## **Machine Learning Optimization**

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#### **ABSTRACT**:

We compared all two tranditional methods of optimization, Black Litterman as maximum returns of a portfolio and Mean Variance Optimization with new methods of Machine Learning Optimization Nested Clustered Optimization (NCO) and Convex Optimization(CVO) in this paper by optimizing 92 stocks in US market.

- 1. The goal: Build a portfolio from the US stock market, simulate a six-month short-term investment, and evaluate the actual return by comparing the all 5 models. We use SP100 dataset which contain 92 stocks without missing data.
- (1) As external information, it is first necessary to know the risk-free interest rate and market price. Measured using the 52 Week Treasury Bill as a risk-free interest rate.

```
In [1]: #Simulation period
        import datetime
        datetime.datetime(2019, 7, 4)-datetime.datetime(2010, 6, 16)
Out[1]: datetime.timedelta(days=3305)
In [2]: import datetime
        datetime.datetime(2020, 1, 1)-datetime.datetime(2019, 7, 5)
Out[2]: datetime.timedelta(days=180)
In [3]: 3305/(52*7)
Out[3]: 9.07967032967033
In [4]: import quandl
        quandl.ApiConfig.api_key = 'DxKMsvF36hXo5BAMpeDK'
        Wk_Bank_Discount_Rate_52=quandl.get("USTREASURY/BILLRATES" ,
                                  start date=datetime.datetime(2010, 6, 16),
                                  end date=datetime.datetime(2019, 7, 4))
In [5]: #Downloading bond price
        yield_list=[]
        for i in range(10):
            yield_list.append(Wk_Bank_Discount_Rate_52[datetime.datetime(2010, 6, 16)+datetime.timedelta(days=364*i):]\
                              ["52 Wk Bank Discount Rate"][0])
In [6]: yield_list
Out[6]: [0.28, 0.18, 0.17, 0.13, 0.1, 0.26, 0.58, 1.14, 2.24, 1.99]
In [ ]:
```

Simulation period Yield from October 1, 2012 to September 12, 2019  $S = (1 + S0) \times (1 + S1) \times (1 + S2) \times (1 + S3) \times (1 + S4) \times (1 + S5) \times (1 + S6) \times (1 + S7) \times (1 + S8) \times (1 + S9) -1$ 

If you invest \$1 in the bond on June 16, 2010, you will have an asset of 1.072 on March 17, 2020. This is defined as a safe asset, and the interest rate of this safe asset is a risk-free interest rate.

```
In [9]: risk_free=S
In [10]: risk_free
Out[10]: 0.07075832744810984

In [11]: risk_free_annual=risk_free/9.07967032967033

In [12]: risk_free_annual
Out[12]: 0.007793050284754003
```

Risk-free interest rate for simulation period

#### (3) Download the selected stocks as Training Datasets

```
In [16]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
data=pd.read_excel("S&P 100 constituents Aktienkurse.xlsx",encoding="SHIFT-JIS",header=3)
data=data.drop(labels=0)
data=data.reset_index(drop= True)
data.index=data["Name"]
data=data.drop(["Name"],axis=1)
data=data.dropna(axis=1)
symbols = data.columns
df = data[symbols]
df=df.astype("float")
data=df[datetime.datetime(2010, 6, 16):datetime.datetime(2019, 12, 18)]
```

In [17]: data.head()

#### Out[17]:

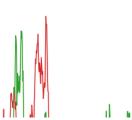
	AMAZON.COM	ABBOTT LABORATORIES	INTERNATIONAL BUS.MCHS.	ADOBE (NAS)	ALLSTATE ORD SHS	HONEYWELL INTL.	AMGEN	AMERICAN EXPRESS	AMERICAN INTL.GP.	COMCAST A	 ACCENTURE CLASS A	AMI
Name												
2010- 06-17	125.890	23.2682	130.98	33.1200	30.06	40.6034	55.44	42.06	31.6433	9.290	 38.49	
2010- 06-18	125.830	23.3351	130.15	33.5200	30.54	40.8605	55.20	42.03	31.7606	9.255	 38.93	
2010- 06-21	122.550	23.1103	130.65	33.1300	30.27	40.8700	56.52	42.60	32.4727	9.175	 38.81	
2010- 06-22	122.307	22.9619	129.30	32.7625	30.55	40.1750	56.12	41.94	32.0622	9.120	 38.24	
2010- 06-23	121.450	22.7562	130.11	30.3800	30.45	39.8323	56.20	42.17	31.6768	9.090	 38.17	

