

Euler and Milstein schemes for stochastic volatility model

Problem Statement

Consider the Heston model which is described by the bivariate stochastic process for the stock price S_t and its variance v_t :

$$\begin{aligned}dS_t &= rS_t dt + \sqrt{v_t}S_t dW_t^1 \\dv_t &= \kappa(\bar{v} - v_t) dt + \sigma\sqrt{v_t} dW_t^2\end{aligned}$$

where $E[dW_t^1 dW_t^2] = \rho dt$. Derive both the Euler and Milstein schemes for this stochastic volatility model. Hint: First decouple the system of SDEs.

Euler Scheme

1. Discretize time:

$$t_n = n\Delta t$$

2. Discretize S_t equation:

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + rS_n\Delta t + \sqrt{v_n}S_n\Delta W_n^1$$

3. Discretize v_t equation:

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \kappa(\bar{v} - v_n)\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{v_n}\Delta W_n^2$$

Milstein Scheme

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$$t_n = n\Delta t$$

2. Discretize S_t equation:

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + rS_n\Delta t + \sqrt{v_n}S_n\Delta W_n^1$$

3. Discretize v_t equation:

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \kappa(\bar{v} - v_n)\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{v_n}\Delta W_n^2 + \frac{1}{4}\sigma^2 [(\Delta W_n^2)^2 - \Delta t]$$

Summary of Steps and Increments

Euler Scheme

1. For S_t :

$$\begin{aligned}S_{n+1} &= S_n + rS_n\Delta t + \sqrt{v_n}S_n\Delta W_n^1 \\ \Delta S_n &= rS_n\Delta t + \sqrt{v_n}S_n\Delta W_n^1\end{aligned}$$

2. For v_t :

$$\begin{aligned}v_{n+1} &= v_n + \kappa(\bar{v} - v_n)\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{v_n}\Delta W_n^2 \\ \Delta v_n &= \kappa(\bar{v} - v_n)\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{v_n}\Delta W_n^2\end{aligned}$$

Milstein Scheme

1. For S_t :

$$\begin{aligned}S_{n+1} &= S_n + rS_n\Delta t + \sqrt{v_n}S_n\Delta W_n^1 \\ \Delta S_n &= rS_n\Delta t + \sqrt{v_n}S_n\Delta W_n^1\end{aligned}$$

2. For v_t :

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \kappa(\bar{v} - v_n)\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{v_n}\Delta W_n^2 + \frac{1}{4}\sigma^2 [(\Delta W_n^2)^2 - \Delta t]$$

$$\Delta v_n = \kappa(\bar{v} - v_n)\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{v_n}\Delta W_n^2 + \frac{1}{4}\sigma^2 [(\Delta W_n^2)^2 - \Delta t]$$