

# **Strong Consistency of CVaR Optimal Estimator**

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# Abstract

Conditional Value-at-Risk (CVaR) is one of the commonly used risk measures. The paper shows that the optimal estimator of CVaR is strong consistency if the first-order moment of the population exists. We subsequently carry out numerical simulations to test the conclusion. We use the results to make an empirical analysis of Shenzhen A shares.

# **Keywords**

Risk Measures, Conditional Value-at-Risk, Strong Consistency

# <sup>/4.0/</sup> 1. Introduction

Because of inherent market instability, the ability to assess risk is very important so as to hedge against catastrophic loss. Therefore, some scholars have put forward the theory of value at risk (VaR) and conditional value at risk (CVaR) theory as a form of risk mitigation.

To mitigate this risk, Markowitz [1] developed "expected returns-variance of returns" rule and illustrated geometrically relations between beliefs and choice of portfolio according to the rule. We find that is necessary to avoid investing in securities with high covariances among themselves, but we cannot calculate how much a set of investments might lose. In order to solve this problem, Guldimann, the head of JP Morgan global research department in 1993, pioneered the use of VaR in a report issued by the group of 30. VaR theory has been gradually improved and widely applied in various fields of risk management, such as financial regulation, insurance industry and securities analysis. However, VaR has various undesirable conceptual and mathematical properties. Artzner *et al.* [2] [3] introduced a set of axioms for the proper construction of risk measures, including coherent measures of risk. The risk measure satisfies the transfer invariance, subadditivity, positive homogeneity and monotonicity. Therefore, cohe-

rent measures of risk can be an effective tool for portfolio management. Then Rockafellar and Uryasev [4] put forward CVaR and found that CVaR can be more consisted measure of risk than VaR. In fact, CVaR can be thought of as the conditional expectation of losses that exceed the VaR (the definition of CVaR will appear in 2.1). Plung [5] proves that CVaR is a coherent risk measure and shows that CVaR is more effective than VaR in the risk management of the financial portfolios. Subsequently, CVaR theory is constantly improved and applied to real estate portfolio investment, supply chain management and so on. In order to seek to "cautious" predictions, Trindade *et al.* [6] proved the strong consistency of the CVaR optimization estimator and obtained the corresponding asymptotic distribution, under the condition that the second-order moment of population is limited. In this paper, we optimize the moment conditions of the above problems, and prove the strong consistency of CVaR optimal estimators under the condition that the first-order moment is finite.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we prove the strong consistency of CVaR optimal estimator under the finite first-order moment; we use R to simulate the correctness of the above conclusion in Section 3; in Section 4, we use the results to make an empirical analysis of Shenzhen A shares (A-shares trade on the two Chinese stock exchanges, the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. A-shares are shares of mainland China-based companies, and these shares were historically only available for purchase by mainland citizens because foreign investment was restricted).

## 2. Theoretical Analyses

#### 2.1. Risk Measurement: VaR and CVaR

Let Z be a random variable that represents a loss (or cost),  $F(z) = P(Z \le z)$  is the distribution function of Z. For  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ , the  $\alpha$ -quantile of Z is defined as

$$F^{-1}(\alpha) \coloneqq \inf_{z \in R} \{ z : F(z) \ge \alpha \}$$

In the context of monetary cost (loss), the *a*-quantile  $F^{-1}(\alpha)$  is a measure of risk commonly used in the finance industry, known as VaR and denoted  $\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(Z) = F^{-1}(\alpha)$ . At this point, if VaR stands for the maximum loss, it can be exceeded only in  $(1-\alpha)100\%$  of cases. And then CVaR, denoted by  $\operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha}(Z)$ , can be thought of as the conditional expectation of losses that exceed the  $\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(Z)$  level. In case Z has a continuous distribution,  $\operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha}(Z)$  is given by the expectation of the right  $(1-\alpha)$  tail of the cost distribution, that is

$$\operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha}(Z) = E \left[ Z \mid Z \ge \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(Z) \right].$$

Föllmer and Schied [7] simplify this model to be expressed as

$$\operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha}(Z) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \int_{\alpha}^{1} \operatorname{VaR}_{\gamma}(Z) \mathrm{d}\gamma,$$

where is  $[x]^{+} = \max\{0, x\}, x \in R$ .

