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add.objective	<i>General interface for adding optimization objectives, including risk, return, and risk budget</i>
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## Description

This function is the main function for adding and updating business objectives in an object of type `constraint`.

## Usage

```
add.objective(constraints, type, name, arguments = NULL,
              enabled = FALSE, ..., indexnum = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

constraints	an object of type "constraints" to add the objective to, specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
type	character type of the objective to add or update, currently 'return', 'risk', or 'risk_budget'
name	name of the objective, should correspond to a function, though we will try to make allowances
arguments	default arguments to be passed to an objective function when executed
enabled	TRUE/FALSE
...	any other passthru parameters
indexnum	if you are updating a specific constraint, the index number in the \$objectives list to update

**Details**

In general, you will define your objective as one of three types: 'return', 'risk', or 'risk\_budget'. These have special handling and intelligent defaults for dealing with the function most likely to be used as objectives, including mean, median, VaR, ES, etc.

**Author(s)**

Brian G. Peterson

**See Also**

[constraint](#)

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CCCgarch.MM	<i>compute comoments for use by lower level optimization functions when the conditional covariance matrix is a CCC GARCH model</i>
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**Description**

it first estimates the conditional GARCH variances, then filters out the time-varying volatility and estimates the higher order comoments on the innovations rescaled such that their unconditional covariance matrix is the conditional covariance matrix forecast

**Usage**

```
CCCgarch.MM(R, momentargs = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
momentargs	list containing arguments to be passed down to lower level functions, default NULL
...	any other passthru parameters

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chart.Scatter.DE      *classic risk return scatter of DEoptim results*

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### Description

classic risk return scatter of DEoptim results

### Usage

```
chart.Scatter.DE(DE, R = NULL, constraints = NULL,
  neighbors = NULL, return.col = "mean", risk.col = "ES",
  ..., element.color = "darkgray", cex.axis = 0.8)
```

### Arguments

DE	set of portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
R	an optional an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns, used to recalculate the objective function where required
constraints	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
neighbors	set of 'neighbor' portfolios to overplot, see Details in <a href="#">charts.DE</a>
return.col	string matching the objective of a 'return' objective, on vertical axis
risk.col	string matching the objective of a 'risk' objective, on horizontal axis
...	any other passthru parameters
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex
element.color	color for the default plot scatter points

### See Also

[optimize.portfolio](#)

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chart.Scatter.RP      *classic risk return scatter of random portfolios*

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### Description

classic risk return scatter of random portfolios

### Usage

```
chart.Scatter.RP(RP, neighbors = NULL,
  return.col = "mean", risk.col = "ES", ...,
  element.color = "darkgray", cex.axis = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

RP	set of portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
neighbors	set of 'neighbor' portfolios to overplot, see Details
return.col	string matching the objective of a 'return' objective, on vertical axis
risk.col	string matching the objective of a 'risk' objective, on horizontal axis
...	any other passthru parameters
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex
element.color	color for the default plot scatter points

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#)

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chart.Weights.DE	<i>boxplot of the weight distributions in the random portfolios</i>
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**Description**

boxplot of the weight distributions in the random portfolios

**Usage**

```
chart.Weights.DE(DE, neighbors = NULL, ...,
  main = "Weights", las = 3, xlab = NULL, cex.lab = 1,
  element.color = "darkgray", cex.axis = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

DE	set of random portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
neighbors	set of 'neighbor' portfolios to overplot
las	numeric in {0,1,2,3}; the style of axis labels <b>0:</b> always parallel to the axis [ <i>default</i> ], <b>1:</b> always horizontal, <b>2:</b> always perpendicular to the axis, <b>3:</b> always vertical.
xlab	a title for the x axis: see <a href="#">title</a>
cex.lab	The magnification to be used for x and y labels relative to the current setting of cex
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex
element.color	color for the default plot lines
...	any other passthru parameters
main	an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a>

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#)

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chart.Weights.RP      *boxplot of the weight distributions in the random portfolios*

