Financial Markets

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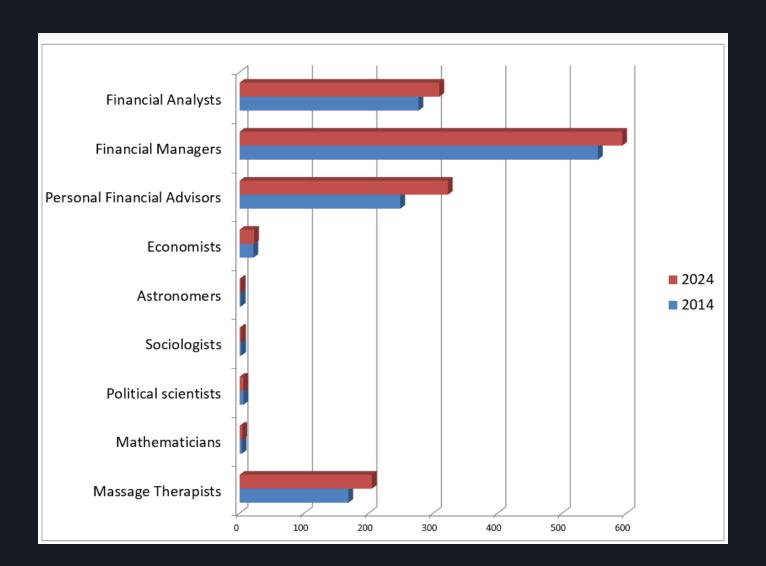
Financial institutions are a pillar of civilized society, directing resources across space and time to their best uses, supporting and incentivizing people in their productive ventures, and managing the economic risks they take on. The workings of these institutions are important to comprehend if we are to predict their actions today and their evolution in the coming information age.

Topics Covered in this Course

- Risk
- Insurance
- Diversification
- History of finance
- Innovation
- Efficient markets
- Behavioral finance
- Debt
- Stocks
- Real Estate
- Regulation

- Banking
- Futures
- Monetary policy
- Endowment management
- Investment banking
- Options
- Money managers
- Exchanges
- Public finance
- Nonprofits
- Purpose

Finance Among Occupations, Thousands of People, US Bureau of Labor Statistics



Finance is a Technology, for Good or Evil

- All technologies can be used or misused
- Developing world is more interested in our finance technology than in our paltry foreign aid or empty sympathies
- This is not a course on how to make yourself rich to lead a self-indulgent life
- The most successful people in finance end their lives as philanthropists

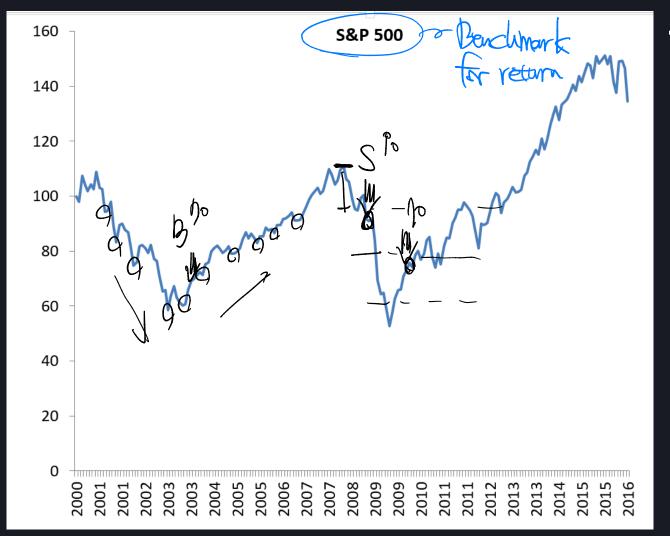
VaR

- VAR in finance means two things, variance and "value at risk" but when the A isn't capitalized, it means value at risk
- Invented after stock market crash of 1987
- Value at risk is usually quoted in units of \$ for a given probability and time horizon
- 1% one-year VaR of \$10 million means 1% chance that a portfolio will lose \$10 million in a year

Stress Tests

- Originally, term referred to a medical procedure to test for cardiovascular fitness
- OFHEO started testing firms' ability to withstand economic crisis before the 2008 crisis, failed.
- Dodd Frank Act 2010 requires the Federal Reserve to do annual stress tests for nonbank financial institutions it supervises for at least three different economic scenarios
- European Banking Authority, created 2011
- UK, China, etc.
- Critics of stress tests such as Anat Admati find them inadequate.

