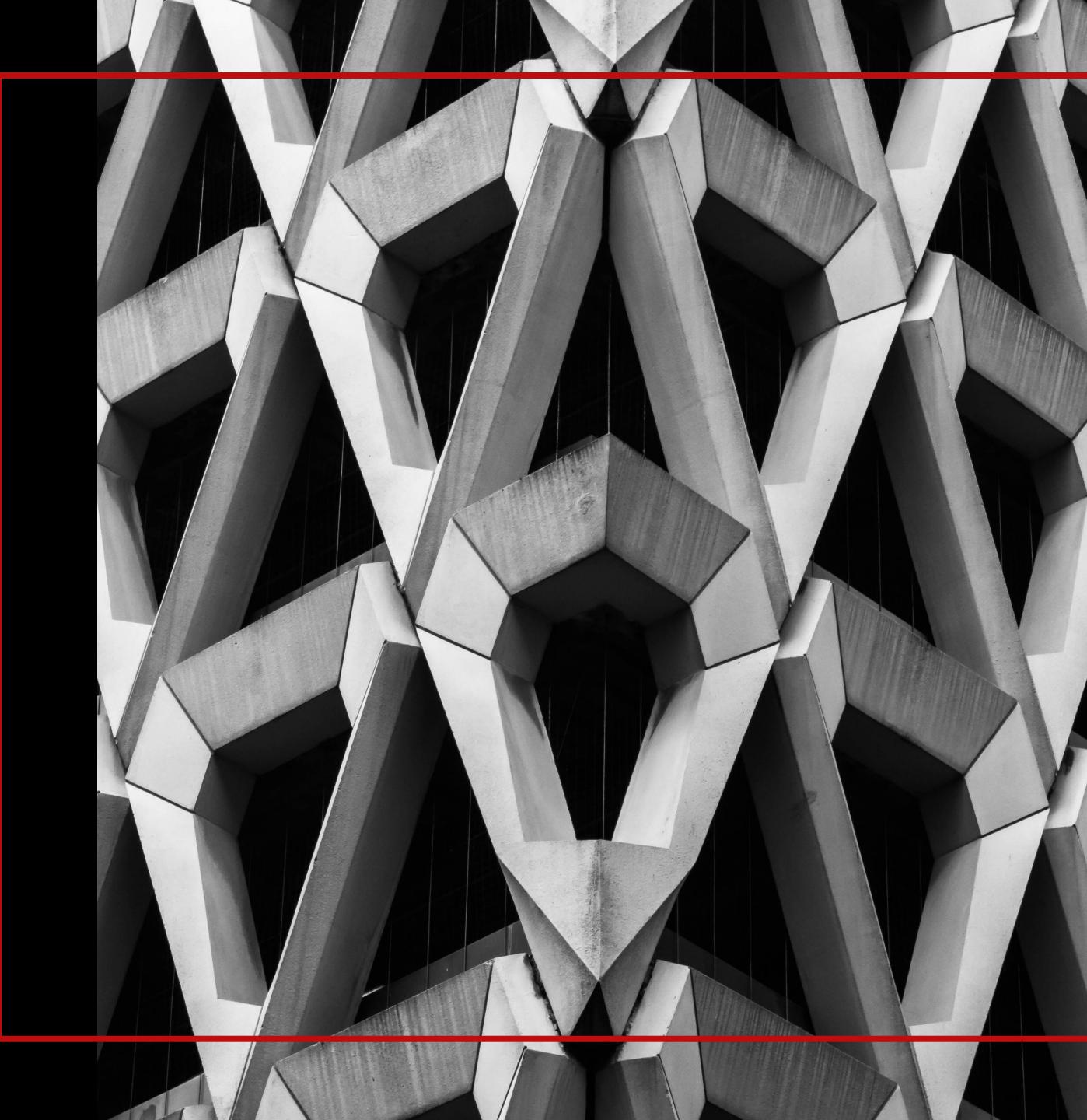
$x_1+x_2+x_3 = 1$

$$A1.x1 + A2.x2 + A3.x3 > b$$

# IMPLEMENTATION

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- `Nd4j.ones( rows, columns )`



