



# General approach to the optimal portfolio risk management

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-The success of classical MV optimal portfolio theory is mostly because the model reduces to QP, which is quite convenient for the technical realization and for the case when short selling is possible, even provides the analytic solution (Merton (1972))

- We suggest the generalization of MV-model which reduces to more complicated CFP – concave fractional programming

Return on the portfolio  $-R$

$$R = x_1 R_1 + x_2 R_2 + \boxed{\boxed{\boxed{\boxed{\boxed{\quad}}}} + x_n R_n$$

Mean-Variance approach

$$E(R) - \lambda \text{Var}(R) \rightarrow \max$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$$

$$MV(R) = E(-R) + \lambda \text{Var}(R) \rightarrow \inf$$

Another approach to OPS referenced to Sharpe

$$S = \frac{E(R) - R_f}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(R)}} \rightarrow \max$$

$R_f$  – risk free rate

How to combine these two approaches and generalize maximally ?

We suggest the following functional

$$f = t \left( \frac{p(E(R))}{v(\text{Var}(R))} \right) \rightarrow \max$$

$t(x)$  – *strictly increased*,  $p(x)$  – *concave*

$$t'(x), p'(x) \neq 0$$

# Important examples

## Generalized Sharpe ratio

$$t(x) = x, \quad p(x) = x - R_f, \quad v(x) = x^\beta, \quad \beta \geq 1/2$$

$$f = \frac{E(R) - R_f}{(\text{Var}(R))^\beta} \rightarrow \max$$

$\beta = 1/2 \Rightarrow$  *classical Sharpe ratio*

Another important functional

$$t(x) = \log x, \quad p(x) = \exp(x), \quad v(x) = \exp(\lambda s(x)), \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$f = E(R) - \lambda s(\text{Var}(R)) \rightarrow \max$$

$s(x)$  – defined on  $[0, \infty)$  function,

differentiable and positive on  $(0, \infty)$

Landsman and Makov (2013)

## Important examples

$$f = E(R) - \lambda(\text{Var}(R))^\beta, \beta \geq 1/2$$

$\beta = 1 \Rightarrow$  classical Mean – Variance principle

Standard deviation premium principle

$$f = E(R) - \lambda\sqrt{\text{Var}(R)},$$

Tail mean-variance premium principle

$$f = E(-R) + \alpha_1\sqrt{\text{Var}(R)} + \alpha_2\text{Var}(R),$$

# Portfolio management

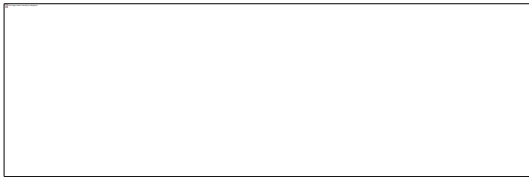
$$R = (R_1, \dots, R_n)^T$$

$$R = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j R_j, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = 1$$

# Main result

$$f = t \left( \frac{p(\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x})}{v(\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x})} \right) \rightarrow \max$$

$$B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$$



$$\text{rank}(B) = m$$

Partitions

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^T = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T, \boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T), \boldsymbol{\mu}_1^T = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{n-m}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T = (\mu_{n-m+1}, \dots, \mu_n)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{array} \right) \quad B = \left( \begin{array}{cc} B_{21} & B_{22} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Let } u_1(x) = \frac{v'(x)}{v(x)} \text{ and } u_2(x) = \frac{p'(x)}{p(x)}$$

**Theorem .** If equation

$$u_1(f_0 + b^2 w^2)w = \frac{1}{2}u_2(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T B_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + \Delta^T Q^{-1} (D_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}) B_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + wb^2)$$

has the solution  $w^*$ . Then the optimization problem has the solution

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + w^* \mathbf{z}_2$$

where

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \Sigma^{-1} B^T (B \Sigma^{-1} B^T)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = (\Delta^T Q^{-1}, -\Delta^T Q^{-1} D_{12})^T$$

## Generalized Sharpe ratio

$$f = \frac{E(R) - R_f}{(\text{Var}(R))^\beta} \rightarrow \max$$

$$t(x) = x, p(x) = x - R_f, v(x) = x^\beta, \beta \geq 1/2$$

$$u_1(x) = \frac{\beta}{x}, u_2(x) = \frac{1}{x - R_f}$$

The main equation reduces to quadratic equation

$$\beta(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T \mathbf{B}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + \Delta^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{D}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}) \mathbf{B}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + w b^2 - R_f) w = \frac{1}{2} (f_0 + b^2 w^2)$$

