

**Risque de couverture des options
dans un marché financier avec
actif suivant un modèle exponentiel-Lévy.
Minimisation de la CVaR**

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Aim and motivation

Main objective

Construct **new stochastic methods** in order to approximate risk measures like the VaR and the CVaR in incomplete markets for options driven by stocks which behave like a stochastic process with jumps - **exponential-Lévy process model**.

Statement of the problem

Option pricing

- Classical models for financial prices - **Black and Scholes model**
 - the stock price is described by a geometric Brownian motion
 - **Advantages:** risk neutral approach via uniqueness of the equivalent martingale measure that implies that the derivative price is the unique arbitrage-free contingent claim.
 - **Drawbacks:** model inconsistent with real data, asset price process has jumps or spikes, the empirical distributions of asset returns exhibit fat tails or skewness behaviors (\neq normal variable), volatility smile (\neq constant volatility as in B&S).
- **Lévy processes**
 - **Advantages:** well adapted to capture the financial behavior.
 - **Drawbacks:** mathematical problems become more complicated, incomplete markets (infinitely many equivalent martingale measures...).

Some observations

Context

- We consider models with jumps and assume that the logarithm of the price follows a Lévy process.
- We are in the following situation: incomplete markets, under the assumption of no arbitrage which implies :
 - there are infinitely many martingale measures
 - there is an interval of arbitrage-free prices - one way to proceed super-hedging but is too costly
 - we use a relaxation problem with a particular equivalent martingale measure.

Problem formulation

- Exponential-Lévy model for the stock price:

$$S_t = S_0 e^{X_t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- Value-at-Risk (VaR) of L for a given confidence level a

$$\text{VaR}_a(L) = \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \mathbb{P}(L \leq x) > a\}$$

- Conditional Value-at-Risk (CVaR) of L for a confidence level a

$$\text{CVaR}_a(L) = \frac{1}{1-a} \int_a^1 \text{VaR}_x(L) dx$$

1. Monetary loss on T : $L = S_0 - S_T$;
2. Loss in terms of interest rates on T : $L = -\log(S_T/S_0) = -X_T$.

Lévy processes in finance

Exponential-Lévy model for the stock price: $S_t = S_0 e^{X_t}$, $t \geq 0$, where $S_0 > 0$ is a constant and $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a one-dimensional Lévy process with characteristic triplet (b, σ^2, ν) .

Definition Lévy process Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space. A stochastic process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is said to be a **Lévy process** if:

- The paths of X are \mathbb{P} -a.s. right continuous and with left limits.
- Independent increments: for $0 \leq s \leq t$, $(X_t - X_s) \perp \{X_u, u \leq s\}$.
- Stationary increments: for $0 \leq s \leq t$, $X_t - X_s \stackrel{(d)}{=} X_{t-s}$.
- $\mathbb{P}(X_0 = 0) = 1$.

Characteristic function - Lévy Khintchine $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ Lévy process with characteristic triplet (b, σ^2, ν) where $b \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma > 0$ and ν is a Lévy measure (non-neg. measure on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $\int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}} 1 \wedge |x|^2 \nu(dx) < \infty$).

Characteristic function:

$$\Phi_t(u) = \mathbb{E} [e^{iuX_t}] = e^{t\psi(u)}, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}$$

where ψ is the characteristic exponent given by:

$$\psi(u) = ibu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 u^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (e^{iux} - 1 - iux \mathbb{1}_{|x| < 1}) \nu(dx).$$

Self-financing strategy

A **self-financing strategy** (V_0, Y) is given by an **initial capital** $V_0 \geq 0$ and a **predictable process** Y s.t. the discounted value process $(V_t)_{t \geq 0}$

$$V_t = V_0 + \int_0^t Y_s dS_s, \forall t \in [0, T] \text{ is well-defined.}$$

A self-financing strategy (V_0, Y) is **admissible** if $V_t \geq 0 \forall t \in [0, T]$.

