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Overconfidence in Investment Decisions Extensions of the CPPI Strategy

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We experimentally test overconfidence in investment decisions by offering participants the possibility to substitute their own for alternative investment choices. Overall, 149 subjects participated in two experiments, one with just one risky asset, the other with two risky assets. Overconfidence increases (i) with the absolute deviation from optimal choices, (ii) with task complexity, and (iii) decreases with uncertainty as indicated by the difference between willingness to pay and to accept. This paper develops a rule for calculating a discount rate to value risky projects. The rule assumes that asset risk can be measured by a single index (e.g., beta), but makes no other assumptions about specific forms of the asset pricing model. It treats all projects as combinations of two assets: Treasury bills and the market portfolio. We know how to value each of these

assets under any theory of debt and taxes and under any assumption about the slope and intercept of the market line for equity securities. Our discount rate is a weighted average of the after-tax return on riskless debt and the expected return on the portfolio, where the weight on the market portfolio is beta. In reality, hedge funds staffs more often than not face the problem of optimal asset allocation for large portfolios of investable stocks. In this study, we propose a new method based on the large deviations theory to select an optimal investment for a large portfolio such that the risk, which is defined as the probability that the portfolio return underperforms an investable benchmark, is minimal. As a particular case, we examine the effect of two types of asymmetric dependence; 1) asymmetry in a portfolio return distribution, and 2) asymmetric dependence between asset returns, on the optimal portfolio invested in two risky assets. Furthermore, since our analysis is based on a

parametric framework, this allows us to formulate a close-form relationship between the measures of correlation and the optimal portfolio. Finally, we calibrate our method with equity data, namely Samp;P 500 and Bangkok SET. The empirical evidence confirms that there is a significant impact of asymmetric dependence on optimal portfolio and risk. Abstract: Investment in high return risky assets is an important factor in households' future economic well-being, especially in terms of their potential retirement adequacy. By using the 2004 Survey of Consumer Finances, this study examines whether there is a close linkage between the choices and levels of different types of risky assets owned by American households. The analysis can be divided into two parts: risky asset selection and asset allocation. First, based on the assumption that households make decisions of portfolio selection and allocation from their overall expectation of investment return, this study

estimates the interdependent relationship of household risky asset selection in financial and nonfinancial asset categories by using a Bivariate Probit model, which estimates the determinants of two types of ownership of household risky assets simultaneously on the conditional probability of other risky asset ownership, while other household characteristics are controlled. Based on that result, the research further investigates the determinants of household asset allocation by looking at the shares of each type of risky asset of total assets respectively by utilizing two sets of Tobit analyses, while controlling for the effect of the other alternative risky assets investment on each asset category. The key findings from the analysis of the household demand of financial risky assets with consideration of household nonfinancial risky asset investment support the proposed hypothesis that background income risk resulting from households' nonfinancial risky asset

investment has substitution effect on household financial risky asset investment. Households with investment in private business or investment real estate invest significantly lower proportions of their assets in stocks, and the more they invest in those nonfinancial risky assets, the less that they invest in stocks. This research contributes to the literature in this regard by providing a direct estimation of potential interdependent relationship of household risky asset selections and a comprehensive empirical study to examine the overall determinants of households' financial risky assets and nonfinancial risky assets. This result has important implications for future research and professional practice as well. This study presents an alternative option pricing theory to the Black-Scholes model in which the balance sheet is composed of both short-term and fixed assets and by both long-term debt and equity. The resulting model is

used to examine the volatility smile. It is demonstrated that the smile characteristics can be produced by choices of the parameters of the model. Hang Seng Index data is then used to investigate whether actual index and option prices can be compatible with the model's specifications. We use cross-country microdata to analyse the risk taking of households in Europe and the US.

Concerning the extensive as well as the intensive margin of risky assets, European households differ substantially from US households; but also inside Europe we document substantial differences.

