

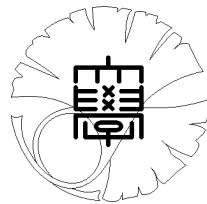
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Abstract

The author gives a simple proof of the representation theorem for law invariant convex risk measures which was obtained by Kusuoka [6], Frittelli-Gianin [3] and Jouini- Schachermayer-Touzi [5].

1 Introduction

The idea of coherent risk measures has been introduced by Artzner, Delbaen, Eber and Heath [1]. Then Föllmer and Scheid [4] extended this notion to convex risk measures. Let me introduce the definition of convex risk measures first.

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space. We denote $L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ by L^∞ .

Definition 1 *We say that a map $\rho : L^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a convex risk measure if the following are satisfied.*

- (1) $\rho(0) = 0$.
- (2) For any $c \in \mathbf{R}$ and $X \in L^\infty$, we have

$$\rho(X + c) = \rho(X) - c.$$

- (3) If $X \geq Y$, $X, Y \in L^\infty$, then $\rho(X) \leq \rho(Y)$.
- (4) For any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, and $X, Y \in L^\infty$,

$$\rho(\lambda X + (1 - \lambda)Y) \leq \lambda\rho(X) + (1 - \lambda)\rho(Y).$$

Also, we introduce the following notion.

Definition 2 *We say that a convex risk measure $\rho : L^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is law invariant, if $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$ for any $X, Y \in L^\infty$ with the same probability laws.*

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Let \mathcal{D} be the set of probability distribution functions of bounded random variables, i.e., \mathcal{D} is the set of non-decreasing right-continuous functions F on \mathbf{R} such that there are $z_0, z_1 \in \mathbf{R}$ for which $F(z) = 0, z < z_0$ and $F(z) = 1, z \geq z_1$. Let us define $Z : [0, 1) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

$$Z(x, F) = \inf\{z; F(z) > x\}, \quad x \in [0, 1), F \in \mathcal{D}.$$

$Z(x, F)$ is a version of $F^{-1}(x)$. $Z(\cdot, F) : [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a non-decreasing and right continuous function, and the probability distribution function of $Z(x, F)$ under the Lebesgue measure dx on $[0, 1)$ is F . We denote by F_X the probability distribution function of a random variable X .

For each $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, let $\rho_\alpha : L^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be given by

$$\rho_\alpha(X) = -\alpha^{-1} \int_0^\alpha Z(x, F_X) dx, \quad X \in L^\infty.$$

Also, we define $\rho_0 : L^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

$$\rho_0(X) = -Z(0, F_X) = -\text{ess.inf } X \quad X \in L^\infty.$$

Then it is easy to see that $\rho_\alpha(X) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a non-increasing continuous function for any $X \in L^\infty$.

Let $\mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}$ be the set of probability measures on $[0, 1]$.

Then combining the results by [6], Frittelli-Gianin [3] and Jouini- Schachermayer-Touzi [5], we have the following.

Theorem 3 *Assume that (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is a standard atomless probability space. Let $\rho : L^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

(1) *There is a subset \mathcal{A} of the set $\mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}$ such that*

$$\sup\{b; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A}\} = 0$$

and

$$\rho(X) = \sup\left\{\int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A}\right\}, \quad X \in L^\infty.$$

(2) *ρ is a law invariant convex risk measure.*

Our purpose of the present paper is to give a simple and direct proof for this Theorem.

Remark 4 *One can easily prove that*

$$\rho_\alpha(X) = -\inf\{E[gX]; g \in L^\infty, 0 \leq g \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}, E[g] = 1\}, \quad X \in L^\infty$$

for any $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. Here we do not have to assume that (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is atomless. So we can easily check that $\rho_\alpha, \alpha \in [0, 1]$, are law invariant convex risk measures. Therefore it is easy to prove that the condition (1) implies the condition (2) in Theorem 3.

2 Preparations

Let $N \geq 2$. In this section, we consider a probability space $(\Omega_N, \mathcal{G}_N, P_N)$ such that $\Omega_N = \{1, \dots, N\}$, \mathcal{G}_N be the set of subsets of Ω_N , and $P_N(\{\omega\}) = \frac{1}{N}$, $\omega \in \Omega_N$.

Our aim in this section is to prove the following.

