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PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS: VaR FOR A REDUCED FORM PORTFOLIO

The aim is to reduce the dimensionality of the problem.

Indeed, if, for example, $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5$, we have to estimate 10^{10} parameters (10^5 for $\underline{\mu}$, $\frac{10^{10}}{2}$ for Σ).
 $\rightarrow \frac{(m+1)m}{2}$ parameters

We can diagonalize Σ :

$$\Sigma = \Gamma \Lambda \Gamma' \quad \begin{matrix} \text{ordered eigenvalues: } \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d) \\ \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_d \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{orthonormal eigenvectors: } \Gamma = (\underline{\gamma}_1, \underline{\gamma}_2, \dots, \underline{\gamma}_d) \\ \text{s.t. } \Gamma' \Gamma = \Gamma \Gamma' = I_d \end{matrix}$$

Cholesky decomposition: $\Sigma = A A^T \Rightarrow A = \Gamma \Lambda^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x} &= \underline{\mu} + A \underline{y} = \underline{\mu} + \Gamma \Lambda^{1/2} \underline{y} = \\ &= \underline{\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^d \sqrt{\lambda_i} \underline{\gamma}_i y_i \end{aligned}$$

d is the number of dimensions.

We can see that not all $\lambda_i, \underline{\gamma}_i$ have the same importance.

\rightarrow I can sum up only the RELEVANT K ones:

$$\underline{x} = \underline{\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^{K < d} \sqrt{\lambda_i} \underline{\gamma}_i y_i + \underline{\epsilon} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{random error term} \\ \text{stochastic error term} \end{matrix}$$

PCA : REDUCED FORM PORTFOLIO

Defining $\hat{\mu} := \Gamma' \mu$

The projected portfolio on principals is : $\hat{w} := \Gamma' w$

Original portfolio

$$\mathcal{N}(\underline{\mu}, \underline{\Sigma} \underline{\mu})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma^2_{\text{Port}} = \underline{w} \cdot \Sigma \underline{w} \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} (\Gamma \underline{w}) \cdot \Sigma \Gamma \underline{w} = (\Gamma \underline{w}) \cdot (\Gamma \Lambda \Gamma') \Gamma \underline{w} = \\ = \underline{w} \cancel{\Gamma \Gamma'} \Lambda \underline{w} = \underline{w} \cdot \Lambda \underline{w} = \sum_{i=1}^d \hat{w}_i^2 \lambda_i^2 \\ \mu_{\text{Port}} = \underline{\mu} \cdot \underline{w} = \Gamma \hat{\mu} \cdot \Gamma \underline{w} = \hat{\mu} \cdot \underline{w} = \sum_{i=1}^d \hat{\mu}_i \hat{w}_i \end{array} \right.$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma^2_{\text{red}} = \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{w}_i^2 \lambda_i \\ \mu_{\text{red}} = \sum_{i=1}^K \hat{w}_i \hat{\mu}_i \end{array} \right.$$

Reduced form
portfolio

Remark: if asset volatilities differ significantly, PCA is applied to correlation matrices.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}_{\alpha} = \Delta \mu_{\text{red}} + \Delta \sigma_{\text{red}} \text{Var}_{\alpha}^{\text{std}}$$

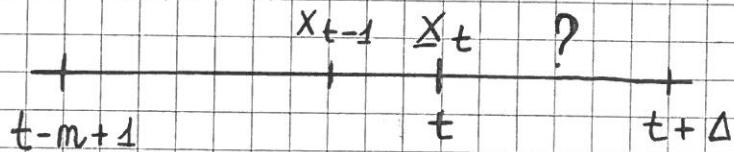
→ no assumption on the distribution of risk factors.

10. NON PARAMETRIC APPROACHES: HS, WHS, BOOTSTRAP

HISTORICAL SIMULATION

Returns are not gaussian \Rightarrow let's use REALIZED RETURNS.

Consider d -time series for a time window m :



loss = ... peso . ritorno t
Vasset ritorno al tempo t
Vasset

I can value my portfolio considering that the future return of my portfolio will be one of the ones I have observed in the past.

Under the assumption of FROZEN PORTFOLIO: \uparrow verrone dei pesi da simulazione di possibili future losses
 $w_{i,t} = \frac{m_{i,t} s_i(t)}{\sum_{i=1}^d m_{i,t} s_i(t)}$

$$(x_t) = -V(t)(c_t + w_t \cdot x_t) \quad L_{t+\Delta} = -V_t \left(\underbrace{w_t \cdot \overbrace{x_{t+\Delta}}^{ptf \text{ data}}}^{NOW} + c_t \right) \quad V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^d m_{i,t} s_i(t)$$

same weights \rightarrow we are assuming that we don't trade \rightarrow same weights!

In order to simulate possible losses in the future, you use past data (knowing the weights now).

① Value losses under the empirical set of realized values for factors:

$$L_s = \{ L(x_s) \}_{s=t-m+1, \dots, t} \}$$

② Consider the (decreasing) ordered sequence $L^{(i,m)}: L^{(m,m)} \leq \dots \leq L^{(1,m)}$

③ Risk measurements:

$$VaR_\alpha = L^{[m(1-\alpha)], m}$$

$$ES_\alpha = \text{mean} \{ L^{(i,m)}, i = [m(1-\alpha)], \dots, 1 \}$$

$[m(1-\alpha)]$ largest integer not exceeding $m(1-\alpha)$.

Remark: 1. HS preserves dependence among factors

2. The technique can be applied to an interval using the scaling rule.

EXAMPLE

stably losses

$$n = 500 \text{ (2y)} \text{ and } \alpha = 99\%$$

5th worst case!

→ VaR corresponds to the 5th highest value;

→ ES corresponds to the average of the 5 largest values.

Main advantages:

→ NO statistical estimation of the parameters;

→ NO assumptions about the dependence structure of risk factors.

WEIGHTED HISTORICAL SIMULATION

stressed VaR required
by the regulators

Instead of considering uniform weights, one can decide to associate to the loss sequence (w.r.t. time) a set of new weights that are decreasing in the past.

In this way, recent losses have a bigger impact.

So, we consider the following set of weights:

$$\{w_s\}_{s=t-m+1, \dots, t}$$

$$\text{where } w_s = C \lambda^{t-s}$$



with $0 < \lambda < 1$ (typically within 0.95, 0.99) and C

a normalization factor s.t. $C = \frac{1-\lambda}{1-\lambda^m}$.

We can compute the loss sequence and order it in descend way and, not to loose correspondence with losses, we create a new vector of weights, the first (last) of which will be related to the biggest (lowest) loss.

Using these weights, we look for i^* , the largest value s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i^*} w_i \leq 1 - \alpha$$

$$W_{(1:\alpha)} = W(K)$$

$$[Loss]_K = \text{sort}(Loss, \text{descend})$$

and then we can compute risk measurements:

$$\text{VaR}_\alpha = L(i^*, m)$$

$$\text{ES}_\alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i^*} w_i L(i, m)}{\sum_{i=1}^{i^*} w_i}$$

WHS is more sensitive to recent conditions but generates more volatility in VaR.