2 solutions:  $w_1^*, w_2^*$

$$w^* = \arg \max(f_{w_1^*}, f_{w_2^*})$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + w^* \mathbf{z}_2$$

# Classical Sharpe ratio $\beta = 1/2$

The main equation reduces to equation of 1 degree

$$\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T \mathbf{B}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + \Delta^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{D}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}) \mathbf{B}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + w b^2 - R_f) w = \frac{1}{2} (f_0 + b^2 w^2)$$

$$w^* = \frac{f_0}{\boldsymbol{\mu}_2^T \mathbf{B}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} + \Delta^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{D}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}) \mathbf{B}_{22}^{-1} \mathbf{c} - R_f}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + w^* \mathbf{z}_2$$

# Combination of linear and function of square root of quadratic functional

Recall

$$f = t \left( \frac{p(E(R))}{v(\text{Var}(R))} \right) = t \left( \frac{p(\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x})}{v(\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x})} \right) \rightarrow \max$$

If

$$t(x) = \log x, \quad p(x) = \exp(x), \quad v(x) = \exp(\lambda s(x)), \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$f = \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} - \lambda s(\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \max$$

Let  $s_1(x) = s'(x) > 0, x \in (0, \infty)$

**Theorem** . If equation

$$ws_1(f_0 + b^2w^2) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

has the positive solution  $w^*$

this solution is unique and the problem

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = -\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda S(\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \inf$$

$$B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$$

has the unique solution

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + w^* \mathbf{z}_2$$

# Application to the optimal portfolio selection

$$s(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = -\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}} \rightarrow \inf$$

**Translation invariant and positive  
homogeneous risk measures**

$$1) \quad \rho(X + \alpha) = \rho(X) + \alpha, \quad \alpha - \text{const}$$

$$2) \quad \rho(cX) = c\rho(X), \quad c > 0 - \text{const}$$

# Examples

## BASEL II

### VaR

$$VaR_q(X) = \inf\{x \mid F_X(x) \geq q\}$$

### Tail conditional expectation

$$TCE_q(X) = E(X \mid X > VaR_q(X))$$

Tail VaR, Expected Short Fall (ES),  
 Conditional VaR (CVaR)

## STD-premium

$$\rho(X) = E(X) + \lambda STD(X)$$

## Distorted risk measures

$$\rho(X) = \int_0^{\infty} g(\bar{F}(x)) dx,$$

Denneberg (1994) and Wang (1996)

## Coherent risk measures

Artzner, Delbean, Eber, and Heath (1999)

# Application of Theorem 1

$$s(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$s_1(x) = s'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

Recall general equation

$$ws_1(f_0 + b^2w^2) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

Reduces to

$$w \frac{1}{\sqrt{f_0 + b^2 w}} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$(\lambda^2 - b^2)w^2 = f_0$$

The positive solution

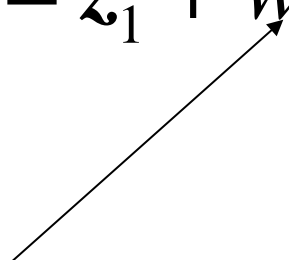
$$w^* = \sqrt{\frac{f_0}{\lambda^2 - b^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{c}^T (B\Sigma^{-1}B^T)^{-1} \mathbf{c}}{\lambda^2 - \Delta^T Q^{-1} \Delta}}$$

Exists iff

$$\lambda^2 > b^2 = \Delta^T Q^{-1} \Delta$$

Recall the general solution

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + \psi^* \mathbf{z}_2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{c}^T (B \Sigma^{-1} B^T)^{-1} \mathbf{c}}{\lambda^2 - \Delta^T Q^{-1} \Delta}}$$


This well conforms with

L. (2008), L. and Makov (2011)

## Power function $s$

$$s(x) = x^\beta, \beta \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = -\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda (\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x})^\beta \rightarrow \inf$$

