

# CONVEXITY ADJUSTMENTS WITH A BIT OF MALLIAVIN

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## Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

Mathematical finance aims to find a methodology to price consistently all the instruments quoted in the market. When working with fixed income derivatives, a classic research topic is the introduction of a price adjustment to achieve this. This adjustment is called convexity adjustment. It is non-linear and depends on the interest rate model.

There are several reasons to include this type of adjustment. One of them is to incorporate futures on the yield curve construction. Futures and other fixed-income instruments are quoted differently. The firsts are linear against the yield, but the others are not. Therefore, the changes in value and yield of different contracts are different. This difference will depend on the volatility and correlation of the yield curve.

But it is not the only one. The fixed-income market has several features changing the schedule of payments. For example, in a swap in arrears, the floating coupon fixing and payment are on the same date. Or in a CMS swap, the floating rate is linked to a rate longer than the floating length. Any customization of an interest rate product based on changing time, currency, margin, or collateral will require a convexity adjustment. Deep down, by making these changes, we are mixing the martingale measures.

Convexity adjustments have become popular again. Not only by the increase in volatility in the markets. In addition, as a consequence of the transition in risk-free rates from the IBOR (InterBank Offered Rates) indices to the ARR (Alternative Reference Rates) indices, also called RFR. Both indices try to represent the same thing, the risk-free rate, but they are fundamentally different. While the former represents the average rate at which Panel Banks believe they could borrow money, the latter is calculated backward based on transactions. Therefore, these new products need their corresponding convexity adjustment.

The first references on the convexity adjustment were [Ritchken and Sankarasubramanian \(1993\)](#), [Flesaker \(1993\)](#) and [Brotherton-Ratcliffe and Iben \(1993\)](#), published almost simultaneously. A convexity formula for averaging contracts was found in [Ritchken and Sankarasubramanian \(1993\)](#). Flesaker derived a convexity adjustment for computing the expected Libor rate under the Ho-Lee model in a continuous and discrete setting in [Flesaker \(1993\)](#). [Brotherton-Ratcliffe and Iben \(1993\)](#) used the Taylor expansion on the inverse function for calculating the convexity

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adjustment. In the following years, several improvements were made. For example, the convexity adjustment was extended to other payoffs in Hull (2006). Hart (1997) improved the Taylor expansion. Kirikos and Novak (1997) derived the convexity adjustment for the Hull-White model. Afterwards, we can find papers that extend the convexity adjustment to different payoffs, see Benhamou (2000b) or Hagan (2003). Or by applying alternative techniques such as the change of measure in Pelsser (2001), a martingale approach in Benhamou (2000a) or the effects of stochastic volatility in Piterbarg and Renedo (2006) and Hagan and Woodward (2020).

In the present paper, we find an alternative way to calculate the convexity adjustment for a general interest rate model. The idea is to use the Itô's representation theorem. Unfortunately, the theorem does not give an insight into how to calculate the elements therein. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce basic concepts of Malliavin calculus to apply the Clark-Ocone representation formula.

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we give the basic preliminaries and our notation related to Interest Rates models. This notation will be used throughout the paper without being repeated in particular theorems unless we find it useful to do so in order to guide the reader through the results. In Section 3, we make an introduction to Malliavin calculus. In Section 4, In Section ??, In Section ??

## 2 Preliminaries and notation

Consider a continuous-time economy where zero-coupon bonds are traded for all maturities. The price at time  $t$  of a zero-coupon bond with maturity  $T$  is denoted by  $P(t, T)$  where  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Clearly,  $P(T, T) = 1$ . We define the compounded instantaneous forward rate forward rate as:

$$f(t, T) = -\partial_T \ln P(t, T)$$

and the spot interest rates as:

$$r(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow t} -\partial_T \ln P(t, T).$$

We have that the price of a zero-coupon bond is given by

$$P(t, T) = \exp \left( - \int_t^T f(t, u) du \right).$$

Before the financial crisis, there was a single curve framework where there was a single curve for discounting and forecasting. Since then, the market has adopted a multi-curve approach with two different curves: the discounting curve and the estimation curve chosen based on the maturity of the underlying rate. The difference between these two curves is known as basis. In this paper, we will assume that the basis are not stochastic. Therefore can be directly obtained from the market at time  $t = 0$ . In other words, the estimation forward curve  $f_E(t, T)$  is given by

$$f_E(t, T) = f_{ois}(t, T) + s(t, T) \tag{1}$$

where and  $f_{ois}$  is the discount curve and  $s(t, T)$  are the basis between the two curves, i.e.  $s(t, T) = f_E(0, T) - f_{ois}(0, T)$ .