Stock Market Level, 2000-2016, 2000=100



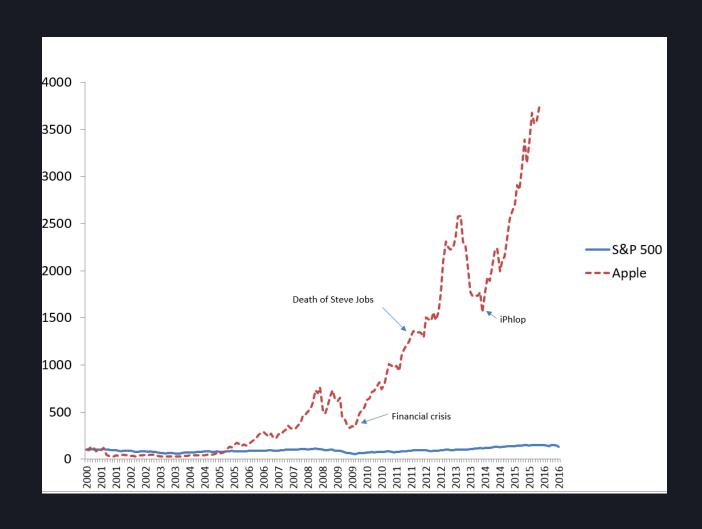
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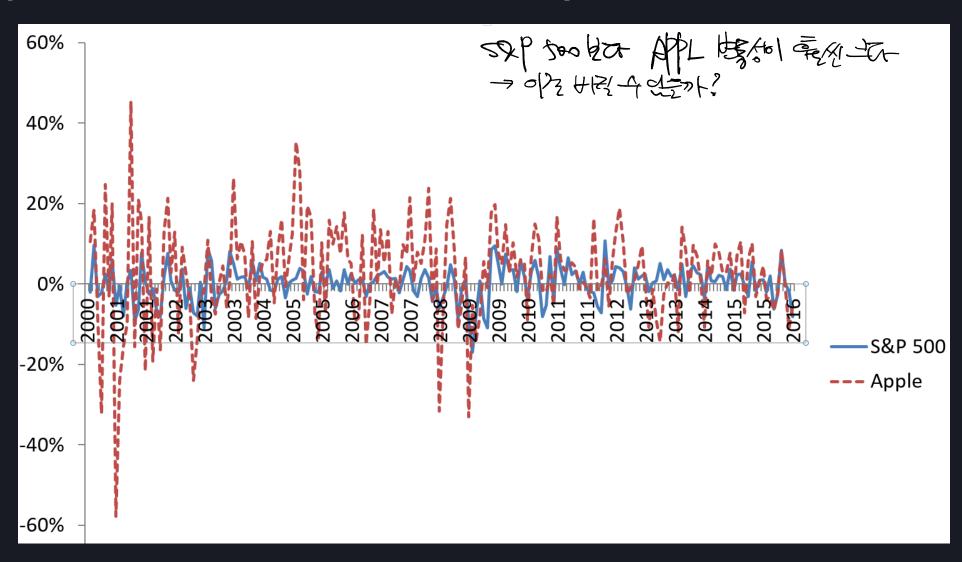
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Apple, Inc. and S&P 500 Monthly Adjusted Price 2000-2016, 2000=100



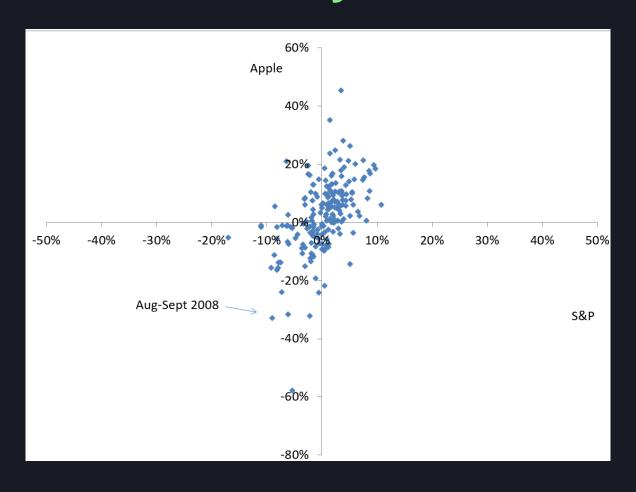
Apple, Inc. and S&P 500 Monthly Returns, 2000-2016



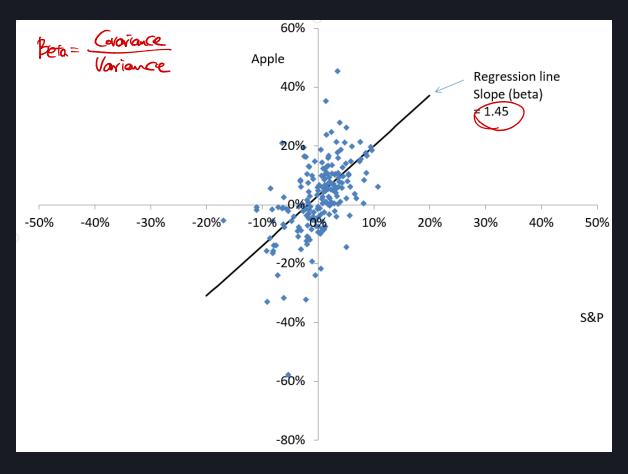
Variance of Apple vs Variance of S&P500

- Standard deviation of Apple capital gain in decade shown is 12.8% a month (not annualized) (arithmetic mean 3.47% a month, geometric mean 2.65% a month)
- 1.0347¹23=65, 1.0265¹23=25
- Standard deviation of S&P 500 return in decade shown is 4.7% (arithmetic mean capital gain mean 0.01%, geometric mean 0.16% a month, meaning we've lost money)

