

Fama-French Model

In Estimation of Portfolio μ and Ω

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Data

- 8 selected stock daily return from 2010-01-04 to 2022-08-19:
"AAPL","AEP","BAX","ED","F","GE","GOOG","MCD"
- Fama-French 5 factors downloaded from Dartmouth Tuck Business School Data Library:

$$R_{i,t} - R_{ft} = \alpha_{(5\text{-factor})} + \beta_{i,MKT}(R_{m,t} - R_{ft}) + \beta_{i,SMB}SMB + \beta_{i,HML}HML + \beta_{i,RMW}RMW + \beta_{i,CMA}CMA + \varepsilon_{i,t} \quad (9)$$

Background of Fama French Model

$$R_{i,t} - R_{ft} = \alpha_{(5\text{-factor})} + \beta_{i,MKT}(R_{m,t} - R_{ft}) + \beta_{i,SMB}SMB + \beta_{i,HML}HML + \beta_{i,RMW}RMW + \beta_{i,CMA}CMA + \varepsilon_{i,t} \quad (9)$$

- **$R_m - R_f$ (market excess return)**: value weighted return of all CRSP firms incorporated in the U.S.
- **SMB(Small Minus Big)**: the average return on three small-cap portfolios subtract the average return of three large-cap portfolios
- **HML(High Minus Low)**: the average return on two value portfolios subtract the average return of two growth portfolios
- **RMW(Robust Minus Weak)**: the average return on the two robust operating profitability portfolios subtract the average return on the two weak operating profitability portfolios
- **CMA(Conservative Minus Aggressive)**: the average return on the two conservative investment portfolios minus the average return on the two aggressive investment portfolios

Training Set and Test Set

- Merged the stock return and the Fama-French 5 factors data
- Split the merged data into Training set(70%) and Test set(30%)

R Code:

```
# Split the Merged data set into training set and test set
```

```
sample <- sample(c(TRUE, FALSE), nrow(R), replace=TRUE, prob=c(0.7,0.3))
```

```
R_train <- R[sample, ]
```

```
R_test <- R[!sample, ]
```

Fitting Fama-French Models with Training Set

- Applying the training set data to fit the five factor Fama-French models
- Also fitting the three factor FF models to provide reference and comparison

R code

Five Factor models

```
fitLM = lm(r~Mkt.RF + SMB + HML + RMW + CMA, data = R_train)
```

Three Factor models

```
fitLM2 = lm(r~Mkt.RF + SMB + HML, data = R_train)
```

Model Outputs for AAPL excess returns:

Five Factor Model Outputs:

Call:

```
lm(formula = AAPL ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML + RMW + CMA, data = R_train)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-6.8579	-0.6451	-0.0300	0.6258	8.0296

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.04571	0.02624	1.742	0.0816 .
Mkt.RF	1.17566	0.02659	44.209	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.20622	0.04730	-4.360	1.36e-05 ***
HML	-0.50912	0.04503	-11.306	< 2e-16 ***
RMW	0.54568	0.06560	8.318	< 2e-16 ***
CMA	0.03071	0.08905	0.345	0.7302

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.234 on 2221 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.4989, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4978

F-statistic: 442.3 on 5 and 2221 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Three Factor Model Outputs:

Call:

```
lm(formula = AAPL ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML, data = R_train)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-7.1394	-0.6795	-0.0415	0.6490	8.3456

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.05294	0.02660	1.991	0.0467 *
Mkt.RF	1.13134	0.02582	43.817	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.32627	0.04562	-7.152	1.15e-12 ***
HML	-0.40362	0.03472	-11.626	< 2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.253 on 2223 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.4833, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4826

F-statistic: 693.1 on 3 and 2223 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Model Outputs for AEP excess returns:

Five Factor Model Outputs:

