

# Emerging Markets and Inflation

## Lecture 2. Linear Rates and FX Intro. Part 1: FX

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1. Introduction to Interest Rates and FX
2. Basis Interest Rates Concepts
3. Linear FX Instruments

# Introduction to Interest Rates and FX

- Fixed Income modelling in Flow space
- Pay special attention to aspects important in Emerging Markets
- Start with basic IR instruments intro just enough to get us to
- Linear FX products. Vanilla instruments surprisingly require special attention in Emerging Markets. In particular:
  - Forward starting FX Forward and Convexity Adjustment in them
  - FX Future: does it also need Convexity Adjustment?

# Introduction to Interest Rates and FX

- Distance from broad Lecture 1 intro to Emerging Markets
- Go back to fundamentals: look again at basics
- Start with Linear Fixed Income products as fundamental to all
- Define products contributing to Discounting Curves construction
- “...*world of cash flows independent of Equities or Commodities*”  
[[Wilmott 2000](#)]
  - Will come in the next Lecture and cover in more details

# Introduction to Interest Rates and FX

- Money lending and changing continues to relations between Interest Rates and FX
- Introduce basic asset and derivatives traded
- Discuss modeling aspects ignored (rightfully so?) in Developed Markets, but necessary in Emerging Markets
- Special cases of Cash Settling products and practical aspects of Non-Deliverability

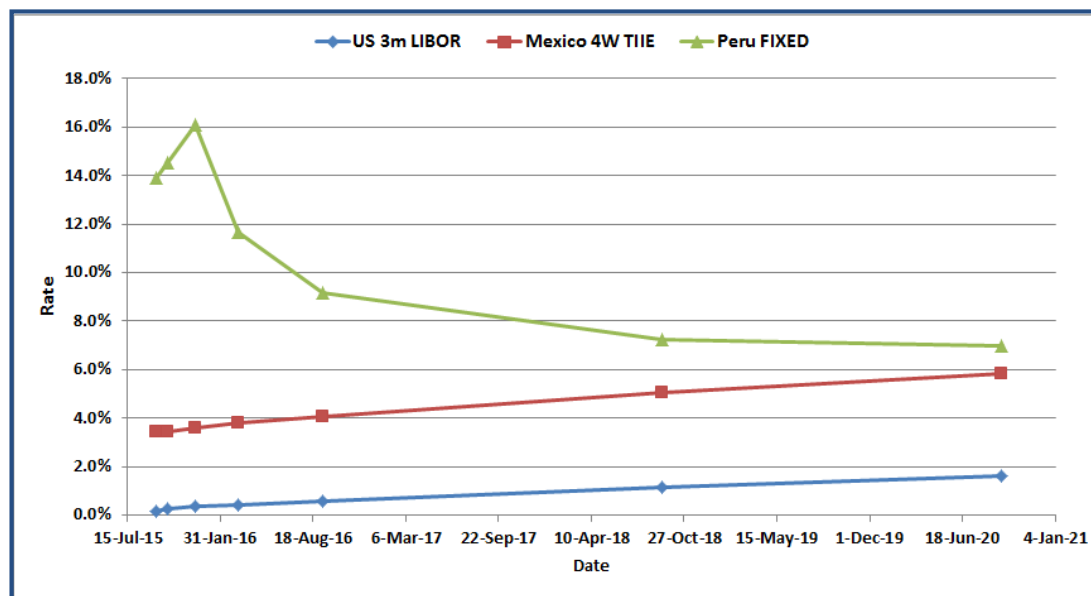
## Lecture 2. Linear Rates and FX Intro. Part 1: FX

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1. Introduction to Interest Rates and FX
2. Basis Interest Rates Concepts:
  - a) Zero Coupon Bond, Discount Factor
  - b) Deposit, Money Market, LIBOR rate
3. Linear FX Instruments

# Linear Interest Rates Instruments

- World of Cash Flows → Future Cash Flows!
- Thus dependency on Interest Rates or
- Dependency on fundamental cost of lending and borrowing
- Present Value (price today) will require Discounting
- Discounting needs a curve → Term-structure of Interest rates



# Linear Interest Rates Instruments

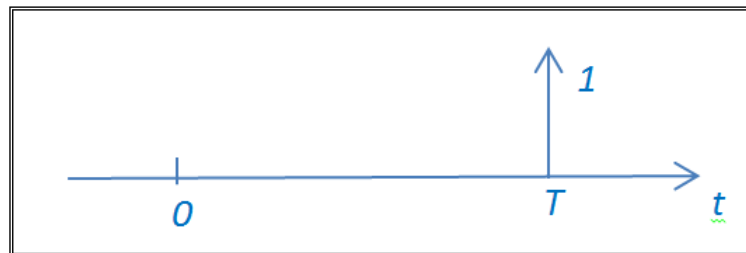
- Interest Rates change depending on Economics
- Large number of participants and consecutively: different lending and borrowing needs
- Thus creating a natural interest in derivatives on these lending and borrowing rates
- Two parts of the Fixed Income market trading:
  - OTC (Over the Counter)
  - Exchange based, in Contracts limited in variety and maturity \*
- Let us now look at IR instruments needed to define a Discount Factor



