

1 Time change and Heston

The diffusion time change model:

$$dS = rSdt + \sigma SdW_\tau^1 \quad (1)$$

$$\tau = \int_0^t \bar{v}ds \quad (2)$$

$$d\bar{v} = k(1 - \bar{v})dt + \eta\sqrt{\bar{v}}dW_t^2 \quad (3)$$

$$dW^1dW^2 = \rho dt \quad (4)$$

and the traditional Heston model:

$$dS = rSdt + \sqrt{v}SdW_t^1 \quad (5)$$

$$dv = a(b - v)dt + c\sqrt{v}dW_t^2 \quad (6)$$

$$dW^1dW^2 = \rho dt \quad (7)$$

are equivalent. To get from the Heston to time change, use the following change of variables:

$$k = a \quad (8)$$

$$\eta = \frac{c}{\sqrt{b}} \quad (9)$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{b} \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{v}_0 = \frac{v_0}{b} \quad (11)$$

2 Time change and Black Scholes

The diffusion time change model reduces to the Black Scholes model if $\bar{v}_0 = 1$ and $\eta = 0$. This can be demonstrated either through a convoluted and unenlightening application of l'hospital's rule on the moment generating function of a CIR process or, more simply, by solving the integral of a non-stochastic mean-reverting process:

$$\int_0^T \bar{v}_s ds$$

Where

$$d\bar{v}_s = k(1 - \bar{v})dt$$

Since there is no stochastic component, this is just an ODE with solution

$$\bar{v}_t = e^{-kt}(\bar{v}_0 - 1) + 1$$

The characteristic function in the Black Scholes world is thus

$$e^{-\psi\left(\frac{1-e^{-kT}}{k}(\bar{v}_0-1)+T\right)}$$

When $\bar{v}_0 = 1$, this becomes (as expected)

$$e^{-\psi T}$$