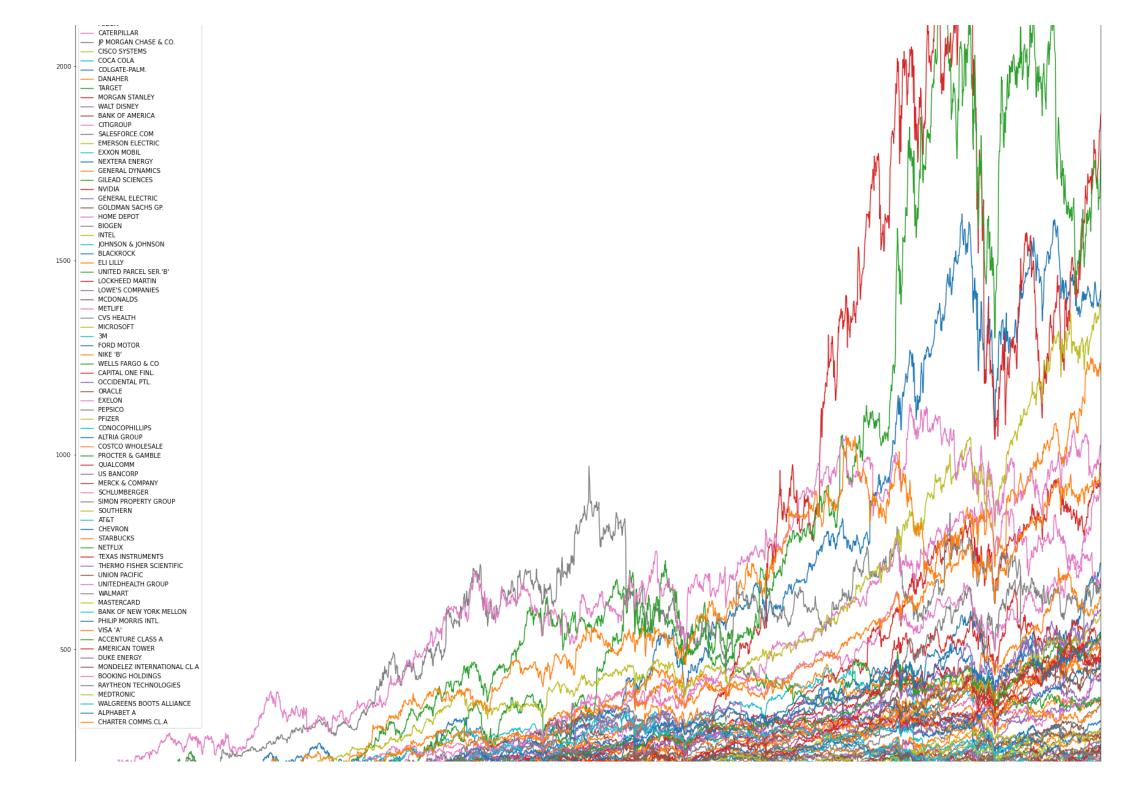
5 rows × 92 columns

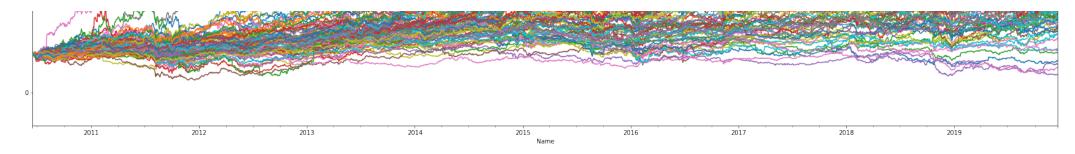
## (4) Plot time series transition and rate of return

```
In [18]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
  (data / data.iloc[0] * 100).plot(figsize=(30, 30))
  plt.savefig('stat_01.png')
```