# Linear Interest Rates Instruments

## ■ Zero Coupon Bond, Discount Factor

- Known Fixed Cash Flow at maturity of the bond at time  $T$
- Assume to be 1 for simplicity:



- Price today by definition equals to the *Discount Factor*:

$$Z(0, T) = DF(0, T)$$

$$Z(t, t) = 1$$

## ■ Deposit, Money Market and LIBOR rate

- Deposit is a later return of an initial cash amount with pre-agreed interest and pre-agreed future date
- Unit amount at  $T$  deposited at rate  $L$  with repayment at  $T+\tau$  will have Future Value (FV):

$$FV(T, T + \tau) = 1 + \tau \cdot L$$

- Discounted (Present) Value at time  $T$  in  $L$ -based economy is 1:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (1 + \tau \cdot L) \cdot Z(T, T + \tau) \\ Z(T, T + \tau) &= \frac{1}{1 + \tau \cdot L}; \quad \tau \cdot L = \frac{1}{Z(T, T + \tau)} - 1 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- Example of  $L$  is LIBOR;  $\tau$  is a time factor depending on the Day Count, or 'rule of counting days'

## Lecture 2. Linear Rates and FX Intro. Part 1: FX

### Linear FX modeling aspects important in Emerging Markets

1. Introduction to Interest Rates and FX
2. Linear Interest Rates Instruments:
3. Linear FX Instruments
  - a) FX Spot and Forward
  - b) Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward
  - c) Forward Starting FX Forward
  - d) Practical Comments on Convexity Adjustment
  - e) FX Futures
  - f) Convexity Adjustment in FX Futures. Practical Example

- Personal bank account is a first source of Interest Rates knowledge
- So, personal international travel is a first source of FX knowledge
- FX as another fundamental asset class in Fixed Income
- Emerging Markets investment is always about border crossing, thus a very close connection between Interest Rate and FX in derivatives pricing and modelling

## ■ FX Spot and Forward

- Define  $S$  as FX Spot rate in currency  $CCY$  price of 1 US Dollar:

$$1^{USD} = S^{CCY}$$

- Define  $F$  as the forward amount at time  $T$  of the same
- The above is an intuitive definition of FX exchange rate now and later
- Arbitrage free argument, consider two scenarios:

A. Invest \$1 at interest rate  $r^{\$}$  for time period  $\tau$

At the end of this period you will have:

$$\$1 \cdot (1 + r^{\$} \cdot \tau)$$

## ■ FX Spot and Forward (continued)

- Continue the arbitrage free argument, second scenario:

- B. Convert \$1 at today's exchange rate into currency  $CCY$  and invest the resulting amount  $S^{CCY}$  at interest rate  $r^{CCY}$  for the same time period  $\tau$

At the end of this period you will have:

$$S^{CCY} \cdot (1 + r^{CCY} \cdot \tau)$$

Convert this amount back into USD via future exchange rate  $F^{CCY}$  and end up with USD amount of

$$\frac{S^{CCY} \cdot (1 + r^{CCY} \cdot \tau)}{F^{CCY}}$$

## ■ FX Spot and Forward (continued)

- Results of scenarios A and B must be the same, so generalize assuming
  - Start of transaction at time  $t$
  - Maturity of transaction at time  $T=t+\tau$
  - Drop superscript CCY assuming notations for FX exchange rate from now on as price of some Foreign currency in USD

$$1 + r^{\$} \cdot \tau = \frac{S(t,t) \cdot (1 + r^{CCY} \cdot \tau)}{F(t,T)}$$
$$F(t,T) = S(t,t) \cdot \frac{(1 + r^{CCY} \cdot \tau)}{(1 + r^{\$} \cdot \tau)}$$

- Or re-writing it as per Eq. (1):

$$F(t,T) = S(t,t) \frac{Z^{USD}(t,T)}{Z^{CCY}(t,T)}$$

(2)

## ■ FX Spot and Forward (continue)

- Generalize concept of term investment and extend Eq.(1) from term- $\tau$  rate  $L$  to an annual rate  $r$  invested for  $n$  years
- Future value of our unit of investment then becomes  $(1+r)^n$
- Shorten the annual term to  $m$ -times compounding:

$$\left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{m \cdot n}$$

- Make  $m$  infinitely large and re-write Eq.(1) via exponential rates:

