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# Importing and installing packages required for calculations and visualisation
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```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
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```
!pip install numpy_financial
import numpy_financial as npf
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Collecting numpy_financial
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  Downloading numpy_financial-1.0.0-py3-none-any.whl (14 kB)
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Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.15 in /shared-libs/python3.9/py/lib/python3.9/site-packages (from i
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Installing collected packages: numpy_financial
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Successfully installed numpy_financial-1.0.0
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WARNING: You are using pip version 22.0.4; however, version 23.2.1 is available.
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You should consider upgrading via the '/root/venv/bin/python -m pip install --upgrade pip' command.
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```
!pip install pyfolio
import pyfolio as pf
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```
!pip install scipy
from scipy import stats
from scipy.stats import norm
```

```
!pip install PyPortfolioOpt
from pypfopt.efficient_frontier import EfficientFrontier
from pypfopt import risk_models
from pypfopt import expected_returns
```



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Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in /shared-libs/python3.9/py-core/lib/python3.9/site-packages (from
Installing collected packages: setuptools, scs, qdldl, ecos, osqp, cvxpy, PyPortfolioOpt
Attempting uninstall: setuptools
  Found existing installation: setuptools 58.1.0
  Uninstalling setuptools-58.1.0:
    Successfully uninstalled setuptools-58.1.0
Successfully installed PyPortfolioOpt-1.5.5 ecos-2.2.0 osqp-2.0.12 qdldl-0.1.7 scs-2.2.2
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# 1. Craft an all-weather portfolio. Pick your own portfolio of stocks following an investment theme that has stood and will stand the test of time. Extract the data from Yahoo Finance/Refinitiv/any other platforms and explore the statistical distribution of each stock's past 5-year returns.

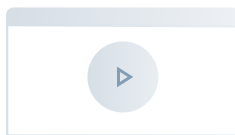
I have imported five ETFs as part of my all weather portfolio. The five ETFs comprise of: 1) Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund ETF ('VTI'), 2) Invesco Optimum Yld Dvsfd Cmd Str No K 1 ETF ('PDBC'), 3) Vanguard Intermediate-Term Treasury Index Fd ETF ('VGIT'), 4) Vanguard Long-Term Treasury Index Fund ETF ('VGLT') and 5) SPDR Gold MiniShares Trust ('GLDM').

## The reason these ETFs were chosen are due to the following:

- 1) The ETFs are diversified across a range of industries. VTI, for example, has largest holdings in the technology sector (30%), but at the same time has exposure in key industries including consumer discretionary, financials and the healthcare sectors. On the other hand, GLDM is a primarily gold-backed ETF. It is interesting to test whether, and the extent to which having an exposure in both commodities and securities will allow stable returns in the event of market uncertainties.
- 2) The portfolio of ETF invests in both high risk and lower risk securities. For example, PDBC is a predominantly actively-managed fund investing in commodity-linked futures, while the VGIT and VGLT invests primarily in US treasury bonds. It would be interesting to test whether under market uncertainties, returns can still be generated by having a balanced exposure in both high and low risk securities.
- 3) Finally, when doing research on 'all weather portfolios', I came across a similar portfolio constructed by Ray Dalio, the founder of Bridgewater Associates, the largest hedge fund in the world. (<https://ofdollarsanddata.com/ray-dalio-all-weather-portfolio/>). He opined that having an exposure US bonds, stocks, gold and commodities would allow a portfolio to perform well under all market conditions. Hence, I would like to use this exercise to the the truthfulness of his statement.

```
# Importing the five ETFs forming the all weather portfolio, and indexing exchange dates
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```
vti = pd.read_csv('VTI returns.csv', parse_dates = ['Exchange Date'], index_col = ['Exchange Date'])
pdbc = pd.read_csv('PDBC returns.csv', parse_dates = ['Exchange Date'], index_col = ['Exchange Date'])
vgit = pd.read_csv('VGIT returns.csv', parse_dates = ['Exchange Date'], index_col = ['Exchange Date'])
vgltd = pd.read_csv('VGLT returns.csv', parse_dates = ['Exchange Date'], index_col = ['Exchange Date'])
glldm = pd.read_csv('GLDM returns.csv', parse_dates = ['Exchange Date'], index_col = ['Exchange Date'])
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# Visualising and checking first 5 rows of data
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vti.head()
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	Close float64	Adjusted Close flo...	Net float64	%Chg object	Open float64	Low float64
20...	223.57	224.68	-1.11	-0.49%	224.26	223.3
20...	224.68	nan	0.74	+0.33%	225.34	223.9
20...	223.94	nan	-0.24	-0.11%	224.5	223.8
20...	224.18	nan	0.99	+0.44%	223.25	223.0
20...	223.19	nan	3.2	+1.45%	219.94	219.

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```
# Joining the closing prices for the 5 ETFs according to respective exchange dates
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```
column_stock = ['VTI', 'PDBC', 'VGIT', 'VGLT', 'GLDM']
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```
combined_closing_prices = pd.concat([vti[['Close']], pdbc[['Close']], vgit[['Close']], vglit[['Close']
```