Scatter, Apple vs S&P 500 Returns Monthly Feb 2000-Jan 2016



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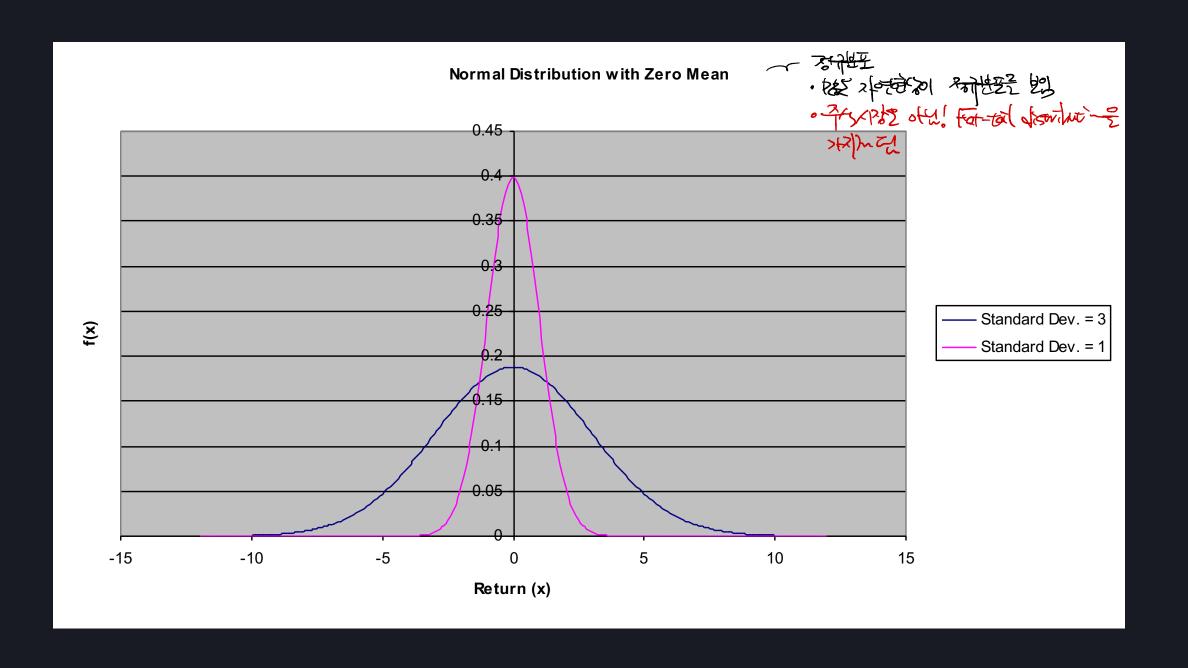
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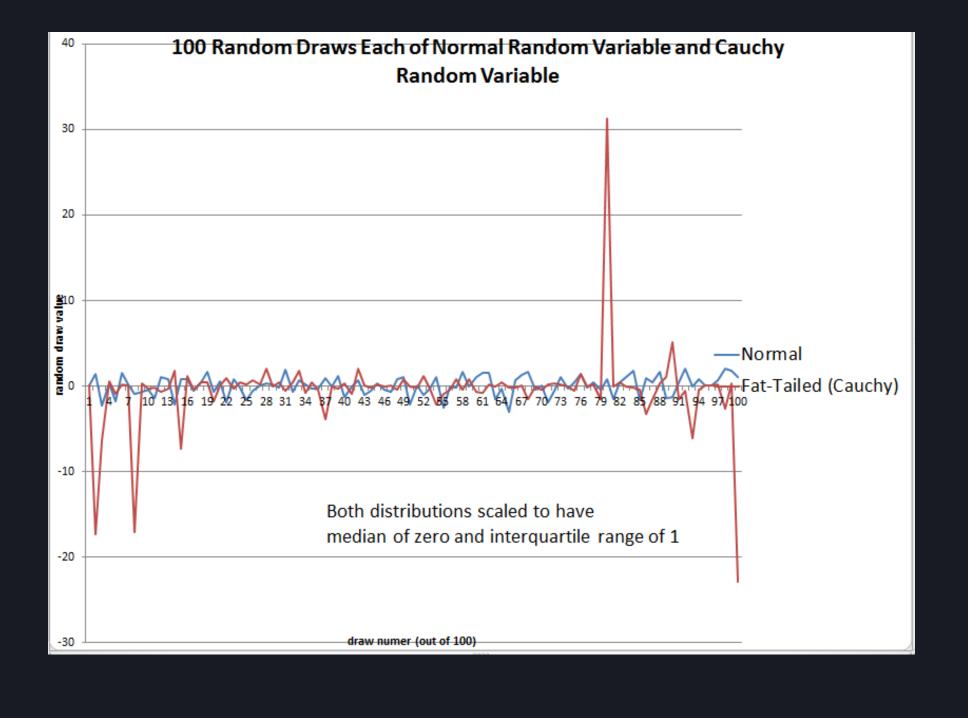
Market Risk versus Idiosyncratic Risk

- By construction, the residuals of error terms in a regression are uncorrelated with the fitted or predicted value
- So, the variance of the return of a stock is equal to its beta squared times the variance of the market return (systematic risk) plus the variance of the residual in the regression (idiosyncratic risk)

Joe McNay

- The Class of 1954 gave \$370,000 for Yale at its 25th anniversary (in 1979) but asked Joe McNay of Essex Investment Management to invest it for 25 years. They refused to let Yale investments handle it (pre-Swensen)
- In 2004, they presented it to Yale, now worth \$90 million, 24.6% a year return geometric
- He invested in Walmart and Home Depot and Internet
- They got special dispensation from the federal government so that this trust did not need to give away 5% a year
- I.8% a month geometric

