# Deep Hedging – Learning to Trade

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- Account for **proportional transaction costs** in trading activities. That is, initiating a position  $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$  in  $\underline{S}$  at time  $t_k$  leads to costs

$$c_k(\mathbf{n}) := \sum_{i=1}^d c_k^i S_k^i |n_i|.$$

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$$C_T(\underline{\delta}) := \sum_{k=0}^n c_k (\delta_k - \delta_{k-1})$$

accounts for the cumulative transaction costs incurred by implementing strategy  $\underline{\delta}$  until maturity.

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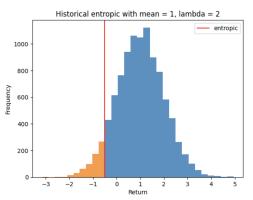
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- **3** Cash-Invariant:  $\rho(X+c) = \rho(X) c$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

## Entropic risk measure

## Examples (Entropic risk measure)

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\lambda} \log \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp(-\lambda X) \right] \right)$$

Here  $\lambda$  is the risk aversion parameter.

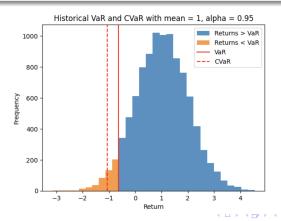


#### Conditional value at risk

### Examples (CVaR)

$$\mathit{CVaR}_{lpha}(X) := \mathbb{E}[X|X \leq \mathit{VaR}_{lpha}(X)]$$

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- Due to cash-invariance, this condition simplifies to setting  $p_0 = p(Z)$ , hence,

$$p(Z) = \pi(-Z) - \pi(0).$$

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Takeaway: A replicable contingent claim can be hedged completely and thus has zero price.

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#### Define

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**Risk measure :** CVaR with  $\alpha = 0.95$ .

#### Parameters definition and settings:

- Simulate 5000 paths
- Trading days T = 30/252
- Trading every day,  $\Delta t = 1/252$
- $S_t$  is the stock price at time t,  $S_0 = 100$
- K is strike price, K = 100
- V<sub>t</sub> is the variance at time t
- $\delta_t$  is asset position at time t
- ullet  $F^{ heta}$  is neural network with parameters heta

#### Black-Scholes model

#### Asset price paths:

$$\Delta S_t = S_{t-1} \times (\mu \Delta t + \sigma \sqrt{\Delta t} \mathcal{N}), \text{ for } t > 0$$

#### where:

- ullet  $\mu$  is a constant means expected return
- $\bullet$   $\sigma$  is a constant means variance
- ullet  $\mathcal N$  is standard normal distribution

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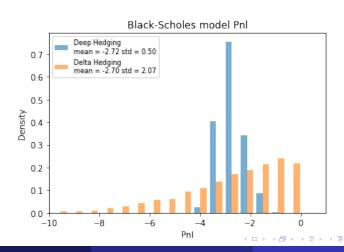
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$$\begin{split} \Delta S_t &= S_{t-1} \times (\mu \Delta t + \sqrt{V_{t-1} \Delta t} \mathcal{N}_S), \ \ \textit{for} \ t > 0 \\ \Delta V_t &= \alpha (b - V_{t-1}) \Delta t + \sigma \sqrt{V_{t-1} \Delta t} \mathcal{N}_V, \ \ \textit{for} \ t > 0 \end{split}$$

#### where:

- ullet  $\mu$  is the expected return
- $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{S}}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_{V}$  are standard normal distribution with correlation  $ho \in [-1,1]$
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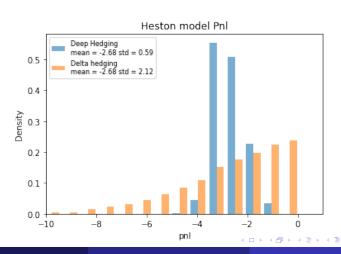
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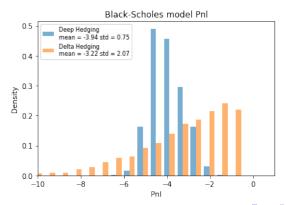
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