

# Portfolios that Contain Risky Assets

## 3.2. Two-Rate Model for Risk-Free Assets

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# Two-Rate Model for Risk-Free Assets

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## Two-Rate Model Portfolios: Allocations

Now we extend the notion of Markowitz portfolios to portfolios that might include a safe investment with rate  $\mu_{si}$  and a credit line with rate  $\mu_{cl}$  where  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{cl}$ .

Let  $b_{si}(d)$  and  $b_{cl}(d)$  be the balances in these assets at the start of day  $d$ . We require that  $b_{si}(d) \geq 0$  and  $b_{cl}(d) \leq 0$ .

A *Markowitz portfolio* containing these risk-free assets and  $N$  risky assets is uniquely determined by real numbers  $f_{si}$ ,  $f_{cl}$ , and  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^N$  that satisfy

$$f_{si} + f_{cl} + \sum_{i=1}^N f_i = 1.$$

Here  $f_{si}$  is the allocation of the portfolio in the safe investment,  $f_{cl}$  is the allocation of the portfolio in the credit line, and  $f_i$  is the allocation of the portfolio in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  risky asset.

## Two-Rate Model Portfolios: Values

The portfolio is rebalanced at the start of each day so that

$$\frac{b_{si}(d)}{\pi(d-1)} = f_{si}, \quad \frac{b_{cl}(d)}{\pi(d-1)} = f_{cl},$$

$$\frac{n_i(d) s_i(d-1)}{\pi(d-1)} = f_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Its value at the start of day  $d$  is

$$\pi(d-1) = b_{si}(d) + b_{cl}(d) + \sum_{i=1}^N n_i(d) s_i(d-1),$$

while its value at the end of day  $d$  is approximately

$$\pi(d) = b_{si}(d) (1 + \mu_{si}) + b_{cl}(d) (1 + \mu_{cl}) + \sum_{i=1}^N n_i(d) s_i(d).$$

## Two-Rate Model Portfolios: Returns

We can thereby approximate the return for day  $d$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(d) &= \frac{\pi(d) - \pi(d-1)}{\pi(d-1)} \\
 &= \frac{b_{\text{si}}(d) \mu_{\text{si}}}{\pi(d-1)} + \frac{b_{\text{cl}}(d) \mu_{\text{cl}}}{\pi(d-1)} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{n_i(d)}{\pi(d-1)} (s_i(d) - s_i(d-1)) \\
 &= \frac{b_{\text{si}}(d) \mu_{\text{si}}}{\pi(d-1)} + \frac{b_{\text{cl}}(d) \mu_{\text{cl}}}{\pi(d-1)} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{n_i(d) s_i(d-1)}{\pi(d-1)} \frac{s_i(d) - s_i(d-1)}{s_i(d-1)} \\
 &= f_{\text{si}} \mu_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} \mu_{\text{cl}} + \sum_{i=1}^N f_i r_i(d) = f_{\text{si}} \mu_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} \mu_{\text{cl}} + \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{r}(d).
 \end{aligned}$$

We thereby obtain the formula

$$r(d) = f_{\text{si}} \mu_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} \mu_{\text{cl}} + \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{r}(d).$$

## Two-Rate Model Portfolios: Means and Variances

The portfolio return mean  $\mu$  and variance  $v$  are then given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \sum_{d=1}^D w(d) \left( f_{\text{si}} \mu_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} \mu_{\text{cl}} + \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{r}(d) \right) \\ &= f_{\text{si}} \mu_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} \mu_{\text{cl}} + \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{m}, \\ v &= \sum_{d=1}^D w(d) (r(d) - \mu)^2 = \sum_{d=1}^D w(d) (\mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{r}(d) - \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{m})^2 \\ &= \mathbf{f}^T \left( \sum_{d=1}^D w(d) (\mathbf{r}(d) - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{r}(d) - \mathbf{m})^T \right) \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{f}.\end{aligned}$$

We thereby obtain the formulas

$$\mu = f_{\text{si}} \mu_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} \mu_{\text{cl}} + \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{m}, \quad v = \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{f}.$$



## Two-Rate Model Portfolios: $\mathcal{M}_2$

The set of allocations of all assets in the Two-Rate Model is

$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \left\{ (\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \right. \\ \left. \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{f} + f_{\text{si}} + f_{\text{cl}} = 1, f_{\text{si}} \geq 0, f_{\text{cl}} \leq 0 \right\}. \quad (1.1)$$

The volatility and return mean for the allocation  $(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathcal{M}_2$  are

$$\sigma(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{f}}, \\ \mu(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) = \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{f} + \mu_{\text{si}} f_{\text{si}} + \mu_{\text{cl}} f_{\text{cl}}.$$

