

Good Deal Hedging and Valuation under
Combined Uncertainty about Drift & Volatility:
a 2nd-order-BSDE approach

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- \rightsquigarrow Superreplication (a.s.-hedging) is prohibitively expensive!
Hedge would be extreme but trivial (don't trade even if $\rho = 99\%$)!
Uncertainty on drift&volatilitiy matters for any alternative...

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- But:** Superreplication is too expensive, a.s.-hedge is too extreme !
- Aim:** less expensive valuations, less extreme than a.s.-hedging. How? Exclude not just arbitrage but also "too good deals"
- \rightsquigarrow hedging error distribution matters, hence **uncertainty** on P !

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- **Hedging Strategy:** minimizes a-priori coherent risk measure ρ over all strategies ϕ for optimal risk sharing with the market:

$$\pi_t^u(X) = \rho_t \left(X - \int_t^T \bar{\phi}_s dS_s \right) = \operatorname{essinf}_{\phi \in \Phi} \rho_t \left(X - \int_t^T \phi_s dS_s \right) \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

- Solution for dominated uncertainty, solely about drift, via (standard) BSDE, g -expectations: [B., Kentia, MMOR 2017]

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with **(non-dominated) volatility uncertainty**

$$0 < \underline{\sigma}^2 \leq \sigma_t(\omega)^2 \leq \bar{\sigma}^2$$

- Black-Scholes-Barenblatt pricing pde (fully non-linear):

$$(\bar{\sigma}^2 1_{\{v_{ss} \geq 0\}} + \underline{\sigma}^2 1_{\{v_{ss} < 0\}}) s^2 v_{ss} + v_t = 0$$

- BSDE-context: more general path-dependent claims, non-Markovian setup \rightsquigarrow 2nd order BSDE or G -expectation
- For any given $\sigma > 0$ model is complete here. But what to do in **generically incomplete** models if superreplication is too expensive?

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Financial market and no-good-deal pricing measures

- Fixed $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, P)$, W n -dimensional P -Wiener process, $\mathbb{F} = \overline{\mathbb{F}}^W{}^P$.
- Discounted ($r = 0$) prices of d traded stocks $S = (S^i)_{i=1}^d$:

$$dS_t = \text{diag}(S_t)\sigma_t(\xi_t dt + dW_t), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

market price of risk $\xi \in \text{Im } \sigma^{\text{tr}}$, volatility σ of maximal rank $d < n$.

- Choose $\mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}(P)$ consisting of $Q \in \mathcal{M}^e(P)$ with $Z := \frac{dQ}{dP}$ satisfying

$$E_\tau^P \left[-\log \frac{Z_\sigma}{Z_\tau} \right] \leq E_\tau^P \left[\frac{1}{2} \int_\tau^\sigma h_s^2 ds \right], \quad \text{for all } \tau \leq \sigma \leq T,$$

for $h > 0 \rightsquigarrow$ bounds *cond. reverse rel. entropy* of Q wrt. P .

Economic meaning of no-good-deals

- This yields a bound on Girsanov kernels of pricing measures:

$$\mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}(P) = \left\{ Q \in \mathcal{M}^e(P) : dQ/dP = \mathcal{E}(\lambda \cdot W), \text{ and } |\lambda| \leq h \right\}.$$

which equivalently corresponds to imposing bounds on

- instantaneous Sharpe ratios:** $SR_t(N) := \frac{\text{mean excess return}(t)}{\text{standard deviation}(t)} \leq h_t$,
i.e. $SR_t(N) = \mu_t^N / \sigma_t^N$ for return $dN_t/N_t = \mu_t^N dt + \sigma_t^N dW_t$,
- optimal P -expected growth rate** of returns:

$$E_\tau^P \left[\log \frac{N_\sigma}{N_\tau} \right] \leq E_\tau^P \left[-\log \frac{Z_\sigma^Q}{Z_\tau^Q} \right] \leq E_\tau^P \left[\frac{1}{2} \int_\tau^\sigma h_s^2 ds \right], \quad \forall \tau \leq \sigma,$$

for all $Q \in \mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}$ and Q -local martingales $N > 0$, i.e. in any financial market extension by additional derivatives.

