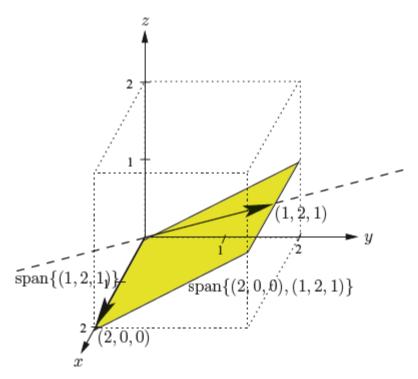
Linear Algebra in C++ The Eigen Library C++26 Linear Algebra Interface

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{(k)}\| = \|c_1 \lambda_1^k \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k \mathbf{v}_n\|$$

$$\leq |\lambda_1|^k \|c_1 \mathbf{v}_1\| + |\lambda_2|^k \|c_2 \mathbf{v}_2\| + \dots + |\lambda_n|^k \|c_n \mathbf{v}_n\|$$

$$\leq \|c_1 \mathbf{v}_1\| + \|c_2 \mathbf{v}_2\| + \dots + \|c_n \mathbf{v}_n\|.$$



$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta - \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta - \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta - \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\cos \theta & \sin \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta & \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Daniel Hanson, NWCPP 21 March 2024

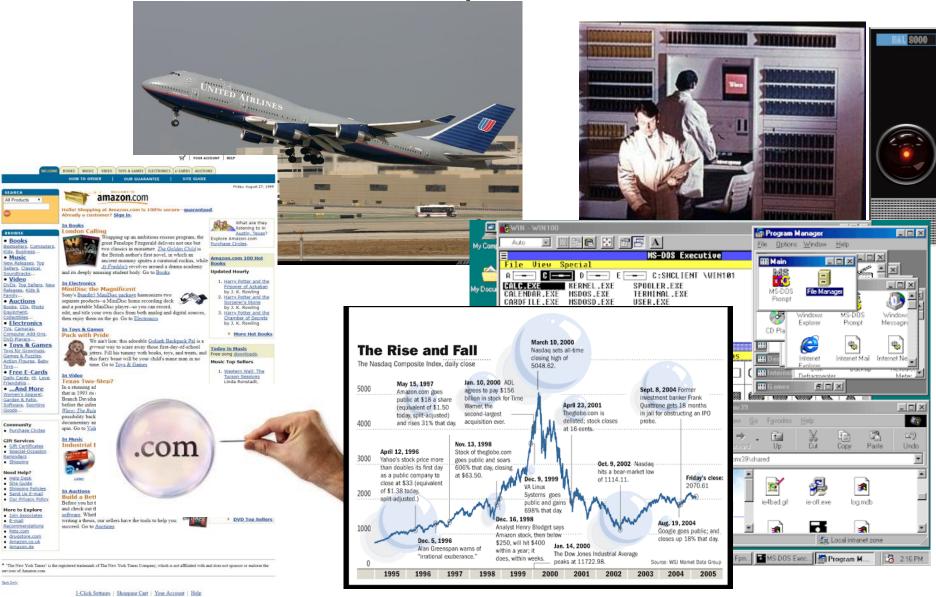
Outline

- Some history
 - Starting with the C++98 State of the World
 - Open Source Linear Algebra Libraries (2000's)
 - mdspan, C++26 stdBLAS (Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines)

The Eigen Library

Using stdBLAS and Eigen matrix decompositions

Take a Little Trip Back to 1998



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C++98 Linear Algebra

- Fortran platform support for linear algebra:
 - Multidimensional Arrays
 - BLAS (Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines)
 - LAPACK (Linear Algebra Package)
 - IMSL (International Mathematics and Statistics Library)
 - Vanished with transition to C++
 - Now what?!
- Contrived C++ solutions
 - std::vector of std::vector(s)
 - 2-dimensional dynamic C array

C++98 Linear Algebra

- std::valarray
 - 2-dimension valarray: proxy for a matrix
 - Element-by-element +, -, *, /
 - Element-by-element <cmath>-like functions (std::sin, std::log, std::abs etc)
 - apply(.) member function similar to std::transform
 - > Row by column dot products
 - > Easy to implement matrix multiplication
 - Controversy and downsides
 - > Inconsistent implementations (expression templates, or not)
 - > slice_array for row or column does not support (most) valarray functionality
- Another option was: Try to convince your boss to invest in a decent commercial linear algebra library