"Ideal context" In a complete market the equivalent martingale measure \mathbb{P}^* is unique: For a contingent claim and its payoff at maturity T is a non-negative r.v. \mathcal{F}_T -measurable $H \in L^1$. Define $U_0 = \sup_{\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}^*[H] < \infty$. U_0 is the smallest amount V_0 s.t. there exists an admissible strategy (V_0, Y) whose discounted value process satisfies $V_T \geq H$.

Complete market: $U_0 = \mathbb{E}^*[H]$ the unique arbitrage-free price,
Incomplete markets more than one equivalent measure \implies range of arbitrage-free prices.

Need other ideas to find good criteria

- super-hedging too expensive
- weaken the constraints: we fix a smaller amount $\tilde{V}_0 < U_0$.

Risk measure Conditional Value-at-Risk

Let $\mathcal{A} = \{(V_0, Y) | (V_0, Y) \text{ self-financing and admissible}\}$.

Definition CVaR For a given strategy (V_0, Y) and a fixed confidence level $a \in (0, 1)$ the **CVaR at $a\%$** level is defined as the expected return of the portfolio in the worst $a\%$ cases, that is

$$CVaR_a(L) = \frac{1}{1-a} \int_a^1 VaR_x(L) dx,$$

where L is the terminal hedging risk given by

$$L(V_0, Y) = H - V_0 - \int_0^T Y_t dS_t,$$

(H is the option payoff, S_t is the asset price).

The **Value-at-Risk (VaR)** is the a -quantile q_a^L of L

$$VaR_a(L) = q_a^L = \inf\{x \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P}(L \geq x) > a\}.$$

Statement of the problem

Difficulty in incomplete markets more than one equivalent measure
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Need other ideas to find good criteria **weaken the constraints**: we fix a smaller amount $\tilde{V}_0 < U_0$.

For \tilde{V}_0 fixed (the wealth constraint) define

$$\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0} = \{(V_0, Y) \mid (V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}, V_0 \leq \tilde{V}_0\}.$$

Aim Solve the optimization problem

$$\min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0}} \text{CVaR}(L(V_0, y)).$$

Complex problem: the objective function is defined via a quantile - the numerical models involve ordering of the position values.

Solution: Rockafellar and Uryasev give an equivalent formula for CVaR as a convex function.

Rockafellar and Uryasev Theorem

Theorem (Rockafellar and Uryasev (2002))

Let $a \in (0, 1)$ and L be the r.v. describing the loss. The function

$$z \mapsto f(z) = z + \frac{1}{1-a} \mathbb{E}[(L-z)_+],$$

is finite and convex (and continuous), and

$$\text{CVaR}_a(L) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}} f(z),$$

$$\text{VaR}_a(L) = \min\{y : y \in \operatorname{argmin}_{z \in \mathbb{R}} f(z)\}.$$

$$\text{CVaR}_a(S_0 - S_T) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ z + \frac{1}{1-a} \mathbb{E}[(S_0 - S_T - z)_+] \right\}.$$

$$\text{CVaR}_a(-X_T) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ z + \frac{1}{1-a} \mathbb{E}[(-X_T - z)_+] \right\}.$$

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1. **Explicit \hat{f}_0 the Fourier transform of f_0** (express it with respect to Φ_T , the characteristic function of X_T)

$$\hat{f}_0(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{iuw} f_0(w) dw.$$

2. **Obtain f_0 by inverting (numerically) \hat{f}_0**

$$f_0(w) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-iuw} \hat{f}_0(u) du.$$

f_0 is not integrable.

Expression of \hat{f}_α and Fourier inversion

The Fourier transform of f_α can be expressed explicitly with respect to the characteristic function of X_T .

