

# 15.470 Asset Pricing

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## Fundamental Theory of Asset Pricing

### Introduction

**Definition (Positive Approach)** Minimal restrictions of **no arbitrage**. Somewhat unique to finance due to wealth of data.

**Definition (Normative Approach)** Micro-founded model of portfolio choice  $\Rightarrow$  Decision rules  $\Rightarrow$  equilibrium restrictions on prices.

	Positive Approach Reduced Form	Normative Approach Structure
Theory is	useful for <i>relative</i> prices <i>Derivative assets</i>	useful for <i>absolute</i> prices <i>Why is S&amp;P returns at 7%/yr?</i>
Pros	Weak assumptions: learn from the data	economics more transparent, potentially more robust to policy changes
Cons	Prices are endogenous, world is always changing $\rightarrow$ conclusions may lack external validity <i>Model may not apply in future</i>	stronger assumptions $\rightarrow$ model will always be misspecified

**This Course:** Demand for + Valuation of risky assets.

**Ignore:** frictions that make supply of risky assets hard (corpor. fin.)

- Financial frictions
- Capital structure: firm choice of debt/equity
- Moral hazard/separation of ownership and control (exec comp)
- Banking and liquidity

**Definition (Gross Return)** Change in value of a \$1 initial investment

$$R_{t+1} = \frac{\text{Payoff}(t+1)}{\text{Payoff}(t)} = \frac{X_{t+1}}{P_t}$$

- investor receives cash flow  $X_{t+1}$  without taking an action.
- can choose to liquidate position at market price  $X_{t+1}$ .
- can choose to reinvest cash flows at market price  $P_{t+1}$ .

**Definition (Net Return)**  $r_t = 1 + R_t$ .

**Definition (Excess Return)**  $= r_t - r^f$ .

**Definition (Compound Return)**  $\Pi_{j=1}^k R_{t+j}$  = Return from  $t$  to  $t+k$  where cash flows are reinvested.

**Definition (Returns Stats)**

**Arithmetic:**  $\bar{R}_T^A = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T R_t$  (Arithm < Geom by Jensen)

**Note:** Arithmetic: quoted, not meaningful

**Geometric:**  $\bar{R}_T^G = \left[ \prod_{t=1}^T R_t \right]^{1/T} = \exp \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \log R_t \right)$

**Note:** Geometric: captures compounding

**Sample Variance:**  $\hat{\sigma}^2 := \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[ R_t - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{j=1}^T R_j \right]^2$

**Stand. Dev/Volatility:**  $\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2}$

**Skewness, Kurtosis:** Higher moments.

**Nonparametric:** histograms, bootstrap, Monte-Carlo, resampling...

**Definition (Risk Premium)**  $\pi_t = \mathbb{E}[r_t - r^f]$ .

**Definition (Sharpe Ratio)**  $SR_t = \frac{\mathbb{E}[r_t - r^f]}{\text{Std}(r_t - r^f)} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\text{return}]}{\text{Unit Risk}}$ .

**Properties (Log Plot)**  $\log R(t+k) - \log R(t) = \sum_{i=t+1}^k \log R_i$   
 $= \log R(t+1, t+k)$  cumulative log return over holding period  $[t, t+k]$ .

**Vector Notation:**  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]' \in \mathbb{R}^n$

**a  $\geq 0$ :**  $a_i \geq 0 \ \forall i$  ( $a \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ )

**a  $> 0$ :**  $a_i \geq 0 \ \forall i$  AND  $a_i > 0$  for at least one  $i$ .

**a  $\gg 0$ :**  $a_i > 0 \ \forall i$  ( $a \in \text{Int } \mathbb{R}_+^n$ )

### Arrow-Debreu State-Space Framework

**Environment:** (M States)  $m = 1, \dots, M$

**Two Dates:**  $t = 0, 1$

**t = 1 State Space:**  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_M\} \implies M$  states

**Prob. Measure:**  $\mathbb{P}$  over  $\Omega$ ,  $p_m := \mathbb{P}(\omega_m)$ ,  $\sum_{m=1}^M p_m = 1$ .

**Agents:** (K Agents)  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$

**Resources:**

- Information:** For now, assume **all** prior info in **same**  $\mathbb{P}$ . Assume **Rational**  $\mathbb{E}$  & **Homog. Beliefs**

- Endowment:**  $\exists$  one perishable good in economy.

$$\mathbf{e}^k := [e_0^k, \mathbf{e}_1^k]' = [e_0^k, e_{11}^k, \dots, e_{1M}^k]' \in \mathbb{R}^{1+M}$$

$$e_0^k \text{ at } t = 0 \quad e_{1\omega}^k \text{ at } t = 1 \text{ & state } \omega.$$

$$\text{Standard Portfolio Problem: } e_0^k > 0, \mathbf{e}_1^k = 0.$$

$$\text{Nonnegative Endowment: } \mathbf{e}^k \in \mathbb{R}_+^{1+M} (\mathbf{e}^k \geq 0).$$

- Production Technology:** Pay  $\$I$  now, get  $f_\omega(I)$  at  $t = 1$  & state  $\omega \implies y_0(I) = -I; y_1(I) = [f_1(I), \dots, f_M(I)]'$   
 $\text{Assume: } f_\omega(0) = 0$  (invest nothing get nothing)  
 $\& f_\omega'(I) \geq 0, f_\omega''(I) \leq 0$  (Increasing but Diminishing returns)

**Choices:** Consumption + Resource Alloc.

- Consumption:**  $\mathbf{c}^k := [c_0^k, \mathbf{c}_1^k]' = [c_0^k, c_{11}^k, \dots, c_{1M}^k]' \in \mathbb{R}^{1+M}$   
 $c_0^k = e_0 - P'\theta$  ( $t = 0$ ) (How much I eat today)  
 $c_{1\omega}^k = e_1 + D_1\theta|_\omega$  ( $t = 1$ , state  $\omega$ ) (How much I eat tomorrow)

- Consumption Plan:**  $\mathbf{c}^k := [c_0^k, \mathbf{c}_1^k]$

- Consumption Path:**  $[c_0^k, c_{1\omega}^k] \implies \text{What we Observe!}$

- Consum. Set:**  $C := \{\mathbf{c}^k : \text{feas.}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{1+M}$ ; Usual:  $C = \mathbb{R}_+^{1+M}$   
**Prop:**  $C$  is a **closed** + **convex** subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{1+M}$ .

- Budget Set:** Set of consumption plans given by purchasing  $\theta$ :  
 $B(e, \{D_1, P\}) := \{c \geq 0 : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N, c_0^k = e_0 - P'\theta, c_1^k = e_1 + D_1\theta\}$

**Preferences:** How they make choices.

**Rational Preference:** binary relat  $\gtrsim^k$  over consump  $C = \mathbb{R}_+^{1+M}$  s.t.

- Complete:**  $a, b \in C \implies a \gtrsim^k b$  or  $b \gtrsim^k a$  or both.

- Reflexive:**  $a \in C \implies a \gtrsim^k a$

- Transitive:**  $a \gtrsim^k b$  &  $b \gtrsim^k c \implies a \gtrsim^k c$

**Continuous Pref  $\gtrsim$ :**  $\Leftrightarrow \forall \{a_n\} \rightarrow a, \{b_n\} \rightarrow b \in C : a_n \gtrsim b_n \Rightarrow a \gtrsim b$   
**Utility Function:**  $u_k : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.

$$a, b \in C : a \gtrsim b \Leftrightarrow u_k(a) \geq u_k(b).$$

**Strictly Monotonic:**  $u_k(c) > u_k(c')$ ,  $\forall c > c'$ .

**Theorem (Debreu)**  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : \gtrsim$  **rational** + **cont**  
 $\implies \gtrsim$  can be represented by a **continuous** utility function.

**Securities Market: (N Assets)**  $n = 1, \dots, N$

**Security:** Financial Claim yielding payoff/**dividend**  $D_{1n}$  at  $t = 1$ .

**Payoff Vector:**  $D_{1n} = [D_{11}, \dots, D_{1M}]' \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $D_{1\omega}$  at  $t = 1$  state  $\omega$ .

**Market Structure:**  $D_1 = [D_{11}, \dots, D_{1N}] = [D_{1\omega n}]_{M \times N} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

**Price:**  $P_n \in \mathbb{R}$  : price of security  $n$  at  $t = 0$ .

**Price Vector:**  $P = [P_1, \dots, P_N]' \in \mathbb{R}^N$  at  $t = 0$ .

**Portfolio:**  $\theta = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N] \in \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \text{cost}_{t=0} = -P'\theta$ ,  $\text{payoff}_{t=1} = D_1\theta$ .

**Short Sale:**  $\theta_j < 0$  : borrow  $|\theta_j|$  of asset  $j$  ( $t = 0$ ), pay  $\theta_j D_{1\omega j}$  ( $t = 1$ ).

**B Matrix:**  $B := [-P', D]' \in \mathbb{R}^{(M+1) \times N}$ .

**Proposition**

$$c = e + B'\theta = [e_0 - P'\theta, [e_{1m} + \sum_{n=1}^N D_{n1m} \theta_n]]_{M \times 1}$$

**Frictionless Market:**

- No access + transactions costs + taxes

- No position constraints + market impact + divisible goods

- No information asymmetry

**Market Equilibrium:**

**Optimization:**  $\max_{\theta} u_k(c^k)$  s.t.  $c^k \in B(e, \{D_1, P\})$ ;  $\text{Sol}^\circ = \theta^k(P, e)$ .

ex:  $M = N = 1$ ,  $D_1 = 1$ ,  $P = 1/(1+r) \rightarrow$  borrow/lend at rate  $r$ .

ex:  $M = N = 2$ ,  $e_0 > 0$ ,  $e_1 = 0$ ,  $c_0$  fixed, wealth  $w_0 = \text{Diag}(e_0 - c_0)$

$\rightarrow$  choose  $c_{1\omega} = w_0 D_1 \text{Diag}(P^{-1}) \theta = w_0 R_1 \theta$  s.t.  $\theta^k \mathbf{1}_N = 1$ .

**Market Equilibrium:** Supply = Demand

**Market Clearing:**  $\sum_{k=1}^K \theta^k(P, e^k) = 0$  i.e.  $\sum_{k=1}^K c^k = \sum_{k=1}^K e^k$ .  
 $\implies$  Gives equilibrium prices  $P(D_1, \mathbb{P}, \{u^k, e^k\}_{k=1}^K)$ .

**Pareto Dominance:** Allocation  $c^k$  Pareto Dominates  $c^{k'}$

$\implies u^k(c^k) \geq u^{k'}(c^{k'}) \forall k$  and strict for one  $k$ .

**Pareto Optimality:** Allocation  $c^k$  is Pareto Optimal

$\implies c^k$  feas. ( $\sum_k c^k = \sum_k e^k$ ) &  $\nexists$  a feasible P.Dominating alloc.

Investor decides upon her portfolio  $\theta$  (facing  $P$ )

State of nature realizes.  
Portfolio pays off according to  $D_1$ .

$t = 0$

$t = 1$

$t$

**Arbitrage**

**Replication:**

**Exclude Asset:**  $\theta_{\setminus n} = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N]' \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$  portfolio excluding  $\theta_n$ ,  $D_{\setminus n} = [D'_1, \dots, D'_N]' \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times (N-1)}$  payoff matrix excluding  $D_n$ .

**Definition (Redundant Security)** Security  $n$  is redundant  
 $\implies \exists \theta_{\setminus n}$  s.t.  $D_{\setminus n} \theta_{\setminus n} = D_n$

**Definition (Our Setup)** rank  $(D_1) = N \leq M$ :

$\implies$  drop redundant security (but possibly incomplete market).

**Definition (Payoff Space  $C_1$ )**

$$C_1(D_1) := \{c_1 = D_1\theta \in \mathbb{R}^M : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N\} = \text{span}(D_1, \dots, D_N) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$$

**Prop:**  $\dim C_1 = N$

**Definition (Payoff Replicat $^\circ$ )** Payoff  $c_1$  = replicated/financed by  $\theta$   
 $\implies c_1 \in C_1(D_1) \iff \exists$  portfolio  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$  s.t.  $c_1 = D_1\theta$

**Definition (Complete Market)** A securities market is complete

$\implies \forall$  payoff  $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}^M, \exists \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$  s.t.  $D\theta = c_1$ .

$\implies \text{span}(D_1, \dots, D_N) = \mathbb{R}^M$  (i.e., need  $N = M$ )

**Definition (State-Contingent Claims/Arrow-Debreu Securities)**  
State- $\omega$  contingent claim  $e_\omega \in \mathbb{R}^M$  has payoff 1 in state  $\omega$ , 0 otherwise.

**Definition (Arrow-Debreu Market/Economy)**

A securities market with a **complete set** of A-D securities:

$$D^{AD} = \mathbb{I}_{N \times N} = \mathbb{I}_{M \times M} \quad (\text{as } N = M)$$

**Prop:** An AD Market is complete.

### Definition (State Price Vector $\phi$ )

$\phi_\omega$  = price of  $e_\omega$  at  $t = 0$ .

Vector:  $\phi = [\phi_1, \dots, \phi_M]'$   $\in \mathbb{R}^M$ .

Set of State Prices:  $\Phi = \{\phi \in \mathbb{R}^M : \text{consistent with NA}\}$  ( $P' = \Phi'D$ )

**Prop:** Payoff  $c = [c_1, \dots, c_M]'$   $= \sum_{\omega=1}^M e_\omega c_\omega$

**Prop:** Price of Portfolio  $\theta = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{M-N}]'$ :  $P = \sum_{n=1}^N \phi_n D_n$  (?)

### Definition (Arbitrage)

Given market with structure  $D$ , price vector  $P$ :

Arbitrage = trading strategy  $\theta$  at  $t = 0$  s.t.

1. Require no cash inflow at  $t = 0$ :  $P'\theta \leq 0$
2. Generates positive cash flow at  $t = 1$ :  $D\theta \geq 0$

**AND** one of the ineqs is **strict**.

**Note:** Arbitrage = rely on prices+payoffs NOT probabilities

Arbitrage = scalable (frictionless market) + available to everyone

**Principles (No Arbitrage)** Frictionless market  $\Rightarrow \exists$  arbitrage

**Proposition (Arbitrage Existence)**  $\iff \exists \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$  s.t.  $B\theta > 0$ .

**Type 1:**  $B\theta = [0, > 0]'$  free at  $t = 0$ , maybe paid at  $t = 1$

**Type 2:**  $B\theta = [> 0, \geq 0]'$  paid at  $t = 0$ , maybe paid at  $t = 1$

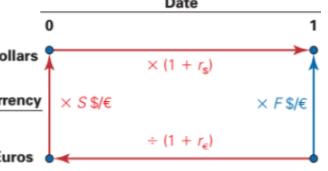
### Proposition

Market Equilib + 1 agent w/ strictly monotonic pref  $\Rightarrow \exists$  arbitrage  
( $\cdot$ ) invest  $\infty$  amount in it  $\Rightarrow$  no equilibrium

**Warning:**  $\exists$  arbitrage  $\not\Rightarrow$  Market Equilibrium

### Example: (Covered Interest Parity (CIP) Formula)

- Borrow € today at int. rate  $r_e$ .
- Convert € to \$ at the current exchange rate  $S$ .
- Invest \$ at US interest rate  $r_s$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  Must have **SAME** price  $F$  as forward contract:  $F = S \times \frac{1+r_s}{1+r_e}$

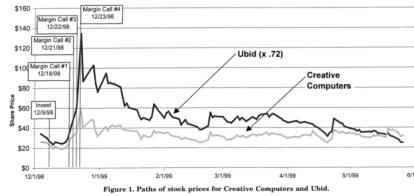


### Note: (Limits to Arbitrage)

Pure arbitrage  $\exists$  only in **perfect** markets. In **practice**:

- Need capital + posting collateral.
- Shorting is costly! People are worried about default risk
- **Imperfect Information + Market Frictions**  $\Rightarrow$  arbitrage strategies are **capital intensive + risky**:

- Arbitrageurs use leverage to invest more than their own \$.
- Can get margin calls before the arbitrage takes place.
- Short-selling is risky! No limited liability ( $\infty$  losses)



• "To avoid the costly margin calls, the arbitrageur would have had to post \$4.53 of excess cash for every \$1 of long position."

• Return with transaction costs/margin limits: 9.5%

• Return ignoring frictions: 45.9%

### CIP Violations in the Data:

- Arbitrage is associated with opportunity costs
- Regulations  $\Rightarrow$  only financial institutions can close the CIP arb.
- High capital requirements for trading to close CIP arb. (very high costs at quarter ends)

## Fundamental Thm of Asset Pricing (FTAP)

### Valuation Operator:

**Definition (Asset Pricing Model)** Mapping from a security's payoff vector  $d$  to its price  $P$ :  $P = V(d)$ .

**Definition (Pricing/valuation operator)**  $V : \mathbb{R}^M \supseteq C_1(D) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$   
 $d \mapsto P = V(d)$ .

**Theorem** Under No Arbitrage:  $d, d_1, d_2 \in C_1(D)$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

**Positivity**  $d > 0 \Rightarrow V(d) > 0$ , and  $d = 0 \Rightarrow V(d) = 0$

**Law of One Price**  $d_1 = d_2 \Rightarrow V(d_1) = V(d_2)$

**Monotonicity**  $d_1 \geq d_2 \Rightarrow V(d_1) \geq V(d_2)$

**Linearity**  $V(a \cdot d_1 + b \cdot d_2) = aV(d_1) + bV(d_2)$

**Theorem (FTAP)**  $\exists$  arbitrage in market

$\iff \exists \phi \gg 0$  s.t.  $P' = \phi'D$  (i.e.,  $P = D'\phi$ ).

$\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{M+1}$  = **State Price Vector** implied from  $D$  and  $P$ .

**Note:** Given  $\phi$ , can price any traded asset (don't need  $\mathbb{P}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}$ ).

**Proposition** Redundant securities  $\Rightarrow \phi$  is **not unique**.

May find  $\phi$  that are not  $\gg 0$ . If  $\exists \phi \gg 0 \Rightarrow \exists$  arbitrage.

**Definition (DCF/PV Formula)**  $P_n = \phi'D_n = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} D_{n\omega}$

**Proposition**  $\phi \gg 0 \Rightarrow$  all AD prices are arbitrage-free.

**Note:**  $\phi_{\omega}$  = price of a hypothetical AD security (whose payoff may or may not be achievable).

If  $\phi$  large in bad states  $\Rightarrow$  insurance.

