



Dynamic Utilities

and Stochastic Differential Equations

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Some History

Generalities

- ▶ **Since Bernoulli** : Paradox of St Petersburg
 - Do you prefer 1 dollar today
 - or play to a lottery with gain 100 dollars
- ▶ Basically, Bernoulli assumed that the value given to a particular wealth amount depends on its relative importance to total wealth.
- ▶ **The utility function** is a function of capital that can associate a certainty equivalent to a given bet, as it is indifferent to take the bet or its certainty equivalent.
- ▶ Logarithmic utility $u(x) = \log x$

Regular Utility Function

- ▶ A regular utility function u is a (positive) function defined on $[0, \infty)$
 - Concave : $\mathbb{E}(u(X)) \leq u(\mathbb{E}(X))$
 - Increasing
 - Inada condition : $u(x)$ is a \mathcal{C}^2 -function with marginal utility $u_x(\cdot)$, decreasing from $+\infty$ to 0.
- ▶ Convex Conjugate Utility \tilde{u}
 - \tilde{u} is the Fenchel transform of $-u(\cdot - x)$
 - Under Inada condition, $\tilde{u}(y) = \sup_{x>0} (u(t, x) - x y)$
 - The optimum is achieved at $u'_x(x^*) = y$, and $-\tilde{u}_y = (u_x(\cdot))^{-1}$
 - $\tilde{u}(y) = u(-\tilde{u}'_y(y)) + y\tilde{u}'_y(y)$
- ▶ Certainty equivalent : $\mathbb{E}(u(X)) = u(c(X))$ concavity $\implies c(X) \leq \mathbb{E}(X)$

Risk Aversion coefficient

Quantities of interest

- ▶ Risk Aversion coefficient $\alpha(x) = -\frac{u_{xx}(x)}{u_x(x)}$, relative $\hat{\alpha}(x) = -\frac{xu_{xx}(x)}{u_x(x)}$,
- ▶ Risk tolerance coefficient $\tau(x) = (\alpha(x))^{-1}$
- ▶ **Typical example : power utility** For $\alpha \in (0, 1)$,

$$u(x) = \frac{x^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} \text{ with conjugate } -\tilde{u}_y(y) = -y^{-1/\alpha}$$

Basic optimization problem

- ▶ for given \mathcal{X} convex family of random variables X_T , and some state price density Y_T with $\mathbb{E}(Y_T) \leq 1$,

$$\max \mathbb{E}(u(X)) | X \in \mathcal{X}, \text{ with budget constraint } \mathbb{E}(Y_T X_T) \leq x$$

- ▶ Solution via duality : Lagrange multiplier technics

- The problem is equivalent to : $\max\{\mathbb{E}(u(X) + y(x - Y_T X_T)) | X \in \mathcal{X}\}$
- If $-\tilde{u}_y(y Y_T) \in \mathcal{X}$, then optimum is $X_T^* = -\tilde{u}_y(y Y_T)$
- y is selected by achieved the budget constraint, if it is possible

$$\mathbb{E}[-\tilde{u}_y(y Y_T) Y_T] = x$$

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Performance measurement in debate

Performance and risk measurement are fundamental in mathematical finance, risk-management and portfolio optimization

An old new question

- ▶ For a long time, expected utility has been the standard for dynamic risk
- ▶ Extended into a **robust** formulation by taking into account ambiguity on the "reference probability measure" by min-max point of view

$$\max_{X_T \in \mathcal{X}} \min_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \mathbb{E}_Q[u(X_T)]$$

In relation with risk measures (Foellmer, Schied)

Dynamic point of view

Dynamic view

- ▶ Expected utility is overly restrictive in expressing reasonable risk aversion in **temporal setting**
- ▶ Intertemporal substitution and risk aversion are inflexibly linked
- ▶ **Stochastic Differential Utility** (Duffie, Epstein, Skiadas...) : the local variation is depending on the expected future utility ;
- ▶ **BSDE's point of view**

$$-dU_t(\xi_T) = g(t, U_t, Z_t)dt - Z_t dW_t, \quad U_T(\xi_T) = u(\xi_T) \text{ for given } u$$

- ▶ For a given terminal utility function u , A solution consists into two processes
 - The progressive utility $U_t(\xi_T)$
 - The progressive diffusion coefficient Z_t

Investment Banking and Utility Theory

Remarks and Comments from M.Musiela, T.Zariphopoulo (2002-2009)

- ▶ Classical or recursive utilities are defined in **isolation** to the investment opportunities given to agent
- ▶ The investor may want to use intertemporal **diversification**, i.e. implement short, medium, long term strategies
- ▶ **Need of intertemporal consistency** of optimal strategies. Can the same utility function be used for all time horizon ?
- ▶ At the optimum the investor should become **indifferent** to the investment horizon.

