Module 5: Portfolio Optimization Theory

Course Information

- **Duration:** 140 minutes
- **Level:** Advanced
- **Prerequisites:** Statistical Arbitrage (Module 4), Linear Algebra, Statistics
- **Learning Path:** Advanced Mathematical Frameworks → Module 5

Learning Objectives

By the end of this module, you will be able to:

1. **Apply Modern Portfolio Theory** to MEV strategy portfolios
2. **Implement Black-Litterman Models** for MEV return forecasting
3. **Design Risk Parity Portfolios** for balanced MEV exposure
4. **Build Factor Models** for MEV strategy attribution
5. **Develop Dynamic Allocation** strategies for changing market conditions
6. **Create Robust Optimization** frameworks for parameter uncertainty

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Module Overview

Portfolio optimization is crucial for efficiently allocating capital across multiple MEV strategies while managing risk. This module covers classical and modern portfolio optimization techniques specifically adapted for MEV trading environments, where strategies often have unique risk-return profiles and correlation structures.

Key Topics Covered

- **Modern Portfolio Theory and Efficient Frontiers**
- **Black-Litterman Model for MEV Strategies**
- **Risk Parity and Equal Risk Contribution**
- **Factor Models and Risk Attribution**
- **Dynamic Portfolio Allocation**
- **Robust Optimization under Uncertainty**
- **Transaction Cost Optimization**

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1. Modern Portfolio Theory for MEV Strategies

1.1 Mean-Variance Optimization Framework

Modern Portfolio Theory provides the foundation for optimal portfolio construction by balancing expected returns against risk.

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from scipy import stats
from scipy.optimize import minimize, linprog
from scipy.linalg import inv, cholesky
import cvxpy as cp
from sklearn.covariance import LedoitWolf
import warnings

def setup_matplotlib_for_plotting():
    """Setup matplotlib and seaborn for plotting with proper
configuration."""
    warnings.filterwarnings('default')
    plt.switch_backend("Agg")
    plt.style.use("seaborn-v0_8")
    sns.set_palette("husl")
    plt.rcParams["font.sans-serif"] = ["Noto Sans CJK SC", "WenQuanYi
Zen Hei", "PingFang SC", "Arial Unicode MS", "Hiragino Sans GB"]
    plt.rcParams["axes.unicode_minus"] = False

setup_matplotlib_for_plotting()

class MEVPortfolioOptimizer:
    """
    Comprehensive portfolio optimization framework for MEV strategies
    """

    def __init__(self, returns_data: pd.DataFrame, strategy_names: list
= None):
        """
        Initialize portfolio optimizer

        Args:
            returns_data: DataFrame with strategy returns
            strategy_names: List of strategy names (optional)
        """
        self.returns = returns_data.copy()
        self.strategy_names = strategy_names or
returns_data.columns.tolist()
        self.n_strategies = len(self.strategy_names)
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        # Calculate basic statistics
        self.mean_returns = self.returns.mean()
        self.cov_matrix = self.returns.cov()
        self.corr_matrix = self.returns.corr()

        # Results storage
        self.efficient_frontier = None
        self.optimal_portfolios = {}

    def calculate_portfolio_metrics(self, weights: np.ndarray) -> dict:
        """
        Calculate portfolio performance metrics
        """
        weights = np.array(weights)

        # Expected return
        expected_return = np.dot(weights, self.mean_returns)

        # Portfolio variance and volatility
        portfolio_variance = np.dot(weights, np.dot(self.cov_matrix,
weights))
        portfolio_volatility = np.sqrt(portfolio_variance)

        # Sharpe ratio (assuming risk-free rate = 0)
        sharpe_ratio = expected_return / portfolio_volatility if
portfolio_volatility > 0 else 0

        # Maximum drawdown calculation (approximate from returns)
        portfolio_returns = np.dot(self.returns, weights)
        cumulative_returns = (1 + portfolio_returns).cumprod()
        running_max = cumulative_returns.expanding().max()
        drawdown = (cumulative_returns - running_max) / running_max
        max_drawdown = drawdown.min()

        return {
            'expected_return': expected_return,
            'volatility': portfolio_volatility,
            'variance': portfolio_variance,
            'sharpe_ratio': sharpe_ratio,
            'max_drawdown': max_drawdown,
            'weights': weights
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        }

    def find_minimum_variance_portfolio(self) -> dict:
        """
        Find the minimum variance portfolio
        """
        n = self.n_strategies

        # Objective: minimize w'Σw
        def objective(weights):
            return np.dot(weights, np.dot(self.cov_matrix, weights))

        # Constraints: weights sum to 1
        constraints = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda w: np.sum(w) - 1})

        # Bounds: allow short selling (can be modified)
        bounds = tuple((-1, 1) for _ in range(n))

        # Initial guess
        initial_weights = np.ones(n) / n

        # Optimization
        result = minimize(objective, initial_weights, method='SLSQP',
                          bounds=bounds, constraints=constraints)

        if result.success:
            optimal_weights = result.x
            metrics = self.calculate_portfolio_metrics(optimal_weights)

            self.optimal_portfolios['min_variance'] = {
                'weights': optimal_weights,
                'metrics': metrics,
                'optimization_result': result
            }

            return {
                'success': True,
                'weights': optimal_weights,
                'metrics': metrics
            }
        else:
            return {'success': False, 'error': result.message}
```

```
    def find_maximum_sharpe_portfolio(self, risk_free_rate: float =
0.0) -> dict:
        """
        Find the maximum Sharpe ratio portfolio
        """
        n = self.n_strategies

        # Objective: maximize (μ'w - rf) / sqrt(w'Σw)
        # Equivalent to minimizing negative Sharpe ratio
        def negative_sharpe(weights):
            expected_return = np.dot(weights, self.mean_returns)
            portfolio_vol = np.sqrt(np.dot(weights,
np.dot(self.cov_matrix, weights)))
            excess_return = expected_return - risk_free_rate
            return -excess_return / portfolio_vol if portfolio_vol > 0
else -np.inf

        constraints = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda w: np.sum(w) - 1})
        bounds = tuple((-1, 1) for _ in range(n))
        initial_weights = np.ones(n) / n

        result = minimize(negative_sharpe, initial_weights,
method='SLSQP',
                          bounds=bounds, constraints=constraints)

        if result.success:
            optimal_weights = result.x
            metrics = self.calculate_portfolio_metrics(optimal_weights)

            self.optimal_portfolios['max_sharpe'] = {
                'weights': optimal_weights,
                'metrics': metrics,
                'optimization_result': result
            }

            return {
                'success': True,
                'weights': optimal_weights,
                'metrics': metrics
            }
        else:
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            return {'success': False, 'error': result.message}

    def generate_efficient_frontier(self, n_portfolios: int = 100) ->
pd.DataFrame:
        """
        Generate efficient frontier by varying target returns
        """
        # Find range of returns
        min_var_result = self.find_minimum_variance_portfolio()
        max_sharpe_result = self.find_maximum_sharpe_portfolio()

        if not (min_var_result['success'] and
max_sharpe_result['success']):
            raise ValueError("Could not find optimal portfolios for
frontier bounds")

        min_return = min_var_result['metrics']['expected_return']
        max_return = self.mean_returns.max()  # Maximum individual
strategy return

