

# TEDAS - Tail Event Driven ASset Allocation: equity and mutual funds' markets

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## Strategies comparison: hedge funds' indices

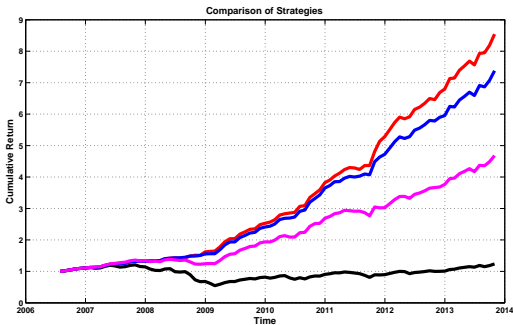


Figure 1: Strategies' cumulative returns' comparison: TEDAS Basic, S&P500, TEDAS Naïve, RR



- Härdle et al. (2014)
  - ▶ TEDAS applied to hedge funds' indices performs better than benchmark models
- Limitation of using hedge indices as portfolio assets
- Application of TEDAS approach to global mutual funds' data and German stock market



## Core & Satellites

### Mutual funds, SDAX, MDAX and TecDAX constituents

- ▣ diversification - reduction of the portfolio risk
- ▣ construction - a more diverse universe of assets
- ▣ allocation - a higher risk-adjusted return.



- Comparison of the TEDAS with more benchmark strategies:
  - ▶ 60/40 portfolio
  - ▶ Risk Parity (equal risk portfolio contribution)
  - ▶ Mean-Variance strategy
  
- TEDAS parameters optimisation



# Tail Risk

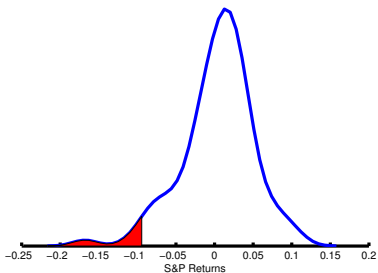


Figure 2: Estimated density of S&P 500 returns



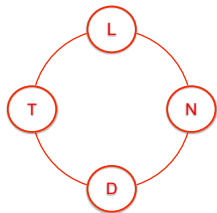
# The TLND challenge

- ▣ Tail dependence
- ▣ Large universe:  $p > n$
- ▣ Non normality
- ▣ Dynamics



# TEDAS Objectives

- Hedge tail events
  - ▶ Quantile regression
  - ▶ Variable selection in high dimensions
  
- Improve Asset Allocation
  - ▶ Higher-order moments' optimization
  - ▶ Modelling of moments' dynamics





# Outline

1. Motivation ✓
2. TEDAS framework
3. Data
4. Empirical Results
5. Discussion: choice of  $\tau$ -spine
6. Conclusions

## Tail Events

- $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  core log-returns;  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  satellites' log-returns,  $p > n$
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$$q_\tau(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F_{Y|X}^{-1}(\tau) = x^\top \beta(\tau) = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} E_{Y|X=x} \rho_\tau\{Y - X^\top \beta\},$$

$$\rho_\tau(u) = u\{\tau - \mathbf{I}(u < 0)\}$$

- $L_1$  penalty  $\lambda_n \|\hat{\omega}^\top \beta\|_1$  to nullify "excessive" coefficients;  $\lambda_n$  and  $\hat{\omega}$  controlling penalization; constraining  $\beta \leq 0$  yields ALQR [► Details](#)

$$\hat{\beta}_{\tau, \lambda_n}^{\text{adapt}} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_\tau(Y_i - X_i^\top \beta) + \lambda_n \|\hat{\omega}^\top \beta\|_1 \quad (1)$$



# TEDAS Step 1

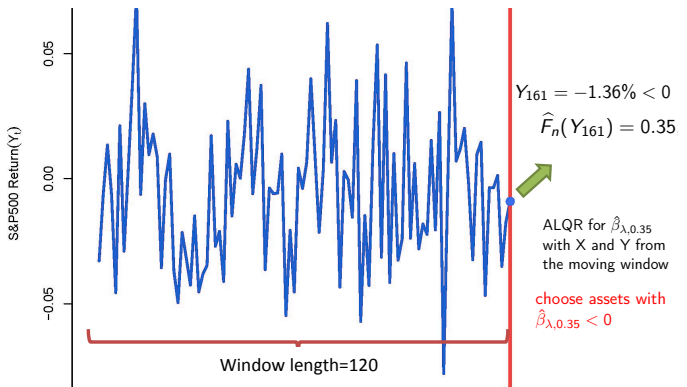
Initial wealth  $W_0 = \$1$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $l = 120$  length of the moving window

□ Portfolio constituents' selection

1. determine core asset return  $Y_t$ , set  $\tau_t = \hat{F}_n(Y_t)$   
 $\tau_{j=1, \dots, 5} = (0.05, 0.15, 0.25, 0.35, 0.50)$
2. ALQR for  $\hat{\beta}_{\tau_t, \lambda_n}$  using the observations  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{t-l+1, \dots, t \times p}$ ,  
 $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{t-l+1, \dots, t}$
3. Select  $\tau_{j,t}$  according to the right-side  $\hat{q}_{\tau_{j,t}}$  in:  $Y_t \leq \hat{q}_{\tau_{1,t}}$  or  
 $\hat{q}_{\tau_{1,t}} < Y_t \leq \hat{q}_{\tau_{j,t}}$



# TEDAS Step 1



## TEDAS Step 2

### □ Portfolio selection

1. apply TEDAS Gestalt to  $X_j$ , obtain  $\hat{w}_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$

2. determine the realized portfolio wealth for  $t + 1$ ,

$$\hat{X}_{t+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X_{t+1,1}, \dots, X_{t+1,k})^\top: W_{t+1} = W_t(1 + \hat{w}_t^\top \hat{X}_t)$$



## Rebalancing of portfolio:

- one of inequalities in step 3 holds
  - ▶ sell the core portfolio and buy satellites (step 4) with estimated weights (step 5)
  - ▶ stay "in cash" if there are no adversely moving satellites (step 4)
- no one of inequalities holds: invest in the core portfolio
- period  $(t+1)$ , if no one of inequalities (step 3) holds, we return to the core portfolio