- STATISTICAL BOOTSTRAP : Random sampling.

For the Statistical Bootstrap, the idea is the same of the HS, but, instead of considering all the realized returns in the past years, we choose only a specified number of elements randomly (very powerful when you have a too large dataset)

⇒ Random Sampling with replacement from the original data set (composed of m returns).

Sample (1, m)

1. Sample an integer number between 1 and m , M times;
2. Select the corresponding set of returns;
3. Value the loss distribution on the set and risk measures as in the HS case;
4. Adjust with the scaling factors.

As in HS, we preserve dependence among risk factors, since it is applied to all factors at the same time.

These are three mon-parametric methods (most used in a bank).

As an engineer, I want to have the order of magnitude as a check.



11. PLausibility CHECK FOR VaR

Rule of thumb.

Sometimes, one just needs an estimation of the order of magnitude of portfolio VaR.

In this case, set of risk factors \underline{x} : plot V_x

- ① Value Risk-factor correlation C and lower / upper percentiles:

$$e_i \equiv \text{VaR}_x (1-\alpha), u_i \equiv \text{VaR}_x (\alpha)$$

- ② Compute signed-VaR for each risk factor:

$$\text{sVaR}_i = \text{sensi}_i \frac{|e_i| + |u_i|}{2}$$

sensitivities
risk factor i , weight
on stock \rightarrow o mean prf (sensi. = w_i)

- ③ Portfolio VaR can be estimated by:

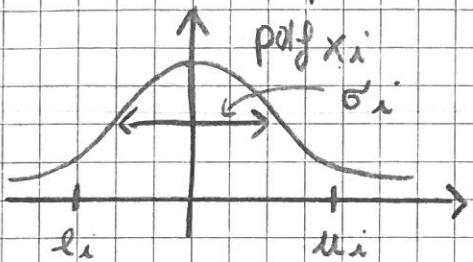
$$\text{VaR}^{\text{ptg}} = \sqrt{\text{sVaR} \cdot C \cdot \text{sVaR}}$$

Is this check good?

We know that, if Returns are driftless and Gaussian in a linear portfolio, the described approach is equivalent to the Analytical Valuation via a Variance - Covariance method.

Let's test if it's true.

driftless $\rightarrow \mu = 0$ (expected loss). We want to model UL.



$$l_i = -\mu_i, \mu_i > 0$$

$$\mu_i = \tilde{\sigma}_i N^{-1}(\alpha)$$

equal $\tilde{\sigma}_i = A$

linear ptf \Rightarrow dens $i = w_i$

$$\Rightarrow \text{SVaR} \cdot \text{CVaR} = A^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^d w_i \tilde{\sigma}_i C_{ij} \tilde{\sigma}_j w_j$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\Sigma_{ij}}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{VaR}^{\text{ptf}} = A \sqrt{w \cdot \Sigma w}$$

In the analytical case with Variance / Covariance method:

$$\text{VaR} = \mu + \sqrt{w \cdot \Sigma w} \frac{\text{VaR}_{\alpha}^{\text{std}}}{\sqrt{N^{-1}(\alpha)}}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{Var}(L)}$

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FULL VALUATION vs. DELTA - NORMAL (DELTA - GAMMA) METHOD.

NON LINEAR PORTFOLIO

FULL-VALUATION MONTE-CARLO METHOD

In presence of derivatives portfolio loss, portfolio is valued with a Monte-Carlo approach with starting value in t :

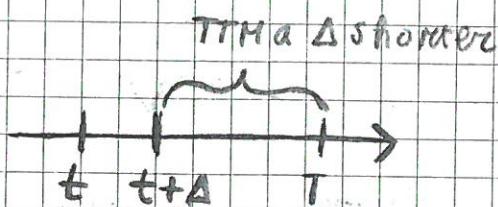
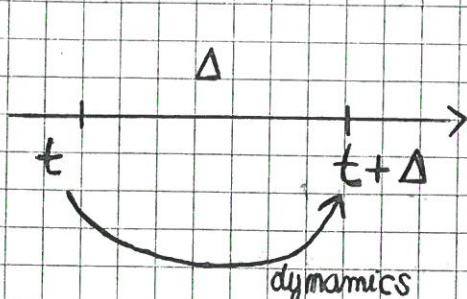
$$L^{\text{der}}(X_t; \Delta) = - \sum_i [C_i(t+\Delta) - C_i(t)]$$

$C_i(t)$: value in t of the i -th derivative.

Then loss distribution can be obtained via a MC approach consisting a simulated set of values for the risk factors.

EXAMPLE :

Let's consider the case where the derivatives' portfolio is just composed by one Call.



In a simple model, underlying value in $t + \Delta$:

$$S_{t+\Delta} = S_t e^{X_t \Delta} \rightarrow \text{usually normally distributed}$$

exponential return between
 t and $t + \Delta$

Option value should be computed just considering the new starting value and updatin the TTM (that is a Δ shorter).

One obtains the loss distribution simulating several values the returns up to $t + \Delta$.

ASS 5 : portfolio composed by stocks + same number of put options.

Daily VaR via a Full Monte Carlo and a Delta normal approaches.

2y HS for the underlying

With Full MC, we obtain the loss distribution considering a simulated set of values for the risk factor.

→ In this case HS to find the price of the underlying on the next day.

$$S_{t+\Delta} = S_t e^{X_{t+\Delta}}$$

underlying value today

(simulated underlying value in $t+\Delta$)

mkt risk factors in $t+\Delta$ (unknown)
↳ we use all risk factors observed in the last 2y to simulate it.

We use daily risk factors of the last 2y to create an array that represents a set of simulated underlying prices in $t+\Delta$.

We price the Put today $P(t)$.
With the vector $S_{t+\Delta}$, we obtain a vector with put option's prices in $t+\Delta$ (ITM is Δ -shanter!). $P(t+\Delta)$

Vector of losses for the derivative part of the portfolio

$$\hookrightarrow L_p(X_t; \Delta) = -\sum_i (P(t+\Delta) - P(t))$$

For the linear part of the portfolio, another vector of losses:

$$L_s(X_t; \Delta) = -\sum_i (S_{t+\Delta} - S_t) \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{size}) \\ \text{number of shares} \end{matrix}$$

$$L_{\pi} = L_p + L_s$$

This approach is time consuming!
 \downarrow

1st order Taylor expansion to linearize the ptf.

• DELTA - NORMAL METHOD

For a derivatives portfolio, an expansion up to the first order loss derivatives:

$$L(X_t) = - \sum_{i=1}^d \text{sensi}_i(t) X_{t,i} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \text{1st order Greeks: delta / vega} \end{matrix}$$

where $\text{sensi}_i(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} S_i(t)$ in case of a single derivative
and in general, it is
 $\text{ptf sensitivity (in } d \text{ terms)}$
w.r.t. i -th risk factor.

Then Loss distribution can be obtained either via
an analytical approach or via a simulation
(HS, WHB, Bootstrap) approach.

(parametric or non parametric approach)

DELTA - GAMMA (MONTE CARLO) METHOD

Sometimes the regulator may ask for a second-order expansion.

