

Assignment 1

Mgmt 237E: Empirical Methods

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Problem 1

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We know the jump at time t is $J_t = B_t(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)$

where $\delta_t = N(0,1)$

and the log returns $r_t = \mu + \sigma \epsilon_t + J_t$

Mean

$$\mathbb{E}(J_t) = \mathbb{E}[B_t(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)] = \mathbb{E}(B_t)\mathbb{E}(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t) = p\mu_j$$

$$\mathbb{E}(r_t) = \mathbb{E}(\mu) + \mathbb{E}(\sigma \epsilon_t) + \mathbb{E}(J_t) = \underline{\mu + p\mu_j}$$

Variance

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(J_t) &= \mathbb{E}(J_t^2) - (\mathbb{E}(J_t))^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}(B_t^2(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^2) - \mu_j^2 p^2 \\ &= \underline{\mathbb{E}(B_t^2)\mathbb{E}((\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^2) - \mu_j^2 p^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\mathbb{E}(B_t^2)} = \text{Var}(B_t) + (E(B_t))^2 = p(1-p) + p^2 = p$$

$$\underline{\mathbb{E}((\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^2)} = \text{Var}(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t) + (\mathbb{E}(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t))^2 = \sigma_j^2 + \mu_j^2$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Var}(J_t) = p\sigma_j^2 + p\mu_j^2 - \mu_j^2 p^2$$

$$\text{Var}(r_t) = \text{Var}(\mu + \sigma \epsilon_t) + \text{Var}(J_t) = \underline{\sigma^2 + p\sigma_j^2 + p\mu_j^2 - \mu_j^2 p^2}$$

Skewness

$$\text{If Skew in terms of mean and variance} = \frac{\mathbb{E}(J_t^3) - 3\mathbb{E}(J_t)\text{Var}(J_t) - (\mathbb{E}(J_t))^3}{(\text{Var}(J_t))^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{Then 3rd moment } \mu_3(J_t) = \mathbb{E}(J_t^3) - 3\mathbb{E}(J_t)\text{Var}(J_t) - (\mathbb{E}(J_t))^3$$

$$\mathbb{E}(J_t^3) = \mathbb{E}(B_t^3(\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^3) = \underline{\mathbb{E}(B_t^3)\mathbb{E}((\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^3)}$$

We can find $\underline{\mathbb{E}(B_t^3)}$ by using bernoulli distribution mean, variance and skew($\frac{1-2p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}$). Substitute in skew formula in terms of mean and variance

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(B_t^3) &= \frac{(1-2p)(p(1-p))^{3/2}}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} + 3p^2(1-p) - p^3 \\ &= (1-2p)(p-p^2) + 3p^2 - 3p^3 + p^3 = p\end{aligned}$$

We can find $\underline{\mathbb{E}((\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^3)}$ by using normal distribution mean, variance and skew (0). Substitute in skew formula in terms of mean and variance

$$\mathbb{E}((\mu_j + \sigma_j \delta_t)^3) = 3\mu_j\sigma_j^2 + \mu_j^3$$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{E}(J_t^3) = p(3\mu_j\sigma_j^2 + \mu_j^3)$$

$$\text{so } \mu_3(J_t) = 3\mu_j\sigma_j^2 p + \mu_j^3 p - 3p^2\mu_j\sigma_j^2 - 3p^2\mu_j^3 + 2p^3\mu_j^3$$

$$\text{Skew}(r_t) = \text{Skew}(\mu + \sigma\epsilon_t + J_t)$$

$$\text{We know, } \text{Skew}(A + B) = \frac{\mu_3(A) + \mu_3(B)}{(\text{Var}(A) + \text{Var}(B))^{3/2}},$$

Substitute $A = \mu + \sigma\epsilon_t$ and $B = J_t$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Skew}(r_t) &= \frac{0 + \mu_3(B)}{\sigma^2 + p\sigma_j^2 + p\mu_j^2 - \mu_j^2 p^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{3\mu_j\sigma_j^2 p + \mu_j^3 p - 3p^2\mu_j\sigma_j^2 - 3p^2\mu_j^3 + 2p^3\mu_j^3}{(\sigma^2 + p\sigma_j^2 + p\mu_j^2 - \mu_j^2 p^2)^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

2

The general stock returns are distributed with skew and thick tails. A log normal distribution doesn't cover the skew and the thick tails which are necessary to represent general stock returns.

