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### 1 Introduction

In this paper we will be pricing index basket options, using a combination of time-series fore-casts and copula based simulation methods. Specifically, we will be pricing basket options on the DAX, AEX, FTSE 100 Nikkei 225, S&P 500, S&P/TSX indices, with a payoff function max (average return of indices -k, 0), for various strikes k, with a time to maturity of one month.

To do this, we will first fit several GARCH based volatility forecasts to each index, assuming normal, Student's-t, and skewed Student's-t residuals. Then, we will fit a multivariate-t distribution to our data. Goodness of fit tests will be conducted for each model. For each assumed residual distribution, we will use Monte Carlo methods to forecast the payoff of our basket option. We will conclude by simulating the performance of the covered call strategy, and backtesting our results.

#### 1.0.1 Background Concepts

We assume that the reader has a basic understanding of time-series models, model fitting, and options[1]. First, let us define our time-series models.

**ARCH Model** Let us do a brief overview of the Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (ARCH) model.

Let  $\{y_t\}$  be a time-series. Let  $\{\epsilon_t\}$  denote the error terms (known as residuals, with respect to a mean process). We will assume for each time-series that the mean process is constant. We assume that  $\epsilon_t = \sigma_t z_t$ , where  $\sigma_t$  repsents the time-dependent volatility/standard deviation, and  $z_t$  is a white noise process (a stochastic process with mean 0, constant volatility, and no autocorrelation). We will assume that our white noise processes have a constantly volatility of 1.

We forecast conditional volatility as:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i \epsilon_{t-i}^2$$

for some  $\alpha_0 > 0, \alpha_i \ge 0$  where q represents the order of the ARCH process (i.e. the number of previous residuals to consider).

The main feature of this model is that it is able to capture volatility clustering in the data, by considering past "shocks" or errors.

**GARCH Model** The above can be generalized, by also including an moving average of the previous volatilities. This results in a Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (GARCH) model.

We forecast conditional volatility as:

$$\sigma_t^2 = \omega + \sum_{i=1}^q \alpha_i \epsilon_{t-i}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \sigma_{t-i}^2$$

for some  $\omega > 0$ ,  $\alpha_i \ge 0$ ,  $\beta_i \ge 0$  where q represents the order of the ARCH process, and p repsents the order of the GARCH process (i.e. the number of previous volatilities to consider).

This model has the added capability of capturing the persistance of previous volatility.

For an intuitive understanding of the parameters, consider the yield of US Government bonds. Note that in the bond market, there are few market moving events, apart from the occasional interest rate change. The response to each interest rate change is generally small, as the effect has been priced in, yielding low values of  $\alpha_i$ . However, once volatility increases, it tends to be persistant, yielding high values of  $\beta_i$ . For empirical justification of this situation, see the fitted parameters here.

**Noise Processes** We will assume that our noise process follows one of the following: 1. A Standard Normal distribution N(0,1) 2. A Standard Student's-t distribution with a fitted degrees of freedom  $t_{\nu}(0,1)$  3. A Skewed Student's-t distribution with fitted degrees of freedom and skew parameter

We assume that the reader is familiar with the first two distributions, and thus we will only highlight the latter distribution. #### Skewed Student's-t distribution

We use the density function given by Hansen in [1], and refer the reader there for a more indepth analysis:

$$g(z|\eta,\lambda) = \begin{cases} bc\left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta - 2}\right) \left(\frac{bz + a}{1 + \lambda}\right)^{-(\eta + 1)/2} & \text{if } z < -a/b, \\ bc\left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta - 2}\right) \left(\frac{bz + a}{1 + \lambda}\right)^{-(\eta + 1)/2} & \text{if } z \ge -a/b, \end{cases}$$

where 
$$2 < \eta < \infty$$
 and  $-1 < \lambda < 1$ , and  $a = 4 \operatorname{c} \left( \frac{\eta - 2}{\eta - 1} \right)$ ,  $b^2 = 1 + 3A\lambda^2 - a^2$ ,  $c = \frac{\Gamma\left( \frac{\eta + 1}{2} \right)}{\sqrt{\pi(\eta - 2)}} \left( \frac{\eta}{2} \right)$ 

The idea behind this distribution is to generalize the Student's-t distribution, to allow for skewness. Fortunately, the arch library, from [5], allows us to easily sample from this skewed Student's-t distribution.

## 1.1 Preliminary Work

**Import Libraries** We will use: 1. The yfinance library from [2] to download our data, 2. numpy from [3] and pandas from [4] for data structures, 3. the arch library from [5] for fitting GARCH models, and conducting Goodness of Fit tests 4. the scipy library from [6] for fitting multivariate

models, conducting simulations, and conducting Goodness of Fit tests 5. the statsmodels library from [7] for graphing autocorrelation functions and fitting t-copulas 6. the matplotlib library from [8] for data visualization

```
[308]: import yfinance as yf
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from arch import arch_model
from arch.univariate import SkewStudent
from scipy.stats import norm, t, multivariate_t, chi2, f
from scipy.optimize import minimize
from statsmodels.distributions.copula.api import StudentTCopula
from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot_acf
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

**Import Data** This cell imports index data from Yahoo Finance, using the yFinance library, or alternatively, loads previously cached data.

