OldModernPortfolioTheory

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1.1 Efficient frontier, VaR, Expected Shortfall, Bootstrap, Monte-Carlo

In this tutorial, we're going to calculate the efficient frontier based on historical and forecasted data, and then generate some forward-looking returns.

As a starting point we'll use returns of 12 asset classes, namely developed markets bonds(FI.DEV), developed markets equities(EQ.DEV), emerging market bonds (FI.EM), corporate bonds(FI.CORP), emerging market equities(EQ.EM), high yield bonds(FI.HY), inflation-linked bonds(FI.IL), hedge funds(HF), real estate securities(RE.SEC), commodities(COMMOD), private equity(PRIV.EQ), bills(CASH).

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[1]: #loadind required libraries
    import numpy as np
    import pandas as pd
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    from scipy.stats import norm
    import cvxopt as opt
    from cvxopt import blas, solvers
[2]: #some formatting
    pd.options.display.float_format = '{:.02%}'.format #this is to format pandas_
     \rightarrow dataframes nicely
    \#pd.options.display.float_format = '\{:.4f\}'.format \#this is to format pandas_{\square}
     \rightarrow dataframes nicely
    from IPython.core.interactiveshell import InteractiveShell
    InteractiveShell.ast_node_interactivity = "all" #this is just to show all_
     →output for any cell, not the last operator output
    solvers.options['show_progress'] = False # Turn off progress printing
[3]: myPath = r'D:\Serega\Education\!Interviews\Portfolio\SAA_portfolio\Data_Source.
     ⇔xlsx'
[4]: returns = pd.read_excel(myPath, index_col=0)
[5]: returns.head(2)
    print('...')
    returns.tail(2)
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[5]:
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                        6.77% -0.14%
                                       0.37% 10.44% 0.45% 1.26% -3.17%
   1998-03-31 -0.88%
                       4.33% 0.90%
                                      -0.50% 4.23% 0.96% 2.31% -2.91%
               RE.SEC COMMOD Private EQ CASH
               -5.49% -5.26%
                                   8.02% 0.37%
   1998-02-28
   1998-03-31 -0.75%
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[5]:
   2015-10-31 -0.16%
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                                       0.61% 7.14% 2.99% 0.69% -1.68%
   2015-11-30 -1.72%
                      -0.44% -0.82%
                                      -1.10% -3.90% -2.04% -1.24% -0.44%
               RE.SEC COMMOD Private EQ
                                           CASH
               -6.25%
   2015-10-31
                       1.14%
                                   7.08% -0.03%
   2015-11-30 -2.00% -7.51%
                                   4.82% -0.01%
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As per the output above, in the input file we have monthly returns for a number of assets from February 1998 to November 2015. It is a good data range because it includes the dotcom crysis, the mortgage buble and consequent recoveries. You can choose your own time horizon. If you want do download other data from the internet there is a number of packages to do that. Just don't forget to convert price data to returns. Let's plot this returns to see relative performance of assets.

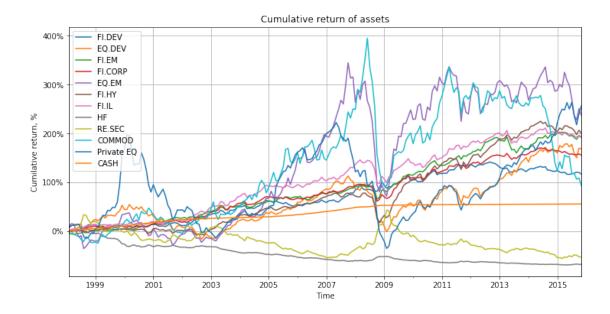
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[6]: cumulative_returns = returns + 1
   for i in range(1,returns.shape[0]):
        cumulative_returns.iloc[i,:] = cumulative_returns.iloc[i,:
    →]*cumulative_returns.iloc[i-1,:]
   cumulative_returns -= 1
[7]: InteractiveShell.ast_node_interactivity = "last"
   plt.figure()
   cumulative_returns.plot(figsize=(12, 6))
   plt.title('Cumulative return of assets')
   plt.legend(loc='upper left')
   plt.xlabel('Time')
   plt.ylabel('Cumilative return, %')
   plt.gca().set_yticklabels(['{:.0f}%'.format(x*100) for x in plt.gca().
     →get_yticks()])
   plt.grid(True)
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[7]: Text(0.5,1,'Cumulative return of assets')
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[7]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1e29c3b95c0>

[7]: Text(0.5,0,'Time')

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[7]: Text(0,0.5,'Cumilative return, %')
[7]: [Text(0,0,'-100%'),
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        Text(0,0,'200%'),
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        Text(0,0,'500%')]
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The worst performing classes are hedge funds and real estate securities. Maybe the indices chosen are not representative. However, since it is only an exercise, we'll leave averything as it is. Let's calculate parameters of these returns.

