

Dynamic Asset Allocation:
a Portfolio Decomposition Formula
and Applications

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1 Introduction

► Dynamic consumption-portfolio choice:

- Merton (1971): optimal portfolio includes intertemporal hedging terms in addition to mean-variance component (diffusion)
- Breeden (1979): hedging performed by holding funds giving best protection agst fluctuations in state variable (diffusion)
- Ocone and Karatzas (1991): representation of hedging terms using Malliavin derivatives (Ito, complete markets)
 - Interest rate hedge
 - Market price of risk hedge
- Detemple, Garcia and Rindisbacher (DGR JF, 2003): practical implementation of model (diffusion, complete markets)
 - Based on Monte Carlo Simulation
 - Flexible method: arbitrary \neq assets and state variables, non-linear dynamics, arbitrary utility functions
 - Extends to incomplete/frictional markets (DR MF, 2005)

► **Contribution:**

- **New decomposition of optimal portfolio (hedging terms):**
 - Formula rests on change of numéraire: use pure discount bonds as units of account
 - Passage to a new probability measure: forward measure (Geman (1989) and Jamshidian (1989))
 - General context: Ito price processes, general utilities

- **New economic insights about structure of hedges:**

- Utility from terminal wealth: hedge

- fluctuations in instantaneous price of long term bond with maturity date matching investment horizon
- fluctuations in future bond return volatilities and future market prices of risk (forward density)
- first hedge has a static flavor (static hedge)

- Utility from terminal wealth and intermediate consumption

- static hedge is a coupon-paying bond, with variable coupon payments tailored to consumption needs

- Risk aversion properties:

- if risk aversion approaches one both hedges vanish: myopia
- if risk aversion becomes large mean-variance term and second hedge vanish: holds just long term bonds
- if risk aversion vanishes all terms are of first order in risk tolerance.

- Non-Markovian $N + 2$ fund separation theorem.

- **Technical contribution:**

- Exponential version of Clark-Hausmann-Ocone formula
- Identifies volatilities of exponential martingale in terms of Malliavin derivatives
- Malliavin derivatives of functional SDEs
- Explicit solution of a Backward Volterra Integral Equation (BVIE) involving Malliavin derivatives.

▶ Applications:

- Preferred habitat
- Extreme risk aversion behavior
- International asset allocation
- Preferences for I-bonds
- Integration of risk management and asset allocation

▶ Road map:

- Model with utility from terminal wealth
- The Ocone-Karatzas formula
- New representation
- Intermediate consumption
- Applications
- Conclusions

2 The Model

- ▶ Standard Continuous Time Model:
 - Complete markets and Ito price processes
 - Brownian motion W , d -dimensional
 - Flow of information $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(W_s : s \in [0, t])$
 - Finite time period $[0, T]$.
 - Possibly non-Markovian dynamics

► Assets: Price Evolution

- Risky assets (dividend-paying assets):

$$\frac{dS_t^i}{S_t^i} = (r_t - \delta_t^i) dt + \sigma_t^i (\theta_t dt + dW_t), \quad S_0^i \text{ given}$$

- * σ_t^i : volatility coefficients of return process ($1 \times d$ vector)
- * r_t : instantaneous rate of interest
- * δ_t^i : dividend yield
- * θ_t : market prices of risk associated with W ($d \times 1$ vector)
- * $(r, \delta, \sigma, \theta)$: progressively measurable processes; standard integrability conditions

- Riskless asset:

- * pays interest at rate r

► **Investment and Wealth:**

- **Portfolio policy π :** d -dimensional, progressively measurable; integrability conditions

→ amounts invested in assets: π

→ amount in money market: $X - \pi' \mathbf{1}$

- **Wealth process:**

$$dX_t = r_t X_t dt + \pi'_t \sigma_t (\theta_t dt + dW_t), \text{ subject to } X_0 = x.$$

- **Admissibility:** π is admissible ($\pi \in \mathcal{A}$) if and only if wealth is non-negative: $X \geq 0$.

► **Asset Allocation Problem:**

- **Investor maximizes expected utility of terminal wealth:**

$$\max_{\pi \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{E} [U(X_T)]$$

- **Utility function:** $U : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

→ Strictly increasing, strictly concave and differentiable

→ Inada conditions: $\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} U'(X) = 0$ and $\lim_{X \rightarrow 0} U'(X) = \infty$

- Includes **CRRA** $U(x) = \frac{1}{1-R} X^{1-R}$ where $R > 0$.

- **Property:**

→ Strictly decreasing marginal utility in $(0, \infty)$

→ Inverse marginal utility $I(y)$ exists and satisfies $U'(I(y)) = y$

→ Derivative: $I'(y) = 1/U''(I(y))$

3 The Optimal Portfolio

► Complete Markets:

- Market price of risk: $\theta_t = (\theta_{1t}, \dots, \theta_{dt})'$

- State price density:

$$\xi_v \equiv \exp \left(- \int_0^v (r_s + \frac{1}{2} \theta'_s \theta_s) ds - \int_0^v \theta'_s dW_s \right)$$

→ converts state-contingent payoffs into values at date 0

- Conditional state price density:

$$\xi_{t,v} \equiv \exp \left(- \int_t^v (r_s + \frac{1}{2} \theta'_s \theta_s) ds - \int_t^v \theta'_s dW_s \right) = \xi_v / \xi_t$$

- **Optimal Portfolio:** Ocone and Karatzas (1991), Detemple, Garcia and Rindisbacher (2003)

$$\pi_t^* = \pi_t^m + \pi_t^r + \pi_t^\theta$$

where

MV: $\pi_t^m = \mathbf{E}_t [\xi_{t,T} \Gamma_T^*] (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$

IRH: $\pi_t^r = - (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t \left[\xi_{t,T} (X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*) \int_t^T \mathcal{D}_t r_s ds \right]'$

MPRH: $\pi_t^\theta = - (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t \left[\xi_{t,T} (X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*) \int_t^T (dW_s + \theta_s ds)' \mathcal{D}_t \theta_s \right]'$

- Optimal terminal wealth $X_T^* = I(y^* \xi_T)$
- Constant y^* solves $x = E [\xi_T I(y^* \xi_T)]$ (static budget constraint)
- $\Gamma(X) \equiv -U'(X)/U''(X)$: measure of absolute risk tolerance
- $\Gamma_T^* \equiv \Gamma(X_T^*)$: risk tolerance evaluated at optimal terminal wealth
- \mathcal{D}_t is Malliavin derivative

► Structure of Hedges:

$$\text{IRH: } \pi_t^r = - (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t \left[\xi_{t,T} (X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*) \int_t^T \mathcal{D}_t r_s ds \right]'$$

- Driven by sensitivities of future IR and MPR to current innovations in W_t . Sensitivities measured by Malliavin derivatives $\mathcal{D}_t r_s$ and $\mathcal{D}_t \theta_s$
- Sensitivities are adjusted by factor $\xi_{t,T} (X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*)$: depends on preferences, terminal wealth and conditional state prices.
- Optimal terminal wealth: $I(y^* \xi_T)$
- Date t cost: $\xi_{t,T} I(y^* \xi_T) = \xi_{t,T} I(y^* \xi_t \xi_{t,T})$
- Sensitivity to change in conditional SPD $\xi_{t,T}$

$$\frac{\partial(\xi_{t,T} I(y^* \xi_t \xi_{t,T}))}{\partial \xi_{t,T}} = I(y^* \xi_t \xi_{t,T}) + y^* \xi_t \xi_{t,T} I'(y^* \xi_t \xi_{t,T}) = X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*$$

- Sensitivity of conditional SPD to fluctuations in IR and MPR

$$-\xi_{t,T} \int_t^T \mathcal{D}_t r_s ds \quad \text{and} \quad -\xi_{t,T} \int_t^T (dW_s + \theta_s ds)' \mathcal{D}_t \theta_s.$$

► Constant Relative Risk Aversion (CRRA)

$$\frac{\pi_t^m}{X_t^*} = \frac{1}{R} (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$$

$$\frac{\pi_t^r}{X_t^*} = -\rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t \left[\frac{\xi_T^\rho}{\mathbf{E}_t[\xi_T^\rho]} \int_t^T \mathcal{D}_t r_s ds \right]'$$

$$\frac{\pi_t^\theta}{X_t^*} = -\rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t \left[\frac{\xi_T^\rho}{\mathbf{E}_t[\xi_T^\rho]} \int_t^T (dW_s + \theta_s ds)' \mathcal{D}_t \theta_s \right]'$$

- $\rho = 1 - 1/R$
- $y^* = (\mathbf{E} [\xi_T^\rho] / x)^R$
- $X_t^* = \mathbf{E}_t [\xi_{t,T} (y^* \xi_T)^{-1/R}]$
- Hedging terms are weighted averages of the sensitivities of future interest rates and market prices of risk to the current Brownian innovations.

4 A New Decomposition of the Optimal Portfolio

4.1 Bond Pricing and Forward Measures

- ▶ Pure Discount Bond Price: $B_t^T = E_t [\xi_{t,T}]$
- ▶ Forward T -Measure: (Geman (1989) and Jamshidian (1989))

- Random variable:

$$Z_{t,T} \equiv \frac{\xi_{t,T}}{E_t[\xi_{t,T}]} = \frac{\xi_{t,T}}{B_t^T}$$

- Properties: $Z_{t,T} > 0$ and $E_t [Z_{t,T}] = 1$. Use $Z_{t,T}$ as density
- Probability measure: $dQ_t^T = Z_{t,T}dP$
→ Equivalent to P

► **Change of Numéraire:** unit of account is T -maturity bond

- Under Q_t^T price $V(t)$ of a contingent claim with payoff Y_T is

$$V(t) = E_t[\xi_{t,T} Y_T] = E_t[\xi_{t,T}] E_t\left[\frac{\xi_{t,T}}{E_t[\xi_{t,T}]} Y_T\right] = B_t^T E_t^T[Y_T]$$

- $E_t^T[\cdot] \equiv E_t[Z_{t,T} \cdot]$ is expectation under Q_t^T
- **Martingale property:** $V(t) / B_t^T = E_t^T[Y_T] = E_t[Z_{t,T} Y_T]$.
- Density $Z_{t,T}$ is **stochastic discount factor:** converts future payoffs into current values measured in bond unit of account.

- **Characterization (Theorem 2):** The forward T -density is given by

$$Z_{t,T} \equiv \exp \left(\int_t^T \sigma^Z (s, T)' dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T \sigma^Z (s, T)' \sigma^Z (s, T) ds \right)$$

- **volatility at $s \in [t, T]$:** $\sigma^Z (s, T) \equiv \sigma^B (s, T) - \theta_s$
 - **bond return volatility:** $\sigma^B (s, T)' \equiv \mathcal{D}_s \log B_s^T$
- **Contribution(s):**
- Identify **volatility of forward measure**
 - Application of **Exponential Clark-Haussmann-Ocone formula**
 - **Market price of risk in the numéraire**

4.2 Portfolio allocation and long term bonds

► An Alternative Portfolio Decomposition Formula:

$$\pi_t^* = \pi_t^m + \pi_t^b + \pi_t^z$$

- Mean variance demand:

$$\pi_t^m = E_t^T [\Gamma_T^*] B_t^T (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$$

- Hedge motivated by fluctuations in price of pure discount bond with matching maturity

$$\pi_t^b = (\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma^B(t, T) E_t^T [X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*] B_t^T$$

- Hedge motivated by fluctuations in density of forward T -measure

$$\pi_t^z = (\sigma_t')^{-1} E_t^T [(X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*) \mathcal{D}_t \log(Z_{t,T})]' B_t^T.$$

► **Essence of Formula:** change of numéraire

- **SPD representation:** $\xi_{t,T} = B_t^T Z_{t,T}$
- **Optimal terminal wealth:** $X_T^* = I(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T})$
- **Cost of optimal terminal wealth:** $B_t^T Z_{t,T} I(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T})$
- **Hedging portfolio:** $\mathcal{D}_t(B_t^T Z_{t,T} I(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T}))$
- **Chain rule of Malliavin calculus:**

$$\rightarrow (Z_{t,T} I(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T}) + B_t^T Z_{t,T} I'(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T}) y^* \xi_t Z_{t,T}) \mathcal{D}_t B_t^T$$

$$\rightarrow (B_t^T I(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T}) + B_t^T Z_{t,T} I'(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T}) y^* \xi_t B_t^T) \mathcal{D}_t Z_{t,T}$$

$$\rightarrow B_t^T Z_{t,T} I'(y^* \xi_t B_t^T Z_{t,T}) B_t^T Z_{t,T} \mathcal{D}_t (y^* \xi_t)$$

► Long Term Bond Hedge:

- Immunizes against instantaneous fluctuations in return of long term bond with matching maturity date
- Corresponds to portfolio that maximizes the correlation with long term bond return
- This portfolio is a synthetic asset or maturity matching bond itself, if exists

► Forward Density Hedge:

- Immunizes against fluctuations in forward density $Z_{t,T}$ (instantaneous and delayed)
- Source of fluctuations are bond return volatilities and MPRs:
$$\sigma^Z(s, T) \equiv \sigma^B(s, T) - \theta_s$$
- $$\mathcal{D}_t \sigma^Z(s, T) = \mathcal{D}_t \sigma^B(s, T) - \mathcal{D}_t \theta_s.$$

► **Remarks:**

- Generality of decomposition is remarkable:
 - Interest rate's response to Brownian innovations has disappeared
 - Replaced by bond volatilities and MPRs
 - Surprising because infinite dim. Ito processes:
 - Model for prices is not diffusion
 - Current bond prices are not sufficient statistics for IR evolution
- Formula in spirit of immunization strategies sometimes advocated by practitioners
 - First term is static hedge: hedge against current fluctuations in LT bond price
 - To first approximation optimal portfolio has mean-variance term + static hedge
 - Additional hedge fine tunes allocation: captures fluctuations in future quantities
 - Static hedge is preference independent

► Signing the Static Hedge:

- Bond prices negatively related to IR
- IR innovation negatively related to equity innovation
- In one factor (BMP) model $\sigma^B > 0$: boost demand for stocks

4.3 Constant Relative Risk Aversion

► Hedging Terms are:

$$\frac{\pi_t^b}{X_t^*} = \rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma^B (t, T) B_t^T$$

$$\frac{\pi_t^z}{X_t^*} = \rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} E_t^T \left[\frac{Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}}{E_t^T [Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}]} \mathcal{D}_t \log (Z_{t,T}) \right]' B_t^T$$

► Highlights **knife-edge property of log utility** (Breedon (1979))

- Logarithmic investor displays myopia (hedging demands vanish)
- More (less) risk averse investors will hold (short) portfolio synthesizing long term bond
- More (less) risk averse investors will hold (short) portfolio that hedges forward density
 - portfolio is individual-specific: depends on risk aversion of utility function

- **Literature:** special cases of this result analyzed by
- Bajeux-Besnainou, Jordan and Portait (2001): Vasicek short rate and constant market prices of risk. Forward density hedge vanishes
 - Lioui and Poncet (2001) and Lioui (2005):
 - Diffusion models with power utility.
 - Lioui and Poncet (2001): last hedging component in terms of unknown volatility function (PDE).
 - Lioui (2005): affine model with mean-reverting IR and MPR processes. Forward density hedge is proportional to vector of volatilities of MPR with proportionality factor linear in MPRs.