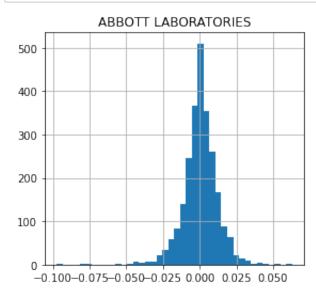


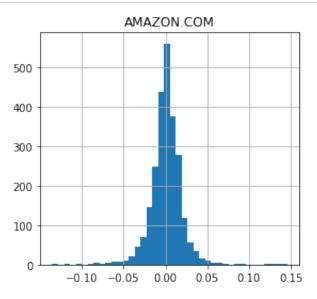






```
In [19]: noa = len(symbols)
  data = data[symbols]
  rets = np.log(data / data.shift(1))
  rets[symbols[:2]].hist(bins=40, figsize=(10, 4))
  plt.savefig('stat_2.png')
```





# 2, mean variance model

# (1) Model optimization

```
In [20]: from pypfopt.efficient_frontier import EfficientFrontier
         from pypfopt import risk_models
         from pypfopt import expected returns
         mu = expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data)
         S = risk models.sample cov(data,frequency=252)
         #mean variance model optimization
         EF_min = EfficientFrontier(mu, S)
         EF min.min volatility()
         #portfolio performance
         EF min.portfolio performance(verbose=True)
         Expected annual return: 9.1%
         Annual volatility: 10.0%
         Sharpe Ratio: 0.71
Out [20]: (0.09073917348377833, 0.10031802484173862, 0.7051491852573475)
In [21]: #CAPM optimization
         #Enter non-risky asset
         EF = EfficientFrontier(mu, S, weight bounds=(-1, 1))
         weights = EF.max sharpe(risk free rate=risk free annual)
         #Portfolio ratio
         EF.portfolio performance(verbose=True)
         Expected annual return: 121.0%
         Annual volatility: 36.7%
         Sharpe Ratio: 3.27
Out [21]: (1.2095219312190972, 0.3669526775015833, 3.2748878932193053)
In [22]: #Weights in each stock
         EF clean weights=EF.weights
In [ ]:
```

# (2) Download the data of each stock from March 18, 2020 to June 16, 2020 will be collected for simulation.

```
In [23]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
data2=pd.read_excel("S&P 100 constituents Aktienkurse.xlsx",encoding="SHIFT-JIS",header=3)
data2=data2.drop(labels=0)
data2=data2.reset_index(drop= True)
data2=index=data2["Name"]
data2=data2.drop(["Name"],axis=1)
data2=data2.dropna(axis=1)
symbols2 = data2.columns
df2 = data2[symbols]
df2=df2.astype("float")
data2=df2[datetime.datetime(2019, 7, 5):datetime.datetime(2020, 1, 1)]
```

# (2) -2 Covid Download the data of each stock from March 18, 2020 to June 16, 2020 will be collected for simulation.

(3) If managed from March 18, 2020 to June 16, 2020, the average return of the portfolio will be

```
R = 1r1 + w2r2 + ... + wn * rn
```