The fundamental difference between this Two-Rate model and the One-Rate model treated earlier is the presence of the two inequality constraints in definition (1.1) of  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: Introduction

The frontier for this model is found by seeking a minimizer of  $\sigma(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}})$  over  $(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathcal{M}_2$  while holding  $\mu(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}})$  fixed. This becomes the constrained minimization problem

$$\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{f} : (\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathcal{M}_2, \sigma(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) = \mu \right\}. \quad (2.2)$$

Because of the inequality constraints in definition (1.1) of  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , this problem can not be solved using the method of Lagrange multipliers. Rather, we will use capital allocation lines (CAL) to construct the set

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2) = \left\{ (\sigma(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}), \mu(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}})) : (\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathcal{M}_2 \right\}. \quad (2.3)$$

# Two-Rate Model Frontiers: CAL Constructions

Our construction has two steps.

- We first enlarge  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}}$  by including safe investment allocations. More specifically, we start from  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M})$  and use CAL to construct

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}}) = \left\{ (\sigma(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}), \mu(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}})) : (\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}) \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{si}} \right\}, \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}} = \left\{ (\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R} : \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{f} + f_{\text{si}} = 1, f_{\text{si}} \geq 0 \right\}. \quad (2.5)$$

- We then enlarge  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}}$  to  $\mathcal{M}_2$  by including credit line allocations. More specifically, we start from  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}})$  and use CAL to construct  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$ .

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}})$

For every  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\mu}) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{M})$  the CAL construction yields points  $(\sigma, \mu) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}})$  given by

$$\sigma = |\phi| \tilde{\sigma}, \quad \mu = \phi \tilde{\mu} + (1 - \phi) \mu_{\text{si}},$$

for every  $\phi \in (-\infty, 1]$ . The condition  $\phi \leq 1$  insures that there is no short position in the safe investment.

There are three cases to consider:

- $\mu_{\text{si}} = \mu_{\text{mv}}$ ,
- $\mu_{\text{si}} < \mu_{\text{mv}}$ ,
- $\mu_{\text{si}} > \mu_{\text{mv}}$ .

The first case is easy because the Tobin frontier allocation holds a long position in the safe investment, and thereby is in  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}}$ .

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\mu_{si} \neq \mu_{mv}$

When  $\mu_{si} \neq \mu_{mv}$  the tangency point associated with  $\mu_{si}$  is  $(\sigma_{st}, \mu_{st})$  where

$$\sigma_{st} = \frac{|\mu_{st} - \mu_{si}|}{\nu_{si}}, \quad \mu_{st} = \mu_{si} + \frac{\nu_{si}^2 \sigma_{mv}^2}{\mu_{mv} - \mu_{si}},$$

$$\nu_{si}^2 = (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{si} \mathbf{1})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{si} \mathbf{1}) = \nu_{mv}^2 + \left( \frac{\mu_{mv} - \mu_{si}}{\sigma_{mv}} \right)^2.$$

- When  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv}$  this point is on the efficient Markowitz frontier.
- When  $\mu_{si} > \mu_{mv}$  this point is on the inefficient Markowitz frontier.

The tangent portfolio allocation associated with  $\mu_{si}$  is

$$\mathbf{f}_{st} = \frac{\mu_{st} - \mu_{si}}{\nu_{si}^2} \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{si} \mathbf{1}) = \frac{\sigma_{mv}^2}{\mu_{mv} - \mu_{si}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{si} \mathbf{1}).$$

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\mu_{si} \neq \mu_{mv}$

The Tobin frontier and frontier allocation associated with  $\mu_{si}$  are given by

$$\sigma_{sf}(\mu) = \frac{|\mu - \mu_{si}|}{\nu_{si}}, \quad \mathbf{f}_{sf}(\mu) = \frac{\mu - \mu_{si}}{\nu_{si}^2} \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{m} - \mu_{si} \mathbf{1}).$$

The allocation  $f_{si}$  in the safe investment of  $\mathbf{f}_{sf}(\mu)$  is

$$f_{si} = 1 - \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{f}_{sf}(\mu) = 1 - \frac{(\mu - \mu_{si})(\mu_{mv} - \mu_{si})}{\nu_{si}^2 \sigma_{mv}^2}.$$

- When  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv}$  the constraint  $f_{si} \geq 0$  is equivalent to  $\mu \leq \mu_{st}$ .  
Therefore when  $\mu \leq \mu_{st}$  this Tobin frontier allocation does not hold a short position in the safe investment, and thereby is in  $\mathcal{M}_{si}$ .
- When  $\mu_{si} > \mu_{mv}$  the constraint  $f_{si} \geq 0$  is equivalent to  $\mu \geq \mu_{st}$ .  
Therefore when  $\mu \geq \mu_{st}$  this Tobin frontier allocation does not hold a short position in the safe investment, and thereby is in  $\mathcal{M}_{si}$ .

