

Generalizing the Black-Scholes formula to multivariate contingent claims

Abstract:

This paper provides approximate formulas that generalize the Black-Scholes formula in all dimensions. Pricing and hedging of multivariate contingent claims are achieved by computing lower and upper bounds. These bounds are given in closed form in the same spirit as the classical one-dimensional Black-Scholes formula. Lower bounds perform remarkably well. Like in the onedimensional case, Greeks are also available in closed form. We discuss an extension to basket options with barrier.

V.Durrleman, R.Carmona 2006

<http://www.cmap.polytechnique.fr/%7Evaldo/papers/multivariate.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Heterogeneous Basket Options Pricing Using Analytical Approximations

Abstract:

This paper proposes the use of analytical approximations to price an heterogeneous basket option combining commodity prices, foreign currencies and zero-coupon bonds. We examine the performance of three moment matching approximations: inverse gamma, Edgeworth expansion around the lognormal and Johnson family distributions. Since there is no closed-form formula for basket options, we carry out Monte Carlo simulations to generate the benchmark values. We perform a simulation experiment on a whole set of options based on a random choice of parameters. Our results show that the lognormal and Johnson distributions give the most accurate results

G.Dionne, G.Gauthier, N.Ouertani, N.Tahani 2006

<http://neumann.hec.ca/gestiondesrisques/06-01.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Markovian Projection Method for Volatility Calibration

Abstract:

We present the Markovian projection method, a method to obtain closed-form approximations to European option prices on various underlyings that, in principle, is applicable to any (diffusive) model. Successful applications of the method have already appeared in the literature, in particular for interest rate models (short rate and forward Libor models with stochastic volatility), and interest rate/FX hybrid models with FX skew. The purpose of this note is thus not to present other instances where the Markovian projection method is applicable (even though more examples are indeed given) but to distill the essence of the method into a conceptually simple plan of attack, a plan that anyone who wants to obtain European option approximations can follow.

V.Piterbarg 2006

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=906473
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing of Arithmetic Basket Options by Conditioning

Abstract:

Determining the price of a basket option is not a trivial task, because there is no explicit analytical expression available for the distribution of the weighted sum of prices of the assets in the basket. However, by using a conditioning variable, this price can be decomposed in two parts, one of which can be computed exactly. For the remaining part we first derive a lower and an upper bound based on comonotonicity, and another upper bound equal to that lower bound plus an error term. Secondly, we derive an approximation by applying some moment matching method. Keywords: basket option; comonotonicity; analytical bounds; moment matching; Asian basket option; Black & Scholes model

G.Deelstra, J.Liinev, M.Vanmaele 2004

http://users.ugent.be/~mvmaele/Publicaties/basket_DeelstraLiinevVanmaele.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Reconstruction of Volatility: Pricing Index Options by the Steepest Descent Approximation

Abstract:

We propose a formula for calculating the implied volatility of index options based on the volatility skews of the options on the underlying stocks and on a given correlation matrix for the basket. The derivation uses the steepest-descent approximation for the multivariate probability distribution function of forward prices. A simple financial justification is provided. We apply the formula to compute the implied volatilities of liquidly-traded options on exchange-traded funds (ETF) across different strikes. Our theoretical results were found to be in good agreement with contemporaneous quotes on the Chicago Board of Options Exchange (CBOE) and the American Stock Exchange (AMEX).

M. Avellaneda, D. Boyer-Olson 2002

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=316399
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Asian and Basket Options Via Taylor Expansion

Abstract:

Asian options belong to the so-called path-dependent derivatives. They are among the most difficult to price and hedge both analytically and numerically. Basket options are even harder to price and hedge because of the large number of state variables. Several approaches have been proposed in the literature, including Monte Carlo simulations, tree-based methods, partial differential equations, and analytical approximations among others. The last category is the most appealing because most of the other methods are very complex and slow. Our method belongs to the analytical approximation class. It is based on the observation that though the weighted average of lognormal variables is no longer lognormal, it can be approximated by a lognormal random variable if the first two moments match the true first two moments. To have a better approximation, we consider the Taylor expansion of the ratio of the characteristic function of the average to that of the approximating lognormal random variable around zero volatility. We include terms up to $\frac{3}{4}\sigma^2$ in the expansion. The resulting option formulas are in closed form. We treat discrete Asian option as a special case of basket options. Formulas for continuous Asian options are obtained from their discrete counterpart. Numerical tests indicate that the formulas are very accurate. Comparisons with all other leading analytical approximations show that our method has performed the best overall in terms of accuracy for both short and long maturity options. Furthermore, unlike some other methods, our approximation treats basket (portfolio) and Asian options in a unified way. Lastly, in the appendix we point out a serious mathematical error of a popular method of pricing Asian options in the literature.

N. Ju 2002

<http://ihome.ust.hk/~nengjiu/JuJCF.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Approximated Moment-Matching Dynamics for Basket-Options Simulation

Abstract:

The aim of this paper is to present two moment matching procedures for basket options pricing and to test its distributional approximations via distances on the space of probability densities, the Kullback-Leibler information (KLI) and the Hellinger distance (HD). We are interested in measuring the KLI and the HD between the real simulated basket terminal distribution and the distributions used for the approximation, both in the lognormal and shifted-lognormal families. We isolate influences of instantaneous volatilities and instantaneous correlations, in order to assess which configurations of these variables have a major impact on the KLI and HD and therefore on the quality of the approximation.

D. Brigo, F. Mercurio, F. Rapisarda, R. Scotti 2001

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/basketkli.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Exotic Options by Approximating the SPD with Higher Moments

Abstract:

The financial economic No Arbitrage assumption implies that in a complete market the price of any derivative security is the discounted value of its payoff function integrated against the appropriate state-price density (SPD). For most exotic path dependent payoffs, it is quite difficult to obtain a closed form expression for the state-price density, thus eliminating the prized possibility of an analytic expression for the option in question. In this article we value exotic options by matching moments to an approximating SPD from a very general, robust, and convenient class of density functions, known in the statistical literature as the Johnson (1949) family. The end result is an analytic expression for a wide variety of European style exotic options. Our formula is tested on Asian and Basket options and is found to be extremely robust when compared with Monte Carlo simulations and other numerical techniques

S.E.Posner, M.A.Milevsky 1998

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=108539
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Is Multi-Factor Really Necessary to Price European Options in Commodity?

Abstract:

The main result of this article is the presentation of the Distribution Match Method. This method applies to a general multi-factor pricing model under assumption of normal law drift. The idea is to find an equivalent one-factor model for European options. The equivalent model admits a weak solution, which has the same one-dimensional marginal probability distribution. Moreover, the one-dimensional distribution can be explicitly calculated under certain condition. This result can consequently induct closed formula for the future price and European option price. We apply these results to two well known commodity models, the Gabillon and the Gibson Schwartz model, to provide the price for the future price and a closed formula for the European options.

E. Benhamou, Z. Wang, A.G. Galli 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1310624
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Markov Models for Commodity Futures: Theory and Practice

Abstract:

L.Andersen 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1138782
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Unspanned Stochastic Volatility and the Pricing of Commodity Derivatives

Abstract:

A.B.Trolle, E.S.Schwartz 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=966390
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A dependence model for pairs of commodity forward curves: application to the US natural gas

and oil markets

Abstract:

S.Ohana 2007

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/cfc/acadpapers/ohana.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Arbitrage free cointegrated models in gas and oil future markets

Abstract:

In this article we present a continuous time model for natural gas and crude oil future prices. Its main feature is the possibility to link both energies in the long term and in the short term. For each energy, the future returns are represented as the sum of volatility functions driven by motions. Under the risk neutral probability, the motions of both energies are correlated Brownian motions while under the historical probability, they are cointegrated by a Vectorial Error Correction Model. Our approach is equivalent to defining the market price of risk. This model is free of arbitrage: thus, it can be used for risk management as well for option pricing issues. Calibration on European market data and numerical simulations illustrate well its behavior.

G.Benmenzer, E.Gobet, C.Jerusalem 2007

[http://hal.archives-](http://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/docs/00/20/04/22/PDF/BenmenzerGobetJerusalemGasOilVECM0911.pdf)

[ouvertes.fr/docs/00/20/04/22/PDF/BenmenzerGobetJerusalemGasOilVECM0911.pdf](http://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/docs/00/20/04/22/PDF/BenmenzerGobetJerusalemGasOilVECM0911.pdf)

<http://www.quant-press.com>

On the Pricing and Hedging of Options on Commodity Forward and Futures Contracts - A Note

Abstract:

V.Zakamouline 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=946369

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Optimal quantization for the pricing of swing options

Abstract:

O.Bardou, S.Bouthamy, G.Pagès 2007

<http://arxiv.org/abs/0705.2110>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Multi-factor Jump-Diffusion Model for Commodities

Abstract:

J. Crosby 2006

[http://www-](http://www-cfr.jbs.cam.ac.uk/archive/PRESENTATIONS/seminars/2005/JohnCrosby_QF_version2_PDF.pdf)

[cfr.jbs.cam.ac.uk/archive/PRESENTATIONS/seminars/2005/JohnCrosby_QF_version2_PDF.pdf](http://www-cfr.jbs.cam.ac.uk/archive/PRESENTATIONS/seminars/2005/JohnCrosby_QF_version2_PDF.pdf)

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Real Options using Implied Binomial Trees and Commodity Futures Options

Abstract:

T. Arnold, T. Falcon Crack, A. Schwartz 2005

<http://www.fma.org/Chicago/Papers/IMPTREECFO.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Calibration of the multi-factor HJM model for energy market

Abstract:

The purpose of this paper is to show that using the toolkit of interest rate theory, already well known in financial engineering as the HJM model [D. Heath, R. Jarrow, A. Morton, *Econometrica* 60, 77 (1992)], it is possible to derive explicit option pricing formula and calibrate the theoretical model to the empirical electricity market. The analysis is illustrated by numerical cases from the European Energy Exchange (EEX) in Leipzig. The multifactor versus onefactor HJM models are compared.

E. Broszkiewicz-Suwaj, A. Weron 2005

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/cfc/acadpapers/ohana.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Numerical Method for Pricing Electricity Derivatives for Jump-Diffusion Processes Based on Continuous Time Lattices

Abstract:

C. Albanese, H. Lo, S. Tompaidis 2005

<http://www.level3finance.com/ENERGY.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Behavior of Spot and Futures Commodity Prices: Theory and Evidence

Abstract:

J. Casassus 2004

<http://faculty.haas.berkeley.edu/casassus/research/cas04thesis.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Two-Factor Model for Commodity Prices and Futures Valuation

Abstract:

D.R. Ribeiro, S.D. Hodges 2004

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/wbs/research/wfri/wpaperseries/pp_04.132.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A bootstrap approach to the price uncertainty of weather derivatives

Abstract:

O. Roustant, J.-P. Laurent, X. Bay, L. Carraro 2003

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/bootstrap_approach_price_uncertainty_weather_derivatives.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Spot Convenience Yield Models for Energy Assets

Abstract:

M.Ludkovski, R.Carmona 2003

<http://www.pstat.ucsb.edu/faculty/ludkovski/utahproc.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

COMMODITY PRICE MODELING THAT MATCHES CURRENT OBSERVABLES: A NEW APPROACH

Abstract:

We develop a stochastic model of the spot commodity price and the spot convenience yield such that the model matches the current term structure of forward and futures prices, the current term structure of forward and futures volatilities, and the inter-temporal pattern of the volatility of the forward and futures prices. We let the underlying commodity price be a geometric Brownian motion and we let the spot convenience yield have a mean-reverting structure. The flexibility of the model, which makes it possible to simultaneously obtain all these goals, comes from allowing the volatility of the spot commodity price, the speed of mean-reversion parameter, the mean-reversion parameter, and the diffusion parameter of the spot convenience yield all to be time-varying deterministic functions.

K.R.Miltersen 2002

<http://www.nhh.no/Admin/Public/DWSDownload.aspx?File=/Files/Filer/institutter/for/papers/miltersen/2602.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Electricity Forwards Under Stochastic Volatility

Abstract:

B.P.Kellerhals 2001

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=274788
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Energy Options in a One Factor Model Fitted to Forward Prices

Abstract:

In this paper we develop a single-factor modeling framework which is consistent with market observable forward prices and volatilities. The model is a special case of the multi-factor model developed in Clewlow and Strickland [1999b] and leads to analytical pricing formula for standard options, caps, floors, collars and swaptions. We also show how American style and exotic energy derivatives can be priced using trinomial trees, which are constructed to be consistent with the forward curve and volatility structure. We demonstrate the application of the trinomial tree to the pricing of a European and American Asian option. The analysis in this paper extends the results in Schwartz [1997] and Amin, et al. [1995].

L.Clewlow, C.Strickland 1999

http://www.business.uts.edu.au/qfrc/research/research_papers/rp10.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Introduction to Weather Derivative Pricing

Abstract:

S.Jewson 2004

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=557831
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Weather Derivatives: A New Class of Financial Instruments

Abstract:

M.Cao, A.Li, J.Z.Wei 2003

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1016123
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Black-Scholes Equation for Weather Derivatives

Abstract:

S.Jewson, M.Zervos 2003

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=436282
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A bootstrap approach to the price uncertainty of weather derivatives

Abstract:

O. Roustant, J.-P. Laurent, X. Bay, L. Carraro 2003

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/bootstrap_approach_price_uncertainty_weather_derivatives.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Fourier transform method for spread option pricing

Abstract:

Spread options are a fundamental class of derivative contract written on multiple assets, and are widely used in a range of financial markets. There is a long history of approximation methods for computing such products, but as yet there is no preferred approach that is accurate, efficient and flexible enough to apply in general models. The present paper introduces a new formula for general spread option pricing based on Fourier analysis of the spread option payoff function. Our detailed investigation proves the effectiveness of a fast Fourier transform implementation of this formula for the computation of prices. It is found to be easy to implement, stable, efficient and applicable in a wide variety of asset pricing models.

T.R.Hurd, Z.Zhou 2009

http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/0902/0902.3643v1.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Analytic Approximations for Spread Options

Abstract:

Even in the simple case that two price processes follow correlated geometric Brownian motions with constant volatility no analytic formula for the price of a standard European spread option has been derived, except when the strike is zero in which case the option becomes an exchange option. This paper expresses the price of a spread option as the price of a compound exchange option and hence derives a new analytic approximation for its price and hedge ratios. This approximation has several advantages over existing analytic approximations, which have limited validity and an indeterminacy that renders them of little practical use. Simulations quantify the accuracy of our approach and demonstrate the indeterminacy and inaccuracy of other analytic approximations. The American spread option price is identical to the European option price when the two price processes have identical drifts, and otherwise we derive an expression for the early exercise premium. A practical illustration of the model calibration uses market data on American crack spread options.

C.Alexander, A.Venkatramanan 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1012521
<http://www.quant-press.com>

PRICING AND HEDGING SPREAD OPTIONS IN A LOG-NORMAL MODEL

Abstract:

This paper deals with the pricing of spread options on the difference between correlated log-normal underlying assets. We introduce a new pricing paradigm based on a set of precise lowerbounds. We also derive closed form formulae for the Greeks and other sensitivities of the prices. In doing so we prove that the price of a spread option is a decreasing function of the correlation parameter, and we analyze the notion of implied correlation. We use numerical experiments to provide an extensive analysis of the performance of these new pricing and hedging algorithms, and we compare the results with those of the existing methods.

