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Finance Theories

Topic 7:

use different approach to
find equilibrium

The Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT)

Equilibrium → max SR_p

▷ CAPM → same tangent portfolio = mkt portfolio

▷ APT → we will reach equilibrium if
no arbitrage opportunity → no incentive for price to change

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1. ARBITRAGE AND THE EQUILIBRIUM CONDITION

1.1 Introduction

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1.3 The Equilibrium Condition

1.1 Introduction

- The **Arbitrage Pricing Theory** (APT) was developed by Stephen Ross. The APT tries to overcome various weaknesses of the CAPM.
- Like the CAPM, the APT is an equilibrium theory explaining how $E[r]$ of a risky asset is formed.
- However, the APT uses a different approach from the CAPM to determine asset prices in equilibrium.
- While the CAPM uses “risk-return dominance” argument in support of equilibrium price relation, the APT uses “arbitrage argument”.

1.1 Introduction

- The APT starts with the assumption that asset returns are generated by a factor model and relies on approximate arbitrage argument.
- The theory does not require the existence of the market portfolio.

Arbitrage profit : is a trading strategy

- "risk-less" "abnormal" profit ; e.g. doesn't lose any money to invest but get return

1.2 Definition

abnormal profit

→ can get risk-less profit

- An arbitrage is an investment strategy that;

- Requires no net initial investment
- Results in risk-less profit

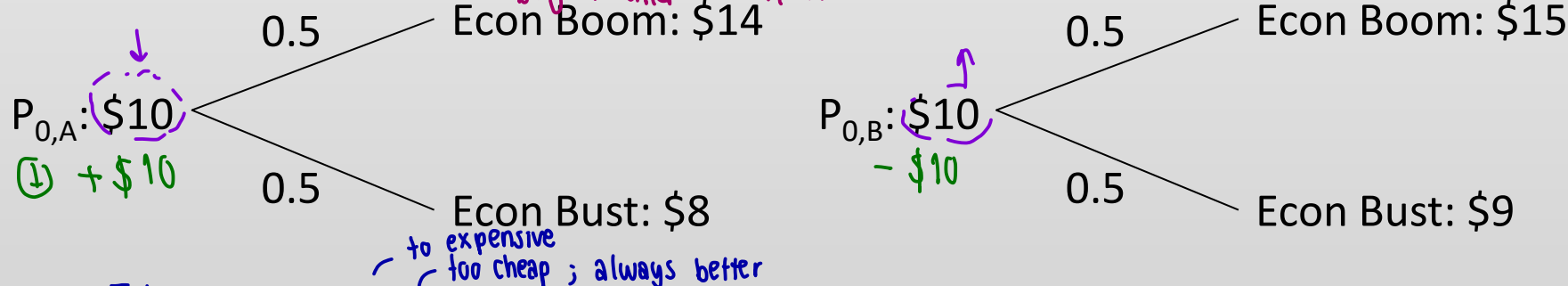
→ you & mkt will short A & buy B
price still change

- EX: Consider two assets.

In future
buy A and return it to owner

profit = \$1

In future!
sell B at \$15



Today, price of A & B are the same \Rightarrow short A and get \$10 to invest in B (don't need to use your own money)

- An arbitrage portfolio can be formed by short selling A (says, 1 shares) and long B (1 shares) simultaneously.

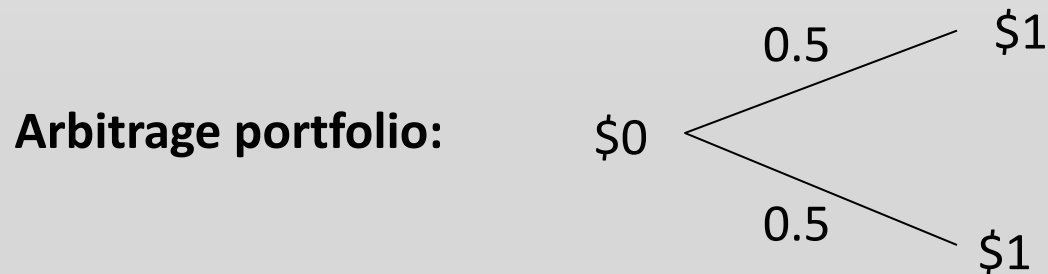
1.2 Definition

- This portfolio involves zero initial investment, i.e., zero-investment portfolio.
- Portfolio weight:

$$\begin{aligned}w_P &= \sum_i w_i = w_A + w_B \\&= (-10/10) + (10/10) = 0\end{aligned}$$

negative weight
positive weight

- Risk-less profit



1.3 The Equilibrium Condition

- Arbitrage opportunity creates excess demand and supply which causes security prices to change.
 - There will be excess demand for B and excess supply of A. Consequently, $P_{0,B}$ will rise and $P_{0,A}$ will drop.
- Actions by arbitrageurs will finally eliminate the arbitrage opportunity leaving no pressure for price to change further.
- Market equilibrium is reached when there is no arbitrage opportunity. $E[r_i]$
- The APT uses no arbitrage opportunity as the condition of capital market equilibrium.

$$r_i = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,1} F_1 + \dots + \beta_{i,K} F_K + \varepsilon_i$$

2.1 Assumptions

$$r_i = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,1} F_1 + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$E[r_i] = \alpha_i + \beta_{i,1} E[F_1] \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\text{①-②: } r_i - E[r_i] = \beta_{i,1} (F_1 - E[F_1]) + \varepsilon_i$$

$$r_i = E[r_i] + \beta_{i,1} (F_1 - E[F_1]) + \varepsilon_i$$

1. Security returns are generated by a **K-factor model**.

$$r_i = E[r_i] + \beta_{i,1} f_1 + \dots + \beta_{i,K} f_K + \varepsilon_i$$

theory never tell what is k

Surprise from common factor

Surprise from firm-specific
Cause real return to deviate from expected return

where r_i = rate of return on stock i

f_k = the deviation in value of a common factor k from its expected value, $f_k = F_k - E[F_k]$