Call:

```
lm(formula = AEP ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML + RMW + CMA, data = R_train)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-8.6778	-0.5447	0.0154	0.5685	7.8945

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.005006	0.021135	0.237	0.813
Mkt.RF	0.616070	0.021421	28.760	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.369145	0.038102	-9.688	< 2e-16 ***
HML	0.003075	0.036271	0.085	0.932
RMW	0.388586	0.052841	7.354	2.69e-13 ***
CMA	0.550429	0.071729	7.674	2.48e-14 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.9942 on 2221 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.2914, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2898

F-statistic: 182.7 on 5 and 2221 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Three Factor Model Outputs:

Call:

```
lm(formula = AEP ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML, data = R_train)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-9.7351	-0.5372	0.0163	0.5796	8.1743

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.01670	0.02163	0.772	0.44
Mkt.RF	0.54963	0.02100	26.177	<2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.47714	0.03710	-12.862	<2e-16 ***
HML	0.23818	0.02823	8.436	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.019 on 2223 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.2553, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2543

F-statistic: 254 on 3 and 2223 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Model Outputs for BAX excess returns:

Five Factor Model Outputs:

Call:
lm(formula = BAX ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML + RMW + CMA, data = R_train)

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-12.2144	-0.5140	0.0320	0.5264	7.5174

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.03093	0.02421	-1.278	0.20141
Mkt.RF	0.76102	0.02453	31.019	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.27402	0.04364	-6.279	4.08e-10 ***
HML	-0.11765	0.04154	-2.832	0.00467 **
RMW	0.12522	0.06052	2.069	0.03865 *
CMA	0.42912	0.08215	5.223	1.92e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.139 on 2221 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.3072, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3056
F-statistic: 197 on 5 and 2221 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Three Factor Model Outputs:

Call:
lm(formula = BAX ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML, data = R_train)

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-12.3959	-0.5112	0.0447	0.5218	7.7089

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.02405	0.02433	-0.988	0.323
Mkt.RF	0.72299	0.02362	30.605	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.31954	0.04174	-7.656	2.84e-14 ***
HML	0.03431	0.03176	1.080	0.280

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.146 on 2223 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2973, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2964
F-statistic: 313.5 on 3 and 2223 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Model Outputs for GOOG excess returns:

Five Factor Model Outputs:

Call:

```
lm(formula = GOOG ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML + RMW + CMA, data = R_train)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-8.5596	-0.5042	-0.0263	0.4718	11.9483

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.01651	0.02183	0.756	0.44967
Mkt.RF	1.03827	0.02212	46.928	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.19701	0.03935	-5.006	5.99e-07 ***
HML	-0.17468	0.03746	-4.663	3.30e-06 ***
RMW	0.16961	0.05458	3.108	0.00191 **
CMA	-0.68701	0.07409	-9.273	< 2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.027 on 2221 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.5642, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5632

F-statistic: 575 on 5 and 2221 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Three Factor Model Outputs:

Call:

```
lm(formula = GOOG ~ Mkt.RF + SMB + HML, data = R_train)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-8.5050	-0.5164	-0.0320	0.4994	12.2401

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.01013	0.02225	0.455	0.649
Mkt.RF	1.07046	0.02160	49.551	< 2e-16 ***
SMB	-0.20466	0.03817	-5.362	9.08e-08 ***
HML	-0.35272	0.02905	-12.142	< 2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.048 on 2223 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.5454, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5448

F-statistic: 889.1 on 3 and 2223 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Five Factor VS. Three Factor Fama-French

- The additional two predictors RMW (Robust Minus Weak) and CMA (Conservative Minus Aggressive) is not always significant in the estimation
- However, the five-factor model does provide a higher R^2 than the three-factor model on average, thus a better fit.

