

# Portfolio Management

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## Todo

- fix contents (example: Intro, Theory, Results)
- better resolution on images

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PERSONAL INVESTORS



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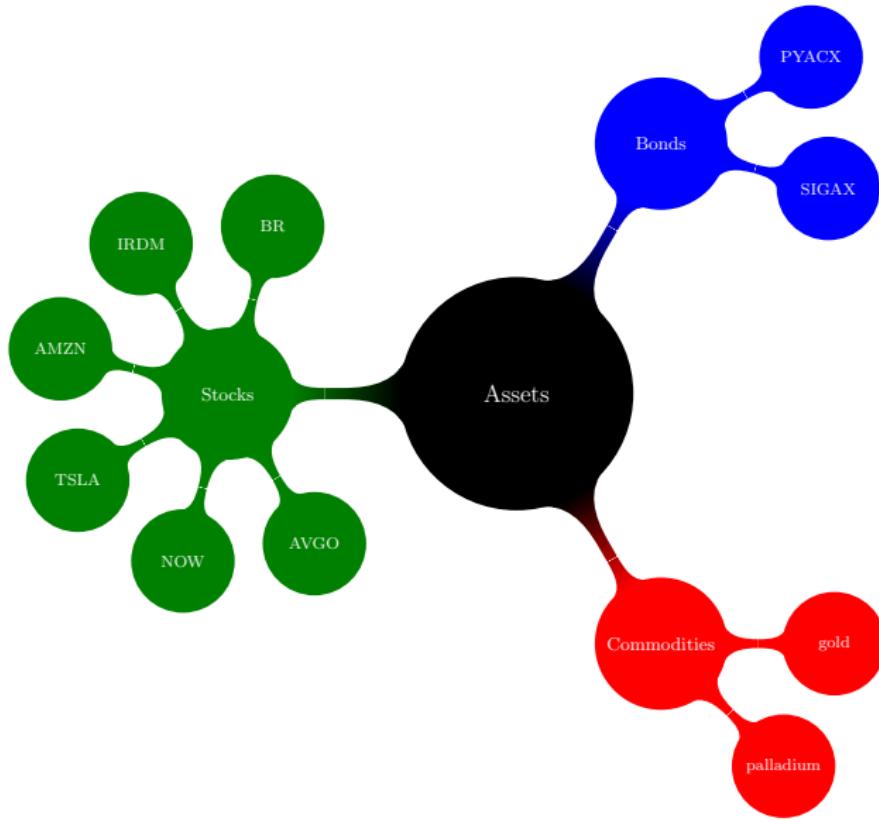
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## Asset Allocation

- 70% Stocks
- 20% Bonds
- 10% Commodities

# Security Selection



# Stocks

AVGO - Broadcom Inc

- Large/High-Dividend
- Wireless chips and semiconductor manufacturer
- Announced 15\$ billion deal with Apple Inc. in January 2020
- Potential for gains with 5G deployment



# Stocks

NOW - ServiceNow Inc.

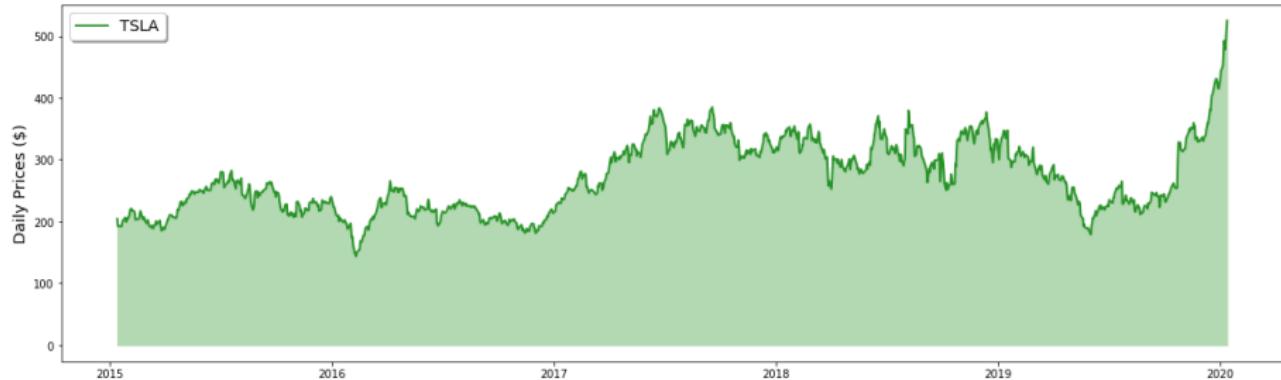
- Large/Growth
- Cloud-based solutions provider to global enterprises
- Software as a Service (SaaS) business model
- IT, Customer Support, HR and Security services



# Stocks

TSLA - Tesla Inc.

- Large/Growth
- Leader in next-generation electric vehicles
- Advancements in battery technology will allow for increased autonomy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gigafactory in Berlin to begin operations by July 2021



# Stocks

AMZN - Amazon Inc.

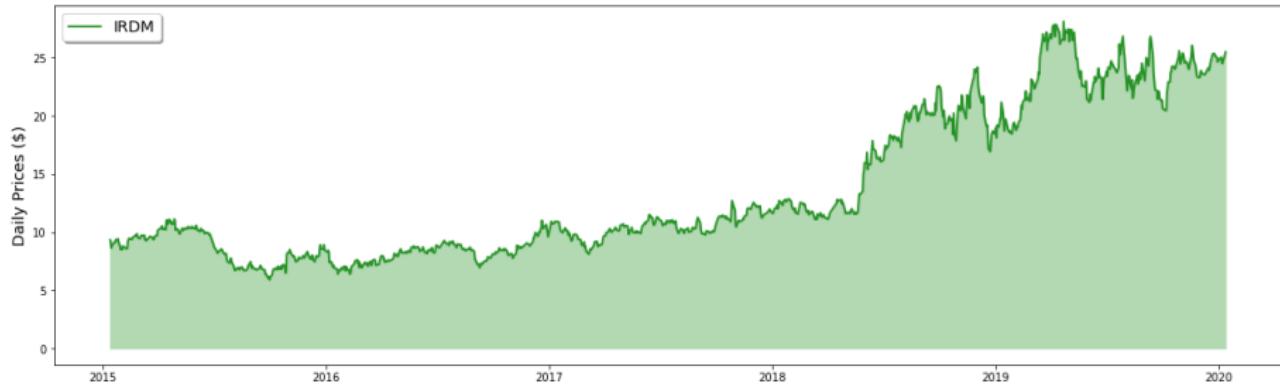
- Large/Growth
- Biggest online retailer
- Online product and digital media sales
- AWS offers solutions for Machine Learning, Big Data, IoT and Cloud-Computing



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IRDM - Iridium Communications Inc.

