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1 3 Numerical Application: Generation of Efficient Frontier

2 Environment

I am using Python here because only Python, R, and Matlab are allowed.

2.1 Imports

```
[44]: import yfinance as yf
import polars as pl
import numpy as np
import scipy.optimize as opt
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

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Download data.

```
[19]: tickers = ["META", "AMZN", "AAPL", "NFLX", "GOOG"]
start = "2022-01-01"
end = "2024-12-31"

data = yf.download(tickers, start=start, end=end)["Close"]
data
```

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[19]: Ticker      AAPL      AMZN      GOOG      META      NFLX
Date
2022-01-03  178.879898  170.404495  144.555084  337.251709  597.369995
2022-01-04  176.609650  167.522003  143.899460  335.249359  591.150024
2022-01-05  171.911865  164.356995  137.160675  322.936432  567.520020
2022-01-06  169.042068  163.253998  137.058533  331.194855  553.289978
2022-01-07  169.209137  162.554001  136.513992  330.527435  541.059998
...
2024-12-23  254.989655  225.059998  195.990005  599.849976  911.450012
2024-12-24  257.916443  229.050003  197.570007  607.750000  932.119995
2024-12-26  258.735504  227.050003  197.100006  603.349976  924.140015
```

2024-12-27	255.309296	223.750000	194.039993	599.809998	907.549988
2024-12-30	251.923019	221.300003	192.690002	591.239990	900.429993

[752 rows x 5 columns]

Convert to Polars DataFrame.

```
[20]: df = pl.from_pandas(data.reset_index())
df = df.rename({"Date": "date"})
df
```

[20]: shape: (752, 6)

date	AAPL	AMZN	GOOG	META	NFLX
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datetime[ns]	f64	f64	f64	f64	f64
2022-01-03 00:00:00	178.879898	170.404495	144.555084	337.251709	597.369995
2022-01-04 00:00:00	176.60965	167.522003	143.89946	335.249359	591.150024
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Compute daily and annualized return.

```
[25]: returns_df = (
    df.with_columns(
        [(pl.col(ticker) / pl.col(ticker).shift(1) - 1).
        ↪alias(f"{ticker}_daily_return") for ticker in tickers]
    )
    .drop_nulls()
    .with_columns(
        [(pl.col(f"{ticker}_daily_return") * 252).
        ↪alias(f"{ticker}_annualized_return") for ticker in tickers]
    )
)
returns_df
```

[25]: shape: (751, 16)

date	AAPL	AMZN	GOOG	...	AMZN_annu	AAPL_annu
NFLX_annu	GOOG_ann					
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datetime[f64	f64	f64		turn	turn
turn	return				---	---
ns]					f64	f64
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f64	f64					
2022-01-0	176.60965	167.52200	143.89946	...	-4.262728	-3.19825
-2.623889	-1.14293					
4		3				
7						
00:00:00						
2022-01-0	171.91186	164.35699	137.16067	...	-4.761059	-6.703154
-10.07318	-11.8011					
5	5	5	5			1
13						
00:00:00						
2022-01-0	169.04206	163.25399	137.05853	...	-1.691167	-4.206742
-6.318668	-0.18766					

6	8	8	3				
2							
00:00:00							
2022-01-0	169.20913	162.55400	136.51399	...	-1.08052	0.249058	
-5.570235	-1.00120						
7	7	1	2				
9							
00:00:00							
2022-01-1	169.22880	161.48599	138.07786	...	-1.655684	0.029292	
-0.563571	2.886855						
0	6	2	6				
00:00:00							
...
...							
2024-12-2	254.98965	225.05999	195.99000	...	0.156855	0.772369	
0.665317	3.957088						
3	5	8	5				
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2024-12-2	257.91644	229.05000	197.57000	...	4.467615	2.892473	
5.714889	2.031535						
4	3	3	7				
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2024-12-2	258.73550	227.05000	197.10000	...	-2.200393	0.800273	
-2.157399	-0.59948						
6	4	3	6				
5							
00:00:00							
2024-12-2	255.30929	223.75	194.03999	...	-3.662633	-3.337016	
-4.523867	-3.91234						
7	6		3				
5							
00:00:00							
2024-12-3	251.92301	221.30000	192.69000	...	-2.759326	-3.342384	
-1.977014	-1.75323						
0	9	3	2				
5							
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Compute expected returns vector μ .

```
[26]: mu = (
        returns_df.select([pl.col(f"{ticker}_annualized_return").mean().
        ↪alias(f"{ticker}_mean") for ticker in tickers])
        .to_numpy()
        .flatten()
    )
    mu
```

```
[26]: array([0.30920058, 0.16117727, 0.15153147, 0.26472372, 0.15015158])
```

Compute covariance matrix Σ .

```
[27]: annualized_returns_np = returns_df.select([pl.
        ↪col(f"{ticker}_annualized_return") for ticker in tickers]).to_numpy()
    Sigma = np.cov(annualized_returns_np, rowvar=False)
    Sigma
```

```
[27]: array([[59.89081909, 28.2131141 , 16.73612824, 28.90034123, 24.09146925],
        [28.2131141 , 37.06979297, 14.75868059, 24.01321127, 20.68442646],
        [16.73612824, 14.75868059, 18.51798169, 14.96888643, 13.90722188],
        [28.90034123, 24.01321127, 14.96888643, 60.69335964, 17.16245177],
        [24.09146925, 20.68442646, 13.90722188, 17.16245177, 27.07180831]])
```