+ C.Rogers +Berier+Tehranchi, Henderson-Obson, Zitkovic (2002-2011)

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Progressive Utility

Definition of Progressive Utility

- ▶ A progressive utility is a **positive** family $\mathbf{U} = \{U(t, x) : t \geq 0, x > 0\}$
 - **Progressivity** : for any $x > 0$, $t \mapsto U(t, x)$ is a progressive random field
 - **Concavity** : for $t \geq 0$, $x > 0 \mapsto U(t, x)$ is an **increasing concave** function.
 - **Inada condition** : $U(\cdot, x)$ is a \mathcal{C}^2 -function with marginal utility $U_x(\cdot, \cdot)$, decreasing from $+\infty$ to 0.
 - **Initial condition** : u a deterministic positive \mathcal{C}^2 -utility function with Inada condition

Convex Conjugate Dynamic Utility \tilde{U}

- ▶ \tilde{U} is the Fenchel transform of $-U(\cdot - x)$
 - Under Inada condition, $\tilde{U}(t, y) = \sup_{x>0, x \in \mathcal{Q}^+} (U(t, x) - x y)$
 - The optimum is achieved at $U'_x(t, x^*) = y$, and $-\tilde{U}'_y(t, \cdot) = (U'_x(t, \cdot))^{-1}(y)$
- ▶ $\tilde{U}(t, y) = U(t, -\tilde{U}'_y(t, y)) + y\tilde{U}'_y(t, y)$

Consistent Dynamic Utility

Let \mathcal{X} be a convex family of non negative portfolios, called **Test portfolios**

An \mathcal{X} -**consistent** dynamic utility $U(t, x)$ is a **progressive utility** s.t

- **Consistency with the family of test portfolios**

For any admissible wealth process $X \in \mathcal{X}$, $\mathbb{E}(U(t, X_t)) < +\infty$ and

$$\mathbb{E}(U(t, X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) \leq U(s, X_s), \quad \forall s \leq t.$$

- **Existence of optimal** For any **initial wealth** $x > 0$, there exists an optimal wealth process (**benchmark**) $X^* \in \mathcal{X}$, $X_0^* = x$,

$$U(s, X_s^*) = \mathbb{E}(U(t, X_t^*) | \mathcal{F}_s) \quad \forall s \leq t.$$

In short for any admissible wealth $X \in \mathcal{X}$, $U(t, X_t)$ is a supermartingale, and a martingale for the optimal benchmark X^* .

A General Market Model I

Incomplete Market : Let W be a n -Brownian motion, a short rate process r_t and a risk premium vector η_t , and \mathcal{X} the class of (positif) wealth processes X^κ driven by the **self-financing equation**

$$dX_t^\kappa = X_t^\kappa [r_t dt + \kappa_t \cdot (dW_t + \eta_t^\sigma dt)], \quad \eta_t^\sigma, \kappa_t \in \mathcal{R}_t^\sigma$$

- ▶ σ_t is the $d \times n$ **volatility** matrix, and $\sigma_t \cdot \sigma_t^\top$ is **invertible**.
- ▶ Let π_t be the wealth proportions invested in the different assets, and $\kappa_t = \sigma_t \pi_t$,
- ▶ **Constraints** : \mathcal{R}_t^σ is a family of adapted subvector spaces in \mathbb{R}^n , typically $\mathcal{R}_t^\sigma = \sigma_t(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $d \leq n$.

A General Market Model II

- ▶ $\eta_t^\sigma \in \mathcal{R}_t^\sigma$ defined as the projection of η_t on \mathcal{R}_t^σ is the minimal risk premium,

All processes are adapted with good integrability properties

Def A process Y is said to be a **state price density** or (**adjoint process**) if for any $\kappa \in \mathcal{R}^\sigma$, $Y \cdot X^\kappa$ is a local martingale \Rightarrow there exists $\nu \in \mathcal{R}^{\sigma, \perp}$:

$$\frac{dY_t^\nu}{Y_t^\nu} = -r_t dt + (\nu_t - \eta_t^\sigma) \cdot dW_t, \quad \nu_t \in \mathcal{R}_t^{\sigma, \perp}$$

Value Function of Classical Utility Problem

Classical problem : Backward point of view

- ▶ Given a utility function $u(T, x)$ at given time horizon T , the problem at time t is to maximize over all admissible portfolios starting from (t, x) , the conditional expected utility of the terminal wealth,

$$V(t, x, (u, T)) = \text{ess sup}_{X \in \mathcal{X}(t, x)} \mathbb{E}(u(T, X_T) | \mathcal{F}_t)$$