For a derivatives' portfolio, derivatives loss can be obtained by an expansion in its Greeks:

$$L(X_t) = - \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d \delta_i \delta_i(t) X_{t,i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d \gamma_{ij} \delta_i(t) \delta_j(t) X_{t,i} X_{t,j} \right\}$$

Then Loss distribution can be obtained via a Monte Carlo (HS, WHS, Bootstrap) approach.

In case of NO CROSS GAMMA ($\gamma_{ij} = 0 \forall i \neq j$),
 CORNISH - FISHER approximation (situation rarely observed in the market)

↳ analytical formula for VaR

ASS 5:

- DELTA NORMAL APPROACH

Compute the $\delta_{PUT} = e^{-\sigma(T-t_0)} N(-0.1)$

$$\rightarrow L(X_{t,i}) = -(m_p \delta_p + m_s) S_t X_{t,i}$$

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Loss for the i -th risk factor (Value simulated with HS)

- DELTA - GAMMA

$$\rightarrow L(X_{t,i}) = -[(m_p \delta_p + m_s) S_t X_{t,i} + m_p \gamma_p S_t^2 X_{t,i}^2]$$

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NORMAL MIXTURE : MAIN PROPERTIES (MOMENTS, CONDITIONAL MEAN & CF) AND EXAMPLES

(VARIANCE)

OTHER MULTINOMIAL MODELS: NORMAL MIXTURE

The parametric approach may not work, because we have to introduce the volatilities' movements.

NVM

$$\text{MODEL : } \underline{x} = \underline{\mu} + \sqrt{W} A \underline{y}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} A = \Sigma^{1/2} \text{ s.t. } AA^T = \Sigma : \text{dispersion matrix} \\ \underline{y} \sim N_d(0, I_d) \\ W \geq 0 \text{ mixing variable independent from } \underline{y} \\ \text{with } E[W] < +\infty \end{cases}$$

Remarks:

- $\underline{x} | W = w \sim N_d(\underline{\mu}, W\Sigma)$
- $E[\underline{x}] = \underline{\mu}$
- $\text{Cov}(\underline{x}) = E[(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T] =$
 $= E[(\sqrt{W} \underline{A} \underline{y}) (\sqrt{W} \underline{A} \underline{y})^T] =$
 $(W \underline{A})^T = E[W \underline{A} \underline{y} \underline{y}^T \underline{A}^T] =$
 $(W \underline{A})^T = E[W] \underline{A} \underbrace{E[\underline{y} \underline{y}^T]}_{I} \underline{A}^T = E[W] \cdot \Sigma$

- $\phi^c(t) = E[e^{it \cdot \underline{x}}] = e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} E[e^{i\sqrt{W} t \cdot \underline{A} \underline{y}}] =$
 $= e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} E_W [E[e^{i\sqrt{W} t \cdot \underline{A} \underline{y}} | W]] =$

if I condition w.r.t. W I can do the same computations as for the characteristic function of Gaussian multinomial $e^{-\frac{1}{2} \underline{t} \cdot \underline{t}}$



$$\mathbb{E}[e^{i\sqrt{w}t \cdot A\bar{y}/W}] = (\underline{t} \cdot A\bar{y} = \underbrace{A^T \underline{t}}_{\underline{t}} \cdot \underline{y}) =$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[e^{i\sqrt{w}\tilde{\underline{t}} \cdot \underline{y}/W}] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\bar{y}_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\bar{y}_i^2/2} e^{i\sqrt{w}\tilde{t}_i \cdot \bar{y}_i} = *$$

$$e^{-\frac{\bar{y}_i^2}{2} + i\sqrt{w}\tilde{t}_i \cdot \bar{y}_i} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\bar{y}_i - i\sqrt{w}\tilde{t}_i)^2 - \frac{\tilde{t}_i^2 w}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\bar{y}_i^2}{2} - i\sqrt{w}\tilde{t}_i \cdot \bar{y}_i - \frac{w\tilde{t}_i^2}{2} \right) - \frac{\tilde{t}_i^2 w}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\bar{y}_i' - i\sqrt{w}\tilde{t}_i)^2$$

$$y_i'$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\bar{y}_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\bar{y}_i - i\sqrt{w}\tilde{t}_i)^2} =$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\bar{y}_i'}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y_i')^2} = 1$$

$$* = e^{-\frac{1}{2}w\tilde{\underline{t}} \cdot \tilde{\underline{t}}}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_W[e^{-\frac{1}{2}w\tilde{\underline{t}} \cdot \tilde{\underline{t}}}] = (\tilde{\underline{t}} \cdot \tilde{\underline{t}} = (A^T \underline{t}) \cdot (A^T \underline{t}) = \underline{t} A A^T \underline{t}) =$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_W[e^{-w\frac{1}{2}\underline{t} \cdot \underline{t}}] =$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} dw f(w) e^{-w \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\underline{t} \cdot \underline{t}}_s} = \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2}\underline{t} \cdot \underline{t}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\underline{t}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\underline{t} \cdot \underline{t}} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2}\underline{t} \cdot \underline{t}\right]$$

We have introduced W in order to take into account the movements of volatilities.

LEMMA

X_1, X_2 uncorrelated normal R.V.

W not constant

$\Rightarrow X_1, X_2$ not independent

PROOF.

(driftless case) $\rightarrow \underline{x} = \sqrt{W} A \underline{y}$

$$\circ E[X_1 X_2] = E[W \sigma_1 y_1 \sigma_2 y_2] \stackrel{W \perp y}{=} E[W] E[\sigma_1 y_1 \sigma_2 y_2] =$$

$$\circ E[|X_1| | X_2|] = E[W \sigma_1 \sigma_2 |y_1| |y_2|] \stackrel{W \perp y}{=} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 E[W] E[|y_1| |y_2|]$$

Jensen inequality: $E[W] \geq E[\sqrt{W}]$ (if W not constant, strictly i.e. a R.V.)

$$W \geq \sigma_1 \sigma_2 E[\sqrt{W}]^2 E[|y_1|] E[|y_2|] =$$

$$= E[\sqrt{W} \sigma_1 |y_1|] E[\sqrt{W} \sigma_2 |y_2|] =$$

$$= E[|X_1|] E[|X_2|]$$

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$$\Rightarrow E[|X_1| | X_2|] \geq E[|X_1|] E[|X_2|]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Corr}(|X_1|, |X_2|) > 0$$

If W is not constant, $\text{Corr}(|X_1|, |X_2|) > 0$
 $\Rightarrow X_1, X_2$ not independent.