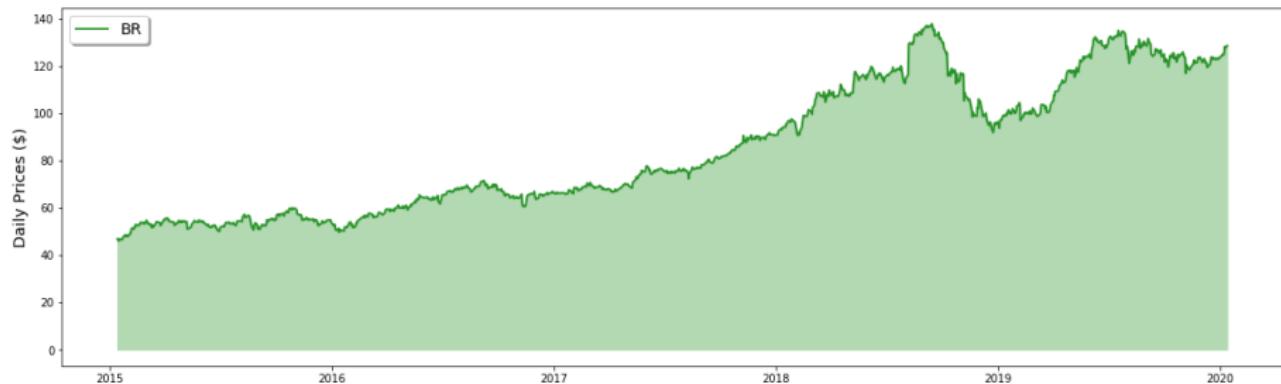
- Small/Growth
- Lead provider of satellite communications, with over 70 satellites in orbit
- Announced partnership with AWS for future applications in 2018
- Wide commercial end base, from maritime and aviation to oil & gas suppliers



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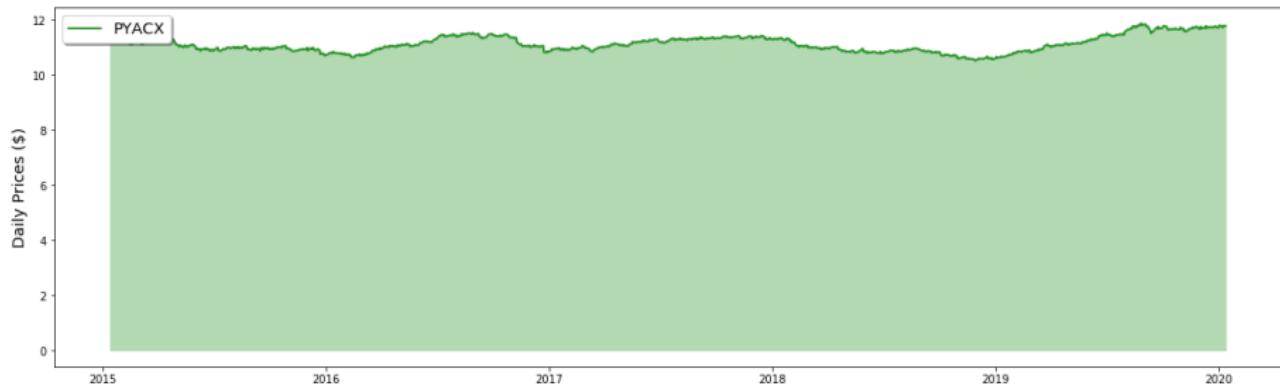
BR - Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc.

- Mid/Aggressive Growth
- Fintech company that provides solutions for investors, banks, brokerage offices and mutual funds
- Products include communication platforms, securities processing and financial data analytics



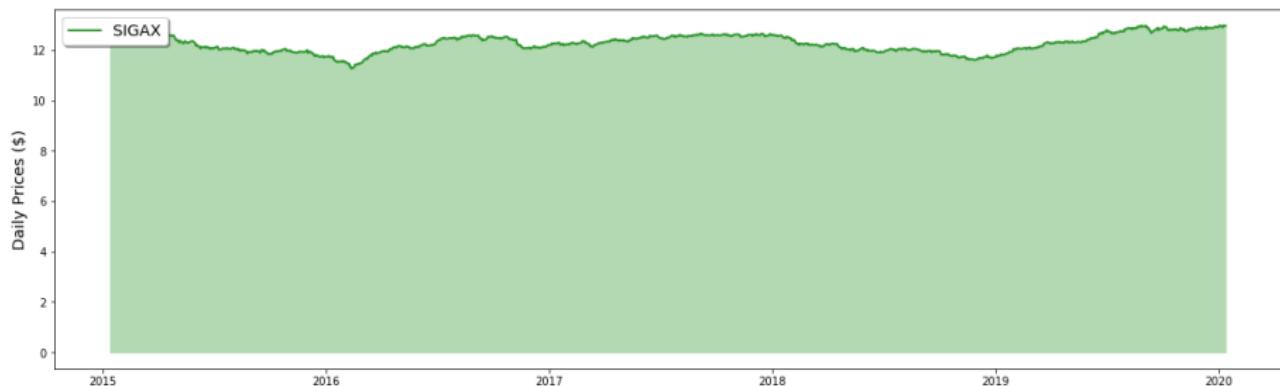
# Bonds

PYACX - Payden Corporate Bond Mutual Fund



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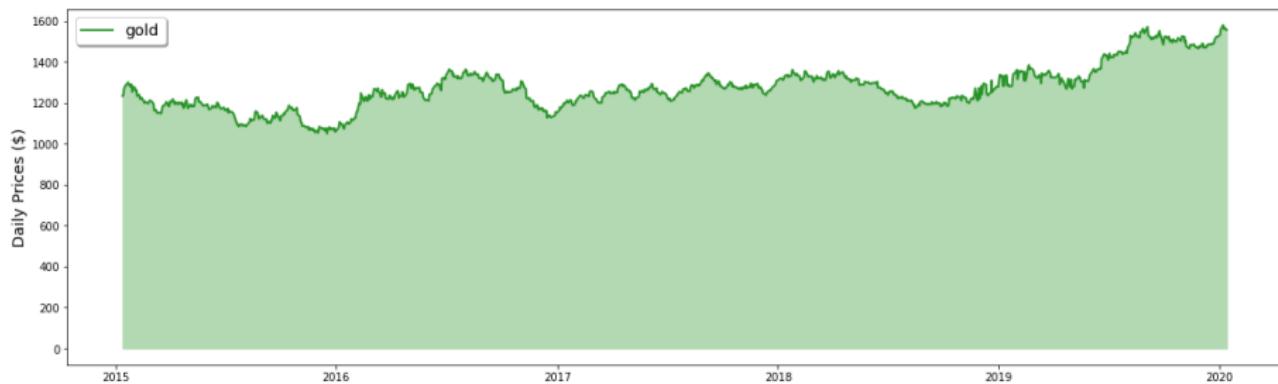
SIGAX - Western Asset Corporate Bond Mutual Fund