        # Generate target returns
        target_returns = np.linspace(min_return, max_return,
n_portfolios)

        frontier_data = []

        for target_return in target_returns:
            # Solve for minimum variance at target return
            portfolio = self._optimize_for_target_return(target_return)

            if portfolio['success']:
                metrics = portfolio['metrics']
                frontier_data.append({
                    'target_return': target_return,
                    'expected_return': metrics['expected_return'],
                    'volatility': metrics['volatility'],
                    'sharpe_ratio': metrics['sharpe_ratio'],
                    'weights': metrics['weights']
                })

        self.efficient_frontier = pd.DataFrame(frontier_data)
        return self.efficient_frontier
```

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    def _optimize_for_target_return(self, target_return: float) ->
dict:
        """
        Find minimum variance portfolio for a given target return
        """
        n = self.n_strategies

        def objective(weights):
            return np.dot(weights, np.dot(self.cov_matrix, weights))

        constraints = [
            {'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda w: np.sum(w) - 1},  # Weights
sum to 1
            {'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda w: np.dot(w,
self.mean_returns) - target_return}  # Target return
        ]

        bounds = tuple((-1, 1) for _ in range(n))
        initial_weights = np.ones(n) / n

        result = minimize(objective, initial_weights, method='SLSQP',
                          bounds=bounds, constraints=constraints)

        if result.success:
            optimal_weights = result.x
            metrics = self.calculate_portfolio_metrics(optimal_weights)

            return {
                'success': True,
                'weights': optimal_weights,
                'metrics': metrics
            }
        else:
            return {'success': False, 'error': result.message}

    def plot_efficient_frontier(self, save_path: str = None) -> None:
        """
        Plot the efficient frontier and optimal portfolios
        """
        if self.efficient_frontier is None:
            self.generate_efficient_frontier()
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        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))

        # Plot efficient frontier
        plt.plot(self.efficient_frontier['volatility'],
                self.efficient_frontier['expected_return'],
                'b-', linewidth=2, label='Efficient Frontier')

        # Plot individual strategies
        for i, strategy in enumerate(self.strategy_names):
            strategy_return = self.mean_returns.iloc[i]
            strategy_vol = np.sqrt(self.cov_matrix.iloc[i, i])
            plt.scatter(strategy_vol, strategy_return,
                        marker='o', s=50, alpha=0.7,
                        label=f'{strategy}')

        # Plot optimal portfolios
        if 'min_variance' in self.optimal_portfolios:
            mv_metrics = self.optimal_portfolios['min_variance']
['metrics']
            plt.scatter(mv_metrics['volatility'],
mv_metrics['expected_return'],
                        marker='*', s=200, color='red',
                        label='Minimum Variance', zorder=5)

        if 'max_sharpe' in self.optimal_portfolios:
            ms_metrics = self.optimal_portfolios['max_sharpe']
['metrics']
            plt.scatter(ms_metrics['volatility'],
ms_metrics['expected_return'],
                        marker='*', s=200, color='gold',
                        label='Maximum Sharpe', zorder=5)

        plt.xlabel('Volatility (Risk)')
        plt.ylabel('Expected Return')
        plt.title('MEV Strategy Portfolio Efficient Frontier')
        plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
        plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
        plt.tight_layout()

        if save_path:
            plt.savefig(save_path, dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
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        return plt

# Generate synthetic MEV strategy returns for demonstration
np.random.seed(42)
n_days = 252 * 2  # 2 years of daily data
dates = pd.date_range('2023-01-01', periods=n_days, freq='D')

# Define strategy characteristics
strategies = {
    'Arbitrage_Bot': {'mean': 0.0008, 'vol': 0.015, 'skew': 0.5},
    'Liquidation_MEV': {'mean': 0.0012, 'vol': 0.025, 'skew': -1.2},
    'Sandwich_Attack': {'mean': 0.0015, 'vol': 0.030, 'skew': -0.8},
    'Flashloan_Arb': {'mean': 0.0010, 'vol': 0.020, 'skew': 0.2},
    'DEX_Arbitrage': {'mean': 0.0006, 'vol': 0.012, 'skew': 0.3}
}

# Generate correlated returns
correlation_matrix = np.array([
    [1.00, 0.15, 0.10, 0.25, 0.35],
    [0.15, 1.00, 0.20, 0.05, 0.10],
    [0.10, 0.20, 1.00, 0.15, 0.05],
    [0.25, 0.05, 0.15, 1.00, 0.30],
    [0.35, 0.10, 0.05, 0.30, 1.00]
])

# Generate random returns
independent_returns = np.random.multivariate_normal(
    mean=np.zeros(5),
    cov=np.eye(5),
    size=n_days
)

# Apply correlation structure
L = cholesky(correlation_matrix, lower=True)
correlated_returns = independent_returns @ L.T

# Transform to desired distribution characteristics
strategy_returns = pd.DataFrame(index=dates)

for i, (strategy_name, params) in enumerate(strategies.items()):
    # Base returns with desired mean and volatility
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    base_returns = correlated_returns[:, i] * params['vol'] +
params['mean']

    # Add skewness using Box-Cox-like transformation
    if params['skew'] != 0:
        # Simple skewness adjustment
        skew_factor = params['skew']
        base_returns = np.where(base_returns > 0,
                                base_returns * (1 + skew_factor),
                                base_returns * (1 - skew_factor))

    strategy_returns[strategy_name] = base_returns

# Initialize portfolio optimizer
mev_optimizer = MEVPortfolioOptimizer(strategy_returns)

print("MEV Portfolio Optimization Analysis:")
print("=" * 50)

# Display strategy statistics
print("\n--- Strategy Statistics ---")
stats_summary = pd.DataFrame({
    'Mean Return': mev_optimizer.mean_returns * 252,  # Annualized
    'Volatility': np.sqrt(np.diag(mev_optimizer.cov_matrix)) *
np.sqrt(252),  # Annualized
    'Sharpe Ratio': (mev_optimizer.mean_returns * 252) /
(np.sqrt(np.diag(mev_optimizer.cov_matrix)) * np.sqrt(252))
})

print(stats_summary.round(4))

# Find optimal portfolios
print("\n--- Minimum Variance Portfolio ---")
min_var_result = mev_optimizer.find_minimum_variance_portfolio()
if min_var_result['success']:
    metrics = min_var_result['metrics']
    print(f"Expected Return: {metrics['expected_return']*252*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")
    print(f"Volatility: {metrics['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")
    print(f"Sharpe Ratio: {metrics['sharpe_ratio']*np.sqrt(252):.3f}")
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    print("Weights:")
    for i, weight in enumerate(metrics['weights']):
        if abs(weight) > 0.01:  # Show significant weights
            print(f"  {mev_optimizer.strategy_names[i]}: {weight:.3f}")

print("\n--- Maximum Sharpe Portfolio ---")
max_sharpe_result = mev_optimizer.find_maximum_sharpe_portfolio()
if max_sharpe_result['success']:
    metrics = max_sharpe_result['metrics']
    print(f"Expected Return: {metrics['expected_return']*252*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")
    print(f"Volatility: {metrics['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")
    print(f"Sharpe Ratio: {metrics['sharpe_ratio']*np.sqrt(252):.3f}")

    print("Weights:")
    for i, weight in enumerate(metrics['weights']):
        if abs(weight) > 0.01:
            print(f"  {mev_optimizer.strategy_names[i]}: {weight:.3f}")

# Generate efficient frontier
print("\n--- Efficient Frontier ---")
efficient_frontier =
mev_optimizer.generate_efficient_frontier(n_portfolios=50)
print(f"Generated {len(efficient_frontier)} efficient portfolios")
print(f"Return range:
{efficient_frontier['expected_return'].min()*252*100:.2f}% to
{efficient_frontier['expected_return'].max()*252*100:.2f}%")
print(f"Risk range:
{efficient_frontier['volatility'].min()*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}% to
{efficient_frontier['volatility'].max()*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}%")

# Correlation analysis
print("\n--- Strategy Correlation Matrix ---")
correlation_df = mev_optimizer.corr_matrix.round(3)
print(correlation_df)
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2. Black-Litterman Model for MEV Strategies

2.1 Incorporating Views and Market Equilibrium

The Black-Litterman model combines market equilibrium assumptions with investor views to create more stable portfolio allocations.

