

Formulas

Prediction and present value

$$\text{If } x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \text{ then } E_t(x_{t+j}) = \phi^j x_t$$

$$r_{t+1} \approx -\rho dp_{t+1} + \Delta d_{t+1} + dp_t; \quad dp_t \equiv d_t - p_t$$

$$p_t - d_t \approx \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \rho^{j-1} \Delta d_{t+j} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \rho^{j-1} r_{t+j}; \quad \rho = \frac{1}{1 + D/P} \approx 0.96$$

$$M_t = E_t \sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} \frac{Y_{t+\tau} - dB_{t+\tau}}{(1+r)^\tau} \quad (\text{Novy-Marx})$$

VAR

$$r_{t+1} = b_r \times dp_t + \varepsilon_{t+1}^r; \quad b_r \approx 0.1$$

$$\Delta d_{t+1} = b_d \times dp_t + \varepsilon_{t+1}^d; \quad b_d \approx 0$$

$$dp_{t+1} = b_{dp} \times dp_t + \varepsilon_{t+1}^{dp}; \quad b_{dp} \approx 0.94$$

Geometric sums

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^j = \frac{1}{1-z} \text{ if } \|z\| < 1; \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta^j = \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} = \frac{\frac{1}{1+\delta}}{1 - \frac{1}{1+\delta}} = \frac{1}{\delta}$$

Discount factors, consumption and models

$$p_t = E_t(m_{t+1} x_{t+1}) = E_t \left(\beta \frac{u'(c_{t+1})}{u'(c_t)} x_{t+1} \right)$$

$$p_t = E_t \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \beta^j \frac{u'(c_{t+j})}{u'(c_t)} x_{t+j}$$

$$m_{t+1} = \beta \left(\frac{c_{t+1}}{c_t} \right)^{-\gamma} \approx 1 - \delta - \gamma \Delta c_{t+1}$$

$$0 = E_t(m_{t+1} R_{t+1}^e); \quad 1 = E_t(m_{t+1} R_{t+1})$$

$$R^f = 1/E(m_{t+1}) = 1/E_t \left(\beta \frac{u'(c_{t+1})}{u'(c_t)} \right) \approx 1 + \delta + \gamma E_t(\Delta c_{t+1})$$

$$E(R_{t+1}^e) = -R_t^f \text{cov}(m_{t+1}, R_{t+1}^e) \approx \gamma \text{cov}(\Delta c_{t+1}, R_{t+1}^e)$$

Empirical methods GRS test:

$$T \left[1 + E(f)' \Sigma_f^{-1} E(f) \right]^{-1} \hat{\alpha}' \Sigma^{-1} \hat{\alpha} \sim \chi_N^2$$

$$\frac{T - N - K}{N} \left[1 + E(f)' \hat{\Sigma}_f^{-1} E(f) \right]^{-1} \hat{\alpha}' \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\alpha} \sim F_{N, T-N-K}$$

Term structure

$$p_t^{(n)} = \text{log price at } t \text{ of bond that comes due at } t+n, \text{ e.g. } -0.20$$

$$y_t^{(n)} \equiv -\frac{1}{n} p_t^{(n)}; \quad f_t^{(n)} \equiv p_t^{(n-1)} - p_t^{(n)};$$

$$r_{t+1}^{(n)} \equiv p_{t+1}^{(n-1)} - p_t^{(n)}; \quad r x_{t+1}^{(n)} = r_{t+1}^{(n)} - y_t^{(1)}$$

Expectations:

$$\begin{aligned} y_0^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{n} E \left(y_t^{(1)} + y_{t+1}^{(1)} + y_{t+2}^{(1)} + \dots y_{t+n-1}^{(1)} \right) + (\text{risk premium}) \\ f_t^{(n)} &= E_t(y_{t+n-1}^{(1)}) + (\text{risk premium}) \\ E_t \left[r_{t+1}^{(n)} \right] &= y_t^{(1)} + (\text{risk premium}) \end{aligned}$$

Fama-Bliss regression

$$\begin{aligned} rx_{t+1}^{(n)} &= r_{t+1}^{(n)} - y_t^{(1)} = a + b \left(f_t^{(n)} - y_t^{(1)} \right) + \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ y_{t+n-1}^{(1)} - y_t^{(1)} &= a + b \left(f_t^{(n)} - y_t^{(1)} \right) + \varepsilon_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

Cochrane-Piazzesi regression

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{rx}_{t+1} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=2}^5 rx_{t+1}^{(n)} = \gamma' f_t + \varepsilon_{t+1} \\ rx_{t+1}^{(n)} &= b_n (\gamma' f_t) + \varepsilon_{t+1}^{(n)} \end{aligned}$$

Portfolios

Classic mean-variance

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma} \Sigma^{-1} E(R^e); \quad \Sigma = \text{cov}(R^e)$$

With a factor model

$$\begin{aligned} R_{t+1}^p &= R^f + w_m R_{t+1}^{em} + w'_\alpha (\alpha + \varepsilon). \\ w_m &= \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{E(R^{em})}{\sigma^2(R^{em})}; \quad w_\alpha = \frac{1}{\gamma} \Sigma^{-1} \alpha; \quad \Sigma \equiv E(\varepsilon_{t+1} \varepsilon'_{t+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Multifactor, y = state variable, and relative to the market if everyone is like this

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \frac{1}{\gamma} \Sigma^{-1} E(R^e) + \beta_{R,y'} \frac{\eta}{\gamma} \\ R^i &= R^f + \frac{\gamma^m}{\gamma^i} R^{em} + \frac{1}{\gamma^i} (\eta^{i'} - \eta^{m'}) R^{ez}; \quad R^{ez} \equiv \beta_{y,R'} R^e \\ E(R^e) &= \text{cov}(R^e, R^m) \gamma^m - \text{cov}(R^e, y') \eta^m \end{aligned}$$

Bayesian portfolios

$$w = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{E(R^e)}{\sigma^2(R^e) + \sigma^2[E(R^e)]}$$