

# Multi-stage portfolio selection problem with dynamic stochastic dominance constraints

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# Introduction

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## Investment under preference ambiguity.

- Stochastic dominance (with a benchmark)
  - Dominance test (Levy, Post, Kuosmanen)
  - optimization, (Dentcheva, Ruszczyński, Luedtke, Schultz)
- Preference robust optimization
  - pairwise, moments, nominal,
  - Armbruster, Delage, Xu H.F., Homen-de-Mello, T., Hu J., Haskell
- State-dependent risk-aversion parameter

# Introduction

Basic definitions of stochastic dominance:

## Definition 1 (FSD)

$X \in \mathcal{L}_p$  dominates  $Y \in \mathcal{L}_p$  in the first order, denoted  $X \succeq_{(1)} Y$ , if

$$P\{X \leq \eta\} \leq P\{Y \leq \eta\}, \quad \forall \eta \in R$$

We define expected shortfall function

$$F_2(X; \eta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} F(X; \alpha) d\alpha = \mathbb{E}[(\eta - X)_+].$$

## Definition 2 (SSD)

$X \in \mathcal{L}_p$  dominates  $Y \in \mathcal{L}_p$  in the second order, denoted  $X \succeq_{(2)} Y$ , if

$$F_2(X; \eta) \leq F_2(Y; \eta), \quad \forall \eta \in R$$

Second-order stochastic dominance is particularly popular in industry since it models risk-averse preferences.

# Introduction

## Proposition 1

- $X \succeq_{(1)} Y$  iff  $\mathbb{E}[u(X)] \geq \mathbb{E}[u(Y)]$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}_1$ , here  $\mathcal{U}_1$  denotes the set of **all nondecreasing** functions  $u: R \rightarrow R$ .
- $X \succeq_{(2)} Y$  iff  $\mathbb{E}[u(X)] \geq \mathbb{E}[u(Y)]$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}_2$ , here  $\mathcal{U}_2$  denotes the set of **all concave and nondecreasing** functions  $u: R \rightarrow R$ .

- Dentcheva and Ruszczyński (2003) first considered optimization problem with SSD and derived the optimality conditions.
- Dentcheva and Ruszczyński (2006) developed duality relations and solved the dual problem by utilizing the piecewise linear structure of the dual functional
- Luedtke (2008) get new linear formulations for SSD with finite distributed benchmark
- Drapkin, Gollmer, Gotzes, Schultz, et al. (2011a,2011b) study cases where the random variables are induced by mixed-integer linear recourse

# Introduction

## Solution methods

- **Sampling approaches** are the most popular solution method (see, Dentcheva and Ruszczyński, 2003, Liu, Sun and Xu, 2016)
- **Cut plane methods** are the most efficient solution algorithm (see, e.g., Rudolf and Ruszczyński, 2003; Homem-de-Mello and Mehrotra, 2009; Sun, Xu, et al., 2013).

## Strong application background in finance

- e.g., portfolio selection, index tracking applications (Dentcheva and Ruszczyński, 2006, Meskarian, Fliege and Xu 2014; Chen, Zhuang, L., 2019)

## Our focus:

- Dynamic extension: compare random sequences
- Application: portfolio selection

# Related works

## Multi-stage portfolio selection + Stochastic dominance

- Introduce one univariate SD constraint on a certain random variable, such as the terminal wealth (Moriggia et al., 2019), the final cost (Singh and Djarmaraja, 2020) or the expected shortfall (Haskell and Jain, 2013)  
→ The risks at intermediate stages cannot be controlled.
- Consider several univariate SD constraints (Yang et al., 2010; Kopa et al., 2018)  
→ The risks at intermediate and final stages are handled separately and independently; Cannot reflect the dynamics of the random sequences.
- Adopt multivariate SD to characterize the risk in portfolio selection problems (Petrová, 2019)  
→ Treat components in the wealth sequence equally; A discount rate sequence is needed.