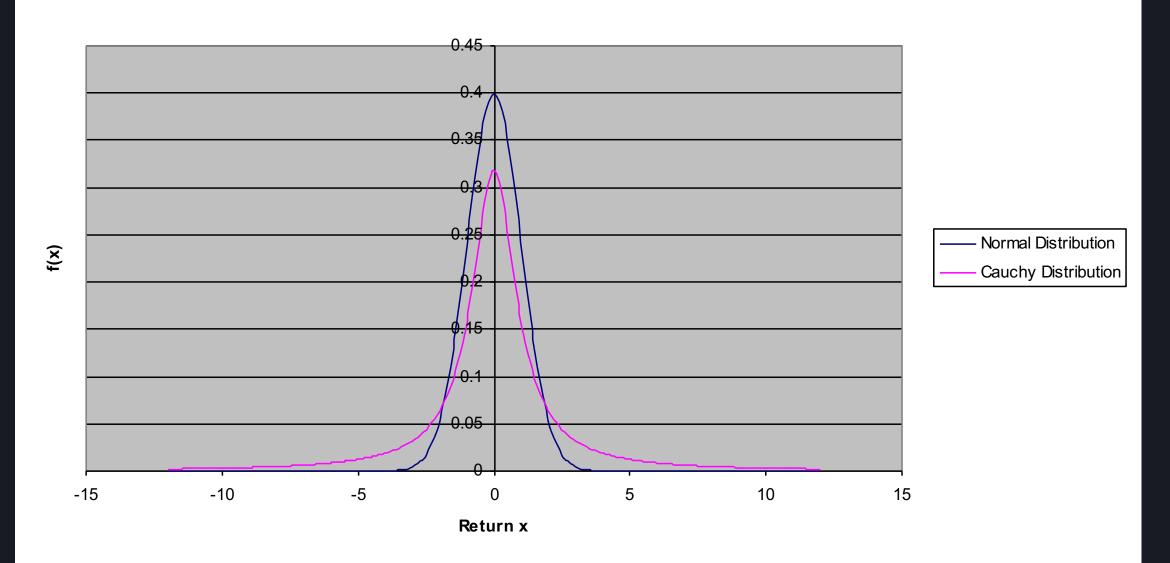


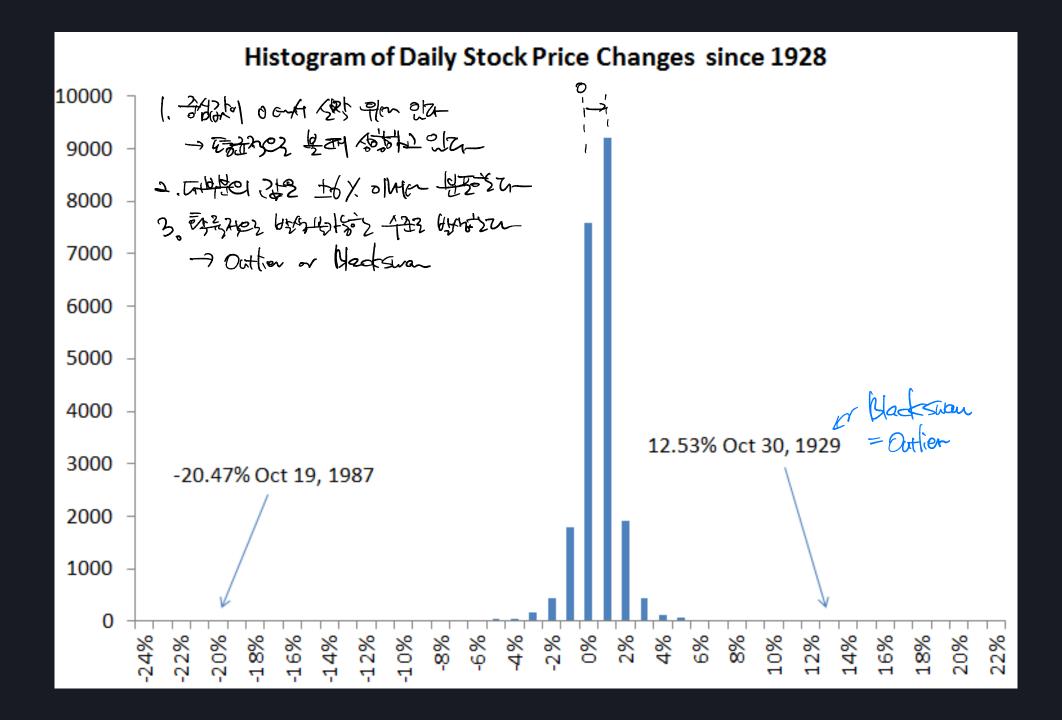


Central Limit Theorem

- Averages of a large number of independent identically distributed shocks (whose variance is finite) are approximately normally distributed
- Can fail if the underlying shocks are fat tailed
- Can fail if the underlying shocks lose their independence

Normal Versus Fat Tailed Distributions





Outliers

 Normal distribution with same mean and standard deviation as the histogram shown has a probability of a drop greater than 20% equal to 3*10^-71

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Fundamental Insurance Principles and Issues

- Risk Pooling is the source of all value in insurance
- Moral Hazard dealt with partially by deductions and coinsurance
- **Selection Bias** dealt with by group policies, by testing and referrals, and by mandatory government insurance

Risk Pooling

 If n policies, each has independent probability p of a claim, then the number of claims follows the binomial distribution. The standard deviation of the fraction of policies that result in a claim is