## TEDAS Example

1. Suppose  $t = 161$  (May. 2011), accumulated wealth  
 $W_{161} = \$2.301$ ,  $Y_{161} = -1.36\% < 0$
2.  $\hat{F}_n(Y_{161}) = 0.35$ , so estimate ALQR for  $\hat{\beta}_{\lambda, 0.35}$
3. ALQR on  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{120 \times 583}$ ,  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{120}$  yields  
 $\hat{\beta}_{0.35} = (-1.12, -0.41)^\top$ , *Blackrock Eurofund Class I, Pimco Funds Long Term United U.S. States Government Institutional Shares*
4. TEDAS CF-CVaR optimization  $\hat{w}_{161} = (0, 1)^\top$ ;  
 $\hat{X}_{162} = (0.014, 0.026)^\top$ ,  $W_{162} = W_{161}(1 + \hat{w}_{161}^\top \hat{X}_{161}) = \$2361$



# TEDAS Gestalten

TEDAS gestalt	Dynamics modelling	Weights optimization
<b>TEDAS Naïve</b>	NO	Equal weights
<b>TEDAS Hybrid</b>	NO	Mean-variance optimization of weights <a href="#">▶ Details</a>
<b>TEDAS Basic</b>	DCC volatility <a href="#">▶ Details</a>	CF-VaR optimization <a href="#">▶ Details</a>





## Small and mid caps German stocks

### ▣ MDAX

- ▶ 50 medium-sized German public limited companies and foreign companies primarily active in Germany from traditional sectors
- ▶ Ranks after the DAX30 based on market capitalisation and stock exchange turnover

### ▣ SDAX

- ▶ The selection index for smaller companies from traditional sectors
- ▶ 50 stocks from the Prime Standard

### ▣ TecDAX

- ▶ Comprises the 30 largest technology stocks below the DAX



## Size premium

- ▣ Banz (1981) and Reinganum (1981): the US small cap stocks outperformed large-cap stocks (in 1936-1975)
- ▣ Fama, French (1992, 1993): a size premium of 0.27% per month in the US over the period 1963-1991
- ▣ Results are robust:
  - ▶ for stock price momentum by Jegadeesh , Titman (1993) and Carhart (1997)
  - ▶ for liquidity by Pastor, Stambaugh (2003) and Ibbotson, Hu (2011)
  - ▶ for industry factors, high leverage, low liquidity by Menchero et al. (2008)



## Why small and mid cap stocks?

- ▣ Strong absolute returns
- ▣ Diversification benefits (Eun, Huang, Lai (2006))
- ▣ High risk-adjusted returns



## Strong absolute returns

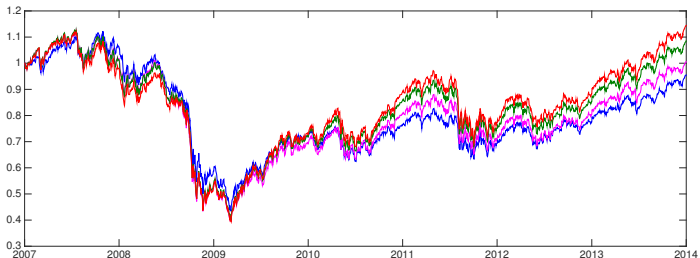


Figure 3: Cumulative index performance: MSCI World Large Cap, MSCI World Mid Cap, MSCI World Small Cap, MSCI World Small and Mid Cap



## Diversification

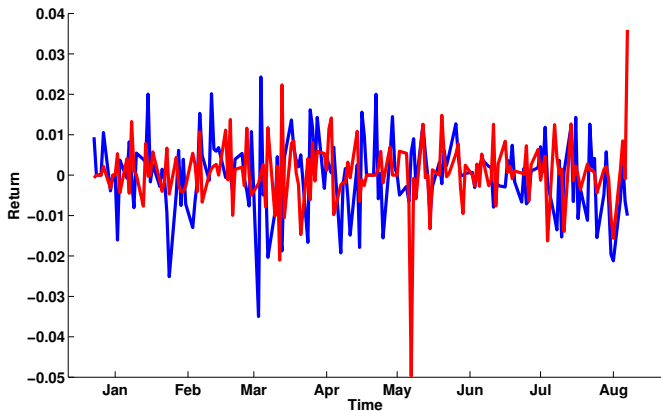
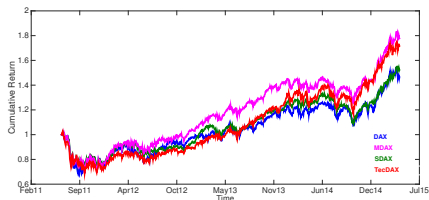


Figure 4: **DAX** and **Hamborner REIT AG** daily returns in 20131220-20140831



## German equity

- Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Xetra), weekly data
  - ▶ 125 stocks - SDAX (48), MDAX (47) and TecDAX (50) as on 20140801
  - ▶ DAX index
  
- Span: 20121221 - 20141127 (100 trading weeks)
  
- Source: Datastream

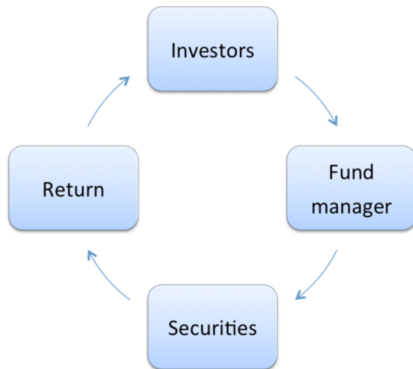


## Mutual Fund

- Open-End: buy and sell the shares, meet the demand for customers
- Unit Investment Trust: exchange-traded fund (ETF), Fixed/unmanaged Portfolio
- Closed-End: fixed number of shares, not redeemable by the fund, buy and sell on the exchange



## Mutual fund flowchart





## Why Mutual Funds?

- Importance of MF
  - ▶ \$30 trillion worldwide, 15 trillion in U.S in 2013
  - ▶ 88% investment companies managed asset by holding MF
- Big data: 76 200 MFs worldwide in 2013
- Diversification

