Stock Selection for Portfolio Optimization

How do we 'properly select' our portfolio?



The consensus reached from the majority of past studies is that active management DOES NOT provide superior performance compared to passive investing (Fama & French, 2010).

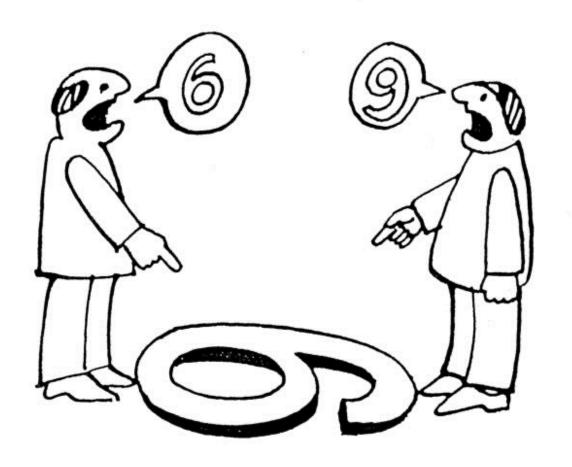
There is a large body of evidence that supports the case for passive management. Studies have shown that the vast majority of active managers underperform the market (study by Standard & Poor's, from January 1, 2003, to December 31 2013).

Technical Analysis



Fundamental Analysis





Sharpe Ratio =
$$\frac{Return}{Risk} = \frac{R_p - R_f}{\sigma_p}$$

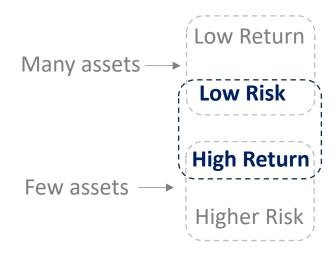
Volatility from correlation

$$\sigma_p = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [\rho_{i,j} w_i w_j \sigma_i \sigma_j]$$

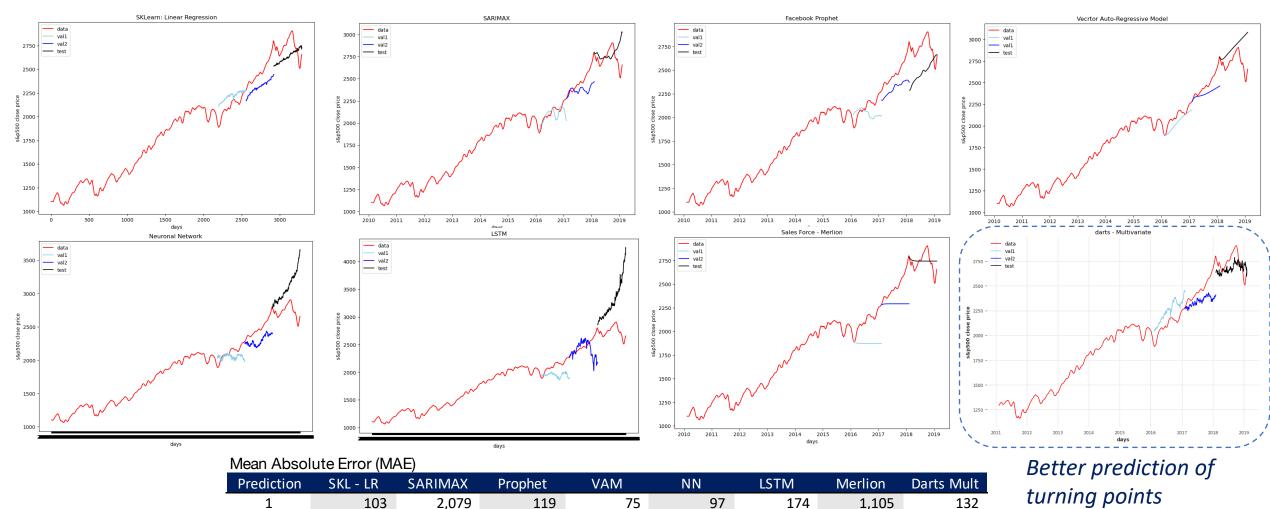
If correlation is negative, then that term becomes a subtraction

From Financial Mathematics

We are not only interested in the stock return but also interested in correlations between stocks



S&P500 stock's Return predictive model



103

178

356

188

358

643

119

171

138

428

103

262

481

846

Total

2,223

24,223

28,525

turning points

1,105

1,261

1,329

3,695

133

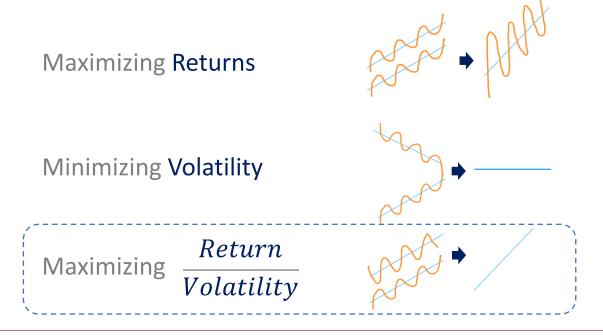
174

314

1,178

1,666

Optimization: Sequential Least SQuares Programming (SLSQP)



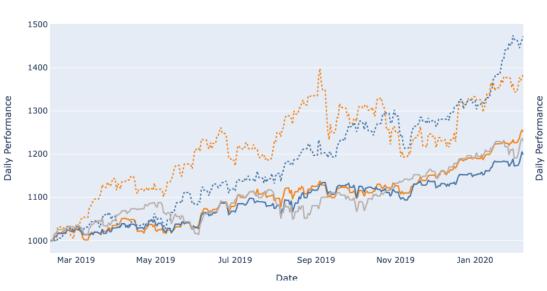
We are Maximizing the Sharpe Ratio

- 1) Selecting the 500 optimal weights for the 500 stocks portfolio.
- 2) Selected the 30 stocks with the highest weight and normalized them

30 stocks based on financial theory

Portfolio Daily Performance (2019)

Portfolio Daily Performance (2021)



Portfolio Daily Performance (2020)



portfolio_forecast
portfolio_historical
maxstock_forecast
maxstock_historical
s&p500

| Parameter | Portfolio_Forecast |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Annual Return | 17.09% |
| Daily Volatility | 1.06% |

| Parameter | Portfolio_Historical |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Annual Return | 14.35% |
| Daily Volatility | 1.21% |

| Parameter | Max_Stock Forecast | |
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| Annual Return | 15.95% | |
| Daily Volatility | 1.54% | |

| Parameter | Max_stock Historical | |
|------------------|----------------------|--|
| Annual Return | 16.07% | |
| Daily Volatility | 1.87% | |

| Parameter | S&P500 | |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Annual Return | | 11.28% |
| Daily Volatility | | 1.10% |

Portfolio Daily Performance (2022)