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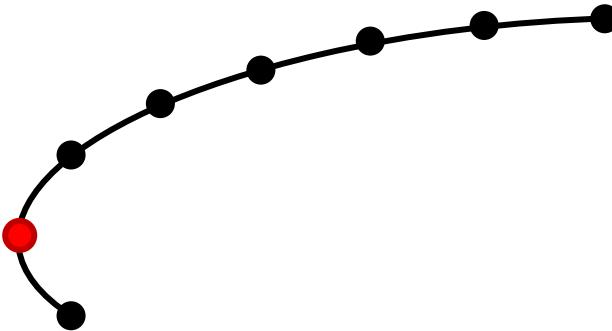
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# PORTFOLIO RETURN

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*weights \* meanReturns<sup>T</sup>*

# PORTFOLIO RISK

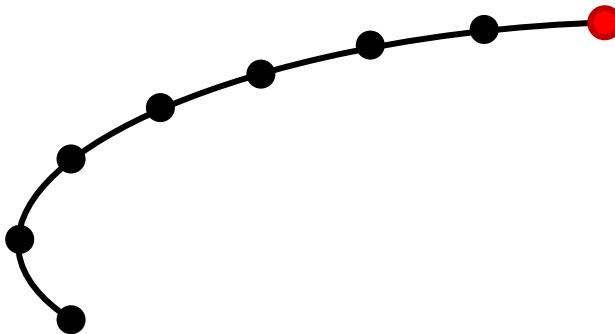
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$$\sqrt{\text{weights} * \text{Covariance} * \text{weights}^T}$$

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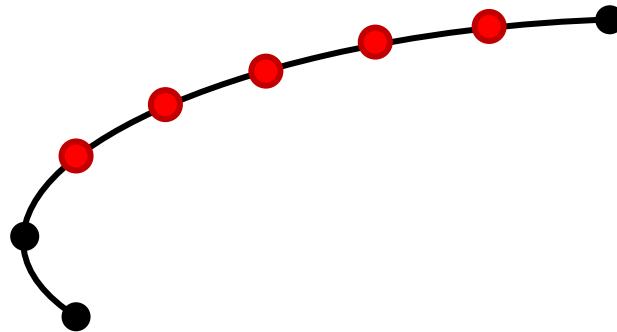
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# CALCULATE OTHER EFFICIENT PORTFOLIOS

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- for each intermediate from `efReturn[ 1 ]` to `efReturn[ nPortfolios – 2 ]`
  - `solveConvex( cov, f, A, b, efAeq, efBeq )`

Equality Coefficients (efAeq)				Equality Constants (efBeq)	
	Asset 1	Asset 2	Asset 3		
Constraint 1	1	1	1	Constraint 1	1
Constraint 2	meanReturn[1]	meanReturns[2]	meanReturns[3]	Constraint 2	efReturn[ i ]