► **Illustration:** optimal stock-bond mix for CRRA investor

- Model:

- T -maturity bond is traded

- Two assets: Stock and investment horizon matching bond

$$\sigma_t = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1t}^{stock} & \sigma_{2t}^{stock} \\ \sigma_{1t}^B & \sigma_{2t}^B \end{bmatrix}$$

- Optimal portfolio weight: static hedging component

$$\frac{\pi_t^b}{X_t^*} = \rho(\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma_t^B = \rho \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- If $\pi_t^z \approx 0$ **hedging** is very simple:

- no hedging component for stocks

- hedging component does not depend on investment horizon

- hedging portfolio only depends on relative risk aversion coefficient

- no need to estimate: if risk aversion is $R = 4$, then static hedging component for bonds is **0.75**.

► Illustration: Asset Allocation Puzzle

- Asset Allocation Puzzle (see Canner, Mankiw and Weil (1997)): investment advisors typically recommend an increase in the bonds-to-equities ratio for more conservative investors while mean-variance portfolio theory predicts that a constant ratio is optimal.

- Bonds-to-equities ratio in Gaussian terms structure models:

$$e(t, T) = \sigma_t^S \frac{\theta_{2t} + \sigma_{2t}^B (Q(t, T) - 1)}{\sigma_{2t}^B \theta_{1t} - \sigma_{1t}^B \theta_{2t}}$$

$$Q(t, T) \equiv E_t^T [X_T^*] / E_t^T [\Gamma_T^*]$$

- For HARA utility $u(x) = (x - A)^{1-R} / 1 - R$,

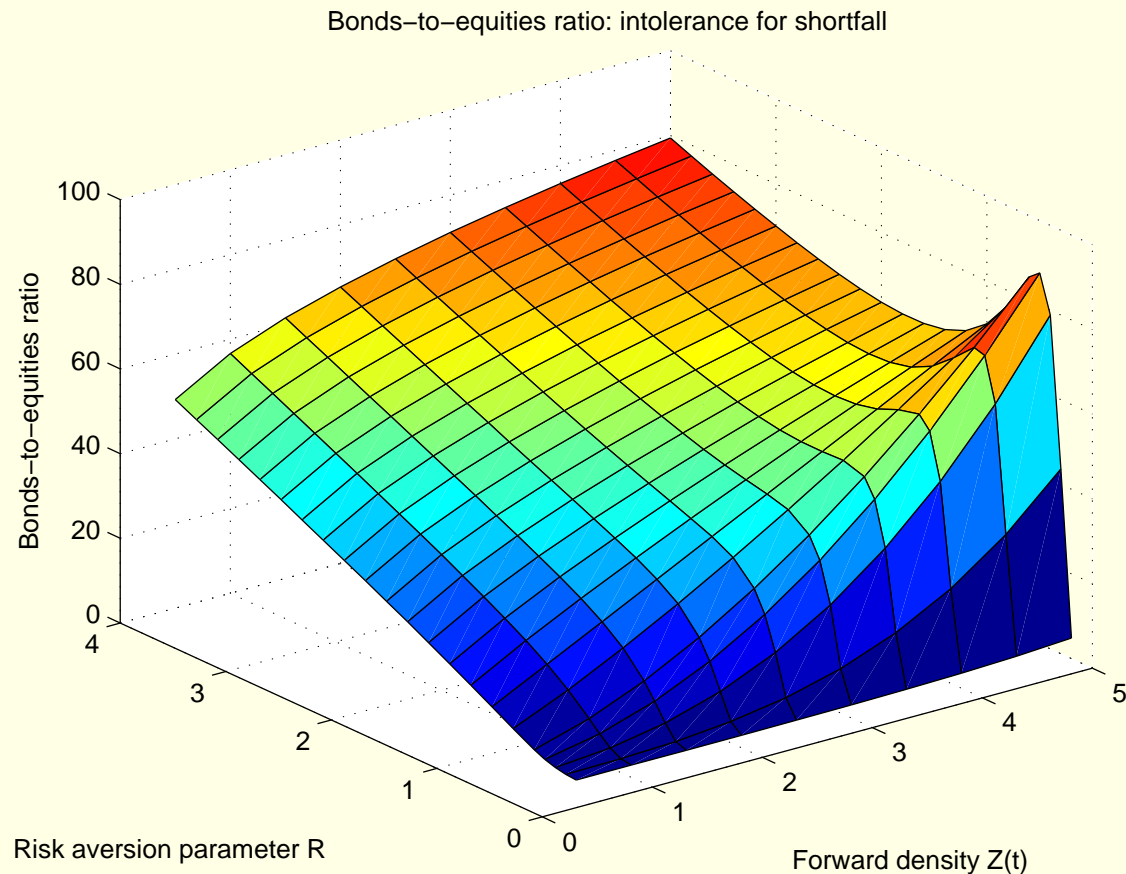
$$* \quad Q(t, T; R) \equiv R \left(1 + \left(\frac{B_0^T h(0, t; R)}{x/A - B_0^T} \right) \left(\frac{B_0^T / B_0^t}{B_t^T Z_t} \right)^{-1/R} \right) = R \left(1 + \frac{A B_t^T}{X_t^* - A B_t^T} (B_0^T / B_0^t)^\rho \right)$$

* with

$$\cdot \quad h(0, t; R) \equiv \exp \left((\rho/R) \int_0^t \left(\frac{1}{2} \|\theta_s + \sigma^B(s, T)\|^2 - \|\sigma^B(s, T)\|^2 \right) ds \right).$$

- Bonds-to-equities ratio risk tolerance, at a given time t , if and only if $Q(t, T)$ is a monotone function of risk tolerance.

- In the presence of wealth effect the bonds-to-equities ratio is not necessarily monotone in risk aversion



- Vasicek interest rate model: $r_0 = \bar{r} = 0.06$, $\kappa_r = 0.05$, $\sigma_{r1} = -0.02$, $\sigma_{r2} = -0.015$ and market prices of risk are constants $\theta_s = 0.3$ and $\theta_b = 0.15$. The interest rate at $t = 5$ is $r_t = 0.02$. Other parameter values are $A = 200,000$, $x = 100,000$ and $T = 10$.

5 Intermediate Consumption

5.1 The Investor's Preferences

► Consumption-portfolio Problem:

$$\max_{\pi, c \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{E} \left[\int_0^T u(c_t, t) dt + U(X_T) \right]$$

- **Utility function:** $u(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and **bequest function:** $U : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy standard assumptions
- Maximization over set of admissible portfolio policies $\pi, c \in \mathcal{A}$
- Inverse marginal utility function $J(y, t)$ exists: $u'(J(y, t), t) = y$ for all $t \in [0, T]$
- Inverse marginal bequest function $I(y)$ exists: $U'(I(y)) = y$

5.2 Portfolio Representation and Coupon-paying Bonds

► **Decomposition:**

$$\pi_t^* = \pi_t^m + \pi_t^b + \pi_t^z$$

- **Mean variance demand:**

$$\pi_t^m = \left(\int_t^T E_t^v [\Gamma_v^*] B_t^v dv + E_t^T [\Gamma_T^*] B_t^T \right) (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$$

- **Hedge motivated by fluctuations in price of coupon-paying bond with matching maturity:**

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_t^b = & (\sigma_t')^{-1} \int_t^T \sigma^B(t, v) B_t^v E_t^v [c_v^* - \Gamma_v^*] dv \\ & + (\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma^B(t, T) B_t^T E_t^T [X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*] \end{aligned}$$

- **Hedge motivated by fluctuations in density of forward T -measure:**

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_t^z = & (\sigma_t')^{-1} \left(\int_t^T E_t^v [(c_v^* - \Gamma_v^*) \mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,v}] B_t^v dv \right)' \\ & + (\sigma_t')^{-1} \left(E_t^T [(X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*) \mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,T}] B_t^T \right)' \end{aligned}$$

► **Static Hedge** π_t^b : hedge against fluctuations in value of coupon-paying bond

- **Coupon payments** $C(v) \equiv E_t^v [c_v^* - \Gamma_v^*]$ at intermediate dates $v \in [0, T)$

- **Bullet payment** $F \equiv E_t^T [X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*]$ at terminal date T

- Coupon payments and face value are

→ time-varying

→ tailored to individual's consumption profile and risk tolerance

- **Bond value**

$$B(t, T; C, F) \equiv \int_t^T B_t^v C(v) dv + B_t^T F.$$

- **Instantaneous volatility**

$$\sigma(B(t, T; C, F)) B(t, T; C, F) = \int_t^T \sigma^B(t, v) B_t^v C(v) dv + \sigma^B(t, T) B_t^T F$$

- **Hedge:** $(\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma(B(t, T; C, F)) B(t, T; C, F)$

► **Forward Density Hedge π_t^z :**

- Motivation: desire to hedge **fluctuations in forward densities** $Z_{t,v}$
- Static hedge already neutralizes impact of term structure fluctuations on PV of future consumption
- Given $\xi_{t,v} = B_t^v Z_{t,v}$ it remains to hedge **fluctuations in risk-adjusted discount factors** $Z_{t,v}, v \in [t, T]$.

► **Optimal Portfolio Composition:**

- To first approximation optimal portfolio has mean-variance term + long term coupon bond hedge
- Under what conditions is this approximation exact (i.e. last term vanishes)?
- If last term does not vanish what is its size?

5.3 Constant Relative Risk Aversion

► Relative risk aversion parameters R_u, R_U for utility and bequest functions. Portfolio:

- Mean-variance term

$$\pi_t^m = (\sigma'_t)^{-1} \left(\int_t^T \frac{1}{R_u} E_t^v [c_v^*] B_t^v dv + \frac{1}{R_U} E_t^T [X_T^*] B_t^T \right) \theta_t$$

- Hedge motivated by fluctuations in price of coupon-paying bond with matching maturity

$$\pi_t^b = (\sigma'_t)^{-1} \left(\rho_u \int_t^T \sigma^B(t, v) B_t^v E_t^v [c_v^*] dv + \rho_U \sigma^B(t, T) B_t^T E_t^T [X_T^*] \right)$$

- Hedge motivated by fluctuations in densities of forward measures

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_t^z &= \rho_u (\sigma'_t)^{-1} \int_t^T E_t^v [c_v^* \mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,v}]' B_t^v dv \\ &\quad + \rho_U (\sigma'_t)^{-1} E_t^T [X_T^* \mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,T}]' B_t^T \end{aligned}$$

► **Static Hedge** has two parts:

- Pure coupon bond (annuity) with coupon given by optimal consumption
- Bullet payment given by optimal terminal wealth
- Two parts are weighted by risk aversion factors ρ_u and ρ_U
- Knife edge property traditionally associated with power utility function
- Possibility of positive annuity hedge ($R_u > 1$) combined with negative bequest hedge ($R_U < 1$).

6 Applications

6.1 Preferred Habitats and Portfolio Choice

► Preferred Habitat Theory Modigliani and Sutch (1966):

- Individuals exhibit preference for securities with maturities matching their investment horizon
- Investor who cares about terminal wealth should invest in bonds with matching maturity
- Existence of group of investors with common investment horizon might lead to increase in demand for bonds in this maturity range
- Implies increase in bond prices and decrease in yields. Explains hump-shaped yield curves with decreasing profile at long maturities.

