



Optimal liquidation with transient impact and signals

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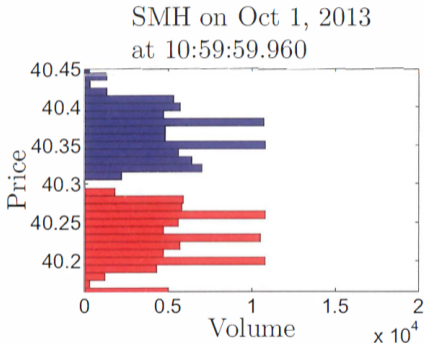
- ▶ Trader that wishes to liquidate on $[0, T]$ an initial position q_0 of shares
- ▶ will face market impact: price will drop
- ▶ will have to split the order to reduce his impact
- ▶ Trade-off between price impact (trade quicker) and price risk (take longer to complete all trades)
- ▶ Take into account some signals

Q What type of market impact?

A temporary/instantaneous and transient/permanent

Introduction

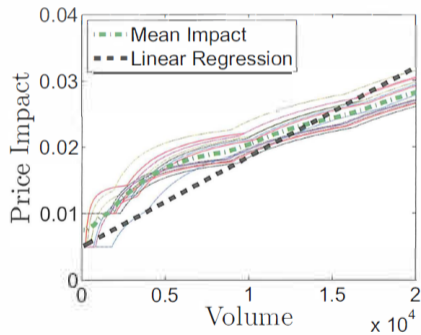
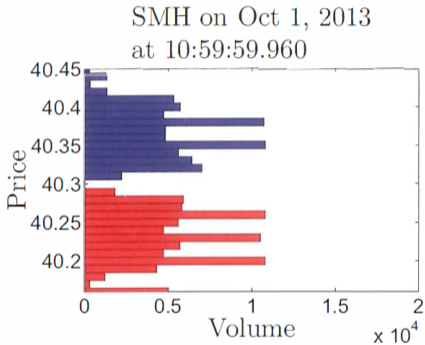
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Transient impact justified by:

- ▶ Linear equilibrium model by Kyle (85): the optimal strategy for an investor with insider information on the fundamental price of an asset is to trade incrementally through time: to minimize costs and revelation of information to the rest of the market.
- ▶ Empirical studies indicate a persistence of power-law behavior in time of Market Impact.

Initial position: $q > 0$ shares in a risky asset, at time $t \in [0, T]$:

$$Q_t^u = q - \int_0^t u_s ds,$$

where $(u_s)_{s \in [0, T]}$ denotes the trading speed.

The actual price at which the orders are executed is

$$S_t := \underbrace{P_t}_{\text{signal inclusion}} - \underbrace{\lambda u_t}_{\text{instantaneous}} - \underbrace{Z_t^u}_{\text{transient}}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where P denotes some unaffected price process and

$$Z_t^u = h_0(t) + \int_0^t G(t, s) u_s ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

for some square integrable deterministic function h_0 and **transient impact kernel** G .

Large class of transient impact kernels that offer great modeling flexibility:

- ▶ Permanent impact

$$G(t, s) = \mathbf{1}_{s < t}$$

- ▶ Exponential kernel

$$G(t, s) = e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \mathbf{1}_{s < t}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

- ▶ Fractional kernel

$$G(t, s) = (t - s)^{H-1/2} \mathbf{1}_{s < t}, \quad H \in (0, 1),$$

- ▶ Non-convolution for bond with maturity T trading

$$G(t, s) = f(t - T)H(t - s)$$

with $f(0) = 0$ due to the terminal condition on the bond price.

Maximize objective functional:

$$J(u) := \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T (P_t - Z_t^u) u_t dt - \lambda \int_0^T u_t^2 dt + Q_T^u P_T - \phi \int_0^T (Q_t^u)^2 dt - \varrho (Q_T^u)^2 \right],$$

- ▶ **The first three terms represent the trader's terminal wealth:** final cash position including the accrued trading costs which are induced by temporary and transient price impact, as well as remaining final risky asset position's book value:

$$- \int_0^T S_t dQ_t^u \approx - \sum_i S_{t_i} (Q_{t_{i+1}}^u - Q_{t_i}^u)$$

- ▶ **The fourth and fifth terms implement** a penalty $\phi > 0$ and $\varrho > 0$ on running and terminal inventory.

