SSJ User's Guide

Package stochprocess

Stochastic Processes

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This package provides tools to generate various stochastic processes.

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Overview

This package provides classes to define stochastic processes $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$, and to simulate their sample paths at a finite number of (discrete) observation times $t_0 \le t_1 \le \cdots \le t_d$. The observation of the generated path is thus the vector $(X(t_0), X(t_1), \dots, X(t_d))$.

The observation times t_0, \ldots, t_d can be specified (or changed) after defining the process, with the method setObservationTimes. The random stream used to generate the sample path can also be changed, using setStream.

StochasticProcess

Abstract base class for a stochastic process $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$ sampled (or observed) at a finite number of time points, $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_d$. The observation times are usually all specified before generating a sample path. This can be done via setObservationTimes. The method generatePath generates $X(t_1), \ldots, X(t_d)$ and memorizes them in a vector, which can be recovered by getPath.

Alternatively, for some types of processes, the observations $X(t_j)$ can be generated sequentially, one at a time, by invoking resetStartProcess first, and then nextObservation repeatedly. For some types of processes, the observation times can be specified one by one as well, when generating the path. This may be convenient or even necessary if the observation times are random, for example.

WARNING: After having called the constructor for one of the subclass, one must always set the observation times of the process, by calling method setObservationTimes for example or otherwise.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
```

public abstract class StochasticProcess

Methods

```
public void setObservationTimes (double[] T, int d)
```

Sets the observation times of the process to a copy of T, with $t_0 = T[0]$ and $t_d = T[d]$. The size of T must be d + 1.

```
public void setObservationTimes (double delta, int d)
```

Sets equidistant observation times at $t_i = j\delta$, for $j = 0, \dots, d$, and $delta = \delta$.

```
public double[] getObservationTimes()
```

Returns a reference to the array that contains the observation times (t_0, \ldots, t_d) . Warning: This method should only be used to read the observation times. Changing the values in the array directly may have unexpected consequences. The method setObservationTimes should be used to modify the observation times.

public int getNbObservationTimes()

Returns the number of observation times excluding the time t_0 .

```
public abstract double[] generatePath();
```

Generates, returns, and saves the sample path $\{X(t_0), X(t_1), \dots, X(t_d)\}$. It can then be accessed via getPath, getSubpath, or getObservation. The generation method depends on the process type.

public double[] generatePath (RandomStream stream)

Same as generatePath(), but first resets the stream to stream.

public double[] getPath()

Returns a reference to the last generated sample path $\{X(t_0),...,X(t_d)\}$. Warning: The returned array and its size should not be modified, because this is the one that memorizes the observations (not a copy of it). To obtain a copy, use getSubpath instead.

public void getSubpath (double[] subpath, int[] pathIndices)

Returns in subpath the values of the process at a subset of the observation times, specified as the times t_j whose indices j are in the array pathIndices. The size of pathIndices should be at least as much as that of subpath.

public double getObservation (int j)

Returns $X(t_i)$ from the current sample path. Warning: If the observation $X(t_i)$ for the current path has not yet been generated, then the value returned is unpredictable.

public void resetStartProcess()

Resets the observation counter to its initial value j=0, so that the current observation $X(t_i)$ becomes $X(t_0)$. This method should be invoked before generating observations sequentially one by one via nextObservation, for a new sample path.

public boolean hasNextObservation()

Returns true if j < d, where j is the number of observations of the current sample path generated since the last call to resetStartProcess. Otherwise returns false.

public double nextObservation()

Generates and returns the next observation $X(t_j)$ of the stochastic process. The processes are usually sampled sequentially, i.e. if the last observation generated was for time t_{i-1} , the next observation returned will be for time t_i . In some cases, subclasses extending this abstract class may use non-sequential sampling algorithms (such as bridge sampling). The order of generation of the t_i 's is then specified by the subclass. All the processes generated using principal components analysis (PCA) do not have this method.

public int getCurrentObservationIndex()

Returns the value of the index j corresponding to the time t_i of the last generated observation.

public double getCurrentObservation()

Returns the value of the last generated observation $X(t_i)$.

public double getX0()

Returns the initial value $X(t_0)$ for this process.

public abstract void setStream (RandomStream stream);

Resets the random stream of the underlying generator to stream.

public abstract RandomStream getStream();

Returns the random stream of the underlying generator.

public int[] getArrayMappingCounterToIndex()

Returns a reference to an array that maps an integer k to i_k , the index of the observation $S(t_{i_k})$ corresponding to the k-th observation to be generated for a sample path of this process. If this process is sampled sequentially, then this map is trivial (i.e. $i_k = k$). But it can be useful in a more general setting where the process is not sampled sequentially (for example, by a Brownian or gamma bridge) and one wants to know which observations of the current sample path were previously generated or will be generated next.

Brownian Motion

This class represents a Brownian motion process $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$, sampled at times $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_d$. This process obeys the stochastic differential equation

$$dX(t) = \mu dt + \sigma dB(t), \tag{1}$$

with initial condition $X(0) = x_0$, where μ and σ are the drift and volatility parameters, and $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a standard Brownian motion (with drift 0 and volatility 1). This process has stationary and independent increments over disjoint time intervals (it is a Lévy process) and the increment over an interval of length t is normally distributed with mean μt and variance $\sigma^2 t$.

In this class, this process is generated using the sequential (or random walk) technique: $X(0) = x_0$ and

$$X(t_j) - X(t_{j-1}) = \mu(t_j - t_{j-1}) + \sigma \sqrt{t_j - t_{j-1}} Z_j$$
 (2)

where $Z_i \sim N(0,1)$.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class BrownianMotion extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new Brownian Motion with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\sigma = sigma$ and initial value $X(t_0) = x0$. The normal variates Z_i in (2) will be generated by inversion using stream.

public BrownianMotion (double x0, double mu, double sigma, NormalGen gen)

Constructs a new BrownianMotion with parameters $\mu = \text{mu}$, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0) = \text{x0}$. Here, the normal variate generator NormalGen is specified directly instead of specifying the stream and using inversion. The normal generator gen can use another method than inversion.

Methods

public double nextObservation (double nextTime)

Generates and returns the next observation at time $t_{j+1} = \texttt{nextTime}$. It uses the previous observation time t_j defined earlier (either by this method or by setObservationTimes), as well as the value of the previous observation $X(t_j)$. Warning: This method will reset the observations time t_{j+1} for this process to nextTime. The user must make sure that the t_{j+1} supplied is $\geq t_j$.

public double nextObservation (double x, double dt)

Generates an observation of the process in dt time units, assuming that the process has value x at the current time. Uses the process parameters specified in the constructor. Note that this method does not affect the sample path of the process stored internally (if any).

public double[] generatePath (double[] uniform01)

Same as generatePath(), but a vector of uniform random numbers must be provided to the method. These uniform random numbers are used to generate the path.

public void setParams (double x0, double mu, double sigma)

Resets the parameters $X(t_0) = x0$, $\mu = mu$ and $\sigma = sigma$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called too frequently.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the random stream of the normal generator to stream.

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random stream of the normal generator.

public double getMu()

Returns the value of μ .

public double getSigma()

Returns the value of σ .

public NormalGen getGen()

Returns the normal random variate generator used. The RandomStream used by that generator can be changed via getGen().setStream(stream), for example.

BrownianMotionBridge

Represents a Brownian motion process $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$ sampled using the *bridge sampling* technique (see for example [7]). This technique generates first the value $X(t_d)$ at the last observation time, then the value at time $t_{d/2}$ (or the nearest integer), then the values at time $t_{d/4}$ and at time $t_{3d/4}$ (or the nearest integers), and so on. If the process has already been sampled at times $t_i < t_k$ but not in between, the next sampling point in that interval will be t_j where $j = \lfloor (i+k)/2 \rfloor$. For example, if the sampling times used are $\{t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$, then the observations are generated in the following order: $X(t_5), X(t_2), X(t_1), X(t_3), X(t_4)$.

Warning: Both the generatePath and the nextObservation methods from Brownian-Motion are modified to use the bridge method.

In the case of nextObservation, the user should understand that the observations returned are not ordered chronologically. However they will be once an entire path is generated and the observations are read from the internal array (referenced by the getPath method) that contains them.

The method nextObservation(double nextTime) differs from that of the class BrownianMotion in that nextTime represents the next observation time of the Brownian bridge. However, the t_i supplied must still be non-decreasing with i.

Note also that, if the path is not entirely generated before being read from this array, there will be "pollution" from the previous path generated, and the observations will not represent a sample path of this process.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class BrownianMotionBridge extends BrownianMotion
```