3

Get the SP500 monthly data to use as baseline

```
# Function to get data #
getData <- function(sql, n = -1){
  #setup connection
  res <- dbSendQuery(wrds, sql)
  dbHasCompleted(res)

  #perform fetch
  returnData <- fetch(res, n)

  #clear memory
  dbClearResult(res)
  return(returnData)
}

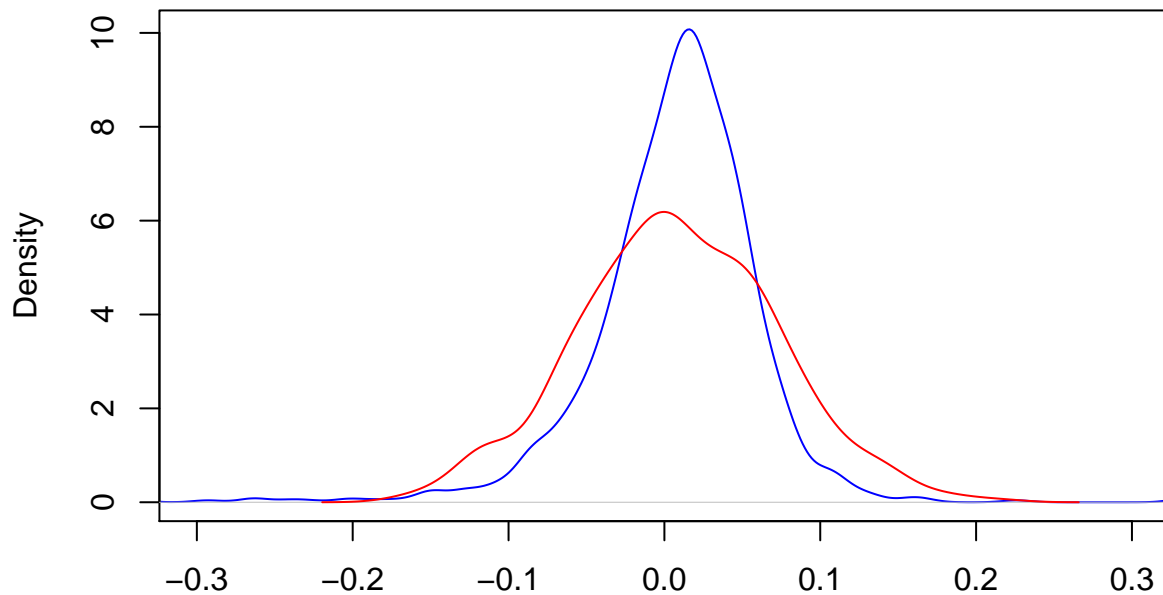
sql3 <- "SELECT * FROM CRSP.MSP500"
msp500.all <- getData(sql3)
msp500.all$caldt <- as.Date(msp500.all$caldt)
msp500.all.xts <- xts::xts(log(1+msp500.all$vwretd[-1]),order.by = msp500.all$caldt[-1])
colnames(msp500.all.xts) <- "vwretd"
```

If the returns are normally distributed, the distribution will look like this compared to the monthly SP returns.

```
plot(density(msp500.all.xts),col="blue", type="l",xlim=c(-0.3,0.3))

#only normal
lines(density(rnorm(n = 600,mean = 0.008,sd = 0.063)),col="red",type="l")
```

density.default(x = msp500.all.xts)