# Commodities

## gold

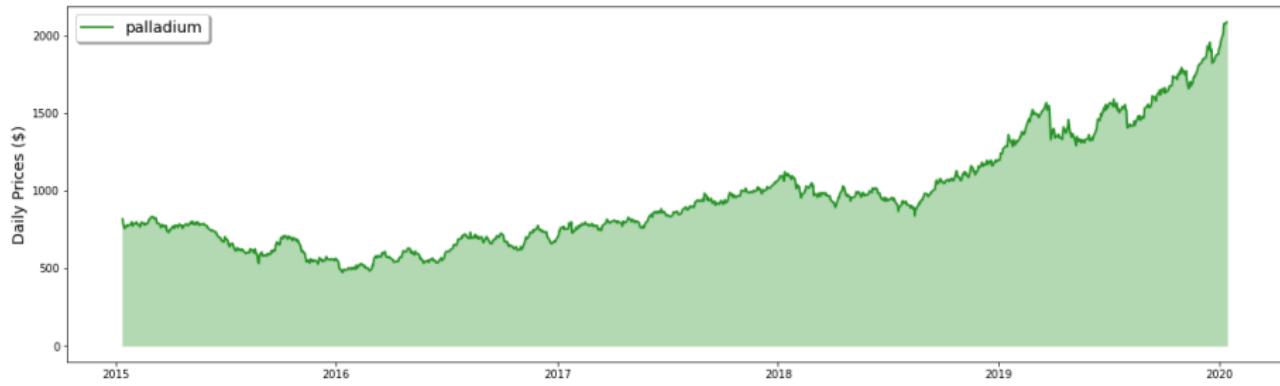
- Traditionally safe investment during rough economic times and hedge against inflation
- Recently preferred over government bonds, as the latter presented negative inflation-adjusted returns in 2019
- Does not generate return and has no holding costs



# Commodities

## palladium

- Metal that is used in catalytic converters, turning toxic gas emissions into less harmful ones
- Secondary product from mining operations of other metals
- As miners have less control over the extracted quantities, demand outstrips supply
- Price has doubled over the last year



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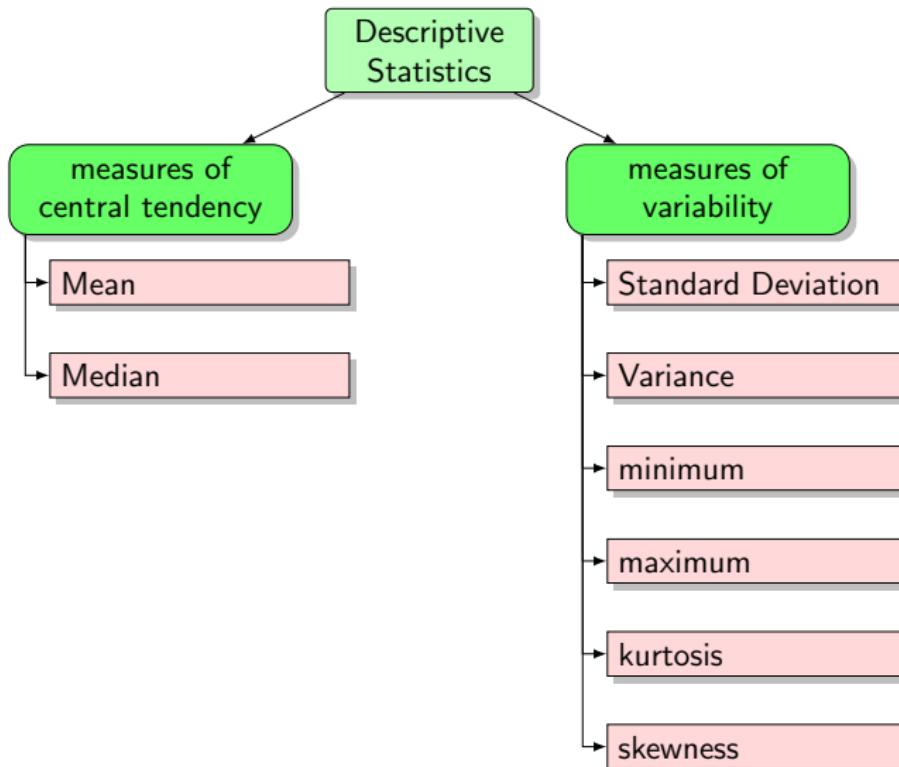
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# Descriptive statistics Taxonomy



# Measures of central tendency

## Mean

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$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n}{n}$$

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- indicates whether returns are positive or negative on most time instances.