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{m \cdot n} = e^{r \cdot n}$$
$$Z(t, T) \propto e^{-r(T-t)}$$



## ■ FX Spot and Forward (continue)

- FX Forward buys or sells asset at future time for pre-agreed price  $K$
- *Asset* here becomes an attribute of one of the currencies
- *Denominated* we call the other one
- Price of *Asset* is expressed in *Denominated*: \$1 costs ¥108
- Payoff of Future Value of FX Forward in 2 representations:

1. Payoff in Denominated, Quantity in Asset:

$$FV^D(t, T) = N^A \cdot [F(t, T) - K] \quad (3.1)$$

2. Payoff and Quantity in Denominated:

$$FV^D(t, T) = N^D \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{F(t, T)}{K} \right] \quad (3.2)$$

Note how in (3.1) contracts buys the Asset and sells Denominated, when in (3.2) it is the other way around:

$$N^D = -\frac{N^A}{K}$$

## ■ FX Spot and Forward (continue)

- FX Forward is always *Physically Settled*
- Means actual exchange of cash flows in two different currencies
- Present Value under same no arbitrage condition:

$$\begin{aligned} PV^D(t, T) &= N^A \cdot [F(t, T) - K] \cdot Z^D(t, T) \\ PV^D(t, T) &= N^D \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{F(t, T)}{K} \right] \cdot Z^D(t, T) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- And re-write Eq.(2) using *Asset* and *Denominated* notations:

$$F(t, T) = S \cdot \frac{Z^A(t, T)}{Z^D(t, T)}$$

## ■ FX Spot and Forward (continue)

- Introduce few FX timing concepts
- *Spot* or *Spot Date*: a date on which funds become physically available. Enter into transaction *Today*, actually execute it on *Spot*
- *Spot Date rule* is how to get from *Today* to *Spot*. Usually 2 “good” business days in both currencies, but there are exceptions
- A 1 year FX Forward closed *Today* starts counting days on *Spot* and matures or expires or settles 1 year after *Spot* on *Settlement* date
- Forward FX Exchange rate  $F(t, T)$  used to settle the transaction will be the Spot FX exchange rate  $S(T, T)$  observed on the market Spot Date rule number of days before the *Settlement*!

## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (NDF)

- Feature common and special for Emerging Markets
- Cash Settlement for FX products in Non-Deliverable currencies
- FX Forward physically settled exchanges funds in two currencies
- Same could be done via cash-settlement or netting of actual amount from Eq.(4) in one
- Extending Eq.(3) to an NDF and generalize to 3<sup>rd</sup> CCY settlement:

1. Quantity in Asset

$$FV^S(T) = N^A \cdot [F(T) - K] \cdot F^S(T)$$

2. Quantity in Denominated

$$FV^S(T) = N^D \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{F(T)}{K} \right] \cdot F^S(T)$$

(5)

## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (NDF) continue

- $F(T)$  is in default FX conventions of Denominated per Asset
- $F^S(T)$  is FX Spot rate at T for Settlement Ccy per Denominated
- Simple two currencies case with Denominated as Non-Deliverable:

1. Quantity in Asset

$$FV^A(T) = N^A \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{K}{F(T)} \right]$$

(6)

2. Quantity in Denominated

$$FV^A(T) = N^D \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{F(T)} - \frac{1}{K} \right]$$

## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward

A bit of History and Economics per [[Lipscomb, 2005](#)]

- In Emerging Markets NDFs are used to hedge or express view on currencies with limited access
- *Fixing Rate*: FX Exchange rate used to cash settle transaction sourced from a pre-agreed provider at a pre-agreed time
- Usually based on the same Ccy FX Spot Rate traded *onshore*
- *Onshore* (compare to *Offshore*) describes purely local trading. Settles in local Ccy, driven by local funding rates and local central bank lending rules and regulations
- Offshore institutions trading onshore carry cross-border cash transfer or *Convertibility* risk. Hence possible difference in pricing
- NDF markets starting around 1990's in Ccys with expected regime change
- ISDA added NDF settlement to FX and currency option definitions in 1997

## ■ Cash Settlement on the brink of default

- Hot off the press! October 2019, Argentina
- Government is introducing capital controls: established on 1-Sep2019
- Triggers ISDA fallback provision for NDFs and other cash-settling derivatives
- Current Fixing (MAE) is not reliable, Pricing Disruption Event is announced
- Postponements in Fixings and Payments → change in contracts valuation not covered by formulae above
- Contract continues staying alive beyond expiry in Denominated, continue to carry FX Delta risk via pure exposure to the FX Fixing (not FX Spot!)
- Price Disruption Even may extend the NDF for a period or start daily rolling until further notice