EXAMPLES : t - Student

$$X = \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{G}}}_{W} A \underline{y}$$

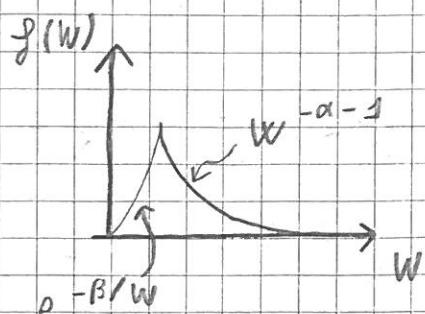
$$G \sim \chi^2_r \\ \underline{y} \sim N(0, I)$$

$$Z \perp \underline{y}$$

$$\rightarrow 1/\chi^2$$

$W \sim \text{Inv Gamma}, \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \alpha = \frac{r}{2}$

$$f(W; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} W^{-\alpha-1} e^{-\beta/W}$$



$$\underline{x} = \mu + \sqrt{W} A \underline{y} \sim t_r$$

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NORMAL MEAN-VARIANCE MIXTURE : MAIN PROPERTIES AND EXAMPLES

NMVM

$$\text{MODEL} : \underline{x} = \underline{\mu} + W \underline{\alpha} + \sqrt{W} A \underline{y}$$

where, in addition to NM parameters, we have introduced the constant vector $\underline{\alpha}$ and $W \geq 0$ N.V. called mixing variable independent from \underline{y} with $\text{Var}[W] < +\infty$.

Remarks:

- $\underline{x}|W = w \sim N(\underline{\mu} + \underline{w} \underline{\alpha}, \underline{w}^T \Sigma)$
- $E[\underline{x}] = \underline{\mu} + \underline{\alpha} E[W]$
- $\text{cov}(\underline{x}) = E[(\underline{x} - E[\underline{x}])(\underline{x} - E[\underline{x}])^T] =$
 $= E[(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu} - E[W]\underline{\alpha})(\underline{x} - \underline{\mu} - E[W]\underline{\alpha})^T] =$
 $= E[((W - E[W])\underline{\alpha} + \sqrt{W}A\underline{y})((W - E[W])\underline{\alpha} + \sqrt{W}A\underline{y})^T] =$
 $= E[(W - E[W])^2] \underline{\alpha} \underline{\alpha}^T + E[W A \underline{y} \underline{y}^T A^T] =$
 $= \text{Var}(W) \underline{\alpha} \underline{\alpha}^T + E[W] \Sigma$
- $\phi^c(t) = E[e^{it \cdot \underline{x}}] = e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} \cdot E_W [e^{it \cdot W \underline{\alpha}} E[e^{it \cdot \sqrt{W} A \underline{y}} | W]] =$
 $= e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} E_W [e^{it \cdot W \underline{\alpha}} \underbrace{E[e^{it \cdot \sqrt{W} \underline{\alpha} \cdot A \underline{y}} | W]}_{\underline{\alpha} \cdot A \underline{y} = \underbrace{A^T \underline{t} \cdot \underline{y}}}] =$
 $= e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} E_W [e^{it \cdot W \underline{\alpha}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} W \underline{\alpha}^T \underline{\alpha}}] =$
 $= e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} E_W [e^{it \cdot W \underline{\alpha}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} W \underline{\alpha}^T \Sigma \underline{\alpha}}] =$
 $= e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} E_W [e^{-W(-it \cdot \underline{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{\alpha}^T \Sigma \underline{\alpha})}] =$
 $= e^{it \cdot \underline{\mu}} \mathcal{L}[-it \cdot \underline{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{\alpha}^T \Sigma \underline{\alpha}]$

EXAMPLES

WN Generalized Inverse Gaussian (GIG)

$$f(W; a, b, p) = \frac{(a/b)^{p/2} W^{(p-1)} e^{-(aW+b/W)/2}}{2 K_p(\sqrt{ab})}$$

$W > 0$

$a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $p \in \mathbb{R}$ and $K_p(\lambda)$ is a Bessel function of the second kind, i.e.:

$$K_p(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} W^{p-1} e^{-\lambda(W+1/W)/2} dW$$

Special cases

W	Exponent	Normal MVM
IG	$p = -\frac{1}{2}$	NIG (Normal Inverse Gaussian)
Gamma	$b \rightarrow 0$	VG (Variance Gamma)
Ig (inverse gamma)	$a \rightarrow 0$	Skewed t

15.

SPHERICAL: DEFINITION AND DISTRIBUTION PROPERTIES

SPHERICAL DISTRIBUTIONS

DEF. \underline{x} (spherical distribution) s.t. $\underline{x} \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} U\underline{x} \quad \forall U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$
 s.t. $U^T U = U U^T = I_d \rightarrow (U \text{ is a rotation})$
 i.e. spherical random vectors are distributionally invariant under rotation.

THEO. Spherical distribution's properties:

1. \underline{x} is spherical
2. $\phi_{\underline{x}}(\underline{t}) \equiv \mathbb{E}[e^{i\underline{t} \cdot \underline{x}}] = \psi(\|\underline{t}\|^2)$ with ψ scalar function
3. $a' \underline{x} \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} \|a\| \underline{x}_1 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}^d$

PROOF. $(1 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 1)$

$1 \Rightarrow 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\underline{x}}(\underline{t}) &= \mathbb{E}[e^{i\underline{t} \cdot \underline{x}}] = \mathbb{E}[e^{i\underline{t} \cdot U\underline{x}}] = \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{iU'\underline{t} \cdot \underline{x}}] = \phi_{\underline{x}}(U'\underline{t}) \end{aligned}$$

since $\phi_{\underline{x}}(\underline{t}) = \phi_{\underline{x}}(U'\underline{t}) \quad \forall U \text{ rotation}$,

the characteristic function must be a function

of the norm (invariant under rotation)

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\underline{x}}(\underline{t}) = \psi(\|\underline{t}\|^2) \quad \Downarrow \|\underline{U}'\underline{t}\|^2 = \|\underline{t}\|^2$$

$2 \Rightarrow 3$

$$\phi_{x_1}(b) = \mathbb{E}[e^{ibx_1}] = \mathbb{E}[e^{i(b\underline{e}_1) \cdot \underline{x}}] = \psi(b^2) *$$

$$\phi_{a' \underline{x}}(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{it \cdot a' \underline{x}}] = \mathbb{E}[e^{i(t \cdot a) \cdot \underline{x}}] = \psi(t^2 \|a\|^2) =$$

$$*\phi_{x_1}(t/\|a\|) = \mathbb{E}[e^{it/\|a\| x_1}] = \phi_{\|a\| x_1}(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow a' \underline{x} \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} \|a\| x_1$$

$$\text{...} \Rightarrow a' \underline{x} = (\|a\|^2)^* \phi_{\|a\|}(\underline{x}) = \mathbb{E}[e^{i x_1 \|\underline{x}\|}] \Rightarrow a' \underline{x}$$

3 \Rightarrow 1

$$(3): \underline{\mathbf{x}} = \underline{\mathbf{t}} + \underline{\mathbf{x}}_1$$

$$\|\mathbf{U}'\underline{\mathbf{t}}\| = \|\underline{\mathbf{t}}\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}^c(\underline{\mathbf{t}}) &= E[e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}}] = E[e^{i\|\underline{\mathbf{t}}\| \underline{\mathbf{x}}_1}] = \\ &= E[e^{i\|\mathbf{U}'\underline{\mathbf{t}}\| \underline{\mathbf{x}}_1}] \stackrel{(3)}{=} E[e^{i\|\underline{\mathbf{t}}\| \mathbf{U}'\underline{\mathbf{x}}}] = \\ &= E[e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \mathbf{U}\underline{\mathbf{x}}}] \quad \forall \mathbf{U} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}\underline{\mathbf{x}} &\stackrel{\text{law}}{=} \underline{\mathbf{x}} \quad \forall \mathbf{U} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Normal mixture with $\underline{\mu} = 0$, $\Sigma = I_{10d}$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}^c(\underline{\mathbf{t}}) &= \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2}\|\underline{\mathbf{t}}\|^2\right] = \psi(\|\underline{\mathbf{t}}\|^2) \\ &\rightarrow = e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mu}} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2}\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\mathbf{t}}\right] \\ \text{spherical using } (2) \Rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

16. ELLIPTICAL DISTRIBUTION & CF

ELLIPTICAL DISTRIBUTIONS: multivariate affine transform of spherical distributions.