- **Formula** shows that optimal behavior naturally induces a demand for certain types of bonds in specific maturity ranges

$$\pi_t^* = w_t^m (X_t^* - B(t, T; C, F)) + w_t^b B(t, T; C, F) + \pi_t^z$$

$$w_t^m = \arg \max_w \{w' \sigma_t \theta_t : w' \sigma_t \sigma_t' w = k\}.$$

$$w_t^b = \arg \max_w \{w' \sigma_t \sigma (B(t, T; C)) : w' \sigma_t \sigma_t' w = k\}$$

$$\pi_t^z = \arg \max_\pi \{\pi' \sigma_t \hat{\sigma}(t, T) : \pi' \sigma_t \sigma_t' \pi = k\}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}'_{t,T} &\equiv \int_t^T E_t^v [(c_v^* - \Gamma_v^*) \mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,v}] B_t^v dv \\ &\quad + E_t^T [(X_T^* - \Gamma_T^*) \mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,T}] B_t^T \end{aligned}$$

- **Any individual has preferred bond habitat:**
 - Optimal portfolio includes long term bond with maturity date matching the investor's horizon
 - Preferred instrument is coupon-paying bond with payments tailored to consumption profile of investor
- **Complemented by mean-variance efficient portfolio to constitute the static component of allocation**
- Under general market conditions the static policy is fine-tuned by dynamic hedge
 - When bond return volatilities and market prices of risk are deterministic, dynamic hedge vanishes

► Equilibrium Implications

- Existence of natural preferred habitats in certain segments of fixed income market
- Existence of equilibrium effects on prices and premia in these habitats depends on characteristics of investors' population
- With sufficient homogeneity
 - Strong demand for structured fixed income products might emerge
 - Prompt financial institutions to offer tailored products appealing to those segments
 - Yields to maturity would then naturally reflect this habitat-motivated demand

- ▶ **Motivation for preferred habitat** here is different from Riedel (2001)
 - In his model habitat preferences are driven by structure of subjective discount rates placing emphasis on specific future dates
 - In our setting preference for long term bonds emerges from the structure of the hedging terms
 - Optimal hedging combines static hedge (long term bond) with dynamic hedge motivated by fluctuations in forward measure volatilities

6.2 Universal Fund Separation

- Y : vector of $N < d$ state variables with evolution described by the functional stochastic differential equation

$$dY_t = \mu(Y_{(\cdot)})_t dt + \sigma(Y_{(\cdot)})_t dW_t$$

- Suppose that

- $B_t^v = B(t, v, Y_{(\cdot)})$

- $\sigma^Z(t, v) = \sigma^Z(t, v, Y_{(\cdot)})$

are Fréchet differentiable functionals of $Y_{(\cdot)}$.

- Universal $N + 1$ -fund separation holds: portfolio demands can be synthesized by investing in $N + 2$ (*preference free*) mutual funds:
 1. riskless asset
 2. the mean-variance efficient portfolio
 3. N portfolios $(\sigma'_t)^{-1} \sigma_t^Y (Y_{(\cdot)})'$ to synthesize the static bond hedge and the forward density hedge.

6.3 Extreme Behavior

► Assume risk tolerances go to zero:

- Intermediate utility and bequest functions:

$$(\Gamma_u(z, v), \Gamma_U(z)) \rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ for all } z \in [0, +\infty) \text{ and all } v \in [0, T]$$

- Relative behaviors: for some constant $k \in [0, +\infty)$:

$$\frac{\Gamma_u(z_1, v)}{\Gamma_U(z_2)} \rightarrow k \text{ for all } z_1, z_2 \in [0, \infty) \text{ and all } v \in [0, T]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_u(z_1, v_1)}{\Gamma_u(z_2, v_2)} \rightarrow 1 \text{ for all } z_1, z_2 \in [0, \infty) \text{ and all } v_1, v_2 \in [0, T]$$

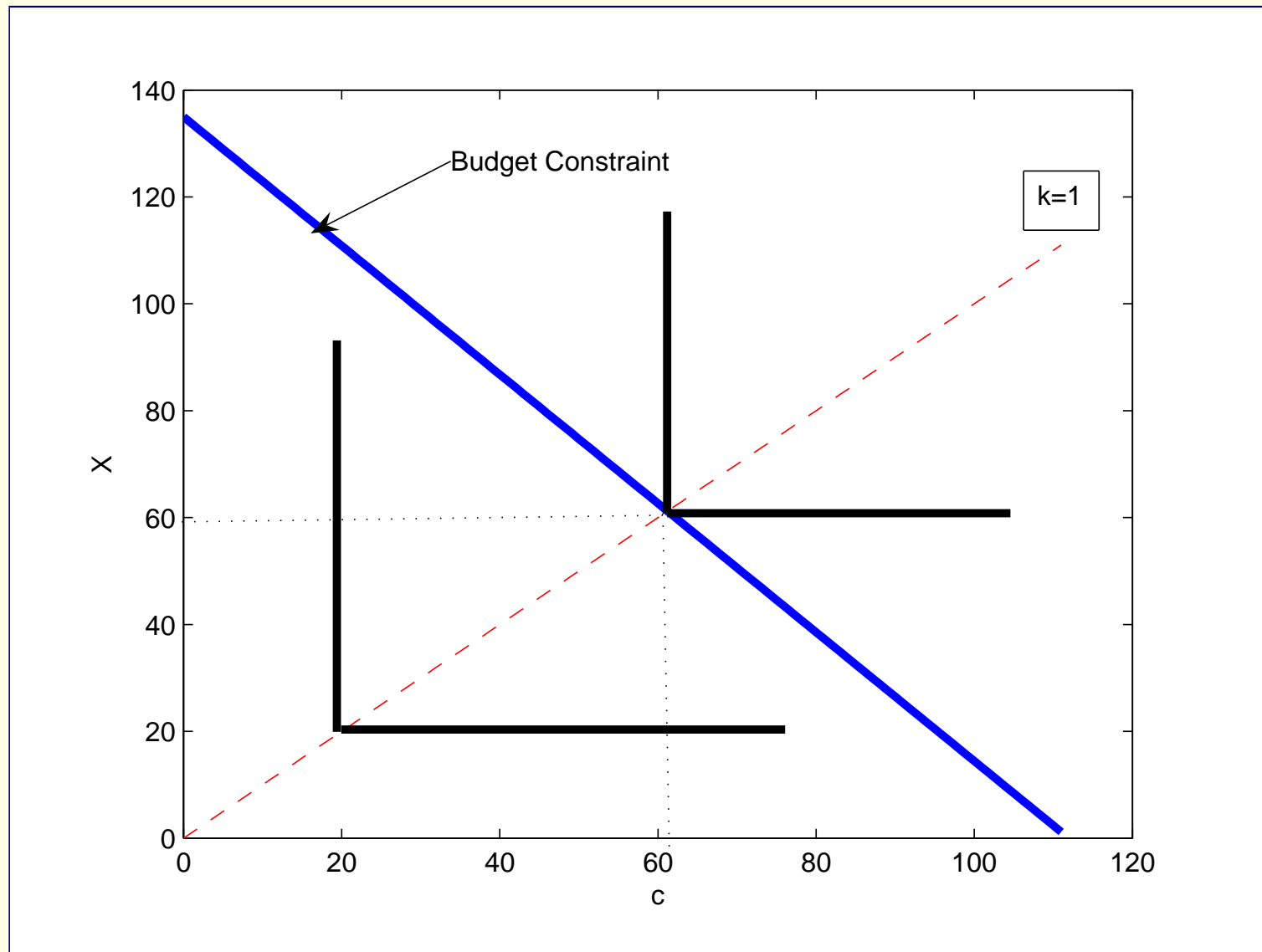
- ▶ **Limit Allocations:** coupon-paying bond with constant coupon C and face value F given by

$$C = \frac{x}{\int_0^T B_0^v dv + B_0^T/k} \quad \text{and} \quad F = \frac{x}{\int_0^T B_0^v dv k + B_0^T}.$$

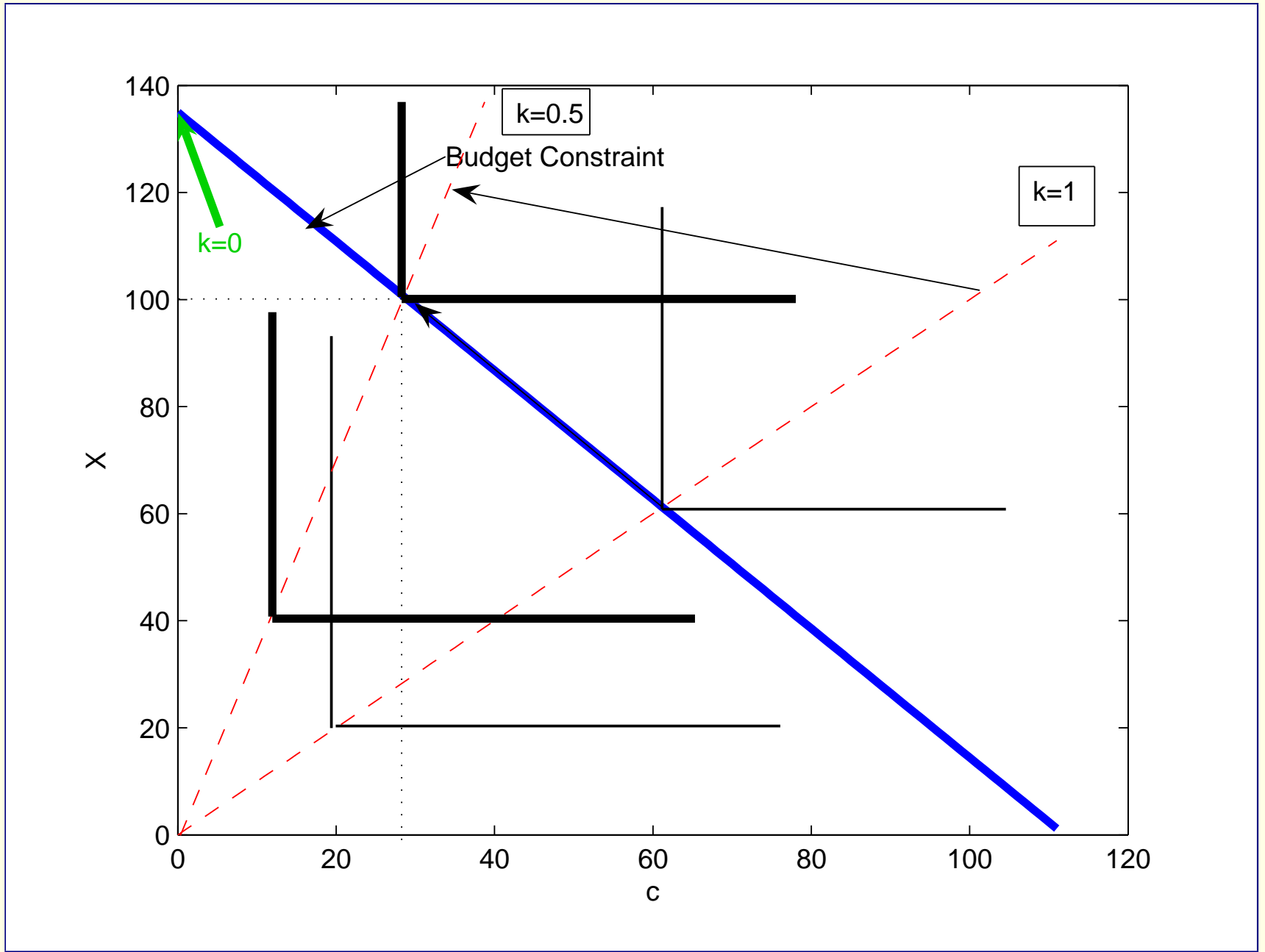
- If $k = 0$ exclusive preference for pure discount bond, $(C, F) = (0, x/B_0^T)$
 - If $k \rightarrow \infty$ preference is for a pure coupon bond, $(C, F) = (x/\int_0^T B_0^v dv, 0)$
- ▶ **Limit Behavior:**
- Governed by relation between utility functions at different dates
 - As risk tolerances vanish, preference for certainty: coupon-paying bond with bullet payment
 - Least extreme of the extreme behaviors drives the habitat:
 - Given a preference for riskless instruments: individuals puts more weight on maturities where risk tolerance is greater
 - Exhibits a time preference in the limit.

► **Illustration:** CARA preferences Γ_u and Γ_U constant, $k \equiv \Gamma_u/\Gamma_U$.