Controlled process in \mathbb{R}^2

$$Q_t^u = q - \int_0^t u_s ds,$$

$$Z_t^u = h_0(t) + \int_0^t G(t, s) u_s ds,$$

where $u_t \in \mathbb{R}$ belongs to some admissible set \mathcal{A} , G square-integrable

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Optimization problem

$$V_0 = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{A}} J(u)$$

(!) Linear-Quadratic Volterra control problem with stochastic coefficients and control only in the drift

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Challenges and Limitations

1. Difficulty in dealing with (non-convolution) singular kernels, non-Markovianity, non-semimartingality
2. Lack of numerical methods,
3. **In the LQ framework:** underlying LQ structure not well identified/understood.
4. **Explicit solution?**

Aim Treat all challenges in one go.



Standard
LQ

- ▶ Revisit conventional LQ problems: Basic **linear-quadratic (LQ)** problems are solved by different methods relying on Itô stochastic calculus including standard dynamic programming, maximum principle, HJB equation, ...

Basic **linear-quadratic (LQ)** regulator problem with BM noise W

$$X_t^\alpha = \int_0^t \alpha_s ds + W_t,$$

and a quadratic cost functional on finite horizon T to minimize

$$J(\alpha) = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T (|X_t^\alpha|^2 + \alpha_t^2) dt \right].$$

Optimal control

$$\alpha_t^* = -\psi_{t,T} X_t^{\alpha^*}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where ψ is a deterministic nonnegative function:

$$\psi_{t,T} = \tanh(T - t),$$

that is solution to the Riccati equation:

$$\dot{\psi}_{t,T} = -1 + \psi_{t,T}^2, \quad \psi_{T,T} = 0,$$

and thus the associated optimal state process X^{α^*} is a mean-reverting **Markov process**.

Conventional LQ problems

Deriving the solution

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Strategy: Inspired by martingale verification argument: Find Γ such that

$$S_t^\alpha := V_t^\alpha + \int_0^t (X_s^2 + \alpha_s^2) ds$$

is a submartingale.

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Completion of squares: on red term

$$(\bullet) = (\alpha_t - \alpha_t^*)^2 - \psi_t^2 X_t^2$$

with

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True martingale under suitable admissible controls

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This shows that α^* is an optimal control and $V_t^{\alpha^*}$ is the value function of the problem:

$$V_t^{\alpha^*} = \inf_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_t(\alpha^*)} J_t(\alpha)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_t(\alpha') := \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : \alpha_s = \alpha'_s, \quad s \leq t\}.$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \alpha : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ progressive such that } \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T |\alpha_t|^2 \right] dt < \infty \right\}$$

Verification result

Assume that

1. There exists a solution ψ to the Riccati equation:

$$\dot{\psi}_t = -1 + \psi_t^2, \quad \psi_T = 0.$$

2. There exists an admissible control α^* satisfying

$$\alpha_t^* = -\psi_t X_t^{\alpha^*}$$

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Crucial observation

The same Riccati equation

$$\dot{\psi}_t = -1 + \psi_t^2, \quad \psi_T = 0.$$

also appears in the computation of the Laplace transform of the integrated square of Brownian motion $X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}W$:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(- \int_0^T X_s^2 ds \right) \right] = \exp (\phi_t + \psi_t X_t^2)$$

$$X_t = \int_0^t K(t, s) dW_s$$



**Quadratic
Gaussian**

- ▶ Non-Markovian/ non-semimartingale

Compute Laplace transform of functionals of the square of X to understand LQ structure and how to recover Markovianity.

Fix $K : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, W standard Brownian motion and

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t K(t, s) dW_s.$$

where $\int_0^T \int_0^T |K(t, s)|^2 dt ds < \infty$. Define

$$g_t(s) := \mathbb{E}_t[X_s] \mathbf{1}_{s \geq t} = \left(X_0 + \int_0^t K(s, u) dW_u \right) \mathbf{1}_{s \geq t},$$
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Aim: compute Laplace transform of **integrated squared process**

$$L_{t, T} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[\exp \left(w \int_t^T X_s^2 ds \right) \right], \quad w \leq 0.$$

Idea: Exploit Gaussianity.