What they loss: **intertemporal preference ambiguity**



# Definition

## Definition 3 (Dynamic SSD, Dentcheva and Ruszczyński, 2008)

Random sequence  $(x_1, \dots, x_T)$  dynamically dominates  $(y_1, \dots, y_T)$  in the second order with respect to a discount rate sequence set  $D$ , if

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t x_t \succeq_{(2)} \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t y_t, \quad \forall \rho \in D. \quad (1)$$

Choices of set  $D$ :

- Finite set:  $D_1 = \{\rho^1, \dots, \rho^k\}$
- Decreasing discount rate sequence set:  
 $D_2 = \{\rho \in [0, 1]^T \mid \rho_t \geq \rho_{t+1}, t = 1, \dots, T-1\}$
- Product discount rate sequence set:  
 $D_3 = \{[\rho_1, \rho_1 \rho_2, \dots, \prod_{t=1}^T \rho_t]^\top \mid \rho_t \in R_t \subset [0, 1], t = 1, \dots, T\}$
- Discount rate sequence set based on a reference:  
 $D_4 = \{\rho \in [0, 1]^T \mid \rho \geq \hat{\rho}\} \cap D_2$

# Introduction

## Our motivations

- Dynamic extension: compare random sequences to control risks
- Application: portfolio selection problems

## Our contributions

- Adopt the dynamic SSD constraints to better control intermediate and final risks
- Derive an upper bound approximation and a lower bound approximation based on scenario tree representation
- Establish the convergence of the upper bound approximation

# Model description

## Dynamic settings

- $n$  risky assets and one risk-free asset
- joins the market at time 0 with a positive initial wealth  $x_0$
- invest for  $T$  periods
- at the beginning of each period, the current wealth can be reallocated
- the whole investment process is self-financing
- there exist transaction costs when buying or selling risky assets
- consider all the random processes on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ ,  
 $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}_T \subset \mathcal{F}$
- $u_t$  (cash amounts invested),  $b_t$  (buy),  $s_t$  (sell)  $\triangleleft \mathcal{F}_t, t = 1, \dots, T - 1$

# Dynamic SSD constrained portfolio selection model

Make our investment wealth process  $\{x_t\}_{t=0,\dots,T}$  preferable over the benchmark wealth process  $\{y_t\}_{t=0,\dots,T}$ . Assume that  $y_0 = x_0$  and  $y_t$  is also  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable.

Typical benchmarks:

- a market index
- the equally weighted portfolio
- a portfolio suggested by a fund manager

# Dynamic SSD constrained portfolio selection model

Our model:

$$\max_{u,b,s,x} \mathbb{E}[x_T] \quad (2)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad x_{t+1} = r_{t+1}^\top u_t + r_{t+1}^{rf} [x_t - c_b \|b_t\|_1 - c_s \|s_t\|_1], \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad (3)$$

$$u_0 = b_0, \quad s_0 = 0, \quad u_t = u_{t-1} + b_t - s_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T-1, \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t x_t \succeq_{(2)} \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t y_t, \quad \forall \rho \in D, \quad (5)$$

$$\|u_t\|_1 \leq x_t - c_b \|b_t\|_1 - c_s \|s_t\|_1, \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad (6)$$

$$u_t, b_t, s_t \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, \quad u_t, b_t, s_t \triangleleft \mathcal{F}_t, \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad (7)$$

$$x_t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad t = 1, \dots, T. \quad (8)$$

# Model description

Polyhedral discount rate sequence set:

## Assumption 1

*$D$  is a polyhedral set with  $m$  constraints, that is,  $D := \{\rho \in \mathbb{R}^T \mid C\rho \leq d\}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times T}$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .*

- Such  $D$  is a convex set
- Covers  $D_2$ ,  $D_3$ , and  $D_4$  summarized aforementioned

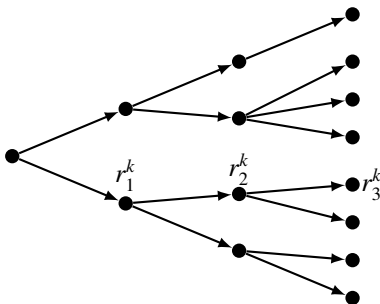
Difficulties in solving the model:

- stochastic: the randomness of multi-stage return rates (Sec. 3)
- semi-infinite: infinitely many constraints (Sec. 4)
- non-smooth:  $(\cdot)_+$  (linearization)

# Scenario tree approach

Scenario tree:

- Represents a discretised estimate of the random data process and associated appearing probabilities at future stages (Gülpınar and Rustem, 2007)
- Can be generated by different approaches without relying on any distribution assumption (Topaloglou et al., 2008)