Admissible trading strategies

- Trading strategy φ as amount invested into stocks \rightsquigarrow wealth process

$$dV_t := \varphi_t^{\text{tr}} \frac{dS_t}{S_t} = \varphi_t^{\text{tr}} \sigma_t (\xi_t dt + dW_t)$$

- Convenient to re-parameterize strategies as $\phi := \sigma^{\text{tr}} \varphi \in \text{Im } \sigma^{\text{tr}}$:

$$dV_t = \phi_t^{\text{tr}} (\xi_t dt + dW_t) =: \phi_t^{\text{tr}} d\widehat{W}_t.$$

- Denote the set of P -admissible trading strategies by $\Phi(P)$.

Good-deal hedging: minimize coherent risk

- a-priori dynamic coherent time-consistent risk measure ρ^P :

$$\rho_t^P(X) := \operatorname{esssup}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(P)} E_t^Q[X], \quad t \in [0, T],$$

for $\mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(P) := \left\{ Q \sim P : dQ/dP = \mathcal{E}(\lambda \cdot W), \text{ with } |\lambda| \leq h \right\}$.

- $\mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}(P) = \mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(P) \cap \mathcal{M}^e(P)$.

- **Hedging objective:** Find strategy $\bar{\phi} = \bar{\phi}^P \in \Phi(P)$ s.t.

$$\pi_t^{u,P}(X) = \rho_t^P\left(X - \int_t^T \bar{\phi}_s^{\text{tr}} d\widehat{W}_s\right) = \operatorname{essinf}_{\phi \in \Phi(P)} \rho_t^P\left(X - \int_t^T \phi_s^{\text{tr}} d\widehat{W}_s\right).$$

- Good deal bounds π^u as market-based risk measures from minimizing coherent risk ρ , hedging as optimal 'risk-sharing' with the market, valuation & hedging 'to acceptability' [cf. Barrieu et al, Madan et al...]

Hedging error and its supermartingale characterization

- For strategy $\phi \in \Phi(P)$, its **tracking (or hedging) error** is

$$L_t^\phi(X) := \underbrace{\pi_t^{u,P}(X) - \pi_0^{u,P}(X)}_{\text{variation of capital requirement}} - \underbrace{(V_t^\phi - V_0^\phi)}_{\text{P\&L from dyn.trading by } \phi}, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

- Tracking error $L^{\bar{\phi}}$ of the good-deal hedging strategy $\bar{\phi}^P$ is **Q -supermartingale for any $Q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(P)$** .
(sufficient and necessary condition)
- \rightsquigarrow Hedging strategy $\bar{\phi}^P$ is **at least mean-self-financing** under any $Q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(P)$.

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- **Aim:** Robust good-deal valuation and hedging w.r.t. uncertainty about ξ and σ .

Local martingale measures on canonical space

- $\Omega := C_0([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$, B coordinate process, P_0 Wiener measure, $\mathbb{F} := (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \leq T}$ filtration generated by B , \mathbb{F}^+ right limit of \mathbb{F} .
- $\overline{\mathcal{P}}_S$: collection of all local martingale measures P_α for B with

$$P_\alpha := P_0 \circ (X^\alpha)^{-1}, \text{ where } X_t^\alpha := \int_0^t \alpha_s^{\frac{1}{2}} dB_s, \quad P_0\text{-a.s. } t \in [0, T],$$

with positive-definite-valued α , \mathbb{F} -prog. meas., $\int_0^T |\alpha_s| ds < \infty$, P_0 -a.s..

- E.g. Black-Scholes model with different volatilities.
- Karandikar '95: The stochastic integral $\int_0^\cdot B_s dB_s^{\text{tr}}$ can be defined ω -wise such that it coincides with Itô integral P -a.s. for all $P \in \overline{\mathcal{P}}_S$.
- Then quadratic variation $\langle B \rangle_t$ and density $\hat{\alpha}_t := \frac{d\langle B \rangle_t}{dt}$ are also defined ω -wise.

