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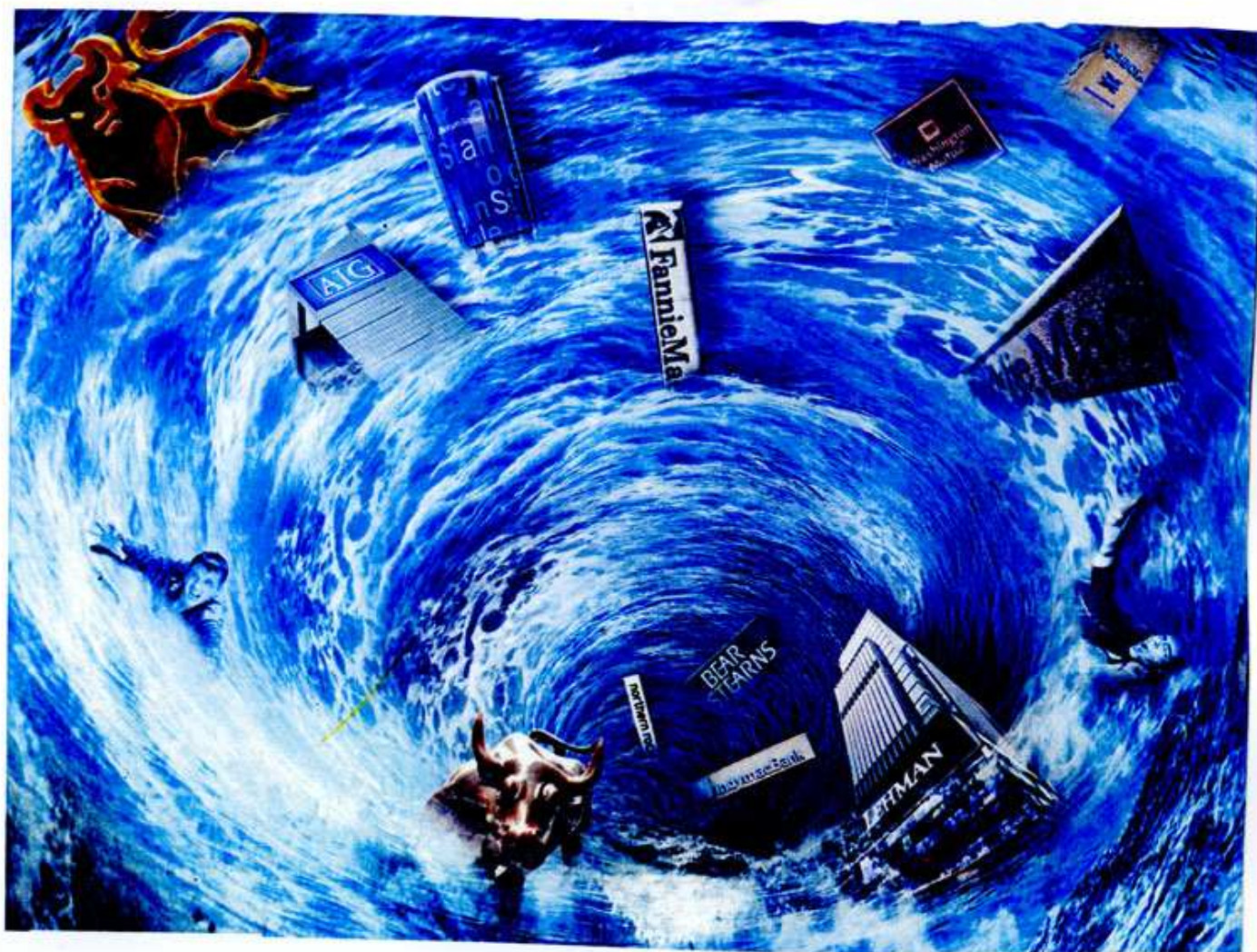
Hansjörg Albrecher

Wolfgang Runggaldier

Walter Schachermayer

for organizing such a  
splendid week at the  
Radon Institute,

a pleasant refugium  
from





nationalization

("as fast as you can say  
Hugo Chavez")

failure or rescue of

Fannie Mae

Freddie Mac

Lehmann Brothers

AIG

within

10

days

moving in:  
Mitsubishi / Nomura /  
Mizuho

yesterday:

US Government seizes  
Washington Mutual

= largest bank seizure  
in US history

pieces sold to JP Morgan Chase

"Licht am Ende  
des Tunnels?  
Nicht absehbar"

(Peer Steinbrück)  
25/09/08

"Nichts bleibt  
wie es war!"

first regulation measures:

- no short sales  
(until end of year)
- existing short positions  
( $> 0.25\%$  of capitalization)  
must be declared:

e.g. John Paulson:  
short on

Barclays	440	Mio
RBS	368	"
Lloyds TSB	328	"
HBOS	113	"

e.g. Man Group  
 (→ Man Institute, Oxford)  
 asks FSA to be  
 on protected list (-27,2%)

There is  
no such thing  
as a

free crunch

The Economist, 20/09/2008



## Derivatives :

A nuclear winter ?

"financial weapons of mass destruction"

(Warren Buffett)

The Economist, 20/09/2008

"Finance needs  
to shrink"

The industry will not be able to make money after the boom

(share of total American corporate profits rose from 10% in early 80s to 40% last year)

unless it is far smaller

(The Economist, 20/09/2008)



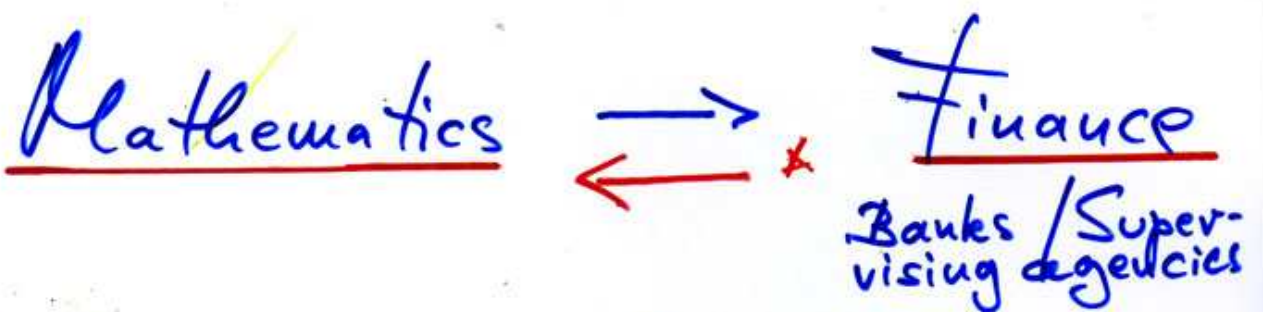
"Wheel of Blame"  
Time, March 31, 2008:

- President Bush  
for blocking regulation
- Wall Street Wizards  
"securitization":  
slicing / packaging / selling of  
subprime mortgage securities  
+ rating agencies: "AAA"  
"marked to model"
- Alan Greenspan  
for making lending too available  
flushing liquidity  
("houses as ATM")

# "Mathematical Finance"

a great success story  
over the last 20 years

correlated with dramatic  
growth of financial industry



\* Mathematical Finance as a  
sustainable research field  
within Mathematics

?

(Academia Europaea, ... )

since last year:

## Black shadows

- emergence of "subprime crisis"
- wrong incentives  
(rating agencies, stock options, ...)
- fraud  
(Société Générale, CDO's,  
now, since Sept. 24:  
FBI investigates 26,  
including Lehman Brothers,  
AIG, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac)





- greed } Benchmarks  
(excessive bonus systems,  
golden parachutes, ...)

$$\frac{\text{Average CEO pay}}{\text{average income}} =$$

1965	now
$\approx 25$	$\approx 275$

at the top in the financial industry:

$$\approx \frac{500 \cdot 10^6}{5 \cdot 10^4} = 10^4$$

(Richard Fuld, Lehman Brothers)

Mathematics in Finance:  
a force for  
clarity and transparency

"enlightenment"

("Lumières" / "Aufklärung")

✓ ?

White knights

vs.

Black shadows

?



- overconfidence  
in mathematical models

?

Have we done enough  
to convey the needed \*

humility

?