- ▶ Dynamic programming principle

$$V(t, X_t, (u, T)) = V(t, X_t, (V(t+h, \cdot, (u, T)), t+h)), \text{ a.s.}$$

- ▶ Maximum principle \implies Comparison theorem \implies concavity of $V(t, x)$.
- ▶ Conc : $V(t, x, (u, T)) = \text{ess sup}_{X \in \mathcal{X}(t, x)} \mathbb{E}[V(t+h, X_{t+h}, (u, T)) | \mathcal{F}_t]$ is a consistent progressive utility, with initial value $v(0, x) = V(0, x, (u, T))$

Progressive Utility of Itô Type

- ▶ Assume the progressive utility U to be a family of **Itô** semimartingales with **local characteristics** (β, γ) (β =drift, γ = diffusion)

$$dU(t, x) = \beta(t, x)dt + \gamma(t, x)dW_t$$

- ▶ Assume the conjugate progressive utility \tilde{U} to be also of **Itô type**.

$$d\tilde{U}(t, x) = \tilde{\beta}(t, x)dt + \tilde{\gamma}(t, x)dW_t$$

Open questions at this stage

- ▶ Under which assumptions on (β, γ) the solution is concave and increasing,
- ▶ What kind of relationship between (β, γ) and $(\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\gamma})$?
- ▶ Under which assumptions on (β, γ) only, \tilde{U} is also of **Itô type**
- ▶ **Main difficulties come from the forward definition** : Absence of maximum principle or comparison theorem.

Consistent Dynamic Utilities

- ▶ Assume U to be \mathcal{X} -consistent. How express on (β, γ) the supermartingale property of $U(t, X_t^\kappa)$
- ▶ Is the convex conjugate utility associated with the same kind of optimization problem ?
- ▶ Existence of optimal solutions ?
- ▶ In the classical **backward** framework,
 - By **maximum principle**, $U'_x(t, X_t^*(x)) = Y_t^*(u'_x(x))$.
 - $Y_t^*(y)$ is the optimal solution of the dual problem

Open questions

- ▶ Is these properties still hold true
- ▶ Regularity of $X_t^*(x)$ and $Y_t^*(y)$ with respect of their initial condition ?
- ▶ If $X_t^*(x)$ is monotone, $U'_x(t, x) = Y_t^*(u'_x((X_t^*(x))^{-1}))?$

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Concavity and Stochastic Differential Equation

Concavity and SDE

Let us consider a progressive **differentiable** random field \mathbf{U} , such that \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{U}_x are Itô random fields with local characteristics (β, γ) and (β_x, γ_x) .

(i) **NECESSARY CONDITION** If U is a progressive utility with conjugate \tilde{U} . Then $U_x(t, \cdot)$ is decreasing in x from ∞ to 0, with inverse $-\tilde{U}_y(t, \cdot)$.

$$dU_x(t, \cdot, x) = \beta_x(t, x)dt + \gamma_x(t, x).dW_t$$

(ii) **Intrinsic SDE** Then $U_x(\cdot, x) = Z_x(u_x(x))$, where

- ▶ $Z_x(z)$ is a strong solution of the following **intrinsic SDE**,

$$dZ_t = \mu(t, Z_t)dt + \sigma(t, Z_t) dW_t, \quad Z_0 = z$$

- ▶ with **coefficients** $\mu(t, z) = \beta_x(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, z))$, $\sigma(t, z) := \gamma_x(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, z))$
with $\mu(t, 0) = 0$, $\sigma(t, 0) = 0$
- ▶ which is increasing and differentiable on z with range $(0, \infty)$.

Utility and Primitive of Intrinsic SDE

$$dZ_t = \mu(t, Z_t)dt + \sigma(t, Z_t)dW_t, \quad Z_0 = z$$

Characterization as primitive of monotone SDE

If the SDE has a unique strong solution $Z_t(z)$, increasing and differentiable in z from 0 to ∞ ,

- ▶ For any utility u , $Z_t(u_x(x))$ is positive, decreasing progressive random field, with range $(\infty, 0)$.
- ▶ If $Z_t(u_x(x))$ is **integrable** in a neighborhood of $x = 0$, the primitive $\{U(t, x) = \int_0^x Z_t(u_x(z))dz, t \geq 0, x > 0\}$ is a progressive utility.

