

Portfolio Optimization # 2

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Markowitz (1952) & Theoretical Approach

Following [Markowitz \(1952\)](#), consider n assets, infinitely divisible.

Their returns are random variables, denoted \mathbf{X} , (jointly) normally distributed, $\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, i.e. $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$ and $\text{var}(\mathbf{X}) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

Let $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ denotes weights of a given portfolio.

Portfolio risk is measured by its variance $\text{var}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \mathbf{X}) = \sigma_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^2 = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$

For minimal variance portfolio, the optimization problem can be stated as

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}^* = \operatorname{argmin}\{\boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\alpha}\} \text{ s.t. } \boldsymbol{\alpha}^\top \mathbf{1} \leq 1$$

No short sales

One can add a **no short sales** constraints, i.e. $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$. Thus, we should solve

$$\alpha^* = \operatorname{argmin}\{\alpha^\top \Sigma \alpha\} \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} -\alpha^\top \mathbf{1} \geq -1 \\ \alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

The later constraints can also be written

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \alpha \geq \mathbf{b}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
1 > asset.names = c("MSFT", "NORD", "SBUX")
2 > muvec = c(0.0427, 0.0015, 0.0285)
3 > names(muvec) = asset.names
4 > sigmamat = matrix(c(0.0100, 0.0018, 0.0011, 0.0018, 0.0109, 0.0026,
      0.0011, 0.0026, 0.0199), nrow=3, ncol=3)
5 > dimnames(sigmamat) = list(asset.names, asset.names)
6 > r.f = 0.005
7 > cov2cor(sigmamat)
8           MSFT  NORD  SBUX
9 MSFT  1.000  0.172  0.078
10 NORD  0.172  1.000  0.177
11 SBUX  0.078  0.177  1.000
```

No short sales

One can use the `solve.QP` function of `library(quadprog)`, which solves

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{D} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{d}^\top \mathbf{x} \right\} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}$$

```

1 > Dmat = 2*sigmamat
2 > dvec = rep(0,3)
3 > Amat = cbind(rep(1,3),diag(3))
4 > bvec = c(1,0,0,0)
5 > opt = solve.QP(Dmat,dvec,Amat,bvec,meq=1)
6 > opt$solution
7 [1] 0.441 0.366 0.193

```

No short sales

One can also use

```
1 > gmin.port = globalMin.portfolio(muvec, sigmamat, shorts=FALSE)
2 > gmin.port
3 Call:
4 globalMin.portfolio(er = mu.vec, cov.mat = sigma.mat, shorts = FALSE
5 )
6 Portfolio expected return:      0.0249
7 Portfolio standard deviation:   0.0727
8 Portfolio weights:
9   MSFT  NORD  SBUX
10 0.441  0.366  0.193
```

No short sales

Consider minimum variance portfolio with same mean as Microsoft (see #1),

$$\alpha^* = \operatorname{argmin}\{\alpha^\top \Sigma \alpha\} \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}(\alpha^\top \mathbf{X}) = \alpha^\top \boldsymbol{\mu} \geq \bar{r} = \mu_1 \\ \alpha^\top \mathbf{1} \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

```

1 > (eMsft.port = efficient.portfolio(mu.vec, sigma.mat, target.return
   = mu.vec["MSFT"]))
2
3 Portfolio expected return:      0.0427
4 Portfolio standard deviation:  0.0917
5 Portfolio weights:
6      MSFT      NORD      SBUX
7  0.8275 -0.0907  0.2633

```

There is some short sale here.

No short sales

$$\alpha^* = \operatorname{argmin}\{\alpha^\top \Sigma \alpha\} \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \alpha^\top \mu \geq \bar{r} \\ -\alpha^\top \mathbf{1} \geq -1 \\ \alpha_i \geq 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

The later constraints can also be written

$$\mathbf{A}^\top \alpha \geq \mathbf{b}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}^\top = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \mu_3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{r} \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

No short sales

```
1 > Dmat = 2*sigma.mat
2 > dvec = rep(0, 3)
3 > Amat = cbind(mu.vec, rep(1,3), diag(3))
4 > bvec = c(mu.vec["MSFT"], 1, rep(0,3))
5 > qp.out = solve.QP(Dmat=Dmat, dvec=dvec, Amat=Amat, bvec=bvec, meq
   =2)
6 > names(qp.out$solution) = names(mu.vec)
7 > round(qp.out$solution, digits=3)
8 MSFT  NORD  SBUX
9      1     0     0
```

No short sales

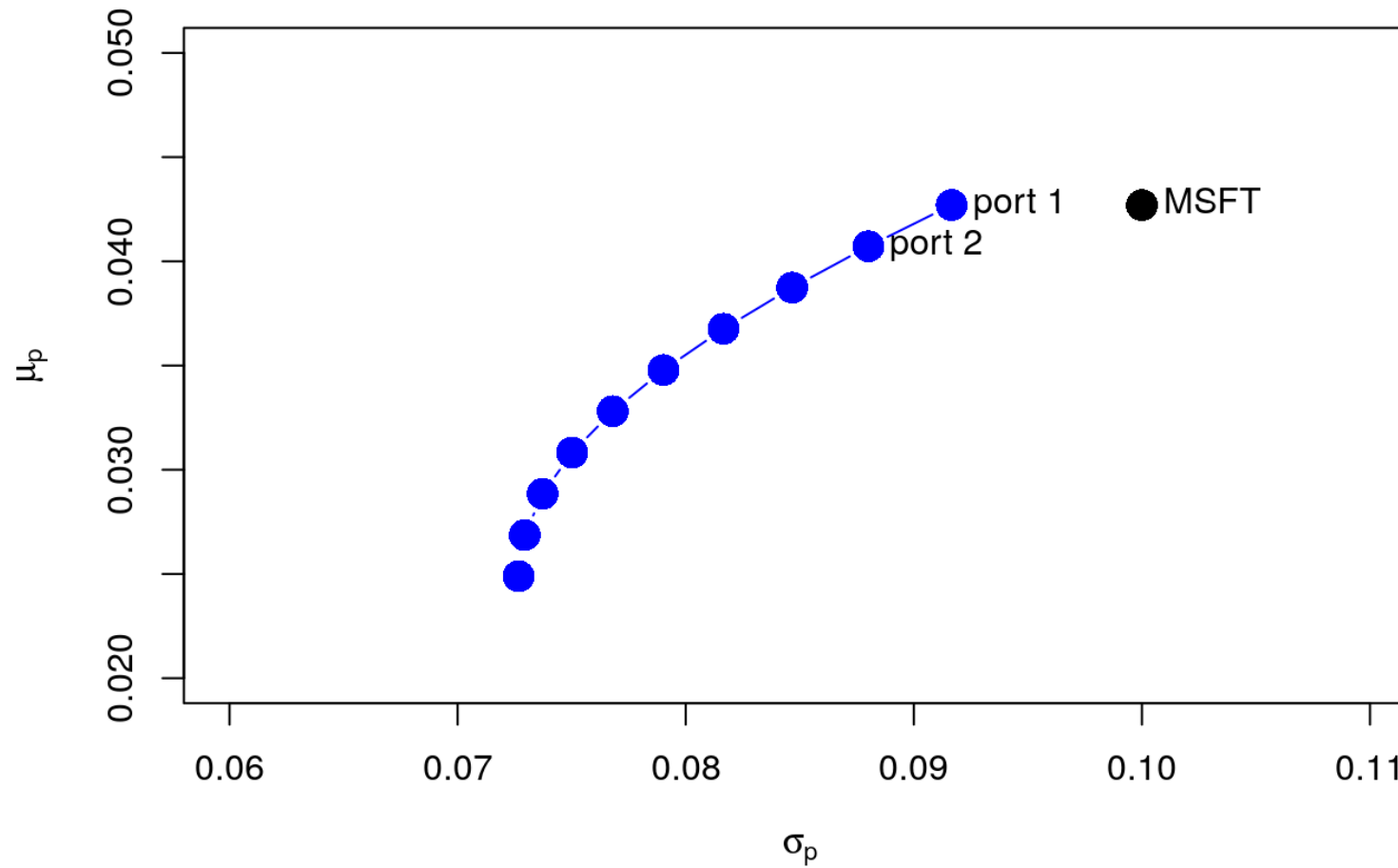
We can also get the efficient frontier, if we allow for short sales,