N = 1080 Bandwidth = 0.009205

If we take the bernoulli-normal mix, the distribution will look like this compared to the monthly SP returns.

```
#normalBernoullimix
normalBernoulliMix <- function(normalMean,normalSD,bernProb,jumpMean,jumpSD,n)
{
  SecondTerm <- jumpMean + jumpSD*rnorm(n)
  jt <- rbinom(n,1,bernProb)*(SecondTerm)
  normalMean + normalSD * rnorm(n) + jt
}
```

```
normalBernoulliDist <- normalBernoulliMix(0.012,0.05,0.15,-0.03,0.1,600)
```

```
#mean, SD, skewness, Kurtosis
mean(normalBernoulliDist)
```

```
## [1] 0.007948848
```

```
sd(normalBernoulliDist)
```

```
## [1] 0.0623559
```

```
library(moments)
```

```
## Warning: package 'moments' was built under R version 3.3.2
```

```
skewness(normalBernoulliDist)
```

```
## [1] -0.5621593
```

```
kurtosis(normalBernoulliDist)
```

```
## [1] 4.771089
```

```
#plot sp500
```

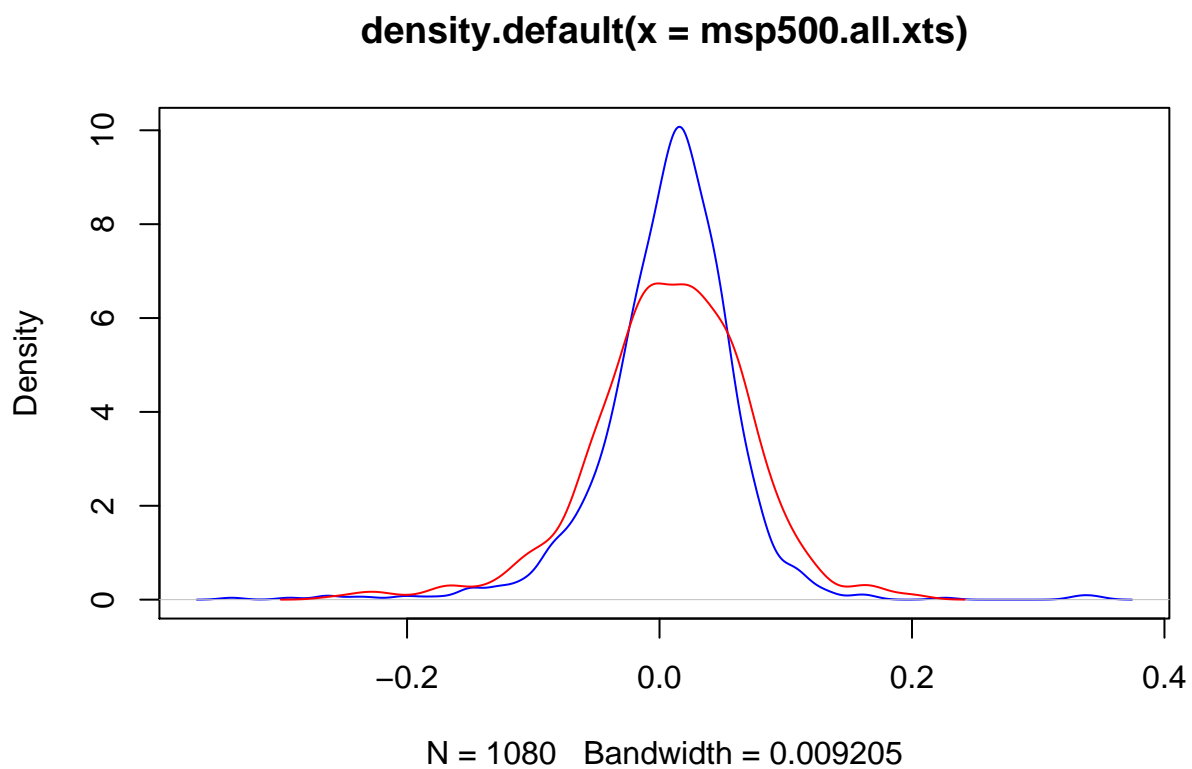
```
plot(density(msp500.all.xts),col="blue", type="l")
```

```
#density
```

```
lines(density(normalBernoulliDist),type="l",col="red", ylim=c(0,9))
```

```
#actual values
```

```
lines(normalBernoulliDist,type="l",col="blue")
```