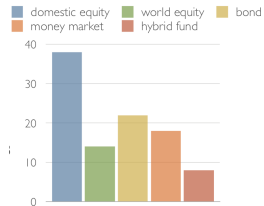


Figure 5: Structure of U.S. Mutual funds, by asset classes



## Dynamics of Mutual funds investment

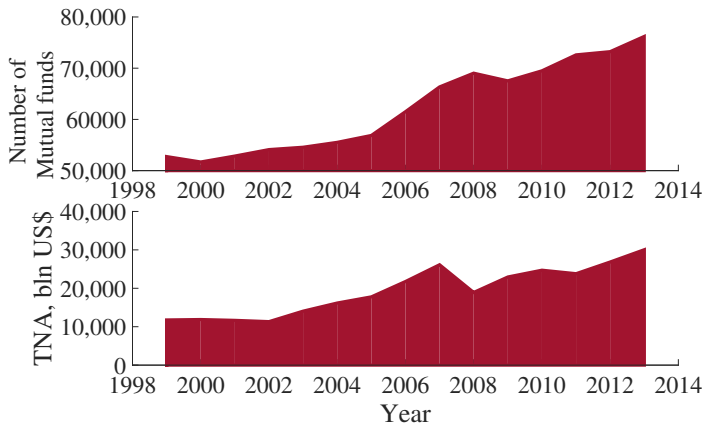
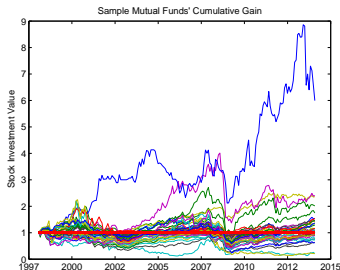


Figure 6: Worldwide Mutual Funds: total number and TNA



# Mutual Funds

- Monthly data
  - ▶ Core asset ( $Y$ ): S&P500
  - ▶ Satellite assets ( $X$ ): 583 Mutual funds
  
- Span: 19980101 - 20131231 (192 months)
  
- Source: Datastream



# Benchmark Strategies

1. **RR**: dynamic risk-return optimization [▶ Details](#)
2. **ERC**: Risk-parity portfolio (equal risk contribution) [▶ Details](#)
3. **60/40 portfolio** [▶ Details](#)



## TEDAS approach: German stocks' results

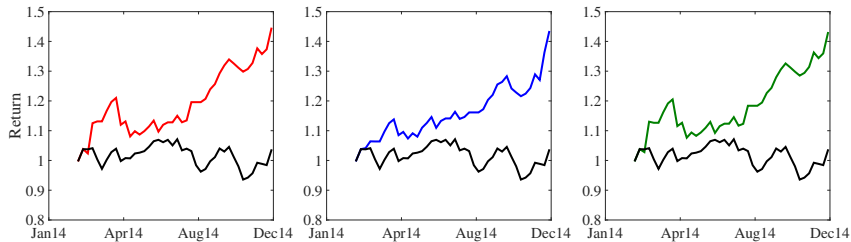



Figure 7: Strategies' cumulative returns' comparison: TEDAS Basic, TEDAS Naïve, TEDAS Hybrid, DAX30

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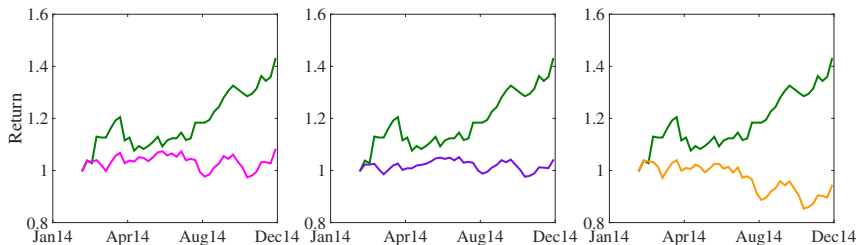



Figure 8: Strategies' cumulative returns' comparison (with transaction costs 1% of portfolio value): TEDAS Hybrid, 60/40, ERC, RR

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## Strategies' performance: German stocks

Strategy	Cumulative return	Sharpe ratio	Maximum drawdown
TEDAS Basic	144%	0.3792	0.1069
TEDAS Naïve	143%	0.3184	0.0564
TEDAS Hybrid	143%	0.3079	0.1068
RR	108%	0.0687	0.0934
ERC	129%	-0.0693	0.1792
60/40	121%	0.0306	0.0718
DAX30	103%	0.0210	0.1264



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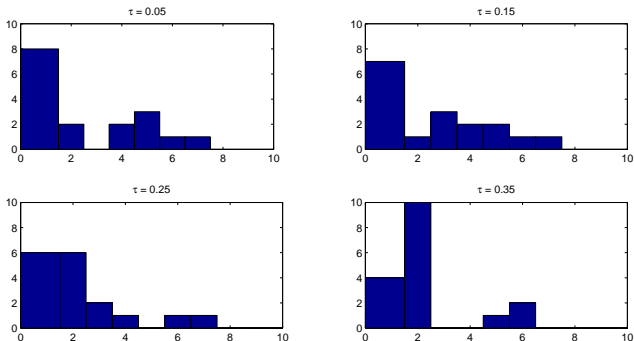


Figure 9: Frequency of the number of selected variables for 4 different  $\tau$





# TEDAS approach: German stocks results

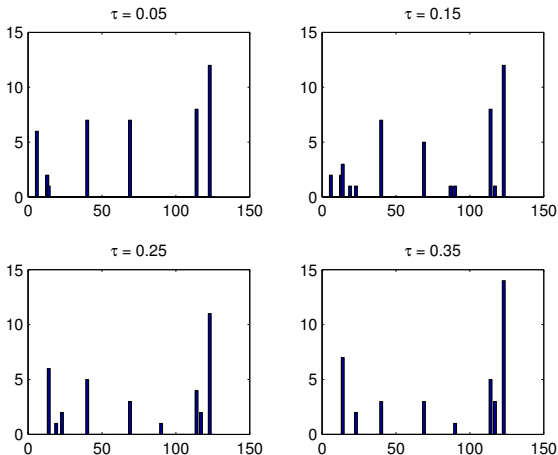


Figure 10: The frequency of stocks



## Selected Stocks

Table 1: The selected German Stocks for  $\tau = 0.05$ 

Top 5 influential Stocks	Frequency	Index	Industry
Sartorius Aktiengesellschaft	12	TecDAX	Provision of laboratory and process technologies and equipment
XING AG	8	TecDAX	Online business communication services
Surteco SE	7	SDAX	Household Goods & Home Construction
Kabel Deutschland Holding AG	7	MDAX	Cable-based telecommunication services
Biotest AG	6	MDAX	Producing biological medications