Condition ©

$$v(x) = s(px^2 + qx + r)$$

$$= (px^2 + qx + r)^\beta \rightarrow \text{convex}$$

$$q^2 - pr < 0$$

$$v''(x) = (px^2 + 2qx + r)^{\beta-2}$$

$$\times ((2\beta - 1)(px^2 + q)^2 - (q^2 - pr)) > 0$$

# Application of Theorem 1

$$s(x) = x^\beta$$

$$s_1(x) = s'(x) = \beta x^{\beta-1}$$

General equation

$$ws_1(f_0 + b^2 w^2) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

Reduces to power equation

$$cw^{\frac{1}{1-\beta}} - b^2w^2 - f_0 = 0 \quad (*)$$

where  $c = (2\beta\lambda)^{\frac{1}{1-\beta}}$

For  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$  (\*) reduces

$$w^2(\lambda^2 - b^2) = f_0$$

Then the positive solution

$$w^* = \sqrt{\frac{f_0}{\lambda^2 - b^2}}, \quad \lambda^2 > b^2 = \mathbf{\Delta}^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{\Delta}$$

well conforms with TIPH case.

Another special case  $\beta = \frac{3}{4}$

The power equation

$$cw^{\frac{1}{1-\beta}} - b^2w^2 - f_0 = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{where } c = (2\beta\lambda)^{\frac{1}{1-\beta}}$$

Reduces to biquadratic equation

$$cw^4 - b^2w^2 - f_0 = 0$$

where  $c = (1.5\lambda)^4$ .

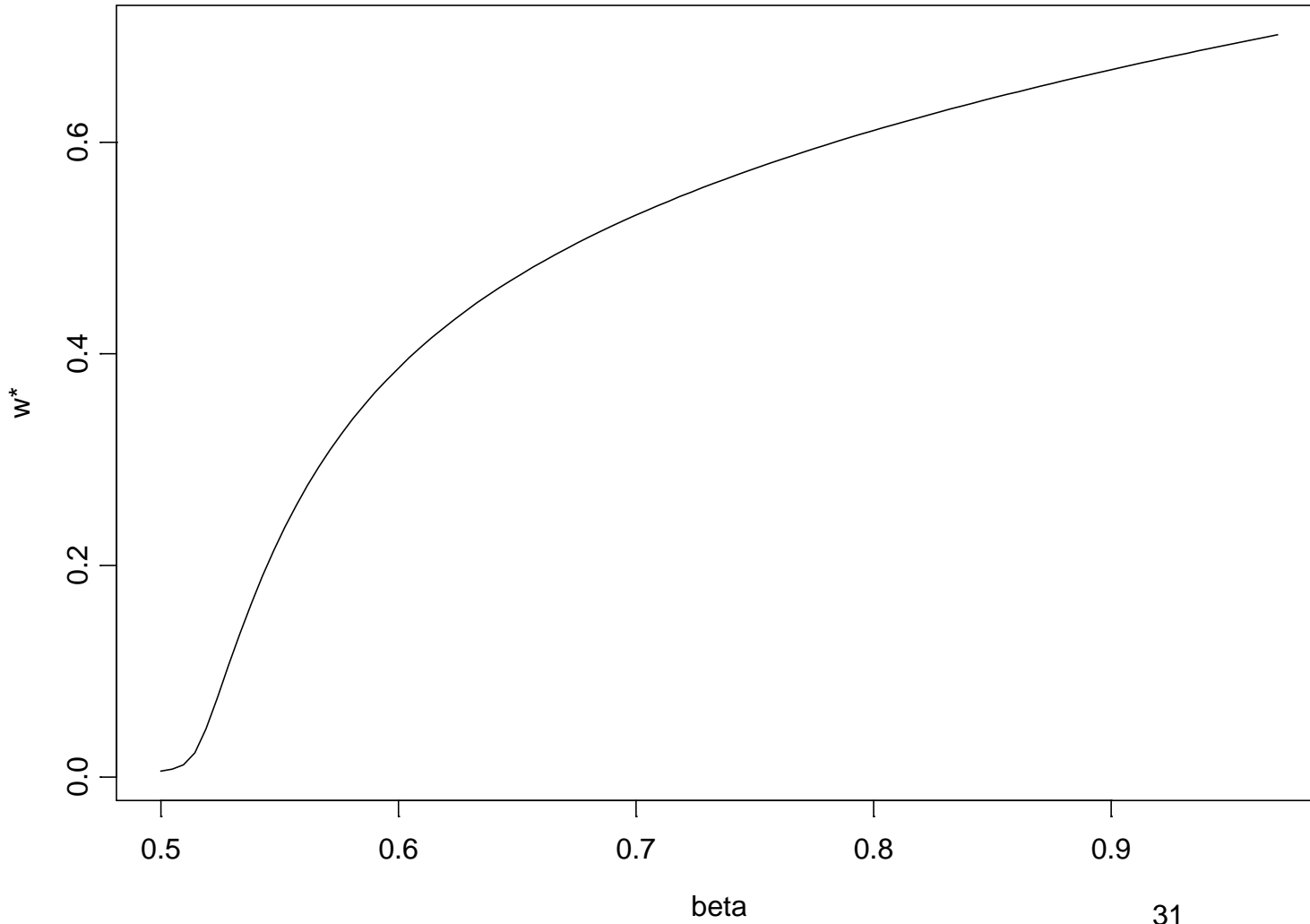
The unique positive solution

$$w^* = \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + \sqrt{b^4 + cf_0}}{2c}}$$