Proposition

Let $\alpha > 1$ be s.t $\mathbb{E} [e^{-(\alpha-1)X_T}] < \infty$. The Fourier transform of $f_\alpha(w)$ is well defined and it is given by

$$\hat{f}_\alpha(u) = \frac{S_0 \Phi_T(u + i(\alpha - 1))}{\alpha(\alpha - 1) - u^2 - iu(2\alpha - 1)},$$

where Φ_T is the characteristic function of X_T .

$$\text{CVaR}_a(S_0 - S_T) = \max_{w \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ S_0(1 - e^w) + \frac{e^{\alpha w}}{(1 - a)\pi} \text{Re} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-iuw} \hat{f}_\alpha(u) du \right) \right\}.$$

Furthermore,

$$\text{VaR}_a(S_0 - S_T) = S_0 (1 - e^{w_{\max}}).$$

Statement of the problem - notations

- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}, \mathbb{P})$ probability space with $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$.

- Exp-Lévy model for the asset price

$$S_t = S_0 e^{X_t}, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where X Lévy process with triplet (b, σ^2, ν) .

- $\mathcal{P} = \{\text{risk neutral measures}\}$.
- Arbitrage free hypothesis: $\mathcal{P} \neq \emptyset$.
This is verified if $\sigma \neq 0$ or $\nu \neq 0$.

- R & U proved that the CVaR is equivalent to:

$$\text{CVaR}_a(L(V_0, Y)) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ z + \frac{1}{1-a} \mathbb{E}[(L(V_0, Y) - z)_+] \right\}.$$

- Define the function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{1}{1-a} \min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0}} \mathbb{E}[(L(V_0, Y) - z)_+],$$

- New form of the optimization problem

$$\min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0}} \text{CVaR}_a(L(V_0, Y)) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}} f(z).$$

The steps to succeed

- **Compute f** : $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}$ we explicit the formula of f by finding

$$(V_0^*(z), Y^*(z)) \in \operatorname{argmin}_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{V_0}} \mathbb{E}[L(V_0, Y) - z]_+.$$

- **Minimize the CVaR**: solve the one dimensional optimization problem

$$z^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{z \in \mathbb{R}} f(z).$$

To conclude the strategy $(V_0^*(z^*), Y^*(z^*))$ is optimal

$$\min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{V_0}} \operatorname{CVaR}_a(L(V_0, Y)) = \operatorname{CVaR}_a(L(V_0^*(z^*), Y^*(z^*))).$$

Dual problem

Aim Optimise $\mathbb{E}[L(V_0, Y) - z]_+$ in $\mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0}$ for all $z \implies$ numerical valuation of the function $f(z)$

Technic we rewrite the problem in the form of hypothesis testing one. Define

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \varphi \text{ is } \mathcal{F}_T - \text{measurable}\}.$$

Theorem

For all $z \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists a solution $\varphi^*(z) \in \mathcal{R}$ to the optimisation problem :

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^*(z) \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\varphi \in \mathcal{R}} \mathbb{E}[(1 - \varphi(z))(H - z)_+] \\ \text{s.t. } \sup_{\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}^*[\varphi(z)(H - z)_+] \leq \tilde{V}_0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0}} \mathbb{E}[(L(V_0, Y) - z)_+] = \min_{\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{R}} \mathbb{E}[(1 - \varphi(z))(H - z)_+] \\ \text{s.t. } \sup_{\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}^*[\varphi(z)(H - z)_+] \leq \tilde{V}_0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

Dual problem - treatment

Still obtaining numerical results from this formulation not possible.

Set of interest (Neyman Pearson lemma)

$$Z_{\mathbb{P}^*} = \left\{ \frac{d\mathbb{P}^*}{d\mathbb{P}} : \mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P} \right\}.$$

Classical results show that we have the structure of the optimal randomised test $\varphi^*(z)$ for the problem (5.1) when the set $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*}$ is compact.

And... $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*}$ is compact only if \mathcal{P} reduces to a singleton.

Our problem The compactness of $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*}$ is not verified by our process exponential-Lévy process !