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**Description**

boxplot of the weight distributions in the random portfolios

**Usage**

```
chart.Weights.RP(RP, neighbors = NULL, ...,
  main = "Weights", las = 3, xlab = NULL, cex.lab = 1,
  element.color = "darkgray", cex.axis = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

RP	set of random portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
neighbors	set of 'neighbor' portfolios to overplot
las	numeric in {0,1,2,3}; the style of axis labels <b>0:</b> always parallel to the axis [ <i>default</i> ], <b>1:</b> always horizontal, <b>2:</b> always perpendicular to the axis, <b>3:</b> always vertical.
xlab	a title for the x axis: see <a href="#">title</a>
cex.lab	The magnification to be used for x and y labels relative to the current setting of cex
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex
element.color	color for the default plot lines
...	any other passthru parameters
main	an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a>

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#)

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charts.DE

*scatter and weights chart for random portfolios*


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**Description**

neighbors may be specified in three ways. The first is as a single number of neighbors. This will extract the neighbors closest portfolios in terms of the out numerical statistic. The second method consists of a numeric vector for neighbors. This will extract the neighbors with portfolio index numbers that correspond to the vector contents. The third method for specifying neighbors is to pass in a matrix. This matrix should look like the output of [extractStats](#), and should contain risk.col,return.col, and weights columns all properly named.

**Usage**

```
charts.DE(DE, risk.col, return.col, neighbors = NULL,
         main = "DEoptim.Portfolios", ...)
```

**Arguments**

DE	set of random portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
...	any other passthru parameters
risk.col	string name of column to use for risk (horizontal axis)
return.col	string name of column to use for returns (vertical axis)
neighbors	set of 'neighbor portfolios to overplot
main	an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a>

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#) [extractStats](#)

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charts.RP

*scatter and weights chart for random portfolios*


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**Description**

neighbors may be specified in three ways. The first is as a single number of neighbors. This will extract the neighbors closest portfolios in terms of the out numerical statistic. The second method consists of a numeric vector for neighbors. This will extract the neighbors with portfolio index numbers that correspond to the vector contents. The third method for specifying neighbors is to pass in a matrix. This matrix should look like the output of [extractStats](#), and should contain risk.col,return.col, and weights columns all properly named.

**Usage**

```
charts.RP(RP, risk.col, return.col, neighbors = NULL,
  main = "Random.Portfolios", ...)
```

**Arguments**

RP	set of random portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
...	any other passthru parameters
risk.col	string name of column to use for risk (horizontal axis)
return.col	string name of column to use for returns (vertical axis)
neighbors	set of 'neighbor portfolios to overplot
main	an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a>

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#) [extractStats](#)

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`constrained_objective` *function to calculate a numeric return value for a portfolio based on a set of constraints*

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**Description**

function to calculate a numeric return value for a portfolio based on a set of constraints, we'll try to make as few assumptions as possible, and only run objectives that are required by the user

**Usage**

```
constrained_objective(w, R, constraints, ...,
  trace = FALSE, normalize = TRUE, storage = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
w	a vector of weights to test
constraints	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
...	any other passthru parameters
trace	TRUE/FALSE whether to include debugging and additional detail in the output list
normalize	TRUE/FALSE whether to normalize results to min/max sum (TRUE), or let the optimizer penalize portfolios that do not conform (FALSE)
storage	TRUE/FALSE default TRUE for DEoptim with trace, otherwise FALSE. not typically user-called



## Details

If the user has passed in either `min_sum` or `max_sum` constraints for the portfolio, or both, and are using a numerical optimization method like `DEoptim`, and `normalize=TRUE`, the default, we'll normalize the weights passed in to whichever boundary condition has been violated. If using random portfolios, all the portfolios generated will meet the constraints by construction. NOTE: this means that the weights produced by a numeric optimization algorithm like `DEoptim` might violate your constraints, so you'd need to renormalize them after optimizing. We apply the same normalization in `optimize.portfolio` so that the weights you see have been normalized to `min_sum` if the generated portfolio is smaller than `min_sum` or `max_sum` if the generated portfolio is larger than `max_sum`. This normalization increases the speed of optimization and convergence by several orders of magnitude in many cases.