#### 2.2. Strong Consistency of CVaR

Let *Z* is a random variable,  $\{Z_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a Simple random from *Z*. Based on the definition of CVaR optimization proposed by Plung [5], Trindade *et al.* [6] introduced the following CVaR optimization estimator, *i.e.*,

$$\hat{\theta}_{n} = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \theta_{n}(t) \right\},\,$$

where is  $\theta_n(t) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n [Z_i - t]^+$ . In addition, we define that

$$\theta^* = \operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha}(Z) = \inf_{t \in R} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} E[Z - t]^+ \right\}, \quad \theta(t) = E[Z - t]^+.$$

It is obvious that  $\theta_n(t)$  and  $\theta(t)$  are monotonically decreasing and Lipschitz continuous. If  $-\infty < s < t < +\infty$ , that is

$$0 \le \theta_n(s) - \theta_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( [Z_i - s]^+ - [Z_i - t]^+ \right) \le t - s ,$$
  
$$0 \le \theta(s) - \theta(t) = E\left( [Z - s]^+ - [Z - t]^+ \right) \le t - s .$$

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $E|Z| < +\infty$  and  $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$ , then

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \sup_{t \in [a,b]} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right| = 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

**Proof:** For  $\forall k \in \mathbb{R}$ , the intervals [a,b] are divided into k parts equally, where is  $t_j = j(b-a)/k + a$ ,  $j = 0,1,2,\dots,k$ .  $\theta_n(t)$  and  $\theta(t)$  are monotonically decreasing and Lipschitz continuity, and  $t_j - t_{j-1} = (b-a)/k$ .

$$\begin{split} \sup_{t \in [a,b]} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right| &= \max_{1 \le j \le k} \sup_{t \in [t_{j-1}, t_j]} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right| \\ &= \max_{1 \le j \le k} \sup_{t \in [t_{j-1}, t_j]} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) - \theta_n(t_j) + \theta_n(t_j) - \theta(t_j) + \theta(t_j) \right| \\ &\le \max_{1 \le j \le k} \left\{ \sup_{t \in [t_{j-1}, t_j]} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta_n(t_j) \right| + \sup_{t \in [t_{j-1}, t_j]} \left| \theta(t_j) - \theta(t) \right| + \left| \theta_n(t_j) - \theta(t_j) \right| \right\} \\ &\le \max_{1 \le j \le k} \left\{ \left( \theta_n(t_{j-1}) - \theta_n(t_j) \right) + \left( \theta(t_{j-1}) - \theta(t_j) \right) + \left| \theta_n(t_j) - \theta(t_j) \right| \right\} \\ &\le \frac{2(b-a)}{k} + \max_{1 \le j \le k} \left| \theta_n(t_j) - \theta(t_j) \right| \end{split}$$

Applying the strong law of large number [8], it is easy to show that

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \left| \theta_n \left( t_j \right) - \theta \left( t_j \right) \right| = 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

for  $1 \le j \le k$ . We can get

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \max_{1 \le j \le k} \left| \theta_n \left( t_j \right) - \theta \left( t_j \right) \right| = 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

Therefore let  $n \to +\infty$  and then let  $k \to +\infty$ , the conclusion can be get. **Lemma 2.2.** If  $E|Z| < +\infty$  and b > 0, then

$$\overline{\lim_{n \to +\infty} \sup_{t > b} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right|} \le 2E \left| Z \right| I_{\{Z > b\}} \text{ a.s.}$$