**Theorem (Stiemke's Lemma)**  $\exists \phi \gg 0$  ( $\in \mathbb{R}^m$ ) s.t.  $P' = \phi'D$   
 $\iff \exists \theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $B\theta > 0$ .

**Example: (Incomplete Market)**  $D = (1, 2, 3)', P = 1$ :  
 $\Rightarrow \Phi = \{\phi \gg 0 : \phi'D = 1\} = \{\phi \gg 0 : \phi_1 + 2\phi_2 + 3\phi_3 = 1\}$ .  
Price  $D_2 = (2, 2, 2)'$ :  $P_2$

**Example: (Incomplete Market II)** Find price  $P_b$  of new security with payoff  $b$  s.t.  $b \notin \text{span}(D_1)$  (i.e., not redundant):  
 $P_b = \{\phi_b : \phi \gg 0, P' = \phi'D_1\}$  i.e.,  $\inf_{\phi \in \Phi \gg 0} \phi_b < P_b < \sup_{\phi \in \Phi \gg 0} \phi_b$

If Security  $b$  is redundant:  $P_b = \{P\theta : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^n, D_1\theta = b\} = \phi_b$ .

### Special Case – Complete Markets:

**Proposition** Complete market  $\Rightarrow \phi = (D^{-1})'P$ .

**Theorem** No Arbitrage  $\Rightarrow \exists \phi \in \mathbb{R}^M$  s.t.  $P' = \phi'D$ .

Furthermore,  $\exists$  portfolio  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$  s.t.  $\phi = D\theta$ .

**Note:** If  $D$  has redundant columns:  $\theta$  not unique BUT  $\phi$  is unique

**Proposition** Complete Market + No Arbitrage  $\Rightarrow \exists \phi \gg 0$ .

## State-Price Density/Risk Neutral Measure

**Definition (Risk-Free Asset)** Payoff:  $D_1 = \mathbf{1}_M \in \mathbb{R}^M$  i.e.,  $D_{1\omega} = 1$ ,  $\forall \omega \in \Omega$ , with price  $P_1 = \frac{1}{1+r^f} = \sum_{\omega=1}^M \phi_{\omega} = \phi'\mathbf{1}_M$ .

**Definition (Risk-Neutral Measure)**  $\mathbb{Q} = \{q_{\omega} : \omega \in \Omega\}$ , where  $q_{\omega} = \frac{\phi_{\omega}}{\sum_{\omega'} \phi_{\omega'}} = (1 + r^f) \phi_{\omega}$

**Prop:**  $q_{\omega} > 0$ ,  $\sum_{\omega} q_{\omega} = 1$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$  (agree on zero-measure sets).

**Idea:** Probabilities/riskiness hidden in state prices  $\phi$ .

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Q} = \text{normalized state prices} (\neq \mathbb{P} : \text{tied to data/observed})$ .

### Risk-Neutral Pricing:

1.  $P' = \phi'D \Rightarrow$  get state prices  $\phi$ .

2. Get RF rate:  $1 + r^f = \frac{1}{\sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega}}$ .

3. Construct  $\mathbb{Q} = \{q_{\omega} = \frac{\phi_{\omega}}{\sum_{\omega'} \phi_{\omega'}} = (1 + r^f) \phi_{\omega}\}$ .

4. Price any asset with payoff vector  $D_n$ :

$P_n = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[D_n]}{1+r^f} = \frac{1}{1+r^f} \sum_{\omega} q_{\omega} D_{n\omega}$ .

5. Get **Expected Return**:  $1 + \bar{r}_n = (1 + r^f) \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[D_n]}$ .

### Definition (State-Price Density/Stochastic Discount Factor $\eta$ )

**Idea:**  $P_n = \phi'D_n = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} D_{n\omega} = \sum_{\omega} p_{\omega} \frac{\phi_{\omega}}{p_{\omega}} D_{n\omega}$

$\Rightarrow \eta_{\omega} = \frac{\phi_{\omega}}{p_{\omega}}$ ,  $\forall \omega \in \Omega$ . **Prop:**  $\eta_{\omega} > 0$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta] = \frac{1}{1+r^f}$ .

$\Rightarrow \eta = \text{PAIN INDEX!}$   $\eta$  small  $\rightarrow$  good state;  $\eta$  big  $\rightarrow$  bad (how worried people are about the future)

**Note:**  $\eta$  is hard to observe (unless market is complete)

**Proposition (P ~ Q)**  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[X] = \frac{1}{1+r^f} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}\left[\frac{X}{\eta}\right]$ , &  $\phi_{\omega} = \frac{q_{\omega}}{1+r^f} = p_{\omega} \eta_{\omega}$

**Note:**  $p_i > q_i \Rightarrow$  payoffs in state  $i$  are very valuable

**Idea:**  $\eta$  removes the probabilities from  $\phi$ : it will add them with  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\cdot]$ .

**SPD/SDF Pricing: you must know  $\mathbb{P} = \{\phi_{\omega}\}$ :**

1.  $P' = \phi'D \Rightarrow$  get state prices  $\phi$ .

2. Get SPD/SDF:  $\eta = \frac{\phi_{\omega}}{p_{\omega}}$ .

3. Price any asset with payoff vector  $D_n$ :

$P_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta D_n] = \sum_{\omega} p_{\omega} \eta_{\omega} D_{n\omega}$ .

4. Get **Expected Return**:  $1 + \bar{r}_n = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta D_n]} = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta D_n]}$ .

5. Get RF rate:  $1 + r^f = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta]}$ .

**Theorem (Representation Thm)**  $\exists$  a positive pricing operator  $V$   
 $\iff \exists$  risk-neutral measure  $\mathbb{Q}$  & riskless asset  $r^f$   
 $\iff \exists$  SPD/SDF  $\eta \gg 0$ .

### Discounted Cash Flow (DCF)/Present Value (PV) Formula:

#### Definition (Discount Rate/Expected Rate of Return)

$1 + \bar{r}_n = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta D_n]} = (1 + r^f) \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[D_n]} = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[D_n/\eta]}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[D_n]}$ .

**Definition (Rate of Return)** Random  $\bar{r}_n : r_{n\omega} = \frac{D_{n\omega}}{P_n} - 1$

**Note:**  $\bar{r}_{1\omega} = r^f$ ,  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{r}_n] = \bar{r}_n$ , and  $1 + \bar{r}_n = \frac{D_n}{P_n}$

**Definition (Risk Premium)**  $\pi_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{r}_n - r^f] = \bar{r}_n - r^f$ .

**Proposition (DCF/PV)**  $P_n = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{1 + \bar{r}_n} = \frac{\sum_{\omega} p_{\omega} D_{n\omega}}{1 + \bar{r}_n}$

$P_1 = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} = \frac{1}{1+r^f}$  and  $\bar{r}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_1]}{P_1} - 1 = \frac{1}{P_1} - 1 = r^f$

### Proposition (Risk Premium)

$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[1 + \bar{r}_n] = (1 + r^f) (1 - \text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta, 1 + \bar{r}_n))$

$\Rightarrow \pi_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{r}_n - r^f] = -(1 + r^f) \text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta, \bar{r}_n - r^f)$

and  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{r}_n] = r^f \forall n \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{r}_n - r^f] = 0 \forall n$

( $\cdot$ )  $P_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta D_n] \Rightarrow 1 = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta D_n / P_n] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta(1 + \bar{r}_n)]$

$1 = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta] \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[(1 + \bar{r}_n)] + \text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta, 1 + \bar{r}_n)$

**Idea:** Asset performing well in bad times earns lower returns.

“-” sign: if make money in bad state (insurance): pay for it!

### Corollary (Irrelevance of Idiosyncratic Risk)

Decomposition:  $D_n = \text{Proj}(D_n|\eta) + \varepsilon_n$  where  $\varepsilon \perp \eta$  &  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon] = 0$ .

$P_j = P_k \iff \text{Proj}(D_j|\eta) = \text{Proj}(D_k|\eta)$

**Note:**  $\rho(\eta, D_n) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{r}_n = r^f$  (but  $\bar{r}_n \neq r^f$ ) and  $P_n = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[D_n]}{1+r^f}$

**Example: (Log-Normal Case)**  $\log \eta$  and  $\log(1 + \bar{r}_n)$  jointly normal:

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\log(1 + \bar{r}_n)] - \log(1 + r^f) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\log(1 + \bar{r}_n)) =$

$- \text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\log \eta, \log(1 + \bar{r}_n))$

**Theorem (Hansen-Jagannathan Bound)** Sharpe Ratio of asset  $n$ :

$SR_n := \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{r}_n - r^f]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\bar{r}_n - r^f)}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta)}}{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta]}$

( $\cdot$ )  $\frac{\pi_n}{1+r^f} = -\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta, \bar{r}_n - r^f) \leq -(-1) \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta)} \sqrt{\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\bar{r}_n - r^f)}$

**Definition (Entropy of a r.v.)**  $X > 0$ :

$L^{\mathbb{P}}(X) = \log \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[X] - \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\log X] \geq 0$ .

**Theorem (Entropy Bound)**  $L^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta) \geq \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\log(1 + \bar{r}_n)] - \log(1 + r^f)$ .

**Note:** Can observe  $SR > 0.8 \Rightarrow \eta$  VERY volatile

Many models generate  $\sigma(\eta)$  &  $L^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta)$  much lower than bound

## FTAP: Corporate Finance

### Assumptions

- (1) Not restricted to financial assets (allow agents to invest in real productive opportunities)
- (2) Securities market: frictionless + complete
  - complete set of AD securities traded with price vector  $\phi \gg 0$
- (3) Endowment  $e = [e_0, e_1']'$ .
- (4) Firms = only defined by the production technologies they possess  $y_0$ : investment into the production opportunity at  $t = 0$
- $y_{1\omega} = y_\omega(y_0)$ ,  $\forall \omega \in \Omega$ : output from production at  $t = 1$ , state  $\omega$
- Assume:  $y_\omega(0) = 0$ ,  $y'_\omega(\cdot) \geq 0$  and  $y''_\omega(\cdot) < 0$  (diminishing returns)
- Production Vector:  $y_1 = [y_{11}, \dots, y_{1M}]'$
- (5) Agent wants to maximize utility  $u(c)$

**Definition (Investment NPV)**  $v = \phi'y - y_0 = \sum_\omega \phi_\omega y_\omega(y_0) - y_0$

**Definition (Agent's  $t = 0$  Wealth)**

$$w = e_0 - y_0 + \phi'(e_1 + y_1) = e_0 + \phi'e_1 + v$$

**Definition (Agent's Optimization Pb)**  $\max_{y_0, c_0, c_1} u([c_0, c_1]')$

**Solution:** s.t.  $w = c_0 + \phi'c_1$

(1) Choose  $y_0$  to maximize  $t = 0$  wealth (NPV of production)

FOC ( $dv/dy_0$ ):  $1 = \phi'y'(y_0) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [\eta_\omega \cdot y'_\omega(y_0)] = \frac{1}{1+r^f} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [y'_\omega(y_0)]$

$y(\cdot)$  concave  $\Rightarrow v(\cdot)$  concave  $\Rightarrow$  unique solution

⇒ Optimal prod<sup>o</sup> decision = indep of agent's consumption decisions!

Only depends on prod function & state prices

(2) Choose  $c$  to maximize utility  $u(c)$

### Corporate Investment Decisions:

Production opportunities are owned by firms:

$j = 1, \dots, F$  firms with Prod Tech  $y_j(y_{j0}) \in \mathbb{R}^M$ .

$s_{kj}$  = share of firm  $j$  owned by agent  $k$ :  $\sum_k s_{kj} = 1$ ,  $\forall k$

Firm's investment NPV at  $t = 0$ :  $v_j = \phi'y_j(y_{j0}) - y_{j0}$ ,  $\forall k$

Agent  $k$ 's wealth:  $w_k = e_{k0} + \phi'e_{k1} + \sum_j s_{kj} v_j$

**Firm's investment decision:** if firm  $j$  owned only by agent  $k$ ,

Decision on firm's investment = maximize  $v_j$ :  $\phi'y_j(y_{j0}) \stackrel{!}{=} 1$

Decision is indep of agent's endowment & preferences

⇒ firm's optimal investment decision indep of who owns it.

**Theorem (Maximize Current Market Value)** Frictionless +

Complete market:  $\exists$  unanimity among firm's shareholders on investment decisions (maximize NPV) **separate ownership/mngmt!**

### Financing Decisions (Capital Structure):

**Definition (Financing Decision)** How firm raises funds for investment

**Definition (Capital Structure)** Mix of securities issued by firm

**Assumptions** Firm financed by debt & equities:

(1)  $d_0 = D$  debt issued at  $t = 0$

(2)  $e_0 = E$  shareholder's equity at  $t = 0$

So:  $y_0 = d_0 + e_0$

(3)  $d_1 \in \mathbb{R}^M$  (debt & equity at  $t = 1$ ):  $y_1 = d_1 + e_1$

**Proposition**  $D = \phi'd_1$ ,  $E = \phi'e_1$  and  $V = D + E = \phi'y_1$ .

NPV(Equity) =  $\phi'(y_1 - d_1) - e_0 = \phi'y_1 - (d_0 + e_0) = \phi'y_1 - y_0$

**Theorem (Modigliani-Miller)** Frictionless + Complete market: firm's NPV determined only by investment decisions (indep of cap structure)

**Example: (Labor vs Wage)** Firm: hire  $L$  labor at wage  $W$   $\Rightarrow$  produce output  $Y(L) = AL^\alpha$  ( $\alpha < 1$ ),  $\log A \sim N(\bar{A}, \sigma_A^2)$

Can borrow at  $r^f$ , and Log-SDF:  $\log M = \delta + \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$

Assume correlation between  $\log A$  and  $\varepsilon$ :  $\sigma_{A\varepsilon}$ .

Firm's problem:  $\max_L -WL + \mathbb{E}[MAL^\alpha] \Rightarrow L = \left(\frac{\alpha \mathbb{E}[MA]}{W}\right)^{1/(1-\alpha)}$ ,

where:  $\mathbb{E}[MA] = \exp\left(\delta + \bar{A} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\sigma_\varepsilon^2 + \sigma_{A\varepsilon}}_{\text{ignore if } \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \text{ is small}}\right)$

## Math Tricks

**Theorem (Iterated Expectations)**  $X$  a r.v.,  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2$  more info  $\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{F}_1] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{F}_2]|\mathcal{F}_1]$

**Definition (Normal Distribution)**  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :

PDF:  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ .

Transfo:  $Y = aX + b \Rightarrow Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ .

MGF:  $M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{-tX}] = \exp(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)$

**Prop:**  $X \perp Y \Rightarrow M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t) \cdot M_Y(t)$

**Definition (Multivariate Normal)**  $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ ,  $X, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

PDF:  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{\det(\Sigma)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (x-\mu)\right)$ .

MGF:  $M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n t_i X_i}] = \exp(t'\mu + \frac{1}{2}t'\Sigma t)$ , with  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Correlation:  $X, Y$  jointly normal with corr  $\rho$ :

$M_{X+Y}(t) = \exp((\mu_1 + \mu_2)t + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\rho)t^2)$

$\Rightarrow (X+Y) \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\rho)$

**Example: (CARA: Normal)**  $U = -\mathbb{E}[\exp(-aZ)]$ ,  $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\Rightarrow U = -M_Z(a) = -\exp(-a\mu + \frac{1}{2}a^2\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{a} \log U = \mu - \frac{1}{2}a\sigma^2$

**Example: (CRRA: Log-Norm)**  $U = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Z^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma}\right]$ ,  $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\Rightarrow U = \frac{1}{1-\gamma} M_{(1-\gamma)Z}(1) = \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \exp((1-\gamma)\mu + \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma)^2\sigma^2)$

## FTAP: Fundamental Value of a Stocks

**Cash Flows:**  $X_t = D_t + P_t$  (dividends + share price)

**Returns:**  $R_t = \frac{X_t}{P_t} = \frac{D_t + P_t}{P_t}$ .

**Assumptions** No Arbitrage holds  $\forall t \Rightarrow \exists \eta_{t+k} \forall k$

**Theorem (PV of Future Stock Payoffs)**

$P_t = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [\eta_{t+1}(P_{t+1} + D_{t+1})]$

$\Rightarrow P_t = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \eta_{t+k} D_{t+k} \right]$  with  $\eta_{t+k} := \prod_{j=1}^k \eta_{t+j}$

&  $P_t = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{D_{t+k}}{(1+r^f)^k} \right]$

( $\therefore$ )  $P_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \sum_{k=1}^T (\eta_{t+1} \dots \eta_{t+k}) D_{t+k} \right] + \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t+1} \dots \eta_{t+T} P_{t+T}] \rightarrow 0$

**Definition (k<sup>th</sup> Period Return)**

$\mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [R_{t:t+k}] = \frac{\mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [D_{t+k}]}{\mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [\eta_{t:t+k} D_{t+k}]} = \frac{\mathbb{E}_t [\text{Payoff}]}{\text{Price}}$

$\Rightarrow P_t^{(k)} = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [\eta_{t:t+k} D_{t+k}] = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [D_{t+k}] / \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [R_{t:t+k}]$

→ Price of 1 dividend  $k$  periods in future

**Theorem (DCF of Future Stock Payoffs)**

$P_t = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \eta_{t+k} D_{t+k} \right] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [D_{t+k}] / \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}} [R_{t:t+k}]$

## FTAP: Fixed Income Securities

**Idea:** Assume default-free securities (e.g., US T-Bills)

**Definition (Bond)** Coupon payments + principal/par/face value

No coupon → **Zero-Coupon/Pure-Discount Bond**

**Zero-Coupon Bonds (ZCB):**

$P_{N,t} =$  price of  $N$ -period bond at time  $t$  that pays  $FV = 1\$$  at  $t + N$ .

**Proposition** Any  $N$ -period default-free coupon bond = portfolio of zero coupon bonds:  $\text{Price}_t = \sum_{j=1}^N C_{F,t+j} \cdot P_{j,t}$

**Assumptions**  $\eta = \eta(s)$  depends on state variable at  $t$

(1st order) Markov State Variables:  $s_t \in \{1, \dots, S\}$ .