C++ Open Source Linear Algebra Libraries

- Matrix Template Library (MTL):
 - First released in 1998
 - Sparse and dense matrix formats
 - Arithmetic linear algebra operations on vectors and matrices
 - Inner products and norms, etc
- Boost uBLAS
 - November 2002, release 1.29.0
 - Similar functionality as MTL ("BLAS")
 - Good (but not outstanding) performance
 - Last major improvement was in 2008 (See uBLAS FAQ's)
- "Next Generation" linear algebra libraries (not exhaustive):
 - Eigen (2006)
 - Armadillo (2009)
 - Blaze (2012)
 - Include the usual BLAS functionality plus decompositions and solvers

Standard Library Support for Linear Algebra

- mdspan (p0009), C++23
 - A polymorphic and mutating multidimensional array reference (view)...
 - ...of a container whose elements reside in contiguous memory, ex's:
 - > std::vector
 - ➤ Eigen::VectorXd
 - > std::mdarray (<u>p1684</u>)
- stdBLAS (p1673, std::linalg), C++26
 - A free function linear algebra interface based on the BLAS
 - Matrix represented by a 2-D mdspan
 - Default BLAS with major compilers

The Eigen Library



$$\sigma_p = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\omega}^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\omega}}$$

$$\hat{oldsymbol{eta}} = egin{bmatrix} \hat{eta}_1 \ \hat{eta}_2 \ dots \ \hat{eta}_n \end{bmatrix} \qquad oldsymbol{y} = oldsymbol{X} \hat{oldsymbol{eta}} \ oldsymbol{Q}^\mathsf{T} oldsymbol{y} = oldsymbol{R} oldsymbol{X} \end{pmatrix}$$

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egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{z}_1 \ oldsymbol{z}_2 \ dots \ oldsymbol{z}_m \end{bmatrix} oldsymbol{arphi}_{oldsymbol{t}} = LL^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{w_t} = oldsymbol{L} oldsymbol{z}_t^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{z}_m \end{bmatrix},
```

```
MatrixXd cov_basket
{
      { 0.01263, 0.00025, -0.00017, 0.00503},
      { 0.00025, 0.00138, 0.00280, 0.00027},
      {-0.00017, 0.00280, 0.03775, 0.00480},
      { 0.00503, 0.00027, 0.00480, 0.02900}
};
```

- "A C++ template library for linear algebra: matrices, vectors, numerical solvers, and related algorithms"
- v 01 released December 2006
- Now at v 3.4.0 (August 2021)
- Mozilla Public License (MPL) 2.0
- Decent documentation
- Popular within various domains:
 - Finance
 - Medical/Pharmaceutical research
 - Data Science
 - Experimental Physics
- Included in
 - TensorFlow Library
 - Stan Math Library
 - ATLAS Experiment tracking software, CERN Large Hadron Collider

- Dense and Sparse matrix representations
- Core class for dense operations: **Eigen::Matrix**
- Part of a class template hierarchy:

```
EigenBase<Matrix>
<-- DenseCoeffsBase<Matrix>
<-- DenseBase<Matrix>
<-- MatrixBase<Matrix>
<-- PlainObjectBase<Matrix>
<-- Matrix</pre>
```

- Most member functions are defined on Eigen::MatrixBase
- Eigen uses expression templates and lazy evaluation
- Eigen::Vector class: special case of Matrix, m x 1 column vector

- The Eigen::Matrix class supports the (usual) numerical types:
 - int
 - float
 - double
 - std::complex<double>
- Various aliases of the Matrix class
 - Fixed square dimensions (up to 4)
 - > **Eigen::Matrix4i**: fixed 4 x 4 matrix of **int** types
 - > **Eigen::Matrix3f**: fixed 3 x 3 matrix of **float** types
 - Dynamic dimensions (m x n)
 - > Eigen::MatrixXd: dynamic m x n matrix of double types
 - ➤ **Eigen::VectorXd**: dynamic m x 1 matrix of **double** types
 - > Eigen::MatrixXcd: dynamic m x n matrix of complex<double> types

MatrixXd Examples:

```
#include <Eigen/Dense>
using Eigen::MatrixXd;
MatrixXd mtx
    \{1.0, 2.0, 3.0\},\
                                          Note: Although data is entered in
    \{4.0, 5.0, 6.0\},\
                                          row-major order, it is stored in
    {7.0, 8.0, 9.0},
                                          column-major order
    {10.0, 11.0, 12.0}
};
MatrixXd mtx{ 4, 3 };  // 4 rows, 3 columns
mtx << 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0;
MatrixXd mtx{ 2, 2 };
// 0-index as is the case in C++ generally:
mtx(0, 0) = 3.0;
mtx(1, 0) = 2.5;
mtx(0, 1) = -1.0;
mtx(1, 1) = mtx3(1, 0) + mtx3(0, 1);
```

VectorXd Examples:

```
using Eigen::VectorXd;
VectorXd vec{ {1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0} };
VectorXd vec{ 6 };  // 6 elements
vec << 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0;
VectorXd vec{ 3 };  // 3 elements
vec(0) = 3.19;
vec(1) = 2.58;
vec(2) = vec(0) + vec(1);
// cout is also for Eigen MatrixXd and VectorXd:
cout << "Contents of the VectorXd vec are:\n" << vec << "\n\n";
```

Eigen: Matrix multiplication

 As an example, a common problem in finance, given a correlation matrix of three assets in a portfolio:

And a vector of volatilities of individual asset returns (standard deviations):

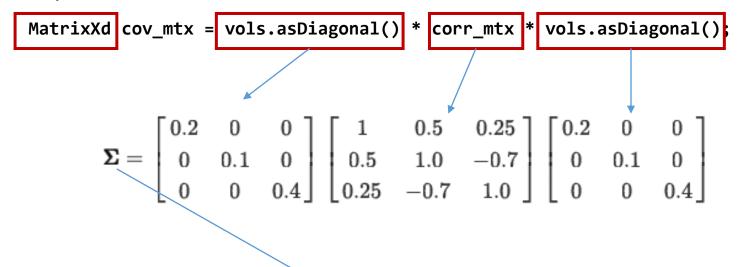
• ...is to compute the covariance matrix Σ

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 \\ 0.5 & 1.0 & -0.7 \\ 0.25 & -0.7 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

• First step is to form the diagonal matrices from the vector of volatilities

Eigen: Matrix multiplication

- Member function asDiagonal() returns a lighter weight view of a diagonal matrix containing the vector elements
- Compute the covariance matrix



• Operator * is defined: $(3 \times 3) * (3 \times 3) * (3 \times 3) = 3 \times 3$ covariance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.01 & 0.02 \\ 0.01 & 0.01 & -0.028 \\ 0.02 & -0.028 & 0.16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen Vector by vector multiplication

```
// Define two Vectors u and v
VectorXd u{ {1.0, 2.0, 3.0} };
VectorXd v{ {0.5, -0.5, 1.0} };
```

Need to be careful:

• If you know you will need a dot product, use the **dot(.)** member function:

```
dp = u.dot(v);
dp = v.dot(u);
```

Safer, commutative

Eigen: Matrix and Vector addition and subtraction

```
MatrixXd A
                        MatrixXd C
{
   {1.0, 2.0, 3.0},
                            {10.0, 20.0, 30.0},
   \{1.5, 2.5, 3.5\},\
                       {10.5, 20.5, 30.5},
   {4.0, 5.0, 6.0},
                         {40.0, 50.0, 60.0},
   \{4.5, 5.5, 6.5\},\
                         {40.5, 50.5, 60.5},
   {7.0, 8.0, 9.0}
                          {70.0, 80.0, 90.0}
};
                        };
                                 11 22 33
                                 12 23 34
MatrixXd mtx sum = A + C;
                                 44 55 66
cout << mtx sum;</pre>
                                 45 56 67
                                 77 88 99
VectorXd vec_diff = u - v;
                                  // u = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0]^T
                                   // v = [0.5, -0.5, 1.0]^T
cout << vec diff;</pre>
                                  // = [-0.5 -2.5 -2.0]^T
```

Eigen and STL Compatibility

- One can also iterate through an Eigen Vector container and apply STL algorithms
- As an example
 - Populate a VectorXd with random numbers drawn from a t-distribution using
 <random>, and apply the std::generate algorithm
 - Apply std::max_element to find the maximum random value in the result

Eigen and STL Compatibility

- **Eigen::Vector**(s) can also be used with STL containers in standard algos
 - Example 1: Dot (inner) product of **Eigen::VectorXd** and **std::vector**

```
#include <numeric>
// . . .
// VectorXd u{ 12 }: Contains random t-dist variates from previous slide
std::vector<double> v(u.size()); // u is a VectorXd, v is an STL vector
std::generate(v.begin(), v.end(), [&mt, &tdist]() { return tdist(mt); });
// Inner product of Eigen::VectorXd and std::vector
double dot_prod = std::inner_product(u.begin(), u.end(), v.begin(), 0.0);

    Example 2: Element-by element addition of Eigen::VectorXd and std::vector,

  using ranges form of std::transform
// Results placed in new VectorXd:
VectorXd w(v.size());
std::ranges::transform(u, v, w.begin(), std::plus{});
```

Eigen Unary Expressions

• Similar to **std::transform(.)**

Can be applied to an entire Matrix