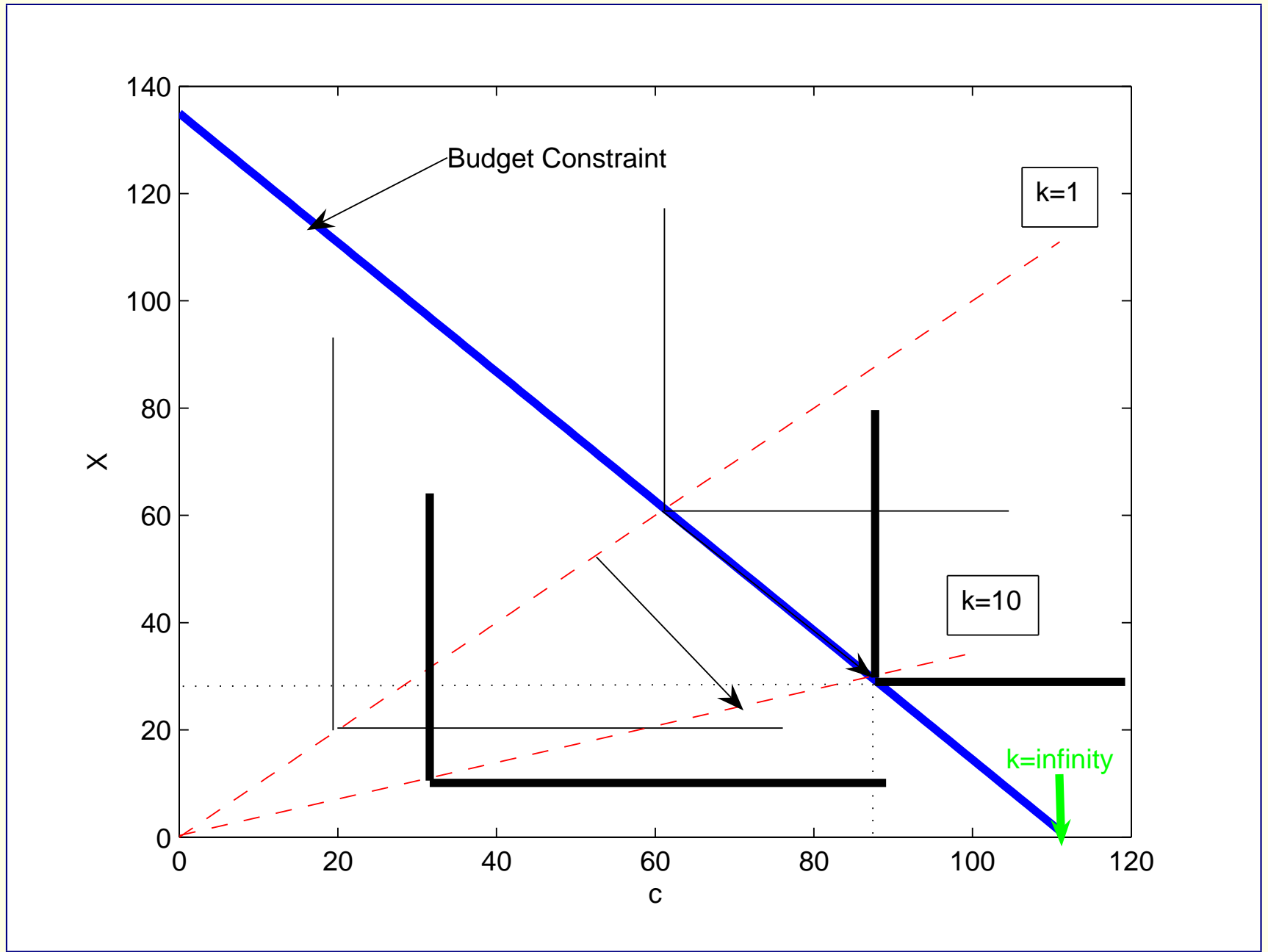
- Slope of indifference curves:
$$-\frac{dX}{dc} = \frac{1}{k} \left(e^{X-c/k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\Gamma_U}}$$



- $k \rightarrow 0$



- $k \rightarrow \infty$



- ▶ **Special case** examined by Wachter (2002)
 - Arbitrary utility functions over terminal wealth and markets with general coefficients
 - Documents emergence of preferred habitat when relative risk aversion goes to infinity
 - Pure discount bond with unit face value and matching maturity
 - Our analysis shows that preferred habitat for an extreme consumer may take different forms depending on nature of behavior
 - Pure discount bonds, pure annuities or coupon-paying bonds with bullet payments at maturity can emerge in limit.

► Order of Convergence

– As $(\Gamma_u(z, v), \Gamma_U(z)) \rightarrow (0, 0)$, the limit portfolios

$$* \bar{\pi}_t^m = \bar{\pi}_t^z = 0$$

$$* \bar{\pi}_t^b = (\sigma'_t) \int_0^T \sigma^B(t, v) B_t^v dv C + \sigma^B(t, T) B_t^T F$$

– have scaled asymptotic errors:

$$* \epsilon_t^\alpha(\nu) = (\Gamma_\nu(\cdot))^{-1} (\pi_t^\alpha - \bar{\pi}_t^\alpha) \text{ with } \alpha \in \{m, b, z\} \text{ and } \nu \in \{u, U\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\epsilon_t^m(U), \epsilon_t^m(u)] &\rightarrow (\sigma'_t)^{-1} \theta_t \left[\int_t^T B_t^v dv B_t^T \right] \mathcal{K} \\ [\epsilon_t^b(U), \epsilon_t^b(u)] &\rightarrow -(\sigma'_t)^{-1} \left[\int_t^T \sigma^B(t, v) B_t^v dv \sigma^B(t, T) B_t^T \right] \mathcal{K} \\ [\epsilon_t^z(U), \epsilon_t^z(u)] &\rightarrow -(\sigma'_t)^{-1} \left[\int_t^T N_{t,v} B_t^v dv N_{t,T} B_t^T \right] \mathcal{K} \end{aligned}$$

– where

* $N_{t,\tau}$ is given by

$$N_{t,\tau} \equiv E_t^\tau \left[\left(\int_t^\tau \sigma^Z(r, \tau)' dW_r - \frac{1}{2} \int_t^\tau \|\sigma^Z(r, \tau)\|^2 dr \right) (\mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,\tau})' \right]$$

* \mathcal{K} is given by

$$\mathcal{K} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} k & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{k} \end{bmatrix}$$

6.4 Term structure models and asset allocation

► Integration of term structure models and asset allocation models:

- Forward rate representation of bonds

$$B_t^v = \exp\left(-\int_t^v f_t^s ds\right)$$

→ Continuously compounded forward rate: $f_t^s \equiv -\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \log(B_t^v)$

→ Bond price volatility:

$$\sigma^B(t, v)' = \mathcal{D}_t \log B_t^v = -\int_t^v \mathcal{D}_t f_t^s ds = -\int_t^v \sigma^f(t, s) ds$$

→ Volatility of forward rate: $\sigma^f(t, s)$

- Forward rate dynamics:

→ No arbitrage condition (HJM (1992)):

$$df_t^v = \sigma^f(t, v) (dW_t + (\theta_t - \sigma^B(t, v)) dt), \quad f_0^v \text{ given}$$

→ Dynamics completely determined by forward rate volatility function and initial forward rate curve

► **Optimal Portfolio:** previous formula with

$$\mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,v} = \int_t^v \left(dW_s + \left(\theta_s + \int_s^v \sigma^f(s, u) du \right) ds \right)' \left(\mathcal{D}_t \theta_s + \int_s^v \mathcal{D}_t \sigma^f(s, u) du \right)$$

- Forward density hedge in terms of forward rate volatilities
- Useful for financial institution using a specific HJM model to price/hedge fixed income instruments and their derivatives
- Implied forward rates inferred from term structure model and observed prices
 - estimate volatility function $\sigma^f(s, u)$
 - feed into asset allocation formula
- Simple integration of fixed income management and asset allocation.

► Forward Density Hedge:

- Immunization demand due to fluctuations in future market prices of risk and forward rate volatilities
- Vanishes if deterministic forward rate volatilities $\sigma^f(s, u)$ and market prices of risk θ_s
- Pure expectation hypothesis holds under forward measure:

$$f(t, v) = E_t^v[r_v]$$

- Standard version of PEH ($f(t, v) = E_t[r_v]$) fails when $Z_{t,v} \neq 1$
- Density process $Z_{t,v}$ measures deviation from PEH
- Malliavin derivative $\mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,v}$ captures sensitivity of deviation with respect to shocks
- Dynamic hedge = hedge against deviations from PEH
- If $Z_{t,v} = 1$ PEH holds under the original beliefs and hedging becomes irrelevant
- If σ^Z deterministic, deviations from PEH are non-predictable and do not need to be hedged

► Literature:

- Gaussian models: Merton (1974), Vasicek (1977), Hull and White (1990), Brace, Gatarek and Musiela (1997)
- Extensively employed in practice
- Forward rate volatilities σ^f are insensitive to shocks. If MPR also deterministic no need to hedge
- Bajeux-Besnainou, Jordan and Portait (2001) also falls in this category (one factor Vasicek)

- **Numerical Results:** Forward measure hedges in one factor CIR model
- CIR interest rates:

$$dr_t = \kappa_r(\bar{r} - r_t)dt + \sigma_r\sqrt{r}dW_t; \quad r_0 = r$$

→ Parameter values (Durham (JFE, 2003)):

 - $\kappa_r = 0.002$
 - $\bar{r} = 0.0497$
 - $\sigma_r = -0.0062$
 - $r = 0.06$
 - Market price of risk:

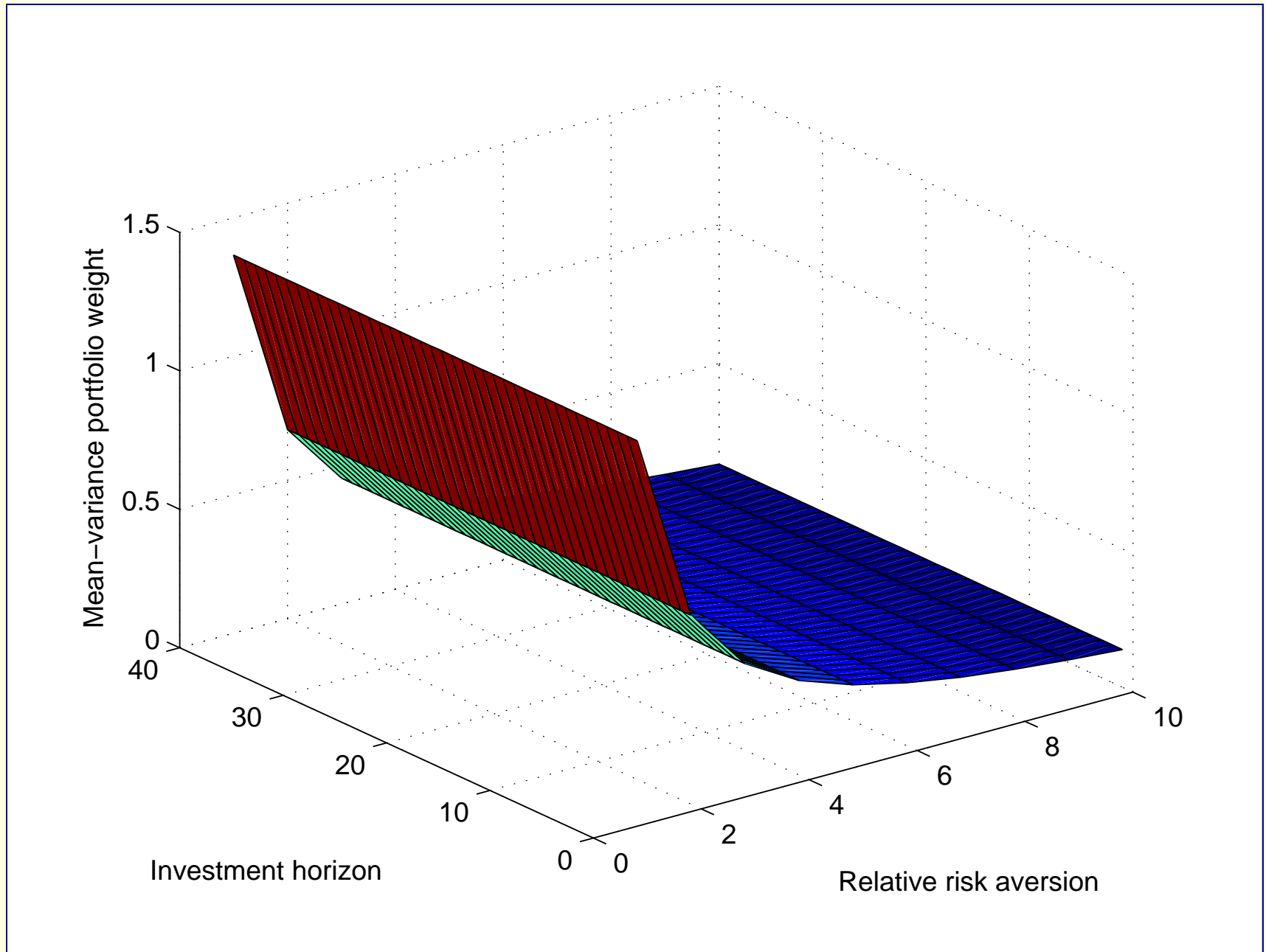
$$\theta_t = \gamma_r\sqrt{r_t}$$

→ Parameter values:

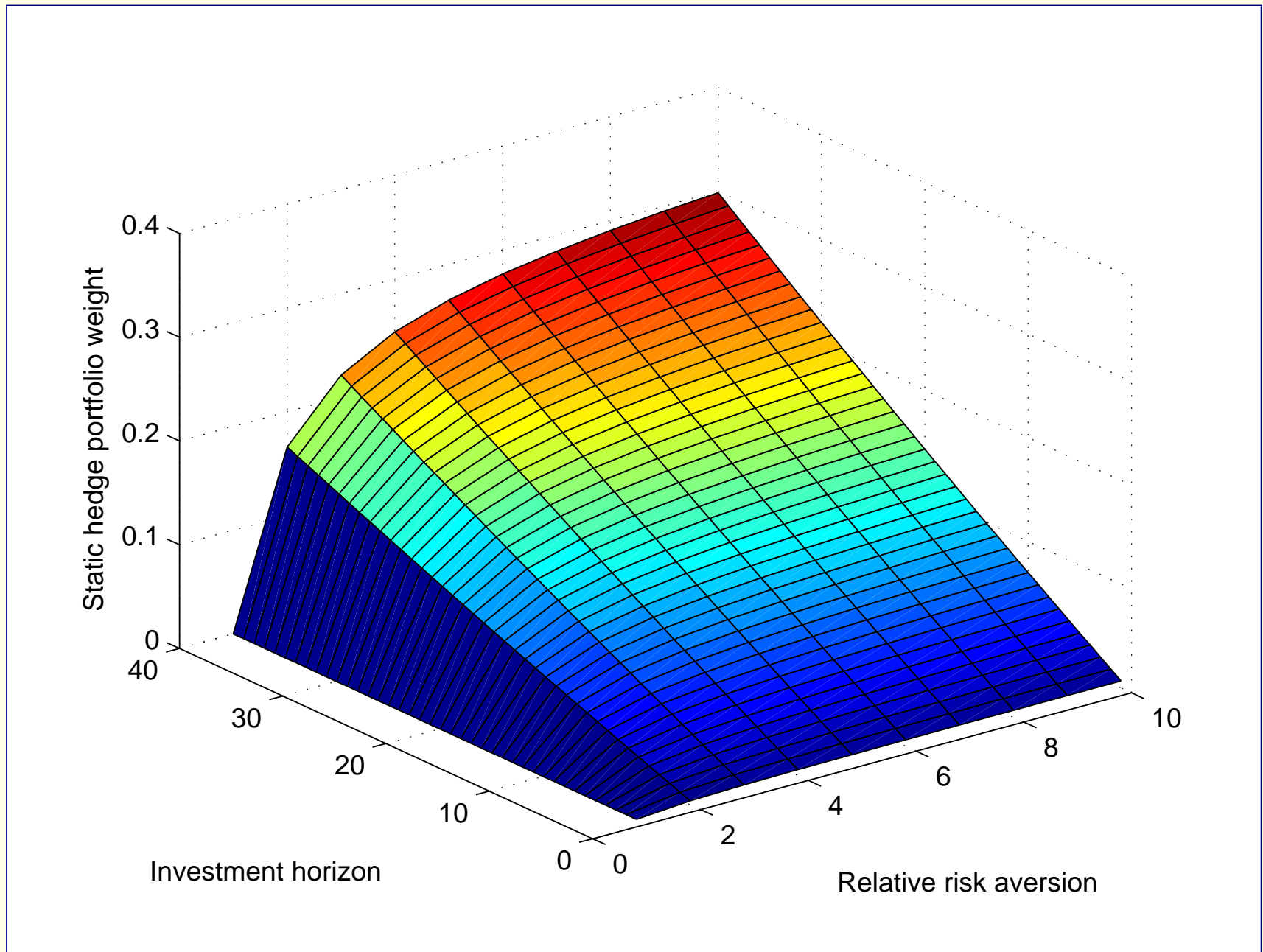
 - $\gamma_r = 0.3/\sqrt{\bar{r}}$ such that $\bar{\theta} = \gamma_r\sqrt{\bar{r}} = 0.3$
 - CRRA preferences for terminal wealth

- Mean-variance demand:

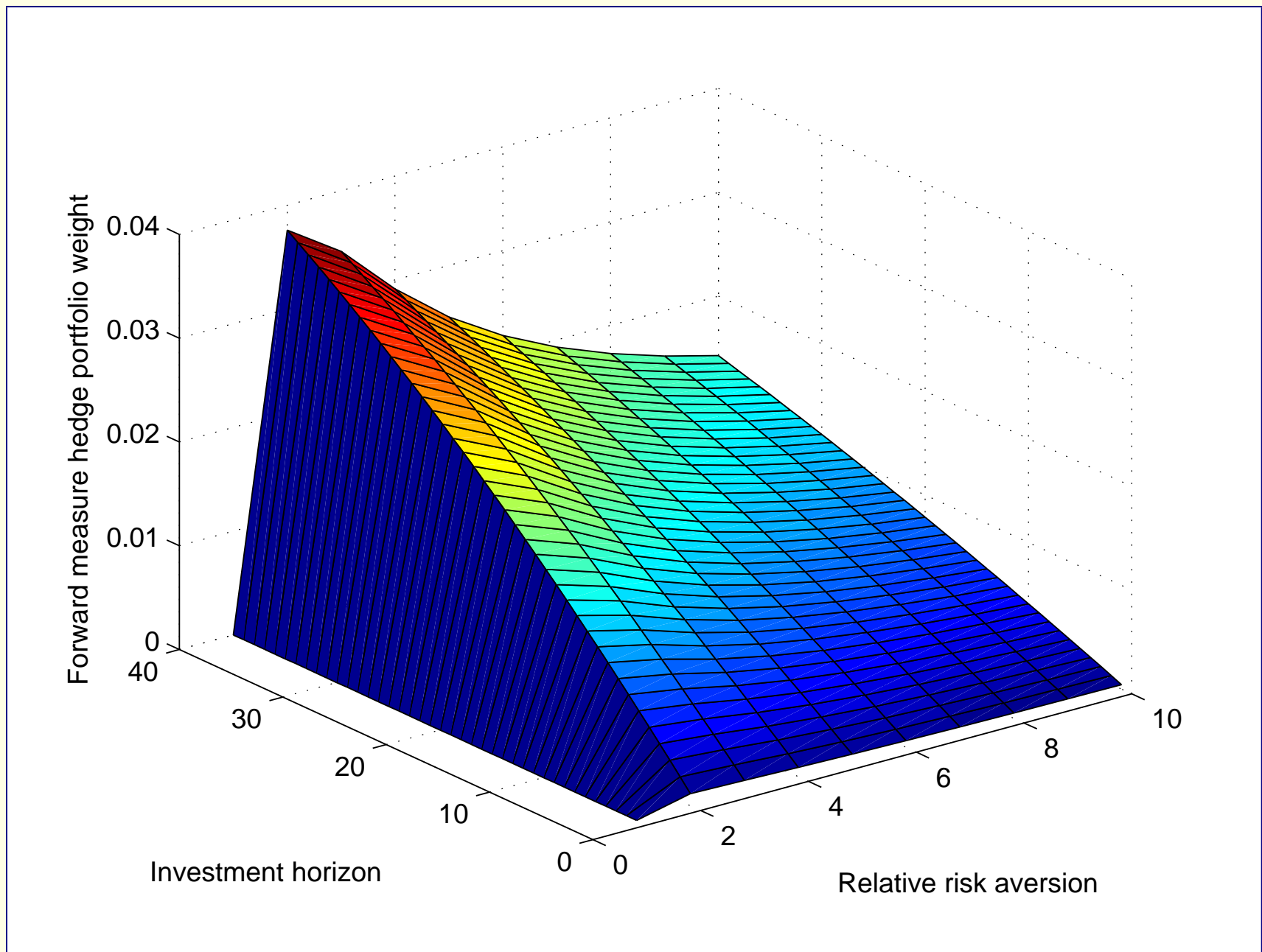
$$\pi_t^{mv} / X_t^* = \frac{1}{R} (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$$



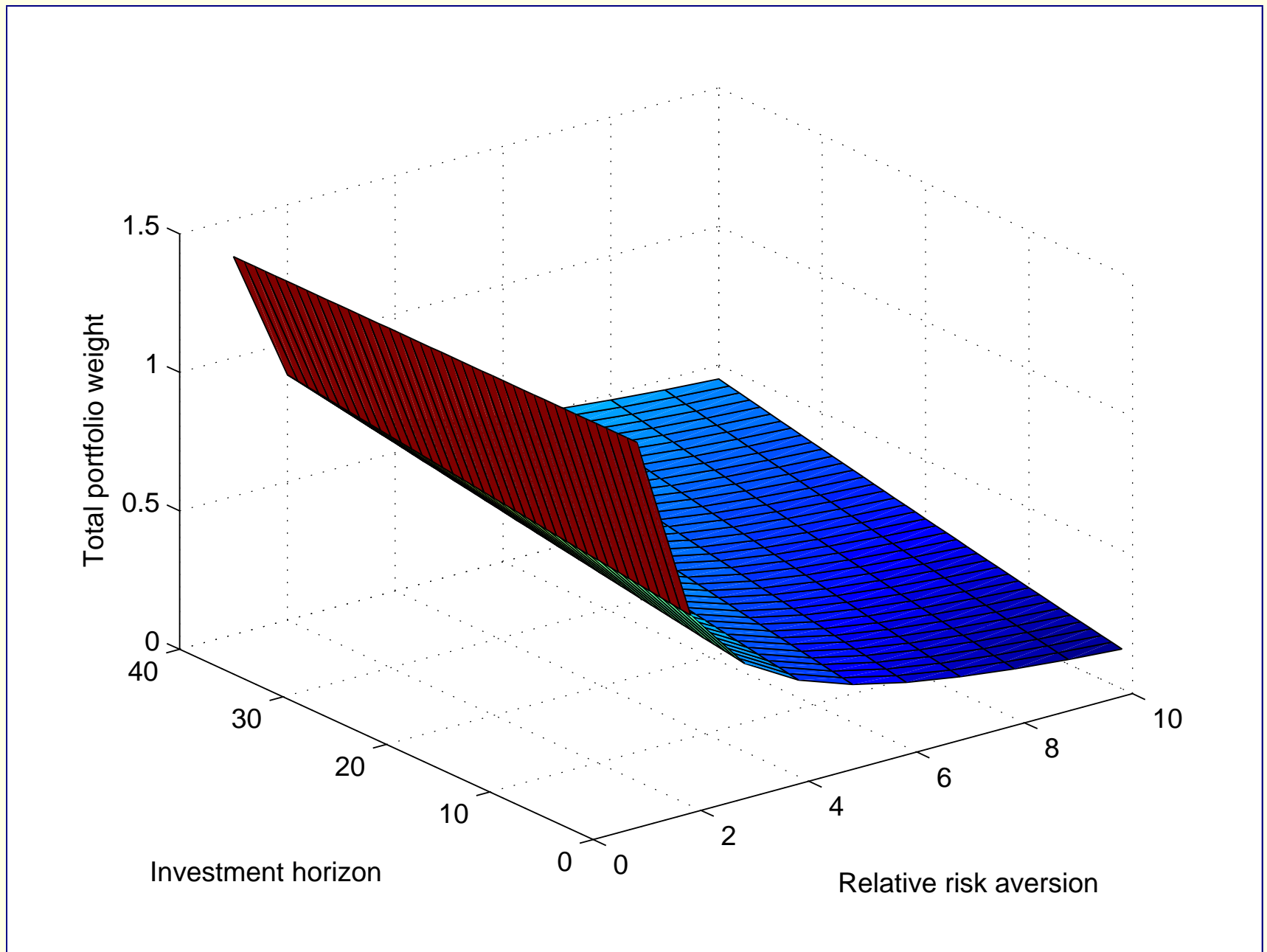
- Static term structure hedge: $\pi_t^b / X_t^* = \rho(\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma^B(t, T)$



- Dynamic forward measure hedge:
$$\pi_t^z / X_t^* = \rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t^T \left[\frac{Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}}{\mathbf{E}_t^T [Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}]} (\mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,T})' \right]$$

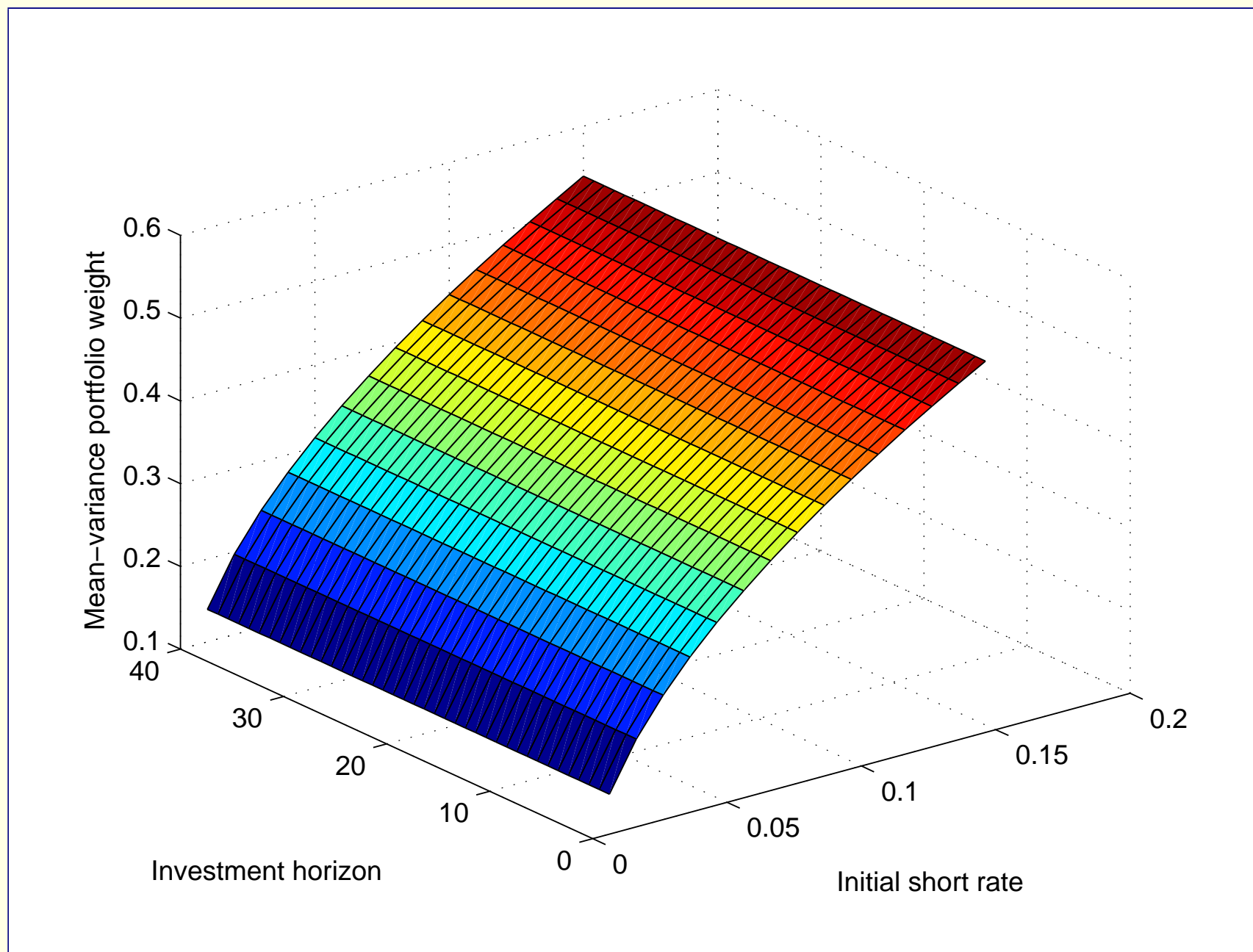


- Total portfolio weight: $\pi_t / X_t^* = \pi_t^{mv} / X_t^* + \pi_t^b / X_t^* + \pi_t^z / X_t^*$