\* Alan Greenspan

On a deeper level:

does Mathematics  
create black shadows?

powerful focus:

"spotlights on reality"

(A. Connes, J. Brüning  
FAZ, 26.2.2000)



shadows!

"complete" financial market model

à la Black-Scholes:

powerful focus on

pricing / hedging of  
financial derivatives

message (for a long time);  
up to mid 80's)

- ∄ risk  
(can be hedged away)

- even robust w.r.t.  
models  $\mathbb{Q} \approx \mathbb{P}$

(only  $\mathbb{P}^*$  = unique equivalent  
martingale measure  
matters)



incomplete financial markets:

$\mathcal{P}^*$  = a whole class of equivalent martingale measures



choice of model  $Q \approx P$   
matters:

utility-based methods,  
optimal portfolio choice,  
partial (efficient) hedging,...

$Q = ?$

model risk /  
ambiguity!

new emphasis on

model uncertainty,

e.g. in the

quantification of  
financial risk by

risk measures :

(conceptually)

# "Risk"

of a financial position

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

$\Omega =$  set of scenarios

$X(\omega) =$  discounted net worth  
at end of trading period  
"marked to market" \*  
model

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\* Protter, Jarrow: Liquidity Risk and Risk measure computation (2005)  
Acerbi, Scandolo (2007)



## Axiomatic approach:

what do we really want?

- focus on downdside risk
- monetary perspective  
(capital requirement,  
point of view of supervising  
agency, cf. Basel II)
- consistency  
(across positions, in time)  
↓ Artzner, Delbaen, Eber, Heath  
F-Schied, Tritelli  
convex/coherent risk measures

$\mathcal{X}$  = a linear space of financial positions

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad 1 \in \mathcal{X}$$

uniformly bounded

$\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ : "acceptable" positions

$$X \in \mathcal{A}, Y \geq X \Rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{A}$$



$$g(X) := \inf \{ m \mid X + m \in \mathcal{A} \}$$

= capital requirement:

minimal amount which should be added (and invested in a risk-free manner) to make the position acceptable

i)  $X \leq Y \Rightarrow g(X) \geq g(Y)$  "monotone"

ii)  $g(X + m) = g(X) - m$  "cash-invariant"

$g$  = monetary risk measure

diversification is  
not discouraged:

$$X, Y \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \lambda X + (1-\lambda)Y \in \mathcal{A}$$

i.e.  $\mathcal{A}$  is convex



$$g : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

"convex risk measure"

If, in addition,

$$2 \mid X \in \mathcal{A}, \lambda \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda X \in \mathcal{A}$$

$\mathcal{A}$  convex cone

then

$g$  "coherent risk measure" (ADEH)  
convex + pos. homogeneous



general remark:

$g$  = convex functional on  $\mathcal{X}$

If  $g$  is  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}')$ -  
lower-semicontinuous

then, by convex duality,

$$g = g^{**}$$

where

$$g^*(L) = \sup_{X \in \mathcal{X}} (L(X) - g(X)) \quad \text{for } L \in \mathcal{X}'$$

= convex conjugate on  $\mathcal{X}'$   
(Fenchel-Legendre transform)

i.e.

$$g(X) = \sup_{L \in \mathcal{X}'} (L(X) - g^*(L))$$

"monetary"  $\Rightarrow$  for  $g^*(L) < \infty$ :

$$-L \geq 0, \quad -L(x) = 1$$

+ mild continuity conditions  
(e.g.  $\mathcal{X} = L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , Fatou property)

$\Rightarrow$  "robust representation"

$$g(X) = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left( \mathbb{E}_Q[-X] - \alpha(Q) \right)$$

"

a whole class of  
probability measures  
on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ , taken  
more or less seriously

$$\alpha(Q) = \sup_{X \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_Q[-X]$$

"robust" view:

not one model  $Q$ ,  
but a whole

class  $Q$

of probability measures  $Q$   
on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$

cf.

