

Ex. 1

$$P_{t+1} = P_t + \mu + \sigma \varepsilon_{t+1} ; r_t = 0 ; n_1 - \text{initial position} ; \frac{\lambda}{2} n_t^2 - \text{trading cost}$$

$$E\left[\sum_{t=0}^T p^t \left\{ n_t \mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} (n_t - n_{t-1})^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_t^2 \sigma^2 \right\}\right] - \text{total discounted wealth}$$

$$(1) V(k, n_{k-1}) = \max_{n_t, t \geq k} E\left[\sum_{t=k}^T p^{t-k} \left\{ n_t \mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} (n_t - n_{t-1})^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_t^2 \sigma^2 \right\}\right] - \text{value function at time } k \in [0, T]$$

The value function at time T:

$$V(T, n_{T-1}) = \max_{n_T} \left\{ n_T \mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} (n_T - n_{T-1})^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_T^2 \sigma^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{FOC: } \mu - \lambda (n_T - n_{T-1}) - \gamma n_T \sigma^2 = 0$$

$$\mu - \lambda n_T + \lambda n_{T-1} - \gamma n_T \sigma^2 = 0$$

$$\mu - n_T (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) + \lambda n_{T-1} = 0$$

$$n_T^* = \frac{\mu - \lambda n_{T-1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \Rightarrow \lambda n_{T-1} = (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) n_T - \mu$$

del's plug n_T^* into the value function:

$$\begin{aligned} V(T, n_{T-1}) &= n_T \mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} (n_T^2 - 2 n_T n_{T-1} + n_{T-1}^2) - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_T^2 \sigma^2 \\ &= n_T \mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_T^2 + \lambda n_T n_{T-1} - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_T^2 \sigma^2 \\ &= n_T \left(\mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) \right) + \lambda n_{T-1} - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= n_T \left(\mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) \right) + (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) n_T - \mu - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= n_T \left(\left(n_T - \frac{n_T}{2} \right) (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) \right) - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= n_T \left(\frac{n_T}{2} (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) \right) - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu + \lambda n_{T-1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \right) \left(\frac{\mu + \lambda n_{T-1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2) \right) - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\mu + \lambda n_{T-1})^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \right) - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu^2 + 2 \lambda n_{T-1} \mu + \lambda^2 n_{T-1}^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \right) - \frac{\lambda}{2} n_{T-1}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} - \lambda \right) n_{T-1}^2 + \frac{\mu \lambda}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} n_{T-1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \right) n_{T-1}^2 + \frac{\mu \lambda}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} n_{T-1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} Q_T n_{T-1}^2 + q_T n_{T-1} + C_T \\ \text{Thus, } Q_T &= \lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \\ q_T &= \frac{\mu \lambda}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \\ C_T &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad V(t, n_{t-1}) = \max_{n_t} \left\{ n_t \mu - \frac{1}{2} (n_t - n_{t-1})^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_t^2 \sigma^2 + p E_t [V(t+1, n_t)] \right\}$$

Using the solution obtained in the previous period:

$$V(t, n_{t-1}) = \max_{n_t} \left\{ n_t \mu - \frac{1}{2} (n_t - n_{t-1})^2 - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_t^2 \sigma^2 + p \left(-\frac{1}{2} Q_{t+1} n_t^2 + q_{t+1} n_t + c_{t+1} \right) \right\} \quad \forall t$$

$$\text{FOC: } \mu - \lambda (n_t - n_{t-1}) - \gamma n_t \sigma^2 - p Q_{t+1} n_t + p q_{t+1} = 0$$

$$\mu - n_t (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1} = 0$$

$$n_t^* = \frac{\mu + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \Rightarrow \lambda n_{t+1} = n_t^* (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) - \mu - p q_{t+1}$$

Let's plug the solution into the value function:

$$\begin{aligned} V(t, n_{t-1}) &= n_t \mu - \frac{1}{2} (n_t^2 - 2 n_t n_{t-1} + n_{t-1}^2) - \frac{\gamma}{2} n_t^2 \sigma^2 - p \frac{1}{2} Q_{t+1} n_t^2 + p q_{t+1} n_t + p c_{t+1} \\ &= \underline{n_t \mu} - \underline{\frac{1}{2} n_t^2} + \underline{\lambda n_t n_{t-1}} - \underline{\frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2} - \underline{\frac{\gamma}{2} n_t^2 \sigma^2} - \underline{\frac{1}{2} p Q_{t+1} n_t^2} + \underline{p q_{t+1} n_t} + p c_{t+1} \\ &= n_t \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} n_t (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) \right) + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1} n_t - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= n_t \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} n_t (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) \right) + n_t (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) - \mu - p q_{t+1} + p q_{t+1} - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= n_t \left((n_t - \frac{1}{2} n_t) (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) \right) - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= n_t \left(\frac{1}{2} n_t (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) \right) - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= \left(\frac{\mu + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} (\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}) \right) - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mu + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1})^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu^2 + \lambda^2 n_{t-1}^2 + p^2 q_{t+1}^2 + 2 \mu \lambda n_{t-1} + 2 \mu p q_{t+1} + 2 \lambda n_{t-1} p q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} n_{t-1}^2 + p c_{t+1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \right) n_{t-1}^2 + \frac{\lambda (\mu + p q_{t+1})}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} n_{t-1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mu + p q_{t+1})^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} + p c_{t+1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} Q_{t+1} n_{t-1}^2 + q_{t+1} n_{t-1} + c_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } Q_t = \lambda - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}}$$

$$q_t = \frac{\lambda (\mu + p q_{t+1})}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}}$$

$$c_t = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mu + p q_{t+1})^2}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} + p c_{t+1}$$

(3) Since we have the value function $V(t; n_{t-1})$, aim_t is a portfolio that maximizes the value function at time $t+1$:

$$V(t+1, aim_t) = -\frac{1}{2} Q_{t+1} aim_t^2 + q_{t+1} aim_t + c_{t+1}$$

$$\text{FOC: } -Q_{t+1} aim_t + q_{t+1} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$aim_t = \frac{q_{t+1}}{Q_{t+1}} = \frac{\lambda (\mu + p q_{t+2})}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+2}}{\lambda^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\mu + p q_{t+2}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+2}} - \frac{\mu + p q_{t+2}}{\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{\mu + p q_{t+2}}{\gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+2}}$$

$$n_t^* = \frac{1}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} (\mu + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1})$$

$$= \frac{\gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \left(\frac{\mu + \lambda n_{t-1} + p q_{t+1}}{\gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} \cdot \frac{\mu + p q_{t+1}}{\gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}} n_{t-1}$$

$$= \tau_t \text{aim}_{t+1} + (1 - \tau_t) n_{t-1}$$

Thus, $\tau_t = \frac{\gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}}{\lambda + \gamma \sigma^2 + p Q_{t+1}}$

For 1.4-1.6 See Python code