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def cvar_historical(rtns, confidence=.95):
       sorted_rtns = __return_sorted_columns(rtns)
       ind = int(np.floor(len(rtns)*(1-confidence))) #better to take lower value_
     \rightarrow to overestimate the risk than to underestimate it
       return np.mean(sorted_rtns[0:ind])
   def var_analytical(rtns, confidence=.95):
       mu = rtns.mean() # in some cases mean return may assumed to be zero
       std = rtns.std()
       return mu - std*norm.ppf(confidence)
   def cvar_analytical(rtns, confidence=.95):
       mu = rtns.mean() # in some cases mean return may assumed to be zero
       std = rtns.std()
       return mu - std*norm.pdf(norm.ppf(confidence))/(1-confidence)
   def calculateparameters(rtns, confidence=.95):
        """This function returns Mean return, Standard deviation, Historical VaR,
     \hookrightarrow Historical CVaR, Analytical VaR, Analytical CVaR
       Parameters
        _____
       rtns (pandas dataframe): asset returns
       mean_asset_rtn = rtns.mean()
       std_asset_rtn = rtns.std()
       VaR hist = var historical(rtns, confidence)
       CVaR_hist = cvar_historical(rtns, confidence)
       VaR_covar = var_analytical(rtns, confidence)
       CVaR_covar = cvar_analytical(rtns, confidence)
       params = pd.concat([mean_asset_rtn, std_asset_rtn, VaR_hist, CVaR_hist,__
     →VaR_covar, CVaR_covar], axis=1)
       params = params.transpose()
       params.index = ['Mean return', 'Standard deviation', 'Historical VaR', __
     'Analytical VaR', 'Analytical CVaR']
       return params
[9]: calculateparameters(returns)
                       FI.DEV EQ.DEV FI.EM FI.CORP
                                                         EQ.EM FI.HY FI.IL \
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[9]:
                              0.57% 0.52%
                                                    0.82% 0.56% 0.52%
   Mean return
                       0.38%
                                             0.46%
   Standard deviation 1.82% 4.58% 1.88%
                                            1.82%
                                                    6.98% 2.91% 2.16%
                      -2.97% -8.53% -2.82% -2.54% -10.48% -3.97% -3.40%
   Historical VaR
   Historical CVaR
                     -3.59% -10.94% -4.65% -4.04% -16.28% -7.21% -4.95%
   Analytical VaR
                     -2.61% -6.96% -2.58%
                                            -2.53% -10.66% -4.22% -3.02%
   Analytical CVaR
                    -3.37% -8.88% -3.36% -3.29% -13.58% -5.44% -3.93%
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HF RE.SEC COMMOD Private EQ
                                                   CASH
                 -0.52% -0.23% 0.53%
                                             0.87% 0.21%
Mean return
Standard deviation 2.02% 5.14% 6.70%
                                             7.38% 0.20%
                -3.48% -6.99% -11.23%
                                           -11.30% 0.00%
Historical VaR
Historical CVaR
               -4.47% -8.96% -14.55%
                                           -16.85% -0.01%
Analytical VaR
                 -3.84% -8.69% -10.49%
                                           -11.28% -0.12%
                 -4.69% -10.83% -13.29%
                                           -14.36% -0.21%
Analytical CVaR
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As we can see, historical VaR slightly overestimates the risk. It happens because we round the index of the historical return correspondent to the chosen confidence level.

We can generate expected returns using bootstrap or covariance based Monte-Carlo.