- convex risk measures
- microeconomic theory of preferences (Gilboa, Schmeidler)
- robust statistics (Huber, Hampel)



preferences

$\succeq$  on  $\mathcal{X}$

Axioms for "Rationality":  
("paradoxa")

- v. Neumann - Morgenstern
- Savage, Aumann
- Gilboa, Schmeidler (1989)
- Maccheroni, Marinacci, Rustichini (2006, *Econometrica*)



numerical representation

$U(x)$

by some "utility functional":

"weak" rationality (flexible) (MMR)  $\Rightarrow$  A. Schied

$$U(X) = -g(v(X))$$

for some utility function  $v$   
and some convex risk measure  $g$

$$\stackrel{\text{above}}{=} \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left( E_Q[v(X)] + \alpha(Q) \right)$$

= worst case over some  
class of probabilistic models,  
suitably penalized

Gilboa-Schmeidler  $\Rightarrow g$  coherent,  
i.e.

$$U(X) = \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} E_Q[v(X)]$$

robust

utility maximization:

maximize

$$U(H) := \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left( E_Q[U(H)] + \alpha(Q) \right)$$

over

$$\mathcal{H}(x_0) := \left\{ H \leq x_0 + \int_0^T \xi_t dX_t \mid \xi \text{ admissible} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ H \mid \sup_{P^* \in \mathcal{P}^*} E^*[H] \leq x_0 \right\}$$

"superhedging duality"

= all contingent claims that can be financed with initial capital  $x_0$



complete case:  $\mathcal{P}^* = \{P^*\}$

a) standard situation:  $\mathcal{Q} = \{Q\}$   
solution is well known:

$$H_0 = (U')^{-1} \left( \mathbb{1}_0 \frac{dP^*}{dQ} \right)$$

b) robust case:  $|\mathcal{Q}| > 1$

A. Schied:

solution via

~ "robust statistics"

$Q_0 :=$  "least favourable measure"  
in  $\mathcal{Q}$  w.r.t.  $P^*$

$\Leftrightarrow \varphi^* := \frac{dP^*}{dQ_0}$  satisfies

$$Q_0[\varphi^* \leq c] = \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} Q[\varphi^* \leq c] \quad \forall c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow E_{Q_0}[f(\varphi^*)] = \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} E_Q[f(\varphi^*)] \quad \forall f \downarrow$$

cf. Huber-Stassen: robust Neyman-Pearson Lemma

If  $Q_0$  exists then

$$X_T^* = (C')^{-1} (1 \varphi^*)$$

is optimal:

$$U(X_T) = \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} E_Q [U(X_T)]$$

$$\leq E_{Q_0} [U(X_T)]$$

$$\leq E_{Q_0} [U(X_T^*)]$$

$$= \underbrace{f(\varphi^*)}_{f \downarrow}$$

$$= \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} E_Q [U(X_T^*)]$$

$$= U(X_T^*)$$

Note:  $Q_0$  does not depend on  $U$ !

"incomplete" (realistic) case:

$$|\mathcal{P}^*| = \infty$$

a) standard preferences:  $\mathcal{Q} = \{\mathcal{Q}\}$   
 ("expected utility")

idea:

"divergence functional"  
 in terms of conjugate  
 of utility function

$\mathcal{P}_0^* :=$  "projection" of  $\mathcal{Q}$  on  $\mathcal{P}^*$   
 = "least favorable martingale measure"

take

$$H_0 = (c')^{-1} \left( \lambda_0 \frac{d\mathcal{P}_0^*}{d\mathcal{Q}} \right)$$

= classical solution  
 for  $\mathcal{P}_0^*, \mathcal{Q}$

→ Karatzas  
 Frittelli - Biagini  
 Goll - Rüschendorf  
 Kramkov - Schachermayer



$f =$  convex conjugate of  $\psi$

$f$ -divergence:

$$f(P|Q) := \int f\left(\frac{dP}{dR}, \frac{dQ}{dR}\right) dR$$

if  $P, Q \ll R$  (e.g.  $= \frac{1}{2}(P+Q)$ )

$$= \int f\left(\frac{dP^c}{dQ}\right) dQ + \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(z)}{z} P^s[\Omega]$$

$P = P^c + P^s =$  Hahn-Lebesgue decomposition  
(independent of  $R$ ) w.r.t.  $Q$

robust  $f$ -divergence:

$$f(P|Q) := \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} f(P|Q)$$

$P^* \in \mathcal{P}$  robust  $f$ -projection  
of  $Q$  on  $\mathcal{P}$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(P^*|Q) = \inf_{P \in \mathcal{P}} f(P|Q)$$

b) robust preferences:  $|Q| > 1$

project  $Q$  on  $P^*$  !

new probabilistic  
projection problem

(extending Csizsar, ...):

H.F. + Anne Gundel

(Illinois J. Math, 2006)  
volume in honor of J.L. Doob

## existence

of robust  $f$ -projections ?  
(extending Csizsar, ...)