```
MatrixXd vals
{
          { 9.0, 8.0, 7.0 },
          { 3.0, 2.0, 1.0 },
          { 9.5, 8.5, 7.5 },
          { 3.5, 2.5, 1.5 }
};
vals = vals.unaryExpr([](double x) { return x * x; });
```

Can also apply a function object or external lambda

Eigen Decompositions and Applications in Finance

- QR and Singular Value Decompositions
 - Multiple Regression
 - Fund Tracking
- Cholesky Decomposition (Correlated random std normal generator)
 - Basket options valuation
 - Portfolio risk management
- Principal Components Decomposition
 - Yield Curve Dynamics
 - Measuring feature importance in a trading strategy

Eigen Decompositions

- Target fund return y
- Three fund returns to predict target fund performance x_1, x_2, x_3
- *n* days of data (observations)
- Seek best fit estimates $\widehat{\beta}_1$, $\widehat{\beta}_2$, $\widehat{\beta}_3$: $\widehat{y} = \widehat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \widehat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \widehat{\beta}_3 x_3$
- Drop intercept term
- Number of observations $n \gg p = \text{number of funds (features)} = 3$
- Use the Householder QR Decomposition

As an example, suppose we have data over 30 days, with the vector Y
containing the daily target fund returns

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.039891\\ 0.001787\\ \vdots\\ 0.011249 \end{bmatrix}$$

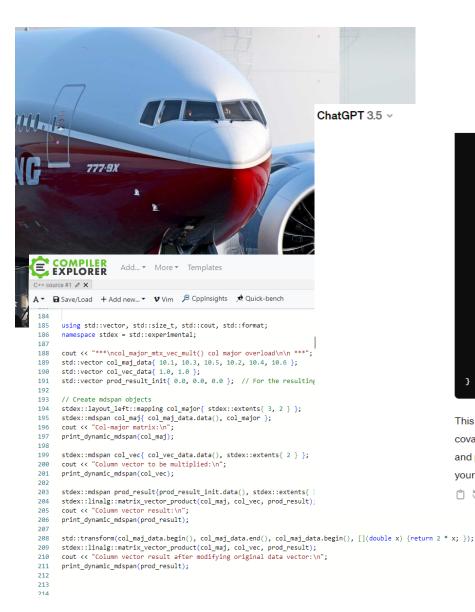
ullet And the matrix ${f X}$ containing fund style index returns in each column:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.044700 & -0.019003 & -0.030629 \\ -0.007888 & 0.026037 & 0.024919 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0.001440 & 0.052195 & -0.004396 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen Decompositions

```
// 3 funds, 30 days of data
MatrixXd X
    \{-0.044700, -0.007888, \ldots, 0.001440\},
    \{-0.019003, 0.026037, \ldots, 0.052195\},\
    \{-0.030629, 0.024919, \ldots, -0.004396\}
};
X.transposeInPlace(); // Design matrix X column-major
// Target return data over 30 days:
VectorXd Y
    \{-0.039891, 0.001787, \ldots, 0.011249\}
};
VectorXd beta = X.householderQr().solve(Y);
(Beta estimates:)
 0.352343
-0.089911
 0.391251
```

2024: stdBLAS and the Eigen Library



```
ror (int i = 0; i < eigenvalues.size(); ++i) {
    eigenPairs.push_back({eigenvalues(i), eigenvectors.col(i)});
}
std::sort(eigenPairs.begin(), eigenPairs.end(), [](auto &left, auto &right) {
    return left.first > right.first;
});

