

Portfolio Optimisation: Shadow Prices and Fractional Brownian Motion

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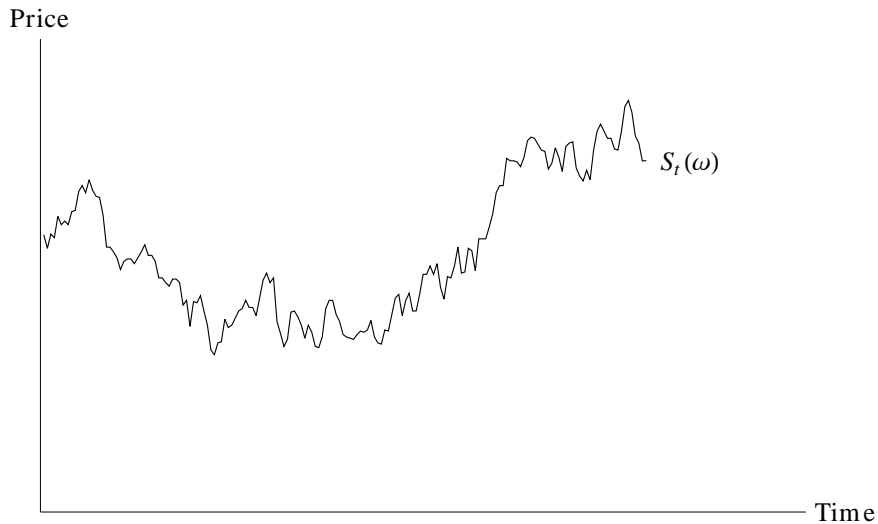
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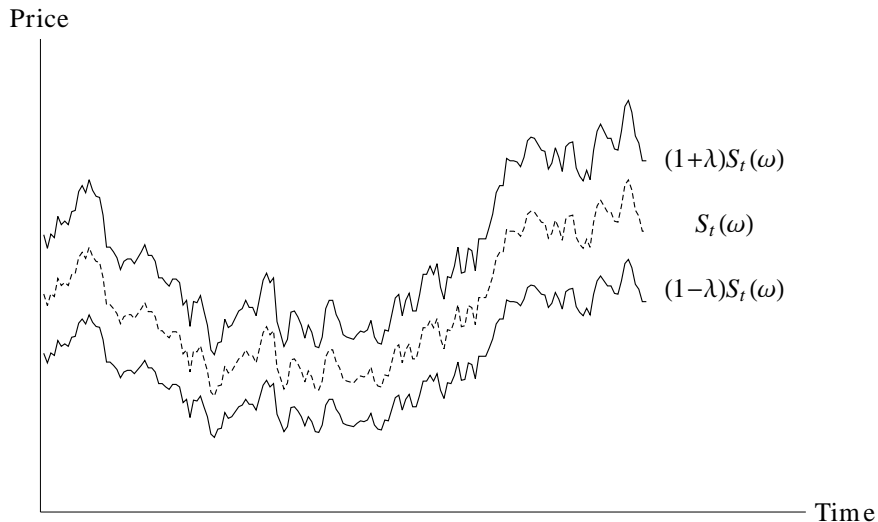
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Overview and comparison

	frictionless markets	markets with transaction costs
trading	buy and sell at same price S_t	buy at higher ask price $(1 + \lambda)S_t$ sell at lower bid price $(1 - \lambda)S_t$
“no arbitrage” price process	must be a semimartingale + very handy	can also be a non-semimartingale – more difficult to handle
critical Hölder exponent	either exactly 1 or exactly 2 – seems restrictive from a statistical point of view	any value in $[1, \infty)$ + more robust
optimal strategies	+ nice results for standard utilities	– hard to compute even for standard utilities and semimartingales
trading volume	– typically infinite, not possible in reality	+ automatically finite
summary	+ typically very handy – not always realistic	– more difficult to handle + more realistic

Financial markets with transaction costs

- Fix a strictly positive càdlàg **stochastic process** $S = (S_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$.
- A **self-financing trading strategy** under transaction costs $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a predictable **finite variation** process $\varphi = (\varphi_t^0, \varphi_t^1)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ such that

$$d\varphi_t^0 \leq -(1 + \lambda)S_t(d\varphi_t^1)^+ + (1 - \lambda)S_t(d\varphi_t^1)^-.$$

- A self-financing strategy φ is **admissible**, if its **liquidation value**

$$\begin{aligned} V_t(\varphi) &:= \varphi_t^0 + (\varphi_t^1)^+(1 - \lambda)S_t - (\varphi_t^1)^-(1 + \lambda)S_t \\ &= \varphi_0^0 + \varphi_0^1 S_0 + \int_0^t \varphi_s^1 dS_s - \lambda \int_0^t S_s d|\varphi^1|_s - \lambda S_t |\varphi_t^1| \\ &\geq -M^\varphi \end{aligned}$$

for some $M^\varphi > 0$ simultaneously for all $t \in [0, T]$.