Recall the general solution

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + w^* \mathbf{z}_2$$

# Solutions $w^*$ of power equation



# Classical mean-variance case

$$s(x) = x$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = -\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \inf$$

$$s_1(x) = s'(x) = 1$$

Recall general equation

$$ws_1(f_0 + b^2 w^2) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

Reduces

$$w^* = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

The optimal portfolio

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{z}_1 + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \mathbf{z}_2$$

**Tail mean-variance optimal portfolio selection**

$$s(x) = \alpha_1 \sqrt{x} + \alpha_2 x$$

$$s_1(x) = s'(x) = \frac{\alpha_1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \alpha_2$$

The optimization problem reduces

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda (\alpha_1 \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}} + \alpha_2 \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \inf$$

# Special case-tail mean-variance premium

$$\begin{aligned}
 TMV_q(-R) &= TCE_q(-R) + \lambda TV_q(R) \\
 &= -\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{x} + \lambda_{1,q} \sqrt{\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}} + \lambda \lambda_{2,q} \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \inf
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$TV_q(R) = V(R | R > VaR_q(R))$$

is *tail variance* of R

# General equation

$$ws_1(f_0 + b^2w^2) = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

reduces to a quartic equation

$$w^4 - 2kw^3 + \left(f_0 + k^2 - \frac{1}{4\lambda^2}\right)w^2 - 2kf_0w + k^2f_0 = 0$$

$w^*$  -unique **real** solution of **quartic** equation  
 on the interval  $[0,k]$

Analysis of quartic equation

$$P_4(w) =$$

$$w^4 - 2kw^3 + \left(f_0 + k^2 - \frac{1}{4\lambda^2}\right)w^2 - 2kf_0w + k^2f_0 = 0$$

$$P_4(0) = k^2f_0 > 0 \quad P_4(k) = -\frac{k^2}{4\lambda^2} < 0$$

The real root exists in  $[0,k]$ ,  
 it is unique, and we found its **explicit closed**  
**form** (L. (2010))

# Application to stock data returns

Consider a portfolio of 10 stocks from NASDAQ/Computers

Table 1: Portfolio mean return

Stock	ADOBE	Compuware	NVIDIA	Staples	VeriSign
Mean	0.0061	-0.0081	-0.0096	0.0058	0.0064
Stock	Sandisk	Microsoft	Citrix	Intuit	Symantec
Mean	-0.0198	0.0002	-0.0038	-0.0041	0.0061

