

# UROPS Project Presentation 2

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Chapter 11 Statistics  
of Python for Finance

Variance Reduction Techniques  
of Monte Carlo methods in Financial Engineering

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# Today's Agenda

## 1 Statistics

- Normality test
- Portfolio Optimization
- Principal Component Analysis
- Bayesian Regression

## 2 Variance Reduction Techniques

- Control Variates

# Changes due to different Python version

We are using Python 3.6 while the version in the book is Python 2.7  
So here is a list of items to change

- `print x` now becomes `print(x)`
- `dict.iteritems()` now becomes `dict.items()`
- `xrange` now becomes `range`
- `lambda (k, v) : (v, k)` is no longer available
- instead we can only use: `lambda x : (x[1], x[0])`
- `x / 2` is float division, while `x // 2` is integer division

# Installation requirements - pandas\_datareader

We are going to install pandas\_datareader instead of pandas.io.data

Reason being that: ImportError: The pandas.io.data module is moved to a separate package (pandas-datareader).

Also, Anaconda does not support direct installation of this new package.

Hence, here is one line of code which you can type in Anaconda Prompt.

```
conda install -c https://conda.anaconda.org/anaconda pandas-datareader
```

We shall go through these useful methods

- Normality test
- Portfolio theory
- Principal component analysis
- Bayesian Regression

# Normality test - wrapper functions for np arrays

```
def normality_tests(arr):  
    ''' Tests for normality distribution of given data set.  
    Parameters  
    =====  
    array: ndarray  
    object to generate statistics on  
    '''  
  
    print("Skew of data set %14.3f" % scs.skew(arr))  
    print("Skew test p-value %14.3f" % scs.skewtest(arr)[1])  
    print("Kurt of data set %14.3f" % scs.kurtosis(arr))  
    print("Kurt test p-value %14.3f" % scs.kurtosistest(arr)[1])  
    print("Norm test p-value %14.3f" % scs.normaltest(arr)[1])
```

Assumptions we made are:

- Stock prices follow CAPM mostly
- Use only close price of the stock (adj close)
- Use `csv.reader` instead of `pandas` in this section

# Portfolio Optimization

We are going to optimize based on these:

- higher order statistics function
- maximization of Sharpe ratio - MVE
- minimization of portfolio variance - MVP
- Efficient Frontier
- Capital Market Line



# Read stock data from CSV files

```
def readDataFromCSV(filename, noa):
    infile = open(filename, newline = '')
    reader = csv.reader(infile)

    dates = []
    stocks = [[] for x in range(noa)];
    for row in reader:
        if row[0] != "Date":
            dates.append(row[0])
            for index in range(noa):
                stocks[index].append(float(row[index+1]))

    infile.close()
    return stocks
```

# Convert stock prices to returns

There is a bug in the code provided in the book.

`nparray.mean()` will only calculate one average for the entire 2D array

```
def calculateReturnData(dataset):
    for stock in dataset:
        stock.reverse()
    returnData = []
    returnMean = []
    for stock in dataset:
        returns = []
        for i in range(1, len(stock)):
            returns.append(stock[i] / stock[i-1] - 1)
        returnData.append(returns)
        returnMean.append(np.mean(returns))
    returnData = np.array(returnData, np.float64)
    returnMean = np.array(returnMean, np.float64)
    return returnData, returnMean
```

# Generate statistics function

We can create a high order function to generate statistics function for a given set of return data

```
def generate_statistics(rets, retsMean):  
    def statistics(weights):  
        ''' Returns portfolio statistics.  
        Parameters  
        =====  
        weights : array-like  
        weights for different securities in portfolio  
        Returns  
        =====  
        pret : float  
        expected portfolio return  
        pvol : float  
        expected portfolio volatility  
        pret / pvol : float  
        Sharpe ratio for rf=0  
        '''  
        weights = np.array(weights)  
        pret = np.sum(retsMean * weights) * 252  
        pvol = np.sqrt(np.dot(weights.T, np.dot(np.cov(rets, bias=True) * 252, weights)))  
        return np.array([pret, pvol, pret / pvol])  
    return statistics  
  
returnData, returnMean = calculateReturnData(readDataFromCSV("Close Prices Data.csv"), 5)  
stat = generate_statistics(returnData, returnMean)
```

# Optimize portfolio to maximise Sharpe ratio

Make use of a new library `scipy.optimize`

Maximise Sharpe ratio by minimizing negative Sharpe ratio

```
import scipy.optimize as sco

def optimize_portfolio_max_SR(statistics, noa):
    min_func_sharpe = lambda weights : -statistics(weights)[2]
    cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})
    bnds = tuple((0, 1) for x in range(noa))
    EWP = noa * [1. / noa,]
    return sco.minimize(min_func_sharpe, EWP, method='SLSQP',
                        bounds=bnds, constraints=cons)
```

Return value is a dictionary.