$\pi(s_{t+1}, s_t) := \mathbb{P}(s_{t+1} = s | s_t, \text{past}) = \mathbb{P}(s_{t+1} = s | s_t)$

$\Rightarrow P_{N,t} = P_N(s_t)$  (price depends on maturity + state only)

No Arbitrage: Price =  $\mathbb{E}$  [discounted payoffs]

**Proposition (1 period)** Take  $N = 1$ , state  $s_t = j$ :

$P_{1,t} = P_1(j) = \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t+1}]$

( $\therefore$ )  $P_1(j) = \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbb{P}(s_{t+1} = s | s_t = j) \eta(s) \cdot (1\$) = \sum_{s=1}^S \pi(s, j) \eta(s)$

**Proposition (N periods)**

$P_{N,t} = \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t+1} P_{N-1,t+1}] = \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t+1} \times \dots \times \eta_{t+N}] = \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t:t+N}]$

( $\therefore$ )  $P_2(s_t) = \sum_{s=1}^S \pi(s_{t+1}, s_t) P_1(s_{t+1}) = \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t+1} \mathbb{E}_{t+1} [\eta_{t+2}]]$

## Yield Curve (YC) / Term Structure of Interest Rates:

**Definition (YTM)** For ZCB, Yield To Maturity = per-period gross discount rate → geom. avg of cumul return (hold ZCB until maturity)

$Y_{N,t} = \left[ \frac{1}{P_{N,t}} \right]^{1/N} = [\text{payoff}/\text{price}]^{1/N} \rightarrow P_{N,t} = \left[ \frac{1}{Y_{N,t}} \right]^N$

**Prop:** Prices & Yields/returns move in opposite directions

**Definition (Log-Framework)**  $p_{N,t} = \log P_{N,t}$ ,  $y_{N,t} = \log Y_{N,t}$

**Prop:**  $y_{N,t} = -\frac{1}{N} p_{N,t} \iff p_{N,t} = -N \cdot y_{N,t}$

**Definition (Elasticity)** of the bond price w.r.t. the yield:

$\frac{dp_{N,t}}{dy_{N,t}} = -N \Rightarrow$  long maturity ZCB is more sensitive to same change in  $y$

### Properties

- YTM = avg rate of return over the life of the loan: YTM across maturities → different units.

- ZCB prices:  $P_{N,t} =$  exchange rate between 1\$ today & 1\$ at  $t + N$ .

- $\frac{p_{2,t}}{p_{1,t}} = \frac{18_{t+2}}{18_{t+1}}$  low ⇒ cheap to transfer cash from  $t + 1$  to  $t + 2$

**Ex:** recession at  $t$  which will end by  $t + 2$

**Proposition (YC Recipe)**  $P_{N,t} = \mathbb{E}_t [\eta_{t:t+N}]$ : YC ⇔ moments of SDF

(1) Define State Variables:  $x_t$  (data → need at least 3).

(2) Assume SDF  $\eta_t = \eta(x_t)$  or Log SDF  $m_t = \log \eta_t$ .

(3) Give law of motion for  $x_t$  under  $\mathbb{P}$  (use  $\pi(x_{t+1}, x_t)$ )

OR Give law of motion for  $x_t$  under  $\mathbb{Q}$  (use  $r^f$ )

(4) **Sol<sup>o</sup>:** Iterate on  $p_{N,t} = \log \mathbb{E}_t [\exp(m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}) | x_t]$

Use:  $(x_{t+1} | \mathcal{F}_t) \sim N(\mu + \phi x_t, \sigma)$  and  $(m_{t+1} | \mathcal{F}_t) \sim N(-x - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2, \frac{\lambda}{\sigma})$

$p_{1,t} = \log \mathbb{E}_t [\exp(m_{t+1})] = -x - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 = 0 - 1 \cdot x$

⇒ **Short Rate:**  $x_t = y_{1t} = \log(1 + r^f) \rightarrow$  mean-reverting AR(1)

$p_{2,t} = \log \mathbb{E}_t [\exp(m_{t+1} + p_{1,t+1})] = \log \mathbb{E}_t [\exp(m_{t+1} - x_{t+1})]$

$= -(1 + \phi)x_t + \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 + \mu + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma} + \sigma)^2\right] = A_2 + B_2 \cdot x_t$

(5) **Guess**  $p_{n,t} = A_n + B_n \cdot x_t$ :

$p_{n,t} = A_n + B_n \cdot x_t \Rightarrow p_{n+1,t} = A_{n+1} + B_{n+1} \cdot x_t$  with:

$B_n = -1 + \phi B_{n-1} = -\frac{1-\phi^n}{1-\phi}$

$A_n = A_{n-1} + B_{n-1}(\mu - \lambda) + \frac{1}{2}B_{n-1}^2\sigma^2$

**Example: (Cox-Ingersoll-Ross, 1985)**

(1) **One State Variable:**  $x_t$

(2) **Assume Log SDF:**  $m_{t+1} = -x_t - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 x_t - (\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 x_t^{0.5} \varepsilon_{t+1}$ .

(3) **Under  $\mathbb{P}$ :**  $x_{t+1} = \mu + \phi x_t + \sigma x_t^{0.5} \varepsilon_{t+1}$ ; with  $\phi < 1$ ,  $\varepsilon_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, 1)$

(4) **Sol<sup>o</sup>:** Iterate on  $p_{N,t} = \log \mathbb{E}_t [\exp(m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}) | x_t]$

Use:  $(m_{t+1} | x_t) = cst - (\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}) x_t^{0.5} \varepsilon_{t+1}$  and  $(p_{N-1,t+1} | x_t) \perp \varepsilon_{t+1}$

$\Rightarrow (m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1} | x_t) \sim N(\mathbb{E}_t[m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}], \text{SD}_t[m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}])$

$\Rightarrow p_{N,t} = \mathbb{E}_t [m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}_t [m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}]$

$\Rightarrow p_{N,t} = \mathbb{E}_t [m_{t+1} + p_{N-1,t+1}] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}_t [m_{t+1}]$

$+ \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}_t [p_{N-1,t+1}] + \text{Cov}_t (m_{t+1}, p_{N-1,t+1})$

$\Rightarrow p_{1,t} = \mathbb{E}_t [m_{t+1}] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}_t [m_{t+1}]$  therefore:

$p_{1,t} = p_{1,t} + \mathbb{E}_t [p_{n,t+1}] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}_t [p_{n,t+1}] + \text{Cov}_t (m_{t+1}, p_{n,t+1})$

$= -x_t - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 x_t + \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma})^2 x_t = -x_t$

⇒ **Short Rate:**  $x_t = y_{1t} = \log(1 + r^f) \rightarrow$  mean-reverting AR(1)

(5) **Guess**  $p_{n,t} = A_n + B_n \cdot x_t$ , therefore:

$p_{n+1,t} = p_{1,t} + \mathbb{E}_t [p_{n,t+1}] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}_t [p_{n,t+1}] + \text{Cov}_t (m_{t+1}, p_{n,t+1})$

$= -x_t + [A_n + B_n(\mu + \phi x_t)] + \frac{1}{2} [B_n^2 \sigma^2 x_t] + [-B_n \lambda x_t]$

$= \underbrace{[A_n + \mu B_n]}_{A_{n+1}} + \underbrace{[-1 + (\phi - \lambda) B_n + (1/2) \sigma^2 B_n^2] x_t}_{B_{n+1}}$

$= \underbrace{A_{n+1}}_{A_{n+1}} + \underbrace{B_{n+1}}_{B_{n+1}}$

**Proposition (Bond Pricing with Real Returns)**

**Real:**  $SDF = \eta_t^r$ , Price =  $P_t^r \rightarrow P_{n,t}^r = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \eta_{t+1}^r P_{n-1,t+1}^r \right]$   
**Nominal:**  $SDF = \eta_t$ , Price =  $P_t$  and **Price Level:**  $\Pi_t$

$$\Rightarrow P_{n,t} = P_{n,t} \Pi_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \eta_{t+1}^r P_{n-1,t+1} \frac{\Pi_t}{\Pi_{t+1}} \right]$$

$$\eta_{t+1}^r = \eta_{t+1}^r \frac{\Pi_t}{\Pi_{t+1}} =: \eta_{t+1}^r \frac{1}{1+r_{t+1}}$$

**Proposition (Fisher Eq.)** If inflation risk uncorrelated with risk:  $\frac{1}{1+r_t} (1 + \mathbb{E}_t[\pi_{t+1}]) = \frac{1}{1+r_t} \Rightarrow r_t \approx i_t - \mathbb{E}_t[\pi_{t+1}]$

( $\therefore$ ) Take expectation above:  $\mathbb{E}_t[\eta_{t+1}(1 + \pi_{t+1})] = \mathbb{E}_t[\eta_{t+1}^r \cdot 1]$

**FTAP: Options**

**Definition (Derivative Security)** Contract whose value derives from the price of another security or observable outcome.

**Definition (Underlying Asset)**  $X_t$  = Payoff of asset at time  $T > t$ , s.t.  $f(X_T)$  = payoff of derivative security at  $T > t$ ,  $f(\cdot)$  known.

**Note:** Payoff at  $T > t$  can be path dependent:  $f(X_{t+1}, \dots, X_T)$

**Proposition (Derivative Price)** Given  $\eta: P_t^D = \mathbb{E}_t[\eta_{t:T} \cdot f(X_T)]$

**Note:** Often, derivative = redundant asset  $\Rightarrow$  use replicating portfolio

**Definition (Long Forward Contract)** Obligation to buy an underlying asset at a pre-specified price  $K$  at time  $T$ .

**Prop:** Payoff =  $S_T - K$

**Definition (Credit Default Swaps)** Insure debt-holder against losses from default.

**Definition (Interest Rate Swaps)** Insure investor against interest rate risk: exchange (fixed set of cash payments)  
 $\longleftrightarrow$  (floating payments tied to interest rates)

**Proposition (Arrow-Debreu)** • AD security = derivative security

( $\therefore$ ) Underlying Asset = is the state of nature  $\rightarrow$  see HW2-Q3b

• ANY Derivative = Portfolio of AD securit:  $P^D = \sum_{\omega=1}^M \phi_{\omega} \cdot f(X_{\omega})$

**Options:**

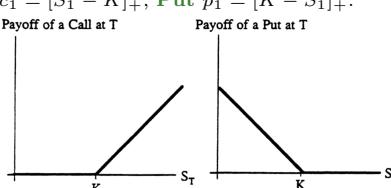
**Definition (Stock/Underlying Asset)**

$S_0$  = price at  $t = 0$   $S_T$  (or  $S$ ) = payoff at  $t = 1$ .

**Definition (European Call/Put Option)** On the stock:  
Contract giving buyer the right to buy/sell stock from/to seller of option at  $t = T$  & price  $K$ .

$T = 1$ : maturity/exercise date ;  $K$  = strike/exercise price

**Payoff:** Call  $c_1 = [S_1 - K]_+$ , Put  $p_1 = [K - S_1]_+$ .



**Example:** Payoff Depends on Price of Underlying Asset at  $t = 1$

**Straddle (V)** = call( $K$ ) + put( $K$ ):  $[S - K]_+ + [K - S]_+$

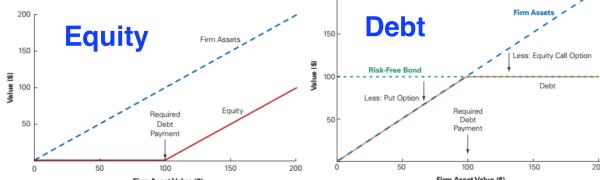
**Butterfly (Δ)** = call( $K - \delta$ ) - 2 calls( $K$ ) + put( $K + \delta$ ):

$[S - K + \delta]_+ - 2[S - K]_+ + [K - S - \delta]_+$

\*\*\* Let  $D_0$  = required debt payment on firm:

**Equity** = Call option on assets of firm:  $E = [A - D_0, 0]_+$

**Debt = RF Bond - put** option on assets:  $D = D_0 - [D_0 - A]_+$



**Definition (Intrinsic Value)** Call:  $I = S - K$ ; Put:  $I = K - S$

**In-The-Money:**  $I > 0, S > K$  (call),  $K > S$  (put)

**At-The-Money:**  $I = 0, S = K$  (call),  $K = S$  (put)

**Out-of-The-Money:**  $I < 0, S < K$  (call),  $K < S$  (put)

**Pricing Properties:**

**Proposition (Arbitrage Pricing Properties of Options)**

$c(S, K) = V(c_1)$ : call price ;  $p(S, K) = V(p_1)$ : put price

• Option prices are  $\geq 0$ :  $c(S, K) \geq 0$  and  $p(S, K) \geq 0$ .

•  $c(S, K) \nearrow$  in  $K$  and  $p(S, K) \nearrow$  in  $K$ .

( $\therefore$ )

$\forall K_1 > K_2 \Rightarrow c(S, K_1) = V([S - K_1]_+) \leq V([S - K_2]_+) = c(S, K_2)$

•  $c(S, K)$  and  $p(S, K)$  are convex in  $K$ .

( $\therefore$ )  $c(S, K) = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} (S_{\omega} - K)_{+}$

$$\Rightarrow c(S, \lambda K + (1 - \lambda) K') = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} (S_{\omega} - \lambda K - (1 - \lambda) K')_{+} \leq \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} [\lambda (S_{\omega} - K)_{+} + (1 - \lambda) (S_{\omega} - K')_{+}]$$

**Proposition (Portfolio of Options)** Let  $\theta > 0$ : portf of  $N$  assets; Price  $S = [S_1, \dots, S_N]'$   $> 0$ ; Strike  $K = [K_1, \dots, K_N] > 0$ . Then,  $c(S', \theta, K') \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i c(S_i, K_i)$  and  $p(S', \theta, K') \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i p(S_i, K_i)$

**Note:** Option on a portfolio  $\leq$  Portf of options on assets in portfolio

( $\therefore$ ) Payoff of option on portfolio  $= [(S - K')' \theta]_+ = [\sum_i (S_i - K_i) \theta_i]_+ \leq \sum_i [S_i - K_i]_+ \theta_i$  = payoff of portfolio of options on each assets

**Proposition (Option Price Bounds)**  $S \geq c(S, K)$

If  $\exists$  riskless bond  $r^f$ :  $\left[ S - \frac{K}{1+r^f} \right]_+ \leq c(S, K) \leq S$

( $\therefore$ ) Long 1 stock; Short  $K$  bonds.

Payoff =  $S - K$  ( $t = 1$ ) ; Price =  $S - K/(1 + r^f)$  ( $t = 0$ )

$$c_1 = [S - K]_+ \geq S - K \Rightarrow c(S, K) = V(c_1) \geq S - K/(1 + r^f)$$

**Proposition (Put-Call Parity)** If  $\exists$  riskless bond  $r^f$ :

**No Dividend:**  $c(S, K) + \frac{K}{1+r^f} = p(S, K) + S$

**With Dividend:**  $D$  at  $t = 0$ :  $c(S, K) + \frac{K}{1+r^f} + D = p(S, K) + S$

( $\therefore$ ) • Long 1 Call( $K$ ) +  $K$  Bonds

• Long 1 Put( $K$ ) + 1 Stock

$\Rightarrow$  SAME Payoff at  $t = 1$ :  $K$  (if  $S \leq K$ ) and  $S$  (if  $S > K$ )

**Early Exercise:**

**Definition (American Option)** Buyer can exercise at any  $t \leq T$ .

**Price:**  $C(S, K)$  American Call ,  $P(S, K)$  American Put

**Assume:**  $t_0 = T - 1$ : can exercise now or wait  $\leftrightarrow$  European option

**Prop:**  $C(S, K) \geq c(S, K)$ ;  $P(S, K) \geq p(S, K)$  ( $'>$  if  $\mathbb{P}(\text{early exerc}) > 0$ )

**Definition (Dividend)** Payoff prior from the stock (before maturity)

$\Rightarrow$  Dividends can influence early exercise & value of American opts

**Proposition (No Dividend: Call)**  $r^f > 0 \Rightarrow$  Do NOT exercise early

( $\therefore$ )  $c_1^{early} = S - K \leq S - \frac{K}{1+r^f} \leq \left[ S - \frac{K}{1+r^f} \right]_+ = c_1^{eur}$

1st Ineq: Pay strike price now, not later. Last Ineq: Give up the opt not to exerc at maturity  $\Rightarrow V(c_1^{early}) \leq V(c_1^{eur})$

**Proposition (No Dividend: Put)**  $r^f > 0 \Rightarrow$  CAN exercise early

( $\therefore$ )  $P(S, K) = \max\{K - S, p(S, K)\} = \max\left\{K - S, \frac{K}{1+r^f} - S + c(S, K)\right\}$

Optimal if:  $\frac{r^f}{1+r^f} K \geq c(S, K)$ . Ex:  $K$  much bigger than  $S$

Gain: Get strike price now, not later.

