

Martingale Transport and Peacocks

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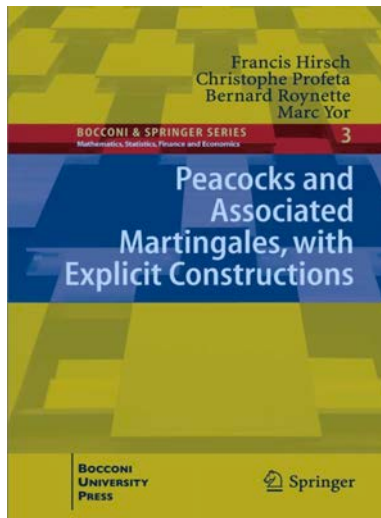
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Peacocks

- A **peacock** is a stochastic process $(X_t, t \geq 0)$, if
 - (i) it is **integrable**, i.e. $\mathbb{E}[|X_t|] < \infty, \forall t \geq 0$;
 - (ii) it **increases in convex order**, i.e. for every convex function $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the map $t \mapsto \mathbb{E}[\phi(X_t)]$ is increasing.
- PCOC : “Processus Croissant pour l’Ordre Convexe” in French.
- A peacock is determined by the family of **marginal distributions**.
- **Kellerer’s theorem** : Every peacock has the same one-dimensional marginals as a **martingale** $(M_t, t \geq 0)$, i.e $X_t \sim M_t$ in law and $\mathbb{E}[M_t | M_r, r \in [0, s]] = M_s$ for every $s \leq t$.

Peacocks



Peacocks

A proud peacock spreads
Its tail pretending to be
A martingale.



Extremal martingale peacocks

- Let $(\mu_t, t \geq 0)$ be a peacock, ξ be a reward/cost function on the martingale M , we look for the extremal martingale peacocks :

$$\sup_{M \text{ martingale peacock}} \mathbb{E}[\xi(M.)].$$

Kellerer's theorem (proof of Hirsch and Roynette)

- **Kellerer's theorem** : For every peacock $(\mu_t)_{t \geq 0}$, there is a martingale $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ such that $M_t \sim \mu_t$.
 - Suppose the marginals μ_t admits a smooth density function $p(t, x)$, denote $C(t, x) := \int_x^\infty (y - x)\mu_t(dy)$. Then $p(t, x)$ solves the **Fokker-Planck equation**

$$\partial_t p(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 \left(\sigma^2(t, x) p(t, x) \right),$$

$$\text{for } \sigma(t, x) = \left(2 \frac{\partial_t C(t, x)}{\partial_{xx}^2 C(t, x)} \right)^{1/2}.$$

- The Fokker-Planck equation is related to the **diffusion**

$$M_t = M_0 + \int_0^t \sigma(s, Z_s) dB_s.$$

- When C is not smooth, **approximate** it by smooth functions.

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Martingale Transportation Problem

- Monge-Kantorovich's **Optimal Transportation** Problem :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_0, \mu_1)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[c(X_0, X_1)] \\ &= \inf \left\{ \mu_0(\lambda_0) + \mu_1(\lambda_1) : \lambda_0(x) + \lambda_1(y) \geq c(x, y) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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Martingale version of Brenier's theorem

- Brenier's theorem (Féchet-Hoeffding coupling) in the one-dimensional case : when $\partial_{xy}c > 0$, the solution is given by the **monotone transference plan** $T := F_1^{-1} \circ F_0$.
- **Martingale** version (Beiglbock-Juillet, Henry-Labordère -Touzi) : When $\partial_{xyy}c > 0$, the optimal solution is given by the **left-monotone martingale transference plan** (which is a binomial model).
- The transition kernel of the binomial model is, with $T_d(x) \leq x \leq T_u(x)$, $q(x) := \frac{x - T_d(x)}{T_u(x) - T_d(x)}$,

$$T_*(x, dy) := q(x)\delta_{T_u(x)}(dy) + (1 - q(x))\delta_{T_d(x)}(dy).$$

Martingale version of Brenier's theorem

Determinate T_u and T_d : assume that $\delta F := F_1 - F_0$ has only one local maximizer m .

- Coupled ODE, on $[m, \infty)$,

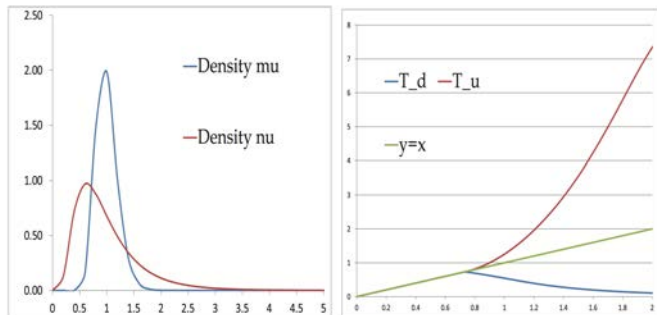
$$d(\delta F \circ T_d) = -(1 - q)dF_0, \quad d(F_1 \circ T_u) = qdF_0.$$

- Resolution of ODE : denote $g(x, y) := F_1^{-1}(F_0(x) + \delta F(y))$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^x [F_1^{-1}(F_0(\xi)) - \xi] dF_0(\xi) + \int_{-\infty}^{T_d(x)} (g(x, \xi) - \xi) d\delta F(\xi) = 0,$$

$$T_u(x) = g(x, T_d(x)).$$

Martingale version of Brenier's theorem

Figure : An example of T_u and T_d .