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approaches zero

Radical Financial Innovation Example I: Insurance

- Burial societies ancient Rome, true insurance policies appeared in Italy in 14th century
- Rapid development of actuarial theory starting in I 600s with notion of probability
- Morris Robinson Mutual Life of NY 1840: highly-paid salesmen (agency theory)
- Henry Hyde Equitable Life Assurance Society 1880s: large cash value (psychological framing)
- Viviana Zelizer: challenging God, tempting fate (psychological framing)
- Inventions copied around the world
- Life insurance is a relic, of a day when people died young

Federal Insurance Office (Dodd Frank)

 Monitors insurance companies, looking for systemic risk. (Still no national insurance

charter)

"(A) to monitor all aspects of the insurance industry, including identifying issues or gaps in the regulation of insurers that could contribute to a systemic crisis in the insurance industry or the United States financial system:

"(B) to monitor the extent to which traditionally underserved communities and consumers, minorities (as such term is defined in section 1204(c) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1811 note)), and low- and moderate-income persons have access to affordable insurance products regarding all lines of insurance, except health insurance;

"(C) to recommend to the Financial Stability Oversight Council that it designate an insurer, including the affiliates of such insurer, as an entity subject to regulation as a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors pursuant to title I of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street

Reform and Consumer Protection Act;

State Insurance Guarantee Funds

- Most U.S. states have guarantee funds protecting insurance against failure of the insurance company
- The first state to set up such a fund was New York, in 1941
- Protects individuals, not businesses or group insurance

Connecticut Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association

- Founded 1972 by Connecticut legislature
- Maximum death benefit \$500,000 and maximum cash value insurance \$500,000. Connecticut's (along with NY and NJ) is generous. (benefits not taxable)
- Even so, not big enough. If you were buying life insurance for your family, \$1 million minimum
- You can't increase coverage by buying multiple policies (as you can with FDIC)
- CT disallows mentioning the guaranty in insurance company advertising (opposite FDIC)

China

• In September 2008, CIRC set up a <u>nonprofit state-owned</u> <u>corporation</u> with a registered capital of 100 million <u>yuan</u> to manage its <u>insurance protection fund</u>, amounting to at least 7 billion yuan (about US\$1 billion). [1]

China Insurance Protection Fund

- Policyholders' losses that are no more than 50,000 yuan (US\$7,500)
 will be fully covered by the fund
- For losses in excess of that number, the fund covers 90 percent of the extra for individual policyholders and 80 percent for corporate policyholders

US Government Regulation of Insurance

- McCarran Ferguson Act 1945 delegated insurance regulation to the states. Fifty different state regulators
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) creates standardized suggested laws
- In 1993 the NAIC adopted risk-based capital requirements.
- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999 allowed banks to affiliate with insurance companies

Health Insurance

- Proposed in 1694 by Hugh the Elder Chamberlen
- First U.S. health insurance: Franklin Health Assurance Company of Massachusetts, 1850

The Health Maintenance Organization Act of 1973

- Required employers with 25 or more employees to offer federally certified HMO options
- Designed to overcome moral hazard problem, doctors earning fees for procedures make more money if people are sick
- HMO doctors are salaried, each patient has a "primary" who serves as gatekeeper
- Yale Health Plan is an HMO, Yale employees can also choose Blue Cross, which is not

U.S. Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) 1986

- Requires hospitals and ambulance services to provide care to anyone needing emergency treatment
- An "unfunded mandate"

U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 2010 (Obamacare)

- Penalty for individuals not buying insurance
- Penalty for companies not buying insurance for their employees
- New insurance exchanges A health insurance exchange is a set of stateregulated and standardized health care plans, from which individuals may purchase health insurance that is eligible for Federal subsidies
- Insurance companies may not disallow for preexisting conditions, or drop people who get sick

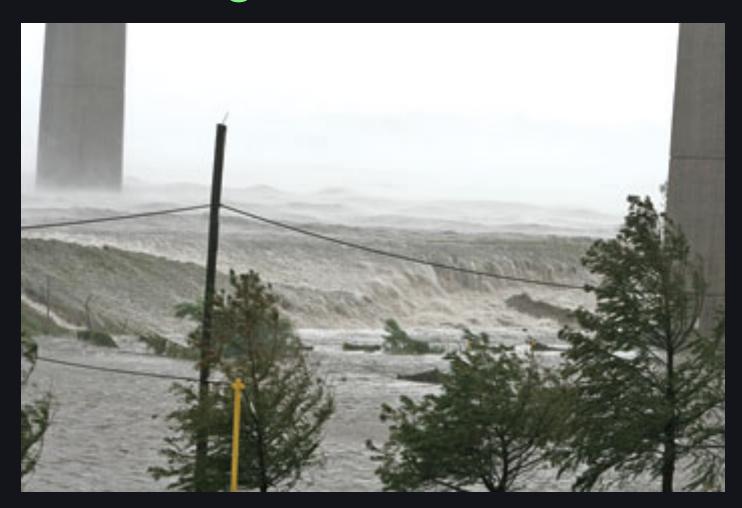
Haitian Earthquake 2010



Casualty Insurance in Haiti

- Since 2007, Haiti has participated in the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, funded by donors and member countries
- But that covered only \$8 million of losses
- Coverage from private insurers similarly small (premiums about 0.3% of GDP)
- Losses from the Haitian earthquake reached into many billions

