

# Deriving Risk Aversion Premium

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Equation (5) ~ (9) is derived by following Choi et al.(2007) pp.1931 ~ 1932

Using definition of risk premium,

$$u(w_0(1-r)) = \alpha u(w_0(1-h)) + (1-\alpha)u(w_0(1+h)) \quad (5)$$

CASE 1. CARA

$$\frac{-\exp(-\rho w_0(1-r))}{\rho} = \alpha \frac{-\exp(-\rho w_0(1-h))}{\rho} + (1-\alpha) \frac{-\exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))}{\rho} \quad (6)$$

Rearranging terms. Then,

$$r(h) = 1 + \frac{1}{\rho w_0} \log\{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) + (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))\} \quad (7)$$

To use Talyor expansion, computing first and second derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} r'(h) &= \frac{1}{\rho w_0} \frac{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) \rho w_0 + (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h)) (-\rho w_0)}{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) + (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))} \\ &= \frac{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) - (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))}{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) + (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))} \\ r''(h) &= \frac{\rho w_0 K - \rho w_0 \{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) - (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))\}^2}{K} \\ K &= \{\alpha \exp(-\rho w_0(1-h)) + (1-\alpha) \exp(-\rho w_0(1+h))\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} r'(0) &= 2\alpha - 1 \\ r''(0) &= 4\rho w_0 \alpha (1-\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$r(h) \approx (2\alpha - 1)h + (2\rho w_0 \alpha (1-\alpha))h^2 \quad (8)$$

$$r(1) \approx (2\alpha - 1) + (2\rho w_0 \alpha (1-\alpha)) \quad (9)$$

CASE 2. CRRA

$$\frac{(w_0(1-r))^{(1-\rho)}}{1-\rho} = \alpha \frac{(w_0(1-h))^{(1-\rho)}}{1-\rho} + (1-\alpha) \frac{(w_0(1+h))^{(1-\rho)}}{1-\rho} \quad (6)$$

Rearranging terms. Then,

$$r(h) = 1 - \frac{1}{w_o} \{ \alpha (w_0(1-h))^{(1-\rho)} + (1-\alpha) (w_0(1+h))^{(1-\rho)} \}^{\frac{1}{1-\rho}} \quad (7)$$

To use Talyor expansion, computing first and second derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} r'(h) &= -\frac{1}{w_0(1-\rho)} K^{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}} w_0^{1-\rho} (1-\rho) (-\alpha(1-h)^{-\rho} + (1-\alpha)(1+h)^{-\rho}) \\ r''(h) &= -\frac{1}{w_0(1-\rho)} \left\{ \frac{\rho}{1-\rho} K^{\frac{2\rho-1}{1-\rho}} w_0^{2-2\rho} (1-\rho)^2 (-\alpha(1-h)^{-\rho} + (1-\alpha)(1+h)^{-\rho})^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + K^{\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}} w_0^{1-\rho} (1-\rho) (-\alpha(1-h)^{-\rho-1} \rho + (1-\alpha)(1+h)^{-\rho-1} (-\rho)) \right\} \\ K &= \alpha (w_0(1-h))^{(1-\rho)} + (1-\alpha) (w_0(1+h))^{(1-\rho)} \end{aligned}$$

Then,

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$$r(h) \approx (2\alpha - 1)h + (2\rho\alpha(1-\alpha))h^2 \quad (8)$$

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