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv}$

When  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv}$  and  $\mu > \mu_{st}$  the CAL construction only yields portfolios with  $\sigma \geq \sigma_{mf}(\mu)$ .

Therefore when  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv}$  the frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  is  $\sigma = \sigma_f(\mu)$  where

$$\sigma_f(\mu) = \begin{cases} \sigma_{sf}(\mu) & \text{for } \mu \leq \mu_{st}, \\ \sigma_{mf}(\mu) & \text{for } \mu > \mu_{st}. \end{cases}$$

Because  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv} < \mu_{st}$  the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  is  $\mu = \mu_{ef}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{ef}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \mu_{si} + \nu_{si}\sigma & \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \sigma_{st}), \\ \mu_{emf}(\sigma) & \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{st}, \infty). \end{cases}$$

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\mu_{si} > \mu_{mv}$

When  $\mu_{si} > \mu_{mv}$  and  $\mu < \mu_{st}$  the CAL construction only yields portfolios with  $\sigma \geq \sigma_{mf}(\mu)$ .

Therefore when  $\mu_{si} > \mu_{mv}$  the frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  is  $\sigma = \sigma_f(\mu)$  where

$$\sigma_f(\mu) = \begin{cases} \sigma_{mf}(\mu) & \text{for } \mu < \mu_{st}, \\ \sigma_{sf}(\mu) & \text{for } \mu \geq \mu_{st}. \end{cases}$$

Because  $\mu_{st} < \mu_{mv} < \mu_{si}$  the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  is  $\mu = \mu_{ef}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{ef}(\sigma) = \mu_{si} + \nu_{si}\sigma \quad \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \infty).$$



## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$ Summary

In summary, the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  has two cases.

- If  $\mu_{mv} \leq \mu_{si}$  then the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  is given by  $\mu = \mu_{ef}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{ef}(\sigma) = \mu_{si} + \nu_{si} \sigma \quad \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \infty). \quad (2.6)$$

- If  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv}$  then the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  is given by  $\mu = \mu_{ef}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{ef}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \mu_{si} + \nu_{si} \sigma & \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \sigma_{st}), \\ \mu_{emf}(\sigma) & \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{st}, \infty). \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

This is all that we need to go onto the second step of our construction.

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\Sigma(\mathcal{C}_2)$

For every  $(\tilde{\mathbf{f}}, \tilde{f}_{\text{si}}) \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{si}}$  and every  $\phi \in [1, \infty)$  the capital allocation line is

$$(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) = (\phi \tilde{\mathbf{f}}, \phi \tilde{f}_{\text{si}}, 1 - \phi).$$

The condition  $\phi \geq 1$  insures there is no long position in the credit line. Verifying that  $(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathcal{M}_2$  is easy.

This construction yields the point  $(\sigma, \mu)$  in the  $\sigma\mu$ -plane given by

$$\sigma = \phi \tilde{\sigma}, \quad \mu = \phi \tilde{\mu} + (1 - \phi) \mu_{\text{cl}}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\mu}) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{\text{si}})$  is given by

$$\tilde{\sigma} = \sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{f}}^T \mathbf{V} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}}, \quad \tilde{\mu} = \mathbf{m}^T \tilde{\mathbf{f}} + \mu_{\text{si}} \tilde{f}_{\text{si}}.$$

Because  $(\mathbf{f}, f_{\text{si}}, f_{\text{cl}}) \in \mathcal{C}_2 \subset \mathcal{M}_2$  we have  $(\sigma, \mu) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{C}_2) \subset \Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$ .

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\Sigma(\mathcal{C}_2)$

For each  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\mu}) \in \Sigma(\mathcal{M}_{si})$  the construction (2.8) is a ray on the line through the points  $(0, \mu_{cl})$  and  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\mu})$  that starts at  $(\tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\mu})$  and moves away from  $(0, \mu_{cl})$ .