Constructors

Constructs a new BrownianMotionBridge with parameters $\mu=\text{mu}$, $\sigma=\text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0)=\text{x0}$. The normal variates will be generated by inversion using the RandomStream stream.

Constructs a new BrownianMotionBridge with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\sigma = sigma$ and initial value $X(t_0) = x0$. The normal variates will be generated by the NormalGen gen.

¹ From Pierre: We should probably remove the nextObservation methods from here.

BrownianMotionPCA

A Brownian motion process $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$ sampled using the *principal component* decomposition (PCA) [7, 8, 9].

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class BrownianMotionPCA extends BrownianMotion
```

Constructors

Constructs a new BrownianMotionBridge with parameters $\mu=\text{mu}$, $\sigma=\text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0)=\text{x0}$. The normal variates will be generated by inversion using the RandomStream stream.

Constructs a new BrownianMotionBridge with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\sigma = sigma$ and initial value $X(t_0) = x0$. The normal variates will be generated by the NormalGen gen.

Methods

```
public double[] getSortedEigenvalues()
```

Returns the sorted eigenvalues obtained in the PCA decomposition.

GeometricBrownianMotion

Represents a geometric Brownian motion (GBM) process $\{S(t), t \geq 0\}$, which evolves according to the stochastic differential equation

$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dB(t), \tag{3}$$

where μ and σ are the drift and volatility parameters, and $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a standard Brownian motion (for which $B(t) \sim N(0,t)$). This process can also be written as the exponential of a Brownian motion:

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp \left[(\mu - \sigma^2/2)t + \sigma t B(t) \right] = S(0) \exp \left[X(t) \right], \tag{4}$$

where $X(t) = (\mu - \sigma^2/2)t + \sigma t B(t)$. The GBM process is simulated by simulating the BM process X and taking the exponential. This BM process is stored internally.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class GeometricBrownianMotion extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Same as Geometric Brownian Motion (s0, mu, sigma, new Brownian Motion (0.0, 0.0, 1.0, stream)).

Constructs a new GeometricBrownianMotion with parameters $\mu = \text{mu}$, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$, and $S(t_0) = \text{s0}$, using bm as the underlying BrownianMotion. The parameters of bm are automatically reset to $\mu - \sigma^2/2$ and σ , regardless of the original parameters of bm. The observation times are the same as those of bm. The generation method depends on that of bm (sequential, bridge sampling, PCA, etc.).

Methods

public void resetStartProcess()

Same as in StochasticProcess, but also invokes resetStartProcess for the underlying BrownianMotion object.

public void setParams (double s0, double mu, double sigma)

Sets the parameters $S(t_0) = s0$, $\mu = mu$ and $\sigma = sigma$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called repeatedly.

```
public void setStream (RandomStream stream)
  Resets the RandomStream for the underlying Brownian motion to stream.
public RandomStream getStream()
  Returns the RandomStream for the underlying Brownian motion.
public double getMu()
  Returns the value of \mu.
public double getSigma()
  Returns the value of \sigma.
public NormalGen getGen()
  Returns the NormalGen used.
public BrownianMotion getBrownianMotion()
```

Returns a reference to the BrownianMotion object used to generate the process.

GeometricLevyProcess

Abstract class used as a parent class for the exponentiation of a Lévy process X(t):

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp(X(t) + (r - \omega_{RN})t).$$
 (5)

The interest is here denoted r and is referred to as muGeom in the class below. The risk neutral correction is given by ω_{RN} and takes into account risk aversion in the pricing of assets; its value depends on the specific Lévy process that is used.

GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess is implemented as a child of this class and so could GeometricVarianceGammaProcess and GeometricBrownianMotion.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public abstract class GeometricLevyProcess extends StochasticProcess

Methods

public double[] generatePath()

Generates a path.

public double nextObservation()

Returns the next observation. It will also work on a Lévy process which is sampled using the bridge order, but it will return the observations in the bridge order. If the underlying Lévy process is of the PCA type, this method is not usable.

public void resetStartProcess()

Resets the step counter of the geometric process and the underlying Lévy process to the start value.

public void setObservationTimes(double[] time, int d)

Sets the observation times on the geometric process and the underlying Lévy process.

public double getOmega()

Returns the risk neutral correction.

public double getMuGeom()

Returns the geometric drift parameter, which is usually the interest rate, r.

public void setMuGeom (double muGeom)

Sets the drift parameter (interest rate) of the geometric term.

public StochasticProcess getLevyProcess()

Returns the Lévy process.

public void resetRiskNeutralCorrection (double omegaRN)

Changes the value of ω_{RN} . There should usually be no need to redefine the risk neutral correction from the value set by the constructor. However it is sometimes not unique, e.g. in GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess [1].

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the stream from the underlying Lévy process. If the underlying Lévy process has multiple streams, it returns what the getStream() method of that process was made to return.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the stream in the underlying Lévy process. If the underlying Lévy process has multiple streams, it sets the streams on this process in the same way as **setStream()** for that process.

InverseGaussian Process

The inverse Gaussian process is a non-decreasing process where the increments are additive and are given by the inverse gaussian distribution, InverseGaussianDist. With parameters δ and γ , the time increments are given by InverseGaussianDist $(\delta dt/\gamma, \delta^2 dt^2)$.

[We here use the inverse gaussian distribution parametrized with $IGDist(\mu, \lambda)$, where $\mu = \delta/\gamma$ and $\lambda = \delta^2$. If we instead used the parametrization $IGDist^*(\delta, \gamma)$, then the increment distribution of our process would have been written more simply as $IGDist^*(\delta dt, \gamma)$.]

The increments are generated by using the inversion of the cumulative distribution function. It therefore uses only one RandomStream. Subclasses of this class use different generating methods and some need two RandomStream's.

The initial value of this process is the initial observation time.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class InverseGaussianProcess extends StochasticProcess
```

Constructors

Constructs a new InverseGaussianProcess. The initial value s0 will be overridden by t[0] when the observation times are set.