```

1 > ef = efficient.frontier(mu.vec, sigma.mat, alpha.min=0, alpha.max
    =1, nport=10)
2 > ef$weights
3           MSFT      NORD  SBUX
4 port 1  0.827 -0.0907  0.263
5 port 2  0.785 -0.0400  0.256
6 port 3  0.742  0.0107  0.248
7 port 4  0.699  0.0614  0.240
8 port 5  0.656  0.1121  0.232
9 port 6  0.613  0.1628  0.224
10 port 7  0.570  0.2135  0.217
11 port 8  0.527  0.2642  0.209
12 port 9  0.484  0.3149  0.201
13 port 10 0.441  0.3656  0.193

```

No short sales

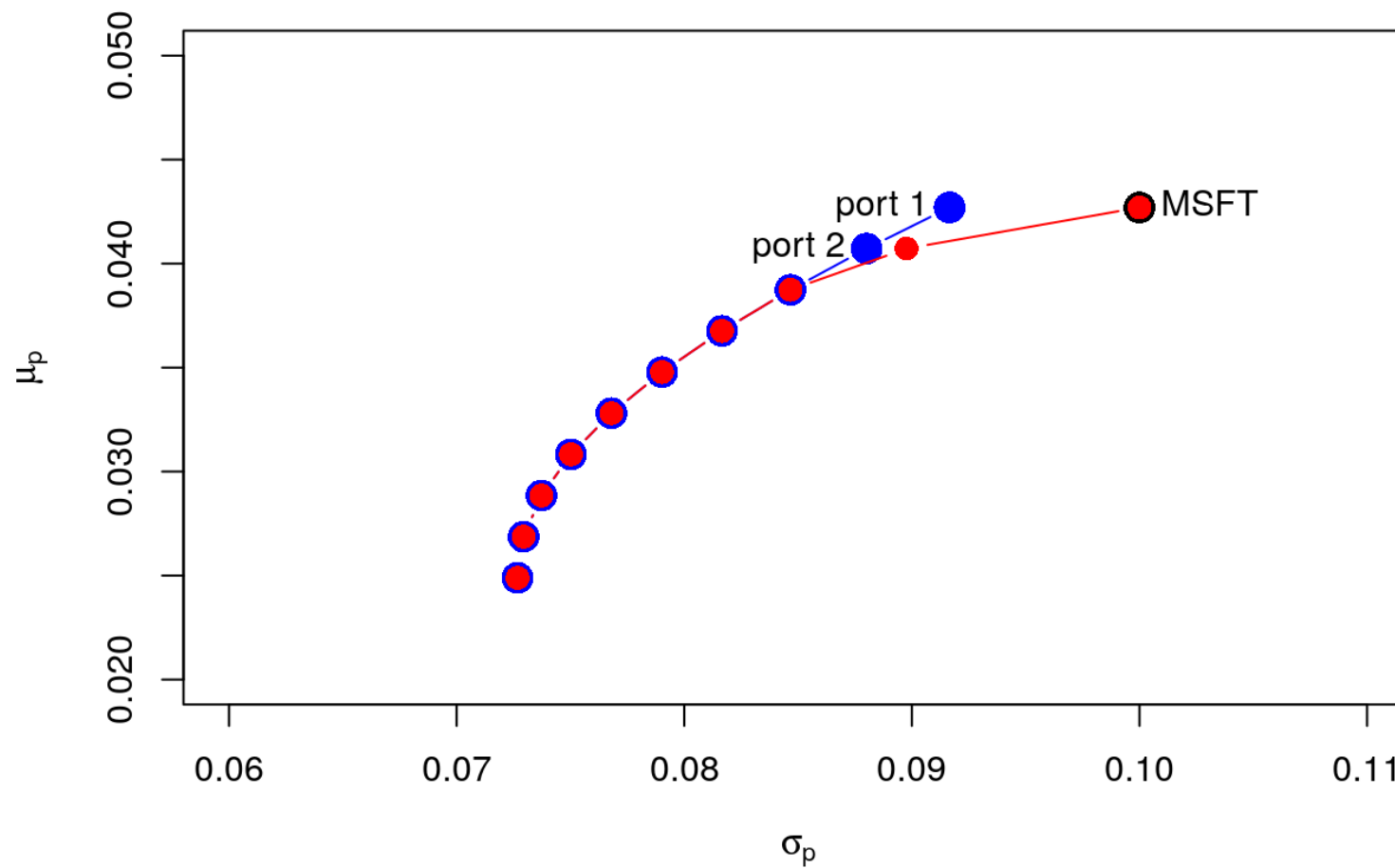


No short sales

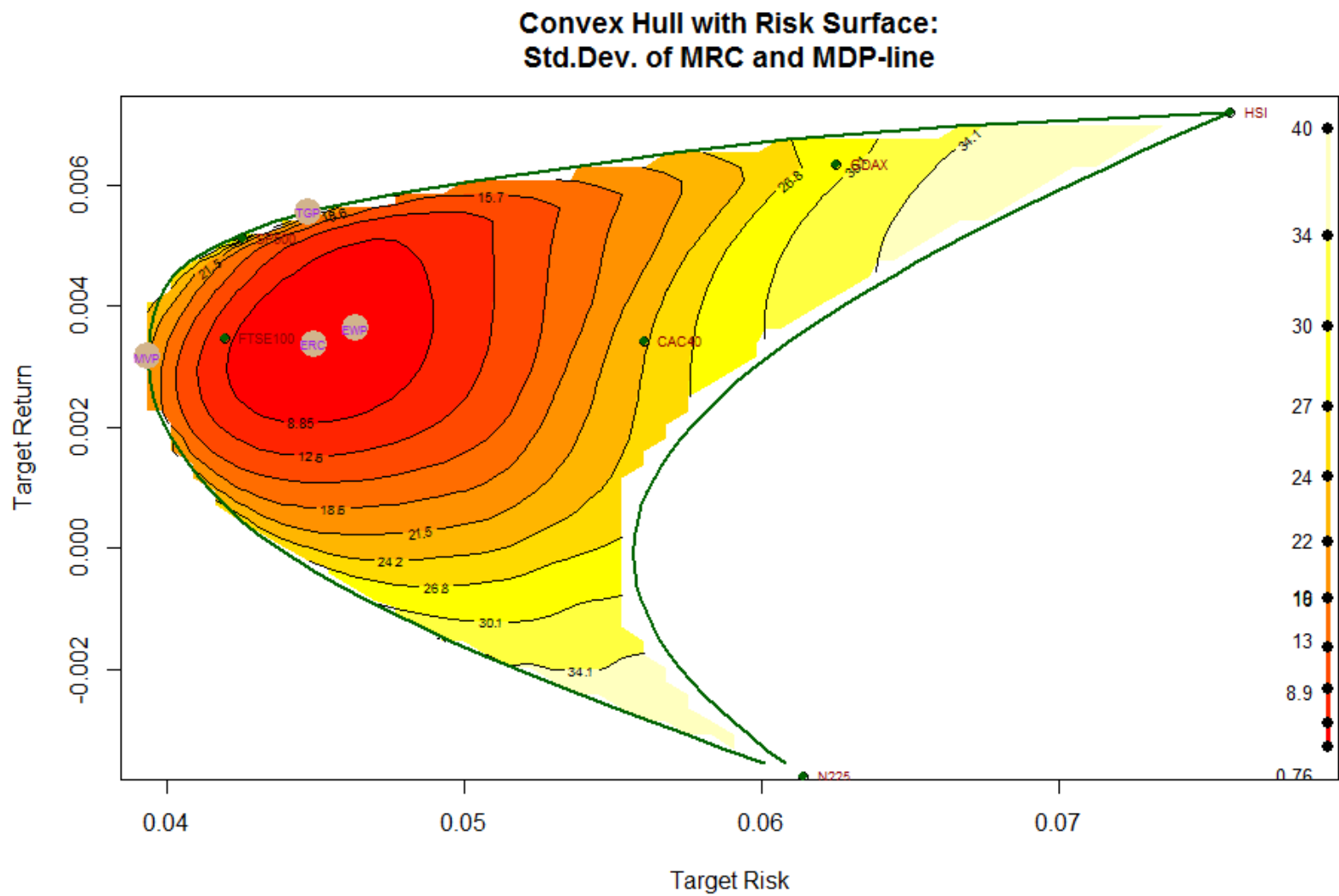
It is easy to compute the efficient frontier without short sales by running a simple loop

```
1 > mu.vals = seq(gmin.port$er, max(mu.vec), length.out=10)
2 > w.mat = matrix(0, length(mu.vals), 3)
3 > sd.vals = rep(0, length(sd.vec))
4 > colnames(w.mat) = names(mu.vec)
5 > D.mat = 2*sigma.mat
6 > d.vec = rep(0, 3)
7 > A.mat = cbind(mu.vec, rep(1,3), diag(3))
8 > for (i in 1:length(mu.vals)) {
9 +   b.vec = c(mu.vals[i],1,rep(0,3))
10 +   qp.out = solve.QP(Dmat=D.mat, dvec=d.vec,
11 +                   Amat=A.mat, bvec=b.vec, meq=2)
12 +   w.mat[i, ] = qp.out$solution
13 +   sd.vals[i] = sqrt(qp.out$value)
14 + }
```

No short sales



