



Dynamic Risk Measures and Conditional Robust Utility Representation

How can we Understand Risk in a Dynamic Setting?

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Dynamic Risk Measures: Disappointment

Definition - Static case

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space.

Definition (Convex Risk Measure — ARTZNER & AL, FÖLLMER & SCHIED)

A functional $\rho : \mathbb{L}^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex risk measure if it is:

- **Monotone:** For $X, Y \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$, $X \geq Y$ then $\rho(X) \leq \rho(Y)$
- **Translation invariant:** For $X \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$ and $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\rho(X + m) = \rho(X) - m$
- **Convex:** For $X, Y \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$:

$$\rho(\lambda X + (1 - \lambda) Y) \leq \lambda \rho(X) + (1 - \lambda) \rho(Y)$$

- **Normalized:** $\rho(0) = 0$



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Definition - Conditional case

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and \mathcal{F}_t a sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} .

Definition (Conditional Convex Risk Measure)

A functional $\rho_t : \mathbb{L}^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_t^\infty$ is a conditional convex risk measure if it is:

- **Monotone:** For $X, Y \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$, $X \geq Y$ then $\rho_t(X) \leq \rho_t(Y)$ P -a.s.
- **Conditionally translation invariant:** For $X \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$ and $m_t \in \mathbb{L}_t^\infty$,
 $\rho_t(X + m_t) = \rho_t(X) - m_t$ P -a.s.
- **Conditionally convex:** For $X, Y \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$ and $0 \leq \lambda_t \leq 1$ \mathcal{F}_t -measurable:

$$\rho_t(\lambda_t X + (1 - \lambda_t) Y) \leq \lambda_t \rho_t(X) + (1 - \lambda_t) \rho_t(Y) \quad P\text{-a.s.}$$

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Dual representation

An important result concerning convex risk measures is the dual representation (Static case: FÖLLMER and SCHIED. Conditional case: DETLEFSEN and SCANDOLO).

Theorem

If a conditional convex risk measure is continuous from below (i.e. $X_n \searrow X$ implies $\rho_t(X_n) \nearrow \rho_t(X)$) the following representation holds:

$$\rho_t(X) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\substack{Q \sim P \\ Q=P \text{ over } \mathcal{F}_t}} \left\{ E_Q \left[-X \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right] - \alpha_t(Q) \right\}$$

where $\alpha_t : \mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_+^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, P) \cup \infty$ is a penalty function.



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Time consistency

Considering a family of conditional risk measures $(\rho_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ on a filtered probability space, the property of time consistency is understood as follow:

Definition

The family of conditional convex risk measures, is said to be time consistent if for all $X, Y \in \mathbb{L}^\infty$ and times $0 \leq t \leq s \leq T$, holds:

$$\rho_s(X) \geq \rho_s(Y) \quad P\text{-a.s.} \implies \rho_t(X) \geq \rho_t(Y) \quad P\text{-a.s.}$$

This definition is equivalent to the following dynamic programming principle:

$$\rho_t(X) = \rho_t(-\rho_s(X))$$



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For a subdivision σ_n of the interval $[0, T]$, take as penalty function $\alpha_t(Q) = E \left[\varphi \left(\frac{Z}{Z_t} \right) \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right]$ for a positive convex function φ twice differentiable in a neighborhood of 1 and with $\inf \varphi(x) = \varphi(1) = 0$. The filtration is generated by a Brownian motion.

If we imposed for the corresponding discrete family of risk measures $\rho_{t_i}^{\sigma_n}$ to be time consistent we have:

Theorem

$$\rho_t^{\sigma_n}(X) \xrightarrow{|\sigma_n| \rightarrow 0} \frac{dP \otimes dt}{\gamma} \ln \left(E \left[e^{-\gamma X} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \right) \quad (2.1)$$

where $\gamma = 2/\varphi''(1)$



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Moreover, KUPPER and SCHACHERMAYER proved in the restrictive framework of law invariance a general result:

Theorem

For an infinite family ρ_n of law invariant risk measures on an atom free filtration $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. If the family is time consistent, there exists then $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \infty$ such that:

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The key question to address is the completeness, and they are beyond the conditional concept in stochastic many reasons for doubting of this assumption: Indeed, Incompleteness does not reflect an unexceptional trait as pointed out by AUMANN R.J.:

Of all the axiom of utility theory, the completeness axiom is perhaps the most questionable. Like others of the axioms, it is inaccurate as a description of real life, but unlike them we find it hard to accept even from a normative viewpoint. [...] For example, certain decisions that an individual is asked to make might involve highly hypothetical situations, which he will never face in real life. He might feel that he cannot reach an "honest" decision in such cases. Other decision problems might be extremely complex, too complex for intuitive "insight", and our individual might prefer to make no decision at all in these problems. Is it "rational" to force decision in such cases?