Theorem (H.F., Anne Gundel)

Assume

i)  $\mathcal{P}^*$  variation-closed

ii)  $\left\{ \frac{d\mathbb{Q}}{d\mathbb{Q}_0} \mid \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{Q} \right\}$   $\delta(L^1(\mathbb{Q}_0), L^\infty(\mathbb{Q}_0))$ -compact

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \infty$$

then  $\exists!$  robust  $f$ -projection of  $\mathcal{P}^*$  on  $\mathcal{Q}$

In general:

$\exists!$  on projective limit  
of initial model

(supermartingale  $\cong$  measure on  
predictable set)  
in  $\Omega \times [0, T]$



involves

duality approach

beyond  $\mathbb{P}^*$ :

Kramkov, Schachermayer (1999)

for  $|Q| = 1$ ,

Quenez (2005)

Schied, Wu (2005)

for  $|Q| > 1$

Schied (2006): Beyond Gilboa-Schmeidler

H.F., Anne Gundel (2006):

in terms of

"extended martingale measures"

on  $\Omega \times (0, \infty]$

"extended martingale measure":  
 = predictable  $\mathcal{F}$ -field

$\mathbb{P}^*$  on  $(\Omega, \mathbb{F})$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_t^* \ll \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_t}$   $\forall t$ :

$V$  is  $\mathbb{P}^*$ -supermartingale  
 for any value process  $V$  of an  
 admissible trading strategy:

$$V_t = x_0 + \int_0^t \varphi_s dX_s, \text{ bounded from below}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^*$$

$$\cong \{ \mathbb{P}^* \times \mathcal{S}_\infty \mid \mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}^* \}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{Q}} := \{ \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{S}_\infty \mid \mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{Q} \}$$

robust utility maximization

translates into

robust projection problem for

$$f(\bar{P}|\bar{Q}) := f(P_T|Q)$$

Theorem (F.-Gudel):

1)  $\exists$  robust  $f$ -projection  $\bar{P}_0^*$   
of  $\bar{Q}$  on  $\bar{P}^*$

2)  $H_0 := (v')^{-1}(\lambda_0 \frac{dP_{0,T}}{dQ_0})$

is optimal

"reverse  $f$ -projection"



cf.

"Robust Preferences and  
Robust Portfolio Choice"

H.F., A. Schied, S. Weber

to appear in: Handbook of  
Computational Finance  
(ed. A. Bensoussan)

What happens in the  
long run ?

of course "we all die"  
but:

asymptotics of  
robust projection problem

?

"least favorable"  
in the long run

?

Back to basics:

$T \uparrow \infty \Rightarrow$

asymptotic arbitrage  
since (typically)

$$P^* \perp P$$

globally, i.e., on

$$\underline{F_\infty = \sigma(\cup F_t)}$$

how exactly?

$\sim$  large deviations



A.F. and W. Schachermayer:

"Asymptotic arbitrage  
and large deviations"

Mathematics and  
Financial Economics 1. (2004)

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a mathematical  
warm-up exercise



$(S_t)$   $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued semimartingale  
 $\mathcal{P}^* \neq \emptyset$

for fixed horizon  $T$ :

" $\exists (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$  - arbitrage"

$\Leftrightarrow \exists X_T$ , attainable at 0 cost,  
 such that

$$X_T \geq -\varepsilon_2$$

$$\mathbb{P}[X_T \geq 1 - \varepsilon_2] \geq 1 - \varepsilon_1$$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists A \in \mathcal{F}_T : \forall \mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}^* :$

$$\mathbb{P}[A] \leq \varepsilon_1, \quad \mathbb{P}^*[A] \geq 1 - \varepsilon_2$$

$\Leftrightarrow \forall \mathbb{P}^* \in \mathcal{P}^* : \exists A \in \mathcal{F}_T$

$\mathbb{P}[A] \leq \tilde{\varepsilon}_1, \quad \mathbb{P}^*[A] \geq 1 - \tilde{\varepsilon}_2$

$\Leftarrow$   
 ?