Loss: Give up the opt not to exercise at maturity

**Proposition (With Dividend: Call)**  $D = \text{Divid} (t = 0)$ ,  $S = \text{ex-divid price}$

**Call:**  $C(S, D, K) = \max\{S + D - K, c(S, K)\}$

**Put:**  $P(S, D, K) = \max\{K - S - D, p(S, K)\}$

( $\therefore$ ) American Call: 2 choices at  $t = 0$

1) Exercise & get: dividend  $D + S$  (sell stock ex-dividend)

2) Hold option to maturity ( $t = 1$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  Divid induce early exerc for calls & delay early exerc for puts

**Complete Markets:**

**Recall:** Complete Market  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a unique state price vector  $\phi$ .

**Note:** If  $\exists$  RF bond, then market is complete.

**Proposition (European Call Price)**  $c(S, K) = \frac{\mathbb{E}^Q [S - K]_+}{1+r^f}$

( $\therefore$ )  $c(S, K) = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} (S_{\omega} - K)_{+}$ , where  $S_{\omega}$  = stock price,  $t = 1$ , state  $\omega$

**Theorem (Binomial Pricing)**

**Assume:**  $\exists$  RF bond w/:  $t = 1$  payoff 1,  $t = 0$  price  $B = \frac{1}{1+r^f}$

Stock price: binomial process  $S_1 = uS$  (w.p.p) and  $S_1 = dS$  (w.p.1 - p)

**Note:**  $u \& d$  = gross return on stock: NA  $\Rightarrow d < 1 + r^f < u$

$\Rightarrow c(S, K) = \phi_u [uS - K]_+ + \phi_d [dS - K]_+$  with

$$\begin{cases} c_u = [uS - K]_+ \\ c_d = [dS - K]_+ \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \phi_u = \frac{1}{1+r^f} \frac{1+r^f - d}{u - d} \\ \phi_d = \frac{1}{1+r^f} \frac{u - 1 - r^f}{u - d} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} S = \phi_u uS + \phi_d dS \\ \frac{1}{1+r^f} = \phi_u + \phi_d \end{cases}$$

**Corollary (Replication Proof)** Portfolio  $\theta = [\theta_S, \theta_B]'$

$$\Rightarrow c(S, K) = \theta_S S + \theta_B \frac{1}{1+r^f} = \frac{1}{1+r^f} \left( \frac{1+r^f - d}{u - d} c_u + \frac{u - 1 - r^f}{u - d} c_d \right)$$

with  $\begin{cases} \text{payoff}_u = \theta_S uS + \theta_B \frac{1}{u} = c_u \\ \text{payoff}_d = \theta_S dS + \theta_B \frac{1}{d} = c_d \end{cases}$

**Corollary (Risk-Neutral Proof)** Given State Prices  $\phi$ :

$$c(S, K) = \frac{\mathbb{E}^Q [S - K]_+}{1+r^f} = \frac{qc_u + (1-q)c_d}{1+r^f} \quad (\therefore) \quad q = \frac{\phi_u}{\phi_u + \phi_d} = \frac{1+r^f - d}{1+r^f - u}$$

**Market Structure - Completing Markets with Options:**

**Definition (State-Index Security - SIS)** Security/Portfolio with state-separating payoff  $X$ :  $X_{\omega} = X_{\omega'}$   $\Leftrightarrow \omega = \omega'$

**Assume:** WLOG  $X_{\omega} < X_{\omega'}$   $\forall \omega < \omega'$

**Example: (European Option on SIS)** Eur. Call Option on SIS  $X$ :

**Strike Price:**  $K = X_{\omega} \Rightarrow$  **Payoff:** (nonzero for states  $\geq \omega + 1$ )

$$c_1 = [X - X_{\omega}]_+ = [0, \dots, 0, X_{\omega+1} - X_{\omega}, \dots, X_M - X_{\omega}]' \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

**Proposition (Completing Markets)** **Assume:** One SIR  $X > 0$  and  $(M - 1)$  options on the SIR with strike prices  $X_1, \dots, X_{M-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ X_2 & X_2 - X_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ X_3 & X_3 - X_1 & X_3 - X_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_M & X_M - X_1 & X_M - X_2 & \dots & X_M - X_{M-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Payoff:  $D = [X_{\omega+1} - X_{\omega}]$  full rank  $\Rightarrow$  Complete Market

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 2\delta & \delta & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ M\delta & (M-1)\delta & \dots & \delta \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** Get AD Security/State- $\omega$  contingent claim with butterfly ( $\Delta$ ): Long 1 Call( $(\omega - 1)\delta$ ), Short 2 Calls ( $\omega\delta$ ), Long 1 Call( $(\omega + 1)\delta$ )

$\Rightarrow$  pays  $\delta$  only in state  $\omega$ : Payoff =  $[0, \dots, \omega, \dots, 0]$

Get State prices & risk-neutral measure:

$$\phi_{\omega} = \frac{1}{\delta} [(c(K_{\omega+1}) - c(K_{\omega})) - (c(K_{\omega}) - c(K_{\omega-1}))]$$

**Price of ANY security with payoff  $D$ :**

$$P_{\omega} = \sum_{\omega} \phi_{\omega} \tilde{D}_{\omega} \rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 c(K)}{\partial K^2} \tilde{D}(K) dK$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 c(K)}{\partial K^2} X(K) dK \text{ and } B = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 c(K)}{\partial K^2} \cdot 1 dK$$

**Recover  $\mathbb{Q}$  measure:**  $q(K) = \frac{\partial^2 c(K)}{\partial K^2} / \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 c(K)}{\partial K^2} dK$  ; VIX = STD( $\mathbb{Q}$ )

**Exact Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT)**

**Idea:** Price redundant assets using set of prices of base securities.

$\Rightarrow$  Put constraints on SDF  $\eta$ : restrict co-movements of CFs

**Beta/Expected Return Decomposition:**

**Theorem (FTAP Recall)** Assume NO Redundant Asset:

$NA \Rightarrow \exists \phi^* \in \mathbb{R}^M$  s.t.  $P' = (\phi^*)' D$ , where  $\phi^* = D\theta$  for some  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$

**Note:** If rank( $D$ ) =  $N$ , then  $D' D$  full rank:  $P' = \theta' D' D \theta$ .

$$\Rightarrow \theta^* = (D' D)^{-1} P, \phi^* = D(D' D)^{-1} P \text{ and } \eta^* = \phi^* \text{Diag}(p)^{-1}$$

**Proposition (SDF Mimicking Portfolio)** Assume  $\exists r^f$ :

Construct portf mimicking  $\eta$ :  $r_{-\eta} = \mathbb{E}^P [r_{-\eta}] - (\eta - \mathbb{E}^P [\eta]) = cst - \eta^*$

Furthermore,  $\eta = \mathbb{E}^P [r_{-\eta}] + \mathbb{E}^P [\eta] - r_{-\eta}$

**Note:**  $r_{-\eta}$  achieves H-J bound: maximum Sharpe Ratio!

( $\therefore$ ) (1) Construct Portfolio with payoff  $\eta^*$ : Price =  $-\sum_{\omega=1}^M \phi_{\omega}^* \eta_{\omega}^*$

(2) Want Payoff = Return i.e., investing 1\$ gives return  $(1 + r_{-\eta})$ :

$\rightarrow$  Need to invest  $1 + \sum_{\omega=1}^M \phi_{\omega}^* \eta_{\omega}^*$  in RF asset.

**Proposition (E[returns] Decomposition)**

Fund. Asset Pricing Eq:  $\pi_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[r_n - r^f] = -(1 + r^f)\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta, r_n - r^f)$   
 $\Rightarrow \pi_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[r_n - r^f] = \frac{\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(r_n, r - \eta)}{\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta)} \cdot \lambda = \beta_n \cdot \lambda$   
 with  $\lambda := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[r - \eta] - r^f = (1 + r^f)\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta)$   
 $(\because) \lambda = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[r - \eta] - r^f = -(1 + r^f)\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta, -\eta) = (1 + r^f)\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta)$   
 $\eta = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[r - \eta] + \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\eta] - r - \eta = (\lambda + r^f) + \frac{1}{1+r^f} - r - \eta$   
 $\Rightarrow \eta = \lambda + \frac{1}{1+r^f} - (r - \eta - r^f) \Rightarrow \pi_n = +(1 + r^f)\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(r - \eta, r_n)$

**Definition (Market Price of Risk)**  $\lambda$  = market  $(r - \eta)$  risk premium  
 $\rightarrow$  compensation an investor receives per unit of exposure to SDF

**Definition (SDF Risk Exposure/Loading)**

$\beta_n$  = loading of asset  $n$  on  $(r - \eta - r^f)$

**Prop:** Asset  $n$ 's expected return depends only on its loading  $\beta_n$

**Proposition (OLS Estimation of  $\beta_n$ )**  $\hat{\beta}_n = \frac{\text{Cov}(r_n, r - \eta)}{\text{Var}(r - \eta)}$

$(\because)$  Assume IID realizations of returns indexed by  $t$ . Do OLS on:  
 $r_{n,t} - r^f = \alpha_n + \beta_n(r_{-n,t} - r^f) + \varepsilon_{n,t}$  with  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_{n,t}|r - \eta - r^f] = 0$

**Definition (Idiosyncratic Risk)**  $r_{n,t} - r^f = \alpha_n + \beta_n(r_{-n,t} - r^f) + \varepsilon_{n,t}$   
 $= (\text{abnormal ret}) + (\text{co-mvmt w/ SDF's excess ret } r - \eta) + (\text{idiosyncr})$

**Proposition (Var Deco)**  $\text{Var}(r_n - r^f) = \beta_n^2 \text{Var}(r - \eta - r^f) + \text{Var}(\varepsilon_n)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Variance = systematic/priced var + unpriced/residual var

**Assumptions (Joint Hypothesis)** No Arb + Correct SDF model  $r - \eta, t$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Stocks w/ different  $\varepsilon_{n,t}$  & same  $\beta_n$  earn same return  $r_{n,t}$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha_n = 0!$  If get  $\alpha_n > 0$ : reject BOTH hypoth:  $\exists$  Arb OR bad SDF

**Definition (Security Market Line - SML)** Plot:  $\mathbb{E}[r_n]$  vs.  $\beta_n$   
 Slope =  $\lambda$  (market price of risk)

**Factor Structure:**

**Assumptions**  $M$  states,  $N$  securities w/ payoff matrix  $D$

- $\exists$  RF security (assume  $n = 1$  is the RF asset)
- $\text{rank}(D) = K \leq M \rightarrow \exists$  redundant assets

**Definition (Factor Structure)**  $F$  = Basis for  $D$

$F = [F_1, \dots, F_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}$ , and  $F_k \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 1}$

**Definition (Betas of Payoffs on Factors)**  $\beta_Z \in \mathbb{R}^K$

Payoff Space  $C = \text{span}(D) = \{D\theta : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N\}$

$\Rightarrow \forall Z \in C, \exists \beta_Z = [\beta_{Z1}, \dots, \beta_{ZK}]'$  s.t.  $Z = F\beta_Z$

Any payoff  $Z \in C$  can be spanned by the factors:  $Z = F\beta_Z$

Conversely: Any factor can be replicated by securities in  $D$ :  $F_k = D\theta_k$

**Proposition (Factor Pricing)**  $\exists$  coeffs  $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K] \in \mathbb{R}^K$

s.t.  $V(Z) = \lambda' \beta_Z = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{Zk}, \forall Z \in C$ .

$(\because)$  NA  $\Rightarrow \exists V(\cdot)$  linear:  $V(Z) = V(\sum_k \beta_{Zk} F_k) = \sum_k \beta_{Zk} V(F_k)$

**Note:**  $\lambda_k = -V(F_k)$  is INDEPENDENT of  $Z$ !

$\Rightarrow F_k$  = risk factors &  $\lambda_k$  = market price of risk

**Definition**  $n = 1, \dots, N$  Securities:

- **Gross Return:**  $R_n = D_n/P_n \in \mathbb{R}^M$
- **Market Structure:**  $R = [R_1, \dots, R_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$
- $\bar{R}_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[R_n] \in \mathbb{R}^M, \bar{R} = [\bar{R}_1, \dots, \bar{R}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$
- $\varepsilon_n = R_n - R_n \in \mathbb{R}^M, \varepsilon = [\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$
- $\beta_n \in \mathbb{R}^K, \beta = [\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$

**Proposition (Factor Pricing for Returns)** Assume  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon_n] = 0$ :

$R_n = \bar{R}_n + \varepsilon_n = \bar{R}_n + F\beta_n = \bar{R}_n + \sum_{k=1}^K F_k \beta_{nk}$

$\Rightarrow R = \bar{R} + \varepsilon = \bar{R} + F\beta$  (so need  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[F\beta] = 0$ )

$\rightarrow$  One RF factor  $i := F_1 = \mathbf{1}_M$  and  $(K - 1)$  risk factors

**Example: (2-Securities)** Gross returns:

Security 1:  $1 \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 \text{ w.p. 0.5} \\ 1 \text{ w.p. 0.5} \end{cases}$  Security 2:  $1 \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1/2 \text{ w.p. 0.5} \\ 2 \text{ w.p. 0.5} \end{cases}$

$\bar{R}_1 = 0.5(1 + 1) = 1$  and  $\bar{R}_2 = 0.5(1/2 + 2) = 1.25$

$R_n = \bar{R}_n + \varepsilon_n \Rightarrow \varepsilon_0 = [0, 0]'$  and  $\varepsilon_1 = [-0.75, 0.75]'$

Risk-free factor:  $F_0 = [1, 1]'$ . Only 1 Risk factor:  $\varepsilon_1 = F_1 \cdot \beta_1$

$\Rightarrow F_1 = [-1, 1]', \beta_1 = 0.75$

**Lemma** • The value of any gross return is 1:  $V(R_n) = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[R_n]}{R^f} = 1$   
 $(\because)$  Asset Payoff =  $D$ :  $V(D) = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[D]}{R^f} \Rightarrow V(R) = \frac{1}{R^f} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}\left[\frac{D}{V(D)}\right] = 1$

**Note:** I pay 1\$ today, get back  $R_n$  tomorrow

- The value of the sure Gross Return is 1:  $V(R^f) = V(1 + r^f) = 1$
- Under Q:  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[R_n] = R^f \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[R_n] - R^f = 0$

**Theorem (Exact APT)** Let  $R_n = \bar{R}_n + F\beta_n, n = 1, \dots, N$ , where:

(1)  $F = [F_1, \dots, F_K]$  (K risk factors,  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[K] = 0$ )

(2)  $\beta_n = [\beta_{n1}, \dots, \beta_{nK}]'$  (asset  $n$ 's beta)

N.A.  $\Rightarrow \bar{R}_n - R^f = \bar{r}_n - r^f = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{nk} = \lambda' \beta_n, n = 1, \dots, N$   
 where  $\lambda_k = -\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[F_k]$  and  $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K]'$

$(\because) R^f = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[R_n] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{R}_n + \sum_{k=1}^K F_k \beta_{nk}] = \bar{R}_n + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{nk} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[F_k]$

**Definition (Portfolio Beta)** Given portfolio  $\theta$ :

Its beta on risk Factor  $k$ :  $\beta_k = \sum_{i=1}^K \theta_i \beta_{ik}$

**Definition (Factor Mimicking Portfolio)**

Portfolio  $\theta_k$  s.t.  $\beta_{ki} = \delta_{ki}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, K$ )

**Prop:** For each factor  $F_k$ ,  $\exists$  a factor portfolio  $\theta_k$

**Corollary**  $\theta_k$  Factor Portfolio  $\Rightarrow F_k = R_k - \bar{R}_k = r_k - \bar{r}_k$

**Definition (Factor Premium)**  $\lambda = \bar{R}_k - R^f = \bar{r}_k - r^f$

$\Rightarrow$  Expected excess return on factor portfolio

**Proposition**  $\bar{r}_n - r^f = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{nk} = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{nk} (\bar{r}_k - r^f)$ ,  
 where  $\lambda_k = \bar{r}_k - r^f$ : risk premium of  $k$ 'th factor portfolio

$(\because)$  Under Exact APT, use factor portfolio

## General Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT)

**Exact-APT Issue:** Need Complete Market ( $K = M$ )  $\Rightarrow$  large #factors

**Idea:** We want:

- Model: large  $M$  (# states) &  $N$  (# assets) BUT small  $K$  (# factors)
- Study implications of No Asymptotic Arbitrage (NAA)

**General Factor Model:**

**Assumptions (Factor Model for Returns)** Suppose:

$r_n = \bar{r}_n + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{nk} F_k + \varepsilon_n$ , for  $n = 1, \dots, N$

with: (1)  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[F_k] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon_n] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon_n | F_k] = 0, \forall k, n$

(2)  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon_n^2] = \sigma_n^2 < v < \infty$ , and  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon_n \varepsilon_{n'}] = 0 \forall n \neq n'$

**Note:** Exact Model:  $\varepsilon_n = 0$  for all  $n$

**Note: (Matrix Notation)** Let  $r = \bar{r} + F\beta + \varepsilon$  where:

(1)  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[F] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon | F] = 0$

(2)  $\Sigma := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\varepsilon' \varepsilon] = \text{Diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N)$

$r = [r_1, \dots, r_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}, \bar{r} = [\bar{r}_1, \dots, \bar{r}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

$F = [F_1, \dots, F_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}, \varepsilon = [\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

$\beta_n = [\beta_{n1}, \dots, \beta_{nK}]' \in \mathbb{R}^K, \beta = [\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$

**Proposition (Variance Decomposition)** Under Current Model:

$\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(r_n) = \beta_n' \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[F'F] \beta_n + \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\varepsilon_n)$

$\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(r_i, r_j) = \beta_i' \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[F'F] \beta_j$  for all  $i \neq j$  ( $\because$   $\text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0$ )

**Diversification:**

**Definition (Return on a Portfolio)**  $r_\theta = \bar{r}_\theta + F\beta_\theta + \varepsilon_\theta$

where:  $r_\theta = \theta r, \bar{r}_\theta = \theta \bar{r}, \beta_\theta = \theta \beta, \varepsilon_\theta = \theta \varepsilon$

**Definition (Well Diversified Portfolio)**  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^N$  Well-Diversified if:

$\theta_n = O(1/n)$ , where  $\theta = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N]', \theta' \mathbf{1}_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n = 1$ .

**Note:**  $\theta_n = O(1/n) \Leftrightarrow n \cdot \|\theta\|^\infty < \infty$

**Definition (Well Diversified Sequence of Portfolios)**

$\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , with  $\theta_n' \mathbf{1}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_{ni} = 1$ , is Well-Diversified

$\Leftrightarrow \exists k \in (0, \infty)$ , s.t.  $\theta_{n,i}^2 < \kappa/n^2, \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \forall n \geq 1$

**Note:**  $\theta_n = [\frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}]'$  = diversified, but  $[0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0]'$  = concentrated

**Definition (Equally-Weighted Portfolio)**  $\theta = [\frac{1}{N}, \dots, \frac{1}{N}]'$

**Prop:**  $\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\theta' r) = \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}\left(\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{N} r_n\right) = \frac{1}{N} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(r_n)\right]$

$+ (1 - \frac{1}{N}) \left[\frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{n' \neq n} \text{Cov}^{\mathbb{P}}(r_n, r_{n'})\right]$

If  $r_n = \bar{r} + F + \varepsilon_n$ ,  $\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\varepsilon_n) = \sigma_n^2$ :

$\Rightarrow \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\theta' r) = \frac{1}{N} \sigma^2 + (1 - \frac{1}{N}) \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(F) \rightarrow \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(F)$

**Idea:** Covariance with risk affects an asset's risk premium. Should only price systematic risk (explains returns' variation across all assets). But can  $\exists$  non-priced syst risk (e.g. linear comb of  $\beta$ s not associated with changes in  $\mathbb{E}[\text{ret}]$ ,  $\lambda_k = 0$  for some  $k$  in APT) ex: Risk Neutr ppl

**Theorem (Diversification Thm)**  $\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  well div portfs seq:

$\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\varepsilon_{\theta_n}) = \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_{ni} \varepsilon_i\right) \rightarrow 0$  at rate  $O(1/n)$  (i.e.  $n \cdot \|\theta_i\| < C$ )

**Note:** Well Div portfs have only systematic/factor risks (no idiosyncr)

**General APT:**

**Definition (Asymptotic Arbitrage—AA)**  $\{\theta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  Portfs seq s.t.