We will assume that the  $f_{ois}$  dynamics follows a single factor Heath-Jarrow-Morton model under the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -measure. Therefore, let  $T > 0$  a fixed time horizon,  $t > 0$  the starting time, and  $W$  a Brownian motion defined on a complete probability space  $(\omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then, under the HJM we have the following dynamics

$$df_{ois}(t, T) = \sigma(t, T)\nu(t, T)dt + \sigma(t, T)dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \tag{2}$$

where  $\nu(t, T) = \int_t^T \sigma(t, s) ds$  and  $\sigma(t, T)$  are  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted process that are positive functions for all  $t, T$ . In particular, we have that

$$f_{ois}(t, T) = -\partial_T \ln P_{ois}(t, T).$$

In order to have a Markovian representation of the HJM, we will assume that the volatility is separable, i.e.

$$\sigma(t, T) = h(t)g(T). \quad (3)$$

with  $g$  a positive time-dependent function and  $h$  a non-negative process. This version of the HJM is also known as the Cheyette model, [Cheyette \(2001\)](#). It is easy to show (see [Andreasen \(2001\)](#)), that in this case (2)

$$r_{ois}(t) = f_{ois}(t, t) = f_{ois}(0, t) + x_t, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= (-k_t x_t + y_t)dt + \eta_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ dy_t &= (\eta_t^2 - 2k_t y_t)dt, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_t &= g(t)h(t, x_t, y_t) \\ k_t &= -\frac{\partial_t g(t)}{g(t)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then with a little bit of algebra and we use Itô formula we can show the next representation formula for  $P_{ois}(t, T)$

$$P_{ois}(t, T) = \frac{P_{ois}(0, T)}{P_{ois}(0, t)} \exp \left( -G(t, T)x_t - \frac{1}{2}G^2(t, T)y_t \right) \quad (6)$$

where  $G(t, T) = \int_t^T \exp \left( -\int_t^u k_s ds \right) du$ . We must observe, that under the representation (1) we have that

$$P_E(t, T) = H(t, T)P_{ois}(t, T) \quad (7)$$

where  $H(t, T) = \exp \left( -\int_t^T s(t, u) du \right)$ .

### 3 Basic introduction to Malliavin calculus

Malliavin calculus is an infinite-dimensional calculus in a Gaussian space, that is, a stochastic calculus of variations. In other words, this is a theory that provides a way to calculate the derivatives of random variables defined in a Gaussian probability space with respect to the underlying noise. The initial objective of Malliavin was the study of the existence of densities of Wiener functionals such as solutions of stochastic differential equations. But, nowadays, it has become an important tool in stochastic analysis due to the increase in its applications. Some of these applications include stochastic calculus for fractional Brownian motion, central limit theorems for multiple stochastic integrals, and an extension of the Itô formula for anticipative processes, but especially mathematical finance. For example, we can apply Malliavin calculus for computing hedging strategies, Greeks, or obtain price approximations. See, for example, [Alòs and García Lorite \(2021\)](#) or [Nualart \(1995\)](#) for more general content.

In our case, we are interested in using the Malliavin calculus to apply the Clark–Ocone representation theorem. But, first of all, let's introduce some basic concepts.

Now, we introduce the derivative operator in the Malliavin calculus sense and the divergence operator to establish the notation that we use in the remainder of the paper.

Consider  $W = \{W_t, t \in [0, T]\}$  a Brownian motion defined on a complete probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Let  $H = L^2([0, T])$  and denote by

$$W_t := \int_0^t s \, dW_s,$$

the Itô integral of a deterministic function  $h \in H$ , also known as Wiener integral. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of smooth random variables of the form

$$F = f(W_{t_1}, \dots, W_{t_n})$$

with  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, T]$  and  $f$  is infinitely differentiable bounded function.

The derivative of a random variable  $F$ ,  $D_s F$ , is defined as the stochastic process given by

$$D_s F = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(W_{t_1}, \dots, W_{t_n}) 1_{[0, t_i]}(s), \quad s \in [0, T].$$

The iterated derivative operator of a random variable  $F$  is defined by

$$D_{s_1, \dots, s_m}^m F = D_{s_1} \cdots D_{s_m} F, \quad s_1, \dots, s_m \in [0, T].$$

Nualart (1995) stated that these operators are closable from  $L^p(\Omega)$  into  $L^p(\Omega; L^2[0, T])$  for any  $p \geq 1$ , and we denote by  $\mathbb{D}^{n,p}$  the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  with respect to the norm

$$\|F\|_{n,p} := \left( E[F]^p + \sum_{i=1}^n E \|D^i F\|_{L^2([0, T]^i)}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

We define  $\delta$  as the adjoint of derivative operator  $D$ , also referred to as the Skorohod integral. The domain of  $\delta$ , denoted by  $Dom \, \delta$ , is the set of elements  $u \in L^2([0, T] \times \Omega)$  such that there exists  $\delta(u) \in L^2(\Omega)$  satisfying the duality relation

$$E[\delta(u)F] = E \left[ \int_0^T (D_s F) u_s \, ds \right].$$

The operator  $\delta$  is an extension of the Itô integral in the sense that the set  $L_a^2([0, T] \times \Omega)$  of square integrable and adapted processes is included in  $Dom \, \delta$  and the operator  $\delta$  restricted to  $L_a^2([0, T] \times \Omega)$  coincides with the Itô stochastic integral.

