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Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2014). The geometry of relative arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1402.3720*.

applestarbucks	<i>Monthly Stock Prices of Apple and Starbucks from Jan 1994 to Apr 2012</i>
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Description

This data set gives the monthly stock prices of Apple and Starbucks, in US dollars, from Jan 1994 to Apr 2012.

Usage

applestarbucks

Format

A zoo object containing 220 observations.

AtlasModel	<i>Atlas Model</i>
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Description

The function `AtlasModel` is used to create a `marketmodel` object which represents an Atlas model with user-provided parameters.

Usage

`AtlasModel(n, g, sigma)`

Arguments

<code>n</code>	a positive integer representing the number of stocks in the market
<code>g</code>	a positive number. In this model, $n*g$ is the growth rate of the smallest stock.
<code>sigma</code>	a positive number representing the common volatility of the stocks.

Details

The definition of the Atlas model follows Example 5.3.3 in Fernholz (2002). The stochastic differential equation of the market capitalizations $X_i(t)$ for the i -th stock takes the form

$$d \log X_i(t) = \gamma_i(t) dt + \sigma_i dW_i(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where $\gamma_i(t) = \gamma$ if stock i is the smallest, and is 0 otherwise.

It is the simplest market model which exhibits an asymptotic Pareto-shaped capital distribution curve.

Value

A marketmodel object.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[marketmodel](#), [SimMarketModel](#)

Examples

```
# Create an Atlas model of 100 stocks
model <- AtlasModel(n = 100, g = 0.001, sigma = 0.2)

# Simulate the Atlas model to get 5 years of monthly data
market <- SimMarketModel(model, n.years = 5, frequency = 12)
```

capdist

Capital-distribution Objects

Description

The function `capdist` is used to create capital-distribution objects.

Usage

```
capdist(x)
```

Arguments

`x` a numeric vector storing the market weights of assets.

Details

The function `capdist` is used to create capital-distribution objects. These are vectors with class "capdist" which represents the distribution of capital in a market at a single moment.

When the function is called, it is checked whether the sum of weights is equal to 1 up to 0.1%. If not, a warning message will be displayed.

Capital distribution objects can be plotted. See `plot.capdist` for details.

Value

A `capdist` object.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[plot.capdist](#)

Examples

```
# Create a random distribution
x <- runif(100)
x <- x/sum(x)
x <- capdist(x)
plot(x)
```

CapDistSlope

Slope of a Capital Distribution Curve

Description

The function `CapDistSlope` computes the slope of a capital distribution curve.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class "capdist"
```

```
CapDistSlope(x, cut.end = 0.1)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>capdist</code> object.
<code>cut.end</code>	A number between 0 and 1. It is the proportion of the smallest assets that will be ignored when fitting a straight line to the capital distribution curve. The default value is 0.1.

Details

If the capital distribution curve is a straight line, we say that the capital distribution follows a Pareto distribution. Empirically, a lot of capital distribution curves are approximately Pareto shaped.

The slope is estimated by ordinary least squares after removing the smallest cut .end proportion of the weights.

Value

The slope.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[capdist](#)

Examples

```
# Create a random distribution
x <- runif(100)
x <- x/sum(x)
x <- capdist(x)
CapDistSlope(x)
```

ConstantPortfolio *Constant-weighted Portfolio*

Description

The function ConstantPortfolio is creates an fgp object representing the constant-weighted portfolio with a given weight vector.

Usage

```
ConstantPortfolio(weight)
```

Arguments

weight a numeric probability vector.

Details

The constant-weighted portfolio is a functionally generated portfolio generated by the geometric mean (see [GeometricMean](#)). One example is the equal-weighted portfolio. The portfolio maintains the same weight in every period.

Value

An fgp object.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[GeometricMean](#)

Examples

```
# Define the constant-weighted portfolio (0.2, 0.3, 0.5) for 3 stocks
portfolio <- ConstantPortfolio(c(0.2, 0.3, 0.5))
```

Diversity

Diversity

Description

The function `Diversity` computes the diversity of a probability distribution.

Usage

```
Diversity(x, p = 0.5)
```

Arguments

`x` a numeric vector with non-negative entries.
`p` a parameter between 0 and 1. The default value is 0.5.

Details

The diversity function is used in stochastic portfolio theory as a measure of market diversity. It is the generating function of the diversity-weighted portfolio (see [DiversityPortfolio](#)). See Example 3.4.4 of Fernholz (2002) for more information.

Value

A number.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also[DiversityPortfolio](#)**Examples**

```
x <- c(0.3, 0.2, 0.5)
Diversity(x, p = 0.7)
```

DiversityPortfolio *Diversity-weighted Portfolio*

Description

The function `DiversityPortfolio` creates an `fgp` object representing the diversity-weighted portfolio with a given parameter.

Usage

```
DiversityPortfolio(p = 0.5)
```

Arguments

`p` a number between 0 and 1. The default value is 0.5.

Details

The diversity-weighted portfolio is a functionally generated portfolio, see Example 3.4.4 of Fernholz (2002). It is generated by the diversity function (see `Diversity`). It can be regarded as an interpolation between the market portfolio ($p = 1$) and the equal-weighted portfolio ($p = 0$).