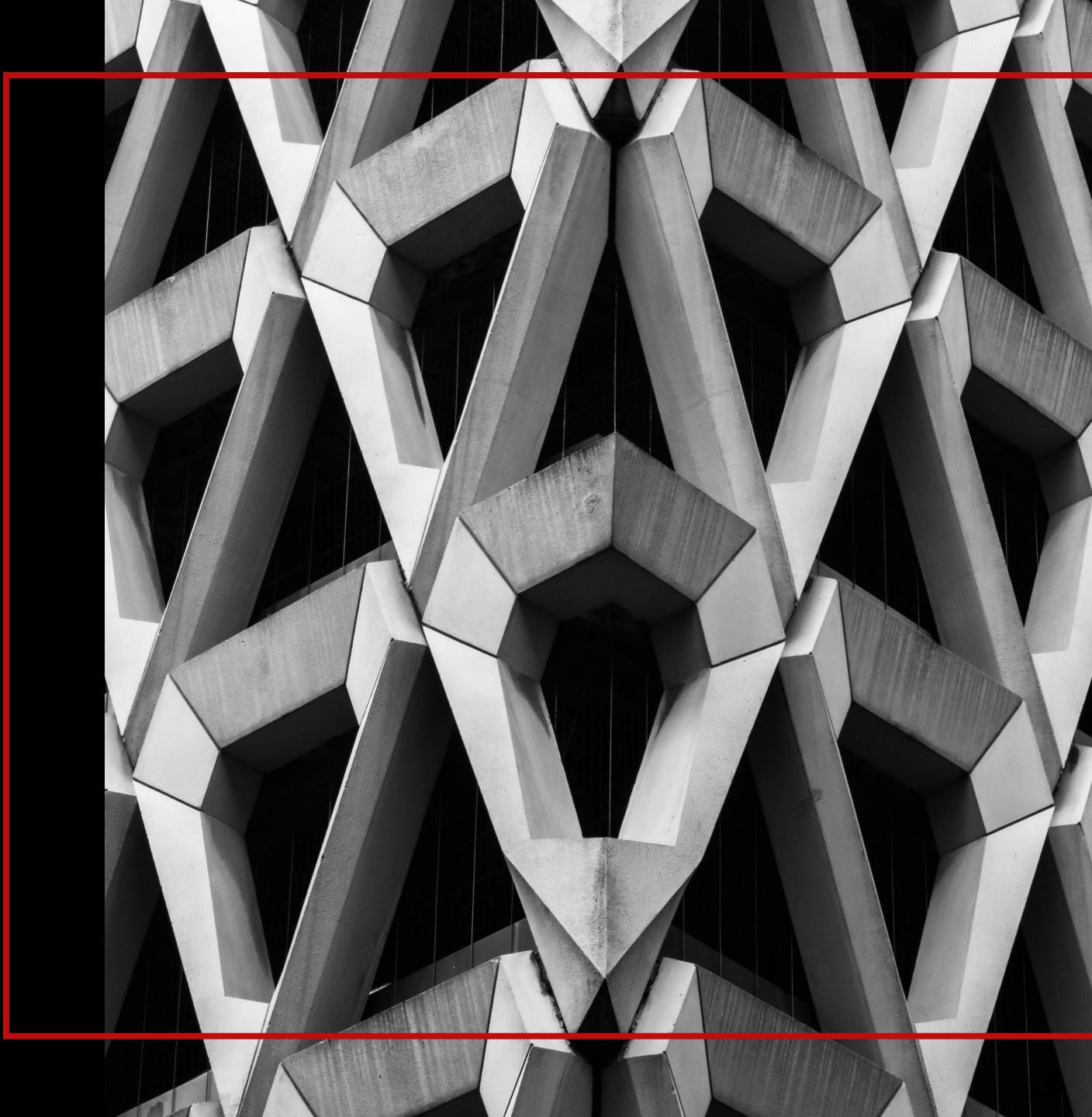
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## OTHER EFFICIENT PORTFOLIOS

- interpolate missing `efReturns[1] – efReturns[n-2]`
- call `solveConvex()` '`nPortfolios - 2`' times for each intermediate `efReturn`,  
with additional equality constraint with  
`meanReturns` as coefficients and `efReturn` as a  
constant
- add to `efPortfolios` and `efRisks`

### *Useful*

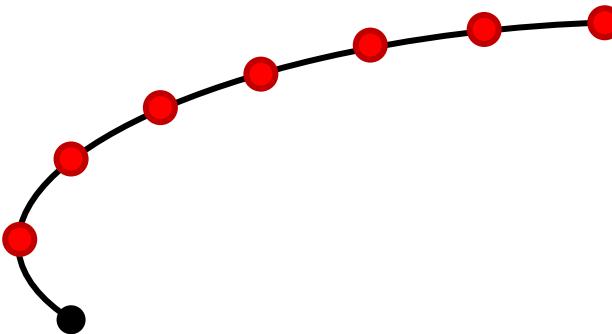
- `ArrayUtils.add( array, elementToAdd )`
- `Nd4j.concat( 0, topMatrix, bottomMatrix )`