```
[309]: # List of ticker symbols for each index
       all_tickers = ["^GDAXI", "^AEX", "^FTSE", "^N225", "^GSPC", "^GSPTSE", "^TYX"] _
        →# DAX, AEX, FTSE 100, Nikkei 225, S&P 500, S&P/TSX Composite
       index_datasets = {}
       #Set to True to download data from Yahoo Finance using the yFinance library
       #Set to False to use previously cached data
       DOWNLOAD_DATA = False
       if DOWNLOAD DATA:
           # Loop over each ticker symbol to fetch the data
          for ticker in all_tickers:
               # Retrieve the historical data starting from November 20, 1992
               index = yf.Ticker(ticker)
               #Save to dictionary
               index_datasets[ticker] = index.history(start="1992-11-20")
        ⇔#(start="1992-11-20")
               # Convert the Date column to Datetime
               (index_datasets[ticker]).index = pd.
        oto datetime((index datasets[ticker]).index.normalize().tz localize(None))
               index_datasets[ticker] = round(index_datasets[ticker],12)
               #Write data to disk
               index_datasets[ticker].to_excel(".\\Saved Data\\"+ticker+'.xlsx',u
        →index=True)
       else:
```

```
import os
# Loop over each ticker symbol
for ticker in all_tickers:
    # File path to saved data
    file_path = os.path.join(".\\Saved Data\\"+ticker+'.xlsx')

if os.path.exists(file_path):
    # Load the saved data from Excel
    index_data = pd.read_excel(file_path, index_col=0, parse_dates=True)

# Convert the Date column to Datetime
    index_data.index = pd.to_datetime(index_data.index.normalize().

*tz_localize(None))

# Save it to the dictionary
    index_datasets[ticker] = round(index_data,12)

# Optional: Print the first few rows of the data for verification
    print(f"Loaded data for {ticker}")
```

```
Loaded data for ^GDAXI
Loaded data for ^AEX
Loaded data for ^FTSE
Loaded data for ^N225
Loaded data for ^GSPC
Loaded data for ^GSPTSE
Loaded data for ^TYX
```

Compute log-returns We merge all of the data stored in the index\_datasets dictionary into one Pandas dataframe. We sample the data on a monthly basis, using a forward fill to account for any missing dates. The forward fill is required to account for different exchanges having different holidays. We then compute the monthly log-returns for each index. We then drop all data apart from the date and monthly log-returns from our dataframe.

```
[310]: # Initialize a DataFrame to store merged data
merged_data = pd.DataFrame()
k=0

# Loop over each ticker symbol to fetch the data
for ticker in all_tickers:
    index_data = index_datasets[ticker]
```

```
# Extract only the Date and Close columns, reset the index
    close_data = (index_data[['Close']]).copy()
    close_data.rename(columns={'Close': ticker},inplace=True)
    # Merge with the previously merged data
    if merged_data.empty:
       merged_data = close_data
   else:
       merged_data = pd.merge(merged_data, close_data, on='Date')
for ticker in all_tickers:
    #Forward fill missing data
   merged_data[ticker] = merged_data[ticker].ffill()
#Resample at end of each month
merged_data = merged_data.resample("ME").last()
#Compute Log Returns
merged_data[:] = np.log(1+merged_data.pct_change())
#Drop blank entries in first row (if any)
merged_data.dropna(inplace=True)
```

# 2 Model Fitting

#### **Compute Emperical Moments**

```
[311]: # Create a dataframe for the first four empirical moments (mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis)

print("Empirical moments for each index's monthly log-returns:\n")

moments_df = pd.DataFrame(columns=['Mean', 'Variance', 'Skewness', 'Kurtosis'], sindex=all_tickers)

# Calculate and print empirical moments for each ticker

for ticker in all_tickers:
    data = merged_data[ticker]
    moments_df.loc[ticker, 'Mean'] = data.mean()
    moments_df.loc[ticker, 'Variance'] = data.var()
    moments_df.loc[ticker, 'Skewness'] = data.skew()
    moments_df.loc[ticker, 'Kurtosis'] = data.kurtosis()

print(moments_df)
```

Empirical moments for each index's monthly log-returns:

#### 2.1 Fit GARCH Models

Here, we first fit a Students-t GARCH model to the log-return data for each index, using the arch library.

To do this, we must first decide what order (p) to use for the GARCH terms  $(\sigma_t^2)$ , and what order (q) to use for the ARCH Terms  $(\epsilon_t)$ .

**Choose** (p,q) We will test different pairs of (p,q), and choose the one with the lowest average Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) across all distributions and indices.

Note: We are actually fitting the GARCH model to 100 times the log-return data, as recommended by the library documentation. This is done to improve numerical stability.

```
[312]: distributions = ("normal", "t", "skewt")
       combinations = [(i, j) for i in range(1, 5) for j in range(1, 5)]
       # i.e. [(1,1),(1,2),...,(1,4),(2,1),(2,2),...,(4,4)]
       best_AIC = pd.DataFrame(np.inf,columns=all_tickers, index = distributions)
       best_pair = pd.DataFrame(columns=all_tickers, index = distributions)
       for dist in distributions:
           for (p,q) in combinations:
               for ticker in all_tickers:
                   # as suggested by the documentation, we scale our data to improve
        →numerical stability
                   model = arch_model(merged_data[ticker]*100, vol="Garch", p=p, q=q,__

dist=dist, rescale=False)
                   aic = model.fit(options={'maxiter': 10000, 'ftol':
        41e-8},disp="off").aic
                   if best_AIC.loc[dist,ticker] > aic:
                       best_AIC.loc[dist,ticker] = aic
                       best_pair.loc[dist,ticker] = (p,q)
       print(best_pair)
       print(round(best_AIC,2))
```

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^GDAXI
                  ^AEX
                         ^FTSE
                                 ^N225
                                         ^GSPC ^GSPTSE
                                                          ^TYX
normal (1, 1)
                (1, 1) (1, 1)
                                (1, 1)
                                        (1, 1)
                                                (1, 1)
                                                        (1, 4)
        (1, 1)
               (1, 1) (1, 1)
                                (1, 1)
                                        (1, 1) (1, 1)
                                                        (1, 4)
```

