

Cap M, 2 securities.

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$\Omega \equiv$ sample spaces.

$S_1(\omega)$, $S_2(\omega)$ given.

$S_1(\omega)$, $S_2(\omega) : \Omega \rightarrow (0, \infty)$

if $\Omega = \{1, \dots, m\}$ ← m possible outcomes,

write: $S_i^j(\omega) \equiv$ value of i^{th} stock under outcome j .

Return variables for each stock, are defined as:

$$K_i = \frac{S_i(\omega) - S_i(\omega_0)}{S_i(\omega_0)} \quad ; \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We need only concern ourselves with the parameters

$$\mu_i = E K_i \quad i=1,2.$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = C_i = \text{var } K_i$$

$$C_{12} = \text{cov}(K_1, K_2)$$

$$\mu_K = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad \Sigma_K = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 & C_{21} \\ C_{21} & C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

PARAMETERIZE the portfolios by the set 2

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : w_1 + w_2 = 1 \right\}.$$

* let us use notation $\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ so $w^T \mathbb{1} = w_1 + w_2 = 1$.

For given portfolio $w \in W$

$$K_w = (w_1 \ w_2) \begin{pmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{pmatrix} = w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2 = w^T K.$$

The expected return of the portfolio is then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_w &= E(K_w) = E(w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2) = \\ &= w_1 \mu_1 + w_2 \mu_2 = w^T \mu_K. \end{aligned}$$

The variance (risk)² is

~~$$\sigma_w^2 = \text{var}(K_w) = \text{var}(w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2)$$~~
~~$$= w_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + 2w_1 w_2 c_{12} + w_2^2 \sigma_2^2$$~~

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_w^2 &= \text{var}(K_w) = \text{var}(w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2) \\ &= w_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + 2w_1 w_2 c_{12} + w_2^2 \sigma_2^2 \\ &= w^T \Sigma_K w \end{aligned}$$

It is helpful to write the

$$\text{portfolio weight as } \begin{aligned} w_1 &= s \\ w_2 &= 1-s. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu_w = \mu_s = s\mu_1 + (1-s)\mu_2 = \mu_2 + s(\mu_1 - \mu_2).$$

$$\sigma_w^2 = \sigma_s^2 = s^2\sigma_1^2 + (1-s)^2\sigma_2^2 + 2s(1-s)\rho_{12}.$$

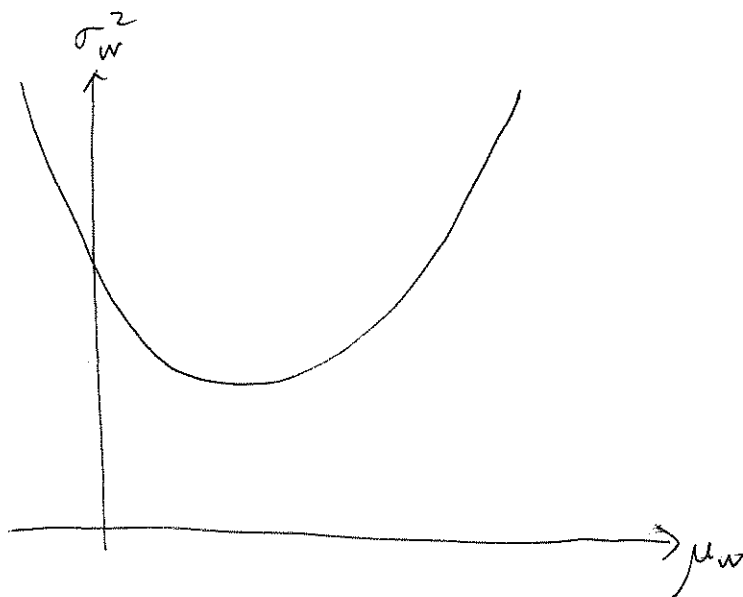
Notice μ_w is linear in $s \rightarrow s$ is linear in μ_w .

