

Risk Management

Exercises for participants of **mathematical programmes**

T-Exercise 8M

- (a) Let X be a random variable. Show that it holds

$$\text{VaR}_\alpha(aX + b) = a\text{VaR}_\alpha(X) + b, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}, a \geq 0.$$

- (b) Let X be a random variable with continuous and strictly increasing distribution function F . Prove

$$\text{VaR}_\alpha(-X) = -\text{VaR}_{1-\alpha}(X).$$

- (c) Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\text{VaR}_\alpha(f(X)) = f(\text{VaR}_\alpha(X)), \quad \alpha \in (0, 1),$$

holds for all random variables X .

T-Exercise 9

Denote by X the random loss of a portfolio with distribution function

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < -\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}, \\ 1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^{-3}, & \text{if } x \geq -\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Compute the expectation, variance, Value at Risk and Expected Shortfall at level $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ of X .
- (b) Let \tilde{X} be $N(0, 1)$ -distributed. Compare the following functions of α graphically:
- (i) $\text{VaR}_\alpha(X)$ and $\text{VaR}_\alpha(\tilde{X})$,
 - (ii) $\text{ES}_\alpha(X)$ and $\text{ES}_\alpha(\tilde{X})$.

You may use

$$\text{ES}_\alpha(\tilde{X}) = \frac{\varphi(\Phi^{-1}(\alpha))}{1 - \alpha}.$$

T-Exercise 10

Let L be the random loss of a portfolio of the form

$$L = -s(e^X - 1),$$

where $s > 0$ is a constant and X has a normal distribution with mean $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and standard deviation $\sigma > 0$. Compute $\text{ES}_\alpha(L)$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

P-Exercise 11

Consider the situation of C-Exercise 5.

- (a) Write down a brief pseudo code of your solution to C-Exercise 5.
- (b) Suppose that you want to compute $\text{ES}_\alpha(L_{n+1})$ instead of $\text{VaR}_\alpha(L_{n+1})$. Which parts of your code have to be modified and why?

Please save your solution of each C-Exercise in a file named `Exercise_##.sce`, where `##` denotes the number of the exercise. Please include your name(s) as comment in the beginning of the file.

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