```
combined_closing_prices.columns = column_stock
```

```
print(combined_closing_prices)
```

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          VTI  PDBC  VGIT  VGLT  GLDM
Exchange Date
2018-09-06  148.92  17.87  62.59  73.83  23.98
2018-09-07  148.58  17.92  62.38  73.23  23.92
2018-09-10  148.90  17.96  62.37  73.48  23.90
2018-09-11  149.40  18.14  62.25  72.97  23.92
2018-09-12  149.41  18.28  62.29  73.13  24.11
...
2023-08-29  223.19  14.66  58.15  59.86  38.46
2023-08-30  224.18  14.70  58.13  59.82  38.56
2023-08-31  223.94  14.75  58.26  60.07  38.48
2023-09-01  224.68  14.93  57.92  59.00  38.51
2023-09-05  223.57   NaN   NaN   NaN   NaN

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[1257 rows x 5 columns]
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```
# Cleaning data - dropping the last row showing exchange date data for only one stock (5th Sep 2023)
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date_to_drop = pd.to_datetime('2023-09-05')
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```
combined_closing_prices2 = combined_closing_prices.drop(date_to_drop)
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*# Visualising cleaned data*

combined\_closing\_prices2

	VTI float64 111.91 - 242.97	PDBC float64 11.22 - 22.71	VGIT float64 57.14 - 70.85	VGLT float64 57.38 - 105.03	GLDM float64 23.68 - 41.14	
20...						
20...	218.59	14.63	57.7	59.18	37.97	
20...	219.99	14.62	57.81	59.25	38.09	
20...	223.19	14.66	58.15	59.86	38.46	
20...	224.18	14.7	58.13	59.82	38.56	
20...	223.94	14.75	58.26	60.07	38.48	
20...	224.68	14.93	57.92	59	38.51	

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*# Exploring return data of individual stocks (ETFs)*

*# Creating multiple figures to plot return data*

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows = 2, ncols = 3, sharex =False, sharey =False, figsize = (15, 10))
```

*# Creating a for loop to describe statistical data and plot line plot of each return data*

```
for i, name in enumerate(combined_closing_prices2.columns):
    row, col = divmod(i, 3)
    ax[row, col].plot(round(combined_closing_prices2[name].pct_change()*100, 2))
    ax[row, col].set_title('Line plot of ' + name + ' returns')
    ax[row, col].set_xlabel('Exchange Date')
    ax[row, col].set_ylabel('Percentage Change')
    print('Description of Statistical Data of ' + str(name) + '\n' + str(combined_closing_prices2[name]))
```

*# Creating a for loop to plot all return data into one graph*

```
for name in combined_closing_prices2.columns:
    all_returns1 = round(combined_closing_prices2[name].pct_change()*100, 2)
    ax[1,2].plot(all_returns1)
    ax[1,2].set_title('Line plot of all returns')
    ax[1,2].set_xlabel('Exchange Date')
    ax[1,2].set_ylabel('Percentage Change')
```

```
plt.tight_layout() # Automatically adjust subplot parameters to fit the figure area
plt.show()
```

Description of Statistical Data of VTI

```
count    1256.000000
mean     185.098623
std      32.875156
min      111.910000
25%     152.015000
50%     191.585000
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75% 214.285000  
 max 242.970000  
 Name: VTI, dtype: float64

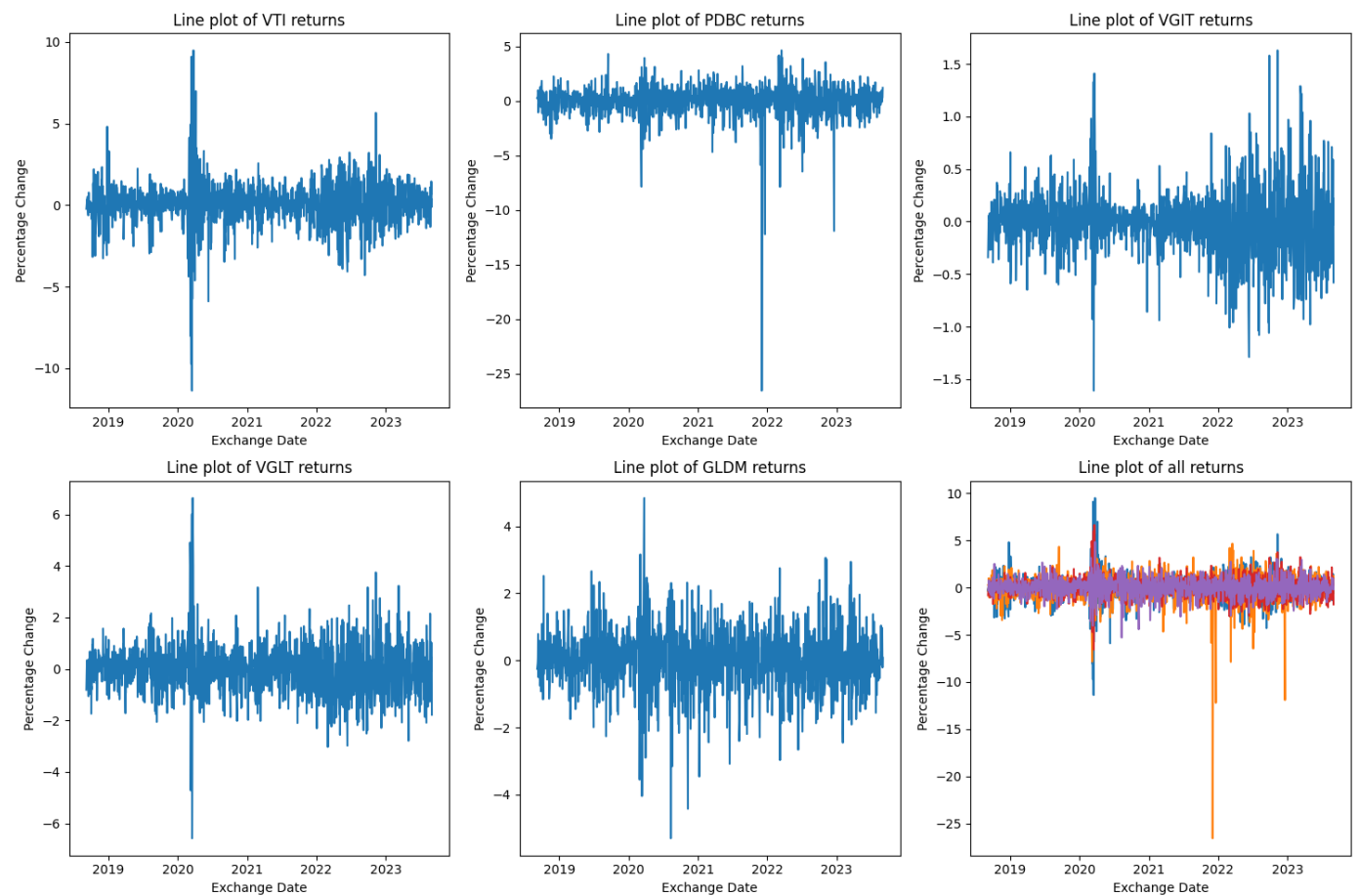
Description of Statistical Data of PDBC

count 1256.000000  
 mean 16.243400  
 std 2.351572  
 min 11.220000  
 25% 14.457500  
 50% 16.130000  
 75% 17.562500  
 max 22.710000

Name: PDBC, dtype: float64

Description of Statistical Data of VGIT

count 1256.000000  
 mean 64.846170  
 std 4.000308  
 min 57.140000  
 25% 61.455000  
 50% 65.770000  
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The 6 graphs above show the percentage returns of the respective ETFs' across the 5 years where price data was collected. There are several conclusions that can be drawn - firstly, that the returns across the ETFs are, generally speaking, relatively stable. The returns hover around a band of between -5% to 5%. The ETFs that have greater volatility in prices appear to be PDBC and GLDM - the ETFs which invest in commodities and gold. This is perhaps unsurprising, given that the commodities industries have traditionally offered superior returns, but at the same time comes with greater standard deviation (risk).





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# Calculating mean return for the 5 ETFs
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returns = combined_closing_prices2.pct_change()
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# Drop any NaN values
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returns = returns.dropna()
```