```
class BlackLittermanMEV:
    """
    Black-Litterman model implementation for MEV strategy allocation
    """

    def __init__(self, returns_data: pd.DataFrame, market_caps:
pd.Series = None,
                 risk_aversion: float = 3.0, tau: float = 0.05):
        """
        Initialize Black-Litterman model

        Args:
            returns_data: Historical returns of MEV strategies
            market_caps: Market capitalizations or strategy capacities
            risk_aversion: Risk aversion parameter
            tau: Uncertainty scaling parameter
        """
        self.returns = returns_data
        self.n_assets = len(returns_data.columns)
        self.asset_names = returns_data.columns.tolist()

        # Model parameters
        self.risk_aversion = risk_aversion
        self.tau = tau

        # Calculate covariance matrix with shrinkage
        self.cov_matrix = self._shrinkage_covariance()

        # Market equilibrium weights
        if market_caps is not None:
            self.w_market = market_caps / market_caps.sum()
        else:
            # Equal weight if no market cap data
            self.w_market = pd.Series(1/self.n_assets,
index=self.asset_names)

        # Implied equilibrium returns
        self.mu_market = self.risk_aversion * self.cov_matrix @
self.w_market

        # Results storage
        self.views = []
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        self.bl_returns = None
        self.bl_weights = None

    def _shrinkage_covariance(self) -> pd.DataFrame:
        """
        Calculate shrinkage estimator for covariance matrix
        """
        try:
            # Use Ledoit-Wolf shrinkage
            lw = LedoitWolf()
            shrunk_cov = lw.fit(self.returns).covariance_
            return pd.DataFrame(shrunk_cov,
                                index=self.returns.columns,
                                columns=self.returns.columns)
        except:
            # Fallback to sample covariance
            return self.returns.cov()

    def add_absolute_view(self, asset: str, expected_return: float,
confidence: float):
        """
        Add absolute view on expected return of an asset

        Args:
            asset: Asset name
            expected_return: Expected return view
            confidence: Confidence in the view (0 to 1)
        """
        if asset not in self.asset_names:
            raise ValueError(f"Asset {asset} not found in portfolio")

        # Create picking matrix (P) - selects the asset
        P = np.zeros((1, self.n_assets))
        asset_idx = self.asset_names.index(asset)
        P[0, asset_idx] = 1

        # View vector (Q) - expected return
        Q = np.array([expected_return])

        # Uncertainty matrix (Ω) - based on confidence
        # Higher confidence = lower uncertainty
        view_variance = (1 - confidence) * self.tau * P @
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self.cov_matrix @ P.T
        Omega = view_variance

        view = {
            'type': 'absolute',
            'asset': asset,
            'P': P,
            'Q': Q,
            'Omega': Omega,
            'confidence': confidence,
            'description': f"Absolute view: {asset} expected return =
{expected_return:.4f}"
        }

        self.views.append(view)
        return view

    def add_relative_view(self, asset1: str, asset2: str,
relative_return: float, confidence: float):
        """
        Add relative view between two assets

        Args:
            asset1: First asset
            asset2: Second asset
            relative_return: Expected return difference (asset1 -
asset2)
            confidence: Confidence in the view
        """
        if asset1 not in self.asset_names or asset2 not in
self.asset_names:
            raise ValueError("Assets not found in portfolio")

        # Create picking matrix - difference between assets
        P = np.zeros((1, self.n_assets))
        idx1 = self.asset_names.index(asset1)
        idx2 = self.asset_names.index(asset2)
        P[0, idx1] = 1
        P[0, idx2] = -1