R.Carmona, V.Durrleman 2000

<http://orfe.princeton.edu/~rcarmona/download/fe/spread.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

When are Swing options bang-bang and how to use it?

Abstract:

In this paper we investigate a class of swing options with firm constraints in view of the modeling of supply agreements. We show, for a fully general payoff process, that the premium, solution to a stochastic control problem, is concave and piecewise affine as a function of the global constraints of the contract. The existence of bang-bang optimal controls is established for a set of constraints which generates by affinity the whole premium function. When the payoff process is driven by an underlying Markov process, we propose a quantization based recursive backward procedure to price these contracts. A priori error bounds are established, uniformly with respect to the global constraints.

O. Bardou, S. Bouthemy, G. Pages 2007

http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/0705/0705.0466v1.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

CDS with Counterparty Risk in a Markov Chain Copula Model with Joint Defaults

Abstract:

In this paper we study the counterparty risk on a payer CDS in a Markov chain model of two reference credits, the firm underlying the CDS and the protection seller in the CDS. We first state few preliminary results about pricing and CVA of a CDS with counterparty risk in a general set-up. We then introduce a Markov chain copula model in which wrong way risk is represented by the possibility of joint defaults between the counterpart and the firm underlying the CDS. In the set-up thus specified we have semi-explicit formulas for most quantities of interest with regard to CDS counterparty risk like price, CVA, EPE or hedging strategies. Model calibration is made simple by the copula property of the

model. Numerical results show adequation of the behavior of EPE and CVA in the model with stylized features.

S.Crepey, M.Jeanblanc, B.Zargari 2009

http://www.maths.univ-evry.fr/pages_perso/jeanblanc/pubs/cjz_counter.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Bilateral Counterparty Risk Valuation with Stochastic Dynamical Models and Application to Credit Default Swaps

Abstract:

We introduce the general arbitrage-free valuation framework for counterparty risk adjustments in presence of bilateral default risk, including default of the investor. We illustrate the symmetry in the valuation and show that the adjustment involves a long position in a put option plus a short position in a call option, both with zero strike and written on the residual net value of the contract at the relevant default times. We allow for correlation between the default times of the investor, counterparty and underlying portfolio risk factors. We use arbitrage-free stochastic dynamical models. We then specialize our analysis to Credit Default Swaps (CDS) as underlying portfolio, generalizing the work of Brigo and Chourdakis (2008) [5] who deal with unilateral and asymmetric counterparty risk. We introduce stochastic intensity models and a trivariate copula function on the default times exponential variables to model default dependence. Similarly to [5], we find that both default correlation and credit spread volatilities have a relevant and structured impact on the adjustment. Differently from [5], the two parties will now agree on the credit valuation adjustment. We study a case involving British Airways, Lehman Brothers and Royal Dutch Shell, illustrating the bilateral adjustments in concrete crisis situations.

D.Brigo, A.Capponi 2009

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/#counterpartybilateral>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Counterparty Risk for Credit Default Swaps: Impact of spread volatility and default correlation

Abstract:

D.Brigo, K.Chourdakis 2008

http://www.damianobrigo.it/CDS_Counterparty_fitchsolutions.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Constant Maturity Credit Default Swaps Under Jump Dynamics

Abstract:

H.Jonsson, W.Schoutens 2008

<http://perswww.kuleuven.be/~u0009713/cmcds.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Arbitrage-free pricing of Credit Index Options. The no-armageddon pricing measure and the role of correlation after the subprime crisis

Abstract:

D. Brigo, M. Morini 2007

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/creditindexoptions.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Derivatives Pricing with a Smile-Extended Jump Stochastic Intensity Model

Abstract:

D. Brigo, N. El-Bachir 2006

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/brigoelbachirjcirpp.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

CDS Market Formulas and Models

Abstract:

D. Brigo, M. Morini 2005

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/wbs/research/wfri/rsrchcentres/forc/conferences/18thconf/morini205.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Default Swap Calibration and Equity Swap Valuation under Counterparty Risk with a Tractable Structural Model

Abstract:

D. Brigo, M. Tarenghi 2005

http://www.greta.it/credit/credit2005/Thursday/08_Brigo_Tarenghi.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Candidate Market Models and the Calibrated CIR++ Stochastic Intensity Model for Credit Default Swap Options and Callable Floaters

Abstract:

D. Brigo 2005

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/cdsmm.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Comparison between the stochastic intensity SSRD Model and the Market Model for CDS Options Pricing

Abstract:

D. Brigo, L. Cousot 2004

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/ssrdvsmm.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Default Swaps Calibration and Option Pricing with the SSRD Stochastic Intensity and Interest-Rate Model

Abstract:

D. Brigo, A. Alfonsi 2004

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/cirppcredit.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Valuation of Credit Default Swap Options

Abstract:

J.Hull, A.White 2003

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/~hull/DownloadablePublications/HullWhiteCDSOptionspaper.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

VALUATION OF CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS AND SWAPTIONS

Abstract:

This paper presents a conceptual framework for valuation of single-name credit derivatives, and recuperates, in some cases generalizing, a few of known results in credit risk theory. Valuation is viewed with respect to a given state price and relative to a general numeraire. Survival probabilities and default recoveries are considered as processes adapted to a subfiltration, following Jeanblanc and Rutosky [JR], or, in the special case of Cox processes, Lando [L]. A result of Duffie and Singleton [DS] on pricing bonds with recovery in terms of loss ratio is reproduced. The notion of coadapted change of numeraire is introduced, and its invariants identified and studied. The concept of a credit claim is formalized by introducing notions of T-claims, τ -claims, and T-streams. Application is made to credit default swaps and swaption, and a known Black-Scholes approximation for the latter is derived.

F.Jamshidian 2002

<http://www.maths.univ-evry.fr/mathfi/Jamshidian.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Credit Default Swaps I: No Counterparty Default Risk

Abstract:

J.Hull, A.White 2000

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/~hull/DownloadablePublications/CredDefSw1.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Credit Default Swaps II: Modelling Default Correlations

Abstract:

J.Hull, A.White 2000

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/~hull/DownloadablePublications/CredDefSw2.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Bilateral counterparty risk valuation for interest-rate products: impact of volatilities and correlations

Abstract:

The purpose of this paper is introducing rigorous methods and formulas for bilateral counterparty risk credit valuation adjustments (CVA's) on interest-rate portfolios. In doing so, we summarize the general arbitrage-free valuation framework for counterparty risk adjustments in presence of bilateral default risk, as developed more in detail in Brigo and Capponi (2008), including the default of the investor. We illustrate the symmetry in the valuation and show that the adjustment involves a long position in a put option plus a short position in a call option, both with zero strike and written on the residual net present value of the contract at the relevant default times. We allow for correlation between the default times of the investor and counterparty, and for correlation of each with the underlying risk factor, namely interest rates. We also analyze the often neglected impact of credit spread volatility. We include Netting in our examples, although other agreements such as Margining and Collateral are left for future work.

D.Brigo, A.Pallavicini, V.Papatheodorou 2009

<http://arxiv.org/pdf/0911.3331v1>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Risk of Tranches Created from Residential Mortgages

Abstract:

This paper examines the risk in the tranches of ABSs and ABS CDOs that were created from residential mortgages between 2000 and 2007. Using the criteria of the rating agencies, it tests how wide the AAA tranches can be under different assumptions about the correlation model and recovery rates. It concludes that the AAA ratings assigned to the senior tranches of ABSs were not unreasonable. However, the AAA ratings assigned to tranches of Mezz ABS CDOs cannot be justified. The risk of a Mezz ABS CDO tranche depends critically on the correlation between mortgage pools as well as on the correlation model and the thickness of the underlying BBB tranches. The BBB tranches of ABSs cannot be considered equivalent to BBB bonds for the purposes of subsequent securitizations.

J.Hull, A.White 2009

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/~hull/DownloadablePublications/AAARisk.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Burnout from pools to loans: Modeling refinancing prepayments as a self-selection process

Abstract:

In this paper we present compelling evidence from a detailed analysis of historical prepayment data to demonstrate that a mortgage cohort remembers the level of the previous mortgage rate troughs experienced by the cohort. This is a general property, observed ubiquitously, that inescapably leads to refinancing models with a continuous distribution of refinancing incentive thresholds (elbows). We present such a new refinancing model, derived from the first principle, based on a single assumption that each loan has an incentive threshold above which its borrower will refinance. In this model, the refinancing prepayment of a cohort is a dynamic self-selection process that evolves by itself according to the encountered mortgage rate environment with the cohort concurrently acquiring its memory along the way.

Junwu Gan 2009

articles/SelfSelectRefi_w_figs_20090531.pdf

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Up And Down Credit Risk

Abstract:

T.Bielicki, S.Crepey, M.Jeanblanc 2008

http://www.maths.univ-evry.fr/pages_perso/crepey/papers/up_and_down_credit_risk.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Mortality Fluctuations Modelling with a Shared Frailty Approach

Abstract:

J.P.Laurent, S.Fulla 2008

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/Mortality_Fluctuations_Frailty_Fulla_Laurent.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Credit Crunch of 2007: What Went Wrong? Why? What Lessons Can Be Learned?

Abstract:

J.C.Hull 2008

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/~hull/DownloadablePublications/CreditCrunch.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Risk Models

Abstract:

J.P.Laurent 2008

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/Credit%20risk%20models_updated.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Risk Models

Abstract:

M.Jeanblanc, T.R.Bielecki, M.Rutkowski 2007

http://www.maths.univ-evry.fr/pages_perso/jeanblanc/cours/BJR-Lectures-Dec6.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Reduced form modelling for credit risk

Abstract:

M.Jeanblanc, Y.Le Cam 2007

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Risk

Abstract:

M.Jeanblanc 2006

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Merton's Model, Credit Risk, and Volatility Skews

Abstract:

J.Hull, A.White, I.Nelken 2004

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A Comparative Analysis of Current Credit Risk Models

Abstract:

M.Crouhy, D.Galai, R.Mark 2000

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Pricing Credit Risk Derivatives

Abstract:

P. J. Schönbucher 1998

<http://www.schonbucher.de/papers/crdfo.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Dynamic Factor Copula Model

Abstract:

an factor copula model is the market standard model for multi-name credit derivatives. Its main drawback is that factor copula models exhibit correlation smiles when calibrating against market tranche quotes. We introduce a multi-period factor copula model to overcome the calibration deficiency of factor copula models by allowing the factor loadings to be time-dependent. Usually, multi-period factor copula models require multi-dimensional integration, typically computed by Monte Carlo simulation, which makes calibration extremely time consuming. In our model, the portfolio loss of a completely homogeneous pool possesses the Markov property, thus we can compute the portfolio loss distribution analytically without multi-dimensional integration. Numerical results demonstrate the efficiency and flexibility of our model to match market quotes.

K.Jackson, A.Kreinin, W.Zhang 2009

http://www.defaultrisk.com/pp_corr134.htm
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Simple Dynamic Model for Pricing and Hedging Heterogenous CDOs

Abstract:

We present a simple bottom-up dynamic credit model that can be calibrated simultaneously to the market quotes on CDO tranches and individual CDSs constituting the credit portfolio. The model is most suitable for the purpose of evaluating the hedge ratios of CDO tranches with respect to the underlying credit names. Default intensities of individual assets are modeled as deterministic functions

of time and the total number of defaults accumulated in the portfolio. To overcome numerical difficulties, we suggest a semi-analytic approximation that is justified by the large number of portfolio members. We calibrate the model to the recent market quotes on CDO tranches and individual CDSs and find the hedge ratios of tranches. Results are compared with those obtained within the static Gaussian Copula model.

A.V. Lopatin 2009

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Geometrical Loss Model

Abstract:

Charaf Ech-Chatbi 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1337553
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Climbing Down from the Top: Single name dynamics in credit top down models

Abstract:

I.Halperin, P.Tomecek 2008

http://www.maths.univ-evry.fr/pages_perso/crepey/papers/up_and_down_credit_risk.pdf
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Abstract:

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Forward Equations for Portfolio Credit Derivatives

Abstract:

R. Cont, I. A. Savescu 2008

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Abstract:

A.GreenBerg 2008

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Hedging default risks of CDOs in Markovian contagion models

Abstract:

J.-P. Laurent, A. Cousin, J.-D. Fermanian 2008

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/Hedging_CDOs_in_copula_and_contagion_models_9_April_2008.pdf
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The Discrete Gamma Pool model

Abstract:

P. Jäckel 2008

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Implementation of the Discrete Gamma Pool model

Abstract:

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<http://www.btinternet.com/%7Epjaeckel/ImplementationOfTheDiscreteGammaPoolModel.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Dynamic Models of Portfolio Credit Risk: A Simplified Approach

Abstract:

J.Hull, A.White 2008

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Calibration of CDO Tranches with the Dynamical Generalized-Poisson Loss Model

Abstract:

D. Brigo, A. Pallavicini, R. Torresetti 2007

<http://www.damianobrigo.it/gpl.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Forwards and European Option On CDO Tranches

Abstract:

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BSLP: Markovian Bivariate Spread-Loss Model for Portfolio Credit Derivatives

Abstract:

M. Arnsdorf, I. Halperin 2007

http://www.igorhalperin.com/CreditPortfolios/BSLP_pub.pdf

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Two-Dimensional Markovian Model for Dynamics of Aggregate Credit Loss

Abstract:

A.V.Lopatin, T.Misirpashaev 2007

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An Implied Loss Model

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M.Van Der Voort 2007

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

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Abstract:

C.Albanese, A.Vidler 2007

<http://www.level3finance.com/CDO3.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Background Filtrations and Canonical Loss Processes for Top-Down Models of Portfolio Credit Risk

Abstract:

P.Elhers, P.J.Schonbucher 2006

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

On the term structure of loss distributions - a forward model approach

Abstract:

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

A New Framework for Dynamic Credit Portfolio Loss Modelling

Abstract:

J. Sidenius, V. Piterbarg, L. Andersen 2006

http://jakobsidenius.com/papers/spa_vp_1.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Portfolio Losses and the Term Structure of Loss Transition Rates: A New Methodology for the Pricing of Portfolio Credit Derivatives

Abstract:

P. Schönbucher 2006

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Portfolio Losses in Factor Models : Term Structures and Intertemporal Loss Dependence

Abstract:

L. Andersen 2006

http://www.moody.com/cust/content/Content.ashx?source=staticcontent/Free%20Pages/CreditRiskConference/Conf07/conf07files/fact_new.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Forward Loss Model: A Dynamic Term Structure Approach For The Pricing of Portfolio Credit Derivatives

Abstract:

N.Bennani 2005

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing CDOs with State Dependent Stochastic Recovery Rates

Abstract:

Up to the 2007 crisis, research within bottom-up CDO models mainly concentrated on the dependence between defaults. However, due to the substantial increase in the market price of systemic credit risk protection, more attention has been paid to recovery rate assumptions. In this paper, we focus first on deterministic recovery rates in a factor copula framework. We use stochastic orders theory to assess the impact of a recovery markdown on CDOs and show that it leads to an increase of the expected loss on senior tranches, even though the expected loss on the portfolio is kept fixed. This result applies to a wide range of latent factor models. We then suggest introducing stochastic recovery rates in such a way that the conditional on the factor expected loss (or equivalently the large portfolio approximation) is the same as in the recovery markdown case. However, granular portfolios behave differently. We show that a markdown is associated with riskier portfolios that when using the stochastic recovery rate framework. As a consequence, the expected loss on a senior tranche is larger in the former case,

whatever the attachment point. We also deal with implementation and numerical issues related to the pricing of CDOs within the stochastic recovery rate framework. Due to differences across names regarding the conditional (on the factor) losses given default, the standard recursion approach becomes problematic. We suggest approximating the conditional on the factor loss distributions, through expansions around some base distribution. Finally, we show that the independence and comonotonic cases provide some easy to compute bounds on expected losses of senior or equity tranches.