σ_w^2 is quadratic in s

$$s = \frac{\mu_w - \mu_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2}.$$

$\therefore \sigma_w^2$ is quadratic in μ_w -

$$\sigma_w^2(s) = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{\mu_w - \mu_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2} \right).$$



~~Does not find the minimum of σ_w^2 .~~

MINIMIZE $\sigma_w^2 \dots$

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$$\frac{d\sigma_w^2}{ds} = 2s\sigma_1^2 + [2(1-s) - 2s]c_{12} - 2(1-s)\sigma_2^2 = 0$$

(1) s minimizing σ_w^2 is (provided $\begin{cases} \sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2 \\ -\sigma_1^2 \leq c_{12} < \sigma_1^2 \text{ if } \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \end{cases}$)

$$s = \frac{\sigma_2^2 - c_{12}}{\sigma_1^2 - 2c_{12} + \sigma_2^2}$$

\therefore portfolio minimizing σ_w^2 is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(f)} \quad W &= \begin{pmatrix} s \\ 1-s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sigma_2^2 - c_{12}}{\sigma_1^2 - 2c_{12} + \sigma_2^2} \\ \frac{\sigma_1^2 - c_{12}}{\sigma_1^2 - 2c_{12} + \sigma_2^2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\Sigma_k^{-1} \mathbb{1}}{\mathbb{1}^T \Sigma_k^{-1} \mathbb{1}} \end{aligned}$$

(2) if $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ + ~~provided~~ $c_{12} = \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_w^2 &= s^2 \sigma_1^2 + (1-s)^2 \sigma_2^2 + 2s(1-s)c_{12} \\ &= (s^2 + (1-s)^2 + 2s(1-s)) \sigma_1^2 \\ &= (s + (1-s))^2 \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \sigma_w^2$ is constant.

Notice the formula (f) may imply $s < 0$ or $1-s < 0$
this would require short selling to find
minimal risk.

Find σ_w as a function of μ_w

$$s = \frac{\mu_w - \mu_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2}$$

$$\sigma_w^2 = \left(\frac{\mu_w - \mu_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2} \right)^2 \sigma_1^2 + \left(\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_w}{\mu_1 - \mu_2} \right)^2 \sigma_2^2 - 2c_{12} \frac{(\mu_w - \mu_2)(\mu_w - \mu_1)}{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}$$

write: $\mu_m = \mu_w(w_m) ; \sigma_m^2 = \sigma_w^2(w_m)$

$$\sigma_w^2 - A^2 (\mu_w - \mu_m)^2 = \sigma_m^2$$

$$\sigma_w = \left(A^2 (\mu_w - \mu_m)^2 + \sigma_m^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

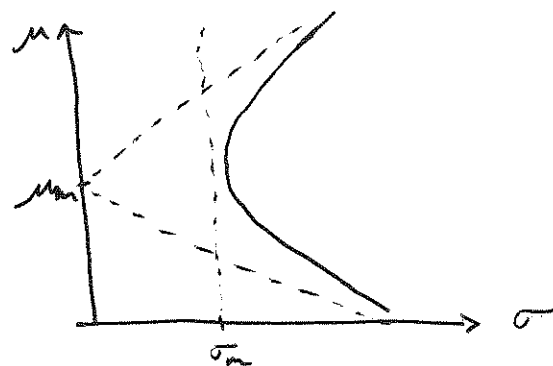
Asymptotes:

as $\mu_w \rightarrow \pm\infty$, ~~hyperbola~~ $\sigma_w \sim A(\mu_w - \mu_m)$

hyperbola is centered @ $(\mu_m, 0)$.

Asym. lines

$$\mu = \mu_m \pm A\sigma ; A^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2c_{12}}{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2} > 0$$



Let us consider simplest case first,

$$\text{that } |c_{12}| = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \iff |p_{12}| = \left| \frac{c_{12}}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \right| = 1.$$

In this case,

$$K_1 = t K_2 + P.$$

$$\text{So } \sigma_1^2 = t^2 \sigma_2^2.$$

Assume $t \neq 1$ (in this case σ_w^2 is constant).

Find w for minimum variance.