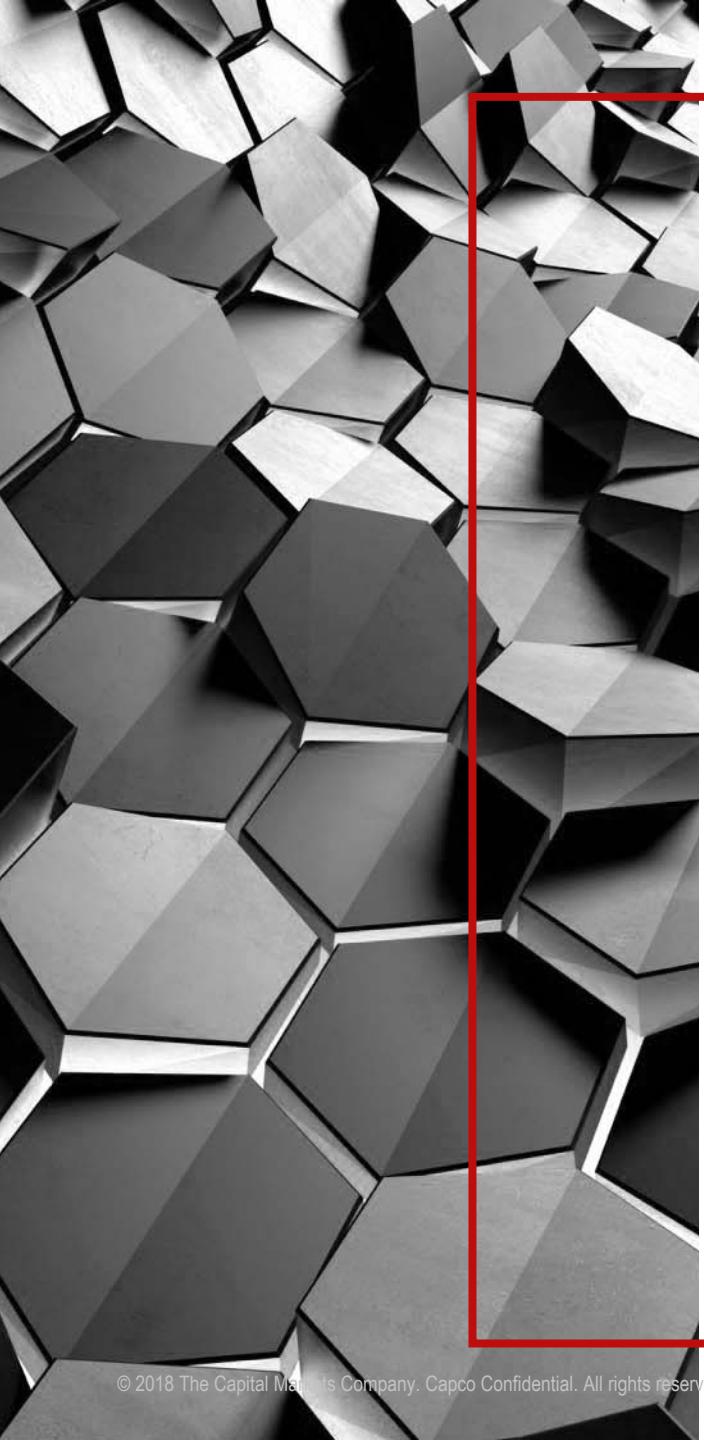


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  - run all the previous steps with additional inequality constraints





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- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/optim/ug/quadprog.html>
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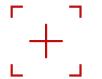
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