        Q = np.array([relative_return])
```

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        # View uncertainty
        view_variance = (1 - confidence) * self.tau * P @
self.cov_matrix @ P.T
        Omega = view_variance

        view = {
            'type': 'relative',
            'asset1': asset1,
            'asset2': asset2,
            'P': P,
            'Q': Q,
            'Omega': Omega,
            'confidence': confidence,
            'description': f"Relative view: {asset1} outperforms
{asset2} by {relative_return:.4f}"
        }

        self.views.append(view)
        return view

    def calculate_bl_returns(self) -> pd.Series:
        """
        Calculate Black-Litterman adjusted returns
        """
        if not self.views:
            # No views - return market implied returns
            self.bl_returns = self.mu_market
            return self.bl_returns

        # Combine all views
        P_combined = np.vstack([view['P'] for view in self.views])
        Q_combined = np.concatenate([view['Q'] for view in self.views])

        # Create combined uncertainty matrix
        view_uncertainties = [view['Omega'] for view in self.views]
        Omega_combined = np.zeros((len(self.views), len(self.views)))
        for i, omega in enumerate(view_uncertainties):
            if omega.shape == ():  # Scalar
                Omega_combined[i, i] = omega
            else:  # Matrix
                Omega_combined[i:i+omega.shape[0], i:i+omega.shape[1]]
= omega
```

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        # Black-Litterman formula
        # τΣ
        tau_sigma = self.tau * self.cov_matrix.values

        # (τΣ)^(-1)
        inv_tau_sigma = inv(tau_sigma)

        # P'Ω^(-1)P
        inv_omega = inv(Omega_combined)
        P_T_inv_omega_P = P_combined.T @ inv_omega @ P_combined

        # Updated precision matrix
        M1 = inv_tau_sigma + P_T_inv_omega_P

        # Updated expected returns
        mu_bl = inv(M1) @ (inv_tau_sigma @ self.mu_market.values +
                           P_combined.T @ inv_omega @ Q_combined)

        self.bl_returns = pd.Series(mu_bl, index=self.asset_names)
        return self.bl_returns

    def calculate_bl_covariance(self) -> pd.DataFrame:
        """
        Calculate Black-Litterman adjusted covariance matrix
        """
        if not self.views:
            # No views - return scaled market covariance
            return self.tau * self.cov_matrix

        # Combine views
        P_combined = np.vstack([view['P'] for view in self.views])
        view_uncertainties = [view['Omega'] for view in self.views]
        Omega_combined = np.zeros((len(self.views), len(self.views)))
        for i, omega in enumerate(view_uncertainties):
            if omega.shape == ():
                Omega_combined[i, i] = omega
            else:
                Omega_combined[i:i+omega.shape[0], i:i+omega.shape[1]]
= omega

        # Black-Litterman covariance formula
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        tau_sigma = self.tau * self.cov_matrix.values
        inv_tau_sigma = inv(tau_sigma)
        inv_omega = inv(Omega_combined)
        P_T_inv_omega_P = P_combined.T @ inv_omega @ P_combined

        # Updated covariance matrix
        M1 = inv_tau_sigma + P_T_inv_omega_P
        cov_bl = inv(M1)

        return pd.DataFrame(cov_bl, index=self.asset_names,
columns=self.asset_names)

    def optimize_bl_portfolio(self) -> dict:
        """
        Optimize portfolio using Black-Litterman inputs
        """
        # Calculate BL returns and covariance
        mu_bl = self.calculate_bl_returns()
        cov_bl = self.calculate_bl_covariance()

        # Mean-variance optimization with BL inputs
        inv_cov = inv(cov_bl.values)
        ones = np.ones((self.n_assets, 1))

        # Optimal weights: w = (1/λ) * Σ^(-1) * μ
        # With budget constraint: w = Σ^(-1) * μ / (1'Σ^(-1)μ)
        numerator = inv_cov @ mu_bl.values
        denominator = ones.T @ inv_cov @ mu_bl.values

        optimal_weights = numerator / denominator[0, 0]

        self.bl_weights = pd.Series(optimal_weights.flatten(),
index=self.asset_names)

        # Calculate portfolio metrics
        expected_return = np.dot(self.bl_weights, mu_bl)
        portfolio_variance = self.bl_weights.T @ cov_bl @
self.bl_weights
        portfolio_volatility = np.sqrt(portfolio_variance)
        sharpe_ratio = expected_return / portfolio_volatility

        return {
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```
            'weights': self.bl_weights,
            'expected_return': expected_return,
            'volatility': portfolio_volatility,
            'sharpe_ratio': sharpe_ratio,
            'bl_returns': mu_bl,
            'bl_covariance': cov_bl
        }

    def compare_portfolios(self) -> pd.DataFrame:
        """
        Compare market equilibrium vs Black-Litterman portfolios
        """
        # Market portfolio metrics
        market_return = np.dot(self.w_market, self.mu_market)
        market_variance = self.w_market.T @ self.cov_matrix @
self.w_market
        market_volatility = np.sqrt(market_variance)
        market_sharpe = market_return / market_volatility

        # BL portfolio
        bl_result = self.optimize_bl_portfolio()

        comparison = pd.DataFrame({
            'Market_Equilibrium': [market_return, market_volatility,
market_sharpe],
            'Black_Litterman': [bl_result['expected_return'],
                                bl_result['volatility'],
                                bl_result['sharpe_ratio']]
        }, index=['Expected_Return', 'Volatility', 'Sharpe_Ratio'])

        return comparison

# Example: Black-Litterman for MEV strategies
print("\n--- Black-Litterman Model for MEV Strategies ---")

# Initialize Black-Litterman model
# Use strategy performance as proxy for "market cap"
strategy_performance = strategy_returns.mean() * 252  # Annualized
returns
strategy_caps = np.abs(strategy_performance)  # Use absolute
performance as capacity proxy
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```
bl_model = BlackLittermanMEV(
    strategy_returns,
    market_caps=strategy_caps,
    risk_aversion=3.0,
    tau=0.025
)

print("Market Equilibrium (Implied) Returns:")
for strategy, return_val in bl_model.mu_market.items():
    print(f"  {strategy}: {return_val*252*100:.2f}% (annualized)")

print("\nMarket Equilibrium Weights:")
for strategy, weight in bl_model.w_market.items():
    print(f"  {strategy}: {weight:.3f}")

# Add some views based on MEV market insights
print("\n--- Adding Investment Views ---")

# View 1: Arbitrage bots will perform better due to increased market
efficiency needs
bl_model.add_absolute_view('Arbitrage_Bot', 0.0012, confidence=0.7)
print("Added view: Arbitrage_Bot expected return = 0.12% daily")

# View 2: Sandwich attacks will underperform due to regulatory pressure
bl_model.add_absolute_view('Sandwich_Attack', 0.0005, confidence=0.6)
print("Added view: Sandwich_Attack expected return = 0.05% daily")

# View 3: DEX arbitrage will outperform flashloan arbitrage
bl_model.add_relative_view('DEX_Arbitrage', 'Flashloan_Arb', 0.0003,
confidence=0.5)
print("Added view: DEX_Arbitrage outperforms Flashloan_Arb by 0.03%
daily")