DEF. $\underline{\mathbf{x}}$ is ELLIPTICAL if $\underline{\mathbf{x}} = \underline{\mu} + \mathbf{A}\underline{\mathbf{y}}$, $\underline{\mathbf{y}} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ spherical distribution with $\begin{cases} \underline{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}' = \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \text{ positive definite} \end{cases}$

The characteristic function is:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}(\underline{\mathbf{t}}) &= E[e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}}] = e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mu}} E[e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \mathbf{A}\underline{\mathbf{y}}}] = \\ &= e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mu}} E[e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \sum_{\text{spherical}}^{\mathbf{A}'\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{y}}}] \stackrel{(2)}{=} e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mu}} \psi(\|\tilde{\Sigma}\|^2) = \\ &= e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mu}} \psi(\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\mathbf{t}}) \\ \|\tilde{\Sigma}\|^2 &= \tilde{\Sigma} \cdot \tilde{\Sigma} = (\mathbf{A}'\underline{\mathbf{t}}) \cdot (\mathbf{A}'\underline{\mathbf{t}}) = \underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\mathbf{t}} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Normal mixture

$$\phi_{\underline{\mathbf{x}}}(\underline{\mathbf{t}}) = e^{i\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \underline{\mu}} \mathcal{L}(\underline{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\mathbf{t}} / 2)$$

17. COHERENT RISK MEASURE: AXIOMS

COHERENT MEASURE OF RISK

axiomatic approach to risk measures

DEF. Convex cone M s.t. $\text{RVS } L_1, L_2 \in M$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} L_1 + L_2 \in M \\ \lambda L_1 \in M \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+ \end{cases}$$

\mathbb{R}^+ set of non-negative real numbers.

AXIOMS FOR A COHERENT RISK MEASURE:

Risk measure $\rho : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

①. TRANSLATION INVARIANCE: $\rho(L + \ell) = \rho(L) + \ell$,
 $\forall L \in M, \forall \ell \in \mathbb{R}$

②. SUBADDITIVITY: $\rho(L_1 + L_2) \leq \rho(L_1) + \rho(L_2)$, $\forall L_1, L_2 \in M$

③. POSITIVE HOMOGENEITY: $\rho(\lambda L) = \lambda \rho(L) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$

④. MONOTONICITY: $\rho(L_1) \geq \rho(L_2) \quad \forall L_1 \leq L_2 \in M$
a.s.

Financial point of view:

1. Impact of an amount of cash on my ptf:
if I have a given ptf that generates a loss and a cash amount, my R.m. will be the R.m. of my loss + cash amount.
2. Diversification principle for risk measures.
3. λ times ptf $\rightarrow \lambda$ times risk (bigger ptf \rightarrow bigger risk).
4. If one ptf has a loss lower than the other, also the R.m. will have the same relation.

In the positive homogeneity assumption we consider an INFINITE LIQUIDITY: you can't actually multiply for any number

In order to handle liquidity problems, many theory of convex risk measures, where 3 holds with

$$\rho(\lambda L) \geq \rho(L)\lambda$$

Remarks :

1. Given 2 & 3, 4 can be rewritten as:

$$\rho(L) \leq 0 \quad \forall L \leq 0 \text{ a.s. } (4*)$$

PROOF.

$$4 \xleftrightarrow{2+3} 4^*$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \quad \rho(0) = \rho(0 \cdot L) \stackrel{3}{=} 0 \cdot \rho(L) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } L_2 = 0, L_1 \leq 0 \Rightarrow L_1 < L_2 \\ \xrightarrow{2} \rho(L_1) \leq \rho(L_2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\Leftarrow) \quad L_1 < L_2 \text{ a.s. } \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{L_1 - L_2}_{\in L} \leq 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_D} \rho(L) \leq 0$$

$$(2) \rightarrow \rho(L_1) \leq \underbrace{\rho(L_1 - L_2)}_{\rho(L)} + \rho(L_2)$$

$$\rightarrow \rho(L_1) - \rho(L_2) \leq \rho(L) \leq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \rho(L_1) \leq \rho(L_2)$$

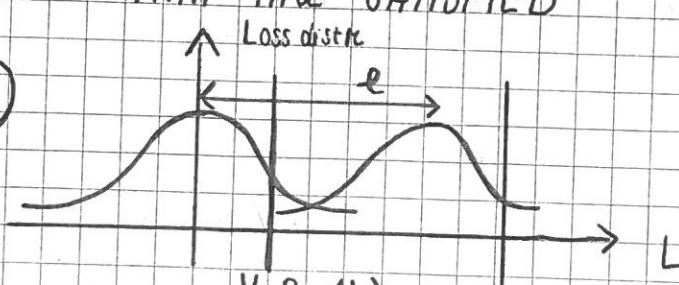
2. Convexity axioms holds (relaxes axioms 2 & 3)

↓
convex measure of risk.

18.

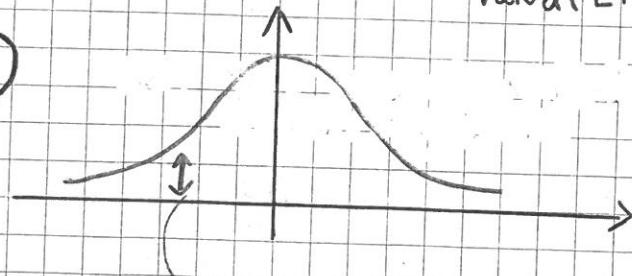
Var : COHERENT RISK MEASURE AXIOMS
THAT ARE SATISFIED

①



OK

③



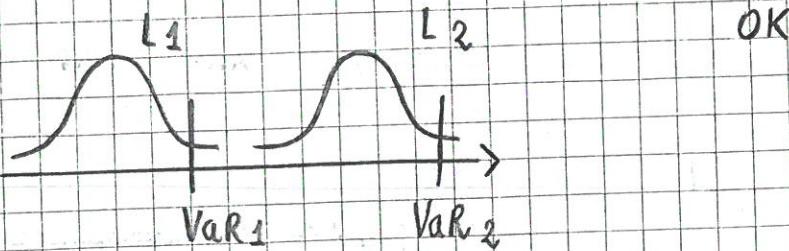
$$\text{Var}(\lambda L) = \lambda \text{Var}(L)$$

OK

distribution becomes fatter and VaR becomes fatter as well.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L \lambda = L \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda L$$

(4)



Translation invariance (1)
Positive Homogeneity (3)
Monotonicity (4) } guaranteed by VaR
Quantile representation.