Methods

```
public double[] generatePath (double[] uniforms01)
```

Instead of using the internal stream to generate the path, uses an array of uniforms U[0,1). The array should be of the length of the number of periods in the observation times. This method is useful for NormalInverseGaussianProcess.

```
public double[] generatePath (double[] uniforms01, double[] uniforms01b)

This method does not work for this class, but will be useful for the subclasses that require two streams.
```

```
public void setParams (double delta, double gamma)
   Sets the parameters.
public double getDelta()
```

```
Returns \delta. public double getGamma() Returns \gamma.
```

public double getAnalyticAverage (double time)

Returns the analytic average which is $\delta t/\gamma$, with t= time.

public double getAnalyticVariance (double time)

Returns the analytic variance which is $(\delta t)^2$, with t = time.

public int getNumberOfRandomStreams()

Returns the number of random streams of this process. It is useful because some subclasses use different number of streams. It returns 1 for InverseGaussianProcess.

InverseGaussianProcessBridge

Samples the path by bridge sampling: first finding the process value at the final time and then the middle time, etc. The method nextObservation() returns the path value in that non-sequential order. This class uses two RandomStream's to generate a path [17].

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class InverseGaussianProcessBridge extends InverseGaussianProcessMSH

Constructors

public InverseGaussianProcessBridge (double s0, double delta, double gamma, RandomStream stream, RandomStream otherStream)

Constructs a new InverseGaussianProcessBridge. The initial value s0 will be overridden by t[0] when the observation times are set.

Methods

```
public double[] generatePath()
```

Generates the path. The two inner RandomStream's are sampled alternatively.

```
public double[] generatePath (double[] unifNorm, double[] unifOther)
```

Instead of using the internal streams to generate the path, it uses two arrays of uniforms U[0,1). The length of the arrays unifNorm and unifOther should be equal to the number of time steps, excluding t_0 .

```
public double nextObservation()
```

Returns the next observation in the bridge order, not the sequential order.

```
public RandomStream getStream()
```

Only returns a stream if both inner streams are the same.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream, RandomStream otherStream)
Sets the streams.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Sets both inner streams to the same stream.

InverseGaussianProcessMSH

Uses a faster generating method (MSH) [15] than the simple inversion of the distribution function used by InverseGaussianProcess. It is about 60 times faster. However it requires two RandomStream's instead of only one for InverseGaussianProcess. The second stream is called otherStream below and it is used to randomly choose between two roots at each time step.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class InverseGaussianProcessMSH extends InverseGaussianProcess
```

Constructors

```
public InverseGaussianProcessMSH (double s0, double delta, double gamma, RandomStream stream, RandomStream otherStream)
```

Constructs a new InverseGaussianProcessMSH. The initial value $\mathfrak{s0}$ will be overridden by t[0] when the observation times are set.

Methods

```
public double[] generatePath()
```

Generates the path. It is done by successively calling nextObservation(), therefore the two RandomStreams are sampled alternatively.

```
public double[] generatePath (double[] unifNorm, double[] unifOther)
```

Instead of using the internal streams to generate the path, uses two arrays of uniforms U[0,1). The length of the arrays should be equal to the number of periods in the observation times. This method is useful for NormalInverseGaussianProcess.

```
public double[] generatePath (double[] uniforms01)
```

Not implemented, requires two RandomStream's.

```
public RandomStream getStream()
```

Only returns a stream if both inner RandomStream's are the same.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream, RandomStream otherStream)
Sets the streams.

```
public void setStream (RandomStream stream)
```

Sets both inner streams to stream.

```
public void setOtherStream (RandomStream otherStream)
```

Sets the otherStream, which is the stream used to choose between the two roots in the MSH method.

public RandomStream getOtherStream()

Returns the otherStream, which is the stream used to choose between the two quadratic roots from the MSH method.

public void setNormalGen (NormalGen normalGen)

Sets the normal generator. It also sets one of the two inner streams to the stream of the normal generator.

public NormalGen getNormalGen()

Returns the normal generator.

InverseGaussianProcessPCA

Approximates a principal component analysis (PCA) decomposition of the InverseGaussianProcess. The PCA decomposition of a BrownianMotionPCA with a covariance matrix identical to the one of our InverseGaussianProcess is used to generate the path of our InverseGaussianProcess [10]. Such a path is a perfectly random path and it is hoped that it will provide reduction in the simulation variance when using quasi-Monte Carlo.

The method nextObservation() cannot be used with PCA decompositions since the whole path must be generated at once.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class InverseGaussianProcessPCA extends InverseGaussianProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new InverseGaussianProcessPCA. The initial value s0 will be overridden by t[0] when the observation times are set.

Methods