For any  $u \in Dom \, \delta$ , we will use the following notation

$$\delta(u) = \int_0^T u_s \, dW_s.$$

The representation of functionals of Brownian motion by stochastic integrals, also known as martingale representation, has been widely studied over the years. It states that if  $F$  is a square-integrable random variable, there exists a unique adapted process  $\varphi$  in  $L^2(\Omega \times [0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$  such that

$$F = E[F] + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T \varphi_s^i dW_s^i.$$

In other words, there exists a unique martingale representation or, more precisely, the integrand  $\varphi$  in the representation exists and is unique in  $L^2(\Omega \times [0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Unfortunately, it is not easy to find an analytic representation of the process  $\varphi$ . Here, the Malliavin calculus helps us to find a solution. When the random variable  $F$  is Malliavin differentiable, the process  $\varphi$  appearing in Itô's representation theorem, is given by

$$\varphi^i = E \left[ D_t^{W^i} F | \mathcal{F}_s^W \right].$$

In fact,

$$F = E[F] + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^T E \left[ D_t^{W^i} F | \mathcal{F}_s^W \right] dW_s^i \quad (8)$$

is the Clark-Ocone representation formula.

## 4 Convexity Adjustment

In this section, we derive the convexity adjustment for different products. The advantage of using the Malliavin calculus is that it allows us to derive a general representation formula for the convexity adjustment. Since the convexity adjustment is derived for the Cheyette model, it can be applied to all included models, such as the Hull-White model.

### 4.1 FRAs Vs futures

The cash flows in FRAs and futures are computed under different measures. Consequently, we need to adjust the futures price quote to transform them into FRAs price quotes. As usual, we will define the forward rate at time  $t_0$  between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  under the forward curve  $E$  as:

$$L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2) = \frac{\left( \frac{P_E(t_0, t_1)}{P_E(t_0, t_2)} - 1 \right)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2}} \quad (9)$$

where  $P_E(t, T)$  is the discount factor for the curve  $E$  from  $t$  to  $T$ , and  $\delta_{t_1, t_2}$  is the year fraction between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ . Observe that  $L_E(t, t_1, t_2)$  is a martingale under the forward measure  $\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}$ . Let us define the conditional future rate as:

$$\hat{L}_E(t, t_0, t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} (L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)), \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the measure associated to the numeraire  $B_t = \exp \left( \int_0^t r_{ois, s} ds \right)$  with  $r_{ois, t}$  the risk free short rate. Using (9) and (10), we can express the convexity adjustment definition as:

$$CA(t, t_0, t_1, t_2) = \hat{L}_E(t, t_0, t_1, t_2) - \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} (L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)).$$

We use the Clark-Ocone formula with a view to obtaining a general representation formula of the convexity adjustment for futures. Applying (8) to  $L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)$ , we obtain

$$L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2) = \hat{L}_E(t, t_0, t_1, t_2) + \int_0^{t_0} \mathbb{E}_s^{\mathbb{Q}} (D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)) dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}}. \quad (11)$$

Therefore, if we apply  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}}(\cdot)$  in the last equation, then we get

$$CA(t, t_0, t_1, t_2) = -\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} \left( \int_0^{t_0} \mathbb{E}_s^{\mathbb{Q}} (D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)) dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}} \right).$$

From (2) and since  $f_{ois}(t, T)$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}^T$  martingale, we have that

$$dW^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} = dW^{\mathbb{Q}} + \nu(t, t_2) dt.$$

Therefore, if we apply Girsanov's theorem to switch to measure  $\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}$ , we get that

$$CA(t, t_0, t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} \left( \int_0^{t_0} \mathbb{E}_s^{\mathbb{Q}} (D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)) \nu(s, t_2) ds \right) \quad (12)$$

where  $\nu(t, T)$  has been defined in (2). Now, from the definition of  $L_E(t, T)$  we have that

$$D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2) = \frac{H(t_0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} H(t_0, t_2)} D_s \left( \frac{P_{ois}(t_0, t_1)}{P_{ois}(t_0, t_2)} \right).$$

If we use the representation formula (6) we get that

$$D_s \left( \frac{P_{ois}(t_0, t_1)}{P_{ois}(t_0, t_2)} \right) = \frac{(\partial_x P_{ois}(t_0, t_1) P_{ois}(t_0, t_2) - \partial_x P_{ois}(t_0, t_2) P_{ois}(t_0, t_1))}{P_{ois}^2(t_0, t_2)} D_s x_{t_0}$$

therefore

$$D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2) = \frac{H(t_0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} H(t_0, t_2)} \frac{(\partial_x P_{ois}(t_0, t_1) P_{ois}(t_0, t_2) - \partial_x P_{ois}(t_0, t_2) P_{ois}(t_0, t_1))}{P_{ois}^2(t_0, t_2)} D_s x_{t_0}. \quad (13)$$

