```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy import sparse
from scipy.stats import norm
from scipy.optimize import brentq, fsolve, minimize_scalar
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▼ Bachelier (1990), Black (1976), QNM (2023) classes

Bachelier (1990)

$$\begin{split} dF_t &= \sigma_a dW_t \\ C_{BC}(F,K,\sigma_a,r,\tau) &= e^{-r\tau} \left[(F-K)N(m_a) + \sigma_a \sqrt{\tau} n(m_a) \right] \\ P_{BC}(F,K,\sigma_a,r,\tau) &= e^{-r\tau} \left[(K-F)(1-N(m_a)) + \sigma_a \sqrt{\tau} n(m_a) \right] \\ \text{where} \\ m_a &= \frac{F-K}{\sigma_a \sqrt{\tau}} \end{split}$$

Black (1976)

$$\begin{split} dF_t &= \sigma_G F_t dW_t \\ C_{BL}\left(F,K,\sigma_G,r,\tau\right) &= e^{-r\tau} \left[FN(m_G + \frac{\sigma_G\sqrt{\tau}}{2}) - KN(m_G - \frac{\sigma_G\sqrt{\tau}}{2})\right] \\ P_{BL}\left(F,K,\sigma_G,r,\tau\right) &= e^{-r\tau} \left[K(1-N(m_G - \frac{\sigma_G\sqrt{\tau}}{2})) - F(1-N(m_G + \frac{\sigma_G\sqrt{\tau}}{2}))\right] \end{split}$$
 where

 $m_G = \frac{ln(F - K)}{\sigma_G \sqrt{\tau}}$

Quadratic Normal Model (Bouchouev, 2023)

$$\begin{split} dF_t &= \sigma(F_t) dW_t = (\sigma_{ATM} + a + bF_t + cF_t^2) dW_t \\ C(F, K, a, b, c, r, \tau) &= C_{BC}(F, K, \sigma_a = \sigma_{ATM}, r, \tau) + e^{-r\tau} U \\ P(F, K, a, b, c, r, \tau) &= P_{BC}(F, K, \sigma_a = \sigma_{ATM}, r, \tau) + e^{-r\tau} U \end{split}$$

where

$$U = \sqrt{\tau} n \left(\frac{F - K}{\sigma_{ATM} \sqrt{\tau}} \right) \left[a + \frac{b}{2} (F + K) + \frac{c}{3} (F^2 + FK + K^2 + \frac{\sigma_{ATM}^2 \tau}{2}) \right]$$

```
# Bachelier (1900)
class Bachelier:
    def __init__(self, F, vol, r, tau):
      self.F = F
      self.vol = vol
      self.r = r
      self.tau = tau
    def option_pricer(self, K, vol = None, option_type = 'call'):
      Bachelier formula
      return call/put option price
      # default parameter (to compute implied vol)
      if vol == None:
       vol = self.vol
      m = (self.F - K) / (vol * self.tau**0.5)
      if option_type == 'call':
        \texttt{return np.exp(-self.r * self.tau) * ((self.F - K) * norm.cdf(m) + vol * self.tau**0.5 * norm.pdf(m))}
      elif option_type == 'put':
       return np.exp(-self.r * self.tau) * ((K - self.F) * (1 - norm.cdf(m)) + vol * self.tau**0.5 * norm.pdf(m))
    def implicit_FD(self, K, option_type = 'call'):
      The implicit finite difference
      return call/put option price
      # PDE: V_t + aV_ff + bV_f + cV = 0
      a = lambda f : 0.5 * self.vol**2
      b = lambda f : 0
      c = lambda f : -self.r
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# Grid Parameters
          f \max = self.F + 100
                                                                                                                                                  # space upper boundary
           f_min = self.F - 100
                                                                                                                                                  # space lower boundary
          M = int(8*(f_max-f_min)) + 1
                                                                                                                                                  # the number of space steps
          N = int(100*252*self.tau)
                                                                                                                                                  # the number of time steps
          # Grid Construction
          arr_f, df = np.linspace(f_min, f_max, M, retstep=True)
                                                                                                                                                  # space discretization
          arr t, dt = np.linspace(0, self.tau, N, retstep=True)
                                                                                                                                                  # time discretization
                                                                                                                                                  # grid initialization