$\beta_{i,k}$ = the sensitivity (or exposure) of return on i to the value of a common factor k ($\beta_{i,k}$ is called factor loading)

ε_i = return on i that is due to firm-specific surprise (unexplained by K factors)

$$E[\varepsilon_i] = 0, \text{Cov}[\varepsilon_i, F_k] = 0, \text{Cov}[\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j] = 0 \text{ and } \text{Cov}[F_k, F_{k+1}] = 0$$

Explanation for a Factor Model

- EX: Assumed a single factor model with GDP growth as the common factor (F). Asset i has $\beta_{i,Y} = 1.2$, while $E[r_i] = 10\%$ and $r_F = 2\%$. The consensus on GDP growth (Y) is 4%.

r_i can be written in a single factor model as;

$r_i = 0.10 + 1.2 \cdot f_Y + \varepsilon_i$ or $(r_i - r_F) = 0.08 + 1.2 \cdot f_Y + \varepsilon_i$

If Y turns out to be 4%, then $f_Y = 0\%$ and $r_i = 10.0\%$

If Y turns out to be 5%, then $f_Y = 1\%$ and $r_i = 11.2\%$

If Y turns out to be 3%, then $f_Y = -1\%$ and $r_i = 8.8\%$

Explanation for a Factor Model

- EX: Asset returns are generated by a two-factor model (Y = GDP growth and IR = change in interest rate)

Stock i

$$r_i = E[r_i] + \beta_{i,Y} \cdot f_Y + \beta_{i,IR} \cdot f_{IR} + \varepsilon_i$$

performance doesn't go with mkt much $\rightarrow \beta_{i,Y} < 1$
 have contract with govt \rightarrow stable cash flow
 int rate in mkt ↑ by 1% more than $E[\text{int rate}]$
 should be negative

- For stock of a regulated electric-power utility firm, its operating cash flows are insensitive to changes in business cycle. With rather stable operating cash flows, an increase in interest rate will hurt the value of its business.
- In this case the model for stock i may look like this;

$$r_i = E[r_i] + 0.2 \cdot f_Y - 0.4 \cdot f_{IR} + \varepsilon_i$$

2.1 Assumptions

2. There are large number of securities such that well-diversified portfolios could be constructed with negligible idiosyncratic risks.

firm-specific risk
"unsystematic risk"

3. A diversified portfolio, P , that is not exposed to any factor risk ($\beta_{P,1} = \dots = \beta_{P,K} = 0$) must offer the risk-free rate

zero sensitivity

$$E[r_P] = r_F$$

zero exposure to any pressure

form port is such a way that
no exposure to any risk

4. There always exist portfolios that are exposed to the risk of only a single factor, k .

return generating process has k factor

$$r_P = E[r_P] + \beta_{P,k} \cdot f_k + \varepsilon_P$$

always can find P
against 1 factor

can be used to represent return of factor k
portfolio track movement of QDP perfectly

$$E[r_i] = r_f + \beta_i (E[r_M] - r_f)$$

$$F = \text{GDP}$$

$$= \% \Delta \text{GDP}$$

r_i



2.1 Assumptions

$$\underbrace{E[r_{pk}] - r_F}_{\text{risk premium against factor } k}$$

5. A portfolio, P_k , that has unitary risk of factor k , $\beta_{P,k} = 1$, offers a risk premium associated with the factor risk

$$E[r_{P_k}] = E[r_k]$$

Portfolio P_k is called a factor portfolio and $E[r_{P_k}] - r_F$ reflects the risk premium on factor k .

- **EX:** Assume the common factor is GDP growth. If we construct a portfolio of financial assets such that the portfolio's return tracks the movement of GDP growth 1:1 ($\beta_{P,Y} = 1$), then the expected excess return on this portfolio reflects the risk premium associated with GDP growth uncertainty.

2.2 Derivation of the APT

to derive $E[r_i]$

- Factor models do not explain how $E[r_i]$ is reached in equilibrium.

How is $E[r_i]$ formed in equilibrium

- To derive the APT, we assume that asset returns are generated by a two-factor model.

$$r_i = \underbrace{E[r_i]} + \beta_{i,1}f_1 + \beta_{i,2}f_2 + \varepsilon_i$$

- Investors can construct a zero-beta (0 systematic risk) zero-investment portfolio, such that;

have to short sell & long some stocks

$$\sum_i w_i = 0$$

$$\beta_{p,1} = \sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1} = 0$$

$$\beta_{p,2} = \sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2} = 0$$

don't use money & create port with
no unsystematic risk

arbitrage port

$E[r_i]$ should be zero

where $i = 1$ to N

as long as it is large enough
to eliminate unsystematic risk

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- The return on this portfolio can be written as;

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_p &= \sum_i w_i r_i \\
 &= \sum_i w_i (E[r_i] + \beta_{i,1} f_1 + \beta_{i,2} f_2 + \varepsilon_i) \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_i w_i E[r_i]}_{\text{what left}} + \underbrace{f_1 \sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1}}_{\beta_{p,1}=0} + \underbrace{f_2 \sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2}}_{\beta_{p,2}=0} + \underbrace{\sum_i w_i \varepsilon_i}_{\text{diversify enough}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- We assume that N is large enough, so that $\sum_i w_i \varepsilon_i \approx 0$.
- $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1}$ and $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2} = 0$ by construction. Hence,

$$r_p = \sum_i w_i E[r_i] \quad \text{and} \quad E[r_p] = \sum_i w_i E[r_i]$$
- In equilibrium, $E[r_p] = 0$ for an arbitrage portfolio.

