

1 Implications of No Arbitrage, State Prices, and SDF (Notes 4)

1.1 Case 1: Finite State Space

- Prop 1: Complete markets $\implies \varphi$ (state prices) unique
- Prop 2: Incomplete markets $\implies \exists$ infinitely-many φ (state prices)
- Theo 1: No arbitrage $\iff \exists$ strictly positive state price vector $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^s$ s.t. $P = X\varphi$
- Corr 1: No arbitrage $\iff \exists$ strictly positive SDF $m \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^s$ s.t. $P = E(mX)$
- Corr 2: No arbitrage in a complete market $\iff \exists$ unique and strictly positive state price vector $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^s$ (and SDF $m \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^s$)
- Corr 3: No arbitrage in an incomplete market $\implies \exists$ infinitely-many φ (state prices) and SDF $m \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^s$ (Not everyone has to be str +, but at least one is str + under no arbitrage)

1.2 Case 2: General State Space

- Prop 1: LOOP \iff Linear Price Functional [$p(ax + by) = ap(x) + bp(y)$]
- Prop 2: LOOP \iff basis vector of random payoffs \vec{x} is nondegenerate (i.e. non-redundant)
- Prop 3: LOOP $\implies \exists E(\vec{x}\vec{x}^T)^{-1}$ (i.e. $E(\vec{x}\vec{x}^T)$ invertible)
- Prop 4: No arbitrage \implies LOOP (But LOOP $\not\iff$ No arbitrage)
- Theo 1: Under frictionless portfolio formation and additional technical assumptions, there is NO ARBITRAGE $\iff \exists$ a strictly positive $m \in L^2$ s.t. $\forall x \in \underline{X}, p(x) = E(mX)$
- Theo 2: Under frictionless portfolio formation, LOOP holds $\iff \exists$ a SDF $x^* \in \underline{X}$ and it is unique. (so that $\forall x \in \underline{X}, p(x) = E(x^*x)$)
- Theo 3: Under LOOP (so that x^* exists), $m \in L^2$ is a SDF $\iff \pi(m | \underline{X}) = x^*$

2 Mean Variance Frontier and CAPM (Notes 5)

- Prop 1: For a mean portfolio return of μ_p , the MV portfolio has variance and portfolio weights given by:

$$\sigma^2(\mu_p) = \frac{A\mu^2 - 2B\mu + C}{D} \text{ and } \omega(\mu_p)_{n \times 1} = g + h\mu_p$$

$$\text{where } g_{n \times 1} = \frac{C\Sigma^{-1}\vec{1} - B\Sigma^{-1}\vec{E}}{D}, \quad h_{n \times 1} = \frac{A\Sigma^{-1}\vec{E} - B\Sigma^{-1}\vec{1}}{D},$$

$$A = \vec{1}^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{1}, \quad B = \vec{1}^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{E}, \quad C = \vec{E}^T \Sigma^{-1} \vec{E}, \quad D = AC - B^2$$

- Prop 2: MV frontier form a convex set. (i.e. if ω_1, ω_2 frontier portfolios with μ_1, μ_2 . Then, $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \omega^* \equiv \lambda\omega_1 + (1 - \lambda)\omega_2$ also frontier.)
- Prop 3: Mean, variance, covariance of the MVP (minimum variance portfolio) is given by:

$$\mu_{mvp} = \frac{B}{A}, \quad \sigma_{mvp}^2 = \frac{1}{A}, \quad Cov(R_i, R_{mvp}) = \frac{1}{A} = \sigma_{mvp}^2 \quad \forall i \text{ on frontier}$$

- Prop 4: If p^T is the tangency portfolio, then all securities / portfolios can be priced according to the following beta-representation:

$$E(R_i) - R_f = \frac{Cov(R_i, R^T)}{Var(R^T)} [E(R^T) - R_f] \quad \forall i$$

- Prop 5: If \exists R.F. asset, then **ANY** portfolio p on the MV frontier (other than the r.f. asset) can be used to price other assets/portfolios according to the following beta-representation:

$$E(R_i) - R_f = \frac{Cov(R_i, R_p)}{Var(R_p)} [E(R_p) - R_f] \quad \forall i$$

- Prop 6: If no R.F. asset, then $\exists \gamma$ s.t. **ANY** portfolio p on the MV frontier (other than the MV portfolio) can be used to price other assets/portfolios according to the following beta-representation:

$$E(R_i) - \gamma = \frac{Cov(R_i, R_p)}{Var(R_p)} [E(R_p) - \gamma] \quad \forall i$$

and $\gamma = E(R_{zcp})$ where zcp is the unique portfolio on the MV frontier that has 0 correlation with p

