

European options in a non-linear incomplete market with default

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- Our goal : study of the **superhedging price** of a European option.

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- Let \mathbf{N} be the **default jump process** :

$$\mathbf{N}_t := \mathbf{1}_{\tau \leq t}$$
- Let $\mathbb{G} = \{\mathcal{G}_t, t \geq 0\}$ be the filtration associated with W and N .
- **Hyp** : W is a \mathbb{G} -Brownian motion.'
- We have a **\mathbb{G} -martingale representation** theorem w.r.t. W and M (cf. Jeanblanc-Song (2015)).

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$$dV_t = (r_t V_t + \theta_t Z_t) dt + Z_t (dW_t + \beta_t dM_t); \quad V_0 = x,$$

where r_t = risk-free interest rate, and $\theta_t := \mu_t - r_t$.

Here, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and a **risky-asset strategy** $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{H}^2$, the **wealth process** $V_t^{x, \mathbf{Z}}$ (or simply V_t) satisfies :

$$-dV_t = \mathbf{f}(t, V_t, Z_t)dt - Z_t dW_t - Z_t \beta_t dM_t; \quad V_0 = x.$$

where $\mathbf{f} : (t, \omega, y, z) \mapsto \mathbf{f}(t, \omega, y, z)$ is a **nonlinear** Lipschitz driver (non-convex).

Examples

recall the dynamics of the wealth $V^{x,Z}$:

$$-dV_t = f(t, V_t, Z_t)dt - Z_t dW_t - Z_t \beta_t dM_t; \quad V_0 = x.$$

- Classical linear case : $f(t, V_t, Z_t) = -r_t V_t - \theta_t Z_t$,
where $\theta_t = \mu_t - r_t$.
- borrowing rate $\mathbf{R} \neq$ lending rate \mathbf{r} :
 $f(t, V_t, Z_t) = -r_t V_t - \theta_t Z_t + (\mathbf{R}_t - \mathbf{r}_t)(\mathbf{V}_t - \mathbf{Z}_t)^-$.
- **a repo market** on which the risky asset is traded :
 $f(t, V_t, Z_t) = -r_t V_t - \theta_t Z_t - \mathbf{l}_t \mathbf{Z}_t^- + \mathbf{b}_t \mathbf{Z}_t^+$,
 \mathbf{b}_t = borrowing repo rate,
 \mathbf{l}_t = lending repo rate.
(cf. Brigo, Rutkowski ...).
- **large seller** whose strategy impacts the default intensity (cf. Dum.-Grig.-Q.-Sul. (2018))

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$\rightarrow X = V^{X_0, Z} \rightarrow X_0 = X_0(T, \xi)$ is the **hedging price** (for the seller).

This leads to a **f -nonlinear pricing system**, introduced in El Karoui-Que. 96 :
 $(T, \xi) \mapsto X^f(T, \xi)$ satisfying the **monotonicity** property, **consistency** property / ξ , the **No-Arbitrage** property....

later called **f -expectation** (by S.Peng) and denoted by $\mathcal{E}^f : \forall \xi \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_T)$

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In general, $\mathbf{K} \neq Z\beta$.

Notation : if (Y, Z, K) is the solution of the \mathbb{G} -BSDE

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we set $\mathcal{E}_{s,T}^f(\xi) := Y_s$ for all $s \in [0, T]$, called **f -evaluation** of ξ under P (with respect to \mathcal{G}).

Note that it might be a possible price but it does not allow the seller to be hedged.

Definition

seller's superhedging price at time 0 :

$$v_0 := \inf \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \exists Z \in \mathbb{H}^2 \text{ with } V_T^{x,Z} \geq \xi \text{ a.s.}\}.$$

Dual representation formula for this price ?

The classical linear (incomplete) case

- In this case, $f(t, y, z) := -r_t y - \theta_t z$.

- **Definition** : Let $R \sim P$.

R is called a **martingale probability measure** if

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall Z \in \mathbb{H}^2$, the process $(e^{-\int_0^t r_s ds} V_t^{x,Z})$ is an R -martingale (where $V^{x,Z}$ follows the linear dynamics with driver $f(t, y, z) := -r_t y - \theta_t z$).