Hurricane Katrina twenty-foot high Storm Surge, August 29, 2005



Assessment of Insurance Performance in U.S. after Katrina

- The total insured property loss of Katrina, \$34.4 billion
- 70% of claims were settled by January 2006, \$7.5 billion paid out by insurers (Insurance Information Institute)
- Roughly 200,000 homes severely damaged, so payment was about \$40,000 per home
- Insurance companies argued homes were damaged by flood, not wind
- Many homeowners did not have flood insurance (60% of homeowners in Orleans parish)
- insurance premiums in Louisiana had already gone up by 70% between 1997 and 2005, causing many people to cancel their insurance

Terrorism Risks



TRIA, 2002

- Before 9/11/2001, insurers generally did not exclude terrorism risk, which they then saw as inconsequential
- After 2001, insurers wanted these exclusions
- US Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) required insurers to offer terrorism insurance for three years
- Government agreed to pay 90% of insurance industry losses above a deductible of \$100 billion
- December 2005 TRIA renewed for two more years, and in 2007 for 7 more years. In 2015, the act was renewed again to 2020

An Alternative to Insurance: Portfolio Management

Diversification of ownership

From Crump 1874 book p. 94

There is an old saying that it is unadvisable to have all your eggs in one basket, a saw that is constantly quoted among both bona fide investors, as well as among speculators. A broker is not desirous ROOS IN ONE that his clients who speculate should be in-BASKET. terested very largely in one stock. He prefers to have the liability spread over the market, for obvious reasons. If a client fancies a particular stock, or has good reasons for believing it is about to improve, and he goes to his broker with a view to increase his stake, he will not receive the same encouragement as if he selected something else. The influence thus brought to bear arises from selfish motives, and proves again that the client should keep his own counsel. If he have no decided views himself, it is certain he had better do nothing, for speculation thus entered upon is doubly and childishly haphazard.

The more organized methods of speculation which prevail in these times, cause the public to be mulcted of their money in a much more wholesale manner than was the case formerly. They are now driven like sheep, or rather enticed into a pen,

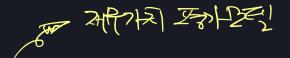
A Later Insight

- If people are all like me, all calculating with the same data, all wanting to hold portfolios on the frontier, then then they all want to hold the same portfolio (and cash)
- So THAT HAS TO BE THE MARKET PORTFOLIO

Portfolio Diversification

- All that should matter to an investor is the performance of the entire portfolio
- Mean and variance of portfolio matter
- Law of large numbers means that spreading over many independent assets reduces risk, has no effect on expected return

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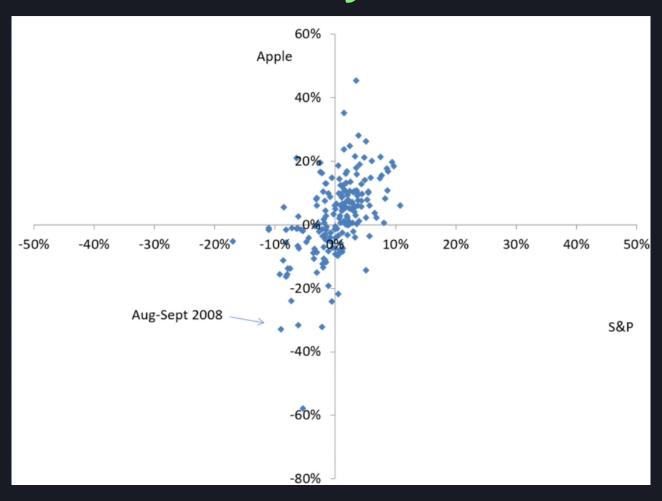


Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

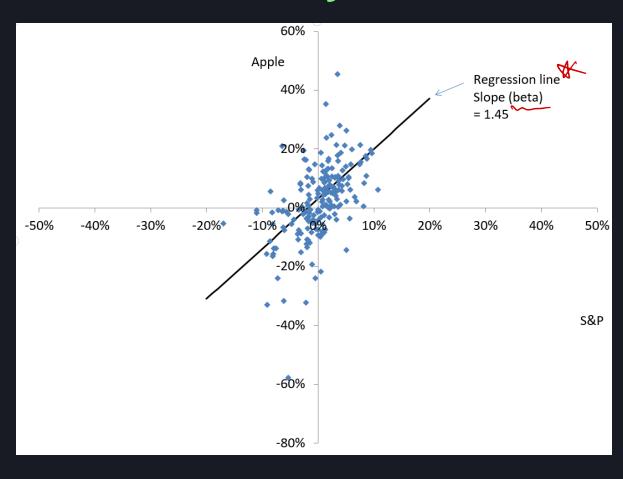
- CAPM Asserts that all investors hold their optimal portfolio
- Consequence of the mutual fund theorem: all investors hold the same portfolio of risky assets, the tangency portfolio
- Therefore the CAPM says that the tangency portfolio equals the market portfolio

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Investment Companies as Providers of Diversification

- Investment trusts (before 1940s)
- Mutual funds (especially index funds)
- Closed end investment companies
- Unit investment trusts
 - All these institutions can enable small investors to overcome transactions cost and lumpiness problems in achieving diversified portfolios

Doubts about Diversification

• Complete diversification would imply holding much in fixed incomes, real estate, etc. But hasn't stock market outperformed these?