SDE with random coefficients

Protter , Kunita books

Lipschitz condition Let the one-dimensional SDE,

$$dZ_t = \mu(t, Z_t)dt + \sigma(t, Z_t)dW_t,$$

- ▶ Assume there exists C_t and K_t with $\int_0^T (C_t + K_t^2)dt < +\infty$.
- ▶ Assume that $\mu(t, 0) \equiv 0$, $\sigma(t, 0) \equiv 0$. and

$$|\mu(t, x, \omega) - \mu(t, y, \omega)| \leq C_t(\omega)|x - y|, \|\sigma(t, x, \omega) - \sigma(t, y, \omega)\| \leq K_t(\omega)|x - y|$$

- ▶ Then, for any $z \in \mathbb{R}_+$ there exists a **unique strong solution** Z^z of the SDE **increasing** with respect to its initial condition $Z_0 = z$.
- ▶ The range of the map $z \mapsto Z(\cdot, z)$ is $]0, +\infty[$ and $Z(\cdot, z)$ is integrable near to 0 and to infinity.

Applications to Progressive Utility

SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS If there exist random Lipschitz bounds C_t and K_t^2 integrable in time such that a.s,

$$|\beta_x(t, x)| \leq C_t |U_x(t, x)|, \quad \|\gamma_x(t, x)\| \leq K_t |U_x(t, x)|$$

$$|\beta_{xx}(t, x)| \leq C_t |U_{xx}(t, x)|, \quad \|\gamma_{xx}(t, x)\| \leq K_t |U_{xx}(t, x)|$$

Then the derivatives of the coefficients μ_x and σ_x are spatially bounded, then the SDE has unique strong solution and U is a progressive utility.

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Itô's Ventcell Formula

For technical regularity problems see books of Kunita, or Carmona-Nualart.

- ▶ The identity $\tilde{U}(t, y) = U(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, y)) + y\tilde{U}_y(t, y)$ is based on the \mathcal{C}^2 random field U along the random process $-\tilde{U}_y(t, y)$. Need to extension of the Itô's formula.
- ▶ **Itô's Ventcell Formula** Let $F(t, x)$ be a \mathcal{C}^2 Itô random field (β, γ) , such that $F_x(t, x)$ is associated with (β_x, γ_x) . For any Itô semimartingale X ,

$$\begin{aligned} dF(t, X_t) &= \beta(t, X_t)dt + \gamma(t, X_t).dW_t \\ &+ F_x(t, X_t)dX_t + \frac{1}{2}F_{xx}(t, X_t)\langle dX_t \rangle + \langle dF_x(t, x), dX_t \rangle|_{x=X_t} \end{aligned}$$

Conjugate utility dynamics

- ▶ Apply this result to $F(t, x) = U(t, x) + xy$ with $X_t = -\tilde{U}_y(t, y)$ (assumed to be Itô), by observing that $F_x(t, x) = 0$ when $x = -\tilde{U}_y(t, y)$.
- ▶ **Dynamics of the conjugate utility** Assume (U, \tilde{U}) with characteristics (β, γ) and $(\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\gamma})$ and (U_x, \tilde{U}_y) associated with the derivatives.

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\tilde{U}(t, y) &= \gamma(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, y)) \cdot dW_t + \beta(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, y)) dt \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \tilde{U}_{yy}(t, y) \|\gamma_x(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, y))\|^2 dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Marginal Conjuguate Utility

► Dynamics of the marginal conjuguate utility

Let (μ, σ) be the random coefficients of the SDE associated with U_x

$$\mu(t, z) = \beta_x(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, z)), \quad \sigma(t, z) := \gamma_x(t, -\tilde{U}_y(t, z))$$

► Define $\tilde{L}^{\sigma, \mu}$ to be the adjoint operator,

$$\tilde{L}^{\sigma, \mu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_y (|\sigma(t, y)|^2 \partial_y) - \mu(t, y) \partial_y .$$

► Then the inverse of $-U_x, \tilde{U}_y$ is a monotonic solution of the SPE, with initial condition $\tilde{U}_y(0, y) = \tilde{u}_y(y)$

Change of variable SPDE

$$dG(t, y) = -G_y(t, y) \sigma(t, y) \cdot dW_t + \tilde{L}^{\sigma, \mu}(G)(t, y) dt$$

► Other application : dynamic copula

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Drift Constraint

Let U be a Itô-Ventzel regular utility and X_t^κ an admissible wealth

$$dU(t, x) = \beta(t, x)dt + \gamma(t, x)dW_t, \quad dX_t^\kappa = X_t^\kappa [r_t dt + \kappa_t \cdot (dW_t + \eta_t^\sigma dt)],$$