ri = Return of individual stock

wi = weight of individual stock

R = average revenue of the portfolio

```
In [65]: Mean_variance_return=np.sum(EF.weights*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data2)))
    Mean_variance_return
    data3_Mean_variance_return=np.sum(EF.weights*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data3)))
    data3_Mean_variance_return
    data4_Mean_variance_return=np.sum(np.maximum(EF.weights,0)*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data3)))
    data4_Mean_variance_return

Out[65]: -0.1001645952798076

In []:
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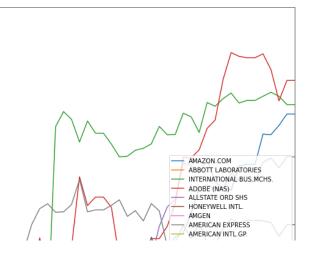
(4) Volatility of the mean variance model portfolio

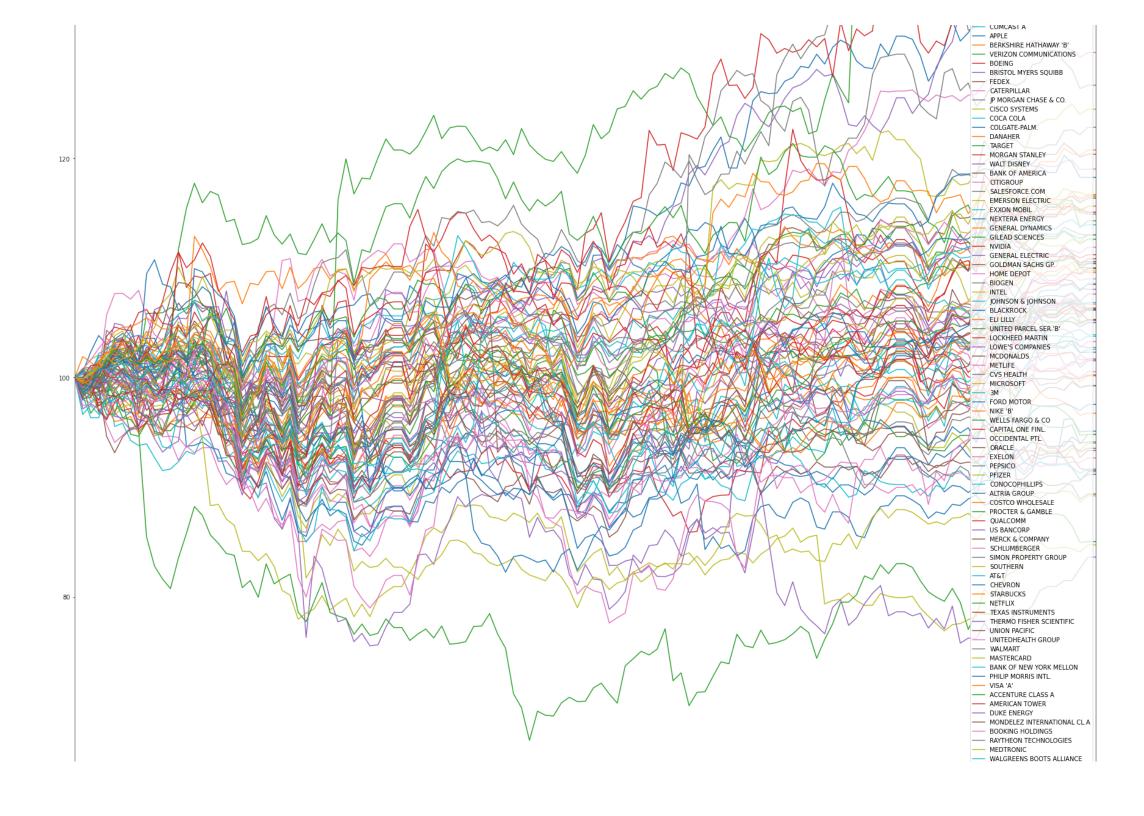
Out[66]: 2.1314431454775473

## 3. Black - Litterman model

# (1) For the maxmize the Return of portfolio, calculate the actual return of each stock from March 18, 2020 to June 16, 2020

```
In [27]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
  (data2 / data2.iloc[0] * 100).plot(figsize=(30, 30))
  plt.savefig('stat_02.png')
```





— ALPHABET A
— CHARTER COMMS.CL.A

Name

Nov

Oct

```
In [28]:
         expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data2)
Out[28]: AMAZON.COM
                                     -0.094050
                                      0.033460
         ABBOTT LABORATORIES
         INTERNATIONAL BUS.MCHS.
                                     -0.099640
         ADOBE (NAS)
                                      0.174170
         ALLSTATE ORD SHS
                                      0.155508
         RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES
                                      0.271859
         MEDTRONIC
                                      0.331101
         WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE
                                      0.138931
         ALPHABET A
                                      0.391028
         CHARTER COMMS.CL.A
                                      0.449794
         Length: 92, dtype: float64
```

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## (3) Setting critic reviews for each brand

Referring to the above figures and data supposed that I could correctly predict the future returns after six months, exactly same as the actual returns above.

