

M339W: February 19th,
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Value@Risk (VaR) [review].

Start w/ a (small) probability α .

- If your random variable R corresponds to a return or a profit, the the adverse event contains small values of the random variable R .

The $\text{VaR}_{\alpha}(R)$ is a number such that

$$\mathbb{P}[R \leq \text{VaR}_{\alpha}(R)] = \alpha.$$

- If X corresponds to a loss, we set $\text{VaR}_{\alpha}(X)$ to be a constant such that
- $$\mathbb{P}[X > \text{VaR}_{\alpha}(X)] = \alpha$$

$$S = 0$$

- 35) You own a share of a nondividend-paying stock and will hold it for a period of time. You want to set aside an amount of capital as a percentage of the initial stock price to reduce the risk of loss at the end of the holding period.

You are given: $\hookrightarrow \varphi \cdot S(0) = C \dots$ the amt of capital set aside

- i) The stock price follows a lognormal distribution.
- ii) The annualized expected rate of return on the stock is 15%. $\alpha = 0.15$
- iii) The annualized stock volatility is 40%. $\sigma = 0.40$
- iv) The investment period is 4 years. $T = 4$
- v) The Value-at Risk (VaR) at the 3rd percentile for the capital plus the ending stock value equals the initial stock price.

Calculate the capital amount as a percentage of initial stock price.

(v): The requirement is

$$\text{VaR}_{0.03}(S(T) + C) = S(0)$$

By the def'n of VaR:

$$\mathbb{P}[S(T) + C \leq S(0)] = 0.03$$

- (A) 57%
- (B) 63%
- (C) 71%
- (D) 82%
- (E) 91%

$$S(T) = S(0) e^{(\alpha - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) \cdot T + \sigma \sqrt{T} \cdot Z} \quad \text{w/ } Z \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left[S(0) e^{(0.15 - \frac{(0.4)^2}{2}) \cdot 4 + 0.4 \sqrt{4} \cdot Z} \leq S(0)(1 - \varphi)\right] = 0.03$$

$$\text{Find } z_{0.03}^* = N^{-1}(0.03) = -N^{-1}(0.97) = -1.88$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \varphi = e^{(0.15 - \frac{0.16}{2}) \cdot 4 + 0.4(2)(-1.88)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi = 1 - e^{-1.224} = 0.7059 \Rightarrow (C)$$

(2)

Tail Value @ Risk (TVaR)

Start w/ a (small) probability α .

- Let R correspond to a return or profit or a stock price, then the TVaR is defined as:

$$\text{TVaR}_{\alpha}(R) := \mathbb{E}[R \mid R \leq \text{VaR}_{\alpha}(R)]$$

Recall: $\mathbb{P}[R \leq \underbrace{\text{VaR}_{\alpha}(R)}_{\text{a number}}] = \alpha$ (assume R continuous)

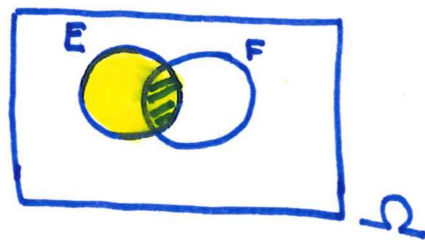
For the $\text{TVaR}_{\alpha}(R)$, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}[R \mid R \leq \text{VaR}_{\alpha}(R)] = ?$$

For conditional probability:

Consider two events E & F such that $\mathbb{P}[E] > 0$, we define

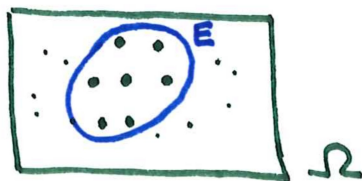
$$\mathbb{P}[F \mid E] = \frac{\mathbb{P}[E \cap F]}{\mathbb{P}[E]}$$



For conditional expectation:

Consider a random variable X & an event E such that $\mathbb{P}[E] > 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}[X \mid E] = ?$$



$$\mathbb{E}[X | E] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X \cdot \mathbb{I}_E]}{\mathbb{P}[E]}$$

Within the context of TVAR, we take

$$E = \{R \leq \text{VaR}_\alpha(R)\}.$$

We get:

$$\text{TVAR}_\alpha(R) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[R \cdot \mathbb{I}_{[R \leq \text{VaR}_\alpha(R)]}]}{\underbrace{\mathbb{P}[R \leq \text{VaR}_\alpha(R)]}_{\alpha}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathbb{E}[R \cdot \mathbb{I}_{[R \leq \text{VaR}_\alpha(R)]}]$$

If R is continuous, w/ density f_R , then

$$\text{TVAR}_\alpha(R) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\text{VaR}_\alpha(R)} x \cdot f_R(x) dx$$

- Let X correspond to a loss, say a severity random variable, then,

$$\text{TVAR}_\alpha(X) = \mathbb{E}[X \mid X > \text{VaR}_\alpha(X)]$$

= ... perform the same steps as above.

Coherent risk measures.

Usually denoted by ρ (but, the SoA uses g).

Let X represent a loss.

(I) **Translational Invariance**

for a positive constant c , we require

$$\rho(X+c) = \rho(X) + c$$

(II) **Positive Homogeneity**

for a positive constant c , we require

$$\rho(c \cdot X) = c \cdot \rho(X)$$

(III) **Subadditivity**

for X and Y loss random variables,
we require

$$\rho(X+Y) \leq \rho(X) + \rho(Y)$$

(IV) **Monotonicity**

for X and Y representing losses, we require:

IF $X \leq Y$

[i.e., $X \leq Y$ almost surely,
i.e., $\mathbb{P}[X \leq Y] = 1$]

THEN $\rho(X) \leq \rho(Y)$