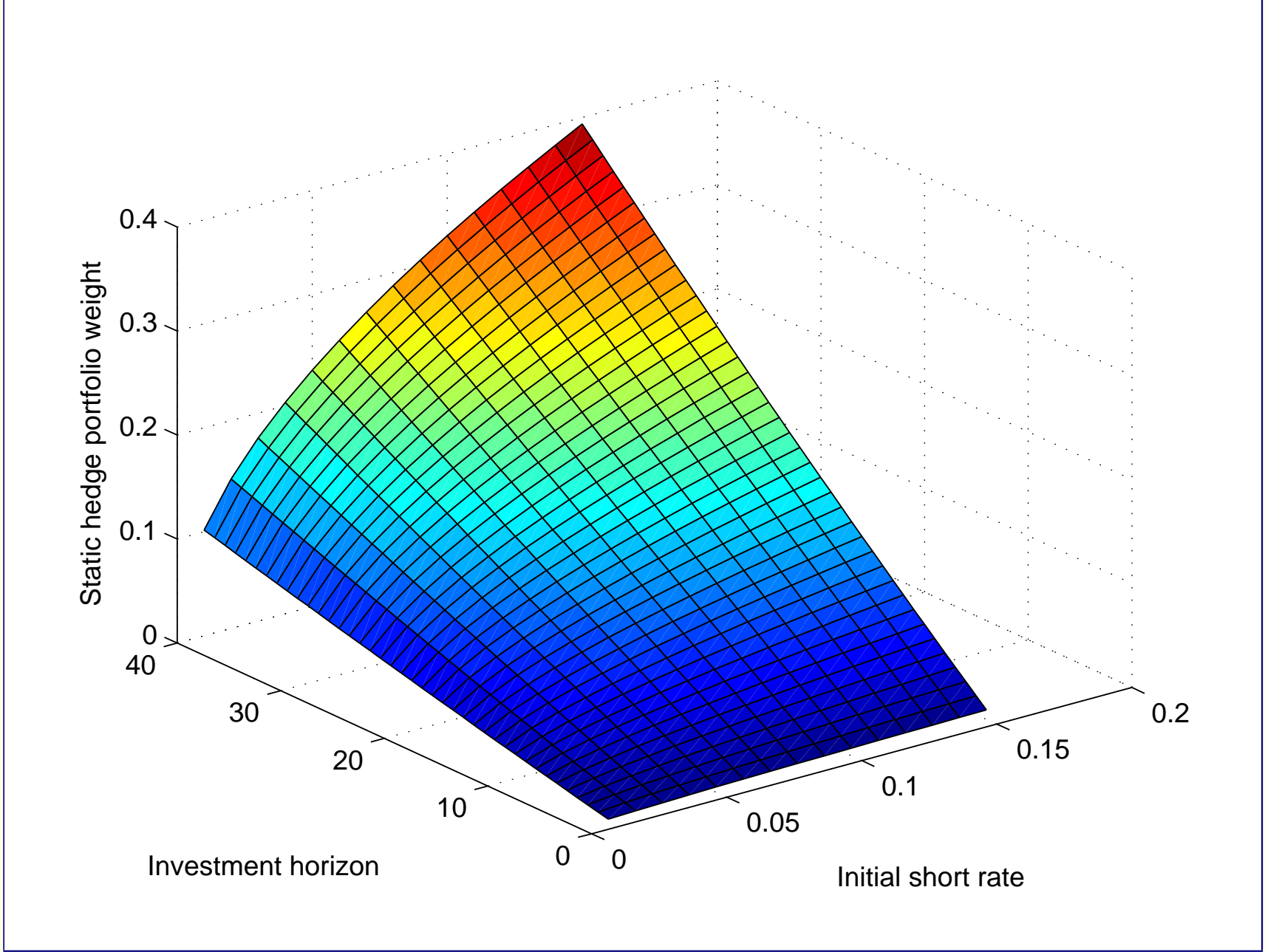


- Changing initial interest rate: Relative risk aversion fixed at $R = 4$

→ Mean-variance demand: $\pi_t^{mv} / X_t^* = \frac{1}{R} (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$

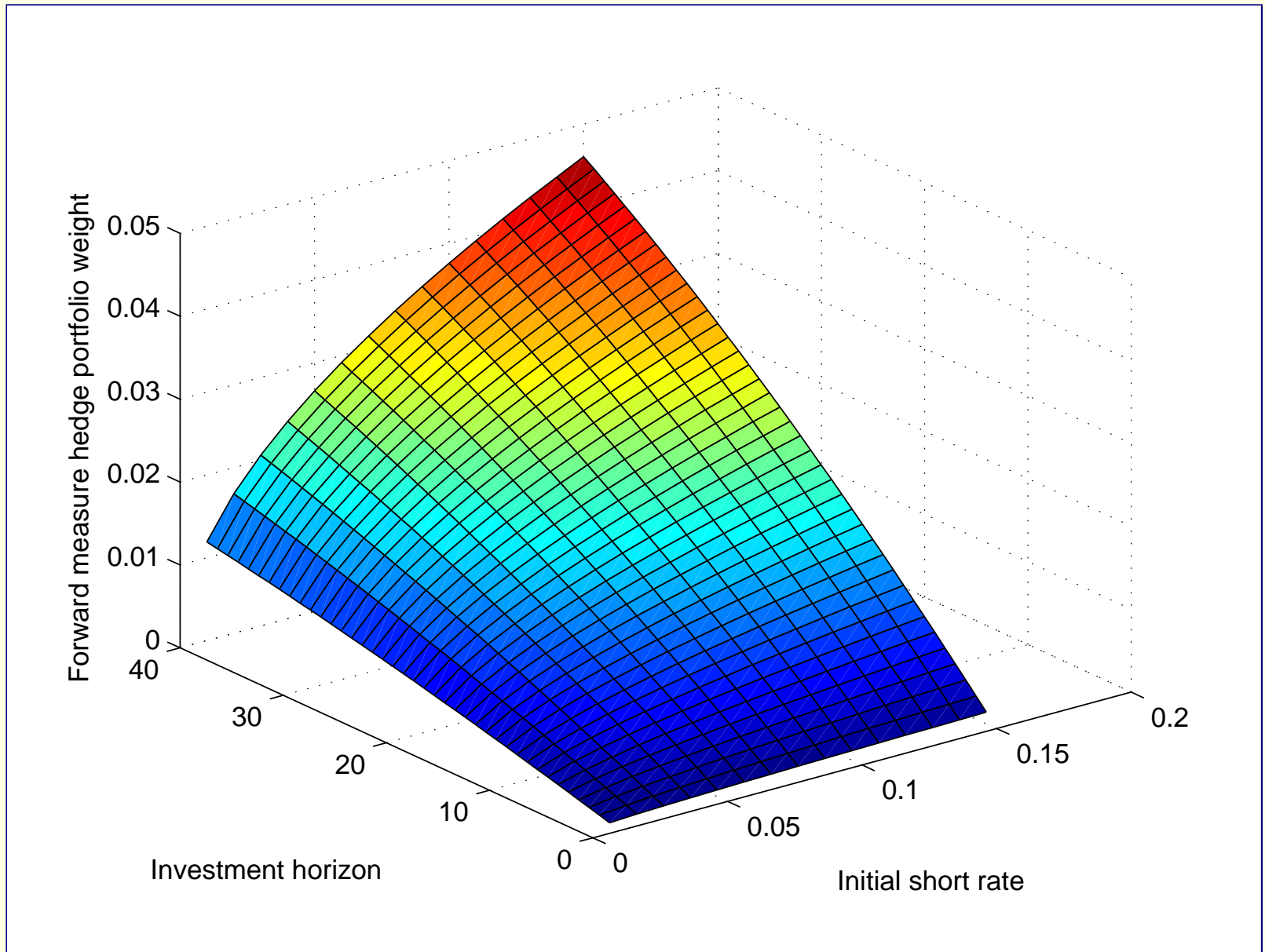


→ Static term structure hedge: $\pi_t^b / X_t^* = \rho(\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma^B(t, T)$

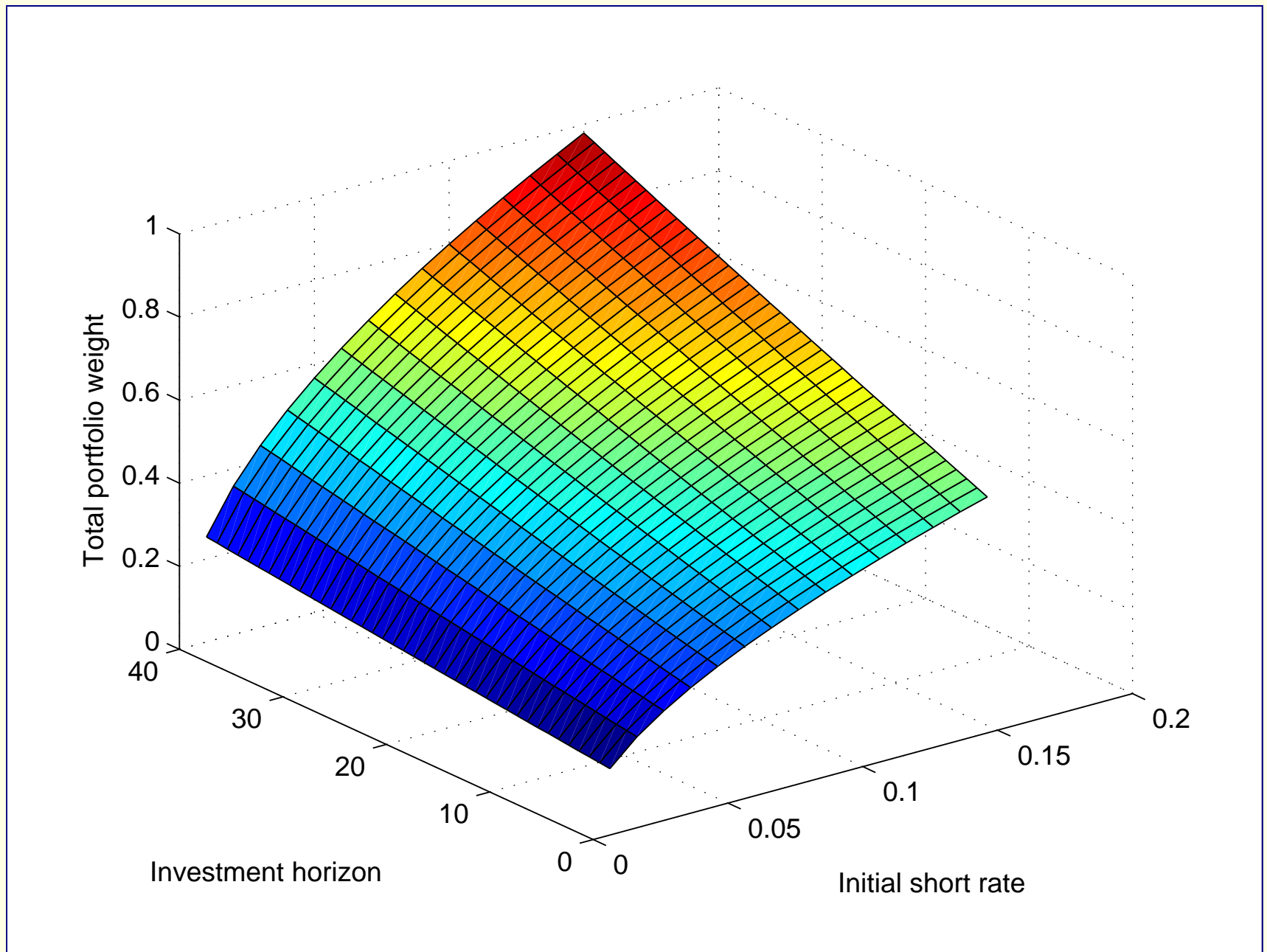


- Dynamic forward measure

hedge:
$$\pi_t^z / X_t^* = \rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t^T \left[\frac{Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}}{\mathbf{E}_t^T [Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}]} (\mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,T})' \right]$$

