

The Model:

We have two assets X and Y, which are tied to the objective true value, (TV) but have a probability to *break-up* and thus no longer be tied to the true value. We conduct pairs-trading strategy on X and Y if difference in the prices of X and Y becomes greater than a given threshold, and we trade back when the prices converge back.

Definitions of X and Y:

Both X and Y start at 100, as well as the TV.

If  $x_i$  is less than  $tv_i$ :

$$deltaX_i = Uniform(-variance, variance) \quad (1)$$

$deltaX_i$  is chosen from a uniform distribution that ranges between specified values of variance.

$$deltaTV_i = Uniform(-variance, variance) \quad (2)$$

$deltaTV_i$  is chosen from a uniform distribution that ranges between specified values of variance.

$$tv_{i+1} = tv_i + deltaTV \quad (3)$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + deltaX_i + (tv_i - x_i) * ConvRate \quad (4)$$

Therefore, for non-zero value of *ConvRate* X and expected 0 value of *deltaX*, X is getting a bump and is tending towards convergence.