You may find that for some portfolios, normalization is not desirable, if the algorithm cannot find a direction in which to move to head towards an optimal portfolio. In these cases, it may be best to set `normalize=FALSE`, and penalize the portfolios if the sum of the weighting vector lies outside the `min_sum` and/or `max_sum`.

Whether or not we normalize the weights using `min_sum` and `max_sum`, and are using a numerical optimization engine like `DEoptim`, we will penalize portfolios that violate weight constraints in much the same way we penalize other constraints. If a `min_sum`/`max_sum` normalization has not occurred, convergence can take a very long time. We currently do not allow for a non-normalized full investment constraint. Future version of this function could include this additional constraint penalty.

When you are optimizing a return objective, you must specify a negative multiplier for the return objective so that the function will maximize return. If you specify a target return, any return less than your target will be penalized. If you do not specify a target return, you may need to specify a negative VTR (value to reach) , or the function will not converge. Try the maximum expected return times the multiplier (e.g. -1 or -10). Adding a return objective defaults the multiplier to -1.

Additional parameters for random portfolios or `DEoptim.control` may be passed in via ...

## Author(s)

Kris Boudt, Peter Carl, Brian G. Peterson

## See Also

[constraint](#), [objective](#), [DEoptim.control](#)

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constraint

*constructor for class constraint*

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## Description

constructor for class constraint

**Usage**

```
constraint(assets = NULL, ..., min, max, min_mult,
           max_mult, min_sum = 0.99, max_sum = 1.01,
           weight_seq = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

assets	number of assets, or optionally a named vector of assets specifying seed weights
...	any other passthru parameters
min	numeric or named vector specifying minimum weight box constraints
max	numeric or named vector specifying minimum weight box constraints
min_mult	numeric or named vector specifying minimum multiplier box constraint from seed weight in assets
max_mult	numeric or named vector specifying maximum multiplier box constraint from seed weight in assets
min_sum	minimum sum of all asset weights, default .99
max_sum	maximum sum of all asset weights, default 1.01
weight_seq	seed sequence of weights, see <a href="#">generatesequence</a>

**Author(s)**

Peter Carl and Brian G. Peterson

**Examples**

```
exconstr <- constraint(assets=10, min_sum=1, max_sum=1, min=.01, max=.35, weight_seq=generatesequence())
```

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constraint_ROI	<i>constructor for class constraint_ROI</i>
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**Description**

constructor for class constraint\_ROI

**Usage**

```
constraint_ROI(assets = NULL, op.problem,
               solver = c("glpk", "quadprog"), weight_seq = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

assets	number of assets, or optionally a named vector of assets specifying seed weights
op.problem	an object of type "OP" (optimization problem, of ROI) specifying the complete optimization problem. see ROI help pages for proper construction of OP object.
solver	string argument for what solver package to use, must have ROI plugin installed for that solver. Currently support is for glpk and quadprog.
weight_seq	seed sequence of weights, see <a href="#">generatesequence</a>

**Author(s)**

Hezky Varon

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`extract.efficient.frontier`*extract the efficient frontier of portfolios that meet your objectives over a range of risks*

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**Description**

note that this function will be extremely sensitive to the objectives in your [constraint](#) object. It will be especially obvious if you are looking at a risk budget objective and your return preference is not set high enough.

**Usage**

```
extract.efficient.frontier(portfolios = NULL,  
  match.col = "ES", from = 0, to = 1, by = 0.005, ...,  
  R = NULL, constraints = NULL,  
  optimize_method = "random")
```

**Arguments**

<code>portfolios</code>	set of portfolios as generated by <a href="#">extractStats</a>
<code>from</code>	minimum value of the sequence
<code>to</code>	maximum value of the sequence
<code>by</code>	number to increment the sequence by
<code>match.col</code>	string name of column to use for risk (horizontal axis)
<code>...</code>	any other passthru parameters
<code>R</code>	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
<code>constraints</code>	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
<code>optimize_method</code>	one of "DEoptim" or "random"

**Details**

If you do not have a set of portfolios to extract from, portfolios may be generated automatically, which would take a very long time.