`w = optimize_portfolio_max_SR(stat, 5)`

`w['x']` is the optimal portfolio

# Optimize to minimise portfolio variance

$$\text{Portfolio variance} = w^T \Sigma w$$

```
def optimize_portfolio_min_Var(statistics, noa):  
    min_func_var = lambda weights : statistics(weights)[1]  
    cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})  
    bnds = tuple((0, 1) for x in range(noa))  
    EWP = noa * [1. / noa,]  
    return sco.minimize(min_func_var, EWP,  
                        method='SLSQP', bounds=bnds, constraints=cons)
```

Return value is a dictionary.

`w = optimize_portfolio_min_Var(stat, 5)`  
`w['x']` is the optimal portfolio

# Generate Efficient Frontier

We can set certain level of return to generate points on frontier.

```
def portfolio_efficient_frontier(statistics, noa, tret):  
    min_func_var = lambda weights : statistics(weights)[1]  
    cons = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda x: statistics(x)[0] - tret},  
            {'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda x: np.sum(x) - 1})  
    bnds = tuple((0, 1) for x in range(noa))  
    EWP = noa * [1. / noa,]  
    return sco.minimize(min_func_var, EWP,  
                        method='SLSQP', bounds=bnds, constraints=cons)  
  
def create_efficient_frontier(statistics, noa):  
    targetReturns = np.linspace(0.0, 0.25, 50)  
    points = []  
    for targetReturn in targetReturns:  
        opts = portfolio_efficient_frontier(statistics, noa, targetReturn)  
        w = opts['x']  
        points.append(statistics(w))  
    return points
```

# Capital Market Line

We can solve a system of equations to obtain this line.

$$\begin{aligned}a &= r_f \\ a + bx &= f(x) \\ b &= f'(x)\end{aligned}$$

```
import scipy.optimize as sco
import scipy.interpolate as sci

def f(x):
    ''' Efficient frontier function (splines approximation).'''
    return sci.splev(x, tck, der=0)
def df(x):
    ''' First derivative of efficient frontier function.'''
    return sci.splev(x, tck, der=1)

def equations(p, rf=0.01):
    eq1 = rf - p[0]
    eq2 = rf + p[1] * p[2] - f(p[2])
    eq3 = p[1] - df(p[2])
    return eq1, eq2, eq3

opt = sco.fsolve(equations, [0.01, 0.01, 0.01])
```

# Principal Component Analysis

- Obtain data using pandas (initialization)
- Determine minimum number of components
- Create PCA Index



# PCA - initialization

```
1 from sklearn.decomposition import KernelPCA
2 import pandas_datareader.data as web
3 import numpy as np
4 import pandas as pd
5 def initialization():
6     symbols = ['ADS.DE', 'ALV.DE', 'BAS.DE', 'BAYN.DE', 'BEI.DE',
7               'BMW.DE', 'CBK.DE', 'CON.DE', 'DAI.DE', 'DB1.DE',
8               'DBK.DE', 'DPW.DE', 'DTE.DE', 'EOAN.DE', 'FME.DE',
9               'FRE.DE', 'HEI.DE', 'HEN3.DE', 'IFX.DE', 'LHA.DE',
10              'LIN.DE', 'LXS.DE', 'MRK.DE', 'MUV2.DE', 'RWE.DE',
11              'SAP.DE', 'SDF.DE', 'SIE.DE', 'TKA.DE', 'VOW3.DE',
12              '^GDAXI']
13     data = pd.DataFrame()
14     for sym in symbols:
15         data[sym] = web.DataReader(sym, data_source='yahoo')['Close']
16     data = data.dropna()
17     dax = pd.DataFrame(data.pop('^GDAXI'))
```