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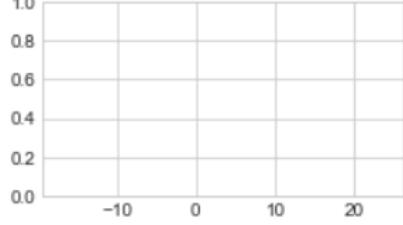
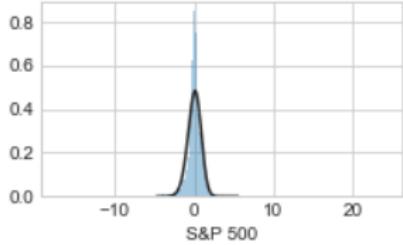
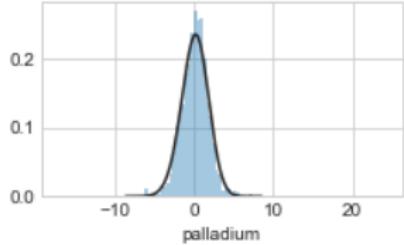
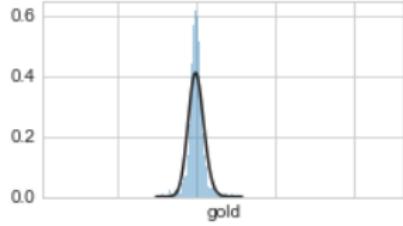
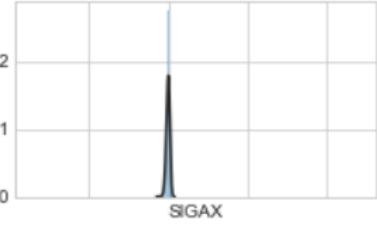
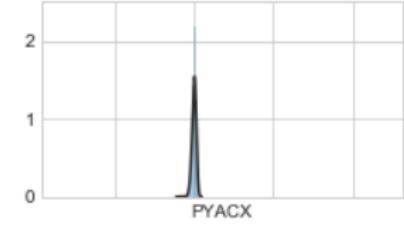
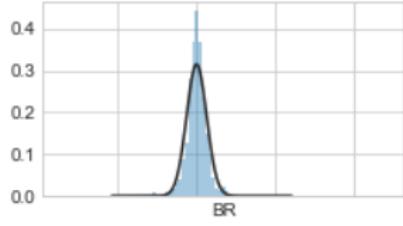
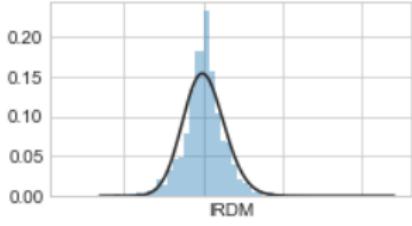
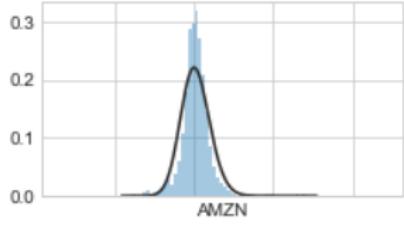
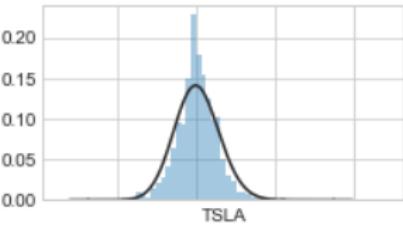
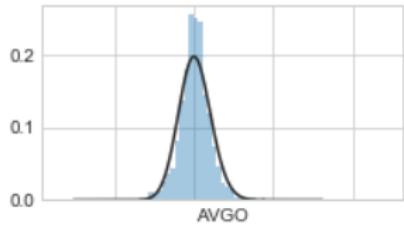
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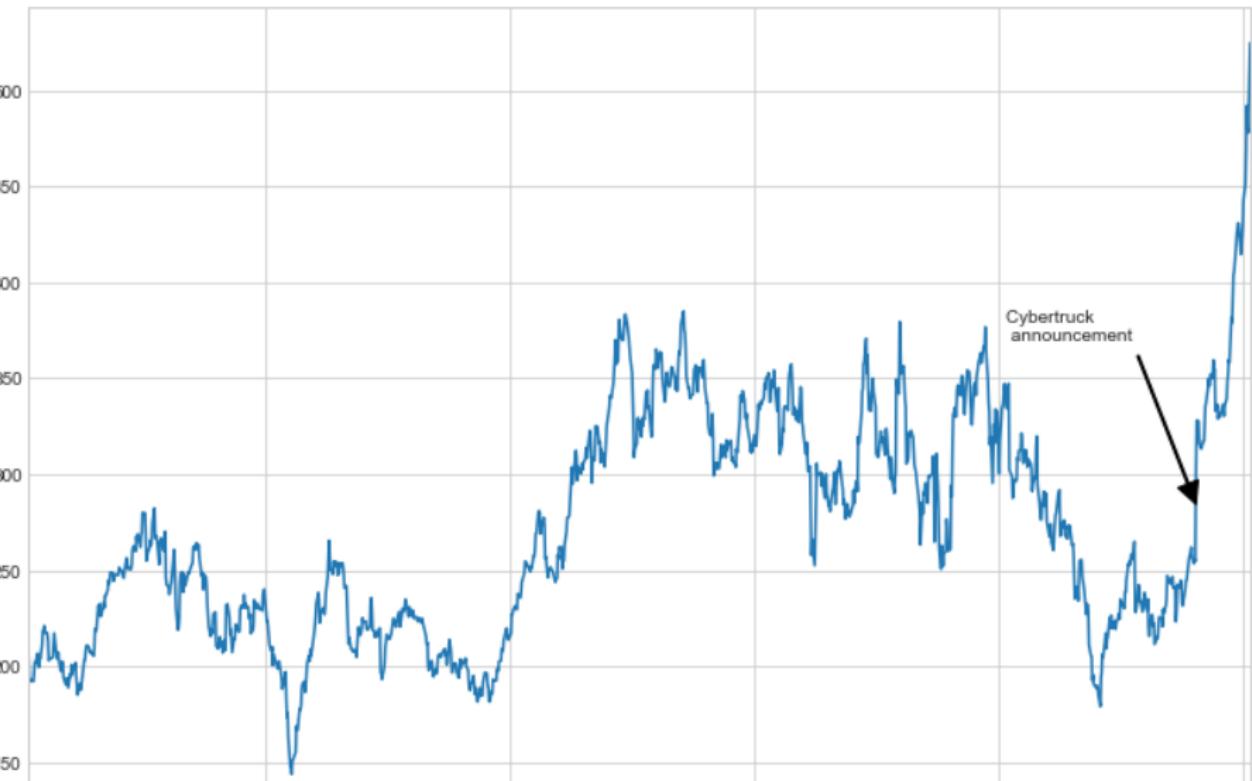
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Figure: The minimum of the S&P500 returns would occur on the day of the economic crisis for this period.

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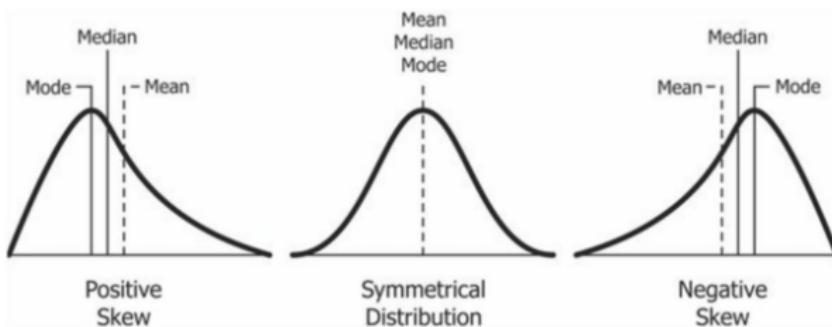
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## Skewness

### Definition

$$\tilde{\mu}_3 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{X - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \right)^3 \right]$$

Skewness is a measure of asymmetry that indicates if the tail of the distribution is on the left or the right.