$-\hat{\beta}$  in each window,  $\tau = 0.05$

Figure 11: Different  $-\hat{\beta}$  in application;  $\tau = 0.05$  [Selected Stocks](#)



## TEDAS approach: Mutual Funds results

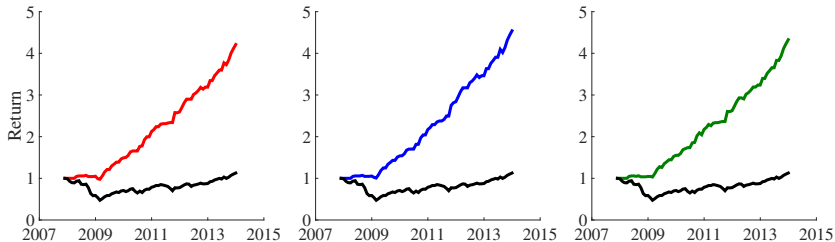


Figure 12: Strategies' cumulative returns' comparison: TEDAS Basic, TEDAS Naïve, TEDAS Hybrid, S&P500

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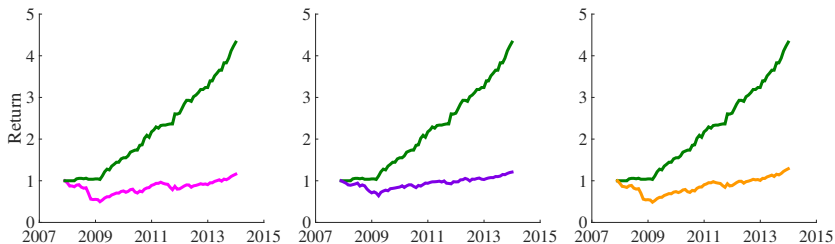


Figure 13: Strategies' cumulative returns' comparison (with transaction costs 1% of portfolio value): TEDAS Hybrid, 60/40, ERC, RR

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## Strategies' performance: Mutual funds

Strategy	Cumulative return	Sharpe ratio	Maximum drawdown
TEDAS Basic	421%	0.6393	0.0855
TEDAS Naïve	454%	0.6974	0.0583
TEDAS Hybrid	433%	0.6740	0.0276
RR	116%	0.0214	0.4772
ERC	129%	0.0487	0.4899
60/40	121%	0.0252	0.3473
S&P500	113%	0.0132	0.5037



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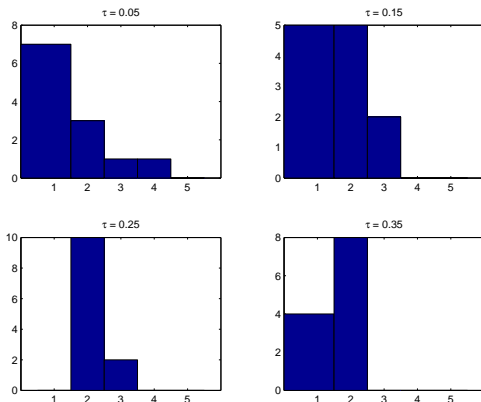


Figure 14: Frequency of the number of selected variables for 4 different  $\tau$



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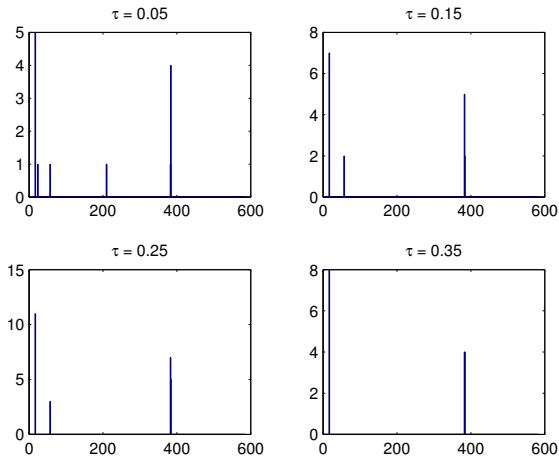


Figure 15: The frequency of mutual funds





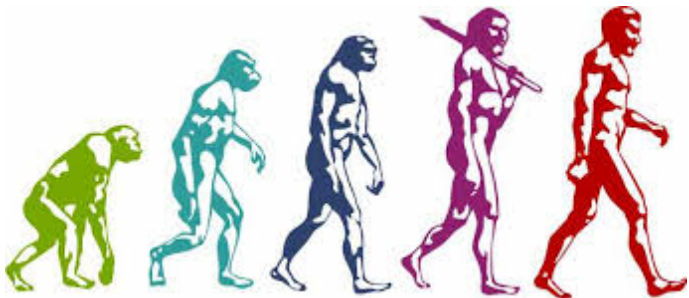
## Selected Mutual Funds

Table 2: The selected Mutual Funds for  $\tau = 0.05$ 

Top 5 influential Stocks	Frequency	Market
Blackrock Eurofund Class I	12	U.S.
Pimco Funds Long Term United States Government Institutional Shares	8	U.S.
Prudential International Value Fund Class Z	4	U.S.
Artisan International Fund Investor Shares	3	U.S.
American Century 20TH Century International Growth Investor Class	1	U.S.