S.Amroui, L.Cousot, S.Hitier, J.P.Laurent 2009

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/Stochastic%20recovery%20rates_9_September_2009.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Spot Recovery Rate Extension of the Gaussian Copula

Abstract:

The market evolution since the end of 2007 has been characterized by an increase of the systemic risk and a high number of defaults. Realized recovery rates have been very dispersed and different from standard assumptions, while 60%-100% super-senior tranches on standard indices have started to trade with significant spread levels. This has triggered a growing interest for stochastic recovery modelling. This paper presents an extension to the standard Gaussian copula framework that introduces a consistent modelling of stochastic recovery. We choose to model directly the spot recovery, which allows to preserve time consistency, and compare this approach to the standard ones, defined in terms of recovery to maturity. Taking a specific form of the spot recovery function, we show that the model is flexible and tractable, and easy to calibrate to both individual credit spread curves and index tranche markets. Through practical numerical examples, we analyze specific model properties, focusing on default risk.

N.Bennani, J.Maetz 2009

http://www.defaultrisk.com/pp_cdo_82.htm
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit models and the crisis, or: How I learned to stop worrying and love the CDOs

Abstract:

We follow a long path for Credit Derivatives and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) in particular, from the introduction of the Gaussian copula model and the related implied correlations to the introduction of arbitrage-free dynamic loss models capable of calibrating all the tranches for all the maturities at the same time. En passant, we also illustrate the implied copula, a method that can consistently account for CDOs with different attachment and detachment points but not for different maturities. The discussion is abundantly supported by market examples through history. The dangers and critics we present to the use of the Gaussian copula and of implied correlation had all been published by us, among others, in 2006, showing that the quantitative community was aware of the model limitations before the crisis. We also explain why the Gaussian copula model is still used in its base correlation formulation, although under some possible extensions such as random recovery. Overall we conclude that the modeling effort in this area of the derivatives market is unfinished, partly for the lack of an operationally attractive single-name consistent dynamic loss model, and partly because of the diminished investment in this research area.

D.Brigo, A.Pallavicini, R.Torreseti 2009

http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/0912/0912.5427v2.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A simple dynamic model for pricing and hedging heterogenous CDOs

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CDS and CDO Pricing with Stochastic Recovery

Abstract:

Charaf Ech-Chatbi 2008

<http://sharaf.ifrance.com/CDO/RecovSto.pdf>
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Pricing distressed CDOs with Base Correlation and Stochastic Recovery

Abstract:

M.Krekel 2008

<http://mitglied.lycos.de/martinkrekel/papers/CDOStochasticRecovery.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Optimal Stochastic Recovery for Base Correlation

Abstract:

S.Amraoui, S.Hitier 2008

<http://www.geocities.com/salahamraoui/OSRBCorrelation.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Portfolio Modelling with Elliptically Contoured Distributions

Abstract:

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Risk Models IV: Understanding and pricing CDOs

Abstract:

A.Elizalde 2006

<ftp://ftp.cemfi.es/wp/06/0608.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit Risk: Modeling and Application

Abstract:

Z.Weii 2006

<http://www.stanford.edu/~zhenwei/papers/CR.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Credit Derivatives Using an Implied Copula Approach

Abstract:

J. Hull, A. White 2006

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/~hull/DownloadablePublications/ImpliedCopulaPaper.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuation of a CDO and an nth to Default CDS Without Monte Carlo Simulation

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<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/%7Ehull/DownloadablePublications/HullWhiteCDOPaper.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Basket Default Swaps, CDOs and Factor Copulas

Abstract:

J.-P. Laurent, J. Gregory 2003

http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/basket_cdo_factor_copula_2003.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Comparative Analysis of Basket Default Swaps Pricing Using the Stein Method

Abstract:

E.Benhamou, D.Bastide, M.Ciucu 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1064381&rec=1&srcabs=1099585
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Higher Order Large Deviation Approximations Applied to Cdo Pricing

Abstract:

L.Veilex 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1116884
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Saddlepoint approximation method for pricing CDOs

Abstract:

J.Yang 2006

<http://www.math.mcmaster.ca/tom/SaddlepointCDOfinal.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Fast Algorithm for Computing Expected Loan Portfolio Tranche Loss in the Gaussian Factor Model

Abstract:

P.Okunev 2005

http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/math/pdf/0506/0506125v2.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Using Hermite Expansions for Fast and Arbitrarily Accurate Computation of the Expected Loss of a Loan Portfolio Tranche in the Gaussian Factor Model

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P.Okunev 2005

<http://www.creditquant.biz/HermitePaper.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Tail Approximations for Portfolio Credit Risk

Abstract:

P.Glasserman 2004

http://www2.gsb.columbia.edu/faculty/pglasserman/Other/tail_approx.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

An Improved Implied Copula Model and its Application to the Valuation of Bespoke CDO Tranches

Abstract:

J.Hull, A.White 2008

<http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/%7Ehull/DownloadablePublications/BespokePaper.pdf>
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A Comparative analysis of CDO pricing models

Abstract:

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<http://laurent.jeanpaul.free.fr/comparative%20analysis%20CDO%20pricing%20models.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Normal Inverse Gaussian Distribution for Synthetic CDO Pricing

Abstract:

A.Kalemanova, B.Schmid, R.Werner 2007

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Levy Base Correlation

Abstract:

J.Garcia, S.Goossens, V.Masob, W.Schoutens 2007

<http://perswww.kuleuven.be/~u0009713/LevyBC.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing CDOs with Correlated Variance Gamma Distributions

Abstract:

T.Mossbrucker 2006

<http://www.cfr-cologne.de/download/kolloquium/2006/Moosbrucker%20-%20041102.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Intensity Gamma: A New Approach to Pricing Portfolio Credit Derivatives

Abstract:

M.Joshi, A.M.Stacey 2006

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CDO Pricing with Factor Models: Survey and Comments

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L.Andersen, J.Sidenius 2005

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Synthetic CDO pricing using the double normal inverse Gaussian copula with stochastic factor loadings

Abstract:

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Extensions to the Gaussian Copula: Random Recovery and Random Factor Loadings

Abstract:

L.Andersen, J.Sidenius 2004

<http://jakobsidenius.com/papers/GaussExtensions6.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Advanced Monte Carlo methods for barrier and related exotic options

Abstract:

In this work, we present advanced Monte Carlo techniques applied to the pricing of barrier options and other related exotic contracts. It covers in particular the Brownian bridge approaches, the barrier shifting techniques (BAST) and their extensions as well. We leverage the link between discrete and continuous monitoring to design efficient schemes, which can be applied to the Black-Scholes model but also to stochastic volatility or Merton's jump models. This is supported by theoretical results and numerical experiments.

E. Gobet 2008

<http://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/docs/00/31/99/47/PDF/GobetBarrierHandbook.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing double barrier options with time-dependent parameters by Fourier series expansion

Abstract:

Based upon the Fourier series expansion, we propose a simple and easy-to-use approach for computing accurate estimates of Black-Scholes double barrier option prices with time-dependent parameters. This new approach is also able to provide tight upper and lower bounds of the exact barrier option prices. Furthermore, this approach can be straightforwardly extended to the valuation of standard European options with specified moving boundaries as well

C.F. Lo, C. H. Hui 2007

http://www.iaeng.org/IJAM/issues_v36/issue_1/IJAM_36_1_1.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing double barrier Parisian Options using Laplace transforms

Abstract:

In this work, we study a double barrier version of the standard Parisian options. We give closed formulae for the Laplace transforms of their prices with respect to the maturity time. We explain how to invert them numerically and prove a result on the accuracy of the numerical inversion.

C. Labart, J. Lelong 2006

<http://cermics.enpc.fr/reports/CERMICS-2006/CERMICS-2006-328.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Barrier option pricing for assets with Markov-modulated dividends

Abstract:

We present a simple methodology to price single and double barrier options when the dividend process of the underlying is a Markov-modulated log-Brownian motion, and the stock is priced in equilibrium by a CRRA representative agent. In particular, we show how to derive the Laplace transform (in time) of the barrier price, by solving a system of ODEs. The method proposed is extremely simple to implement but also extremely effective. Pricing of double barrier option in the classical Black and

Scholes framework arises as a special case of the model presented in the paper

G. Di Graziano, L.C.G. Rogers 2005

<http://www.statslab.cam.ac.uk/~chris/papers/mmb2.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Close Form Pricing of Plain and Partial Outside Double Barrier

Abstract:

Outside Double Barrier Options are two-asset options where the payoff is defined on one asset and the barrier is defined on another asset. This paper gives the formulas for Outside Double Barrier Options where the barrier is either plain or partially monitored at the front, rear and middle. Since the corresponding Outside Single Barrier Options prices can be written down by taking the corresponding upper (lower) barrier to infinity (zero), the formulas in this paper can be also used as a reference for Outside Single Barrier Options

P. Banerjee 2003

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=379121

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hedging Complex Barrier Options

Abstract:

We show how several complex barrier options can be hedged using a portfolio of standard European options. These hedging strategies only involve trading at a few times during the option's life. Since rolling, ratchet, and lookback options can be decomposed into a portfolio of barrier options, our hedging results also apply

P. Carr, A. Chou 2002

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/multipl3.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Analytic Method for Pricing Double Barrier Options in the Presence of Stochastic Volatility

Abstract:

While there exist closed-form solutions for vanilla options in the presence of stochastic volatility for nearly a decade [Heston, 1993], practitioners still depend on numerical methods ? in particular the Finite Difference and Monte Carlo methods ? in the case of double barrier options. It was only recently that Lipton [2001] proposed (semi-)analytical solutions for this special class of path-dependent options. Although he presents two different approaches to derive these solutions, he restricts himself in both cases to a less general model, namely one where the correlation and the interest rate differential are assumed to be zero. Naturally the question arises, if these methods are still applicable for the general stochastic volatility model without these restrictions. In this paper we show that such a generalization fails for both methods. We will explain why this is the case and discuss the consequences of our results

O. Faulhaber 2002

<http://www.oliverfaulhaber.de/diplomathesis/HestonBarrierAnalytic.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Static Replication of Barrier Options: Some General Results

Abstract:

This paper presents a number of new theoretical results for replication of barrier options through a static portfolio of European put and call options. Our results are valid for options with completely general knock-out/knock-in sets, and allow for time- and state-dependent volatility as well as discontinuous asset dynamics. We illustrate the theory with numerical examples and discuss the

practical implementation.

L.Andersen, J.Andreasen, D.A.Eliezer 2000

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=220010
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Closed Form Valuation of American Barrier Options

Abstract:

Closed form formulae for European barrier options are well known from the literature. This is not the case for American barrier options, for which no closed form formulae have been published. One has therefore had to resort to numerical methods. Using lattice models like a binomial or a trinomial tree for valuation of barrier options is known to converge extremely slowly, compared to plain vanilla options. Methods for improving the algorithms have been described by several authors. However, these are still numerical methods that are quite computer intensive. In this paper we show how American barrier options can be valued analytically in a very simple way. This speeds up the valuation dramatically as well as give new insight into barrier option valuation

E.G.Haug 1999

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=151315
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Robust Hedging of Barrier Options

Abstract:

H. Brown, D. Hobson, L.C.G. Rogers 1998

<http://www.statslab.cam.ac.uk/~chris/papers/barriers.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Continuity Correction For Discrete Barrier Options

Abstract:

Explanation of shift barrier correction for continuous barrier

M.Broadie, P.Glasserman, S.Kou 1997

http://www.columbia.edu/~mnb2/broadie/Assets/bgk_mf.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

One-Touch Double Barrier Binary Option Values

Abstract:

The valuation and applications of one-touch double barrier binary options that include features of knock-out, knock-in, European and American style are described. Using a conventional Black-Scholes option-pricing environment, analytical solutions of the options are derived. The relationships among different types of one-touch double barrier binary options are discussed. An investor having a particular view on values of foreign exchanges, equities or commodities can use the options as directional trades or structured products in financial market.

C. H. Hui 1996

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=984808
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Two Extensions to Barrier Option Valuation

Abstract:

We first present a brief but essentially complete survey of the literature on barrier option pricing. We then present two extensions of European up-and-out call option valuation. The first allows for an initial protection period during which the option cannot be knocked out. The second considers an option which is only knocked out if a second asset touches an upper barrier. Closed form solutions, detailed derivations, and the economic rationale for both types of options are provided.

P. Carr 1995

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/barrier2.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Enhanced Numerical Methods for Options with Barriers

Abstract:

In this paper we analyze the biases implicit in valuing options with barriers on a lattice. We then suggest a method for enhancing the numerical solution of boundary value problems on a lattice that helps to correct these biases. It seems to work well in practice.

E.Derman, I.Kani, D.Ergener, I.Bardhan 1995

http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/gs-numerical_methods.pdf

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Dynamics of implied volatility surfaces

Abstract:

The prices of index options at a given date are usually represented via the corresponding implied volatility surface, presenting skew/smile features and term structure which several models have attempted to reproduce. However, the implied volatility surface also changes dynamically over time in a way that is not taken into account by current modelling approaches, giving rise to 'Vega' risk in option portfolios. Using time series of option prices on the SP500 and FTSE indices, we study the deformation of this surface and show that it may be represented as a randomly fluctuating surface driven by a small number of orthogonal random factors. We identify and interpret the shape of each of these factors, study their dynamics and their correlation with the underlying index. Our approach is based on a Karhunen-Loève decomposition of the daily variations of implied volatilities obtained from market data. A simple factor model compatible with the empirical observations is proposed. We illustrate how this approach models and improves the well known 'sticky moneyness' rule used by option traders for updating implied volatilities. Our approach gives a justification for use of 'Vega's for measuring volatility risk and provides a decomposition of volatility risk as a sum of contributions from empirically identifiable factors.

R. Cont, J. da Fonséca 2009

<http://www.proba.jussieu.fr/pageperso/ramacont/papers/dynamics.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Forward Start Options in Models based on (time-changed) Lévy Processes

Abstract:

Options depending on the forward skew are very popular. One such option is the forward starting call option - the basic building block of a cliquet option. Widely applied models to account for the forward skew dynamics to price such options include the Heston model, the Heston-Hull-White model and the Bates model. Within these models solutions for options including forward start features are available using (semi) analytical formulas. Today exponential (subordinated) Levy models being increasingly popular for modelling the asset dynamics. While the simple exponential Levy model imply the same forward volatility surface for all future times the subordinated models do not. Depending on the subordinator the dynamic of the forward volatility surface and therefore stochastic volatility can be modelled. Analytical pricing formulas based on the characteristic function and Fourier transform

methods are available for the class of these models. We extend the applicability of analytical pricing to options including forward start features. To this end we derive the forward characteristic functions which can be used in Fourier transform based methods. As examples we consider the Variance Gamma model and the NIG model subordinated by a Gamma Ornstein Uhlenbeck process and respectively by a Cox-Ingersoll-Ross process. We check our analytical results by applying Monte Carlo methods. These results can for instance be applied to calibration of the forward volatility surface.