**Proof:**  $\theta_n(t)$  and  $\theta(t)$  is monotonically decreasing, we can get

$$\begin{split} \sup_{t>b} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right| &\leq \sup_{t>b} \theta_n(t) + \sup_{t>b} \theta(t) \\ &= \sup_{t>b} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [Z_i - t]^+ + \sup_{t>b} E[Z - t]^+ \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sup_{t>b} \sum_{i=1}^n [Z_i - t]^+ + \sup_{t>b} E[Z - t]^+ \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - b) I_{\{Z_i > b\}} + E(Z - b) I_{\{Z > b\}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |Z_i| I_{\{Z_i > b\}} + E[Z] I_{\{Z > b\}} \end{split}$$

Applying the strong law of large number, it is easy to show that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |Z_i| I_{\{Z_i > b\}} = E |Z| I_{\{Z > b\}} \text{ a.s.}$$

So we can get the conclusion.

**Lemma 2.3.** If 
$$E|Z| < +\infty$$
 and  $a < 0$ , then  
$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \sup_{t < a} |\theta_n(t) - \theta(t)| \le 2E|Z|I_{\{Z < a\}} \text{ a.s.}$$

**Proof:** 

$$\begin{split} \sup_{t < a} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right| \\ &= \sup_{t < a} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [Z_i - t]^+ - E[Z - t]^+ \right| \\ &= \sup_{t < a} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - t) I_{\{Z_i \ge t\}} - E(Z - t) I_{\{Z \ge t\}} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t < a} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - t) (1 - I_{\{Z_i < t\}}) - E(Z - t) (1 - I_{\{Z < t\}}) \right| \\ &= \sup_{t < a} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i - EZ - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i - t) I_{\{Z_i < t\}} + E(Z - t) I_{\{Z < t\}} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i - EZ \right| + \sup_{t < a} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |Z_i - t| I_{\{Z_i < t\}} + \sup_{t < a} E|Z - t| I_{\{Z < t\}} \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i - EZ \right| + \sup_{t < a} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |Z_i| I_{\{Z_i < t\}} + \sup_{t < a} E|Z| I_{\{Z < t\}} \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i - EZ \right| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |Z_i| I_{\{Z_i < t\}} + E|Z| I_{\{Z < t\}} \end{split}$$

Applying the strong law of large number, it is easy to show that

$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{i} \to EZ \text{ a.s.},$$
$$n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |Z_{i}| I_{\{Z_{i} < a\}} \to E |Z| I_{\{Z < a\}} \text{ a.s.}$$

So we can get the conclusion. **Proposition 2.1** If  $E|Z| < +\infty$ , then

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \theta_n(t) - \theta(t) \right| = 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

**Proof:** Given *a* and *b* satisfied  $-\infty < a < 0 < b < +\infty$ , we can get

$$\sup_{t\in\mathbb{R}}\left|\theta_{n}(t)-\theta(t)\right|=\max\left\{\sup_{t< a}\left|\theta_{n}(t)-\theta(t)\right|,\sup_{t\in[a,b]}\left|\theta_{n}(t)-\theta(t)\right|,\sup_{t>b}\left|\theta_{n}(t)-\theta(t)\right|\right\}.$$

By applying Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, we can get

$$\overline{\lim_{n\to\infty}}\sup_{t\in\mathbb{R}}\left|\theta_n(t)-\theta(t)\right|\leq \max\left\{2E\left|Z\right|I_{\{Zb\}}\right\}.$$

And let  $a \to -\infty$  and  $b \to +\infty$ , we can get the conclusion. Lemma 2.4. If  $E[Z]^+ < +\infty$ , then

$$\left|\hat{\theta}_{n}-\theta^{*}\right|\leq\frac{2}{1-\alpha}\sup_{t\in\mathbb{R}}\left|\theta_{n}(t)-\theta(t)\right|.$$