# PCA - Obtain stock data

```
In [5]: data[data.columns[:6]].head()
```

```
Out[5]:
```

	ADS.DE	ALV.DE	BAS.DE	BAYN.DE	BEI.DE	BMW.DE
Date						
2010-01-04	38.505	88.54	44.850	56.40	46.445	32.050
2010-01-05	39.720	88.81	44.170	55.37	46.200	32.310
2010-01-06	39.400	89.50	44.450	55.02	46.165	32.810
2010-01-07	39.745	88.47	44.155	54.30	45.700	33.100
2010-01-08	39.600	87.99	44.020	53.82	44.380	32.655

# PCA - Determine number of components required

```
In [10]: len(pca.lambdas_)
```

```
Out[10]: 881
```

```
In [11]: pca.lambdas_[ :10].round()
```

```
Out[11]:  
array([[ 34079.,    5990.,    5360.,    2825.,    2018.,    848.,    756.,  
         531.,    309.,    226.]])
```

```
In [12]: get_we(pca.lambdas_)[ :10]
```

```
Out[12]:  
array([[ 0.63250034,  0.11117324,  0.0994747 ,  0.05242408,  0.03744675,  
         0.01572997,  0.01403163,  0.00985717,  0.00573016,  0.00418554])
```

```
In [13]: get_we(pca.lambdas_)[ :5].sum()
```

```
Out[13]: 0.93301911384645353
```

More than 93.3% of the variation is explained by the first five components!

# PCA - create index

```
19 def create_PCA_index(data, dax):
20     scale_function = lambda x: (x - x.mean()) / x.std() # convenience function
21     get_we = lambda x: x / x.sum() # convenience function
22     pca = KernelPCA().fit(data.apply(scale_function)) # multiple components
23
24     pca = KernelPCA(n_components=1).fit(data.apply(scale_function)) # single component
25     dax['PCA_1'] = pca.transform(-data)
26
27     pca = KernelPCA(n_components=5).fit(data.apply(scale_function)) # five components
28     pca_components = pca.transform(-data)
29     weights = get_we(pca.lambdas_)
30     dax['PCA_5'] = np.dot(pca_components, weights)
31
32     cut_date = '2011/7/1'
33     early_pca = dax[dax.index < cut_date]['PCA_5']
34     early_reg = np.polyval(np.polyfit(early_pca,
35     dax['^GDAXI'][dax.index < cut_date], 1), early_pca)
36
37     late_pca = dax[dax.index >= cut_date]['PCA_5']
38     late_reg = np.polyval(np.polyfit(late_pca,
39     dax['^GDAXI'][dax.index >= cut_date], 1), late_pca)
```

# Bayesian Regression

- Trouble shooting for package Pymc3
- Building of model
- Gaussian random walk
- Uniform model
- Optimization

# Trouble shooting for package Pymc3

If this ValueError happens, go to the file font\_manager.py

```
path = _getfullpathname(path)
```

```
ValueError: _getfullpathname: embedded null character
```

and add in one line of code in the function win32InstalledFonts

```
223     try:
224         for j in range(winreg.QueryInfoKey(local)[1]):
225             try:
226                 key, direc, any = winreg.EnumValue( local, j)
227                 if not is_string_like(direc):
228                     continue
229                 if not os.path.isdir(direc):
230                     direc = os.path.join(directory, direc)
231                 direc = direc.split('\0', 1)[0]
232                 direc = os.path.abspath(direc).lower()
233                 if os.path.splitext(direc)[1][1:] in fontext:
234                     items[direc] = 1
235             except EnvironmentError:
236                 continue
237             except WindowsError:
238                 continue
239             except MemoryError:
240                 continue
241         return list(six.iterkeys(items))
242     finally:
243         winreg.CloseKey(local)
```