## ■ Cash Settlement on the brink of default. The Blue Chip

- The Blue Chip in Argentina: a parallel FX market used *to purchase US dollars and remit proceeds (interest and amortization payments) offshore* [Chodos, 2012]
- Parallel FX rate traded at premium to the official one: cost to investor to exit the market
- A repetition of the market's behavior back in 2011 - 2015 (the previous default)
  - **Blue dollar** rate: based on tracking average stock prices of eight major companies quoted on both Argentine and US exchanges
  - **Blue Chip Swap** rate: implied rate derived from businesses buying dollar denominated bonds or shares in pesos and selling them on the international exchanges for dollars [Coppola, 2016]



## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (continue)

- Look in more details at FX Forward physical settlement: receive  $K_p^{CCY}$  in exchange for \$1 at  $T_{Settle}$  with zero cost today

$$\begin{aligned} K_p^{CCY} \cdot Z^{CCY}(T_{Spot}, T_{Settle}) &= S \cdot Z^{USD}(T_{Spot}, T_{Settle}) \\ K_p^{CCY} &= S \cdot \frac{Z^{USD}(T_{Spot}, T_{Settle})}{Z^{CCY}(T_{Spot}, T_{Settle})} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

- On  $T_{Settle}$  we exchange cash via FX rate set on  $(T_{Settle} - SpotDateRule)$
- So receiving  $K_p^{CCY}$  in Denominated is equivalent to receive in Asset

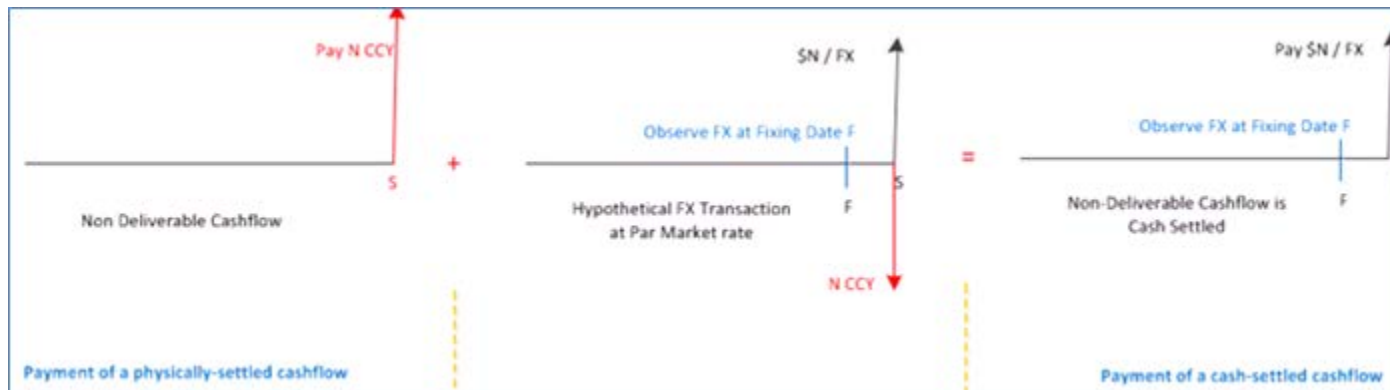
$$\frac{K_p^{CCY}}{F(T_{Settle} - SpotDateRule)} \quad (8)$$

## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (continue)

- NDF Fixing rate is set on date  $T_{Fix}$ , but trade is settled after a specifically agreed offset we call *SettleDateOffset*:

$$T_{Settle} = T_{Fix} + SettleDateOffset$$

- Often *SettleDateOffset* = *SpotDateRule*, then we illustrate equivalency of cash-settling and physical transaction:



## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (continue)

- But this is not always the case!
- Best example, when not: as we just saw, the Price Disruption Event
- Then we can generally write the as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (FV \text{ of } CCY \text{ Leg})^{USD} &= \frac{K_c^{CCY}}{F(T_{Fix})} \\ &= \frac{K_c^{CCY}}{F(T_{Settle} - SettleDateOffset)} \end{aligned}$$

- Compare to Eq.(8): prices of Physical and Cash Settled transaction are equal only if  $SettleDateOffset = SpotDateRule$

## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (continue)

- In a more general case an expression for Fixed amount is

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_c &= K_p \cdot \frac{F(T_{Fix})}{F(T_{Settle} - SettleDateOffset)} \\
 &= K_p \cdot \frac{Z^{CCY}(T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule, T_{Settle})}{Z^{USD}(T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule, T_{Settle})} \\
 &= S \cdot \frac{Z^{CCY}(T_{Spot}, T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule)}{Z^{USD}(T_{Spot}, T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

