
PATH-DEPENDENT VOLATILITY

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1. THE 2-FACTOR MARKOVIAN PDV MODEL

For $t \in [0, T]$, the 2-f PDV reads :

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= S_t \sigma(R_{1,t}, R_{2,t}) dW_t \\ dR_{1,t} &= -\lambda_1 R_{1,t} dt + \lambda_1 \sigma(R_{1,t}, R_{2,t}) dW_t \\ dR_{2,t} &= \lambda_2 \left(\sigma(R_{1,t}, R_{2,t})^2 - R_{2,t} \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

s.t $\sigma : (R_1, R_2) \mapsto \beta_0 + \beta_1 R_1 + \beta_2 \sqrt{R_2}$.

Let $X := (S, R_1, R_2)^\top$ be our state process. Then, X is a markovian-diffusion with dynamics :

$$dX_t = \mu(t, X_t) dt + \delta(t, X_t) dW_t$$

with, for $(t, x) = (t, (S, R_1, R_2)) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$\mu(t, x) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\lambda_1 R_1 \\ \lambda_2 (\sigma(R_1, R_2)^2 - R_2) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \delta(t, x) = \begin{pmatrix} S \sigma(R_1, R_2) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \sigma(R_1, R_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The infinitesimal generator of X , denoted by \mathcal{L}^X , is defined for $u \in \mathcal{C}_c^{1,2}((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^3)$ by

$$\mathcal{L}^X u := -(\lambda_1 R_1 \partial_{R_1} u + \lambda_2 R_2 \partial_{R_2} u) + \lambda_2 \sigma^2 \partial_{R_2} u + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} (S^2 \partial_{S,S}^2 u + \lambda_1^2 \partial_{R_1, R_1}^2 u)$$

The dynamics of the vol reads :

$$\begin{aligned} &= \kappa(t, (S_u)_{u \leq t}, (\sigma_u)_{u \leq t}) \text{ jointly path-dependent drift } \Rightarrow \text{strong Zumbach effect} \\ d\sigma_t &= \underbrace{\underbrace{(-\beta_1 \lambda_1 R_{1,t})}_{\text{leverage effect}} + \underbrace{\frac{\beta_2 \lambda_2 \sigma_t^2 - R_{2,t}}{2 \sqrt{R_{2,t}}}}_{\text{vol clustering}}}_{\text{vol of vol constant}} dt + \underbrace{\beta_1 \lambda_1}_{\text{vol of vol constant}} \sigma_t dW_t \end{aligned}$$

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