Non-dominated measures - quasi-sure analysis

- **Note:** The probability measures in $\overline{\mathcal{P}}_S$ may be mutually singular.
- For fixed $\underline{a}, \bar{a} \in \mathbb{S}_n^{>0}$ (set of positive-definite matrices), consider subclass $\mathcal{P} \subset \overline{\mathcal{P}}_S$ defined by

$$\mathcal{P} := \{P \in \overline{\mathcal{P}}_S : \underline{a} \leq \hat{a} \leq \bar{a}, P \otimes dt\text{-a.s.}\}.$$

- $\underline{a} \leq \hat{a} \leq \bar{a} \rightsquigarrow$ confidence region for volatilities scenarios.
- **Def:** A property holds \mathcal{Q} -quasi-everywhere (shortly \mathcal{Q} -q.e.) for family \mathcal{Q} of measures if it holds outside a set which is \mathcal{Q} -negligible $\forall Q \in \mathcal{Q}$.

Financial market with uncertainty

Risky asset prices $S = (S^i)_{i=1}^d$ modeled as

$$dS_t = \text{diag}(S_t) (b dt + \sigma dB_t), \quad \mathcal{P}\text{-q.s.}, \quad S_0 \in (0, \infty)^d,$$

with $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ ($d < n$) and $\sigma \widehat{a}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $\mathcal{P} \otimes dt$ -q.e. of maximal rank d .

- $W^P := \int_0^\cdot \widehat{a}_s^{-\frac{1}{2}} dB_s$ is a P -Brownian motion, for each $P \in \mathcal{P}$.
- **Volatility uncertainty:** $\sigma \widehat{a}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ plays the role of volatility matrix for stock prices S under each $P \in \mathcal{P}$, since $dB_t = \widehat{a}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} dW_t^P$.
- $\sigma \widehat{a}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of maximal rank $d < n \rightsquigarrow$ **incomplete market under each $P \in \mathcal{P}$.**
- (Minimal) market prices of risk in each model $P \in \mathcal{P}$ given by

$$\widehat{\xi}_t := \widehat{a}_t^{\frac{1}{2}} \sigma^{\text{tr}} (\sigma \widehat{a}_t \sigma^{\text{tr}})^{-1} b, \quad t \leq T, \quad P\text{-a.s.}$$

Plausible reference measures

- Consider candidate market prices of risk and volatilities

$$\xi_t^{P,\theta} = \hat{\xi}_t + \theta_t \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_t^{P,\theta} = \sigma \hat{a}_t^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

for θ_t in some ellipsoidal confidence region $\Theta_t \subset \text{Im}(\sigma_t \hat{a}_t^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\text{tr}}$, $t \leq T$.

- Corresponding set of reference priors for drift & vol. uncertainty is

$$\mathcal{R} := \left\{ Q = Q^{P,\theta} \mid Q \sim P, \frac{dQ}{dP} = {}^{(P)}\mathcal{E}(\theta \cdot W^P), \text{ for some } P \in \mathcal{P}, \theta_t \in \Theta_t \forall t \right\}.$$

- For each $P \in \mathcal{P}$ holds $\mathcal{M}^e(Q^{P,\theta}) = \mathcal{M}^e(P)$ for any $\theta \in \Theta$.
- Set of no-good-deal pricing measures for each prior $Q^{P,\theta} \in \mathcal{R}$:

$$\mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}(Q^{P,\theta}) = \left\{ Q \in \mathcal{M}^e(P) \mid \frac{dQ}{dP} = {}^{(P)}\mathcal{E}(\lambda \cdot W^P), |\lambda + \theta| \leq h \right\}.$$

