

A Problem of Optimal Portfolio Allocation with Transaction Costs

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- **State** of the system W_t subject to stochastic dynamics
- **Control** process π_t
 - value chosen at each time depending on the available information: **adapted**
 - influence the dynamics of W_t
- Performance **Criterion** $J(W, \pi)$ to be maximised

Value Function

$$V = \sup_{\pi} J(W, \pi)$$

Aim

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- Find an optimal strategy (if it exists)

Example: Merton's Problem

Statement I

Market: risk-free asset
risky asset

$$dS_t^0 = S_t^0 r dt$$

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dB_t$$

- **Control** process $\pi_t \in [0; 1]$: proportion of the wealth invested in the risky asset
- **State** W_t : wealth process

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_t^\pi}{W_t^\pi} &= \pi_t \frac{dS_t}{S_t} + (1 - \pi_t) \frac{dS_t^0}{S_t^0} \\ &= (\pi_t \mu + (1 - \pi_t) r) dt + \pi_t \sigma dB_t \end{aligned}$$

- **Criterion:** expected utility of the terminal wealth

$$U(x) = x^\alpha, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

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Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman (HJB) Equation

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(t, \mathbf{x}) + \sup_{p \in [0;1]} \mathcal{L}^p \Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\Phi(T, \mathbf{x}) = U(\mathbf{x}) = x^\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{L}^p \Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = x(p\mu + (1-p)r) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}(t, \mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 p^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

As $U(W_T^{\mathbf{x}, \pi}) = U(\mathbf{x} W_T^{1, \pi}) = x^\alpha U(W_T^{1, \pi})$, we're searching for a factorized solution $\Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = x^\alpha \varphi(t)$

$$0 = \varphi'(t) + \varphi(t) \sup_{p \in [0;1]} \left\{ \alpha(p\mu + (1-p)r) + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2} p^2 \sigma^2 \right\}$$

$$1 = \varphi(T)$$

Example: Merton's Problem

Solution of HJB Equation

Solution

$$\Phi(t, x) = x^\alpha e^{\beta(T-t)}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \sup_{p \in [0;1]} \left\{ \alpha(p\mu + (1-p)r) + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2} p^2 \sigma^2 \right\} \\ &= \alpha r + \frac{\alpha(\mu-r)^2}{2(1-\alpha)\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

reached at $p^* = \frac{\mu-r}{(1-\alpha)\sigma^2}$

Itô formula for Φ between t and T :

$$\Phi(T, W_T^{t,x,\pi}) = \Phi(t, x) + \int_t^T \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u} + \mathcal{L}^{\pi_u} \Phi \right) (u, W_u^{t,x,\pi}) du$$

+ martingale

$$U(W_T^{t,x,\pi}) \leq \Phi(t, x) + \int_t^T \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u} + \sup_{p \in [0;1]} \mathcal{L}^p \Phi \right) (u, W_u^{t,x,\pi}) du$$

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$$\leq \Phi(t, x) + \text{martingale}$$

Hence

$$\Phi(t, x) \geq \mathbb{E}[U(W_T^{t,x,\pi})]$$

with **equality** when $\pi_t = p^*$.

Conclusion

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- Constant optimal strategy $\pi_t = \frac{\mu-r}{(1-\alpha)\sigma^2}$
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- the drift alternately takes two different values
 $\mu_1 < 0$ and $\mu_2 > 0$
- transaction costs

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Main approaches to investment

- Fundamental approach
 - fundamental economic principles

- Technical Analysis approach
 - past prices behaviour

- Mathematical Approach
 - mathematical models

Aim

Compare the performance of technical analysis and miscalibrated mathematical models

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- B standard Brownian motion,
- $\mu(t) \in \{\mu_1, \mu_2\}$ independent of B ,
- **control** process $\pi_t \in \{0, 1\}$ proportion of the wealth invested in the risky asset
- **state** W_t^π wealth when strategy π is applied
- **criterion** expected utility of the terminal wealth

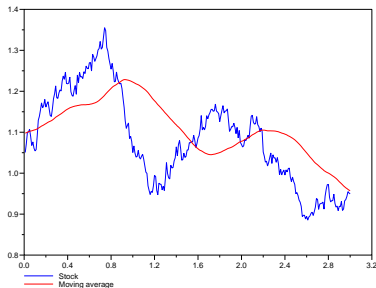
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Maximise the expected utility of the terminal wealth

