

Mathematical Aspects  
of  
Financial Risk

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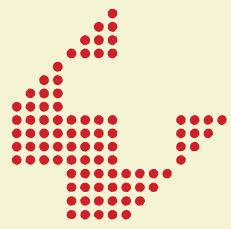
"Stochastics, Economics,  
and Architecture"

- Opening Conference  
of the Institute for  
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- in honor of the 65th  
Birthday of

Helmut Stasser



# International Conference Ars Conjectandi 1713-2013



October 15-16, 2013  
Congress Center Basel, Switzerland

This conference will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the publication of Jacob Bernoulli's book *Ars Conjectandi* in 1713. It is organised by the Swiss Statistical Society (SSS) and co-sponsored by the Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) and the International Statistical Institute (ISI).

The conference will consist of keynote presentations of:

- David Aldous, Berkeley
- Peter Bühlmann, Zurich
- Louis Chen, Singapore
- Hans Föllmer, Berlin
- Tilmann Gneiting, Heidelberg
- Hans-Ruedi Künsch, Zurich
- Xiao-Li Meng, Cambridge
- Fritz Nagel, Basel
- Nancy Reid, Toronto
- Stephen Stigler, Chicago
- Edith Dudley Sylla, Raleigh
- Grace Wahba, Madison

The conference will be combined with the Swiss Statistics Meeting to be held on October 16-18, 2013, in Basel, Switzerland, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the SSS, the 15th anniversary of its section Official Statistics and the 10th anniversary of its sections Education and Research and Business and Industry.

## Venue

Congress Center Basel ([www.congress.ch](http://www.congress.ch)), which is located right in the centre of Basel.

## Further information and registration

[www.statoo.ch/bernoulli13/](http://www.statoo.ch/bernoulli13/)



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for Mathematical Statistics  
and Probability



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Ars Conjectandi

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JACOBI BERNOULLI,  
Profess. Basil. & utriusque Societ. Reg. Scientiar.  
Gall. & Pruss. Sodal.  
MATHEMATICI CELEBERRIMI,

ARS CONJECTANDI,  
OPUS POSTHUMUM.

*Accedit*

TRACTATUS  
DE SERIEBUS INFINITIS,

Et EPISTOLA Gallicè scripta

DE LUDO PILÆ  
RETICULARIS.



BASILEÆ,  
Impensis THURNISIORUM, Fratrum.  
c1o lccc xiiii.

- I. Tractatus Hugonii de  
Ratiociniis in Ludo Aleae  
Cum Annotationibus Jacobi  
Bernoulli
- II. Doctrina de Permutationibus  
& Combinationibus
- III. Usus Praecedentis Doctrinae  
in variis Sortitionibus & Ludis Aleae

Computation of  
"Value Expectationis"

of various gambles

~ pricing of contingent claims  
(dice / coin tossing)

Christian Huygens:

Hoc autem... utar  
fundamento:

in aleae ludo tanti estimandum  
esse cujusque sortem seu  
expectationem ad aliquid  
obtinendum, quantum si habeat,  
possit deuvo ad similem sortem  
sive expectationem pervenire,  
aqua conditione certans

= cost of replication

in the context  
of a fair game  
(in law)

## Propositio I.

Si a vel b expectem, quorum  
utrumvis aequae facile mihi  
obtinere possit, expectatio mea  
dicenda est valere  $(a+b)/2$

Proof<sup>\*</sup> (!) by replication  
in a fair game:

Stake  $x := \frac{a+b}{2}$  in a  
fair game (coin toss),  
winner takes  $2x$  and pays  
 $a$  to the loser

$$\tilde{X} = \begin{cases} b & \frac{1}{2} \\ a & \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

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\* Ad hanc regulam non solum  
demonstrandum, verum etiam  
primitus erueendam posito  $x \dots$

Stephen Stigler:

" Huygens was the first published scientific probabilist as well as

the first financial engineer constructing hedges and derivative contracts in order to extend probability theory from common notions of fairness in symmetric situations to very different asymmetric markets "



$$P[A] =$$

$$\frac{\# \text{ favorable cases}}{\# \text{ possible cases}}$$

"a priori":

quam in aleae ludis,  
quos primi inventores ad  
aequitatem ipsis conciliandam  
opera sic instituerunt,  
ut certi notique essent  
numeri casuum, at quos  
sequi debet lucrum et damnum

## Part IV (unfinished)

- tradens Usum et Applicationem Praecedentis Doctrinae in Civilibus, Moralibus & Oeconomicis

much wider scope

But:

P = ?