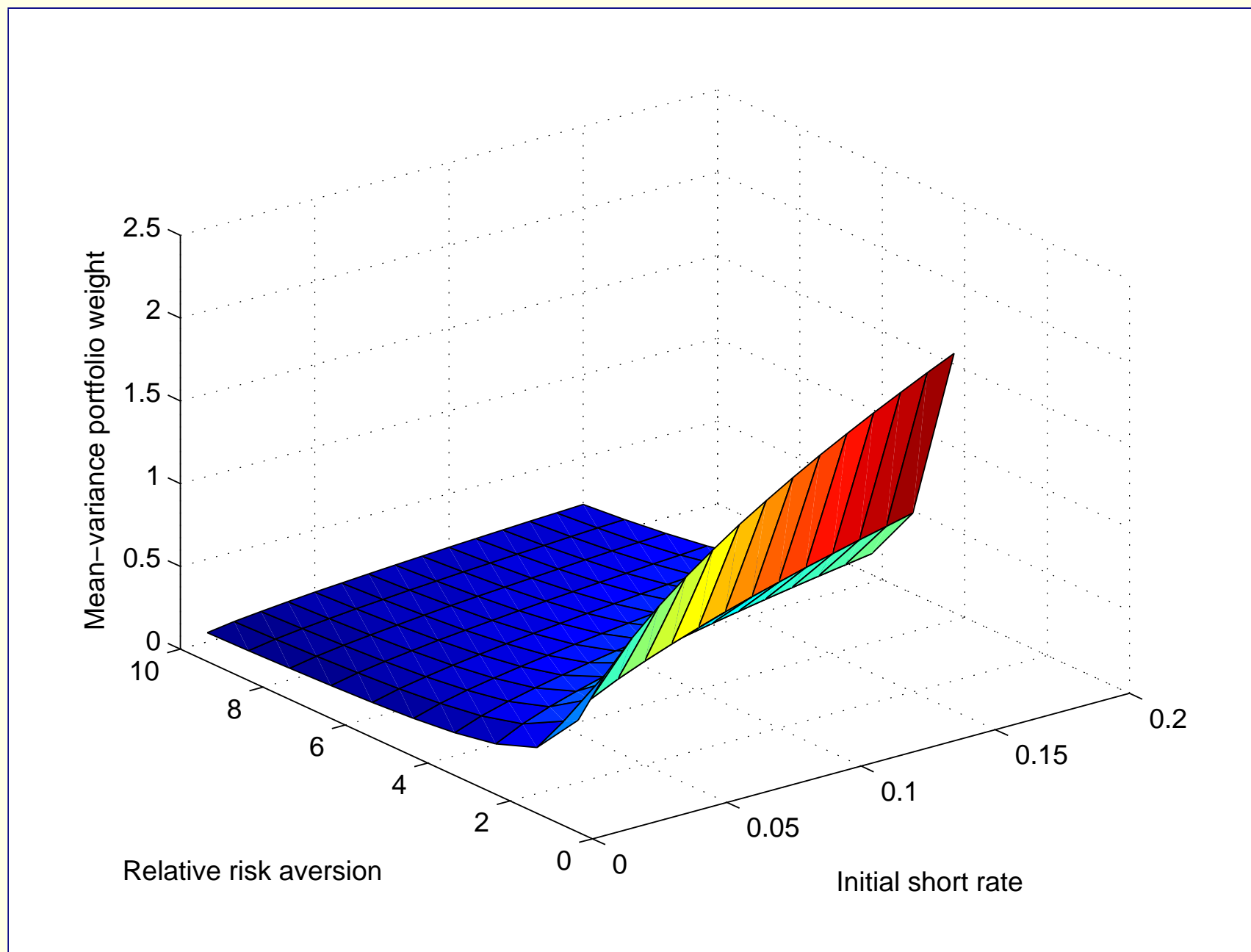


- Total portfolio weight: $\pi_t / X_t^* = \pi_t^{mv} / X_t^* + \pi_t^b / X_t^* + \pi_t^z / X_t^*$

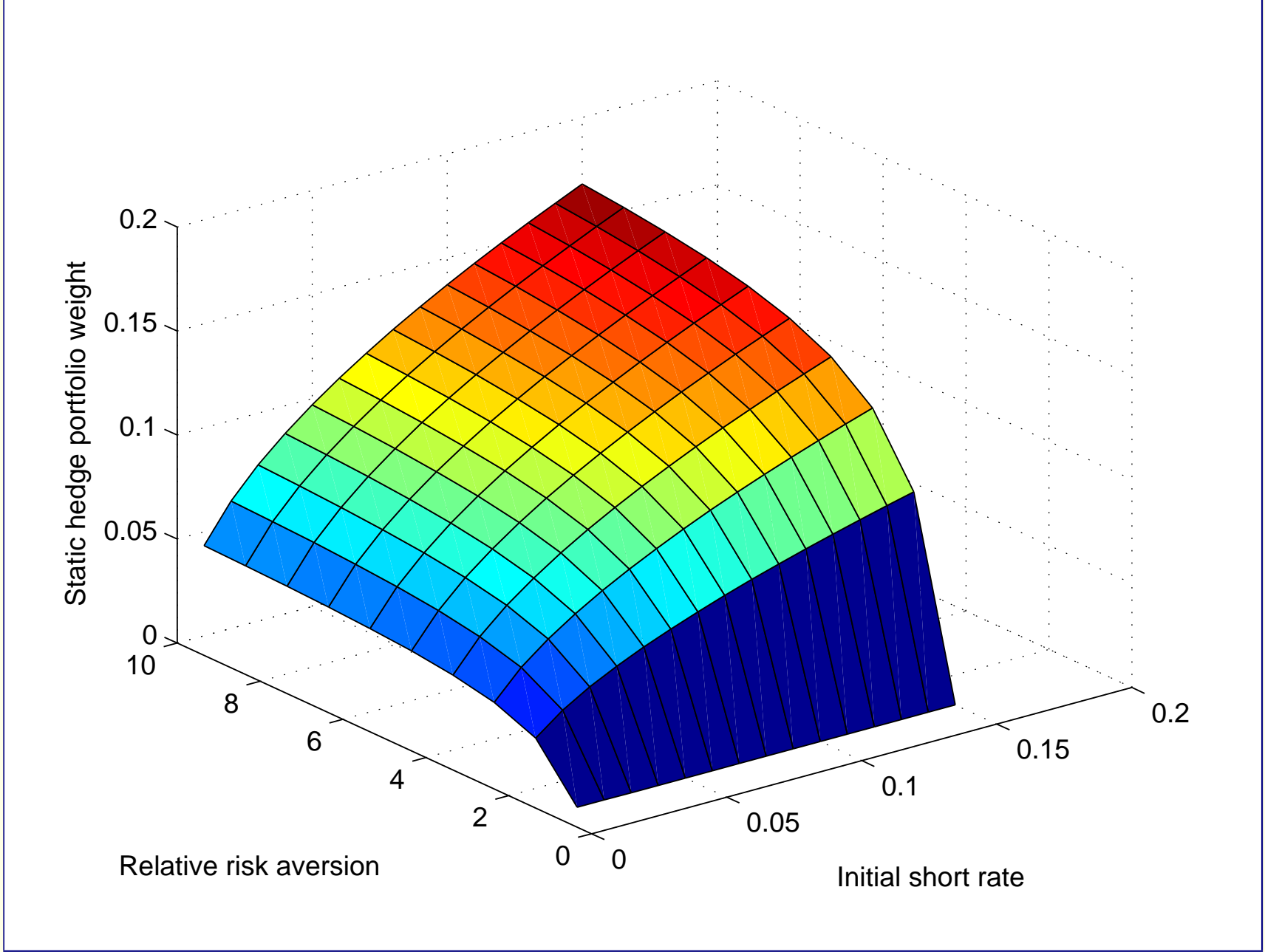


- Changing initial interest rate: Investment horizon fixed at $T = 15$

→ Mean-variance demand: $\pi_t^{mv} / X_t^{ast} = \frac{1}{R} (\sigma_t')^{-1} \theta_t$

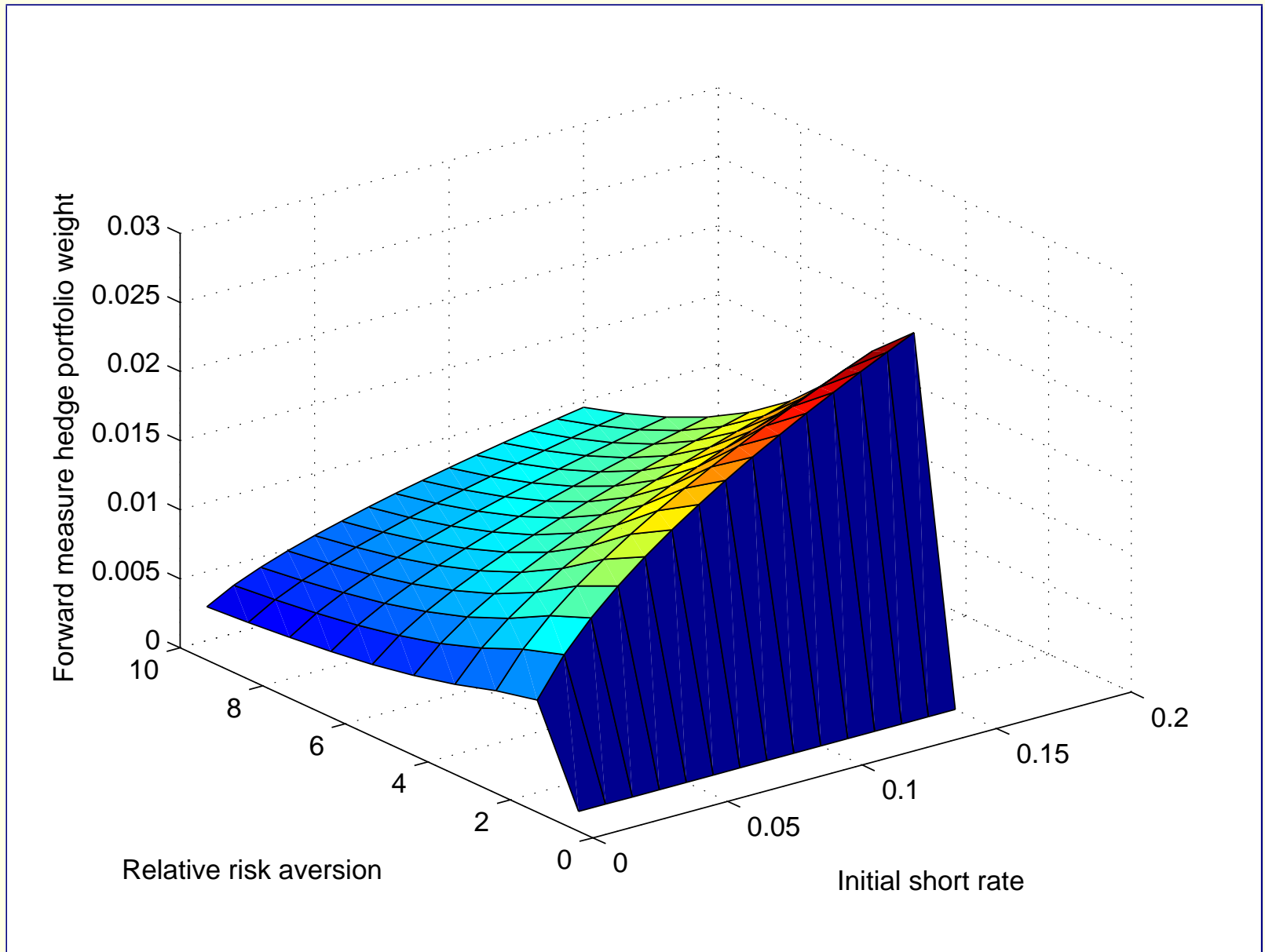


→ Static term structure hedge: $\pi_t^b / X_t^* = \rho(\sigma_t')^{-1} \sigma^B(t, T)$