Conditional Preference Orders

Axiomatic

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- **Partial Weak Order:** $\succeq^{\mathcal{G}}$ is P -a.s. reflexive and transitive.
- **\mathcal{G} -consistency:** For all \tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} and family $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of elements of \mathcal{G} holds:
 - Intersection consistency: $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}, \tilde{X} \succ_{A_n}^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \implies \tilde{X} \succ_{\{\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\}}^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y}$
 - Union consistency: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \tilde{X} \succ_{A_n}^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \implies \tilde{X} \succ_{\{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n\}}^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y}$
 - Least comparison: There exists $A \in \mathcal{G}$ with $P[A] > 0$ such that:
 $\tilde{X} \succeq_A^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y}$ or $\tilde{X} \preceq_A^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y}$
- **\mathcal{G} -Uncertainty Aversion:** For $\tilde{X} \sim^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y}$ holds
 $\alpha \tilde{X} + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{Y} \succeq^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{X}$ for all \mathcal{G} -measurable function α with $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$
- **Monotonicity:** If $\tilde{Y}(\omega) \succeq \tilde{X}(\omega)$ P -a.s., then $\tilde{Y} \succeq^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{X}$. Moreover, for reals $x, y, x < y$ iff $\delta_x \prec^{\mathcal{G}} \delta_y$
- **Weak Certainty Independence:** For $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}, \tilde{Z}_i \equiv \mu_i \in \mathcal{M}_b(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{G})$ for $i = 1, 2$ and a \mathcal{G} -measurable function α such that $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ we have:
 $\alpha \tilde{X} + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{Z}_1 \succ^{\mathcal{G}} \alpha \tilde{Y} + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{Z}_1 \implies \alpha \tilde{X} + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{Z}_2 \succ^{\mathcal{G}} \alpha \tilde{Y} + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{Z}_2$
- **Continuity:** If $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ are such that $\tilde{Z} \succ^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \succ^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{X}$, there exists then \mathcal{G} -measurable functions α, β with $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$ such that:

$$\alpha \tilde{Z} + (1 - \alpha) \tilde{X} \succ^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \succ^{\mathcal{G}} \beta \tilde{Z} + (1 - \beta) \tilde{X}$$

Moreover for all $c > 0$, the restriction of $\succeq^{\mathcal{G}}$ to $\mathcal{M}_1([-c, c], \mathcal{G})$ is continuous with respect





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Conditional VON NEUMANN & MORGENSTERN

Even if we lose completeness, we can manage to deal with in a good way:

Lemma

Suppose given a weak partial preference order satisfying the first and second axiom aforementioned, then for each $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ there exists a partition $A, B, C \in \mathcal{G}$ of Ω such that:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{X} \succ_A^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \\ \tilde{X} \succ_B^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \\ \tilde{X} \sim_C^{\mathcal{G}} \tilde{Y} \end{array} \right.$$



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Conditional VON NEUMANN & MORGENSTERN

Considering the restriction of $\succsim^{\mathcal{G}}$ on $\mathcal{M}_b(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{G})$ we get a conditional version of the theorem of VON NEUMANN J. & MORGENSTERN O.:

Theorem

If $\succsim^{\mathcal{G}}$ verify the first, second, fifth and sixth axiom aforementioned, there exists then a conditional VON NEUMANN and MORGENSTERN representation of $\succsim^{\mathcal{G}}$:

$$\forall \mu \in \mathcal{M}_b(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{G}) \text{ , for } P\text{-almost all } \omega \in \Omega \text{ , } U(\mu, \omega) = \int u(x, \omega) \mu(dx, \omega) \quad (4.1)$$

where $U(\mu, \cdot)$ is a \mathcal{G} -measurable random variable, for all $\omega \in \Omega$, $u(\cdot, \omega)$ is continuous and for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ $u(x, \cdot)$ is \mathcal{G} -measurable.



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Conditional Robust Representation

Theorem

If the preference order $\succeq^{\mathcal{G}}$ fulfills all the axioms aforementioned, there exists then a conditional numerical representation \tilde{U} which restriction on $\mathcal{M}_b(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{G})$ is a conditional VON MORGENSTERN and NEUMANN representation.

If moreover the range of u is P -a.s. equal to \mathbb{R} and the induced preference order $\succeq^{\mathcal{G}}$ on \mathcal{X} , viewed as a subset of $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$ satisfies the following additional continuity property:

$$X \succ^{\mathcal{G}} Y \text{ and } X_n \nearrow X \text{ } P\text{-a.s.} \implies X_n \succ^{\mathcal{G}} Y \text{ for all large } n \quad (4.2)$$

There exists then a penalty function

$\alpha_{min}^{\mathcal{G}} : \mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^{\infty}(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, P) \cup \{+\infty\}$ such that we get for the induced preference relation a generalised robust Savage representation on \mathcal{X} :

$$U(X) = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{Q \in \mathcal{M}_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \equiv P \text{ on } \mathcal{F}_t)} \left\{ E_Q \left[u(X) \mid \mathcal{G} \right] + \alpha_{min}^{\mathcal{G}}(Q) \right\} \quad (4.3)$$



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Conditional Robust Representation

We consider here some processes $(X_t)_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$.

- **Temporal Consistency:** If $X \succeq^{t+1} Y$ and $X = Y$ up to time t , then $X \succeq^t Y$.

This should deliver the time consistency of the risk measure ρ_t and a recursive definition of the utility function.

- **Information Preference:** For an increasing function $f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ with $f(s) = s$ for $s \leq t$ and $f(s) \geq s$ for $s > t$, then for any adapted process Y equal to X up to time t and with $\mathcal{L}aw(Y | \mathcal{F}_t) \sim \mathcal{L}aw(X_{f(\cdot)} | \mathcal{F}_t)$ we should have $X \succeq^t Y$.



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