Coefficient Estimation of the Five Factor Models

R-code:

```
res = residuals(fitLM)
betas = fitLM$coefficients[2:6,]
Signif(betas, 2)
```

Output:

	AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
Mkt.RF	1.200	0.6200	0.76	0.550	1.2000	1.100	1.00	0.730
SMB	-0.210	-0.3700	-0.27	-0.410	0.4500	0.120	-0.20	-0.140
HML	-0.510	0.0031	-0.12	-0.019	0.6100	0.710	-0.17	0.016
RMW	0.550	0.3900	0.13	0.400	0.1400	-0.065	0.17	0.430
CMA	0.031	0.5500	0.43	0.720	0.0056	0.260	-0.69	0.120

Prediction on Testing Set

- Use the estimated five factor model to make prediction on the testing set
- Calculate mean squared prediction error (MSPE) to evaluate model performance

R code:

```
# Prediction on testing set  
pred <- predict(fitLM2, newdata = R_test)  
  
# Calculating MSPE(mean squared prediction error)  
c(MSPE_train = mean((R_train$r - predict.lm(fitLM2, R_train)) ^ 2),  
  MSPE_test = mean((R_test$r - predict.lm(fitLM2, R_test)) ^ 2))
```

Output:

MSPE_train	MSPE_test
1.998861	1.945220

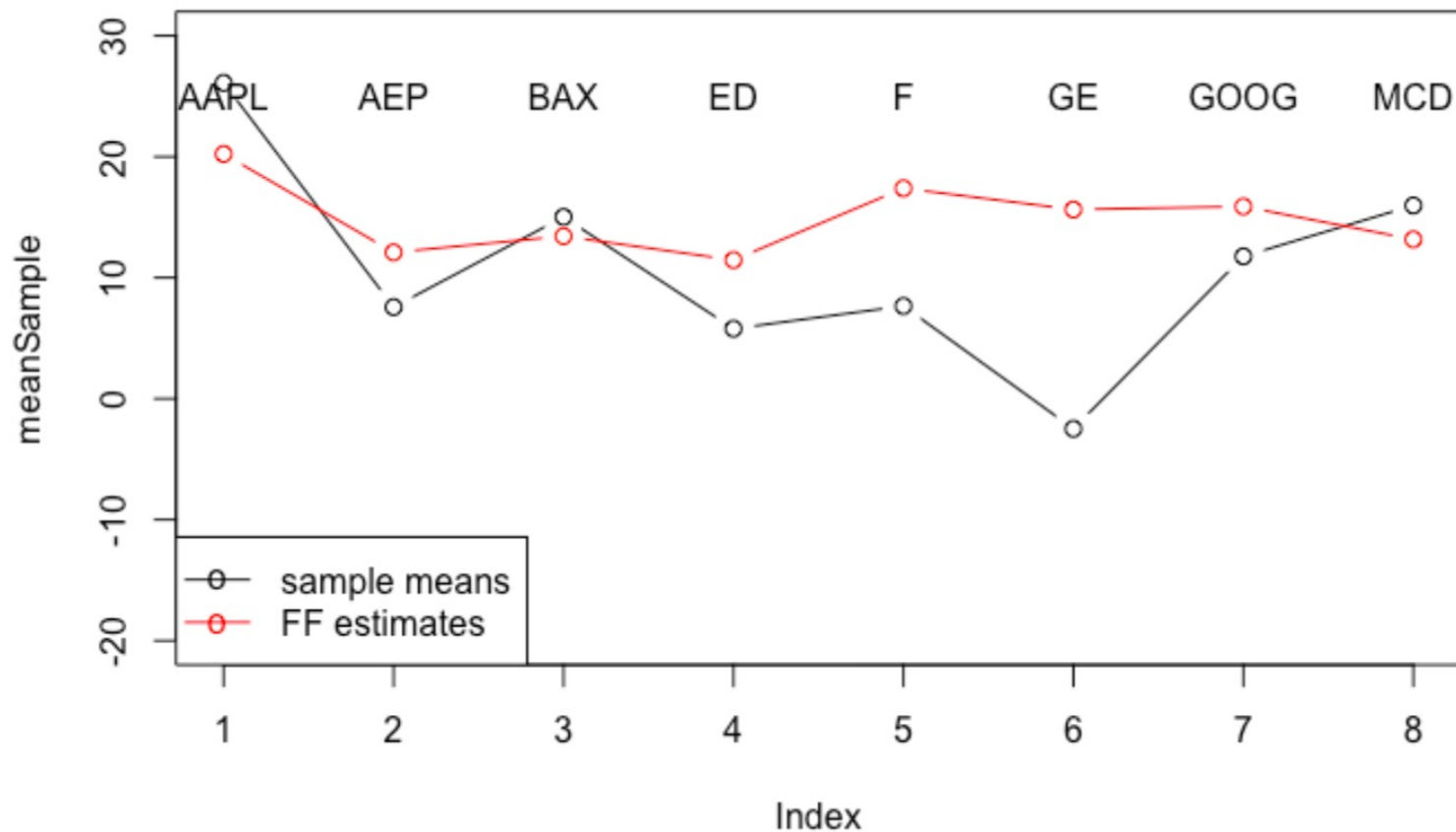
Model Performance

- From above we arrived at an MSPE output of :

MSPE_train	MSPE_test
1.998861	1.945220

- MSPE summarize the predictive ability of a model, which the closer to the zero the better.
- Since MSPE of the test set is smaller than the MSPE of the training set, we can say that the model is well fitted and does not suffering from overfitting.

Sample Mean μ vs Estimated Mean $\hat{\mu}$



R-code:

```
# Finding sample mean excess returns
```

```
n = nrow(R)
```

```
meanSample = 253*colMeans(r,na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
# Finding estimated mean excess returns
```

```
meanFF = 253*(R$RF[n] + t(betas) %*%  
  (colMeans(R[9:13])))
```

Sample Covariance Matrix Ω

	AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
AAPL	3.1992918	0.5609036	0.8721414	0.4399083	1.4270972	1.2455059	1.6509382	0.8499815
AEP	0.5609036	1.4458856	0.5988618	1.1299393	0.6152814	0.6825282	0.5132121	0.5334708
BAX	0.8721414	0.5988618	1.9711668	0.5762858	0.8992229	0.9451165	0.8948237	0.5985095
ED	0.4399083	1.1299393	0.5762858	1.4152456	0.5227168	0.5826824	0.3969391	0.4980781
F	1.4270972	0.6152814	0.8992229	0.5227168	4.4626714	2.2334353	1.3518373	1.0312999
GE	1.2455059	0.6825282	0.9451165	0.5826824	2.2334353	4.0483832	1.2018547	0.9623700
GOOG	1.6509382	0.5132121	0.8948237	0.3969391	1.3518373	1.2018547	2.7845829	0.8146396
MCD	0.8499815	0.5334708	0.5985095	0.4980781	1.0312999	0.9623700	0.8146396	1.4221366

R code:

```
cov_sample <- cov(R$r)
```

Estimated Covariance Matrix $\hat{\Omega}$

	AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
AAPL	3.1167971	0.8916731	1.2232059	0.7490709	1.8087718	1.5862357	1.9117797	1.1581629
AEP	0.8916731	1.2293974	0.6228380	0.4911947	0.9526087	0.9153808	0.7878356	0.5958817
BAX	1.2232059	0.6228380	1.7128064	0.5435493	1.2569368	1.1637571	1.1317392	0.7515384
ED	0.7490709	0.4911947	0.5435493	1.1908642	0.8025233	0.7903540	0.6384393	0.5178257
F	1.8087718	0.9526087	1.2569368	0.8025233	4.2017729	2.3352057	1.7637896	1.2359961
GE	1.5862357	0.9153808	1.1637571	0.7903540	2.3352057	3.8037257	1.5415609	1.1298573
GOOG	1.9117797	0.7878356	1.1317392	0.6384393	1.7637896	1.5415609	2.5928558	1.0736509
MCD	1.1581629	0.5958817	0.7515384	0.5178257	1.2359961	1.1298573	1.0736509	1.3494977

R code:

N = 3180

```
sigF5 = as.matrix(var(cbind(R_test$Mkt.RF, R_test$SMB, R_test$HML, R_test$RMW, R_test$CMA)))
```

```
sigeps5 = crossprod(res)/(N-6)
```

```
sigeps5 = diag(diag(sigeps5))
```

```
cov_FF = t(betas) %*% sigF5 %*% (betas) + sigeps5
```