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## Kurtosis

### Definition

$$\text{Kurt}(X) = \tilde{\mu}_4 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{X - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \right)^4 \right]$$

Kurtosis measures whether the distribution is heavy- or light-tailed relative to a normal distribution

- high kurtosis → heavy tails (**outliers**)
- low kurtosis → no outliers

# Measures of Variability

An overview from an investor's perspective

## $\tilde{\mu}_2$ standard deviation $\sigma$

- measure of risk
- assumes normal distribution

## $\tilde{\mu}_3$ skewness

- measure of asymmetry: tail on the left/right
- $\tilde{\mu}_3 > 0$ : frequent small losses, few large gains
- $\tilde{\mu}_3 < 0$ : frequent small gains, few large losses

## $\tilde{\mu}_4$ kurtosis

- heavy- or light-tailed (relative to a normal distribution)
- high: occasional extreme returns (either positive or negative)

# Descriptive Statistics

For our assets

	mean%	median%	std%	var%	min%	max%	kurtosis	skewness
AVGO	0.11	0.11	2.04	4.17	-13.74	14.71	5.31	0.23
NOW	0.15	0.21	2.23	4.96	-15.66	14.07	6.50	-0.33
TSLA	0.12	0.06	2.85	8.13	-13.90	17.67	5.06	0.30
AMZN	0.17	0.14	1.85	3.42	-7.82	14.13	9.83	1.01
IRDM	0.12	0.12	2.63	6.94	-11.13	22.24	6.47	0.62
BR	0.09	0.09	1.27	1.61	-9.70	11.16	9.29	-0.19
PYACX	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.07	-2.08	0.77	3.40	-0.71
SIGAX	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.05	-1.29	0.67	1.28	-0.43
gold	0.02	0.00	0.99	0.98	-4.32	5.10	4.56	0.33
palladium	0.09	0.15	1.71	2.92	-7.40	7.28	1.49	-0.15
S&P 500	0.04	0.05	0.84	0.71	-4.10	4.96	3.87	-0.47

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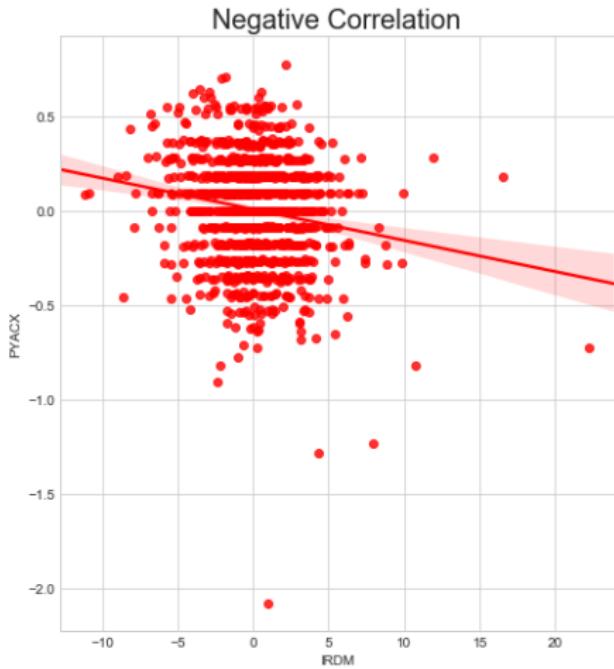
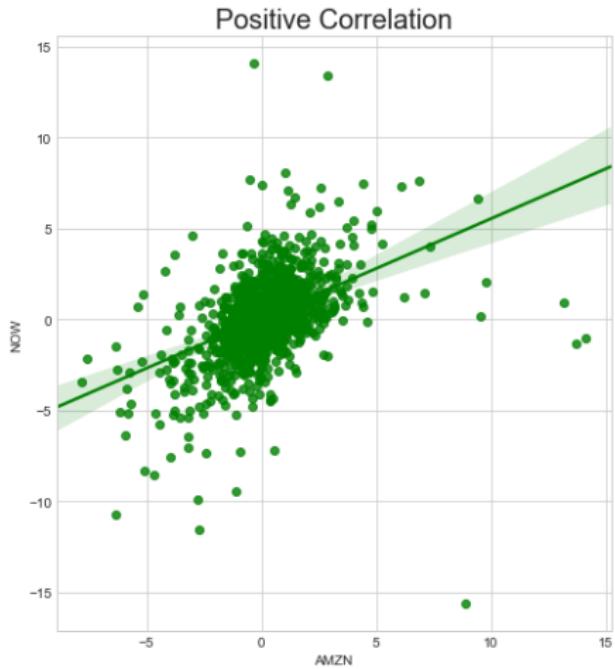
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The correlation is the normalization of the covariance.

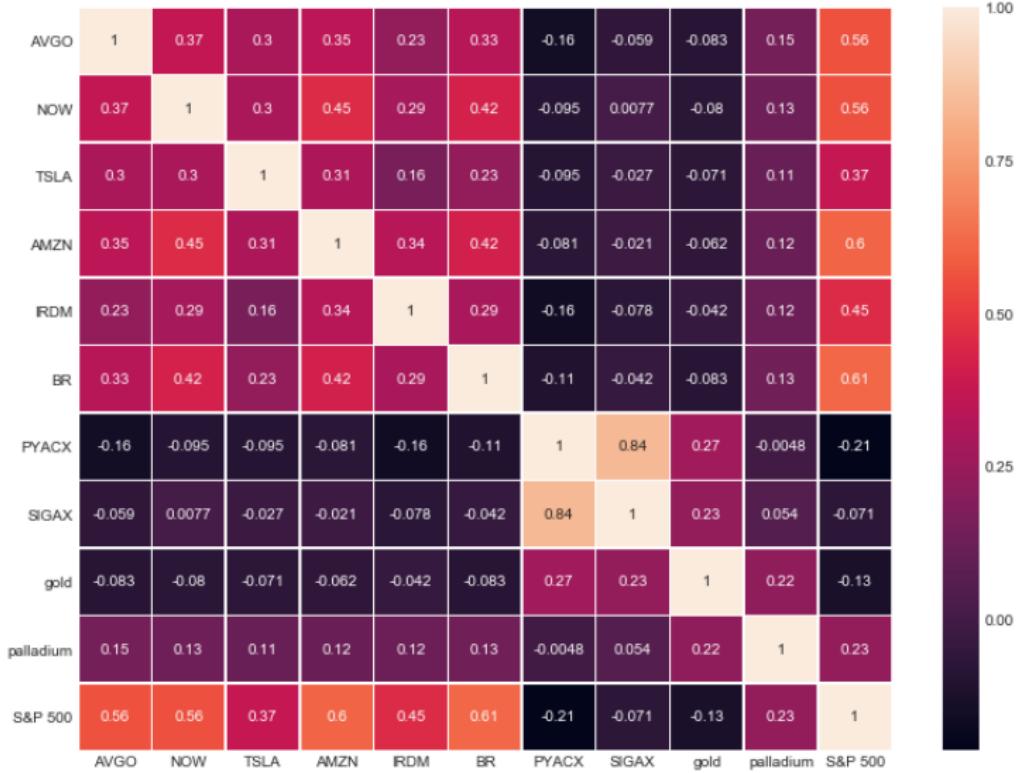
$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y}$$

$$\rho_{X,Y} \begin{cases} = -1, & \text{perfect decreasing (inverse) linear relationship} \\ \in (-1, 1), & \text{indicating the degree of linear dependence} \\ = 1, & \text{perfect (increasing) linear relationship} \end{cases}$$