"a priori" does not apply:

"In caeteris enim plerisque vel a naturae operatione vel ab hominum arbitrium pendentibus effectis id neutiquam habet loco"

"a posteriori"

"ex eventu in similibus  
exemplis multies observato  
ertere"



(weak) Law of Large numbers

("modus empiricus")

Leibniz (3.12.1703):

doubts the implicit  
stationarity assumptions

## Agenda of Part IV

"Usus & Applicatio  
in . . . . Oeconomicis"

strong revival  
last century,  
in particular  
in finance:

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strong revival  
last century,  
in particular  
in finance:

A story of

- (partial) success

- (systemic) failure ?

- (mathematical) humility !

# Language / Notation of Mathematics

more precisely:

mathematical language  
of randomness  
= theory of probability

has entered / shaped /  
framed the  
discourse in finance  
(academia / industry)

pioneered at MIT:

- P.A. Samuelson (1965):

"Proof that properly anticipated prices fluctuate randomly"

- martingale property

- "efficient market hypothesis"

(E. Fama, 1965, 1970)

"strong/semi-strong/weak"

- rediscovery of  
"Théorie de la Spéculation"  
L. Bachelier (1900):

Brownian Motion





Why

Brownian motion

(up to some transformation,  
Lévy process, ...)

?

~ "The Coin-Tossing View  
of Finance"

John Cassidy  
"Why Markets Fall" (2009)

Simple heuristics:

many decisions (buy/sell)  
are made, more or less  
randomly / independently  
(many coins are thrown ...)

" $\Rightarrow$ "

Brownian motion  
should arise via

central limit theorem  
invariance principle

manifestation of  
Central Limit Theorem ?

Henri Poincaré (thesis report):

"Quand les hommes sont rapprochés, ils ne se décident plus au hasard, et indépendamment les uns des autres; ils réagissent les uns sur les autres."

Des causes multiples entrent en action, et elles troublent les hommes, les entraînent à droite et à gauche, mais il y a une chose qu'elles ne peuvent détruire, ce sont les habitudes de  
moutons de Panurge.

Et c'est cela qui se conserve.

cf. Alan Kirman (2010):  
"The Economic Crisis is a Crisis for Economic Theory"

David Kreps

- John Bates Clark Medal 1989
- "Three essays on Capital Markets" (1979)

geometric Brownian motion

("Samuelson - Black - Scholes model")

= rational expectations equilibrium  
for an economy of agents with

- preferences  $\sim$  power utility
- expectations  $\sim$  geometric BM
- demand computed on that basis

— the heroic view of rationality  
à la Arrow-Debreu-Radner  
(cf. A. Kirman, H. Poincaré, ...)

Louis Bachelier :

"L'espérance mathématique  
du spéculateur est nulle"

i.e.

martingale property

= strong form of  
"efficient markets hypothesis"

+ continuous paths

+ stationary increments

$\Rightarrow$   
P. Lévy Brownian motion

modern version :

Broad interdisciplinary consensus:

Price fluctuation  
of a (liquid) financial asset



should be viewed as a

stochastic process

$$X_t(\omega), \quad t \geq 0$$

on some probability space

$$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$$

$\mathcal{P}$  = the  
"historical" /  
"physical" /  
"objective"  
probability measure

= ?

model ambiguity  
"Knightian uncertainty"  
de Finetti: does it even  
make sense?

typically

"objectivist"

interpretation / intuition:

- P exists
- P can be identified (partially) by statistical/econometric methods
- P should satisfy certain a priori constraints ("market efficiency" / "absence of arbitrage")



Basic theoretical argument:



"free lunch"

" $\Leftrightarrow$ "

Kreps - Harrison

⋮

Delbaen - Schachermayer

$\equiv$

"martingale measure"

$$\mathcal{P}^* \approx \mathcal{P}$$

i.e.

$$E^*[X_{t+h} - X_t | \mathcal{F}_t] = 0$$

up to localization

$P^*$  = the (?)