```
In [29]: from pypfopt.black_litterman import BlackLittermanModel
    S = risk_models.sample_cov(data)
    viewdict = expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data2, frequency=180*252/365)

In [30]: bl = BlackLittermanModel(S, absolute_views=viewdict)
    rets = bl.bl_returns()

    /usr/local/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/pypfopt/black_litterman.py:257: UserWarning: Running Black-Litterman with no prior.
    warnings.warn("Running Black-Litterman with no prior.")
```

```
In [31]: bl.weights
```

### (4) Calculate the return of each brand

```
In [32]:
         rets
Out[32]: AMAZON.COM
                                      0.030890
         ABBOTT LABORATORIES
                                      0.064932
         INTERNATIONAL BUS.MCHS.
                                      0.013261
         ADOBE (NAS)
                                      0.083895
         ALLSTATE ORD SHS
                                      0.057072
                                         . . .
         RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES
                                       0.066101
                                      0.097625
         MEDTRONIC
         WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE
                                       0.093773
         ALPHABET A
                                      0.113111
         CHARTER COMMS.CL.A
                                      0.120316
         Length: 92, dtype: float64
 In [ ]:
```

## (5) Introduce SP500 as market price

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In [ ]:
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#### (6) Black – Litterman model simulation

```
In [35]: from pypfopt import black_litterman
         delta = black_litterman.market_implied_risk_aversion(market_prices, risk_free_rate=risk_free_annual)
         bl.bl weights(delta)
         weights = bl.clean weights()
         bl.portfolio_performance(verbose=True)
In [36]:
         Expected annual return: 84.2%
         Annual volatility: 35.9%
         Sharpe Ratio: 2.29
Out[36]: (0.8416819673775235, 0.35946554224782523, 2.2858434837435233)
In [37]: Black_Litterman_weights=weights
         sum(weights.values())
In [38]:
Out[38]: 0.999979999999996
In [ ]:
```

(7) If managed from March 18, 2020 to June 16, 2020, the average return of the portfolio will be

R = 1r1 + w2r2 + ... + wn \* rn

ri = Return of individual stock

wi = weight of individual stock

R = average revenue of the portfolio

```
In [39]: BL_return=np.sum(np.array(bl.weights)*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data2)))
In [40]: BL_return
Out[40]: 5.038821238318581
```

#### (8) Portfolio volatility

```
In [41]: from pypfopt import objective_functions
Black_Litterman_volatility=np.sqrt(objective_functions.portfolio_variance(bl.weights, risk_models.sample_cov(data2)))
In [42]: Black_Litterman_volatility
Out[42]: 0.42542507748072506
```

4. Machine Learning Optimization, Nested Clustered Optimization algorithm(NCO), Convex Optimization Solution(CVO) and Monte Carlo approach(MCOS)

#### (1) Calculate the Return and Variance of Data

```
In [43]: from pypfopt.expected_returns import mean_historical_return
from pypfopt.risk_models import sample_cov
assets_mean=mean_historical_return(data,frequency=252)
assets_cov=sample_cov(data,frequency=252)
```

## (2)Optimization of NCO & CVO

```
In [ ]:
In [44]:
         import pandas as pd
         from portfoliolab.clustering import NestedClusteredOptimisation
         # Import dataframe of returns for assets in a portfolio
         max num clusters=91
         # Calculate empirical covariance of assets
         assets cov = np.array(assets cov)
         # Calculate empirical means of assets
         assets mean = np.array(assets mean).reshape(-1, 1)
         # Class that contains needed functions
         nco = NestedClusteredOptimisation()
         # Find optimal weights using the NCO algorithm
         w_nco = nco.allocate_nco(assets_cov, assets_mean,max_num_clusters,n_init=10)
         # Find optimal weights using the CVO algorithm
         w cvo = nco.allocate cvo(assets cov, assets mean)
```

