Investments and Portfolio Management



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COMPUTER ASSIGNEMENT 2

Suppose you can invest in three risky assets A, B, C and deposit without risk at an interest rate of 3% or borrow at a rate of 7%. In addition we have the following estimates about the risky assets: $\bar{R}_A = 15\%, \bar{R}_B = 10\%, \bar{R}_C = 20\%, \sigma_A = 10\%, \sigma_B = 6\%, \sigma_C = 15\%, \rho_{AB} = 0.4, \rho_{BC} = 0.3$, and $\rho_{AC} = 0.5$.

- 1. Consider the above described market conditions.
 - (a) Represent in the mean-variance space (σ, \bar{R}) the basic assets and determine the mean-variance inputs.
 - (b) Explain its shape and derive the mathematical expression(s) for the efficient frontier (EF):
 - (i) when we consider just combinations of the three risky assets.
 - (ii) when we consider combinations of the three risky assets with the deposit and borrowing rates.
 - (c) Explain the shape of the investment opportunity set (IOS) for scenarios b(i) and b(ii).
 - (d) Represent the EF in mean-variance space and conclude about the efficiency of assets A, B and C?
 - (e) Show it is possible to recover the exact same envelop hyperbola formula as combinations of the two tangent portfolios.
- 2. Suppose the returns of A, B, C are normally distributed. Determine and represent in the mean-variance space (σ, \bar{R}) :
 - (i) The Roy combination, *Roy*, of the three risk assets that has the lowest probability of returns lower than 0%.
 - (ii) Taking in to account that it is possible to lend and borrow (at different rates), identify all portfolios that are as safe as the *Roy* portfolio in (i).
 - (iii) The Kataoka combination of the risky assets, when one worries about the 10% worst scenarios.
 - (iv) Taking in to account that it is possible to lend and borrow (at different rates), identify all portfolios that are as safe as the *Kataoka* portfolio in (iii).
 - (v) Determine all portfolios for which $\Pr[R_p \le 0\%) \le 10\%$] and identify the Telser portfolios, considering just risky assets and taking into account also lending and borrowing.
- 3. Consider an investor, Ms. Safe, that which to invest 10 000 euros and have asked for your advice. Her requirements are:
 - (i) A volatility not bigger that 20%.
 - (ii) A portfolio that verifies $\Pr[R_p \le 0\%) \le 10\%$].
 - (iii) A portfolio that maximizes the expected return, provided (i) and (ii) are verified.