

# Portfolio Selection and the Capital Asset Pricing Model

## Pricing Model

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**Example**

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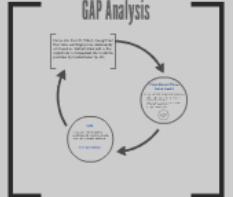
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