Itô-Ventzel Formula

$$\begin{aligned} dU(t, X_t^\kappa) &= \beta(t, X_t^\kappa)dt + \gamma(t, X_t^\kappa) \cdot dW_t + \langle \gamma_x(t, X_t^\kappa), X_t^\kappa \kappa_t \rangle dt \\ &+ U_x(t, X_t^\kappa) X_t^\kappa \kappa_t dX_t + \left(U_x(t, X_t^\kappa) r_t X_t^\kappa + \frac{1}{2} U_{xx}(t, X_t^\kappa) (X_t^\kappa)^2 \|\kappa_t\|^2 \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

HJB type constraints

$$\begin{aligned} dU(t, X_t^\kappa) &= (U_x(t, X_t^\kappa) X_t^\kappa \kappa_t + \gamma(t, X_t^\kappa)) \cdot dW_t \\ &+ \left(\beta(t, X_t^\kappa) + U_x(t, X_t^\kappa) r_t X_t^\kappa + \frac{1}{2} U_{xx}(t, X_t^\kappa) \mathcal{Q}(t, X_t^\kappa, \kappa_t) \right) dt, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{Q}(t, x, \kappa) := \|x\kappa\|^2 + 2x\kappa \cdot \left(\frac{U_x(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma + \gamma_x(t, x)}{U_{xx}(t, x)} \right).$$

Verification Theorem

- **Verification Theorem** Let γ_x^σ be the orthogonal projection of γ_x on \mathcal{R}^σ ;
and $\mathcal{Q}^*(t, x) = \inf_{\kappa \in \mathcal{R}^\sigma} \mathcal{Q}(t, x, \kappa)$;

The minimum of this quadratic form is achieved at the optimal policy κ^*

- $x\kappa_t^*(x) = -\frac{1}{U_{xx}(t, x)} (U_x(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma + \gamma_x^\sigma(t, x))$
 - $x^2 \mathcal{Q}^*(t, x) = -\frac{1}{U_{xx}(t, x)^2} \|U_x(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma + \gamma_x^\sigma(t, x)\|^2 = -\|x\kappa_t^*(x)\|^2$
- **Drift constraint** $\beta(t, x) = -U_x(t, x)r_t x + \frac{1}{2} U_{xx}(t, x) \|x\kappa_t^*(t, x)\|^2$
- **Volatility** The volatility $\gamma(t, x)$ verifies
 $U'_x(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma + \gamma'_x(t, x) = -xU''_{xx}(t, x)\kappa_t^*(x) - \nu^\perp(t, x) : \nu^\perp(t, x) \in \mathcal{R}_t^{\sigma, \perp}$
- **Decreasing utility** When $\gamma(t, x) \equiv 0$, classical optimal strategy
 $U'_x(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma = -U''_{xx}(t, x)x\kappa_t^*(x).$

Utility Stochastic PDE

Optimal Wealth

- ▶ If $\kappa^*(t, x)$ is sufficiently smooth so that $\forall x > 0$ the equation

$$dX_t^* = X_t^* [r_t dt + \kappa_t^*(X_t^*) \cdot (dW_t + \eta_t^\sigma dt)]$$

has at least one positive solution X^* , then $U(t, X_t^*)$ is a local martingale.

- ▶ if the local martingale $(U(t, X_t^*))_{t \geq 0}$ is a **martingale**, then the progressive utility U is a \mathcal{X} -consistent stochastic utility with optimal wealth process X^* .
- ▶ The semimartingale $U_x(t, X_t^*)$ is a state price density process,

$$dU_x(t, X_t^*) = U_x(t, X_t^*) [-r_t dt + (\eta_t^{U, \perp}(t, X_t^*) - \eta_t^\sigma) \cdot dW_t]$$
 where $\eta_t^{U, \perp}(t, x) = \frac{\gamma_x^\perp}{U_x}(t, x)$ is the **orthogonal utility risk premium**

Convex conjugate SPDE

Conjugate SPDE

- ▶ Let \tilde{U} be the conjugate of U , with Itô-Ventzel regularity, then

$$d\tilde{U}(t, y) = \bar{\beta}(t, -\tilde{U}'_y(t, y))dt + \gamma(t, -\tilde{U}'_y(t, y))dW_t \quad \text{where}$$

$$\bar{\beta}(t, x) = \beta(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\|\gamma'_x(t, x)\|^2}{U''_{xx}(t, x)}$$