Moving average

$$M_t^\delta = \frac{1}{\delta} \int_{t-\delta}^t S_u du$$

- If $S_t > M_t^\delta$ buy
- If $S_t < M_t^\delta$ sell



$$\mu_1 = -0.2, \mu_2 = 0.2, \sigma = 0.15, \\ \delta = 0.8.$$

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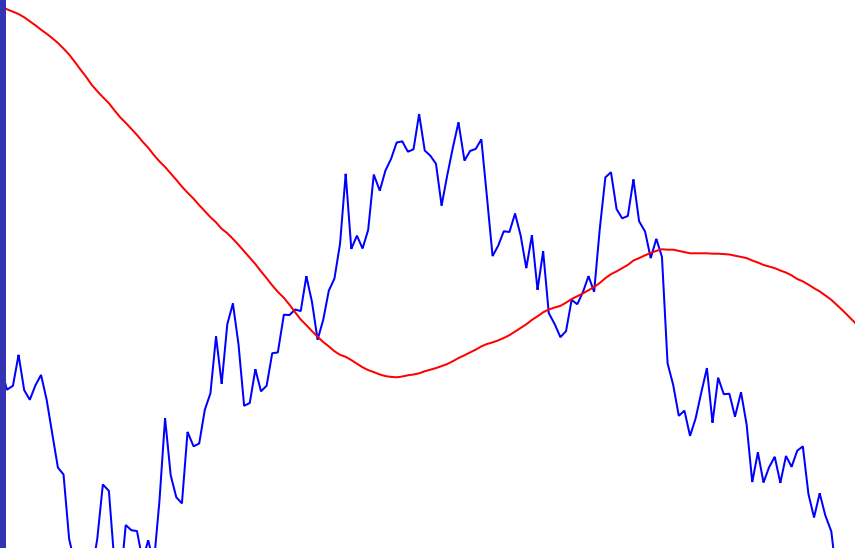
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BLANCHET, DIOP, GIBSON, KAMINSKI, TALAY, TANRÉ (2005)

risk-free asset

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One change of drift

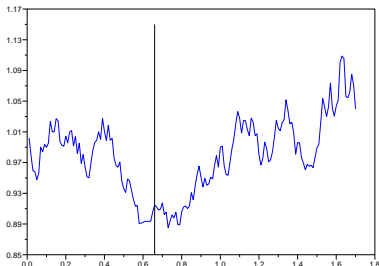
- $\mu(t) = \mu_1$ if $t < \tau$

- $\mu(t) = \mu_2$ if $t \geq \tau$

with $\mathbb{P}(\tau > t) = e^{-\lambda t}$

Strategy

detect τ



$$\mu_1 = -0.2, \mu_2 = 0.2, \sigma = 0.15, \\ \lambda = 2.$$

- theoretical study of the value function
- theoretical study of detecting the change of drift
- numerical comparisons of strategies
 - well calibrated detection
 - miscalibrated detection
 - moving average

Conclusion

- Moving average strategy can overperform miscalibrated mathematical strategies
- Range of misspecifications for which this is true

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- Several changes of drift

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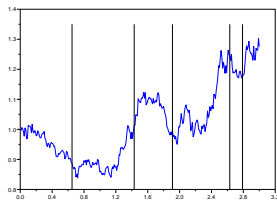
(ξ_{2n}) iid $\text{Exp}(\lambda_2)$

$\tau_0 = 0, \tau_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$

$$\mu(t) = \begin{cases} \mu_1 & \text{if } \tau_{2n} \leq t < \tau_{2n+1} \\ \mu_2 & \text{if } \tau_{2n+1} \leq t < \tau_{2n+2} \end{cases}$$

- Transaction costs

- g_{01} buying cost
- g_{10} selling cost



$$\mu_1 = -0.2, \mu_2 = 0.2, \\ \sigma = 0.15, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2.$$

Control process: $\pi_t \in \{0, 1\}$ proportion of the wealth invested in the risky asset

$$\mathcal{F}_t^S = \sigma(S_u, u \leq t)$$

π_t must be \mathcal{F}_t^S -adapted

Problem

$$\mathcal{F}_t^S \neq \mathcal{F}_t^B = \sigma(B_u, u \leq t)$$

\implies Change of framework

Optional Projection: $F_t = \mathbb{P}(\mu(t) = \mu_1 \mid \mathcal{F}_t^S)$

$$\bar{B}_t = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left(\log \frac{S_t}{S_0} - \int_0^t (\mu_1 F_s + \mu_2(1 - F_s) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) ds \right)$$

Martinez, Rubenthaler, Tanré 2005

- \bar{B} is a (\mathcal{F}^S) Brownian motion
- $\mathcal{F}^S = \mathcal{F}^{\bar{B}}$

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = (\mu_1 F_t + \mu_2(1 - F_t)) dt + \sigma d\bar{B}_t$$