(2) Subadditivity?
Only from a LINEAR PORTFOLIO and
ELLIPTICAL DISTRIBUTION.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= -V(C + \underline{W} \cdot \underline{x}) \xrightarrow{\underline{x} = \underline{\mu} + A\underline{y}} \\
 &= -V(\underline{C} + \underline{W} \cdot \underline{\mu}) - \\
 &\quad - V\underline{W} \cdot \underline{A}\underline{y} \\
 &\quad \text{UL}
 \end{aligned}$$

19. VaR SUB-ADDITIONAL ELLIPTICAL CASE.

THEO.

|| VaR sub-additivity for elliptical risk factors
and linear portfolios

$$L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{M}, 0.5 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$



$$\text{VaR}_\alpha(L_1 + L_2) \leq \text{VaR}_\alpha(L_1) + \text{VaR}_\alpha(L_2)$$

$$m = \left\{ L : L = \lambda_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i x_i, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\underline{x} = \underline{\mu} + A\underline{y}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ spherical distribution.}$$

PROOF.

Loss for a linear portfolio:

$$L = -V(C + \underline{W} \cdot \underline{x}) = -V\underline{C} - V\underline{W} \cdot \underline{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lambda_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i x_i, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Elliptical risk factors: } \underline{x} = \underline{\mu} + A\underline{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lambda_0 + \underline{\lambda} \cdot (\underline{\mu} + A\underline{y}) = \lambda_0 + \underline{\lambda} \cdot \underline{\mu} + \underline{\lambda} \cdot A\underline{y}$$

EXPECTED LOSS

UNEXPECTED LOSS

$$L = EL + \underline{\lambda} \cdot A\underline{y} = EL + \tilde{A}' \underline{\lambda} \cdot \underline{y}$$

prop. (3) spherical
distributions

$$= EL + \|\underline{\alpha}\| y_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{VaR}_\alpha(L) = EL + \|\underline{\alpha}\| \text{VaR}_\alpha(y_1)$$

translation invariance + positive homogeneity

Now take L_1, L_2 :

$$L_1 = EL^{(1)} + \underline{\lambda}_1 \cdot A\underline{y}, \quad L_2 = EL^{(2)} + \underline{\lambda}_2 \cdot A\underline{y}$$

Let's try subadditivity:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VaR}_\alpha(L_1 + L_2) &= EL^{(1)} + EL^{(2)} + \text{VaR}_\alpha((\underline{\lambda}_1 + \underline{\lambda}_2) \cdot A\underline{y}) = \\ &= EL^{(1)} + EL^{(2)} + \|A' \underline{\lambda}_1 + A' \underline{\lambda}_2\| \underbrace{\text{VaR}_\alpha(y_1)}_{*} \end{aligned}$$

(* $\text{VaR}_\alpha(y_1) \geq 0$ for $0.5 < \alpha \leq 1$,

since y_1 is symmetrical (\underline{y} spherical)

$$\Rightarrow \text{mean } = 0$$

$$\text{VaR}_{0.5}(y_1) = 0$$

< (triangular inequality : $\|x_1 + x_2\| \leq \|x_1\| + \|x_2\|$) <

$$< EL^{(1)} + EL^{(2)} + (\|A' \underline{\lambda}_1\| + \|A' \underline{\lambda}_2\|) \text{VaR}_\alpha(y_1) =$$

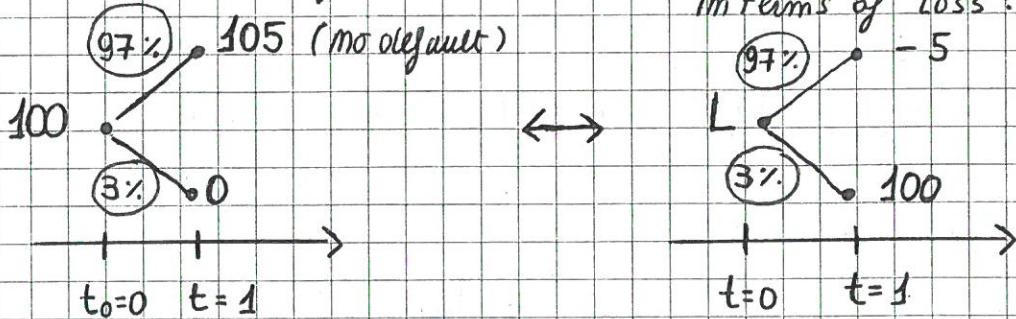
$$= \underbrace{EL^{(1)} + \|A' \underline{\lambda}_1\| \text{VaR}_\alpha(y_1)}_{\text{VaR}_\alpha(L_1)} + \underbrace{EL^{(2)} + \|A' \underline{\lambda}_2\| \text{VaR}_\alpha(y_2)}_{\text{VaR}_\alpha(L_2)}$$

20. VaR SUB-ADDITIONAL : COUNTER EXAMPLE

Economy with 1 time step and 2 independent

defaultable bonds with zero recovery, discount factors = 1.

Survival probability = 97%.



Consider now two possible portfolios:

1. undiversified: 200 € in the first bond.
2. diversified: 100 € invested in each bond.

Losses:

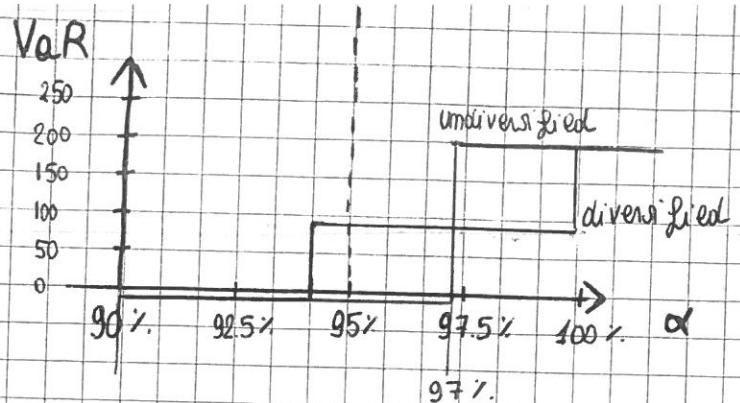
$$1. \begin{cases} 200 & p = 3\% \text{ default} \\ -10 & p = 97\% \text{ no default} \end{cases}$$

$$2. \begin{cases} 200 & p = 0.09\% \text{ both bonds default} \\ 95 & p = 2 \cdot (97\%) \cdot (3\%) \approx 6\% \text{ one default, the other not} \\ -10 & p = (97\%)^2 \approx 94.1\% \text{ any of them default} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{VaR} = \inf_{l \in \mathbb{R}} \underbrace{\{P(L > l) \leq 1 - \alpha\}}_{F(l) \geq \alpha} \rightsquigarrow \alpha = 95\% \quad \text{VaR lowest loss s.t. probability } \leq 1 - \alpha = 5\%$$

$$1. P(L > l) = \begin{cases} 100\% & l \leq -10 \\ 3\% & -10 \leq l \leq 200 \\ 0\% & l > 200 \end{cases}$$

$$2. P(L > l) = \begin{cases} 100\% & l \leq -10 \\ 6\% & -10 \leq l \leq 95 \\ 0.09\% & 95 \leq l \leq 200 \\ 0\% & l > 200 \end{cases}$$



For example, for $\alpha = 95\%$, $\text{VaR}_{\text{diversified}} > \text{VaR}_{\text{undiversified}}$
 \Rightarrow subadditivity doesn't hold.