- ▶ $\bar{\beta}(t, x)$ is the solution of a minimization program achieved by the projection of $-\eta_t^\sigma U'_x(t, x) - \gamma'_x(t, x)$ on $(\mathcal{R}^\sigma)^\perp$, defined before as $\nu^\perp(t, x)$
- ▶ In new variable, $\tilde{\gamma}(t, y) = \gamma(t, -\tilde{U}'_y(t, y))$, $\tilde{\beta}(t, y) = \bar{\beta}(t, -\tilde{U}'_y(t, y))$

$$\tilde{\beta}(t, y) = r_t y \tilde{U}'_y(t, y) + \frac{-1}{2\tilde{U}''_{yy}} \left(\|(-\eta_t^\sigma y \tilde{U}''_{yy} + \tilde{\gamma}'_y{}^\sigma)\|^2 - \|\tilde{\gamma}'_y\|^2 \right) (t, y)$$

Convex consistent dual utility

Consistent Conjugate Utility

Under previous assumption,

- ▶ The conjugate utility $\tilde{U}(t, y)$ is a convex decreasing stochastic flow,
- ▶ **consistent** with the family \mathcal{Y} of semimartingales Y^ν , defined from

$$dY_t^\nu = Y_t^\nu [-r_t dt + (\nu_t - \eta_t^\sigma) dW_t], \quad \nu_t \in (\mathcal{R}_t^\sigma)^\perp$$

- ▶ There exists a **dual optimal choice** $\tilde{\nu}^*(t, y) = \nu^\perp(t, -\tilde{U}'_y(t, y))$
- ▶ From any $y > 0$, the optimal dual process $Y_t^*(y) = Y_t^{\tilde{\nu}^*}(y)$ satisfies

$$Y_t^*(u'_x(x)) = U'_x(t, X_t^*(x))$$
- ▶ If $X_t^*(x)$ is strictly monotone in x , by taking its inverse $\mathcal{X}(t, x)$, we obtain that $U'_x(t, x) = Y_t^*(u_x(\mathcal{X}(t, x)))$.

No trivial calculation via stochastic calculus method.

New parametrization of the SPDE

Volatility versus optimal strategies

- ▶ There is a one to one correspondence between the derivative of the volatility γ_x and the optimal strategies κ^* and $\nu^{*,\perp}$

$$\gamma_x^\sigma(t, x) = -U_{xx}(t, x)x\kappa^*(t, x) - U_x(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma$$

$$\gamma_x^\perp(t, x) = U_x(t, x)\nu^{*,\perp}(t, U_x(t, x))$$

- ▶ Using the notation $\widehat{f}(t) = \int_0^t f(s)ds$ for the primitive of f , we have

$$\gamma^\sigma(t, x) = -U_{xx}(t, x)\widehat{x\kappa^*}(t, x) - U(t, x)\eta_t^\sigma$$

$$\gamma^\perp(t, x) = \widehat{\nu^{*,\perp}}(t, U_x(t, x))$$

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Dynamic Utilities with given optimal portfolio

Methodology : Let us start with a given optimal portfolio $X^*(x)$,

- ▶ **In the classical utility optimization backward problem**, He & Huang (1994) (in Markovian framework) try to characterize the terminal utility function, with a given optimal wealth X^* . Constraint on X^* also.
- ▶ Also interesting point of view of C.Rogers and co author.
- ▶ **In the forward problem** The problem is to diffuse the initial utility u using the information given by the path of X^* . Observe that :
 - The diffusion is not on u but on the derivative u_x
 - We have also to give the optimal state price density
- ▶ The only constraints are **monotonicity** of the both diffusion X^* and Y^* with respect to their initial condition or "equivalently" some Lipschitz condition on their coefficients

Desintegration results or Reverse Engineering

Main Result

- **Assumption** Assume the two equations admit monotonic solutions

$$dX_t^* = X_t^* [r_t dt + \kappa_t^*(X_t^*) \cdot (dW_t + \eta_t^\sigma dt)]$$

$$dY_t^* = -Y_t^*(x) [r_t dt + (-\nu_t^*(Y_t^*) + \eta_t^\sigma) dW_t]$$

with inverse processes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y}

- Assume that $u_{xx}(x)X_t^*(x)$ has a limit when x goes to infinity
- **Construction** Define the processes U and \tilde{U} by

$$U(t, x) = \int_0^x Y_t^*(u'(\mathcal{X}(t, z))) dz, \quad \tilde{U}(t, y) = \int_y^{+\infty} X_t^*(-\tilde{u}_y(\mathcal{Y}(t, z))) dz.$$

- U is a \mathcal{X} -consistent stochastic utility satisfying the HJB type SPDE, and \tilde{U} its \mathcal{Y} -consistent conjugate utility with optimal proc. X^* and Y^* .