"risk neutral" measure  
= the market's linear  
pricing operator

de Finetti: perfectly o.d.  
in a "subjective" sense, as an  
aggregate of subjective odds  
for financial bets

"subject": financial market  
(~ de Finetti's "you")  
~ "representative investor"  
of S. Ross

Thus: "no free lunch"



$\mathcal{P}^*$  := all equivalent martingale measures  $\mathcal{P}^* \approx \mathcal{P}$

$\neq \emptyset$

$\Downarrow$  Jacod, Yor, ...

$(X_t)$  = "semimartingale"  
= stochastic integrator  
Delachevrie  $(\rightarrow$  Itô calculus)

= Brownian motion  
up to a random time  
change

(W. Doob, 1940, ..., L. Doob, 50's, ..., I. Karatzas, 1972)

So we have entered the field of

## "Stochastic Analysis"

- a parallel world of great mathematical beauty and elegance
- in contrast to the messy reality of financial markets
- highly efficient for special purposes  
( $\neq$  prediction)



tick by tick,  $d$  assets:

$$K := \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^d \xi_k \underbrace{\Delta X_k}_{\text{price increment of } k\text{-th asset}} \mid \xi_k \in L^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_0, \mathbb{P}) \right\}$$

(NA) No arbitrage:

$$K \cap L_+^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathbb{P}) = \{0\}$$

(MM)  $\exists$  martingale measure  
 $\mathbb{P}^* \approx \mathbb{P}$  (bounded density)

$$E^*[\Delta X_k \mid \mathcal{F}_0] = 0$$

to show:

$$(NA) \iff (MM)$$

crucial closure property  
(to apply Hahn-Banach)

Lemma (W. Schachermayer)

(NA)  $\Rightarrow$   $K - L_+^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$   
closed in  $L^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

variants: Stricker, Kabanov-Kramkov

Lemma (A. Strasser):

$L$   $\mathcal{F}_0$ -module  
 $C$   $\mathcal{F}_0$ -cone  
 $L - C$  closed } in  $L^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$

$(K + L) \cap C = \{0\}$   
 $\Rightarrow K + L - C$  closed "

(Schachermayer:  $L = \{0\}$ ,  $C = L_+^0(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ )  
Stricker:  $L = C = \{0\}$ )

"Ad non solum demonstrandum, verum  
etiam primitus evuendam ..."

mathematical / conceptual  
framework for

pricing / hedging

derivatives

"contingent claims"

= (non-linear) functionals  
of underlying  
price fluctuation  $(X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$

"complete" case:

$$|\mathcal{P}^*| = 1$$



# "perfect replication"

$$A(\omega) = A_0 + \int_0^T \underbrace{\xi_t(\omega) dX_t(\omega)}_{\text{Ito integral}} \quad \text{P-a.s.}$$

= net gain from self-financing trading strategy

$\Rightarrow$  unique arbitrage-free price

= cost of replication

$$= H_0 = \mathbb{E}^* [H]$$



back to

computation of  
expected values  
of various

"gambles"

(= contingent claims)

in the context of a

fair game

~ the martingale measure  
 $\mathbb{P}^*$

"Ars Conjectandi" (I, III)

# Prediction

in terms of  $P$   
(drift, ... ) :

does not intervene  
matter !

standard setting in  
Financial Mathematics  
is probabilistic:

$\mathbb{P}$

vs.

$\mathbb{P}^*$

"objective"/  
"historical"/  
"real world"/  
measure

pricing  
measure  
= "the market's  
belief"

~  
Girsanov

Looking forward :

de Finetti (1931/37):

"Probability (P)  
does not exist"

But:

prices (P\*) do!