The (in a Sense Fallacious) Risk/Return Pyramid



Equity Premium Puzzle

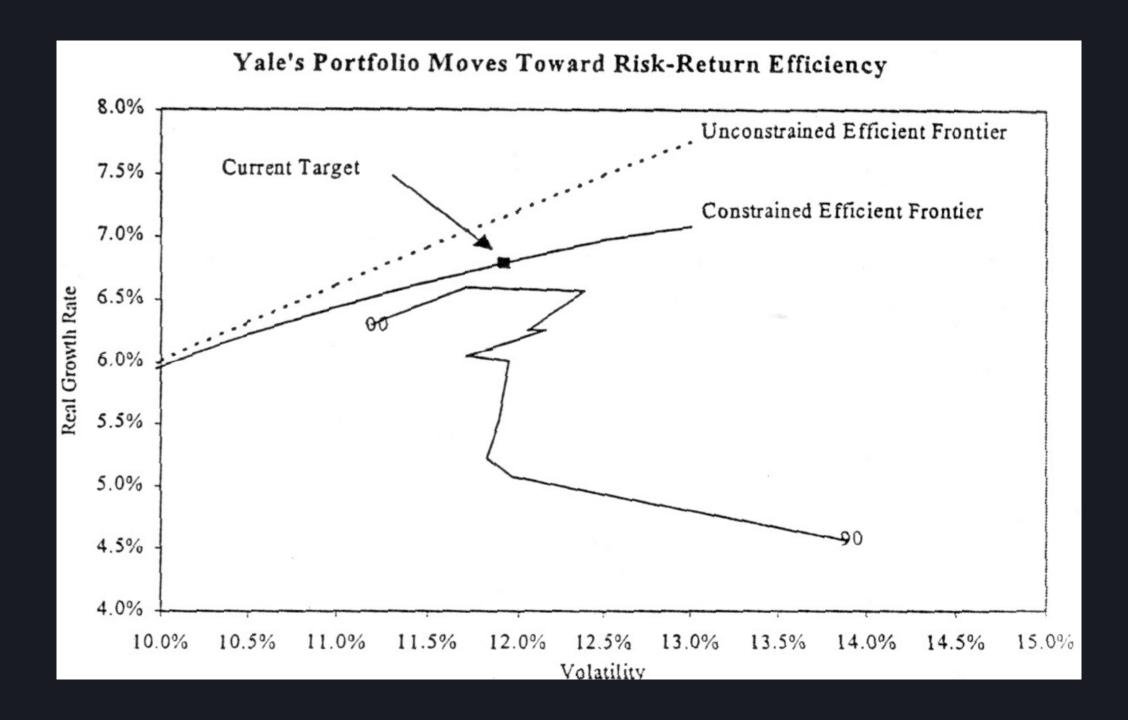
- US Geometric average real stock market return 1802-2012: 6.6% (Siegel Stocks for the Long Run 5th Edition 2014 Figure 1-1)
- US Geometric average real short-term governments return 1802-2012: 2.7% (Siegel Figure 1-1)
- Equity premium = 6.6%-2.7%=3.9%
- Puzzle: Why has equity premium been so high?

International Evidence

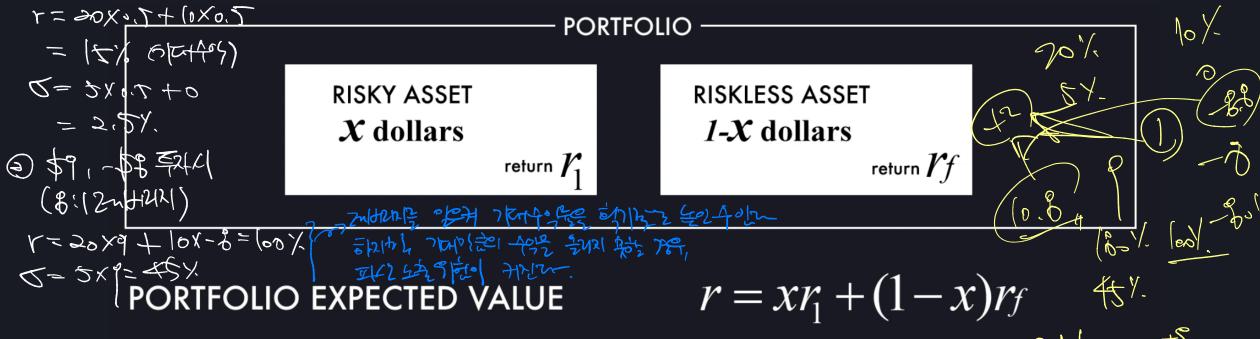
- Median real stock market appreciation rate for 39 countries 1926-96:
 0.8% per year
- Real stock market appreciation rate for US 1926-96: 4.3% per year (Philippe Jorion and William Goetzmann, *Journal of Finance* 54:953-80, 1999.)
- So, US equity premium may reflect a selection bias

Short Sales

- Brokers can enable you to hold a negative quantity of a tradable asset: they borrow the security and sell it, escrow the proceeds, you receive the proceeds, owe the security
- Short sales in the United States were briefly abolished in September 2008 For a list of 799 stocks https://www.sec.gov/news/press/2008/2008-211.htm