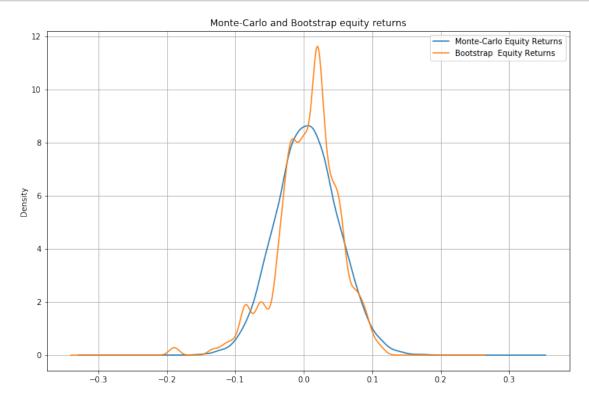
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[10]: def montecarlo(rtns, num_simulations = 10000, seed=1):
         '''Covariance based Monte-Carlo, returns are assumed to be normally
      \rightarrow distributed
         111
         n_assets = rtns.shape[1]
         mean_asset_rtn = rtns.mean()
         std_asset_rtn = rtns.std()
         cormat = rtns.corr()
         np.random.seed(seed)
         rand_rtns = (np.random.normal(size=num_simulations*n_assets)).
      →reshape(num_simulations,n_assets)
         cholesky_decomposition = (np.linalg.cholesky(cormat)).transpose()
         zscore = np.dot(rand_rtns, cholesky_decomposition)
         rtns_simulations = pd.DataFrame(columns=rtns.columns)
         #haven't found an elegant way to do this. Ended up with a loop. There
      →should be some convenient function in numpy or pandas...
         for i in range(zscore.shape[0]):
             rtns_simulations.loc[i] = mean_asset_rtn + np.multiply(zscore[i,:
      →],std_asset_rtn)
         return rtns_simulations
     def bootstrap(rtns, num_simulations = 10000, chunksize = 3, seed=1):
         '''Takes historical data to generate returns
         n_returns = rtns.shape[0]
         if (chunksize<1):</pre>
             chunksize = 1
             print('Chunksize cannot be negative. chunksize is assumed to be 1')
         returns_local = rtns.append(rtns.iloc[0:(chunksize-1),:]) #this is to be__
      →able to take pieces from the end of the series
         chunks = num simulations//chunksize
         rtns simulations = pd.DataFrame(columns=rtns.columns)
         np.random.seed(seed)
         for idx in np.random.choice(n_returns, size=chunks, replace=True):
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rtns_simulations = rtns_simulations.append(returns_local.iloc[idx:
      →(idx+chunksize),:])
         #adding variables which are lower than
         fraction_period = num_simulations%chunksize
         if fraction period:
             idx = np.random.randint(n_returns)
             rtns_simulations = rtns_simulations.append(returns_local.iloc[idx:
      →(idx+fraction_period),:])
         rtns_simulations.index = range(num_simulations)
         return rtns_simulations
[11]: | bootstrap_returns = bootstrap(returns)
     montecarlo_returns = montecarlo(returns)
       Parameters of returns generated with bootstrap:
    calculateparameters(bootstrap_returns)
[12]:
                         FI.DEV EQ.DEV FI.EM
                                               FI.CORP
[12]:
                                                          EQ.EM
                                                                 FI.HY
                                                                        FI.IL
     Mean return
                          0.38%
                                  0.61% 0.51%
                                                  0.45%
                                                          0.82%
                                                                 0.53%
                                                                        0.52%
                                  4.55% 1.89%
                                                          6.88% 2.91% 2.16%
     Standard deviation
                          1.82%
                                                  1.81%
    Historical VaR
                         -2.83% -8.42% -2.75%
                                                 -2.52% -9.99% -3.94% -3.03%
    Historical CVaR
                         -3.53% -10.67% -4.52%
                                                 -3.92% -15.51% -7.13% -4.86%
    Analytical VaR
                         -2.61% -6.88% -2.60%
                                                 -2.53% -10.49% -4.26% -3.03%
     Analytical CVaR
                         -3.37% -8.79% -3.39%
                                                 -3.28% -13.36% -5.47% -3.94%
                            HF
                               RE.SEC COMMOD Private EQ
                                                             CASH
    Mean return
                        -0.53%
                               -0.27%
                                         0.51%
                                                     0.78% 0.20%
     Standard deviation 2.01%
                                 5.09%
                                         6.69%
                                                     7.36% 0.20%
    Historical VaR
                        -3.45%
                               -6.84% -10.65%
                                                   -11.07% 0.00%
                                                   -16.81% -0.01%
    Historical CVaR
                        -4.48%
                               -8.56% -14.45%
     Analytical VaR
                        -3.84%
                               -8.65% -10.50%
