

Homework 4: Due on Thursday, September 28, 50 points

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Problem 1: (12 points) Suppose that you have the opportunity to buy a commodity for \$1 per unit in one market and resell it for $\$(1 + b(y))$ per unit in another market. Here y is the amount you buy and sell and

$$b(y) = \frac{1}{(100 + y)^2}.$$

Questions:

- (6 points) Determine the amount to buy and sell to maximize your profit.
- (6 points) Now suppose that you can buy at most \bar{y} units in the first market, so your profit maximization is constrained by

$$y \leq \bar{y}.$$

Determine the value of the Lagrangian multiplier attached to that constraint for two cases: $\bar{y} = 75$ and $\bar{y} = 150$.

1) maximize profit

$$\begin{aligned} P(y) = \text{Profit} &= y \times \overset{\substack{\text{sell price} \\ \downarrow}}{(1 + b(y))} - \underset{\substack{\text{buy price} \\ \downarrow}}{1} \\ &= y b(y) \\ &= \frac{y}{(100 + y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{(100 + y)^2} \right)' = 0$$

$$\frac{-y + 100}{(y + 100)^3} = 0 \quad ; \quad y \neq 0$$

$$\boxed{y = 100}$$

* $y = 100$ to maximize profit

2) case (1): $\max P(y)$
 $y \leq 75 \Rightarrow \boxed{75 - y \geq 0}$ ^{$g(x)$}

$$\max P(y) + \lambda(75 - y) \stackrel{=0}{=}$$

$$\lambda \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

$$g(x) = \frac{y}{(100+y)^2} + \lambda(75 - y)$$

$$= \frac{y}{(100+y)^2} + \lambda 75 - \lambda y =$$

$$F_y = \frac{-y + 100}{(100+y)^3} + 0 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{-y + 100}{(100+y)^3} = \lambda \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-75 + 100}{(100+75)^3}$$

$$F_\lambda = 0 + 75 - y = 0$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = \frac{25}{175^3} \geq 0} \text{ optimal}$$

$$\boxed{y = 75}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{25}{(175)^3} \geq 0 \text{ optimal}$$

optimal sol

Case 2 $y \leq 150$

$$\max P(y) + \lambda(150 - y)$$

$$L(y, \lambda) = \frac{y}{(100+y)^2} + \lambda(150 - y)$$

$$\therefore \lambda \neq 0$$

$$F_y = \frac{-y+100}{(100+y)^3} + 0 - \lambda = 0$$

$$F_y = 0 \Rightarrow 150 - y = 0$$

$y = 150 \leftarrow \text{feasible}$

but optimal is 100 so constraint not active

$$\lambda = \frac{-y+100}{(100+y)^3}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-50}{(250)^3}$$

$$\therefore \lambda < 0$$

not optimal

try with constraint
not active

will get optimal sol

when $y = 100$

* So $\lambda_2 = 0$

Problem 2: (16 points) Suppose that you have a budget of 50 million, and opportunities to invest in three different projects. The return (excluding the invested amount) from each project is

$$r_1 = \frac{10x_1}{1+x_1}, r_2 = \sqrt{x_2}, \text{ and } r_3 = 10(1 - e^{-x_3}).$$

where x_i is the amount invested in project i ($i = 1, 2, 3$).

Questions:

- (4 points) Formulate a nonlinear optimization model to maximize profit.
- (4 points) Develop the Lagrangian of the problem and KKT conditions.
- (4 points) Let λ be the Lagrange multiplier attached to the budget constraint

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 50.$$

Use KKT conditions to express the optimal values of x_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) as functions of λ (notice by these conditions, all $x_i > 0$ at the optimum).

- (4 points) Solve the KKT conditions to determine the value of λ first, and then use this value to determine the optimal investments.

1) Maximize $r_1 + r_2 + r_3$
s.t. $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 50$ million
 $x_i \geq 0$

2) $L(x_1, x_2, x_3, \lambda)$
 $\nabla L = 0$
 $\lambda \geq 0$
 $x_i \geq 0, \forall i$

3) $L(x_1, x_2, x_3, \lambda) = \frac{10x_1}{1+x_1} + \sqrt{x_2} + 10(1 - e^{-x_3}) + \lambda(50 - (x_1 + x_2 + x_3))$

$\nabla L = 0 \Rightarrow F_{x_1} = \frac{10}{(1+x_1)^2} - \lambda = 0 \rightarrow \frac{10}{(1+x_1)^2} = \lambda \rightarrow \frac{10}{\lambda} = (1+x_1)^2$
 $+ \sqrt{\frac{10}{\lambda}} = 1+x_1$

$F_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x_2}} - \lambda = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\lambda} = \sqrt{x_2} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{4\lambda^2} = x_2}$ in 1 term $+ \sqrt{\frac{10}{\lambda}} - 1 = x_1$

$F_{x_3} = 10e^{-x_3} - \lambda = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{10} = e^{-x_3} \rightarrow \frac{10}{\lambda} = e^{x_3} \rightarrow \boxed{\ln\left(\frac{10}{\lambda}\right) = x_3}$