Laplace transform

Formal derivation

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4. Send $n \rightarrow \infty$ and expect $L_{t, T}^n \rightarrow L_{t, T}$

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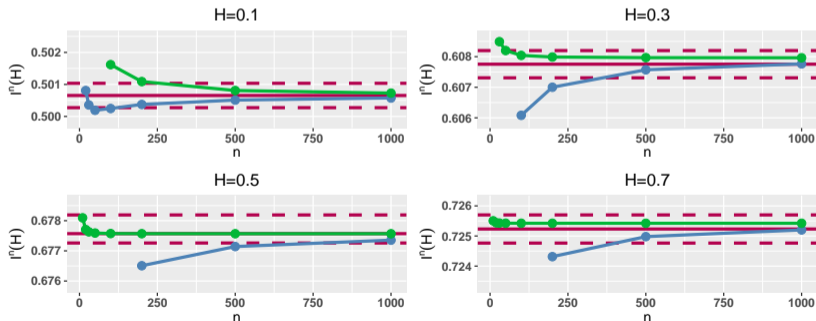
- ▶ $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2} = \int_0^T f(s)g(s)ds$
- ▶ $\forall K \in L^2([0, T]^2, \mathbb{R}^{N \times N})$, \mathbf{K} is the integral operator on $L^2([0, T])$ induced by the kernel K
 $(\mathbf{K}g)(s) = \int_0^T K(s, u)g(u)du.$

Laplace transform

Numerical illustration

Let W^H denote a **fractional Brownian motion** with Hurst index $H \in (0, 1)$. Approximation via closed form Wishart marginals

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_{t_i}^H)^2 \right) \right] \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(-\int_0^1 (W_s^H)^2 ds \right) \right]$$



Riemann sum (blue), Gauss Legendre quadrature (green), and benchmark MC (red) with 90% confidence.

Back to 1903



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≡ Déterminant de Fredholm

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$$\phi(x) + \int_0^1 K(x, t)\phi(t) dt = f(x) \quad (*).$$

On peut essayer de discrétiser cette équation :

- en l'évaluant sur une famille de points $(x_l)_{0 \leq l \leq n-1}$ équirépartis dans l'intervalle $[0; 1]$:

$$x_k = \frac{k}{n}, \quad 1 \leq l \leq n - 1.$$

- en approchant l'intégrale par une **somme de Riemann** : $\int_0^1 k(x_i, t)\phi(t) dt \approx \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} k(x_i, x_j)\phi(x_j)$.

On obtient alors, pour chaque $n \in \mathbb{N}$, un système linéaire (E_n) d'équations

$$(E_n) : \begin{cases} \phi(x_1) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} k(x_1, x_j)\phi(x_j) = f(x_1) \\ \dots \\ \phi(x_i) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} k(x_i, x_j)\phi(x_j) = f(x_i) \\ \dots \\ \phi(x_n) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} k(x_n, x_j)\phi(x_j) = f(x_n) \end{cases}$$



- ▶ **Ivar Fredholm** (1903). Sur une classe d'équations fonctionnelles. Acta mathematica, 27(1), 365-390.
- ▶ His work foreshadowed the theory of **David Hilbert** on **Hilbert spaces**.
- ▶ **Henry McKean** (2010): "Nowadays, Fredholm's determinant is explained mostly in an abstract and, if I may say so, a **superficial way**."
- ▶ **Peter Lax** (2002) book: entire chapter for Fredholm's theory: "it is time to **resurrect** Fredholm's determinant."