- Prop 7: If \exists a portfolio p and a γ s.t. $E(R_i) - \gamma = \frac{Cov(R_i, R_p)}{Var(R_p)} [E(R_p) - \gamma] \quad \forall i$, \Rightarrow p must be on the MV frontier.
- Prop 7 + 8: A portfolio p on MV frontier $\iff E(R_i) - \gamma = \frac{Cov(R_i, R_p)}{Var(R_p)} [E(R_p) - \gamma] \quad \forall i$

3 CAPM (The beta-rep model with market portfolio as factor. Or, the model with SDF $m = a + bR_m$) (Notes 6)

- Theo 1: (CAPM with RF) Suppose \exists a R.F. asset, and suppose CAPM assumptions hold (agents optimize, have full information, and no trading frictions) \Rightarrow in equilibrium the market portfolio is the tangency portfolio.

$$\text{So, } E(R_i) - R_f = \frac{Cov(R_i, R_m)}{Var(R_m)} [E(R_m) - R_f] \quad \forall i$$

- Theo 2: (Zero-Beta CAPM) If no R.F. asset, under CAPM assumptions \Rightarrow in equilibrium the market portfolio is on the MV frontier and

$$E(R_i) - R_{zc} = \frac{Cov(R_i, R_m)}{Var(R_m)} [E(R_m) - R_{zc}] \quad \forall i$$

4 SDF, Beta Representation, and MV Frontier (Notes 7)

4.1 Beta Representation of Linear Factor Pricing Models

$(E(R_i) = \gamma + \beta^T \lambda_k$ where $\beta : R_i = a_i + \beta^T f_k + \varepsilon_i$)

- Prop 1: If a factor f_k is a gross return on a portfolio (e.g. R_m in CAPM) and \exists R.F. asset $\Rightarrow \lambda_k$ should always be a risk-premium on that portfolio (i.e. $\lambda_k = E(R_m) - R_f$)
- Prop 2: If a factor f_k is an excess return (e.g. $R_H - R_L$ in FF3) $\Rightarrow \lambda_k$ is always the expected excess return (i.e. $\lambda_k = E(f_k)$)

4.2 SDF and Beta Representation ($m = a + b^T f \iff$ Beta Representation with f as factor)

- Theo 1: $\exists a \in \mathbb{R} \ \& \ b \in \mathbb{R}^k$ s.t. $m = a + b^T \vec{f}$ is a SDF $\iff \exists \gamma \in \mathbb{R} \ \& \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^k$ s.t. \forall securities/portfolios i , $E(R_i) = \gamma + \beta_i^T \lambda \quad \forall i$

where $\vec{\beta}_i \equiv \Sigma_f^{-1} Cov(\vec{f}, R_i)$ is the reg coeff of R_i on f and a constant

- Prop 3: $m = a + b^T \vec{f} \Rightarrow$ in beta representation, $\lambda = E(\vec{f}) - \gamma E(m\vec{f})$ (where $\gamma = \frac{1}{E(m)}$)

4.3 Single-Factor Special Case: CAPM ($CAPM \iff m = a + bR_m$)

- Prop 4: CAPM $\iff m = a_m + b_m R_m$ for some $a_m, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$

Moreover,

$$\text{if } \exists \text{ R.F. asset, } a_m = \frac{1}{R_f} + \frac{1}{R_f} \frac{E(R_m)(ER_m - R_f)}{Var(R_m)} \text{ and } b_m = -\frac{1}{R_f} \frac{ER_m - R_f}{Var(R_m)}$$

$$\text{if no R.F. asset, } a_m = \frac{1}{R_{zc}} + \frac{1}{R_{zc}} \frac{E(R_m)(ER_m - R_{zc})}{Var(R_m)} \text{ and } b_m = -\frac{1}{R_{zc}} \frac{ER_m - R_{zc}}{Var(R_m)}$$

- Corr 1: (Complete Mkt + CAPM don't mix!) Suppose market is complete. If CAPM holds and market portfolio return distribution is normal (or has large enough support) $\Rightarrow \exists$ arbitrage opportunities.