Tangency Portfolio by sample μ and Ω

```
Call:
tangency.portfolio(er = meanSample, cov.mat = cov_sample, risk.free = mu_f,
  shorts = FALSE)
```

Portfolio expected return: 19.45221

Portfolio standard deviation: 1.127691

Portfolio weights:

AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
0.3628	0.0000	0.2071	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.4301

```
Call:
tangency.portfolio(er = meanSample, cov.mat = cov_sample, risk.free = mu_f,
  shorts = FALSE)
```

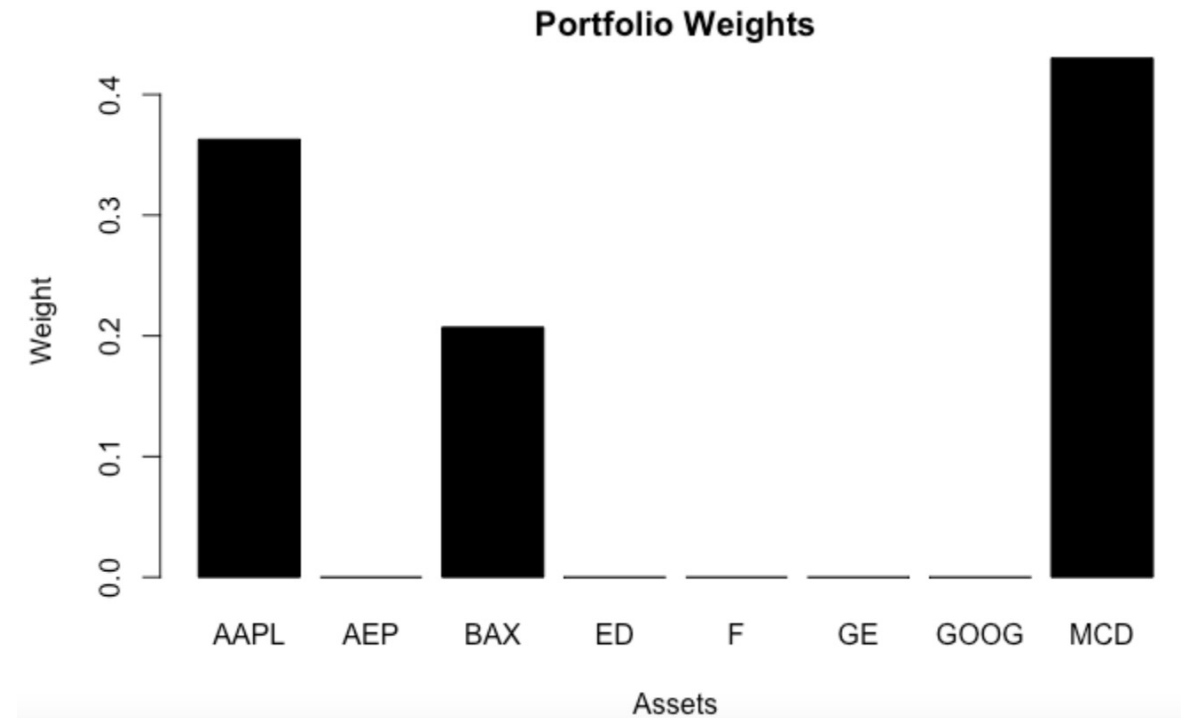
Portfolio expected return: 19.45221

Portfolio standard deviation: 1.127691

Portfolio Sharpe Ratio: 17.24795

Portfolio weights:

AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
0.3628	0.0000	0.2071	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.4301



Tangency Portfolio by estimated $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\Omega}$

Call:

```
tangency.portfolio(er = meanFF, cov.mat = cov_FF, risk.free = mu_f,  
  shorts = FALSE)
```

Portfolio expected return: 13.55308

Portfolio standard deviation: 0.9292993

Portfolio weights:

```
[1] 0.1519 0.2440 0.1246 0.2682 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.2113
```