↑  
via financial bets, based  
on subjective degrees of  
belief:

"You"

= the financial market

$A = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Greek Bond} \\ \text{GR0114021463} \\ \text{does not default} \\ \text{at maturity } 20/08/2013 \end{array} \right\}$

$P[A] = ?$

does the question make any  
"objective" sense?

Where is the you?

However,

$P_t^*[A]$   
or rather

à la de Finetti  
"you" = financial  
market

$E_t^* [\text{future cash flow}]$

# GRIECHENLAND 08/13 (A0TS58)

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**65,50 EUR**

**0,00 %**

**0,00 €**

09:02 Uhr

Übersicht

**Chart**

Kurs

Wissen

## Kursverlauf

Intraday

1 Woche

1 Monat

3 Monate

6 Monate

**1 Jahr**

3 Jahre

5 Jahre



as a  
prediction scheme,  
looking forward:

$\mathcal{P}$

vs.

$\mathcal{P}^*$

?

much more  
is known:

at each time  $t$ :

$$P_t^* := P^* \left[ \cdot \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right]$$

$\mathcal{C}$  (traded claims  
with maturities  $> t$ )

= the market's implicit  
prediction scheme at time  $t$

via prices of "plain vanilla"  
claims  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{marginals (copies)} \\ \text{and more complex derivatives} \\ \rightarrow \text{joint distributions} \end{array} \right)$

— consistent (via arbitrage)

- across claims
- across future times  $s > t$

but:



$\mathcal{P}_t^*$  = consistent view  
of the future  
at any fixed time  $t$

may shift in a  
non time-consistent manner

$\Leftrightarrow \neq \mathcal{P}^*[\cdot | \mathcal{F}_t]$   
for one single  $\mathcal{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}^*$   
(in an incomplete financial  
market)

~ "phase transition"

①

Incompleteness

i.e.,  $|\mathcal{P}^*| = \infty$ ,

Dynamics in  $\mathcal{P}^*$ ,

and

"Bubbles"

Eugene Fama:

"The word 'Bubble'  
drives me nuts"

Interview, Jan 13, 2010:

"I don't know what a Bubble means. These words have become popular. I don't think they have any meaning".

"I didn't renew my subscription to 'The Economist' because they use the word Bubble three times on every page. Any time prices went up and down — I guess that is what they call a Bubble. People have become entirely sloppy."

# Bubbles:

"irrational exuberance"

(A. Greenspan (1996):

"How do we know ...",

R. Shiller (2000))

vs.

"fundamentals"

# Bubbles

"in the eye of the beholder":

Consider a liquid asset with

cumulative dividend process

$$0 \leq D_t \uparrow D_\infty$$

and

price process

$$S_t \geq 0$$

(properly discounted / "relative")

$\mathcal{P}^*$

defined in terms of

$$X_t := S_t + D_t$$

observed  
price

cumulative  
dividends

"cum dividends"  
(discounted)

Every  $P^* \in \mathcal{P}^*$  supports  
observed prices in a  
speculative perspective:

$$S_t = \text{ess. sup}_{\tau \geq t} E^* [D_\tau - D_t + S_\tau | \mathcal{F}_t]$$

"option to sell"

cf. Harrison - Kreps (1978)  
"Speculative Investor Behavior  
with Heterogeneous Expectations"

But: different perceptions of  
"fundamental value"

$$E^* [D_\infty | \mathcal{F}_t]$$

for different  $P^* \in \mathcal{Q}^*$ :

"Bubble"

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_t &::= S_t - E^* [D_\infty - D_t | \mathcal{F}_t] \\ &= X_t - E^* [D_\infty | \mathcal{F}_t] \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} = 0 \quad \text{for } P^* \in \mathcal{Q}_{UI}^* \\ \quad \quad \quad (X \text{ unif. integrable}) \\ > 0 \quad \text{for } P^* \in \mathcal{Q}_{NUI}^* \end{array} \right.$$

Typically:

$$P_{UI}^* \neq \emptyset \quad \underline{\text{and}} \quad P_{NUI}^* \neq \emptyset$$

i.e.