# Building model

If you can run this without having `AttributeError`,

```
3 import pymc as pm
4 import numpy as np
5 np.random.seed(1000)
6
7 x = np.linspace(0, 10, 500)
8 y = 4 + 2 * x + np.random.standard_normal(len(x)) * 2
9
10 reg = np.polyfit(x, y, 1)
11
12 with pm.Model() as model:
13     # model specifications in PyMC3
14     # are wrapped in a with statement
15     # define priors
16     alpha = pm.Normal('alpha', mu=0, sd=20)
17     beta = pm.Normal('beta', mu=0, sd=20)
18     sigma = pm.Uniform('sigma', lower=0, upper=10)
19     # define linear regression
20     y_est = alpha + beta * x
21     # define likelihood
22     likelihood = pm.Normal('y', mu=y_est, sd=sigma, observed=y)
23     # inference
24     start = pm.find_MAP()
25     # find starting value by optimization
26     step = pm.NUTS(state=start)
27     # instantiate MCMC sampling algorithm
28     trace = pm.sample(100, step, start=start, progressbar=False)
29     # draw 100 posterior samples using NUTS sampling
```

that means your version of Pymc3 is correctly installed

# Trouble shooting for package Pymc3

If this `AttributeError (__exit__)` happens,

```
with pm.Model() as model:  
  
AttributeError: __exit__
```

that means you are using a version of Pymc3 in which `with` statement is not incorporated yet. You should go to Anaconda prompt and type: `conda install -c conda-forge pymc3`



# Trouble shooting for package Pymc3

If this `AttributeError (TransformedVar)` happens,

```
model_randomwalk.TransformedVar('sigma_alpha',  
  
AttributeError: 'Model' object has no attribute 'TransformedVar'
```

when you are running the model below

```
4 model_randomwalk = pm.Model()  
5 with model_randomwalk:  
6     # std of random walk best sampled in log space  
7     sigma_alpha, log_sigma_alpha = \  
8         model_randomwalk.TransformedVar('sigma_alpha',  
9         pm.Exponential.dist(1. / .02, testval=.1),  
10        pm.logtransform)  
11    sigma_beta, log_sigma_beta = \  
12        model_randomwalk.TransformedVar('sigma_beta',  
13        pm.Exponential.dist(1. / .02, testval=.1),  
14        pm.logtransform)
```

the reason is that the attribute `TransformedVar` is removed from Pymc3.

# Trouble shooting for package Pymc3

If the `AttributeError (TransformVar)` happens, one fix is to use `Exponential` attribute of the package itself.

```
4 model_randomwalk = pm.Model()
5 with model_randomwalk:
6     # std of random walk best sampled in log space
7     sigma = pm.Exponential('sigma', 1./0.02, testval = .1)
```

# Trouble shooting for package Zipline

This package seems to be conflicting with python 3.5.0 and above

```
with pm.Model() as model:  
AttributeError: __exit__
```

so it is not feasible for us to use zipline,  
instead we can use pandas just like in the previous section

# Gaussian walk using pandas data

This is an example of gaussian walk model using pandas library data

```
1 import pandas_datareader.data as web
2 import pandas as pd
3 import numpy as np
4 import pymc3 as pm
5
6 symbols = ['GLD', 'GDX']
7 data = pd.DataFrame()
8 for sym in symbols:
9     data[sym] = web.DataReader(sym, data_source='yahoo')['Close']
10 data = data.dropna()
11
12 #from pymc3.distributions.timeseries import GaussianRandomWalk
13 # to make the model simpler, we will apply the same coefficients
14 # to 50 data points at a time
15 subsample_alpha = 50
16 subsample_beta = 50
17 model_randomwalk = pm.Model()
18 with model_randomwalk:
19     # std of random walk best sampled in log space
20     sigma_alpha = pm.Exponential('sigma_alpha', 1./0.02, testval = .1)
21     sigma_beta = pm.Exponential('sigma_beta', 1./0.02, testval = .1)
22
23 with model_randomwalk:
24     alpha = pm.GaussianRandomWalk('alpha', sigma_alpha**-2,
25                                   shape= len(data) // subsample_alpha)
26     beta = pm.GaussianRandomWalk('beta', sigma_beta**-2,
27                                  shape= len(data) // subsample_beta)
28     # make coefficients have the same length as prices
29     alpha_r = np.repeat(alpha, subsample_alpha)
30     beta_r = np.repeat(beta, subsample_beta)
```

Add pm. in front of GaussianRandomWalk

# Uniform model - erroneous

There is error occurred when we try to multiply two vectors with different lengths.

```
with model_randomwalk:
    # define regression
    regression = alpha_r + beta_r * data.GDX.values[:1950]
    # assume prices are normally distributed
    # the mean comes from the regression
    sd = pm.Uniform('sd', 0, 20)
    likelihood = pm.Normal('GLD',
                           mu=regression,
                           sd=sd,
                           observed=data.GLD.values[:1950]))
```

This error has not been solved.