Call:

```
tangency.portfolio(er = meanFF, cov.mat = cov_FF, risk.free = mu_f,  
  shorts = FALSE)
```

Portfolio expected return: 13.55308

Portfolio standard deviation: 0.9292993

Portfolio Sharpe Ratio: 14.58221

Portfolio weights:

```
[1] 0.1519 0.2440 0.1246 0.2682 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.2113
```



Mini-Variance Portfolio by sample μ and Ω

```
Call:  
globalMin.portfolio(er = meanSample, cov.mat = cov_sample, shorts = FALSE)
```

Portfolio expected return: 11.87276

Portfolio standard deviation: 0.9180861

Portfolio weights:

AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
0.0362	0.1539	0.1594	0.2666	0.0000	0.0000	0.0726	0.3113

```
Call:  
globalMin.portfolio(er = meanSample, cov.mat = cov_sample, shorts = FALSE)
```

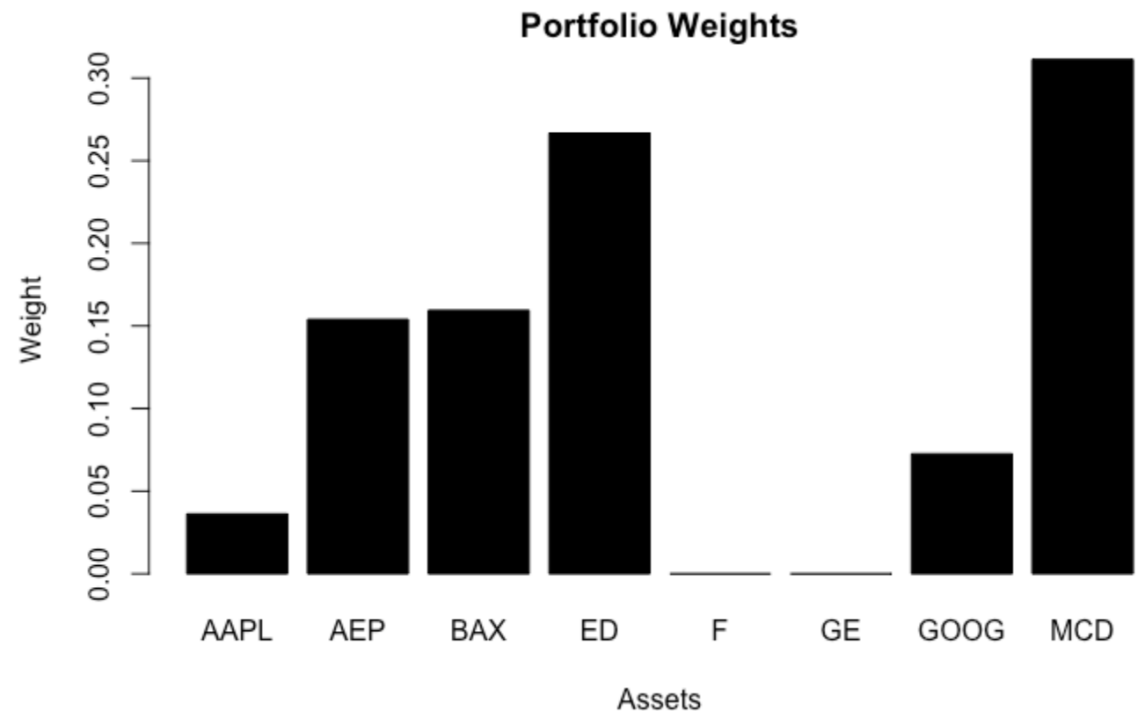
Portfolio expected return: 11.87276

Portfolio standard deviation: 0.9180861

Portfolio Sharpe Ratio: 12.93007

Portfolio weights:

AAPL	AEP	BAX	ED	F	GE	GOOG	MCD
0.0362	0.1539	0.1594	0.2666	0.0000	0.0000	0.0726	0.3113



Mini-Variance Portfolio by estimated $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\Omega}$

```
Call:  
globalMin.portfolio(er = meanFF, cov.mat = cov_FF, shorts = FALSE)
```

```
Portfolio expected return:    12.26455  
Portfolio standard deviation: 0.8678809
```