```
public double[] generatePath (double[] uniforms01)
```

Instead of using the internal stream to generate the path, uses an array of uniforms U[0,1). The length of the array should be equal to the length of the number of periods in the observation times. This method is useful for NormalInverseGaussianProcess.

public double nextObservation()

Not implementable for PCA.

public void setObservationTimes (double t[], int d)

Sets the observation times of both the InverseGaussianProcessPCA and the inner BrownianMotionPCA.

public void setBrownianMotionPCA (BrownianMotionPCA bmPCA)

Sets the brownian motion PCA. The observation times will be overriden when the method observationTimes() is called on the InverseGaussianProcessPCA.

public BrownianMotion getBrownianMotionPCA()

Returns the BrownianMotionPCA.

NormalInverseGaussianProcess

This class represents a normal inverse gaussian process (NIG). It obeys the stochastic differential equation [4]

$$dX(t) = \mu dt + dB(h(t)), \tag{6}$$

where $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a BrownianMotion with drift β and variance 1, and h(t) is an InverseGaussianProcess $IG(\nu/\gamma, \nu^2)$, with $\nu = \delta dt$ and $\gamma = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}$.

In this class, the process is generated using the sequential technique: $X(0) = x_0$ and

$$X(t_i) - X(t_{i-1}) = \mu dt + \beta Y_i + \sqrt{Y_i} Z_i, \tag{7}$$

where $Z_i \sim N(0,1)$, and $Y_i \sim IG(\nu/\gamma, \nu^2)$ with $\nu = \delta(t_i - t_{i-1})$.

There is one RandomStream used to generate the Z_j 's and there are one or two streams used to generate the underlying InverseGaussianProcess, depending on which IG subclass is used.

In finance, a NIG process usually means that the log-return is given by a NIG process; GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess should be used in that case.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class NormalInverseGaussianProcess extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

public NormalInverseGaussianProcess (double x0, double alpha, double beta, double mu, double delta, RandomStream streamBrownian, InverseGaussianProcess igP)

Given an InverseGaussianProcess igP, constructs a new NormalInverseGaussianProcess. The parameters and observation times of the IG process will be overriden by the parameters of the NIG process. If there are two RandomStream's in the InverseGaussianProcess, this constructor assumes that both streams have been set to the same stream.

public NormalInverseGaussianProcess (double x0, double alpha, double beta, double mu, double delta, RandomStream streamBrownian, RandomStream streamIG1, RandomStream streamIG2, String igType)

Constructs a new NormalInverseGaussianProcess. The string argument corresponds to the type of underlying InverseGaussianProcess. The choices are SEQUENTIAL_SLOW, SEQUENTIAL_MSH, BRIDGE and PCA, which correspond respectively to InverseGaussianProcess, InverseGaussianProcessMSH, InverseGaussianProcessBridge and InverseGaussianProcessPCA. The third RandomStream, streamIG2, will not be used at all if the SEQUENTIAL_SLOW or PCA methods are chosen.

Same as above, but all RandomStream's are set to the same stream, streamAll.

Methods

```
public double[] generatePath()
```

Generates the path. This method samples each stream alternatively, which is useful for quasi-Monte Carlo, where all streams are in fact the same iterator on a PointSet.

```
public double nextObservation()
```

Returns the value of the process for the next time step. If the underlying InverseGaussian-Process is of type InverseGaussianProcessPCA, this method cannot be used. It will work with InverseGaussianProcessBridge, but the return order of the observations is the bridge order.

```
public void setObservationTimes(double t[], int d)
```

Sets the observation times on the NIG process as usual, but also sets the observation times of the underlying InverseGaussianProcess. It furthermore sets the starting value of the InverseGaussianProcess to t[0].

```
public void setParams (double x0, double alpha, double beta, double mu, double delta)
```

Sets the parameters. Also, computes $\gamma = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}$.

```
public double getAlpha()
```

Returns alpha.

public double getBeta()

Returns beta.

public double getMu()

Returns mu.

public double getDelta()

Returns delta.

public double getGamma()

Returns gamma.

public double getAnalyticAverage (double time)

Returns the analytic average, which is $\mu t + \delta t \beta / \gamma$.

public double getAnalyticVariance (double time)

Returns the analytic variance, which is $\delta t \alpha^2/\gamma^3$.

public RandomStream getStream()

Only returns the stream if all streams are equal, including the stream(s) in the underlying InverseGaussianProcess.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Sets all internal streams to ${\tt stream}$, including the ${\tt stream}(s)$ of the underlying ${\tt Inverse-GaussianProcess}$.

GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess

The geometric normal inverse gaussian (GNIG) process is the exponentiation of a Normal-InverseGaussianProcess:

$$S(t) = S_0 \exp\left((r - \omega_{RN})t + \text{NIG}(t; \alpha, \beta, \mu, \delta)\right), \tag{8}$$

where r is the interest rate. It is a strictly positive process, which is useful in finance. There is also a neutral correction in the exponential, $\omega_{RN} = \mu + \delta \gamma - \delta \sqrt{\alpha^2 - (1+\beta)^2}$, which takes into account the market price of risk. The underlying NIG process must start at zero, NIG $(t_0) = 0$ and the initial time should also be set to zero, $t_0 = 0$, both for the NIG and GNIG.

Constructors

```
public GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess (
double s0, double muGeom,
double alpha, double beta,
double mu, double delta,
RandomStream streamBrownian,
NormalInverseGaussianProcess nigP)
```

Constructs a new GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess. The parameters of the NIG process will be overwritten by the parameters given to the GNIG, with the initial value of the NIG set to 0. The observation times of the NIG will also be changed to those of the GNIG.

```
public GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess (
double s0, double muGeom,
double alpha, double beta,
double mu, double delta,
RandomStream streamBrownian,
InverseGaussianProcess igP)
```

Constructs a new GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess. The process igP will be used internally by the underlying NormalInverseGaussianProcess.

```
public GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess (
double s0, double muGeom,
double alpha, double beta,
double mu, double delta,
RandomStream streamBrownian,
RandomStream streamNIG1,
RandomStream streamNIG2,
String igType)
```

Constructs a new GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess. The drift of the geometric term, muGeom, is usually the interest rate r. so is the initial value of the process and the other

four parameters are the parameters of the underlying NormalInverseGaussianProcess process.