Theorem 5 *Let $\rho : L^\infty \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

(1) *There is a subset \mathcal{A}_0 of the set $\mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}$ such that*

$$\sup\{b; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_0\} = 0$$

and

$$\rho(X) = \sup\left\{\int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_0\right\}, \quad X \in L^\infty.$$

(2) *ρ is a law invariant convex risk measure.*

By Remark 4, it is sufficient to prove that the condition (2) implies the condition (1). So we prove the converse. Let ρ is a law invariant convex risk measure and let \mathcal{C} be a subset of $L^\infty \times \mathbf{R}$ given by

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(a, b) \in L^\infty \times \mathbf{R}; \rho(X) \geq -\sum_{i=1}^N a(i)X(i) + b \text{ for all } X \in L^\infty\}.$$

Since ρ is a concave function defined in L^∞ and L^∞ is finite dimensional, we see that

$$\rho(X) = \sup\left\{-\sum_{i=1}^N a(i)X(i) + b; (a, b) \in \mathcal{C}\right\}, \quad X \in L^\infty. \quad (1)$$

Moreover, we have the following.

Proposition 6 *For any $(a, b) \in \mathcal{C}$, we have the following.*

- (1) $a(i) \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, N$.
- (2) $\sum_{i=1}^N a(i) = 1$.

Proof. Let $e_i \in L^\infty$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, such that $e_i(i) = 1$, and $e_i(j) = 0$, $j \neq i$. Then we have for any $c > 0$

$$0 \leq -c^{-1}\rho(c e_i) \leq a(i) - c^{-1}b$$

Letting $c \rightarrow \infty$, we have the assertion (1).

Note that for any $c \in \mathbf{R}$, we have

$$0 = -\rho(c) - c \leq c\left(\sum_{i=1}^N a(i) - 1\right) - b$$

So we have for any $c > 0$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^N a(i) - 1\right) - c^{-1}b \leq 0 \text{ and } \left(\sum_{i=1}^N a(i) - 1\right) + c^{-1}b \geq 0.$$

Letting $c \rightarrow \infty$, we have the assertion (2). ■

Let \mathcal{S}_N be the set of permutations on Ω_N . Then for any $a \in L^\infty$, there is a $\sigma_a \in \mathcal{S}_N$ such that

$$a(\sigma_a(N)) \leq a(\sigma(N-1)) \leq \dots \leq a(\sigma_a(1))$$

Then we have the following.

Proposition 7 (1) For any $(a, b) \in \mathcal{C}$, and $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_N$, $(a \circ \sigma, b) \in \mathcal{C}$.
(2) Let $(a, b) \in \mathcal{C}$ and let m_a be a measure on $[0, 1]$ be given by

$$m_a(\{\frac{j}{N}\}) = (a(\sigma_a(j)) - a(\sigma_a(j+1)))j, \quad j = 1, \dots, N-1,$$

$$m_a(\{1\}) = a(\sigma_a(N))N \quad \text{and} \quad m_a([0, 1] \setminus \{\frac{1}{N}, \frac{2}{N}, \dots, 1\}) = 0.$$

Then $m_a \in \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}$ and

$$\max\{-\sum_{i=1}^N (a \circ \sigma)(i)X(i); \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_N\} = \int_{[0,1]} \rho_a(X)m_a(dx), \quad X \in L^\infty.$$

Proof. Let $X \in L^\infty$. Then it is obvious that random variables X and $X \circ \sigma^{-1}$ has the same probability law. Therefore we have

$$\rho(X) = \rho(X \circ \sigma^{-1}) \geq -\sum_{i=1}^N a(i)X(\sigma^{-1}(i)) + b = -\sum_{i=1}^N a(\sigma(i))X(i) + b.$$

This implies the assertion (1).