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(1, 1) (1, 1) (1, 1) (1, 1) (1, 1) (1, 4)
skewt
        ^GDAXI
                          ^FTSE
                                           ^GSPC
                                                 ^GSPTSE
                  ^AEX
                                  ^N225
                                                            ^TYX
       2417.25
              2309.76 2106.20 2418.14 2151.53 2142.13
                                                         2449.53
normal
       2393.25 2305.33 2102.16 2415.92 2150.67
                                                 2125.99
                                                         2424.26
       2380.69 2291.11 2086.74 2404.97
skewt
                                        2128.18 2109.61
                                                         2424.42
```

The above results suggest that GARCH(1,1) models best fit our data, for all distribution/equity index pairs. Also, the skewed Student's-t GARCH(1,1) model has the best fit for all equity indices, as evident by its relatively lower AIC.

Thus, it is best if we set the order of our GARCH and ARCH terms to (1,1), for each index and distribution.

**Fit GARCH(1,1) models** Next, we will save our normal, Student's-t and skewed Student's-t GARCH(1,1) models, as well as their standarized residuals. We also model the US 30 Yield Treasury Bond yield, to illustate the situation in our introduction.

```
[313]: fitted models = {}
      params = {}
      std residuals = {}
      #Fit each GARCH model, store models in fitted models dictionary and standarized
       ⇔residuals in std residuals dictionary
      for dist in distributions:
              # as suggested by the documentation, we scale our data to improve_{\sqcup}
        →numerical stability
          fitted_models[dist] = {ticker: arch_model(merged_data[ticker]*100,_
        .fit(options={'maxiter': 1000, 'ftol':
        ⇔1e-8},disp="off")
                                         for ticker in all_tickers}
          std_residuals[dist] = pd.DataFrame([fitted_models[dist][ticker].resid /_
        fitted_models[dist][ticker].conditional_volatility
                                             for ticker in all_tickers], index =__
       ⇒all_tickers).T
      #Creates a dataframe with the fitted parameters from each model, and prints,
        \neg results
      print("Fitted parameters for each model:")
      for dist in distributions:
          df = pd.DataFrame(columns=all_tickers)
          for ticker in all_tickers:
              df[ticker] = fitted_models[dist][ticker].params
          print("\nModel: "+dist)
          print(round(df,5))
```

```
params[dist] = df
```

Fitted parameters for each model:

```
Model: normal
            ^GDAXI
                       ^AEX
                                ^FTSE
                                           ^N225
                                                     ^GSPC
                                                            ^GSPTSE
                                                                         ^TYX
          0.96413
                    0.81644
                              0.46937
                                                  0.86002
                                                            0.84143 -0.25449
                                         0.30679
mu
          4.48422
                    3.10260
                              1.46425
                                        12.15326
                                                  1.01616
                                                            2.38309
                                                                      7.06496
omega
alpha[1]
          0.19497
                    0.26727
                              0.17240
                                         0.11457
                                                  0.18891
                                                            0.34923
                                                                      0.25131
beta[1]
          0.68466
                    0.63542
                              0.73668
                                         0.49666
                                                  0.76467
                                                            0.56289
                                                                      0.58163
Model: t
            ^GDAXI
                       ^AEX
                                ^FTSE
                                           ^N225
                                                      ^GSPC
                                                             ^GSPTSE
                                                                          ^TYX
           1.17846
                    0.90692
                              0.60052
                                         0.47316
                                                   0.96469
                                                             0.82941 -0.24311
mu
omega
          3.32143
                    3.45841
                              1.65368
                                         2.20445
                                                   1.00371
                                                             1.46103
                                                                       0.61276
                    0.25124
                              0.18675
alpha[1]
          0.18755
                                         0.04877
                                                   0.19368
                                                             0.19025
                                                                       0.06148
beta[1]
          0.72808
                    0.63266
                              0.71356
                                         0.87897
                                                   0.76326
                                                             0.73664
                                                                       0.92769
          5.90685
                    9.41351
                              9.05120
                                        12.44338
                                                  12.09854
                                                             6.68848
                                                                       5.07259
nu
Model: skewt
            ^GDAXI
                         ^AEX
                                  ^FTSE
                                             ^N225
                                                        ^GSPC
                                                               ^GSPTSE
                                                                            ^TYX
                                           0.29193
          0.86357
                     0.70533
                                0.44126
                                                      0.82432
                                                               0.60354 -0.33474
mu
          3.49826
                     2.68825
                                1.54851
                                           2.87828
                                                     0.96162
                                                               1.09066
                                                                         0.73884
omega
alpha[1]
          0.17152
                     0.23363
                                0.15931
                                           0.06534
                                                      0.19289
                                                               0.15650
                                                                         0.07568
beta[1]
          0.72828
                     0.67443
                                0.73541
                                           0.83926
                                                      0.75932
                                                               0.78629
                                                                         0.91121
          6.80541
                    11.15431
                               13.43454
                                          18.90336
                                                     15.70029
                                                               8.17215
                                                                         5.41805
eta
lambda
         -0.28906
                    -0.30059
                               -0.30482
                                          -0.26259
                                                     -0.35255 -0.33997 -0.08834
```

Recall that we scaled our log-returns by a factor of 100 before fitting each model. Hence, our mean returns (mu) above are scaled by a factor of 100, while our baseline variances (omega) are scaled by a factor of  $100^2$ 

We note that, in each model, the Nikkei 225 has a low alpha parameter, suggesting a lack of volatility clustering. Additionally, we note that, when compared to the other indices, the Nikkei 225 and S&P 500 log-return distributions demonstrate thinner tails, as demonstrated by the relatively greater degrees of freedom in both the classical and skewed Student's-t GARCH models. We observe that each index's returns are negatively skewed, as evident by the lambda parameter in the skewed Student's-t GARCH models.

From here on, we will only focus on equity indices, as they are the main focus of this study.