P. Beyer, J. Kienitz 2009

[articles/BeyKie_FwdStart09.pdf](#)
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Saddlepoint Methods for Option Pricing

Abstract:
Saddle point method

P. Carr, D.P. Madan 2008

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/TCPSP.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 5: Static Hedging and Implied Distributions

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture5.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 4: Arbitrage Bounds, Problems with Valuation, Models

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture4.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

On the qualitative effect of volatility and duration on prices of Asian options

Abstract:

We show that under the Black Scholes assumption the price of an arithmetic average Asian call option with fixed strike increases with the level of volatility. This statement is not trivial to prove and for other models in general wrong. In fact we demonstrate that in a simple binomial model no such relationship holds. Under the Black-Scholes assumption however, we give a proof based on the maximum principle for parabolic partial differential equations. Furthermore we show that an increase in the length of duration over which the average is sampled also increases the price of an arithmetic average Asian call option, if the discounting effect is taken out. To show this, we use the result on volatility and the fact that a reparametrization in time corresponds to a change in volatility in the Black-Scholes model. Both results are extremely important for the risk management and risk assessment of portfolios that include Asian options.

P.Carr, C.O.Ewald, Y.Xiao 2008

http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/volatility_and_asian_options_revised.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Put-Call Symmetry: Extensions and Applications

Abstract:

Classic put-call symmetry relates the prices of puts and calls at strikes on opposite sides of the forward price. We extend put-call symmetry in several directions. Relaxing the assumptions, we generalize to unified local/stochastic volatility models and time-changed Lévy processes, under a symmetry condition. Further relaxing the assumptions, we generalize to various asymmetric dynamics. Extending the conclusions, we take an arbitrarily given payoff of European style or single/double/sequential-barrier style, and we construct a conjugate European-style claim of equal value, and thereby a semi-static hedge of the given payoff.

P. Carr, R. Lee 2007

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/PCSR22.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Markov Functional Modeling of Equity, Commodity and other Assets

Abstract:

In this short note we show how to setup a one dimensional single asset model, e.g. equity model, which calibrates to a full (two dimensional) implied volatility surface. We show that the efficient calibration procedure used in LIBOR Markov functional models may be applied here too. In addition to the calibration to a full volatility surface the model allows the calibration of the joint asset-interest rate movement (i.e. local interest rates) and forward volatility. The latter allows the calibration of compound or Bermudan options. The Markov functional modeling approach consists of a Markovian driver process x and a mapping functional representing the asset states $S(t)$ as a function of $x(t)$. It was originally developed in the context of interest rate models, see [7]. Our approach however is similar to the setup of the hybrid Markov functional model in spot measure, as considered in [5]. For equity models it is common to use a deterministic Numéraire, e.g. the bank account with deterministic interest rates. In our approach we will choose the asset itself as Numéraire. This is a subtle, but crucial difference to other approaches considering Markov functional modeling. Choosing the asset itself as Numéraire will allow for a very efficient numerical calibration procedure. As a consequence interest rates have to be allowed to be stochastic, namely as a functional of x too. The Black-Scholes model with deterministic interest rates is a special case of such a Markov functional model. The most general form of this modeling approach will allow for a simultaneous calibration to a full two dimensional volatility smile, a prescribed joint movement of interest rates and a given forward volatility structure.

C. P. Fries 2006

[http://www.christian-](http://www.christian-fries.de/finmath/markovfunctionaleqmodel/MarkovFunctionalEQModel.pdf)

[fries.de/finmath/markovfunctionaleqmodel/MarkovFunctionalEQModel.pdf](http://www.christian-fries.de/finmath/markovfunctionaleqmodel/MarkovFunctionalEQModel.pdf)

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hedging Exotic Options in Stochastic Volatility and Jump Diffusion Models

Abstract:

K. Detlefsen 2005

<http://edoc.hu-berlin.de/master/detlefsen-kai-2005-01-27/PDF/detlefsen.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing discretely sampled path-dependent exotic options using replication methods

Abstract:

A semi-static replication method is introduced for pricing discretely sampled path-dependent options. It depends upon buying and selling options at the reset times of the option but does not involve trading at intervening times. The method is model independent in that it only depends upon the existence of a

pricing function for vanilla call options which depends purely on current time, time to expiry, spot and strike. For the special case of a discrete barrier, an alternative method is developed which involves trading only at the initial time and the knockout time or expiry of the option.

M.Joshi 2005

<http://www.quarchome.org/exoticreplication.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Cliquet Options: Pricing and Greeks in Deterministic and Stochastic Volatility Models

Abstract:

This paper presents a method to determine the price of a cliquet option, as well as its sensitivity to changes in the market, the Greeks, for deterministic (also incorporating skews) and stochastic (Hestonian) volatility and, lognormal and jump-diffusion asset price - processes, with almost machine precision in a fraction of a second. In the pricing algorithms we make use of a new Laplace transform inversion technique, which guarantees fast and numerically stable pricing. The computation of the Greeks is based on a Girsanov type drift adjustment.

P.D.Iseger, E.Oldenkamp 2005

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1013510

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Numerical Methods and Volatility Models for Valuing Cliquet Options

Abstract:

Several numerical issues for valuing cliquet options using PDE methods are investigated. The use of a running sum of returns formulation is compared to an average return formulation. Methods for grid construction, interpolation of jump conditions, and application of boundary conditions are compared. The effect of various volatility modelling assumptions on the value of cliquet options is also studied. Numerical results are reported for jump diffusion models, calibrated volatility surface models, and uncertain volatility models.

H.A.Windcliff, P.A.Forsyth, K.R.vetzal 2005

<http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~paforsyt/cliquet.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stocks paying discrete dividends: modelling and option pricing

Abstract:

In the Black-Scholes model, any dividends on stocks are paid continuously, but in reality dividends are always paid discretely, often after some announcement of the amount of the dividend. It is not entirely clear how such discrete dividends are to be handled; simple perturbations of the Black-Scholes model often fall into contradictions. Our approach here is to recognise the stock price as the net present value of all future dividends, and to model the (discrete) dividend process directly. The stock price process is then deduced, and various option-pricing formulae derived. The Black-Scholes model with continuous dividend payments results as a limit as the time between dividend payments goes to zero. 1

R. Korn, L.C.G. Rogers 2004

<http://www.statslab.cam.ac.uk/~chris/papers/RK081004.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Accounting for Biases in Black-Scholes

Abstract:

Prices of currency options commonly differ from the Black-Scholes formula along two dimensions:

implied volatilities vary by strike price (volatility smiles) and maturity (implied volatility of at-the-money options increases, on average, with maturity). We account for both using Gram-Charlier expansions to approximate the conditional distribution of the logarithm of the price of the underlying security. In this setting, volatility is approximately a quadratic function of moneyness, a result we use to infer skewness and kurtosis from volatility smiles. Evidence suggests that both kurtosis in currency prices and biases in Black-Scholes option prices decline with maturity.

K. Backus, L. Wu, S. Foresi 2004

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=585623
<http://www.quant-press.com>

On the Pricing of Cliquet Options with Global Floor and Cap

Abstract:

In this thesis we present two methods for the pricing and hedging of cliquet options with global floor and/or cap within a Black-Scholes market model with fixed dividends and time dependent volatilities and interest rates. The first is a Fourier transform method giving integral formulas for the price and the greeks. A numerical integration scheme is proposed for the evaluation of these formulas. Using Ito's Lemma it is proved that the vanilla Black-Scholes PDE is valid. In addition to giving us the gamma for free, it forms the basis for an explicit finite difference method. Both methods outperform Monte Carlo simulation in terms of computational time, with the Fourier method in most cases being the faster one for a given level of accuracy. This tendency is amplified as the number of reset periods increases. Potential future research includes local volatility models and early exercise features for the finite difference method and Levy-process market models for the Fourier method.

M.Kjaer 2004

<http://www.math.chalmers.se/Math/Research/Preprints/2004/3.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Financial Engineering with Reverse Cliquet Options

Abstract:

Index-linked securities are offered by banks, financial institutions and building societies to investors looking for downside risk protection whilst still providing upside equity index participation. This article explores how reverse cliquet options can be integrated into the structure of a guaranteed principal bond. Pricing problems are discussed under the standard Black-Scholes model and under the constant-elasticity-of-variance model. Forward start options are the main element of this structure and new closed formulae are obtained for these options under the latter model. Risk management issues are also discussed. An example is described showing how this structure can be implemented and how the financial engineer may forecast the coupon payment that will be made to investors buying this product without exposing the issuing institution to risk of loss.

B.A.Eales, R.Tunaru 2004

<http://www.cass.city.ac.uk/conferences/mmf2004/files/Tunaru&Eales.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Bessel processes, the integral of geometric Brownian motion, and Asian options

Abstract:

This paper is motivated by questions about averages of stochastic processes which originate in mathematical finance, originally in connection with valuing the so-called Asian options. Starting with [Y], these questions about exponential functionals of Brownian motion have been studied in terms of Bessel processes using the Hartman-Watson theory of [Y80]. Consequences of this approach for valuing Asian options proper have been spelled out in [GY] whose Laplace transform results were in fact regarded as a noted advance. Unfortunately, a number of difficulties with the key results of this last paper have surfaced which are now addressed in this paper. One of them in particular is of a principal nature and originates with the Hartman-Watson approach itself: this approach is in general

applicable without modifications only if it does not involve Bessel processes of negative indices. The main mathematical contribution of this paper is the development of three principal ways to overcome these restrictions, in particular by merging stochastics and complex analysis in what seems a novel way, and the discussion of their consequences for the valuation of Asian options proper.

P. Carr, M. Schroder 2003

http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/math/pdf/0311/0311280v1.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Forward Start Options under the CEV Model With Applications in Financial Engineering

Abstract:

Index-linked securities are offered by banks, financial institutions and building societies to investors looking for downside risk protection whilst still providing upside equity index participation. This article explores how reverse cliquet options can be integrated into the structure of a guaranteed principal bond. Pricing problems are discussed under the constant-elasticity-of-variance model. Forward start options are the main element of this structure and new closed formulae are obtained for these options under the square-root process model. Risk management issues are also discussed. An example is described showing how this structure can be implemented and how the financial engineer may forecast the coupon payment that will be made to investors buying this product.

Unknown 2002

<http://www.fma.org/Siena/Papers/410109.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Unified Pricing of Asian Options

Abstract:

A simple and numerically stable 2-term partial differential equation characterizing the price of any type of arithmetically averaged Asian option is given. The approach includes both continuously and discretely sampled options and it is easily extended to handle continuous or discrete dividend yields. In contrast to present methods, this approach does not require to implement jump conditions for sampling or dividend days.

J.Vecer 2002

<http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~vecer/asian-vecer.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Robust Numerical Methods for PDE Models of Asian Options

Abstract:

We explore the pricing of Asian options by numerically solving the the associated partial differential equations We demonstrate that numerical PDE techniques commonly used in finance for standard options are inaccurate in the case of Asian options and illustrate mod indications which alleviate this problem In particular the usual methods generally produce solutions containing spurious oscillations We adapt flux limiting techniques originally de veloped in the field of computational fluid dynamics in order to rapidly obtain accurate solutions We show that flux limiting methods are total variation diminishing and hence free of spurious oscillations for non conservative PDEs such as those typically encountered in finance for fully explicit and fully and partially implicit schemes We also modify the van Leer flux limiter so that the second order total variation diminishing property is preserved for non uniform grid spacing

R. Zvan, P.A. Forsyth, K.R. Vetzal 2000

<http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/research/tr/1996/28/CS-96-28.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Exotics under the Smile

Abstract:

The volatility implied from the market prices of vanilla options, using the Black Scholes formula, is seen to vary with both maturity and strike price. This surface is known as the volatility smile. It can be considered as a correction for second order effects where the market departs in practice from the assumptions underlying the Black Scholes model. Recent years have seen a surge in the market for exotic path dependent options. Both the liquidity and the volumes of trades of products such as barrier options, compound options and range notes have increased dramatically. These products can have large second order exposures and their traded prices can be significantly offset from the theoretical values calculated under the Black Scholes assumptions. Considerable research effort has been focused on the search for a consistent framework to value both European and exotic options. The objective being to find a methodology which can be practically implemented in a risk management system. This paper details the Exotic Smile model which has been developed and implemented within J. P. Morgan. The paper begins with discussion of the market conditions that are behind the volatility smile. The theoretical framework for the model is then presented, leading to a description of the practical implementation. The results from the model are then compared with market exotic prices. Finally, we discuss the implications of the model to the risk management of exotic products.

M. Jex, R. Henderson, D. Wang 1999

<http://www.smartquant.com/references/OptionPricing/option14.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Option Valuation Using Fast Fourier Transforms

Abstract:

P.Carr, D.Madan 1999

<http://www.imub.ub.es/events/ssf/vgfrier7.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Parisian-Style Options with a Lattice Method

Abstract:

M. Avellaneda, L. Wu 1998

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/faculty/avellane/ParisOptions.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Static Options Replication

Abstract:

This paper presents a method for replicating or hedging a target stock option with a portfolio of other options. It shows how to construct a replicating portfolio of standard options with varying strikes and maturities and fixed portfolio weights. Once constructed, this portfolio will replicate the value of the target option for a wide range of stock prices and times before expiration, without requiring further weight adjustments. We call this method static replication. It makes no assumptions beyond those of standard options theory. You can use the technique to construct static hedges for exotic options, thereby minimizing dynamic hedging risk and costs. You can use it to structure exotic payoffs from standard options. Finally, you can use it as an aid in valuing exotic options, since it lets you approximately decompose the exotic option into a portfolio of standard options whose market prices and bid-ask spreads may be better known.

E.Derman, I.Kani 1994

http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/gs-options_replication.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Class of Levy Process Models with almost exact calibration of both barrier and vanilla FX options

Abstract:

Vanilla (standard European) options are actively traded on many underlying asset classes, such as equities, commodities and foreign exchange. The market quotes for these options are typically used by exotic options traders to calibrate the parameters of the (risk-neutral) stochastic process for the underlying asset. Barrier options, of many different types, are also widely traded in all these markets but one important of the FX Options market is that barrier options, especially Double-no-touch (DNT) options, are now so actively traded that they are no longer considered, in any way, exotic options. Instead, traders would, in principle, like to use them as instruments to which they can calibrate their model. The desirability of doing this has been highlighted by talks at practitioner conferences but, to our best knowledge (at least within the realm of the published literature), there have been no models which are specifically designed to cater for this. In this paper, we introduce such a model. It allows for calibration in a two-stage process. The first stage fits to DNT options (or other types of double barrier options). The second stage fits to vanilla options. The model allows for jumps (either finite activity or infinite activity) and also for stochastic volatility. Hence, not only can it give a good fit to the market prices of options, it can also allow for realistic dynamics of the underlying FX rate and realistic future volatility smiles and skews. En route, we significantly extend existing results in the literature by providing closed form (up to Laplace inversion) expressions for the prices of several types of barrier options as well as results related to the distribution of first passage times and of the 'overshoot'.

P.Carr, J.Crosby 2009

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/DNTLevy.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

FX Volatility Smile Construction

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U.Wystup, D.Reiswich 2009

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/CPQF_Arbeits20.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

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U.Wystup, D.Reiswich 2009

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/CPOF_Arbeits20.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Quanto Skew

Abstract:

We assess the effect of an implied volatility skew for an FX rate on quanto forwards and quanto options of an asset that itself is subject to an implied volatility skew using a simplistic double displaced diffusion models.