Both views (Fama vs. Shiller)  
coexist within  $P^*$

Generic examples:

Jelbaeu, Schachevayer (1998)

F., Biagini, Nedelcu (2013)  
(stochastic volatility)



However:

Dichotomy for fixed  
 $p^* \in \mathcal{P}^*$ :

either no bubble at all,  
or bubble is there right away  
(supermartingale  $\geq 0$  cannot  
start in 0)

"Birth" of a bubble

?

requires

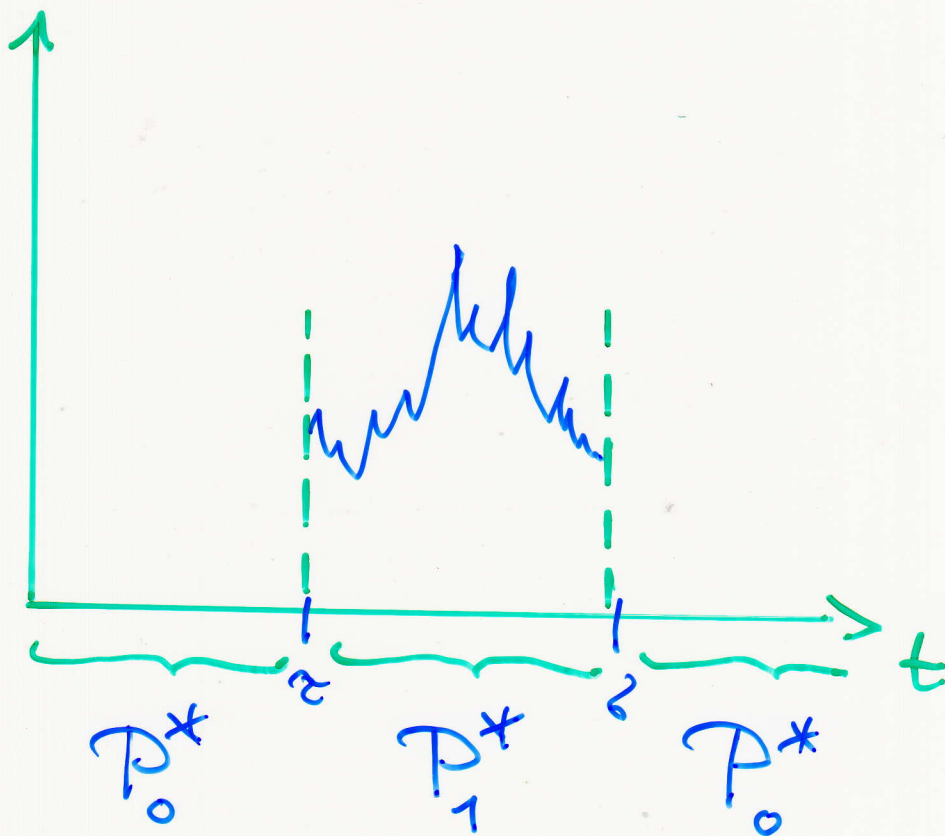
dynamics in  $\mathcal{P}^*$

Jarrow, Proffer:

sudden birth

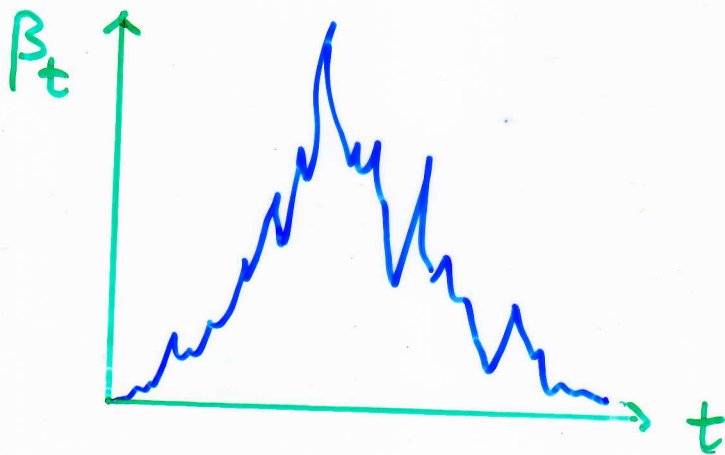
of a bubble

By sudden regime change:



Biagini, F., Nedelcu (2013):

flow in  $\mathcal{P}^*$   
from  $\mathcal{P}_{NUI}^*$  to  $\mathcal{P}_{UI}^*$



- an initial submartingale starting in 0 ("the birth"), then turning into a supermartingale falling back to 0 ("the decay")
- under a "sober" measure  $\mathbb{P}_{0, NUI}^*$

Model

"Knightian" \*

Ambiguity

Uncertainty

\* in honor of

F. Knight:

"Risk, Uncertainty, and Profit"

(Cornell/Yale: 1916 (21))

Risk =

"known unknowns"

$\sim \mathcal{P}$

(Knightian)

Uncertainty =

"unknown unknowns"

$\sim$  model ambiguity

$\mathcal{P}$

a whole class of  
"plausible" probabilistic  
models

## Possible approaches:

- argue "probability free", replacing  $P$  by its "support"  
(= a suitable space of paths)
- replace  $P$  by  $\mathcal{P}$   
(a whole class of "plausible" probabilistic models, focus on "worst case")

②

Hedging without  
probability

$\Omega_2 =$  all continuous paths  
with fixed  
volatility pattern  $\sigma^2(x,t)$

$$\sum_{t_i \leq t} (X_{t_{i+1}}^{(\omega)} - X_{t_i}^{(\omega)})^2$$

→  
along  
dyadic  
partitions

$$\langle X^{(\omega)} \rangle_t = \int_0^t \sigma^2(X_s^{(\omega)}, s) ds$$

$$(\omega: \sigma^2(\cdot, \cdot) \in \Sigma)$$

⇒ strictly pathwise  
replication  
(or superreplication)

$$H(\omega) = H_0 + \underbrace{\int_0^T \xi_s(\omega) dX_s(\omega)}_{\text{strictly pathwise It\^o - Integral}}$$

⇒ ∃! martingale measure  
Paul Lévy  $\mathbb{P}_0^*$  on  $\Omega_0$ :

$$H_0 = E_0^*[H]$$

$$\left( = \sup_{\delta \in \Sigma} E_0^*[H] \right)$$

super-replication



"plain vanilla" options:

via "Calcul d'Itô  
sans probabilités"  
(A.F., 1981)

cf. also Variance swaps  
(A.F., A. Schied, 2013)

"exotic" options:

via strictly pathwise  
Malliavin calculus

(R. Cont et al., 2009, 2011, ...)

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in the same spirit:

"Finance without  
Probabilistic Prior Assumptions;  
(Frank Riedel, 2011)

replace  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  by  
polish space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$

Absence of arbitrage:

$$\nexists \xi : \xi \cdot S(a) \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega$$
$$\underbrace{\{\xi \cdot S > 0\}}_{\text{open}} \neq \emptyset$$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists$  martingale measure  
 $P^*$  with full support

(in discrete time)

see also (Dublin 2013):

M. Souer, N. Touzi, ...

B. Bouchaud, M. Nutz

M. Kupper, S. Drapeau, ...

B. Acciaio, W. Schachermayer,  
...

③ "Robustify":

$\mathcal{Q}$  instead of  $\mathcal{P}$

Case study:

convex risk measures

(Artzner, Delbaen, Eber, Heath;  
Frittelli, Rosazza-Gianlu;  
F., Schied; ...)

- Beyond "Value at Risk"  
and "law-invariance"

(cf. "stressed VaR",  
Basel III, ...)