- NDF is driven by ratio of Discount Factors from Spot Date to Fixing Date + *SpotOffset*, while physically settled forward is always driven by ratio of Discount Factors from Spot Date to the Settlement date

## ■ Non-Deliverable or Cash Settled FX Forward (continue)

- PV of our NDF with Notional and payoff in Asset then will look like this

$$\begin{aligned}
 pv^{\$} &= \frac{[F(T_{Fix}) - K]}{S} \cdot Z^{CCY}(T_{Spot}, T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule) \cdot Z^{\$}(T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule, T_{Settle}) \\
 &= \frac{[F(T_{Fix}) - K]}{S} \cdot Z^{CCY}(T_{Spot}, T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule) \times \\
 &\quad \times Z^{\$}(T_{Fix} + SpotDateRule, T_{Fix} + SettleDateOffset)
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

- Fixing Date hidden in transaction confo drives price of the transaction!

**HW1:** Discuss price and risk differences (corrections) for the non-standard settling NDFs compared to the standard one using market data provided in Appendix. Estimate present value correction for a set of Fixing Date to Settlement Date periods provided compared to the standard 2 days offset rule coinciding with Spot Date rule

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

### Practical comments on Convexity Adjustment

- Investor looking to a forward FX transaction at future date
- Strike is set at a later date as an offset to some reference: FX Spot
- Still linear FX, but now with *Convexity Adjustment*: a non-linear, vol dependent and / or model dependent correction to deterministic price. We will demonstrate and prove that a minute later!
- Intuitively vols, rates and correlations dependent
- Thus could be and usually is ignored in low rates and vols regimes, but cannot do so in Emerging Markets!

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

### Practical comments on Convexity Adjustment continued

#### ■ Two main challenges in determining Convexity:

##### 1. Choice of a Model (both for Developed and Emerging Markets):

- Is to represent underlying dynamics, but not to be too complex
- Most natural choices are simple 1-Factor models like Ho-Lee or Hall-White
- Model does not have to coincide with main model used for underlying

##### 2. Model Parameters calibration (In Emerging Markets):

- Rates Vols, FX Vols and Correlations in markets that barely trade NDFs
- Go back to subjects discussed in lecture 1: historical estimates of model parameters in Emerging Markets

#### ■ We only sketch derivation concentrating on qualitative results

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

Convexity Adjustment via two approaches. Approach 1

- Start from Eq.(6) for NDF with Quantity in Denominated:

$$FV^A(T) = N^D \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{F(T)} - \frac{1}{K} \right]$$

- Add  $\Delta S$  offset in FX pips (points) to FX Spot as a Strike setting rule:

$$K = S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S$$

- Note that substitution of future value of FX Spot in this expression with deterministic FX Forward does not work anymore:

$$PV = \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{1}{S(T_{Expiry})} - \frac{1}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{1}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \right] \propto \frac{1}{F(T_{StrikeSet})} \cdot \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{S(T_{StrikeSet})}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \right]$$

(11)



## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

Convexity Adjustment via two approaches. Approach 1 continue

- Continue from before we can show Convexity arising from

$$\mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{S(T_{StrikeSet})}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \right]$$

- Re-write it to reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{S(T_{StrikeSet})}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \right] &= \mathbf{E} \left[ 1 - \frac{\Delta S}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \right] \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{\Delta S}{F + \Delta S} \right) \cdot \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta S}{F + \Delta S} \sigma \sqrt{T_{StrikeSet}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{X}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Where  $\sigma$  is FX Vols and  $\mathbf{X}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{X}] &= 0 \\ \text{Var}[\mathbf{X}] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

Convexity Adjustment via two approaches. Approach 1 continue

### ■ Reduce some more

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}\left[\frac{S(T_{StrikeSet})}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S}\right] &= 1 - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{E}\left[\frac{1}{1 + \beta \cdot \mathbf{X}}\right] \\ &\equiv 1 - \frac{\Delta S}{F + \Delta S} \cdot CxtyAdj\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}CxtyAdj &= \mathbf{E}\left[\frac{1}{1 + \beta \cdot \mathbf{X}}\right] \\ \beta &= (1 - \alpha) \cdot \sigma \sqrt{T_{StrikeSet}} \\ \alpha &= \frac{\Delta S}{F(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S}\end{aligned}$$

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

Convexity Adjustment via two approaches. Approach 1 continue

- Use simple expansion to estimate:

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\frac{1}{1 + \beta \cdot \mathbf{X}}\right] = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \cdot \beta^k \cdot \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{X}]$$