(1) Self Financed:  $\mathbf{1}' \theta_n = 0$

**Note:** AA = arbitrage in the limit.

(2)  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[r_{\theta_n}] \rightarrow \alpha > 0$

For  $n$  finite, portf carries tiny risk

(3)  $\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(r_{\theta_n}) \rightarrow 0$

Volatility may not be a sufficient measure of risk.

**Prop:** NAA  $\Rightarrow$  NA?

**Theorem (General APT)**

**Given:** K-Factors Model for security returns + NAA

$\Rightarrow \exists r^f \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K]' \in \mathbb{R}^K$  s.t.:

$\sum_{i=1}^n [\bar{r}_i - (r^f + \lambda' \beta_i)]^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n [\bar{r}_i - (r^f + \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{ik})]^2 < A < \infty$

**NAA**  $\Rightarrow$  approx. factor pricing:  $\bar{r}_i - r^f \approx \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{ik}$

**Note:** So pricing error  $\delta \neq 0$  only for small nb of assets:  $\sum_i \delta_i^2 < A < \infty$

( $\cdot$ ) 1 Factor: project  $\bar{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  on  $(1_n, \beta)$   $\rightarrow \bar{r} = a_0 1_n + a_1 \beta + \delta$  where  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\delta' 1_n = 0$  (self-financing portf) and  $\delta' \beta = 0$  (by  $\perp$  proj.)

Note:  $\beta = \delta' \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \delta$  portf has NO factor risk.

Take  $\delta = b\delta$  for some  $b > 0$ : also self-financing

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{r}_\delta] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[b\delta' r] = b\delta' \bar{r} = b\delta' (a_0 1_n + a_1 \beta + \delta) = b\delta' \delta = b\|\delta\|^2$

and  $\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\bar{r}_\delta) = \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(b\delta' r) = b^2 \delta' \Sigma_n \delta < b^2 \delta' \delta = b^2 \|\delta\|^2$

Fix  $b = 1/\|\delta\|^2 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\bar{r}_\delta] = 1 & \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}}(\bar{r}_\delta) < v/\|\delta\|^2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{AA}!$

**Corollary (General APT: Well-Diversified Case)** NAA + Well Div

$\Rightarrow$  **Exact** factor pricing  $\bar{r}_i - r^f = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{ik}$ ,  $\forall i$

**Corollary (General APT: Implications)** For large  $N$ , Small  $K$ :

$\Rightarrow$  APT applies to most (not all) securities:

$\bar{r}_i - r^f = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{ik} (\bar{r}_k - r^f) = \sum_{k=1}^K \lambda_k \beta_{ik}$

where  $\beta_{ik}$  = factor loading of asset  $i$  on factor  $k$

&  $\lambda_k = \bar{r}_k - r^f$  = risk premium of factor  $k$  mimicking portfolio

$\Rightarrow$  "APT  $\Leftrightarrow$  SDF model affine in factors:  $\eta = a + Fb"$

**Testing APT & Linear SDF Models:**

**Idea:** Test if  $\mathbb{E}[\text{returns}]$  lie on the SML implied by factor's  $\mathbb{E}[\text{return}]$

**Data:** (usually monthly) T-bill rates & asset + factor returns

**Example: (Time-Series Approach)**

**GOAL:** Regress asset's  $r_n - r^f$  on factors: is  $\alpha = 0$ ?

**Assume:**  $\beta_{ik}$  cst over time  $\rightarrow$  beta<sub>portf</sub> more stable than beta<sub>asset</sub>

• Run times series regression for tradable asset/portfolio  $i$ :

$r_{i,t} - r^f_t = \alpha_i + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_{ik} (r_{k,t} - r^f_t) + \varepsilon_{i,t}$ , for  $t = 1 \dots T$

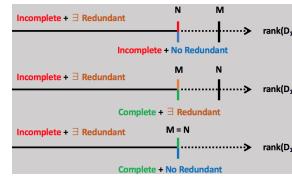
• Test if  $\alpha_i = 0$  & jointly test if  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^N = 0$

**Example: (Cross-Sectional Approach)**

**GOAL:** Make empirical counterpart to SML:  $\beta$  estimates explain  $\bar{r}_n$

## In Practice

- Payoff Space Spanned by Securities:**  $C_1(D) = \{c_1 = D\theta : \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N\} = \text{span}(D_1, \dots, D_N)$
- Complete Market:**  $\iff \text{span}(D) = \mathbb{R}^M \iff \text{rank}(D) = M$   
 $\iff \forall c_1 \in \mathbb{R}^M, \exists \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N \text{ S.T. } D\theta = c_1$
- Arrow-Debreu Securities:**  $D^{AD} := \mathbb{I}_{N \times N}$  (complete market)  
 $\rightarrow$  construct using portfolio  $\theta = D^{-1}$  ( $\therefore$ )  $D\theta = \mathbb{I} = D^{AD}$   
 $\rightarrow$  State Prices:  $\phi = (D^{-1})'P$
- Arbitrage Existence:**  $\iff \exists \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N \text{ s.t. } B\theta > 0$ .  
**Type 1:**  $B\theta = [0, > 0]'$  free at  $t = 0$ , maybe paid at  $t = 1$   
**Type 2:**  $B\theta = [> 0, \geq 0]'$  paid at  $t = 0$ , maybe paid at  $t = 1$
- Proposition** Market Equilibrium  $\implies \exists$  arbitrage  
 $\therefore$  invest  $\infty$  amount in it  $\implies$  no equilibrium  
**Warning:**  $\exists$  arbitrage  $\not\implies$  Market Equilibrium
- State Price Vectors:** (consistent with NA)  $P' = \Phi' D$ .
- Rank of  $D_1$ :**  $M = \# \text{states}, N = \# \text{assets}, D_1 = M \times N$ .
  - rank( $D_1$ ) <  $N$   
 $\implies \exists$  redundant
  - rank( $D_1$ ) <  $M$   
 $\implies \text{Im}(D_1) \subsetneq \mathbb{R}^M$  Incompl
  - rank( $D_1$ ) =  $N = M$   
 $\implies$  Complete +  $\exists$  redundant
- Feasible Set of Investor Choices:**  $B(e_0, \{D_1, P\})$ 
  - Complete, No redund:** rank( $D_1$ ) =  $M = N$   
 $\implies \theta = D^{-1}(c_1 - e_1)$   
 $\implies B(e, \{D_1, P\}) = \{c_1 \in \mathbb{R}_+^M : P'D_1^{-1}(c_1 - e_1) \leq e_0\}$ .
  - Complete & redund:** rank( $D_1$ ) =  $M < N$   
 $\implies \exists \tilde{D}_1 (M \times M)$  full rank &  $A(M \times (N - M))$  s.t.  
 $D_1 = [\tilde{D}_1', (\tilde{D}_1 \times A)']'$   
 $\implies (\tilde{c}_1 + \hat{e}_1) = (\tilde{e}_1 + \hat{e}_1) + \tilde{D}_1 \hat{\theta} + \tilde{D}_1 A \hat{\theta}$   
 $\implies \hat{\theta} = \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\tilde{c}_1 - \tilde{e}_1) \text{ & } \hat{\theta} = (A'A)^{-1} A' \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\hat{c}_1 - \hat{e}_1)$   
 $\implies B(e, \{D_1, P\}) = \{\tilde{c}_1, \hat{e}_1 \in \mathbb{R}_+^M :$   
 $P' \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\tilde{c}_1 - \tilde{e}_1) + P'(A'A)^{-1} A' \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\hat{c}_1 - \hat{e}_1) \leq e_0;$   
 $\hat{c}_1 = \hat{e}_1 + \tilde{D}_1 A(A'A)^{-1} A' \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\hat{c}_1 - \hat{e}_1)\}$
  - Incomplete, no redund:** rank( $D_1$ ) =  $N < M$   
 $\implies \exists \tilde{D}_1 (N \times N)$  full rank &  $\hat{D}_1 ((M - N) \times N)$  s.t.  
 $D_1 = [\tilde{D}_1', \hat{D}_1']' \implies \theta = \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\tilde{c}_1 - \tilde{e}_1)$   
 $\implies B(e, \{D_1, P\}) = \{[\tilde{c}_1', \hat{e}_1'] \in \mathbb{R}_+^M :$   
 $P' \tilde{D}_1^{-1}(\tilde{c}_1 - \tilde{e}_1) \leq e_0;$   
 $\hat{c}_1 = \hat{e}_1 + \tilde{D}_1 \hat{D}_1^{-1}(\hat{c}_1 - \hat{e}_1)\}$



## Optimal Portfolio Choices

**Idea:** Before: “reduced form” of course.  
 $\implies$  Now: build bottom-up micro-founded model

### Expected Utility (E.U.) Theory

#### Preferences:

**Idea:** How agents use the fin market to best meet their econ needs

**Definition (Consumpt<sup>o</sup> Set)**  $C = \{c = [c_0, c_1]' \in \mathbb{R}^{1+M}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{1+M}$

**Definition (Rational Preference)**

Binary relat  $\succ^k$  over consumpt  $C = \mathbb{R}_+^{1+M}$  s.t.

**Complete:**  $a, b \in C \implies a \succ^k b$  or  $b \succ^k a$  or both.

**Reflexive:**  $a \in C \implies a \succ^k a$

**Transitive:**  $a \succ^k b$  &  $b \succ^k c \implies a \succ^k c$

**Axiom (Continuity)**  $\forall c \in C : \{a \in C : a \succ c\} \& \{b \in C : b \preccurlyeq c\}$  closed  
 $\iff \forall \{a_n\} \rightarrow a, \{b_n\} \rightarrow b \in C : a_n \succ b_n \Rightarrow a \succ b$

**Axiom (Intransitivity)**  $a > b \implies a \succ b$  (more  $\succ$  less)

**Axiom (Convexity)**  $\forall a, b, c \in C, \forall \alpha \in (0, 1) :$   
 $a \succ b \& c \succ b \implies \alpha a + (1 - \alpha)c \succ b$

**Prop:** Convex  $\succ \implies$  convex sets of preferred bundles  $\{a \in C : a \succ c\}$

**Definition (Utility Function)**  $u : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , s.t.

$a, b \in C : a \succ b \iff u(a) \geq u(b)$ .

**Strictly Monotonic:**  $u(c) > u(c')$ ,  $\forall c \succ c'$ .

**Prop:** Insatiability  $\implies u$  is strictly  $\nearrow$ ,  $u' > 0$

**Indifference Curve:** Plot  $u$  on a  $c_1$  vs.  $c_0$  plane

**Theorem (Debreu)**  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{1+M}$  closed & cnvx,  $\succ$  rational + cont  
 $\implies \succ$  can be represented by a continuous utility function  $u$  on  $C$ .

**Definition (Expected Utility)** over a consumption path/lottery  
 $u(c, p) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p_{\omega} u_{\omega}(c_0, c_1 \omega), \forall c \in C$ .

**Consumption Lotteries** consumption in each state + probas  $(c, p)$

**Note:**  $u$  depends on prob of future states

**Upper-Contour Set:** Indiff curve separates upper/lower region.

**Von Neumann Morgenstern (vNM) utility:**  $u_{\omega}(c_0, c_1 \omega)$

**Prop:**  $u$  &  $u(c, p)$  are ordinal;  $u_{\omega}$  is cardinal!

**Prop:**  $u$  invariant w.r.t.  $\nearrow$  transfos;  $u_{\omega}$  invariant w.r.t. affine transfos

**Axiom (Continuity)**  $\forall$  consumption  $c \in C$ , probas  $p_a, p_b, p_c$ :

$[c, p_a] \succ [c, p_b] \succ [c, p_c] \implies \exists \alpha \in (0, 1) : [c, p_b] \succ [c, (1 - \alpha)p_a + \alpha p_c]$

**Axiom (Independence)**  $\forall$  consumption  $c \in C, \alpha, p_a, p_b, p_c \in (0, 1) :$   
 $[c, p_a] \succ [c, p_b] \implies [c, (1 - \alpha)p_a + \alpha p_c] \succ [c, (1 - \alpha)p_b + \alpha p_c]$

**Theorem (vNM, 1944)**  $\succ$  on  $(C, \mathbb{P})$  has a EU representation

$\iff \succ$  rational + continuous + independent

$\implies u(c, p) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p_{\omega} u_{\omega}(c_0, c_1 \omega)$

**Assumptions (State Independence)**  $u_{\omega}(c_0, c_1 \omega) = u(c_0, c_1 \omega)$

**Assumptions (Time Additivity)**  $u(c_0, c_1 \omega) = u(c_0) + \rho u(c_1 \omega)$   
 where  $\rho \in (0, 1]$  is an (optional) time preference/discount coeff

**Assumptions (No Complement/Substitute)**  $\frac{\partial^2 u_{\omega}(c_0, c_1 \omega)}{\partial c_0 \partial c_1 \omega} = 0$

**Assumptions (State Indep + Time Add for Exp. Util)**

$u(c, p) = u(c_0) + \rho \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p_{\omega} u(c_1 \omega)$  with  $\rho \in (0, 1)$

**Definition (Marginal Utility)** At consumption level  $c$ :  $u'(c)$

**Prop:** Insatiability  $\implies u'(\cdot) > 0$  (so  $u \nearrow$ )

**Definition (Concave Function)**

$u(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)x') \geq \alpha u(x) + (1 - \alpha)u(x')$

**Prop:**  $u$  concave & twice differentiable  $\iff u'' \leq 0, u' \nearrow$

**Theorem (Concavity)**  $\succ$  with Continuity + Indep + Convexity ax:  
 $\succ$  can be represented by a discounted expected utility function

$u(c, p) = u(c_0) + \rho \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p_{\omega} u(c_1 \omega) \implies u(\cdot) \text{ concave}$

$(\therefore)$  Let consumpt<sup>o</sup> plan  $(c_0, c_1)$  with  $c_{1\omega} = c_1$  (sure lottery at  $t = 1$ ):  
 $u(c_0) + \rho u(c_1 \omega) = \mu \implies u'(c_0) + \rho u'(c_1 \omega) c_{1\omega}'(c_0) = 0$

$\implies u''(c_0) + \rho u''(c_1 \omega) c_1'(c_0)^2 = -\rho u'(c_1 \omega) c_1''(c_0)$

Note:  $c_1(c_0)$  is LB of convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \implies c_1''(c_0) \geq 0$  (convex)

Along ray  $c_0 = c_1 = c$ :  $u''(c)(1 + \rho c_1'(c)^2) = -\rho u'(c)c_1''(c) \leq 0$

### Risk-Aversion

**Definition (Fair Gamble)** r.v.  $x$  s.t.  $\mathbb{E}[x] = 0$

**Definition (Risk Aversion)** Agent with E.U.  $u(\cdot)$  is risk-averse

$\iff \mathbb{E}[u(w+x)] \leq \mathbb{E}[u(w)]$  for any  $\mathbb{E}[x] = 0$

**Note:** RA  $\implies$  Sure Payoff  $\succcurlyeq$  Risky Payoff w/ Same Mean

**Proposition (Concavity of  $u$ )** Agent (strict) RA  $\iff u$  (strict) concave

$(\because) \iff \forall w_1 < w_2, p \in (0, 1)$ : Bern Gamble  $x = \{x_1, x_2\}$  w.p.  $(p, 1-p)$

s.t.  $x_1 = -(1-p)(w_2 - w_1)$  and  $x_2 = p(w_2 - w_1) \implies \mathbb{E}[x] = 0$

Let  $w = pw_1 + (1-p)w_2$ : so  $w_1 = w + x_1, w_2 = w + x_2$

RA  $\implies pu(w_1) + (1-p)u(w_2) \leq u(w) = pu(w_1 + (1-p)w_2)$  concave

$\iff u$  concave Jensen  $\mathbb{E}[u(w+x)] \leq u(w + \mathbb{E}[x]) = u(w) \implies$  RA

#### Measures of Risk Aversion:

**Definition (Risk Premium)**  $x$  fair gamble, agnt w/ EU  $u$ , wealth  $w$ : Risk Prem  $\pi$  required by agnt to take gamble:  $\mathbb{E}[u(w+x)] = u(w - \pi)$

**Note:**  $\pi =$  amount of wealth an agent ok to give up to get rid of risk

**Certainty Equivalent:**  $u(w_{CE}) = \mathbb{E}[u(w)]$  Prop:  $\pi = \mathbb{E}[w] - w_{CE}$

$(\because) u(w_{CE}) = \mathbb{E}[u(w)] = u(\mathbb{E}[w - \pi - x]) = u(w - \pi)$

**Definition (Absolute Risk Aversion)**  $A(w) = -\frac{u''(w)}{u'(w)}$

**Prop:** Small Gamble  $x$ :  $\pi \approx \frac{1}{2} A \cdot \text{Var}(x)$

$(\because) \mathbb{E}[u(w+x)] = u(w) + \frac{1}{2} A \cdot \text{Var}(x) + o(x^2)$   
 $\stackrel{!}{=} u(w - \pi) = u(w) - u'(w)\pi + o(\pi)$

**Note:**  $A(w)$  associated w/ risk premium per unit of absolute risk

**Risk Tolerance:**  $T(w) = 1/A(w)$

**Definition (Relative Risk Aversion)**  $R(w) = -w \frac{u''(w)}{u'(w)}$

**Prop:** Small Risk  $wx$ :  $\pi_R \approx \frac{1}{2} R \cdot \text{Var}(x)$

$(\because) \mathbb{E}[u(w(1+x))] = u(w(1 - \pi_R))$

**Note:** risk premium  $\propto$  R x size of the risk (as a fract<sup>o</sup> of wealth)

**Theorem (Pratt)** Agents 1 & 2 w/ EU  $u_1$  &  $u_2$ :

$A_1(w) \geq A_2(w) \forall w \iff u_1(u_2^{-1}(\cdot))$  concave  
 $\iff \exists f$  s.t:  $f' > 0, f'' \leq 0 \& u_1(w) = f(u_2(w))$

$\iff \pi_1 \geq \pi_2, \forall w$  & fair gambles  $x$

$(\because) f(z) = u_1(u_2^{-1}(z)), w = u_2^{-1}(z) \implies f(z) = \frac{u'_1 u_2^{-1}}{u'_2 u_2^{-1}}(z) > 0$

$(1) \implies (2) f''(z) = -[A_1(w) - A_2(w)] \frac{u'_1(w)}{u'_2(w)^2} \leq 0$  for  $A_1 \geq A_2$

$(2) \implies (3)$  Take  $f(z) = u_1(u_2^{-1}(z))$

$(3) \implies (4) u_1(w - \pi_1) = \mathbb{E}[u_1(w+x)] = \mathbb{E}[f(u_2(w+x))]$

[Jensen:  $f$  concave]  $\leq f(\mathbb{E}[u_2(w+x)]) = f(u_2(w - \pi_2))$

$(4) \implies (1)$  Small gambles  $x$ :  $\pi \propto A$  so trivial. Large gambles: Paper!