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returns
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	VTI float64 -0.1138085779445...	PDBC float64 -0.2656481025135...	VGIT float64 -0.0161313347608...	VGLT float64 -0.0657711442786...	GLDM float64 -0.053049082796...	
201...	-0.002283105023	0.00279798545	-0.003355168557	-0.008126777733	-0.002502085071	
201...	0.002153721901	0.002232142857	-0.000160307791	0.003413901407	-0.0008361204013	
201...	0.003357958361	0.01002227171	-0.001924001924	-0.006940664126	0.0008368200837	
201...	0.000066934404...	0.007717750827	0.0006425702811	0.002192681924	0.007943143813	
201...	0.005019744328	-0.01039387309	0	0.001093942295	-0.004562422231	
201...	0.0007991475759	-0.005527915976	-0.001926472949	-0.00437098757	-0.005	
201...	-0.006321533138	-0.001667593107	0.0008042464211	0.0002743860612	0.005862646566	
201...	0.005357262439	0.008351893096	-0.002732240437	-0.01056096557	-0.002497918401	
201...	0.0001332178778	0.006626173385	-0.0008058017728	-0.004990296645	0.004173622705	
201...	0.007725607726	0	0.0003225806452	0.003761493452	0.003325020781	

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```
# Statistics for the returns of the 5 ETFs
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```
returns.describe()
```

	VTI float64	PDBC float64	VGIT float64	VGLT float64	GLDM float64	
cou...	1255	1255	1255	1255	1255	
me...	0.0004243340496	-0.00001637882...	-0.00005669653...	-0.0001291219558	0.0004202465483	
std	0.01386503374	0.01543909953	0.003192014987	0.009963169618	0.009241103588	
min	-0.1138085779	-0.2656481025	-0.01613133476	-0.06577114428	-0.0530490828	
25%	-0.005567126616	-0.005930222153	-0.001623256852	-0.006153132246	-0.004069384163	
50%	0.0007991475759	0.001413427562	0	0.0001045806317	0.0006361323155	
75%	0.007358058445	0.007604856768	0.001508183336	0.005570812747	0.005471837847	
max	0.09489768564	0.04655380895	0.01630246271	0.06636633337	0.04838709677	

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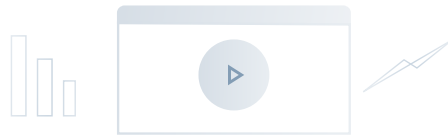
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# Calculating portfolio returns - factoring in equal weights
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weights = np.array([0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2])
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portfolio_returns = returns.dot(weights)
```

```
returns['portfolio'] = portfolio_returns
```





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# Creating a for loop to show distribution returns for the 5 ETFs

# Creating subplots prior to executing the for loop

fig, ax = plt.subplots(nrows = 2, ncols = 3, sharex =False, sharey =False, figsize = (15, 10))