The optimal dual components

- The dynamic strategy h_* :

$$h'_*(x) = \frac{c_x(x, T_u(x)) - c_x(x, T_d(x))}{T_u(x) - T_d(x)}, \quad \forall x \in [m, \infty),$$

$$h_*(x) = h_*(T_d^{-1}(x)) + c_y(x, x) - c_y(T_d^{-1}(x), x), \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, m).$$

- The static strategy (λ_0, λ_1) :

$$\lambda'_1 = c_y(T^{-1}, \cdot) - h_* \circ T^{-1}, \quad T^{-1} = T_u^{-1}1_{[m, \infty)} + T_d^{-1}1_{(-\infty, m)}.$$

$$\lambda_0 = q(c(\cdot, T_u) - \lambda_1(T_u)) + (1 - q)(c(\cdot, T_d) - \lambda_1(T_d)).$$

The multi-marginals case

- An easy extension to the **multi-marginals** case

$$\sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}(\mu_0, \dots, \mu_n)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n c(X_{k-1}, X_k) \right].$$

- The extremal model is a **Markov chain (martingale)**, and the optimal dual strategies are all explicit.
- What happens if $n \rightarrow \infty$?
 - Do they **“converge”**?
 - the criteria function,
 - the Markov chain,
 - the super hedging strategy.
 - Does the limit keep the **optimality**?

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Limit of the criteria function

- Assumption : $c(x, x) = c_y(x, x) = 0$, $c_{xyy}(x, y) > 0$.
- Quadratic variation (Föllmer) of a càdlàg path $\mathbf{x} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} (\mathbf{x}_{t_k} - \mathbf{x}_{t_{k-1}})^2 \delta_{t_{k-1}}(dt).$$

- It is proved in Hobson and Klimmek (2012) that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c(\mathbf{x}_{t_{k-1}}, \mathbf{x}_{t_k}) \rightarrow C(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 c_{yy}(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_t) d[\mathbf{x}]_t^c + \sum_{0 \leq t \leq 1} c(\mathbf{x}_{t-}, \mathbf{x}_t).$$

Continuous-time martingale transport

- Let $\mu = (\mu_t)_{0 \leq t \leq 1}$ be **increasing in convex ordering**, right-continuous and unif. integrable.
- Let $\Omega := D([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$, \mathcal{M}_∞ the set of martingale measures on Ω and $\mathcal{M}_\infty(\mu)$ that subset of measures under which X fits all marginals.
 - $\mathcal{M}_\infty(\mu)$ is **non-empty** (Kellerer(1972), Hirsch and Roynette (2012)).
- MT problem

$$P_\infty(\mu) := \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_\infty(\mu)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [C(X.)].$$

Peacocks

- Peacock (PCOC “Processus Croissant pour l’Ordre Convex”) :
Construction of associated martingales (Hirsch, Profeta, Roynette and Yor(2011), etc.)
- Self-similar martingales, when $X_t = \sqrt{t}X$.
Madan-Yor (2002), Hamza-Klebaner(2012), etc.
- Fake Brownian motion, when $X \sim N(0, 1)$.
Oleszkiewicz(2008), Albin (2008), Hobson (2013), etc.

Dual formulation

- Dynamic strategy : $\mathbb{H}_0 : [0, 1] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denotes the set of all predictable, locally bounded processes,

$$\mathcal{H} := \{H \in \mathbb{H}_0 : H \cdot X \text{ is a } \mathbb{P}\text{-supermartingale for every } \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_\infty\}.$$

- $\Lambda := \{\lambda(x, dt) = \lambda^0(t, x)\gamma(dt),$

$$\Lambda(\mu) := \{\lambda \in \Lambda : \mu(|\lambda|) < \infty\}, \quad \mu(\lambda) := \int \int \lambda^0(t, x)\mu_t(dx)\gamma(dt).$$

- Dual problem

$$D_\infty(\mu) := \left\{ (H, \lambda) : \int_0^1 \lambda(X_t, dt) + (H \cdot X)_1 \geq C(X), \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \forall \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_\infty \right\}.$$

The limit of Markov chain

- (i) Suppose that $(\mu_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ admits smooth density functions $f(t, x)$. Denote by $F(t, x)$ the distribution function.
 - (ii) $x \mapsto \partial_t F(t, x)$ has only one local maximizer $m(t)$.
- Define $T_d : [0, 1) \times [m(t), \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\int_{T_d(t,x)}^x (x - \xi) \partial_t f(t, \xi) d\xi = 0$$
$$j_d(t, x) := x - T_d(t, x)$$
$$j_u(t, x) := \frac{\partial_t F(t, T_d(t, x)) - \partial_t F(t, x)}{f(t, x)}.$$

Technical Lemma

Lemma

The functions j_d and j_u are both continuous in (t, x) and locally Lipschitz in x .