```
[314]: tickers = ["^GDAXI", "^AEX", "^FTSE", "^N225", "^GSPC", "^GSPTSE"]
for dist in distributions:
    std_residuals[dist] = std_residuals[dist][tickers]
    fitted_models_temp = {ticker: fitted_models[dist][ticker] for ticker in_
    →tickers}
    fitted_models[dist] = fitted_models_temp
```

#### **GARCH Goodness of Fit Tests**

**Plot ACF of Standardized Residuals** We plot the ACF of the residuals of each GARCH, and display them side by side for comparision.



The above results suggest that there is little autocorrelation in the stardarized residuals of our fitted GARCH models.

Plot ACF of Squared Standardized Residuals We also plot the ACF of the squared residuals of each GARCH.

```
[316]: for dist in distributions:
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, len(tickers), figsize=(5 * len(tickers), 5))
    for i in range(len(tickers)):
        ticker = tickers[i]
        plot_acf((std_residuals[dist][ticker])**2,lags = 50, ax = axes[i])
```



The above results suggest that there is little autocorrelation in the stardarized squared residuals of our fitted GARCH models.

**Plot QQ Plot for residuals** We also conduct a QQ Plot of the standarized residuals of each GARCH.

```
[317]: for dist in distributions:
    print('QQ Plots of ' + dist + ' GARCH Residuals')
    num_tickers = len(tickers)
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, num_tickers, figsize=(5 * num_tickers, 5))

    n = len(merged_data)

    quantiles = (np.arange(1, n + 1) - 0.5) / n

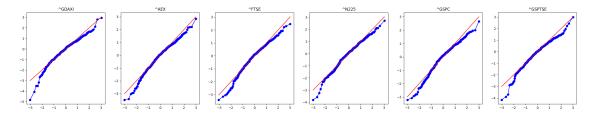
    for i in range(len(tickers)):
        ticker = tickers[i]
```

```
if dist == 'normal': theoretical_quantiles = np.quantile(norm.

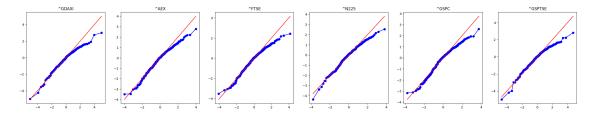
¬rvs(0,1,100000), quantiles)
      elif dist == 't':
          nu = params[dist][ticker]['nu']
          theoretical_quantiles = np.quantile(t.rvs(nu,0,1,100000),__

¬quantiles)
      elif dist == 'skewt':
          eta = params[dist][ticker]['eta']
          lambda_param = params[dist][ticker]['lambda']
          skew_t_rvs = SkewStudent().simulate(parameters=[eta, lambda_param])
          theoretical_quantiles = np.quantile(skew_t_rvs(10000), quantiles)
      sorted_std_residuals = sorted(std_residuals[dist][ticker])
      axes[i].plot(theoretical_quantiles,sorted_std_residuals,color = "blue",_
→marker = 'o')
      axes[i].plot(theoretical_quantiles,theoretical_quantiles,color = "red")
      axes[i].set_title(ticker)
  plt.show()
```

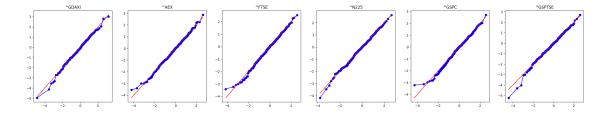
### QQ Plots of normal GARCH Residuals



#### QQ Plots of t GARCH Residuals



## QQ Plots of skewt GARCH Residuals



The above results suggest that the skewed Student's-t distribution has the best fit, across all indices.

However, most of the our models predict slightly more extreme negtaive shocks than the data suggests, as evident by bottom left regions in the above QQ Plots.

#### 2.2 Fit Multivariate Model

# 3 Compute Spearman's Variance-Covariance Matrix

Using the standarized residuals from our Student's t GARCH model, we calculate the spearman correlation & covariance of the standarized residuals.

```
[318]: spearman_cov = {}
       print("Spearman Correlation Matrix of Standarized Residuals")
       for dist in distributions:
           temp = pd.DataFrame(index=tickers,columns=tickers)
           for ticker 1 in tickers:
               for ticker 2 in tickers:
                   #Rank residuals
                   ranked_residuals_1 = pd.Series(std_residuals[dist][ticker_1]).
        →rank(method='average')
                   ranked residuals 2 = pd.Series(std residuals[dist][ticker 2]).
        →rank(method='average')
                   #Compute Spearman Correlation Coeff./Covariance
                   temp.loc[ticker_1,ticker_2] = np.
        Gorrcoef(ranked_residuals_1,ranked_residuals_2)[0][1]
           spearman_cov[dist] = temp
           print("GARCH Distribution: ",dist)
           print(spearman_cov[dist])
           spearman\_cov[dist] = spearman\_cov[dist].to\_numpy(dtype=float) #convert to_{\sqcup}
        →numpy array for later
           print()
```

Spearman Correlation Matrix of Standarized Residuals GARCH Distribution: normal