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- To sum up, by construction of an arbitrage portfolio, we have

$$\sum_i w_i = 0, \quad \sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2} = 0$$

$\beta_{p,1}$ $\beta_{p,2}$

which imply that

$$\sum_i w_i E[r_i] = 0$$

$E[r_p]$

- In matrix form; $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{1} = 0$, $\mathbf{w}^T \beta_1 = 0$ and $\mathbf{w}^T \beta_2 = 0$ imply that

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{r}] = 0. \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{array} \right] = 0 \quad \text{scalar}$$

summation of w_i

- A theory in linear algebra states that “if the fact that a vector (\mathbf{w}) is orthogonal to $N-1$ vectors ($\mathbf{1}$, β_1 and β_2) implies that it is orthogonal to the N^{th} vector ($\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{r}]$), then the N^{th} vector can be expressed as a linear combination of the $N-1$ vectors.

$$E[r] = 1 + a_1 \beta_1 + a_2 \beta_2$$

↳ of 3 vectors

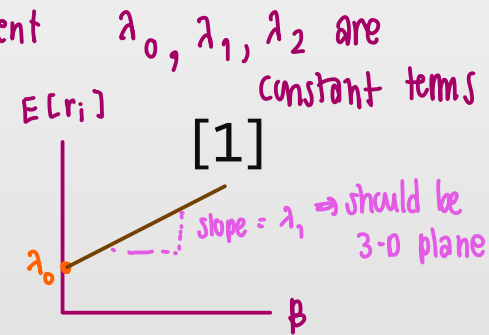
1, β_1 and β_2

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- Hence, $E[r_i]$ can be written as a linear combination of 1, $\beta_{i,1}$ and $\beta_{i,2}$ as;

$$E[r_i] = \lambda_0 + \beta_{i,1}\lambda_1 + \beta_{i,2}\lambda_2$$

Handwritten notes:
 - λ_0 : coefficient in front of 1
 - λ_1 : coefficient
 - λ_2 : coefficient



- [1] is the APT equation.
- The terms λ_k 's are coefficients of a plane. (Note, if $K = 1$, λ_0 and λ_1 are coefficients of a straight line)
- How do we interpret λ_k 's?

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- First consider a portfolio with $\sum_i w_i = 1$, $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1} = 0$ and $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[r_0] &= \sum_i w_i E[r_i] \\
 &= \left(\sum_i w_i \right) (\lambda_0 + \beta_{i,1} \lambda_1 + \beta_{i,2} \lambda_2) \\
 &= \lambda_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes: "normal portfolio" above the first equation, "looking for weight" above the second equation, "result = 0" above the third equation, and "result = 0" above the fourth equation.

- Since this is a zero-beta portfolio, we interpret

$$\lambda_0 = r_F$$

Handwritten notes: "represents" above the equals sign, and "risk-free rate" below the r_F .

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- First consider a portfolio with $\sum_i w_i = 1$, $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1} = 1$ and $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2} = 0$.
 $\beta_{p,1} = 1$
 $\beta_{p,2} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[r_1] &= \sum_i w_i E[r_i] \\
 &= \sum_i w_i (\lambda_0 + \beta_{i,1} \lambda_1 + \beta_{i,2} \lambda_2) \\
 &= \overset{r_f}{\lambda_0} + \lambda_1 \quad \text{mimic movement} \\
 \lambda_1 &= E[r_1] - r_F
 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, λ_1 is the risk premium associated with the 1st factor.
- Note: $E[r_1]$ is the expected return on the portfolio that has $\beta=1$ when measured against the 1st factor and $\beta=0$ when measured against the 2nd factor. This must be a factor portfolio for the 1st factor.

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- First consider a portfolio with $\sum_i w_i = 1$, $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,1} = 0$ and $\sum_i w_i \beta_{i,2} = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_1] &= \sum_i w_i E[r_i] \\ &= \sum_i w_i (\lambda_0 + \beta_{i,1} \lambda_1 + \beta_{i,2} \lambda_2) \\ &= \lambda_0 + \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_2 &= E[r_1] - r_F \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, λ_2 is the risk premium associated with the 2nd factor.
- Note: $E[r_1]$ is the expected return on the portfolio that has $\beta=0$ when measured against the 1st factor and $\beta=1$ when measured against the 2nd factor. This must be a factor portfolio for the 2nd factor.

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- So, the APT equation [1] can be rewritten as

$$E[r_i] = r_F + \beta_{i,1} \cdot (E[r_1] - r_F) + \beta_{i,2} \cdot (E[r_2] - r_F)$$

- The APT claims that for an arbitrary asset, its expected risk premium depends only on its exposure to common factors.

factor model: $r_i = \underbrace{E[r_i]}_{\text{in equilibrium}} + \beta_{i,1} f_1 + \beta_{i,2} f_2$

APT equation: $E[r_i] = \underbrace{\lambda_0}_{r_F} + \underbrace{\lambda_1 \beta_{i,1}}_{\text{risk premium associated with 1st factor}} + \underbrace{\lambda_2 \beta_{i,2}}_{\text{risk premium associated with 2nd factor}} \Rightarrow \text{can be more than 2 factors}$

2.2 Derivation of the APT

- The above model can be generalized to the case where the return generating process is a K-factor model

$$r_i = E[r_i] + \beta_{i,1}f_1 + \dots + \beta_{i,K}f_K + \varepsilon_i$$

- In this case, all securities and portfolios have expected returns described by;

$$E[r_i] = \lambda_0 + \beta_{i,1}\lambda_1 + \dots + \beta_{i,K}\lambda_K$$

where $\lambda_0 = r_F$

$\lambda_k = E[r_k] - r_F$ is the RP on factor portfolio k.

$\beta_{i,k}$ = asset i's loading (or exposure) on factor k.