Furthermore, average risk aversion is strongly correlated with the share of households holding risky assets across countries. We decompose the observed differences into two parts. A part explainable by household characteristics as well as differences in risk aversion and a remainder. We employ the unexplained part resulting from our microeconomic decomposition analysis

together with country-level variables on the economic environment to relate observed differences in risky asset holdings to institutional ones. We find that institutional differences such as shareholder protection are strongly correlated with the unexplainable differences with regard to holdings of risky assets. We show that a life-cycle model with realistically calibrated uninsurable labor income risk and moderate risk aversion can simultaneously match stock market participation rates and asset allocation decisions conditional on participation. The key ingredients of the model are Epstein-Zin preferences, two risky assets (stocks and long-term bonds), and a fixed entry cost associated with the investment in risky assets. In this context, moderate preference heterogeneity in risk aversion and in the elasticity of intertemporal substitution is sufficient to deliver our results. Moreover, the model rationalizes the asset allocation puzzle of Canner,

Mankiw and Weil (1997). Following the framework of a one risky - one riskless asset model developed by Brock and Hommes (1998), this paper considers a discrete-time model of a financial market where heterogeneous groups of agents allocate their wealth amongst multiple risky assets and a riskless asset. Agents follow different expectation formation schemes for both first and second moments of the distribution of returns. Instead of using a Walrasian auctioneer scenario as the market clearing mechanism, a market maker scenario is used. In particular, the paper focuses on the case of two risky assets and two agent types, fundamentalists and trend chasers. Conditions for the stability of the equilibrium are established in terms of the key parameters, in particular the extrapolation rate of the trend chasers and the weight of the two groups in the market. Numerical explorations are performed in order to analyze the combined

effect of the interaction between heterogeneous traders and the diversification among multiple risky assets. Particular attention is paid to the effect of the correlation between the risky assets. It turns out that investors' anticipated correlation and portfolio diversification do not always have a stabilizing role, but rather may act as a further source of complexity in the financial market. Our paper contributes to the dynamic portfolio choice and transaction cost literatures by considering a multiperiod CRRA individual who faces transaction costs and who has access to multiple risky assets, all with predictable returns. We numerically solve the individual's multiperiod problem in the presence of transaction costs and predictability. In particular, we characterize the investor's optimal portfolio choice with proportional and fixed transaction costs, and with return predictability similar to that observed for the U.S. stock market. We also perform

some comparative statics to better understand the nature of the no-trade region with more than one risky asset.

Throughout our focus is on the case with two risky assets. We also perform some utility comparisons. The calibration exercise reveals some interesting results about the relative attractiveness of the three equity portfolios calibrated. This book emphasizes the applications of statistics and probability to finance. The basics of these subjects are reviewed and more advanced topics in statistics, such as regression, ARMA and GARCH models, the bootstrap, and nonparametric regression using splines, are introduced as needed. The book covers the classical methods of finance and it introduces the newer area of behavioral finance.

Applications and use of MATLAB and SAS software are stressed. The book will serve as a text in courses aimed at advanced undergraduates and masters students. Those in the finance industry can use it for

self-study. An update of a classic book in the field, Modern Portfolio Theory examines the characteristics and analysis of individual securities as well as the theory and practice of optimally combining securities into portfolios. It stresses the economic intuition behind the subject matter while presenting advanced concepts of investment analysis and portfolio management. Readers will also discover the strengths and weaknesses of modern portfolio theory as well as the latest breakthroughs. We study the consumption-portfolio problem of a capital gain taxed investor who has access to multiple risky stocks. Primary to our analysis is to understand how costly short selling influences portfolio choice with a shorting the box restriction. Our analysis uncovers two different strategies where it is optimal to short sell. The first, identified as a trading flexibility strategy which is new in our analysis, is an ex ante way of minimizing future tax-induced trading costs. With

this strategy, the investor shorts one of the stocks even when no stock has an embedded gain. The second shorting strategy is an imperfect form of shorting the box used to ex post reduce aggregate equity exposure. Given these two short selling strategies, it is common for an unconstrained investor to short some equity while a constrained investor holds a positive investment in all stocks. A similar trading flexibility strategy is implicitly present if the investor can not short but is allowed to buy put options. Somewhat surprisingly, the benefit of trading separately in the two stocks for a short sale constrained investor is not economically significant; while, on the other hand, the welfare benefit is significant for an investor who can short at a low cost or who can trade in derivatives. Financial engineers have access to enormous quantities of data but need powerful methods for extracting quantitative information, particularly about

volatility and risks. Key features of this textbook are: illustration of concepts with financial markets and economic data, R Labs with real-data exercises, and integration of graphical and analytic methods for modeling and diagnosing modeling errors. Despite some overlap with the author's undergraduate textbook *Statistics and Finance: An Introduction*, this book differs from that earlier volume in several important aspects: it is graduate-level; computations and graphics are done in R; and many advanced topics are covered, for example, multivariate distributions, copulas, Bayesian computations, VaR and expected shortfall, and cointegration. The prerequisites are basic statistics and probability, matrices and linear algebra, and calculus. Some exposure to finance is helpful. Constant proportion portfolio insurance (CPPI) is a dynamic portfolio insurance strategy. In the CPPI structure the investor's downside risk is limited while

retaining some upside potential if the market performs well.