## How to choose optimal $\tau$ -spine?



## Generation of different $\tau$ -spines

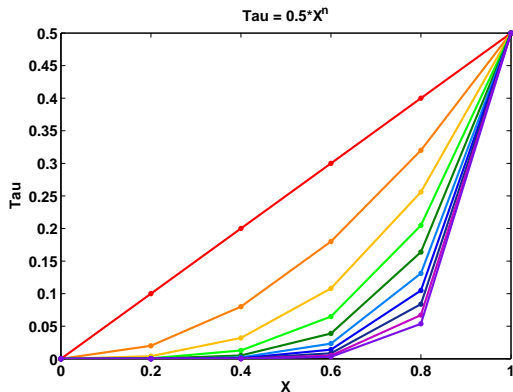


Figure 16: Generation of 10 sets of  $\tau$ -spines



## TEDAS Basic with different $\tau$ -spines

Figure 17: Cumulative return for TEDAS Basic with various  $\tau$ -spines



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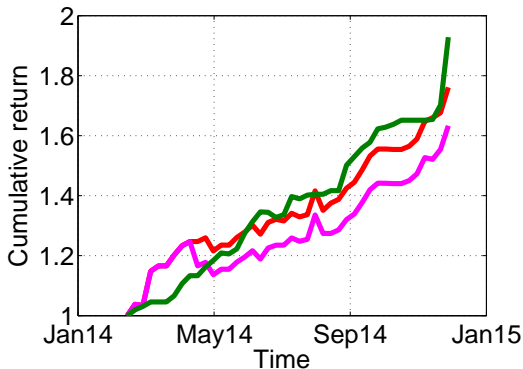


Figure 18: TEDAS Basic cumulative returns' for  $\tau$ -spines:

$$\tau_{j=1,\dots,5} = (0, 0.002, 0.0233, 0.1311, 0.5),$$

$$\tau_{j=1,\dots,5} = (0.05, 0.15, 0.25, 0.35, 0.5),$$

$$\tau_{j=1,\dots,50} = (0.01, 0.02, 0.03 \dots 0.49, 0.5)$$



## What is the best $\tau$ -spine?

### Monte Carlo simulations

- $Y_i = \hat{q}_{\tau_i}$ ,  $\tau_{j=1,2,3} = (0.05, 0.15, 0.35)$ ,  $n = 100$ ,  
 $Y_t \sim \text{ALD}(\mu, \sigma, \tau)$ ; [▶ Details](#)
- $X_i \sim \text{N}(0, \Omega)$ ,  $n = 100$  for every  $\tau$ ,  $p = 150$ ,  
 $\beta = (-5, -2, -1, 3, 1, 0.5, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\varepsilon_i \sim \text{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ ;  
 $\lambda_n = 0.25 \sqrt{\|\hat{\beta}^{\text{init}}\|_0 \log(n \vee p) (\log n)^{0.1/2}}$ ,  $\hat{\omega}_j = 1/|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{init}}| \wedge \sqrt{n}$ ;  
 $\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{init}}$ ;
- $\Omega_{i,j} = 0.5^{|i-j|}$ ,  $\sigma = 0.1, 0.5, 1$  (three levels of noise);



## What is the best $\tau$ -spine?

- for  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{init}}$  estimator  $\hat{\beta}_{\tau, \hat{\lambda}}$  from the model (2) is used, where  $\hat{\lambda}$  is chosen according to the BIC criterion

$$\text{BIC}_{\lambda_n, \tau} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \log \left\{ n^{-1} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_{\tau}(Y_i - X_i^{\top} \hat{\beta}_{\tau}) \right\} + \frac{\log(n)}{2n} \cdot \widehat{\text{df}}(\lambda_n)$$

- Apply one of TEDAS modification with different  $\tau$ -spines
- Choose that  $\tau$ -spine, which gives the highest wealth

$$W_i = \sum_{j=1}^d w_j x_{i, \tau},$$



## Conclusions

- TEDAS solves **TLND** challenge
- TEDAS approach performs better than traditional benchmark strategies
- TEDAS outperforms for
  - ▶ different regions (global and Germany),
  - ▶ various assets
  - ▶ alternative time periods (daily, weekly and monthly),
  - ▶ big data and small data
- Results for 3 gestalts of TEDAS are robust
- Discussion:
  - ▶ How to choose optimal  $\tau$ -spine?





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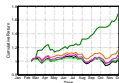
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## Lasso Shrinkage

Linear model:  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ ;  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n$  i.i.d., independent of  $\{X_i; i = 1, \dots, n\}$

The optimization problem for the lasso estimator:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}} &= \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\beta) \\ &\text{subject to } g(\beta) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f(\beta) &= \frac{1}{2} (y - X\beta)^\top (y - X\beta) \\ g(\beta) &= t - \|\beta\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

where  $t$  is the size constraint on  $\|\beta\|_1$  [▶ Back to "Tail Events"](#)



## Lasso Duality

If (1) is convex programming problem, then the Lagrangian is

$$L(\beta, \lambda) = f(\beta) - \lambda g(\beta).$$

and the primal-dual relationship is

$$\underbrace{\text{minimize}_{\beta} \sup_{\lambda \geq 0} L(\beta, \lambda)}_{\text{primal}} \geq \underbrace{\text{maximize}_{\lambda \geq 0} \inf_{\beta} L(\beta, \lambda)}_{\text{dual}}$$

Then the dual function  $L^*(\lambda) = \inf_{\beta} L(\beta, \lambda)$  is

$$L^*(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} y^T y - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\beta}^T X^T X \hat{\beta} - t \frac{(y - X \hat{\beta})^T X \hat{\beta}}{\|\hat{\beta}\|_1}$$

with  $(y - X \hat{\beta})^T X \hat{\beta} / \|\hat{\beta}\|_1 = \lambda$  [▶ Back to "Tail Events"](#)



## Paths of Lasso Coefficients

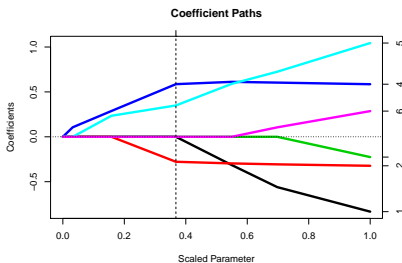


Figure 19: Lasso shrinkage of coefficients in the hedge funds dataset example (6 covariates were chosen for illustration); each curve represents a coefficient as a function of the scaled parameter  $\hat{s} = t/\|\beta\|_1$ ; the dashed line represents the model selected by the BIC information criterion ( $\hat{s} = 3.7$ )