$F_\lambda \Rightarrow \boxed{50 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3}$

And ③

4) $50 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{10}{\lambda}} - 1 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4\lambda^2} \right) + \ln\left(\frac{10}{\lambda}\right)$

using Newton Rapson

↙ optimal solution

got $\lambda = 0.084710$

$x_1 = 9.90$

$x_2 = 35.32$

$x_3 = 4.77$

✓

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import math

def f(lamb):
    return math.sqrt(10 / lamb) - 1 + 1 / (4 * lamb ** 2) + math.log(10 / lamb) - 50

# Define the derivative of the function
def df(lamb):
    return -5 / (2 * lamb ** 1.5) - 1 / (2 * lamb ** 3) - 1 / lamb

# Initial guess
lamb = 0.1 # This is just a guess, it might need to be adjusted

# Iteration count
max_iter = 10000000

# Tolerance
tol = 1e-12

for i in range(max_iter):
    lamb_new = lamb - f(lamb) / df(lamb) # Newton-Raphson update

    # Check for convergence
    if abs(lamb_new - lamb) < tol:
        break

    lamb = lamb_new
else:
    print("The method did not converge")

x1 = math.sqrt(10/lamb_new)-1
x2 = 1/(4*lamb_new**2)
x3=math.log(10/lamb_new)

print("Lambda: ", lamb_new)
print(f'Optimal investments are x1 = {x1}, x2 = {x2}, x3 = {x3}')
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✓ 0.0s
Lambda: 0.08413203492281647
Optimal investments are x1 = 9.90232949385604, x2 = 35.31971754327805, x3 = 4.777952962867916

Problem 3: (12 points) Let there be n assets and K future scenarios. Let $\pi_{i,k}$ be the return of asset i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) in scenario k , which is associated with the risk-neutral probabilities p_k ($k = 1, \dots, K$). The "theoretical" price of asset i is

$$p_1 \pi_{i,1} + \dots + p_K \pi_{i,K}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Suppose that the current prices of these assets are s_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$). You want to estimate values of p_k ($k = 1, \dots, K$) by minimizing the sum of the squared difference between the theoretical price and actual prices s_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$).

- (4 points) Formulate this problem as a non-linear constrained optimization model.
- (3 points) Explain why the optimal objective value is 0 when there is no arbitrage opportunity.
- (5 points) Use KKT conditions to show that if there is no arbitrage opportunity, then Lagrangian multipliers attached to constraints

$$p_1 + \dots + p_K = 1 \text{ and } p_k \geq 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, K,$$

must all be 0.

$$1) \quad P = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^K p_k \cdot \pi_{i,k} - s_i \right)^2$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{k=1}^K p_k = 1, \quad p_k \geq 0 \quad \forall k=1, \dots, K$$

2) if there no arbitrage the expected return and the actual market price should be the same and the optimal value should be 0.

3) KKT

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^K p_k \cdot \pi_{i,k} - s_i \right)^2 + \lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^K p_k - 1 \right) + \sum_{k=1}^K \bar{\lambda}_k \cdot p_k$$

KKT conditions

$$1) \quad \nabla L = 0$$

$$2) \quad \bar{\lambda}_k \geq 0, \quad \forall k$$

$$3) \quad \bar{\lambda}_k \times p_k \geq 0, \quad \forall k$$

$$a) \quad \sum_{k=1}^K (p_k - \bar{\lambda}_k) = 0$$

we can see that all of the constraint is not binding and not incentivize so both λ and $\bar{\lambda}_i$ are equal to 0.

$$\text{since } \min \{ L \} = 0 \text{ then } \lambda, \bar{\lambda}_i \forall i = 0$$

Problem 4: (10 points) Consider Kelly's problem with n assets, and p_i and b_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) are probabilities of winning and returns respectively. Assume that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1+b_i} > 1.$$

Use KKT condition to show that $x_0^* > 0$, i.e., it is optimal leave a fraction of you budget not invested (hint: you may try contradiction: suppose that $x_0^* = 0$, then what happens to KKT conditions?).

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \ln [x_0 + (1+b_i)x_i] - \bar{\lambda} (x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_0} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{p_i}{x_0 + (1+b_i)x_i} \right) - \bar{\lambda} + \lambda_0 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_i} = \frac{p_i (1+b_i)}{x_0 + (1+b_i)x_i} - \bar{\lambda} + \lambda_i = 0$$

$$x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \leq 1$$

know $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1+b_i} > 1$, assume $x_0 = 0$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_i} = \frac{p_i}{(1+b_i)x_i} = \frac{\bar{\lambda} - \lambda_i}{(1+b_i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_0} = \bar{\lambda} \left(\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1+b_i}}_{> 1} - 1 \right) = \underbrace{\lambda_0}_{\text{must } > 0} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda_i}{1+b_i}$$

$x_0^* = 0 \rightarrow x_i > 0$

$\lambda_i = 0$

from $\lambda_0 > 0$

Contradiction

x_0 cannot equal to 0

then $x_0 > 0$