

Asset Pricing Review Session 3

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Outlines for review sessions

First Part (Static Asset Pricing)

1. Choice under uncertainty
2. Static portfolio choice
3. Static asset pricing
4. Stochastic discount factor

Second Part (Intertemporal Asset Pricing)

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3. Intertemporal CAPM (CV)
4. Rare Disaster (Martin)
5. Stochastic volatility (BKY and CGPT)
6. Intertemporal portfolio choice
7. Term structure & bond pricing

What is Stochastic Discount Factor?

- Finance is about time, risk, and information.
- SDF captures **time** → compares the goods between two periods.
- Suppose constant interest rate r , how to value payoff X of next period?

$$P = \underbrace{\frac{1}{1+r}}_{\text{Discount}} X$$

- However, we live in a world with randomness → r is not constant, depending on states
- We discounting differently in different state → the average discounting is **stochastic discount factor**
- Here we introduce SDF from consumption-based model

Portfolio Choice with Consumption: one Risky Asset

Settings

- Two periods, initial wealth W_t at t , non-financial income \tilde{Y}_{t+1}
- Utility function: $u(C_t) + \beta E_t [u(\tilde{C}_{t+1})]$
- One asset, price P_t , random payoff \tilde{X}_{t+1} , buy θ shares

Problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\theta} u(C_t) + \beta E_t [u(\tilde{C}_{t+1})] \\ \text{s.t. } & C_t = W_t - P_t \theta, \tilde{C}_{t+1} = \tilde{Y}_{t+1} + \tilde{X}_{t+1} \theta \end{aligned}$$

Solution

$$P_t = E_t \left[\beta \frac{u'(\tilde{C}_{t+1})}{u'(C_t)} \tilde{X}_{t+1} \right] \quad \tilde{M}_{t+1} = \beta \frac{u'(\tilde{C}_{t+1})}{u'(C_t)} = \frac{\partial U / \partial \tilde{C}_{t+1}}{\partial U / \partial C_t}$$

Portfolio Choice with Consumption: State Contingent Claims

Settings

- Two periods, initial wealth W_t at t
- S states in period $t + 1$, non-financial income $Y_{t+1}(s)$ in state $s \in S$
- S state-contingent claims: asset s with price $q_t(s)$ and deliver 1 unit at state s in period $t + 1$, portfolio choice $\{\theta(s)\}$,
- Utility function $U(C_t, C_{t+1}(s)) = u(C_t) + \beta \sum_{s \in S} \pi(s) u(C_{t+1}(s))$

Problem

$$\max_{\theta(s)} u(C_t) + \beta \sum_{s \in S} \pi_s u(C_{t+1}(s))$$

$$\text{s.t. } C_t = W_t - \sum_{s \in S} q_t(s) \theta(s)$$

$$C_{t+1}(s) = Y_{t+1}(s) + \theta(s) \forall s \in S$$

Solution

$$q_t(s) = \pi(s) \beta \frac{u'(C_{t+1}(s))}{u'(C_t)} \quad M_{t+1}(s) = \beta \frac{u'(C_{t+1}(s))}{u'(C_t)} = \frac{q_t(s)}{\pi(s)}$$

Pricing with SDF

Fundamental pricing equation

$$P_{i,t} = E_t [M_{t+1} X_{i,t+1}] = E_t [M_{t+1} (D_{i,t+1} + P_{i,t+1})]$$
$$1 = E_t [M_{t+1} (1 + R_{i,t+1})]$$

Riskfree rate

$$1 = E_t [M_{t+1}] (1 + R_{f,t+1})$$

Risk Premium

$$E_t [M_{t+1}] E_t [1 + R_{i,t+1}] + \text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1}) = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow E_t [M_{t+1}] E_t [R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}] + \text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow E_t [M_{t+1}] E_t [R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}] + \text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1}) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1} = -\frac{\text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})}{E_t M_{t+1}}$$
$$= -(1 + R_{f,t+1}) \text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})$$

Pricing with SDF

Beta representation

- Risk premium

$$E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1} = - \frac{\text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})}{E_t M_{t+1}}$$

- Pricing equation holds for all assets:

$$\frac{E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}}{\text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})} = \frac{E_t R_{j,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}}{\text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{j,t+1})}$$

- Beta representation

$$E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1} = \underbrace{\frac{\text{Cov}_t (M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})}{\text{Var}_t M_{t+1}}}_{\equiv \beta_{iM_t}} \left[\underbrace{- \frac{\text{Var}_t M_{t+1}}{E_t M_{t+1}}}_{\equiv \lambda_{M_t}} \right]$$

