



Convex order approximations in case of cash flows of mixed signs



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Motivation

- distribution of sum of r.v.
- series of future payments
- stochastic returns
- provisioning or savings context
 - maximize target capital for given probability level
 - maximize probability level s.t. terminal wealth $>$ target wealth



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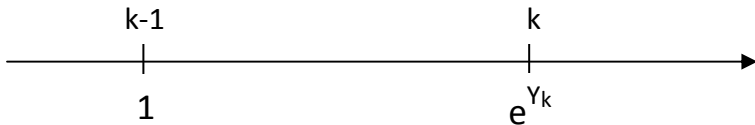


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Problem description

- deterministic amounts α_t
- time period and investment horizon: long
- Gaussian model for stochastic returns
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- i.i.d. normally distributed with mean $\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$ and variance σ^2



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- Problem: impossible to determine distribution of S analytically in closed form
- Convex order bounds: [Kaas et al. \(2000\)](#)
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Saving & Terminal Wealth

- Deterministic cash flows $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}$ with $n \geq 1$:
 - $\alpha_0 > 0$
 - $\alpha_i, 0 < i < n$ can be **positive or negative**
- Generalization of *Saving-Consumption* scheme
- Available **surplus at time k** :

$$V_k = \sum_{l=0}^k \alpha_l e^{Z_{l,k}} = \sum_{l=0}^k \alpha_l e^{\sum_{j=l+1}^k Y_j}$$

- Terminal wealth:

$$W_n = \max[V_n, 0]$$

- **Goal:** determine distribution of W_n



Saving & Terminal Wealth

- Approximation:

$$V_n \geq_{cx} V_n^\ell = \mathbb{E}[V_n | \Lambda]$$

for some **appropriate** r.v. Λ

- Maximizing $\text{Var}[V_n^\ell]$ leads to $\Lambda = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j Y_j$ with

$$\beta_j = \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} \alpha_l e^{\mathbb{E}[Z_{l,n}] + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{Z_{l,n}}^2} = \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} \alpha_l e^{(n-l)\mu}$$



Saving & Terminal Wealth

- Distribution of V_n^ℓ :

$$V_n^\ell \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \alpha_l e^{(n-l)\mu - \frac{1}{2}r_l^2(n-l)\sigma^2 + r_l\sigma\sqrt{n-l}\Phi^{-1}(U)} \equiv f(U)$$

$$\text{with } r_l = \frac{\text{Cov}(Z_{l,n}, \Lambda)}{\sigma_{Z_{l,n}}\sigma_\Lambda} = \frac{\sum_{j=l+1}^n \beta_j}{\sqrt{n-l}\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j^2}}$$

- Distribution of W_n^ℓ :

$$W_n^\ell = \max[V_n^\ell, 0] \stackrel{d}{=} \max[f(U), 0]$$

- If all terms are non-decreasing functions of U , V_n^ℓ is comonotonic sum

$$\Rightarrow Q_p[V_n^\ell] = f(p) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \alpha_l e^{(n-l)(\mu - \frac{1}{2}r_l^2\sigma^2) + r_l\sigma\sqrt{n-l}\Phi^{-1}(p)}$$



Saving & Terminal Wealth

- If **not** all terms are non-decreasing functions of U , V_n^ℓ is **not** comonotonic sum.
- If **total sum** f is non-decreasing function in interval $(p^*, 1)$, $Q_p[V_n^\ell]$ can still be used for $p \in (p^*, 1)$
- conditions on amounts α_I ?

Theorem

If the conditioning random variable Λ equals $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j Y_j$ with $\beta_j = \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} \alpha_l e^{(n-l)\mu}$, and if the surplus V_l satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[V_l] > 0, \quad l = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

then the quantiles of W_n^ℓ are given by

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The distribution function of W_n^ℓ follows from