```
1 > ef.ns = efficient.frontier(mu.vec, sigma.mat, alpha.min=0, alpha.  
    max=1, nport=10, shorts=FALSE)  
2 ef.ns$weights  
3           MSFT    NORD    SBUX  
4 port 1  0.441  0.3656  0.193  
5 port 2  0.484  0.3149  0.201  
6 port 3  0.527  0.2642  0.209  
7 port 4  0.570  0.2135  0.217  
8 port 5  0.613  0.1628  0.224  
9 port 6  0.656  0.1121  0.232  
10 port 7  0.699  0.0614  0.240  
11 port 8  0.742  0.0107  0.248  
12 port 9  0.861  0.0000  0.139  
13 port 10 1.000  0.0000  0.000
```



Independent observations ?

Let $\mathbf{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)^\top$ denote a random vector such that U_i 's are uniform on $[0, 1]$, then its cumulative distribution function C is called a **copula**, defined as

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \Pr[\mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{u}] = \mathbb{P}[U_1 \leq u_1, \dots, U_n \leq u_n], \forall \mathbf{u} \in [0, 1]^n.$$

Let $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^\top$ denote a random vector with cdf $F(\cdot)$, such that Y_i has marginal distribution $F_i(\cdot)$.

From **Sklar (1959)**, there exists a copula $C : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\forall \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{Y} \leq \mathbf{y}] = F(\mathbf{y}) = C(F_1(y_1), \dots, F_n(y_n)).$$

Conversely, set $U_i = F_i(Y_i)$. If $F_i(\cdot)$ is absolutely continuous, U_i is uniform on $[0, 1]$, $C(\cdot)$ is the cumulative distribution function of $\mathbf{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)^\top$. Set $F_i^{-1}(u) = \inf\{x_i, F_i(x_i) \geq u\}$ then

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \mathbb{P}[Y_1 \leq F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, Y_n \leq F_n^{-1}(u_n)], \forall \mathbf{u} \in [0, 1]^n.$$

Independent observations ?

The **Gaussian copula** with correlation matrix \mathbf{R} is defined as

$$C(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{R}) = \Phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\Phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \Phi^{-1}(u_n)) = \Phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\Phi^{-1}(\mathbf{u})),$$

where $\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}$ is the cdf of $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R})$. Thus copula has density

$$c(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{R}|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Phi^{-1}(\mathbf{u})^{\top}[\mathbf{R}^{-1} - \mathbb{I}]\Phi^{-1}(\mathbf{u})\right).$$

Independent observations ?

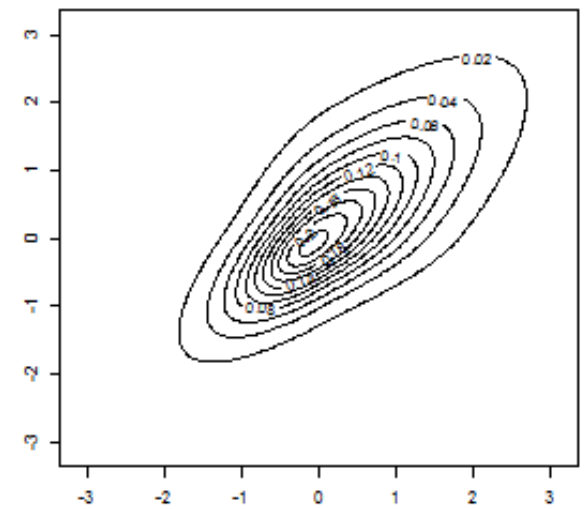
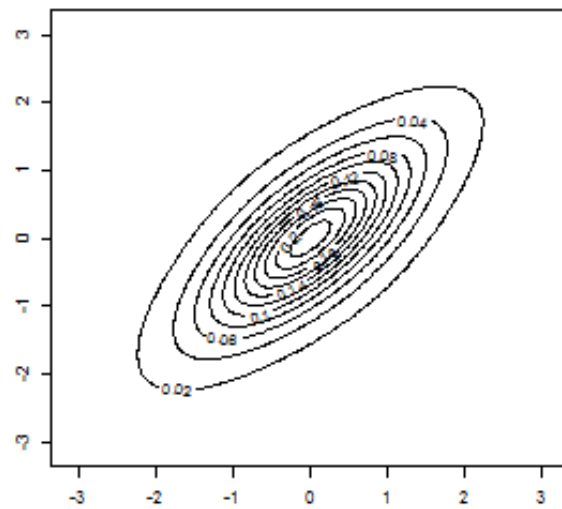
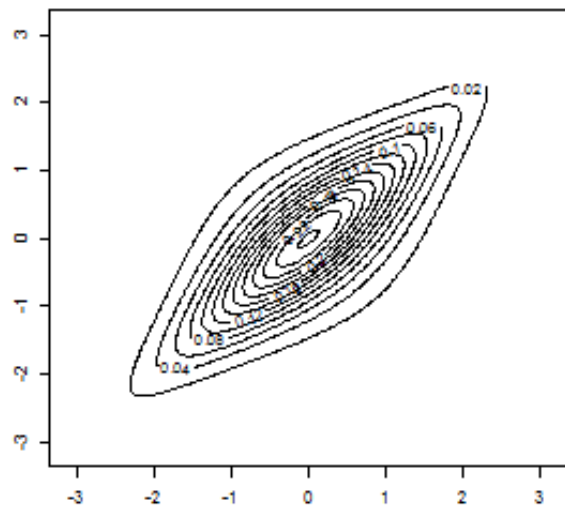
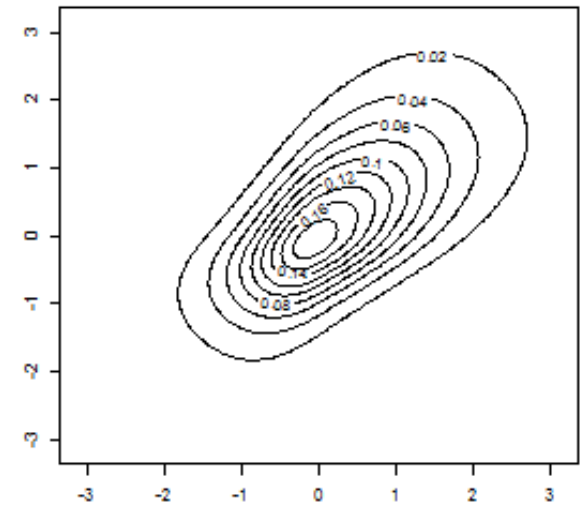
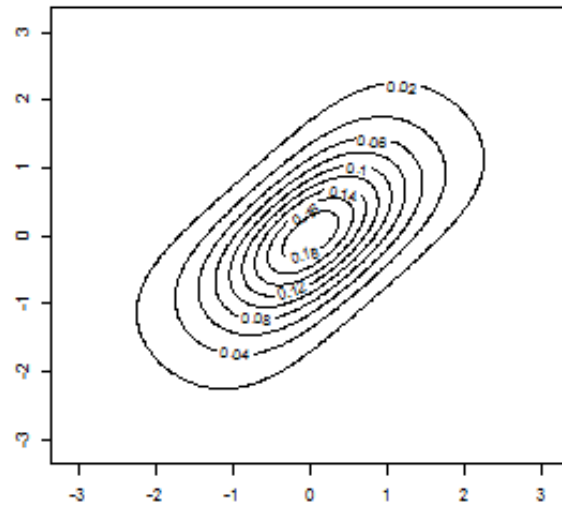
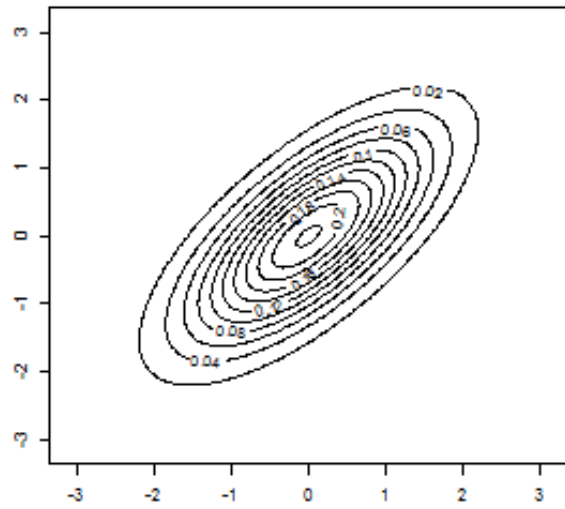
The [Student \$t\$ -copula](#), with correlation matrix \mathbf{R} and with ν degrees of freedom has density

$$c(\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{R}, \nu) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+n}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)^n \left[1 + \frac{1}{\nu} T_{\nu}^{-1}(\mathbf{u})^{\top} \mathbf{R}^{-1} T_{\nu}^{-1}(\mathbf{u})\right]^{-\frac{\nu+n}{2}}}{|\mathbf{R}|^{1/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+n}{2}\right)^n \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \left[1 + \frac{T_{\nu}(u_i)^2}{\nu}\right]^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}}$$

where T_{ν} is the cdf of the Student- t distribution.

One can also consider, instead of the induced copula of the Student- t distribution, the one associated with the \mathbf{s} skew- t (see [Genton \(2004\)](#))

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto t(\mathbf{x}|\nu, \mathbf{R}) \cdot T_{\nu+d} \left(\mathbf{s}^{\top} \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{x} \sqrt{\frac{\nu+d}{\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \nu}} \right)$$



Independent Return ?

It might be more realistic to consider the conditional distribution of \mathbf{Y}_t given information \mathcal{F}_{t-1} .

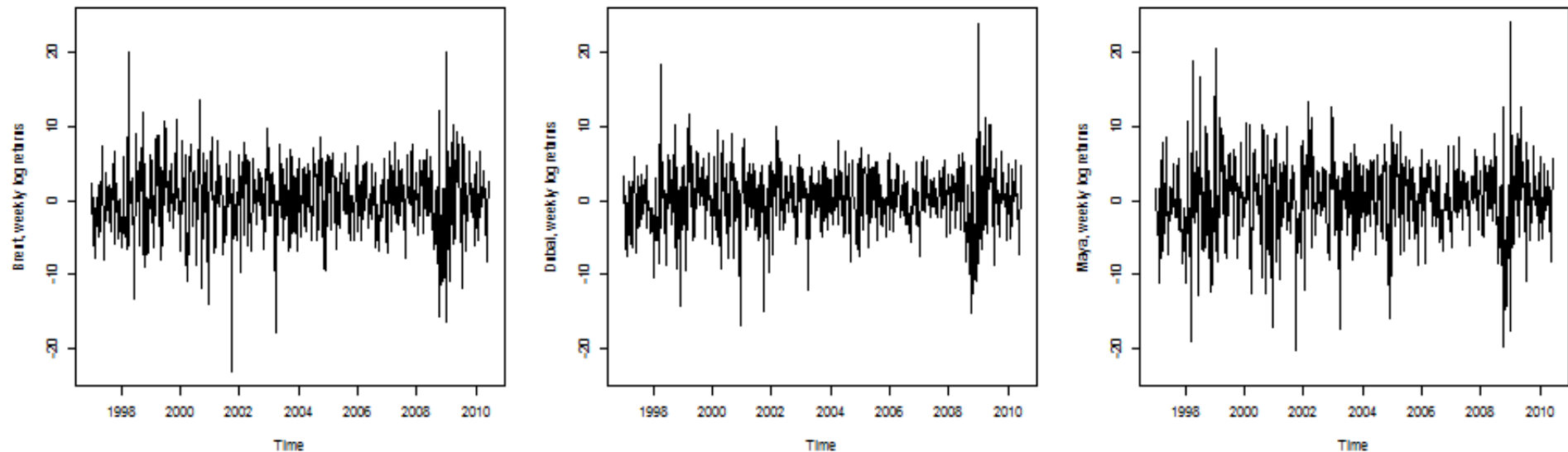
Assume that \mathbf{Y}_t has conditional distribution $F(\cdot|\mathcal{F}_{t-1})$, such that $\forall i, Y_{i,t}$ has conditional distribution $F_i(\cdot|\mathcal{F}_{t-1})$.

There exists $C(\cdot|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\forall \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{Y}_t \leq \mathbf{y} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = F(\mathbf{y} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = C(F_1(y_1 | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}), \dots, F_n(y_n | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}).$$

Conversely, set $U_{i,t} = F_i(Y_{i,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})$. If $F_i(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})$ is absolutely continuous, $C(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})$ is the cdf of $\mathbf{U}_t = (U_{1,t}, \dots, U_{d,t})^\top$, given \mathcal{F}_{t-1} .

Consider weekly returns of oil prices, Brent, Dubaï and Maya.



One can consider $\mathbf{Y}_t = \boldsymbol{\mu}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_t^{1/2} \mathbf{R}_t \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_t^{1/2}$, where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}$ is a diagonal matrix (with only variance terms).

More generally $\mathbb{E}(Y_{i,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \mu_i(\mathbf{Z}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$ and $\text{var}(Y_{i,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \sigma_i^2(\mathbf{Z}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$ for some $\mathbf{Z}_{t-1} \in \mathcal{F}_{t-1}$.

Those include **VAR** models (with conditional means) and **MGARCH** models (with conditional variances).

VAR models

See Sims (1980) and Lütkepohl (2007)

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_{i,t}|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \mu_{i,0} + \mu_i(\mathbf{Y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{\Sigma}) = \mathbf{\Phi}_i^\top \mathbf{Y}_{t-1},$$

and

$$\text{var}(Y_{i,t}|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \sigma_i^2(\mathbf{Y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{\Sigma}) = \Sigma_{i,i}.$$

Or fit univariate models,

