

We present the argument here just assuming tradeable options on  $X$  just to keep the eqs shorter but you can add the options on  $Y$  and  $Z$  yourself.

Let  $\bar{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+)$  denote the reference measure<sup>1</sup>,  $p_{b/a}^j$  the bid/ask prices for call options with strike  $K_j$  and  $q_{b/a}^j$  the upper and low bounds available to buy/sell. Consider the minmax problem:

$$\inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+)} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n: q_b^j \leq x_j \leq q_a^j} [H(\mu|\bar{\mu}) + \sum_{j=0}^n x_j (\mathbb{E}^\mu((X_T - K_j)^+) - p_a^j x_j 1_{x_j > 0} - p_b^j x_j 1_{x_j < 0})] \quad (1)$$

where  $p_{a/b}^j$  denotes the bid/ask price for the  $j$ 'th option,  $q_{a/b}^j$  denotes the upper and lower bounds for the amount  $x^j$  of option  $j$  that we buy (note  $q_b^j < 0$  using our convention here if there is liquidity on the bid side), and  $H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) := \mathbb{E}^\mu(\log \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}}) = \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}(\frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}} \log \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}})$  is the entropy of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\bar{\mu}$ . If we can interchange the inf and sup here (which we can do if we replace  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$  with a finite rectangle here), we can re-write (1) as

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n: q_b^j \leq x_j \leq q_a^j} \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+)} [H(\mu|\bar{\mu}) + \sum_{j=0}^n x_j (\mathbb{E}^\mu((X_T - K_j)^+) - p_a^j x_j 1_{x_j > 0} - p_b^j x_j 1_{x_j < 0})].$$

The inner inf and the optimal  $\mu$  can be computed explicitly as described on pg 8 in my article, so we can further re-write the sup inf as

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n: q_b^j \leq x_j \leq q_a^j} -\log \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}(e^{-\sum_{j=0}^n x_j (X_T - K_j)^+} - p_a^j x_j 1_{x_j > 0} - p_b^j x_j 1_{x_j < 0}) \quad (2)$$

where the optimal  $\mu$  (for each  $x = (x^1, \dots, x_j)$ ) is

$$\mu(dz) = \frac{e^{-\sum_{j=0}^n x_j (z - K_j)^+}}{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}(e^{-\sum_{j=0}^n x_j (X_T - K_j)^+})} \bar{\mu}(dz).$$

Note we have previously always been assuming infinite liquidity i.e.  $q_{b/a}^j = +\infty$ , in which case we can re-write as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} -\log \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}(e^{-\sum_{j=0}^n x_j (X_T - K_j)^+} - p_a^j x_j 1_{x_j > 0} - p_b^j x_j 1_{x_j < 0}) \\ &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} -\log \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}(e^{\sum_{j=0}^n x_j (X_T - K_j)^+} + p_a^j x_j 1_{x_j > 0} + p_b^j x_j 1_{x_j < 0}) \end{aligned}$$

since in this case we can flip the sign of the  $x_j$ 's without changing the answer. This is then our familiar **concave maximization** problem (see Eq 10 in my paper), but now incorporates bid/ask spreads. If  $q_{a/b}^j$  are finite, then this is essentially the same problem as Project 3.

Since the sup in (1) doesn't affect  $H(\mu, \bar{\mu})$ , we can easily evaluate the inner sup to re-write (1) as

$$\inf_{\mu \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+} [H(\mu|\bar{\mu}) + \sum_{j=0}^n q_a^j (\mathbb{E}^\mu((X_T - K_j)^+) - p_a^j)^+ + \sum_{j=0}^n |q_b^j| (p_b^j - \mathbb{E}^\mu((X_T - K_j)^+))^+] \quad (3)$$

i.e. **we minimize entropy over models which fall within the bid-offer spread, and models which don't (but these model incurs an additional finite penalty for each option which falls outside).** bid-offer spread i.e. there is an infinite penalty for non-calibrated models.

**You can try and compute Eq 2 and Eq 3 in Mosek and see if they give the same answer**

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<sup>1</sup>where  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  denotes the collection of all probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}_+$