Value

An `fgp` object.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also[Diversity](#)**Examples**

```
# Create a diversity-weighted portfolio with p = 0.7
portfolio <- DiversityPortfolio(p = 0.7)
```

`EEControl`*Control Term in the Energy-entropy Decomposition*

Description

The function computes the control term of the energy-entropy decomposition.

Usage

```
EEControl(pi.current, pi.next, nu.next, nu.implied = nu.next)
```

Arguments

<code>pi.current</code>	a numeric vector of the current portfolio weights.
<code>pi.next</code>	a numeric vector of the portfolio weights for the next period.
<code>nu.next</code>	a numeric vector of the benchmark weights for the next period.
<code>nu.implied</code>	a numeric vector of the implied benchmark weights. The default value is <code>nu.next</code> (in this case the benchmark is buy-and-hold).

Details

The control term measures how much the portfolio moves towards the current market weights. For details, see Section 2 of Pal and Wong (2013). Here the formula is modified slightly so that the energy-entropy decomposition holds identically whether the market is buy-and-hold or not.

Value

A number.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

See Also

[FreeEnergy](#), [RelativeEntropy](#), [EnergyEntropyDecomp](#)

Examples

```
pi.current <- c(0.2, 0.3, 0.5)
pi.new <- c(0.3, 0.3, 0.4)
mu.new <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)

EEControl(pi.current, pi.new, mu.new)
```

EnergyEntropyDecomp *Energy-entropy Decomposition*

Description

The function EnergyEntropyDecomp computes and plots the energy-entropy decomposition of any portfolio relative to the benchmark portfolio.

Usage

```
EnergyEntropyDecomp(market, weight, grouping = NULL, plot = TRUE)
```

Arguments

market	an object of class <code>toymkt</code> .
weight	a matrix or dataframe of portfolio weights. Each row represents a vector of portfolio weights.
grouping	a numeric vector of positive integers taking values from 1 to m , where m is the number of groups. An example is <code>c(1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1)</code> , where m is 3. If grouping is given, the hierarchical energy-entropy decomposition will be performed.
plot	TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, the energy-entropy decomposition will be plotted. The default value is TRUE.

Details

The energy-entropy decomposition decomposes the excess log return of a portfolio (with respect to the benchmark) into three terms: free energy, control and change in relative entropy. See Section 2 of Pal and Wong (2013) for details. It is important to note that Pal and Wong (2013) assumes that the benchmark is a buy-and-hold portfolio, so that `market$buy.and.hold` is TRUE. The decomposition is modified so that an identity holds even when the market is not buy-and-hold. However in that case the control term in the decomposition is harder to interpret.

A portfolio can sometimes be thought of as a portfolio of portfolios, and the energy-entropy decomposition has a corresponding hierarchical decomposition, see Section 3 of Pal and Wong (2013). If grouping is provided, the hierarchical decomposition will be performed and plotted. An example of grouping is a label for sectors (say 1: financial, 2: utility, 3:energy, etc). For more details see the supplementary files available on the author's website.

Value

If grouping is not provided, it is a zoo object with the following columns. The definitions of the terms can be found in Section 2 of Pal and Wong (2013). Each term represents an increment for the period.

Excess log return	relative log return.
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Free energy free energy.
 Relative entropy
 minus of the change of relative entropy.
 Control control.
 Drift drift. It equals free energy + control.

If grouping is provided, it is a list containing several zoo objects:

dlogV relative log return.
 free.energies free energy and its decomposition.
 relative.entropies
 relative entropy and its decomposition.
 control control and its decomposition.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

Author's website: <http://www.math.washington.edu/~wongting/>

See Also

[FreeEnergy](#), [RelativeEntropy](#), [EEControl](#),

Examples

```
# Example 1
# Energy-entropy decomposition for the entropy-weighted portfolio
data(applestarbucks)
market <- toymkt(applestarbucks, initial.weight = c(0.5, 0.5))
weight <- GetWeight(market, EntropyPortfolio$weight.function)
decomp <- EnergyEntropyDecomp(market, weight, plot = TRUE)

# Example 2
# Example of a hierchical decomposition of the entropy-weighted
# portfolio in the Atlas market model
model <- AtlasModel(n = 6, g = 0.1, sigma = 0.2)
market <- SimMarketModel(model) # default settings
grouping <- c(1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2)
weight <- GetWeight(market, EntropyPortfolio$weight.function)
decomp <- EnergyEntropyDecomp(market, weight, grouping, plot = TRUE)
```

EntropyPortfolio	<i>Entropy-weighted Portfolio</i>
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Description

EntropyPortfolio is a predefined fgp object representing the entropy-weighted portfolio.

Usage

EntropyPortfolio

Details

The entropy-weighted portfolio is a functionally generated portfolio generated by the Shannon entropy (see [ShannonEntropy](#)). See Example 3.1.2 of Fernholz (2002).

Value

An fgp object.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[ShannonEntropy](#)

FernholzDecomp	<i>Fernholz's Decomposition for a Buy-and-hold Toy Market</i>
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Description

The function FernholzDecomp computes the Fernholz decomposition of a functionally generated portfolio.