```
1 > fit1 = arima(x=dat[,1], order=c(2,0,1))
2 > library(fGarch)
3 > fit1 = garchFit(formula = ~ arma(2,1)+garch(1, 1), data=dat[,1], cond
    .dist = "std", trace=FALSE)
```

MGARCH models

See [Engle & Kroner \(1995\)](#) for the BEEK model

Consider $\mathbf{Y}_t = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$ where $\mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t) = \mathbf{0}$ and $\text{var}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t) = \mathbb{I}$.

The MGARCH(1,1) is defined as

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t = \boldsymbol{\omega}^\top \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{A}^\top \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^\top \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t-1} \mathbf{B}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\omega}$, \mathbf{A} et \mathbf{B} are $d \times d$ matrices ($\boldsymbol{\omega}$ can be triangular matrix). Then

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_{i,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \mu_i(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = 0$$

and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t = V(\mathbf{Y}_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1})$ with

$$\text{var}(Y_{i,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \sigma_i^2(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \Sigma_{i,i,t}$$

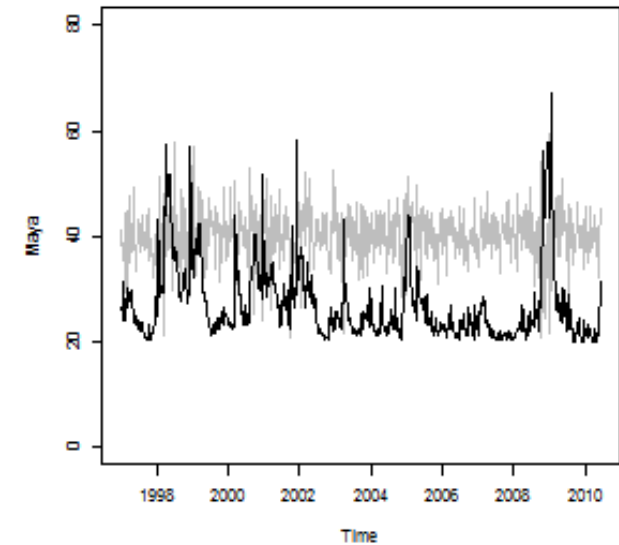
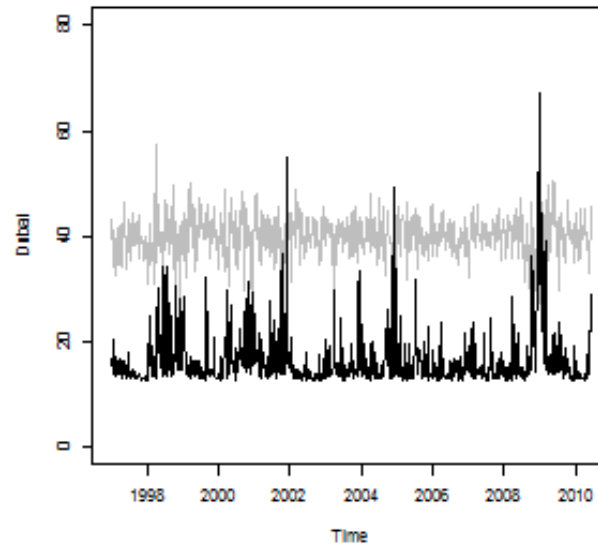
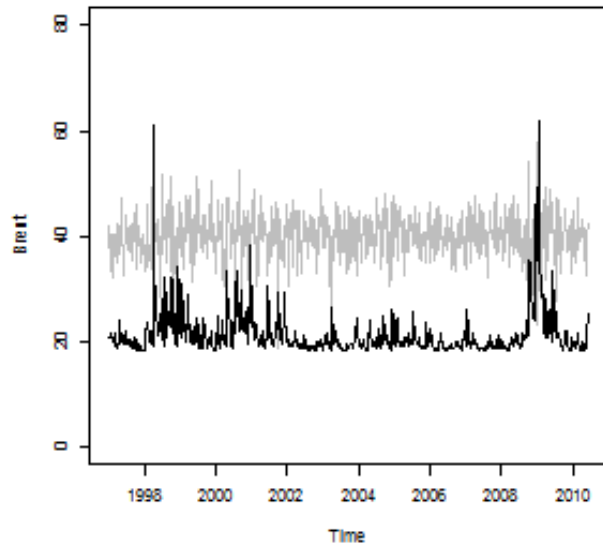
i.e.

$$\text{var}(Y_{i,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \boldsymbol{\omega}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\omega}_i + \mathbf{A}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^\top \mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{B}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t-1} \mathbf{B}_i.$$

MGARCH models: BEKK, (Σ_t)

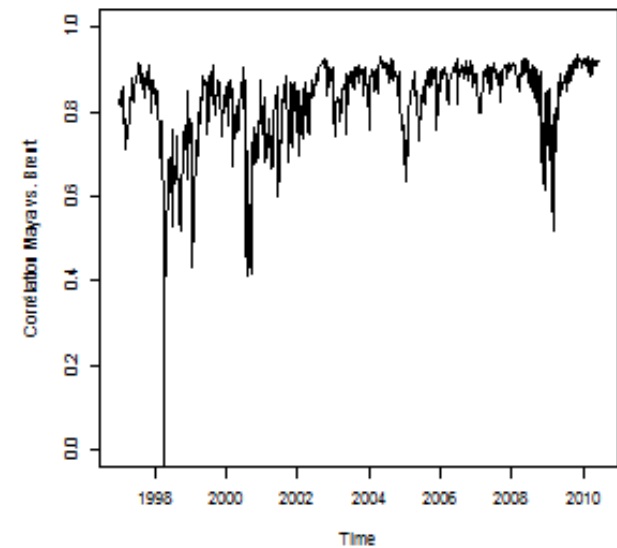
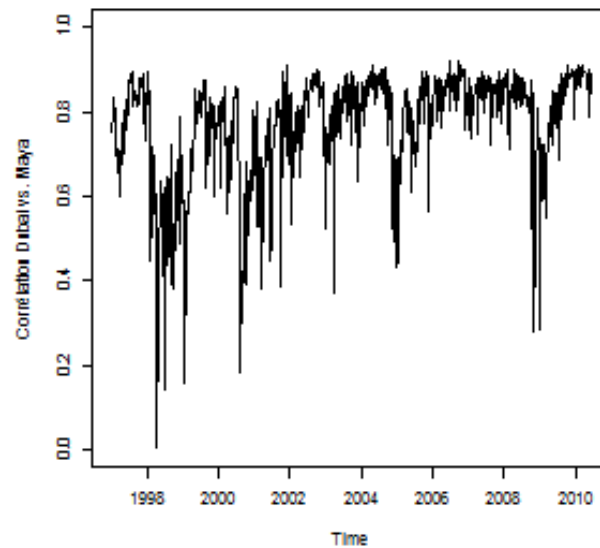
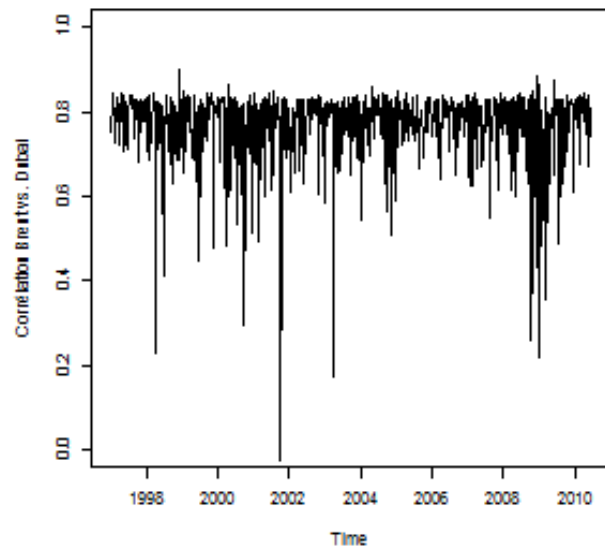
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1 > library(MTS)
2 > bekk=BEKK11(data_res)
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Evolution of $t \mapsto (\Sigma_{i,i,t})$.



MGARCH models: BEKK, (R_t)

Evolution of $t \mapsto (R_{i,i,t})$.



Copula based models

Here $Y_{i,t} = \mu_i(\mathbf{Z}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \sigma_i(\mathbf{Z}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \cdot \varepsilon_{i,t}$, thus, define **standardized residuals**

$$\varepsilon_{i,t} = \frac{Y_{i,t} - \mu_i(\mathbf{Z}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{Z}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})}.$$

Recall that the (conditional) correlation matrix is $\mathbf{R}_t = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_t^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_t^{-1/2}$, where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_t = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t)$, with

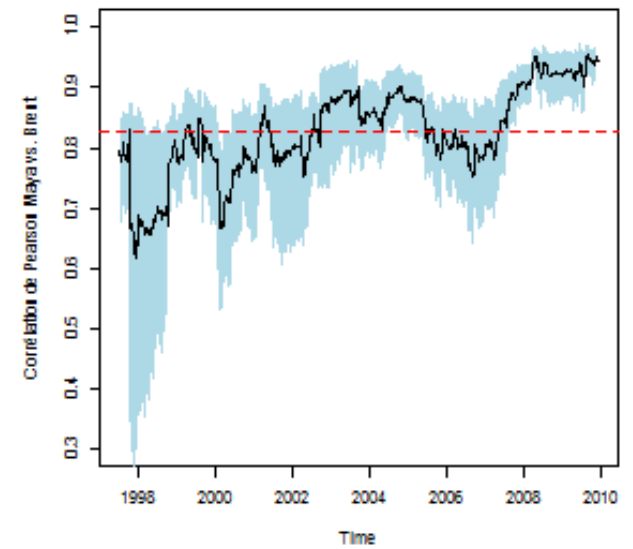