```
In [45]: | nco_weights= w_nco/sum(w_nco)
In [46]: cvo weights=(w cvo/sum(w cvo))
         (3) Return of NCO method
In [70]: NCO return=np.sum(nco weights.flatten()*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data2)))
         NCO return
         data3 NCO return=np.sum(nco weights.flatten()*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data3)))
         data3 NCO return
         data4_NCO_return=np.sum(np.maximum(nco_weights.flatten(),0)*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data3)))
         data4_NCO_return
Out[70]: 0.04430053254540261
In [ ]:
         (4)Return of CVO method
In [71]: CVO return=np.sum(cvo weights.flatten()*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data2)))
         CVO return
         data3_CVO_return=np.sum(cvo_weights.flatten()*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data3)))
         data3_CVO_return
         data4_CVO_return=np.sum(np.maximum(cvo_weights.flatten(),0)*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data3)))
         data4_CVO_return
Out[71]: -0.09585451173965258
In [ ]:
```

#### (5) Volatility of NCO method

# 

#### Out[75]: 2.4262606780950344

## (6) Volatility of CVO method

## 

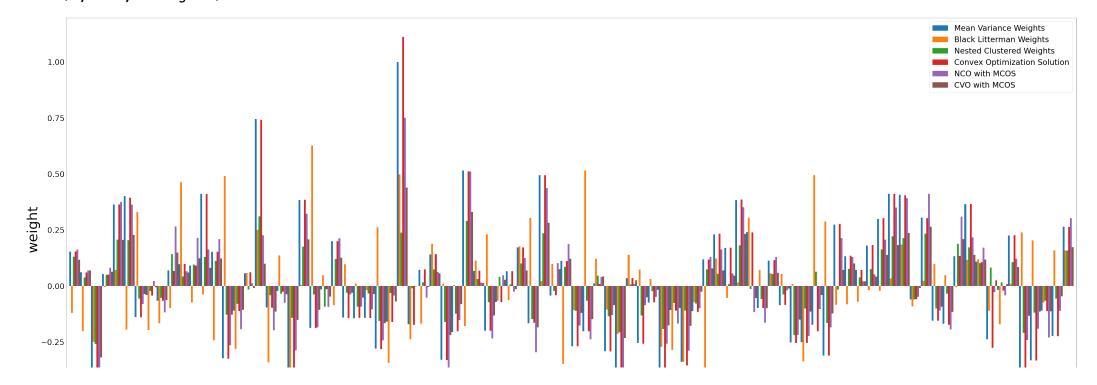
Out[76]: 4.2278979801565235

```
In [51]: # Compare the NCO solutions to the CVO ones using MCOS
         # Parameters are: 1 simulations, 2545 observations in a simulation
         # goal of maximum sharpe ratio, using LW shrinkage
         w cvo mcos, w nco mcos = nco.allocate mcos(assets mean, assets cov, 2545, 10, 0.01, False, False)
         # Find the errors in estimations of NCO and CVO in simulations
         err_cvo_mcos, err_nco_mcos = nco.estim_errors_mcos(w_cvo, w_nco, assets_mean, assets_cov, False)
In [77]:
         weight nco mcos=(w cvo mcos.sum(axis=0)/10)/sum((w cvo mcos.sum(axis=0)/10))
         weight cvo mcos=(w nco mcos.sum(axis=0)/10)/sum((w nco mcos.sum(axis=0)/10))
         nco_mcos_performance=sum(np.array(weight_nco_mcos)*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data)))
         cvo mcos performance=sum(np.array(weight cvo mcos)*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data)))
         nco_mcos_performance2=np.sqrt(objective_functions.portfolio_variance(np.array(weight_nco_mcos), (risk_models.sample_cd
         cvo mcos performance2=np.sgrt(objective functions.portfolio variance(np.array(weight cvo mcos), risk models.sample cov
         nco_mcos_return=sum(np.array(weight_nco_mcos)*np.array(expected_returns.mean_historical_return(data2)))
         cvo mcos return=sum(np.array(weight cvo mcos)*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data2)))
         nco_mcos_volatility=np.sqrt(objective_functions.portfolio_variance(np.array(weight_nco_mcos), (risk_models.sample_cov(
         cvo_mcos_volatility=np.sqrt(objective_functions.portfolio_variance(np.array(weight_cvo_mcos), risk_models.sample_cov(d
         data3 nco mcos return=sum(np.array(weight nco mcos)*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data3)))
         data3 cvo mcos return=sum(np.array(weight cvo mcos)*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(data3)))
         data3 nco mcos volatility=np.sgrt(objective functions.portfolio variance(np.array(weight nco mcos), (risk models.samp)
         data3_cvo_mcos_volatility=np.sqrt(objective_functions.portfolio_variance(np.array(weight_cvo_mcos), risk_models.sample
         data4 nco mcos return=sum(np.maximum(np.array(weight nco mcos),0)*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(dat
         data4 cvo mcos return=sum(np.maximum(np.array(weight cvo mcos),0)*np.array(expected returns.mean historical return(dat
         data4_nco_mcos_volatility=np.sqrt(objective_functions.portfolio_variance(np.maximum(np.array(weight_nco_mcos),0), (rist
         data4 cvo mcos volatility=np.sgrt(objective functions.portfolio variance(np.maximum(np.array(weight cvo mcos),0), risk
```

# 4, Portfolio comparison

## (1) Portfolio weight comparison

Out[500]: Text(0, 0.5, 'weight')



## (2)Comparison of trained portfolios average return and volatility

Expected annual return: 131.8%

Annual volatility: 39.1%

Sharpe Ratio: 3.32

Expected annual return: 79.9%

Annual volatility: 34.2%

Sharpe Ratio: 2.28

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#### Out [502]:

	Mean Variance simulated value	Black Litterman simulated value	Nested Clustered simulated value	Convex Optimization simulated value	NCO with MCOS simulated value	COV with MCOS simulated value
Return	1.317799	0.799154	0.789909	1.327950	1.237470	0.837969
Volatility	0.391099	0.341644	0.253938	0.393990	0.397157	0.270803
Portfolio Sharpe Ratio	3.318338	2.280601	3.079948	3.350733	3.096195	3.065601

## (3) Comparison of simulated portfolios average return and volatility