## Example of Lasso Geometry

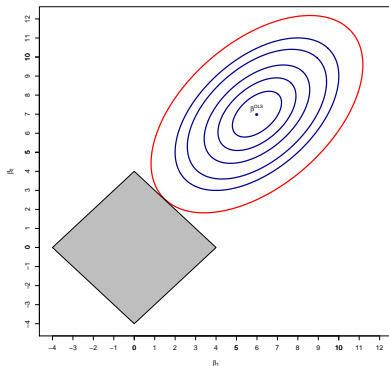


Figure 20: Contour plot of the residual sum of squares objective function centered at the OLS estimate  $\hat{\beta}^{ols} = (6, 7)$  and the constraint region  $\sum |\beta_j| \leq t$



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## Quantile Regression

The loss  $\rho_\tau(u) = u\{\tau - \mathbf{I}(u < 0)\}$  gives the (conditional) quantiles  $F_{y|x}^{-1}(\tau) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} q_\tau(x)$ .

Minimize

$$\hat{\beta}_\tau = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_\tau(Y_i - X_i^\top \beta).$$

Re-write:

$$\underset{(\xi, \zeta) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{2n}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \left\{ \tau \mathbf{1}_n^\top \xi + (1 - \tau) \mathbf{1}_n^\top \zeta \mid X\beta + \xi - \zeta = Y \right\}$$

with  $\xi, \zeta$  are vectors of "slack" variables [▶ Back to "Tail Events"](#)



## Non-Positive (NP) Lasso-Penalized QR

The **lasso-penalized** QR problem with an additional non-positivity constraint takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{(\xi, \zeta, \eta, \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{2n+p} \times \mathbb{R}^p}{\text{minimize}} && \tau \mathbf{1}_n^\top \xi + (1 - \tau) \mathbf{1}_n^\top \zeta + \lambda \mathbf{1}_n^\top \eta \\ & \text{subject to} && \xi - \zeta = Y + X\tilde{\beta}, \\ & && \xi \geq 0, \\ & && \zeta \geq 0, \\ & && \eta \geq \tilde{\beta}, \\ & && \eta \geq -\tilde{\beta}, \\ & && \tilde{\beta} \geq 0, \quad \tilde{\beta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\beta \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

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## Solution

Transform into matrix ( $I_p$  is  $p \times p$  identity matrix;  $E_{p \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && c^\top x \\ & \text{subject to} && Ax = b, \quad Bx \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} I_n & -I_n & 0 & X \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = Y$ ,  $x = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \zeta & \eta & \beta \end{pmatrix}^\top$ ,

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} \tau 1_n \\ (1 - \tau) 1_n \\ \lambda 1_p \\ 0 1_p \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -E_{p \times n} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -E_{p \times n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -I_p & I_p \\ 0 & 0 & -I_p & -I_p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_p \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Solution - Continued

The previous problem may be reformulated into *standard form*

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && c^\top x \\ & \text{subject to} && Cx = d, \\ & && x + s = u, \quad x \geq 0, s \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and the dual problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && d^\top y - u^\top w \\ & \text{subject to} && C^\top y - w + z = c, \quad z \geq 0, w \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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## Solution - Continued

The KKT conditions for this linear program are

$$F(x, y, z, s, w) = \begin{Bmatrix} Cx - d \\ x + s - u \\ C^T y - w + z - c \\ x \circ z \\ s \circ w \end{Bmatrix} = 0,$$

with  $y \geq 0$ ,  $z \geq 0$  dual slacks,  $s \geq 0$  primal slacks,  $w \geq 0$  dual variables.

This can be solved by a primal-dual path following algorithm based on the *Newton method*

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## Adaptive Lasso Procedure

Lasso estimates  $\hat{\beta}$  can be inconsistent (Zou, 2006) in some scenarios.

Lasso soft-threshold function gives biased results

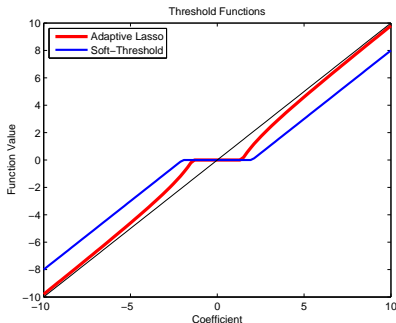


Figure 21: Threshold functions for simple and adaptive Lasso



## Adaptive Lasso Procedure

The adaptive Lasso (Zou, 2006) yields a sparser solution and is less biased.

$L_1$  - penalty replaced by a re-weighted version;  $\hat{\omega}_j = 1/|\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{init}}|^\gamma$ ,  
 $\gamma = 1$ ,  $\hat{\beta}^{\text{init}}$  is from (2)

The adaptive lasso estimates are given by:

$$\hat{\beta}_\lambda^{\text{adapt}} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - X_i^\top \beta)^2 + \lambda \|\hat{\omega}^\top \beta\|_1$$

(Bühlmann, van de Geer, 2011):  $\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{init}} = 0$ , then  $\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{adapt}} = 0$

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## Simple and Adaptive Lasso Penalized QR

Simple lasso-penalized QR optimization problem is:

$$\hat{\beta}_{\tau,\lambda} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_{\tau}(Y_i - X_i^{\top} \beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \quad (4)$$

Adaptive lasso-penalized QR model uses the re-weighted penalty:

$$\hat{\beta}_{\tau,\lambda}^{\text{adapt}} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_{\tau}(Y_i - X_i^{\top} \beta) + \lambda \|\hat{\omega}^{\top} \beta\|_1 \quad (5)$$

Adaptive lasso-penalized QR procedure can ensure oracle properties for the estimator [▶ Details](#)

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## Algorithm for Adaptive Lasso Penalized QR

The optimization for the adaptive lasso quantile regression can be re-formulated as a lasso problem:

- ▣ the covariates are rescaled:  $\tilde{X} = (X_1 \circ \hat{\beta}_1^{\text{init}}, \dots, X_p \circ \hat{\beta}_p^{\text{init}})$ ;
- ▣ the lasso problem (4) is solved:

$$\hat{\beta}_{\tau, \lambda} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_{\tau}(Y_i - \tilde{X}_i^T \beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$$