#### Examples of Risk Aversion:

**Definition (CARA)** Constant Absolute RA:  $A'(w) = 0$

**Definition (IARA/DARA)** Incr/Decr Absolute RA:  $A'(w) \gtrless 0$

**Definition (CRRA)** Constant Relative RA:  $R'(w) = 0$

**Definition (IRRA/DRRA)** Incr/Decr Relative RA:  $R'(w) \gtrless 0$

**Example: (Linear EU)**  $u(w) = w$

$\implies$  **Risk Neutral** agents:  $A(w) = R(w) = 0$

**Example: (Negative Exponential EU)**  $u(w) = -e^{-aw}, a > 0$

**Example: (CARA)** agents:  $A(w) = a, R(w) = aw$

**Example: (Quadratic EU)**  $u(w) = w - 0.5aw^2, a > 0, w \in [0, 1/a]$

$\implies$  **IARA** agents:  $A(w) = \frac{a}{1-aw}, R(w) = \frac{aw}{1-aw}$

**Example: (Log EU)**  $u(w) = \log w$

$\implies$  **CRRA** agents:  $A(w) = 1/w, R(w) = 1$

**Example: (Power EU)**  $u(w) = \frac{1}{1-\gamma}w^{1-\gamma}, \gamma > 1$

$\implies$  **CRRA** agents:  $A(w) = \gamma/w, R(w) = \gamma$  Prop:  $\gamma \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow$  Log EU

**Example: (Hyperbolic CARA EU)**  $u(w) = a + b \left(d + \frac{w}{\gamma}\right)^{1-\gamma}$

$\implies$  **HARA** agents:  $A(w) = \frac{1}{d+w/\gamma}, R(w) = \frac{w}{d+w/\gamma}, T(w) = d + \frac{w}{\gamma}$

**Prop:** Risk Neutral ( $d = -\infty$ ), Quadr ( $\gamma = -1$ ),

Neg Exp ( $\gamma \rightarrow \infty, d = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ ), Log ( $d = 0, \gamma = 1$ ), Power ( $d = 0, \gamma < 1$ )

## Optimal Consumption/Portfolio Choice

**Assumptions (Setting)**  $N$  non-redund assets, payoff  $D$ , price  $P$   
Agent: Endow  $e = [e_0, e_1']'$ , Consumpt plan  $c = [c_0, c_1']'$ , Portf  $\theta$

EU:  $u(c) = u_0(c_0) + \mathbb{E}[u_1(c_1)]$  with  $u'_t > 0$ ,  $u''_t < 0$  ( $t = 0, 1$ )  
**Inada Condition:**  $\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} u'_t(c) = \infty$  (no need to assume  $c \geq 0$ )

**Proposition (Agent's Optimization Pb)**  $\max_{\theta} u_0(c_0) + \mathbb{E}[u_1(c_1)]$   
s.t.  $c_0 = e_0 - P'\theta$   
 $c_1 = e_1 + D\theta$

**Theorem (Existence of Optimal Portf)** Agent Optimization Pb:  
 $\exists$  solution  $\iff$  No Arb in market  $\{D, P\}$

( $\cdot$ )  $\iff$  If  $\exists$  Arb: agent can achieve unbounded consumpt<sup>o</sup> levels:  
 $\iff$  If  $\exists$  Arb:  $\exists \phi \gg 0$  s.t.  $P' = \phi' D$

Consumption financed by  $\theta$  is  $[-P'\theta, (D\theta)']'$

Agent's Budget:  $B(e) = \{c \geq 0 : c = e + [-\phi' D\theta, (D\theta)']', \theta \in \mathbb{R}^N\}$

Use:  $\hat{B}(e) = \{c \geq 0 : c = e + [-\phi' d, d']', d \in \mathbb{R}^M\}$  (with  $N \leq M$ )

**Note:**  $B(e) = \{c \in \hat{B}(e) : d = D\theta\} \subseteq \hat{B}(e)$ ,  $B(e) = \hat{B}(e) \iff M = N$

Now:  $\hat{B}(e)$  bdd for  $\phi \gg 0 \implies B(e)$  bdd + closed  $\implies B(e)$  compact  
 $u, u_0, u_1$  continuous over compact  $B(e) \implies \max$  exists

### Special Case: Complete Markets:

#### Assumptions

Complete set of AD securities, State Price  $\phi \gg 0$

Agent: endowment  $e = [e_0, e_1']'$ , wealth  $w = e_0 + \phi' e_1$

Budget:  $B(e) = \{c : c_0 + \phi' c_1 = w\}$  (Simplify: ignore  $c \geq 0$ )

Marginal cost =  $\phi_\omega$ : Additional \$1 in asset  $\omega \implies c_{1\omega} \nearrow$  by  $1/\phi_\omega$

**Proposition (Optimization)**  $\max_{c_0 + \phi' c_1 = w} u_0(c_0) + \sum_{\omega} p_{\omega} u_1(c_{1\omega})$

Lagrang:  $\mathcal{L} = u_0(c_0) + \sum_{\omega} p_{\omega} u_1(c_{1\omega}) - \lambda [c_0 + \phi' c_1 - w] \rightarrow \partial c_0, \partial c_1$

**FOC:**  $\lambda = u'_0(c_0) \rightarrow$  marginal value of wealth

$\lambda \phi_\omega = p_{\omega} u'_1(c_{1\omega}) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta_\omega} \rightarrow$  margin benefit of  $\nearrow c_{1\omega} = \theta_\omega D_{1\omega}$

**Note:** At optim: relative marg utils for consumpt<sup>o</sup> in diff states/asset = their relative prices

$\eta_\omega = \frac{\phi_\omega}{p_{\omega}} = \frac{u'_1(c_{1\omega})}{u'_0(c_0)} =$  intertemp marg rate  
of substitution,  $\phi_{\omega'} = \frac{p_{\omega'} u'_1(c_{1\omega'})}{p_{\omega} u'_1(c_{1\omega})}$

**Proposition**  $u_t$  strictly concave

$\implies u'_t$  strictly  $\searrow$  &  $u'^{-1}_t$  exists

**Theorem (Optimal Portfolio Choice)** Solve FOC:

$c_0 = u'^{-1}_0(\lambda)$  and  $c_{1\omega} = u'^{-1}_1(\lambda \frac{\phi_\omega}{p_{\omega}}) \forall \omega \in \Omega$

where  $\lambda$  solves budget constraint:  $w = e_0 + \phi' e_1 = c_0(\lambda) + \phi' c_1(\lambda)$

**Theorem** Complete Market, agnts w/ insatiable + strictly concave EU:

$c_{1\omega} < c_{1\omega'} \iff \frac{\phi_\omega}{p_{\omega}} > \frac{\phi_{\omega'}}{p_{\omega'}} \quad (\text{for all } \omega, \omega' \in \Omega, \forall k)$

**Note:** At optimum: levels of consumption in diff states are ranked inversely by SPD  $\eta \rightarrow$  High pain  $\eta_\omega \Rightarrow$  Low consumpt<sup>o</sup>  $c_{1\omega}$

### General Equilibrium: Lucas Tree Model (1978):

**Assumptions** Agents w/ identical prefs + endowments

- Complete Market: agents can freely trade resources over time/states
- Market Clearing: aggreg consumpt<sup>o</sup>  $\sum_k c_k = \sum_k e_k$  aggreg endow

**PROBLEM:** Find Equilibrium State Prices + Risk-Free Rate

**Prop:** FOC + Market Clearing  $\implies \frac{u'_1(c_{1\omega})}{u'_0(c_0)} = \frac{u'_1(c_{1\omega})}{e'_0(c_0)} = \frac{\phi_\omega}{p_{\omega}} = \eta_\omega$

**Note:** Denom known  $\implies$  randomness in  $\eta_\omega$  depends on  $u'(c_{1\omega})$

$u'(c_{1\omega}) \searrow$  w/  $c_{1\omega}$  so: High Pain  $\Rightarrow$  High Marg Util  $\Rightarrow$  Low  $c_{1\omega} = e_{1\omega}$

**Example: (Special Case)**  $e_{1\omega} = e_1$  &  $u_1(c) = \delta u_0(c) =: \delta u(c)$

$\implies$  constant SPD  $\eta_\omega = \frac{\delta u'(c_{1\omega})}{u'(c_0)} =: \frac{1}{1+r^f}$

So:  $1 + r^f > \frac{1}{\delta} \implies c_1 > c_0$  (ppl prefer to smooth consumption out)

**Note:** cst aggregate consumption  $\implies 1 + r^f = 1/\delta$

No uncertainty: high growth + abundant resources  $\Rightarrow$  interest rates  $< \frac{1}{\delta}$

**Example: (CRRA)**  $e_{1\omega} := \bar{c}_1 + \varepsilon_\omega$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_\omega] = 0$ :

$$u(c) = \frac{c^{1-\gamma}}{1-\gamma} \implies u'(c) = c^\gamma \implies u''(c) = -\gamma c^{-\gamma-1}$$

$$\implies u''(c) = \gamma(1+\gamma)c^{-\gamma-2} > 0 \text{ so convex marginal util } u'$$

$$\text{Jensen} \frac{1}{1+r^f} = \mathbb{E}[\eta_\omega] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\delta u'(c_{1\omega})}{u'(c_0)}\right] \geq \frac{\delta u'(c_{1\omega})}{u'(c_0)} = \frac{\delta u'(\bar{c}_1 + \varepsilon_\omega)}{u'(\bar{c}_1)}$$

**Precautionary Savings Effect:** Possibility of high marg util states in future makes agent want to save more.  
 $\implies$  Pushes RF bond price  $\nearrow$  and the  $r^f \searrow$

### Characterization of Optimal Portfolio:

**Proposition (Optimization)** Use Budget Constraint for  $c_0, c_1$

$$\implies \max_{\theta} u_0(e_0 - P'\theta) + \mathbb{E}[u_1(e_1 + D\theta)]$$

$$= \max_{\theta} u_0(e_0 - P'\theta) + \sum_{\omega} p_{\omega} u_1\left(e_{1\omega} + \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n D_{1\omega n}\right)$$

**Definition (Euler Eqn)** FOC:  $u'_0(c_0)P_n = \mathbb{E}[u'_1(c_1)D_n]$ ,  $n = 1..N$   
At optimum: MU(t=0) consumpt loss: paid  $P_n$  to invest in 1 asset  $n$  = MU(t=1) consumpt gain: receive payoff  $D_n$  from investment in asset  $n$

$$\text{OR: } 1 = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{u'_1(c_1) D_n}{u'_0(c_0) P_n}\right] =: \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{u'_1(c_1)}{u'_0(c_0)} R_n\right]$$

MU(invest in traded assets)/MU(consuming today) = 1  $\forall n$

**Note:** FOC does not guarantee optimality: need **SOC!**

**Definition (SOC)** Optimality obtained if, in addition to FOC:  
 $u''_0(c_0)P_n^2 + \mathbb{E}[u''_1(c_1)D_n^2] \leq 0$ ,  $n = 1, \dots, N$

**Prop:**  $u_1, u_2$  concave  $\implies$  SOC holds

### Proposition (Portfolio Decomposition)

Agent's  $t = 0$  savings:  $w = e_0 - c_0 = P'\theta$

$\implies$  Optimal consumpt/portf choice:  $\max_{\omega} \{u_0(e_0 - w) + v_1(w)\}$   
**v function:**  $v_1(w) = \max_{\{\theta: P'\theta = w\}} \mathbb{E}[u_1(e_1 + D\theta)]$

**Note:**  $v$  = portf choice problem given total amount to invest =  $w$

**Example: (Special Case)**  $e_1 = 0$  (agent endowed only with  $e_0$  cash)

$$\implies \text{Portf Choice Pb: } v(w) = \max_{\{\theta: P'\theta = w\}} \mathbb{E}[u_1(D\theta)]$$

Riskless asset: asset  $N$  with gross return  $R_n = 1 + r^f$

$a_n = \theta_n P_n$ : \$ invested in asset  $n \implies w = \sum_n a_n$  **total investment**

Portf payoff:  $\tilde{w} = D\theta = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n R_n = w(1 + r^f) + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} a_n (r_n - r^f)$

**Excess Return** of asset  $n$ :  $r_n - r^f$

### Theorem (General Pb)

$r = [r_1, \dots, r_{N-1}]'$  returns on risky assets;

$a = [a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}]'$  investments in risky assets;

$\implies$  Optimal Portfolio Pb:

$$\max_a \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = \max_a \mathbb{E}\left[u\left(w(1+r^f) + (r - r^f)a\right)\right]$$

$$\implies \text{FOC: } \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w})(r_n - r^f)] = 0 \quad \forall n = 1..N-1$$

$\implies$  Solution =  $a(w) \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$

**Note:** FOC: marg cost of investing in  $n$

$$= \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w})r_n] = \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w})r^f] = \text{marg cost of losing } r^f$$

### Properties of Optimal Portfolio:

**Case 1:** Assume only **ONE** risky asset:

**Prop:**  $\tilde{w} = (1+r^f) + a(r - r^f)$

( $\cdot$ ) borrow at RF rate, invest in risky asset

**Proposition (Opt Investment a)** Agent = strictly RA

$a > 0 \iff \bar{r} > r^f$  ;  $a < 0 \iff \bar{r} < r^f$

$a = 0 \iff \bar{r} = r^f$

$$(\cdot) \bar{u}(a) = \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = \mathbb{E}\left[u(w(1+r^f) + a(r - r^f))\right]$$

$$\bar{u}''(a) = \mathbb{E}\left[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)^2\right] \leq 0 \text{ as } u \text{ concave}$$

$\implies$  at max:  $0 = \bar{u}'(a) = \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)]$

$$\bar{u}'(0) = u(w(1+r^f)) \cdot (\bar{r} - r^f) \rightarrow \text{sign}(r - r^f)$$

$a < 0 \iff \bar{u}'(0) < 0 \iff r < r^f$

**Prop:** risk-premium  $> 0 \implies$  agent invest at least  $\varepsilon$  in risky asset

$$(\cdot) \text{ Change } a = 0 \text{ to } a = \varepsilon \text{ small: } \frac{d\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}]}{da} = \bar{r} - r^f \text{ indep of } a$$

$$\frac{d\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}]}{da} = \frac{d}{da}(a^2 \text{Var}(r)) = 2a \text{Var}(r) \nearrow \text{with } a$$

**Proposition (Abs RA)** Assume  $\bar{r} - r^f > 0$  (so  $a > 0$ )

$a'(w) > 0 \iff A'(w) < 0$  (DARA) ;  $a'(w) = 0 \iff A'(w) = 0$  (CARA)

$a'(w) < 0 \iff A'(w) > 0$  (IARA  $\implies$  very rare)

( $\cdot$ ) Consider DARA:  $A'(w) < 0$ . FOC:  $\mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)] = 0$

$$\implies \frac{d}{dw} \text{ and algebra: use } u'' < 0, a > 0, A(\tilde{w}) = -\frac{u''(\tilde{w})}{u'(\tilde{w})}$$

**Prop:** You see from FOC diff:  $\frac{da}{dw} = -(1+r^f) \frac{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)]}{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)^2]}$

**Definition (Relative Propensity)** for investor in risky asset:

$$e(w) = \frac{w}{a} \frac{da}{dw}$$

**Note:**  $e(w) = 1 \iff a(w) = \bar{a} \cdot w$ : risky invest<sup>M</sup> = CST fract<sup>o</sup> of wealth

**Proposition (Rel RA)** Assume  $\bar{r} - r^f > 0$  (so  $a > 0$ )

$e(w) > 1 \iff R'(w) < 0$  (DRRA) ;  $e(w) = 1 \iff R'(w) = 0$  (CRRA)

$e(w) < 1 \iff R'(w) > 0$  (IRRA  $\implies$  very rare)

$$(\cdot) \text{ FOC diff } \implies e(w) = \frac{w}{a} \frac{da}{dw} = -\frac{(1+r^f)}{a} \frac{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)]}{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)^2]}$$

$$\implies e(w) - 1 = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)]}{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)^2]} = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{\mathbb{E}[R(\tilde{w}) - u'(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)]}{\mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w})(r - r^f)^2]}$$

**Case 2:** Assume **MULTIPLE** risky assets:

**Prop:**  $\tilde{w} = w(1+r^f) + (r - r^f) \iota'$

**Theorem (Opt Investment a)**  $a = 0 \iff \mathbb{E}[r_n] = r^f \quad \forall n = 1..N-1$

( $\cdot$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Use FOC

$\Leftarrow$  risk prem = 0 for all risky assets

$\implies \mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}] = w(1+r^f) \rightarrow$  payoff from  $a=0$  portf

Jensen:  $\mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] \leq u(\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}]) = u(w(1+r^f))$  for all  $a \implies a = 0$  opt

**Theorem (Opt Investment a II)** Some risk-prem on risky assets  $\neq 0$

$$\implies \mathbb{E}[r_{\text{portf}}] > r^f \text{ (i.e., } \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} a_n(\mathbb{E}[r_n] - r^f) \geq 0)$$