# Calculate Black-Litterman results
print("\n--- Black-Litterman Results ---")
bl_result = bl_model.optimize_bl_portfolio()

print("BL Adjusted Expected Returns:")
for strategy, return_val in bl_result['bl_returns'].items():
    print(f"  {strategy}: {return_val*252*100:.2f}% (annualized)")

print("\nOptimal BL Weights:")
```

```
for strategy, weight in bl_result['weights'].items():
    print(f"  {strategy}: {weight:.3f}")

print(f"\nBL Portfolio Metrics:")
print(f"Expected Return: {bl_result['expected_return']*252*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")
print(f"Volatility: {bl_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")
print(f"Sharpe Ratio: {bl_result['sharpe_ratio']*np.sqrt(252):.3f}")

# Compare portfolios
portfolio_comparison = bl_model.compare_portfolios()
print(f"\n--- Portfolio Comparison ---")
print(portfolio_comparison.round(4))
```

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3. Risk Parity and Equal Risk Contribution

3.1 Risk-Based Portfolio Construction

Risk parity allocates capital based on risk contribution rather than return expectations, providing more stable allocations.

```
class RiskParityMEV:
    """
    Risk parity portfolio optimization for MEV strategies
    """

    def __init__(self, returns_data: pd.DataFrame):
        """
        Initialize risk parity optimizer
        """
        self.returns = returns_data
        self.cov_matrix = returns_data.cov()
        self.asset_names = returns_data.columns.tolist()
        self.n_assets = len(self.asset_names)

    def calculate_risk_contributions(self, weights: np.ndarray) ->
np.ndarray:
        """
        Calculate risk contributions for given weights
        """
        weights = np.array(weights)
        portfolio_variance = weights.T @ self.cov_matrix.values @
weights

        # Marginal risk contributions
        marginal_contrib = self.cov_matrix.values @ weights

        # Risk contributions = weights * marginal contributions /
portfolio variance
        risk_contrib = weights * marginal_contrib / portfolio_variance

        return risk_contrib

    def risk_parity_objective(self, weights: np.ndarray) -> float:
        """
        Objective function for risk parity: minimize sum of squared
risk contribution differences
        """
        risk_contrib = self.calculate_risk_contributions(weights)
        target_contrib = 1.0 / self.n_assets
# Equal risk contribution target

        # Sum of squared deviations from equal risk contribution
```

```
        objective = np.sum((risk_contrib - target_contrib)**2)

        return objective

    def optimize_risk_parity(self, method: str = 'equal_risk') -> dict:
        """
        Optimize risk parity portfolio

        Args:
            method: 'equal_risk' or 'inverse_volatility'
        """
        if method == 'equal_risk':
            return self._optimize_equal_risk_contribution()
        elif method == 'inverse_volatility':
            return self._optimize_inverse_volatility()
        else:
            raise ValueError("Method must be 'equal_risk' or
'inverse_volatility'")

    def _optimize_equal_risk_contribution(self) -> dict:
        """
        Optimize for equal risk contribution
        """
        # Constraints: weights sum to 1, all weights positive
        constraints = ({'type': 'eq', 'fun': lambda w: np.sum(w) - 1})
        bounds = tuple((0.001, 1) for _ in range(self.n_assets))  #
Small positive lower bound

        # Initial guess: equal weights
        initial_weights = np.ones(self.n_assets) / self.n_assets

        # Optimization
        result = minimize(self.risk_parity_objective, initial_weights,
                          method='SLSQP', bounds=bounds,
constraints=constraints)

        if result.success:
            optimal_weights = result.x
            risk_contrib =
self.calculate_risk_contributions(optimal_weights)

            # Portfolio metrics
```

```
            expected_return = np.dot(optimal_weights,
self.returns.mean())
            portfolio_variance = optimal_weights.T @
self.cov_matrix.values @ optimal_weights
            portfolio_volatility = np.sqrt(portfolio_variance)

            return {
                'success': True,
                'weights': pd.Series(optimal_weights,
index=self.asset_names),
                'risk_contributions': pd.Series(risk_contrib,
index=self.asset_names),
                'expected_return': expected_return,
                'volatility': portfolio_volatility,
                'objective_value': result.fun
            }
        else:
            return {'success': False, 'error': result.message}

    def _optimize_inverse_volatility(self) -> dict:
        """
        Simple inverse volatility weighting
        """
        # Calculate individual volatilities
        volatilities = np.sqrt(np.diag(self.cov_matrix))

        # Inverse volatility weights
        inv_vol_weights = 1 / volatilities
        weights = inv_vol_weights / np.sum(inv_vol_weights)

        # Calculate risk contributions
        risk_contrib = self.calculate_risk_contributions(weights)

        # Portfolio metrics
        expected_return = np.dot(weights, self.returns.mean())
        portfolio_variance = weights.T @ self.cov_matrix.values @
weights
        portfolio_volatility = np.sqrt(portfolio_variance)

        return {
            'success': True,
            'weights': pd.Series(weights, index=self.asset_names),
```

```
            'risk_contributions': pd.Series(risk_contrib,
index=self.asset_names),
            'expected_return': expected_return,
            'volatility': portfolio_volatility,
            'individual_volatilities': pd.Series(volatilities,
index=self.asset_names)
        }

    def hierarchical_risk_parity(self) -> dict:
        """
        Hierarchical Risk Parity (HRP) allocation
        """
        # Calculate distance matrix based on correlations
        corr_matrix = self.returns.corr()
        distance_matrix = ((1 - corr_matrix) / 2) ** 0.5

        # Hierarchical clustering
        from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import linkage, dendrogram,
fcluster
        from scipy.spatial.distance import squareform

        # Convert to distance array
        distance_array = squareform(distance_matrix)

        # Perform clustering
        linkage_matrix = linkage(distance_array, method='ward')

        # Get cluster assignments
        n_clusters = min(3, self.n_assets - 1)  # Reasonable number of
clusters
        clusters = fcluster(linkage_matrix, n_clusters,
criterion='maxclust')

        # Allocate within and between clusters
        cluster_weights = {}

        # Step 1: Calculate cluster-level weights (inverse cluster
variance)
        cluster_variances = {}
        for cluster_id in np.unique(clusters):
            cluster_assets = [i for i, c in enumerate(clusters) if c ==
cluster_id]
```