# Creating for loop to plot distribution of each ETF return in the portfolio

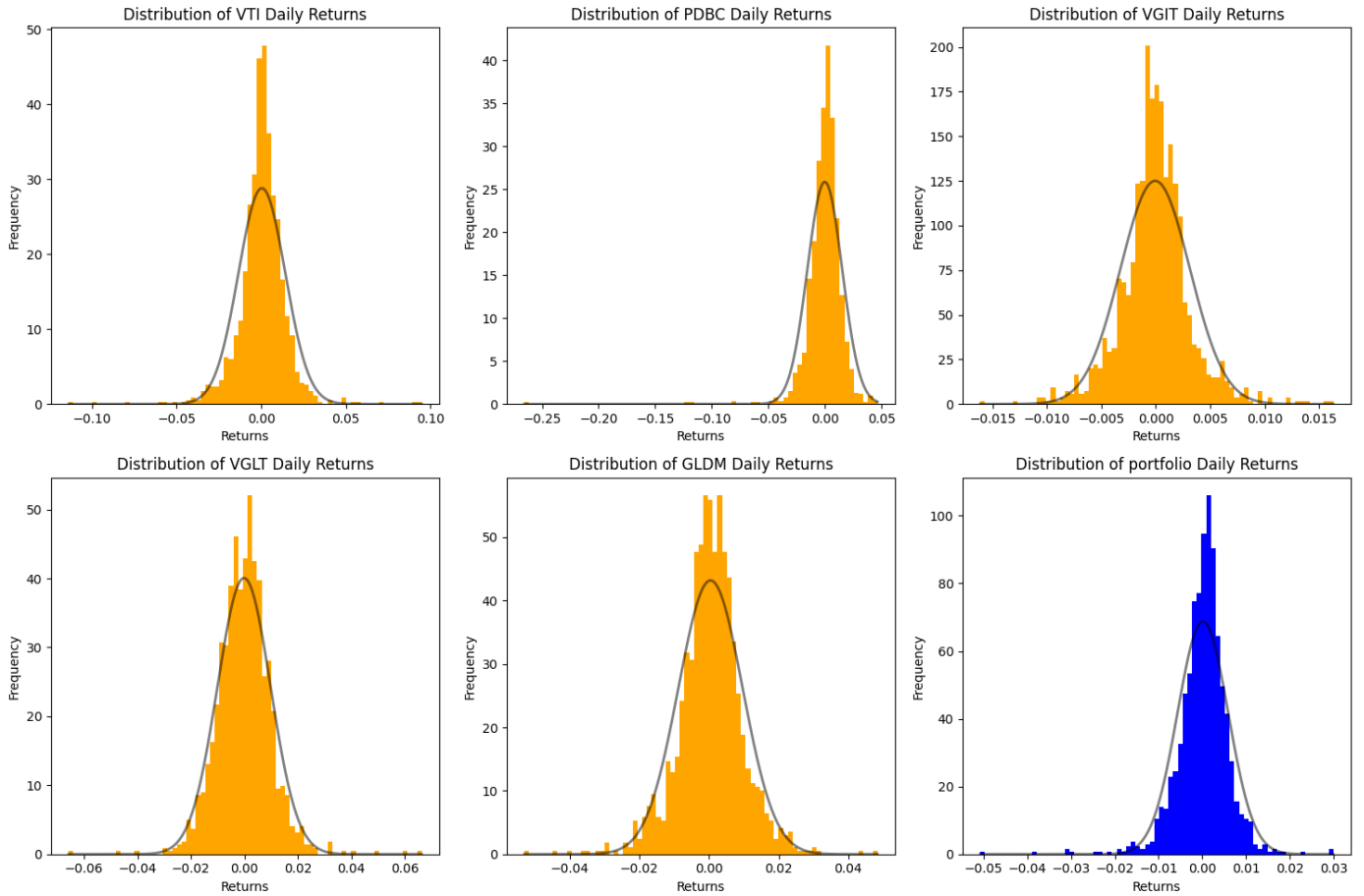
for i, name in enumerate(returns.columns):
    row, col = divmod(i, 3) # Calculate the row and column indices
    ax[row, col].hist(returns[name], bins=75, color="orange", density = True)
    ax[row, col].set_title('Distribution of ' + name + ' Daily Returns')
    ax[row, col].set_xlabel('Returns')
    ax[row, col].set_ylabel('Frequency')

    # Plot the fitted normal distribution
    xmin = returns[name].min()
    xmax = returns[name].max()
    mu, std = norm.fit(returns[name])
    x = np.linspace(xmin, xmax, 1255) # Increased the number of points for smoother plot
    p = norm.pdf(x, mu, std)
    ax[row, col].plot(x, p, color="black", linewidth = 2, alpha=0.5)

# Plotting the portfolio returns into subplots
ax[1,2].hist(returns['portfolio'], bins = 75, color = 'blue', density = True)

plt.tight_layout() # Automatically adjust subplot parameters to fit the figure area
plt.show()

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```
kurt = []
```

```
# Creating a for loop to calculate skewness and kurtosis of each ETF, as well as the portfolio
```

```
for name in returns.columns:
    skew.append(returns[name].skew())
    kurt.append(returns[name].kurtosis())
```

```
# Placing the skew, kurt values into the skew_kurt dataframe for easier visualization
```

```
skew_kurt = pd.DataFrame({'Skew': skew, 'Kurtosis': kurt}, index = stock_names1)
```

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skew_kurt
```

	Skew float64	Kurtosis float64
VTI	-0.5063729893	10.86504167
PD...	-5.19303569	76.25044743
VGIT	0.2058752889	3.204608297
VGLT	0.2673715326	5.019850954
GL...	-0.2652276957	3.116287954
por...	-1.150642383	9.38399308

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The above distributions, in addition to the kurtosis and skewness data demonstrates that the ETF returns for particular stocks are high. For example, PDBC, which primarily invests in commodities including gasoline, crude oil, sugar and various metals. While the skew and kurtosis values are extremely high, this is perhaps unsurprising given the volatility of the ETF. For example, there are numerous occasions that PDBC has increased or decreased 10% in value in one trading day, with the greatest change in December 2021, when the ETF lost close to 27% of its value in one day.