**Proof:** 

$$\begin{split} \left| \hat{\theta}_{n} - \theta^{*} \right| &= \left( \hat{\theta}_{n} - \theta^{*} \right) I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} > \theta^{*} \right\}} + \left( \theta^{*} - \hat{\theta}_{n} \right) I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} < \theta^{*} \right\}} \\ &= \left( \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_{i} - t \right]^{+} \right\} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E\left[ Z - t \right]^{+} \right\} \right) I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} > \theta^{*} \right\}} \\ &+ \left( \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E\left[ Z - t \right]^{+} \right\} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_{i} - t \right]^{+} \right\} \right) I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} < \theta^{*} \right\}} \\ &= \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_{i} - t \right]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E\left[ Z - t \right]^{+} \right\} \right\} I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} < \theta^{*} \right\}} \\ &+ \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E\left[ Z - t \right]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_{i} - t \right]^{+} \right\} \right\} I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} < \theta^{*} \right\}} \\ &= inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E\left[ Z - t \right]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_{i} - t \right]^{+} \right\} \right\} I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} < \theta^{*} \right\}} \\ &= inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E\left[ Z - t \right]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ Z_{i} - t \right]^{+} \right\} \right\} I_{\left\{ \hat{\theta}_{n} < \theta^{*} \right\}} \end{split}$$

First, we can get

$$\begin{split} I_{n1} &\leq \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \left( t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right) \right| \\ &+ \left( t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right) - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &= \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \\ &+ \left( t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right) - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &+ \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1-\alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t$$

And then, we can get

$$\begin{split} I_{n2} &\leq \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| t + \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| t + \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} - \left( t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right) \right. \\ &+ \left( t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right) - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &= \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right. \\ &+ \left( t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right) - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right| \\ &+ \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} \right\} \right| \\ &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{1}{n(1 - \alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [Z_{i} - t]^{+} - \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} E[Z - t]^{+} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \theta_{n}(t) - \theta(t) \right|. \end{split}$$

Hence, it is easy to show  $I_{n1} + I_{n2} \leq 2 \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |\theta_n(t) - \theta(t)| / (1 - \alpha)$ . And we can obtain this conclusion.

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $E|Z| < +\infty$ , then  $\hat{\theta}_n \to \theta^*$  a.s.

**Proof:** By applying Lemma 2.4 and Propositon 2.1, it is obvious that theorem is right.

# **3. Numerical Simulation**

We carry out numerical simulations by using the standard t-distribution with 2 degrees of freedom (denoted t(2)), because the first-order moment of the distribution exists, and the second-order moment does not exist. Let  $Z \sim t(2)$  and  $\{z_n, n \ge 1\}$  be observations of Z. Andreev *et al.* [9] have mentioned that the true value of CVaR is

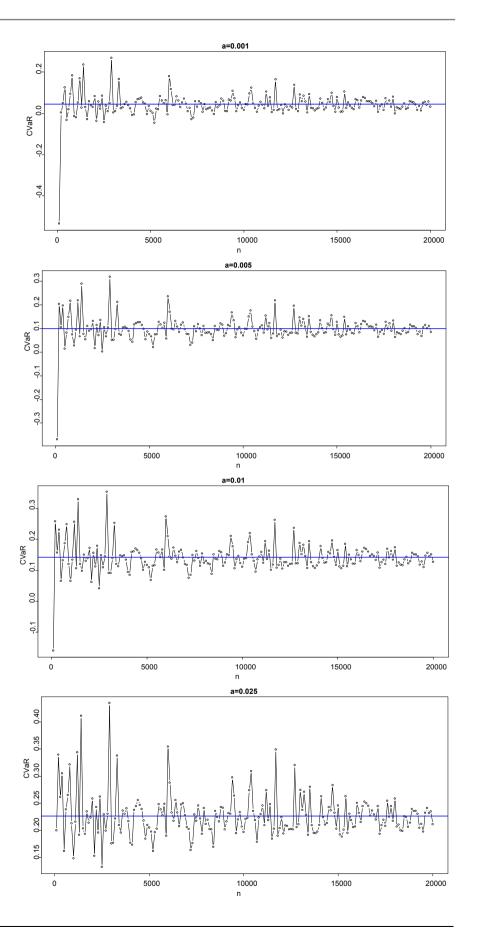
$$\operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha} = 2\frac{f(q)}{F(-q)} \left(1 + \frac{q^2}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(1-\alpha)} \left(1 + \frac{q^2}{2}\right)^{-1/2}$$