Usage

FernholzDecomp(market, portfolio, plot = TRUE)

Arguments

market	a toymkt object where market\$buy.and.hold is TRUE.
portfolio	an fgp object represents a functionally generated portfolio.
plot	TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, the Fernholz decomposition will be plotted. The default value is TRUE.

Details

Functionally generated portfolios (see [fgp](#)) and Fernholz's decomposition play an important role in stochastic portfolio theory.

In this context, the benchmark portfolio is a buy-and-hold market portfolio (modeled as a `toymkt` object in this package). The portfolio weights of the benchmark is represented by the market weight $\mu(t)$. The portfolio manager chooses portfolio weights $\pi(t)$.

Let $V(t)$ be the growth of \$1 of the manager's portfolio divided by that of the benchmark. Initially $V = 1$ and it increases when the manager outperforms the market. The quantity $\log(V(t))$ is called the relative log return.

For a functionally generated portfolio, the portfolio weights $\pi(t)$ are deterministic functions of the current market weight $\mu(t)$. More precisely, the portfolio weights $\pi(t)$ are given by the derivatives of $\log(\Phi)$ at $\mu(t)$, where Φ is called the generating function. See the references for more details (the notation here follows that of Pal and Wong (2014)).

In this case, Fernholz's decomposition states that the relative log return has the decomposition

$$\log(V(t)) = [\log(\Phi(\mu(t))) - \log(\Phi(\mu(0)))] + \Theta(t),$$

where $\Theta(t)$ is called the drift process. Note that the first term depends only on the current and initial positions of the market weights. The drift process is determined by the portfolio and the cumulative amount of market volatility. This is the decomposition implemented by the function `FernholzDecomp`. See also Chapter 6 of Fernholz (2002).

Value

A list containing the following components.

<code>portfolio</code>	growth of \$1 of the portfolio.
<code>benchmark</code>	growth of \$1 of the market portfolio.
<code>relative.return</code>	cumulative excess log return with respect to the market portfolio.
<code>generating function</code>	change of the log of the generating function.
<code>drift</code>	drift process.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2014). The geometry of relative arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1402.3720*.

See Also

[fgp](#)

Examples

```
# Plot the Fernholz decomposition for the entropy-weighted portfolio
data(applestarbucks)
market <- toymkt(applestarbucks)
output <- FernholzDecomp(market, EntropyPortfolio, plot = TRUE)
```

fgp

*Functionally Generated Portfolio Objects***Description**

The function `fgport` is used to create functionally generated portfolio objects.

Usage

```
fgp(name, gen.function, weight.function)
```

Arguments

<code>name</code>	a string which is the name of the portfolio (e.g. "Equal-weighted portfolio")
<code>gen.function</code>	the generating function. It is a smooth function of the market weights (see Theorem 3.1.5 of Fernholz (2002)).
<code>weight.function</code>	the weight function of the portfolio. It must be related to <code>gen.function</code> via (3.1.7) of Fernholz (2002).

Details

The function `fgp` is used to create functionally generated portfolio objects. Detailed treatments of functionally generated portfolios can be found in Chapter 3 of Fernholz (2002) as well as Pal and Wong (2014). In brief, a functionally generated portfolio is determined by a generating function (`gen.function`) and the weight function (`weight.function`).

Some common functionally generated portfolios are provided in the package. For example, [EntropyPortfolio](#) is the entropy-weighted, [DiversityPortfolio](#) is a constructs `fgp` objects for the diversity-weighted portfolio, and [ConstantPortfolio](#) defines constant-weighted portfolios.

The most important operation concerning `fgp` objects is Fernholz's decomposition. See [FernholzDecomp](#) for more details.

Value

<code>name</code>	a character string, representing the name of the portfolio
<code>gen.funtion</code>	a function object, representating the generating function
<code>weight.function</code>	a function object, representing the weight function

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2014). The geometry of relative arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1402.3720*.

See Also[FernholzDecomp](#)**Examples**

```

# Example 1: The diversity-weighted portfolio with p = 0.5
# This has the same effect as DiversityPortfolio(p = 0.5)
my.portfolio <- fgp("Diversity-Weighted Portfolio, p = 0.5",
  function(x) (sum(sqrt(x)))^2,
  function(x) sqrt(x) / sum(sqrt(x)))

# Example 2: A quadratic Gini coefficient
# See Example 3.4.7 of Fernholz (2002)

# Generating function
gen.function <- function(x) {
  n <- length(x)
  return(1 - sum((x - 1/n)^2)/2)
}

# Weight function
weight.function <- function(x) {
  n <- length(x)
  S <- gen.function(x)
  return(((1/n - x)/S + 1 - sum(x*(1/n - x)/S))*x)
}

# Define fgp object
my.portfolio <- fgp("Quadratic Gini",
  gen.function, weight.function)

# Its performance in the apple-starbucks market
data(applestarbucks)
market <- toymkt(applestarbucks)
result <- FernholzDecomp(market, my.portfolio, plot = TRUE)

```

FreeEnergy*Free Energy*

Description

The function `FreeEnergy` computes the free energy of a portfolio given the simple returns of the individual assets.

