



Stochastic Market Depth

- Market depth reflects the difficulty of a price. Mathematically, it is defined as the number of limit order shares placed per unit price.
- Ahn, Bae, and Chan [2001] (JoF) observe that market depth exhibits a reversed U-shape during a day (at noon) higher than the full-day average; the depth is 40% higher than the average.
- Stochastic market depth can incorporate activities such as the placement of limit orders at quotes and order cancellation. Biais et al. (JoF) show that these activities may account for 60% of limit order activities.

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Background

- Bankers' compensation has become a major issue in corporate governance and regulation after the financial crisis 2007-2009.
- The question is whether large short-term bonuses caused much risk-taking that partly caused the crisis.
 - We model cash bonuses since, by definition, they are short-term compensation.
- Both regulators and banks themselves have started to implement restrictive measures on compensation
 - The European Union has limited the bonus payments, subject to some flexibility, and is imposing bonus deferrals.
 - In the US, the Dodd-Frank Act imposes clawback provisions on bonuses.
 - Many leading banks have introduced or are considering voluntary clawback policies.

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Bonus Caps, Deferrals, ...





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