```
^GDAXI
                        ^AEX
                                  ^FTSE
                                            ^N225
                                                       ^GSPC
                                                               ^GSPTSE
^GDAXI
                    0.834389
              1.0
                              0.722828
                                         0.528443
                                                   0.715045
                                                              0.640025
^AEX
         0.834389
                         1.0
                              0.748364
                                          0.52752
                                                    0.715801
                                                              0.643565
^FTSE
         0.722828
                    0.748364
                                         0.414478
                                                    0.684442
                                                              0.674762
                                    1.0
         0.528443
                     0.52752
                                                    0.511986
^N225
                              0.414478
                                              1.0
                                                              0.436771
^GSPC
                    0.715801
                                                              0.730446
         0.715045
                              0.684442
                                         0.511986
                                                         1.0
^GSPTSE
         0.640025
                    0.643565
                              0.674762
                                         0.436771
                                                    0.730446
                                                                    1.0
GARCH Distribution:
           ^GDAXT
                        ^AEX
                                  ^FTSE
                                            ^N225
                                                       ^GSPC
                                                               ^GSPTSE
^GDAXI
              1.0
                   0.834805
                               0.72218
                                         0.531475
                                                    0.713148
                                                              0.639529
^AEX
         0.834805
                              0.747889
                                         0.531233
                                                    0.714845
                         1.0
                                                              0.648134
          0.72218
^FTSE
                    0.747889
                                    1.0
                                         0.415437
                                                    0.682222
                                                               0.67857
         0.531475
                    0.531233
^N225
                              0.415437
                                              1.0
                                                    0.514955
                                                              0.443044
^GSPC
         0.713148
                    0.714845
                              0.682222
                                         0.514955
                                                         1.0
                                                              0.733162
^GSPTSE
         0.639529
                    0.648134
                               0.67857
                                         0.443044
                                                    0.733162
                                                                    1.0
GARCH Distribution:
                      skewt
           ^GDAXI
                        ^AEX
                                            ^N225
                                                       ^GSPC
                                                               ^GSPTSE
                                  ^FTSE
^GDAXI
               1.0
                    0.835681
                              0.724301
                                         0.531427
                                                    0.715109
                                                              0.641378
                                                     0.71675
                                                              0.648637
^AEX
         0.835681
                         1.0
                               0.74925
                                         0.532172
^FTSE
         0.724301
                     0.74925
                                    1.0
                                         0.417106
                                                    0.684398
                                                              0.678694
^N225
         0.531427
                    0.532172
                              0.417106
                                              1.0
                                                    0.513752
                                                              0.445453
^GSPC
         0.715109
                     0.71675
                              0.684398
                                         0.513752
                                                              0.733292
                                                         1.0
^GSPTSE 0.641378
                   0.648637
                              0.678694
                                         0.445453
                                                    0.733292
                                                                    1.0
```

Fit Student's-t Copula Next, we will fit our Student's-t copula to our normal, Student's-t and skewed Student's-t GARCH marginal residuals. To do this, we will use the Spearman correlation matrices  $\Sigma_{COR}$  from above. We can numerically estimate our fitted degrees of freedom  $\nu$ , with the constraint that  $\nu > 2$ , by using scipy's minimize function, applied to our copula's log likelihood function.

```
[319]: u,fitted_df = {},{}

def negative_tcopula_log_likelihood(nu,corr,x):
    copula = StudentTCopula(corr=corr,df = nu, k_dim=corr.shape[0])
    return -1*sum(copula.logpdf(row) for row in x)

options = {
    'maxiter': 10000, #Max iterations
    'gtol': 1e-12, #Tolerance for convergence
    'disp': True #Display warnings
}

for dist in distributions:
    t_model = t.fit(std_residuals[dist].to_numpy())
```

Multivariate-t fitted degrees of freedom for standaridized residuals:

Normal: [11.33194331] Student's-t: [11.03030989] Skewed Student's-t: [11.03619766]

Following the procedure in "Copula Methods in Finance", we can sample from our Student's t-copula using the following algorithm:

- 1. Find the Choelsky Decomposition A of R, where R represents our Spearman Correlation Matrix
- 2. Simulate n i.i.d. N(0,1) random variables  $z_i$ , set  $z=(z_1,z_2,...,z_n)$
- 3. Set X = Az
- 4. Simulate  $s \sim \chi^2_{\nu}$  independently of z
- 5. Set  $x = \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{s}}y$
- 6. Set  $u_i = F_{\nu}(x_i)$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n where  $F_n u$  represents the univariate Student's t c.d.f. with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom

We can then set  $t_i = F_i^{-1}(u_i)$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n where  $F_i^{-1}$  represents the marginal inverse c.d.f for  $t_i$ 

Here, each  $t_i$  represents a simulated standardized residual.

Conveniently, the statsmodels StudentTCopula class allows us to sample from our copula directly. We will use this instead to conduct 100,000 samples from our copula. Then, applying the marginal inverse c.d.f's component wise, we get 100,000 simulations for our standardized residuals.

We will plot QQplots of our marginal samples drawn from our copula, compared to our GARCH residuals. We expect there to be a strong fit, as our copula is fitted to the transformed residuals.