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Create Λ from 0 to 0.5.

```
[56]: Lambda = np.arange(0.001, 0.501, 0.001)
    Lambda[:5]
```

```
[56]: array([0.001, 0.002, 0.003, 0.004, 0.005])
```

Optimize the minimum of the function $-(\mu^T w - \frac{\lambda_t}{2} \cdot w^T \Sigma w)$ i.e. the maximum of $\mu^T w - \frac{\lambda_t}{2} \cdot w^T \Sigma w$

```
[47]: def portfolio_optimization(lambda_t: float):
        def objective(w):
            return -(mu @ w - (lambda_t / 2) * w.T @ Sigma @ w)

        constraints = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda w: np.sum(w) - 1})
        bounds = [(None, None)] * len(tickers)
```

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w0 = np.ones(len(tickers)) / len(tickers)

result = opt.minimize(objective, w0, constraints=constraints, bounds=bounds)
return result.x if result.success else None
```

Compute the optimal portfolios for each λ_t .

```
[54]: optimal_portfolios = {lambda_t: portfolio_optimization(lambda_t) for lambda_t in Lambda}

optimal_portfolios[0.001]
```

```
[54]: array([ 4.13257389, -1.93778343, -0.8873206 ,  1.8536281 , -2.16109796])
```

Compute portfolio statistics for each λ_t .

```
[49]: portfolio_stats = []

for lambda_t in Lambda:
    w_opt = portfolio_optimization(lambda_t)
    if w_opt is not None:
        mu_p = mu @ w_opt
        sigma_p = np.sqrt(w_opt.T @ Sigma @ w_opt)
        portfolio_stats.append((lambda_t, mu_p, sigma_p))
stats_df = pl.DataFrame(
    {
        "Lambda": [x[0] for x in portfolio_stats],
        "Expected Return": [x[1] for x in portfolio_stats],
        "Expected Volatility": [x[2] for x in portfolio_stats],
        # "Portfolio Weights": [x[3].tolist() for x in portfolio_stats],
    }
)
stats_df
```

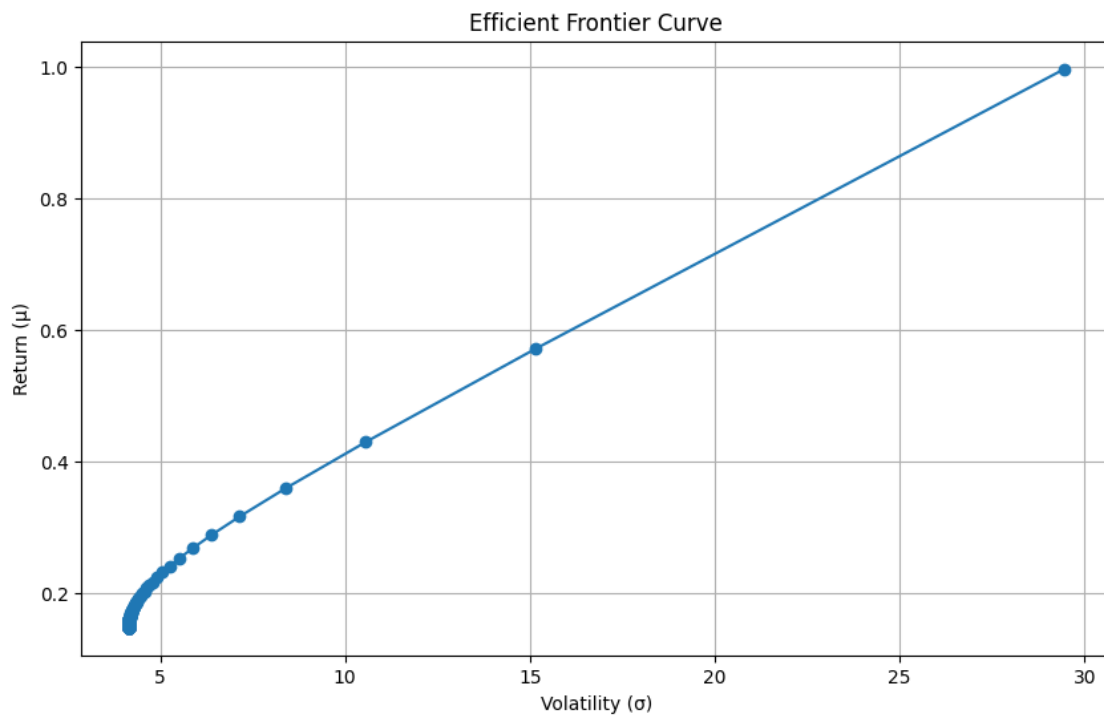
```
[49]: shape: (500, 3)
```

Lambda	Expected Return	Expected Volatility
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f64	f64	f64
0.001	0.997218	29.453461
0.002	0.572003	15.155693
0.003	0.430282	10.563914
0.004	0.359428	8.382332
0.005	0.316968	7.15209
...
0.496	0.148526	4.13637
0.497	0.148523	4.136368

0.498	0.148519	4.136367
0.499	0.148516	4.136365
0.5	0.148512	4.136363

Plot efficient frontier.

```
[53]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(stats_df["Expected Volatility"], stats_df["Expected Return"],
         marker='o', linestyle='-', label='Efficient Frontier')
plt.xlabel("Volatility (σ)")
plt.ylabel("Return (μ)")
plt.title("Efficient Frontier Curve")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```



The shape is similar to that of the square root curve, which then levels out into a linear function.