Usage

```
FreeEnergy(pi, R, group.index = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>pi</code>	a numeric vector of portfolio weights (a probability vector).
<code>R</code>	a numeric vector of simple returns.
<code>group.index</code>	if provided, the free energy will be decomposed according to the chain rule (see below for more details). The default is NULL. For the format of <code>group.index</code> see the example in GetGroupWeight .

Details

The free energy equals the portfolio log return minus the weighted average log return of the individual assets, see Definition 2.2 of Pal and Wong (2013). It is a weighted measure of the cross volatility of the market.

If `group.index` is provided the free energy will be decomposed using the chain rule stated in Lemma 3.1(ii) of Pal and Wong (2013), see equation (24) there. In this case the output has $1 + 1 + m$ components, where m is the number of groups defined by `group.index`. The first component is the left-hand-side of (24). The second component is the first term on the right-hand-side of (24). The other m components are the terms in the sum on the right-hand-side of (24).

Value

A non-negative number or `+Inf` if `group.index` is not given. A numeric vector if `group.index` is given.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

See Also

[EnergyEntropyDecomp](#)

Examples

```
pi <- c(1/3, 1/3, 1/3) # portfolio weights
R <- c(0.1, 0.02, -0.05) # simple returns
```

```
FreeEnergy(pi, R)
```

GeometricMean

Geometric Mean

Description

The function `GeometricMean` computes the geometric mean of non-negative numbers with a given weight.

Usage

```
GeometricMean(x, weight = rep(1/length(x), length(x)))
```

Arguments

`x` a numeric vector with non-negative entries.
`weight` a numeric probability vector. The default value is the vector with equal weights.

Details

The geometric mean is used in stochastic portfolio theory as the generating function of the constant-weighted portfolio. See Example 3.1.6 of Fernholz (2002).

Value

A number.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[ConstantPortfolio](#)

Examples

```
x <- c(0.3, 0.7)
weight <- c(0.6, 0.4)
GeometricMean(x, weight)
```

GetGroupWeight

Computing First and Second Level Portfolio Weights

Description

Given a portfolio weight vector and a grouping, the function `GetGroupWeight` decompose the portfolio into a portfolio of portfolios. See the decription below for more details.

Usage

```
GetGroupWeight(pi, group.index)
```

Arguments

`pi` a portfolio weight vector.
`group.index` a list whose components form a partition of 1, 2, ..., n, where n is the length of `pi`.

Details

This function is mainly intended to be used internally in [EnergyEntropyDecomp](#).

We explain the main idea with an example. For more details, see Section 3 of Pal and Wong (2013). Consider the portfolio $\pi = (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4)$ for four stocks. To fix ideas, suppose the first two stocks are financial stocks, and the other two are utility stocks. The first two stocks can be regarded to form a "sub-portfolio" of financial stocks, and the other two form a sub-portfolio of utility stocks. Hence, the portfolio π can be regarded as a portfolio of two portfolios.

The portfolio puts 0.3 weight into financial stocks and 0.7 weight into utility stocks. Hence the first level portfolio weights are 0.3 and 0.7. Restricting to the financial sector, the second level portfolio weights are $0.1/(0.1 + 0.2)$ and $0.2/(0.1 + 0.2)$ respectively. Hence the (normalized) weights for the financial sector portfolio are $1/3$ and $2/3$. Similarly, the weights for the utility sector portfolio are $3/7$ and $4/7$. The function `GetGroupWeight` performs this decomposition.

Value

A list containing the following components.

`group.weight` a vector of first level portfolio weights.

`cond.weight` a list whose components are the second level portfolio weights.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

See Also

[FreeEnergy](#), [RelativeEntropy](#)

Examples

```
# The example described above
pi <- c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4)

group.index <- list()
group.index[[1]] <- c(1, 2)
group.index[[2]] <- c(3, 4)

GetGroupWeight(pi, group.index)
```

GetLambdaWeight

Portfolio Weights of the Lambda-strategy

Description

Given a `toymkt` and an initial weight vector, the function `GetLambdaWeight` computes a matrix of portfolio weights following the lambda strategy.

Usage

```
GetLambdaWeight(market, initial.weight = market$benchmark.weight[1, ], lambda)
```

Arguments

`market` a `toymkt` object with `toymkt$buy.and.hold = TRUE`.
`initial.weight` the initial portfolio weights. The default is the initial benchmark weights.
`lambda` a number between 0 and 1.

Details

For details see [GetNewLambdaWeight](#) and Section 6.1 of Pal and Wong (2013). The purpose of this function is analogous to that of [GetWeight](#), but here the strategy depends on the entire history of market weights.

Value

A matrix of portfolio weights.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

See Also

[GetNewLambdaWeight](#), [EnergyEntropyDecomp](#)

Examples

```
data(applestarbucks)
market <- toymkt(applestarbucks)
weight <- GetLambdaWeight(market, initial.weight = c(0.5, 0.5), lambda = 0.2)
decomp <- EnergyEntropyDecomp(market, weight, plot = TRUE)
```

GetNewLambdaWeight *Portfolio Weights of the Lambda-strategy*

Description

The function computes the portfolio weights of the lambda strategy.

Usage