P.Jaeckel 2009

<http://www.awdz65.dsl.pipex.com/QuantoSkew.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

An arbitrage-free method for smile extrapolation

Abstract:

We introduce a method for extrapolating smiles beyond an "observable" region that is consistent with no arbitrage. The extrapolation is not unique, but can be tuned e.g., to different power-law decays. This method has important applications in various areas such as the calculation of CMS rates, inverse FX options etc.

S.Benaim, M.Dodgson, D. Kainth 2009

http://www.quarchome.org/RiskTailsPaper_v5.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

On the Valuation of Fader and Discrete Barrier Options in Heston's Stochastic Volatility Model

Abstract:

U.Wystup, S.Gribsch 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1310422
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Formulae for Foreign Exchange Options

Abstract:

U.Wystup 2008

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/wystup_fxpricingformulae_eqf.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Vanna-Volga Pricing

Abstract:

U.Wystup 2008

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/wystup_vannavolga_eqf.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Modelling the FX Skew

Abstract:

D.Kainth, N.Saravanamuttu 2007

<http://www.quarchome.org/FXSkew2.ppt>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Coupling Smiles

Abstract:

V.Durreleman, N.El Karoui 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1005332
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Multivariate Currency Options with Copula

Abstract:

M.Salmon, C.Schleicher 2006

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/wbs/subjects/finance/finance_faculty/mark_s/christoph.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

FX Basket Options

Abstract:

U.Haslet 2006

http://www.msfinance.ch/pdfs/Thesis2005_HaslerUrs.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Using Copulas to Construct Bivariate Foreign Exchange Distributions with an Application to the Sterling Exchange Rate Index

Abstract:

M.Hurd, M.Salmon, C.Schleicher 2006

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/wbs/research/wfri/rsrchcentres/ferc/wrkingpaperseries/wp05-20.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Consistent Pricing of FX Options

Abstract:

A. Castagna, F. Mercurio 2006

<http://www.fabiomercurio.it/consistentfxsmile.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Consistent pricing and hedging of an FX options book

Abstract:

L. Bisesti, A. Castagna, F. Mercurio 2005

<http://www.fabiomercurio.it/fxbook.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Multi-currency Model with FX Volatility Skew

Abstract:

V. Piterbarg 2005

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=685084
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Stochastic Volatility Model for Risk-Reversals in Foreign Exchange

Abstract:

C.Albanese, A.Mijatovic 2005

<http://www.level3finance.com/fxreversals.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Skew in Currency Options

Abstract:

P.Carr, L.Wu 2005

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=559404
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Fx Barriers With Smile Dynamics

Abstract:

G.Baker, R.Beneder, A.zilber 2004

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=964627
<http://www.quant-press.com>

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G.baker, R.Beneder, A.Zilber 2004

<http://staff.science.uva.nl/~spreij/stieltjes/zilber.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing cross-currency forward options

Abstract:

A.Fordyce 2003

<http://web.wits.ac.za/NR/rdonlyres/148F4576-FF31-4B50-AD7C-D1885988AA7F/0/alex.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

On the Valuation of Fader and Discrete Barrier Options in Heston s Stochastic Volatility Model

Abstract:

We focus on closed-form option pricing in Heston s stochastic volatility model, where closed-form formulas exist only for a few option types. Most of these closed-form solutions are constructed from characteristic functions. We follow this closed-form approach and derive multivariate characteristic functions depending on at least two spot values for different points in time. The derived characteristic functions are used as building blocks to set up (semi-) analytical pricing formulas for exotic options with payoffs depending on finitely many spot values such as fader options and discretely monitored barrier options. We compare our result with different numerical methods and examine accuracy and computational times.

U.Wystup, S.Griebsch 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1310422
<http://www.quant-press.com>

FX Basket Options

Abstract:

J.Hakala, U.Wystup 2008

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/CPOF%2015_wystup_hakala_basket.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Foreign Exchange Symmetries

Abstract:

U.Wystup 2008

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/wystup_symmetries_eqf.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Quanto Options

Abstract:

U.Wystup 2008

http://www.mathfinance.de/wystup/papers/wystup_quanto_eqf.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Fx Barriers With Smile Dynamics

Abstract:

G.Baker, R.Beneder, A.zliber 2004

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=964627
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Quanto Lookback Options

Abstract:

M.Dai, H.Y.Wong, Y.K.Kwok 2001

<http://www.csc.ust.hk/pub/YKKwok/QLO.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Convertible Bonds with Stock Price, Volatility, Interest Rate, and Default Risk

Abstract:

P. Kovalov, V. Linetsky 2008

<http://www.fdic.gov/bank/analytical/cfr/2008/wp2008/CB12.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Convertible Bond in a Defaultable Diffusion Model

Abstract:

T.R.Bielecki, S.Crepey, M.Jeanblanc, M.Rutkowski 2007

http://www.maths.univ-evry.fr/pages_perso/jeanblanc/pubs/bcjr_CB3.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Valuation of Convertible Bonds With Credit Risk

Abstract:

E. Ayache, P.A. Forsyth, K.R. Vetzal 2003

<http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~paforsyt/convert.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Convertible Bonds with Call Notice Periods

Abstract:

A.J. Grau, P.A. Forsyth, K.R. Vetzal 2003

http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/%7Epaforsyt/call_notice.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Calibration and Implementation of Convertible Bond Models

Abstract:

L. Andersen, D. Buffum 2002

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=355308
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Valuing Convertible Bonds as Derivatives

Abstract:

I. Bardhan, A. Bergier, E. Derman, C. Dosembet, I. Kani 1994

http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/gs-valuing_convertibles.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Novel Simple But Empirically Consistent Model for Stock Price and Option Pricing

Abstract:

In this paper, we propose a novel simple but empirically very consistent stochastic model for stock price dynamics and option pricing, which not only has the same analyticity as log-normal and Black-Scholes model, but can also capture and explain all the main puzzles and phenomena arising from empirical stock and option markets which log-normal and Black-Scholes model fail to explain. In addition, this model and its parameters have clear economic interpretations. Large sample empirical calibration and tests are performed and show strong empirical consistency with our model's assumption and implication. Immediate applications on risk management, equity and option evaluation and trading, etc are also presented.

H. Pang 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1374688&download=yes
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Time Changed Markov Processes in Unified Credit-Equity Modeling

Abstract:

P. Carr, V. Linetsky, R. Mendoza 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1113383
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hybrid Pricing

Abstract:

This report presents different hybrid models and their application to the pricing of exotic products. A Market Model combining a risk-free term structure and a defaultable one for one underlying is first developed, with the application to the pricing of some exotic products, especially designed for the hedging needs of pension funds (1). Recalling the basis of the underlying HJM model (2) will then give us the possibility to extend some results to the modelling of the credit migration process (3), and to a multi-name framework (4). Along the lines, some links with Equity diffusions are covered.

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Pricing Equity Derivatives Subject to Bankruptcy

Abstract:

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J.Hull, A.White, I.Nelken 2004

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Efficient Option Pricing with Multi-Factor Equity-Interest Rate Hybrid Models

Abstract:

In this article we discuss multi-factor equity-interest rate hybrid models with a full matrix of correlations. We assume the equity part to be modeled by the Heston model [Heston-1993] with as a short rate process either a Gaussian two-factor model [Brigo,Mercurio-2007] or a stochastic volatility short rate process of Heston type [Heidari, et al.-2007]. We develop an approximation for the discounted characteristic function. Our approximation scheme is based on the observation that $\sqrt{\sigma_t}$, with σ_t a stochastic quantity of CIR type [Cox, et al.-1985], can be well approximated by a normal distribution. Our approximate hybrid fits almost perfectly to the original model in terms of implied Black-Scholes [Black,Scholes-1973] volatilities for European options. Since fast integration techniques allow us to get European style option prices for a whole strip of strikes in a split second, the hybrid approximation can be directly used for model calibration.

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Abstract:

C.P.Fries 2008

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Abstract:

We develop an efficient algorithm to implement the adjoint method that computes sensitivities of an interest rate derivative (IRD) with respect to different underlying rates in the co-terminal swap-rate market model. The order of computation per step of the new method is shown to be proportional to the number of rates times the number of factors, which is the same as the order in the LIBOR market model.

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Abstract:

In this paper, we develop a series of approximations for a fast analytical pricing of European constant maturity swap (CMS) products, such as CMS swaps, CMS caps/floors, and CMS spread options, for the LIBOR Market Model (LMM) with stochastic volatility. The derived formulas can also be used for model calibration to the market, including European swaptions and CMS products. The first technical achievement of this work is related to the optimal calculation of the measure change. For single-rate CMS products, we have used the standard linear regression of the measure change, with optimally calculated coefficients. For the CMS spread options, where the linear procedure does not work, we propose a new effective exit {non-linear} measure change technique. The fit quality of the new results is confirmed numerically using Monte Carlo simulations. The second technical advance of the article is

a theoretical derivation of the generalized spread option price via two-dimensional Laplace transform presented in a closed form in terms of the complex Gamma-functions.

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Two Curves, One Price: Pricing & Hedging Interest Rate Derivatives Decoupling Discounting and Forwarding Yield Curves

Abstract:

In this paper we revisit the problem of pricing and hedging plain vanilla single-currency interest rate derivatives using different yield curves for market coherent estimation of discount factors and forward rates with different underlying rate tenors (e.g. Euribor 3 months, 6 months, etc.). Within such double-curve-single-currency framework, adopted by the market after the liquidity crisis started in summer 2007, standard single-curve no arbitrage relations are no longer valid and can be formally recovered through the introduction of a basis adjustment. Numerical results show that the resulting basis adjustment curves may display an oscillating micro-term structure that may induce appreciable effects on the price of interest rate instruments. Recurring to the foreign-currency analogy we also derive no arbitrage double-curve market-like formulas for basic plain vanilla interest rate derivatives, FRAs, swaps, caps/floors and swaptions in particular. These expressions include a quanto adjustment typical of cross-currency derivatives, naturally originated by the change between the numeraires associated to the two yield curves, that carries on a volatility and correlation dependence. Numerical scenarios confirm that such correction can be non-negligible, thus making unadjusted double-curve prices, in principle, not arbitrage free.

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Post Credit Crunch Interest Rates: Formulas and Market Models

Abstract:

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BOOTSTRAPPING THE ILLIQUIDITY

Abstract:

The large basis spreads observed on the interest rate market since the liquidity crisis of summer 2007 imply that different yield curves are required for market coherent estimation of forward rates with different tenors (e.g. Euribor 3 months, Euribor 6 months, etc.). In this paper we review the methodology for bootstrapping multiple interest rate yield curves, each homogeneous in the underlying rate tenor, from non-homogeneous plain vanilla instruments quoted on the market, such as Deposits, Forward Rate Agreements, Futures, Swaps, and Basis Swaps. The approach includes turn of year effects and is robust to deliver smooth yield curves and to ensure non-negative rates also in highly stressed market situations, characterized by crazy roller coaster shapes of the market quotations. The concrete EUR market case is analyzed in detail, using the open source QuantLib implementation of the proposed algorithms.

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Abstract:

E. Errais, G. Mauri, F. Mercurio 2004

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An N-Dimensional Markov-Functional Interest Rate Model

Abstract:

This paper develops an n-dimensional Markov-functional interest rate model, i.e. a model driven by an n-dimensional state process and constructed using Markov-functional techniques. It is shown that this model is very similar to an n-factor LIBOR market model hence allowing intuition from the LIBOR market model to be transferred to the Markov-functional model. This generalizes the results of Bennett & Kennedy from one-dimensional to n-dimensional driving state processes. The model is suitable for pricing certain type of exotic interest rate derivative products whose payoffs depend on the LIBORs at their setting dates. Specifically we investigate the pricing of TARNs and find that the n-dimensional Markov-functional model is faster and can be calibrated more easily to a target correlation structure than an n-factor LIBOR market model.

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A Comparison of Markov-Functional and Market Models: The One-Dimensional Case

Abstract:

The LIBOR Markov-functional model is an efficient arbitrage-free pricing model suitable for callable interest rate derivatives. We demonstrate that the one-dimensional LIBOR Markov-functional model and the separable onefactor LIBOR market model are very similar. Consequently, the intuition behind the familiar SDE formulation of the LIBOR market model may be applied to the LIBOR Markov-functional model. The application of a drift approximation to a separable one-factor LIBOR market model results in an approximating model driven by a one-dimensional Markov process, permitting efficient implementation. For a given parameterisation of the driving process, we find the distributional structure of this model and the corresponding Markov-functional model are numerically virtually indistinguishable for short maturity tenor structures over a wide variety of market conditions, and both are very similar to the market model. A theoretical uniqueness result shows that any accurate approximation to a separable market model that reduces to a function of the driving process is effectively an approximation to the analogous Markov-functional model. Therefore, our conclusions are not restricted to our particular choice of driving process. Minor differences are observed for longer maturities, nevertheless the models remain qualitatively similar. These differences do not have a large impact on Bermudan swaption prices. Under stress-testing, the LIBOR Markov-functional and separable LIBOR market models continue to exhibit similar behaviour and Bermudan prices under these models remain comparable. However, the drift approximation model now appears to admit arbitrage that is practically significant. In this situation, we argue the Markov-functional model is a more appropriate choice for pricing.

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A Comparison of Single Factor Markov-functional and Multi Factor Market Models

Abstract:

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Markov-Functional Interest Rate Models

Abstract:

We introduce a general class of interest rate models in which the value of pure discount bonds can be expressed as a functional of some (low-dimensional) Markov process. At the abstract level this class includes all current models of practical importance. By specifying these models in Markov-functional form, we obtain a specification which is efficient to implement. An additional advantage of Markov-functional models is the fact that the specification of the model can be such that the forward rate distribution implied by market option prices can be fitted exactly, which makes these models particularly suited for derivatives pricing. We give examples of Markov-functional models that are fitted to market prices of caps/floors and swaptions.

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Minimal Partial Proxy Simulation Schemes for Generic and Robust Monte-Carlo Greeks

Abstract:

In this paper, we present a generic framework known as the minimal partial proxy simulation scheme. This framework allows stable computation of the Monte-Carlo Greeks for financial products with trigger features via finite difference approximation. The minimal partial proxy simulation scheme can be considered as a special case of the partial proxy simulation scheme (Fries and Joshi, 2008b) as a measure change (weighted Monte Carlo) is performed to prevent path-wise discontinuities. However, our approach differs in term of how the measure change is performed. Specifically, we select the measure change optimally such that it minimises the variance of the Monte-Carlo weight. Our method can be applied to popular classes of trigger products including digital caplets, autocaps and target redemption notes. While the Monte-Carlo Greeks obtained using the partial proxy simulation scheme can blow up in certain cases, these Monte-Carlo Greeks remain stable under the minimal partial proxy simulation scheme. Standard errors for Vega are also significantly lower under the minimal partial proxy simulation scheme.

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Efficient Greek Estimation in Generic Market Models

Abstract:

We first develop an efficient algorithm to compute Deltas of interest rate derivatives for a number of standard market models. The computational complexity of the algorithms is shown to be proportional to the number of rates times the number of factors per step. We then show how to extend the method to efficiently compute Vegas in those market models.

