Japanese Stock Market Indices Nikkei 225, TOPIX, and Financial Fragility

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Part I: Review (Open-End Funds and Closed-End Funds)

- Open-end funds: a type of mutual fund
- Can issue and redeem shares at any time
- No shares limit
- Not traded on open market
- Funds reprice based on the number of shares bought and sold
- Price based on NAV

Part I: Review (Open-End Funds and Closed-End Funds)

- Closed-End Funds \approx ETFs
- Launched through IPO
- Limited shares
- Trade on open market
- Price affected by supply and demand, allowing to trade at prices below or above its real value

Part I: Review (Exchange-Traded Fund)

- Combination of open-end funds and closed-end funds
- Mutual fund can be traded on an exchange (like a stock)
- Oldest and largest ETF SPDR S&P 500
- Owns underlying asset and divides ownership of assets into shares
- Based off index that tracks stocks, commodities, bonds, or a basket of assets
- Subject to Investment Company Act of 1940

Part I: Review

- The Japanese economy today
 - Third largest in the world by nominal GDP
 - -0.1% short term interest rate and 0% 10-years Japanese government bond
- Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) is the 4th largest stock exchange globally
 - First Section
 - Second Section
 - Mothers = Market of the High-Growth and Emerging Stocks

Part II: Nikkei 225



Part II: Nikkei 225 – Introduction

- Price-weighted index (similar to Dow Jones Industrial Average)
- Yen-denominated
- 225 stocks listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section
- 6 Sectors: Technology, Financials, Consumer Goods, Materials, Capital Goods/Others, and Transportation and Utilities

Part II: Nikkei 225 – Change in Constituents

- Add or delete by "liquidity in the market" and "sector balance"
- Liquidity: "trading value" and "magnitude of price fluctuation by volume" = (High price/Low price) / Volume
- Top 450 stocks in terms of the liquidity are selected to form the "high liquidity group"
- Non-constituent stocks which are in the top 75 of the high liquidity group are added
- Among the 450 stocks, half number of those that belong to a sector is designated as the "Appropriate number of stocks" for such a sector

Part II: Nikkei 225 – Calculation

- Calculated every 15 seconds during the Tokyo Stock Exchange's trading hours
- Adjusted Stock Price = $\frac{Stock Price \times \$50}{Presumed Par Value(\$)}$ • Nikkei Stock Average = $\sum \frac{Adjusted Stock Price}{Divisor}$

Part II: Nikkei 225 – Example

- Three stocks, A, B, and C, the presumed par value of them are ¥50
- Prices are A= ¥400, B= ¥500, and C= ¥900, divisor is 3
- Index = (400+500+900)*50/50/3 = 600
- If A is deleted and D (stock price ¥1000, presumed par value ¥50) is added
- Adjusted Stock Price = $\frac{Stock Price \times \$50}{Presumed Par Value (\$)}$
- Nikkei Stock Average = $\sum \frac{Adjusted Stock Price}{Divisor}$
- New aggregate price of B, C, and D is 500 + 900 + 1000 = ¥ 2400
- New divisor = 2400/600 = 4

- Free-float adjusted market capitalization weighted index
- All 2113 listed companies from the TSE 1st Section
- Top 10: Toyota, MUFG, SoftBank, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, SONY, Sumimoto Mitsui, Honda, Keyence, Nintendo, Mizuho
- Assumes market capitalization on the base date (4 January 1968) is 100 points





Free-Float Adjusted Market Cap Indices

- Calculated to the nearest hundredth
- Index = $\frac{Current Market Value}{Base Market Value} \times Base Point$
- Current Market Value = $\sum_{Companies} Shares \times Price$
- Shares = Total Number of Listed Shares × FFW Ratio
- If a newly listed company's market cap exceeds 1% of total adjusted market value of TOPIX, company is included in the index in phases

- Example of an adjustment
- Old base market value is ¥20trn and previous day's market value is ¥400trn, TOPIX is 2,000.00
- Stock A listed shares increase by 100m. If previous day close was at ¥2,000, the adjustment amount is 100m shares x ¥2,000 = ¥200bn.
- 3. Base mkt val is ¥20trn x (¥400trn + ¥200bn) / ¥400trn = ¥20.01trn
- 4. (¥400trn + ¥200bn) / ¥20.01trn = 2,000.00 (same as before)

Part IV: Nick Leeson and Barings Bank

- British derivatives trader in the Singapore branch of Barings Bank (oldest merchant bank in England, founded in 1762)
- Success in speculative trading
- Used secret trading account 88888
- Strategies:
 - Arbitrage baskets of stocks in the Japanese cash market against Nikkei futures
 - Arbitrage contracts on Nikkei futures between OSE and SIMEX
- Led directly to the collapse of Barings Bank, \$1.4 billion losses

- As mentioned in David's presentation, people trade options to bet on volatility
 - If you think real < implied, bet premium on option is expensive and short gamma, long theta; long otherwise
- We can be more specific using a BSM framework

- Suppose we can continuously delta-hedge
- Static portfolio at t is $C \Delta S_t$

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$$(C(S_{t+1}) - \Delta S_{t+1}) - (C(S_t) - \Delta S_t) + r(C - \Delta S_t)$$

= $C(S_{t+1}) - C(S_t) - \Delta(S_{t+1} - S_t) + r(C - \Delta S_t)$

• Use a Taylor expansion for the difference $C(S_{t+1}) - C(S_t)$: $C(S_{t+1}) - C(S_t) = \Delta(S_{t+1} - S_t) + \frac{\Gamma}{2}(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2$

• So the change is then $\frac{\Gamma}{2}(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2 + r(C - \Delta S_t) + \theta$

• Given $\frac{\Gamma}{2}(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2 + r(C - \Delta S_t) + \theta$, express in terms of vol • Use identity $(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2 \cong \sigma^2 S_t^2$

• PnL is
$$\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S_t^2 \Gamma + r(C - \Delta S_t) + \theta = 0$$
 (no arb)

• So PnL is proportional to $\frac{1}{2}S_t^2\Gamma(\sigma_{real}^2 - \sigma_{implied}^2)$

- Volatility of an index tends to trade richer than its constituents' vol due to supply/demand
- But due to correlation, index vol realizes lower
- Dispersion trading: going short index implied vol and long single stock implied vol
- Compare with index arbitrage here we are using options

• [Show derivation of dispersion trading formulae on board]

• [Show PCA model]

Part VI: BOJ

- The Bank of Japan's monetary policy includes more familiar things such as YCC but also asset purchases
- Top 10 shareholder in nearly 40% of listed companies, including 4% of first section
- Annually purchases ¥6trn of ETFs and ¥90bn of J-REITs
- In July, the BOJ announced that on 6 Aug 2018 they would change the amount of each ETF to be purchased
 - TOPIX purchases to increase annually from ¥2.7trn to ¥4.2trn
 - Nikkei 225 purchases to decrease from ¥3trn to less than ¥1.5trn

Part VI: BOJ

• Process

- 1. BOJ places order for an ETF
- 2. ETF share is freshly created by an asset manager using a basket

Consequences

- Inflated equity prices
- ETFs can be held indefinitely on the bank's balance sheet
- BOJ's assets exceed GDP
- Picking winners and losers?

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