

Sublinear Expectations ...

For a domain $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathcal{Q}}$ which includes all constant functions, a **sublinear/linear** expectation on \mathcal{D} is a functional $\overline{E}/E: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ that is constant preserving, isotone and ...

... **sublinear**, meaning that

$$\overline{E}(\alpha f + g) \leq \alpha \overline{E}(f) + \overline{E}(g)$$

for all $f, g \in \mathcal{D}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ with $\alpha f + g \in \mathcal{D}$.

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Such a sublinear expectation \overline{E} is said to be **downward continuous** on $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \overline{E}(f_n) = \overline{E}(f) \text{ for all } \mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{N}} \ni (f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \searrow f \in \mathcal{S}$$

and **upward continuous** on $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ if

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straightforward modification



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KOLMOGOROV-TYPE AND GENERAL EXTENSION RESULTS
FOR NONLINEAR EXPECTATIONS

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Suppose $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Q})$ is a linear lattice.

\overline{E} is downward (& then upward) continuous on \mathcal{D} iff every dominated linear expectation in

$$\mathbb{E}_{\overline{E}} := \{E \in \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{D}) : (\forall f \in \mathcal{D}) E(f) \leq \overline{E}(f)\}$$

is downward continuous.

E is downward (& then upward) continuous on \mathcal{D} iff there is a unique probability measure P_E on $\sigma(\mathcal{D})$ such that

$$E(f) = \int f dP_E \text{ for all } f \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Theorem

The sublinear expectation \overline{E}^{σ} **extends** \overline{E} , is **downward continuous** on $\mathcal{D}_{\delta} \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Q})$ and **upward continuous** on $\mathcal{M}_b(\mathcal{D})$.

On $\mathcal{M}_b(\mathcal{D})$, this extension is unique.

Let $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}) := \mathcal{M}_b(\mathcal{D}) \cup \mathcal{M}^b(\mathcal{D})$ be the set of $\sigma(\mathcal{D})$ -measurable variables $f \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathcal{Q}}$ that are bounded below/above and let

$$\overline{E}^{\sigma}: \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}: f \mapsto \sup \left\{ \int f dP_E : E \in \mathbb{E}_{\overline{E}} \right\}.$$

... for Countable-State Uncertain Processes

Let \mathcal{X} denote the countable state space. The possibility space \mathcal{Q} is **some** set of *paths* $\omega: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$, and the domain \mathcal{D} are the **finitary bounded variables**:

$$\mathcal{D} := \{g(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}, t_1 < \dots < t_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}^n)\} \text{ with } X_t: \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}: \omega \mapsto \omega(t).$$

sublinear expectation \overline{E}_0 on $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$

semigroup $(\overline{T}_t: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$ of ‘sublinear transition operators’:

- (i) $\overline{T}_t[\bullet](x)$ is a sublinear expectation
- (ii) $\overline{T}_0 = \text{I}$
- (iii) $\overline{T}_{s+t} = \overline{T}_s \circ \overline{T}_t$

¿sublinear process \overline{E} on \mathcal{D} ?

¿sublinear Markov process!

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}; t_1 < \dots < t_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}) (\exists \omega \in \mathcal{Q}) \omega(t_1) = x_1, \dots, \omega(t_n) = x_n$$

Theorem

There is a **unique sublinear expectation** \overline{E} on \mathcal{D} such that

- (i) $\overline{E}(g(X_0)) = \overline{E}_0(g)$ for all $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ and
- (ii) for all $s_1 < \dots < s_n < t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ and $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}^{n+1})$,

$$\overline{E}(g(X_{s_1}, \dots, X_{s_n}, X_t)) = \overline{E}(h(X_{s_1}, \dots, X_{s_n}))$$

with $h \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}^{\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}})$ defined by

$$h(x_{s_1}, \dots, x_{s_n}) := \overline{T}_{t-s_n}[g(x_{s_1}, \dots, x_{s_n}, \bullet)](x_{s_n}).$$

Is this corresponding \overline{E} downward continuous on \mathcal{D} ?

A semigroup $(\overline{T}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$ of sublinear transition operators ...

... has **uniformly bounded rate** if

$$\limsup_{t \searrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \sup \left\{ \overline{T}_t[1 - \mathbb{I}_x](x) : x \in \mathcal{X} \right\} < +\infty,$$

or **NEW** equivalently, $\limsup_{t \searrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \|\overline{T}_t - \text{I}\| < +\infty$ **NEW**.

... is **uniformly continuous** if

$$\lim_{t \searrow 0} \|\overline{T}_t - \text{I}\| = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{Q} := \text{cdlg}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}) \subsetneq \mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$$

\overline{E}_0 is downward continuous

&

$\overline{T}_t[\bullet](x)$ is downward continuous

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$(\overline{T}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$ has uniformly bounded rate

\overline{E} is downward continuous on \mathcal{D}

$\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D})$ is sufficiently rich

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\overline{E}_0 is downward continuous

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$\overline{T}_t[\bullet](x)$ is downward continuous

\overline{E} is downward continuous on \mathcal{D}

$\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D})$ is not sufficiently rich

For some ‘bounded sublinear rate operator’ $\overline{Q}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$,

$$\overline{T}_t = e^{t\overline{Q}} := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\text{I} + \frac{t}{n} \overline{Q} \right)^n \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0};$$

whenever this is the case,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \overline{T}_t := \lim_{s \rightarrow t} \frac{\overline{T}_s - \overline{T}_t}{|s - t|} = \overline{Q} \overline{T}_t \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}.$$

sublinear Poisson process

Fix some rate interval $[\underline{\lambda}, \overline{\lambda}] \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, and take

$$\mathcal{X} := \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \quad \overline{E}_0(g) := g(0) \quad \& \quad (\overline{T}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}} := (e^{t\overline{L}})_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}},$$

where $\overline{L}: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ maps $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ to

$$\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: x \mapsto \max \{ \lambda(g(x+1) - g(x)) : \lambda \in [\underline{\lambda}, \overline{\lambda}] \}.$$

Cool, on $\mathcal{M}_b(\mathcal{D})$ there is a ‘sufficiently continuous’ extension of the downward continuous sublinear expectation \overline{E} on \mathcal{D} !



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