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extractStats	<i>extract some stats and weights from a portfolio run via optimize.portfolio</i>
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**Description**

This function will dispatch to the appropriate class handler based on the input class of the optimize.portfolio output object

**Usage**

```
extractStats(object, prefix = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	list returned by optimize.portfolio
prefix	prefix to add to output row names
...	any other passthru parameters

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#)

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extractStats.optimize.portfolio.DEoptim	<i>extract some stats from a portfolio list run with DEoptim via <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a></i>
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**Description**

This function will take everything in the objective\_measures slot and unlist it. This may produce a very large number of columns or strange column names.

**Usage**

```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.DEoptim(object,
  prefix = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	list returned by optimize.portfolio
prefix	prefix to add to output row names
...	any other passthru parameters

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#)

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```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.parallel
    extract some stats from a portfolio list run via foreach in optimize.portfolio.parallel
```

---

**Description**

This function will take everything in the objective\_measures slot and unlist it. This may produce a very large number of columns or strange column names.

**Usage**

```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.parallel(object,
    prefix = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	list returned by optimize.portfolio
prefix	prefix to add to output row names
...	any other passthru parameters

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#) [optimize.portfolio.parallel](#) [extractStats](#)

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```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.random
    extract stats from random portfolio results
```

---

**Description**

This just flattens the \$random\_portfolio\_objective\_results part of the object

**Usage**

```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.random(object,
    prefix = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	list returned by optimize.portfolio
prefix	prefix to add to output row names
...	any other passthru parameters

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio](#) [random\\_portfolios](#) [extractStats](#)

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```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.ROI
    extract some stats from a portfolio list run with ROI via
    optimize.portfolio
```

---

**Description**

This function will take everything in the `objective_measures` slot and `unlist` it. This may produce a very large number of columns or strange column names.

**Usage**

```
extractStats.optimize.portfolio.ROI(object,
    prefix = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	list returned by <code>optimize.portfolio</code>
<code>prefix</code>	prefix to add to output row names
<code>...</code>	any other passthru parameters

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```
extractWeights.rebal extract time series of weights from output of optimize.portfolio
```

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**Description**

[optimize.portfolio.rebalancing](#) outputs a list of [optimize.portfolio](#) objects, one for each rebalancing period

**Usage**

```
extractWeights.rebal(RebalResults, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>RebalResults</code>	object of type <code>optimize.portfolio.rebalancing</code> to extract weights from
<code>...</code>	any other passthru parameters

**Details**

The output list is indexed by the dates of the rebalancing periods, as determined by endpoints

**See Also**

[optimize.portfolio.rebalancing](#)

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generatesequence	<i>create a sequence of possible weights for random or brute force portfolios</i>
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**Description**

This function creates the sequence of min<->max weights for use by random or brute force optimization engines.

**Usage**

```
generatesequence(min = 0.01, max = 1, by = min/max,  
                 rounding = 3)
```

**Arguments**

min	minimum value of the sequence
max	maximum value of the sequence
by	number to increment the sequence by
rounding	integer how many decimals should we round to

**Details**

The sequence created is not constrained by asset.

**Author(s)**

Peter Carl, Brian G. Peterson

**See Also**

[constraint](#), [objective](#)

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indexes	<i>Six Major Economic Indexes</i>
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**Description**

Monthly data of five indexes beginning on 2000-01-31 and ending 2009-12-31. The indexes are: US Bonds, US Equities, International Equities, Commodities, US T-Bills, and Inflation

**Usage**

```
data(indexes)
```

**Format**

CSV converted into xts object with montly observations

**Examples**

```
data(indexes)

#preview the data
head(indexes)

#summary period statistics
summary(indexes)
```

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is.constraint	<i>check function for constraints</i>
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**Description**

check function for constraints

**Usage**

```
is.constraint(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object to test for type constraint

**Author(s)**

bpeterson

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is.objective	<i>check class of an objective object</i>
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**Description**

check class of an objective object

**Usage**

```
is.objective(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object potentially of type 'objective' to test