# A closer look at correlation



# Correlation Matrix



# Beta

## Definition

The beta coefficient measures the systematic risk of an individual stock compared to the market risk, also called unsystematic risk.

$$\beta = \frac{\text{cov}(R_e, R_m)}{\text{var}(R_m)}$$

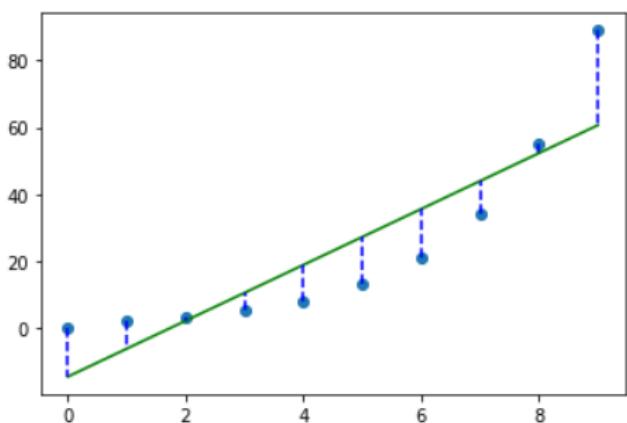
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Alpha is the difference between the realised returns and the expected returns:

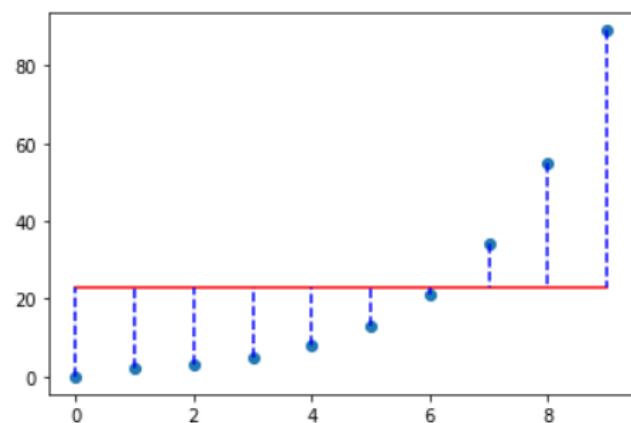
$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \bar{R} - \mathbb{E}(R) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{CAPM}} \alpha &= \bar{R} - \left\{ R_f + \beta(\mathbb{E}(R_m) - R_f) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

# R-squared

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{Explained Variation}}{\text{Total Variation}}$$



(a) Explained Variation



(b) Total Variation

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i.e. the average return earned *in excess* of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk.

# Financial Metrics

For our assets

	alpha	beta	R-squared
AVGO	0.14213	1.35333	0.31393
NOW	0.24718	1.46614	0.30955
TSLA	0.17711	1.26445	0.14046
AMZN	0.32815	1.32199	0.36539
IRDM	0.15867	1.41795	0.20698
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# Risk and return

## Return

$$R_p = \vec{w}^\top \cdot \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{R})$$

## Risk

$$\sigma_p = \sqrt{\vec{w}^\top K \vec{w}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{\begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & \dots & w_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \text{cov}_{1,2} & \dots & \text{cov}_{1,n} \\ \text{cov}_{2,1} & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & \text{cov}_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{cov}_{n,1} & \text{cov}_{n,2} & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix}} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \sigma_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_i w_j \text{cov}_{i,j}} \end{aligned}$$