Now from (27) with  $T_a = t_0$  and  $\beta(t, t_0, x, y) = \exp \left( - \int_s^{T_a} k_u du \right) \eta(u, x, y)$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2) &\approx \frac{H(t_0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} H(t_0, t_2)} \frac{(\partial_x P_{ois}(t_0, t_1) P_{ois}(t_0, t_2) - \partial_x P_{ois}(t_0, t_2) P_{ois}(t_0, t_1))}{P_{ois}^2(t_0, t_2)} \beta(t, t_0, \bar{x}_s, \bar{y}_s) \bar{M}(s, t_0) \\ &\approx \frac{P_E(0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_2)} \left( G(t_0, t_2) \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_2)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} - G(t_0, t_1) \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_1)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} \right) \beta(t, t_0, \bar{x}_s, \bar{y}_s) \bar{M}(s, t_0) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\mathbb{E}_s (D_s L_E(t_0, t_1, t_2)) = \frac{P_E(0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_2)} \left( G(t_0, t_2) \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_2)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} - G(t_0, t_1) \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_1)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} \right) \beta(t, t_0, x_0, \bar{y}_s) \bar{M}(s, t_0) \quad (14)$$

Now, from (12) and (14) we have the next approximation for the convexity adjustmet for future

$$\begin{aligned} CA(t, t_0, t_1) &\approx \frac{P_E(0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_2)} \left( G(t_0, t_2) \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_2)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} - G(t_0, t_1) \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_1)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} \right) \int_0^{t_0} \beta(s, t_0, x_0, \hat{y}_s) \nu(s, t_2) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

**Example 4.1.** Let us to set

$$\begin{aligned} g(T) &= \exp(-kT) \\ h(t) &= \sigma \end{aligned}$$

With this parametrization, the Cheyette model is equivalent to Hull-White model. It is easy to show that under this parametrization, the convexity adjustment (15) is

$$CA(t_0, t_1) \approx \frac{\sigma^2 \exp(-kt_0) P_E(0, t_1)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_2)} \left( \frac{1 - \exp(-kt_0)}{k^2} - \frac{t_0 \exp(-kt_2)}{k} \right).$$

In the next figure, we can check the accuracy of the last formula versus montecarlo. The parameters that we have used are  $\sigma = 0.015$ ,  $k = 0.003$  and flat curve with level  $r = 0.01$ .

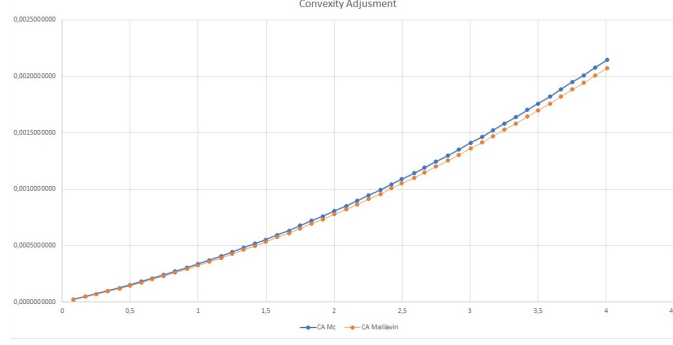


Figure 1: Convexity Mc Vs Convexity Malliavin

## 4.2 OIS futures

In this we will derive the convexity adjustment for overnight-indexed swap (OIS) under. We will define for  $t_0 < t_1$

$$R(t_0, t_1) = \frac{\exp\left(\int_{t_0}^{t_1} r_{ois,u} du\right) - 1}{t_1 - t_0}$$

$$R_{avg}(t_0, t_1) = \frac{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} r_{ois,u} du}{t_1 - t_0}.$$

We must observe, that both  $R(\cdot, t_0, t_1)$  and  $R_{avg}(\cdot, t_0, t_1)$  are not predictable and they are only observable in  $t_1$ . However, since  $R(\cdot, t_0, t_1)$  and  $R_{avg}(\cdot, t_0, t_1)$  are flows that will be payed in  $t_1$ , we can consider the expected value under the measure  $\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}$  that will be observable during whole period  $[t_0, t_1]$ . Let us define the next  $\mathbb{Q}$  martingales

$$\bar{R}(t, t_0, t_1) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R(t_0, t_1))$$

$$\bar{R}_{avg}(t, t_0, t_1) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R_{avg}(t_0, t_1)).$$

We must do several observations. The first observation is that, we define  $F(t, t_0, t_1) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}}(R(t_0, t_1))$ , then we have that

$$F(t, t_0, t_1) = \frac{1}{P_{ois}(t, t_1)} \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left( \exp \left( - \int_t^{t_1} r_{ois,u} du \right) R(t_0, t_1) \right) = \frac{\frac{P_{ois}(t, t_0)}{P_{ois}(t, t_1)} - 1}{t_1 - t_0}, \quad t \in [0, t_0]$$

$$F(t, t_0, t_1) = \frac{1}{P_{ois}(t, t_1)} \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left( \exp \left( - \int_t^{t_1} r_{ois,u} du \right) R(t_0, t_1) \right) = \frac{1}{t_1 - t_0} \left( \frac{\exp \left( \int_t^{t_1} r_{ois,u} du \right)}{P_{ois}(t_0, t)} - 1 \right), \quad t \in [t_0, t_1].$$