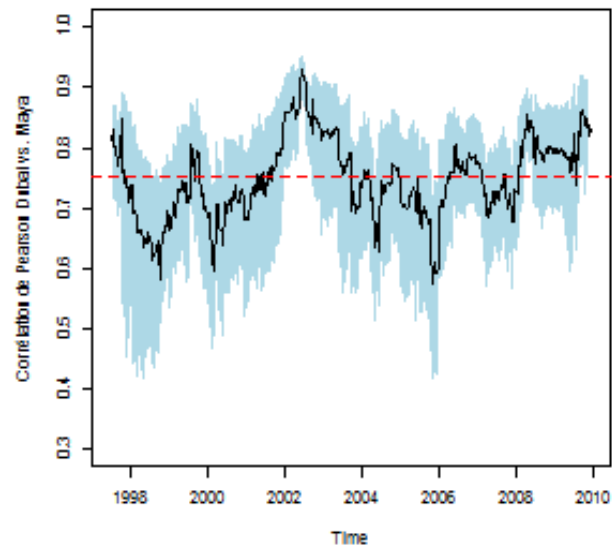
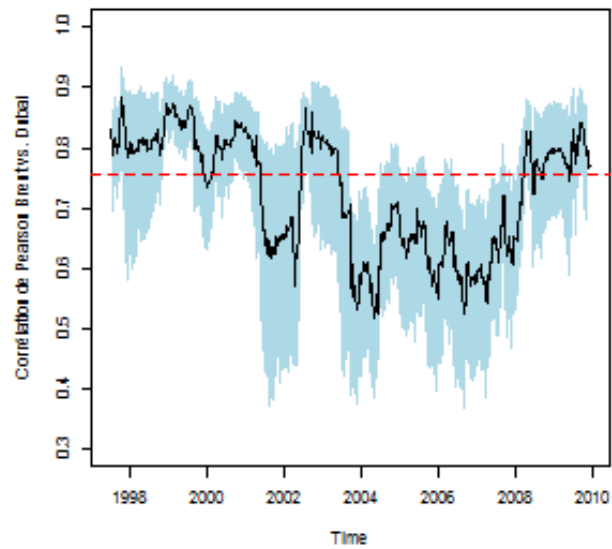
$$R_{i,j,t} = \text{cor}(\varepsilon_{i,t}, \varepsilon_{j,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = E[\varepsilon_{i,t} \varepsilon_{j,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}].$$

Engle (2002) suggested $\mathbf{R}_t = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_t^{-1/2} \mathbf{Q}_t \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_t^{-1/2}$ where \mathbf{Q}_t is driven by

$$\mathbf{Q}_t = [1 - \alpha - \beta] \bar{\mathbf{Q}} + \alpha \mathbf{Q}_{t-1} + \beta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{t-1}^\top,$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{Q}}$ is the unconditional variance of $(\boldsymbol{\eta}_t)$, and where coefficients α and β are positive, with $\alpha + \beta \in (0, 1)$.

Time varying correlation(R_t)



EWMA : Exponentially Weighted Moving Average

In the univariate case,

$$\sigma_t^2 = (1 - \lambda)[r_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1}]^2 + \lambda\sigma_{t-1}^2,$$

with $\lambda \in [0, 1)$. It is called **Exponentially Weighted Moving Average** because

$$\sigma_t^2 = [1 - \lambda] \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda^i \sigma_{t-i}^2 + \underbrace{\lambda^n \sigma_{t-n}^2}_{\text{...}} = [1 - \lambda] \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda^i \sigma_{t-i}^2.$$

The (natural) multivariate extension would be

$$\Sigma_t = (1 - \lambda)(\mathbf{r}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t-1})(\mathbf{r}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t-1})^\top + \lambda\Sigma_{t-1},$$

in the sense that

$$\Sigma_{i,j,t} = (1 - \lambda)[r_{i,t-1} - \mu_{i,t-1}][r_{j,t-1} - \mu_{j,t-1}] + \lambda\Sigma_{i,j,t-1}$$

see [Lowry et al. \(1992\)](#).

EWMA : Exponentially Weighted Moving Average

Best (1998) suggested

$$\Sigma_{i,j,t} \approx [1 - \lambda] \sum_{k=1}^t \lambda^k [r_{i,t-k} - \mu_{i,t-k}] [r_{j,t-k} - \mu_{j,t-k}]$$

i.e.

$$\Sigma_t = [1 - \lambda] \sum_{k=1}^t \lambda^k (\mathbf{r}_{t-k} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t-k})(\mathbf{r}_{t-k} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t-k})^\top + \Lambda^t \Sigma_0.$$

(here Σ_t is a definite-positive matrix when Σ_0 is a variance matrix).

More generally

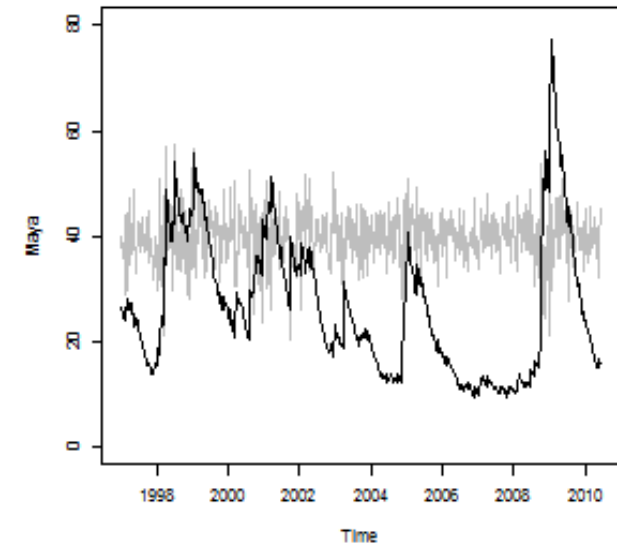
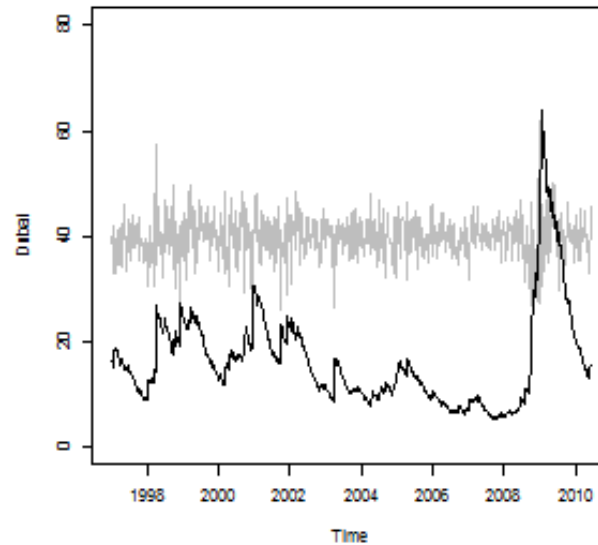
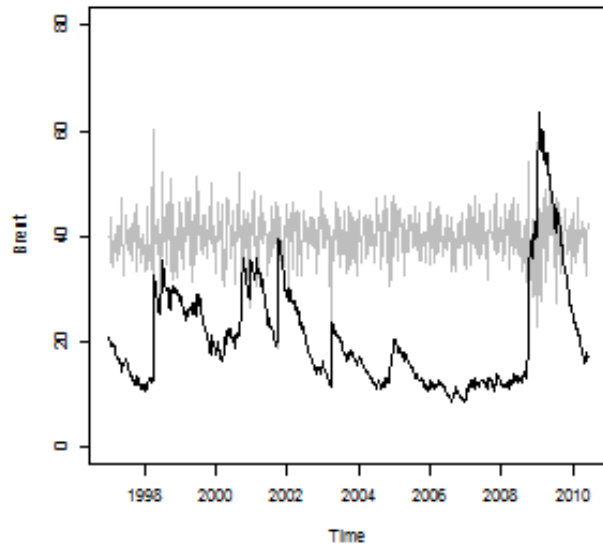
$$\Sigma_t = (\mathbf{1} - \Lambda_1)(\mathbf{r}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_t)(\mathbf{r}_{t-1} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_t)^\top (\mathbf{1} - \Lambda_1)^\top + \Lambda_1 \Sigma_{t-1} \Lambda_1^\top,$$

where $\boldsymbol{\mu}_t = (\mathbf{1} - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2)\mathbf{r}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2\boldsymbol{\mu}_{t-1}$, Λ_1 being a diagonal matrix, $\Lambda_1 = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_1)$, and $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_2$ being vectors of \mathbb{R}^n .

EWMA : (Σ_t)