1. β_{iM_t} : quantity of risk, different for each asset
2. λ_{M_t} : price of risk, same for all assets

- Intuition:

- here: project $R_{i,t+1}$ into SDF.
- CAPM: project $R_{i,t+1}$ into market portfolio.
- APT: project $R_{i,t+1}$ into multiple factors

Definitions

Stochastic Discount Factor

Definition (Stochastic Discount Factor)

A stochastic discount factor is any random variable (process) M_t , such that, for any asset/portfolio i ,

$$P_{i,t} = E_t[M_{t+1}X_{i,t+1}]$$

Law of One Price

Definition (Law of One Price)

If two assets/portfolios i, j have the same payoffs in every state, then they must have the same price.

$$\begin{aligned} X_i(s) = X_j(s) \forall s &\implies P_i = P_j \\ P(aX_i + bX_j) &= aP(X_i) + bP(X_j) \end{aligned}$$

Definitions

Arbitrage Opportunity

Definition (Arbitrage Opportunity)

Under payoff space Ξ and pricing rule P , there is an arbitrage opportunity if $\exists X \in \Xi$ such that

1. $P(X) \leq 0$
2. $X \geq 0$ with probability 1
3. Either $P(X) < 0$ or $X(s) > 0$ for some state s (or both) with positive probability.

No Arbitrage

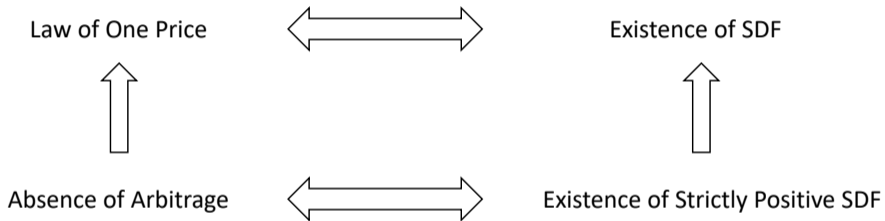
Definition (No Arbitrage)

Under payoff space Ξ and pricing rule P , there is no arbitrage opportunity if

1. $\forall X \in \Xi$ such that $X(s) \geq 0, \forall s$, we have $P(X) \geq 0$;
2. and $\forall X \in \Xi$ such that $X(s) \geq 0, \forall s$, and $X(s) > 0$ for some state s , we have $P(X) > 0$

Relation

Relation



- John Campbell Section 4.2
- Kerry Back Section 3.2

SDF in Complete Market

Definition (Complete Market)

In a complete market, for each state s , there is a contingent claim (Arrow-Debreu security) that pays \$1 in state s and \$0 in any other state. Denote the price of such an asset as $q(s)$.

Assume law of one price \iff Existence of SDF

Find the SDF by construction

- Want to find a random variable M such that $P_i = E[MX_i], \forall i$
- Replicate the payoffs of i in each state s by a portfolio of AD securities
- The prices should be the same by the law of one price

$$P_i = \sum_s q(s)X_i(s) = \sum_s \pi(s) \underbrace{\frac{q(s)}{\pi(s)}}_{\equiv M(s)} X_i(s) = E \left[\underbrace{\frac{q(s)}{\pi(s)}}_{\equiv M(s)} X_i \right]$$

Aside: SDF in incomplete Market (1/2)

Incomplete Market

- S states
- N asset (no redundant assets); The market is incomplete since $N < S$
- Payoff $X = [X_1, \dots, X_N]' \in \mathbb{R}^N$; price $P = [P(X_1), \dots, P(X_N)]' \in \mathbb{R}^N$
- Space of tradable payoffs $\Xi = \{X'c : c \in \mathbb{R}^N\}$

Assume law of one price \iff Existence of SDF Find the SDF by construction

- Focus on the SDF X^* in the payoff space: $X^* = X'c^* \in \Xi$
- Plug into the SDF definition $P = E[XM] = E[XX'c^*]$
- Solve c^* and X^*

$$c^* = E[XX']^{-1} P, \quad X^* = X'E[XX']^{-1} P$$

Aside: SDF in incomplete Market (2/2)

- Properties of X^*
 - X^* always exists and is unique as long as $E[XX']$ is nonsingular
 - Can always derive an SDF using payoffs and prices!
 - X^* is tradable ($X^* \in \Xi$), a portfolio best mimics the behavior of every SDF
 - X^* is the SDF with minimum variance
- General SDF in incomplete market
 - Write any SDF as $M = X^* + \epsilon$ where $E[X\epsilon] = 0$
 - SDF = projection onto payoff space + residual orthogonal to payoff space
- Projection interpretation of X^*

$$\begin{aligned} X^* &= \text{proj}(M \mid X) \\ &= X' E [XX']^{-1} E[XM] \\ &= X' E [XX']^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- Linear projection model: $Y = X'\beta + \epsilon$ and $E[X\epsilon] = 0$
- $\beta = E[XX']^{-1} E[XY]$, $\text{proj}(Y \mid X) = X'\beta = X'E[XX']^{-1} E[XY]$