That said, the effect of diversification can be seen in the significantly lower portfolio skewness and kurtosis.

```
# Assigned weights in Part 1 and reprinting an equally weighted portfolio
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returns
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	VTI float64 -0.1138085779445...	PDBC float64 -0.2656481025135...	VGIT float64 -0.0161313347608...	VGLT float64 -0.0657711442786...	GLDM float64 -0.053049082796...	portfolio float64 -0.0507527742033
201...	-0.002283105023	0.00279798545	-0.003355168557	-0.008126777733	-0.002502085071	-0.00269383018
201...	0.002153721901	0.002232142857	-0.000160307791	0.003413901407	-0.0008361204013	0.00136066759
201...	0.003357958361	0.01002227171	-0.001924001924	-0.006940664126	0.0008368200837	0.00107047682
201...	0.000066934404..	0.007717750827	0.0006425702811	0.002192681924	0.007943143813	0.0037126162
201...	0.005019744328	-0.01039387309	0	0.001093942295	-0.004562422231	-0.00176852173
201...	0.0007991475759	-0.005527915976	-0.001926472949	-0.00437098757	-0.005	-0.00320524578
201...	-0.006321533138	-0.001667593107	0.0008042464211	0.0002743860612	0.005862646566	-0.00020956943
201...	0.005357262439	0.008351893096	-0.002732240437	-0.01056096557	-0.002497918401	-0.000416393775
201...	0.0001332178778	0.006626173385	-0.0008058017728	-0.004990296645	0.004173622705	0.001027383
201...	0.007725607726	0	0.0003225806452	0.003761493452	0.003325020781	0.00302694052

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# Visualising portfolio returns through line plot
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plt.plot(returns.portfolio*100)
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plt.xlabel('Exchange Date')
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plt.ylabel('Percentage Change')
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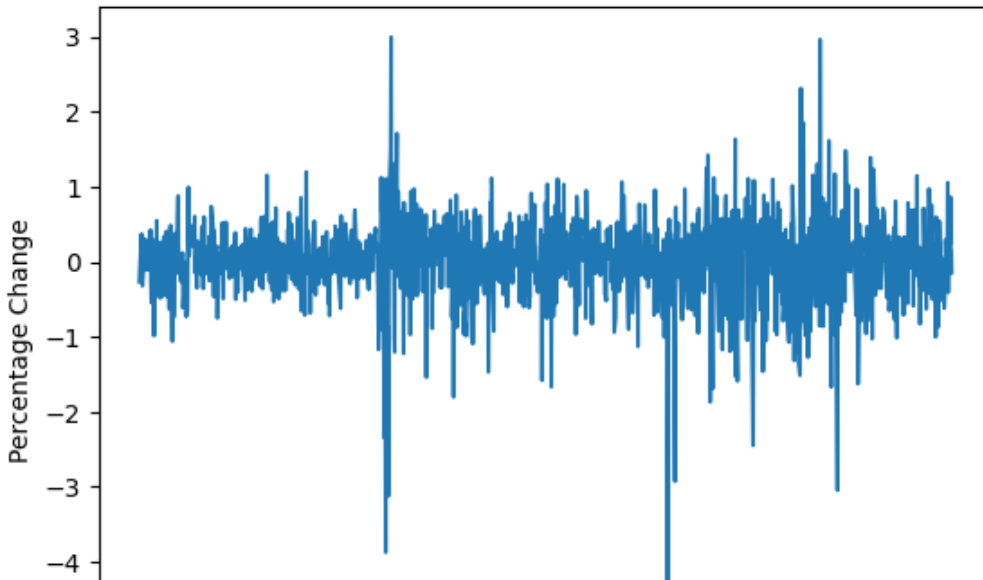
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plt.title('Line plot of portfolio returns')
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Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Line plot of portfolio returns')
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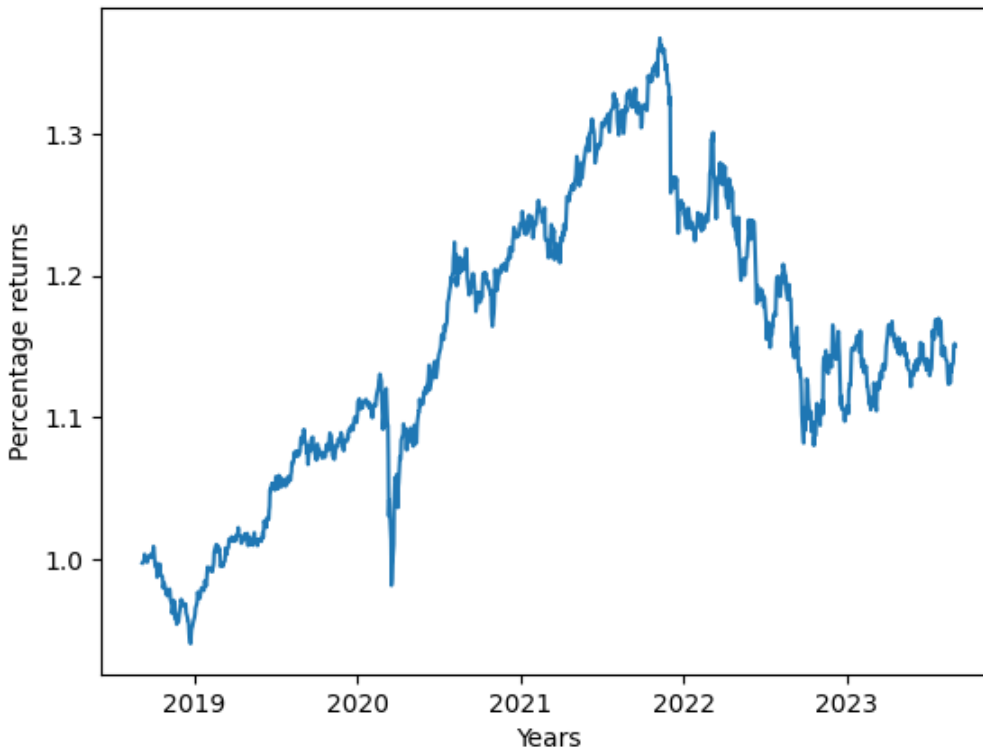




Line plot of portfolio returns



Portfolio cumulative returns between 2018 and 2023



# Pulling the closing prices of the respective ETFs before analysing the risk and return of stocks

combined\_closing\_prices2

	VTI float64 111.91 - 242.97	PDBC float64 11.22 - 22.71	VGIT float64 57.14 - 70.85	VGLT float64 57.38 - 105.03	GLDM float64 23.68 - 41.14	
201...	148.92	17.87	62.59	73.83	23.98	
201...	148.58	17.92	62.38	73.23	23.92	
201...	148.9	17.96	62.37	73.48	23.9	
201...	149.4	18.14	62.25	72.97	23.92	
201...	149.41	18.28	62.29	73.13	24.11	



201...	150.16	18.09	62.29	73.21	24
201...	150.28	17.99	62.17	72.89	23.88
201...	149.33	17.96	62.22	72.91	24.02
201...	150.13	18.11	62.05	72.14	23.96
201...	150.15	18.23	62	71.78	24.06

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## Risk and return of portfolio

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# Total return of portfolio - calculated using for loop
total_return_per_stock = []

# Creating a for loop to append total return for each ETF into total_return_per_stock list
for name in combined_closing_prices2.columns:
    total_return_per_stock.append((combined_closing_prices2[name][-1] - combined_closing_prices2[name]
total_return_per_stock_df = pd.DataFrame({'Returns': total_return_per_stock}, index = ['VTI', 'PDBC'

# Total return of portfolio from individual stock returns
total_return_portfolio = np.sum(total_return_per_stock*weights.T)

# Annualised returns of portfolio
annualised_return = ((1+total_return_portfolio)**(1/5)) - 1

# Volatility of portfolio
vol_port = returns.portfolio.std() * np.sqrt(250)

# Sharpe ratio - assuming risk free rate is 4.27% (according to 10 year US treasury rate as of 7 Sep
rfr = 0.0427
port_sharpe_ratio = ((annualised_return - rfr) / vol_port)

# Sortino ratio of portfolio
target_rate = 0
downside_returns = returns.loc[returns['portfolio'] < target_rate]

expected_return = returns['portfolio'].mean()
down_stdev = downside_returns['portfolio'].std()

sortino_ratio = (expected_return - rfr)/down_stdev

#Summarizing findings into a table for easier visualisation
summary1 = pd.DataFrame({'Total Return': total_return_portfolio, 'Annualised Return': annualised_retu
summary1