Uncertainty: Worst-case bounds and a-priori risk measure

- For each $Q^{P,\theta} \in \mathcal{R}$, consider the sets $\mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}(Q^{P,\theta})$ and $\mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(Q^{P,\theta})$.
- For model $Q^{P,\theta}$, good-deal bound and risk measure are

$$\pi_t^{u,P,\theta}(X) = \operatorname{esssup}_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}^{\text{ngd}}(Q^{P,\theta})}^P E_t^Q[X] \quad , \quad \rho_t^{P,\theta}(X) = \operatorname{esssup}_{Q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(Q^{P,\theta})}^P E_t^Q[X], \quad P\text{-a.s.}$$

- Robust **worst-case** good-deal bound under uncertainty:

$$\pi_t^u(X) := \operatorname{esssup}_{P' \in \mathcal{P}(t+,P)}^P \operatorname{esssup}_{\theta \in \Theta}^P \pi_t^{u,P',\theta}(X), \quad P\text{-a.s.}, \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}$$

where $\mathcal{P}(t+, P) = \{P' \in \mathcal{P} : P' = P \text{ on } \mathcal{F}_t^+\}$.

- a-priori risk measure to be minimized by dynamic hedging:

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2BSDE formulation and wellposedness

For a measurable generator $F : [0, T] \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{S}_n^{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, Lipschitz in (y, z) , denote $\widehat{F}_t(y, z) := F_t(B_{\cdot \wedge t}, y, z, \widehat{a}_t)$.

- For \mathcal{F}_T -measurable X , define second-order BSDE (2BSDE)

$$Y_t = X - \int_t^T \widehat{F}_s(Y_s, \widehat{a}_s^{\frac{1}{2}} Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s + K_T^P - K_t^P, \mathcal{P}\text{-q.s.}$$

- Solution triple $(Y, Z, (K^P)_{P \in \mathcal{P}})$, satisfies **minimum condition**

$$K_t^P = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{P' \in \mathcal{P}(t+, P)}^P E_t^{P'} [K_T^{P'}], \text{ } P\text{-a.s.}, t \in [0, T], \forall P \in \mathcal{P}.$$

- Wellposedness under suitable measurability and integrability properties on X and F (Possamai/Tan/Zhou)

Good-deal valuation via 2BSDEs

- For each $a \in \mathbb{S}_n^{>0}$ and $t \in [0, T]$, consider the orthogonal projections

$$\Pi_t^a : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \text{Im}(\sigma_t a^{1/2})^{\text{tr}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_t^{\perp, a} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \text{Ker}(\sigma_t a^{1/2}).$$

- Let F be the generator function defined by

$$F_t(z, a) := \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \left(\widehat{\xi}_t^{\text{tr}} \Pi_t^a(z) - \sqrt{h_t^2 - |\widehat{\xi}_t + \theta_t|^2} |\Pi_t^{\perp, a}(z)| \right)$$

- For suitable X , there exists a unique (in a suitable space) solution $(Y, Z, (K^P)_{P \in \mathcal{P}})$ to 2BSDE with parameters (F, X) .
- Worst-case good-deal bound process is given by

$$\pi_t^u(X) = Y_t, \quad P\text{-a.s.}, \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}$$

Good-deal hedging via 2BSDEs

- Again trading strategy as amount of wealth invested in S
 \rightsquigarrow wealth process

$$V^\phi = V_0 + \int_0^\cdot \phi_s^{\text{tr}} (\widehat{a}_s^{\frac{1}{2}} \xi_s ds + dB_s), \quad \text{with } \phi \in \text{Im } \sigma^{\text{tr}}.$$

- Set Φ of \mathcal{R} -admissible strategies $\phi \in \Phi$ such that **trading gains** $\left\{ {}^{(P)}\int_0^\cdot \phi_s^{\text{tr}} dB_s, P \in \mathcal{P} \right\}$ aggregate into single process $\int_0^\cdot \phi_s^{\text{tr}} dB_s$.
- Aggregation condition is not needed under additional set-theoretical axioms. Otherwise it holds e.g. if ϕ is càdlàg.
- **Hedging problem under drift and vol. uncertainty:** Find $\bar{\phi} \in \Phi$ s.t.

$$\pi_t^u(X) = \rho_t \left(X - (V_T^{\bar{\phi}} - V_t^{\bar{\phi}}) \right) = \text{essinf}_{\phi \in \Phi} \rho_t \left(X - (V_T^\phi - V_t^\phi) \right).$$

Good-deal hedging via 2BSDEs (cont.)