Problem 2

Get the necessary data

```
#this.dir <- dirname(rstudioapi::getActiveDocumentContext())$path)
setwd("C:/_UCLA/237E_Empirical/Assignments/Assignment1")
library("readxl")
```

```
## Warning: package 'readxl' was built under R version 3.3.2
```

```
library("xts")
```

```
## Warning: package 'xts' was built under R version 3.3.2
```

```
## Loading required package: zoo
```

```
## Warning: package 'zoo' was built under R version 3.3.2
```

```
##
```

```
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
```

```
##
```

```
##      as.Date, as.Date.numeric
```

```
dbv <- read_excel("DBV.xlsx")
gspc <- read_excel("GSPC.xlsx")
```

```
dbv$Date <- as.Date(dbv$Date)
gspc$Date <- as.Date(gspc$Date)
dbv.xts <- xts(dbv[, -1], order.by = dbv$Date)
gspc.xts <- xts(gspc[, -1], order.by = gspc$Date)
```

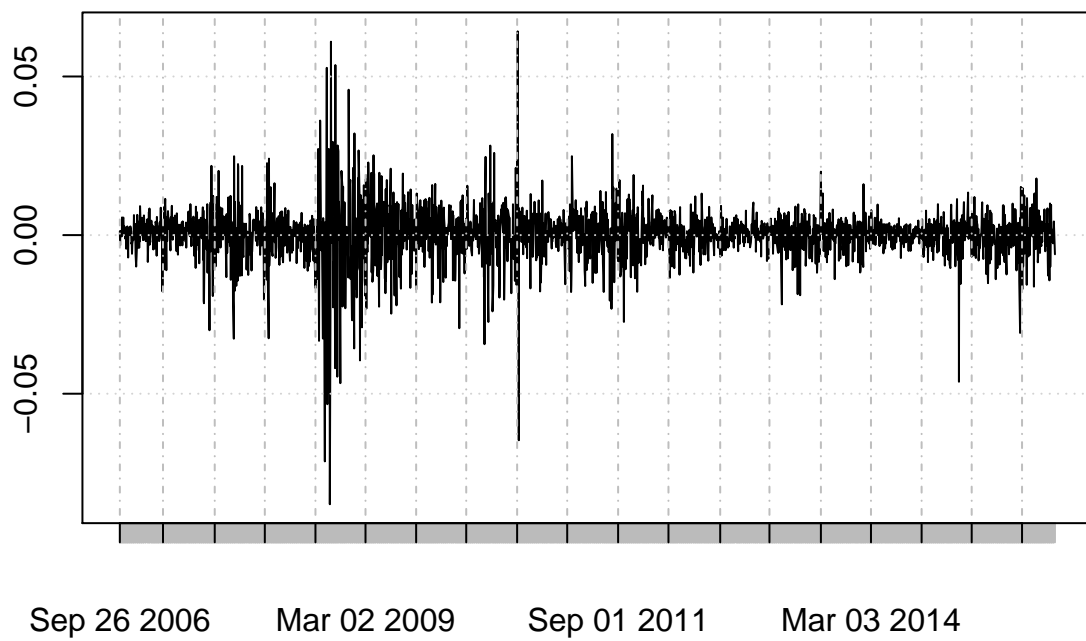
Calculate the log returns

```
dbv.logreturns <- log(dbv.xts$'Adj Close'[-1,]/lag(dbv.xts$'Adj Close')[-1,])
gspc.logreturns <- log(gspc.xts$'Adj Close'[-1,]/lag(gspc.xts$'Adj Close')[-1,])
```