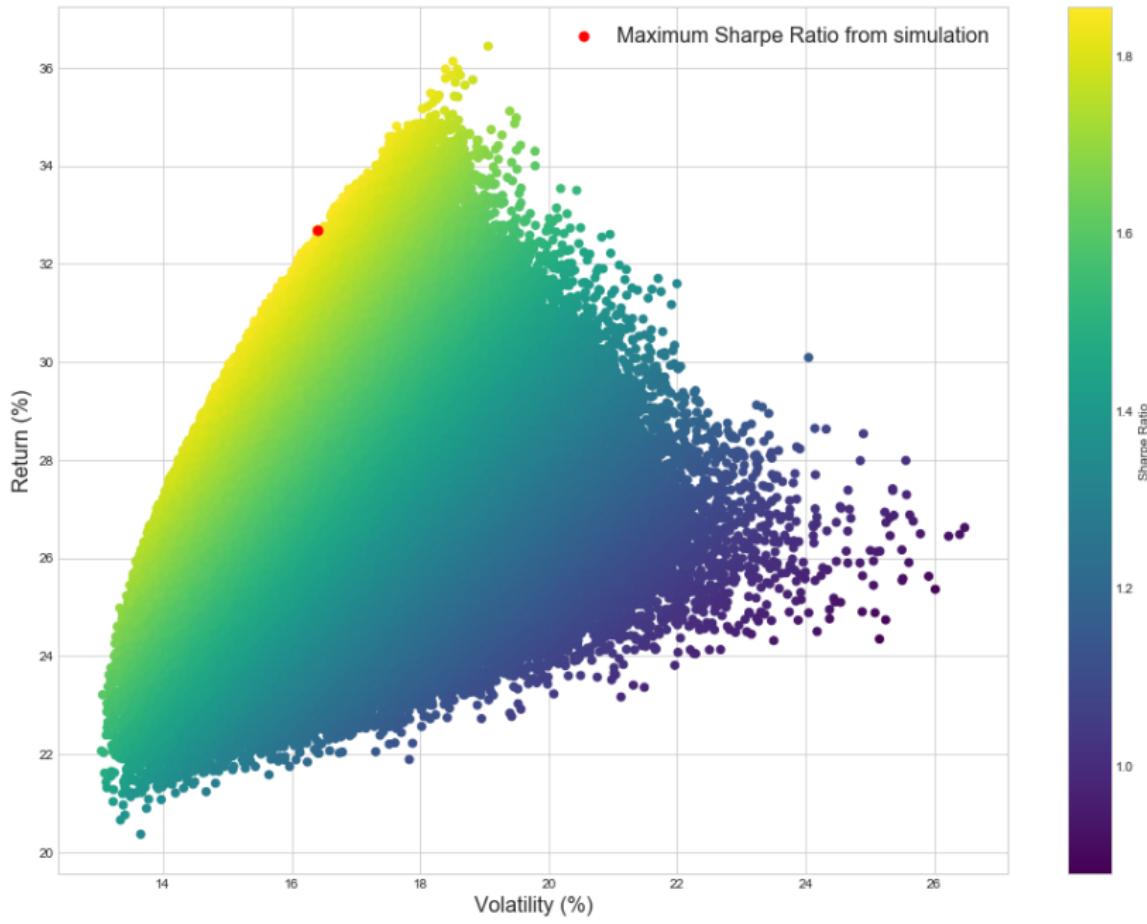
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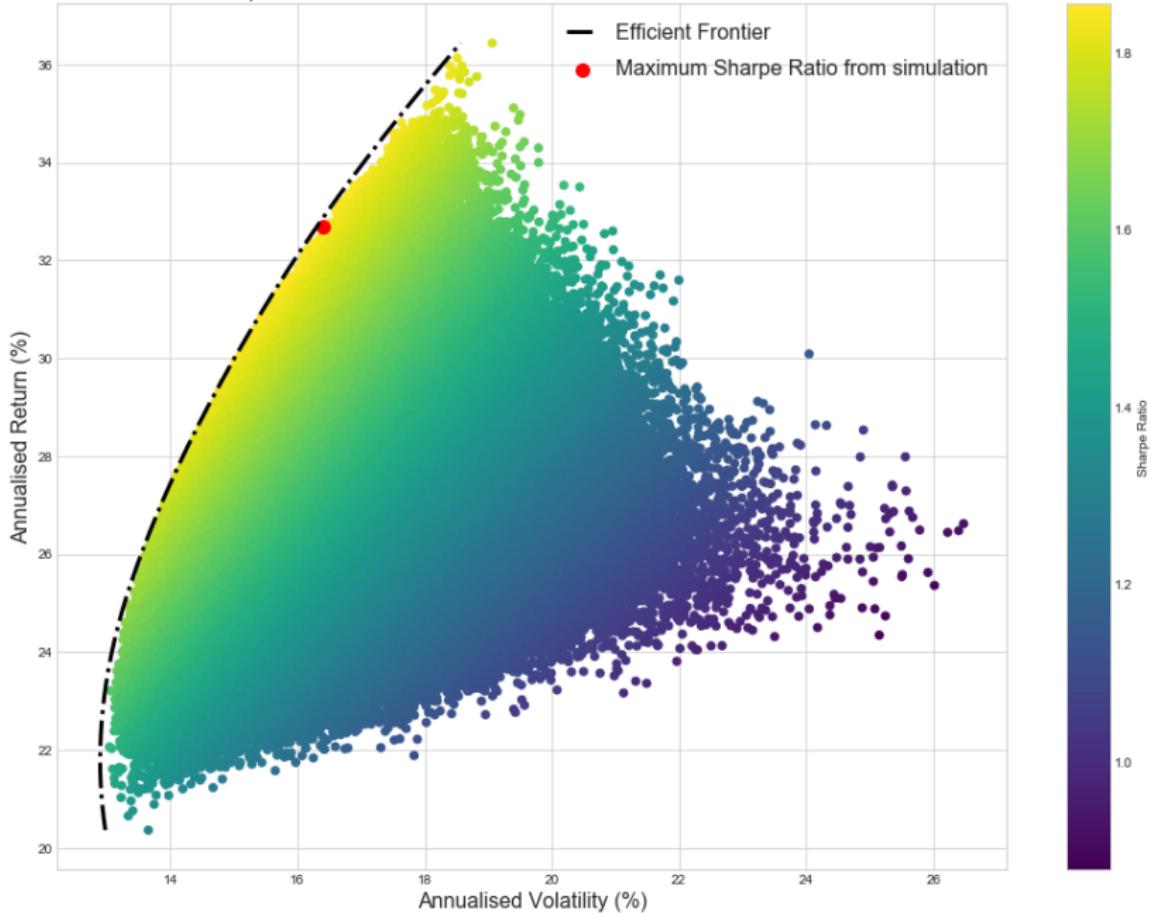
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What about  $\bar{w}$ ?

- 70% for 6 Stocks  $\rightarrow \frac{70\%}{6} = 11.67\%$  each
- 20% for 2 Bonds  $\rightarrow 10\%$  each
- 10% for 2 Commodities  $\rightarrow 5\%$  each



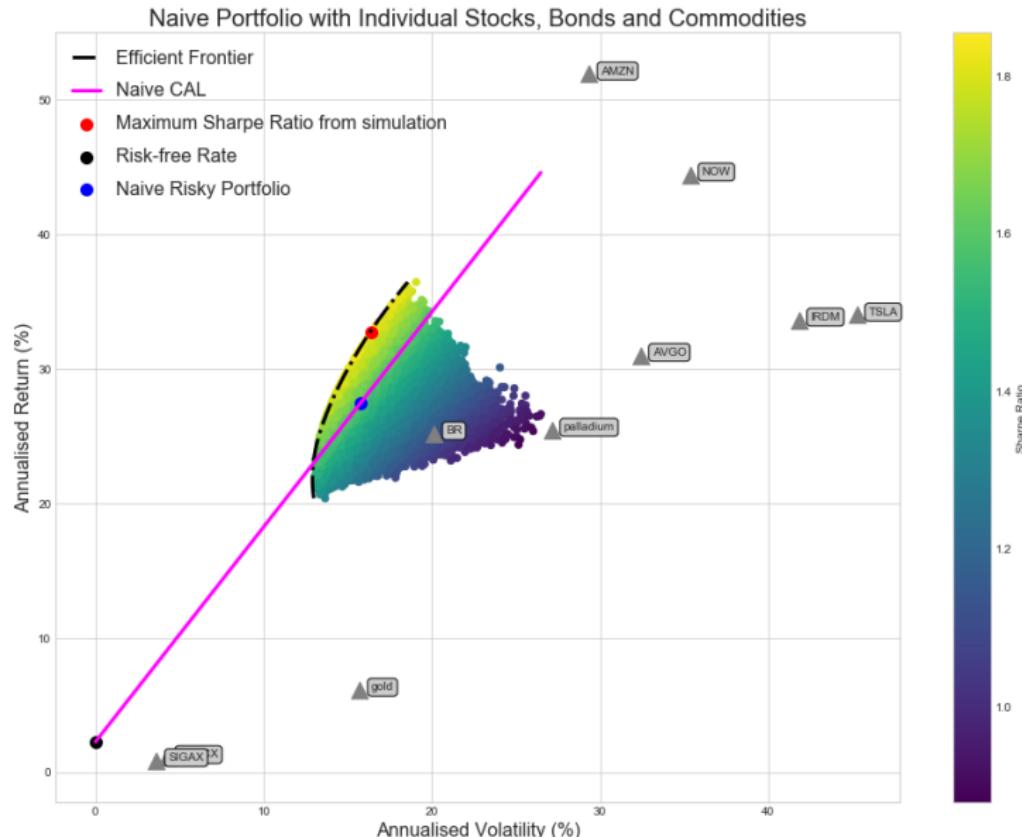
## Portfolio Optimization with Individual Stocks, Bonds and Commodities



# CAL construction

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0, r_f) \in \epsilon_{\text{naive}} \\ (\sigma_{\text{naive}}, r_{\text{naive}}) \in \epsilon_{\text{naive}} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{naive}} : y = \underbrace{\frac{r_{\text{naive}} - r_f}{\sigma_{\text{naive}}}}_{\text{naive Sharpe ratio}} \cdot x + r_f$$

# Naive CAL



But...

