

# PML Theory

hw 4

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$$p(r_{oil}, r_{air}) = N\left(\begin{pmatrix} r_{oil} \\ r_{air} \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0.05 \\ 0.02 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0.08 & -0.045 \\ -0.045 & 0.040 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$B$  = budget

$x$  = amount spent on oil

$\Rightarrow B - x$  = amount spent on airlines

$$R = x r_{oil} + (B - x) r_{air} \equiv R(x)$$

(a) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} E(R) &= E(x r_{oil} + (B - x) r_{air}) = x E[r_{oil}] + (B - x) E[r_{air}] \\ &= 0.05x + 0.02(B - x) = 0.02B + 0.03x \\ &= \frac{2B + 3x}{100} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(R) &= \text{Var}(x r_{oil} + (B - x) r_{air}) \\ &= x^2 \text{Var}[r_{oil}] + (B - x)^2 \text{Var}[r_{air}] + 2x(B - x) \text{Cov}(r_{air}, r_{oil}) \\ &= 0.08x^2 + 0.04(B - x)^2 - 0.09x(B - x) \end{aligned}$$

Since the Sum of Gaussian random variables is Gaussian, we have

$$R(x) \sim N(E(R), \text{Var}(R)) \quad (\text{as derived above})$$

~~obviously~~  $E(R(x))$

(b) Clearly  $E(R(x))$  is maximized if  $x = B$ . This makes intuitive sense since oil is expected to have a higher return.

$$c) \partial_x \text{Var}(R(x)) = 0.16x + 0.04(B-x) - 0.09(B-2x) \\ = 0.42x - 0.17B$$

minimizing  $\Rightarrow x = \frac{17}{42} B$

d) If  $B=1$ , we have

$$\text{Var}(R) = 0.08x^2 + 0.04(1-x)^2 - 0.09x(1-x) \\ = 0.21x^2 - 0.17x + 0.04$$

then  $\text{Var}(R) \leq 0.03 \Leftrightarrow 0.21x^2 - 0.17x + 0.01 \leq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 21x^2 - 17x + 1 \leq 0$

This quadratic has roots @  $\frac{17 \pm \sqrt{17^2 - 4(21)(1)}}{42} = \frac{17 \pm \sqrt{205}}{42}$

both roots lie in  $[0,1]$  so  $x = \frac{17 + \sqrt{205}}{42}$  is the largest  $x \in (0,1)$

for which  $\text{Var}(R(x)) \leq 0.03$  (since  $\mathbb{E}(R(\frac{17+\sqrt{205}}{42})) > \mathbb{E}(R(\frac{17-\sqrt{205}}{42}))$ ) whence  $x = \frac{17+\sqrt{205}}{42}$  is the such an  $x$

e) let  $m(x) := \mathbb{E}(R) = 0.02 + 0.03x$

$$v(x) := \text{Var}(R) = 0.21x^2 - 0.17x + 0.04$$

then  $R \sim N(m(x), v(x))$

$$\Rightarrow p(R > 0) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi v(x)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0 - m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}} \right)^2} dx$$

let  $Q = \frac{0 - m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}} \Rightarrow dQ = \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{v(x)}}$

$$\Rightarrow p(R > 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} Q^2} dQ$$

$$\text{now } \partial_x p(R > 0) = \partial_x \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}}}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}Q^2} dQ \right\}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}}\right)^2} \cdot \partial_x \left[ -\frac{m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}} \right]$$

Leibniz  
Rule

$$\partial_x p(R > 0) = 0 \implies 0 = \partial_x \frac{m(x)}{\sqrt{v(x)}} = \frac{m'(x)\sqrt{v(x)} - \frac{m(x)v'(x)}{2\sqrt{v(x)}}}{v(x)}$$

Solving gives  $x = \frac{58}{135}$

f) Since the average return over the past years indicate a negative correlation between  $r_{oil}$  &  $r_{air}$ , This new model predicting a higher return on air ~~would with the same standard deviation~~ should suggest a decrease in oil stocks. Our uncertainty should also reduce since the variance is lower.