2.3 The Logic of the APT

$$E[r_i] = r_f + \lambda_1 \cdot \beta_{i,Y} + \lambda_2 \cdot \beta_{i,\pi}$$

r_f : risk-free rate
 $(E[r_Y] - r_f)$: return of portfolio that mimics/tracks GDP perfectly 1-to-1 with GDP
 risk premium associated with GDP
 $(E[r_\pi] - r_f)$: risk premium associated with inflation

- **EX:** Assume returns on financial securities is generated by the following two-factor model.

$$r_i = E[r_i] + 1.8 \cdot f_Y - 0.2 \cdot f_\pi + u_i$$

λ_1 procyclical
 premium associated with GDP
 can hedge inflation

- Returns on individual assets have **two common factors**, **GDP growth (Y)** and **Inflation (π)**. The term u_i represents firm-specific factors
- Note, f_Y , f_π and u_i are r.v.'s while $E[r_i]$ is a constant
- $\beta_{i,Y} = 1.8$ **sensitivity** means a deviation of the return on the GDP factor portfolio by 1% from its expected value will cause r_i to move by 1.8% from $E[r_i]$.

2.3 The Logic of the APT

- $\beta_{i,\pi} = -0.2$ means a deviation of the return on the Inflation factor portfolio by 1% from its expected value will cause r_i to move by -0.2% away from $E[r_i]$.
- Returns on asset i have positive correlation with returns on the GDP factor portfolio and negative correlation with returns on the Inflation factor portfolio. .

2.3 The Logic of the APT

$j = PTT$
Find expected return
in equilibrium

- According to the APT, asset i 's expected return is

$$E[r_i] = r_F + \overset{\text{risk premium}}{1.8 \cdot E[R_Y]} - \overset{\text{risk premium}}{0.2 \cdot E[R_\pi]}$$

- $E[R_Y] = E[r_Y] - r_F$ is the expected risk premium on the GDP factor portfolio (a portfolio whose β is 1 relative to GDP and 0 relative to inflation).
- $E[R_\pi] = E[r_\pi] - r_F$ is the expected risk premium on the Inflation factor portfolio.
- $\beta_{i,Y} \cdot E[R_Y]$ and $\beta_{i,\pi} \cdot E[R_\pi]$ represent the premium required on asset i for bearing GDP and inflation risks.

2.3 The Logic of the APT

start with
\$100

short sell 20% on inflation
port
60% on risk-free

- If $r_F = 4\%$, $E[R_Y] = 6\%$, $E[R_\pi] = -1\%$

$$E[r_i] = 4 + 1.8(6) - 0.2(-1) = 15.0\%$$

- Note:

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_i] &= r_F + 1.8 \cdot (E[r_Y] - r_F) - 0.2 \cdot (E[r_\pi] - r_F) \\ &= -0.6 \cdot r_F + 1.8 \cdot E[r_Y] - 0.2 \cdot E[r_\pi] = 15\% \text{ as well} \end{aligned}$$

$\Sigma = 1$
portfolio weight

4% 10% 3%

if they're not the same,
we can do
arbitrage

- Portfolio P can be formed to replicate asset i using the following weights

- 1.8 in the GDP factor portfolio
- 0.2 in the Inflation factor portfolio
- $1 - 1.8 - (-0.2) = -0.6$ in RF asset

want to short-sell this port
short GDP 180%
long inflation 20%
risk free 60%
left 100%
to buy
stock i

2.3 The Logic of the APT

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_p] &= -0.6(4) + 1.8(10) - 0.2 \cdot (3) \\ &= -2.4 + 18.0 - 0.6 \\ &= 15.0\% \end{aligned}$$

- The coefficients $\beta_{i,k}$'s can be viewed as portfolio weights.
- If the current market price of i implies that $E[r_i] = \underline{15.7\%}$ rather than 15.0%, what should happen?
 higher than rate imply by APT
 • short sell asset i *asset with same risk as mimic portfolio*
- We could form a replicating portfolio, P , that have the same factor risk as asset i but whose expected return is 15.0%. Then short-sell this portfolio and use the proceed *APT* to buy asset i .
 • lower $[E(r_i) < E(r_p)]$
 • long asset i

2.3 The Logic of the APT

- Consider the following portfolio
 - Short sell \$180 of GDP factor portfolio
 - Buy \$20 of Inflation factor portfolio
 - Buy (lend) \$60 of RF asset

$$E[r_p] = 15\%$$

cost of short sell P is 15%

Short sell P

- Buy \$100 of asset i. \rightarrow return: $E[r_i] = 15.7\% \Rightarrow$ not equilibrium
 - will start to go down until $E[r_i] = E[r_p]$ equilibrium
- This portfolio has the following characteristic
 - Requires zero initial investment
 - Bears no factor risk (and no idiosyncratic risk) in P & stock i
 - Pays 0.7% for sure