KURTZ, OCONE 1988

$$dF_t = (-\lambda_1 F_t + \lambda_2(1 - F_t)) dt + \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\sigma} F_t(1 - F_t) d\bar{B}_t$$

Control process: π_t

State: pair (W_t, F_t)

Dynamics:

$$\frac{dW_t^\pi}{W_{t^-}^\pi} = (\pi_t(\mu_1 F_t + \mu_2(1 - F_t)) + (1 - \pi_t)r) dt + \pi_t \sigma d\bar{B}_t - g_{01} \delta(\Delta\pi_t = 1) - g_{10} \delta(\Delta\pi_t = -1)$$

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Criterion: expected utility of the terminal wealth

Utility: $U(x) = x^\alpha$, $\alpha \in]0, 1[$

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Continuity

For all $i \in \{0; 1\}$, $0 \leq t \leq \hat{t} \leq T$, $x, \hat{x} > 0$, $0 \leq f, \hat{f} \leq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} & |V^i(\hat{t}, \hat{x}, \hat{f}) - V^i(t, x, f)| \\ & \leq C(1 + x^{\alpha-1} + \hat{x}^{\alpha-1})(|\hat{x} - x| + x(|\hat{f} - f| + |\hat{t} - t|^{1/2})) \end{aligned}$$

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Proof:

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Hamilton Jacobi Bellman Equations

$$\begin{cases} \min \left\{ -\frac{\partial \varphi^0}{\partial t} - \mathcal{L}^0 \varphi^0; \varphi^0(t, \mathbf{x}, f) - \varphi^1(t, \mathbf{x}(1 - \mathbf{g}_{01}), f) \right\} = 0 \\ \min \left\{ -\frac{\partial \varphi^1}{\partial t} - \mathcal{L}^1 \varphi^1; \varphi^1(t, \mathbf{x}, f) - \varphi^0(t, \mathbf{x}(1 - \mathbf{g}_{10}), f) \right\} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^0 \varphi(t, \mathbf{x}, f) &= x r \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) + (-\lambda_1 f + \lambda_2(1 - f)) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial f}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\sigma} \right)^2 f^2 (1 - f)^2 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial f^2}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^1 \varphi(t, \mathbf{x}, f) &= x(\mu_1 f + \mu_2(1 - f)) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) + \frac{1}{2} x^2 \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) \\ &\quad + (-\lambda_1 f + \lambda_2(1 - f)) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial f}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) + x(\mu_1 - \mu_2) f(1 - f) \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{x} \partial f}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\sigma} \right)^2 f^2 (1 - f)^2 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial f^2}(t, \mathbf{x}, f) \end{aligned}$$

$$(P) \quad F(t, x, v(t, x), D_t v(t, x), Dv(t, x), D^2 v(t, x)) = 0$$

Definition

- v is a **viscosity sub-solution** of (P) if

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\mathcal{V}_α : set of continuous functions φ on $[0; T] \times [0; +\infty[\times [0; 1]$ satisfying $\varphi(t, 0, f) = 0$ and

$$\sup_{[0; T] \times [0; +\infty[\times [0; 1]^2} \frac{|\varphi(t, x, f) - \varphi(t, \hat{x}, \hat{f})|}{(1 + x^{\alpha-1} + \hat{x}^{\alpha-1})(|x - \hat{x}| + x|f - \hat{f}|)} < \infty.$$

Theorem

(V^0, V^1) is the unique viscosity solution of HJB equation in $\mathcal{V}_\alpha \times \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ satisfying

$$V^0(T, x, f) = V^1(T, x, f) = U(x) = x^\alpha$$

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Dependence on x :

$$V^i(t, x, f) = \sup_{\pi} \mathbb{E}[U(W_T^{t,x,f,\pi})] = x^\alpha V^i(t, 1, f)$$