Volatility Bounds on SDF

The formula of risk premia

$$\begin{aligned} ER_i - R_f &= -\frac{\text{Cov}(M, R_i)}{EM} \\ \Rightarrow ER_i - R_f &= -\frac{\text{Corr}(M, R_i) \sigma(M) \sigma(R_i)}{EM} \\ \Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{ER_i - R_f}{\sigma(R_i - R_f)}}_{\text{Sharpe Ratio}} &= -\text{Corr}(M, R_i) \frac{\sigma(M)}{EM} \\ \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\sigma(M)}{EM} \right| &\geq \underbrace{\left| \frac{ER_i - R_f}{\sigma(R_i - R_f)} \right|}_{\text{Sharpe Ratio}} \end{aligned}$$

when does the equality holds?

- $|\text{Corr}(M, R_i) = 1|$

Aside: Equality of Volatility Bounds

- Want to find an SDF M and an asset/portfolio i such that $|\text{Corr}(M, R_i) = 1|$
- Recall the unique tradable SDF X^*
 - X^* is tradable with price P^* and payoff X^*

$$P^* = E[MX^*] = E[(X^*)^2], \quad 1 + R^* = \frac{X^*}{P^*} = \frac{X^*}{E[(X^*)^2]}$$

- Plug X^* and R^* into the correlation

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{Corr}(X^*, R^*)| &= \left| \frac{\text{Cov}(X^*, R^*)}{\sigma(X^*) \sigma(R^*)} \right| = \left| \frac{\text{Cov}\left(X^*, \frac{X^*}{E[(X^*)^2]}\right)}{\sigma(X^*) \sigma\left(\frac{X^*}{E[(X^*)^2]}\right)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\frac{1}{E[(X^*)^2]} \text{Cov}(X^*, X^*)}{\frac{1}{E[(X^*)^2]} \sigma(X^*) \sigma(X^*)} \right| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- X^* is the SDF with minimum variance
- R^* (the portfolio of X^*) has the highest Sharpe ratio.

Aside: Risk neutral measure

1. We start with some version of Euler equation $P_t = \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} P_{t+1}]$, where M is the SDF.
 - Euler equation holds under very weak assumptions (law of one price) and uses real-world probability.
 - We may find SDF by assuming some GE models, such as CAPM, C-CAPM, and investors' utility functions (CRRA, EZ utility)
2. The risk neutral measure Q is a hypothetical probability measure. Under this measure the discounted expected value of future price is exactly current prices.

$$P_t = \mathbb{E}_t [M_{t+1} P_{t+1}] = \frac{1}{1+r} \mathbb{E}_t^Q [P_{t+1}]$$

3. The intuition about Q : it's a merger of real-world probabilities with the risk preference. It corresponds to a world where all investors are risk-neutral and take Q prob. Comparing with real-world prob, risk-neutral probability is left-skewed (inflate the likelihood of bad events).
4. So the world is: people disagree on the real-world probability and risk-aversion level, but the market clears and there is one price. We can interpret the price as the result of risk-neutral investors and risk-neutral probability. And we can use risk-neutral probability to price derivatives.

Aside: Risk neutral measure in practice

We start with a one period model to derive risk-neutral probability measure, then we price a derivative use the Q measure.

1. Derive risk-neutral measure in a simple model.

- Assume today's stock price is S_0 , and stock price tomorrow can be uS_0 or dS_0 . Assume gross risk-free rate r .
- Based on non arbitrage theory, assume risk-neutral measure (p_u, p_d) , the it should be

$$S_0 = \frac{1}{r}(uS_0p_u + dS_0p_d)$$

- As $p_u + p_d = 1$, we have risk-neutral measure

$$p_u = \frac{r - d}{u - d}, p_d = \frac{u - r}{u - d}$$

and

$$S_0 = \frac{1}{r}E^Q[S_1]$$

Aside: Risk neutral measure in practice

We start with a one period model to derive risk-neutral probability measure, then we price a derivative use the Q measure.