```
GetNewLambdaWeight(pi.current, mu.next, energy, lambda = 0.5)
```

Arguments

<code>pi.current</code>	current portfolio weight.
<code>mu.next</code>	market weights for the next period.
<code>energy</code>	a non-negative number. The free energy of the previous period.
<code>lambda</code>	a number between 0 and 1. The default is 0.5.

Details

The lambda-strategy is a simple energy-entropy strategy that depends on a parameter lambda between 0 and 1, see Section 6.1 of Pal and Wong (2013) for more details. Given the portfolio weights of the previous time period, the portfolio weights of the next period is a convex combination of the previous weights and the current market weights, chosen in such a way that the drift term is a constant proportion of the free energy.

In this implementation an SDE approximation is used. Hence the function is accurate only when lambda is small (say ≤ 0.5).

Value

A portfolio weight vector.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

See Also

[GetLambdaWeight](#)

Examples

```
pi.previous <- c(1/3, 1/3, 1/3)
mu.next <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
energy <- 0.05
lambda <- 0.3

GetNewLambdaWeight(pi.previous, mu.next, energy, lambda)
```

GetWeight

Computing Portfolio Weights from a Weight Function

Description

Given the benchmark weights (say, derived from a toy market, see [toymkt](#)) and a function which maps benchmark weights to portfolio weights, the function `GetWeight` computes a matrix of portfolio weights.

Usage

```
GetWeight(market, weight.function, ...)
```

Arguments

`market` a `toymkt` object or a matrix/dataframe of benchmark weights.

`weight.function` a function object representing the weight function. The weight function depends only on the current market weights.

`...` Additional parameters of `weight.function`. See the example below.

Details

A probability vector is a numeric vector with non-negative entries summing to one. `weight.function` is a function which maps probability vectors to probability vectors. It represents a portfolio whose weights are deterministic functions of the current benchmark weights.

Value

A matrix where each row represents the portfolio weights for a period.

See Also

[Invest](#)

Examples

```
data(applestarbucks)
market <- toymkt(applestarbucks)

# This is the diversity-weighted portfolio
weight.function <- function(x, p) {
  return(x^p / sum(x^p))
}

weight <- GetWeight(market, weight.function, p = 0.7)
Invest(market, weight)
```

Invest

Investing in a Toy Market

Description

Given the portfolio weights and a toy market, the function `Invest` simulates the growth of \$1 of the corresponding portfolio and that of the benchmark.

Usage

```
Invest(market, weight, plot = TRUE)
```

Arguments

market	a toymkt object.
weight	the portfolio weights. The portfolio weights must be non-negative and sum to one (full investment with no short sales). It can be a zoo object or matrix/dataframe whose number of rows is at least as large as that of market\$R. If the number of rows of weight is larger than required, only the initial rows will be used. weight can also be a numeric vector whose length is equal to the number of columns of market\$R (the number of assets). In the latter case the portfolio is assumed to be constant-weighted through out.
plot	TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, the growth of \$1 of the portfolio will be plotted together with the growth of \$1 of the market portfolio. The default value is TRUE.

Details

The relative value in the second plot is the ratio of the growth of \$1 of the portfolio to that of the benchmark. It is called relative because the value is normalized by the value of the benchmark portfolio.

Value

A list containing the following components.

growth	a zoo object representing the growth of \$1 of the portfolio and the benchmark.
R	a zoo object of simple returns of the two portfolios.
r	a zoo object of log returns of the two portfolios.

See Also

[toymkt](#)

Examples

```
# Performance of the equal-weighted portfolio
data(applestarbucks)
market <- toymkt(applestarbucks)
weight <- c(0.5, 0.5) # equal-weighted portfolio
result <- Invest(market, weight, plot = TRUE)
```

marketmodel	<i>Market Model Objects</i>
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Description

The function `marketmodel` is used to create market model objects.

Usage

```
marketmodel(name, n, gamma, diffmatrix, diag = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>name</code>	a string which is the name of the market model (e.g. Atlas model).
<code>n</code>	an integer which is the number of assets in the model.
<code>gamma</code>	represents the instantaneous growth rates. It can be a function or a numeric vector. In the latter case the growth rates are constant.
<code>diffmatrix</code>	represents the diffusion matrix of the model. There are four possibilities: (i) a numeric vector, (ii) a matrix, (iii) a vector-valued function, (iv) a matrix-valued function. In cases (i) and (iii), the matrix is diagonal. The dimensions of the matrix are n times n . In the first two cases the diffusion matrix is constant.
<code>diag</code>	if TRUE, the diffusion matrix is diagonal. The default value is FALSE.

Details

A market model is defined by a system of stochastic differential equations (SDE) of the form

$$d \log X_i(t) = \gamma_i(t) dt + \Sigma(t) dW(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where $\gamma_i(t)$ are the growth rates (represented by `gamma`), Σ is the n times n diffusion matrix (represented by `diffmatrix`), and $W(t)$ is an n -dimensional standard Brownian motion. The unit of time is annual. We assume that the coefficients are functions of the X_i 's, i.e., the system is Markovian. Note that the SDE are stated in terms of the logarithms of the X_i 's.

The Atlas model (see [AtlasModel](#)) and the volatility-stabilized market model (see [VolStabModel](#)) are predefined in the package. More general rank-based models can be constructed as `marketmodel` objects using this function.

The function [SimMarketModel](#) is used to simulate a market model.