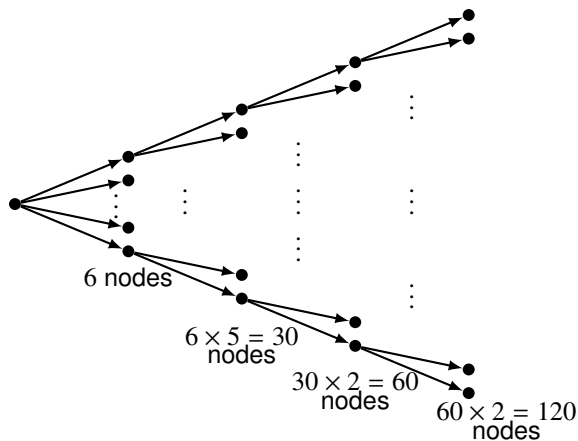
# Scenario generation methodology

- Use the mixed normal distribution composed of two Gaussian components to characterize the residual item in the ARMA model.
- The Gaussian distributions of the two components are specified in advance.
- The time-varying weights are dynamically adjusted by a autoregression type model.
- Estimate the parameters by expectation maximization algorithm and the maximum likelihood estimation method.
- Generate the scenario tree sequentially by Monte Carlo sampling and K-means clustering algorithm.



# Scenario tree

A 4-stage scenario tree with the branching structure 6-5-2-2:



# Reformulation

The dynamic SSD constraints can be equivalently described as:

- for all nondecreasing and concave functions  $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $\rho \in D$ , it holds true that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[u\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t x_t\right)\right] \geq \mathbb{E}\left[u\left(\sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t y_t\right)\right].$$

- for any  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\rho \in D$ , it holds true that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\eta - \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t x_t\right)_+\right] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\eta - \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t y_t\right)_+\right], \quad (9)$$

where  $(\cdot)_+ = \max(0, \cdot)$ .

# Reformulation of dynamic SSD

According to reformulation in Luedtke (2008), the dynamic SSD constraints hold **if and only if** for any  $\rho \in D$ , there is a  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{K \times K}$  satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t y_t^j \pi_{kj} \leq \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t x_t^k, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad (10)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_{kj} = 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad (11)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K p^k \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \pi_{kj} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} p^j, \quad s = 2, \dots, K. \quad (12)$$

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(10)-(12) can be written in a compact form as

$$\max_{\rho \in D} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} \leq 0, \quad (13)$$

where  $f^k(\rho, \pi, x) = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t y_t^j \pi_{kj} - \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t x_t^k$ , and

$$\Pi = \left\{ \pi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{K \times K} \mid \begin{array}{l} \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_{kj} = 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\ \sum_{k=1}^K p^k \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \pi_{kj} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} p^j, \quad s = 2, \dots, K \end{array} \right\}.$$

# Scenario tree representation

Scenario tree representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{u, b, s, x} \sum_{k=1}^K p^k x_T^k \\
 & \text{s.t. } x_{t+1}^k = (r_{t+1}^k)^\top u_t^k + r_{t+1}^{rf} [x_t^k - c_b \|b_t^k\|_1 - c_s \|s_t^k\|_1], \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\
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 & \|u_t^k\|_1 \leq x_t^k - c_b \|b_t^k\|_1 - c_s \|s_t^k\|_1, \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad (14) \\
 & u_0^j = u_0^k, \quad j, k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & u_t^j = u_t^k, \quad b_t^k = b_t^j, \quad s_t^k = s_t^j, \quad j \in \mathcal{A}(k, t), \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad t = 1, \dots, T-1, \\
 & \max_{\rho \in D} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} \leq 0, \\
 & u \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times K}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Upper approximation

Upper approximation:

We properly select  $L$  samples to form a subset  $D^L \subset D$ . Then  $\max_{\rho \in D^L} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\}$  provides a lower bound to the left-hand side of (13) and an upper bound to the original optimization problem.

## Proposition 2

We have

$$\max_{\rho \in D} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} \geq \max_{\rho \in D^L} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\}. \quad (15)$$

# Upper approximation

An upper bound formulation for problem (14):

