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De Finetti Risk Seminar

Dynamic Trading Volume

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Abstract

We derive the process followed by trading volume, in a market with finite depth and constant investment opportunities, where a representative investor, with a long horizon and constant relative risk aversion, trades a safe and a risky asset. Trading volume approximately follows a Gaussian, mean-reverting diffusion, and increases with depth, volatility, and risk aversion. The model generates an endogenous ban on leverage and short-selling.

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