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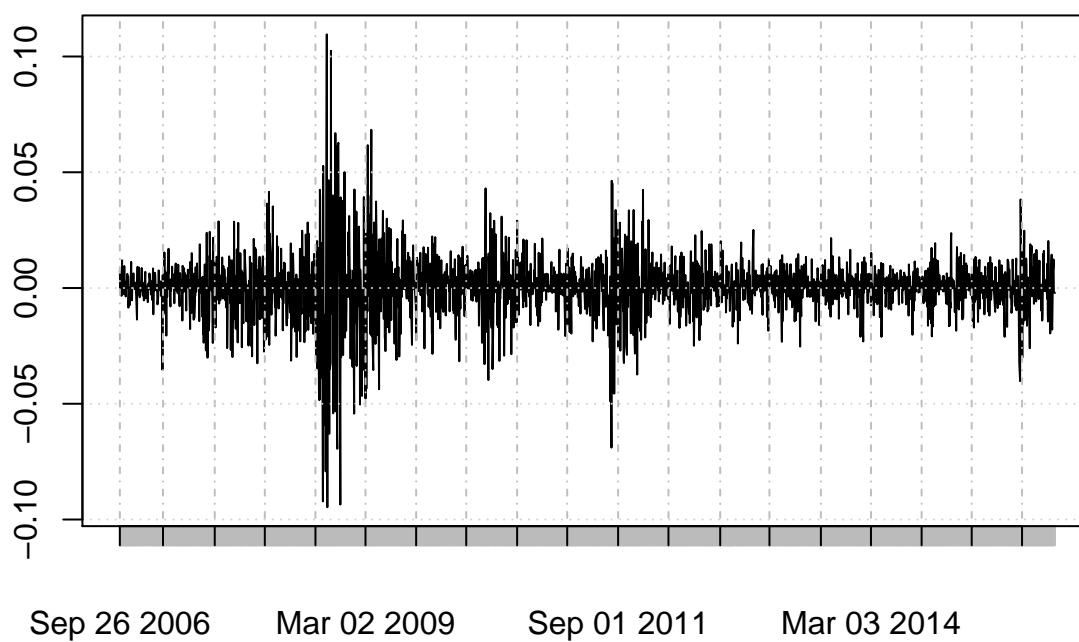
```
#1
plot(dbv.logreturns)
```