```
public GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess (
                                      double s0, double muGeom,
                                      double alpha, double beta,
                                     double mu, double delta,
                                      RandomStream streamAll,
                                     String igType)
```

Constructs a new GeometricNormalInverseGaussianProcess. The String igType corresponds to the type of InverseGaussianProcess that will be used by the underlying NormalInverseGaussianProcess. All RandomStream's used to generate the underlying NormalInverseGaussianProcess and its underlying InverseGaussianProcess are set to the same given streamAll.

Ornstein Uhlenbeck Process

This class represents an *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck* process $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$, sampled at times $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_d$. This process obeys the stochastic differential equation

$$dX(t) = \alpha(b - X(t))dt + \sigma dB(t)$$
(9)

with initial condition $X(0) = x_0$, where α , b and σ are positive constants, and $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a standard Brownian motion (with drift 0 and volatility 1). This process is mean-reverting in the sense that it always tends to drift toward its general mean b. The process is generated using the sequential technique [7, p. 110]

$$X(t_j) = e^{-\alpha(t_j - t_{j-1})} X(t_{j-1}) + b \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(t_j - t_{j-1})} \right) + \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1 - e^{-2\alpha(t_j - t_{j-1})}}{2\alpha}} Z_j$$
 (10)

where $Z_j \sim N(0,1)$. The time intervals $t_j - t_{j-1}$ can be arbitrarily large.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class OrnsteinUhlenbeckProcess extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new OrnsteinUhlenbeckProcess with parameters $\alpha = \text{alpha}$, b, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0) = \text{x0}$. The normal variates Z_j will be generated by inversion using the stream stream.

Here, the normal variate generator is specified directly instead of specifying the stream. The normal generator gen can use another method than inversion.

Methods

public double nextObservation (double nextTime)

Generates and returns the next observation at time $t_{j+1} = \texttt{nextTime}$, using the previous observation time t_j defined earlier (either by this method or by setObservationTimes), as well as the value of the previous observation $X(t_j)$. Warning: This method will reset the observations time t_{j+1} for this process to nextTime. The user must make sure that the t_{j+1} supplied is $\geq t_j$.

public double nextObservation (double x, double dt)

Generates an observation of the process in dt time units, assuming that the process has value x at the current time. Uses the process parameters specified in the constructor. Note that this method does not affect the sample path of the process stored internally (if any).

public void setParams (double x0, double alpha, double b, double sigma)

Resets the parameters $X(t_0) = x0$, $\alpha = alpha$, b = b and $\sigma = sigma$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called too frequently.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the random stream of the normal generator to stream.

public RandomStream getStream ()

Returns the random stream of the normal generator.

public double getAlpha()

Returns the value of α .

public double getB()

Returns the value of b.

public double getSigma()

Returns the value of σ .

public NormalGen getGen()

Returns the normal random variate generator used. The RandomStream used for that generator can be changed via getGen().setStream(stream), for example.

OrnsteinUhlenbeckProcessEuler

This class represents an *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck* process as in OrnsteinUhlenbeckProcess, but the process is generated using the simple Euler scheme

$$X(t_j) - X(t_{j-1}) = \alpha(b - X(t_{j-1}))(t_j - t_{j-1}) + \sigma\sqrt{t_j - t_{j-1}} Z_j$$
(11)

where $Z_j \sim N(0,1)$. This is a good approximation only for small time intervals $t_j - t_{j-1}$.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class OrnsteinUhlenbeckProcessEuler extends OrnsteinUhlenbeckProcess

Constructors

Constructor with parameters $\alpha = \text{alpha}$, b, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0) = \text{x0}$. The normal variates Z_j will be generated by inversion using the stream stream.

Here, the normal variate generator is specified directly instead of specifying the stream. The normal generator gen can use another method than inversion.

CIRProcess

This class represents a CIR (Cox, Ingersoll, Ross) process [5] $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$, sampled at times $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_d$. This process obeys the stochastic differential equation

$$dX(t) = \alpha(b - X(t))dt + \sigma\sqrt{X(t)}dB(t)$$
(12)

with initial condition $X(0) = x_0$, where α , b and σ are positive constants, and $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a standard Brownian motion (with drift 0 and volatility 1). This process is mean-reverting in the sense that it always tends to drift toward its general mean b. The process is generated using the sequential technique [7, p. 122]

$$X(t_j) = \frac{\sigma^2 \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(t_j - t_{j-1})}\right)}{4\alpha} \chi_{\nu}^{\prime 2} \left(\frac{4\alpha e^{-\alpha(t_j - t_{j-1})} X(t_{j-1})}{\sigma^2 \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(t_j - t_{j-1})}\right)}\right),\tag{13}$$

where $\nu = 4b\alpha/\sigma^2$, and $\chi'^2(\lambda)$ is a noncentral chi-square random variable with ν degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter λ .

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class CIRProcess extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new CIRProcess with parameters $\alpha = \text{alpha}$, b, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0) = \text{x0}$. The noncentral chi-square variates $\chi'^2(\lambda)$ will be generated by inversion using the stream stream.

The noncentral chi-square variate generator gen is specified directly instead of specifying the stream. gen can use a method other than inversion.

Methods

public double nextObservation (double nextTime)

Generates and returns the next observation at time $t_{j+1} = \texttt{nextTime}$, using the previous observation time t_j defined earlier (either by this method or by setObservationTimes), as well as the value of the previous observation $X(t_j)$. Warning: This method will reset the observations time t_{j+1} for this process to nextTime. The user must make sure that the t_{j+1} supplied is $\geq t_j$.

public double nextObservation (double x, double dt)

Generates an observation of the process in dt time units, assuming that the process has value x at the current time. Uses the process parameters specified in the constructor. Note that this method does not affect the sample path of the process stored internally (if any).

public void setParams (double x0, double alpha, double b, double sigma)

Resets the parameters $X(t_0) = x0$, $\alpha = alpha$, b = b and $\sigma = sigma$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called too frequently.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the random stream of the noncentral chi-square generator to stream.

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random stream of the noncentral chi-square generator.

public double getAlpha()

Returns the value of α .

public double getB()

Returns the value of b.

public double getSigma()

Returns the value of σ .

public ChiSquareNoncentralGen getGen()

Returns the noncentral chi-square random variate generator used. The RandomStream used for that generator can be changed via getGen().setStream(stream), for example.

CIRProcessEuler

This class represents a CIR process as in CIRProcess, but the process is generated using the simple Euler scheme

$$X(t_j) - X(t_{j-1}) = \alpha(b - X(t_{j-1}))(t_j - t_{j-1}) + \sigma\sqrt{(t_j - t_{j-1})X(t_{j-1})} Z_j$$
 (14)

where $Z_j \sim N(0,1)$. This is a good approximation only for small time intervals $t_j - t_{j-1}$.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class CIRProcessEuler extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new CIRProcessEuler with parameters $\alpha = \text{alpha}$, b, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$ and initial value $X(t_0) = \text{x0}$. The normal variates Z_j will be generated by inversion using the stream stream.

The normal variate generator gen is specified directly instead of specifying the stream. gen can use another method than inversion.

Methods

public double nextObservation (double nextTime)

Generates and returns the next observation at time $t_{j+1} = \texttt{nextTime}$, using the previous observation time t_j defined earlier (either by this method or by setObservationTimes), as well as the value of the previous observation $X(t_j)$. Warning: This method will reset the observations time t_{j+1} for this process to nextTime. The user must make sure that the t_{j+1} supplied is $\geq t_j$.

public double nextObservation (double x, double dt)

Generates an observation of the process in dt time units, assuming that the process has value x at the current time. Uses the process parameters specified in the constructor. Note that this method does not affect the sample path of the process stored internally (if any).

public void setParams (double x0, double alpha, double b, double sigma)

Resets the parameters $X(t_0) = x0$, $\alpha = alpha$, b = b and $\sigma = sigma$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called too frequently.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the random stream of the normal generator to stream.

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random stream of the normal generator.

public double getAlpha()

Returns the value of α .

public double getB()

Returns the value of b.

public double getSigma()

Returns the value of σ .

public NormalGen getGen()

Returns the normal random variate generator used. The RandomStream used for that generator can be changed via getGen().setStream(stream), for example.

GammaProcess

This class represents a gamma process [12, page 82] $\{S(t) = G(t; \mu, \nu) : t \geq 0\}$ with mean parameter μ and variance parameter ν . It is a continuous-time process with stationary, independent gamma increments such that for any $\Delta t > 0$,

$$S(t + \Delta t) = S(t) + X,\tag{15}$$

where X is a random variate from the gamma distribution $\operatorname{Gamma}(\mu^2 \Delta t / \nu, \mu / \nu)$.

In this class, the gamma process is sampled sequentially using equation (15).

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class GammaProcess extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new GammaProcess with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\nu = nu$ and initial value $S(t_0) =$ s0. The gamma variates X in (15) are generated by inversion using stream.

public GammaProcess (double s0, double mu, double nu, GammaGen Ggen)

Constructs a new GammaProcess with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\nu = nu$ and initial value $S(t_0) =$ s0. The gamma variates X in (15) are supplied by the gamma random variate generator Ggen. Note that the parameters of the GammaGen object Ggen are not important since the implementation forces the generator to use the correct parameters (as defined above).

Methods

public double nextObservation (double nextT)

Generates and returns the next observation at time $t_{j+1} = \texttt{nextTime}$, using the previous observation time t_j defined earlier (either by this method or by setObservationTimes), as well as the value of the previous observation $X(t_j)$. Warning: This method will reset the observations time t_{j+1} for this process to nextT. The user must make sure that the t_{j+1} supplied is $\geq t_j$.

public double[] generatePath()

Generates, returns and saves the path $\{X(t_0), X(t_1), \dots, X(t_d)\}$. The gamma variates X in (15) are generated using the RandomStream stream or the RandomStream included in the GammaGen Ggen.

public double[] generatePath (double[] uniform01)

Generates, returns and saves the path $\{X(t_0), X(t_1), \dots, X(t_d)\}$. This method does not use the RandomStream stream nor the GammaGen Ggen. It uses the vector of uniform random

numbers U(0,1) provided by the user and generates the path by inversion. The vector uniform01 must be of dimension d.

public void setParams (double s0, double mu, double nu)

Sets the parameters $S(t_0) = s0$, $\mu = mu$ and $\nu = nu$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called repeatedly.

public double getMu()

Returns the value of the parameter μ .

public double getNu()

Returns the value of the parameter ν .

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the RandomStream of the GammaGen to stream.

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the RandomStream stream.

GammaProcessBridge

This class represents a gamma process $\{S(t) = G(t; \mu, \nu) : t \geq 0\}$ with mean parameter μ and variance parameter ν , sampled using the *gamma bridge* method (see for example [16, 3]). This is analogous to the bridge sampling used in BrownianMotionBridge.

Note that gamma bridge sampling requires not only gamma variates, but also *beta* variates. The latter generally take a longer time to generate than the former. The class GammaSymmetricalBridgeProcess provides a faster implementation when the number of observation times is a power of two.

The warning from class BrownianMotionBridge applies verbatim to this class.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class GammaProcessBridge extends GammaProcess
```