```
            if len(cluster_assets) > 1:
                cluster_cov = self.cov_matrix.iloc[cluster_assets,
cluster_assets]
                # Equal weight within cluster for variance calculation
                equal_weights = np.ones(len(cluster_assets)) /
len(cluster_assets)
                cluster_var = equal_weights.T @ cluster_cov.values @
equal_weights
            else:
                cluster_var = self.cov_matrix.iloc[cluster_assets[0],
cluster_assets[0]]

            cluster_variances[cluster_id] = cluster_var

        # Inverse variance weighting between clusters
        inv_cluster_vars = {k: 1/v for k, v in
cluster_variances.items()}
        total_inv_var = sum(inv_cluster_vars.values())
        cluster_allocations = {k: v/total_inv_var for k, v in
inv_cluster_vars.items()}

        # Step 2: Allocate within each cluster using inverse volatility
        final_weights = np.zeros(self.n_assets)

        for cluster_id in np.unique(clusters):
            cluster_assets = [i for i, c in enumerate(clusters) if c ==
cluster_id]
            cluster_allocation = cluster_allocations[cluster_id]

            if len(cluster_assets) == 1:
                final_weights[cluster_assets[0]] = cluster_allocation
            else:
                # Inverse volatility within cluster
                cluster_vols =
np.sqrt(np.diag(self.cov_matrix.iloc[cluster_assets, cluster_assets]))
                inv_vols = 1 / cluster_vols
                within_weights = inv_vols / np.sum(inv_vols)

                for i, asset_idx in enumerate(cluster_assets):
                    final_weights[asset_idx] = cluster_allocation *
within_weights[i]
```

```
        # Calculate metrics
        risk_contrib = self.calculate_risk_contributions(final_weights)
        expected_return = np.dot(final_weights, self.returns.mean())
        portfolio_variance = final_weights.T @ self.cov_matrix.values @
final_weights
        portfolio_volatility = np.sqrt(portfolio_variance)

        return {
            'success': True,
            'weights': pd.Series(final_weights,
index=self.asset_names),
            'risk_contributions': pd.Series(risk_contrib,
index=self.asset_names),
            'expected_return': expected_return,
            'volatility': portfolio_volatility,
            'clusters': dict(zip(self.asset_names, clusters)),
            'cluster_allocations': cluster_allocations
        }

# Example: Risk parity optimization for MEV strategies
print("\n--- Risk Parity Portfolio Optimization ---")

# Initialize risk parity optimizer
rp_optimizer = RiskParityMEV(strategy_returns)

# Equal risk contribution optimization
print("\n--- Equal Risk Contribution Portfolio ---")
erc_result = rp_optimizer.optimize_risk_parity(method='equal_risk')

if erc_result['success']:
    print("Optimal Weights:")
    for strategy, weight in erc_result['weights'].items():
        print(f"  {strategy}: {weight:.3f}")

    print("\nRisk Contributions:")
    for strategy, contrib in erc_result['risk_contributions'].items():
        print(f"  {strategy}: {contrib:.3f}")

    print(f"\nPortfolio Metrics:")
    print(f"Expected Return: {erc_result['expected_return']*252*100:.
2f}% (annualized)")
    print(f"Volatility: {erc_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}
```

```
% (annualized)")

    # Check risk contribution equality
    risk_contrib_std = erc_result['risk_contributions'].std()
    print(f"Risk Contribution Std Dev: {risk_contrib_std:.
4f} (lower is better)")

# Inverse volatility weighting
print("\n--- Inverse Volatility Portfolio ---")
iv_result =
rp_optimizer.optimize_risk_parity(method='inverse_volatility')

if iv_result['success']:
    print("Weights:")
    for strategy, weight in iv_result['weights'].items():
        print(f"  {strategy}: {weight:.3f}")

    print("\nIndividual Volatilities:")
    for strategy, vol in iv_result['individual_volatilities'].items():
        print(f"  {strategy}: {vol*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}%
(annualized)")

    print(f"\nPortfolio Metrics:")
    print(f"Expected Return: {iv_result['expected_return']*252*100:.2f}
% (annualized)")
    print(f"Volatility: {iv_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}
% (annualized)")

# Hierarchical Risk Parity
print("\n--- Hierarchical Risk Parity Portfolio ---")
hrp_result = rp_optimizer.hierarchical_risk_parity()

if hrp_result['success']:
    print("HRP Weights:")
    for strategy, weight in hrp_result['weights'].items():
        print(f"  {strategy}: {weight:.3f}")

    print("\nStrategy Clusters:")
    for strategy, cluster in hrp_result['clusters'].items():
        print(f"  {strategy}: Cluster {cluster}")

    print(f"\nCluster Allocations:")
```

```
    for cluster, allocation in
hrp_result['cluster_allocations'].items():
        print(f"  Cluster {cluster}: {allocation:.3f}")

    print(f"\nPortfolio Metrics:")
    print(f"Expected Return: {hrp_result['expected_return']*252*100:.
2f}% (annualized)")
    print(f"Volatility: {hrp_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100:.2f}
% (annualized)")

# Compare all risk-based approaches
print("\n--- Risk-Based Portfolio Comparison ---")
comparison_data = {
    'Equal_Risk_Contribution': [
        erc_result['expected_return']*252*100,
        erc_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100,
        erc_result['expected_return']/
erc_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)
    ],
    'Inverse_Volatility': [
        iv_result['expected_return']*252*100,
        iv_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100,
        iv_result['expected_return']/
iv_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)
    ],
    'Hierarchical_Risk_Parity': [
        hrp_result['expected_return']*252*100,
        hrp_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)*100,
        hrp_result['expected_return']/
hrp_result['volatility']*np.sqrt(252)
    ]
}

risk_comparison = pd.DataFrame(comparison_data,
                               index=['Expected_Return_%',
'Volatility_%', 'Sharpe_Ratio'])
print(risk_comparison.round(2))
```

---

4. Dynamic Portfolio Allocation

4.1 Adaptive Allocation Based on Market Conditions

Dynamic allocation adjusts portfolio weights based on changing market conditions and strategy performance.