Monetary risk as a  
capital requirement:

(regulatory perspective, cf.  
Basel II, III)

$$\rho(X) = \inf \{ u \mid X + u \in \mathcal{A} \}$$

= "acceptable  
positions"

$\mathcal{A}$  convex (diversification  
is not penalized)

⇓ Fenchel-Moreau  
+ "monetary"

$$g(X) = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left( \underbrace{E_Q[-X]}_{\text{expected loss in model } Q} - \alpha(Q) \right)$$

where

$\mathcal{Q} :=$  a class of probability measures on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$

$$\alpha(Q) := \sup_{X \in \mathcal{X}} E_Q[-X]$$

— an explicit formalization of model uncertainty ("Knightian")

"robust" view:

no probability measure  
is given a priori,  
But:

probability measures  
do come in as

"stress tests" !

# Research agenda

## ① Robust portfolio choice

find

"Best" portfolio

under

financial / risk constraints

$\mathcal{P}^*$

convex risk measure

↑

$$\sup_{\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}^*} \mathbb{E}^*[X] \leq c$$

= cost of (super-) replication



What does "best" mean?

preferences

$$X \succeq Y \iff U(X) \geq U(Y)$$

numerical  
representation

classical axioms of  
"rationality"



von Neumann - Morgenstern  
Savage  
Aumann - Anscombe

$$U(X) = E_p [u(X)]$$

"expected utility"  
(cf. D. Bernoulli)

more flexible axioms

(in view of "paradoxa",  
Behavioral experiments, ...)

↓  
Gilboa, Schmeidler (1989)  
Maccheroni, Marinacci,  
Rustichini (2006)

$$U(X) = -g(v(X))$$

$$= \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left( \mathbb{E}_Q[v(X)] + \alpha(Q) \right)$$

$g =$  convex risk measure

(Gilboa-Schmeidler: coherent)

solution of  
optimization problem:

i) classical preferences,  $|\mathcal{P}^*| = 1$   
"complete"

$$X^* = (C')^{-1} \left( 1 \frac{dp^*}{dp} \right)$$

ii) classical preferences,  $|\mathcal{P}^*| = \infty$   
"incomplete"

project  $\mathcal{P}$  on  $\mathcal{P}^*$

in terms of divergence  $\sim C$   
(= relative entropy if  
 $C$  is exponential)

then take classical solution  
w.r.t.  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_0^* :=$  projection

$$\text{iii) } U(X) = \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} E_Q[U(X)]$$

robust preferences

and  $|\mathcal{P}^*| = \infty$  :

project  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $\mathcal{P}^*$



possibly extended to

$\bar{\mathcal{P}}^*$  = "extended martingale measures"

on  $\Omega \times (0, \infty]$

(predictable  $\sigma$ -field)

- extending classical projection results of Csiszar, ...  
(F., Gudd 2006)

## ② Dynamic Consistency

$\mathcal{P}_t$  = conditional risk measure, given the past

Consistency:

$$\mathcal{P}_{t+1}(X) \geq \mathcal{P}_{t+1}(Y) \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_t(X) \geq \mathcal{P}_t(Y)$$

~ non-linear extension of martingale theory

~ backwards SDE  
(Peng, ...)

"Bubble" effects in the dynamics of penalization  
(F. Penner; Acciaio-F. Penner)

"Spatial" risk measures:

Local specification,  
Asymptotics,  
( $\sim$  thermodynamical  
limit)  
Phase transition

$\sim$  Gibbs measures

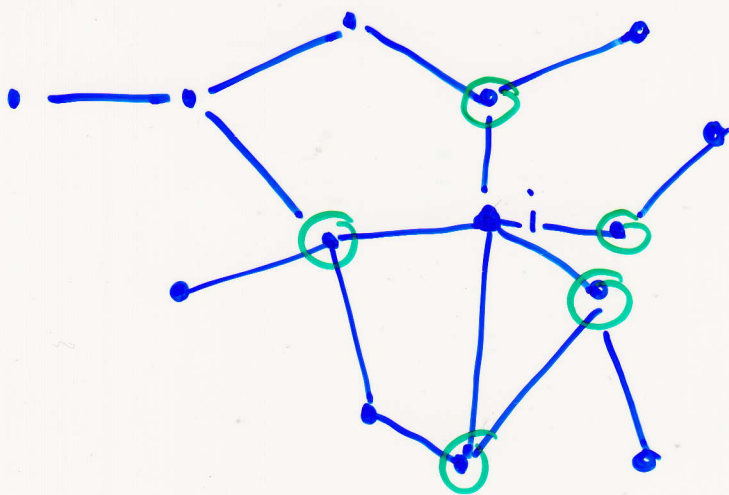
cf.