dbv.logreturns



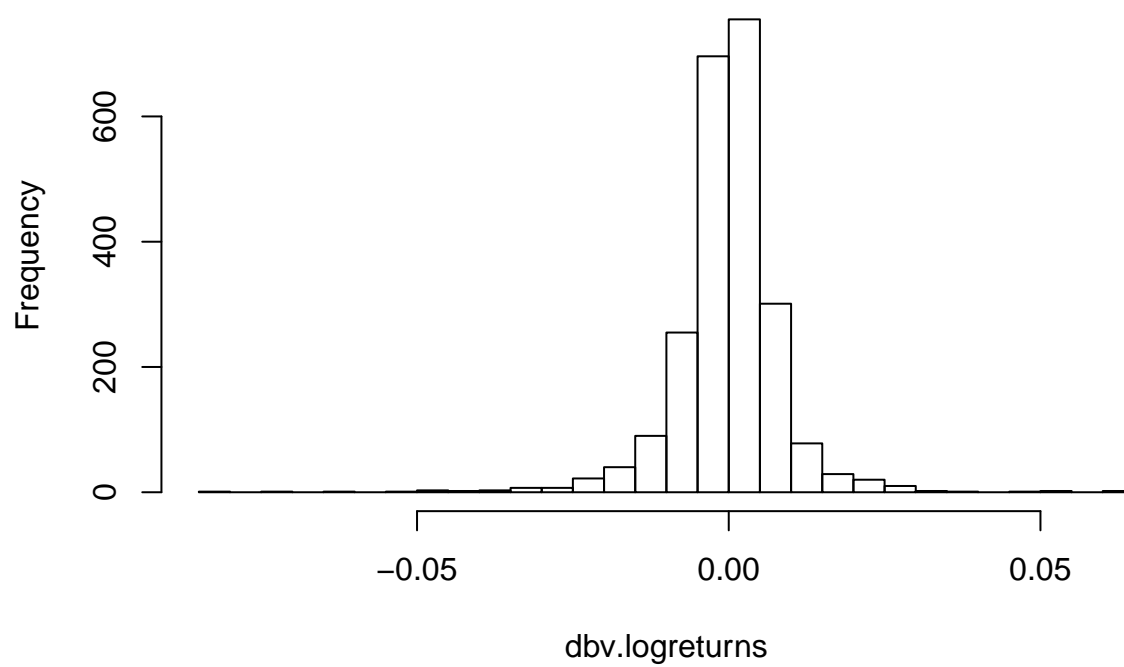
```
plot(gspc.logreturns)
```

gspc.logreturns



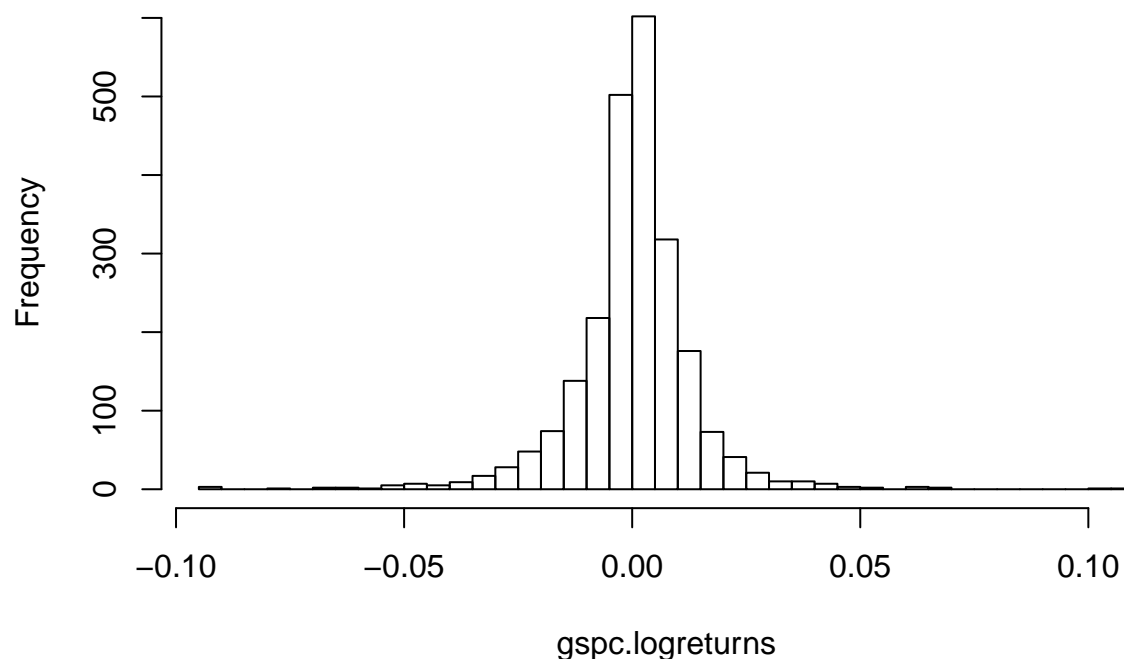
```
hist(dbv.logreturns,breaks = 50)
```