where is that q is the a-quantile of F(x). In addition, Min *et al.* [10] get the value of CVaR optimal estimator, that is

$$\hat{\theta}_{n} = \inf_{t \in R} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [z_{i} - t]^{+} \right\} = \min_{1 \le j \le n} \left\{ z_{j} + \frac{1}{n(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [z_{i} - z_{j}]^{+} \right\}$$

Next, we use R and the above two equations to calculate the true value of CVaR to compare it with the value of the optimized estimator.

Figure 1 is the line graph of CVaR estimations when the maximum sample



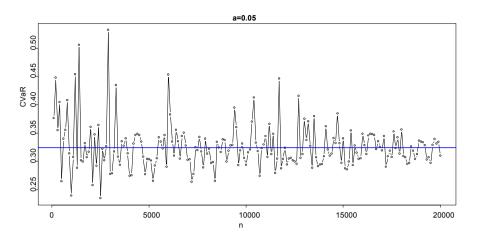


Figure 1. Simulation results when *a* takes different values.

size is N = 20000,  $\alpha$  is 0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.025, 0.05 respectively and the simulated step length is 100. In **Figure 1**, the blue horizontal line represents the true value of CVaR, and the points represent the estimated value of CVaR. So we can get the conclusion that when the sample size is the same, the smaller the value  $\alpha$  is, the faster the convergence speed will be, the better the effect will be. For the  $\alpha$ , the CVaR estimations fluctuate on its true value; the fluctuation is smaller with the increase of sample size. It is easy to see that is less than 0.02 between the CVaR estimate and its real value when the number of sample n satisfies  $n \ge 10000$ . In order to improve the accuracy of simulation, we continue to expand the sample size and get **Table 1** eventually.

There are real valuations and estimations (obtained by numerical simulation) of CVaR under different  $\alpha$  and n. From this table, we can see that difference between CVaR real valuations and estimations is 0.0312, 0.025, 0.0254, 0.0255, 0.0249 respectively when n = 10000 and  $\alpha = 0.001$ , 0.005, 0.01, 0.025, 0.05; but when n = 200000, that difference is -0.0024, -0.0034, -0.0038, -0.0045, -0.0047 respectively.

Therefore we can get the conclusion that the larger the value is, the closer the estimation is to the real value. So we test the conclusion that the CVaR estimator has strong consistency.

## 4. Empirical Analysis

### 4.1. Data Description

In this Section, we use the results to make an empirical analysis of Shenzhen A shares, which included SWYA and Vanke A (two typical shares). We select a data range from November 27, 2006 to November 27, 2016 by R. Let the daily opening price of a single stock be  $P_o$ , and the daily closing one be  $P_C$ . We calculate the daily logarithmic yield of the stock V, *i.e.*,  $V = \ln P_C - \ln P_o$ . In addition, let L be the daily logarithmic loss rate of the stock.  $\text{CVaR}_{\alpha}(V)$  is CVaR of the stock's daily logarithmic yield rate at  $\alpha$  level; correspondingly,  $\text{CVaR}_{1-\alpha}(L)$  is the CVaR of the stock's logarithmic loss rate at  $1-\alpha$  level.