At present no effort is put to check the consistency among the inputs (e.g. inconsistent dimensions).

Value

<code>name</code>	the name of the model.
<code>gamma</code>	the growth rate function.
<code>diffmatrix</code>	the diffusion matrix which can be a constant or a function (see above for the details).
<code>n</code>	the number of stocks in the model.
<code>diag</code>	TRUE or FALSE as supplied by the user.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[AtlasModel](#), [SimMarketModel](#), [VolStabModel](#)

Examples

```
# Create a model of two independent geometric Brownian motions
model1 <- marketmodel(name = "GBM", n = 2,
                      gamma = c(0.1, 0.05),
                      diffmatrix = c(0.1, 0.2),
                      diag = TRUE)

# Create an Atlas model of 100 stocks
model2 <- AtlasModel(n = 100, g = 0.0001, sigma = 0.1)

# Create a Volatility stabilized market of 10 stocks
model3 <- VolStabModel(n = 10, alpha = 0.001, sigma = 0.01)
```

ParetoCapDist

Generating a Pareto Capital Distribution

Description

The function `ParetoCapDist` is used to generate a capital-distribution object which follows a Pareto distribution with user-defined slope parameter.

Usage

```
ParetoCapDist(n, index = 1)
```

Arguments

<code>n</code>	the number of assets.
<code>index</code>	a positive number. The slope of the capital distribution curve (i.e., the log-log curve of market weights against ranks) is $-index$.

Details

A capital distribution is said to follow a Pareto distribution if the log-log curve of market weights against ranks is linear. This function creates a hypothetical market distribution given the slope of the curve.

Value

a `capdist` object.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[capdist](#)

Examples

```
x <- ParetoCapDist(n = 100, index = 1.1)
plot(x)
```

plot.capdist	<i>Plotting Capital Distribution Objects</i>
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Description

The function `plot.capdist` plots the capital distribution curve.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'capdist'
plot(x, draw.line = TRUE, cut.end = 0.1, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>capdist</code> object.
<code>draw.line</code>	TRUE or FALSE. If true, a straight line is fitted to the capital distribution curve. The default value is TRUE.
<code>cut.end</code>	A number between 0 and 1. It is the proportion of the smallest assets that will be ignored when fitting a straight line to the capital distribution curve. The default value is 0.1.
<code>...</code>	further arguments such as <code>main</code> .

Details

A capital distribution curve is the log-log curve of the market weights against the rank. Empirically, capital distribution curves are approximately Pareto-shaped with some concavity at the lower end.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[capdist](#)

Examples

```
# Create a random distribution
x <- runif(100)
x <- x/sum(x)
x <- capdist(x)
plot(x)
```

plot.toymkt

Plotting Toy Market Objects

Description

The function `plot.toymkt` produces several plots of a `toymkt` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'toymkt'
plot(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x` a `toymkt` object.
`...` further arguments such as `main`.

Details

Four plots are produced: (i) time series of prices, (ii) time series of log returns, (iii) time series of benchmark weights, and (iv) time series of Shannon entropy (see [ShannonEntropy](#)) of the benchmark weights. Default settings are used for these plots, so they may not be informative if the number of assets is large.

See Also

[toymkt](#)

Examples

```
data(EuStockMarkets)
market <- toymkt(price = EuStockMarkets)
plot(market)
```

print.capdist *Printing Capital Distribution Objects*

Description

The function `print.capdist` prints a capital distribution objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'capdist'  
print(x, m = 5L, cut.end = 0.1, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a capdist object.
<code>m</code>	a positive integer which is at most half of the length of <code>x</code> . The largest and smallest <code>m</code> assets will be printed. The default value is 5.
<code>cut.end</code>	a number between 0 and 1. It is the proportion of the smallest assets that will be ignored when fitting a straight line to the capital distribution curve. The default value is 0.1.
<code>...</code>	further arguments.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[capdist](#)

print.fgp *Printing Functionally Generated Portfolio Objects*

Description

The function `print.fgp` prints a functionally generated portfolio object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fgp'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an fgp object.
<code>...</code>	further arguments.

Details

The function prints the name of the portfolio and the names of the components.

See Also

[fgp](#)

print.marketmodel	<i>Printing Market Model Object</i>
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Description

The function print.marketmodel prints a marketmodel object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'marketmodel'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a marketmodel object.
...	further arguments.

Details

The function prints the name, number of assets, and the names of the components.

See Also

[marketmodel](#)

print.toymkt	<i>Printing Toy Market Object</i>
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Description

The function print.toymkt prints a toymkt object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'toymkt'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x a toymkt object.
... further arguments.

Details

The number of assets is printed together with their names. This is followed by the components of the object.

See Also

[toymkt](#)

Examples

```
data(EuStockMarkets)
market <- toymkt(EuStockMarkets)
market
```

RelativeEntropy *Relative Entropy*

Description

The function RelativeEntropy is used to compute the relative entropy between two probability distributions.

Usage

```
RelativeEntropy(p, q, group.index = NULL)
```

Arguments

p a numeric vector representing a probability distribution.
q a numeric vector representing a probability distribution. p and q must have the same length.
group.index if provided, the relative entropy will be decomposed according to the chain rule (see below for more details). The default is NULL. For the format of group.index see the example in [GetGroupWeight](#).