- Relaxing assumptions on  $\mathbf{X}$  one can show

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}\left[\frac{1}{1 + \beta \cdot \mathbf{X}}\right] &\propto \exp(\beta^2) \\ \mathbf{E}\left[\frac{S(T_{StrikeSet})}{S(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S}\right] &= 1 - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{E}\left[\frac{1}{1 + \beta \cdot \mathbf{X}}\right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{\Delta S}{F(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S} \exp\left(\frac{F^2(T_{StrikeSet})}{(F(T_{StrikeSet}) + \Delta S)^2} \sigma^2 T_{StrikeSet}\right)\end{aligned}$$

**HW2:** Make some numerical estimates of the Convexity Adjustment in Forward Starting NDF using market data provided. Argue the validity limits

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

Convexity Adjustment via two approaches. Approach 2

- FX Forward with Asset Notional paying in Denominated as in Eq.(4):

$$pv(t) = \mathbf{E}[S(T) - S(T_{StrikeSet})] \cdot Z^D(t, T)$$

- In T-Forward Domestic measure:

$$pv(t) = \left[ S \cdot \frac{Z^A(t, T)}{Z^D(t, T)} - S \cdot \frac{Z^A(t, T_{StrikeSet})}{Z^D(t, T_{StrikeSet})} \cdot CxtyAdj(t, T_{StrikeSet}, T) \right] \cdot Z^D(t, T)$$

- Need a model now to derive the adjustment

## ■ Forward Starting FX Forward

Convexity Adjustment via two approaches. Approach 2 continued

- Use 3-Factor FX model that we will use many times in this course

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS}{S} = [r_d(t) - r_a(t)]dt + \sigma_S(t)dW_S \\ d\gamma_d(t) = [\theta_d(t) - \kappa_d\gamma_d(t)]dt + \sigma_d dW_d(t) \\ d\gamma_a(t) = [\theta_a(t) - \kappa_a\gamma_a(t) - \rho_{S,a}\sigma_S(t)\sigma_a]dt + \sigma_a dW_a \end{cases}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{S,a} &= \text{Corr}(dW_S, dW_a) \\ \theta_i(t) &= [1 - \exp(-2\kappa_i t)]\sigma_i^2 / 2\kappa_i, \quad i = d, a \\ r_i(t) &= f_i(0, t) + \gamma_i(t) \end{aligned}$$

- Change  $T$ -Forward measure to  $T_{StrikeSet}$ -Forward to derive

$$\mathbf{E}[S(T_{StrikeSet})] = S \cdot \frac{Z^A(t, T_{StrikeSet})}{Z^D(t, T_{StrikeSet})} \cdot CxtyAdj(t, T_{StrikeSet}, T)$$

## ■ FX Future

- FX Forward exposes counter-parties to a possible other side default
- Future mimics Forward payoff, trades on Exchange minimizing counterparty risk via daily settlements of margin payments
- Collection of margins replicates Forward during the life of the trade
- Daily margin payment reduces FX Future at expiry to FX Spot trade
- Price of 1 lot (unit) of FX Future is

$$pv = F(T) - C$$

$F(T)$  - expected FX Spot at Future's expiry

$C$  - Exchange traded price of FX Future

- Note no discounting due to daily resetting

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment

- Daily cash from margins is reinvested and earns interest
- Every book on Math Finance mentions IR Future Convexity
- None mentions FX. Why? ➔
- Same as before: dependency on vols and rates allows to ignore it in low vols and rates environment
- Also DM mostly trade short dated FX Futs, while EM goes out to 5 years
- Is very important in Emerging Markets
- Look at examples of RUB and BRL FX markets and long dated FX Futures

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

- A bit more formal derivation per [Vaillant, 1995]
- Simplify notations reducing to subscript. Price of a Forward at  $T$  and today at  $0$  in Denominated:

$$\begin{aligned} FV_T &= S_T - K \\ PV_o &= [F_o - K] \cdot Z_o \end{aligned}$$

- Price of a Future at Expiry is  $\Phi_T = S_T$ , or  $FV_T = \Phi_T - K$
- Thus generally speaking  $PV_o = f(Z_o, \Phi_o)$  for some function  $f$ :  
 $[F_o - K] \cdot Z_o = f(Z_o, \Phi_o)$
- Define  $v_o = f(Z_o, \Phi_o)$  as difference between Forward and Future at inception of both contracts
- Investing strategy then receives  $v_o$  at inception and engages in continuous trading strategy reinvesting proceeds into zero coupon bond of price  $Z$



## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

- Price of this portfolio  $\pi_t$  then behaves like

$$d\pi_t = \theta_t d\Phi_t + \frac{\pi_t}{Z_t} dZ_t$$

$\Theta$  is a trading strategy we discuss later

- With solution

$$\pi_t = Z_t \left( \frac{v_o}{Z_o} + \int_o^t \hat{\theta}_t d\hat{\Phi}_t \right)$$