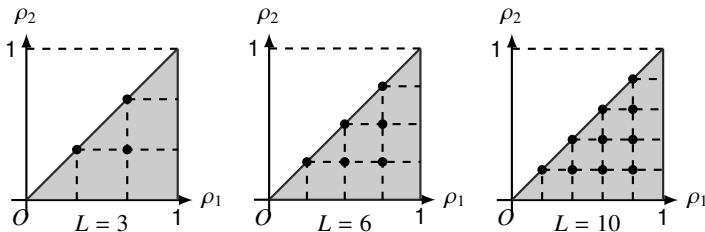
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{u,b,s,x,\pi,\tau} \sum_{k=1}^K p^k x_T^k \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & x_{t+1}^k = (r_{t+1}^k)^\top u_t^k + r_{t+1}^{rf} [x_t^k - c_b \|b_t^k\|_1 - c_s \|s_t^k\|_1], \quad t = 0, \dots, T-1, k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & u_0^k = b_0^k, s_0^k = 0, u_t^k = u_{t-1}^k + b_t^k - s_t^k, \quad t = 1, \dots, T-1, k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & \|u_t^k\|_1 \leq x_t^k - c_b \|b_t^k\|_1 - c_s \|s_t^k\|_1, \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & u_0^j = u_0^k, \quad k, j = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & u_t^j = u_t^k, b_t^k = b_t^j, s_t^k = s_t^j, \quad j \in \mathcal{A}(k, t), \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad t = 1, \dots, T-1, \\
 & \tau^l \leq 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, L, \\
 & \tau^l \geq \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t^l y_t^j \pi_{kj}^l - \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t^l x_t^k, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad l = 1, \dots, L, \\
 & \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_{kj}^l = 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad l = 1, \dots, L, \\
 & \sum_{k=1}^K p^k \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \pi_{kj}^l \leq \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} p^j, \quad s = 2, \dots, K, \quad l = 1, \dots, L, \\
 & u \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, b \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, s \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, x \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times K}, \pi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{K \times K \times L}, \tau \in \mathbb{R}^L
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

# Upper approximation: Convergence

## Assumption 2

There exist positive numbers  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  such that for any positive integer  $L$  and vector  $\rho \in D$ , there exists a  $\rho^L \in D^L$  with  $\|\rho - \rho^L\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{A_1 L^{A_2}}$ .

Example of  $D^L$ :



$$A_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and } A_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$



# Upper approximation: Convergence

Convergence:

## Proposition 3

*Under Assumption 2, we have*

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\rho \in D^L} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} = \max_{\rho \in D} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\}. \quad (17)$$

Denote the feasible solution sets of problem (14) and upper approximation problem by  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_L$ , the optimal solution sets by  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_L$ , and the optimal values by  $v$  and  $v_L$ , respectively. Write the decision variable as  $z = (u, b, s, x)$ .

## Theorem 4

*We have  $\mathcal{F} = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_L$ ,  $\limsup_{L \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{S}_L \subset \mathcal{S}$ ,  $v = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} v_L$ .*

# Lower approximation

Lower approximation and error estimate:

## Proposition 4

We have

$$\max_{\rho \in D} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} \leq \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \max_{\rho \in D} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\}. \quad (18)$$

## Proposition 5

There exists a positive constant  $C_1 < \infty$  such that

$$\min_{\pi \in \Pi} \max_{\rho \in D} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} - \max_{\rho \in D} \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \left\{ \max_{k=1, \dots, K} f^k(\rho, \pi, x) \right\} \leq C_1 \mu(\Pi), \quad (19)$$

where  $\mu(\Pi) = \max_{a, b \in \Pi} \|a - b\|_\infty$  is the diameter of  $\Pi$  under the  $\infty$ -norm for matrix.

# Lower approximation

A lower bound formulation for problem (14) using the duality theory:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{u, b, s, x, \pi, \alpha} \sum_{k=1}^K p^k x_T^k \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & x_{t+1}^k = (r_{t+1}^k)^\top u_t^k + r_{t+1}^{rf} [x_t^k - c_b \|b_t^k\|_1 - c_s \|s_t^k\|_1], \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\
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 & \|u_t^k\|_1 \leq x_t^k - c_b \|b_t^k\|_1 - c_s \|s_t^k\|_1 \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & u_0^j = u_0^k, \quad k, j = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & u_t^j = u_t^k, \quad b_t^k = b_t^j, \quad s_t^k = s_t^j, \quad j \in \mathcal{A}(k, t), \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad t = 1, \dots, T-1, \\
 & d^\top \alpha^k \leq 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_{kj} y_t^j - x_t^k - C_t^\top \alpha^k \leq 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, T, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & \sum_{j=1}^K \pi_{kj} = 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \\
 & \sum_{k=1}^K p^k \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} \pi_{kj} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} p^j, \quad s = 2, \dots, K, \\
 & u \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times T \times K}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times K}, \quad \pi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{K \times K}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times K}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