This thesis introduces the basic CPPI model and explains its main features. On this basis of this model some extensions of the CPPI structure are suggested and discussed. They consist of a variable bond floor, a dynamic leverage, diversification in the underlying risky asset (two risky assets), levered positions in the risky asset and an investment strategy that diversifies over time.

Simulations of these new CPPI models show that most of them do not outperform the basic model in terms of performance but they show better results in terms of reduced volatility. The only extension that results in an improved Sharpe ratio diversifies the risky asset allocation to more than one risky asset. The effect of diversification shows and the extended CPPI model outperforms the basic CPPI. By extending Tsiang's[7] analysis to encompass the comparison between two risky assets, sufficiency conditions for

including one asset over another in any investor's investment portfolio are derived. This derivation stems from the fact that any realistic utility function must have indifference curves with slopes less than one. Using this model's framework, the relative attractiveness of including longer term T-bills over shorter term T-bills in investor's investment portfolios is analyzed. It is found that short-term T-bills, in addition to cash balances, cannot be a component of investor's investment portfolios. This result implies that the proxy for the risk-free rate used in portfolio analysis has been underestimated, which may provide a partial solution to Mehra and Prescott's[4] equity premium puzzle. What is global liquidity and how does it affect an economy? The paper addresses that question by looking at liquidity from two different perspectives: global liquidity as availability of funds in safe and risky asset markets. This distinction between safe and risky asset markets is

important due to market segmentation, which called for unconventional monetary policy to restore a function of risky asset markets. To analyze the effect of global liquidity, I construct proxy variables and then assess how they affect an emerging economy whose interest rate is affected by a world risk-free rate and a risk premium. Using the data from four major Latin American countries, I find that these two aspects of global liquidity have similar effects on economic performance in emerging market economies except for their effect on inflation. Essential insights on the various aspects of financial derivatives If you want to understand derivatives without getting bogged down by the mathematics surrounding their pricing and valuation, *Financial Derivatives* is the book for you. Through in-depth insights gleaned from years of financial experience, Robert Kolb and James Overdahl clearly explain what derivatives are and how you can prudently use them within the context of your

underlying business activities. *Financial Derivatives* introduces you to the wide range of markets for financial derivatives. This invaluable guide offers a broad overview of the different types of derivatives-futures, options, swaps, and structured products-while focusing on the principles that determine market prices. This comprehensive resource also provides a thorough introduction to financial derivatives and their importance to risk management in a corporate setting. Filled with helpful tables and charts, *Financial Derivatives* offers a wealth of knowledge on futures, options, swaps, financial engineering, and structured products. Discusses what derivatives are and how you can prudently implement them within the context of your underlying business activities Provides thorough coverage of financial derivatives and their role in risk management Explores financial derivatives without getting bogged down by the

mathematics surrounding their pricing and valuation This informative guide will help you unlock the incredible potential of financial derivatives. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. To ensure a quality reading experience, this work has been proofread and republished using a format that seamlessly blends the original graphical elements with text in an easy-to-read typeface. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

The current study establishes a two-stage investment decision-making model in order to examine the impact of race on investment behavior. Results show that although Blacks are less likely to own stocks than Whites, once ownership is accounted for, there is no difference in the portfolio allocation to risky assets. The model indicates racial disparities in risky asset ownership, which may be attributable to differences in information exposure and barriers to investment markets. The results suggest that a voluntary savings initiative accompanied by a graduated savings component could help remove investment barriers and enable access to more productive investments. In a continuous-time economy, we investigate the asset allocation problem among a risk-free asset and two risky assets with an ambiguous correlation between the two risky assets. The portfolio selection that is robust to the uncertain correlation is formulated as the utility maximization problem