( $\cdot$ ) Jensen:  $u(\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}]) \geq \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] \geq u(w(1+r^f)) \implies \mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}] \geq w(1+r^f)$

$$\implies \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} a_n(\mathbb{E}[r_n] - r^f) \geq 0$$

### Stochastic Dominance

**Idea:** 2 key elements to rank portfs:  $\mathbb{E}[\text{return}]$  & risk  $\rightarrow$  tradeoff!

Use: partial order (returns props let agnts rank 2 portfs, indep of prefs)

Let  $r_A, r_B$  = returns of assets  $A$  &  $B$

**First Order Stochastic Dominance:** (dominance in return distrib)

**Definition (FSD)**  $A$  dominates  $B$  in the FSD sense:

$$A \gtrsim_{\text{FSD}} B \iff \forall u' \geq 0 : \mathbb{E}[u(r_A)] \geq \mathbb{E}[u(r_B)]$$

**Note:**  $u(r) = u(w(1+r^f))$

**Prop:**  $A \gtrsim_{\text{FSD}} B \implies \bar{r}_A \geq \bar{r}_B$  but converse FALSE!

**Theorem (Ordering)**  $A \gtrsim_{\text{FSD}} B \implies$  for  $u' > 0, u'' < 0$

$$\max_a \mathbb{E}[u(w(1+r^f) + a(r_A - r^f))] \geq \max_a \mathbb{E}[u(w(1+r^f) + a(r_B - r^f))]$$

( $\cdot$ ) Let  $f(a, r_i) := \mathbb{E}[u(w(1+r^f) + a(r_i - r^f))]$  and

$$a_B = \arg\max_a f(a, r_B): \max_a f(a, r_A) \geq f(a_B, r_A) \geq \max_a f(a, r_B)$$

**Second Order Stochastic Dominance:** (dominance in risk)

**Definition (SSD)**  $A$  dominates  $B$  in the SSD sense:

$$A \gtrsim_{\text{SSD}} B \iff \forall u'' \leq 0 : \mathbb{E}[u(r_A)] \geq \mathbb{E}[u(r_B)]$$

**Prop:** ONLY WORKS IF  $\bar{r}_A = \bar{r}_B$  !

**Prop:**  $A \gtrsim_{\text{SSD}} B \implies \text{Var}(r_A) \leq \text{Var}(r_B)$  but converse FALSE!

**Theorem (Rothschild-Stiglitz)**  $A \gtrsim_{\text{SSD}} B$

$$\iff \mathbb{E}[r_A] = \mathbb{E}[r_B] \text{ and } \int_0^y [F_A(x) - F_B(x)] dx =: S(y) \leq 0 \quad \forall y$$

$$\iff R_A \stackrel{d}{\sim} R_B + \varepsilon, \text{ with } \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | R_B] = 0$$

**Prop:**  $R_A \sim N(\mu, \sigma_A^2)$ ,  $R_B \sim N(\mu, \sigma_B^2)$ :  $\sigma_A < \sigma_B \implies A \gtrsim_{\text{SSD}} B$

$$(\cdot) R_B \stackrel{d}{\sim} R_A + \varepsilon \Rightarrow \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma_B^2 - \sigma_A^2) \perp B \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | R_A] = 0$$

**Note:**  $\text{Var}(R_A) \leq \text{Var}(R_B) \not\implies A \gtrsim_{\text{SSD}} B$ : try utility that has small  $\mathbb{P}$  of black swan

## Mutual-Fund Separation Thms

**Idea:** Characterize Opt Portfs: Explore restrictions on

(1) Return Distributions (2) Agent's Utility Function (3) Both Assumptions (Setup)

$x_n = \frac{a_n}{w}$  : weight of portf  $a$  in asset  $n$  ( $n = 1..N$ )

$x = [x_1, \dots, x_N]'$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with  $\iota' x = 1$

**Note:**  $x$  defines a portf with gross return  $R_x = Rx$

**Proposition (Optimal Portf Pb)**  $v =$  util funct<sup>o</sup> over returns

$$\max_{\{x: \iota' x=1\}} \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = \max_{\{x: \iota' x=1\}} \mathbb{E}[u(wRx)] = \max_{\{x: \iota' x=1\}} \mathbb{E}[v(Rx)]$$

**Definition (F-Fund Separation)** The set of optimal portfs of

different agents lie in a  $F - 1 \leq N - 1$  dimens affine subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^N$

$X_F$  = the  $F - 1$  dimensional subspace

$x_k \in \mathbb{R}^N$  = agent  $k$ 's opt portf ( $k = 1..K$ )

$x_{F+1} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  = indep portfs/funds in  $X_F$  ( $i = 1..F$ )

F funds are called the **separating funds** or **mutual funds**

**Prop:**  $F$ -Fund separation  $\Rightarrow x_k = \sum_{i=1}^F h_{ki} x_{F+i}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^F h_{ki} = 1$

Every agent's opt portf = lin comb of the  $F$  funds

**Note:** If  $\exists$  a RF asset: it's often in  $F$  funds  $\Rightarrow$  **Monetary Separat<sup>o</sup>**

$\Rightarrow$  Remaining  $F - 1$  funds consist of only risky assets

**Theorem (Ross - 2 Fund Sep)**

Suppose:  $\exists$  RF asset  $w$  / gross return  $R^f$  (call it asset  $N$ ).

2 Funds Separation holds for any insatiable & concave util funct<sup>o</sup>  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  returns on risky assets satisfy:  $\exists F, \beta_n, x_n, n = 1..N - 1$  s.t.

$$(1) R_n = R^f + \beta_n F + \varepsilon_n$$

$$(2) \mathbb{E}[x_n | F] = 0$$

$$(3) \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} x_n \varepsilon_n = 0 \text{ where } \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} x_n = 1$$

**Note:**  $RF$  security = a separating fund

**Note:** Returns of risky assets have a 1-factor structure

**Note:**  $\exists$  a portf of only risky assets ( $w / x_n$  = weight in risky asset  $n \in \{1..N - 1\}$ ) s.t. idiosyncratic risks are fully eliminated

portf with only factor risk  $\gtrsim_{SSD}$  portf  $w$  / factor + idiosyncr risk

**Theorem (Preferences & Mutual-Fund Separation)**

Assume: arbitrary return distrib &  $u' > 0, u'' < 0$

1-Fund Sep holds  $\Leftrightarrow$  all agents have the same util funct<sup>o</sup> over returns (up to affine transfos)

**Note:** 1-Fund Sep is STRONG: need  $\sim$  identical prefs!

**Example: (Homothetic CRRA)**  $u(wRx) = w^{1-\gamma} \cdot u(Rx)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{argmax}_x \mathbb{E}[u(wRx)] = \text{argmax}_x \mathbb{E}[u(Rx)]$$

**Note:** opt portf  $x$  indep of wealth level: can allow for heterogen in  $w$

$$(\cdot) \Rightarrow \text{argmax}_x \mathbb{E}[u(wRx)] = \text{argmax}_x w^{1-\gamma} \mathbb{E}[u(Rx)]$$

**Theorem (Cass-Stiglitz)** 2-Fund monetary sep holds

$$\Leftrightarrow u'_k(w) = (d_k + \frac{w}{\gamma})^{-\gamma} > 0 \text{ for every agent } k$$

with  $d_k \geq 0$  and  $\gamma \geq -1$  same for all agents

## Mean-Variance Portfolio Theory

**Idea:** To characterize optimal portfolios, impose restriction on: Preferences ( $U$ ) and/or Returns distribution

**Here:** focus on case where preferences over portfolio return is a function of mean + variance (i.e., suff stats for returns distrib)

**Mean-Variance Preference:**

**Definition (Portfolio Choice Pb)**  $\max_{a: \iota' a=1} \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})]$

where:  $a$  = portf weights,  $\tilde{w}$  = total wealth

**Prop:**  $\mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} u^{(n)}(\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}]) \cdot \mathbb{E}[(\tilde{w} - \mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}])^n]$

**Idea:** Focus on E.U. that depends on  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}]$  &  $\text{Var}(\tilde{w})$

**Definition (Mean-Variance Preferences)**

$$\mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = v(\mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}], \text{Var}(\tilde{w})) = v(\tilde{w}, \sigma_w^2)$$

**Definition (Quadratic Utility)**  $u(w) = w - \frac{1}{2}aw^2, a > 0, w < 1/a$

**Prop:**  $u(\cdot)$  quadratic  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = v(\tilde{w}, \sigma_w^2)$

$$(\cdot) \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{w} - \frac{1}{2}a\tilde{w}^2] = \tilde{w} - \frac{1}{2}a\tilde{w}^2 - \frac{1}{2}a\sigma_w^2$$

**Prop:**  $v \nearrow \tilde{w}, \searrow \sigma_w$  and is concave in  $\tilde{w}$  &  $\sigma_w$

$$(\cdot) \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{w}} = 1 - a\tilde{w} > 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma_w} = -a\sigma_w < 0,$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tilde{w}^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \sigma_w^2} = -a < 0, \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tilde{w} \partial \sigma_w} = 0$$

**Proposition (Jointly Normal Returns)**  $D$  jointly normal

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{w} = D\theta \sim N(\tilde{w}, \sigma_w)$$

$\Rightarrow$  mean-variance preferences:  $\mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = v(\tilde{w}, \sigma_w^2)$

$$(\cdot) \tilde{w} = \tilde{w} + \sigma_w \varepsilon, \text{ where } \varepsilon \sim N(0, 1)$$

**Prop:**  $v(\tilde{w}, \sigma_w) = \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})], u' > 0, u'' < 0: v \nearrow \tilde{w}, \searrow \sigma_w + \text{concave}$

$$(\cdot) \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{w}} = \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w} + \sigma_w \varepsilon)] > 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \sigma_w} = \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w} + \sigma_w \varepsilon)] < \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w})] = 0,$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \tilde{w}^2} = \mathbb{E}[u''(\tilde{w} + \sigma_w \varepsilon)] < 0, \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \sigma_w^2} = \mathbb{E}[u'(\tilde{w} + \sigma_w \varepsilon)^2] < 0$$

**Proposition (2<sup>nd</sup> Order Approx)**

Risk Premium  $\pi: \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w})] = \mathbb{E}[u(\tilde{w} + \varepsilon)] = u(\tilde{w} - \pi)$  with  $\varepsilon = \tilde{w} - \tilde{w}$

$$\text{Small risk } \Rightarrow \pi(\tilde{w}, \sigma_w) \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{u''(\tilde{w})}{u'(\tilde{w})} \right] \sigma_w^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  For small gambles: mean-variance prefs approximate any  $u(\tilde{w})$

**Mean-Variance Frontier Portfolios:**

**Idea:** (2-Step Approach)

(1) Minimize  $\text{Var}(\tilde{w})$  as a function of the a target  $\mathbb{E}[\text{portf return}] \bar{r}_p$

$\Rightarrow$  Find set of **mean-variance frontier portfs**

(2) Pick portf  $\tilde{r}_p$  that maximizes  $u(\tilde{w})$

**Assumptions (Setup)**  $r = [r_1, \dots, r_N]'$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  **asset returns** with:

mean  $\tilde{r} = \mathbb{E}[r]$  & **covariance matrix**  $\Sigma = \mathbb{E}[(r - \tilde{r})(r - \tilde{r})'] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

$x = [x_1, \dots, x_N] \in \mathbb{R}^N$  **portf weights**:  $r_x = r'x, \tilde{r}_x = \tilde{r}'x, \sigma_x^2 = x' \Sigma x$

**Terminal Wealth:**  $\tilde{w} = w(1 + r_x), \mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}] = w(1 + \tilde{r}_x), \text{Var}(\tilde{w}) = w^2 \sigma_x^2$

Agents prefer portfs w/ higher  $\mathbb{E}[r_x]$  & lower  $\sigma_x^2$ .

**Definition (Mean-Variance Frontier Portf - MVF)**  $\min_{x} \frac{1}{2} x' \Sigma x$

$$\text{s.t. } \tilde{r}'x = \bar{r}_p \text{ & } \iota'x = 1$$

**Proposition (Trick)**  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x' \Sigma x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tilde{r}' \Sigma x = x'(\Sigma + \Sigma') = 2x' \Sigma$

**Assumptions (Additional)** Only risky assets + No redundancy

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \text{ full rank & } \exists \Sigma^{-1}$$

**Theorem (MVF Solution)**  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} x' \Sigma x + \lambda_1(\bar{r}_p - \tilde{r}'x) + \lambda_2(1 - \iota'x)$

FOC:  $x' \Sigma = \lambda_1 \tilde{r}' + \lambda_2 \iota'$  with  $\tilde{r}'x = \bar{r}_p$  &  $\iota'x = 1$

$$\Rightarrow x = \lambda_1 \Sigma^{-1} \tilde{r} + \lambda_2 \Sigma^{-1} \iota' \text{ (plug-in constraints to get } \lambda \text{'s)}$$

Define:  $x_1 := \frac{1}{\iota' \Sigma^{-1} \iota} \Sigma^{-1} \iota$  &  $x_2 := \frac{1}{\iota' \Sigma^{-1} \tilde{r}} \Sigma^{-1} \tilde{r}$  **Prop:**  $\iota' x_{1,2} = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  2 frontier portfs with  $\mathbb{E}[\text{return}] \tilde{r}_1 = \frac{\tilde{r}' \Sigma^{-1} \iota}{\iota' \Sigma^{-1} \iota}$  &  $\tilde{r}_2 = \frac{\tilde{r}' \Sigma^{-1} \tilde{r}}{\iota' \Sigma^{-1} \tilde{r}}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \lambda x_2 + (1 - \lambda) x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{r}_p = \lambda \tilde{r}_2 + (1 - \lambda) \tilde{r}_1 \text{ with } \lambda = \frac{\bar{r}_p - \tilde{r}_1}{\tilde{r}_2 - \tilde{r}_1}$$

**Vary**  $\tilde{r}_p$  to draw the Mean-Variance Frontier  $\Rightarrow$  only boundary!

**Corollary (2-Funds Separation)**

- Any MVF generated by mixing 2 MVF portfs:  $x_1$  &  $x_2$
- MVF generated by mixing any 2 MVF portfs
- Portfs of MVFs is an MVF Portf
- The set of MVF Portfs = **line** in  $\mathbb{R}^N$

( $\cdot$ ) Set of portfs:  $X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : \iota'x = 1\} \in \mathbb{R}^{N-1}$

Set of MVF portfs:  $X_{MVF} \subseteq X$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in X_{MVF} \Rightarrow$  line in  $\mathbb{R}^N$

**MVF Portfolio Properties:**

**Definition (Minimum Variance Portfolio - MVF)**  $\frac{\partial \sigma_p^2}{\partial \tilde{r}_p} = 0$

**Prop:** Necessary & suff:  $x'_{MVF} \Sigma (x_2 - x_1) = 0$

$$(\cdot) 0 = \frac{\partial \sigma_p^2}{\partial \tilde{r}_p} = \frac{\partial \sigma_p^2}{\partial \tilde{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial \tilde{r}}{\partial \tilde{r}_p} = 2x' \Sigma (x_2 - x_1) \cdot \frac{1}{\tilde{r}_2 - \tilde{r}_1}$$

**Prop:**  $x_{MVF} = x_1$  ( $\cdot$ )  $x_1' \Sigma (x_2 - x_1) = \frac{1}{\iota' \Sigma^{-1} \iota} \iota' (x_2 - x_1) = 0$

**Prop:** MVF = Hyperbola in  $\tilde{r} - \sigma$  plane

( $\cdot$ )  $x_p = x_1 + \lambda(x_2 - x_1)$ , and  $\sigma_p = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \lambda^2 \text{Var}(r_2 - r_1)}$  so:

$$\tilde{r}_p = \tilde{r}_1 + \lambda(\tilde{r}_2 - \tilde{r}_1) = \tilde{r}_1 \pm \frac{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2}{\text{Var}(r_2 - r_1)} (\tilde{r}_2 - \tilde{r}_1)$$

**Theorem**  $\forall$  Portf  $p$ :  $\text{Cov}(r_p, r_{MVF}) = \sigma_{MVF}^2$

( $\cdot$ ) New Portf  $\alpha$ :  $r_\alpha := \alpha r_p + (1 - \alpha) r_{MVF}$  so by MVF def:

$$0 = \text{argmin}_\alpha \text{Var}(r_\alpha) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \text{Var}(r_\alpha) = 0 \text{ at } \alpha = 0$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} |_{\alpha=0} [(1 - \alpha)^2 \sigma_{MVF}^2 + \alpha^2 \text{Var}(r_p) + 2\alpha(1 - \alpha) \text{Cov}(r_p, r_{MVF})]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -\sigma_{MVF}^2 + \text{Cov}(r_p, r_{MVF})$$

**Note:** Can also say that o'wise, we would get  $\sigma_\alpha < \sigma_{MVF}$ :

$$\text{Var}(r_\alpha) = \sigma_{MVF}^2 + 2\alpha \text{Cov}(r_p - r_{MVF}, r_{MVF}) + \alpha^2 \text{Var}(r_p - r_{MVF})$$

$$\approx \sigma_{MVF}^2 + 2\alpha \text{Cov}(r_p - r_{MVF}, r_{MVF}) \text{ so if } \text{Cov} \gtrless 0: \text{take } \alpha \leq 0 \downarrow \sigma_\alpha$$

**Prop:** MVF always dominated by other MVF portfs (unless  $\tilde{U}$  is vertical  $\rightarrow \infty$  Risk Aversion)

**Definition (Zero-Covariance Portf - ZCP)** Given MVF portf  $p$ : Portf  $ZCP$  s.t.  $\text{Cov}(r_{ZCP}, r_p) = 0$  for that  $p \neq MVF$

**Theorem (ZCP  $\exists$ )** If MVF  $p \neq MVF$ ,  $\exists$  ZCP:  $\text{Cov}(r_{ZCP}, r_p) = 0$

Note:  $r_{ZCP} := r_p + \alpha(r_{MVF} - r_p)$  with  $\alpha = -\frac{\sigma_p^2}{\sigma_{MVF}^2 - \sigma_p^2}$

$$(\cdot) \text{Cov}(r_p, r_{ZCP}) = \sigma_p^2 + \alpha \text{Cov}(r_p, r_{MVF} - r_p) = \sigma_p^2 + \alpha(\sigma_{MVF}^2 - \sigma_p^2)$$