- Denote by $\mathcal{A}^\lambda(x)$ the set of all self-financing and admissible trading strategies under transaction costs λ starting with $(\varphi_0^0, \varphi_0^1) = (x, 0)$.

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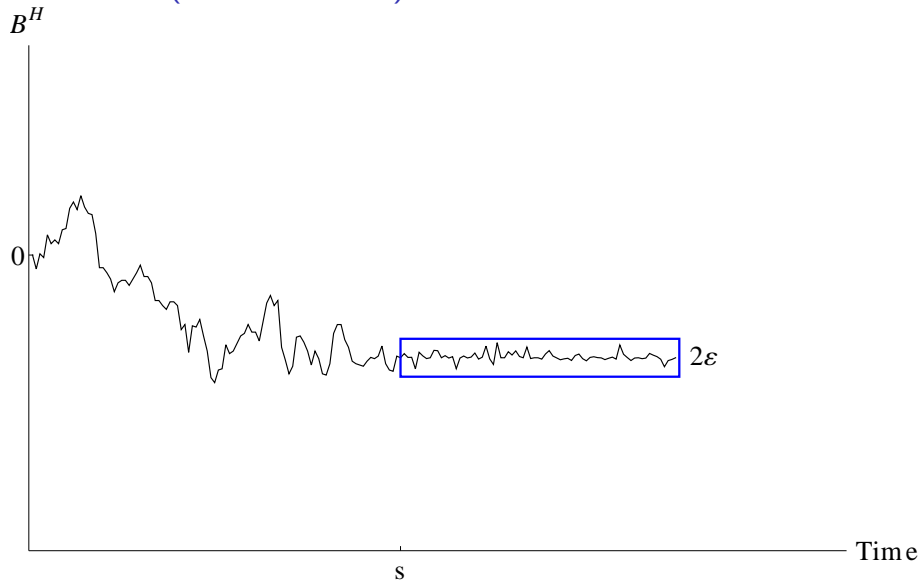
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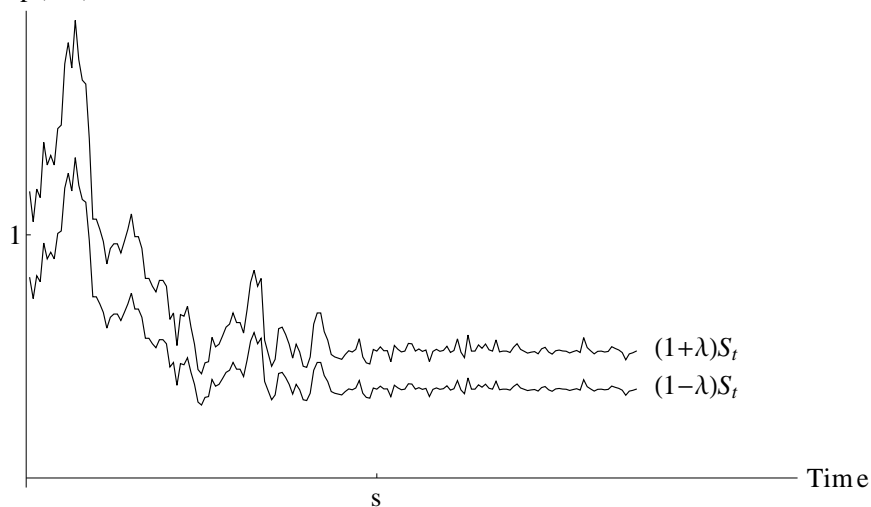
- A “nice” class of **Gaussian processes** $B^H = (B_t^H)$ indexed by $H \in (0, 1)$.
- Mandelbrot: Natural model for stock prices.
- Critical Hölder exponent is $\frac{1}{H}$ and can therefore take any value in $(1, \infty)$.
- Prime example of non-semimartingales for $H \neq \frac{1}{2}$.
- For frictionless trading, fractional models like the **fractional Black-Scholes model** $S = \exp(B^H)$ admit “arbitrage”; see e.g. Rogers (1997), Cheridito (2003) for explicit constructions.
- Guasoni (2006): The fractional Black-Scholes model is arbitrage-free under transaction costs, as $B^H = \log(S)$ is **sticky**.