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\mu_{cl} \neq \mu_{mv}$

When  $\mu_{cl} \neq \mu_{mv}$  the tangency point associated with  $\mu_{cl}$  is  $(\sigma_{ct}, \mu_{ct})$  where

$$\sigma_{ct} = \frac{|\mu_{ct} - \mu_{cl}|}{\nu_{cl}}, \quad \mu_{ct} = \mu_{cl} + \frac{\nu_{cl}^2 \sigma_{mv}^2}{\mu_{mv} - \mu_{cl}},$$

$$\nu_{cl}^2 = (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{cl} \mathbf{1})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{cl} \mathbf{1}) = \nu_{mv}^2 + \left( \frac{\mu_{mv} - \mu_{cl}}{\sigma_{mv}} \right)^2.$$

- When  $\mu_{cl} < \mu_{mv}$  this point is on the efficient Markowitz frontier.
- When  $\mu_{cl} > \mu_{mv}$  this point is on the inefficient Markowitz frontier.

The tangent portfolio allocation associated with  $\mu_{cl}$  is

$$\mathbf{f}_{ct} = \frac{\mu_{ct} - \mu_{cl}}{\nu_{cl}^2} \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{cl} \mathbf{1}) = \frac{\sigma_{mv}^2}{\mu_{mv} - \mu_{cl}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{m} - \mu_{cl} \mathbf{1}).$$

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$ Summary

In summary, the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$  has three cases.

- If  $\mu_{\text{mv}} \leq \mu_{\text{si}} < \mu_{\text{cl}}$  then there is no tangency point on the efficient Markowitz frontier and the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$  is given by  $\mu = \mu_{\text{ef}}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{\text{ef}}(\sigma) = \mu_{\text{si}} + \nu_{\text{si}} \sigma \quad \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \infty). \quad (2.9)$$

- If  $\mu_{\text{si}} < \mu_{\text{mv}} \leq \mu_{\text{cl}}$  then  $(\sigma_{\text{st}}, \mu_{\text{st}})$  is the only tangency point on the efficient Markowitz frontier and the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$  is given by  $\mu = \mu_{\text{ef}}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{\text{ef}}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \mu_{\text{si}} + \nu_{\text{si}} \sigma & \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \sigma_{\text{st}}), \\ \mu_{\text{emf}}(\sigma) & \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{\text{st}}, \infty). \end{cases} \quad (2.10)$$

## Two-Rate Model Frontiers: $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$ Summary

- If  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{cl} < \mu_{mv}$  then both  $(\sigma_{st}, \mu_{st})$  and  $(\sigma_{ct}, \mu_{ct})$  are tangency points on the efficient Markowitz frontier and the efficient frontier of  $\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2)$  is given by  $\mu = \mu_{ef}(\sigma)$  where

$$\mu_{ef}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \mu_{si} + \nu_{si} \sigma & \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \sigma_{st}), \\ \mu_{emf}(\sigma) & \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{st}, \sigma_{ct}), \\ \mu_{cl} + \nu_{cl} \sigma & \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{ct}, \infty). \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

In all three cases

$$\Sigma(\mathcal{M}_2) = \left\{ (\sigma, \mu) \in [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R} : \mu \leq \mu_{ef}(\sigma) \right\}. \quad (2.12)$$

# Two-Rate Model Frontiers: Efficient Allocations Summary

The efficient portfolio allocations of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  also has three cases.

- If  $\mu_{mv} \leq \mu_{si} < \mu_{cl}$  then there is no tangency point on the efficient Markowitz frontier and the efficient portfolio allocations of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  are

$$\left( -\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{st}} \mathbf{f}_{st}, 1 + \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{st}}, 0 \right) \quad \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \infty). \quad (2.13)$$

- If  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{mv} \leq \mu_{cl}$  then  $(\sigma_{st}, \mu_{st})$  is the only tangency point on the efficient Markowitz frontier and the efficient portfolio allocations of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  are

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{st}} \mathbf{f}_{st}, 1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{st}}, 0 \right) \quad \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \sigma_{st}), \\ & \left( \mathbf{f}_{emf}(\sigma), 0, 0 \right) \quad \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{st}, \infty), \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

# Two-Rate Model Frontiers: Efficient Allocations Summary

- If  $\mu_{si} < \mu_{cl} < \mu_{mv}$  then both  $(\sigma_{st}, \mu_{st})$  and  $(\sigma_{ct}, \mu_{ct})$  are tangency points on the efficient Markowitz frontier and the efficient portfolio allocations of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  are

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{st}} \mathbf{f}_{st}, 1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{st}}, 0 \right) && \text{for } \sigma \in [0, \sigma_{st}), \\ & \left( \mathbf{f}_{emf}(\sigma), 0, 0 \right) && \text{for } \sigma \in [\sigma_{st}, \sigma_{ct}], \\ & \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{ct}} \mathbf{f}_{ct}, 0, 1 - \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{ct}} \right) && \text{for } \sigma \in (\sigma_{ct}, \infty). \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$