

$$\max_{\xi, \mathbf{x}} \min_{\mathbf{p} \in \Psi} - \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \exp \left[-\alpha w_i - \alpha \sum_{j=1}^J x_j \left((\mathbf{A}^T \xi)_j - A_{ij} \right) \right]$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A)} \quad & \Psi = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1} \mid \mathbf{p} \geq \mathbf{0}, \sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \ln \left(\frac{p_i}{q_i} \right) \leq \Omega \right\} \\ \text{(B)} \quad & \xi \geq \mathbf{0} \\ \text{(C)} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i = 1 \\ \text{(E1)} \quad & \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, J\}, \quad x_j = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad (\mathbf{A}^T \xi)_j > B_j b_j \\ \text{(E2)} \quad & \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, J\}, \quad x_j \in [0, Q_j] \quad \text{if} \quad (\mathbf{A}^T \xi)_j = B_j b_j \\ \text{(E3)} \quad & \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, J\}, \quad x_j = Q_j \quad \text{if} \quad (\mathbf{A}^T \xi)_j < B_j b_j \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Corollary 1 *Suppose that the market maker holds zero inventory: $w_i = 0$ for $\forall i$. As the value of Ω increases to infinity, the KPM becomes completely pari-mutuel. The market maker incurs no loss regardless of the outcome.*

Proof. *See the Appendix.* ■

The KPM may not be completely pari-mutuel in the sense that the market maker can lose money with positive probability. However, Corollary 1 shows that the KPM subsumes a completely pari-mutuel market. By adjusting the value of Ω , the market designer can fine-tune the extent to which the market is close to being completely pari-mutuel. The larger the value of Ω , the more completely pari-mutuel the market becomes.

For example, consider increasing the value of Ω . Problem (8) then models the auctioneer with a large level of ambiguity aversion. The ambiguity-averse DM is very sensitive to the worst-case scenario. Thus, the auctioneer clears the market such that he/she performs moderately even in the worst-case scenario. In other words, the auctioneer does not want to lose too much money even in the worst-case scenario.⁵ In the extreme case in which Ω diverges to infinity, the auctioneer becomes so conservative that he/she does not want to lose any money under any circumstances. The market should become completely pari-mutuel.

4.3 The Market-Clearing Algorithm

Before further discussion, we introduce new notations: $z_i = -e^{-\alpha w_i}$ and $\theta_i = q_i e^\Omega$ for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$. In addition, let \mathbf{F} be the set of pairs (ξ, \mathbf{x}) that satisfy the limit order logic constraints (E1), (E2), and (E3).

⁵The cost of this strategy is that the market maker may not be able to make a great deal of money on the upside.