Details

Relative entropy can be thought of as a measure of distance between two probability distributions. It is also known as the Kullback-Leibler divergence and is usually denoted by $H(p|q)$. It is not a metric as it is not symmetric and it does not satisfy the triangle inequality.

If there is an index i where $q[i] == 0$ but $p[i] > 0$, then the relative entropy is $+\text{Inf}$. Mathematically, this happens when p is not absolutely continuous with respect to q .

If `group.index` is provided the relative entropy will be decomposed using the chain rule stated in Lemma 3.1(i) of Pal and Wong (2013), see equation (23) there. In this case the output has $1 + 1 + m$ components, where m is the number of groups defined by `group.index`. The first component is the left-hand-side of (23). The second component is the first term on the right-hand-side of (23). The other m components are the terms in the sum on the right-hand-side of (23).

Value

A non-negative number or $+\text{Inf}$ if `group.index` is not given. A numeric vector if `group.index` is given.

References

Pal, S. and T.-K. L. Wong (2013). Energy, entropy, and arbitrage. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1308.5376*.

See Also

[ShannonEntropy](#)

Examples

```
p <- c(0.3, 0.3, 0.4)
q <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
```

```
RelativeEntropy(p, q)
RelativeEntropy(q, p) # relative entropy is not symmetric
```

RenyiEntropy

Renyi Entropy

Description

The function `Renyi` computes the Renyi entropy of a probability vector.

Usage

```
RenyiEntropy(x, p)
```

Arguments

`x` a numeric vector representing a probability distribution.
`p` a number not equal to 1. The default is 0.5.

Details

The Renyi entropy is a generalization of Shannon entropy. See Example 3.4.8 of Fernholz (2002) for more details.

Value

A number.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[ShannonEntropy](#), [Diversity](#)

Examples

```
# compute the Renyi entropy of the country weights.  
x <- c(0.2, 0.3, 0.5)  
RenyiEntropy(x, p = 0.5)
```

ShannonEntropy

Shannon Entropy

Description

The function ShannonEntropy computes the Shannon entropy of a probability vector.

Usage

```
ShannonEntropy(x)
```

Arguments

x a numeric probability vector (a vector with non-negative entries summing to one).

Details

Shannon entropy is a measure of uncertainty. It is maximized when the distribution is uniform, and is zero if it is a point mass. It is used in stochastic portfolio theory as a measure of market diversity. It is also the generating function of the entropy-weighted portfolio (see [EntropyPortfolio](#)). See Examples 3.1.2 and 3.4.3 of Fernholz (2002) for more information.

It will be checked whether the input x is reasonably close to a probability vector. If some entries are negative or the sum of the entries is not close enough to 1 (the error margin is 0.01), an error message will be displayed.

Value

A number.

References

Fernholz, E. R. (2002) *Stochastic portfolio theory*. Springer.

See Also

[EntropyPortfolio](#), [RelativeEntropy](#)

Examples

```
x <- c(1/3, 1/3, 1/3)
ShannonEntropy(x) # equals log(3)
```

SimMarketModel	<i>Simulating a Market Model</i>
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Description

The function `SimMarketModel` is used to simulate a market model defined by a `marketmodel` object. The output is a `toymkt` object with which further analysis can be performed.

Usage

```
SimMarketModel(model, n.years = 10, frequency = 12,
               initial.weight = rep(1/model$n, model$n),
               sub.freq = 1)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	a <code>marketmodel</code> object.
<code>n.years</code>	an integer which is the number of years of data to be simulated. The default value is 10.
<code>frequency</code>	an integer which is the number of periods for each year. The default value is 12, i.e., monthly data is generated.
<code>initial.weight</code>	a numeric vector of positive numbers representing the initial weights of each stock. The default value is <code>rep(1/model\$n, model\$n)</code> , i.e., the market is equal-weighted initially.
<code>sub.freq</code>	a positive integer, which is the number of subperiods within each period. The default value is 1. This is included to allow more accurate simulation of models defined by stochastic differential equations.

Details

The function `SimMarketModel` simulates a given market model with user-defined parameters. See [marketmodel](#) for the definition of a market model.

The option `sub.freq` does the following. Suppose we set `frequency = 12` and `sub.freq = 4`. Although the output is monthly prices, during the simulation, for each month the algorithm divides in month into 4 subperiods (say 4 weeks). In other words, the actual time step in the simulation is $dt = 1 / \text{frequency} * \text{subfreq}$,

and the output shows only the prices sampled monthly. This feature allows more accurate simulation of rank-based models, where multiple changes in rankings can happen within each sampling period.

When the aim is to simulate the evolution of capital distribution curves, the initial market weights play an important role. The default option is equal-weighting. To start the market at stationarity, there are three ways to proceed:

- 1) Remove an initial segment of the output.
- 2) Perform two simulations, where in the second simulation the market is started at the ending distribution of the first simulation.
- 3) Use the long term distribution (say Pareto with a certain slope parameter) directly if it is known. A possibility is to use `ParetoCapDist`.

Value

A `toymkt` object containing the simulated market. For this object `buy.and.hold` is `TRUE`.

See Also

[AtlasModel](#), [marketmodel](#), [VolStabModel](#)

Examples

