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On the Entropic Minimal Martingale Measure for Lévy Processes

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We consider a geometric Lévy market with asset price $S_t = S_0 \exp(X_t)$, where X is a general Lévy process on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, and interest rate equal to zero. As it is well known, except for the cases that X is a Brownian motion or a Poisson process, the market is incomplete. Therefore, if the market is arbitrage-free, there are many equivalent martingale measures and the problem arises to choose an appropriate martingale measure for pricing contingent claims.

One way is to choose the equivalent martingale measure Q^* which minimizes the relative entropy to \mathbb{P} , if it exists. Another choice is the famous Esscher martingale measure Q^E , if it exists.

The main objective of the present talk is to discuss a simple and rigorous approach for proving the fact that the entropic minimal martingale measure Q^* and the Esscher martingale measure Q^E actually coincide: $Q^* = Q^E$. Our method consists of a suitable approximation of the physical probability measure \mathbb{P} by Lévy preserving probability measures \mathbb{P}_n .

The problem was treated in several earlier papers but more heuristically or in a sophisticated way.

Summary

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