**Author(s)**

Brian G. Peterson

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name.replace	<i>utility function to replace awkward named from unlist</i>
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**Description**

utility function to replace awkward named from unlist

**Usage**

name.replace(rnames)

**Arguments**

rnames	character vector of names to check for cleanup
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objective	<i>constructor for class 'objective'</i>
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**Description**

constructor for class 'objective'

**Usage**

```
objective(name, target = NULL, arguments,
          enabled = FALSE, ..., multiplier = 1,
          objclass = "objective")
```

**Arguments**

name	name of the objective which will be used to call a function, like 'ES', 'VaR', 'mean'
target	univariate target for the objective, default NULL
arguments	default arguments to be passed to an objective function when executed
enabled	TRUE/FALSE
...	any other passthrough parameters
multiplier	multiplier to apply to the objective, usually 1 or -1
objclass	string class to apply, default 'objective'

**Author(s)**

Brian G. Peterson

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optimize.portfolio      *wrapper for constrained optimization of portfolios*

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### Description

This function aims to provide a wrapper for constrained optimization of portfolios that allows the user to specify box constraints and business objectives.

### Usage

```
optimize.portfolio(R, constraints,
  optimize_method = c("DEoptim", "random", "ROI", "ROI_old", "pso", "GenSA"),
  search_size = 20000, trace = FALSE, ..., rp = NULL,
  momentFUN = "set.portfolio.moments")
```

### Arguments

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
constraints	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a> , if using closed for solver, need to pass a <a href="#">constraint_ROI</a> object.
optimize_method	one of "DEoptim", "random", " <b>ROI", "ROI_old"</b> , "pso", "GenSA". For using ROI_old, need to use a constraint_ROI object in constraints. For using ROI, pass standard constraint object in constraints argument. Presently, ROI has plugins for quadprog and Rglpk.
search_size	integer, how many portfolios to test, default 20,000
trace	TRUE/FALSE if TRUE will attempt to return additional information on the path or portfolios searched
...	any other passthru parameters
rp	matrix of random portfolio weights, default NULL, mostly for automated use by rebalancing optimization or repeated tests on same portfolios
momentFUN	the name of a function to call to set portfolio moments, default <a href="#">set.portfolio.moments</a>

### Details

**This function currently supports DEoptim** and random portfolios as back ends. Additional back end contributions for Rmetrics, ghyp, etc. would be welcome.

When using random portfolios, search\_size is precisely that, how many portfolios to test. You need to make sure to set your feasible weights in generatesequence to make sure you have search\_size unique portfolios to test, typically by manipulating the 'by' parameter to select something smaller than .01 (I often use .002, as .001 seems like overkill)

When using DE, search\_size is decomposed into two other parameters which it interacts with, NP and itermax.

NP, the number of members in each population, is set to cap at 2000 in DEoptim, and by default is the number of parameters (assets/weights) \*10.

itermax, if not passed in dots, defaults to the number of parameters (assets/weights) \*50.

When using GenSA and want to set verbose=TRUE, instead use trace.

The extension to ROI solves a limit type of convex optimization problems: 1) Maximize portfolio return subject to `box constraints` on weights 2) Minimize portfolio variance subject to `box` constraints (otherwise known as global minimum variance portfolio) 3) Minimize portfolio variance subject to `box` constraints and a desired portfolio `return` 4) Maximize quadratic utility subject to box constraints and risk aversion parameter (this is passed into `optimize.portfolio` as an added argument to the `constraints` object) 5) Mean CVaR optimization subject to box constraints and target portfolio return Lastly, **because these convex optimization problems are standardized, there is no need for a penalty term.** Therefore, the multiplier argument in `add.objective` passed into the complete constraint object are ignored by the solver. ROI also can solve quadratic and linear problems with group constraints by adding a `groups` argument into the `constraints` object. This argument is a vector with each of its elements the number of assets per group. The group constraints, `cLO` and `cUP`, are also added to the `constraints` object.