- ▣ the coefficients are re-weighted as  $\hat{\beta}_{\tau, \lambda}^{\text{adapt}} = \hat{\beta}_{\tau, \lambda} \circ \hat{\beta}^{\text{init}}$

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## Oracle Properties of an Estimator

An estimator has oracle properties if (Zheng et al., 2013):

- it selects the correct model with probability converging to 1;
- the model estimates are consistent with an appropriate convergence rate;
- estimates are asymptotically normal with the same asymptotic variance as that knowing the true model

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## Oracle Properties for Adaptive Lasso QR

In the linear model, let  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon = X^1\beta^1 + X^2\beta^2 + \varepsilon$ , where  $X = (X^1, X^2)$ ,  $X^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ ,  $X^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (p-q)}$ ;  $\beta_q^1$  are true nonzero coefficients,  $\beta_{p-q}^2 = 0$  are noise coefficients;  $q = \|\beta\|_0$ .

Also assume that  $\lambda q / \sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\lambda / \{\sqrt{q} \log(n \vee p)\} \rightarrow \infty$  and certain regularity conditions are satisfied [▶ Details](#)





## Oracle Properties for Adaptive Lasso QR

Then the adaptive  $L_1$  QR estimator has the oracle properties (Zheng et al., 2013):

1. Variable selection consistency:

$$P(\beta^2 = 0) \geq 1 - 6 \exp \left\{ -\frac{\log(n \vee p)}{4} \right\}.$$

2. Estimation consistency:  $\|\beta - \hat{\beta}\| = \mathcal{O}_p(\sqrt{q/n})$

3. Asymptotic normality:  $u_q^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha^\top \Sigma_{11} \alpha, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^q, \|\alpha\| < \infty,$

$$n^{1/2} u_q^{-1} \alpha^\top (\beta^1 - \hat{\beta}^1) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N \left\{ 0, \frac{(1-\tau)\tau}{f^2(\gamma^*)} \right\}$$

where  $\gamma^*$  is the  $\tau$ th quantile and  $f$  is the pdf of  $\varepsilon$



## Risk-Return Asset Allocation

Log returns  $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^p$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{w_t \in \mathbb{R}^p} \quad & \sigma_{P,t}^2(w_t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} w_t^\top \Sigma_t w_t \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mu_{P,t}(w_t) = r_T, \\ & w_t^\top \mathbf{1}_p = 1, \\ & w_{i,t} \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where  $r_T$  "target" return,  $\Sigma_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E_{t-1}\{(X_t - \mu)(X_t - \mu)^\top\}$ ,  $\Sigma_t$  is modeled with a GARCH model

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## The Orthogonal GARCH Model

- $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ ,  $\Gamma_t = B_t \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$  matrix of standardized eigenvectors of  $n^{-1}X_t^\top X_t$  ordered according to decreasing magnitude of eigenvalues
- $F_t = P_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_t \Gamma_t$  PCs of  $X_t$
- factors  $f$ , introduce noise  $u_i$ , i.e.  
 $y_j = b_{j1}f_1 + b_{j2}f_2 + \dots + b_{jk}f_k + u_i$  or  $Y_t = F_t B_t^\top + U_t$
- then  $\Sigma_t = \text{Var}(X_t) = \text{Var}(F_t B_t^\top) + \text{Var}(U_t) = B_t \Delta_t B_t^\top + \Omega_t$ ,  
 $\Delta_t = \text{Var}(F_t)$  diagonal matrix of PC variances at  $t$

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## Dynamic Conditional Correlations Model

Assume:  $r_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1} \sim N(0, D_t R_t D_t)$ ,  $\varepsilon_t = D_t^{-1} r_t$ ,

$$D_t^2 = \text{diag}(\omega_i) + \text{diag}(\alpha_i) \odot r_{t-1} r_{t-1}^\top + \text{diag}(\beta_i) \odot D_{t-1}^2,$$

$$Q_t = S \odot (11^\top - A - B) + A \odot \{P_{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-1} \varepsilon_{t-1}^\top P_{t-1}\} + B \odot Q_{t-1},$$

$$R_t = \{\text{diag}(Q_t)\}^{-1} Q_t \{\text{diag}(Q_t)\}^{-1}$$

where  $r_t \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $D_t = \text{diag}(\sigma_{it}) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ ,  $\varepsilon_t \in \mathbb{R}^p$  standardized returns with  $\varepsilon_{it} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} r_{it} \sigma_{it}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{1}$  vector of ones;  $P_{t-1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{diag}(Q_t)\}^{1/2}$ ,  $\omega_i$ ,  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\beta_i$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$  coefficients,  $\odot$  Hadamard (elementwise) product

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## The DCC Model - Continued

- ▣ correlation targeting:  $S = (1/T) \sum_{t=1}^T \varepsilon_t \varepsilon_t^\top$
- ▣  $Q_0 = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_0^\top$  positive definite, each subsequent  $Q_t$  also positive definite
- ▣ consistent but inefficient estimates: the log-likelihood function

$$L(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ n \log(2\pi) + 2 \log |D_t| + \log |R_t| + \varepsilon_t^\top R_t^{-1} \varepsilon_t \right\},$$

where  $\theta$  parameters in  $D$  and  $\phi$  additional correlation parameters in  $R$  [▶ Back](#)



## The DCC Model - Continued

Re-write:

$$L(\theta, \phi) = L_V(\theta) + L_C(\theta, \phi),$$

with volatility part  $L_V(\theta)$  and correlation part  $L_C(\theta, \phi)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_V(\theta) &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ n \log(2\pi) + \log |D_t|^2 + r_t^\top D_t^{-2} r_t \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^d \left\{ \log(2\pi) + \log(\sigma_{it}^2) + \frac{r_{it}^2}{\sigma_{it}^2} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$L_C(\theta, \phi) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^T \left\{ \log |R_t| + \varepsilon_t^\top R_t^{-1} \varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_t^\top \varepsilon_t \right\}. \quad \text{▶ Back}$$