A Portfolio of a Risky and Riskless Asset



PORTFOLIO VARIANCE

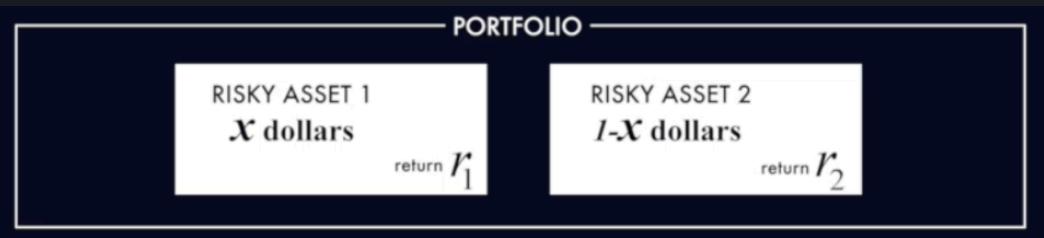
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PORTFOLIO STANDARD DEVIATION

$$\sigma = \left| \frac{r - r_f}{r_1 - r_f} \right| \sigma(return_1)$$

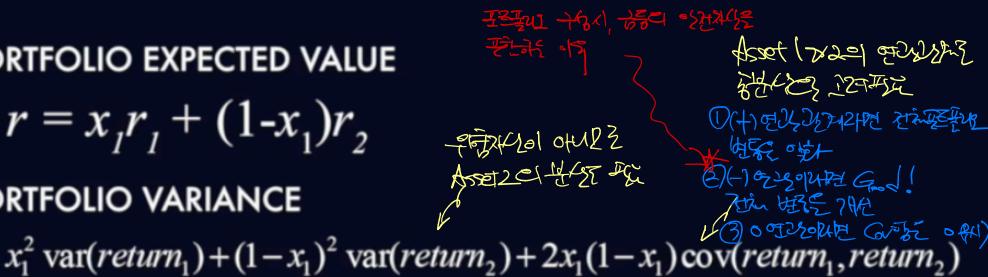
A Portfolio of 2 Risky Assets



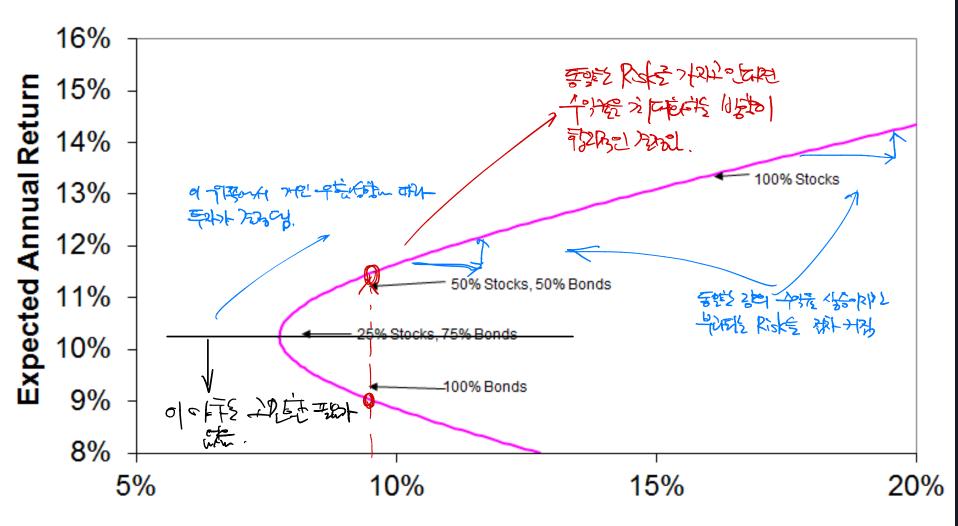
PORTFOLIO EXPECTED VALUE

$$r = x_1 r_1 + (1 - x_1) r_2$$

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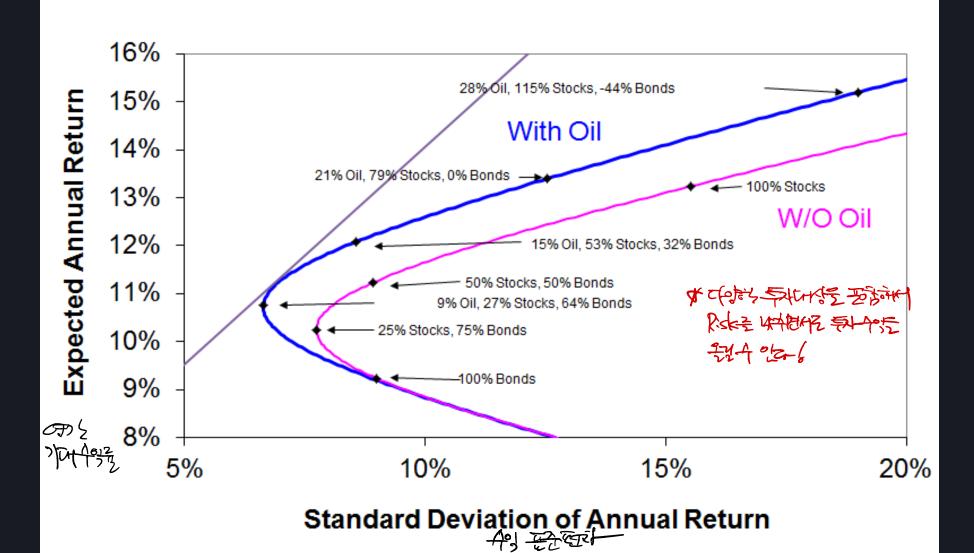


Efficient Portfolio Frontier Stocks and Bonds



Standard Deviation of Annual Return

Efficient Portfolio Frontier With and Without Oil



Godan Growth Model

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