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Stable Monte-Carlo Sensitivities of Bermudan Callable Products

Abstract:

In this paper we discuss the valuation and sensitivities of financial products with early exercise rights (e.g., Bermudan options) using a Monte-Carlo simulation. The usual way to value early exercise rights is the backward algorithm. As we will point out, the Monte-Carlo version of the backward algorithm is given by an unconditional expectation of a random variable whose paths are discontinuous functions of the initial data. This results in noisy sensitivities, when sensitivities are calculated from finite differences of valuations. We present a simple localized smoothing of the Monte-Carlo backward algorithm which results in stable, variance reduced sensitivities. In contrast to other payoff smoothing methods, the smoothed backward algorithm will converge to the true Bermudan value in the Monte-Carlo limit. However, it loses the property of being a strict lower bound. The method is easy to

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Proxy Simulation Schemes for generic robust Monte-Carlo sensitivities, process oriented importance sampling and high accuracy drift approximation (with applications to the LIBOR Market Model)

Abstract:

We consider a generic framework for generating likelihood ratio weighted Monte Carlo simulation paths, where we use one simulation scheme $K^?$ (proxy scheme) to generate realizations and then reinterpret them as realizations of another scheme K^* (target scheme) by adjusting measure (via likelihood ratio) to match the distribution of K^* such that $EQ(f(K^*) | Ft) = EQ(f(K^?) \cdot w | Ft)$. (1) This is done numerically in every time step, on every path. This makes the approach independent of the product (the function f in (1)) and even of the model, it only depends on the numerical scheme. The approach is essentially a numerical version of the likelihood ratio method [5] and Malliavin's Calculus [11, 18] reconsidered on the level of the discrete numerical simulation scheme. Since the numerical scheme represents a time discrete stochastic process sampled on a discrete probability space the essence of the method may be motivated without a deeper mathematical understanding of the time continuous theory (e.g. Malliavin's Calculus). The framework is completely generic and may be used for - high accuracy drift approximations, - process oriented importance sampling and the - robust calculation of partial derivatives of expectations w.r.t. model parameters (i.e. sensitivities, aka. Greeks) by applying finite differences by reevaluating the expectation with a model with shifted parameters. We present numerical results using a Monte-Carlo simulation of the LIBOR Market Model for benchmarking.

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Pricing and Deltas of Discretely-Monitored Barrier Options Using Stratified Sampling on the Hitting-Times to the Barrier

Abstract:

We develop new Monte Carlo techniques based on stratifying the stock's hitting-times to the barrier for the pricing and Delta calculations of discretely-monitored barrier options using the Black-Scholes model. We include a new algorithm for sampling an Inverse Gaussian random variable such that the sampling is restricted to a subset of the sample space. We compare our new methods to existing Monte Carlo methods and find that they can substantially improve convergence speeds.

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Uncertain Volatility Model: A Monte-Carlo Approach

Abstract:

The uncertain volatility model has long ago attracted the attention of practitioners as it provides worst-case pricing scenario for the sell-side. The valuation of a financial derivative based on this model requires solving a fully non-linear PDE. One can rely on finite difference schemes only when the number of variables (that is, underlyings and path-dependent variables) is small - in practice no more than three. In all other cases, numerical valuation seems out of reach. In this paper, we outline two accurate, easy-to-implement Monte-Carlo-like methods which hardly depend on dimensionality. The first method requires a parameterization of the optimal covariance matrix and consists in a series of backward low-dimensional optimizations. The second method relies heavily on a recently established connection between second-order backward stochastic differential equations and non-linear second-order parabolic PDEs. Both methods are illustrated by numerical experiments.

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Monte Carlo Pricing using Operator Methods and Measure Changes

Abstract:

A large class of generic stochastic processes which are not necessarily analytically solvable but are still numerically tractable can be described by giving transition probability kernels over a contiguous set of time intervals. From the numerical viewpoint, this procedure is highly effective on current microchip architectures as kernels can be conveniently evaluated using GPU co-processors and then used for scenario generation while storing them in CPU caches. This paper describes the pricing methodology and a mathematical framework for Finance based on direct kernel manipulations, i.e. operator methods. We also discuss a number of techniques based on measure changes to accomplish tasks such as variance reduction and sensitivity calculations. Numerical experiments are included along with performance benchmarks. Source code is distributed separately online under GPL license in a library named OPLib.

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A quantization tree algorithm: improvements and financial applications for swing options

Abstract:

In this paper, we suggest several improvements to the numerical implementation of the quantization method in order to get accurate premium estimations. This technique is applied to derivative pricing in energy markets. Several ways of modeling energy derivatives are described and finally numerical examples are provided to test the procedure accuracy.

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Optimal quantization for the pricing of swing options

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This paper analyzes portfolio risk and volatility in the presence of constraints on portfolio rebalancing frequency. This investigation is motivated by the incremental risk charge (IRC) introduced by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. In contrast to the standard market risk measure based on a ten-day value-at-risk calculated at 99% confidence, the IRC considers more extreme losses and is measured over a one-year horizon. More importantly, whereas ten-day VaR is ordinarily calculated with a portfolio's holdings held fixed, the IRC assumes a portfolio is managed dynamically to a target level of risk, with constraints on rebalancing frequency. The IRC uses discrete rebalancing intervals (e.g., monthly or quarterly) as a rough measure of potential illiquidity in underlying assets. We analyze the effect of these rebalancing intervals on the portfolio's profit and loss distribution over a risk-measurement horizon. We derive limiting results, as the rebalancing frequency increases, for the difference between discretely and continuously rebalanced portfolios; we use these to approximate the

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Pricing Interest Rate Exotics in Multi-Factor Gaussian Interest Rate Models

Abstract:

For many interest rate exotic options, for example options on the slope of the yield curve or American featured options, a one factor assumption for term structure evolution is inappropriate. These options derive their value from changes in the slope or curvature of the yield curve and hence are more realistically priced with multiple factor models. However, efficient construction of short rate trees becomes computationally intractable as we increase the number of factors and in particular as we move to non-Markovian models. In this paper we describe a general framework for pricing a wide range of interest rate exotic options under a very general family of multi-factor Gaussian interest rate models. Our framework is based on a computationally efficient implementation of Monte Carlo integration utilising analytical approximations as control variates. These techniques extend the analysis of Clewlow, Pang, and Strickland [1997] for pricing interest rate caps and swaptions.

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By an appropriate change of variables, we prove here that the SVI implied volatility parameterisation proposed in [2] and the large-time asymptotic of the Heston implied volatility derived in [1] do agree algebraically, thus confirming a conjecture proposed by J. Gatheral in [2] as well as proposing a simpler expression for the asymptotic implied volatility under the Heston model.

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Efficient Simulation of the Double Heston Model

Abstract:

Stochastic volatility models have replaced Black-Scholes model since they are able to generate a volatility smile. However, standard models fail to capture the smile slope and level movements. The Double-Heston model provides a more flexible approach to model the stochastic variance. In this paper, we focus on numerical implementation of this model. First, following the works of Lord and Kahl, we correct the analytical call option price formula given by Christoffersen et al. Then, we compare numerically the discretization schemes of Andersen, Zhu and Alfonsi to the Euler scheme.

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Time Dependent Heston Model

Abstract:

The use of the Heston model is still challenging because it has a closed formula only when the parameters are constant [Hes93] or piecewise constant [MN03]. Hence, using a small volatility of volatility expansion and Malliavin calculus techniques, we derive an accurate analytical formula for the price of vanilla options for any time dependent Heston model (the accuracy is less than a few bps for various strikes and maturities). In addition, we establish tight error estimates. The advantage of this approach over Fourier based methods is its rapidity (gain by a factor 100 or more), while maintaining a competitive accuracy. From the approximative formula, we also derive some corollaries related first to equivalent Heston models (extending some work of Piterbarg on stochastic volatility models [Pit05b]) and second, to the calibration procedure in terms of ill-posed problems.

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On the Heston Model with Stochastic Interest Rates

Abstract:

In this article we discuss the Heston [17] model with stochastic interest rates driven by Hull-White [18] (HW) or Cox-Ingersoll-Ross [8] (CIR) processes. We define a so-called volatility compensator which guarantees that the Heston hybrid model with a non-zero correlation between the equity and interest rate processes is properly defined. Moreover, we propose an approximation for the characteristic function, so that pricing of basic derivative products can be efficiently done using Fourier techniques [12; 7]. We also discuss the effect of the approximations on the instantaneous correlations, and check the influence of the correlation between stock and interest rate on the implied volatilities.

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Optimal Fourier inversion in semi-analytical option pricing

Abstract:

At the time of writing this article, Fourier inversion is the computational method of choice for a fast and accurate calculation of plain vanilla option prices in models with an analytically available characteristic function. Shifting the contour of integration along the complex plane allows for different representations of the inverse Fourier integral. In this article, we present the optimal contour of the Fourier integral, taking into account numerical issues such as cancellation and explosion of the characteristic function. This allows for robust and fast option pricing for almost all levels of strikes and maturities.

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Probability distribution of returns in the Heston model with stochastic volatility

Abstract:

We study the Heston model, where the stock price dynamics is governed by a geometrical (multiplicative) Brownian motion with stochastic variance. We solve the corresponding Fokker-Planck equation exactly and, after integrating out the variance, find an analytic formula for the time-dependent

probability distribution of stock price changes (returns). The formula is in excellent agreement with the Dow Jones index for time lags from 1 to 250 trading days. For large returns, the distribution is exponential in log-returns with a time-dependent exponent, whereas for small returns it is Gaussian. For time lags longer than the relaxation time of variance, the probability distribution can be expressed in a scaling form using a Bessel function. The Dow Jones data for 1982-2001 follow the scaling function for seven orders of magnitude.

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A Closed-Form Solution for Options with Stochastic Volatility with Applications to Bond and Currency Options

Abstract:

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Asymptotics of Implied Volatility in Local Volatility Models

Abstract:

Using an expansion of the transition density function of a 1-dimensional time inhomogeneous diffusion, we obtain the first and second order terms in the short time asymptotics of European call option prices. The method described can be generalized to any order. We then use these option price approximations to calculate the first order and second order deviation of the implied volatility from its leading value and obtain approximations which we numerically demonstrate to be highly accurate. The analysis is extended to degenerate diffusion's using probabilistic methods, i.e. the so called principle of not feeling the boundary.

J.Gatheral, E.P.Hsu, P.M.Laurence, C.Ouyang, T-H.Wang 2010

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A Practical Guide to Implied and Local Volatility

Abstract:

We consider a stochastic local volatility model with domestic and foreign stochastic interest rates such that the volatility decomposes into a deterministic local volatility plus some bias terms. Assuming a collapse process for the variance with the same random variable for all time and deterministic zero-coupon bond volatility functions, we are going to describe in detail the implementation of that model, focusing on the computation of a proper deterministic local volatility. To do so, we choose to generate an implied volatility surface without arbitrage in space and in time by parametrising a mixture of shifted lognormal densities under constraints and we use a Differential Evolution algorithm to calibrate the model's parameters to a finite set of option prices. We will therefore need to devise an evolutionary

algorithm that handle constraints in a simple and efficient way. Using some of the improvements made to the DE algorithm combined with simple and robust constraints handling mechanisms we will propose a modified algorithm for solving our optimisation problem under constraints which greatly improves its performances.

D.A.Bloch 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1538808
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Local Volatility Enhanced by a Jump to Default

Abstract:

A local volatility model is enhanced by the possibility of a single jump to default. The jump has a hazard rate that is the product of the stock price raised to a prespecified negative power and a deterministic function of time. The empirical work uses a power of -1.5. It is shown how one may simultaneously recover from the prices of credit default swap contracts and equity option prices both the deterministic component of the hazard rate function and revised local volatility. The procedure is implemented on prices of credit default swaps and equity options for GM and FORD over the period October 2004 to September 2007.

P.Carr, D.P.Madan 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1540874
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Analytical Formulas for Local Volatility Model with Stochastic Rates

Abstract:

This paper presents new approximation formulae of European options in a local volatility model with stochastic interest rates. This is a companion paper to our work on perturbation methods for local volatility models http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1275872 for the case of stochastic interest rates. The originality of this approach is to model the local volatility of the discounted spot and to obtain accurate approximations with tight estimates of the error terms. This approach can also be used in the case of stochastic dividends or stochastic convenience yields. We finally provide numerical results to illustrate the accuracy with real market data.

E.Benhamou, E.Gobet, M.Miri 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1492054
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Volatility and Dividends :Volatility Modelling with Cash Dividends and simple Credit Risk

Abstract:

This article shows how to incorporate cash dividends and credit risk into equity derivatives pricing and risk management. In essence, we show that in an arbitrage-free model the stock price process upon default must have the form $S_t = (F^*t - D t)X_t + D_t$ where X is a (local) martingale with $X_0 = 1$, the curve F^* is the risky forward and D is the floor imposed on the stock price process in the form of appropriately discounted future dividends. We show that the method presented is the only such method which is consistent with the assumption of cash dividends and simple credit risk. We discuss the implications for implied volatility, no-arbitrage conditions and we derive a version of Dupire's formula which handles cash dividend and credit risk properly. We discuss pricing and risk management of European options, PDE methods and in quite some detail variance swaps and related derivatives such as gamma swaps, conditional variance swaps and corridor variance swaps. Indeed, to the our best if our knowledge, this is the first article which shows the correct handling of cash dividends when pricing variance swaps.

H.Buelher 2009

http://www.quantitative-research.de/dl/Dividends_And_Volatility102.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Local Volatility Enhanced by a Jump to Default

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A local volatility model is enhanced by the possibility of a single jump to default. The jump has a hazard rate that is the product of the stock price raised to a prespecified negative power and a deterministic function of time. The empirical work uses a power of It is shown how one may simultaneously recover from the prices of credit default swap contracts and equity option prices both the deterministic component of the hazard rate function and revised local volatility. The procedure is implemented on prices of credit default swaps and equity options for GM and F ORD over the period October 2004 to September 2007:

P.Carr 2009

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/lvjtdpaper.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Closed Forms for European Options in a Local Volatility Model

Abstract:

Because of its very general formulation, the local volatility model does not have an analytical solution for European options. In this article, we present a new methodology to derive closed form solutions for the price of any European options. The formula results from an asymptotic expansion, terms of which are Black-Scholes price and related Greeks. The accuracy of the formula depends on the payoff smoothness and it converges with very few terms.

E. Benhamou, E. Gobet, M. Miri 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1275872
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Incorporating an Interest Rate Smile in an Equity Local Volatility Model

Abstract:

The focus of this paper is on finding a connection between the interest rate and equity asset classes. We propose an equity interest rate hybrid model which preserves market observable smiles: the equity from plain vanilla products via a local volatility framework and the interest rate from caps and swaptions via the Stochastic Volatility Libor Market Model. We define a multi-factor short-rate process implied from the Libor Market Model via an arbitrage-free interpolation and combine it with the local volatility equity model for stochastic interest rates. We show that the interest rate smile has a significant impact on the equity local volatility. The model developed is intuitive and straightforward, enabling consistent pricing of related hybrid products. Moreover, it preserves the non-arbitrage Heath, Jarrow, Morton conditions.