Constructors

Constructs a new GammaProcessBridge with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\nu = nu$ and initial value $S(t_0) = s0$. Uses stream to generate the gamma and beta variates by inversion.

```
public GammaProcessBridge (double s0, double mu, double nu, GammaGen Ggen, BetaGen Bgen)
```

Constructs a new GammaProcessBridge. Uses the random variate generators Ggen and Bgen to generate the gamma and beta variates, respectively. Note that both generator uses the same RandomStream. Furthermore, the parameters of the GammaGen and BetaGen objects are not important since the implementation forces the generators to use the correct parameters. (as defined in [16, page 7]).

Methods

```
public void setStream (RandomStream stream)
```

Resets the RandomStream of the GammaGen and the BetaGen to stream.

GammaProcessSymmetricalBridge

This class differs from GammaProcessBridge only in that it requires the number of interval of the path to be a power of 2 and of equal size. It is then possible to generate the bridge process using a special implementation of the beta random variate generator (using the *symmetrical* beta distribution) that is much faster (HOW MUCH? QUANTIFY!) than the general case. Note that when the method setObservationTimes is called, the equality of the size of the time steps is verified. To allow for differences due to floating point errors, time steps are considered to be equal if their relative difference is less than 10^{-15} .

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class GammaProcessSymmetricalBridge extends GammaProcessBridge
```

Constructors

Constructs a new GammaProcessSymmetricalBridge with parameters $\mu=\text{mu}$, $\nu=\text{nu}$ and initial value $S(t_0)=\text{s0}$. The random variables are created using the RandomStream stream. Note that the same RandomStream stream is used for the GammaGen and for the BetaSymmetricalGen inluded in this class.

public GammaProcessSymmetricalBridge (double s0, double mu, double nu, GammaGen Ggen,
BetaSymmetricalGen BSgen)

Constructs a new GammaProcessSymmetricalBridge with parameters $\mu = \text{mu}$, $\nu = \text{nu}$ and initial value $S(t_0) = \text{s0}$. Note that the RandomStream included in the BetaSymmetricalGen is sets to the one included in the GammaGen to avoid confusion. This RandomStream is then used to generate all the random variables.

GammaProcessPCA

Represents a gamma process sampled using the principal component analysis (PCA). To simulate the gamma process at times $t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_d$ by PCA sampling, a Brownian motion $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ with mean 0 and variance parameter ν is first generated at times $t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_d$ by PCA sampling (see class BrownianMotionPCA). The independent increments $W(t_j) - W(t_{j-1})$ of this process are then transformed into independent U(0,1) random variates V_i via

$$V_j = \Phi\left(\sqrt{\tau_j - \tau_{j-1}}[W(\tau_j) - W(\tau_{j-1})]\right), \quad j = 1, \dots, s$$

Finally, the increments of the Gamma process are computed as $Y(t_j) - Y(t_{j-1}) = G^{-1}(V_j)$, where G is the gamma distribution function.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class GammaProcessPCA extends GammaProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new GammaProcessPCA with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\nu = nu$ and initial value $S(t_0) = s0$. The random variables are created using stream. Note that the same Random-Stream is used for the GammaProcessPCA and for the BrownianMotionPCA included in this class. Both the GammaProcessPCA and the BrownianMotionPCA are generated by inversion.

public GammaProcessPCA (double s0, double mu, double nu, GammaGen Ggen)

Constructs a new GammaProcessPCA with parameters $\mu = mu$, $\nu = nu$ and initial value $S(t_0) = s0$. All the random variables, i.e. the gamma ones and the normal ones, are created using the RandomStream included in the GammaGen Ggen. Note that the parameters of the GammaGen object are not important since the implementation forces the generator to use the correct parameters (as defined above).

Methods

public double nextObservation()

This method is not implemented in this class since the path cannot be generated sequentially.

public double nextObservation (double nextT)

This method is not implemented in this class since the path cannot be generated sequentially.

public BrownianMotionPCA getBMPCA()

Returns the BrownianMotionPCA that is included in the GammaProcessPCA object.

public void setObservationTimes (double[] t, int d)

Sets the observation times of the GammaProcessPCA and the BrownianMotionPCA.

public void setParams (double s0, double mu, double nu)

Sets the parameters s0, μ and ν to new values, and sets the variance parameters of the BrownianMotionPCA to ν .

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the RandomStream of the gamma generator and the RandomStream of the inner BrownianMotionPCA to stream.

GammaProcessPCABridge

Same as GammaProcessPCA, but the generated uniforms correspond to a bridge transformation of the BrownianMotionPCA instead of a sequential transformation.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class GammaProcessPCABridge extends GammaProcessPCA
```

Constructors

Constructs a new GammaProcessPCABridge with parameters $\mu = \text{mu}$, $\nu = \text{nu}$ and initial value $S(t_0) = \text{s0}$. The same stream is used to generate the gamma and beta random numbers. All these numbers are generated by inversion in the following order: the first uniform random number generated is used for the gamma and the other d-1 for the beta's.