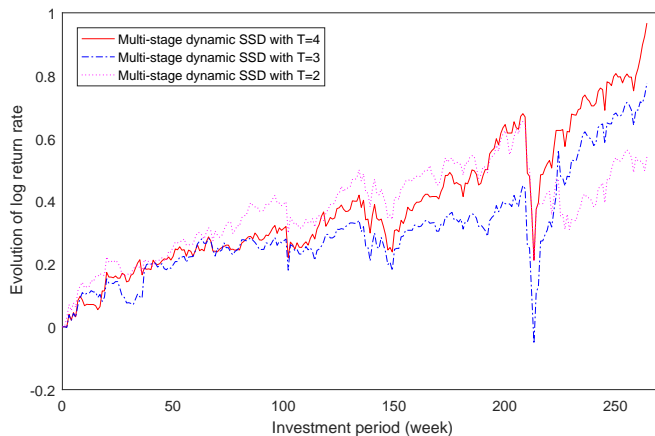
# In-sample tests

Convergence of the gap:

**Table:** Computation results of the upper bound formulation (16) and the lower bound formulation (20).

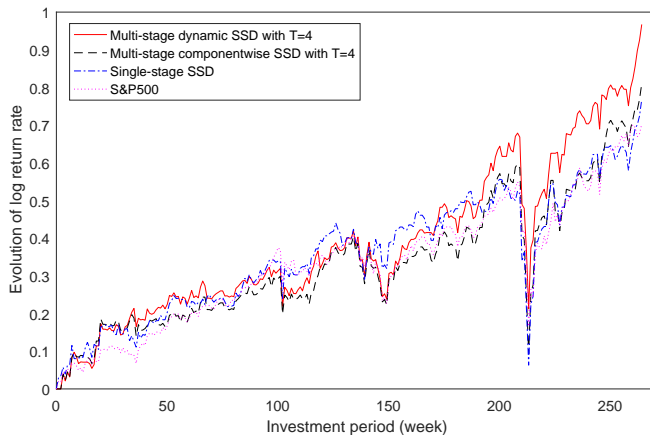
$L$	upper bound formulation (16)				lower bound formulation (20)				Gap(%)
	Var.#	Con.#	Upper B.	CPU(s)	Var.#	Con.#	Lower B.	CPU(s)	
1	27841	2399	1.0712	186.35	28320	2878	1.0709	529.34	0.0289
5	85445	3839	1.0711	200.19	28320	2878	1.0709	529.34	0.0205
20	301460	9239	1.0711	1275.91	28320	2878	1.0709	529.34	0.0159
50	733490	20039	1.0710	6582.56	28320	2878	1.0709	529.34	0.0075

# Performance of rolling window test



**Figure:** Evolution of logarithmic return rates w.r.t the investment period for the multi-stage dynamic SSD constrained model.

# Performance of rolling window test



**Figure:** Comparison of logarithmic return rates w.r.t the investment period of different models.

# Out-of-sample tests

**Table:** Out-of-sample performance statistics of the optimal portfolios' excess return rates got under different models.

Model		Stage	Mean(%)	Std.	Sharpe ratio	Proportion below S&P500	Mean below S&P 500(%)	CVaR <sub>0.1</sub> (%)
Multi-stage	Dynamic	$T = 4$	0.3664	0.0302	0.1214	48.5%	-0.8513	-6.7194
	SSD (Lower B.) (20)	$T = 3$	0.2939	0.0326	0.0903	52.7%	-0.8864	-6.7557
		$T = 2$	0.2051	0.0303	0.0677	48.1%	-1.1322	-7.3125
		$T = 4$	0.3070	0.0316	0.0971	49.6%	-0.9344	-7.1828
	Componentwise SSD	$T = 3$	0.2662	0.0317	0.0841	52.7%	-0.8317	-6.7427
		$T = 2$	0.2176	0.0301	0.0724	48.5%	-1.0393	-7.2125
SSD		$T = 1$	0.2911	0.0308	0.0945	46.2%	-1.0621	-6.7657
Single-stage	S&P500	$T = 1$	0.2664	0.0250	0.1064	-	-	-5.7020

# Observations

- The dynamic SSD with  $T = 4$  provides the largest mean value and the largest Sharpe ratio among all the models.
- Compared with the single-stage SSD constrained model, the multi-stage models have a larger conditional mean of return rates below that of S&P500.
- For dynamic SSD, the mean value of return rates, the Sharpe ratio, the conditional mean value of return rates below that of S&P500, and  $\text{CVaR}_{0.1}$  increase with the number of stages.



# Conclusions

## Summary:

- Study multi-stage dynamic SSD constrained portfolio selection model
- Derive an upper approximation and a lower approximation, by solving linear programming problems
- The upper approximation is convergent
- The numerical results verifies the validity of the proposed model

## Further works:

- Dynamic preference robust optimization model
- How to design the discount rate sequence set?

*Thank you!*