L. A. Grzelak, N. Borovykh, S. V. Weeren, K. Oosterlee 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1295882
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Implied Levy Volatility

Abstract:

J.M.Corcuera, F.Guillaume, P.Leoni, W.Schoutens 2008

<https://perswww.kuleuven.be/~u0009713/LevyImplied.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Interest Rates for Local Volatility Hybrids Models

Abstract:

E.Benhamou, A.Rivoira, A.Gruz 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1107711
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 6: Extending Black-Scholes ; Local Volatility Models

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture6.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 7: Local Volatility Continued

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture7.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 8: Local Volatility Models ; Implication

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture8.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 9: Patterns of Volatility Change

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture9.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Option Pricing with Quadratic Volatility: A Revisit

Abstract:

L.Andersen 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1118399
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hyp Hyp Hooray

Abstract:

P.Jaeckel 2008

<http://www.math.uni-wuppertal.de/~kahl/publications/HypHypHooray.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hyperbolic local volatility

Abstract:

P.Jaeckel 2007

<http://www.btinternet.com/~pjaeckel/HyperbolicLocalVolatility.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Smile interpolation and calibration of the local volatility model

Abstract:

N.Kahale 2005

<http://nkahale.free.fr/papers/Interpolation.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Local and Stochastic Volatility Models: An Investigation into the Pricing of Exotic Equity Options

Abstract:

L.Majmin 2005

<http://web.wits.ac.za/NR/rdonlyres/C4D22C49-DDCD-40E7-8CBC-DC123FE4B736/0/lisamajmin.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Arbitrage-Free Smoothing of the Implied Volatility Surface

Abstract:

M.R. Fengler 2005

<http://sfb649.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/papers/pdf/SFB649DP2005-019.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

From Local Volatility to Local Levy Models

Abstract:

P.Carr, D.Madan, M.Yor, H.Geman 2004

<http://www.ima.umn.edu/talks/workshops/4-12-16.2004/madan/locallevy3.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing with a Smile

Abstract:

B. Dupire 2004

<http://www.cmap.polytechnique.fr/~rama/dea/dupire.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 1: Stochastic Volatility and Local Volatility

Abstract:

J.Gatheral 2002

<http://www.math.ku.dk/~rolf/teaching/ctff03/Gatheral.1.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Implied Volatility: Statics, Dynamics, and Probabilistic Interpretation

Abstract:

Given the price of a call or put option, the Black-Scholes implied volatility is the unique volatility parameter for which the Black-Scholes formula recovers the option price. This article surveys research activity relating to three theoretical questions: First, does implied volatility admit a probabilistic interpretation? Second, how does implied volatility behave as a function of strike and expiry? Here one seeks to characterize the shapes of the implied volatility skew (or smile) and term structure, which together constitute what can be termed the statics of the implied volatility surface. Third, how does implied volatility evolve as time rolls forward? Here one seeks to characterize the dynamics of implied volatility.

R. Lee 2002

<http://www.math.uchicago.edu/~rl/impvol.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Black-Scholes Goes Geometric

Abstract:

C.Albanese, G.Campolieti, P.Carr, A.Lipton 2001

<http://www.level3finance.com/cantrisk.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Equivalent Black Volatilities

Abstract:

P.S.Hagan, D.E.Woodward 1998

<http://www.nuclearphynance.com/User%20Files/138/EquivBlackVols.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Calibrating Volatility Surfaces via Relative-Entropy Minimization

Abstract:

M. Avellaneda, C. Friedman, R. Holmes, D. Samperi 1997

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/faculty/avellane/EntropyVolSurface.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Trading and Hedging Local Volatility

Abstract:

E.Derman, I.Kani, M.Kamal 1996

http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/gs-trading_and_hedging.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Local Volatility Surface Unlocking the Information in Index Option Prices

Abstract:

E.Derman, I.Kani, J.Z.Zou 1995

http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/gs-local_volatility_surface.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Options on Realized Variance and Convex Orders

Abstract:

Realized variance option and options on quadratic variation normalized to unit expectation are analyzed for the property of monotonicity in maturity for call options at a fixed strike. When this condition holds the risk neutral densities are said to be increasing in the convex order. For Lévy processes such prices decrease with maturity. A time series analysis of squared log returns on the S&P 500 index also reveals such a decrease. If options are priced to a slightly increasing level of acceptability then the resulting risk neutral densities can be increasing in the convex order. Calibrated stochastic volatility models yield possibilities in both directions. Finally we consider modelling strategies guaranteeing an increase in convex order for the normalized quadratic variation. These strategies model instantaneous variance as a normalized exponential of a Lévy process. Simulation studies suggest that other transformations may also deliver an increase in the convex order.

P.Carr, H.Géman, M.Yor, D.P.Madan 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1540805
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Consistent Pricing Model for Index Options and Volatility Derivatives

Abstract:

We propose and study a flexible modeling framework for the joint dynamics of an index and a set of forward variance swap rates written on this index, allowing options on forward variance swaps and options on the underlying index to be priced consistently. Our model reproduces various empirically observed properties of variance swap dynamics and allows for jumps in volatility and returns. An affine specification using Lévy processes as building blocks leads to analytically tractable pricing formulas for options on variance swaps as well as efficient numerical methods for pricing of European options on the underlying asset. The model has the convenient feature of decoupling the vanilla skews from spot/volatility correlations and allowing for different conditional correlations in large and small

spot/volatility moves. We show that our model can simultaneously fit prices of European options on S&P 500 across strikes and maturities as well as options on the VIX volatility index. The calibration of the model is done in two steps, first by matching VIX option prices and then by matching prices of options on the underlying.

R.Cont, T.Kokholm 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1474691
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Multi-asset Stochastic Local Variance Contracts

Abstract:

Variance swaps now trade actively over-the-counter (OTC) on both stocks and stock indices. Also trading OTC are variations on variance swaps which localize the payoff in time, in the underlying asset price, or both. Given that the price of the underlying asset evolves continuously over time, it is well known that there exists a semi-robust hedge for these localized variance contracts. Remarkably, the hedge succeeds even though the stochastic process describing the instantaneous variance is never specified. In this paper, we present a generalization of these results to the case of two or more underlying assets.

P.Carr, P.Laurence 2009

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/MLVJan30-2009pl.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hedging (Co)Variance Risk with Variance Swaps

Abstract:

In this paper we introduce a new criterion in order to measure the variance and covariance risks in financial markets. Unlike past literature, we quantify the (co)variance risk by comparing the spread between the initial wealths required to obtain the same final utility in an incomplete and completed market case. We provide explicit solutions for both cases in a stochastic correlation framework where the market is completed by introducing volatility products, namely Variance Swaps. Using real data on major indexes, we find that this criterion provides a better measure of the market risks with respect to the (misleading) traditional approach based on the hedging demand.

J.Da Fonseca, M.Grasselli, F.Ielpo 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1102521
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing and Hedging Volatility Derivatives

Abstract:

This paper studies the pricing and hedging of variance swaps and other volatility derivatives, including volatility swaps and variance options, in the Heston stochastic volatility model. Pricing and hedging results are derived using partial differential equation techniques. We formulate an optimization problem to determine the number of options required to best hedge a variance swap. We propose a method to dynamically hedge volatility derivatives using variance swaps and a finite number of European call and put options.

M. Broadie, A. Jain 2008

http://www.columbia.edu/~mnb2/broadie/Assets/VolDerivatives_20080114.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Volatility and Dividends

Abstract:

This article revisits a simple and robust method on how to incorporate the handling of cash dividends and credit risk into equity derivatives pricing and risk management. We will show that the method presented is the only such method which is consistent with the assumption of cash dividends and simple credit risk, and we will demonstrate the impact on the pricing of various derivatives: plain Europeans, American options, Barriers and finally variance swaps and related derivatives. This article is mainly based on results discussed in the first chapter of "Equity Hybrid Derivatives", Overhaus et al, Wiley 2006 [10] and the IQPC presentation "Options On Variance: Pricing And Hedging" given in 2006 [2].

H.Buehler 2008

http://www.quantitative-research.de/dl/Dividends_And_Volatility092.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Consistent Modeling of SPX and VIX options

Abstract:

This article revisits a simple and robust method on how to incorporate the handling of cash dividends and credit risk into equity derivatives pricing and risk management. We will show that the method presented is the only such method which is consistent with the assumption of cash dividends and simple credit risk, and we will demonstrate the impact on the pricing of various derivatives: plain Europeans, American options, Barriers and finally variance swaps and related derivatives. This article is mainly based on results discussed in the first chapter of "Equity Hybrid Derivatives", Overhaus et al, Wiley 2006 [10] and the IQPC presentation "Options On Variance: Pricing And Hedging" given in 2006 [2].

J.Gatheral 2008

http://www.math.nyu.edu/fellows_fin_math/gatheral/Bachelier2008.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Realized Volatility and Variance: Options via Swaps

Abstract:

In this paper we develop strategies for pricing and hedging options on realized variance and volatility. Our strategies have the following features. * Readily available inputs: We can use vanilla options as pricing benchmarks and as hedging instruments. If variance or volatility swaps are available, then we use them as well. We do not need other inputs (such as parameters of the instantaneous volatility dynamics). * Comprehensive and readily computable outputs: We derive explicit and readily computable formulas for prices and hedge ratios for variance and volatility options, applicable at all times in the term of the option (not just inception). * Accuracy and robustness: We test our pricing and hedging strategies under skew-generating volatility dynamics. Our discrete hedging simulations at a one-year horizon show mean absolute hedging errors under 10%, and in some cases under 5%. * Easy modification to price and hedge options on implied volatility (VIX). Specifically, we price and hedge realized variance and volatility options using variance and volatility swaps. When necessary, we in turn synthesize volatility swaps from vanilla options by the Carr-Lee [4] methodology; and variance swaps from vanilla options by the standard log-contract methodology.

P.Carr, R.Lee 2007

<http://www.math.uchicago.edu/~rl/OVSwithAppendices.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Moment Methods For Exotic Volatility Derivatives

Abstract:

The latest generation of volatility derivatives goes beyond variance and volatility swaps and probes our ability to price realized variance and sojourn times along bridges for the underlying stock price process. In this paper, we give an operator algebraic treatment of this problem based on Dyson expansions and moment methods and discuss applications to exotic volatility derivatives. The methods are quite

flexible and allow for a specification of the underlying process which is semi-parametric or even non-parametric, including state-dependent local volatility, jumps, stochastic volatility and regime switching. We find that volatility derivatives are particularly well suited to be treated with moment methods, whereby one extrapolates the distribution of the relevant path functionals on the basis of a few moments. We consider a number of exotics such as variance knockouts, conditional corridor variance swaps, gamma swaps and variance swaptions and give valuation formulas in detail.

C.Albanese, A.Osseiran 2007

<http://www.level3finance.com/moments.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Variance Risk Premia

Abstract:

We propose a direct and robust method for quantifying the variance risk premium on financial assets. We show that the risk-neutral expected value of return variance, also known as the variance swap rate, is well approximated by the value of a particular portfolio of options. We propose to use the difference between the realized variance and this synthetic variance swap rate to quantify the variance risk premium. Using a large options data set, we synthesize variance swap rates and investigate the historical behavior of variance risk premia on five stock indexes and 35 individual stocks. 2

P.Carr, L.Wiu 2007

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/vsfinal.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Volatility Markets Consistent modeling, hedging and practical implementation

Abstract:

We propose a direct and robust method for quantifying the variance risk premium on financial assets. We show that the risk-neutral expected value of return variance, also known as the variance swap rate, is well approximated by the value of a particular portfolio of options. We propose to use the difference between the realized variance and this synthetic variance swap rate to quantify the variance risk premium. Using a large options data set, we synthesize variance swap rates and investigate the historical behavior of variance risk premia on five stock indexes and 35 individual stocks. 2

H.Buehler 2006

<http://www.quantitative-research.de/dl/HansBuehlerDiss.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Consistent Variance Curve Models

Abstract:

We introduce a general approach to model a joint market of stock price and a term structure of variance swaps in an HJM-type framework. In such a model, strongly volatility-dependent contracts can be priced and risk-managed in terms of the observed stock and variance swap prices. To this end, we introduce equity forward variance term-structure models and derive the respective HJM-type arbitrage conditions. We then discuss n -dimensional Markovian representations of the fixed time-to-maturity forward variance swap curve and derive consistency results for both the standard case and for variance curves with values in a Hilbert space. For the latter, our representation also ensures non-negativity of the process. We then give a few examples of such variance curve functionals and discuss briefly completeness and hedging in such models. As a further application, we show that the speed of mean-reversion in some standard stochastic volatility models should be kept constant when the model is recalibrated.

H.Buehler 2006

<http://www.quantitative-research.de/dl/VarSwapCurves3622.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Options on Realized Variance

Abstract:

Models which hypothesize that returns are pure jump processes with independent increments have been shown to be capable of capturing the observed variation of market prices of vanilla stock options across strike and maturity. In this paper, these models are employed to derive in closed form the prices of derivatives written on future realized quadratic variation. Alternative work on pricing derivatives on quadratic variation has alternatively assumed that the underlying returns process is continuous over time. We compare the model values of derivatives on quadratic variation for the two types of models and find substantial differences.

P.Carr, D.P.Madan, M.Yor, H.Geman 2005

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=684087

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Pricing Methods and Hedging Strategies for Volatility Derivatives

Abstract:

In this paper we investigate the behaviour and hedging of discretely observed volatility derivatives. We begin by comparing the effects of variations in the contract design, such as the differences between specifying log returns or actual returns, taking into consideration the impact of possible jumps in the underlying asset. We then focus on the difficulties associated with hedging these products. Naive delta-hedging strategies are ineffective for hedging volatility derivatives since they require very frequent rebalancing and have limited ability to protect the writer against possible jumps in the underlying asset. We investigate the performance of a hedging strategy for volatility swaps that establishes small, fixed positions in straddles and out-of-the-money strangles at each volatility observation.

H. Windcliff, P.A. Forsyth, K.R. Vetzal 2003

<http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~paforsyt/volswap.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Robust Replication of Volatility Derivatives

Abstract:

In this paper we investigate the behaviour and hedging of discretely observed volatility derivatives. We begin by comparing the effects of variations in the contract design, such as the differences between specifying log returns or actual returns, taking into consideration the impact of possible jumps in the underlying asset. We then focus on the difficulties associated with hedging these products. Naive delta-hedging strategies are ineffective for hedging volatility derivatives since they require very frequent rebalancing and have limited ability to protect the writer against possible jumps in the underlying asset. We investigate the performance of a hedging strategy for volatility swaps that establishes small, fixed positions in straddles and out-of-the-money strangles at each volatility observation.

P.Carr, R.Lee 2003

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/Voltradingoh1.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Towards a Theory of Volatility Trading

Abstract:

In this paper we investigate the behaviour and hedging of discretely observed volatility derivatives. We begin by comparing the effects of variations in the contract design, such as the differences between specifying log returns or actual returns, taking into consideration the impact of possible jumps in the underlying asset. We then focus on the difficulties associated with hedging these products. Naive delta-hedging strategies are ineffective for hedging volatility derivatives since they require very frequent

rebalancing and have limited ability to protect the writer against possible jumps in the underlying asset. We investigate the performance of a hedging strategy for volatility swaps that establishes small, fixed positions in straddles and out-of-the-money strangles at each volatility observation.

P. Carr, D. Madan 2002

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/research/carrp/papers/pdf/twrdsfig.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

More Than You Ever Wanted to Know About Volatility Swaps

Abstract:

Volatility swaps are forward contracts on future realized stock volatility. Variance swaps are similar contracts on variance, the square of future volatility. Both of these instruments provide an easy way for investors to gain exposure to the future level of volatility. Unlike a stock option, whose volatility exposure is contaminated by its stock-price dependence, these swaps provide pure exposure to volatility alone. You can use these instruments to speculate on future volatility levels, to trade the spread between realized and implied volatility, or to hedge the volatility exposure of other positions or businesses. In this report we explain the properties and the theory of both variance and volatility swaps, first from an intuitive point of view and then more rigorously. The theory of variance swaps is more straightforward. We show how a variance swap can be theoretically replicated by a hedged portfolio of standard options with suitably chosen strikes, as long as stock prices evolve without jumps. The fair value of the variance swap is the cost of the replicating portfolio. We derive analytic formulas for theoretical fair value in the presence of realistic volatility skews. These formulas can be used to estimate swap values quickly as the skew changes. We then examine the modifications to these theoretical results when reality intrudes, for example when some necessary strikes are unavailable, or when stock prices undergo jumps. Finally, we briefly return to volatility swaps, and show that they can be replicated by dynamically trading the more straightforward variance swap. As a result, the value of the volatility swap depends on the volatility of volatility itself.

