

Module 8: Resampling methods

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Applying bootstrap

The following code generates (X_i, Y_i) pairs.

```
library(MASS)
generate_pairs <- function(n) {
  # Generate n pairs of financial returns.
  muX <- 2
  muY <- -1
  CovMx <- matrix(c(1, -.25, -.25, 2), nrow = 2)
  data <- mvrnorm(n = 100, mu = c(muX, muY), Sigma = CovMx)
  return(data.frame('X' = data[, 1],
                    'Y' = data[, 2]))
}

fin_pairs <- generate_pairs( 100 ); # Generate 100 (X,Y) pairs.
head(fin_pairs)

##           X           Y
## 1 2.9950766 -1.3190971
## 2 1.7001962 -3.0319740
## 3 1.7502291 -1.8547288
## 4 0.6565084  0.5168163
## 5 1.5047341  0.8193657
## 6 3.0771560 -1.3694073
```

We are interested in

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_Y^2 - \hat{\sigma}_{XY}}{\hat{\sigma}_X^2 + \hat{\sigma}_Y^2 - 2\hat{\sigma}_{XY}}$$

```
Sigmahat <- cov(fin_pairs)
Sigmahat

##           X           Y
## X 0.84833411 -0.02145987
## Y -0.02145987  1.60275361

sigma2hatXX <- Sigmahat[1,1]
sigma2hatYY <- Sigmahat[2,2]
sigmahatXY <- Sigmahat[1,2]
```

The $\hat{\alpha}$ is

```
alphahat <- (sigma2hatYY - sigmahatXY)/(sigma2hatXX + sigma2hatYY -2*sigmahatXY)
alphahat
```

```
## [1] 0.6512464
```

While the true value of alpha is

```
sigma2XX <- 1
sigma2YY <- 2
sigmaXY <- -0.25
alpha_true <-(sigma2YY - sigmaXY)/(sigma2XX + sigma2YY -2*sigmaXY)
alpha_true
```

```
## [1] 0.6428571
```

Now, again, we're going to resample with replacement from our data, and compute our statistic $\hat{\alpha}$ on each resample. The hope is that these resampled versions of the statistic will resemble the distribution of the statistic evaluated on the original data.

1. Create a function to compute $\hat{\alpha}$ from a given data set.
2. Resample the data $B = 200$ times, evaluating $\hat{\alpha}$ on each resample. Then, we'll use those resampled values to estimate the variance.
3. Create the confidence interval at the estimate.