- **Dual representation of the seller's superhedging price**
(ref : EL Karoui-Qu.(91-95)) :

$$v_0 = \sup_{R \in \mathcal{P}} E_R(e^{-\int_0^T r_s ds} \xi),$$

where $\mathcal{P} := \{ \text{martingale probability measures} \}$.

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Similarly, $\forall S \leq T$, $X_S = \text{ess sup}_{R \in \mathcal{P}} E_R(\xi \mid \mathcal{G}_S)$ is equal to the superhedging price at time S . As seen above,

$$X_t = V_t^{X_0, Z} - h_t, \forall t \leq T. \quad (2.1)$$

\Rightarrow the profit process (for the seller) (\mathbf{h}_t) satisfies the **minimality** cn. :

$$\text{ess inf}_{R \in \mathcal{P}} E_R[h_T - h_S \mid \mathcal{G}_S] = 0 \quad \forall S \leq T. \quad (2.2)$$

Actually, we also have shown :

Theorem

Let X be any process with $X_T = \xi$ such that $\exists (Z, h)/$

$$X_t = V_t^{X_0, Z} - h_t, \forall t \leq T. \quad (2.3)$$

We have the equivalence property :

$X = \text{superhedging price process} \Leftrightarrow \text{the process } (\mathbf{h}_t) \text{ satisfies (2.2).}$

- Question : what is the analogous of martingale probability measures in the case when f is non-linear ?
- First, we define the non-linear f -evaluation under Q .

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We have a Q -martingale representation for Q -martingales w.r.t. W^Q and M^Q .

f -evaluation under Q

Let $Q \sim P$.

We call f -evaluation under Q , denoted by \mathcal{E}_Q^f , the operator defined by :
for $\xi \in L_Q^2(\mathcal{G}_T)$,

$$\mathcal{E}_{Q,s,T}^f(\xi) := X_s, \quad s \in [0, T]$$

where $(X, Z, K) \in \mathbb{H}_Q^2 \times \mathbb{H}_Q^2 \times \mathbb{H}_{Q,\lambda}^2$ satisfies the Q -BSDE

$$-dX_t = f(t, X_t, Z_t)dt - Z_t d\mathbf{W}_t^Q - K_t d\mathbf{M}_t^Q; \quad X_T = \xi.$$

Note that $\mathcal{E}_P^f = \mathcal{E}^f$.

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Remarks :

- $P \in \mathcal{Q}$.
- $Q \in \mathcal{Q} \Leftrightarrow W + \int \beta_s dM_s$ is a Q -martingale.
- \rightarrow The set \mathcal{Q} does not depend on f .
- \mathcal{Q} is equipotent to \mathcal{P} (via a "translation" of θ)

Dual representation of the seller's price

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where for each $S \in \mathcal{T}$,

$$X(S) := \text{ess sup}_{\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Q},S,T}^f(\xi).$$

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Remark : The supremum is attained if and only if the option is replicable.

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This decomposition is unique.

Sketch of the proof of the dual representation :

$\exists (X_t) \in \mathcal{S}^2$ / for all S ,

$$X_S = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Q}, S, T}^f(\xi) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

- It is an $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Q}}^f$ -supermartingale for each $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}$ (with $X(T) = \xi$).
- By the optional \mathcal{E}^f -decomposition theorem, $\exists Z, h \dots$ /

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- By the comparison theorem for forward SDEs,

$$(\xi =) X_T \leq V_T^{X_0, Z}$$

Hence, $X_0 \geq v_0$. Since $X_0 \leq v_0$, we get $X_0 = v_0$. **QED**

Hyp. : $\sup_{\mathbf{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}} E_{\mathbf{Q}}[\xi^2] < +\infty$.

We have seen that the superhedging price process X satisfies :

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Let X be any process with $X_T = \xi$, such that $\exists (Z, h) / X = \mathbf{V}^{X_0, Z, h}$.

Then,

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