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Arbitrages and progressive enlargement of filtration

Based on works with Anna Aksamit, Tahir Choulli, Jun Deng.



L'avenir est la projection du passé, conditionnée par le présent. Georges Braque.

The future is the projection of the past, conditionally to the present. Georges Braque.

The goal of this presentation is to analyze whether or not more information gives arbitrage opportunities in a financial market.

We shall present the case of progressive enlargement and we study NUPBR.

Enlargement of filtration results

As in Beatrix's talk, we define the \mathbb{F} -supermartingale

$$Z_t := \mathbb{P}(\tau > t \mid \mathcal{F}_t).$$

Denoting by A^0 is the dual optional projection of $\mathbb{1}_{\tau \leq t}$, the process $m = Z + A^0$ is an \mathbb{F} martingale.

In the special case where τ **avoids** \mathbb{F} **stopping times**, we can write the Doob-Meyer decomposition of Z as

$$Z = m - A^p = m - A^o$$

where $A^0 = A^p$ is a (predictable) continuous increasing process

Before τ

From Jeulin, for any \mathbb{F} local martingale X the process

$$X_t^{\mathbb{G}} := X_t^{\tau} - \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} \frac{1}{Z_{s-}} d\langle X, m \rangle_s^{\mathbb{F}}$$

is a \mathbb{G} local martingale (stopped at time τ).

In the case where all \mathbb{F} martingales are continuous and τ avoids \mathbb{F} stopping times, it is easy to see that **NA of the first kind holds before τ** .

Indeed, Itô's calculus shows that $dl_t = -l_t \kappa_t dm_t^{\mathbb{G}}$ is a deflator for $\kappa = \frac{1}{Z}$

The following results holds true (Aksamit et al., See also Acciaio et al.)

For any (bounded) X satisfying NUPBR(\mathbb{F}), X^τ satisfies NUPBR(\mathbb{G}) if and only if the thin set $\left\{ \tilde{Z} = 0 \ \& \ Z_- > 0 \right\}$ is evanescent.

Here, $\tilde{Z}_t = \mathbb{P}(\tau \geq t | \mathcal{F}_t)$.

Our goal now is to explain in a naive way why that "evanescent " condition is needed.

If \mathbb{F} is the filtration generated by a Poisson process N , with compensated martingale M , we are looking for a \mathbb{G} -local martingale deflator of the form $d\ell_t = \ell_{t-}\kappa_t dm_t^{\mathbb{G}}$ so that ℓ is positive and $S^\tau \ell$ is a \mathbb{G} -local martingale, where $dS_t = S_{t-}\psi_t dM_t$.

From PRT in the filtration \mathbb{F} , $dm_t = \nu_t dM_t$. Integration by parts formula leads to (on $t \leq \tau$).

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\ell S)_t &= \ell_{t-} dS_t + S_{t-} d\ell_t + d[\ell, S]_t \\
 &\stackrel{\mathbb{G}\text{-mart}}{=} \ell_{t-} S_{t-} \psi_t \frac{1}{Z_{t-}} d\langle M, m \rangle_t + \ell_{t-} S_{t-} \kappa_t \psi_t \nu_t dN_t \\
 &\stackrel{\mathbb{G}\text{-mart}}{=} \ell_{t-} S_{t-} \psi_t \frac{1}{Z_{t-}} \nu_t \lambda dt + \ell_{t-} S_{t-} \kappa_t \psi_t \nu_t \lambda \left(1 + \frac{1}{Z_{t-}} \nu_t\right) dt \\
 &= \ell_{t-} S_{t-} \psi_t \nu_t \lambda \left(\frac{1}{Z_{t-}} + \kappa_t \left(1 + \frac{1}{Z_{t-}} \nu_t\right) \right) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for $\kappa_t = -\frac{1}{Z_{t-} + \nu_t}$, one obtains (formally) a deflator