The can define the convexity adjustment for  $R(t_0, t_1)$  the next way

$$CA_{ois}(t, t_0, t_1) = F(t, t_0, t_1) - \bar{R}(t, t_0, t_1) \quad (16)$$

The second observation, is that under the dyam we must do is that

$$\mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}}(R_{avg}(t_0, t_1)) = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left( \frac{\log(1 + \delta_{t_0, t_1} R(t_0, t_1))}{\delta_{t_0, t_1}} \right) \quad (17)$$

In order to compute  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R(t_0, t_1))$ , we will define

$$I(t_0, t_1) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} r_s ds$$

then for  $t < t_0$  from (8) and (27), we have the next representation for  $I(t_0, t_1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
I(t_0, t_1) &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1)) + \int_0^{t_1} \int_{\max(s, t_0)}^{t_1} \mathbb{E}_s^{\mathbb{Q}}(\beta(s, u, x_s, y_s) \bar{M}(s, u)) du dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
&\approx \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1)) + \int_0^{t_1} \int_{\max(s, t_0)}^{t_1} \beta(s, u, x_0, \hat{y}_s) du dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}} \\
&= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1)) + \int_0^{t_1} g(s) h(s, x_0, \hat{y}_s) \int_{\max(s, t_0)}^{t_1} \exp\left(-\int_s^u k_{s'} ds'\right) du dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}}. \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can get the next approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + \delta_{t_0, t_1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}}(R(t_0, t_1)) &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}}(\exp(I(t_0, t_1))) \\
&= \exp(\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1))) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}}\left(\exp\left(\int_0^{t_1} \Gamma(s, t_0, t_1) dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma(s, t_0, t_1) = g(s) h(s, x_0, \hat{y}_s) \int_{\max(s, t_0)}^{t_1} \exp(-\int_s^u k_{s'} ds') du$ . Now, from the Girsanov's theorem we get that

$$1 + \delta_{t_0, t_1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R(t_0, t_1)) \approx \exp(\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1))) \exp\left(\int_0^{t_1} \frac{\Gamma^2(s, t_0, t_1)}{2} ds\right)$$

Therefore we have that

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R(t_0, t_1)) \approx \frac{\exp(\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1))) \exp\left(\int_0^{t_1} \frac{\Gamma^2(s, t_0, t_1)}{2} ds\right) - 1}{\delta_{t_0, t_1}} \quad (19)$$

We must note, that from (18) and (17) we can get an approximation for  $R_{avg}(t_0, t_1)$

$$R_{avg}(t_0, t_1) = \frac{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1))}{\delta_{t_0, t_1}} \approx \frac{\log(1 + \delta_{t_0, t_1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R(t_0, t_1)))}{\delta_{t_0, t_1}} - \frac{\int_0^{t_1} \Gamma^2(s, t_0, t_1) ds}{2\delta_{t_0, t_1}} \quad (20)$$

Therefore, since  $\log(1+x) \approx x$  we have that

$$R_{avg}(t_0, t_1) \approx \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(R(t_0, t_1)) - \frac{\int_0^{t_1} \Gamma^2(s, t_0, t_1) ds}{2\delta_{t_0, t_1}}.$$

**Remark 4.2.** We must observe that for the case  $t_0 < t < t_1$  we can compute the convexity adjusment in a similar way when  $t < t_0$ , but in this case we have to define

$$I(t, t_1) = \int_t^{t_1} r_s ds$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
R(t_0, t_1) &= \frac{\exp(\int_t^{t_1} r_{ois, s} ds) - 1}{t_1 - t_0} \\
R_{avg}(t_0, t_1) &= \frac{\int_{t_0}^t r_{ois, s} ds}{t_1 - t_0} + \frac{\int_t^{t_1} r_{ois, s} ds}{t_1 - t_0}.
\end{aligned}$$



**Example 4.3.** The same way that in the example (4.1), we will suppose a Hull-White model with constan mean reversion  $k = 0.003$  and volatility  $\sigma = 0.01$ . It is easy to show in the case of the Hull-White model

