

Homework 5

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Problem 1

We solve minimization problem with Lagrange multipliers:

$$\mathcal{L}(\omega, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \omega^T C \omega - \lambda (\omega^T m + r_f (1 - \omega^T u) - \mu)$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \omega} = C\omega - \lambda(m - ur_f) \Rightarrow \omega = \lambda C^{-1}(m - ur_f)$$

We seek λ and μ such that this minimizer will lie on the line of efficient frontier. In particular it means that $u^T \omega = 1$. Plugging in,

$$1 = u^T \omega = u^T \lambda C^{-1}(m - ur_f) \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{u^T C^{-1}(m - ur_f)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \omega = \lambda C^{-1}(m - ur_f) = \frac{C^{-1}(m - ur_f)}{u^T C^{-1}(m - ur_f)}$$

This is indeed tangency portfolio

$$\omega_{tp} = \frac{C^{-1} m_e}{u^T C^{-1} m_e}$$

Problem 2

We have $\omega_{minv} = \frac{C^{-1} u}{u^T C^{-1} u}$ and any other efficient portfolio has the form

$$\omega_i = \left[I - \frac{C^{-1} u u^T}{u^T C^{-1} u} \right] C^{-1} m + \omega_{minv}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{We compute } \text{Cov}(w_{\min}, w_1) &= w_{\min}^T C w_1 = \\
&= w_{\min}^T C w_{\min} + \frac{u^T C^{-1}}{u^T C^{-1} u} \cdot C \cdot \lambda \left[I - \frac{C^{-1} u u^T}{u^T C^{-1} u} \right] C^{-1} m = \\
&= \text{Var}(w_{\min}) + \frac{\lambda u^T}{u^T C^{-1} u} \left[I - \frac{C^{-1} u u^T}{u^T C^{-1} u} \right] C^{-1} m = \\
&= \text{Var}(w_{\min}) + \frac{\lambda}{(u^T C^{-1} u)^2} \left[u^T (u^T C^{-1} u) - u^T C^{-1} u u^T \right] C^{-1} m = \\
&= \text{Var}(w_{\min}) + \frac{\lambda}{(u^T C^{-1} u)^2} \left[u^T (u^T C^{-1} u) - (u^T C^{-1} u) u^T \right] C^{-1} m = \\
&= \text{Var}(w_{\min}) + \frac{\lambda}{(u^T C^{-1} u)^2} \left[(u^T C^{-1} u) u^T - (u^T C^{-1} u) u^T \right] C^{-1} m = \\
&= \text{Var}(w_{\min}) + 0 = \text{Var}(w_{\min}) . //
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{We have } 0 &= \text{Cov}(w_1, w_2) = w_1^T C ((1-\alpha) w_{\min} + \alpha w_1) = \\
&= (1-\alpha) \text{Cov}(w_1, w_{\min}) + \alpha \text{Cov}(w_1, w_1) = \\
&= (1-\alpha) \text{Var}(w_{\min}) + \alpha \text{Var}(w_1).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\text{Var}(w_{\min})}{\text{Var}(w_{\min}) - \text{Var}(w_1)} < 0 \text{ since } w_{\min} \text{ has smallest variance of all efficient pt's.}$$

Problems 3 & 4 are in IPNB.