Dual problem - treatment

Proposition

Let $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ be a Lévy process under \mathbb{P} with characteristic triplet (b, σ^2, ν) . The set of densities $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*} = \left\{ \frac{d\mathbb{P}^*}{d\mathbb{P}} : \mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P} \right\}$ is given by

$$Z_{\mathbb{P}^*} = \left\{ e^{U_T^{(\theta, \phi)}} : \theta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(e^{\phi(x)/2} - 1 \right)^2 \nu(dx) < \infty \right. \\ \left. \text{and } b + \sigma^2 \theta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(e^{\phi(x)} (e^x - 1) - x \mathbb{1}_{|x| \leq 1} \right) \nu(dx) = 0 \right\}$$

where $(U_T^{(\theta, \phi)})_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a Lévy process under \mathbb{P} with characteristic triplet

$$\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 \theta^2}{2} - \int_{\mathbb{R}} (e^x - 1 - x \mathbb{1}_{|x| \leq 1}) \nu \circ \phi^{-1}(dx), \sigma^2 \theta^2, \nu \circ \phi^{-1} \right).$$

Compactness criterion

From the Proposition

- For $\nu \neq 0$ the set $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*}$ is infinite as we can find many functions ϕ satisfying this condition.
- **Particular case** $\nu = 0$ then $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*}$ is reduced to a singleton thus compact.

Proposition

Let $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ be a Lévy process under \mathbb{P} with characteristic triplet (b, σ^2, ν) . The set of densities $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*} = \left\{ \frac{d\mathbb{P}^*}{d\mathbb{P}} : \mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P} \right\}$ is compact if and only if $\nu = 0$. In this case, $Z_{\mathbb{P}^*}$ is reduced to a singleton

$$Z_{\mathbb{P}^*} = \left\{ \exp \left(-\frac{\sigma^2 \theta^2}{2} T + \sigma \theta B_T \right) \right\}.$$

with $\theta = (-b - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})/\sigma^2$ and $(B_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ a standard Brownian motion.

Approximation of the dual problem

Relax the constraint $\sup_{\mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}^*[\varphi(z)(H - z)_+] \leq \tilde{V}_0$.

We fix a measure - the Esscher measure \mathbb{P}^+ defined by

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}^+}{d\mathbb{P}} \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_t} = \frac{e^{\theta X_t}}{\mathbb{E}[e^{\theta X_t}]}$$

where θ is solution to

$$b + \sigma^2 \theta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (e^{\theta x}(e^x - 1) - x \mathbb{1}_{|x| \leq 1}) \nu(dx) = 0.$$

With respect to previous results the Esscher measure corresponds to the choice $\phi(x) = \theta x$. The approximation of our problem writes

$$\hat{\varphi}(z) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\varphi(z) \in \mathcal{R}} \mathbb{E}[(1 - \varphi(z))(H - z)_+]$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbb{E}^+[\varphi(z)(H - z)_+] \leq \tilde{V}_0.$$

Solution of the approximated problem

Theorem

The solution to this new optimisation problem is

$$\hat{\varphi}(z) = \mathbb{1}_{\{e^{-\theta x_T} > c(z)\}}$$

where

$$c(z) = \inf \left\{ u \geq 0 : \mathbb{E}^+ \left[(H - z)_+ \mathbb{1}_{\{e^{-\theta x_T} > u\}} \right] \leq \tilde{V}_0 \right\}.$$

Approximation of $f(z)$

$$\hat{f}(z) = z + \frac{1}{1 - a} \mathbb{E}[(1 - \hat{\varphi}(z))(H - z)_+].$$

The approximated value of the CVaR minimisation

$$\min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{V}_0}} \widehat{\text{CVaR}}_a(L(V_0, Y)) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(z).$$

Example - hedging of a call option

Call option strike K , maturity T . Payoff (r risk-free interest rate)

$$(S_T - Ke^{-rt})_+.$$

Theorem

Let $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ be a Lévy process under \mathbb{P} with characteristic triplet (b, σ^2, ν) and let \mathbb{P}^+ denote the Esscher martingale measure with parameter θ . The solution to the approximated problem of the CVaR minimisation is given, with respect to the sign of θ by