Denote $\widehat{\Pi}_t := \Pi_{\text{Im}(\sigma_t \widehat{a}_t^{1/2})^{\text{tr}}}$ and $\widehat{\Pi}_t^\perp := \Pi_{\text{Ker}(\sigma_t \widehat{a}_t^{1/2})}$, and recall $(Y, Z, (K^P)_{P \in \mathcal{P}})$ solution to the 2BSDE for $\pi^u(X)$.

- Given trading gains $\{(P)Z \cdot B, P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ aggregate, then for some worst-case $\bar{\theta} \in \Theta$ the hedging strategy is given by

$$\widehat{a}_t^{1/2} \bar{\phi}_t(X) = \underbrace{\widehat{\Pi}_t(\widehat{a}_t^{1/2} Z_t)}_{\text{Non-speculative component}} + \underbrace{\frac{|\widehat{\Pi}_t^\perp(\widehat{a}_t^{1/2} Z_t)|}{\sqrt{h_t^2 - |\xi_t + \bar{\theta}_t|^2}} (\xi_t + \bar{\theta}_t)}_{\text{Speculative component}}.$$

- Robust tracking error $L^{\bar{\phi}} = \pi^u(X) - \pi_0^u(X) - (V_T^{\bar{\phi}} - V_0^{\bar{\phi}})$ is a Q -supermartingale for any $Q \in \mathcal{P}^{\text{ngd}}(Q^{P, \theta})$ for all $P \in \mathcal{P}, \theta \in \Theta$
 $\dots \rightsquigarrow$ at least mean-self.fin. wrt. drift & volatility uncert.

a particular (rare) example with an explicit solution:

- Market with two Black-Scholes-type assets ($d = 1$, $n = 2$):

$$dS_t = S_t \sigma^S dB_t^1, \quad dH_t = H_t (\gamma dt + \beta (\rho dB_t^1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dB_t^2)), \quad \mathcal{P}\text{-q.s.},$$

for $\rho \in [-1, 1]$, $\hat{a} = (\hat{a}^{ij})_{i,j=1,2} \in [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$,

no drift uncertainty, market price of risk $\xi = 0$.

- Put option $X = (\mathcal{K} - H_T)^+$ on non-traded asset H , and $h \in [0, \infty)$.
- Valuation at maximum vol. level \bar{a} , for worst-case model $P_{\bar{a}} \in \mathcal{P}$:

$$\pi_t^u(X) = \pi_t^{u, P_{\bar{a}}}(X) = C * \text{Black-Scholes-Put-price} \left(\text{spot } H_t, \text{ strike } \frac{\mathcal{K}}{C}, \text{ vol. } \bar{\beta} \right),$$

for some $C, \bar{\beta} \in (0, \infty)$.

- Hedging strategy: $\bar{\phi}_t(X) = L_t H_t \left(\rho + \frac{\hat{a}_t^{12}}{\hat{a}_t^{11}} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}, 0 \right)^{\text{tr}}$ for some $L_t < 0$.
- Incompleteness ($|\rho| \neq 1$) \rightsquigarrow Good-deal hedging \neq Super-replication!

Summary

Valuation and hedging under combined drift and volatility uncertainty.

- 1 Good-deal approach yields less expensive valuations and less extreme hedges than (quasi-sure) superreplication.
- 2 Hedging strategies are at-least-mean-self-financing, uniformly over all a-priori valuation measures wrt. all (uncertain) reference priors.
- 3 Valuations and Hedges are characterized by the solution to a 2nd-order BSDEs, for general measurable claims (no continuity conds), by building on wellposedness from D.Possamai,X.Tan,C.Zhou for 2BSDE, where generator needs not to be convex or continuous.
- 4 Combined uncertainty about drift and volatility is complicated but it matters !

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