Now we will prove the assertion (2). Let $X \in L^\infty$. Then there is an $\tau_X \in \mathcal{S}_N$ such that

$$X(\tau_X(1)) \leq X(\tau_X(2)) \leq \dots \leq X(\tau_X(N)).$$

It is easy to see that

$$X(\tau_X(k)) = N \int_{(k-1)/N}^{k/N} Z(x; F_X)dx, \quad k = 1, \dots, N,$$

an so

$$\sum_{j=1}^k X(\tau_X(j)) = -k\rho_{k/N}(X), \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N a(i)X(i) &= \sum_{i=1}^N a(\sigma_a(i))X(\sigma_a(i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (a(\sigma_a(N)) + a(\sigma_a(i)) - a(\sigma_a(N)))X(\sigma_a(i)) \\ &= a(\sigma_a(N))\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X(\sigma_a(i))\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(\sum_{j=i+1}^N (a(\sigma_a(j-1)) - a(\sigma_a(j)))\right)X(\sigma_a(i)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a(\sigma_a(N)) \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X(\sigma_a(i)) \right) + \sum_{j=2}^N \left(\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} X(\sigma_a(i)) \right) (a(\sigma_a(j-1)) - a(\sigma_a(j))) \\
&\geq a(\sigma_a(N)) \left(\sum_{i=1}^N X(\tau_X(i)) \right) + \sum_{j=2}^N \left(\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} X(\tau_X(i)) \right) (a(\sigma_a(j-1)) - a(\sigma_a(j))) \\
&= - \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m_a(d\alpha).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N a(\sigma_a \circ \tau_X^{-1}(i)) X(i) = \sum_{i=1}^N a(i) X(\tau_X \circ \sigma_a^{-1}(i)) = - \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m_a(d\alpha).$$

So letting $X = 1$, we see that $m_a([0, 1]) = 1$. These also imply the assertion (2). \blacksquare

Now let

$$\mathcal{A}_0 = \{(m_a, b) \in \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}; (a, b) \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

Then we see from Equation (1) and Proposition 7, that the condition (1) is satisfied for this \mathcal{A}_0 . This completes the proof of Theorem 5.

3 Proof of Theorem 3

By Remark 4, it is sufficient to prove that the condition (2) implies the condition (1).

Let ρ is a law invariant convex risk measure, and let

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (m, b) \in \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R} ; \rho(X) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b, \text{ for all } X \in L^\infty(\Omega) \right\}.$$

Then it is sufficient to prove the following.

$$\rho(X) \leq \sup \left\{ \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b ; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A} \right\}. \quad (2)$$

Since (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is atomless standard probability space, we may think that $\Omega = [0, 1)$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}([0, 1))$, and P is a Lebesgue measure on $[0, 1)$. For any $n \geq 1$, let

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma \left\{ 1_{[(k-1)2^{-n}, k2^{-n})} ; k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n \right\}.$$

Then we see that

$$\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \mathcal{F}_3 \subset \dots \text{ and } \sigma \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_n \right) = \mathcal{F}.$$

Let

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \left\{ (m, b) \in \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R} ; \rho(X) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b \text{ for all } X \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_n, P) \right\}.$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{A}_1 \supset \mathcal{A}_2 \supset \mathcal{A}_3 \supset \cdots \supset \mathcal{A}.$$

Note that $\mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}$ is a compact subset of the dual space of $C([0, 1]; \mathbf{R})$ with weak * topology. Since $\rho(X) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous for all $X \in L^\infty$, $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$, are closed in $\mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}$.

Proposition 8 *Let $\mathcal{A}_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \mathcal{A}_n$. Then $\mathcal{A}_\infty = \mathcal{A}$.*

Proof. Let $(m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_\infty$. Let $X \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$, and fix it. Let $Y \in L^\infty$ be given by $Y(\omega) = Z(\omega; F_X)$, $\omega \in \Omega = [0, 1)$. Since random variables X and Y have the same probability law, we see that $\rho(X) = \rho(Y)$. Let $Y_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$, be random variables given by

$$Y_n(\omega) = Z\left(\frac{k}{2^n}; F_X\right), \quad \frac{k-1}{2^n} \leq \omega < \frac{k}{2^n}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n.$$

Then we see that $Y_n(\omega) \downarrow Y(\omega)$, for any $\omega \in \Omega$. Since $(m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_n, n \geq 1$, we have

$$\rho(Y) \geq \rho(Y_n) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(Y_n) m(d\alpha) + b, \quad \alpha \in [0, 1].$$

It is easy to see that $\rho_\alpha(\mu_{Y_n}) \uparrow \rho_\alpha(Y)$, and so we have

$$\rho(X) = \rho(Y) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(Y) m(d\alpha) + b = \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b.$$