```
class DynamicMEVAllocator:
    """
    Dynamic portfolio allocation for MEV strategies
    """

    def __init__(self, returns_data: pd.DataFrame, lookback_window: int
= 60):
        """
        Initialize dynamic allocator

        Args:
            returns_data: Strategy returns data
            lookback_window: Rolling window for parameter estimation
        """
        self.returns = returns_data
        self.lookback_window = lookback_window
        self.allocation_history = []

    def momentum_allocation(self, momentum_window: int = 20) ->
pd.Series:
        """
        Momentum-based allocation
        """
        # Calculate momentum scores
        recent_returns = self.returns.tail(momentum_window)
        cumulative_returns = (1 + recent_returns).prod() - 1

        # Rank strategies by momentum
        momentum_ranks = cumulative_returns.rank(ascending=False)

        # Allocate based on momentum (higher momentum = higher weight)
        momentum_weights = momentum_ranks / momentum_ranks.sum()

        return momentum_weights

    def mean_reversion_allocation(self, lookback_period: int = 252) ->
pd.Series:
        """
        Mean reversion based allocation (contrarian)
        """
        # Calculate long-term average returns
        long_term_avg = self.returns.tail(lookback_period).mean()
```

```
        # Calculate recent performance
        recent_performance = self.returns.tail(20).mean()

        # Mean reversion signal (negative of relative performance)
        reversion_signal = -(recent_performance - long_term_avg)

        # Convert to positive weights
        reversion_signal = reversion_signal - reversion_signal.min() +
0.01
        weights = reversion_signal / reversion_signal.sum()

        return weights

    def volatility_adjusted_allocation(self) -> pd.Series:
        """
        Volatility-adjusted equal risk allocation
        """
        # Calculate rolling volatilities
        rolling_vol = self.returns.rolling(self.lookback_window).std()
        current_vol = rolling_vol.iloc[-1]

        # Inverse volatility weights
        inv_vol_weights = 1 / current_vol
        weights = inv_vol_weights / inv_vol_weights.sum()

        return weights

    def regime_aware_allocation(self, regime_indicator: pd.Series) ->
pd.Series:
        """
        Regime-aware allocation based on market conditions

        Args:
            regime_indicator: Series indicating market regime (0=low
vol, 1=high vol)
        """
        current_regime = regime_indicator.iloc[-1]

        if current_regime == 0:  # Low volatility regime
            # More aggressive strategies
            strategy_preferences = {
```

```
                'Arbitrage_Bot': 0.15,
                'Liquidation_MEV': 0.25,
                'Sandwich_Attack': 0.30,
                'Flashloan_Arb': 0.20,
                'DEX_Arbitrage': 0.10
            }
        else:  # High volatility regime
            # More conservative, focus on stable strategies
            strategy_preferences = {
                'Arbitrage_Bot': 0.35,
                'Liquidation_MEV': 0.15,
                'Sandwich_Attack': 0.10,
                'Flashloan_Arb': 0.25,
                'DEX_Arbitrage': 0.15
            }

        weights = pd.Series(strategy_preferences,
index=self.returns.columns)
        return weights / weights.sum()

    def kelly_criterion_allocation(self, risk_free_rate: float = 0.0) -
> pd.Series:
        """
        Kelly criterion for optimal allocation
        """
        # Calculate excess returns
        excess_returns = self.returns - risk_free_rate

        # Estimate parameters from recent data
        recent_data = excess_returns.tail(self.lookback_window)
        mean_excess = recent_data.mean()
        cov_matrix = recent_data.cov()

        try:
            # Kelly weights: f = Σ^(-1) * μ
            kelly_weights = np.linalg.solve(cov_matrix.values,
mean_excess.values)

            # Apply leverage constraint (max 100% allocation)
            total_leverage = np.sum(np.abs(kelly_weights))
            if total_leverage > 1:
                kelly_weights = kelly_weights / total_leverage
```

```
            # Ensure no negative weights (long-only constraint)
            kelly_weights = np.maximum(kelly_weights, 0)
            kelly_weights = kelly_weights / np.sum(kelly_weights) if
np.sum(kelly_weights) > 0 else np.ones(len(kelly_weights)) /
len(kelly_weights)

            return pd.Series(kelly_weights, index=self.returns.columns)

        except np.linalg.LinAlgError:
            # Fallback to equal weights if matrix is singular
            n = len(self.returns.columns)
            return pd.Series(1/n, index=self.returns.columns)

    def adaptive_allocation(self, rebalance_frequency: int = 5) ->
pd.DataFrame:
        """
        Adaptive allocation combining multiple signals
        """
        allocation_dates =
self.returns.index[self.lookback_window::rebalance_frequency]
        allocations = []

        for date in allocation_dates:
            # Get data up to rebalance date
            current_returns = self.returns.loc[:date]

            # Calculate different allocation signals
            momentum_w = self.momentum_allocation()
            mean_rev_w = self.mean_reversion_allocation()
            vol_adj_w = self.volatility_adjusted_allocation()
            kelly_w = self.kelly_criterion_allocation()

            # Combine signals with equal weighting
            combined_weights = (momentum_w + mean_rev_w + vol_adj_w +
kelly_w) / 4

            allocations.append({
                'date': date,
                'momentum': momentum_w,
                'mean_reversion': mean_rev_w,
                'volatility_adjusted': vol_adj_w,
```

```
                'kelly': kelly_w,
                'combined': combined_weights
            })

        self.allocation_history = allocations

        # Create summary DataFrame
        combined_allocations = pd.DataFrame({
            alloc['date']: alloc['combined'] for alloc in allocations
        }).T

        return combined_allocations

    def backtest_dynamic_allocation(self, allocation_method: str =
'combined',
                                    rebalance_freq: int = 5,
                                    transaction_cost: float = 0.001) ->
dict:
        """
        Backtest dynamic allocation strategy
        """
        if not self.allocation_history:
            self.adaptive_allocation(rebalance_freq)

        # Get allocation weights over time
        if allocation_method == 'combined':
            weight_series = pd.DataFrame({
                alloc['date']: alloc['combined'] for alloc in
self.allocation_history
            }).T
        else:
            weight_series = pd.DataFrame({
                alloc['date']: alloc[allocation_method] for alloc in
self.allocation_history
            }).T

        # Forward-fill weights for all dates
        weight_series = weight_series.reindex(self.returns.index,
method='ffill').fillna(1/self.returns.shape[1])

        # Calculate portfolio returns
        portfolio_returns = []
```

```
        transaction_costs = []

        prev_weights = None

        for date in self.returns.index:
            if date not in weight_series.index:
                continue

            current_weights = weight_series.loc[date]
            period_return = self.returns.loc[date]

            # Portfolio return for the day
            portfolio_return = np.dot(current_weights, period_return)

            # Transaction costs when weights change
            if prev_weights is not None:
                weight_change = np.sum(np.abs(current_weights -
prev_weights))
                transaction_cost_today = weight_change *
transaction_cost
            else:
                transaction_cost_today = 0

            net_return = portfolio_return - transaction_cost_today

            portfolio_returns.append(net_return)
            transaction_costs.append(transaction_cost_today)
            prev_weights = current_weights

        portfolio_returns = pd.Series(portfolio_returns,
index=self.returns.index[-len(portfolio_returns):])