Walter!

application to (possibly incomplete)

$\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued diffusion

$$dS_t = \alpha(S_t) (dW_t + \varphi(S_t) dt)$$

Assume: "market price of risk"

above threshold  $c > 0 : \Leftrightarrow$

$$\lim_{T \uparrow \infty} P \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \|\varphi_t\|^2 dt < c \right] = 0$$

"Law of large numbers"

$\Downarrow$

(rough) exponential estimates:

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, T$  large  
 $\exists X_T$  attainable at 0 cost

i)  $X_T \geq -e^{-\gamma_1 T}$

ii)  $P[X_T \geq e^{\gamma_2 T}] \geq 1 - \varepsilon$



Proof: via construction,  
for any  $P^* \in \mathcal{P}^*$ ,  $\delta < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$   
&

$$A_T = \left\{ \frac{dP^*}{dP} \Big|_{\mathcal{H}_T} > e^{-\delta T} \right\}$$

such that  $\tau = \text{stopping time}$

$$P^*[A_T] \geq 1 - e^{-\delta T}$$

$$P[A_T] \leq \epsilon$$

exponential decay via

large deviation

estimates for  
market price of risk?

more precisely, for complete ergodic case:

$$\mathcal{G}_T(\omega) := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{S_t(\omega)} dt \quad \text{empirical distributions}$$

ergodic  $\Rightarrow$

$$\mathcal{G}_T(\omega) \xrightarrow[\text{P-a.s.}]{\text{weakly}} \mu = \text{unique invariant measure}$$

LDP ( $\sim$  Sanov's theorem):

$$\frac{1}{T} \log \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{G}_T \in A] \asymp - \inf_{\nu \in A} I(\nu)$$

with some convex rate function  $I$  on  $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ :

$\Downarrow$  Contraction principle

Large deviations estimate for Sharpe ratio:

$$\frac{1}{T} \log \mathbb{P} \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \varphi_t^2 dt \in B \right] \asymp - \inf \{ I(\nu) \mid \int \varphi^2 d\nu \in B \}$$

However:

$$P[Z_T \geq e^{-\gamma T}] = P\left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \varphi_t d\omega_t}_? + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T \varphi_t^2 dt}_{LDP} \leq \gamma\right]$$

Itô's formula:

$$\int_0^T \varphi_t d\omega_t = \int_0^T \frac{\varphi_t}{\sigma_t} (dS - \sigma_t \varphi_t dt)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f := \frac{\varphi}{\sigma} \\ \in C^1 \\ f' = f \end{array} \right| = \int_0^T f(S_t) dS_t - \int_0^T \varphi_t^2 dt$$

$$= F(S_T) - F(S_0) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T f'(S_t) \sigma_t^2 dt - \int_0^T \varphi_t^2 dt$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$P[Z_T \geq e^{-\gamma T}] = P\left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{T} (F(S_T) - F(S_0))}_{\text{non-trivial perturbation}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T h(S_t) dt}_{LDP} \leq \gamma\right]$$

$h := f' \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \varphi^2$

joint LDP!



explicit case study:

geometric Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

$$S_t = e^{Y_t}, \quad dY_t = \alpha dW_t - c Y_t dt$$

based on

Florens-Laudaj's  
Pham, Rouault  
Fleming-Sheu

Theorem:  $\forall \gamma \in (0, \frac{\delta^2}{8} + \frac{c}{4})$

the sets

$$A_T := \{Z_T \geq -\gamma T\}$$

satisfy

$$\mathbb{P}^*[A_T] \geq 1 - e^{-\gamma T}$$

and

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \mathbb{P}[A_T] = - \underbrace{\frac{(\frac{\delta^2}{8} - \gamma + \frac{c}{4})^2}{\frac{\delta^2}{8} - \gamma + \frac{c}{2}}}_{=: I(\gamma)}$$