2. Price a derivative.

- Here is a derivative on the stock with payoff function $V(S_1)$. We can replicate the derivative payoff in both state with a portfolio of risk free bond and stock:

$$xS_u + yr = V(S_u)$$

$$xS_d + yr = V(S_d)$$

- It gives portfolio weights

$$x = \frac{V(S_u) - V(S_d)}{S_0(u - d)}, \quad y = \frac{uV(S_d) - dV(S_u)}{(u - d)} \frac{1}{r}$$

- Based on law of one price, the derivative price at t_0 should be

$$V(S_0, t_0) = xS_0 + y \times 1 = \frac{1}{r} \left(V(S_u) \left(\frac{r - d}{u - d} \right) + V(S_d) \left(\frac{u - r}{u - d} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{r} E^Q[V(S_1)]$$

- Ha, instead of calculate the replication portfolio weights, we can use risk-neutral measure to price the derivatives!
- 3.** We can extend to continuous-time models, and get BS model. And from observed market data, we can estimate risk-neutral probability (twice differentiating the implied volatility surface with respect to strike).

Case 1: quadratic utility function

Settings

- Two periods, initial wealth W_t at t
- N assets, $w_i, R_{i,t+1}$, form wealth portfolio $R_{W,t+1} = \sum_i w_i R_{i,t+1}$
- Utility function $U(C_t, C_{t+1}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{C} - C_t)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta E_t(\bar{C} - C_{t+1})^2$

Problem

$$U(C_t, C_{t+1}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\bar{C} - C_t)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta E_t(\bar{C} - C_{t+1})^2$$

s.t. $C_{t+1} = W_{t+1}, \quad W_{t+1} = (1 + R_{W,t+1})(W_t - C_t)$

SDF

$$M_{t+1} = \frac{\partial U / \partial C_{t+1}}{\partial U / \partial C_t} = \beta \frac{\bar{C} - C_{t+1}}{\bar{C} - C_t} = \underbrace{\frac{\beta \bar{C}}{\bar{C} - C_t} - \frac{\beta(1 + R_{W,t+1})(W_t - C_t)}{\bar{C} - C_t}}_{\equiv a_t - b_t R_{W,t+1}}$$

Case 1: quadratic utility function

Plug SDF into the pricing equation of risk premium

$$\frac{E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}}{\text{Cov}_t(M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})} = \frac{E_t R_{W,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}}{\text{Cov}_t(M_{t+1}, R_{W,t+1})}$$

$$\iff E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1} = \frac{\text{Cov}_t(M_{t+1}, R_{i,t+1})}{\text{Cov}_t(M_{t+1}, R_{W,t+1})} [E_t R_{W,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}]$$

Arrange the equation, get

$$E_t R_{i,t+1} - R_{f,t+1} = \frac{-b_t \text{Cov}_t(R_{W,t+1}, R_{i,t+1})}{-b_t \text{Cov}_t(R_{W,t+1}, R_{W,t+1})} [E_t R_{W,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}]$$

$$= \frac{\text{Cov}_t(R_{W,t+1}, R_{i,t+1})}{\text{Var}_t(R_{W,t+1})} [E_t R_{W,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}]$$

$$= \beta_{iWt} [E_t R_{W,t+1} - R_{f,t+1}]$$

Case 2: CRRA utility function -Lognormal return

Settings

- Two periods, initial wealth W_t at t
- N assets, $\{w_i\}$, $R_{i,t+1}$, form wealth portfolio $R_{W,t+1} = \sum_i w_i R_{i,t+1}$
- Utility function $U(C_t, C_{t+1}) = \frac{C_t^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma} + \beta \mathbf{E}_t \frac{C_{t+1}^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma}$

Problem

$$U(C_t, C_{t+1}) = \frac{C_t^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma} + \beta \mathbf{E}_t \frac{C_{t+1}^{1-\gamma} - 1}{1-\gamma}$$

$$\text{s.t. } C_{t+1} = W_{t+1}, \quad W_{t+1} = (1 + R_{W,t+1})(W_t - C_t)$$

SDF

$$M_{t+1} = \frac{\partial U / \partial C_{t+1}}{\partial U / \partial C_t} = \beta \left(\frac{C_{t+1}}{C_t} \right)^{-\gamma} = \beta \left(\frac{(1 + R_{W,t+1})(W_t - C_t)}{C_t} \right)^{-\gamma}$$

$$m_{t+1} = \log \beta - \gamma \Delta c_{t+1} = \underbrace{\log \beta - \gamma \left(r_{W,t+1} + \log \frac{W_t - C_t}{C_t} \right)}_{\equiv -\gamma r_{W,t+1} + \text{const}}$$

