

Portfolio Theory

Lecture 9

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Structure

- 1 Single index model
- 2 Cut-off ratio
- 3 Example of calculation

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- In this case the $C^* \dots C_n$

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