- If $\theta < 0$

$$\min_{(V_0, Y) \in \mathcal{A}_{V_0}} \widehat{\text{CVaR}}_a(H - V_T) = \min_{z \in (0, z_c)} \left\{ z + \frac{1}{1-a} \left(\mathbb{E}[(S_T - K(z))_+] - \mathbb{E}[(S_T - c_1(z))_+] - (c_1(z) - K(z))\mathbb{P}(S_T > c_1(z)) \right) \right\}$$

where $K(z) = Ke^{-rT} + z$, $z_c > 0$ s.t. $\mathbb{E}^+[(S_T - K(z_c))_+] = \tilde{V}_0$ and

$$c_1(z) = \inf \left\{ u \geq K(z), \mathbb{E}^+[(S_T - u)_+] + (u - K(z))\mathbb{P}^+(S_T > u) \leq \tilde{V}_0 \right\}.$$

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Essential Objective function expressed only with:

$$\mathbb{E}[(S_T - x)_+], \mathbb{P}(S_T > x), \mathbb{E}^+[(S_T - x)_+], \mathbb{P}^+(S_T > x)$$

can be numerically computed by [Fast Fourier Transform \(FFT\)](#).

Particular example - the Merton model

The process discounted price at time t is $S_t = S_0 e^{X_t}$ where

$$X_t = (\gamma - r)t + \sigma B_t + \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} Y_i,$$

where $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, $(B_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ a standard Brownian motion, $(N_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ a Poisson process with intensity λ and $(Y_i)_{i \geq 1}$ are i.i.d. Gaussian random variables $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$.

Characteristic function $\Phi_t(u) = \mathbb{E}[e^{iuX_t}] = e^{t\psi(u)}$ where

$$\psi(u) = i(\gamma - r)u - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}u^2 + \lambda \left(\exp \left(imu - \frac{\delta^2}{2}u^2 \right) - 1 \right)$$

Existence of the Esscher measure depends on the existence of a real solution to

$$(\gamma - r) + \sigma^2\theta + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \lambda \left(e^{m(\theta+1) + \frac{\delta^2}{2}(\theta+1)^2} - e^{m\theta + \frac{\delta^2}{2}\theta^2} \right) = 0.$$

Numerical example - the Merton model

Market	Merton	FFT
$S_0 = 100$	$\gamma = 0.1$	$N = 4096$
$r = 0.02$	$\sigma = 0.3$	$\Delta v = 0.25$
$T = 0.5$	$\lambda = 1$	
$K = 110$	$m = -0.1$	$\Delta k = \frac{2\pi}{N\Delta v}$
	$\delta = 0.2$	$k_1 = -\frac{N}{2}\Delta k$

Numerical result By solving with these parameters (Newton-Raphson method) we obtain the value

$$\theta = -0.352$$

so we have the corresponding Esscher measure thus

- we can provide analytic expression of the characteristic function under an equivalent measure
- this analytic form can be inverted numerically by FFT
- we can compute the expressions in the theorem.

Numerical example - the Merton model

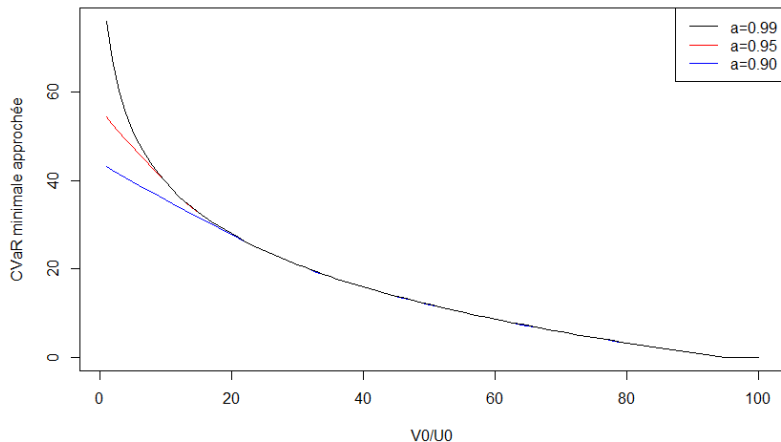


Figure : Approximation of the Minimal CVaR with respect to the proportion of the initial capital allowed \tilde{V}_0/U_0 , Merton model.

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