For example, if you have 9 assets, and would like to require that the first 3 assets are in one group, the second 3 are in another, and the third are in another, then you add the grouping by `constraints$groups <- c(3,3,3)`. To apply the constraints that the first group must compose of at least 20 group 15 group should compose of more than 50 you would add the lower group constraint as `constraints$cLO <- c(0.20, 0.15, 0.10)` and the upper constraints as `constraints$cUP <- rep(0.5,3)`. These group constraints can be set for all five optimization problems listed above.

**If you would like to interface with `optimize.portfolio` using matrix formulations,** then use `ROI_old`.

### Value

a list containing the optimal weights, some summary statistics, the function call, and optionally trace information

### Author(s)

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`optimize.portfolio.parallel`

*execute multiple `optimize.portfolio` calls, presumably in parallel*

---

### Description

TODO write function to check sensitivity of optimal results by using `optimize.portfolio.parallel` results

**Usage**

```
optimize.portfolio.parallel(R, constraints,  
  optimize_method = c("DEoptim", "random"),  
  search_size = 20000, trace = FALSE, ..., nodes = 4)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
constraints	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
optimize_method	one of "DEoptim" or "random"
search_size	integer, how many portfolios to test, default 20,000
trace	TRUE/FALSE if TRUE will attempt to return additional information on the path or portfolios searched
...	any other passthru parameters
nodes	how many processes to run in the foreach loop, default 4

**Details**

This function will not speed up optimization!

This function exists to run multiple copies of optimize.portfolio, presumably in parallel using foreach.

This is typically done to test your parameter settings, specifically total population size, but also possibly to help tune your convergence settings, number of generations, stopping criteria, etc.

If you want to use all the cores on your multi-core computer, use the parallel version of the appropriate optimization engine, not this function.

**Value**

a list containing the optimal weights, some summary statistics, the function call, and optionally trace information

**Author(s)**

Kris Boudt, Peter Carl, Brian G. Peterson

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optimize.portfolio.rebalancing  
*portfolio optimization with support for rebalancing or rolling periods*

---

## Description

This function may eventually be wrapped into optimize.portfolio

## Usage

```
optimize.portfolio.rebalancing(R, constraints,
                               optimize_method = c("DEoptim", "random", "ROI"),
                               search_size = 20000, trace = FALSE, ..., rp = NULL,
                               rebalance_on = NULL, training_period = NULL,
                               trailing_periods = NULL)
```

## Arguments

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
constraints	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
optimize_method	one of "DEoptim" or "random"
search_size	integer, how many portfolios to test, default 20,000
trace	TRUE/FALSE if TRUE will attempt to return additional information on the path or portfolios searched
...	any other passthru parameters
rp	a set of random portfolios passed into the function, to prevent recalculation
rebalance_on	a periodicity as returned by xts function periodicity and usable by endpoints
training_period	period to use as training in the front of the data
trailing_periods	if set, an integer with the number of periods to roll over, default NULL will run from inception

## Details

For now, we'll set the rebalancing periods here, **though I think they should eventually be part of the constraints object**

This function is massively parallel, and will require 'foreach' and we suggest that you register a parallel backend.

## Value

a list containing the optimal weights, some summary statistics, the function call, and optionally trace information

**Author(s)**

Kris Boudt, Peter Carl, Brian G. Peterson

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plot.optimize.portfolio

*plot method for optimize.portfolio output*

---

**Description**

scatter and weights chart for portfolio optimization

**Usage**

```
plot.optimize.portfolio(x, ..., return.col = "mean",  
                        risk.col = "ES", neighbors = NULL,  
                        main = "optimized portfolio plot")
```

**Arguments**

x	set of portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
...	any other passthru parameters
risk.col	string name of column to use for risk (horizontal axis)
return.col	string name of column to use for returns (vertical axis)
neighbors	set of 'neighbor portfolios to overplot
main	an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a>

**Details**

this is a fallback that will be called for classes of portfolio that do not have specific pre-existing plot methods.

neighbors may be specified in three ways. The first is as a single number of neighbors. This will extract the neighbors closest portfolios in terms of the out numerical statistic. The second method consists of a numeric vector for neighbors. This will extract the neighbors with portfolio index numbers that correspond to the vector contents. The third method for specifying neighbors is to pass in a matrix. This matrix should look like the output of [extractStats](#), and should contain risk.col, return.col, and weights columns all properly named.

---

plot.optimize.portfolio.DEoptim  
*plot method for optimize.portfolio.DEoptim output*

---

### Description

scatter and weights chart for DEoptim portfolio optimizations run with trace=TRUE

### Usage