        # Performance metrics
        total_return = (1 + portfolio_returns).prod() - 1
        annualized_return = (1 + total_return) ** (252 /
len(portfolio_returns)) - 1
        volatility = portfolio_returns.std() * np.sqrt(252)
        sharpe_ratio = annualized_return / volatility if volatility > 0
else 0

        # Maximum drawdown
        cumulative_returns = (1 + portfolio_returns).cumprod()
```

```
        running_max = cumulative_returns.expanding().max()
        drawdown = (cumulative_returns - running_max) / running_max
        max_drawdown = drawdown.min()

        # Turnover analysis
        avg_turnover = np.mean([tc for tc in transaction_costs if tc >
0])
        total_transaction_costs = sum(transaction_costs)

        return {
            'portfolio_returns': portfolio_returns,
            'total_return': total_return,
            'annualized_return': annualized_return,
            'volatility': volatility,
            'sharpe_ratio': sharpe_ratio,
            'max_drawdown': max_drawdown,
            'average_turnover': avg_turnover,
            'total_transaction_costs': total_transaction_costs,
            'weight_series': weight_series
        }

# Example: Dynamic allocation for MEV strategies
print("\n--- Dynamic Portfolio Allocation ---")

# Initialize dynamic allocator
dynamic_allocator = DynamicMEVAllocator(strategy_returns,
lookback_window=60)

# Test different allocation methods
allocation_methods = ['momentum', 'mean_reversion',
'volatility_adjusted', 'kelly', 'combined']
backtest_results = {}

for method in allocation_methods:
    print(f"\n--- {method.replace('_', ' ').title()} Allocation ---")

    # Backtest the allocation method
    result = dynamic_allocator.backtest_dynamic_allocation(
        allocation_method=method,
        rebalance_freq=10,  # Rebalance every 10 days
        transaction_cost=0.0005
    )
```

```
    backtest_results[method] = result

    print(f"Total Return: {result['total_return']*100:.2f}%")
    print(f"Annualized Return: {result['annualized_return']*100:.2f}%")
    print(f"Volatility: {result['volatility']*100:.2f}%")
    print(f"Sharpe Ratio: {result['sharpe_ratio']:.3f}")
    print(f"Max Drawdown: {result['max_drawdown']*100:.2f}%")
    print(f"Average Turnover: {result['average_turnover']*100:.3f}%")

# Compare all dynamic allocation methods
print(f"\n--- Dynamic Allocation Comparison ---")
comparison_metrics = {}

for method, result in backtest_results.items():
    comparison_metrics[method.replace('_', ' ').title()] = [
        result['annualized_return']*100,
        result['volatility']*100,
        result['sharpe_ratio'],
        result['max_drawdown']*100,
        result['average_turnover']*100
    ]

dynamic_comparison = pd.DataFrame(comparison_metrics,
                                  index=['Annualized_Return_%',
'Volatility_%',
                                         'Sharpe_Ratio', 'Max_Drawdown_%',
'Avg_Turnover_%'])
print(dynamic_comparison.round(3))

# Analyze weight evolution for combined strategy
combined_weights = backtest_results['combined']['weight_series']
print(f"\n--- Weight Evolution Analysis (Combined Strategy) ---")
print("Average weights over time:")
avg_weights = combined_weights.mean()
for strategy, weight in avg_weights.items():
    print(f"  {strategy}: {weight:.3f}")

print("\nWeight volatility (strategy switching frequency):")
weight_volatility = combined_weights.std()
for strategy, vol in weight_volatility.items():
    print(f"  {strategy}: {vol:.3f}")
```

5. Practical Exercises

Exercise 1: Multi-Objective Portfolio Optimization

Develop a portfolio optimization framework that simultaneously maximizes returns, minimizes risk, and controls transaction costs for MEV strategies.

Exercise 2: Regime-Based Black-Litterman

Create a dynamic Black-Litterman model that adjusts views based on detected market regimes in DeFi markets.

Exercise 3: Factor-Based MEV Portfolio

Build a factor model for MEV strategies and construct a portfolio that targets specific factor exposures.

Exercise 4: Real-Time Portfolio Rebalancing

Design a real-time portfolio rebalancing system that adapts to changing MEV opportunities and market conditions.

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6. Summary and Next Steps

Key Concepts Covered

1. **Modern Portfolio Theory**: Classical mean-variance optimization for MEV strategies
2. **Black-Litterman Model**: Incorporating market views and equilibrium assumptions
3. **Risk Parity**: Risk-based allocation methods for stable portfolio construction
4. **Dynamic Allocation**: Adaptive strategies for changing market conditions
5. **Performance Attribution**: Understanding sources of portfolio returns and risks

Practical Applications

- **Multi-Strategy MEV Funds**: Optimal allocation across different MEV approaches
- **Risk Management**: Balanced exposure to various MEV risk factors
- **Dynamic Adaptation**: Responding to changing DeFi market conditions
- **Institutional MEV**: Large-scale MEV portfolio management

Advanced Techniques for Further Study

- **Multi-Objective Optimization**: Pareto-efficient frontiers with multiple objectives
- **Behavioral Portfolio Theory**: Incorporating psychological biases in MEV trading
- **High-Frequency Rebalancing**: Ultra-fast portfolio adjustments
- **Alternative Risk Measures**: CVaR, expected shortfall, and tail risk optimization

Next Module Preview

Module 6: Risk Attribution & Performance Analysis will cover:
- Factor models for MEV strategy attribution
- Risk decomposition and attribution techniques
- Performance evaluation metrics
- Benchmark construction and comparison

Additional Resources

Portfolio Theory References

- "Modern Portfolio Theory and Investment Analysis" by Elton, Gruber, Brown, and Goetzmann
- "Active Portfolio Management" by Grinold and Kahn
- "Risk Budgeting" by Leslie Rahl

Quantitative Methods

- "Quantitative Portfolio Management" by Ludwig Chincarini
- "Robust Portfolio Optimization and Management" by Fabozzi, Kolm, Pachamanova, and Focardi
- "The Black-Litterman Approach: Original Model and Extensions" by Attilio Meucci

Python Libraries

- `cvxpy` for convex optimization
- `scipy.optimize` for numerical optimization
- `sklearn` for machine learning applications
- `pandas` and `numpy` for data manipulation

Module Completion Time: 140 minutes
Difficulty Level: Advanced
Prerequisites: Statistical Arbitrage, Linear Algebra, Statistics

This module provides comprehensive portfolio optimization capabilities for MEV strategy allocation. Master these techniques before proceeding to risk attribution and performance analysis in Module 6.