```
1 > library(MTS)
2 > ewma=EWMAvol(dat_res, lambda = 0.96)
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Evolution of $t \mapsto (\Sigma_{i,i,t})$ for the three oil series.

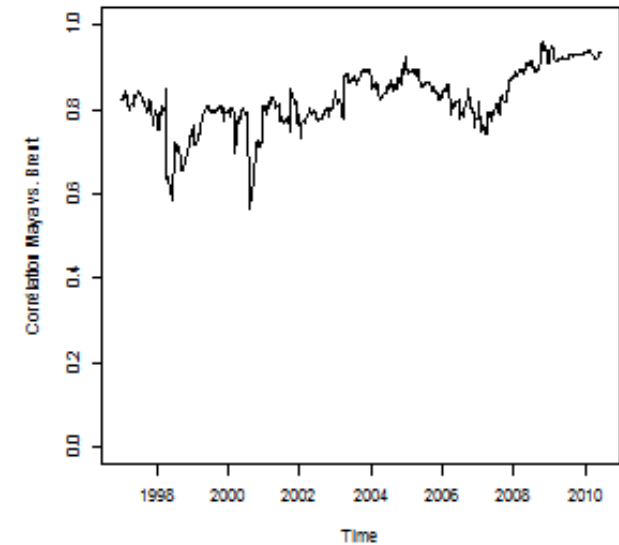
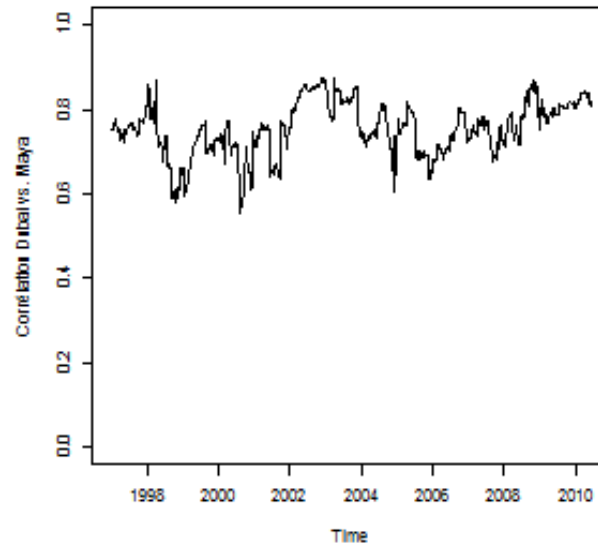
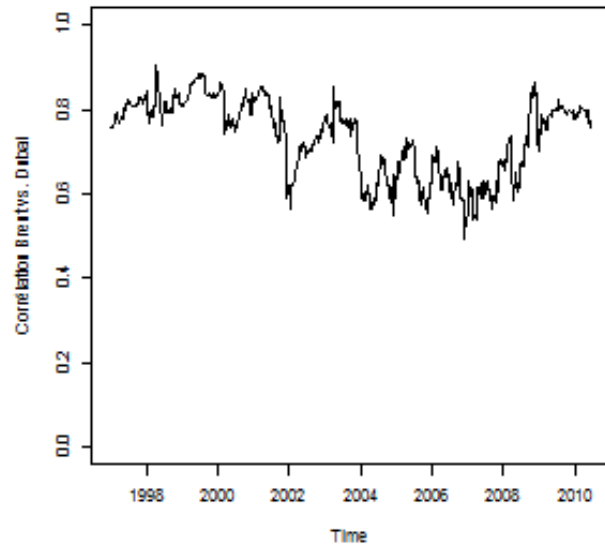


EWMA : (R_t)

From matrices Σ_t , one can extract correlation matrices R_t , since

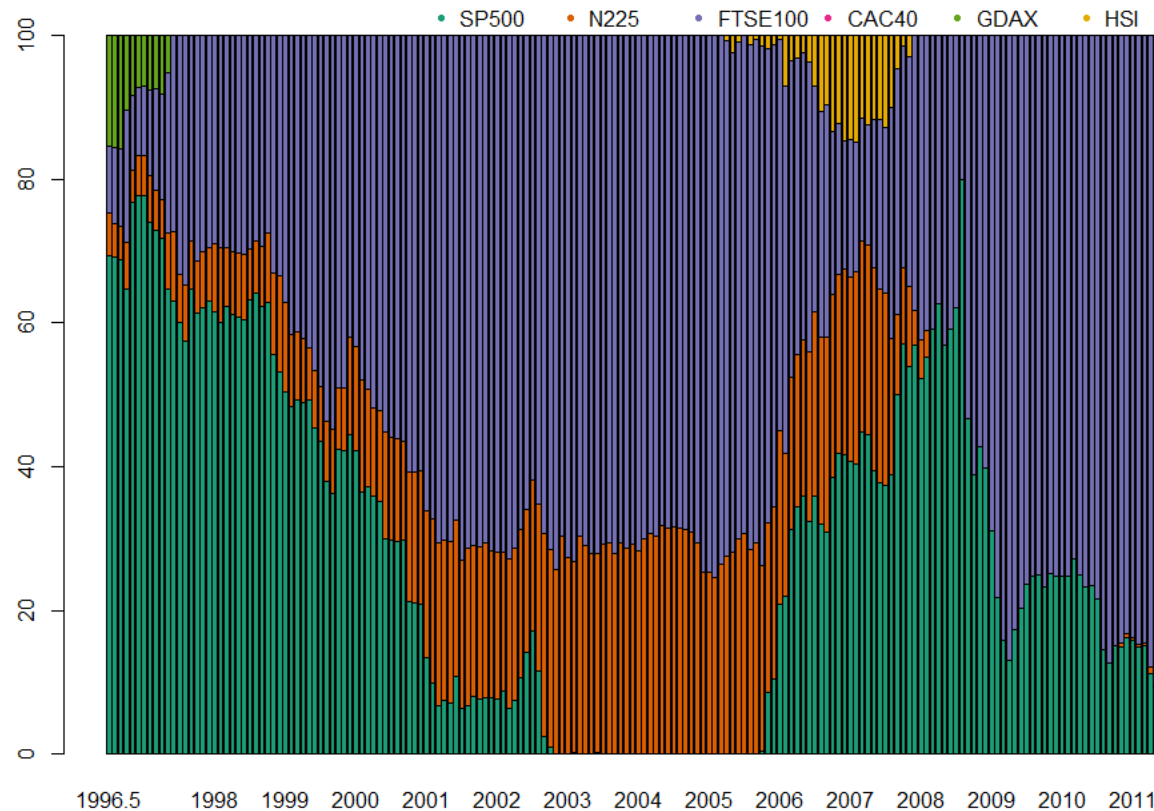
$$R_t = \tilde{\Sigma}_t^{-1/2} \Sigma_t \tilde{\Sigma}_t^{-1/2}.$$