// Display the results
cout << "Eigenvalues:\n" << eigenvalues << "\n\n";
cout << "Eigenvectors:\n" << eigenvectors << "\n\n";
cout << "Principal Components:\n";
for (int i = 0; i < eigenPairs.size(); ++i) {
    cout << "PC" << i + 1 << ":\n" << eigenPairs[i].second << "\n\n";
}
return 0;
}</pre>
```

This program generates a random dataset, computes the mean, centers the data, calculates the covariance matrix, performs Eigen decomposition, and then displays the eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and principal components. Make sure you have the Eigen library installed and properly configured in your C++ project. You can find Eigen at: https://eigen.tuxfamily.org/

StdBLAS

- P1673: "a C++ Standard Library dense linear algebra interface based on the dense Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines (BLAS)"
- **std::linalg** namespace in code

BLAS Function	P1673 Function	Description	
DSCAL	scale	Multiplication of a vector $oldsymbol{v}$ by a scalar $oldsymbol{lpha}$	
DCOPY	сору	Copy a vector to another vector	
DAXPY	add	Calculates $lpha oldsymbol{x} + oldsymbol{y}$, vectors $oldsymbol{x} \& oldsymbol{y}$, scalar $lpha$	
DDOT	dot	Dot (inner) product of two vectors	
DNRM2	vector_norm2	Euclidean norm of a vector	
DGEMV	matrix_vector_product	Calculates $lpha m{A} m{x} + eta m{y}$, matrix $m{A}$, vector $m{y}$, scalars $lpha$ & eta	
DSYMV	symmetric_matrix_vector_product	Same as DGEMV (matrix_vector_product) but where \boldsymbol{A} is symmetric	
DGEMM	matrix_product	Calculates $lpha m{AB} + eta m{C}$, for matrices $m{A}, m{B}, \& m{C}$, and scalars $lpha \& eta$	

- Common problems in quant finance: Given a covariance matrix of asset returns Σ , and a vector of portfolio weights ω ,
 - Calculate the portfolio variance $\boldsymbol{\omega}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\omega}$
 - Calculate the Cholesky decomposition of Σ
- Portfolio variance: can use stdBLAS
- Use Eigen to compute the decomposition (not in BLAS)

Portfolio variance:

```
using std::vector;
namespace stdex = std::experimental;
// Data originates somewhere in contiguous storage (ex: std::vector)
vector cov mtx data // Cov Matrix (Sigma)
{
        0.01263, 0.00025, -0.00017, 0.00503,
         0.00025, 0.00138, 0.00280, 0.00027,
        -0.00017, 0.00280, 0.03775, 0.00480,
        0.00503, 0.00027, 0.00480, 0.02900
};
vector weights{ 0.25, -0.25, 0.50, 0.50 }; // Vector of asset weights (omega)
long n = weights.size();  // Use long types for Eigen (later)
vector<double> inner_mtx_vec(n); // Intermediate storage of omega^T * Sigma
```

Portfolio variance (cont'd):

Next task: Cholesky Decomposition

• Covariance matrix Σ , symmetric, positive definite

• Then there is a lower triangular matrix ${f L}$ such that ${f \Sigma}={f L}{f L}^T$

Cholesky Decomposition:

```
using Eigen::MatrixXd;
// An Eigen::Map is also a view but can be used like a MatrixXd:
Eigen::Map<MatrixXd> cov_mtx_map{ &md_cov_mtx(0, 0), n, n };
// Create an Eigen::LLT (Cholesky Decomposition) object:
Eigen::LLT<Eigen::MatrixXd> chol{ cov mtx map };
// Member function matrixL() returns the Cholesky L matrix:
MatrixXd chol_mtx = chol.matrixL();
// Results could be stored as view in new mdspan (but. . .):
stdex::mdspan md_chol_mtx{ chol_mtx.data(), stdex::extents{ n, n } };
                      0.11238
                                0.00222
                                          -0.00151
                                                      0.04476
                      0.00000
                                0.03708
                                           0.07560
                                                      0.00460
                      0.00000
                                0.00000
                                           0.17898
                                                      0.02526
                      0.00000
                                0.00000
                                           0.00000
                                                      0.16229
```

Cholesky Decomposition:

```
// Use a column-major (layout_left) mapping for the mdspan:
stdex::layout_left::mapping col_major{ stdex::extents{ n, n } };
stdex::mdspan md_chol_mtx{ chol_mtx.data(), col_major };
```

0.11238	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
0.00222	0.03708	0.00000	0.00000
-0.00151	0.07560	0.17898	0.00000
0.04476	0.00460	0.02526	0.16229

Summary

- Linear algebra options limited in C++98
- Robust open source libraries mid/late 2000's~
 - Eigen
 - Armadillo
 - Blaze
- Eigen
 - Header only/expression templates
 - Popular in quant finance, pharmaceutical applications, statistics, applied physics, data science
 - Basic Linear algebra, linear solvers, matrix decomposition
 - Unary expression function unaryExpr(.), and other features
- BLAS interface proposal 1673 accepted for C++26 Standard Library
 - Matrix and vector addition, subtraction, multiplication, etc.
 - Can use **Eigen::Map** as view of BLAS matrix data in decompositions, solvers and other Eigen functions

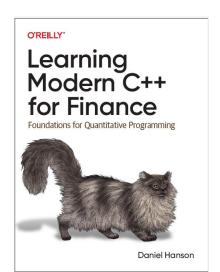
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