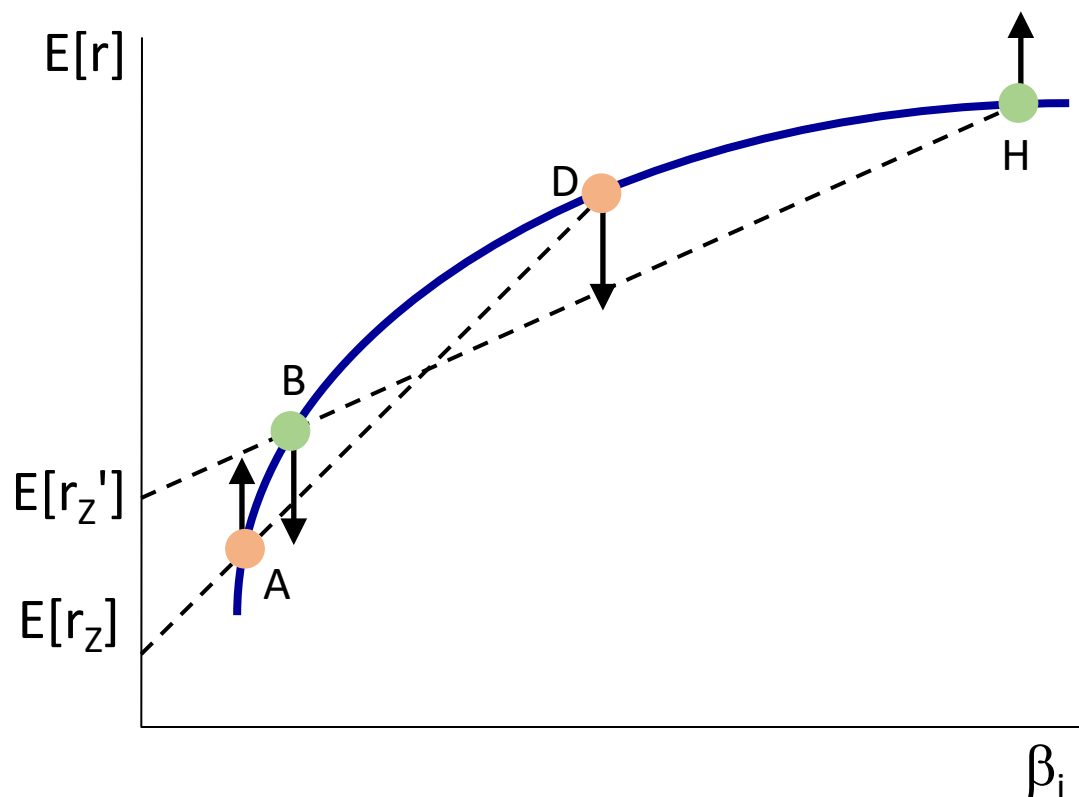
arbitrage

unsystematic risk / cannot eliminate unsystematic risk
 cannot eliminate unsystematic risk
 APT is approximation
 can do on small group not whole mkt like CAPM

2.3 The Logic of the APT is an approximation

- This would be an arbitrage.
- Hence, in absence of arbitrage, equation [2] must hold.
- What if an asset also bears idiosyncratic risk?
- Since it cannot be replicated by other assets, in particular the factor portfolios, [2] need not hold.
- However, in the presence of idiosyncratic risk, deviations from [2] cannot be pervasive. In other words, for most assets, [2] must be approximately correct.

Infeasible Relationship b/w $E[r_i]$ and β_i a One-Factor Model



The dashed line connecting securities B and H represents various combinations of B and H. $E(R_Z')$ can be obtained from short selling ~~B~~ H and long B such that its systematic risk is zero. Similarly, $E(R_Z)$ can be obtained from short selling D and long A.

An arbitrage portfolio can be obtained by short selling portfolio Z (short A and long D) and long portfolio Z' (short H and long B). This will drive the prices of D and B to rise and A and H to drop.

An Example

↑ short B
over price
↑ margin discount 40%

- EX: Portfolio B: $\beta_B = 0.50$, $E[r_B] = 6\%$, $E[r_M] = 10\%$, $r_F = 4\%$
($E[R_M] = 6\%$)

- Replicating portfolio B by forming portfolio D consisting of 50% risk-free asset and 50% market portfolio.

$$\beta_p = \sum_i w_i \beta_i$$

risk-free 50%

50% mkt port

beta of mkt = 1

$$\beta_D = (0.5 \times 0) + (0.5 \times 1.00) = 0.5$$

$$E[r_D] = (0.5 \times 4) + (0.5 \times 10) = 7\%$$

→ mimicked port expected return is higher than that of port B

- Now we can form an arbitrage strategy by short selling portfolio B and take a long position on portfolio D.

$$E[r_{ARB}] = 0.07 - 0.06 = 0.01 \text{ or } 1.00\%$$

risk-less $\beta_{ARB} = 0.50 - 0.50 = 0$

market return as common factor

when there's only mkt return as common factor → like CAPM $r_i = \underline{E[r_i]} + \beta_i r_m + \varepsilon_i$