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1. Ansatz for the value function on suitable g_t process
2. Use same Martingale approach as in standard LQ,
3. Solve the Riccati equations explicitly

Solution to the execution problem

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Controlled process in \mathbb{R}^2

$$Q_t^u = q - \int_0^t u_s ds,$$

$$Z_t^u = h_0(t) + \int_0^t G(t, s) u_s ds,$$

where $u_t \in \mathbb{R}$ belongs to some admissible set \mathcal{A} , G square-integrable

Performance functional

$$J(u) := \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T (P_t - Z_t^u) u_t dt - \lambda \int_0^T u_t^2 dt + Q_T^u P_T - \phi \int_0^T (Q_t^u)^2 dt - \varrho (Q_T^u)^2 \right],$$

Optimization problem

$$V_0 = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{A}} J(u)$$

(!) Linear-Quadratic Volterra control problem with stochastic coefficients and control only in the drift

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Define

$$\tilde{G}(t, s) = 2\varrho \mathbb{1}_{\{s < t\}} + G(t, s)$$

and

$$\mathbf{D}_t := 2\lambda \text{id} + (\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_t + \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_t^*) + 2\phi \mathbf{1}_t^* \mathbf{1}_t,$$

where $\mathbf{1}_t$ is the integral operator induced by the kernel

$$\mathbb{1}_t(u, s) = \mathbb{1}_{\{s \leq u\}} \mathbb{1}_{\{s \geq t\}}.$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_t^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}_t^{-1} & -2\phi \mathbf{D}_t^{-1} \mathbf{1}_t^* \\ -2\phi \mathbf{1}_t \mathbf{D}_t^{-1} & -2\phi \text{id} + 4\phi^2 \mathbf{1}_t \mathbf{D}_t^{-1} \mathbf{1}_t^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

And define the process

$$\Theta_t(s) = -(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t^{-1} \mathbb{1}_t \mathbb{E}_t[P. - P_T] e_1)(s).$$

Optimal trading speed

$$u_t^* = a_t + \int_0^t B(t, s) u_s^* ds, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where

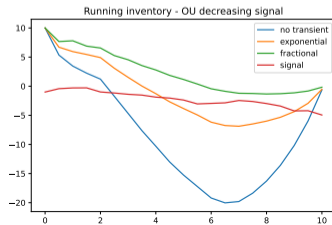
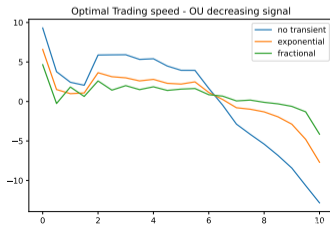
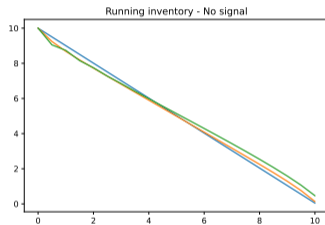
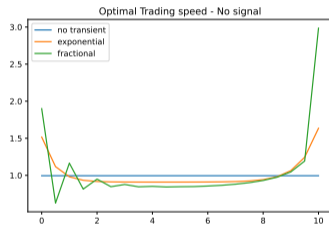
$$a_t = \frac{1}{2\lambda} (\mathbb{E}[(P_t - P_T) | \mathcal{F}_t] - \tilde{h}_0(t) + \langle \Theta_t, K_t \rangle_{L^2} + \langle \Gamma_t^{-1} K_t, \mathbf{1}_t(\tilde{h}_0, q)^\top \rangle_{L^2}),$$
$$B(t, s) = \mathbf{1}_{\{s < t\}} \frac{1}{2\lambda} (\langle \Gamma_t^{-1} K_t, \mathbf{1}_t(\tilde{G}(\cdot, s), -1)^\top \rangle_{L^2} - \tilde{G}(t, s)).$$

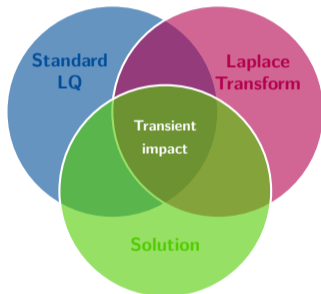
where

$$K_t(s) = (\tilde{G}(s, t), -\mathbf{1}_{t \leq s})^\top \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{h}_0(t) = h_0(t) - 2\varrho q.$$

Solution to the execution problem

Numerics





- ▶ Martingale verification argument as in conventional case.
- ▶ Infinite dimensional control on suitable lifted process
- ▶ Analytic solutions for operator Riccati equations,
- ▶ Efficient and straightforward numerical methods.



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