over the worst-case scenario with respect to the possible choice of correlation. Thus, it becomes a maximin problem. We solve the problem under the Black-Scholes model for risky assets with an ambiguous correlation using the theory of G-Brownian motions. We then extend the problem to stochastic volatility models for risky assets with an ambiguous correlation between risky asset returns. An asymptotic closed-form solution is derived for a general class of utility functions, including CRRA and CARA utilities, when stochastic volatilities are fast mean-reverting. We propose a practical trading strategy that combines information from the option implied volatility surfaces of risky assets through the ambiguous correlation. We investigate a one-period portfolio optimization problem of a cumulative prospect theory (CPT) investor with multiple risky assets and one risk-free asset. The returns of the multiple risky assets follow a multivariate generalized hyperbolic (GH) skewed t

distribution. We obtain a three-fund separation result comprised of two risky portfolios and the risk-free asset. Furthermore, we reduce the high-dimensional optimization problem to two 1-dimensional optimization problems in order to derive the optimal portfolio. We show that the optimal portfolio composition changes as some of the investor-specific parameters change. The skewness of the stock return distribution is observed to have a considerable impact on the distribution of the CPT investor's wealth deviation, leading to a more conservative investment decision. Embracing finance, economics, operations research, and computers, this book applies modern techniques of analysis and computation to find combinations of securities that best meet the needs of private or institutional investors. This paper develops a rule for calculating a discount rate to value risky projects. The rule assumes that asset risk can be measured by a single index

(e.g., beta), but makes no other assumptions about specific forms of the asset pricing model. It treats all projects as combinations of two assets: Treasury bills and the market portfolio. We know how to value each of these assets under any theory of debt and taxes and under any assumption about the slope and intercept of the market line for equity securities. Our discount rate is a weighted average of the after-tax return on riskless debt and the expected return on the portfolio, where the weight on the market portfolio is beta. We show that asset prices behave very differently on days when important macroeconomic news is scheduled for announcement relative to other trading days. In addition to significantly higher average returns for risky assets on announcement days, return patterns are also much easier to reconcile with standard asset pricing theories, both cross-sectionally and across time. On such days, stock market beta is strongly related to average returns. This

positive relation holds for individual stocks, for various test portfolios, and even for bonds and currencies, suggesting that beta is after all an important measure of systematic risk. Furthermore, a robust risk-return trade-off exists on announcement days. Expected variance is positively related to future aggregated quarterly announcement day returns, in contrast to market or aggregated non-announcement day returns where there is no evidence of predictability. We explore the implications of our findings in the context of various asset pricing models. This book is a compilation of recent articles written by leading academics and practitioners in the area of risk-based and factor investing (RBFi). The articles are intended to introduce readers to some of the latest, cutting edge research encountered by academics and professionals dealing with RBFi solutions. Together the authors detail both alternative non-return based portfolio construction techniques and investing style

risk premia strategies. Each chapter deals with new methods of building strategic and tactical risk-based portfolios, constructing and combining systematic factor strategies and assessing the related rules-based investment performances. This book can assist portfolio managers, asset owners, consultants, academics and students who wish to further their understanding of the science and art of risk-based and factor investing. Contains up-to-date research from the areas of RBF
Features contributions from leading academics and practitioners in this field
Features discussions of new methods of building strategic and tactical risk-based portfolios for practitioners, academics and students
Empirical results based on two different statistical approaches lead to several conclusions about the role of time-varying asset risk assessments in accounting for what, on the basis of many earlier studies, appear to be time-varying differentials in ex ante asset

returns. First, both methods indicate sizeable changes over time in variance-covariance structures conditional on past information. These changing conditional variance-covariance structures in turn imply sizeable changes over time in asset demand behavior, and hence in the market-clearing equilibrium structure of ex ante asset returns. Second, at least for some values of the parameter indicating how rapidly investors discount the information contained in past observations, the implied ex ante excess returns bear non-negligible correlation to observed ex post excess returns on either debt or equity. The percentage of the variation of ex post excess returns explained by the implied time-varying ex ante excess returns is comparable to values to which previous researchers have interpreted as warranting rejection of the hypothesis that risk premia are constant over time. Third, although for long-term debt the two statistical methods used here give sharply different

answers to the question of how much relevance market participants associate with past observations in assessing future risks, for equities both methods agree in indicating extremely rapid discounting of more distant observations -- so much so that in neither case do outcomes more than a year in the past matter much at all. While the paper's other conclusions are plausible enough, the finding of such an extremely short "memory" on the part of equity investors suggests that the standard representation of equity risk by a single normally distributed disturbance is overly restrictive. Portfolio risk forecasting has been and continues to be an active research field for both academics and practitioners. Almost all institutional investment management firms use quantitative models for their portfolio forecasting, and researchers have explored models' econometric foundations, relative performance, and implications for capital market behavior and asset pricing equilibrium.