4.4 Single-Factor Special Case: SDF as Factor

- Prop 5: Any valid SDF m yields a beta representation with m as factor.

$$i.e. E(R_i) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{E(m)}}_{\gamma} + \underbrace{\frac{-Var(m)}{E(m)}}_{\lambda} \underbrace{\frac{Cov(m, R_i)}{Var(m)}}_{\beta}$$

- Prop 6: Given any valid SDF m and under LOOP (so that x^* exists). We can use m -mimicking payoff $x^* \equiv \pi(m | \underline{X})$ as factor to yield a beta representation.

$$i.e. E(R_i) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{E(x^*)}}_{\gamma} + \underbrace{\frac{-Var(x^*)}{E(x^*)}}_{\lambda} \underbrace{\frac{Cov(x^*, R_i)}{Var(x^*)}}_{\beta}$$

- Prop 7: Given SDF m and under LOOP (so that x^* exists). Then, \exists beta representation with $R^* \equiv \frac{x^*}{p(x^*)} = \frac{x^*}{E(x^{*2})}$ as factor.

$$i.e. E(R_i) = \underbrace{\frac{E(R^{*2})}{E(R^*)}}_{\gamma} + \underbrace{\frac{-Var(R^*)}{E(R^*)}}_{\lambda} \underbrace{\frac{Cov(R^*, R_i)}{Var(R^*)}}_{\beta}$$

4.5 MV and an Orthogonal Characterization of the MV Frontier (Under LOOP so that x^* exists)

- Prop 8: (R^* on MV frontier) $R^* \equiv \frac{x^*}{p(x^*)} = \frac{x^*}{E(x^{*2})}$ is on the MV frontier (bc $E(R_i) - \gamma = \beta_{i,R^*} [ER^* - \gamma]$)
- Prop 9: (Any frontier portf can be a factor) $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and a return R_p s.t. $m = a + bR_p$ is a SDF $\iff R_p$ is on the MV frontier
- Prop10: (Representation of $R^{e*} \equiv \pi(1|\underline{R}^e)$)

$$a) \text{ If } \exists R_f, \text{ then } R^{e*} = 1 - \frac{R^*}{R_f}$$

$$b) \text{ If no } R_f, \text{ then } R^{e*} = \pi(1|\underline{X}) - \frac{E(R^*)}{E(R^{*2})} R^* \text{ where } \pi(1|\underline{X}) \equiv E(\vec{x}^T) E(\vec{x}\vec{x}^T)^{-1} \vec{x}$$

- Prop11: Every R_i can be expressed as

$$R_i = R^* + \omega_i R^{e*} + \eta_i$$

$$\text{where } \omega \in \mathbb{R}, \eta_i \text{ an excess return with } E(\eta_i) = 0, \text{ and } E(R^* R^{e*}) = E(R^* \eta_i) = E(R^{e*} \eta_i) = 0$$

- Corr 2: R^{mv} is on the MV frontier $\iff R^{mv} = R^* + \omega R^{e*}$ for some ω
- Prop12: Under LOOP (so that x^* exists), $R^* \equiv \frac{x^*}{p(x^*)} = \frac{x^*}{E(x^{*2})}$ is the MV frontier portfolio with the smallest second moment.

5 Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT) (Notes 8)

- Prop 1 (APT): Suppose all N security returns are described by the following statistical factor decomposition

$$R_i = a_i + \vec{f}^T \beta_i + \varepsilon_i \quad \forall i \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } E(\varepsilon_i) = E(\varepsilon_i \vec{f}_k) = Cov(\varepsilon_i, \vec{f}_k) = 0 \quad \forall i, \forall k \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } E(\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j) = \sigma_i^2 \leq \bar{\sigma}^2 \text{ if } i=j \text{ and } 0 \text{ o.w.} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{or in a system form... } R_{N \times 1} = A_{N \times 1} + B_{N \times K} f_{K \times 1} + E_{N \times 1} \quad (1')$$

$$E(E) = E(Ef) = 0 \quad (2')$$

$$\Sigma_{N \times N} \equiv E(E E^T) \text{ is diagonal with + and bdd entries} \quad (3')$$