Table 2: Portfolio covariance return

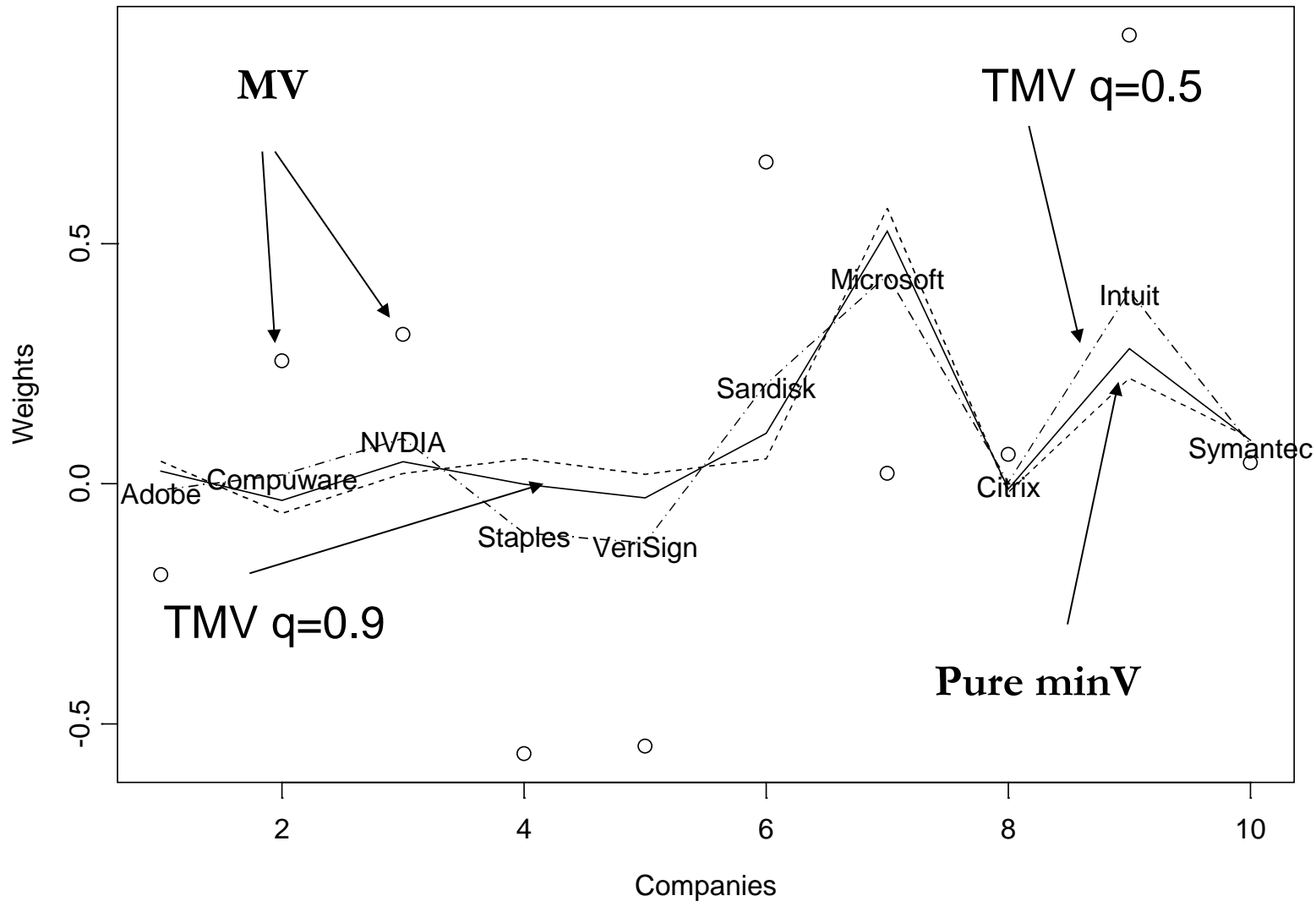
	ADOBE	Compuware	NVIDIA	Staples	VeriSign
ADOBE	0.006102	0.001173	0.000118	0.000513	0.000121
Compuware	0.001173	0.003310	0.001047	0.000498	0.000847
NVIDIA	0.000118	0.001047	0.002145	0.000122	0.000772
Staples	0.000513	0.000498	0.000122	0.002940	-0.000547
VeriSign	0.000121	0.000847	0.000772	-0.000547	0.003486
	Sandisk	Microsoft	Citrix	Intuit	Symantec
Sandisk	0.004013	-0.000033	0.000844	0.000131	0.000083
Microsoft	-0.000033	0.000485	0.000220	0.000167	0.000062
Citrix	0.000844	0.000220	0.001365	0.000397	0.000445
Intuit	0.000131	0.000167	0.000397	0.000876	0.000027
Symantec	0.000083	0.000062	0.000445	0.000027	0.002542

# Optimal selection

Stock	ADOBE	Compuware	NVIDIA	Staples	VeriSign
$TMV_q = 0.95$	0.026	-0.034	0.046	-0.0007	-0.029
$TMV_q = 0.6$	-0.0003	0.0012	0.079	-0.07	-0.092
MV	-0.19	0.25	0.31	-0.56	-0.54

Stock	Sandisk	Microsoft	Citrix	Intuit	Symantec
$TMV_q = 0.95$	0.105	0.526	-0.01	0.281	0.09
$TMV_q = 0.6$	0.174	0.464	-0.002	0.36	0.08
MV	0.66	0.02	0.06	0.93	0.04

# Changing portfolio with q increased



# Conclusion

-Optimal selection with generalization of Sharpe ratio allows to solve many problems

This problem reduces to CFP, the solution has explicit close form and can be used for analyzing the influence of parameters of underlying distribution on the portfolio selecting

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