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_s &= \sigma \exp(-ks) \\ \beta(s, u, x_0, \hat{y}_s) &= \sigma \exp(-ku) \\ \nu(s, t_1) &= \sigma \frac{\exp(-ks) - \exp(-kt_1)}{k} \\ \Gamma(s, t_0, t_1) &= \frac{\sigma \exp(-ks)}{k} (\exp(-k(\max(s, t_0) - s)) - \exp(-k(t_1 - s))) \\ \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}(I(t_0, t_1)) &= -\log \left( \frac{P_{ois}(0, t_1)}{P_{ois}(0, t_0)} \right) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2k^2} \left( \delta_{t_0, t_1} - 2 \frac{\exp(-kt_0) - \exp(-kt_1)}{k} + \frac{\exp(-2kt_0) - \exp(-2kt_1)}{k} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\int_0^{t_1} \Gamma^2(s, t_0, t_1) ds}{2} &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2k^2} \int_0^{t_1} \exp(-2ks) (\exp(-k(\max(s, t_0) - s)) - \exp(-k(t_1 - s)))^2 ds \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2k^2} \int_0^{t_0} \exp(-2ks) (\exp(-k(t_0 - s)) - \exp(-k(t_1 - s)))^2 ds \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma^2}{2k^2} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \exp(-2ks) (1 - \exp(-k\delta_{t_0, t_1}))^2 ds \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2 t_0}{2k^2} (\exp(-kt_0) + \exp(-2kt_1) - 2 \exp(-k(t_1 + t_0))) \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma^2}{2k^2} \left( \frac{\exp(-2kt_0) - \exp(-2kt_1)}{2k} + \exp(-2kt_1) \delta_{t_0, t_1} - 2 \frac{\exp(-k(t_0 + t_1)) - \exp(-kt_1)}{k} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Then if we substitute the last equality in (19) we get the convexity adjustment for OIS future. The next figure, show accuracy of (19) in the case of Hull-White

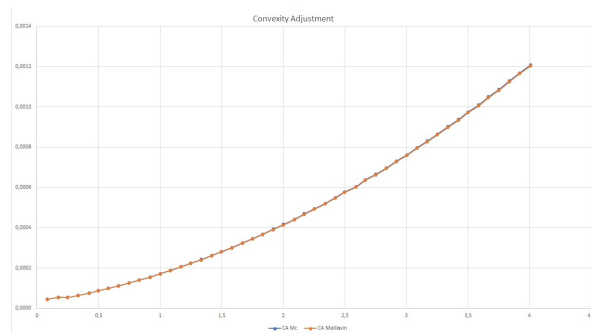


Figure 2: Convexity Mc Vs Convexity Malliavin

### 4.3 FRAs in arrears

The cash flows associated to a FRAs in arrears is  $L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)$  in  $t_1$ . Therefore the payment will be

$$P_E(0, t_1) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}}(L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)). \quad (21)$$

The expected value is clearly taken with respect to the wrong martingale, because  $L_E(t, t_1, t_2)$  is martingale under the measure  $\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}$ . In order to calculate, the convexity adjustment we will use as

before Clark-Ocone to get a representation for  $L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)$  i.e

$$L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} (L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)) + \int_0^{t_1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} (D_s L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)) dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} \quad (22)$$

The if we suppose the HJM dynamic (1) and we take  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}}(\cdot)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}} (L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)) &= L_E(0, t_1, t_2) + \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^{t_1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} (D_s L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)) dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} \right) \\ &= L_E(0, t_1, t_2) + \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^{t_1} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} (D_s L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)) (\nu(s, t_2) - \nu(s, t_1)) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used that

$$dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_2}} = dW_s^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}} + (\nu(s, t_2) - \nu(s, t_1)) ds$$

Now from (27) we have that

$$D_s L(t_1, t_1, t_2) = \frac{G(t_1, t_2)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(t_1, t_2)} D_s x_{t_1} \approx \frac{G(t_1, t_2)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_1, t_2)} \beta(s, t_1, x_0, \bar{y}_s) \bar{M}(s, t_1)$$

Therefore, if we define and we use (28) we have that

$$CA(t_0, t_1) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{t_1}} (L_E(t_1, t_1, t_2)) - L_E(0, t_1, t_2)$$

and we use the last approximation and (22), we can get the next approximation for  $CA(t_0, t_1)$

$$CA(t_0, t_1) \approx \frac{G(t_1, t_2)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_1, t_2)} \int_0^{t_1} \beta(s, t_1, x_0, \bar{y}_s) \exp \left( - \int_s^{t_1} \partial_x \beta(u, t_1, x_0, \bar{y}_u) \nu(u, t_2) du \right) (\nu(s, t_2) - \nu(s, t_1)) ds. \quad (23)$$

**Example 4.4.** To check how works the last approximation. We will restrict a Hull-White model with mean reversion and volatility constant. We will use  $\sigma = 0.1$ ,  $k = 0.007$  for our model. The analytical approximation that we get from (15) is

$$CA(t_0, t_1) \approx \frac{G(t_1, t_2)}{\delta_{t_1, t_2} P_E(0, t_1, t_2)} \frac{\sigma^2}{k} \int_0^{t_1} \exp(-k(t_1 + u)) - \exp(-k(t_2 + u)) du$$

We have checked the last approximation using MC method to compute the value of a FRA in arrears. We will show the result of the simulation in the next figure

#### 4.4 CMSs

We will define the swap rate from  $T_a$  to  $T_b$  at time  $t$

$$S_{a,b}(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_E} \delta_{t_{i-1}^E, t_i^E} L^E(t, t_{i-1}^E, t_i^E) P_{ois}(t, t_i^E)}{01(t, T_a, T_b)}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} 01(t, T_a, T_b) &= \sum_{j=1}^{n_f} \delta_{t_{i-1}^f, t_i^f} P_{ois}(t, t_j^f) \\ T_a &= T_0^E < T_i^E < \dots < T_{n_E}^E = T_b \quad i = 0, \dots, n_E \\ T_a &= T_0^f < T_j^f < \dots < T_{n_f}^f = T_b \quad j = 0, \dots, n_f \end{aligned}$$