**Theorem (Towards Zero-Beta CAPM)** Given MVP  $p$  w/ its ZCP:

$$\forall \text{ portf } q: \tilde{r}_q - \tilde{r}_{ZCP} = \beta_{qp}(\tilde{r}_p - \tilde{r}_{ZCP}), \text{ where } \beta_{qp} = \frac{\text{Cov}(r_q, r_p)}{\sigma_p^2}$$

( $\cdot$ ) For  $\exists$  RF asset: it's often in  $F$  funds  $\Rightarrow$  **Monetary Separat<sup>o</sup>**

$$r_q = r_{q*} + r_u \text{ with } \mathbb{E}[r_u] = 0, \text{Cov}(r_u, r_p) = \text{Cov}(r_u, r_{MVF}) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  s.t.  $r_{q*} = r_{ZCP} + \alpha(r_p - r_{ZCP})$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{r}_q = \tilde{r}_{q*} = \tilde{r}_{ZCP} + \alpha(\tilde{r}_p - \tilde{r}_{ZCP}) \text{ (so } \beta_{qp} := \alpha \text{) and}$$

$$\text{Cov}(r_q, r_p) = \text{Cov}(r_q - r_{q*}, r_p) = \text{Cov}(r_{q*}, r_p) = \alpha \sigma_p^2$$

**Theorem (Geometry of ZCP)**

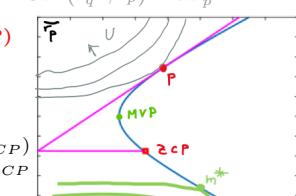
Any MVF Portf  $q$  satisfies:

$$r_q = r_p + \alpha(r_p - r_{ZCP})$$

$$\sigma_q^2 = \sigma_p^2 + 2\alpha \sigma_p^2 + \alpha^2 \text{Var}(r_p - r_{ZCP})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Tangent at  $p$ ; Intercept =  $\tilde{r}_{ZCP}$

$$\& \text{ Slope} = \frac{\tilde{r}_p - \tilde{r}_{ZCP}}{\sigma_p}$$



**Connection with the SPD:**

**Assumptions** NA  $\Rightarrow \exists$  SPD  $m > 0$  (or  $\eta$ )

**Definition**  $m^* =$  projection of  $m$  on linear space of payoffs

**Prop:**  $(m - m^*) \perp$  payoffs, so  $\mathbb{E}[(m - m^*) \cdot \text{payoff}] = 0$

**Prop:** At  $t = 0$ :  $m^*$  price  $P_0(m^*) = \mathbb{E}[m^* \cdot m^*] = \mathbb{E}[(m^*)^2]$

$$(\cdot) \mathbb{E}[mm^*] = \mathbb{E}[(m^* + (m - m^*))m^*] = \mathbb{E}[(m^*)^2] + \mathbb{E}[(m - m^*) \cdot m^*]$$

**Prop:** Return on portf  $m^*$ :  $1 + r^* := \frac{m^*}{P_0(m^*)} = \frac{m^*}{\mathbb{E}[(m^*)^2]}$

**Proposition (SDF Prices All Assets)**  $\mathbb{E}[m^* \cdot \text{payoff}] = 0$

**Note:** Also,  $\mathbb{E}[r^* \cdot \text{payoff}] = 0$  (as  $r^* \propto m^* \propto m$ )

( $\cdot$ ) TBD

**Proposition (Efficiency of  $m^*$ )** Portf  $m^*$  is on MVF

$$(\cdot) \text{ Decompose } r^* = \frac{m^*}{\mathbb{E}[(m^*)^2]}:$$

$$r^* = r_p + r_u \text{ with } \mathbb{E}[r_u] = 0, \text{Cov}(r_u, r_p) = \text{Cov}(r_u, r_{MVF}) = 0$$

Notice:  $\mathbb{E}[r_p r_u] = \text{Cov}(r_p, r_u$

**Theorem (MVF Solution)**  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}x'\Sigma x + \lambda(\bar{r}_p^e - x'\bar{r}^e)$

FOC:  $x'\Sigma = \lambda\bar{r}^e$  with  $\bar{r}_p^e = x'\bar{r}^e x \implies x_p = \frac{\bar{r}_p^e}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e}\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e$

Vary  $\bar{r}_p^e$  to get the MVF in presence of RF asset

**Note:**  $\bar{r}_p^e = 0 \implies x_p = 0$  so all in RF

$\bar{r}_p^e = \frac{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e} \implies x'x_p = 1$  so all in risky  $\equiv$  Tangency Portf

In general: total weight in risky asset  $a_p := x'x_p = \frac{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e}$

**Definition (Tangency Portf)** All in risky asset:

$x_T := \frac{1}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e} \Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e$  **Prop:** For all  $p \in \text{MVF}$ :  $a_p = \frac{\bar{r}_p^e}{\bar{r}^e}$ ,  $x_p = a_p x_T$

Also we get a line:  $r_p = r^f + w(r_T - r^f)$

Any MVF portf = mix of Tangent portf & RF asset

**Definition (Sharpe Ratio)** Given Portf  $x$ :  $SR := \frac{x'\bar{r}^e}{\sqrt{x'\Sigma x}}$

**Prop:** Among all portfs of risky assets only: Tangent portf has max SR

( $\cdot$ ) FOC to max SR:  $x = \frac{\sqrt{x'\Sigma x}}{SR} \Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e \implies x'x = 1 \implies x = \text{Tngt}$

**Theorem** Let  $p \in \text{MVF}$ , then for all portf  $q$ :

$\bar{r}_q - r^f = \beta_{qp}(\bar{r}_p - r^f)$ ,  $\beta_{qp} := \frac{\text{Cov}(r_p, r_q)}{\sigma_p^2}$

( $\cdot$ )  $x_p = \frac{\bar{r}_p^e}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e} \Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e$

$\implies \text{Cov}(r_p, r_q) = \frac{\bar{r}_p^e}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e} \bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e \bar{r}_q = \frac{\bar{r}_p^e}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e} \bar{r}_q$

If  $p = q$ :  $\sigma_p^2 = \frac{(\bar{r}_p^e)^2}{\bar{r}^e'\Sigma^{-1}\bar{r}^e} \implies \text{Cov}(r_p, r_q) = \frac{\bar{r}_p^e}{\bar{r}^e}\sigma_p^2 = \beta_{pp}$

Long shot:

$$\begin{aligned} r_n &= r_q - r_f \\ \text{particular} &= \bar{r}_p + \alpha c_0 \Rightarrow \bar{r}_n = \bar{r}_p + \alpha(\bar{r}_q - \bar{r}_p) \\ &\quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{particular} \\ \text{particular} \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{as small} \\ \text{as small} \end{array} \right. \\ \frac{d\bar{r}_n}{d\alpha} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2\text{Cov}(\bar{r}_q - \bar{r}_p, \bar{r}_p)}{\sigma_p^2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(\bar{r}_q - \bar{r}_p, \bar{r}_p)}{\sigma_p^2} \quad \text{by optimality: I cannot move} \\ &\quad \text{outside of the line (up/down)} \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{\bar{r}_q - r_f}{\text{Cov}(\bar{r}_q - \bar{r}_p, \bar{r}_p)} \cdot \sigma_p^2 = SR = \frac{\bar{r}_p - r_f}{\sigma_p^2} \quad \Rightarrow \beta_p = \frac{\text{Cov}(\bar{r}_q - \bar{r}_p, \bar{r}_p)}{\sigma_p^2} \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**

• Under mean variance prefs: 2-fund separation holds.

• The optimal portfolios of all agents have a very simple structure.

Portfolio efficiency: basic intuition

• Recall the first order condition for the tangency portfolio:

$$0 = x^\top \Sigma - \lambda \pi$$

• Rearranging, this implies that

$$\pi_j = \bar{r}_j - r_F = \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{C}(r_j, r_p) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial(1/2x^\top \Sigma x)}{\partial x_j}$$

• LHS is the marginal benefit (increase in expected return) associated with borrowing at  $r_F$  to increase the weight in asset  $j$

• RHS is the corresponding marginal cost (increase in variance).  $\lambda$  is the shadow cost (in terms of variance) of a marginal increase in expected returns.

• An efficient portfolio will equate the two across all risky assets.

• If an asset earns a high risk premium, it must be the case that a marginal increase in its weight would generate a larger increase in portfolio variance (i.e., it has a higher covariance with the tangency portfolio) relative to another asset with a lower risk premium.

## In Practice

### Consumption Choice Problem 1:

**Setup:**  $M=2$  states,  $N=2$  assets (1 RF + 1 risky)

$t=1$  returns:  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 1 & d \end{bmatrix}$ , probs:  $\pi_u, \pi_d$ .

Agent: initial wealth  $w_0$ , final  $w_1 = 0$ .

Portf Weights (RF/Risky asset):  $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \alpha_2]'$

Max Prob:  $\max_{c_0, c_1, \alpha} \log c_0 + \beta \mathbb{E}[\log c_1]$

2 Budget Constraints:  $c_1 = (w_0 - c_0)R\alpha$

(a) **Find optimal  $\alpha = \alpha(w_0, c_0, c_1)$ :**

Complete Market:  $\mathbb{E}R^{-1} \implies \alpha = \frac{1}{w_0 - c_0} R^{-1} \cdot c_1$

(b) **Rewrite Constraints Using Only  $(w_0, c_0, c_1)$ :**

$\phi = P'R^{-1}$  with  $P = [1, 1]'$  so  $\eta_u = \frac{\phi_u}{\pi_u}$ ,  $\eta_d = \frac{\phi_d}{\pi_d}$

$\implies$  Constraint:  $w_0 := c_0 + \mathbb{E}[\eta c_1] = c_0 + \pi_u \eta_u c_{1,u} + \pi_d \eta_d c_{1,d}$

(c) **Optimize over  $(c_0, c_1)$  + Find  $c_0(\lambda), c_1(\lambda)$ :**

$\max c_0 + \beta \mathbb{E}[\log c_1]$  s.t.  $w_0 = c_0 + \pi_u \eta_u c_{1,u} + \pi_d \eta_d c_{1,d}$

$c_0, c_1$

$\mathcal{L} = \log c_0 + \beta \mathbb{E}[\log c_1] - \lambda(c_0 + \pi_u \eta_u c_{1,u} + \pi_d \eta_d c_{1,d} - w_0)$

$\stackrel{c_0}{\implies} \lambda = 1/c_0$

$\stackrel{c_1}{\implies} \lambda \pi_s \eta_s = \beta \pi_s/c_{1,s}$  with  $s = u, d$

$\implies c_0 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad c_{1,u} = \frac{\beta}{\eta_u} = \frac{c_0 \beta}{\eta_u} \quad c_{1,d} = \frac{\beta}{\eta_d} = \frac{c_0 \beta}{\eta_d}$

(d) **Plug  $\lambda$  in constraint + Get  $\lambda = \lambda(w_0)$ :**

$w_0 = c_0 + \pi_u \eta_u c_{1,u} + \pi_d \eta_d c_{1,d} = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{\pi_u \beta}{\lambda} + \frac{\pi_d \beta}{\lambda}$

$\implies \lambda = \frac{1+\beta}{w_0}$

(e) **Get  $c_0(w_0)$ ,  $c_1(w_0)$ :**

$c_0 = \frac{w_0}{1+\beta} \quad c_{1,u} = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \frac{w_0}{\eta_u} \quad c_{1,d} = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \frac{w_0}{\eta_d}$

**Consumption Choice Problem 2:**

**Setup:** 1 RF (return  $r^f$ ) + 1 Risky asset:

$$r = \bar{r} + \sigma \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon \sim N(0, 1) \quad (\bar{r} > r^f)$$

Agent:  $e_0 > 0$  and  $e_1 = h\varepsilon$  ( $h > 0$ )

Maximize:  $\max_{c_0, c_1} -e^{-\alpha c_0} - \rho \mathbb{E}[e^{-\alpha c_1}]$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  cst

(a) **Invest  $a$  in risky asset:**

Write  $t = 1$  consumption  $c_1 = c_1(e_0, e_1, c_0, a, r^f, r)$

$$c_1 = e_1 + w(1+r^f) + a(r-r^f) = e_1 + (e_0 - c_0)(1+r^f) + a(r-r^f)$$

(b) **Write optimal portf choice problem:**

$$\max_{c_0, a} -e^{-\alpha c_0} - \rho \mathbb{E}[e^{-\alpha(e_1 + (e_0 - c_0)(1+r^f) + a(r-r^f))}]$$

(c) **Write FOC:**  $\frac{d}{da}$  and  $\frac{d}{dc_0}$

(d) **Solve FOC for Opt Portf Choice problem:** Get  $a, c_0$

(e) **How does  $h$  influences  $c_0$  and  $a$ ?**

$c_0 \searrow$  in  $h$ . Higher uncertainty about  $e_1 \implies$  lower certainty equivalent of this payoff. When  $h$  is high: agent feels poorer  $\Rightarrow$  wants to consume less.

$a \searrow$  in  $h$ . Higher uncertainty about  $e_1 \implies$  less willingness to invest in the risky asset (adds risk to  $c_1$ ).

**Consumption Choice Problem 3:**

**Setup:** 1 RF (asset 0) +  $N$  risky assets:  $n = 1, \dots, N$

Returns:  $R_0 = R^f = 1$  and  $D_n = \bar{D} + \varepsilon_n$  ( $n = 1..N$ ),  $\varepsilon_n \sim N(0, \sigma)$

Prices:  $P_0 = 1$ ,  $P_n = P$  for all  $n$

Agent: CARA  $u(w) = -e^{-aw}$ ,  $a > 0$

Endowment: 1 share of each asset  $n$ , 0 shares of RF.

Portfolio holdings of risky assets:  $\theta = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N]'$   $\in \mathbb{R}^N$

(a) **Write agent's wealth  $\tilde{w}$  at  $t = 1$ :**

$$\tilde{w} = \sum_{n=1}^N \underbrace{\theta_n D_n}_{\substack{\text{Asset } n \\ \text{Payoff}}} + \frac{1}{P_0} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \underbrace{P_n}_{\substack{\text{t=0 wealth} \\ \text{(endowment)}}} - \sum_{n=1}^N \underbrace{\theta_n P_n}_{\substack{\text{wealth invested} \\ \text{in risky assets}}} \right)$$

(b) **Write Optimal Portf Choice Pb:**

$$\max_{\theta} \mathbb{E}[-e^{-a\tilde{w}}] \text{ s.t. } \tilde{w} = \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n D_n + \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - \theta_n) P_n$$

$D_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\bar{D}, \sigma^2)$

$$\implies \tilde{w} \sim N \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n \bar{D}_n + \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - \theta_n) P_n, \sigma^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n^2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow -a\tilde{w} \sim N \left( -a \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n \bar{D}_n - a \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - \theta_n) P_n, a^2 \sigma^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n^2 \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[-e^{-a\tilde{w}}] = -\exp \left( -a \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n \bar{D}_n - a \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - \theta_n) P_n + \frac{a^2}{2} \sigma^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n^2 \right)$$

$$\implies \max_{\theta} \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n \bar{D}_n + \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - \theta_n) P_n - \frac{a^2}{2} \sigma^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_n^2$$

(c) **Solve Optimal Portf Pb:** FOC w.r.t.  $\theta_n$

$$\bar{D} - P_n - a\sigma^2 \theta_n = 0 \implies \theta_n = \frac{\bar{D} - P_n}{a\sigma^2}$$

(d) **Show: for different values of RA a, 2-Fund Separation Holds:**

Initial Wealth of Agents:  $w_0 = \sum_{n=1}^N P_n$

$\implies$  agents invest optimally fractions

$$\frac{\theta_n P_n}{w_0} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{(\bar{D} - P_n) P_n}{w_0 \sigma^2}$$

and  $1 - \frac{1}{a} \frac{(\bar{D} - P_n) P_n}{w_0 \sigma^2}$  in RF asset

$\implies$  agents hold lin comb of RF asset

and risky portf  $x_M = [x_1, \dots, x_N]'$  ( $x_n = \frac{(\bar{D} - P_n) P_n}{w_0 \sigma^2}$ )

Depending on RA: Hold  $\frac{1}{a} X_M$  in risky &  $1 - \frac{1}{a} X_M'$  in RF

(e) **If agent = only agent in market**

**Find Equilibrium Risky Prices  $P_n$**

Market Clearing:  $1 = \theta_n = \frac{\bar{D} - P_n}{a\sigma^2} \implies P_n = \bar{D} - a\sigma^2$

(f) **Find Risk Premium on Risky Assets + N  $\rightarrow \infty$  Limit:**

$$\pi_n = \bar{R}_n - R^f = \mathbb{E}[R_n] - 1 = \frac{\mathbb{E}[D_n]}{P_n} - 1 = \frac{a\sigma^2}{\bar{D} - a\sigma^2} \text{ indep of } N$$

(g) **Does APT Hold in this Market when N  $\rightarrow \infty$ ?**

$\exists$  Asymptotic Arbitrage in this Market: (so APT can't hold)

Seq of arb portfs:  $\theta_0^N = -1$ ,  $\theta_n^N = \frac{1}{N} \forall n$

$$\implies \mathbb{E}[\tilde{w}_{\theta^N}] = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \bar{R}_n - 1 = \bar{r}_1 - 1 = \pi_1 = \frac{a\sigma^2}{\bar{D} - a\sigma^2} > 0$$

While  $\text{Var}(\tilde{w}_{\theta^N}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{N^2} \text{Var}(\varepsilon_n) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \rightarrow 0$

## Static Equilibrium Models of Asset Pricing

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### Market Equilibrium

Invest - Transfer money:

- Deposit accounts
- Mortgages

[The Capital Asset Pricing Model \(CAPM\)](#)

[The Consumption-based CAPM \(C-CAPM\)](#)

## Asymmetric Information

### Financial Markets: Grossman-Stiglitz Model

Invest - Transfer money:

- Deposit accounts
- Mortgages

### No-Trade Theorem

### Rational Expectation/Market Efficiency

### Market Microstructure: Kyle & Glosten-Milgrom Models

## Dynamic Modelling

### Dynamic State-Space Framework, FTAP

Invest - Transfer money:

- Deposit accounts
- Mortgages

### Arbitrage Asset Pricing (Dynamic)

### Dynamic Portfolio Choices

### Dynamic Equilibrium Models: Complete Markets, CCAPM

### Dynamic Equilibrium Models: Incomplete Markets