	a					
<i>n</i> –	0.001	0.005	0.01	0.025	0.05	
10,000	0.0759	0.1258	0.1675	0.2520	0.3493	
20,000	0.0466	0.0993	0.1416	0.2274	0.3272	
30,000	0.0584	0.1088	0.1501	0.2355	0.3339	
40,000	0.0399	0.0962	0.1384	0.2226	0.3202	
50,000	0.0234	0.0805	0.1230	0.2078	0.3051	
60,000	0.0721	0.1265	0.1676	0.2503	0.3475	
70,000	0.0273	0.0830	0.1257	0.2110	0.3099	
80,000	0.0291	0.0878	0.1303	0.2141	0.3123	
90,000	0.0525	0.1084	0.1503	0.2341	0.3321	
100,000	0.0555	0.1106	0.1524	0.2375	0.3358	
120,000	0.0489	0.1026	0.1445	0.2290	0.3265	
140000	0.0439	0.0995	0.1413	0.2257	0.3241	
160000	0.0332	0.0911	0.1339	0.2181	0.3163	
180000	0.0504	0.1048	0.1463	0.2312	0.3293	
200000	0.0423	0.0969	0.1383	0.2220	0.3197	
al valuation	0.0447	0.1003	0.1421	0.2265	0.3244	

Table 1. CVaR estimations and real values.

The CVaR estimations of daily yield are calculated by

$$\operatorname{CVaR}_{\alpha}(V) = \min_{1 \le j \le n} \left\{ V_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\left[V_i - V_j\right]^+}{n(1-\alpha)} \right\}.$$

Plung [5] suggest

$$EV = (1 - \alpha) C VaR_{\alpha}(V) - \alpha C VaR_{(1-\alpha)}(L)$$

#### 4.2. Empirical Analysis

In this Section, we analyze the data of Vanke A and SWYA deeply. **Figure 2** is the sequence diagram of 2589 daily logarithmic yield rate of Vanke A.

In this figure, the circle represents the real logarithmic yield of Vanke A, and the blue horizontal line represents the average logarithmic yield of the corresponding day. We can get the conclusion that real logarithmic yield of Vanke A always fluctuate around the average ones from this figure.

In addition, we can apply this property to invest. For example, we take Vanke A and SWYA two stocks as an example to analyze. We get  $\text{CVaR}_{1-\alpha}(L)$  estimations of SWYA and Vanke A in **Table 2** and **Table 3**. And we can get the average yield that SWYA 0.0027 and 0.0030 (Vanke A is 0.00209, 0.00207) respectively during nearly 10 years and nearly 5 years in **Table 4**. Therefore, we can make a suitable portfolio based on our preference.

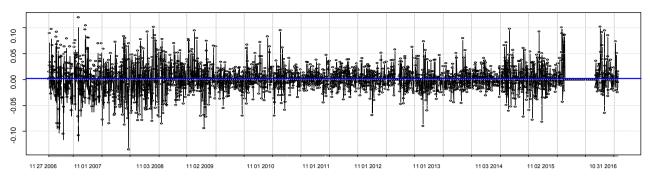


Figure 2. Daily logarithmic yield rate of Vanke A.

**Table 2.**  $\text{CVaR}_{I-\alpha}(L)$  estimation of Vanke A.

timestream	a				
time/year –	0.001	0.005	0.01	0.025	0.05
10	0.1224	0.0986	0.0894	0.0762	0.0654
5	0.0924	0.0795	0.0699	0.0562	0.0487

**Table 3.**  $\text{CVaR}_{1-\alpha}(L)$  estimation of SWYA.

1:	α				
time/year –	0.001	0.005	0.01	0.025	0.05
10	0.1601	0.1152	0.1018	0.0860	0.0769
5	0.1891	0.1306	0.1150	0.0951	0.0823

**Table 4.**  $\text{CVaR}_{1-\alpha}(L)$  estimation of SWYA.

Time/year	SWYA	Vanke A
10	0.0027	0.00209
5	0.0030	0.00207

# **5.** Conclusion

In this article, we have proved that the optimal estimator of CVaR is strong consistency if the first-order moment of the population exists, subsequently carrying out numerical simulations to test the conclusion. Further, we will study the complete convergence and convergence rate of optimal estimator of CVaR.

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