But if we compute the ES subadditivity holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_1(95\%) &= \frac{1}{5\%} \int_{95\%}^{100\%} \text{VaR}_u du = \text{sum of losses under } 5\% \text{ probability} + \text{prob. of minimum loss} \\ &= \frac{1}{5\%} \left(3\% \cdot 200 + 2\% \cdot (-10) \right) = 116.0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ES}_2(95\%) = \frac{0.09\% \cdot 200 + 4.91\% \cdot 95}{5\%} = 96.9$$

21. ES: COHERENT RISK MEASURE.

ES was subadditive in the previous counterexample:
is it, in general, a COHERENT MEASURE OF RISK?

THEO. ES is a coherent risk measure.

PROOF.

- 1, 3, 4 come from 1, 3, 4 of VaR, thanks to ES representation.

In fact, for example:

$$1: \text{ES}_\alpha = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \int_{\alpha}^1 \text{VaR}_u du$$

$$L \rightarrow (L + l), l \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{VaR}(L + l) = l + \text{VaR}(L)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_\alpha(l+L) &= \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \int_{\alpha}^1 [l + \text{VaR}_u(L)] du = \\ &= l + \text{ES}_\alpha(L) \end{aligned}$$

...

- 2: SUBADDITIVITY?

Take m simulations of losses of the financial firm: L_1, \dots, L_m

$$\{L_i\}_{i=1, \dots, m}$$

We order them: $L^{(1, m)}, L^{(1, m)} > \dots > L^{(m, m)}$.

Then, i can sum the largest $1 \leq m \leq m$:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m L^{(i, m)}$$

$$\sup_{\{i_j\}} \{ L_{i_1} + L_{i_2} + \dots + L_{i_m} \}$$

possible
complimentary

This is any
sum

$1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_m \leq m$

I can write the same for another \tilde{L} :

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (L + \tilde{L})^{(i,m)} = \text{First sum them order}$$

$$= \sup_{ij} \{ (L_{i1} + \tilde{L}_{i1}) + \dots + (L_{im} + \tilde{L}_{im}) \} \dots$$

$$\leq \sup_{im} \{ L_{i1} + \dots + L_{im} \} + \sup_{ij} \{ \tilde{L}_{i1} + \dots + \tilde{L}_{im} \} = \\ = \sum_{i=1}^{im} L^{(i,m)} + \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{L}^{(i,m)}$$

We can normalize by $m = [m(1-\alpha)]$ (HIS)

$$\frac{1}{[m(1-\alpha)]} \sum_{i=1}^{[m(1-\alpha)]} (L + \tilde{L})^{(i,m)} \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{[m(1-\alpha)]} \sum_{i=1}^m L^{(i,m)} + \frac{1}{[m(1-\alpha)]} \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{L}^{(i,m)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ES}_\alpha(L + \tilde{L}) \leq \text{ES}_\alpha(L + \tilde{L}) \blacksquare$$

For practical aims, the VaR is coherent, because we usually use linear (or linearized) portfolios and elliptical distributions.

The problem of ES is connected to a precise measure of the tails, that have to be accurately modelled.

22.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION & EULER PRINCIPLE. ELLIPTICAL CAVE & CONTRIBUTION TO RISK MEASURE.

Used to decompose a risk measure in the Capital Allocation (AC) to each i -th investment:

$$\rho(\underline{\lambda}) = \underline{\lambda}' \tilde{\pi}^P(\underline{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \tilde{\pi}_i^P(\underline{\lambda})$$

possible for
positive
homogeneous
risk measures.

d : number of risk factors in the Ptf.

PRINCIPLE : Euler Capital Allocation Principle

if $\rho(\underline{\lambda})$ positive homogeneous & cont. differentiable

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\underline{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i} \rho(\underline{\lambda})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \tilde{\pi}^P(\underline{\lambda}) = \nabla_{\underline{\lambda}} \rho(\underline{\lambda})$$

PROOF. $\rho(\underline{\lambda})$ is function of $\underline{\lambda}$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\lambda} = \underline{E}\underline{\lambda} + \underline{U}\underline{\lambda}$$

$$\underline{\lambda} \cdot \underline{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \rho(\alpha \underline{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \frac{\partial \rho(\alpha \underline{\lambda})}{\partial \alpha \lambda_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \rho(\alpha \underline{\lambda}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} (\alpha \rho(\underline{\lambda})) = \rho(\underline{\lambda})$$

$$\stackrel{\alpha=1}{\Rightarrow} \rho(\underline{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \frac{\partial \rho(\underline{\lambda})}{\partial \lambda_i}$$

Homogeneous function $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f(\underline{x}) = \alpha^K f(\underline{x})$ homogeneous of degree K

PROP. $f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x} \cdot \nabla f(\underline{x})$ homogeneous degree one, differentiable.

COROLLARY: Form risk factors described by elliptic distributions (& linear) ptf:

$$\tilde{\pi}^{\rho}(\underline{\lambda}) = \frac{\sum \underline{\lambda}}{\underline{\lambda}' \Sigma \underline{\lambda}} \rho(UL)$$

$$\nabla_{\underline{\lambda}} \rho(L)$$

PROOF. Loss in elliptical distributions:

$$L = \underline{\lambda}_0 + \underbrace{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \underline{\mu}}_{EL} + \underbrace{\underline{\lambda} \cdot A \underline{y}}_{UL}, \underline{y} \text{ spherical distribution}$$

$$UL = \underline{\lambda} \cdot A \underline{y} = A' \underline{\lambda} \cdot \underline{y} \stackrel{\text{prop. (3) spherical distributions}}{=} \|A' \underline{\lambda}\| y_1$$

$$\rho(UL) = \|A' \underline{\lambda}\| \rho(y_1)$$

$$\|A' \underline{\lambda}\|^2_{\text{mom}} = \sqrt{(A' \underline{\lambda})(A' \underline{\lambda})} = \sqrt{\underline{\lambda} A A' \underline{\lambda}} = \sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(L) = \sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}} \rho(y_1) \rightarrow \rho(y_1) = \frac{\rho(L)}{\sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i} \sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}} = \frac{\cancel{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}}{\cancel{\lambda} \sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}}} \Rightarrow \nabla \rho(\underline{\lambda}) = \frac{\Sigma \underline{\lambda}}{\sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}}} \rho(y_1)$$

$$\rho(y_1) = \frac{\rho(UL)}{\sqrt{\underline{\lambda} \cdot \Sigma \underline{\lambda}}}$$



$$\nabla_{\underline{\lambda}} \rho(\underline{\lambda}) = \tilde{\pi}^{\rho}(\underline{\lambda}) = \frac{\Sigma \underline{\lambda}}{\underline{\lambda}' \Sigma \underline{\lambda}} \rho(UL)$$

Combination to Risk Measure \rightarrow We can associate to each risk factor a contribution to VaR & ES, so I can select the business to fine (the ones that absorbing too much capital), instead of the whole bank!