E.Derman, K.Demeterfi, M.Kamal 1999

http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/gs-volatility_swaps.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Series Expansion of the SABR Joint Density

Abstract:

Under the SABR stochastic volatility model, pricing and hedging contracts that are sensitive to forward smile risk (e.g., forward starting options, barrier options) require the joint transition density. In this paper, we address this problem by providing closed-form representations, asymptotically, of the joint transition density. Specifically, we construct an expansion of the joint density through a hierarchy of parabolic equations after applying total volatility-of-volatility scaling and a near-Gaussian coordinate transformation. We then established an existence result to characterize the truncation error and provide explicit joint density formulas for the first three orders. Our approach inherits the same spirit of a small total volatility-of-volatility assumption as in the original SABR analysis. Our results for the joint transition density serve as a basis for managing forward smile risk. Through numerical experiments, we illustrate the accuracy of our expansion in terms of joint density, marginal density, probability mass and implied volatilities for European call options

Q.Wu 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1367966
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Fitting the Smile, Smart Parameters for SABR and Heston

Abstract:

In this paper we revisit the problem of calibrating stochastic volatility models. By finding smart initial parameters, we improve robustness of Levenberg-Marquardt. Applying this technique to the SABR and

Heston models reduces calibration time by more than 90% compared to global optimization techniques such as Simplex or Differential Evolution.

P.Gauthier, P.H.Y, Rivaille 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1496982
<http://www.quant-press.com>

LIBOR market model with SABR style stochastic volatility

Abstract:

P.Hagan, A.Lesniewski 2008

<http://www.lesniewski.us/papers/working/SABRLMM.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Local Time for the SABR Model: Connection with the Complex Black Scholes and Application to CMS and Spread Options

Abstract:

E.Benhamou, O.Croissant 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1064461
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Stochastic Volatility Alternative to SABR

Abstract:

L.C.G.Rogers, L.A.M.Veraart 2008

<http://www.statslab.cam.ac.uk/~chris/papers/Stochvol1.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Effective Parameters for Stochastic Volatility Models

Abstract:

Z.Wang 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1071768
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Unifying the Bgm and Sabr Models: a Short Ride in Hyperbolic Geometry

Abstract:

P.Henry-Labordere 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=877762
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Time-Homogeneous, SABR-Consistent Extension of the LMM: Calibration And Numerical

Results

Abstract:

R.Rebonato 2007

<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/pls/portallive/docs/1/14987697.PDF>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Fine-tune your smile: Correction to Hagan et al

Abstract:

J.Obloj 2007

<http://arxiv.org/abs/0708.0998>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

No-Arbitrage Dynamics for a Tractable SABR Term Structure Libor Model

Abstract:

M.Morini, F.Mercurio 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1018026
<http://www.quant-press.com>

The Asymptotic Expansion Formula of Implied Volatility for Dynamic SABR Model and FX Hybrid Model

Abstract:

Y.Osajima 2007

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=965265
<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Note on the SABR Model

Abstract:

M.Morini, F.Mercurio 2006

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Managing Smile Risk

Abstract:

P.S.Hagan, D.Kumar, A.Lesniewski, D.E.Woodwar 2004

<http://www.math.columbia.edu/~lrb/sabrAll.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Prices Expansion in the Wishart Model

Abstract:

Using probability change techniques introduced by Drimus for Heston model, we derive a n-th order expansion formula of Wishart option price in terms of Black-Scholes price and Black-Scholes Greeks. Numerical results are given for the second order case. Thanks to this new approximation, the smile implied by Wishart model can be better understood. The sensitivity of Delta and Vega to the volatility (respectively Vanna and Volga) indeed appear explicitly in this formula. En route to our formula, we present a number of new - to our knowledge - results on Laplace transforms and moments of the integrated Wishart processes.

P. Gauthier, D. Possamai 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1475153
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Efficient Simulation of the Wishart Model

Abstract:

In financial mathematics, Wishart processes have emerged as an efficient tool to model stochastic covariance structures. Their numerical simulation may be quite challenging since they involve matrix processes. In this article, we propose an extensive study of financial applications of Wishart processes. First, we derive closed-form formulas for option prices in the single-asset case. Then, we show the relationship between Wishart processes and Wishart law. Finally, we review existing discretization schemes (Euler and Ornstein-Uhlenbeck) and propose a new scheme, adapted from Heston's QEM discretization scheme. Extensive numerical results support our comparison of these three schemes.

P. Gauthier, D. Possamai 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1474728
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Smile Dynamics IV

Abstract:

Smile Dynamics IV In this paper we address the relationship between the smile that stochastic volatility models produce and the dynamics they generate for implied volatilities. We introduce a new quantity, which we call the Skew Stickiness Ratio and show how, at order one in the volatility of volatility, it is linked to the rate at which the at-the-money-forward skew decays with maturity. We then focus on short maturity skews and (a) show that the difference between realized and implied SSR can be materialized as the P&L of an option strategy, (b) introduce the notion of realized skew.

L. Bergomi 2009

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1520443
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Asymptotic Methods for Computing Implied Volatilities Under Stochastic Volatility

Abstract:

A.N. Medvedev 2008

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=667281
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Models of Implied Volatility Surfaces

Abstract:

R.Cont, V.Durrleman, J.Da Fonseca 2008

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Local Volatility

Abstract:

C.Alexander, L.M.Nogueira 2008

<http://www.icmacentre.ac.uk/pdf/437-078.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Risk Minimization in Stochastic Volatility Models: Model Risk and Empirical Performance

Abstract:

R.Poulsen, K.R.Schenk-Hoppe, C.O.Ewald 2008

<http://www.math.ku.dk/~rolf/Klaus/pse.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 10: Stochastic Volatility Models

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture10.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 11: More on Stochastic Volatility Models of the Smile

Abstract:

E.Derman 2008

<http://www.ederman.com/new/docs/smile-lecture11.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hyp Hyp Hooray

Abstract:

P.Jaeckel 2008

<http://www.btinternet.com/~pjaeckel/HypHypHooray.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Markovian Projection Method for Volatility Calibration

Abstract:

V. Piterbarg 2006

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=906473
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Fast strong approximation Monte-Carlo schemes for stochastic volatility models

Abstract:

C.Kahl, P.Jaeckel 2006

<http://www.math.uni-wuppertal.de/~kahl/publications/FastStrongApproximationMonteCarloSchemesForStochasticVolatilityModels.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Volatility for Real

Abstract:

J.Andreasen 2006

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

A General Asymptotic Implied Volatility for Stochastic Volatility Models

Abstract:

P.Henry-Labordere 2005

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Moment Explosions in Stochastic Volatility Models

Abstract:

V. Piterbarg, L.Andersen 2005

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=559481
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Stochastic Volatility Model with Time-dependent Skew

Abstract:

V. Piterbarg 2005

http://www.nuclearphynance.com/User%20Files/3756/Vol_time_dep_skew_piterbarg.pdf
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Hedging Exotic Options in Stochastic Volatility and Jump Diffusion Models

Abstract:

K. Detlefsen 2005

<http://edoc.hu-berlin.de/master/detlefsen-kai-2005-01-27/PDF/detlefsen.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Arbitrage-Free Smoothing of the Implied Volatility Surface

Abstract:

M.R. Fengler 2005

<http://sfb649.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/papers/pdf/SFB649DP2005-019.pdf>
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Local and Stochastic Volatility Models: An Investigation into the Pricing of Exotic Equity Options

Abstract:

L.Majmin 2005

<http://web.wits.ac.za/NR/rdonlyres/C4D22C49-DDCD-40E7-8CBC-DC123FE4B736/0/lisamajmin.pdf>
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Exact Simulation of Stochastic Volatility and other Affine Jump Diffusion Processes

Abstract:

M.Broadie, O.Kaya 2004

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Mixture of Models: A Simple Recipe for a ... Hangover ?

Abstract:

V. Piterbarg 2003

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=393060
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Lecture 1: Stochastic Volatility and Local Volatility

Abstract:

J.Gatheral 2002

<http://www.math.ku.dk/~rolf/teaching/ctff03/Gatheral.1.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Risk-Neutral Stochastic Volatility Model

Abstract:

Y. Zhu, M. Avellaneda 1997

<http://www.math.nyu.edu/faculty/avellane/StochasticVol.pdf>

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Convergence of Heston to SVI

Abstract:

By an appropriate change of variables, we prove here that the SVI implied volatility parameterisation proposed in [2] and the large-time asymptotic of the Heston implied volatility derived in [1] do agree algebraically, thus confirming a conjecture proposed by J. Gatheral in [2] as well as proposing a simpler expression for the asymptotic implied volatility under the Heston model.

J.Gatheral, A.Jacquier 2010

http://www.math.nyu.edu/fellows_fin_math/gatheral/SVIHESTON.pdf

<http://www.quant-press.com>

Asymptotics of Implied Volatility in Local Volatility Models

Abstract:

Using an expansion of the transition density function of a 1-dimensional time inhomogeneous diffusion, we obtain the first and second order terms in the short time asymptotics of European call option prices. The method described can be generalized to any order. We then use these option prices approximations to calculate the first order and second order deviation of the implied volatility from its leading value and obtain approximations which we numerically demonstrate to be highly accurate. The analysis is extended to degenerate diffusion's using probabilistic methods, i.e. the so called principle of not feeling the boundary.

J.Gatheral, E.P.Hsu, P.M.Laurence, C.Ouyang, T-H.Wang 2010

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Series Expansion of the SABR Joint Density

Abstract:

Under the SABR stochastic volatility model, pricing and hedging contracts that are sensitive to forward smile risk (e.g., forward starting options, barrier options) require the joint transition density. In this paper, we address this problem by providing closed-form representations, asymptotically, of the joint transition density. Specifically, we construct an expansion of the joint density through a hierarchy of parabolic equations after applying total volatility-of-volatility scaling and a near-Gaussian coordinate transformation. We then established an existence result to characterize the truncation error and provide explicit joint density formulas for the first three orders. Our approach inherits the same spirit of a small total volatility-of-volatility assumption as in the original SABR analysis. Our results for the joint transition density serve as a basis for managing forward smile risk. Through numerical experiments, we illustrate the accuracy of our expansion in terms of joint density, marginal density, probability mass and implied volatilities for European call options

Q.Wu 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1367966

<http://www.quant-press.com>

A Practical Guide to Implied and Local Volatility

Abstract:

We consider a stochastic local volatility model with domestic and foreign stochastic interest rates such that the volatility decomposes into a deterministic local volatility plus some bias terms. Assuming a collapse process for the variance with the same random variable for all time and deterministic zero-coupon bond volatility functions, we are going to describe in detail the implementation of that model, focusing on the computation of a proper deterministic local volatility. To do so, we choose to generate an implied volatility surface without arbitrage in space and in time by parametrising a mixture of shifted lognormal densities under constraints and we use a Differential Evolution algorithm to calibrate the model's parameters to a finite set of option prices. We will therefore need to devise an evolutionary algorithm that handle constraints in a simple and efficient way. Using some of the improvements made to the DE algorithm combined with simple and robust constraints handling mechanisms we will propose a modified algorithm for solving our optimisation problem under constraints which greatly improves its performances.

D.A.Bloch 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1538808
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Local Volatility Enhanced by a Jump to Default

Abstract:

A local volatility model is enhanced by the possibility of a single jump to default. The jump has a hazard rate that is the product of the stock price raised to a prespecified negative power and a deterministic function of time. The empirical work uses a power of -1.5. It is shown how one may simultaneously recover from the prices of credit default swap contracts and equity option prices both the deterministic component of the hazard rate function and revised local volatility. The procedure is implemented on prices of credit default swaps and equity options for GM and FORD over the period October 2004 to September 2007.

P.Carr, D.P.Madan 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1540874
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Options on Realized Variance and Convex Orders

Abstract:

Realized variance option and options on quadratic variation normalized to unit expectation are analyzed for the property of monotonicity in maturity for call options at a fixed strike. When this condition holds the risk neutral densities are said to be increasing in the convex order. For Lévy processes such prices decrease with maturity. A time series analysis of squared log returns on the S&P 500 index also reveals such a decrease. If options are priced to a slightly increasing level of acceptability then the resulting risk neutral densities can be increasing in the convex order. Calibrated stochastic volatility models yield possibilities in both directions. Finally we consider modelling strategies guaranteeing an increase in convex order for the normalized quadratic variation. These strategies model instantaneous variance as a normalized exponential of a Lévy process. Simulation studies suggest that other transformations may also deliver an increase in the convex order.

P.Carr, H.Géman, M.Yor, D.P.Madan 2010

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1540805
<http://www.quant-press.com>

Uncertain Volatility Model: A Monte-Carlo Approach

Abstract:

The uncertain volatility model has long ago attracted the attention of practitioners as it provides worst-case pricing scenario for the sell-side. The valuation of a financial derivative based on this model requires solving a fully non-linear PDE. One can rely on finite difference schemes only when the number of variables (that is, underlyings and path-dependent variables) is small - in practice no more than three. In all other cases, numerical valuation seems out of reach. In this paper, we outline two accurate, easy-to-implement Monte-Carlo-like methods which hardly depend on dimensionality. The first method requires a parameterization of the optimal covariance matrix and consists in a series of backward low-dimensional optimizations. The second method relies heavily on a recently established connection between second-order backward stochastic differential equations and non-linear second-order parabolic PDEs. Both methods are illustrated by numerical experiments.

J.Guyon, P.H.Labordère 2010

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<http://www.quant-press.com>

Credit models and the crisis, or: How I learned to stop worrying and love the CDOs

Abstract:

We follow a long path for Credit Derivatives and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) in particular, from the introduction of the Gaussian copula model and the related implied correlations to the introduction of arbitrage-free dynamic loss models capable of calibrating all the tranches for all the maturities at the same time. En passant, we also illustrate the implied copula, a method that can consistently account for CDOs with different attachment and detachment points but not for different maturities. The discussion is abundantly supported by market examples through history. The dangers and critics we present to the use of the Gaussian copula and of implied correlation had all been published by us, among others, in 2006, showing that the quantitative community was aware of the model limitations before the crisis. We also explain why the Gaussian copula model is still used in its base correlation formulation, although under some possible extensions such as random recovery. Overall we conclude that the modeling effort in this area of the derivatives market is unfinished, partly for the lack of an operationally attractive single-name consistent dynamic loss model, and partly because of the diminished investment in this research area.

D.Brigo, A.Pallavicini, R.Torreseti 2009

http://arxiv.org/PS_cache/arxiv/pdf/0912/0912.5427v2.pdf
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Smile Dynamics IV

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In this paper we address the relationship between the smile that stochastic volatility models produce and the dynamics they generate for implied volatilities. We introduce a new quantity, which we call the Skew Stickiness Ratio and show how, at order one in the volatility of volatility, it is linked to the rate at which the at-the-money-forward skew decays with maturity. We then focus on short maturity skews and (a) show that the difference between realized and implied SSR can be materialized as the P&L of an option strategy, (b) introduce the notion of realized skew.

L.Bergomi 2009

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<http://www.quant-press.com>