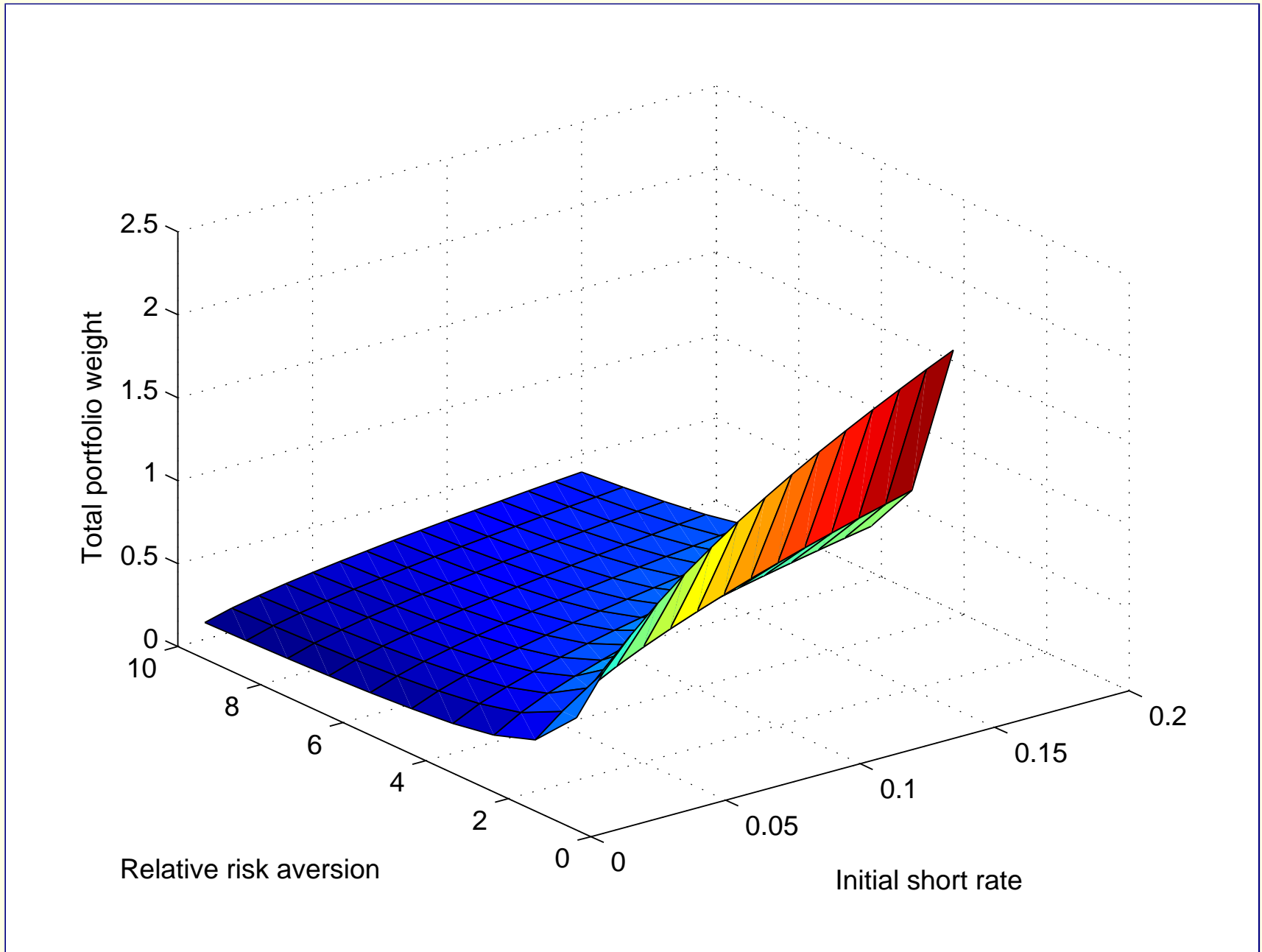
- Dynamic forward measure

hedge:
$$\pi_t^z / X_t^* = \rho (\sigma_t')^{-1} \mathbf{E}_t^T \left[\frac{Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}}{\mathbf{E}_t^T [Z_{t,T}^{\rho-1}]} (\mathcal{D}_t \log Z_{t,T})' \right]$$



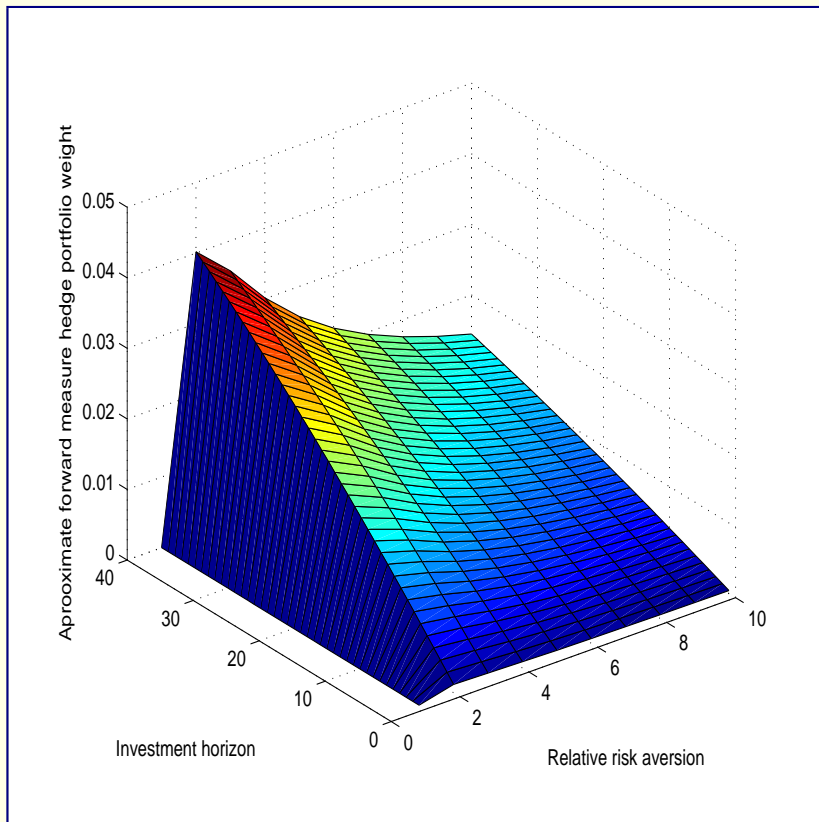
- Total portfolio weight:

$$\pi_t / X_t^* = \pi_t^{mv} / X_t^* + \pi_t^b / X_t^* + \pi_t^z / X_t^*$$

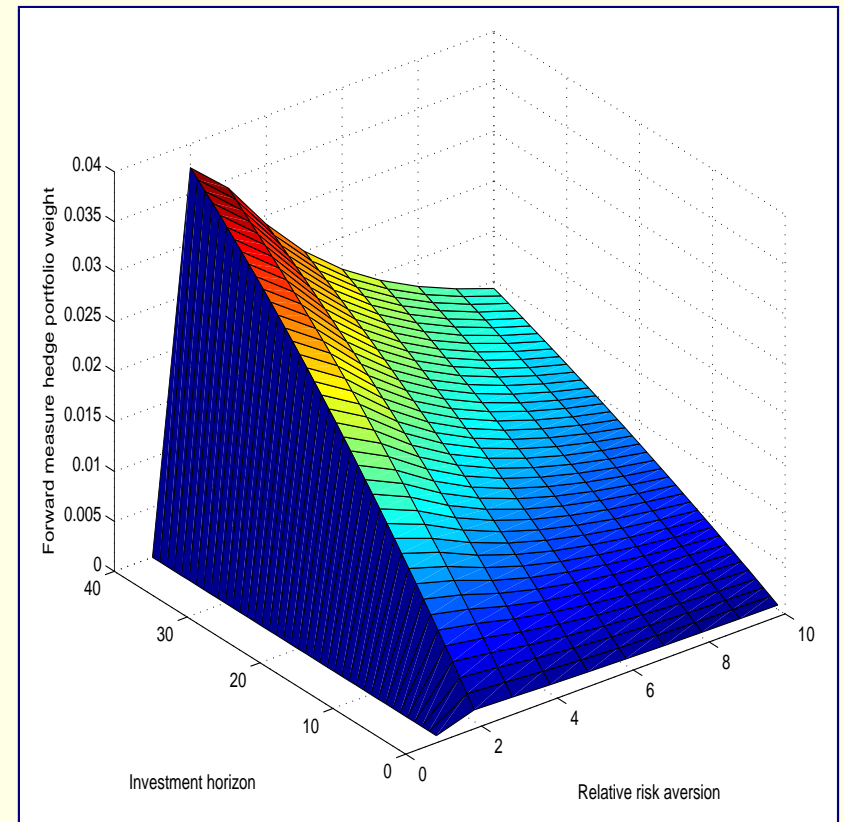


- Approximate forward density portfolio weight:

$$\pi_t^{fa} / X_t^* = -\sigma_t^{-1} \frac{1}{R} E_t^T [N_{t,T}]$$



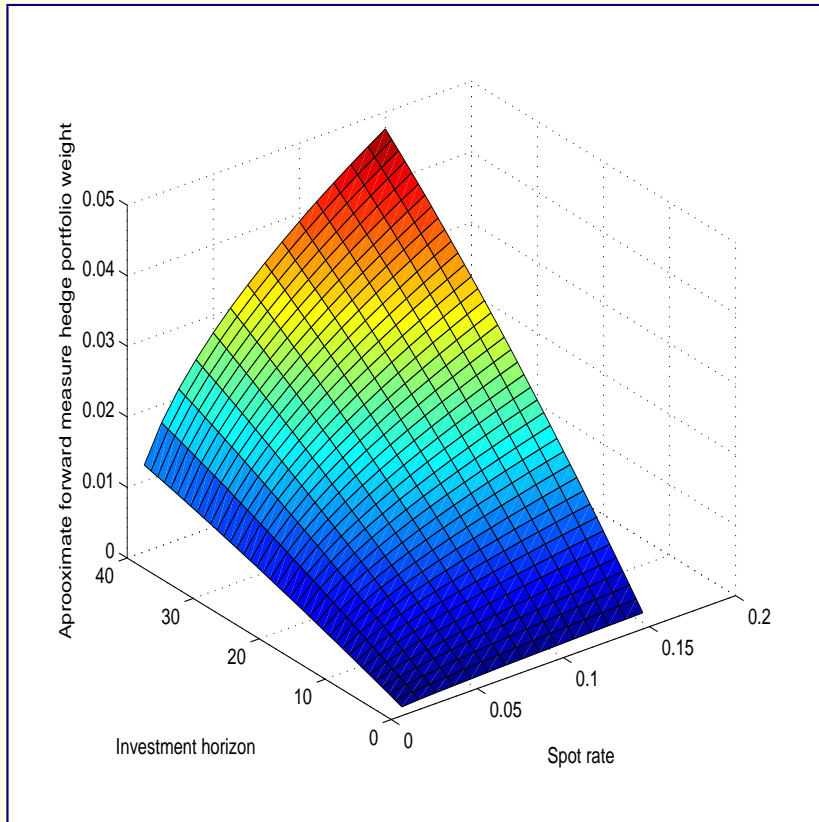
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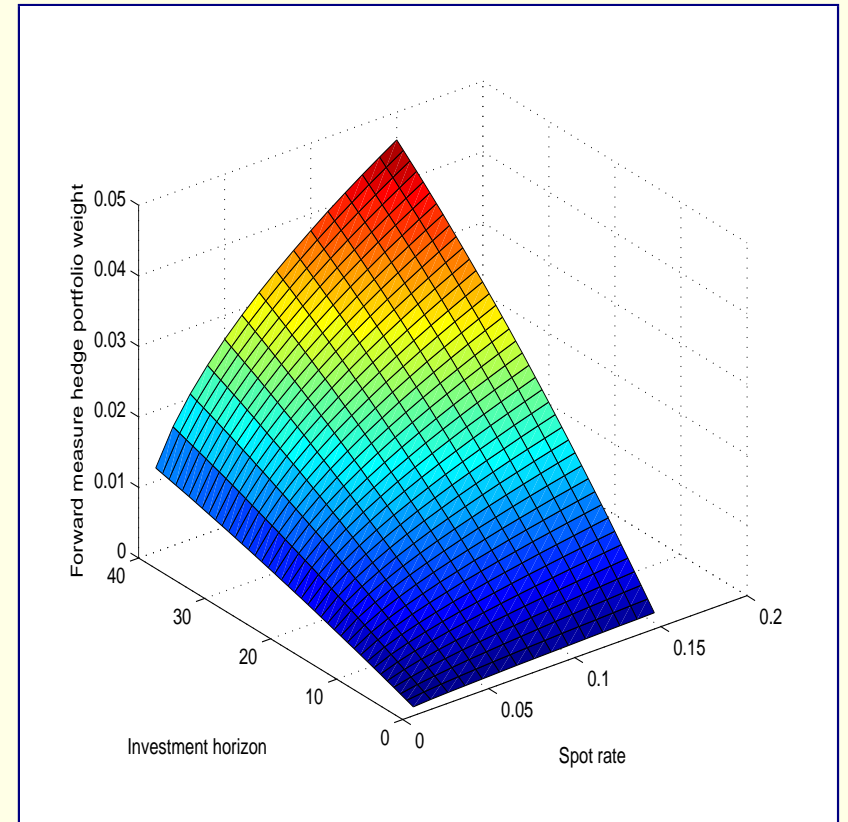
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- Approximate forward density portfolio weight:

$$\pi_t^{fa} / X_t^* = -\sigma_t^{-1} \frac{1}{R} E_t^T [N_{t,T}]$$



Approximate



True

7 Conclusion

► Contributions:

- Asset allocation formula based on change of numéraire
 - Highlights role of consumption-specific coupon bonds as instruments to hedge fluctuations in opportunity set
 - Formula has multiple applications: preferred habitat, extreme behavior, international asset allocation, demand for I-bonds
 - Exponential Clark-Haussmann-Ocone formula
 - Malliavin derivatives of functional SDEs
 - Solution of linear BVIE
- Integration of portfolio management and term structure models
- Asset allocation in HJM framework
 - Other applications
- Universal $N + 2$ fund separation result