$$d\ell_t = -\ell_{t-} \frac{\nu_t}{Z_{t-} + \nu_t} dM_t^{\mathbb{G}}$$

One needs that the quantity

$$dl_t = -l_{t-} \frac{\nu_t}{Z_{t-} + \nu_t} dM_t^{\mathbb{G}}$$

is well defined. Since, at jump times of the Poisson process

$$Z_{t-} + \nu_t = Z_{t-} + \Delta m_t = \tilde{Z}_t,$$

we see that we are in trouble if $\tilde{Z} = 0$ and $\nu = \Delta m \neq 0$, that is on the set $\{\tilde{Z} = 0 < Z_{-}\}$.

Note that

$$dl_t = l_{t-} \kappa_t dm_t^{\mathbb{G}} = -l_{t-} \frac{1}{Z_{t-} + \nu_t} \nu_t dM_t^{\mathbb{G}}$$

is indeed a positive \mathbb{G} -local martingale, since $\frac{1}{Z_{t-} + \nu_t} \nu_t < 1$.

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Example where $\{\tilde{Z} = 0 \ \& \ Z_- > 0\}$ is not evanescent.

Let N be a Poisson process (with jump times T_n), and M the compensated martingale

$$dS_t = S_{t-} \psi dM_t, \quad S_0 = 1, \quad M_t := N_t - \lambda t,$$

and

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2}(T_1 + T_2)$$

$$Z_t := \mathbb{P}(\tau > t | \mathcal{F}_t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{T_1 > t\}} + \mathbb{1}_{\{T_1 \leq t\}} \mathbb{1}_{\{T_2 > t\}} e^{-\lambda(t-T_1)}.$$

and $Z = \tilde{Z}$ (since τ avoids \mathbb{F} stopping times).

Then $\{\tilde{Z} = 0 < Z_-\} = \llbracket T_2 \rrbracket$.

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Case of honest times

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Let $dm_t = \varphi_t dS_t$ and $\hat{\varphi}_t := -\mathbb{1}_{\tau < t} \varphi_t$. For all $x > 0$, we have

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General Results

Suppose that τ is an honest time such that $Z_\tau < 1$. Then, the following assertions are equivalent.

- (a) For any S satisfying NUPBR(\mathbb{F}), the process $S - S^\tau$ satisfies NUPBR(\mathbb{G}).
- (b) The thin set $\{\tilde{Z} = 1 \ \& \ Z_- < 1\}$ is evanescent.

Same problems can be solved for an initial enlargement, under absolute continuity Jacod's hypothesis (see Acciaio et al. and Aksamit et al.) and for a progressive enlargement, when the absolute continuity Jacod's hypothesis holds.

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Thank you for your attention

Let τ be a finite honest time and assume that the market (S^0, S) is complete. Then, if τ is not an \mathbb{F} -stopping time, there are classical arbitrages before and after τ .

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From $m = Z + A^\circ$ and $Z_\tau = 1$, we deduce that $m_\tau \geq 1$.

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Classical arbitrages after τ :

Using $m = Z + A^p$, one obtains that, for $t > \tau$, $m_t - m_\tau = Z_t - 1$.

Consider the (finite) \mathbb{G} -stopping time

$$\nu := \inf\{s > \tau : Z_s \leq \frac{1}{2}\}.$$

Then,

$$m_\nu - m_\tau = Z_\nu - 1 \leq \frac{-1}{2} \leq 0,$$

and, as τ is not an \mathbb{F} -stopping time,

$$\mathbb{P}(m_\nu - m_\tau < 0) > 0.$$

Hence $-\int_\tau^{t \wedge \nu} \varphi_s dS_s = m_{\tau \wedge t} - m_{t \wedge \nu}$ is the value of a self-financing strategy with initial value 0 and terminal value $m_\tau - m_\nu \geq 0$ satisfying $\mathbb{P}(m_\tau - m_\nu > 0) > 0$.

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