We can do better!

# Optimal portfolio

## Optimization problem formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \frac{\vec{w}^\top \cdot \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{R}) - r_f}{\sqrt{\vec{w}^\top K \vec{w}}} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{1}^\top \vec{w} = 1 \\ & \mathbf{1}^\top \vec{w}_{\mathcal{S}} = w_s \\ & \mathbf{1}^\top \vec{w}_{\mathcal{B}} = w_b \\ & \mathbf{1}^\top \vec{w}_{\mathcal{C}} = w_c \\ & w_s + w_b + w_c = 1 \\ & w_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

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# Optimization yields...

optimal weights

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# Optimization yields...

## Financial Metrics

Optimal Risky Portfolio	
Return (%)	32.7164
Risk (%)	16.3185
Sharpe Ratio	1.8658
Beta ( $\beta$ )	0.9067

# Capital Allocation Line

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Utility maximization

$$\text{Utility} = U = r_f + z \cdot (r_{\text{opt}} - r_f) - 0.05 \cdot A \cdot \sigma_{\text{opt}}^2 \cdot z^2$$

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## Utility maximization

$$\text{Utility} = U = r_f + z \cdot (r_{\text{opt}} - r_f) - 0.05 \cdot A \cdot \sigma_{\text{opt}}^2 \cdot z^2$$

Maximize w.r.t.  $z$ :

# Optimal Overall Portfolio

Which portfolio is the overall optimal?

- i.e. which portfolio along the CAL is the best **for us?**

## Utility maximization

$$\text{Utility} = U = r_f + z \cdot (r_{\text{opt}} - r_f) - 0.05 \cdot A \cdot \sigma_{\text{opt}}^2 \cdot z^2$$

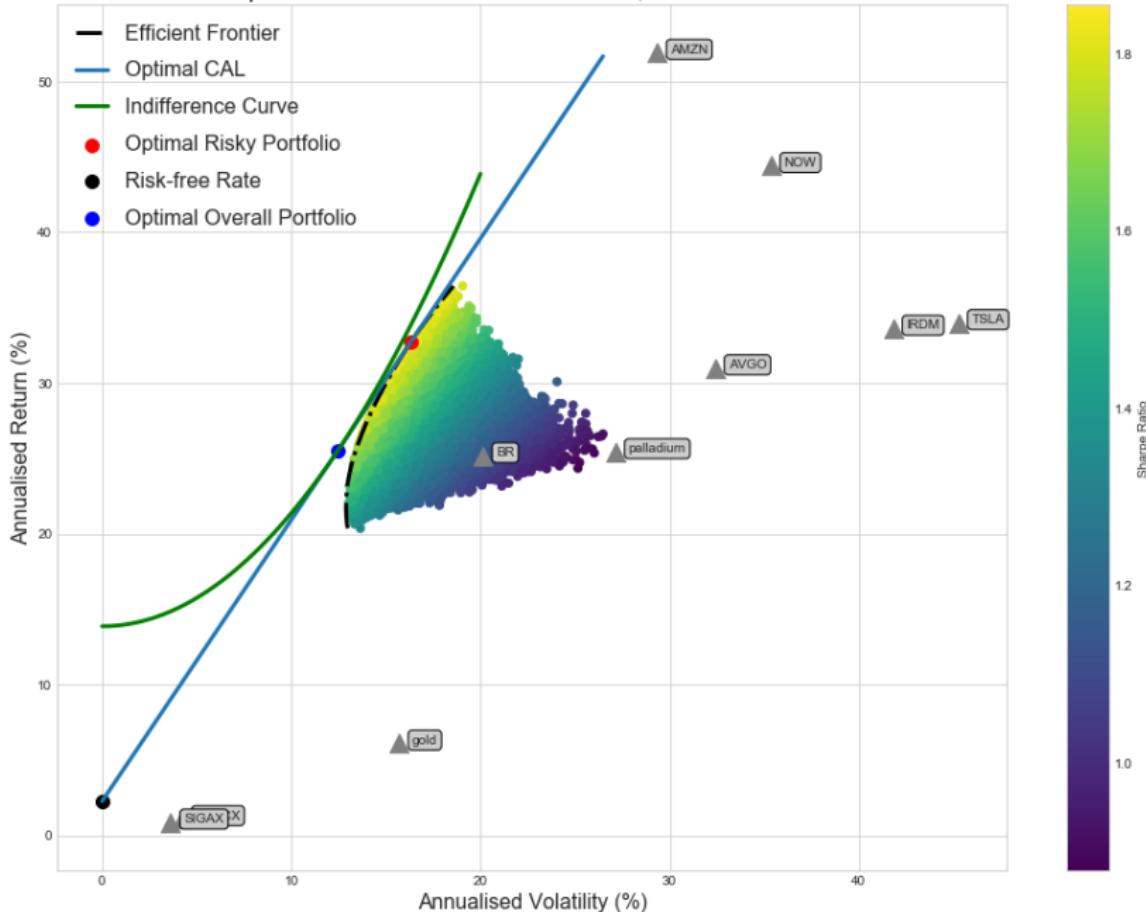
Maximize w.r.t.  $z$ :

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\text{opt}} - r_f - 0.1 \cdot A \cdot \sigma_{\text{opt}}^2 \cdot z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z^* = \frac{r_{\text{opt}} - r_f}{0.1 \cdot A \cdot \sigma_{\text{opt}}^2}$$

## Portfolio Optimization with Individual Stocks, Bonds and Commodities



# Past Performance

(1/13/2015 - 1/13/2020)

	Optimal Overall Portfolio	S&P 500
Return (%)	25.4769	11.3118
Risk (%)	12.4384	13.4138
Sharpe Ratio	1.8658	0.6741
Beta ( $\beta$ )	0.6911	1.0
Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) (%)	16.9584	0.0

# References

# The end!