```

	Total Return float64	Annualised Return f..	Volatility float64	Sharpe Ratio float64	Sortino Ratio float64
Por...	0.1349300324	0.02563732588	0.09176574226	-0.1859372975	-8.663312509

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The data above shown in the dataframe highlights that the portfolio has not performed exceptionally well in the past 5 years. It has generated total returns of 13.4%, equivalent to an annual return of around 2.5%. This, in light of its relatively high volatility (9.2%) does not appear to be a very successful portfolio. Its negative sortino ratio of -8.6 shows that the portfolio has generated returns lower than the risk free rate (assumed to be 4.27%) - indicating that downside volatility (risk of losses) has been high compared to the returns achieved.

### 3. Repeat (2) but with the maximum Sharpe portfolio and minimum volatility portfolio.

```
# Calculating portfolio mean, volatility, skewness and kurtosis

portfolio_mean = returns.portfolio.mean()

portfolio_volatility = returns.portfolio.std() * np.sqrt(250)

portfolio_skewness = returns.portfolio.skew()

portfolio_kurtosis = returns.portfolio.kurt()

print('Portfolio Mean: ' + str(portfolio_mean) + '\n' + 'Portfolio Volatility: ' + str(portfolio_volatility))
```

```
Portfolio Mean: 0.00012847665681194108
Portfolio Volatility: 0.09176574225621523
Portfolio Skewness: -1.150642382601818
Portfolio Kurtosis: 9.383993079951
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```
# Define parameters for Efficient Frontier

mu = expected_returns.mean_historical_return(combined_closing_prices2)
Sigma = risk_models.sample_cov(combined_closing_prices2)

# Define the efficient frontier

ef = EfficientFrontier(mu, Sigma)

# Calculate weights for the maximum Sharpe portfolio

raw_weights_maxsharpe = ef.max_sharpe()
cleaned_weights_maxsharpe = ef.clean_weights()

print('Weights:', cleaned_weights_maxsharpe)
MaxSharpe = ef.portfolio_performance(verbose = True)
```

```
Weights: OrderedDict([('VTI', 0.24517), ('PDBC', 0.0), ('VGIT', 0.0), ('VGLT', 0.0), ('GLDM', 0.75483)])
Expected annual return: 9.6%
Annual volatility: 12.7%
Sharpe Ratio: 0.60
```

The maximum Sharpe ratio of 0.60 indicates that the portfolio is able to provide a reasonable level of return for the risk taken, beyond the risk free rate. However, to achieve this Sharpe ratio, the portfolio will only invest in two stocks - VTI and GLDM. To have a better understanding of the Sharpe ratio, I have plotted the cumulative returns of this portfolio below.





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# Weights for the sharpe ratio portfolio

sharpe_weights = np.array([0.24517, 0.75483])

VTI2 = returns.iloc[:, 0] # Select the first column
GLDM2 = returns.iloc[:, -1] # Select the last column

# Form a new DataFrame with the selected columns
sharpe_portfolio = pd.DataFrame({'VTI': VTI2, 'GLDM': GLDM2})

sharpe_returns = sharpe_portfolio.dot(sharpe_weights)

sharpe_portfolio['portfolio'] = sharpe_returns

sharpe_portfolio

# Calculating and visualising cumulative returns for the portfolio, utilising Sharpe ratio calculation
cumulative_returns_sharpe = (1+sharpe_portfolio.portfolio).cumprod()