Evolution de ($R_{i,j,t}$) for the three pairs of oil series.



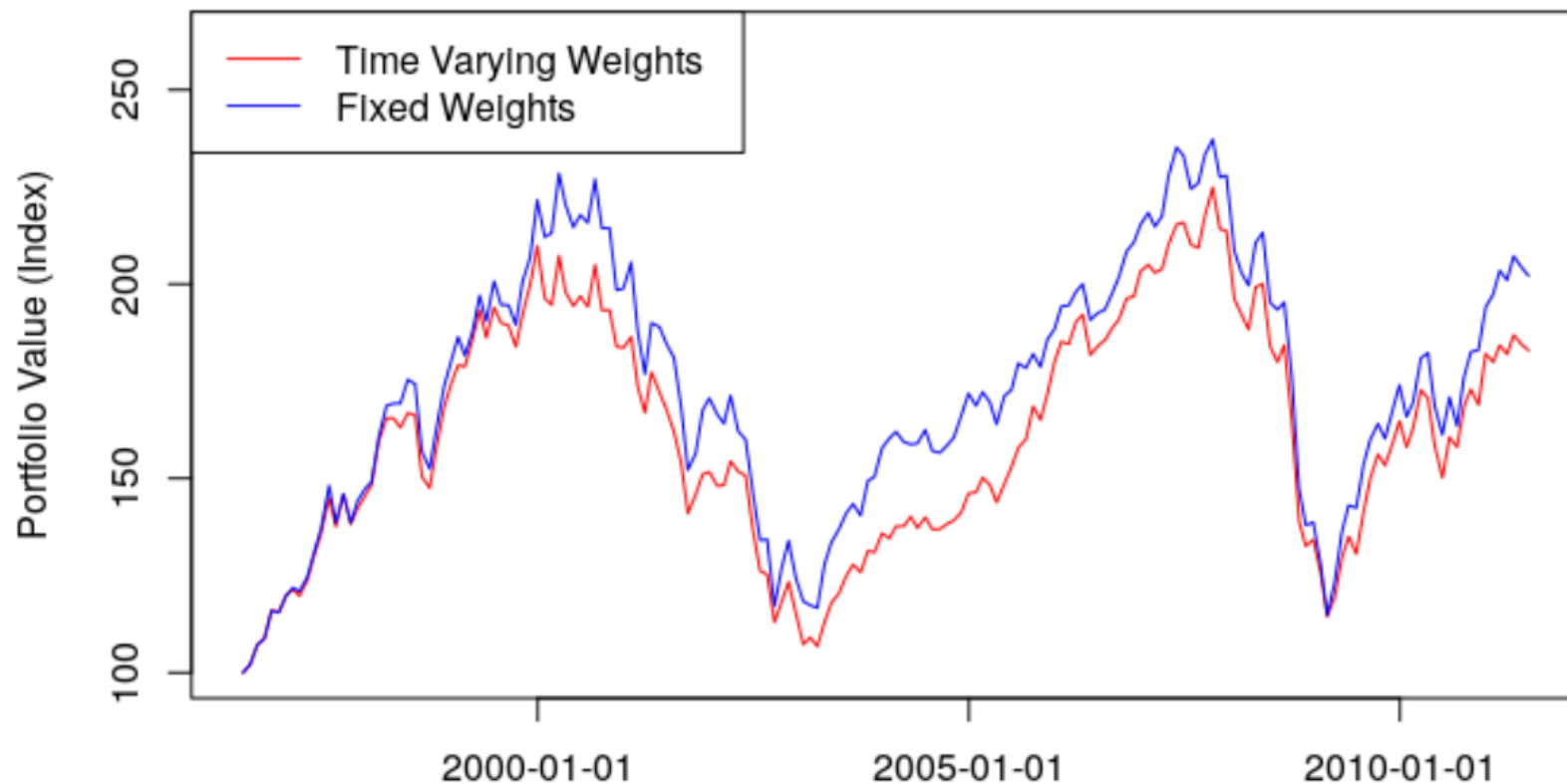
When Variance and Returns are Time Varying

Consider the case where means and variances are estimated at time t based on $\{\mathbf{y}_{t-60}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{y}_t\}$, and let $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_t^*$ denote the allocation of the minimal variance portfolio, when there are no short sales.



When Variance and Returns are Time Varying

Consider the value of the portfolio either with fixed weights $\hat{\alpha}_{60}^*$, or with weights updated every month, $\hat{\alpha}_t^*$.



Moving Away from the Variance

Consider various risk measures, on losses X

- Value-at-Risk, $\text{VaR}_X(\alpha) = F^{-1}(X)$
- expected shortfall, $\text{ES}_X^+(\alpha) = \mathbb{E}[X | X \geq \text{VaR}_X(\alpha)]$
- conditional VaR, $\text{CVaR}_X^+(\alpha) = \mathbb{E}[X - \text{VaR}_X(\alpha) | X \geq \text{VaR}_X(\alpha)]$

One can use `library(FRAP0)` and `library(fPortfolio)` to compute the **minimum CVaR** portfolio.

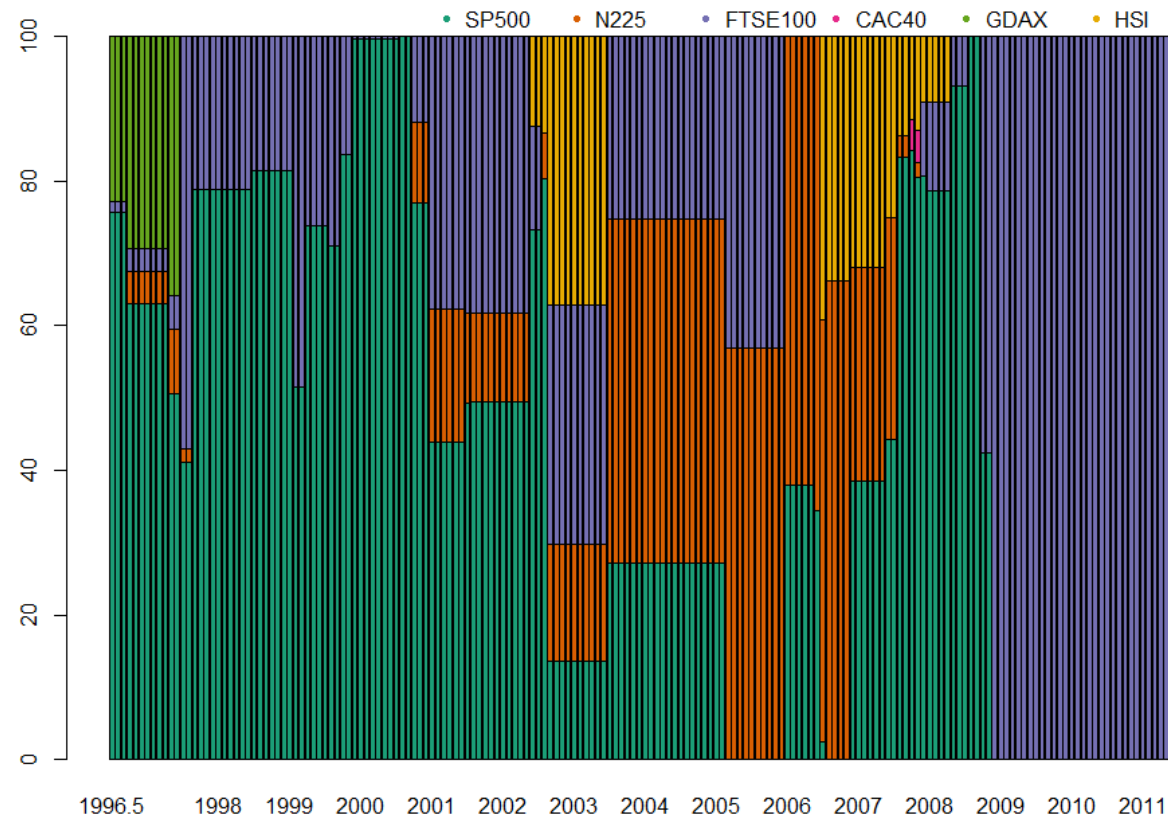
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1 > cvar = portfolioSpec()
2 > setType(cvar) = "CVaR"
3 > setAlpha(cvar) = 0.1
4 > setSolver(cvar) = "solveRglpk.CVAR"
5 > minriskPortfolio(data = X, spec = cvar, constraints = "LongOnly")