Histogram of dbv.logreturns



```
hist(gspc.logreturns, breaks = 50)
```


Histogram of gspc.logreturns



2

a

```
skewNullCheck <- function(returns,alpha=.05){
  criticalt <- qt(1-(alpha/2),df = length(returns))
  skewcap <- skewness(returns)
  skewt <- skewcap/(sqrt(6/length(returns)))
  returnVal <- c(skewcap-3,skewt,abs(skewt) > criticalt) #TRUE, so reject normal distribution, no skewness
  names(returnVal) <- c("Sample Skewness","Skewness t","Reject Null?")
  returnVal
}
```

```
skewNullCheck(dbv.logreturns)
```

```
## Sample Skewness      Skewness t      Reject Null?
##          -3.847038      -16.691872          1.000000
```

```
skewNullCheck(gspc.logreturns)
```

```
## Sample Skewness      Skewness t      Reject Null?
##          -3.324043      -6.385641          1.000000
```

```
#b
kurtosisNullCheck <- function(returns,alpha=.05){
  criticalt <- qt(1-(alpha/2),df = length(returns))
  kurtosiscap <- kurtosis(returns)
  kurtosist <- (kurtosiscap-3)/(sqrt(24/length(returns)))
  returnVal <- c(kurtosiscap-3,kurtosist,abs(kurtosist) > criticalt) #TRUE, so reject normal distribution
  names(returnVal) <- c("Sample Kurtosis","Kurtosis t","Reject Null?")
  returnVal
}

kurtosisNullCheck(dbv.logreturns)
```

```
## Sample Kurtosis      Kurtosis t      Reject Null?
##           13.51674           133.18159           1.00000
```

```
kurtosisNullCheck(gspc.logreturns)
```

```
## Sample Kurtosis      Kurtosis t      Reject Null?
##           9.797934           96.539900           1.000000
```

```
#c
jbTest <- function(returns,alpha=.05){
  criticalchi <- qchisq(1-alpha,df = 2)
  skewcap <- skewness(returns)
  kurtosiscap <- kurtosis(returns)
  jbt <- skewcap^2/(6/length(returns)) + (kurtosiscap-3)^2/(24/length(returns))
  returnVal <- c(jbt,abs(jbt) > criticalchi)
  names(returnVal) <- c("JBt","Reject Null?")
  returnVal
}

jbTest(dbv.logreturns)
```

```
##           JBt Reject Null?
##       18015.95           1.00
```

```
jbTest(gspc.logreturns)
```

```
##           JBt Reject Null?
##       9360.729           1.000
```

3

```
sqlDaily <- "SELECT caldt, vwret FROM CRSPQ.DSP500 WHERE year(caldt) >= 1973 AND year(caldt) < 2015"
dsp500 <- getData(sqlDaily)

skewKurtMat <- matrix(c(skewNullCheck(dbv.logreturns)[1],skewNullCheck(gspc.logreturns)[1],kurtosisNullCheck(dbv.logreturns)[1],kurtosisNullCheck(gspc.logreturns)[1]),
  colnames(skewKurtMat) <- c("Skewness","Kurtosis")
  row.names(skewKurtMat) <- c("DBV","GSPC")
  skewKurtMat
```

```
##      Skewness  Kurtosis
## DBV   -3.847038 13.516736
## GSPC  -3.324043  9.797934
```

4

The expected return to standard deviation ratio covers only the first 2 moments of the return. It doesn't show the difference in skewness and kurtosis between the two investments.

As GSPC has lower negative skewness, there is lesser chance of getting a negative tail value.

It also has lower kurtosis, which means there is lesser chance of getting an extreme value

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a

Both assumptions valid (i.e. homoskedastic and normal)

```
lm <- lm(dbv.logreturns ~ gspc.logreturns)
reg1Summ <- summary(lm)
reg1Summ$coefficients[,2]
```

```
##      (Intercept) gspc.logreturns
##      0.0001361433      0.0101101940
```

```
vcov(lm)
```

```
##              (Intercept) gspc.logreturns
## (Intercept)  1.853500e-08 -1.923941e-08
## gspc.logreturns -1.923941e-08  1.022160e-04
```

```
library(DataAnalytics)
reg2Summ <- lmSumm(lm(dbv.logreturns ~ gspc.logreturns), HAC = T)
```

```
## Multiple Regression Analysis:
##      2 regressors(including intercept) and 2330 observations
##      with heteroskedastic|autocorrelation consistent standard errors
##      Lag truncation = 0
##
## lm(formula = dbv.logreturns ~ gspc.logreturns)
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std Error t value p value
## (Intercept)   -9.579e-05  0.000137   -0.70  0.484
## gspc.logreturns  4.309e-01  0.018280   23.57  0.000
## ---
## Standard Error of the Regression:  0.006571
## Multiple R-squared:  0.438 Adjusted R-squared:  0.438
```

```
reg2Summ$coef.table[,2]
```

```
##      (Intercept)  gspc.logreturns  
##           0.000137           0.018280
```