Case 2: CRRA utility function -Lognormal return

Plug log SDF into pricing equation

- Start with log pricing equation

$$E_t r_{i,t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{it}^2 - r_{f,t+1} = -\text{Cov}_t(r_{i,t+1}, m_{t+1})$$

- Plug into log SDF

$$E_t r_{i,t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{it}^2 - r_{f,t+1} = \gamma \text{Cov}_t(r_{i,t+1}, r_{W,t+1})$$

- Above pricing equation also holds for wealth portfolio

$$E_t r_{W,t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{Wt}^2 - r_{f,t+1} = \gamma \text{Cov}_t(r_{W,t+1}, r_{W,t+1})$$

- Connect above two equations to get beta representation:

$$\begin{aligned} E_t r_{i,t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{it}^2 - r_{f,t+1} &= \frac{\text{Cov}_t(r_{i,t+1}, r_{W,t+1})}{\text{Var}_t(r_{W,t+1})} \left[E_t r_{W,t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{Wt}^2 - r_{f,t+1} \right] \\ &= \beta_{iWt} \left[E_t r_{W,t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{Wt}^2 - r_{f,t+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

General Form

General form of a K -factor model

$$(\forall i) ER_i - R_f = \lambda' \beta_i = \sum_k \lambda_k \beta_{k,i}$$

- K -factor vector $f = [f_1 \dots f_K]'$, with covariance matrix Σ_f
- $\beta_i = [\beta_{1,i} \dots \beta_{K,i}]'$: quantity of risk

$$\beta_i = \text{Var}(f)^{-1} \text{Cov}(f, R_i) = \Sigma_f^{-1} \text{Cov}(f, R_i)$$

- $\lambda = [\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_K]'$: price of risk
- Expected excess return = Quantity of risk \times Price of risk

Factor Risk Premium

Why is λ called the factor risk premium?

- Assume factor f_j is tradable (f_j is the return of an asset)

$$E f_j - R_f = \lambda' \beta_j$$

$$\implies E f_j - R_f = \lambda' \Sigma_f^{-1} \text{Cov}(f, f_j)$$

$$\implies E f_j - R_f = \lambda' e_j = \lambda_j$$

$$\implies \beta_i = \Sigma_f^{-1} \text{Cov}(f, R_i)$$

- e_j is the j selection vector
- λ_j is the excess return of asset/factor f_j (factor risk premium)

SDF of Factor Models

Suppose the world follows Factor models, what is the SDF that makes such world?

- Guess and verify (equating coefficients): $M = a + b'(f - Ef)$
- Check the first moment (risk-free rate)

$$EM = Ea + b'E(f - Ef) = a = \frac{1}{R_f} \implies a = \frac{1}{R_f}$$

- Check the second moment (risk premia)

$$\begin{aligned} ER_i - R_f &= -\frac{\text{Cov}(M, R_i)}{EM} \\ &= -\frac{\text{Cov}(a + b'(f - Ef), R_i)}{a} = -\frac{1}{a}b' \text{Cov}(f, R_i) \\ &= -\frac{1}{a}b'\Sigma_f \Sigma_f^{-1} \text{Cov}(f, R_i) = -\frac{1}{a}b'\Sigma_f \beta_i \end{aligned}$$

Note the formula of factor model: $ER_i - R_f = \lambda' \beta_i$, hence

$$\lambda' = -\frac{1}{a}b'\Sigma_f, \quad b = -\frac{1}{R_f}\Sigma_f^{-1}\lambda \implies M = \frac{1}{R_f} - \frac{1}{R_f}\lambda'\Sigma_f^{-1}(f - Ef)$$

Aside 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Sigma_f^{-1} \text{Cov}(f, f_j) \\
 = & \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(f_1) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(f_1, f_j) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(f_1, f_K) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \text{Var}(f_j) & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(f_K, f_1) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(f_K, f_j) & \cdots & \text{Var}(f_K) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \times \begin{bmatrix} \text{Cov}(f_1, f_j) \\ \vdots \\ \text{Var}(f_j) \\ \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(f_K, f_j) \end{bmatrix} \\
 = & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = e_j
 \end{aligned}$$

Aside 2

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(R_m) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i R_i\right) = \text{Cov}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i R_i, \sum_{i=1}^n w_i R_i\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n w_i w_j \text{Cov}(R_i, R_j) + \sum_i^n w_i^2 \text{Var}(R_i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \text{Var}(R_m)}{\partial w_i} &= 2 \sum_{j \neq i}^n w_j \text{Cov}(R_i, R_j) + 2w_i \text{Cov}(R_i, R_i) \\ &= 2 \text{Cov}(R_i, R_m)\end{aligned}$$