Methods

public BrownianMotionPCA getBMPCA()
Returns the inner BrownianMotionPCA.

${\bf Gamma Process PCA Symmetrical Bridge}$

Same as GammaProcessPCABridge, but uses the fast inversion method for the symmetrical beta distribution, proposed by L'Ecuyer and Simard [11], to accelerate the generation of the beta random variables. This class works only in the case where the number of intervals is a power of 2 and all these intervals are of equal size.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class GammaProcessPCASymmetricalBridge extends GammaProcessPCABridge

Constructors

Constructs a new GammaProcessPCASymmetricalBridge with parameters $\mu = \text{mu}$, $\nu = \text{nu}$ and initial value $S(t_0) = \text{s0}$. The RandomStream stream is used in the GammaGen and in the BetaSymmetricalGen. These two generators use inversion to generate random numbers. The first uniform random number generated by stream is used for the gamma, and the other d-1 for the beta's.

VarianceGammaProcess

This class represents a variance gamma (VG) process $\{S(t) = X(t; \theta, \sigma, \nu) : t \geq 0\}$. This process is obtained as a subordinate of the Brownian motion process $B(t; \theta, \sigma)$ using the operational time $G(t; 1, \nu)$ (see [6, 2]):

$$X(t;\theta,\sigma,\nu) := B(G(t;1,\nu),\theta,\sigma). \tag{16}$$

See also [12, 13, 14] for applications to modelling asset returns and option pricing.

The process is sampled as follows: when generatePath() is called, the method generatePath() of the inner GammaProcess is called; its path is then used to set the observation times of the BrownianMotion. Finally, the method generatePath() of the BrownianMotion is called. Warning: If one wants to reduced the variance as much as possible in a QMC simulation, this way of proceeding is not optimal. Use the method generatePath(uniform01) instead.

If one calls the nextObservation method, the operational time is generated first, followed by the corresponding brownian motion increment, which is then returned.

Note that if one wishes to use bridge sampling with the nextObservation method, both the gamma process G and the Brownian motion process B should use bridge sampling so that their observations are synchronized.

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class VarianceGammaProcess extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcess with parameters $\theta =$ theta, $\sigma =$ sigma, $\nu =$ nu and initial value $S(t_0) =$ s0. stream is used to generate both the BrownianMotion B and the GammaProcess G in (16).

public VarianceGammaProcess (double s0, BrownianMotion BM, GammaProcess Gamma)

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcess. The parameters θ and σ are set to the parameters μ and σ , respectively, of the BrownianMotion BM and the parameter ν is set to the parameter ν of the GammaProcess Gamma. The parameters μ and x0 of the GammaProcess are overwritten to equal 1 and 0 respectively. The initial value of the process is $S(t_0) = s0$.

Methods

public double nextObservation()

Generates the observation for the next time. It also works with bridge sampling; however both BrownianMotionBridge and GammaProcessBridge must be used in the constructor in that case. Furthermore, for bridge sampling, the order of the observations is that of the bridge, not sequential order.

public double[] generatePath()

Generates and returns the path. To do so, it first generates the complete path of the inner GammaProcess and sets the observation times of the inner BrownianMotion to this path. This method is not optimal to reduce the variance in QMC simulations; use generatePath(double[] uniform01) for that.

public double[] generatePath (double[] uniform01)

Similar to the usual <code>generatePath()</code>, but here the uniform random numbers used for the simulation must be provided to the method. This allows to properly use the uniform random variates in QMC simulations. This method divides the table of uniform random numbers <code>uniform01</code> in two smaller tables, the first one, containing the odd indices of <code>uniform01</code> which are used to generate the path of the inner <code>GammaProcess</code>, and the even indices (in the second table) are used to generate the path of the inner <code>BrownianMotion</code>. This way of proceeding reduces the variance as much as possible for QMC simulations.

public void resetStartProcess()

Resets the observation index and counter to 0 and applies the resetStartProcess method to the BrownianMotion and the GammaProcess objects used to generate this process.

```
public void setParams (double s0, double theta, double sigma, double nu)
```

Sets the parameters $S(t_0) = s0$, $\theta = theta$, $\sigma = sigma$ and $\nu = nu$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called repeatedly.

public double getTheta()

Returns the value of the parameter θ .

public double getSigma()

Returns the value of the parameter σ .

public double getNu()

Returns the value of the parameter ν .

public void setObservationTimes (double t[], int d)

Sets the observation times on the VarianceGammaProcess as usual, but also sets the observation times of the underlying GammaProcess. It furthermore sets the starting *value* of the GammaProcess to t[0].

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Resets the RandomStream's. Warning: this method sets both the RandomStream of the BrownianMotion and of the GammaProcess to the same RandomStream.

public RandomStream getStream()

Returns the random stream of the BrownianMotion process, which should be the same as for the GammaProcess.

public BrownianMotion getBrownianMotion()

Returns a reference to the inner Brownian Motion.

public GammaProcess getGammaProcess()

Returns a reference to the inner GammaProcess.

VarianceGammaProcessDiff

This class represents a variance gamma (VG) process $\{S(t) = X(t; \theta, \sigma, \nu) : t \geq 0\}$. This process is generated using difference of gamma sampling (see [3, 2]), which uses the representation of the VG process as the difference of two independent GammaProcess'es (see [12]):

$$X(t; \theta, \sigma, \nu) := X(0) + \Gamma^{+}(t; \mu_{p}, \nu_{p}) - \Gamma^{-}(t; \mu_{n}, \nu_{n})$$
(17)

where X(0) is a constant corresponding to the initial value of the process and

$$\mu_{p} = (1/2)\sqrt{\theta^{2} + 2\sigma^{2}/\nu} + \theta/2$$

$$\mu_{n} = (1/2)\sqrt{\theta^{2} + 2\sigma^{2}/\nu} - \theta/2$$

$$\nu_{p} = \left((1/2)\sqrt{\theta^{2} + 2\sigma^{2}/\nu} + \theta/2\right)^{2}\nu$$

$$\nu_{n} = \left((1/2)\sqrt{\theta^{2} - 2\sigma^{2}/\nu} + \theta/2\right)^{2}\nu$$
(18)

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class VarianceGammaProcessDiff extends VarianceGammaProcess

Constructors

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcessDiff with parameters $\theta=$ theta, $\sigma=$ sigma, $\nu=$ nu and initial value $S(t_0)=$ s0. stream is used by two instances of GammaProcess, Γ^+ and Γ^- , respectively. The other parameters are as in the class VarianceGammaProcess. The GammaProcess objects for Γ^+ and Γ^- are constructed using the parameters from (18) and their initial values $\Gamma^+(t_0)$ and $\Gamma^-(t_0)$ are set to 0.

public VarianceGammaProcessDiff (double s0, double theta, double sigma, double nu, GammaProcess gpos, GammaProcess gneg)

Same as above. To avoid confusion, the parameters of the GammaProcess objects for Γ^+ and Γ^- are set to those of (18) and their initial values $\Gamma^+(t_0)$ and $\Gamma^-(t_0)$ are set to 0. Also, since there is only one RandomStream in the other constructor, only the RandomStream included in the GammaProcess gpos is kept, as the RandomStream of gneg is the same.