Stickiness (Guasoni 2006)

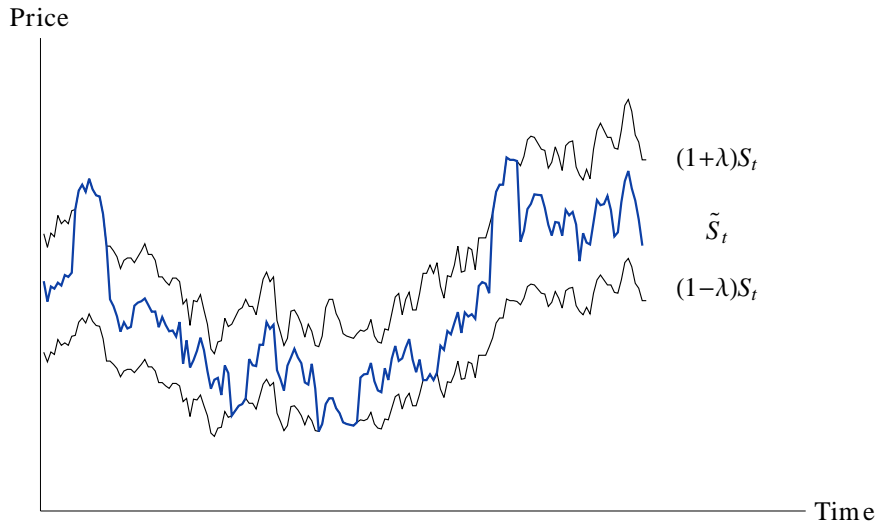


No arbitrage under transaction costs

$$S = \exp(B^H)$$



Shadow price (Jouini/Kallal, Cvitanić/Karatzas)



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Definition

A semimartingale price process $\widehat{S} = (\widehat{S}_t)$ is a **shadow price**, if

- i) \widehat{S} is valued in the bid-ask spread $[(1 - \lambda)S, (1 + \lambda)S]$.
- ii) The solution $\widehat{\psi}$ to the **frictionless** utility maximisation problem: to

$$\text{maximise} \quad E[U(V_T(\psi))] := E \left[U \left(x + \int_0^T \psi_s d\widehat{S}_s \right) \right]$$

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Then $\widehat{\psi}$ coincides with the solution $\widehat{\varphi}$ under transaction costs.

Existence of shadow prices?

- Cvitanić/Karatzas (1996): Existence in an Itô process setting, **if** the solution to the dual problem is a local martingale. — Not clear under which conditions this is the case.
 - ▶ Kallsen/Muhle-Karbe (2011): finite probability space.
 - ▶ Explicit constructions for various concrete problems in the classical(!) Black-Scholes model; Kallsen/Muhle-Karbe (2009),...
 - ▶ Beyond the classical Black-Scholes model?
 - ▶ C./Deutsch/Forde/Zhang: Construction for geometric Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process.
 - ▶ No-shortselling (somewhat different problem); Loewenstein (2001), Benedetti/Campi/Kallsen/Muhle-Karbe (2011).
- No general results that apply to Cvitanić/Karatzas (1996) so far.
- Counter-examples in discrete time:
 - ▶ Benedetti/Campi/Kallsen/Muhle-Karbe (2011).
 - ▶ C./Muhle-Karbe/Schachermayer (2012).

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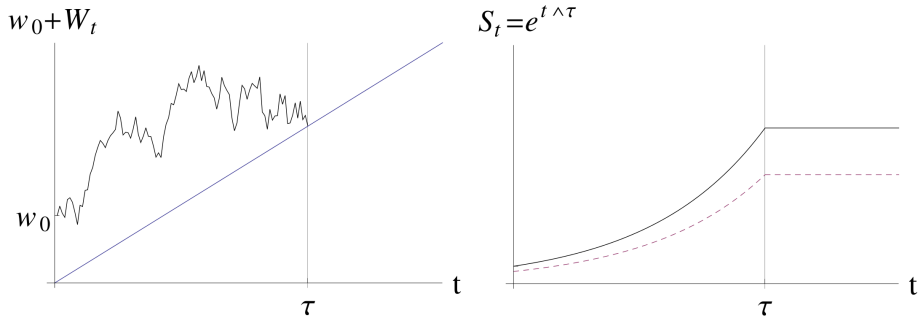
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- Conditions can be verified without knowing the solution to the dual problem before; compare Cvitanić/Karatzas (1996).
- **Quite sharp:** There exist **counter-examples**, if i) or ii) are not satisfied.
- Condition ii), which implies that S is a **semimartingale**, **cannot** be replaced by the weaker condition that “log(S) is sticky” typically used for fBm.

