



Unit 01

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Simple Matrix Algebra and Excel Computation



- Definitions and Notations
 - ullet There are N risky assets whose expected returns are $E(r_i)'s$
 - The matrix E(r) is the column vector of expected returns of these assets

$$E(r) = \begin{pmatrix} E(r_1) \\ E(r_2) \\ \vdots \\ E(r_N) \end{pmatrix}$$



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 - \bullet Ω is the $N \times N$ variance-covariance matrix:

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1N} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \cdots & \sigma_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1N} & \sigma_{2N} & \cdots & \sigma_{NN} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1}^{2} & \sigma_{12} & \cdots & \sigma_{1N} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{2}^{2} & \cdots & \sigma_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1N} & \sigma_{2N} & \cdots & \sigma_{N}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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 - A portfolio of risky assets is a column vector x whose coordinates sum to 1

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}, \sum_{i=1}^N x_1 = 1$$

- where x_i represents investment weight on i-th asset

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 - The expected portfolio return $E(r_x)$ of a portfolio x is given by the product of x and return vector R

$$E(r_x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i E(r_i) = x'R$$
, where $R = E(r) = \begin{bmatrix} E(r_1) \\ E(r_2) \\ \vdots \\ E(r_N) \end{bmatrix}$



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 - The variance of portfolio x's return, $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_{xx}$, is given by the product

$$x'\Omega x = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_i x_j \sigma_{ij}$$

• The covariance between the return of two portfolios x and y, $Cov(r_x, r_y)$, is defined by the product

$$\sigma_{xy} = x'\Omega y = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_i x_j \sigma_{ij}$$
. (Note: $\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$)

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Computation with Excel

- For a given portfolio vector $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)'$ with return vector $r = (r_1, \dots, r_n)'$
 - $E(x) \Rightarrow MMult(tranpose(x), E(r))$
 - $Var(x) \Rightarrow MMult(MMult(transpose(x), \Omega), x)$
 - $SD(x) \Rightarrow sqrt(Var(x))$
 - $Cov(x, y) \implies MMult(MMult(transpose(x), \Omega), y)$
 - $Corr(x, y) \Rightarrow Cov(x, y)/(sqrt(Var(x)) * sqrt(Var(y)))$