$$E[r_i] = \lambda_0 + \beta_i \times \lambda_1$$

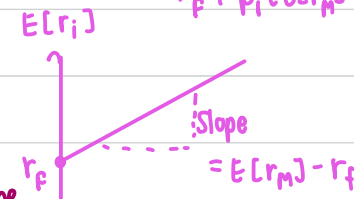
$$= r_f + \beta_i (E[r_m] - r_f)$$

homogenous

assume everyone
hold mkt port

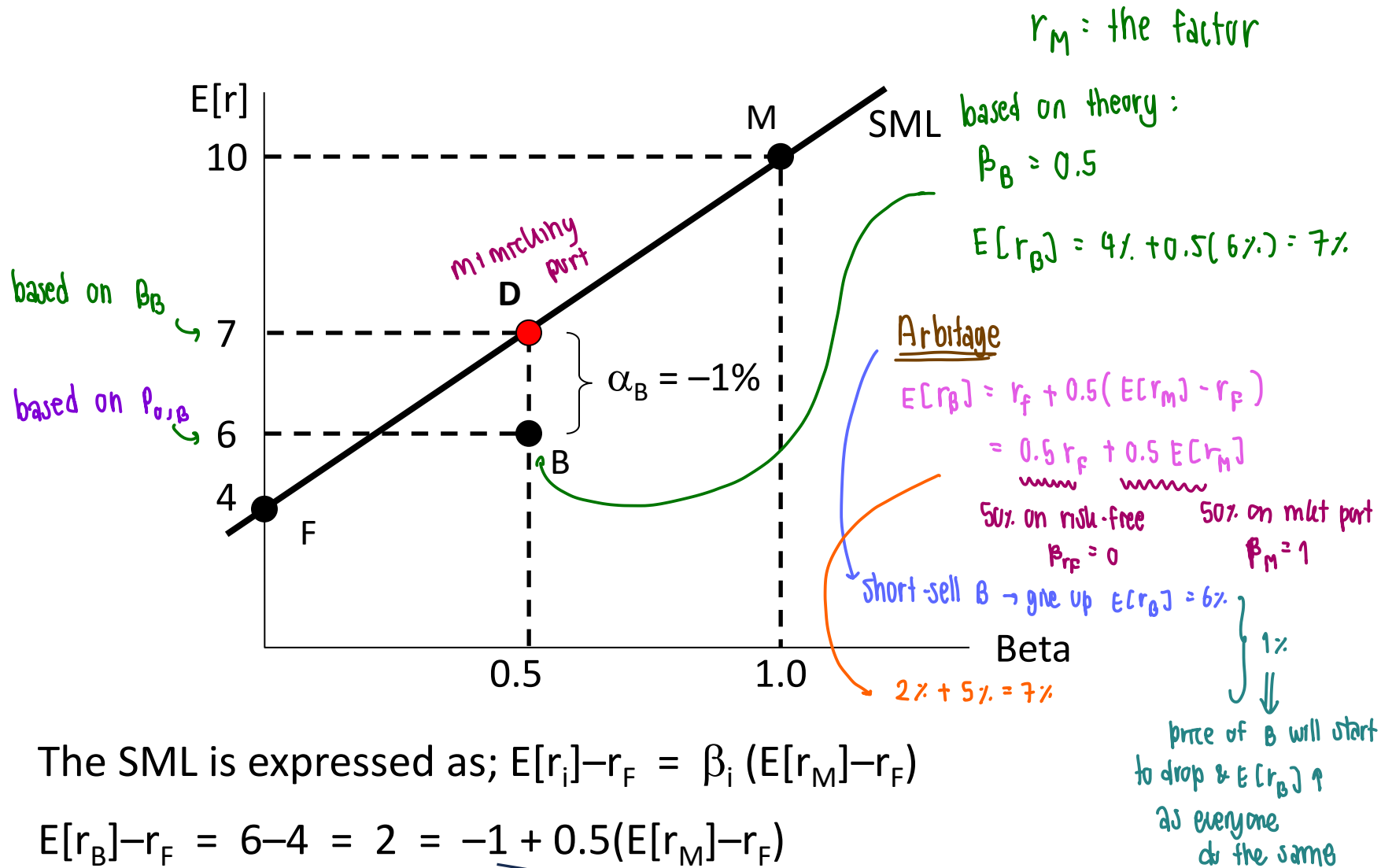
CAPM is a special case of APT ??

↓
No, they're diff in argument



factor model &
no arbitrage opportunity

Example: Disequilibrium and Adjustment



The SML is expressed as; $E[r_i] - r_F = \beta_i (E[r_M] - r_F)$

$$E[r_B] - r_F = 6 - 4 = 2 = -1 + 0.5(E[r_M] - r_F)$$

Portfolio B's alpha

2.4 The APT vs. CAPM

- When assuming the market model (single factor model), the APT and the CAPM relations are consistent. However, both are two different theories. *argument to explain equilibrium*
- The CAPM uses “risk-return dominance” argument in support of equilibrium price relation. *everyone try to maximize sharpe's ratio* Aggregate actions by large number of investors are needed to bring back equilibrium.
- The APT uses “no arbitrage” argument. Only actions by a small number of arbitrageur with large transactions are needed to bring back equilibrium.

2.4 The APT vs. CAPM

- The principal strength of the APT approach is that it is based on the no arbitrage argument.
- Because no arbitrage conditions should hold for any subset of securities, it is not necessary to identify the market portfolio to test the APT.
- APT is normally tested over a class of assets such as common stocks.
- However, APT applies to well diversified portfolios and not necessarily to individual stocks. A small number of stocks could have their expected return-beta relationship in violation of the APT.

2.4 The APT vs. CAPM

- The APT is very general. It allows equilibrium to be described in terms of any multi-index model, as opposed to the single-index model in the CAPM.
- However, the APT gives no guidance concerning the determination of the relevant risk factors (F_k) and their risk premium (λ_k).
- In contrast, the CAPM indicates the market portfolio whose risk premium is positive.

2.4 The APT vs. CAPM

- Despite its apparent advantages, the APT does not fully dominate the CAPM.
- Most academia seem to agree that factors other than the market beta are needed to fully describe variation in security returns. But no agreement has been reached on what these extra factors should be.



3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APT

3.1 Implementation Process

3.2 Where to Look for Common Factors?

3.3 Smart Betas Mutual Funds

Drawbacks on APT

- ① $k = ?$ never tell how many factors should be put in model
- ② What are common factor? (CAPM use ^{expected} return on mkt as common factor)

3.1 The Implementation Process

- Like the CAPM, the APT can be applied to measure fund performance and equity cost of capital.
- The implementation of the APT involves three steps.
 - Identify the factors
→ should be macro in nature as it affects all firms
 - Estimate factor risk premia
risk premium on factor $\rightarrow (E[r_k] - r_f)$
 - Estimate factor loadings (i.e., betas) of assets. $\beta_{i,k}$

3.2 Where to Look for Common Factors?

- The APT does not spell out what systematic risks are.
- To implement the APT, common factors must be defined. Then, proxies for the factors must be identified.
- It is logical to believe that these factors represent macro risks that affect all securities.
- It is preferable if we could 1) construct common factors that have economic meanings and 2) represent the common factors as risk premium on the risk factor.

3.2 Where to Look for Common Factors?

- Three approaches have been employed in the literature to construct APT factors.

- Statistic-based factors *factors analysis, principal component analysis*
we what is in mkt
derive factor from return of stock
- Macroeconomic-based factors *difficult to draw academic meaning from this*
GDP curve, credit-spread of yield curve
- Characteristic-based factors. *difficult to interpret in return*
not in form of return on investment
 - Size, *characteristic of firms*
 - MTB
 - Momentum (characteristic of stock return)
 - etc.

Statistical-Based Factors

- Procedure
 - Collect time series of stock returns
 - Compute the Var-Cov matrix of stock returns *include all stock in mkt*
 - Use principal components analysis or factor analysis *to combine stock into port* to extract “factors” from the Var-Cov matrix. A factor is represented by a group (portfolio) of stocks
 - Estimate risk premium associated with each factor
 - Estimate factor loadings for individual assets by a time series regression
- The drawback is that it is very hard to provide economic meanings to the estimated factors.

