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- Value at risk (VaR) a standard tool of risk management in the financial sector
- An alternative measure of risk-conditional VaR
- shortcomings of VaR:
 - VaR measures only percentiles of profit and loss, and thus disregards the loss beyond the VaR,
 - II. VaR is not a coherent risk measure because it is not sub-additive

Model of portfolio selection based on CVaR:

$$CVaR_{\alpha}(X) = min\left\{VaR_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha}E\left[\left(E_{p} - X - VaR_{\alpha}\right)^{+}\right]\right\}$$

where $v_{aR_{\alpha}}$ – Value at risk, E_p – target return, formula $(E_p - X - VaR)^+$ is a positive part of difference $E_p - X - VaR$

Variable X-expectant return of portfolio $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{r}_k$ Objective function:

$$\min \left\{ VaR_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha t} \sum_{k=1}^{t} \left[E_{p} - \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{r}_{k} - VaR_{\alpha} \right]^{+} \right\}$$

To avoid the nonlinear formulation it is necessary to replace the element

$$\left[E_{p}-\mathbf{w}^{T}\mathbf{r}_{k}-VaR_{\alpha}\right]^{+}$$

with the variable $z = (z_1, z_2, ..., z_t)$, where $z_k \ge 0$ for k = 1, 2, ..., t.

$$\min \left\{ VaR_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha t} \sum_{k=1}^{t} z_{k} \right\}$$

$$z_{k} - E_{p} + \mathbf{w}^{T} \mathbf{r}_{k} + VaR_{\alpha} \ge 0, \quad k = \{1, 2, \dots, t\},$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{T} E(\mathbf{r}_{n}) \ge E_{p}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{T} e = 1$$

$$z \ge 0,$$

 $E(r_n)$ -vector of expected returns of assets