Lemma

We have the asymptotic estimates

$$T_u^\varepsilon(t, x) = x + \varepsilon j_u(t, x) + O(\varepsilon^2), \quad T_d^\varepsilon(t, x) = x - j_d(t, x) + O(\varepsilon).$$

The limit of dual component

- Dynamic strategy : $h^* : [0, 1) \times \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$\partial_x h^*(t, x) := \frac{c_x(x, x) - c_x(x, T_d(t, x))}{j_d(t, x)}, \quad x \geq m(t),$$

$$h^*(t, x) := h^*(t, T_d^{-1}(t, x)) - c_y(T_d^{-1}(t, x), x), \quad x < m(t).$$

- Static strategy : let ψ^* and λ_0^* be defined by

$$\partial_x \psi^*(t, x) := -h^*(t, x),$$

$$\lambda_0^* := \partial_t \psi^* + \left(\partial_x \psi^* j_u + (\psi^*(\cdot) - \psi^*(\cdot - j_d(\cdot)) + c(\cdot - j_d(\cdot))) \frac{j_u}{j_d} \right) 1_{x \geq m(t)}.$$

the static strategy is given by

$$\psi^*(1, x) - \psi^*(0, x) + \int_0^1 \lambda_0^*(t, x) dt.$$

Main results

Theorem

Let $(\pi^n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of partitions of $[0, 1]$, and X^n be the associated optimal Markov chain, then the law of X^n converge to $\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{M}_\infty(\mu)$, under which X is local Lévy process

$$X_t = X_0 - \int_0^t 1_{X_{s-} > m(s)} j_d(s, X_{s-}) (dN_s - \frac{j_u}{j_d}(s, X_{s-}) ds),$$

where N is a pure jump process with predictable compensated process $\frac{j_u}{j_d}$. Under further integrability conditions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}^*} [C(X)] &= P_\infty(\mu) = D_\infty(\mu) = \mu(\lambda^*) \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_{m(t)}^\infty \frac{j_u}{j_d}(t, x) c(x, x - j_d(t, x)) f(t, x) dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Main results

Theorem

The density function satisfies the PDE

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t f(t, x) = & -1_{x < m(t)} \frac{j_u f}{j_d (1 - \partial_x j_d)}(t, T_d^{-1}(t, x)) \\ & - 1_{x \geq m(t)} \left(\frac{j_u f}{j_d} - \partial_x (j_u f) \right)(t, x), \end{aligned}$$

which is also Kolmogorov–Fokker–Planck forward equation associated to the local Lévy process

$$dX_t = -1_{X_{t-} > m(t)} j_d(t, X_{t-}) (dN_t - \frac{j_u}{j_d}(t, X_{t-}) dt).$$

Robust hedging of variance swap

- The payoff of variance swap : in discrete-time case $\sum_{k=1}^n \log^2 \frac{X_{t_k}}{X_{t_{k-1}}}$; in continuous-time case

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{X_t^2} d[X]_t^c + \sum_{0 < t \leq 1} \log^2 \frac{X_t}{X_{t^-}}.$$

- Application of the main result with $c(x, y) := \log^2(x/y)$, we find an optimal no-arbitrage bounds as well as the super-hedging strategies.

Fake Brownian motion

When $f(t, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-x^2/2t}$, we get a more explicit formula for j_d and j_u ,

$$e^{-\hat{T}_d(x)^2/2} \left(1 + \hat{T}_d(x)^2 - x \hat{T}_d(x) \right) = e^{-x^2/2},$$

$$\hat{j}_u(x) := \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{\hat{T}_d(x)}{1 + \hat{T}_d(x)^2 - x \hat{T}_d(x)} \right]$$

and also

$$j_u(t, x) := \sqrt{t} \hat{j}_u(x/\sqrt{t}), \quad j_d(t, x) := x - \sqrt{t} \hat{T}_d(x/\sqrt{t}).$$

Fake Brownian motion

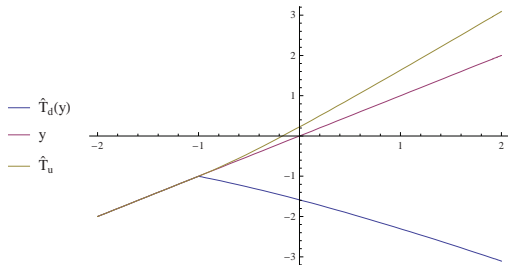


Figure : \hat{T}_u and \hat{T}_d of our fake Brownian motion.

Discussions

- Can we find **other** extremal martingale Peacocks?
- **SEP** (Skorokhod Embedding Problem) approach
 - **Monroe's theorem** : Every right-continuous martingale can be embedded into a Brownian motion with stopping times.
 - **Compactness** can be obtained more easily (**Beiglbock and Huesmann (2013)**).