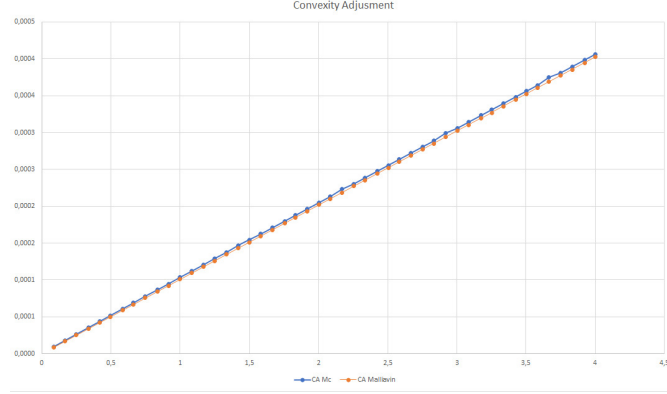


Figure 3: Convexity Mc Vs Convexity Malliavin

The same way, let us define

$$S_{a,b}^{ois}(t) = \frac{P_{ois}(t, T_a^E) - P_{ois}(t, T_b^E)}{01(t, T_a, T_b)}.$$

We suppose, that we have a flow in  $T_a < T_p < T_b$  with value  $S_{a,b}(T_a)$ . Then, the present value of this flow

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ois}(0, T_a) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{T_a}} (S_{a,b}(T_a) P_{ois}(T_a, T_p)) &= 01(0, T_a, T_b) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} \left( S_{a,b}(T_a) \frac{P_{ois}(T_a, T_p)}{01(T_a, T_a, T_b)} \right) \\ &= 01(0, T_a, T_b) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} (S_{a,b}(T_a) M(T_a, T_p)) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where  $M(t, T_p) = \frac{P_{ois}(t, T_p)}{01(t, T_a, T_b)}$ . In order to reduce the complexity to explain the movement of the forward curve, it is a common practice to assume that

$$M(t) = f(S_{a,b}^{ois}(t))$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is known as mapping function. There is an extensive literature on how to define this function (see Piterbarg Volume III), in later we will see some particular examples for this mapping function. Under the last assumption and applying Clark-Ocone to  $f(S_{a,b}(t))$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a)) &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} (f(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a))) + \int_0^{T_a} \mathbb{E}_s^{01(a,b)} (D_s(f(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a)))) dW_s^{01(a,b)} \\ &= \frac{P_{ois}(0, T_p)}{01(0, T_a, T_b)} + \int_0^{T_a} \mathbb{E}_s^{01(a,b)} (f'(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a) D_s x_{T_a}) dW_s^{01(a,b)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can define the convexity adjustment for a CMS the next way

$$\begin{aligned} CA_{CMS}(T_a, T_b) &= 01(0, T_a, T_b) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} \left( S_{a,b}(T_a) \int_0^{T_a} \mathbb{E}_s^{01(a,b)} (f'(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a) D_s x_{T_a}) dW_s^{01(a,b)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now if we use again the Clark-Ocone representation, but in this case for  $S_{a,b}(T_a)$  we get that

$$\begin{aligned} CA_{CMS}(T_a, T_b) &\approx 01(0, T_a, T_b) f'(S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} (S_{a,b}(T_a) (S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a) - S_{a,b}^{ois}(0))) \\ &= 01(0, T_a, T_b) f'(S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} (S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a) S_{a,b}(T_a) - S_{a,b}(0) S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)) \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used that  $S_{a,b}(t)$  and  $S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a)$  are  $01(a,b)$ -martingale. Now, if we use Itô formula to  $S_{a,b}^{ois}(t)$  and  $S_{a,b}(t)$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} dS_{a,b}^{ois}(t, x_t, y_t) &= \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(t, x_t, y_t) \eta(t, x_t, y_t) dW^{01(a,b)} \\ dS_{a,b}(t, x_t, y_t) &= \partial_x S_{a,b}(t, x_t, y_t) \eta(t, x_t, y_t) dW^{01(a,b)} \end{aligned}$$

with initial condition  $S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)$  and  $S_{a,b}(0)$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}}(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a) S_{a,b}(T_a)) &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^{01(a,b)}} \left( \int_0^{T_a} \partial_x S_{a,b}(u, x_u, y_u) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(u, x_u, y_u) \eta^2(u, x_u, y_u) du \right) + S_{a,b}(0) S_{a,b}^{ois}(0) \\ &\approx \partial_x S_{a,b}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \int_0^{T_a} \eta^2(u, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) du \\ &\quad + S_{a,b}(0) S_{a,b}^{ois}(0). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can approximate  $CA_{CMS}(T_a, T_b)$  the next way

$$\begin{aligned} CA_{CMS}(T_a, T_b) &\approx 01(0, T_a, T_b) f'(S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)) \\ &\quad \cdot \partial_x S_{a,b}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \int_0^{T_a} \eta^2(u, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) du \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

