

Let  $\vec{X}$  be a vector of random variables such that  $\dim[X] = k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\mu} &= E[\vec{X}] = \begin{bmatrix} E[x_1] \\ \vdots \\ E[x_n] \end{bmatrix} \\ \varepsilon &= \text{Var}[\vec{X}] = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}[x_1] & \text{Cov}[x_1, x_2] & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Cov}[x_2, x_1] & \text{Var}[x_2] & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \text{Var}[x_k] \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \left\{ \text{Cov}[x_i, x_j] \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k, j = 1, \dots, k \right\} \\ \varepsilon_0 &= \text{Corr}[\vec{X}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \text{Corr}[x_1, x_2] & \dots \\ \text{Corr}[x_2, x_1] & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \text{Corr}[x_k, x_1] & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \left\{ \text{Corr}[x_i, x_j] \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k, j = 1, \dots, k \right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } T = X_1 + \dots + X_k = T^T \vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$E[T] = \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i = T^T \vec{\mu}$$

$$\text{Var}[T] = \text{Var}[T^T \vec{X}] = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Cov}[X_i, X_j]$$

Let  $Y = \vec{c}^T \vec{X}$ . Then  $E[Y] = \sum c_i \mu_i = \vec{c}^T \vec{\mu}$ . What's  $\text{Var}[Y] = \text{Var}[\vec{c}^T \vec{X}]$ ?  
If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , what is  $\vec{c}^T A \vec{c}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{c}^T A \vec{c} &= \vec{c}^T \begin{bmatrix} c_1 a_{11} + \dots + c_n a_{1n} \\ c_1 a_{21} + \dots + c_n a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ c_1 a_{n1} + \dots + c_n a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= c_1^2 a_{11} + c_1 c_2 a_{12} + \dots + c_1 c_n a_{1n} + \\ &\quad c_2 c_1 a_{21} + c_2^2 a_{22} + \dots + c_2 c_n a_{2n} + \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad c_n c_1 a_{n1} + c_n c_2 a_{n2} + \dots + c_n^2 a_{nn} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n c_i c_j a_{ij}\end{aligned}$$

Thus what is  $\text{Var}[\vec{c}^T \vec{X}]$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[\vec{c}^T \vec{X}] &= \text{Var}[c_1 X_1 + \dots + c_k X_k] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Cov}[c_i X_i, c_j X_j] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k c_i c_j \text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] \\ &= \vec{c}^T \text{Var}[\vec{X}] \vec{c}\end{aligned}$$

Markovits Optimal Portfolio: Let  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  be random variable models for the returns on  $k$  assets. Let  $w_1, \dots, w_k$  be the weights or allocations for each. Note that  $T^T \vec{w} = 1$ . In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \vec{w}^T \vec{X} \\ \mathbb{E}[V] &= \vec{w}^T \vec{\mu} \\ \text{Var}[V] &= \vec{w}^T \sum \vec{w}\end{aligned}$$

Given  $\mu_0$ , minimize  $\vec{w}^T \sum \vec{w}$  such that  $T^T \vec{w} = 1$  ( $\{\vec{w} : T^T \vec{w} = 1\}$ ).

If  $\vec{X} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, \vec{p})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\vec{X}] &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X_1] \\ \dots \\ \mathbb{E}[X_n] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} np_1 \\ \dots \\ np_k \end{bmatrix} = n\vec{p} \\ \text{Var}[X] &= \begin{bmatrix} np_1(1-p_1) & \text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] & \dots & \dots \\ & np_2(1-p_2) & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & np_k(1-p_k) \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] &= \mathbb{E}[X_i, X_j] - \mu_i \mu_j \\ &= \sum_{x_i \in \text{Supp}[X_1]} \sum_{x_j \in \text{Supp}[X_2]} x_i x_j \underbrace{\mathbb{P}_{X_i X_j}(X_i X_j)}_{\text{we don't know this yet}} - \mu_i \mu_j\end{aligned}$$

Recall that if  $X_1 \sim \text{Binom}(n, p_1), \dots, X_k \sim \text{Binom}(n, p_k)$ , that means that  $X_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}$  such that  $X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p_1)$ , all the way through  $X_k = \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ik}$  such that  $X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p_k)$ .

If  $\vec{X} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n, \vec{p})$  then  $\vec{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{X}_i$  such that  $\vec{X}_1, \vec{X}_2, \dots, \vec{X}_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Multinomial}(1, \vec{p})$ .

Then the covariance of  $X_i, X_j$  is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] &= \text{Cov}\left[\sum_{l=1}^n X_{li}, \sum_{h=1}^n X_{hj}\right] \\
 &= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{h=1}^n \text{Cov}[X_{li}, X_{hj}] \\
 &= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{h=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_{li}, X_{hj}] - p_i p_j \\
 \text{If } l &= h \\
 &= \sum_{l=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_{li}, X_{lj}] - p_i p_j \\
 &= \sum_{l=1}^n -p_i p_j = -n p_i p_j \\
 \text{If } l &\neq h \\
 &= \mathbb{E}[X_{li}] \mathbb{E}[X_{hj}] \\
 &= p_i p_j
 \end{aligned}$$

Continuous random variable  $X$  have CDF  $F(x)$  and PDF  $f(x)$  such that

$$f(x) = F'(x)$$

and  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{x : f(x) > 0\}$  and  $|\text{Supp}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ . Note that pmf  $P(x) = 0 \forall x$ .

Let  $X \sim U(a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b > a$  and  $\text{Supp}[x] = [a, b]$ .

A standard uniform distribution occurs when  $a = 0, b = 1$  forming  $X \sim U(0, 1) = 1$ . Let  $T_2 = X_1 + X_2$  such that  $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} U(0, 1)$ . Then  $\text{Supp}[T_2] = [0, 2]$ .

How often does  $T = 0$ ? That's when  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$ . None. How often does  $T = 2$ ? That's when  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1$ . None. How often does  $T = 1$ ? That's when  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 1$  or  $x_1 = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $x_2 = \frac{2}{3}$ , and so on.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_T(t) &= \int_{x \in \text{Supp}[X_1]} f_{X_1}(x) f_{X_2}(t-x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 1 \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{x \in [0,1]}}_{\text{not needed}} \cdot 1 \cdot \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in [0,1]} dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \mathbb{1}_{x \in [t-1, t]} dx \\
 &= \int_{\max\{0, t-1\}}^{\min\{1, t\}} dx \\
 &= x \Big|_{\max\{0, t-1\}}^{\min\{1, t\}} \\
 &= (\min\{1, t\} - \max\{0, t-1\}) \mathbb{1}_{t \in [0,2]}
 \end{aligned}$$

This is the answer for  $t \in [0, 2]$ . Alternatively,

$$f_{T_2}(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } t < 1 \\ 1 - (t - 1) = 2 - t & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases} \mathbb{1}_{t \in [0, 2]}$$