```
In [ ]:
  In [ ]:
  In [ ]:
           df2 = pd.DataFrame([[Mean_variance_return,BL_return,NC0_return,CV0_return,\
In [568]:
                                  nco_mcos_return,cvo_mcos_return],\
                                  [Mean variance Volatility,\
                                  Black Litterman volatility
                                  ,NCO volatility,CVO volatility,nco mcos volatility,cvo mcos volatility],\
                                  [(Mean_variance_return-risk_free_annual)/Mean_variance_Volatility,\
                                   (BL return-risk free annual)/Black Litterman volatility\
                                   ,(NCO_return-risk_free_annual)/NCO_volatility,(CVO_return-risk_free_annual)/CVO_volatility
                                  ,(nco mcos return-risk free annual)/nco mcos volatility,(cvo mcos return-risk free annual)/cvo mco
                                        'NCO with MCOS simulated value', 'COV with MCOS simulated value'], index=["Return", "Volatility"
           df2
Out[568]:
                               Mean Variance
                                                                                        Convex Optimization
                                                                                                                                  COV with MCOS
                                                  Black Litterman
                                                                     Nested Clustered
                                                                                                               NCO with MCOS
                               simulated value
                                                  simulated value
                                                                      simulated value
                                                                                            simulated value
                                                                                                               simulated value
                                                                                                                                   simulated value
                                    0.671215
                                                       4.934892
                                                                           0.367944
                                                                                                 0.700696
                                                                                                                                        0.295841
                   Return
                                                                                                                     0.310424
                 Volatility
                                    0.287613
                                                       0.433405
                                                                           0.359631
                                                                                                 0.586424
                                                                                                                     0.602040
                                                                                                                                        0.398368
                 Portfolio
                                    2.306650
                                                      11.368343
                                                                           1.001448
                                                                                                 1.181573
                                                                                                                     0.502677
                                                                                                                                        0.723068
              Sharpe Ratio
  In [ ]:
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(4) Comparison of Covid simulated portfolios average return and volatility

#### Out[86]:

	Mean Variance simulated value	Nested Clustered simulated value	Convex Optimization simulated value	NCO with MCOS simulated value	COV with MCOS simulated value
Return	2.272084	1.408660	2.233404	1.996221	1.344646
Volatility	0.564385	0.692469	1.118165	0.939512	0.667084
Portfolio Sharpe Ratio	4.011962	2.023003	1.990413	2.116447	2.004024

In [ ]:

#### Out[85]:

	Mean Variance simulated value	Nested Clustered simulated value	Convex Optimization simulated value	NCO with MCOS simulated value	COV with MCOS simulated value
Return	-0.100165	0.044301	-0.095855	0.117714	0.202540
Volatility	2.131443	2.426261	4.227898	3.854024	2.342933
Portfolio Sharpe Ratio	-0.050650	0.015047	-0.024515	0.028521	0.083121

In [ ]:

## 5, conclusion

## 6, reference list

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Machine Learning Financial Laboratory (mlfinlab)

https://mlfinlab.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html (https://mlfinlab.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html)

#### A ROBUST ESTIMATOR OF THE EFFICIENT FRONTIER

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=3469961 (https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=3469961)

López de Prado Machine Learning for Asset Managers

López de Prado Advances in Financial Machine Learning

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