Macroeconomic-Based Factors

- Elton, Gruber and Mei (1994) use 6 macro factors to represent systematic risks.
 - Unexpected change in yield curve (YC)
 - The level of interest rate (IR)
 - Foreign exchange rate (EX)
 - The business cycle (Y)
 - Inflation rate (INF)
 - Index that summarize other macro factors (OTH)

$$r_i = r_F + \beta_{i,YC} \cdot RP_{YC} + \beta_{i,IR} \cdot RP_{IR} + \beta_{i,EX} \cdot RP_{EX} + \beta_{i,Y} \cdot RP_Y + \beta_{i,INF} \cdot RP_{INF} + \beta_{i,OTH} \cdot RP_{OTH} + \varepsilon_i$$

Macroeconomic-Based Factors

- To estimate the risk premium associated with each risk source;
 - Estimate factor loadings (betas) of a large sample of stocks using time series regression of monthly stock returns against 6 factors.
 - To estimate risk premium of each risk factor, in each month, regress return on each stock against the 6 betas estimated. The estimated coefficients are factor risk premia. To reduce sampling errors, run the regression in each month for 12 months and take the average values of the coefficients.

Estimated Factor Risk Premia and Factor Loadings for Niagara Mohawk (% per month)

Factor	Factor Risk Premium	Factor Betas for Niagara Mohawk
Term structure	0.425	1.0615
Interest rates	-0.051	-2.4167
Exchange rates	-0.049	1.3235
Business cycle	0.041	0.1292
Inflation	-0.069	-0.5220
Other macro factors	0.530	0.3046

measurement
is not
in asset
return
↓
difficult to
interpret

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_i &= r_F + 0.425\beta_{i,TS} - 0.051\beta_{i,IR} - 0.049\beta_{i,EX} + 0.041\beta_{i,Y} \\
 &\quad - 0.069\beta_{i,INF} + 0.530\beta_{i,OTH} \\
 &= r_F + 0.72\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic-Based Factors

- Fama and French (1996) propose a three-factor model, where the extra-market factors are represented by firm's characteristics, namely, Size (market capitalization of equity) and BTM (book value over market value of equity).
- The model was motivated by empirical findings that firm's size and BTM have explanatory power on cross-sectional differences in stock returns.
- It is difficult to provide economic meanings to these extra-market factors. For example, how does Size represent significant source of risk common to most investors.

Characteristic-Based Factors

- Fama and French (1996) observe that average returns of small stocks and high BTM stocks are higher than predicted by the SML. Hence, Size and BTM may proxy systematic risk not captured by market beta.
- FF (1996) proposed the three-factor model.

$$E[r_i] - r_F = \beta_i \cdot (E[r_M] - r_F) + s_i \cdot E[\text{SMB}] + h_i \cdot E[\text{HML}]$$

where $E[\text{SMB}]$ is $E[r]$ on a portfolio with long positions on small stocks and short positions on big stocks

$E[\text{HML}]$ is $E[r]$ on a portfolio with long positions on high BTM stocks and short positions on low BTM stocks

→ to make it in form of return → pg. 49

Characteristic-Based Factors

- To create portfolios that track the Size and BTM factors, FF sort firms by Size and BTM. The next table shows how factor risk premium (SMB and HML) are calculated. SMB and HML are constructed as returns on zero-investment portfolios.
- FF then run two-pass regressions to test the three-factor model. The results are shown in the following table.
- They claimed that the three-factor model does not suffer from model miss specification ($\alpha = 0$). All three factors are statistically significant and the R^2 's are higher than SML.
- FF claimed that the three-factor model perform better than the SML.

Two-Way Sorting Procedure

①

Book-to-Market Ratio	Size		
	Small	Medium	Big
High	S/H	M/H	B/H
Medium	S/M	M/M	B/M
Low	S/L	M/L	B/L

small stocks portfolio

big stock portfolio

want only extreme

① based on BTM first
↓
further sort it based on size

To construct SMB

- Sort stocks into 3 groups based on BTM from High to Low.
- In each BTM-sorted group, sort stocks into 3 group based on market cap from Small to Big
- $SMB_t = \text{difference in returns on portfolios } (S/H + S/M + S/L) \text{ and } (B/H + B/M + B/L)$

To construct HML not be related to size

- Similar procedure, but start by sorting stock based on Size from Small to Big
- $HML_t = \text{difference in returns on portfolios } (S/H + M/H + B/H) \text{ and } (S/L + M/L + B/L)$

β_i
 S_i
 h_i

$$r_{M,t} - r_{F,t}$$

$$SMB_t \rightarrow \bar{r}_{small} - \bar{r}_{big}$$

$$HML_t$$

from time-series regression

In CAPM \rightarrow calculate β by $\rightarrow (r_{i,t} - r_{F,t}) = \alpha_i + \beta_i (r_{M,t} - r_{F,t})$
 $+ S_i SMB_t$
 $+ h_i HML_t$

CAPM alone might
 undervalue cost of equity
 as there's no SMB term

and for small firm
 overestimate

If you \Rightarrow
 ignore this (CAPM)

, large stock
 e.g. PIT

\rightarrow return correlates with β more $\rightarrow SMB \ominus$

Results from the 1st Pass Regression

$$(r_{i,t} - r_{F,t}) = a_i + b_i \cdot (r_{M,t} - r_{F,t}) + s_i \cdot (r_{S,t} - r_{B,t}) + h_i \cdot (r_{H,t} - r_{L,t}) + e_{i,t}$$