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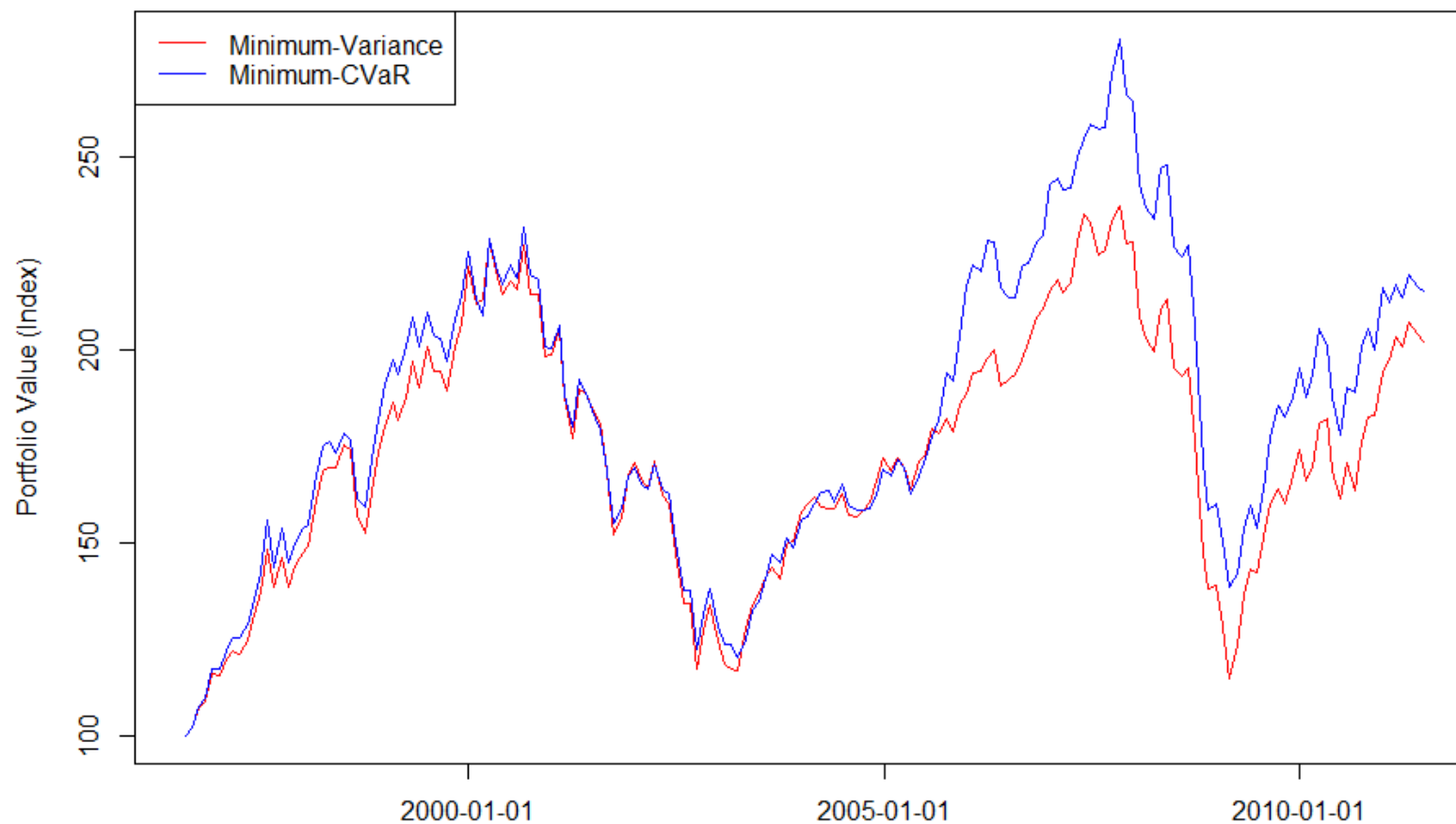
Moving Away from the Variance

Consider the case where means and $\text{CVaR}_{10\%}$ are estimated at time t based on $\{\mathbf{y}_{t-60}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{y}_t\}$, and let $\hat{\alpha}_t^*$ denote the allocation of the minimal $\text{CVaR}_{10\%}$ portfolio, when there are no short sales.



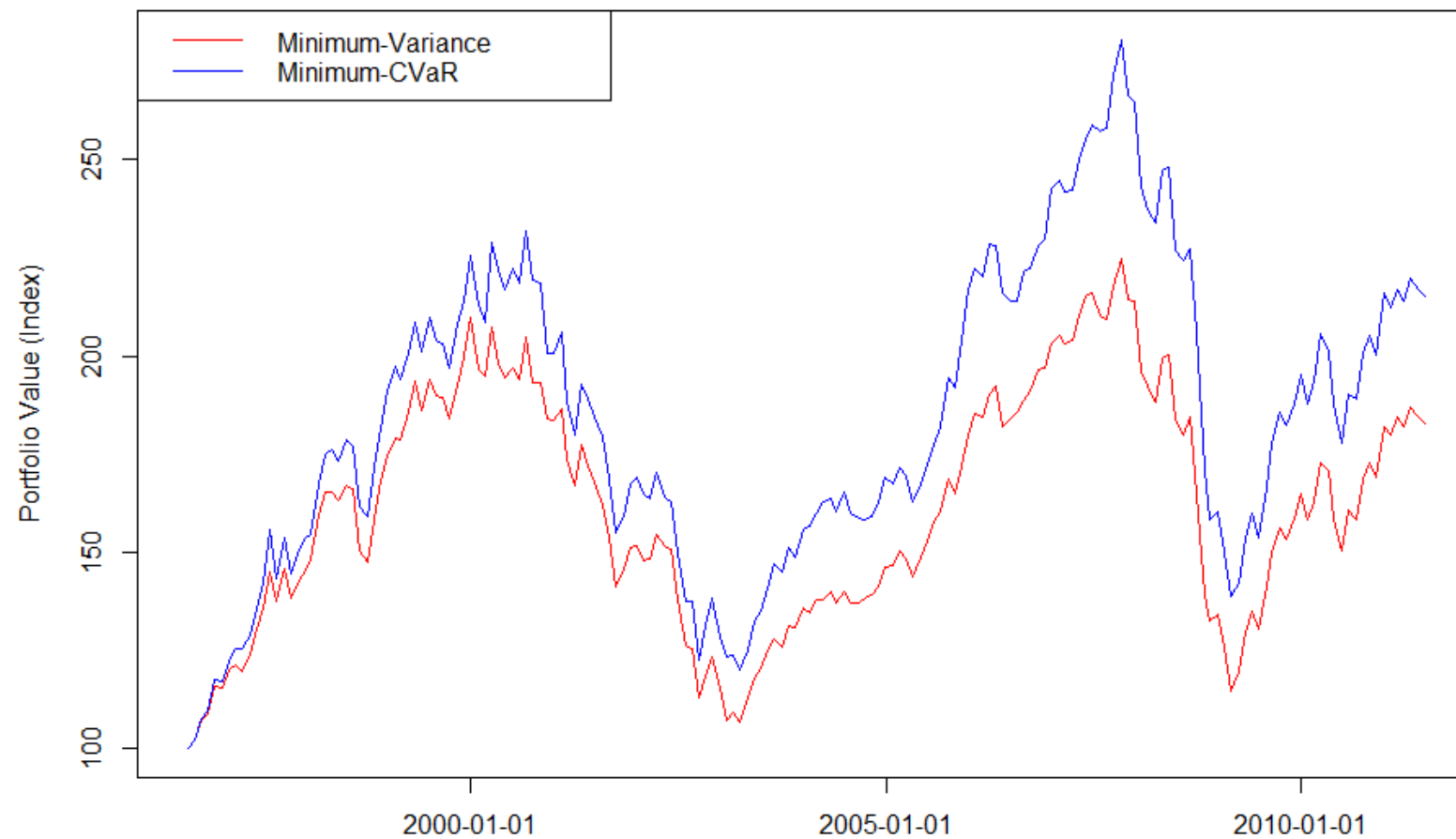
Moving Away from the Variance

Consider the value of the portfolio either with fixed weights $\hat{\alpha}_{60}^*$, either for minimal variance, or minimal CVaR_{10%}.



Moving Away from the Variance

Consider the value of the portfolio either with weights updated every month, $\hat{\alpha}_t^*$, either for minimal variance, or minimal $\text{CVaR}_{10\%}$.



Moving Away from the Variance

One can also consider optimal portfolios $\hat{\alpha}_t^*$, for minimal $\text{CVaR}_{10\%}$, $\text{CVaR}_{5\%}$ and $\text{CVaR}_{1\%}$.