```
plot.optimize.portfolio.DEoptim(x, ...,  
  return.col = "mean", risk.col = "ES", neighbors = NULL,  
  main = "optimized portfolio plot")
```

### Arguments

x	set of portfolios created by <a href="#">optimize.portfolio</a>
...	any other passthru parameters
risk.col	string name of column to use for risk (horizontal axis)
return.col	string name of column to use for returns (vertical axis)
neighbors	set of 'neighbor portfolios to overplot
main	an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a>

### Details

neighbors may be specified in three ways. The first is as a single number of neighbors. This will extract the neighbors closest portfolios in terms of the out numerical statistic. The second method consists of a numeric vector for neighbors. This will extract the neighbors with portfolio index numbers that correspond to the vector contents. The third method for specifying neighbors is to pass in a matrix. This matrix should look like the output of [extractStats](#), and should contain risk.col,return.col, and weights columns all properly named.

---

plot.optimize.portfolio.random  
*plot method for optimize.portfolio.random output*

---

### Description

scatter and weights chart for random portfolios

### Usage

```
plot.optimize.portfolio.random(x, ...,  
  return.col = "mean", risk.col = "ES", neighbors = NULL,  
  main = "optimized portfolio plot")
```

**Arguments**

x	set of portfolios created by <code>optimize.portfolio</code>
...	any other passthru parameters
risk.col	string name of column to use for risk (horizontal axis)
return.col	string name of column to use for returns (vertical axis)
neighbors	set of 'neighbor portfolios to overplot
main	an overall title for the plot: see <code>title</code>

**Details**

neighbors may be specified in three ways. The first is as a single number of neighbors. This will extract the neighbors closest portfolios in terms of the out numerical statistic. The second method consists of a numeric vector for neighbors. This will extract the neighbors with portfolio index numbers that correspond to the vector contents. The third method for specifying neighbors is to pass in a matrix. This matrix should look like the output of `extractStats`, and should contain risk.col, return.col, and weights columns all properly named.

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portfolio\_risk\_objective

*constructor for class portfolio\_risk\_objective*

---

**Description**

if target is null, we'll try to minimize the risk metric

**Usage**

```
portfolio_risk_objective(name, target = NULL,
  arguments = NULL, multiplier = 1, enabled = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

name	name of the objective, should correspond to a function, though we will try to make allowances
target	univariate target for the objective
arguments	default arguments to be passed to an objective function when executed
multiplier	multiplier to apply to the objective, usually 1 or -1
enabled	TRUE/FALSE
...	any other passthru parameters

**Author(s)**

Brian G. Peterson



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randomize\_portfolio     *generate random permutations of a portfolio seed meeting your constraints on the weights of each asset*

---

### Description

generate random permutations of a portfolio seed meeting your constraints on the weights of each asset

### Usage

```
randomize_portfolio(rpconstraints,  
                   max_permutations = 200, rounding = 3)
```

### Arguments

rpconstraints     an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see [constraint](#)

max\_permutations     integer: maximum number of iterations to try for a valid portfolio, default 200

rounding     integer how many decimals should we round to

### Value

named weighting vector

### Author(s)

Peter Carl, Brian G. Peterson, (based on an idea by Pat Burns)

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random\_portfolios     *generate an arbitrary number of constrained random portfolios*

---

### Description

repeatedly calls [randomize\\_portfolio](#) to generate an arbitrary number of constrained random portfolios.