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} s_0 \\ 1-s_0 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

$$s_0 = \frac{\sigma_2^2 - t \sigma_2^2}{t^2 \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2t \sigma_2^2} = \frac{1-t}{(1-t)^2} = \frac{1}{1-t}.$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1-t} \\ \frac{-t}{1-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

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∴ (i) $\rho_{12} = 1$

$t > 0 \Rightarrow$

$s_0 = \frac{1}{1-t} < 0 \quad \text{if } t > 1$

$1 - s_0 = \frac{-1}{1-t} < 0 \quad \text{if } 0 < t < 1.$

∴ finding min variance requires short selling.

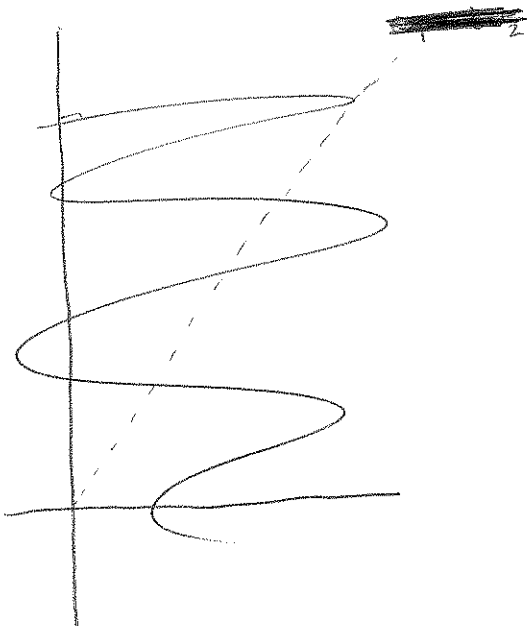
(ii) $\rho_{12} = -1$
 $t < 0$

$s_0 = \frac{1}{1-t}$

$1 - s_0 = \frac{-t}{1-t}$

} both belong to $(0, 1)$

∴ minimal variance does not require short selling.



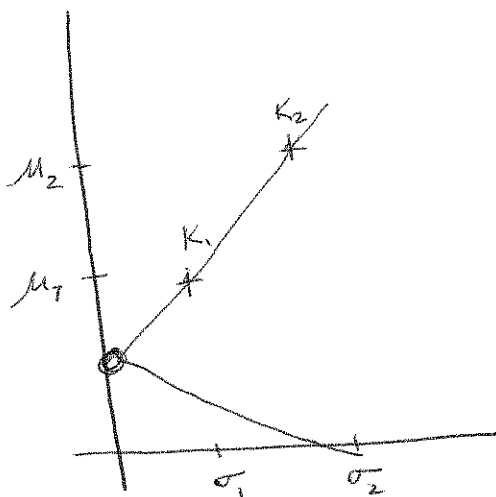
Notice

$$K_1 = tK_2 + P$$

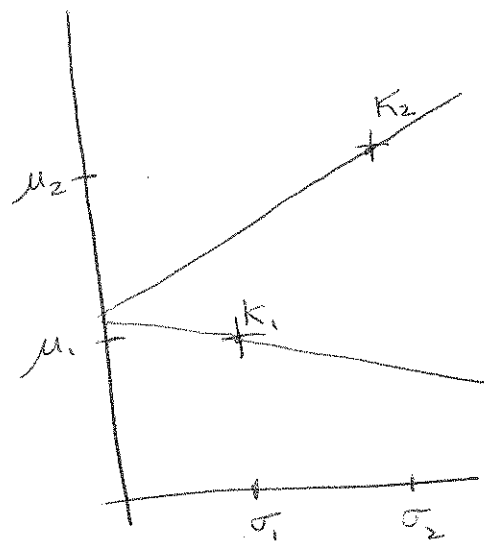
$$\Leftrightarrow \mu_1 = t\mu_2 + P.$$

$$\sigma_1 = |t| \sigma_2.$$

$t > 0$



$t < 0$



min variance, $\sigma_w = 0$.

~~with short sell~~

$\rho_{12} \sim 1$ MVP req short sell

$\rho_{12} \sim 1$ MVP does not req short sell

where is bdry?