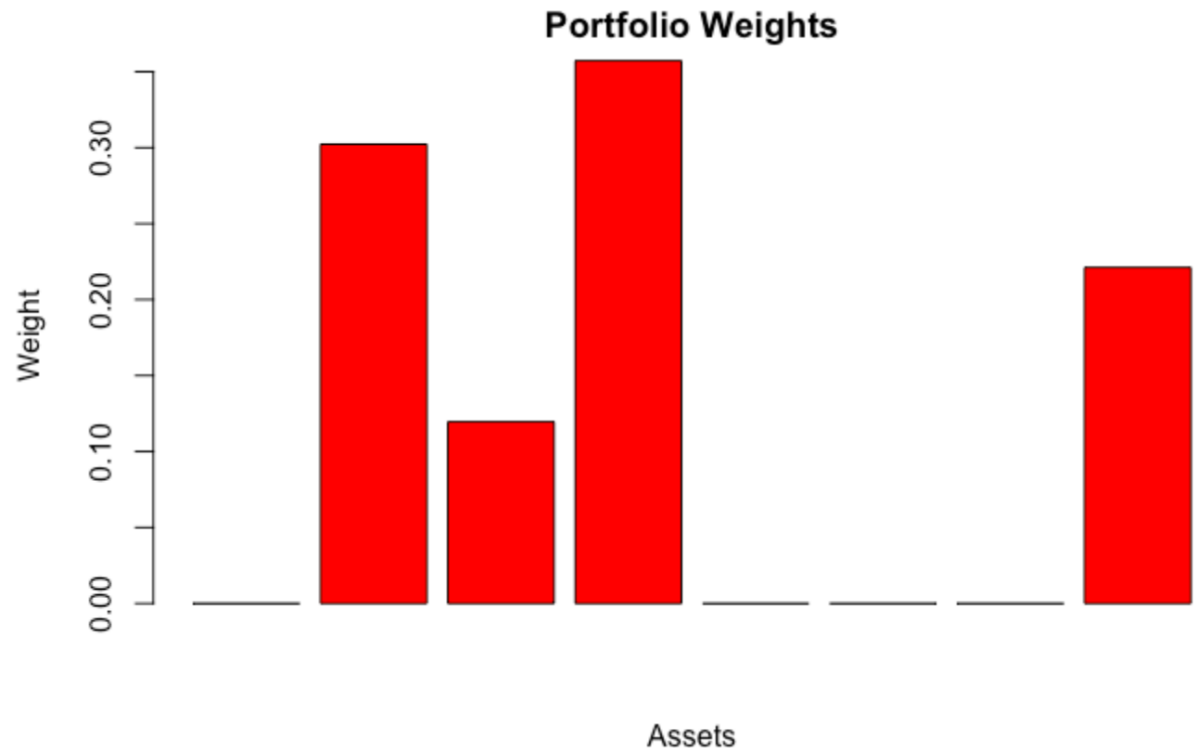
```
Portfolio weights:  
[1] 0.00000 0.3023 0.1195 0.3571 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.2211
```

```
Call:  
globalMin.portfolio(er = meanFF, cov.mat = cov_FF, shorts = FALSE)
```

```
Portfolio expected return:    12.26455  
Portfolio standard deviation: 0.8678809
```

```
Portfolio Sharpe Ratio:      14.12947
```

```
Portfolio weights:  
[1] 0.00000 0.3023 0.1195 0.3571 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 0.2211
```



Closing Remark

- Estimated efficient portfolios tends to deviate from the true efficient portfolios, thus not idea for building trading strategy.
- However, CAPM based Fama-French 5 factor model does provide a useful estimation for μ and Ω consider the high level of randomness and lack stationarity of stock returns.
- For further research and study, one can investigate how limiting short selling impact the robustness of the estimation of Fama-French model.

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