

# Proof of the properties of VaR

## 1) normalised property

$$p(0) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{VaR}_p(0) = 0$$

which always holds

## 2) translative property

$$p(X+c) = p(X) + c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{VaR}_p(X+c) = \text{VaR}_p(X) + c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{X+c}^{-1}(p) = F_X^{-1}(p) + c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{X+c}(F_{X+c}^{-1}(p)) = F_{X+c}(F_X^{-1}(p) + c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = F_{X+c}(F_X^{-1}(p) + c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = p(X + \cancel{c} \leq F_X^{-1}(p) + \cancel{c})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = p(X \leq F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = F_X(F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = p$$

Hence the property holds

### 3) monotone property

$$X \preceq Y$$

$$\Rightarrow F_X^{-1}(p) \preceq F_Y^{-1}(p) \quad \forall p$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{VaR}_p(X) \preceq \text{VaR}_p(Y) \quad \forall p$$

Hence the property holds

### 4) positive homogeneity property

$$p(cX) = c \cdot p(X)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{VaR}_p(cX) = c \cdot \text{VaR}_p(X)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{cX}^{-1}(p) = c \cdot F_X^{-1}(p)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{cX}(F_{cX}^{-1}(p)) = F_{cX}(c \cdot F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = F_{cX}(c \cdot F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = P(X \preceq c \cdot F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = P(X \preceq F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = F_X(F_X^{-1}(p))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p = p$$

Hence the property holds.

### 5) sub-additivity property

For a proof that this property does not hold for VaR please see the course website.

## Proof of the properties for ES

### 1) normalised property

We know  $\text{VaR}_p(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \text{ES}_p(0) &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p \text{VaR}_t(0) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p 0 \cdot dt \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence the property holds.

### 2) translative property

We know  $\text{VaR}_p(X+c) = \text{VaR}_p(X) + c$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ES}_p(X+c) = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p \text{VaR}_t(X+c) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p [\text{VaR}_t(X) + c] dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p \text{VaR}_t(X) dt + c$$

$$= \text{ES}_p(X) + c.$$

Hence, the property holds.

### 3) monotone property

We know  $X \preceq Y \Rightarrow \text{VaR}_p(X) \preceq \text{VaR}_p(Y)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(X) dt \preceq \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(Y) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P} \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(X) dt \preceq \frac{1}{P} \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(Y) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow ES_p(X) \preceq ES_p(Y).$$

Hence, the property holds.

### 4) positive homogeneity property

We know  $\text{VaR}_p(cX) = c \cdot \text{VaR}_p(X)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(cX) dt = c \cdot \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(X) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P} \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(cX) dt = c \cdot \frac{1}{P} \int_0^P \text{VaR}_t(X) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow ES_p(cX) = c \cdot ES_p(X)$$

Hence, the property holds

### 5) sub-additivity property

For a proof, please see the course web site.