# Bayesian regression - optimization

```
import scipy.optimize as sco
with model_randomwalk:
    # first optimize random walk
    start = pm.find_MAP(vars=[alpha, beta], fmin=sco.fmin_l_bfgs_b)
    # sampling
    step = pm.NUTS(scoring=start)
    trace_rw = pm.sample(100, step, start=start, progressbar=False)
```

Our aim is to estimate  $E[Y_i]$

Under simulation, we use :

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

(unbiased estimate)

Now we introduce a new variable  $X$ , with realizations  $X_i$ , for  $i$  from 1 to  $n$

Define  $Y_i(\lambda) = Y_i - \lambda(X_i - E(X))$

$$\bar{Y}(\lambda) = \bar{Y} - \lambda(\bar{X} - E(X)) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_i - \lambda(X_i - E(X))]$$

# Control Variates - Unbiasedness and Consistency

The new estimate  $\bar{Y}(\lambda)$  is unbiased and consistent.

Unbiasedness:

$$E(\bar{Y}(\lambda)) = E[\bar{Y} - \lambda(\bar{X} - E(X))] = E(\bar{Y}) - \lambda(E(\bar{X}) - E(X)) = E(Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consistency : } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i(\lambda) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_i - \lambda(X_i - E(X))] \\ &= E[Y - \lambda(X - E(X))] \\ &= E(Y) \end{aligned}$$



# Control Variates - Controlling Variance of estimate

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[Y_i(\lambda)] &= \text{Var}[Y_i - \lambda(X_i - E(X))]\nonumber\\&= \text{Var}[Y_i - \lambda X_i]\nonumber\\&= \text{Var}(Y_i) + \lambda^2 \text{Var}(X_i) - 2\lambda \text{Cov}(X_i, Y_i)\nonumber\\&= \sigma_Y^2 + \lambda^2 \sigma_X^2 - 2\lambda \sigma_X \sigma_Y \rho_{XY}\end{aligned}$$

In order to find the minimum variance by varying  $\lambda$

Set  $\frac{\partial \text{Var}[Y_i(\lambda)]}{\partial \lambda} = 2\lambda \sigma_X^2 - 2\sigma_X \sigma_Y \rho_{XY}$  to 0:

$$\lambda^* = \frac{2\sigma_X \sigma_Y \rho_{XY}}{2\sigma_X^2} = \frac{\sigma_X \sigma_Y \rho_{XY}}{\sigma_X^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}$$

# Control Variates - Controlling Variance of estimate

Compare the new variance with the old:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\text{Var}[Y_i - \lambda^*(X_i - E(X))]}{\text{Var}(Y)} &= \frac{\sigma_Y^2 + \lambda^{*2}\sigma_X^2 - 2\lambda^*\sigma_X\sigma_Y\rho_{XY}}{\sigma_Y^2} \\&= 1 + \frac{\frac{\text{Var}(X)(\text{Cov}(X,Y))^2}{(\text{Var}(X))^2} - \frac{2(\text{Cov}(X,Y))^2}{\text{Var}(X)}}{\sigma_Y^2} \\&= 1 + \frac{\frac{\sigma_X^4\sigma_Y^2\rho_{XY}^2}{\sigma_X^4} - \frac{2\sigma_X^2\sigma_Y^2\rho_{XY}^2}{\sigma_X^2}}{\sigma_Y^2} \\&= 1 + \frac{\sigma_Y^2\rho_{XY}^2 - 2\sigma_Y^2\rho_{XY}^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \\&= 1 - \rho_{XY}^2\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion from the theoretical results:

The stronger the correlation, the better the reduction in variance.

# Choices of Control Variates

We can use several different random variables as control variates.

- Underlying asset prices
- Tractable options
- Bond prices
- Tractable dynamics

# Control Variates - Underlying asset prices

The underlying asset prices provide a source of control variates for its natural correlation with the derivative payoff.

The control variate estimator is formed like this:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \lambda[S_i(T) - e^{rT}S(0)])$$

For European Call option,  $Y = e^{-rT}(S(T) - K)^+$ . However, one problem arises: as the strike price goes higher, the correlation of the underlying asset prices and the payoff decreases, this diminishes the effect of control variates upon variance reduction.

# Thank You

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