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Saving & Terminal Wealth

Equivalent conditions of $\mathbb{E}[V_l] > 0$, $l = 0, \dots, n-1$

- $\mathbb{E}[V_l] = e^\mu \mathbb{E}[V_{l-1}] + \alpha_l$, $l = 1, \dots, n-1$, with $\mathbb{E}[V_0] = \alpha_0$:

$$\mathbb{E}[V_l] > 0, \quad \text{for all } l \text{ s.t. } \alpha_l < 0$$

- $\mathbb{E}[V_l] = e^{-(n-l)\mu} \beta_{l+1}$:

$$\beta_{l+1} > 0, \quad l = 0, \dots, n-1$$



Saving & Terminal Wealth

Sufficient conditions for $\mathbb{E}[V_l] > 0$, $l = 0, \dots, n-1$

$$\blacksquare \mathbb{E}[V_l] = \sum_{k=0}^l \alpha_k e^{(l-k)\mu} = \sum_{k=0}^l \alpha_k x^{l-k}:$$

$$\mu > \mu^* \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[V_l] > 0, \quad l = 0, \dots, n-1$$

$$\mu^* = \max_{l=0, \dots, n-1} \left(\max \left\{ \mu \mid \mu > 0 \text{ and } \sum_{k=0}^l \alpha_k e^{(l-k)\mu} = 0 \right\} \right)$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^l \alpha_k \geq 0 \quad l = 0, \dots, n-1$$



Saving & Terminal Wealth

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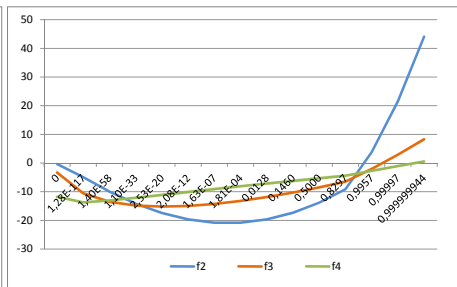
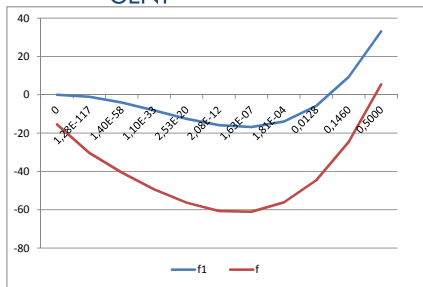
$$Q_p[W_n^\ell] = \max[f(p), 0] = f(p), \quad p^* < p < 1?$$

Answer: s.t. function f is positive and non-decreasing in p

$$f(p) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \alpha_l e^{(n-l)(\mu - \frac{1}{2}r_l^2\sigma^2) + r_l\sigma\sqrt{n-l}\Phi^{-1}(p)}$$

- 1** split $f(p)$ in saving-consumption cases $f_i(p)$ and apply Vanduffel et al. (2005) then

$$p^* = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} p_i$$



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$$p^* = \max_{i=1, \dots, 4} p_i = p_4 = 0.999999$$



Saving & Terminal Wealth

Proof that there exists $p^* \leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, m\}} p_i$:

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- Future obligations at time l :

$$R_l = \sum_{k=l+1}^n \alpha_k e^{Z_{l,k}} = \sum_{k=l+1}^n \alpha_k e^{-\sum_{j=l+1}^k Y_j}$$

- Initial provision:

$$S_0 = \max[R_0, 0]$$

- Goal: determine distribution of S_0

- Approximation:

$$R_0 \geq_{cx} R_0^\ell = \mathbb{E}[R_0 \mid \Lambda]$$

for some **appropriate** r.v. Λ

- Maximizing $\text{Var}[R_0^\ell]$ leads to $\Lambda = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j Y_j$ with

$$\beta_j = - \sum_{l=j}^n \alpha_l e^{l(-\mu + \sigma^2)}$$



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Reserves for Future Obligations

- Distribution of R_0^ℓ :

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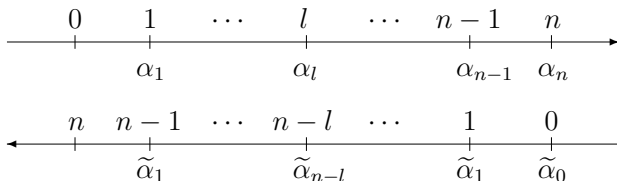
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- invert time axis \Rightarrow terminal wealth setting



- $\tilde{Y}_l = -Y_{n-l+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2, \sigma^2)$ with $\tilde{\mu} = -\mu + \sigma^2$
 $\tilde{\mu}$ in general negative
- $\tilde{V}_n = R_0$
- $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{V}_l] = \alpha_{n-l} + \mathbb{E}[R_{n-l}]$
- $\tilde{f}(U) \stackrel{d}{=} \tilde{V}_n^\ell = R_0^\ell \stackrel{d}{=} f(U)$
- $\mathbb{E}[R_l] > 0, l = 0, \dots, n-1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=j}^n \alpha_k \geq 0 \quad (\mu - \sigma^2 > 0)$



Thank you for your attention