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Entropy-Based Methods for Finance and Risk Management

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Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of entropy originates from thermodynamics in the 19th century, but today is used in many research fields. In recent years, the applications of entropy in finance and economics have increased considerably, as demonstrated also by the significant number of papers in this field featured in many journals dealing with entropy-related topics

In mathematics, an abstract definition of entropy is known as Shannon information entropy, but many definitions and applications of entropy have been proposed in the literature, thanks to the generality of its concept.

In finance, entropy has been employed to understand turning points in foreign exchange rate time series, to propose an alternative measure to the standard deviation in stock markets, and to study option and asset pricing through an entropic methodology. In risk management, entropy-based measures of risk and rare-event probabilities have been introduced to innovate the traditional risk management tools, such as the value-at-risk.

In this Special Issue, we welcome innovative contributions and applications in all areas of Finance and Risk Management in which any definition of entropy plays a central role.







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