

The objective of this thesis is to study the method of securities selection and fund allocation in an optimal portfolio. The method and criteria are constructed from a quantitative method applied to investment theory. The criteria used in ranking securities consist of turnover liquidity, risk premium to risk ratio and diversification of securities. A nonlinear programming model is used for the allocation of funds.

The return of a portfolio of which the funds are allocated by nonlinear programming method is compared with the one which the funds are allocated by a uniform random method, on the assumption that the nonlinear programming method derives a better return than the uniform random method. The study also compares the return of a portfolio as follows :

- 1) A uniform random method is applied for both securities selection and funds allocation.
- 2) A uniform random method is applied for securities selection where funds are allocated in equal proportions.
- 3) The method of weighing of turnover liquidity is used for securities selection and funds allocation.

From the statistical analysis and experimentation, we found that

- 1) The securities selection by using turnover liquidity, risk premium to risk ratio, and diversification of securities including the nonlinear programming method in the funds allocation results a significant higher return than the other method.
- 2) We can not absolutely conclude that which type of holding period of investment yields better return.
- 3) From the sample of random proportions, which was 100 times sample, we found that the funds allocated by a nonlinear programming method provides a better return than by the random method.

The result of the study supports the hypothesis and conforms with both quantitative analysis theory and investment theory.