23.

BACKTESTING VaR : BASEL APPROACH & UNCONDITIONAL COVERAGE TEST.

BACKTESTING VaR

Basel II, Pillar II → supervisions' review of bank's capital adequacy.

↓
How to compute $K \in [3, 4]$ present in RC in Basel II?

→ BACKTESTING: evaluation EX-POST of the quality of a VaR measurement.

Why is it relevant?

Basel Committee requires that VaR is regularly tested:

- predictable ability via a comparison of daily estimates and "actual" losses;
- in order to determine risk capital requirements.

Main Idea: Check consistency between number of exceptions and confidence level, e.g.

with VaR (99%) we expect that losses will be higher in 2.5 days a year.
 $14 \approx 250 \text{ d}$

↓

Monitor not only the VaR daily but also the exceptions.

Which P&L should be considered?

- P&L coming from actual positions and trades, detected from Business Control Unit.
- P&L obtained revaluing end of previous day positions under new risk conditions (Static P&L). (FROZEN PTF)

VaR 99%, $99\% = 1 - \alpha$, $\alpha = 1\%$.

PROBABILITY EXCEPTIONS

Measure the Number of Exceptions χ (# times that the Loss is larger than the VaR).

Prob. to observe χ exceptions is binomial:

$$P(\chi | \alpha, N) = \binom{N}{\chi} \alpha^\chi (1-\alpha)^{N-\chi}$$

↑
#points 1y

For $\chi \geq 5$, $P < 5\%$.

BASEL APPROACH

In Basel 2:

If you have

$0 \leq \chi \leq 4$ OK	{
$5 \leq \chi \leq 9$ not good, the supervisor will implement K	

$\chi \geq 10$ very bad \rightarrow re-think the model for VaR

Build a quantitative method to check the accuracy of our risk measure:

Likelihood Ratio

$$LR \equiv -2 \ln \frac{L(\chi | \text{null hypothesis})}{L(\chi | \text{model to be tested})}$$

our VaR is
✓ correct

We apply Wilks' theorem:

$$N \rightarrow \infty, LR \sim \chi^2_{g_{\text{model}} - g_{\text{null}}} \quad (\text{if } H_0 \text{ is correct})$$

As in standard LR test,

$$P < \beta \rightarrow H_0 \text{ rejected}$$

$$P = 1 - \Phi_{\chi^2}(LR) \quad p\text{-value associated to the observed LR}$$

$$P \uparrow, 1 - \Phi_{\chi^2}(LR) \uparrow$$

$$\Phi_{\chi^2} \downarrow \rightarrow LR \uparrow \rightarrow \frac{L'}{L} \leftarrow \rightarrow L \uparrow$$

PROPORTION OF FAILURES TEST OR UNCONDITIONAL

COVERAGE TEST (Kupiec, 1995)

$$H_0: L(\chi | \alpha) = \binom{N}{\chi} \alpha^\chi (1-\alpha)^{N-\chi}$$

$$\text{Model to be tested: } L(\chi | \hat{\alpha}) = \binom{N}{\chi} \hat{\alpha}^\chi (1-\hat{\alpha})^{N-\chi}$$

$\hat{\alpha} \equiv \frac{\chi}{N}$ Frequency of empirical exceptions in the back test.

$$LR_{UC} = -2 \ln \frac{L(\chi | \alpha)}{L(\chi | \hat{\alpha})} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \chi^2_1 \quad 1 \text{ dof (1-0)}$$

thus very small
the
 $\alpha = \hat{\alpha}$

Example $N = 500$

χ	$p(N=500)$
5	16.2%
6	5.9%
7	1.9%
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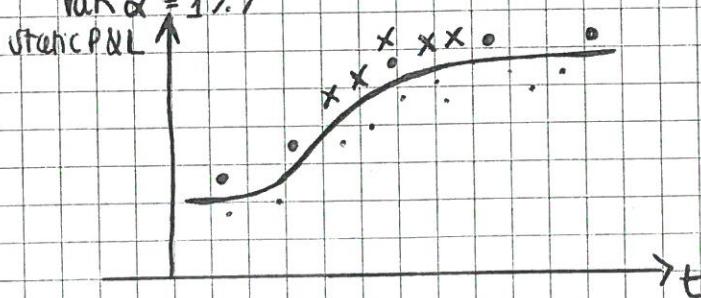
In this case also
5 and 6 are acceptable!

24.

BACKTESTING VaR: CONDITIONAL (CHRISTOFFERSEN)

CONDITIONAL TEST (CHRISTOFFERSEN, 1998)

$$VaR \alpha = 1\% /$$



Reaction of VaR to
volatility in the
markt

- 1st bank
- ✗ 2nd bank

In both cases, I have 5 exceptions.

Are both banks mislay the same? The 2nd is more mislay.

(you are forgetting my some risk very relevant in the
VaR measure, f.e. risk coming from a SHADOW
BANKING)

↳ the VaR is not really informing of
the response to volatility of the market.

We have to do a conditional test to detect situations like the second one:

Consider an elementary Markov chain for exceptions:

$t-1$	t
1	1
0	0

$$N_{01} = \#(0 \rightarrow 1)$$

$$N_{00} = \#(0 \rightarrow 0)$$

$$N_{10} = \#(1 \rightarrow 0)$$

$$N_{11} = \#(1 \rightarrow 1)$$

We want to see if there's a connection between exceptions:

If I have $1 \rightarrow 1$, probably I have some trades that I am trading (shadow banking).

FRACTIONS (of exceptions):

$$\hat{\alpha}_{01} = \frac{N_{01}}{N_{01} + N_{00}}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{11} = \frac{N_{11}}{N_{11} + N_{10}} \quad 2 \text{ dof}$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{00} = 1 - \hat{\alpha}_{01}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_{10} = 1 - \hat{\alpha}_{11}$$

Again, we do a likelihood test

In the null hypothesis, $\hat{\alpha}_{01} = \hat{\alpha}_{11} = \alpha$

$$LR_{cc} = -2 \ln \frac{L(x|\alpha)}{L(x|\hat{\alpha}_{00}, \hat{\alpha}_{01}, \hat{\alpha}_{10}, \hat{\alpha}_{11})} \quad (2 \text{ d.o.f.})$$

$$L(x|\{\hat{\alpha}_{ij}\}) = \frac{N!}{N_{00}! N_{01}! N_{10}! N_{11}!} \frac{N_{00}^{\hat{\alpha}_{00}}}{\hat{\alpha}_{00}} \frac{N_{01}^{\hat{\alpha}_{01}}}{\hat{\alpha}_{01}} \cdot$$

$$\cdot (1 - \hat{\alpha}_{11})^{N_{10}} \frac{N_{10}}{\hat{\alpha}_{11}} \frac{N_{11}}{\hat{\alpha}_{11}}$$

... ?