Portfolio Risk Analysis provides an insightful and thorough overview of financial risk modeling, with an emphasis on practical applications, empirical reality, and historical perspective. Beginning with mean-variance analysis and the capital asset pricing model, the authors give a comprehensive and detailed account of factor models, which are the key to successful risk analysis in every economic climate. Topics range from the relative merits of fundamental, statistical, and macroeconomic models, to GARCH and other time series models, to the properties of the VIX volatility index. The book covers both mainstream and alternative asset classes, and includes in-depth treatments of model integration and evaluation. Credit and liquidity risk and the uncertainty of extreme events are examined in an intuitive and rigorous way. An extensive literature review accompanies each topic. The authors complement basic modeling techniques with references to applications, empirical studies, and

advanced mathematical texts. This book is essential for financial practitioners, researchers, scholars, and students who want to understand the nature of financial markets or work toward improving them. This first volume of the Handbook of Asset and Liability Management presents the theories and methods supporting models that align a firm's operations and tactics with its uncertain environment. Detailing the symbiosis between optimization tools and financial decision-making, its original articles cover term and volatility structures, interest rates, risk-return analysis, dynamic asset allocation strategies in discrete and continuous time, the use of stochastic programming models, bond portfolio management, and the Kelly capital growth theory and practice. They effectively set the scene for Volume Two by showing how the management of risky assets and uncertain liabilities within an integrated, coherent framework remains

the core problem for both financial institutions and other business enterprises as well. *Each volume presents an accurate survey of a sub-field of finance *Fills a substantial gap in this field *Broad in scope Academic finance has had a remarkable impact on many financial services. Yet long-term investors have received curiously little guidance from academic financial economists. Mean-variance analysis, developed almost fifty years ago, has provided a basic paradigm for portfolio choice. This approach usefully emphasizes the ability of diversification to reduce risk, but it ignores several critically important factors. Most notably, the analysis is static; it assumes that investors care only about risks to wealth one period ahead. However, many investors—both individuals and institutions such as charitable foundations or universities—seek to finance a stream of consumption over a long lifetime. In addition, mean-variance analysis treats

financial wealth in isolation from income. Long-term investors typically receive a stream of income and use it, along with financial wealth, to support their consumption. At the theoretical level, it is well understood that the solution to a long-term portfolio choice problem can be very different from the solution to a short-term problem. Long-term investors care about intertemporal shocks to investment opportunities and labor income as well as shocks to wealth itself, and they may use financial assets to hedge their intertemporal risks. This should be important in practice because there is a great deal of empirical evidence that investment opportunities—both interest rates and risk premia on bonds and stocks—vary through time. Yet this insight has had little influence on investment practice because it is hard to solve for optimal portfolios in intertemporal models. This book seeks to develop the intertemporal approach into an empirical paradigm that can compete

with the standard mean-variance analysis. The book shows that long-term inflation-indexed bonds are the riskless asset for long-term investors, it explains the conditions under which stocks are safer assets for long-term than for short-term investors, and it shows how labor income influences portfolio choice. These results shed new light on the rules of thumb used by financial planners. The book explains recent advances in both analytical and numerical methods, and shows how they can be used to understand the portfolio choice problems of long-term investors. In this paper, we compare the attitude towards current risk of two expected-utility-maximizing investors that are identical except that the first investor will live longer than the second one. In one of the models under consideration, there are two assets at every period. The first asset has a zero sure return, whereas the second asset is risky without serial correlation of yields. It is often suggested that the

young investor should purchase more of the risky asset than" the old investor in such circumstances. We show that a necessary and sufficient condition to get" this property is that the Arrow-Pratt index of absolute tolerance (T_u) be convex. If we allow for a" positive risk-free rate, the necessary and sufficient condition is T_u convex extends the well-known result that investors are myopic in this model if and only if the utility" function exhibits constant relative risk aversion. This book presents mathematical, programming and statistical

tools used in the real world analysis and modeling of financial data. The tools are used to model asset returns, measure risk, and construct optimized portfolios using the open source R programming language and Microsoft Excel. The author explains how to build probability models for asset returns, to apply statistical techniques to evaluate if asset returns are normally distributed, to use Monte Carlo simulation and bootstrapping techniques to evaluate statistical models, and to use optimization methods to construct efficient portfolios.