**Example 4.5.** In the case of a Hull-White model, we showed in the example (4.3) that

$$\eta(t, x_t, y_t) = \sigma \exp(-kt)$$

Therefore (25) is reduced to

$$01(0, T_a, T_b) f'(S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \frac{\sigma^2(1 - \exp(-2kT_a))}{2k} \tag{26}$$

A common practice in market, it is suppose that  $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta$  (TSR model). We must to impose two equations in order to get  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The first equation follows straightforward from the definition of  $M(t, T_p)$ . Since,  $M(t, T_p)$  is a  $01(a,b)$ -martingale we must have that

$$\mathbb{E}^{01(a,b)}(\alpha S_{a,b}^{ois}(T_a) + \beta) = \frac{P_{ois}(0, T_p)}{01(0, T_a, T_b)}.$$

Therefore

$$\beta = \frac{P_{ois}(0, T_p)}{01(0, T_a, T_b, x_0, y_0)} - \alpha S_{a,b}^{ois}(0, x_0, y_0).$$

Under a separable HJM dynamic we must have that

$$\alpha \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(0) = -M(0, T_p) \left( G(T_a, T_p) + \frac{\partial_x 01(0, T_a, T_b)}{01(0, T_a, T_b)} \right).$$

Then

$$\alpha = - \frac{M(0, T_p) \left( G(T_a, T_p) + \frac{\partial_x 01(0, T_a, T_b)}{01(0, T_a, T_b)} \right)}{\partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)}.$$

Then from the last equalities, we can approximate the convexity adjustment of a CMS rate as

$$\begin{aligned}
& CA_{CMS}(T_a, T_b) \\
& \approx \alpha 01(0, T_a, T_b) \partial_x S_{a,b}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \partial_x S_{a,b}^{ois}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \frac{\sigma^2(1 - \exp(-2kT_a))}{2k} \\
& = -P_{ois}(0, T_p) \left( G(T_a, T_p) + \frac{\partial_x 01(0, T_a, T_b)}{01(0, T_a, T_b)} \right) \partial_x S_{a,b}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) \frac{S_{a,b}^{ois}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a))}{S_{a,b}^{ois}(0)} \frac{\sigma^2(1 - \exp(-2kT_a))}{2k}
\end{aligned}$$

In the next figure, we can see the convexity adjustment for a CMS where the tenor for the underlying swap is 5Y using the last approximation and Monte Carlo method

## Appendix

### A.1 Approximation of $\mathbb{E}_s^{T_p}(D_s x_{T_a})$

From (5) is easy to show that

$$x_{T_a} = \int_0^{T_a} \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} k_u du\right) y_u du + \int_0^{T_a} \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} k_u du\right) \eta(u, x_u, y_u) dW_u^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

In order to get an approximation for  $D_s X_{T_a}$  we must to avoid the recurrence in the Malliavin derivative of  $X_{T_a}$ . Follow, the ideas of Piterbarg Volume II, we can approximate  $y_t$  the next way

$$y_t \approx \int_0^s \exp\left(-2 \int_u^s k_{u'} du'\right) \eta(u, x_0, y_0) du$$

Therefore, if we define  $\bar{y}(t) = \int_0^s \exp\left(-2 \int_u^s k_{u'} du'\right) \eta(u, x_0, y_0)$ , we have that

$$X_{T_a} \approx \bar{X}(T_a) := \int_0^{T_a} \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} k_u du\right) \bar{y}(u) du + \int_0^{T_a} \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} k_u du\right) \eta(u, \bar{x}(u), \bar{y}(u)) dW_u^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

With initial condition  $\bar{x}_0$  is such that  $S_{a,b}(0, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}(T_a)) = S_{a,b}(0)$  (see Piterbarg Volume II). Then we can do the next approximation for the Malliavin derivative of  $X_{T_a}$

$$D_s X_{T_a} \approx \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} k_u du\right) \eta(u, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}_{T_a}) \bar{M}(s, T_a) \quad (27)$$

where

$$\bar{M}(s, T_a) = \exp\left(-\frac{\int_s^{t_0} (\partial_x \beta(u, T_a, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}_{T_a}))^2 du}{2} + \int_s^{t_0} \partial_x \beta(u, T_a, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}_{T_a}) dW_u^{\mathbb{Q}}\right)$$

Now, we must remember that by Girsanov's theorem we have that

$$dW^{\mathbb{Q}^{T_p}} = dW^{\mathbb{Q}} + \nu(t, T_p) dt$$

and therefore

$$\mathbb{E}_s^{T_p}(D_s x_{T_a}) \approx \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} k_u du\right) \eta(u, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}_{T_a}) \exp\left(-\int_s^{T_a} \partial_x \beta(u, T_a, \bar{x}_0, \bar{y}_{T_a}) \nu(u, T_p) du\right) \quad (28)$$

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