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Linear optimal processes I

Assume that $X_t^*(x) = xX_t^*(1) = xX_t^*$ and $Y_t^*(y) = yX_t^*(1) = yY_t^*$, and $Y_t^*X_t^*$ a true martingale.

- ▶ The optimal policies X_t^* and Y_t^* do not depend on x and y
- ▶ The inverse processes are $\mathcal{X}(t, z) = z/X_t^*$ and $\mathcal{Y}(t, z) = z/Y_t^*$
- ▶ For **any consistent stochastic utility U** , with initial utility u and linear optimal portfolios

$$U'_x(t, X_t^*(x)) = Y_t^*(u'_x(x)) \implies U(t, x) = Y_t^*X_t^*u(x/X_t^*)$$

- ▶ There exists an equivalent martingale measure \mathbb{Q}^* , and a numeraire X_t^* such that in the new market $\widehat{U}(t, \widehat{x}) = Y_t^*X_t^*u(\widehat{x})$ is a \mathbb{Q}^* dynamic consistent utility martingale.

Power Utilities

Power utility

- ▶ In particular if $u^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{x^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha}$, $\alpha \in]0, 1]$, then $U^{(\alpha)}(t, x) = Z_t^{(\alpha)} u^{(\alpha)}(x)$ is a power utility with stochastic adjustment factor

$$Z_t^{(\alpha)} = Y_t^* (X_t^*)^\alpha$$

- ▶ There exists an optimal pair (X_t^*, Y_t^*) with $(\alpha \kappa_t^* = -\eta_t^\sigma, \nu^* = 0)$ such that $Z_t^{(\alpha)}$ is **decreasing**.
- ▶ **Markovian case** : Markovian setting for the market with factors ξ_t ,
 $Z_t^{(\alpha)} = \phi^{(\alpha)}(t, \xi_t)$

Backward calibration (He and Huang (1994) in the classical framework)

Find conditions to have $U^{(\alpha)}(T, x) = u^{(\alpha)}(x)$

- ▶ $Z_T^{(\alpha)} = 1 \implies X_T^* = (Y_T^*)^{-1/\alpha}$

Utility ambiguity

Let us consider a agent with ambiguity on his utility ; he can made his choice in a family \tilde{U}^α of consistent stochastic utilities.

- ▶ α is a parameter with values in I , equipped with a priori probability measure $\mu(d\alpha)$
- ▶ the investor decides to allocate the initial wealth x into different initial wealths $x_\alpha(x)$ according to its anticipation, $x = \int_I x_\alpha(x) \mu(d\alpha)$
- ▶ he is looking for an optimal strategy as mixture of the individual optimal strategies

$$X_t^*(x) = \int_I X_t^{*,\alpha}(x_\alpha(x)) \mu(d\alpha)$$

monotone in x

- ▶ The main assumption is that the dual utility is a mixture of individual dual utilities

$$\tilde{U}^\mu(t, y) = \int_I \tilde{U}^\alpha(t, y) \mu(d\alpha)$$

Dual Mixture, and Sup-convolution

Dual Mixture

Let $\tilde{U}^\mu(t, y) = \int_I \tilde{U}^\alpha(t, y) \mu(d\alpha)$

- ▶ $\tilde{U}^\mu(t, y)$ is a convex consistent dual utilities with the same set of admissible state prices densities, **if and only if** there exists an admissible adjoint process $Y_t^*(y)$ **optimal for all utilities** \tilde{U}^α
- ▶ Let $\tilde{u}^\mu(y) = \int_I \tilde{u}^\alpha(y) \mu(d\alpha)$ the dual initial utility. Then the optimal wealth of the primal problem is $X_t^*(x) = -\tilde{U}_y^\mu(t, Y_t^*(u_x^\mu(x)))$. It is a mixture of optimal wealths

$$X_t^*(x) = \int_I X_t^{*,\alpha}(x_\alpha(x)) \mu(d\alpha), \quad x_\alpha(x) = -\tilde{u}_y^\alpha(u_x(x))$$

- ▶ **Sup-convolution result** : Equilibrium, Pareto optimality,

Decreasing Utilities

- ▶ Applying this point of view to power decreasing utilities, we obtain one part of the beautiful result of Thaleia, and Rogers, that is the "mixture" is still decreasing consistent utility,
- ▶ but not the fact there not other decreasing utility.
- ▶ Interpretation in terms of sup convolution may be interesting



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Dynamic utilities from consumption and wealth I

- ▶ Extend the previous results to the case of dynamic utility functions to take into account that the preferences of the agent may changes with time.
- ▶ To get rid of the dependency on the maturity T .
- ▶ References : Musiela & Zariphopoulou, El Karoui & Mrad (dynamic utility functions from terminal wealth), Berrier & Rogers & Tehranchi (dynamic utility functions from consumption and terminal wealth).