```
# Create an Atlas model of 5 stocks
model <- AtlasModel(n = 5, g = 0.05, sigma = 0.1)

# Simulate the model to get 20 years of monthly data
# with initial weights c(0.1, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.3)
market <- SimMarketModel(model, n.years = 20,
                          initial.weight = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.3),
                          frequency = 12)

plot(market)
```

Description

The function `toymkt` is used to create toy market objects.

Usage

```
toymkt(price = NULL, R = NULL,
       benchmark.weight = NULL, initial.weight = NULL,
       buy.and.hold = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>price</code>	A zoo object containing the price or market capitalizations of the assets. Matrix and dataframes are also accepted.
<code>R</code>	Simple returns of the assets (same format as <code>price</code>). At least one of <code>price</code> and <code>R</code> must be supplied.
<code>benchmark.weight</code>	Portfolio weights of the benchmark (same format as <code>price</code>).
<code>initial.weight</code>	a numeric vector of initial benchmark weights. All entries of <code>initial.weight</code> must be non-negative. If <code>initial.weight</code> is not supplied and <code>buy.and.hold</code> is TRUE, the initial weights will be equal-weighted by default. If <code>buy.and.hold</code> is FALSE, <code>initial.weight</code> will not be used.
<code>buy.and.hold</code>	If TRUE, the benchmark is a buy-and-hold portfolio, and <code>benchmark.weight</code> will be ignored even if it is supplied. If FALSE, <code>benchmark.weight</code> must be supplied. The default value is TRUE.

Details

The function `toymkt` is used to create toy market objects from prices, returns and/or benchmark weights. The universe consists of (say) n assets. For each asset, we have a time series of returns. A benchmark portfolio is given by a fixed set of portfolio weights, and we want to study the performances of portfolios with respect to this benchmark. The portfolio weights of the benchmark are called the benchmark weights.

If `buy.and.hold` is TRUE, the toy market is an idealized market where the benchmark is a buy-and-hold portfolio. In this case all data in the output is derived from `price` and `initial.weight`, or `R` and `initial.weight`. If `buy.and.hold` is FALSE, `initial.weight` is not given but `benchmark.weight` is given, the first row of `benchmark.weight` will be used as the initial weight vector.

In the case `buy.and.hold` is FALSE the benchmark portfolio can be quite arbitrary. It is defined in terms of the beginning benchmark weights for each period and the returns for each asset.

Value

A list containing the following components:

<code>growth</code>	a zoo object containing the growth of \$1 for each asset.
<code>R</code>	a zoo object containing the simple returns.
<code>r</code>	a zoo object containing the log returns.
<code>benchmark.weight</code>	a zoo object containing the benchmark weights of the assets. If <code>buy.and.hold = TRUE</code> , these are derived from the normalized market capitalizations.
<code>n</code>	number of assets in the market.
<code>buy.and.hold</code>	TRUE if the market is buy-and-hold.

See Also

[print.toymkt](#), [plot.toymkt](#)

Examples

```
# We use the EuStockMarkets dataset in the datasets package
data(EuStockMarkets)

# Example 1: Minimal specifications
# The market will be equal-weighted initially.
market <- toymkt(price = EuStockMarkets)
print(market)
plot(market) # several plots

# Example 2: Generate a market from simulated log-normal returns.
n.periods <- 60
n.stocks <- 5
mu <- 0
sigma <- 0.1
R <- matrix(0, nrow = n.periods, ncol = n.stocks)
for (j in 1:n.stocks) {
  R[, j] <- exp(rnorm(n.periods, mean = mu, sd = sigma)) - 1
}
initial.weight <- c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.2, 0.2) # specify initial weights
market <- toymkt(R = R, initial.weight = initial.weight,
                buy.and.hold = TRUE)
plot(market)
```

VolStabModel

Volatility-Stabilized Model

Description

The function `VolStabModel` is used to create a `marketmodel` object which represents an volatility-stabilized market model with user-provided parameters.

Usage

```
VolStabModel(n, alpha, sigma)
```

Arguments

<code>n</code>	a positive integer representing the number of stocks in the market.
<code>alpha</code>	a non-negative number. It is a growth rate parameter.
<code>sigma</code>	a positive number. It is a volatility parameter.

Details

The definition of the volatility-stabilized model is taken from Section 12 of Fernholz and Karatzas (2009). The stochastic differential equation of the market capitalization $X_i(t)$ of the i -th stock takes the form

$$d \log X_i(t) = \gamma_i(t) dt + \sigma_i(t) dW_i(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where

$$\gamma_i(t) = \alpha / 2\mu_i(t)$$

and

$$\sigma_i(t) = 1 / \sqrt{\mu_i(t)}.$$

This is a model which captures the idea that smaller stocks have larger growth rates and are more volatile.

Value

A `marketmodel` object.

References

Karatzas, I. and R. Fernholz (2009). Stochastic portfolio theory: an overview. *Handbook of numerical analysis 15*, 89-167.

See Also

[marketmodel](#), [SimMarketModel](#)

Examples

```
# Create a Volatility stabilized market of 10 stocks
model <- VolStabModel(n = 10, alpha = 0.1, sigma = 0.1)
```

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