### Usage

```
random_portfolios(rpconstraints, permutations = 100, ...)
```

**Arguments**

rpconstraints an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see [constraint](#)

permutations integer: number of unique constrained random portfolios to generate

... any other passthru parameters

**Value**

matrix of random portfolio weights

**Author(s)**

Peter Carl, Brian G. Peterson, (based on an idea by Pat Burns)

**See Also**

[constraint](#), [objective](#), [randomize\\_portfolio](#)

**Examples**

```
rpconstraint<-constraint(assets=10, min_mult=-Inf, max_mult=Inf, min_sum=.99, max_sum=1.01, min=.01, max=.4, wei
rp<- random_portfolios(rpconstraints=rpconstraint,permutations=1000)
head(rp)
```

---

random\_walk\_portfolios

*deprecated random portfolios wrapper until we write a random trades function*

---

**Description**

deprecated random portfolios wrapper until we write a random trades function

**Usage**

```
random_walk_portfolios(...)
```

**Arguments**

... any other passthru parameters

**Author(s)**

bpeterson

---

return\_objective      *constructor for class return\_objective*

---

**Description**

if target is null, we'll try to maximize the return metric

**Usage**

```
return_objective(name, target = NULL, arguments = NULL,
                 multiplier = -1, enabled = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

name	name of the objective, should correspond to a function, though we will try to make allowances
target	univariate target for the objective
arguments	default arguments to be passed to an objective function when executed
multiplier	multiplier to apply to the objective, usually 1 or -1
enabled	TRUE/FALSE
...	any other passthru parameters

**Details**

if target is set, we'll try to meet or exceed the metric, penalizing a shortfall

**Author(s)**

Brian G. Peterson

---

risk\_budget\_objective      *constructor for class risk\_budget\_objective*

---

**Description**

constructor for class risk\_budget\_objective

**Usage**

```
risk_budget_objective(assets, name, target = NULL,
                      arguments = NULL, multiplier = 1, enabled = FALSE, ...,
                      min_prisk, max_prisk, min_concentration = FALSE,
                      min_difference = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

assets	vector of assets to use, should come from constraints object
name	name of the objective, should correspond to a function, though we will try to make allowances
target	univariate target for the objective
arguments	default arguments to be passed to an objective function when executed
multiplier	multiplier to apply to the objective, usually 1 or -1
enabled	TRUE/FALSE
...	any other passthru parameters
min_prisk	minimum percentage contribution to risk
max_prisk	maximum percentage contribution to risk
min_concentration	TRUE/FALSE whether to minimize concentration, default FALSE, always TRUE if min_prisk and max_prisk are NULL
min_difference	TRUE/FALSE whether to minimize difference between concentration, default FALSE

**Author(s)**

Brian G. Peterson

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set.portfolio.moments *set portfolio moments for use by lower level optimization functions*

---

**Description**

set portfolio moments for use by lower level optimization functions

**Usage**

```
set.portfolio.moments(R, constraints, momentargs = NULL,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
constraints	an object of type "constraints" specifying the constraints for the optimization, see <a href="#">constraint</a>
momentargs	list containing arguments to be passed down to lower level functions, default NULL
...	any other passthru parameters

---

```
summary.optimize.portfolio.rebalancing
      summary method for optimize.portfolio.rebalancing
```

---

**Description**

summary method for optimize.portfolio.rebalancing

**Usage**

```
summary.optimize.portfolio.rebalancing(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of type optimize.portfolio.rebalancing
...	any other passthru parameters

---

```
trailingFUN      apply a function over a configurable trailing period
```

---

**Description**

this function is primarily designed for use with portfolio functions passing 'x' or 'R' and weights, but may be usable for other things as well, see Example for a vector example.

**Usage**

```
trailingFUN(R, weights, n = 0, FUN, FUNargs = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

R	an xts, vector, matrix, data frame, timeSeries or zoo object of asset returns
weights	a vector of weights to test
...	any other passthru parameters
n	numeric number of trailing periods
FUN	string describing the function to be called
FUNargs	list describing any additional arguments

**Details**

called with e.g.

```
trailingFUN(seq(1:100), weights=NULL, n=12, FUN='mean',FUNargs=list())
```

---

update.constraint      *function for updating constraints, not well tested, may be broken*

---

**Description**

can we use the generic update.default function?

**Usage**

```
update.constraint(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of type <a href="#">constraint</a> to update
...	any other passthru parameters, used to call <a href="#">constraint</a>

**Author(s)**

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