	B/M	Size	Excess Return	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>t(a)</i>	<i>t(b)</i>	<i>t(s)</i>	<i>t(h)</i>	<i>R</i> ²
S/L	0.55	22.39	0.61	-0.42	1.06	1.39	0.09	-4.34	30.78	19.23	1.73	0.91
S/M	1.11	22.15	1.05	-0.01	0.97	1.16	0.37	-0.18	53.55	19.49	9.96	0.96
S/H	2.83	19.05	1.24	-0.03	1.03	1.12	0.77	-0.73	67.32	39.21	26.97	0.98
M/L	0.53	55.85	0.70	-0.06	1.04	0.59	-0.12	-1.29	55.83	18.01	-4.30	0.96
M/M	1.07	55.06	0.95	-0.01	1.05	0.47	0.34	-0.15	32.98	17.50	9.50	0.96
M/H	2.18	53.21	1.13	-0.04	1.08	0.53	0.73	-0.90	47.85	8.99	11.12	0.97
B/L	0.43	94.65	0.58	0.02	1.02	-0.10	-0.23	0.88	148.09	-6.88	-13.52	0.98
B/M	1.04	92.06	0.72	-0.09	1.01	-0.14	0.34	-1.76	61.61	-4.96	13.66	0.95
B/H	1.87	89.53	1.00	-0.09	1.06	-0.07	0.84	-1.40	52.12	-0.86	21.02	0.93

Table 13.5

Three-factor regressions for portfolios formed from sorts on size and book-to-market ratio (B/M)

Source: James L. Davis, Eugene F. Fama, and Kenneth R. French, "Characteristics, Covariances, and Average Returns, 1929 to 1997," *Journal of Finance* 55, no. 1 (2000), pp. 396. Reprinted by the permission of the publisher, Blackwell Publishing, Inc.

FF Three-Factor Model on Amazon

correlated to $r_{B,t}$ rather than $r_{S,t}$

$$(r_{i,t} - r_{F,t}) = a_i + b_i \cdot (r_{M,t} - r_{F,t}) + s_i \cdot (r_{S,t} - r_{B,t}) + h_i \cdot (r_{H,t} - r_{L,t}) + e_{i,t}$$

	Single-Factor Model		Three-Factor Model	
	Regression Coefficient	t-Statistic	Regression Coefficient	t-Statistic
Intercept (alpha)	1.916%	2.065	1.494%	1.790
$r_M - r_f$	1.533	4.865	1.612	5.866
SMB			-0.689	-2.126
HML			-1.133	-3.304
R-square	.286		.455	
Residual std. dev.	6.864%		6.101%	

Table 10.1

Estimates of single-index and three-factor Fama-French regressions for Amazon, monthly data, 5 years ending June 2018.

Low BTM = growth

coefficient is negative too so that it go together

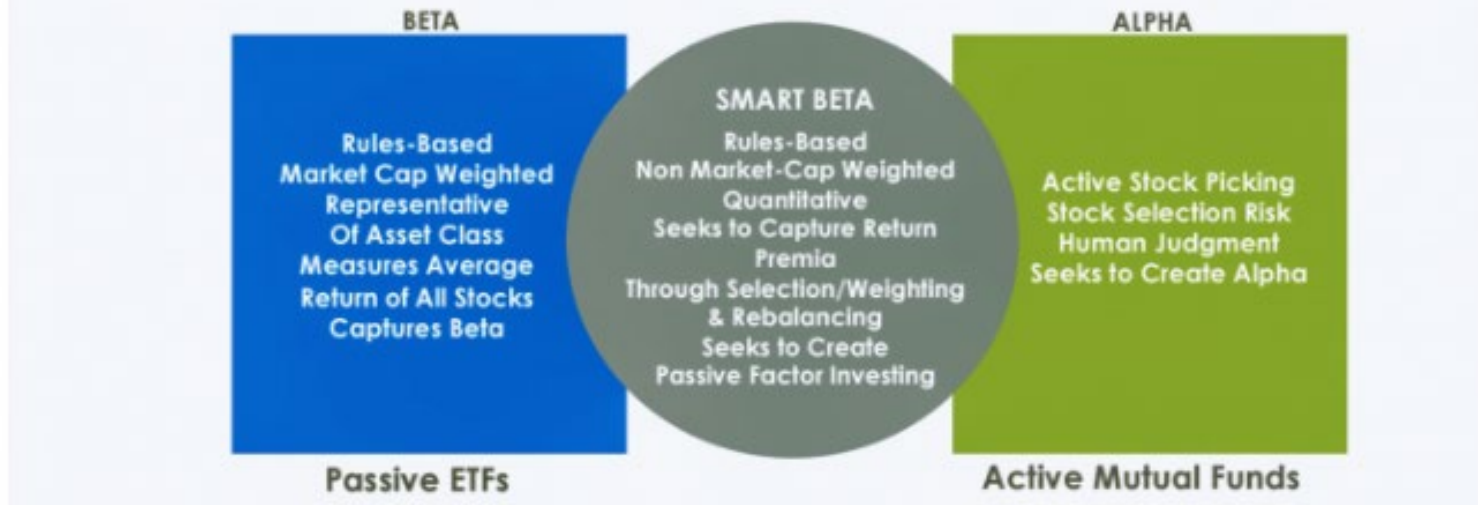
3.3 Smart Betas Mutual Funds

- Implication from multifactor asset pricing models (APT and CAPM extensions)
 - As there are more than one systematic source of risk, investors need to think about how much exposure they wish to establish to each systematic factor in their portfolios.
 - Risk premium comes from exposure to various risk factors. To evaluate investment performance, portfolio alpha need to be calculated controlling for each of them.

3.3 Smart Betas Mutual Funds

- A smart-beta investment strategy is an investment strategy analogous to market index funds.
- While a market index fund tracks performance of a broad market index, a smart-beta fund is designed to provide exposure to specific characteristics, such as size, value, growth, momentum or volatility.
- Smart-beta funds allow investors to tailor portfolio exposure either toward or away from a range of extra-market risk factors using easy-to-trade index-like products.

What is Smart Beta?



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