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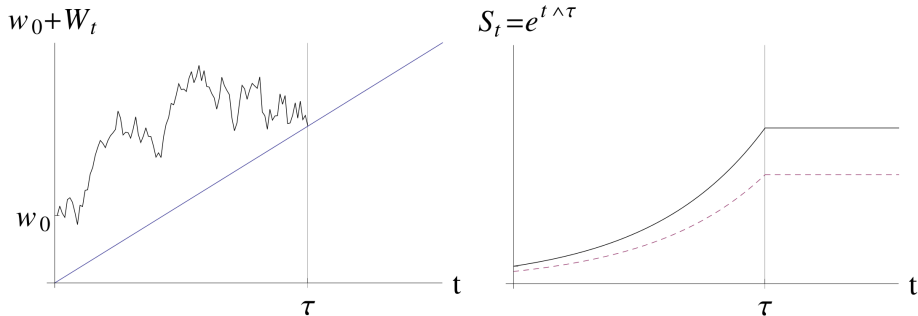
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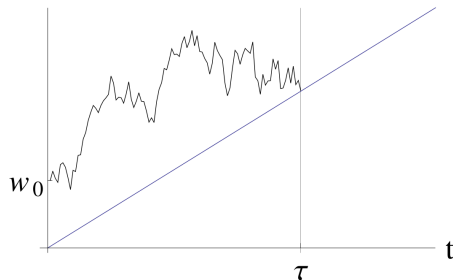


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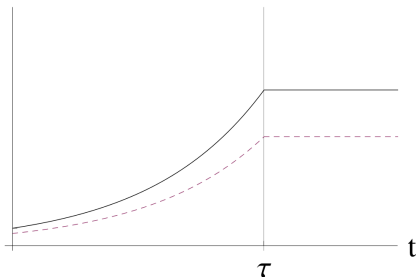
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$$w_0 + W_t$$



$$S_t = e^{t \wedge \tau}$$



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- However, $\log(S)$ is **sticky** and S is arbitrage-free under transaction costs.

Example (cont.)

Proposition (C./Schachermayer/Yang)

There exists a **non-decreasing function** $\ell : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{\lambda}]$ such that the optimal strategy $\hat{\varphi} = (\hat{\varphi}^0, \hat{\varphi}^1)$ to

$$E[\log(V_\tau(\varphi))] \rightarrow \max!, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{A}^\lambda(1),$$

is given by the **smallest non-decreasing process** $\hat{\varphi}^1$ such that

- i) $d\hat{\varphi}_t^0 = -(1 + \lambda)S_t d\hat{\varphi}_t^1$ for all $t \geq 0$.
- ii) $\frac{1}{\lambda} \geq \frac{\hat{\varphi}_t^1 S_t}{\hat{\varphi}_t^0 + \hat{\varphi}_t^1 S_t} \geq \ell(w_0 + W_t - t)$ for all $t \geq 0$.

Moreover, there exists $\bar{w} \in (0, \infty)$ such that $\ell(w) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ for all $w \geq \bar{w}$.

For $w_0 > \bar{w}$, we would therefore have

$$\hat{S}_t = (1 + \lambda)S_t \quad \text{for all } t \leq \sigma := \inf\{s > 0 \mid w_0 + W_s - s < \bar{w}\}$$

for any candidate shadow price and hence **no shadow price** exists.

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- So what about iii) for $U(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$? — Hard to verify directly.

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- Importance: Superreplication price is too high by face-lifting theorems.

Summary

Sufficient conditions for existence of shadow prices:

- 1) S is continuous and satisfies (NSA) $U : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. **Quite sharp.**
- 2) S is locally bounded and admits a $CPS^{\lambda'}$ (\bar{Z}^0, \bar{Z}^1) for $\lambda' \in [0, \lambda)$ satisfying $E[U^*(\bar{Z}_T^0)] < \infty$ for $U : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- 3) S is continuous and sticky for $U : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bounded from above.

Counter-examples for $U : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

- S is continuous and sticky are **not** sufficient.

Fractional Brownian motion:

- Existence of shadow price for bounded power and exponential utility.
- Shadow price is Itô process.
- Exploit connection to frictionless markets to obtain quantitative results.

Thank you for your attention!

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