(13)

- With new process  $C_t$  defining the hatted processes:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Phi}_t &\equiv \Phi_t / C_t \\ \hat{\theta}_t &\equiv \theta_t \cdot C_t / Z_t \\ C_t &\equiv \exp \left( \int_0^t \frac{1}{\Phi_s \cdot Z_s} d\langle \Phi, Z \rangle_s \right) \end{aligned}$$

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

- We assume existence of  $v_o$  and strategy  $\theta$  to ensure

$$\pi_T = \pi_T(v_o, \theta) = [\Phi_T - K] \cdot Z_o$$

- Combining this with Eq.(13) earlier gives us

$$\frac{v_o}{Z_o} + \int_o^T \hat{\theta}_t d\hat{\Phi}_t = \Phi_T - K$$

- Take expectation under measure where  $\hat{\Phi}_t$  is martingale:

$$v_o = (\mathbf{E}[\Phi_T] - K) \cdot Z_o$$

- And for deterministic  $C_t$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[\Phi_T] &= \mathbf{E}[\hat{\Phi}_T \cdot C_T] = C_T \cdot \mathbf{E}[\hat{\Phi}_T] = C_T \cdot \Phi_o \\ f(Z_o, \Phi_o) &\equiv v_o = (C_T \cdot \Phi_o - K) \cdot Z_o \end{aligned}$$

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

- Thus a generalized Convexity is

$$\begin{aligned} [F_o - K] \cdot Z_o &= (C_T \cdot \Phi_o - K) \cdot Z_o \\ F_o &= C_T \cdot \Phi_o \\ C_T &= \exp \left( \int_0^T \frac{1}{\Phi_t \cdot Z_t} d\langle \Phi, Z \rangle_t \right) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

- Make some assumptions for processes involved:

$$\begin{aligned} d\Phi_t &= \mu_t \Phi_t dt + \sigma_\Phi \Phi_t dW_t \\ Z_t &\equiv \exp(-(T-t) \cdot R_t) \\ dR_t &= \gamma(R_\infty - R_t)dt + \sigma_R R_\infty dW_t \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

- To reduce it in case of constant vols and correlations to

$$\begin{aligned} C_T &= \exp \left[ -R_\infty \int_0^T (T-t) \sigma_R \cdot \sigma_\Phi \cdot \rho dt \right] \\ &= \exp \left[ -\sigma_R \cdot \sigma_\Phi \cdot \rho \cdot R_\infty \frac{T^2}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

- Turn to our FX Future decomposing it into Spot FX and Rates again. Proxy Future in [Eq.\(14\)](#) and [\(15\)](#) with Forward  $F$

$$F_t = S_t \frac{Z_t^A}{Z_t^D} = S_t \cdot \exp[(r_D - r_A) \cdot (T - t)]$$

- Assuming exponential rates form we can write for return

$$d \log F_t = d \log S_t + (T - t) \cdot (dr^D - dr^A) \quad (16)$$

- Repeating Stochastic part of processes in [Eq.\(15\)](#) needed for covariance calculations in [Eq.\(14\)](#):

$$\begin{aligned} dr^D &\propto \sigma_D R_\infty^D dW^D \\ dr^A &\propto \sigma_A R_\infty^A dW^A \\ dS_t &\propto \sigma_S S_t dW^S \\ dF_t &\propto \sigma_\Phi F_t dW^\Phi \end{aligned}$$

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

- Plugging that into Eq.(16) and writing just the stochastic part gives us

$$\sigma_{\Phi} dW^{\Phi} = \sigma_S dW^S + (T-t) \left[ \sigma_D R_{\infty}^D dW^D - \sigma_A R_{\infty}^A dW^A \right]$$

- Reminding Convexity expression Eq.(14):

$$C_T = \exp \left( \int_0^T \frac{1}{\Phi_t \cdot Z_t^D} d \langle \Phi, Z^D \rangle_t \right)$$

- We could repeat derivation above to arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} C_T &= C_1 \cdot C_2 \cdot C_3 \\ C_1 &= \exp \left[ -R_{\infty}^D \int_0^T (T-t) \sigma_D \sigma_S \rho_{D,S} dt \right] \\ C_2 &= \exp \left[ -\left(R_{\infty}^D\right)^2 \int_0^T (T-t)^2 (\sigma_D)^2 dt \right] \\ C_3 &= \exp \left[ -R_{\infty}^D \cdot R_{\infty}^A \int_0^T (T-t)^2 \sigma_D \sigma_A \rho_{D,A} dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment continued

