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# ON SOME THEORETICAL PROPRIETIES OF THE TWO FACTOR PDV MODEL

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Recall the dynamics of the two factor PDV model, for all  $t \in [0, T]$ :

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

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

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  can be defined equivalently (denote  $\sigma_\cdot := \sigma(R_{1,\cdot}, R_{2,\cdot})$ ) by :

$$\begin{aligned} R_{1,t} &= R_{1,0} + \int_0^t \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1(t-u)} \sigma_u dW_u \\ R_{2,t} &= R_{2,0} + \int_0^t \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2(t-u)} \sigma_u^2 du \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $R := (R_1, R_2)$  is a Markov diffusion with Feller-Dynkin operator given by :

$$L_R := -\lambda_1 R_1 \partial_{R_1} + \lambda_2 (\sigma^2 - R_2) \partial_{R_2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1^2 \sigma^2 \partial_{R_1, R_2}^2$$

We denote by  $L_R^\dagger$  its adjoint operator defined by :

$$L_R^\dagger := \lambda_1 R_1 \partial_{R_1} - \lambda_2 (\sigma^2 - R_2) \partial_{R_2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1^2 \sigma^2 \partial_{R_1, R_2}^2$$

For  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ , where  $T > 0$ , we know that, if it exists, the transition probability density function of  $(R_u^{s,r})_{s \leq u \leq r}$  denoted by  $p_{s,t}(r, \cdot)$  satisfies the Fokker-Plank equation :

$$\partial_t p_{s,t}(r, \cdot) = L_R^\dagger p_{s,t}(r, \cdot), \quad p_{s,s}(r, \cdot) = \delta(x - y)$$

Let  $(\kappa_n, \Psi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence of eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $L_R^\dagger$  and suppose for simplicity that  $s = 0$ . Then,  $R \mapsto p_t(r, R)$  can be written as :

$$\forall R \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \quad p_t(r, R) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \alpha_n e^{\kappa_n t} \Psi_n(R)$$

Where  $(\alpha_n)$  is a real-valued coordinates sequence and it is taken so that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} p_t(r, R) dR = 1$$

## QUESTIONS

1. How can we determine  $(\kappa_n, \Psi_n)$  ?
2. Any ideas on how can we determine the conditional distribution  $g(R_t) \mid S_t = S$  for  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{Borel}} \mathbb{R}$  and  $S \in \mathbb{R}_+$  ?

We focus on the process  $R$  because if one denotes  $X := \log(S)$ , Then for  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $X_t = F((R_u)_{u \leq t})$ , so that the prices of vanilla/exotic derivatives on  $e^X$  are fully determined by the laws of the process  $R$ .

Our main goal is to determine some expansions of VIX futures/vanilla options on VIX prices in this model.