Then, "arbitrage considerations" alone \Rightarrow expected returns of securities "approximately" satisfy beta representation with factors \vec{f}

$$i.e. E(R_i) \cong \gamma + \lambda^T \beta_i \quad (4)$$

Moreover, if \exists R.F. asset and \vec{f} are returns, then

$$E(R_i) \cong R_f + \beta_i^T [E(\vec{f}) - R_f] \quad \forall i \quad (5)$$

- Ex 1: (Exact pricing with $\varepsilon_i = 0$) When $\varepsilon_i = 0$, under APT / no arbitrage, $E(R_i) - R_f = \beta_i^T (E(f) - R_f \vec{1})$
- Ex 2: (Approx pricing with $\varepsilon_i \neq 0$) When $\varepsilon_i \neq 0$, under APT / no arbitrage, $E(R_i) - R_f = \beta_i^T (E(f) - R_f \vec{1}) - R_f Cov(m, \varepsilon_i) \cong \beta_i^T (E(f) - R_f \vec{1})$
- Prop 2: (Exact beta-rep at the limit) For a fixed SDF m that prices the factors \vec{f} , as $Var(\varepsilon_i) \rightarrow 0$ for a security/portfolio $i \Rightarrow E(R_i) \rightarrow R_f + \beta_i^T (E(f) - R_f p(\vec{f}))$
- Corr 1: (Exact beta-rep at the limit for well-div portfolio) For a fixed SDF m that prices the factors \vec{f} , consider a portfolio p with equilibrium weights in n securities. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $E(R_p) \rightarrow R_f + \beta_i^T (E(f) - R_f p(\vec{f}))$
- Prop 3: (Approx APT Pricing for all but finite securities) For a fixed SDF m that prices the factors \vec{f} , $\forall \delta > 0$ small, \exists only finitely many securities s.t.

$$|E(R_i) - R_f - \beta_i^T [E(\vec{f}) - R_f]| > \delta$$

6 Option Pricing (Notes 11)

6.1 13 Important Properties of Options

We can derive the following with the following 2 no-arbitrage principles: 1) Portfolios with non-neg payoff has non-neg cost. 2) If one portfolio's payoff dominates another then so must its cost.

1. $c, C, p, P \geq 0$ for all parameter values
2. $C(S, t; E, T) \geq S(t) - E$ and $P(S, t; E, T) \geq E - S(t)$
3. For $T_2 > T_1$, $C(S, t; E, T_2) \geq C(S, t; E, T_1)$ and $P(S, t; E, T_2) \geq P(S, t; E, T_1)$
4. $C(\cdot) \geq c(\cdot)$ and $P(\cdot) \geq p(\cdot)$ given same input values
5. For $E_1 > E_2$, all else equal,

$$\begin{aligned} C(\cdot; E_1) &\leq C(\cdot; E_2) \\ c(\cdot; E_1) &\leq c(\cdot; E_2) \\ P(\cdot; E_1) &\geq P(\cdot; E_2) \\ p(\cdot; E_1) &\geq p(\cdot; E_2) \end{aligned}$$

6. $S(t) \equiv C(S, t; 0, \infty) \geq C(S, t; E, T) \geq c(S, t; E, T)$
7. $C(0, t; E, T) = c(0, t; 0, \infty) = 0$
8. If the stock pays no dividends between t and T , then $c(S, t; E, T) \geq S - E \cdot B(t, T)$ where $B(t, T)$ is the time t PV of receiving \$1 at T .
9. European call options are convex functions of E : i.e. $\alpha c(\cdot; E_1) + (1 - \alpha) c(\cdot; E_2) \geq c(\cdot; \alpha E_1 + (1 - \alpha) E_2)$
10. "A portfolio of options is more valuable than an option on a portfolio" (i.e. call option on a portfolio of securities w/ an exercise price of X is less valuable than a portfolio of call options on the underlying with equal exercise)
11. Put-Call Parity (0 dividend stock): $p(S, t; E, T) = c(S, t; E, T) - S(t) + E \cdot B(t, T)$
12. European put option price is convex in E : i.e. $\alpha p(\cdot; E_1) + (1 - \alpha) p(\cdot; E_2) \geq p(\cdot; \alpha E_1 + (1 - \alpha) E_2)$
13. For a stock paying no dividends over (t, T) , an American call will never be exercised early. So, $C = c$ when S pays no dividends.

7 Binomial Pricing

- We can replicate the derivatives by holding a portfolio of the underlying stock and cash bond (N, B) .

$$N = \frac{f_u - f_d}{S_u - S_d} \quad \text{and} \quad B = f_{now} - N \cdot S_{now}$$

- We can also use risk-neutral pricing

$$\begin{aligned} f_{now} &= E_{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\frac{1}{R} f_{tomor} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \{q f_u + (1 - q) f_d\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } q \equiv \frac{R S_{now} - S_d}{S_u - S_d}$$