This implies that $\mathcal{A}_\infty \subset \mathcal{A}$. It is obvious that $\mathcal{A}_\infty \supset \mathcal{A}$, and so we have the assertion. \blacksquare

Now let us prove Theorem 3. For each $W \in L^\infty(\Omega_{2^n}, \mathcal{G}_{2^n}, P_{2^n})$, let $U_n(W) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be given by

$$U_n(W)(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} W(k) 1_{[(k-1)2^{-n}, k2^{-n})}(\omega).$$

Then $U_n : L^\infty(\Omega_{2^n}, \mathcal{G}_{2^n}, P_{2^n}) \rightarrow L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_n, P)$ is bijective. Let $\rho_n : L^\infty(\Omega_{2^n}, \mathcal{G}_{2^n}, P_{2^n}) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be defined by $\rho_n(W) = \rho(U_n(W))$. Then it is easy to see that ρ_n is law invariant, convex risk measure and that

$$\rho_n(W) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(W) m(d\alpha) + b, \quad W \in L^\infty(\Omega_{2^n}, \mathcal{G}_{2^n}, P_{2^n})$$

if and only if

$$\rho(X) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b, \quad X \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_n, P)$$

for any $(m, b) \in \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}$. This observation and Theorem 5 show that

$$\rho(X) = \inf \left\{ \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b ; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_n \right\}, \quad X \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_n, P). \quad (3)$$

Let us take an arbitrary $X \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and fix it. Let Y and $\tilde{Y}_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$, be random variables given by $Y(\omega) = Z(\omega, F_X)$, $\omega \in [0, 1)$, and

$$\tilde{Y}_n(\omega) = Z\left(\frac{k-1}{2^n} \vee 0; F_X\right), \quad \frac{k-1}{2^n} \leq \omega < \frac{k}{2^n}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n.$$

Then we see that

$$Z(x; F_{\tilde{Y}_n}) = \tilde{Y}_n(x) \uparrow Y(x-), \quad x \in (0, 1),$$

and so we see that

$$\rho_\alpha(\tilde{Y}_n) \downarrow \rho_\alpha(Y) = \rho_\alpha(X), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1].$$

Also, we see that

$$\rho_0(\tilde{Y}_n) = -\tilde{Y}_n(0) = -Y(0) = \rho_0(X)$$

So we see that $\rho_\alpha(\tilde{Y}_n)$ converges to $\rho_\alpha(X)$ uniformly in $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.

Since $\tilde{Y}_n \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_n, P)$, we see from Equation (2) that there exists $(m_n, b_n) \in \mathcal{A}_n$, for each $n \geq 1$, such that

$$\rho(\tilde{Y}_n) \leq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(\tilde{Y}_n) m_n(d\alpha) + b_n + \frac{1}{n}.$$

Note that

$$0 = \rho(0) \geq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(0) m_n(d\alpha) + b_n = b_n$$

and that

$$-\|\tilde{Y}_n\|_\infty = \rho(\|\tilde{Y}_n\|_\infty) \leq \rho(\tilde{Y}_n) \leq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(\tilde{Y}_n) m_n(d\alpha) + b_n + \frac{1}{n} \leq \|\tilde{Y}_n\|_\infty + b_n + 1.$$

So we have

$$0 \geq b_n \geq -2\|\tilde{Y}_n\|_\infty - 1 \geq -2\|X\|_\infty + 1.$$

Since $\mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}$ is compact, there are a subsequence $\{n_k; k = 1, 2, \dots\}$ and $(m, b) \in \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$(m_{n_k}, b_{n_k}) \rightarrow (m, b), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{in } \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]} \times \mathbf{R}.$$

It is obvious that $(m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_{n_k}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, and so we see that $(m, b) \in \mathcal{A}_\infty$. Also we have

$$\int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(\tilde{Y}_{n_k}) m_{n_k}(d\alpha) \rightarrow \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(Y) m(d\alpha).$$

On the other hand, we see that

$$\rho(\tilde{Y}_n) \geq \rho(Y) = \rho(X)$$

So we see that

$$\rho(X) \leq \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b.$$

This proves that

$$\rho(X) \leq \sup \left\{ \int_{[0,1]} \rho_\alpha(X) m(d\alpha) + b; (m, b) \in \mathcal{A} \right\}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

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