## Cornish-Fisher VaR Optimization

Log returns  $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^p$ :

$$\underset{w \in \mathbb{R}^d}{\text{minimize}} \quad W_t \{-q_\alpha(w_t) \cdot \sigma_p(w_t)\}$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad w_t^\top \mu = \mu_p, \quad w_t^\top \mathbf{1} = 1, \quad w_{t,i} \geq 0$$

here  $W_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} W_0 \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{t-1} w_{t-j}^\top (1 + X_{t-j})$ ,  $\tilde{w}$ ,  $W_0$  initial wealth,

$$\sigma_p^2(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} w_t^\top \Sigma_t w_t,$$

$$q_\alpha(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_\alpha + (z_\alpha^2 - 1) \frac{S_p(w)}{6} + (z_\alpha^3 - 3z_\alpha) \frac{K_p(w)}{24} - (2z_\alpha^3 - 5z_\alpha) \frac{S_p(w)^2}{36},$$

here  $S_p(w)$  skewness,  $K_p(w)$  kurtosis,  $z_\alpha$  is  $N(0, 1)$   $\alpha$ -quantile. If  $S_p(w)$ ,  $K_p(w)$  zero, then obtain Markowitz allocation

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## Risk Parity (Equal risk contribution)

Let  $\sigma(w) = \sqrt{w^\top \Sigma w}$ . Euler decomposition:

$$\sigma(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \frac{\sigma(w)}{\partial w_i}$$

where  $\frac{\sigma(w)}{\partial w_i}$  is the marginal risk contribution and  $\sigma_i(w) = w_i \frac{\sigma(w)}{\partial w_i}$  the risk contribution of i-th asset. The idea of ERC strategy is to find risk balanced portfolio, such that:

$$\sigma_i(w) = \sigma_j(w)$$

i.e. the risk contribution is the same for all assets of the portfolio

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## 60/40 allocation strategy

60/40 portfolio allocation strategy implies the investing of 60% of the portfolio value in stocks (often via a broad index such as S&P500) and 40% in government or other high-quality bonds, with regular rebalancing to keep proportions steady.

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## Regularity Conditions for Adaptive Lasso QR

A1 Sampling and smoothness:  $\forall x$  in the support of  $X_i$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $f_{Y_i|X_i}(y|x)$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{C}^k(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $|f_{Y_i|X_i}(y|x)| < \bar{f}$ ,  $|f'_{Y_i|X_i}(y|x)| < \bar{f}'$ ;  $\exists \underline{f}$ ,  
 such that  $f_{Y_i|X_i}(x^\top \beta_\tau | x) > \underline{f} > 0$

A2 Restricted identifiability and nonlinearity: let  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  
 $T \subset \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $\delta_T$  such that  $\delta_{Tj} = \delta_j$  if  $j \in T$ ,  $\delta_{Tj} = 0$  if  
 $j \notin T$ ;  $T = \{0, 1, \dots, s\}$ ,  $\bar{T}(\delta, m) \subset \{0, 1, \dots, p\} \setminus T$ , then  
 $\exists m \geq 0$ ,  $c \geq 0$  such that

$$\inf_{\delta \in A, \delta \neq 0} \frac{\delta^\top \mathbb{E}(X_i X_i^\top) \delta}{\|\delta_{T \cup \bar{T}(\delta, m)}\|^2} > 0, \quad \frac{3\underline{f}^{3/2}}{8\bar{f}'} \inf_{\delta \in A, \delta \neq 0} \frac{\mathbb{E}[|X_i^\top \delta|^2]^{3/2}}{\mathbb{E}[|X_i^\top \delta|^3]} > 0,$$

where  $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\delta \in \mathbb{R}^p : \|\delta_{T^c}\|_1 \leq c \|\delta_T\|_1, \|\delta_{T^c}\|_0 \leq n\}$



## Regularity Conditions - Continued

A3 Growth rate of covariates:

$$\frac{q^3 \{\log(n \vee p)\}^{2+\eta}}{n} \rightarrow 0, \eta > 0$$

A4 Moments of covariates: Cramér condition

$$E[|x_{ij}|^k] \leq 0.5 C_m M^{k-2} k!$$

for some constants  $C_m, M, \forall k \geq 2, j = 1, \dots, p$

A5 Well-separated regression coefficients:  $\exists b_0 > 0$ , such that  
 $\forall j \leq q, |\hat{\beta}_j| > b_0$



# Asymmetric Laplace Distribution

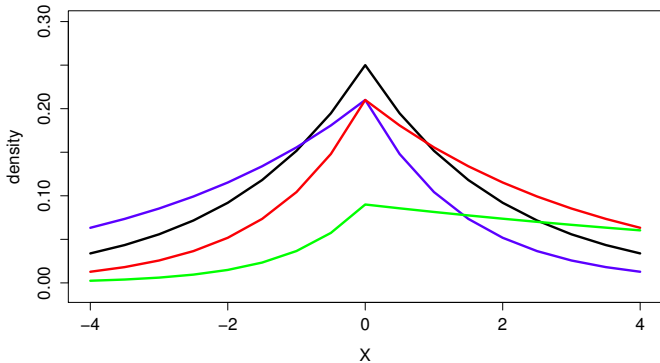


Figure 22: Standard ALD:  $\tau = 0.3, \tau = 0.5, \tau = 0.7, \tau = 0.1$



## Quantile regression using ALD

- Yu & Moyeed(2001)

$Y_i \sim \text{ALD}(\mu, \sigma, \tau)$ , if its pdf is given by

$$f(y|\mu, \sigma, \tau) = \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{\sigma} \exp \left\{ \rho_{\tau} \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right) \right\}$$

where  $\mu$  is location,  $\sigma$  - scale and  $\tau$ -skewness parameters, and loss function  $\rho_{\tau}(u) = u\{\tau - \mathbf{I}(u < 0)\}$

- Sanches et. al (2013)

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i^{\top} \beta_{\tau} + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Re-write:

$$Y_i | U_i = u_i \sim \text{N}(\mathbf{x}_i \beta_{\tau} + \theta u_i, p_{\tau}^2 \sigma u_i)$$

$$U_i \sim \text{Exp}(\sigma), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

here  $\theta = \frac{1-2\tau}{\tau(1-\tau)}$  and  $p_{\tau}^2 = \frac{2}{\tau(1-\tau)}$

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