Methods

public double[] generatePath()

Generates, returns and saves the path. To do so, the path of Γ^+ is first generated and then the path of Γ^- . This is not the optimal way of proceeding in order to reduce the variance in QMC simulations; for that, use generatePath(double[] uniform01) instead.

public double[] generatePath (double[] uniform01)

Similar to the usual generatePath(), but here the uniform random numbers used for the simulation must be provided to the method. This allows to properly use the uniform random variates in QMC simulations. This method divides the table of uniform random numbers uniform01 in two smaller tables, the first one containing the odd indices of uniform01 are used to generate the path of Γ^+ and the even indices are used to generate the path of Γ^- . This way of proceeding further reduces the variance for QMC simulations.

public void resetStartProcess()

Sets the observation times on the VarianceGammaProcessDiff as usual, but also applies the resetStartProcess method to the two GammaProcess objects used to generate this process.

public GammaProcess getGpos()

Returns a reference to the GammaProcess object gpos used to generate the Γ^+ component of the process.

public GammaProcess getGneg()

Returns a reference to the GammaProcess object gneg used to generate the Γ^- component of the process.

public void setObservationTimes (double t[], int d)

Sets the observation times on the VarianceGammaProcesDiff as usual, but also sets the observation times of the underlying GammaProcess'es.

public void setStream (RandomStream stream)

Sets the RandomStream of the two GammaProcess'es to the same stream.

VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA

Same as VarianceGammaProcessDiff, but the two inner GammaProcess'es are of PCA type. Also, generatePath(double[] uniforms01) distributes the uniform random variates to the GammaProcessPCA's according to their eigenvalues, i.e. the GammaProcessPCA with the higher eigenvalue gets the next uniform random number. If one should decide to create a VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA by giving two GammaProcessPCA's to an objet of the class VarianceGammaProcessDiff, the uniform random numbers would not be given this way to the GammaProcessPCA's; this might give less variance reduction when used with QMC.

```
package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;
public class VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA extends VarianceGammaProcessDiff
```

Constructors

```
public VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA (double s0, double theta, double sigma, double nu, RandomStream stream)
```

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA with parameters $\theta=$ theta, $\sigma=$ sigma, $\nu=$ nu and initial value $S(t_0)=$ s0. There is only one RandomStream here which is used for the two inner GammaProcessPCA's. The other parameters are set as in VarianceGammaProcessDiff.

```
public VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA (double s0, double theta, double sigma, double nu, GammaProcessPCA gpos, GammaProcessPCA gneg)
```

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCA with parameters $\theta =$ theta, $\sigma =$ sigma, $\nu =$ nu and initial value $S(t_0) =$ so. As in VarianceGammaProcessDiff, the RandomStream of gneg is replaced by the one of gpos to avoid any confusion.

Methods

```
public double nextObservation()
```

This method is not implemented is this class since the path cannot be generated sequentially.

VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCABridge

Same as VarianceGammaProcessDiff, but the two inner GammaProcess'es are of the type PCABridge. Also, generatePath(double[] uniform01) distributes the lowest coordinates uniforms to the inner GammaProcessPCABridge according to their eigenvalues.

Constructors

public VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCABridge (double s0, double theta, double sigma, double nu, RandomStream stream)

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCABridge with parameters $\theta =$ theta, $\sigma =$ sigma, $\nu =$ nu and initial value $S(t_0) =$ so. There is only one RandomStream here which is used for the two inner GammaProcessPCABridge's. The other parameters are set as in VarianceGammaProcessDiff.

VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCASymmetricalBridge

Same as VarianceGammaProcessDiff, but the two inner GammaProcess'es are of the PCASymmetricalBridge type. Also, generatePath(double[] uniform01) distributes the lowest coordinates uniforms to the inner GammaProcessPCA according to their eigenvalues.

Constructors

Constructs a new VarianceGammaProcessDiffPCASymmetricalBridge with parameters $\theta =$ theta, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$, $\nu = \text{nu}$ and initial value $S(t_0) = \text{s0}$. There is only one RandomStream here which is used for the two inner GammaProcessPCASymmetricalBridge's. The other parameters are set as in VarianceGammaProcessDiff.

Geometric Variance Gamma Process

This class represents a geometric variance gamma process S(t) (see [12, page 86]). This stochastic process is defined by the equation

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp(\mu t + X(t; \sigma, \nu, \theta) + \omega t), \tag{19}$$

where X is a variance gamma process and

$$\omega = (1/\nu) \ln(1 - \theta\nu - \sigma^2\nu/2). \tag{20}$$

package umontreal.iro.lecuyer.stochprocess;

public class GeometricVarianceGammaProcess extends StochasticProcess

Constructors

public GeometricVarianceGammaProcess (double s0, double theta, double sigma, double nu, double mu, RandomStream stream)

Constructs a new GeometricVarianceGammaProcess with parameters $\theta = \text{theta}$, $\sigma = \text{sigma}$, $\nu = \text{nu}$, $\mu = \text{mu}$ and initial value $S(t_0) = \text{s0}$. The stream is used to generate the VarianceGammaProcess object used to implement X in (19).

Constructs a new Geometric Variance Gamma Process. The parameters θ, σ, ν are set to the parameters of the Variance Gamma Process vargamma. The parameter μ is set to mu and the initial values $S(t_0) = \mathfrak{s}0$.

Methods

public void resetStartProcess()

Resets the GeometricaVarianceGammaProcess, but also applies the resetStartProcess method to the VarianceGammaProcess object used to generate this process.

Sets the parameters $S(t_0) = s0$, $\theta = theta$, $\sigma = sigma$, $\nu = nu$ and $\mu = mu$ of the process. Warning: This method will recompute some quantities stored internally, which may be slow if called repeatedly.

public double getTheta()

Returns the value of the parameter θ .

public double getMu()

Returns the value of the parameter μ .

public double getNu()

Returns the value of the parameter ν .

public double getSigma()

Returns the value of the parameter σ .

public double getOmega()

Returns the value of the quantity ω defined in (20).

public VarianceGammaProcess getVarianceGammaProcess()

Returns a reference to the variance gamma process X defined in the constructor.

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