C. Cotar, C. Klüppelberg, A.F.  
(work in progress)

A.F.: the locally law-invariant  
case

$I$  = a large set of  
"sites"

$\sim$  a network of  
financial institutions



$N(i)$  =  
"neighbors" of  $i$

$\mathcal{P}_{\{i\}}(\omega, X)$  — assess the value  
at site  $i$   
conditionally!  
"environnement"  
= situation on  $I - \{i\}$   
( $\omega$   $N(i)$ )

Problem A:

consistent aggregation

from single nodes  $i \in I$   
to finite subsets  $V \subseteq I$ :

$S_V(x \mid \text{environment outside of } V)$

?

probabilistic case:  $\Leftrightarrow$

Gibbsian description  
in terms of interaction potentials



Problem B:  $|I| = \infty$   
"large" network

Given a local specification

$\mathcal{G}_V(\text{environment})$  ( $V \in I$ ,  
finite),

what is the structure of

$\mathcal{R} :=$  all global <sup>convex</sup>  $\mathcal{V}$ -wise measures  
 $\mathcal{G}$  that are consistent  
with the local  
specification, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{G}_V) \quad \forall V$$

non-uniqueness = "phase transition"

$\sim$  one aspect of  
"systemic risk"

In general: ?

some partial results  
work in progress with  
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locally law-invariant case:  
(A.F., 2013)

$g_V(\cdot)$  only depends on

$\pi_V(\cdot)$

= conditional distribution of  
a "Gibbs measure"

$\mathcal{P} :=$  all random fields  $T$   
consistent with  $(\pi_V)$

A: The risk measures  $\mathcal{G}_V(\cdot)$  must be "entropic", i.e.,

$$\mathcal{G}_V(x|\eta) = \frac{1}{\beta(\eta)} \log \int e^{-\beta(\eta)X(\cdot|\eta)} d\pi_V(\cdot|\eta)$$

configuration  
outside of  $V$

(penalization in terms of conditional relative entropy)

$\beta(\cdot)$  measurable with respect to "tail field"

$$\mathcal{F}^{\infty} := \bigcap_{V \text{ finite}} \mathcal{F}_V^c$$

B :

$\mathcal{R} :=$  all global convex risk measures consistent with  $(\mathcal{G}_V)$

$= \{ \hat{\rho}(-g_\infty) \mid \hat{\rho} = \text{convex risk measure on tail field } \hat{\mathcal{F}} \}$

where

$$g_\infty = \frac{1}{\beta(\cdot)} \log \int e^{-\beta X(\omega)} \pi_\infty(d\omega | y)$$

common conditional distribution of all Gibbs measures  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}$   
( $\dagger$ , Dynkin)

In particular:

$|R| > 1$  "phase transition"

$\Leftrightarrow$  true tail-dependence  
of PC)

and/or

probabilistic phase transition

$|P| > 1$

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Beyond (local) law-invariance:

- largely uncharted territory

But:

possible message:

local

(even conditional,  
vs. just marginal)  
risk analysis

may not suffice to capture  
all sources of the

aggregate

/"systemic" risk

- in non-linear analogy  
to the probabilistic analysis  
of phase transitions

In contrast to Turner Review:

"Knightian Uncertainty"

is not orthogonal to  
"sophisticated maths",  
but a

rich source

of mathematical problems!

Thanks  
for your attention  
and

Best wishes

- to the Institute
- to  
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