Theorem: For  $\gamma \in (0, \frac{\sigma^2}{8} + \frac{c}{4})$   
and  $\gamma_1 < \gamma$ , there exist  
contingent claims  $X_T$  at  
zero cost such that

$$i) \quad X_T \geq -\alpha_T := -e^{\gamma_1 T} \frac{P^*(X_T^c)}{P^*(X_T)}$$

where

$$A_T = \{z_T \geq e^{-\gamma T}\}$$

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \alpha_T \leq -(\gamma - \gamma_1)$$

$$ii) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log P[X_T < e^{\gamma_1 T}] = -I(\gamma)$$

iii) The decay rate in ii) is  
optimal under the constraint i)

Proof:

$$X_T := \underbrace{e^{\gamma_1 T} H_{A_T^c}}_{\text{typical for } P} - \underbrace{\alpha_T H_{A_T}}_{\text{typical for } P^*}$$

$$\geq -\alpha_T$$

where

$$\frac{1}{T} \log \alpha_T = \gamma_1 + \frac{1}{T} \log P^*[A_T^c] - \frac{1}{T} \log P^*[A_T]$$

$$= E[z_T; z_T < e^{-\gamma_1 T}]$$

$$\leq e^{-\gamma T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \alpha_T \leq -(\gamma - \gamma_1)$$

(even better!)

attainable at zero cost:

$$E^*[X_T] = e^{\gamma_1 T} P^*[A_T^c] - \alpha_T P^*[A_T]$$

$$= 0$$



Clearly,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log P[\underbrace{X_T < e^{\gamma_1 T}}_{= A_T}] = -I_0$$

This decay rate is optimal under the constraints

$\hat{X}_T$  attainable at zero cost,

$$\hat{X}_T \geq -\alpha_T :$$

$\hat{A}_T := \{\hat{X}_T < e^{\gamma_1 T}\}$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & P^*[\hat{A}_T^c] (e^{\gamma_1 T} + \alpha_T) - \alpha_T \\ &= e^{\gamma_1 T} P^*[\hat{A}_T^c] + (-\alpha_T) P^*[\hat{A}_T] \\ &\leq E^*[\hat{X}_T] \leq 0, \quad \text{i.e.} \end{aligned}$$

$$P^*[\hat{A}_T^c] \leq \frac{\alpha_T}{\alpha_T + e^{\gamma_1 T}} = P^*[\hat{X}_T]$$

$\Rightarrow$   
Neyman-Pearson

$$P[\hat{A}_T] \geq P[A_T]$$

i.e. lower decay rate!

~ rates of growth  
for maximal  
expected utility

Bielecki, Pliska	(1999)
Fleming, Sheu	(1999, 2000, 2002)
Guasoni	(2008)
Hata, Iida	(2006)
Hata, Nagai, Sheu	(2007)
Hata, Sekine	(2006)
Pham	(2003)
Sekine	(2005)

$$|\mathcal{P}^*| \neq 1$$

?

robust utility

?

Dynamics of

robust projection problem ?

(Th. Kuipers, HU Berlin)

~ robust large deviations

?

Sekine, Guasoni, ...



Thomas Kuispel  
Diss. HU Berlin (in progress):

some robust versions

in particular "complete"  
case studies which admit

$Q_0$  "least favorable  
in the "long run",

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_T \frac{1}{T} \log \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} Q \left[ \frac{1}{T} \log \varphi_T^* \geq c \right] \\ = \lim_T \frac{1}{T} \log Q_0 \left[ \frac{1}{T} \log \varphi_T^* \geq c \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi_T^* := \frac{dP^*}{dQ_0} \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_T}$$

(e.g. logarithmic O-U with uncertain  
mean reversion)

$\Rightarrow$   
we hope

examples of



H.F. and Thomas Kuispel:

robust versions of  
Sanov's theorem, ....

Shige Peng (2 weeks ago, Kyoto)

robust versions  
of law of large numbers  
and CLT

But how about

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"cleaning up the mess"

?

new opportunities / obligations  
to contribute:

"good" regulation

(highly non-trivial: without  
arbitrage, "smart" ways out,...)

= "systemic" risk management

point of view of

supervising agencies  $\neq$  banks  
(society)

challenging new  
"principal-agent" problems