

# Operations Research Project

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• Si vuole determinare la composizione del portafoglio di fondi di investimento che massimizzi il rendimento complessivo.

• L'investimento complessivo deve ammontare a 100 KEuro e si vuole garantire che il portafoglio copra per almeno la percentuale  $\alpha$  il mercato industriale,  $\beta$  il mercato bancario e  $\gamma$  quello tecnologico.

Fondi	Rendimento atteso	Industriale (%)	Bancario (%)	Tecnologico (%)	Rating
A	1.05	100	0	0	1.5
B	1.04	80	20	0	1.6
C	1.20	0	0	100	5.0
D	1.08	50	25	25	2.0
E	1.09	60	10	30	3.0
F	1.15	0	20	80	4.0
G	1.12	30	30	40	2.5

## Portfolio Optimization problem

Imagine that we have a portfolio of  $N$  assets to invest in. For each asset  $i$ , we have  $x_i$  money to invest into the assets. As a total, we have  $W_0$  money at the beginning of the year. During the year, we will have  $T$  times to rebalance the portfolio, without further injecting money into the pool, we want to maximize the wealth at time  $T$ . As constraints, we want to keep a part of the money invested in different fields:  $\alpha\%$  in the industrial field,  $\beta\%$  in the banking field, and  $\gamma\%$  in the technological field. All the investments should be within the  $\rho$  ratings.

## Formalizing the terms

$a_t = (a_{1,t}, a_{2,t}, \dots, a_{N,t})$  Percentage invested in industry at time  $t$

$b_t = (b_{1,t}, b_{2,t}, \dots, b_{N,t})$  Percentage invested in banking at time  $t$

$c_t = (c_{1,t}, c_{2,t}, \dots, c_{N,t})$  Percentage invested in technologies at time  $t$

$p_t = (p_{1,t}, p_{2,t}, \dots, p_{N,t})$  Rating of invested assets at time  $t$

$$0 \leq \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \rho \leq 1$$

For time  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , if the  $T$  is one year, an example can be the first day of January, February, ..., December.

$x_t = (x_{1,t}, x_{2,t}, \dots, x_{N,t})$  decision variables that indicate for a given time  $t$  in the year, the amount of money invested in each of the  $N$  assets.

$\xi_t = (\xi_{1,t}, \xi_{2,t}, \dots, \xi_{N,t})$  indicates for a given time  $t$  in the year, the return from each of the  $N$  asset.

$W_t$  indicates for a given time  $t$  in the year.

## Constraints

The total wealth for a given time  $t$  should be the sum of all money invested  $\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N x_t = W_t$ .

At time  $t = 0$ , we have our constant  $x_0$  to be invested,  $\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N x_0 = W_0$ .

At  $t = 1$ , our money is the previously invested money multiplied by the returns for each asset  $\rightarrow x_1 = x_0 \xi_1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^N x_1 = W_1$  should hold.

At  $t = T-1$ , we will have our  $x_{T-1} = x_{T-2} \xi_{T-1}$ , our wealth will be  $\sum_{i=1}^N x_{T-1} = W_{T-1}$

## The rational and objective function

By thinking of the problem in the setup of dynamic programming, at the time  $T$ , we will have all the money back, thus, our objective is maximizing the  $W_t$  at the time  $T$ .

$$\max z = W_T$$

At time  $t = T-1$  is the last time we could rebalance the money, we also want to maximize the optimal value  $Q_T$  we can have at the future time  $T$ , it's the best value we can obtain from the pair of wealth  $W_T$  and returns  $\xi_T$  for all given known previous returns  $\xi_{[t]} = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \max z = W_T &= Q_T(W_T, \xi_{[T]}) | \xi_{[T-1]} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad W_T &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,T-1} \xi_{i,T} \\ W_{T-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,T-1} \end{aligned}$$

In a simplified version without denoting dynamic programming, the objective function can be linear, and if we sample the  $\xi_{i,T}$  value, it becomes a deterministic problem:

$$maxz = W_T = \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,T-1} \xi_{i,T}$$

At time  $t = 0$ , it's initial time we start to invest, we want to maximize the money we can have at time  $t = 1$ , so the objective function could be:

$$\begin{aligned} maxz = W_1 &= Q_1(W_1, \xi_{[1]}) | \xi_{[0]} \\ s.t. \quad W_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,0} \xi_{i,1} \end{aligned}$$

The  $\xi_{[0]}$  is zero here, because we don't have any returns at the initial time. Again, the Q function is the optimal value we can have for the pairs of  $W_1$  and  $\xi_1$  at time  $t = 1$ .

$\xi_i$  is a stochastic variable, we can sample it from the historical distribution  $\xi_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i)$ , not to mention, different assets will have different distributions and volatilities. So we can calculate the expected value from the objective function  $\rightarrow maxz = E[Q_{t+1}(W_{t+1}, \xi_{[t+1]}) | \xi_{[t]}]$

## The complete model

$$\begin{aligned}
max z &= E[Q_{t+1}(W_{t+1}, \xi_{[t+1]}) | \xi_{[t]}] \\
st. \quad W_{t+1} &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t} \xi_{i,t+1} \\
W_t &= \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t} \\
\sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t} a_{i,t} &\geq \alpha W_t \\
\sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t} b_{i,t} &\geq \beta W_t \\
\sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t} c_{i,t} &\geq \gamma W_t \\
\sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,t} p_{i,t} &\leq \rho W_t \\
x_{i,t} &\geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1 \dots n
\end{aligned}$$