Dynamic utility with consumption

Definition : Dynamic utility from consumption

- ▶ U^1 and U^2 two positive progressive utilities
- ▶ For all admissible wealth and consumption processes $(X^{X,c,\kappa}(\cdot), c(\cdot))$ satisfying $dX_t^{X,c,\kappa} = -c_t dt + dX_t^{X,\kappa}$ with $X_t^{X,c,\kappa} \geq 0$
 - $U^2(t, X_t^{X,c,\kappa}) + \int_0^t U^1(s, c_s) ds$ is a supermartingale.
 - There exists an optimal pair $(X^*(\cdot), c^*(\cdot))$ for which it is a martingale.

Dual structure A pair of conjugate dynamic utility functions

- ▶ For all state price density $Y^\nu(y)$, the following process is a submartingale : $\tilde{U}^2(t, Y_t^\nu(y)) + \int_0^t \tilde{U}^1(s, Y_s^\nu(y)) ds$.
- ▶ Their exists an optimum ν^* with a martingale property
- ▶ $\tilde{U}^1(t, Y_t^{\nu^*}(y)) = c_t^*(y), \quad y = u_c^1(c_0^*)$

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Motivations

Thanks to Isabelle Camilier, PhD

- ▶ Embedded long term interest rate risk in longevity-linked securities (maturity up to 30 – 50 years.)
- ▶ Because of the lack of liquidity for long horizon, the standard financial point of view cannot be easily extended.
- ▶ Abundant literature on the economic aspects of long-term policy-making (Ekeland, Gollier, Weitzman...), often motivated by ecological issues (Hourcade & Lecocq)

The Ramsey Rule in Economics I

- ▶ Computation of a long term discount factor $R_0(T)$.
- ▶ A representative agent with :
 - u utility function
 - β pure time preference parameter
 - c aggregate consumption. Often a priori hypothesis are made on the form of the consumption function.
- ▶ **Ramsey rule** (link between consumption and discounting) :

$$R_0(T) = \beta - \frac{1}{T} \log \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{u'(c_T)}{u'(c_0)} \right].$$

(deduced from the maximization of the agent's intertemporal utility from consumption with infinite horizon)

The Ramsey Rule in Economics II

- ▶ Very popular particular case (Ramsey, 1928) :

$$R_0(T) = \beta + \gamma g,$$

β pure time preference parameter, γ risk aversion, g growth rate.

- ▶ Example : Stern review on climate change (2006), with $\gamma = 1$,
 $g = 1.3\%$, $\beta = 0.1\% \rightarrow R_0(T) = 1.4\%$.
- ▶ Controversy between economists concerning parameters values.
 $R_0(T) = 1.4\%$: \$ 1 million in 100 years \rightarrow \$ 250,000 today.
 $R_0(T) = 3.5\%$: \$ 1 million in 100 years \rightarrow \$ 32,000 today.

Consumption Optimization and Ramsey rule

- ▶ Link between the state price density process and the **marginal utility from consumption**.

$$\frac{U_c^1(t, c_t^*)}{U_c^1(0, c_0^*)} = \frac{Y_t^*}{y} = \exp\left(-\int_0^t r_s ds\right) L_t^*(y)$$

where $L_t^*(y)$ is a change of proba measure with volatility $-\eta_t^\sigma + \nu_t^*(c_0^*)$

- ▶ Taking the expectation under the historical probability :

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\frac{U_c^1(t, c_t^*)}{U_c^1(0, c_0^*)} \right] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp\left(-\int_0^t r_s ds\right) L_t^*(c_0^*) \right].$$

- ▶ In the classical Backward case, c_0^* depends on the expectation of some function of the optimal path.
- ▶ In the forward case, c_0^* does not depend on the future

Yields curve and Ramsey rule

- ▶ **The yield curve** The Ramsey rule is similar to price all zero-coupons (in incomplete market) using the Davis Rule that is under the optimal dual probability $L_t^*(y)$
- ▶ **Acceptable for small trade**
- ▶ for large trade use a second order correction term (indifference pricing ?)

Conclusion

- ▶ All Consistent dynamic utilities with a large degree of regularity continuous strictly may be generated as above.
- ▶ Valid for $(\mathcal{R}_t^\sigma(x), t \geq 0, x > 0)$ supposed only convex sets.
- ▶ Valid also for other classical optimization problem.
- ▶ Work in progress :
 - Progressive utility and consumption.
 - Model with jump.
 - Application to the state dependent utilities.

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