

Master M1 - Mido 16th January 2020

Exam: Portfolio Management¹: 2h

Notations: We consider d risky assets S^1, S^2, \dots, S^d of vector of returns R which verifies :

$$R = M + \epsilon \text{ with } R = \begin{pmatrix} R^1 \\ \vdots \\ R^d \end{pmatrix}, M = \begin{pmatrix} m^1 \\ \vdots \\ m^d \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^1 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon^d \end{pmatrix}$$

where M is a vector of \mathbf{R}^d , and ϵ is a Gaussian vector of expectation zero and variance-covariance matrix Σ .

We note,

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^1 \\ \vdots \\ \pi^d \end{pmatrix} \text{ an allocation in the risky assets } S^i,$$

$R(\pi)$ the return of a portfolio of (risky) allocation π ,
 m_π its expectation and σ_π its standard deviation.

We remind that,

An investment portfolio π satisfies $\pi'1_d = 1$.

A self-financing portfolio π satisfies, $\pi'1_d = 0$.

We note,

1_d the vector of \mathbf{R}^d with all components equal to 1.

$a = 1'_d \Sigma^{-1} 1_d$, $b = 1'_d \Sigma^{-1} M$, $\pi_a = \frac{1}{a} \Sigma^{-1} 1_d$ and $\omega = \Sigma^{-1} (M - \frac{b}{a} 1_d)$.

Exercise 1: [8pts]

When there is a risk-free asset of return r_0 , we remind the Security Market Line equation for all investment portfolios of returns R_P :

$$R_P - r_0 = \beta_T(P)(R_T - r_0) + \epsilon_P \quad (1)$$

with $\beta_T(P) = \frac{\text{Cov}(R_P, R_T)}{\sigma^2(R_T)}$ and ϵ_P independent from the return R_T of the Tangent Portfolio.

1. [6pts] Complete the table below:

Portfolio	$E(R_{P_i})$	$\beta_T(P_i)$	$\sigma(R_{P_i})$	$\sigma(\epsilon_{P_i})$
P_1	10%	1	50%	30%
P_2	?	?	0	?
P_3	12.5%	1.5	?	0%
P_4	?	3	?	40%

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2. [2pts] Demonstrate how the SML equation (1), can be adapted to self-financing portfolios, made of risky assets only, using the fact that the SML equation can also be expressed for the d risky assets S^i as,

$$R - r_0 \mathbf{1}_d = \beta_T (R_T - r_0) + \mathcal{E} \quad (2)$$

where β_T is the vector of the $\beta_T(R_i)$ and \mathcal{E} is independent from R_T .

Exercise 2: [6pts]

In this exercise we assume that Σ is invertible and that M and $\mathbf{1}_d$ are not collinear, and we solve the problem $(P_{m,\sigma})$ of finding all the investment portfolios π (made of the risky assets) which satisfy $\mathbf{E}(R(\pi)) = m$ and $\sigma(R(\pi)) = \sigma$.

1. [1pt] Show that the problem $(P_{m,\sigma})$ is equivalent to finding $\pi \in \mathbf{R}^d$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \pi' \mathbf{1}_d = 1 \\ \pi' M = m \\ \pi' \Sigma \pi = \sigma^2 \end{cases}$$
2. Let $\pi_\alpha = \pi_a + \alpha \omega$
 - (a) [0.5pt] Show that π_α is an investment portfolio.
 - (b) [1pt] Calculate $m_\alpha = \mathbf{E}(R(\pi_\alpha))$ and $\sigma_\alpha = \sigma(R(\pi_\alpha))$ as a function of $a, b, M, \mathbf{1}_d, \alpha$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\Sigma^{-1}}$.
 - (c) [0.5pt] Show that $\forall m \in \mathbf{R}, \exists! \alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $m_\alpha = m$.
3. Let $\pi^* = \Sigma \pi$ and $\pi_\alpha^* = \Sigma \pi_\alpha$.
 - (a) [1pt] Show that the problem $(P_{m_\alpha, \sigma})$ (for π) is equivalent, after a change of variable, to the problem $(P_{\alpha, \sigma}^*)$ (for π^*) defined by,

$$\begin{cases} (\pi^* - \pi_\alpha^*)' \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{1}_d = 0 \text{ (E1)} \\ (\pi^* - \pi_\alpha^*)' \Sigma^{-1} M = 0 \text{ (E2)} \\ \pi^{*'} \Sigma^{-1} \pi^* = \sigma^2 \end{cases}$$
4. Demonstrate that
 - (a) [0.5pt] if $\sigma < \sigma_\alpha$ then $(P_{\alpha, \sigma}^*)$ has no solution in π^* ,
 - (b) [0.5pt] if $\sigma = \sigma_\alpha$ then $(P_{\alpha, \sigma}^*)$ has a unique solution, which is π_α^* ,
 - (c) [1pt] if $\sigma > \sigma_\alpha$ and $d > 2$ describe the solutions of $(P_{\alpha, \sigma}^*)$.

Exercise 3 : [6pts]

In this exercise we assume that the d risky assets satisfy, $R = A + BF$ with A constant vector of \mathbf{R}^d , B constant matrix of $\mathbf{R}^{d \times k}$ and F random variable of \mathbf{R}^k such that $\mathbf{Var}(F)$ is invertible.

1. We consider a self-financing portfolio $\pi \in \mathbf{R}^d$ and note $R(\pi)$ its return.
 - (a) [1pt] Show that: $R(\pi)$ risk-free $\iff \pi' B = 0$.
 - (b) [1pt] Show that the following two propositions are equivalent:
 - (P1) All risk-free self-financing portfolios have a return of zero.
 - (P2) $(\pi' 1_d = 0 \text{ and } B' \pi = 0) \implies \pi' A = 0$.
 - (c) [1pt] Using the previous results show that if all risk-free self-financing portfolios have a return of zero then,
 $\exists \lambda_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ and $\exists \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^k$ such that $A = \lambda_0 1_d + B \lambda$.
 - (d) [1pt] Using the previous results show that if all risk-free self-financing portfolios have a return of zero then,
 $\exists \lambda_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ and $\exists \mu \in \mathbf{R}^k$ such that $E(R) = \lambda_0 1_d + B \mu$.
2. [1pt] Demonstrate that (P3) implies (P4) where,
 - (P3) $\exists \lambda_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ and $\exists \mu \in \mathbf{R}^k$ such that, $E(R) = \lambda_0 1_d + B \mu$.
 - (P4) All self-financing portfolios without risk have a return of zero.
3. [1pt] Demonstrate that (P5) implies (P6) where,
 - (P5) All risk-free self-financing portfolios have a return of zero.
 - (P6) All risk-free investment portfolios have the same return.