$0 < S_0 < 1 \leftarrow$ MVP w/o short sell.

$$S_0 = \frac{\sigma_2^2 - c_{12}}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2c_{12}}$$

$$S_0 < 1$$

$$S_0 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_2^2 - c_{12} < \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2c_{12}$$

$$\sigma_2^2 - c_{12} > 0$$

$$c_{12} < \sigma_1^2$$

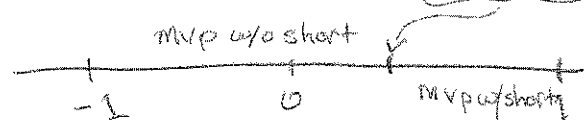
$$c_{12} < \sigma_2^2$$

$$\rho_{12} < \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}$$

$$\rho_{12} < \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$$

\therefore MVP w/ short sell is possible iff

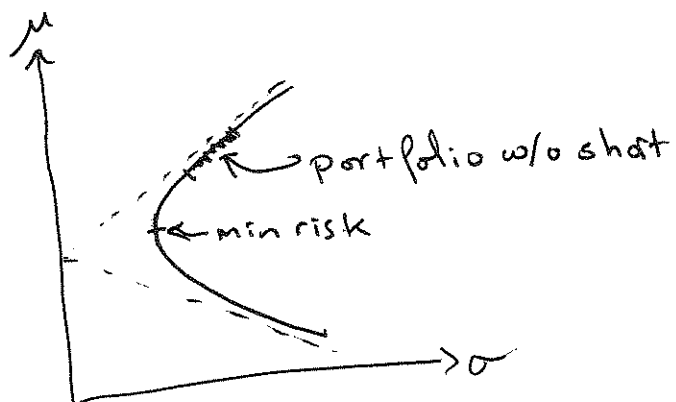
$$\rho_{12} < \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \wedge \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} = \rho^0$$



$$\therefore \therefore$$

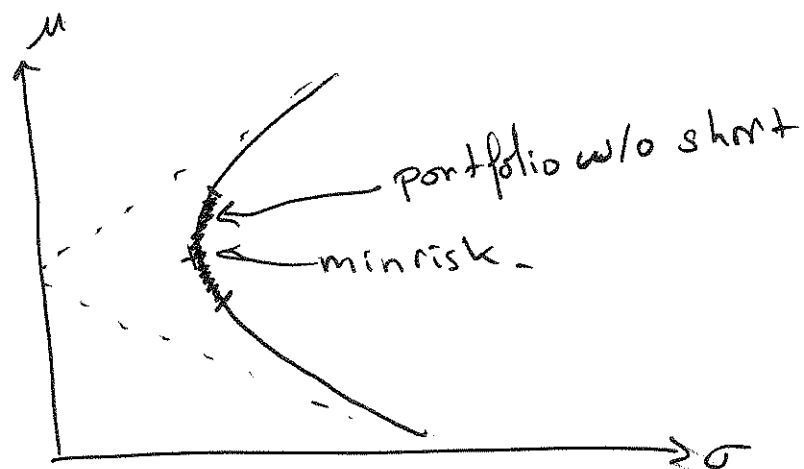
$$1 > \rho > \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \wedge \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} = \min \left\{ \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}, \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \right\}$$

min variance portfolio requires short.



$$-1 < \rho < \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \wedge \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}$$

min variance portfolio w/o short



Suppose

$$\sigma_1^2 = 1/2 \quad \sigma_2^2 = 1/4 \quad C_{12} = 1/8.$$

$$\rho_{12} = \frac{1/8}{\sqrt{1/2} \sqrt{1/4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\rho^c = \frac{1/4}{1/2} = 1/2$$

$\therefore \rho_{12} < \rho^c \Rightarrow$ does not req short sell

$$S_0 = \frac{1/2 - 1/8}{1/2 + 1/4 - 2 \cdot 1/8} = \frac{3/8}{1/2} = 3/4 \in (0, 1).$$

$$\sigma_1^2 = 1/3 \quad \sigma_2^2 = 1/9 \quad C_{12} = 1/6$$

$$\rho_{12} = \frac{1/6}{1/3 \sqrt{1/9}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\rho^c = \frac{1/9}{1/3} = 1/3$$

$\rho_{12} > \rho^c \Rightarrow$ require short sell.

indeed

$$S_0 = \frac{1/9 - 1/6}{1/9 + 1/3 - 2 \cdot 1/6} = \frac{2-3}{2+6-6} = -\frac{1}{2} < 0$$