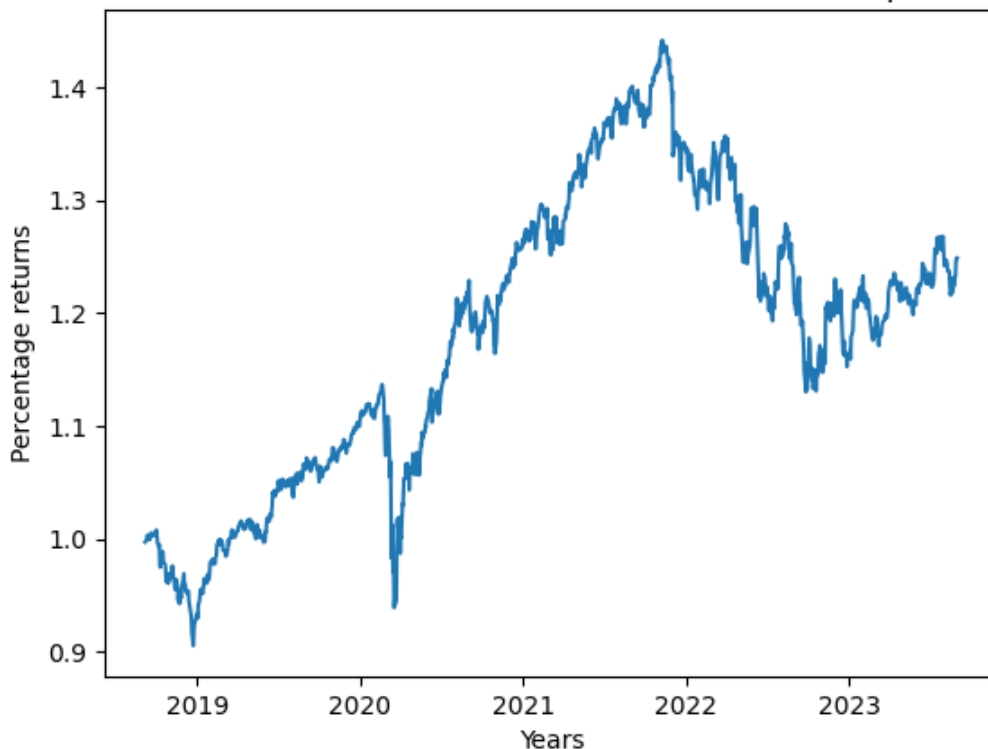
plt.xlabel('Years')
plt.ylabel('Percentage returns')

plt.title('Portfolio cumulative returns between 2018 and 2023 for Sharpe ratio portfolio')

plt.plot(cumulative_returns_sharpe)
plt.show()

```

Portfolio cumulative returns between 2018 and 2023 for Sharpe ratio portfolio



Accounting for the weights provided by the Sharpe ratio calculations, there are a few alarming factors. Firstly, the portfolio appears to be able to generate higher returns (exceeding 20% as of Sep 2023, compared to 13% for the equal weighted portfolio). During the peak of both portfolio's performance, the Sharpe ratio portfolio has already generated returns exceeding 40%, which is superior than that of the equal weighted portfolio.





```
# Calculate weights for the minimum volatility portfolio

# Define the efficient frontier

ef1 = EfficientFrontier(mu, Sigma)

# Calculate weights for the minimum volatility portfolio

raw_weights_minvol = ef1.min_volatility()
cleaned_weights_minvol = ef1.clean_weights()

print('Weights:', cleaned_weights_minvol)
MinVol = ef1.portfolio_performance(verbose = True)
```

```
Weights: OrderedDict([('VTI', 0.0624), ('PDBC', 0.03597), ('VGIT', 0.90163), ('VGLT', 0.0), ('GLDM', 0.0)])
Expected annual return: -1.0%
Annual volatility: 4.7%
Sharpe Ratio: -0.64
```

```
# Weights for the minimum volatility portfolio
```

```
minvol_weights = np.array([0.0624, 0.03597, 0.90163])
```

```
VTI3 = returns.iloc[:, 0] # Select the first column
PDBC3 = returns.iloc[:, 1] # Select the second column
VGIT3 = returns.iloc[:, 2] # Select the last column
```

```
# Form a new DataFrame with the selected columns
```

```
minvol_portfolio = pd.DataFrame({'VTI': VTI3, 'PDBC': PDBC3, 'VGIT': VGIT3})
```

```
minvol_returns = minvol_portfolio.dot(minvol_weights)
```

```
minvol_portfolio['portfolio'] = minvol_returns
```

```
# Calculating and visualising cumulative returns for the portfolio, utilising Sharpe ratio calculation
```

```
cumulative_returns_minvol = (1+minvol_portfolio.portfolio).cumprod()
```

```
plt.xlabel('Years')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Percentage returns')
```

```
plt.title('Portfolio cumulative returns between 2018 and 2023 for Minimum volatility portfolio')
```

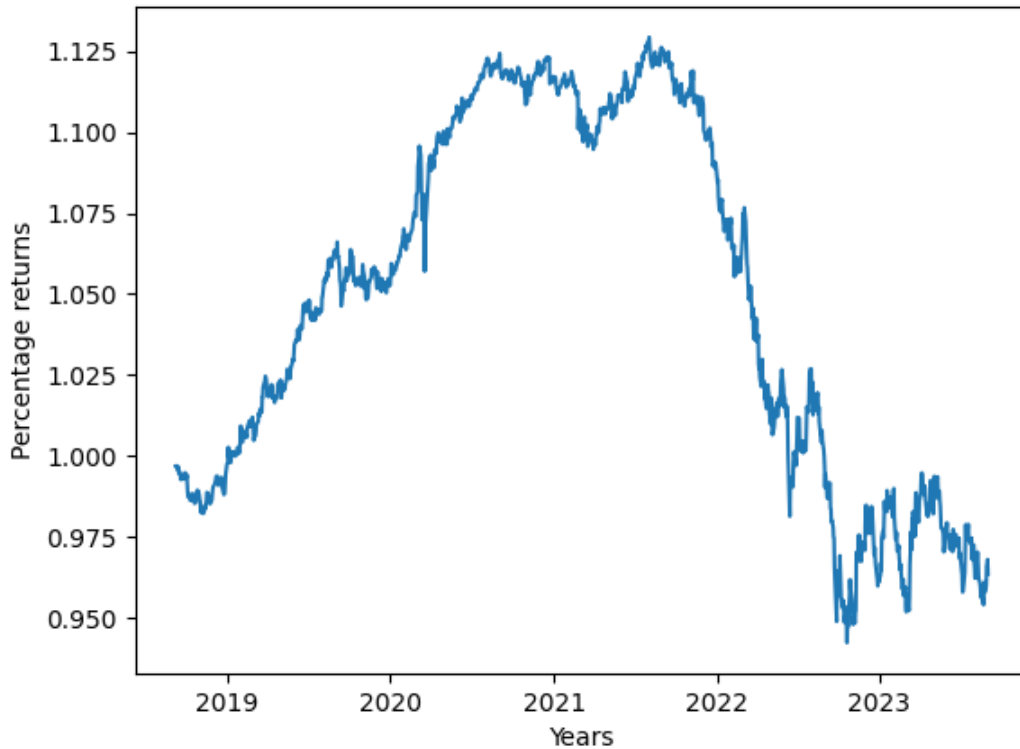
```
plt.plot(cumulative_returns_minvol)
```