```
[321]: num_samples = 10000
      for dist in distributions:
          fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, num_tickers, figsize=(5 * num_tickers, 5))
          print('QQ Plots of copula marginal simulated residuals vs ' + dist + ^{\prime}_^{\sqcup}
       GARCH Residuals')
          num_tickers = len(tickers)
          n = 300
          quantiles = (np.arange(1, n + 1) - 0.5) / n
          simulated_results = get_simulated_t(dist)
          for ticker in tickers:
              theoretical_quantiles = []
              #We want to forecast standarized residuals
              mu = 0
              omega = 1
              if dist == 'normal': theoretical_quantiles = np.quantile(norm.
        elif dist == 't':
                  nu = params[dist][ticker]['nu']
                  theoretical_quantiles = np.quantile(t.rvs(nu,mu,np.
        ⇔sqrt(omega),num_samples), quantiles)
```

```
elif dist == 'skewt':
        eta = params[dist][ticker]['eta']
        lambda_param = params[dist][ticker]['lambda']
        skew_t_rvs = SkewStudent().simulate(parameters=[eta, lambda_param])
        theoretical_quantiles = np.quantile(skew_t_rvs(num_samples)*np.

sqrt(omega) + mu, quantiles)

simulated_quantiles = np.quantile(simulated_results[ticker],quantiles)

axes[tickers.index(ticker)].

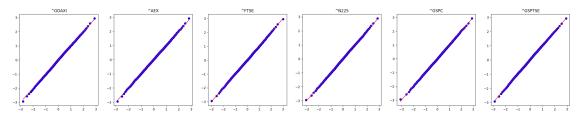
sqlt(theoretical_quantiles,theoretical_quantiles,color = "red")
        axes[tickers.index(ticker)].

scatter(theoretical_quantiles,simulated_quantiles,color = "blue", marker = "o'o')

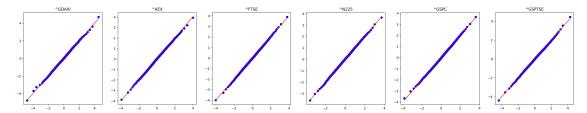
#axes[i].set_aspect("equal")
        axes[tickers.index(ticker)].set_title(ticker)

plt.show()
```

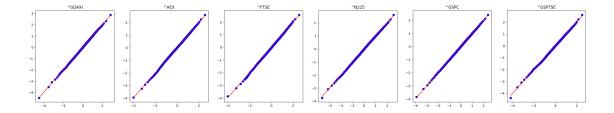
QQ Plots of copula marginal simulated residuals vs normal GARCH Residuals



QQ Plots of copula marginal simulated residuals vs t GARCH Residuals



QQ Plots of copula marginal simulated residuals vs skewt GARCH Residuals



At least on a marginal level, our copula accurately models the standardized residuals from our GARCH models.

We can forecast the one period ahead return as follows:

- 1. Forecast the conditional volatility of each index using our GARCH models.
- 2. Multiply our n-simulated standardized residuals by our conditional volatility forecasts this gives n raw residual simulations for each index.
- 3. Add our mean log-return to each residual forecast this yields a one-period ahead forecast for each index, following our dependence structure.

```
[322]: forecast_dfs = {}
      def compute_forecast(dist, cond_vol_index = -1, num_samples = 10000):
          forecasts = {}
          simulated_results = get_simulated_t(dist,num_samples)
          for ticker in tickers:
              forecasts[ticker] = params[dist][ticker]['mu']/100 +\
                      simulated_results[ticker]*\
                      fitted_models[dist][ticker].conditional_volatility.
        →iloc[cond_vol_index]/100
          return pd.DataFrame(forecasts)
      strikes = [0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05]
      simulated_prices = pd.DataFrame(index = strikes, columns =__
        simulated_prices.index.name = "strike"
      fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(5 * 3, 5))
      for dist in distributions:
          forecasts = compute_forecast(dist,-1 )
          #convert to simple returns for computing payoff
          forecast_dfs[dist] = np.exp(pd.DataFrame(forecasts)) - 1
          strikes = [0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05]
```

```
#Compute and plot basket returns
                forecast_dfs[dist]["Average"] = forecast_dfs[dist].mean(axis=1)
                 axes[distributions.index(dist)].hist(forecast\_dfs[dist]["Average"], density_{\sqcup}] = (average) + (aver
     \Rightarrow= True, bins = 20)
                axes[distributions.index(dist)].set_title(dist)
                  #Compute simulated payoffs
                for k in strikes:
                                   simulated_prices.loc[k,dist] = np.maximum(forecast_dfs[dist]["Average"]__
      \rightarrow k,0).mean()
print("Simulated Mean Returns:")
for dist in distributions:
                print(dist,'\t', forecast_dfs[dist]["Average"].mean())
print("Simulated Mean Option Payoffs:")
print(simulated_prices)
print("\nSimulated Density of Simple Returns:")
plt.show()
```

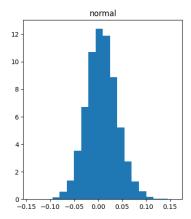
#### Simulated Mean Returns:

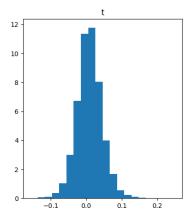
0.05

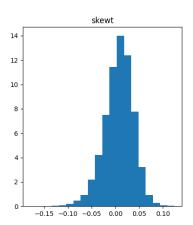
normal 0.007806308290388148 t. 0.009206141063391031 0.007200887584390559 skewt Simulated Mean Option Payoffs: normal skewt strike 0.01 0.011707 0.01324 0.010456 0.02 0.007687 0.009054 0.006242 0.03 0.00483 0.00599 0.003398 0.04 0.002912 0.003846 0.001686

#### Simulated Density of Simple Returns:

0.001694 0.002412 0.000782







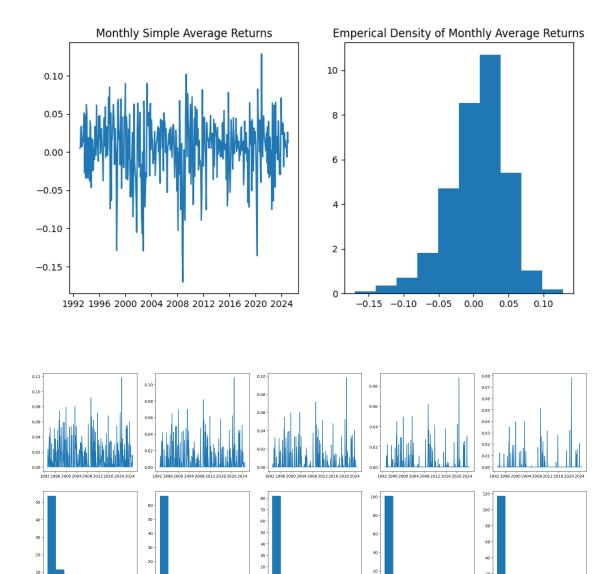
**Historical Payoffs** Here we compute the historical payoff of our basket option, for various strikes, at each month in our dataset.

