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Abstract

This template provides a structured format for papers submitted to INFORMS Finance 2026. The abstract should briefly state the research question, methodological approach, data or model setting, main findings, and contribution to financial engineering, fintech, operations research, or related fields. Keep the abstract concise and focused.

Keywords: financial engineering; fintech; market microstructure; risk management; machine learning; optimization

JEL Classification: G10; G11; G17; C61; C63

1 Introduction

The introduction should motivate the research question, explain why it is important for financial engineering or fintech, and summarize the paper's main contribution. A strong introduction typically identifies a clear problem, explains the institutional or methodological gap, previews the approach, and states the core findings.

2 Related Literature

Position the paper relative to the most relevant streams of literature. For INFORMS Finance 2026, this may include financial engineering, asset pricing, market microstructure, risk management, optimization, stochastic control, machine learning, artificial intelligence, blockchain, decentralized finance, and financial technology systems.

3 Model or Methodology

Describe the analytical model, empirical design, computational framework, or algorithm. Use equations where appropriate. For example, a generic optimization problem may be written as

$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}[U(W_T(x))] - \lambda \mathcal{R}(x), \quad (1)$$

where x is the decision variable, $W_T(x)$ is terminal wealth, $\mathcal{R}(x)$ is a risk or regularization term, and λ controls the trade-off between performance and risk.

4 Data and Experimental Design

Describe the data sources, sample construction, variable definitions, calibration choices, simulation design, and evaluation criteria. For empirical papers, clearly state the sample period, frequency, filters, and benchmark models. For theoretical or methodological papers, explain the numerical setup and parameter choices.

5 Results

Present the main empirical, theoretical, or computational findings. Tables and figures should be self-contained and clearly labeled.

Table 1: Example Table

Method	Mean Return	Volatility	Sharpe Ratio
Benchmark	0.082	0.145	0.566
Proposed Method	0.097	0.138	0.703

6 Robustness and Additional Analysis

Discuss robustness checks, alternative specifications, sensitivity analyses, ablation studies, or out-of-sample validation. Explain whether the main findings remain stable under alternative modeling assumptions.

7 Conclusion

Summarize the paper’s main contribution, practical relevance, and implications for future research. Avoid introducing new results in the conclusion.

Acknowledgments

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A Appendix: Additional Results

Appendix materials may include proofs, additional tables, implementation details, or extended robustness checks.