```
plt.show()
```





Portfolio cumulative returns between 2018 and 2023 for Minimum volatility portfolio



seen by the graph above, cumulative returns has dropped over 20%, in addition to the fall of commodity prices in the past 1-2 years, which makes up a significant part of my portfolio.

## 4. [Optional Bonus] With PyPortfolioOpt, how can you further improve your all-weather portfolio construction?

```
# Installing relevant packages
```

```
!python -m pip install --upgrade pip
!pip install PyPortfolioOpt
!pip install pypfopt
from pypfopt.black_litterman import BlackLittermanModel
from pypfopt import objective_functions
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: pip in /root/venv/lib/python3.9/site-packages (22.0.4)
```

```
Collecting pip
```

```
  Downloading pip-23.2.1-py3-none-any.whl (2.1 MB)
```

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```
Installing collected packages: pip
```

```
  Attempting uninstall: pip
```

```
    Found existing installation: pip 22.0.4
```

```
    Uninstalling pip-22.0.4:
```

```
      Successfully uninstalled pip-22.0.4
```

```
Successfully installed pip-23.2.1
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: PyPortfolioOpt in /root/venv/lib/python3.9/site-packages (1.5.5)
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: cvxpy<2.0.0,>=1.1.19 in /root/venv/lib/python3.9/site-packages (from PyPortfolioOpt) (1.1.19)
```

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Requirement already satisfied: numpy<2.0.0,>=1.22.4 in /shared-libs/python3.9/py/lib/python3.9/site-packages (from cvxpy) (1.24.2)
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Requirement already satisfied: pandas<2.0.0,>=0.19 in /shared-libs/python3.9/py/lib/python3.9/site-packages (from cvxpy) (1.5.3)
```





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ERROR: Could not find a version that satisfies the requirement pypfopt (from versions: none)
ERROR: No matching distribution found for pypfopt
```

```
# Calculating an exponentially moving average return, and sample covariance matrix
```

```
mu_ema = expected_returns.ema_historical_return(combined_closing_prices2, span=252, frequency=252)
sigma_ew = risk_models.exp_cov(combined_closing_prices2, span = 252, frequency = 252)
```

```
# Black-Litterman model
```

```
...
```

```
Stock forecasts from online sources
```

```
VTI: +8%
PDBC: +4.5%
VGIT: -5%
VGLT: -10%
GLDM: +20%
```

```
...
```

```
# Creating dictionary to show market prediction on the ETFs
```

```
marketview = {'VTI': 0.08, 'PDBC': 0.045, 'VGIT': -0.05, 'VGLT': -0.1, 'GLDM': 0.2}
```

```
from pypfopt import BlackLittermanModel, expected_returns, risk_models, EfficientFrontier, objective
```

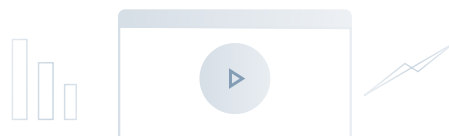
```
# Create BlackLittermanModel
```

```
b1 = BlackLittermanModel(sigma_ew, pi=mu_ema, absolute_views=marketview)
```

```
# Calculate Black-Litterman returns and covariance matrix
```

```
ret_b1 = b1.bl_returns()
```

```
S_b1 = b1.bl_cov()
```



**Run the app to see the outputs**

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```
# Create EfficientFrontier object with the returns and covariance matrix
```

```
ef2 = EfficientFrontier(ret_b1, S_b1)
```

```
# Adding L2 regularisation
```

```
ef2.add_objective(objective_functions.L2_reg, gamma=0.1)
```

```
# Compute the weights for the minimum volatility portfolio
```

```
raw_weights_b1 = ef2.min_volatility()
```

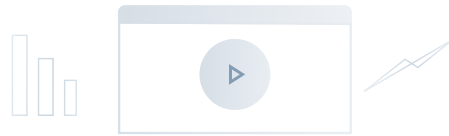






```
# Clean the weights
cleaned_weights_b1 = ef2.clean_weights()

weights_df = pd.DataFrame(cleaned_weights_b1, index = ["weights"])
weights_array = weights_df.values[0]
```



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```
# Extract weights from model
```

```
weights_array_df = pd.DataFrame(weights_array, index = ["VTI", "PDBC", "VGIT", "VGLT", "GLDM"], columns = ["weights"])
model = ef2.portfolio_performance(verbose=True)
```

Expected annual return: 2.6%

Annual volatility: 9.0%

Sharpe Ratio: 0.06

weights\_array\_df

	weights float64	
VTI	0.19757	
PD...	0.17192	
VGIT	0.24289	
VGLT	0.18632	
GL...	0.2013	

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#### Reflection for Q4

The weights after incorporating PyPortfolioOpt weights still do not look ideal, and is inferior to the expected returns and Sharpe ratio figures calculated as part of question 3. I think an interesting topic to explore would be to test whether gamma values, number of stock in portfolios, as well as the market prediction on ETF growth or fall would change the performance of this black-litterman model, and if so, the extent to which these factors affect its performance.