                                                   -11.33% -0.12%
                        -4.68% -10.78% -13.30%
                                                   -14.40% -0.21%
     Analytical CVaR
       Parameters of returns generated with Monte-Carlo:
[13]: calculateparameters(montecarlo_returns)
[13]:
                         FI.DEV EQ.DEV FI.EM
                                               FI.CORP
                                                          EQ.EM FI.HY FI.IL
    Mean return
                          0.37%
                                  0.49% 0.52%
                                                  0.46%
                                                          0.80% 0.56% 0.52%
     Standard deviation
                          1.83%
                                  4.56%
                                        1.89%
                                                  1.82%
                                                          6.93% 2.91%
                                                                       2.16%
    Historical VaR
                         -2.63% -6.85% -2.59%
                                                 -2.54% -10.73% -4.20% -3.02%
    Historical CVaR
                         -3.44% -8.76% -3.41%
                                                 -3.24% -13.56% -5.42% -3.90%
     Analytical VaR
                         -2.63% -7.00% -2.59%
                                                 -2.52% -10.59% -4.23% -3.03%
                         -3.39% -8.91% -3.38%
                                                 -3.28% -13.49% -5.44% -3.93%
    Analytical CVaR
                                RE.SEC COMMOD Private EQ
                            HF
                                                             CASH
                        -0.51% -0.16%
                                         0.57%
                                                     0.78% 0.21%
    Mean return
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Standard deviation 2.01%
                          5.15%
                                   6.69%
                                               7.43% 0.20%
                  -3.79% -8.62% -10.54%
                                             -11.32% -0.12%
Historical VaR
Historical CVaR
                  -4.64% -10.74% -13.15%
                                             -14.39% -0.20%
                  -3.81% -8.62% -10.44%
Analytical VaR
                                             -11.43% -0.12%
Analytical CVaR
                  -4.65% -10.77% -13.24%
                                             -14.53% -0.20%
```

As we can see, generated returns have almost the same parameters as our initial sample, which confirms that the generation functions work correctly.

Let's visualize the result, people love it. We can make a density plot for returns of equities.



The return generated by Monte-Carlo is more smooth. Seems like bootstrap returns have fatter tails.

Let's annualize our monthly returns. We'll proceed with bootstrap returns.

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[15]: def returns_period_upscale(rtns, periodicity = 12, annualize_last = True):
         new_returns = pd.DataFrame(columns = rtns.columns)
         rtns += 1
         n_steps = rtns.shape[0]//periodicity
         for i in range(n_steps):
             new_returns.loc[i] = np.prod(rtns.iloc[(i*periodicity):
      →((i+1)*periodicity)],axis=0)
         fraction_period = rtns.shape[0]%periodicity
         if fraction_period:
             new_returns.loc[n_steps] = np.prod(rtns.iloc[(n_steps*periodicity):
      \rightarrow],axis=0)
             if annualize_last: new_returns.loc[n_steps] = np.power(new_returns.
      →loc[n_steps],periodicity/fraction_period)
         rtns -= 1 #python passes this dataframe by reference, and we don't want the
      →internal function to make changes. I should've copied this Dataframe at the
      →beginning of the function, and work with the copy. But I don't want to)
         return new_returns-1
[16]: annual_returns = returns_period_upscale(bootstrap_returns)
[17]: covmat, corrmat = [returns.cov(), returns.corr()]
     corrmat.style.background_gradient(cmap='coolwarm').set_precision(2)
[17]: <pandas.io.formats.style.Styler at 0x1e29d9b76d8>
       Below you can see an average return(arithmetic), standard deviation by asset class and corre-
    lation and covariation matrix. Geometric returns can be used instead, but the difference is small
    anyway.
[18]: mean_asset_rtn, std_asset_rtn = [annual_returns.mean(), annual_returns.std()]
     #printing parameters
     params = pd.DataFrame(columns=mean_asset_rtn.index, index =__
     →['Mean_return','Standard_deviation'])
     for key, rtn, stdev in zip(mean_asset_rtn.index, mean_asset_rtn, std_asset_rtn):
         params[key] = [f'{rtn*100:.02f}%', f'{stdev*100:.02f}%']