Numerical Scheme

- $\hat{V}^0(T, f) = \hat{V}^1(T, f) = 1$
- With the PDE part in HJB, compute $\bar{V}^0(t, \cdot)$ et $\bar{V}^1(t, \cdot)$ from $\hat{V}^0(t + dt, \cdot)$ and $\hat{V}^1(t + dt, \cdot)$
- Comparison
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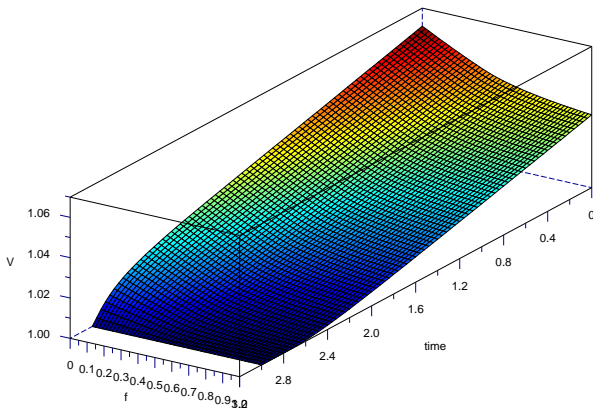
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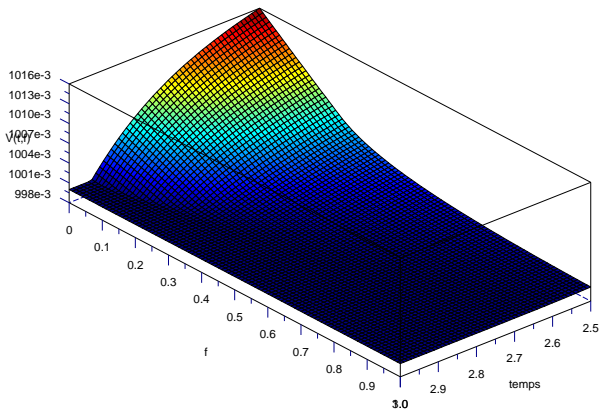
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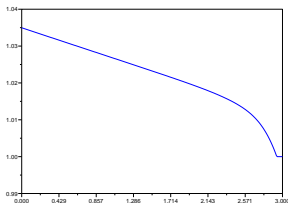
Parameters: $T = 3$, $\mu_2 = -\mu_1 = 0.2$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$, $\sigma = 0.15$,
 $g_{01} = g_{10} = 0.001$



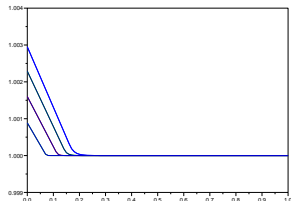
Transaction costs $g_{01} = g_{10} = 0.01$
Zoom between $t = 2.5$ and $t = 3 = T$



Section at $f = 0.05$



Sections at $t = 2.90$,
 $t = 2.91$, $t = 2.92$, $t = 2.93$,



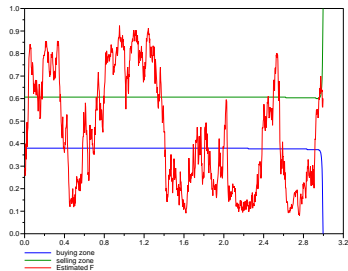
- Compute \hat{V}^0, \hat{V}^1
- Estimate \hat{F}_t from the stock
- Compare $\hat{V}^0(t, \hat{F}_t)$ et $\hat{V}^1(t, \hat{F}_t)$:

- buy if

$$\hat{V}^0(t, \hat{F}_t) = (1 - g_{01})^\alpha \hat{V}^1(t, \hat{F}_t)$$

- sell if

$$\hat{V}^1(t, \hat{F}_t) = (1 - g_{10})^\alpha \hat{V}^0(t, \hat{F}_t)$$



$$\mu_1 = -0.2, \mu_2 = 0.2, \sigma = 0.15, \\ \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 2, T = 3$$

- Computation of the value function:
 - time discretization step 10^{-6}
 - space discretization step 10^{-3}
- 10^5 Monte Carlo simulations of the Efficient Strategy

F_0	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
\hat{V}^0	1.061	1.057	1.053	1.049	1.045	1.043
Strategy	1.061	1.056	1.052	1.049	1.045	1.043

F_0	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
\hat{V}^0	1.041	1.039	1.038	1.037	1.036
Strategy	1.040	1.039	1.038	1.037	1.036

Miscalibrated Efficient Strategy vs Moving Average

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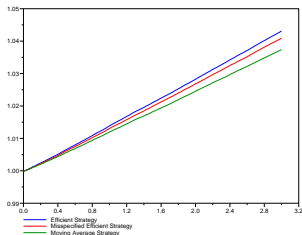
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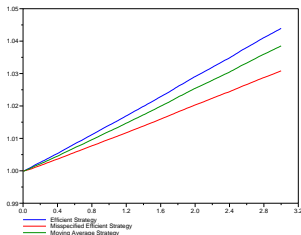
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miscalibrated parameters:

$$\mu_1 = -1.8, \mu_2 = 1.8, \sigma = 0.15,$$

$$\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 4$$



miscalibrated parameters:

$$\mu_1 = -1.8, \mu_2 = 1.8, \sigma = 0.25,$$

$$\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 4$$

Real parameters: $\mu_1 = -0.2, \mu_2 = 0.2, \sigma = 0.15, \lambda_1 = 2,$
 $\lambda_2 = 2, T = 3, \delta = 0.8$

100000 Monte Carlo Simulations