```
[323]: merged_data["Simple Average Return"] = np.exp(merged_data[tickers]).
        ⇒mean(axis=1) - 1
       print("Emperical Average Simple Return:", str(merged_data["Simple Average_
        →Return"].mean()))
       for k in strikes:
           merged_data["Basket Payoff, strike:",k] = np.maximum(merged_data["Simple_

Average Return"] - k,0)
       for k in strikes:
           print("Strike:",k,"Payoff:",merged_data["Basket Payoff, strike:",k].mean())
       fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(5 * 2, 5))
       axes[0].plot(merged_data["Simple Average Return"])
       axes[0].set_title("Monthly Simple Average Returns")
       axes[1].hist(merged_data["Simple Average Return"], density = True)
       axes[1].set_title("Emperical Density of Monthly Average Returns")
       plt.show()
       fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, len(strikes), figsize=(5* len(strikes), 10 ))
       for i in range(len(strikes)):
           k = strikes[i]
           axes[0][i].plot(np.maximum(merged_data["Simple Average Return"] - k, 0))
           axes[1][i].hist(np.maximum(merged_data["Simple Average Return"] - k, 0), ___

density = True)
```

Emperical Average Simple Return: 0.006018745426154646 Strike: 0.01 Payoff: 0.01343324878084908 Strike: 0.02 Payoff: 0.008963616389594812 Strike: 0.03 Payoff: 0.005610366763297805 Strike: 0.04 Payoff: 0.003311825946792608 Strike: 0.05 Payoff: 0.0018801396256648635



Conduct Historical Simulation Next, we compute the conditional volatility of our log returns. We then compute 10000 simulations at each month, to estimate the basket option payoff at time t. We repeat this process assuming different conditional volatility distributions. We then compare our estimates (red) to the historical payoffs (blue). The shaded region represents the upper and lower 5% quantiles of our forecasted basket returns.

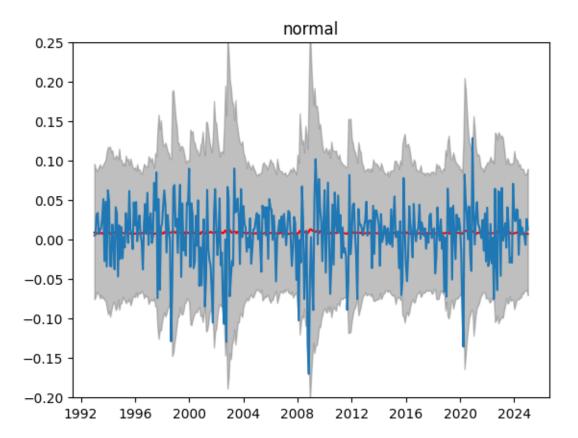
```
[349]: forecasts = {}
  forecasted_avg_return = {}
  forecasted_95p = {}
  forecasted_5p = {}
  error = {}
```

```
timesteps = len(merged_data["Simple Average Return"])
for dist in distributions:
    forecasts[dist] = []
    forecasted_avg_return[dist] = np.empty(timesteps)
    forecasted_95p[dist] = np.empty(timesteps)
    forecasted_5p[dist] = np.empty(timesteps)
    for i in range(timesteps):
        forecasts[dist].append(np.exp(compute_forecast(dist,i,3000)) - 1)
        forecasted avg return[dist][i] = forecasts[dist][i].mean(axis=None)
        forecasted_95p[dist][i] = np.quantile(forecasts[dist][i],0.975)
        forecasted_5p[dist][i] = np.quantile(forecasts[dist][i],0.025)
    outside_upper_bounds = merged_data["Simple Average Return"] >__

¬forecasted_95p[dist]