     params
[18]:
                        FI.DEV EQ.DEV FI.EM FI.CORP
                                                         EQ.EM
                                                                 FI.HY FI.IL \
    Mean_return
                         4.68%
                                 7.78% 6.21%
                                                 5.60% 11.16%
                                                                 6.72% 6.34%
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It seems like equities are doing better than bonds, however equities are more volitile. Makes sense. Let's take a look at correlation matrix

HF RE.SEC COMMOD Private EQ

6.55%

6.87% 29.77% 12.66% 7.35%

12.08%

35.56% 1.20%

CASH

2.46%

Standard_deviation 6.77% 18.10% 6.44%

Standard_deviation 8.18% 22.53% 25.08%

-6.01% -2.46%

Mean_return

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[19]: covmat, corrmat = [annual_returns.cov(), annual_returns.corr()]
     corrmat.style.background gradient(cmap='coolwarm').set precision(2)
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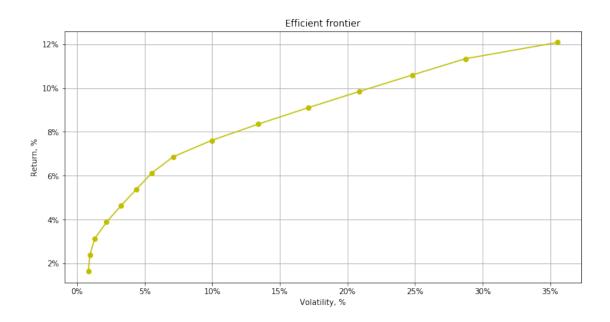
[19]: <pandas.io.formats.style.Styler at 0x1e2a2f89748>

Intuitively, high correlation between assets - a bad thing, low correlation - a good thing.

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[20]: def __solve_portfolio(S, pbar, G, h, A, b, pmultiplier):
         '''Solves quadratic problem and returns weights and correcponding return
      \hookrightarrow and risk
         111
         x = solvers.qp(S, -pmultiplier*pbar, G, h, A=A, b=b)['x']
         return np.array(x), blas.dot(pbar, x), np.sqrt(blas.dot(x, S*x))
     def efficient_frontier(rtns, num_eff_ports = 15, min_weights_vect=None,__
      →max weights vect=None):
         '''Returns [array of weights, return, volatility]
         you can specify min. and max weights for simulation, like min_weights_vect_{\sqcup}
      \Rightarrow = [0, .10, ..., -.20]
         111
         n = rtns.shape[1]
         #calculate returns and covariance
         S = opt.matrix(np.matrix(rtns.cov()))
         pbar = opt.matrix(np.mean(rtns))
         #by default an asset weight is from 0 to 100% (no leverage, no borrowing)
         if min_weights_vect is None: min_weights_vect=[0]*n
         if max weights vect is None: max weights vect=[1]*n
         # Create constraint matrices
         G = None
         h = None
         if not min_weights_vect is None:
             G = -np.eve(n)
             h = np.matrix(min_weights_vect)
         if not max_weights_vect is None:
             G = np.concatenate((G,np.eye(n)))
             h = np.concatenate((h, np.matrix(max_weights_vect)), axis=1)#recheck_
      →that weights are set up correctly
         if (not min_weights_vect is None) or (not max_weights_vect is None):
             G = opt.matrix(G) # negative n x n identity matrix
             h = opt.matrix(h, (h.shape[1],1), 'd')
         #we can add group counstraints later if required
         A = \text{opt.matrix}(1.0, (1, n)) \text{ #sum of weights should be equal to 1}
         b = opt.matrix(1.0)
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minVarPort = __solve_portfolio(S, pbar, G, h, A, b, 0)
  maxRtnPort = __solve_portfolio(S, pbar, G, h, A, b, 10E5)
  target_returns = np.linspace(minVarPort[1], maxRtnPort[1], num_eff_ports-1,_
→endpoint=False)
  frontier = list()
  frontier.append(minVarPort)
  for target_rtn in target_returns[1:]:
       port = __solve_portfolio(S,
                                 pbar,
                                 G,
                                 h,
                                 opt.matrix(np.concatenate((np.matrix([1]*n),np.
→transpose(pbar)))), #adjust Amat to add return target
                                 opt.matrix([1.0, target_rtn], (2,1)), #adjust_
\rightarrowbvac to add return target
                                 0
                                )
       frontier.append(port)
  frontier.append(maxRtnPort)
  return frontier
```

Wow, all is set up to find our efficient frontier and earn billions of dollars. We'll use annualised returns, because compuunding effect is taken into account.





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[24]: pd.DataFrame(np.transpose(np.concatenate([w for w, _, _ in front], axis=1)),
                  [std for _ , _,std in front],
                 columns=annual returns.columns)
[24]:
             FI.DEV
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             COMMOD
                     Private EQ
                                   CASH
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So, if you don't like risk - CASH is your choise. If you're ready to take risks to achieve high return - invest in private equities. In-between - diversify your portfolio.

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