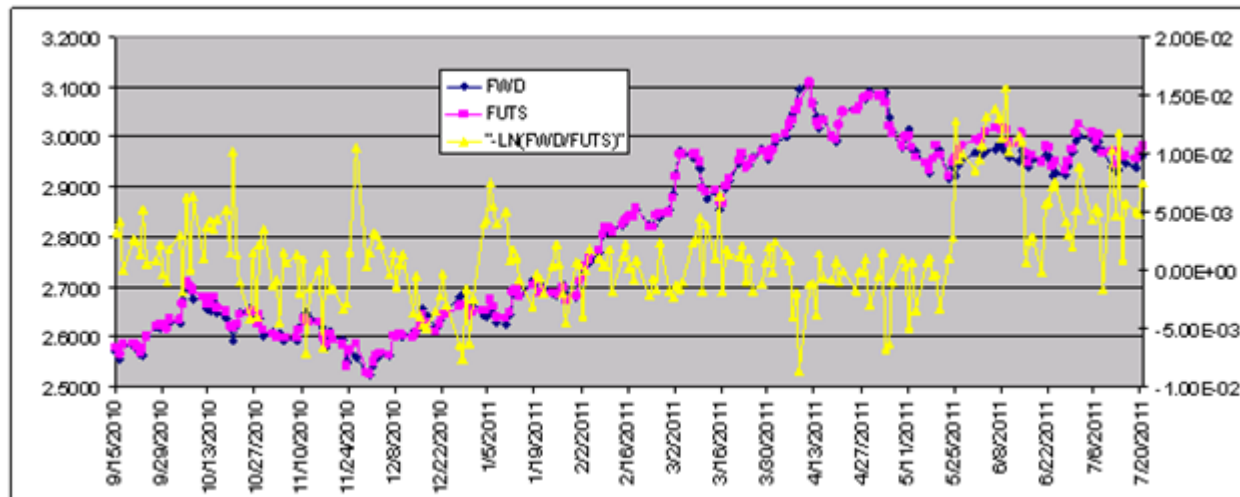
- And lastly assuming again constant vols and correlations

$$\begin{aligned} -\log C_1 &= \frac{T^2}{2} \sigma_s \cdot \sigma_D \cdot R_\infty^D \cdot \rho_{D,S} \\ -\log C_2 &= \frac{T^3}{3} (\sigma_D \cdot R_\infty^D)^2 \\ \log C_3 &= \frac{T^3}{3} \sigma_D \cdot R_\infty^D \cdot \sigma_A \cdot R_\infty^A \cdot \rho_{D,A} \end{aligned}$$

## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment

### Practical Emerging Markets Example

- Convexity dependent on vols and rates and Expiry of Future contract
- Look at Sep15 USDRUB FX Future study performed in 2011
- Historical data observation from Sep 2010 to July 2011 show more expensive Future contract



## ■ FX Future. Convexity Adjustment

### Practical Emerging Markets Example

- Recall Practical comments on Convexity: model params from History
- Practical side of Trading: does market recognize this Convexity?
- How and what can we hedge?
  - Not the IR vols Vega and correlations Delta
  - Sometimes not even the FX Vol Vega
  - But can hedge by FX Forward with size adjusted by Convexity

**FFT:** How much risk can we allow to bleed here? How much of a residual PnL will be lost due to this hedging inefficiency?



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# Appendix. Homework data

1. Discuss price and risk differences (corrections) for the non-standard settling NDFs compared to the standard one using market data provided here. Estimate present value correction for a set of Fixing Date to Settlement Date periods provided compared to the standard 2 days offset rule coinciding with Spot Date rule.

Today = 2019-11-04

ARS/MXN 1y NDF:  
/FXCashSettledForward\_1255:

Asset = MXN  
Denominated = ARS  
ExpirationDate = 2020-11-03  
ExpirationSettlementDate = 2020-11-05  
Publisher = NYC  
QuantityCurrency = MXN  
SettlementCurrency = MXN  
Strike = 5.73

Native Price for \$1mm NTNL = -35.004

Expiry Settlement Date	Extra Settle Days	MXN extra Settle period fwd exp rate	ARS extra Settle period fwd exp rate
2020-11-10	5	6.164%	40.706%
2020-12-09	34	6.164%	40.706%
2021-01-05	61	6.125%	39.950%
2021-02-05	92	6.061%	38.709%
2021-05-05	181	5.979%	37.106%

# Appendix. Homework data

2. Make some numerical estimates of the Convexity Adjustment in Forward Starting NDF using market data provided. Argue the validity limits.

FX Spot	3.75	
FX Multiplier	10,000	
Notional	\$1,000,000	
	Strike Set	Expiry
Tau, [years]	1	2
FX Fwd points (PIPs)	4500	6800
USD Disc Factor	0.994	0.981
Strike Offset FX points (PIPs)	2300	
FX Fwd	4.20	4.43