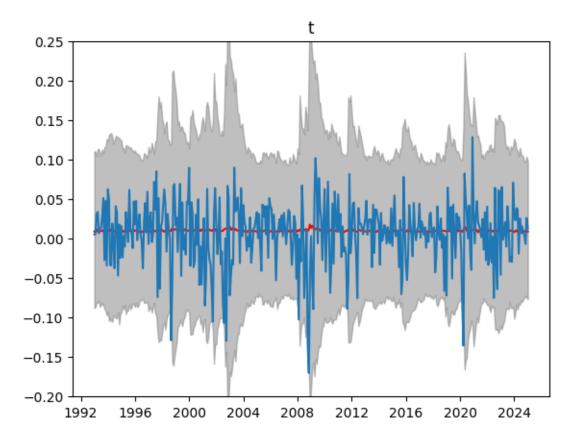
    outside_lower_bounds = merged_data["Simple Average Return"] <__
  →forecasted_5p[dist]
    percent_outside_bounds = (sum(outside_upper_bounds)__
  →+sum(outside_lower_bounds))/timesteps
    print("Within Bounds: ",end="")
    print(1 - percent outside bounds)
    if percent_outside_bounds > 0:
        print("Exceptions:")
        print(merged_data["Simple Average Return"].index[outside_upper_bounds])
        print(merged_data["Simple Average Return"].index[outside_lower_bounds])
    plt.plot(merged_data["Simple Average Return"].
  ⇔index,forecasted_avg_return[dist], color = "red")
    plt.plot(merged_data["Simple Average Return"].index,merged_data["Simple_u

→Average Return"])
    plt.fill_between(merged_data["Simple Average Return"].
  sindex,forecasted_5p[dist],forecasted_95p[dist],color = "gray", alpha = 0.5)
    plt.ylim(-0.2,0.25)
    plt.title(dist)
    plt.show()
Within Bounds: 0.974025974025974
Exceptions:
DatetimeIndex(['2020-11-30'], dtype='datetime64[ns]', name='Date', freq='ME')
DatetimeIndex(['1998-08-31', '2001-09-30', '2002-09-30', '2008-01-31',
               '2008-09-30', '2008-10-31', '2011-08-31', '2020-02-29',
               '2020-03-31'],
              dtype='datetime64[ns]', name='Date', freq=None)
```



Within Bounds: 0.9818181818181818

Exceptions:



Within Bounds: 0.9766233766233766

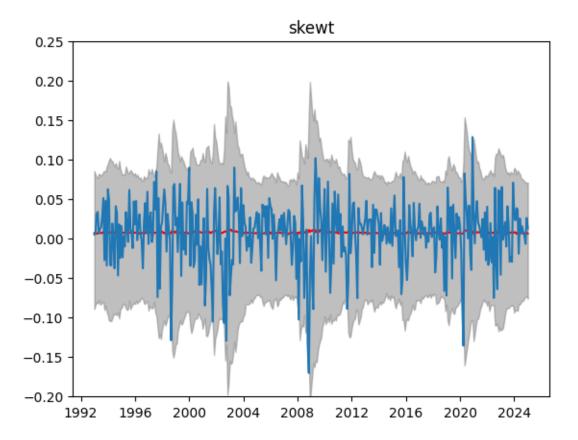
Exceptions:

DatetimeIndex(['1999-12-31', '2020-11-30'], dtype='datetime64[ns]', name='Date',

freq=None)

DatetimeIndex(['1998-08-31', '2008-01-31', '2008-09-30', '2008-10-31', '2011-08-31', '2020-02-29', '2020-03-31'],

dtype='datetime64[ns]', name='Date', freq=None)



Our models fail to accurately model the returns of the basket. This is expected, as we assumed a constant mean for each model, and have created forecasts by computing the average of our simulations, which are centered about the assumed mean. Our forecasts deviate from our assumed mean only slightly, unlike real returns.

However, by excluding the upper and lower 5% quantiles, we can create bounds on our return data, allowing us to forecast, with some confidence, the more extreme scenarios. Caution should be excercised here: our model was not able to predict the start of some of the most extreme shocks, including the 1998 Russian Financial Crisis (August, 1998), the 2008 Global Financial Crisis (September, 2008), and the COVID-19 pandemic (February, 2020)

[360]: #jupyter nbconvert --to pdf "program.ipynb"

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# 4 Maha stuffWe will conduct a goodness of fit test using the squared Mahalanobis distance.

Note that if

$$t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ \vdots \\ t_d \end{pmatrix} \sim t_{\nu}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

Then we can write

$$t = \mu + \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{W}}X$$

Where  $X \sim N_d(0, \Sigma)$ ,  $W \sim \chi_{\nu}^2$ , and W & Z are independent. Recall that the squared Mahalanobis distance for a variable t is given by:

$$D^2 = (t - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} (t - \mu)$$

Substituting  $t = \mu + \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{W}}Z$  for X, we get

$$D^2 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\nu}{W}}Z\right)^\top \Sigma^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\nu}{W}}Z\right) = \frac{\nu}{W}Z^\top \Sigma^{-1}Z$$

Now, since  $Z \sim N_d(0, \Sigma)$ , we have that

$$Z^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} Z \sim \chi_d^2$$

We can let  $U = Z^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} Z \sim \chi_d^2$  so that

$$D^2 = \frac{\nu}{W}U = p\frac{(U/p)}{(W/\nu)}$$

Then,

$$\frac{D^2}{p} = \frac{(U/p)}{(W/\nu)} \sim F(p,\nu)$$

The above QQ Plots show that our Multivariate T distribution closely fits the standaridized residuals, especically when our residuals come from the Student's-t, and skewed Student's-t GARCH models.

```
[326]: def Squared_Mahalanobis_distance(x, sigma_inv,mu):
    return np.dot((x-mu),np.dot(sigma_inv,(x-mu)))

print()
for dist in distributions:

    f_samples = f.rvs(len(tickers),fitted_df[dist],size = 10000)
    scale_inv = np.linalg.inv(spearman_cov[dist])
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#### 4.0.1 References

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