           V = np.zeros((M, N))
          if option_type == 'call':
                 V[:,0] = np.maximum(0, arr_f - K)
                                                                                                                                                  # European call option payoff (terminal condition)
                 V[0,:] = 0
                                                                                                                                                  # boundary condition
                 V[-1,:] = (f_{max} - K) * np.exp(-self.r*arr_t)
                                                                                                                                                  # boundary condition
           elif option_type == 'put':
                 V[:,0] = np.maximum(0, K - arr_f)
                                                                                                                                                  # European put option payoff (terminal condition)
                 V[0,:] = (K - f_min)* np.exp(-self.r*arr_t)
                                                                                                                                                                 # boundary condition
                 V[-1,:] = 0
                                                                                                                                                  # boundary condition
          # Tri-diagonal Matrix Construction
          alpha = lambda f : -a(f)*dt/df**2 + b(f)*dt/2/df
          beta = lambda f : 1 + 2*a(f)*dt/df**2 - c(f)*dt
          gamma = lambda f : -a(f)*dt/df**2 - b(f)*dt/2/df
          D = np.zeros(shape = (M-2, M-2))
           \texttt{D[0,0], D[0,1], D[-1,-2], D[-1,-1] = beta(arr\_f[1]), gamma(arr\_f[1]), alpha(arr\_f[-2]), beta(arr\_f[-2]) } 
           for m in range(1, M-3):
                 \label{eq:def:def:D[m,m-1]} $$D[m,m]$, $D[m,m+1] = alpha(arr_f[m+1])$, $beta(arr_f[m+1])$, $gamma(arr_f[m+1])$, $$Beta(arr_f[m+1])$, $Beta(arr_f[m+1])$, $Beta(arr_f
          D = sparse.csr_matrix(D)
          # Grid Computation
          rem = np.zeros(shape = (M-2,))
           for n in range(1,N):
                 \label{eq:rem[0]} \texttt{rem[0], rem[-1] = alpha(arr_f[1])*V[0,n-1], gamma(arr_f[-2])*V[-1,n-1]}
                 V[1:-1,n] = sparse.linalg.spsolve(D, V[1:-1, n-1] - rem)
          return V[ round( (self.F - f_min)/df), -1]
# Black (1976)
class Black:
       def init (self, F, vol, r, tau):
         self.F = F
          self.vol = vol
          self.r = r
          self.tau = tau
       def option_pricer(self, K, vol = None, option_type = 'call'):
          Black formula
          return call/put option price
          # default parameter (to compute implied vol)
          if vol == None:
             vol = self.vol
          m = np.log(self.F / K) / (vol * self.tau**0.5)
          if option_type == 'call':
             return np.exp(-self.r * self.tau) * ( self.F * norm.cdf(m + 0.5*vol*self.tau**0.5) -
                                                                                           K * norm.cdf(m - 0.5*vol*self.tau**0.5))
          elif option_type == 'put':
            return np.exp(-self.r * self.tau) * ( K * (1 - norm.cdf(m - 0.5*vol*self.tau**0.5)) -
                                                                                            self.F * (1 - norm.cdf(m + 0.5*vol*self.tau**0.5)))
# Quadratic Normal Model (2023)
class ONM:
       def __init__(self, F, sig_atm, a, b, c, r, tau):
          self.F = F
          self.sig_atm = sig_atm
          self.a = a
          self.b = b
          self.c = c
          self.r = r
          self.tau = tau
       def option_pricer(self, K, option_type = 'call'):
          The method of linearization
          return call/put option price
          m = (self.F - K)/(self.sig_atm * self.tau**0.5)
          C_BC = np.exp(-self.r * self.tau) * ((self.F - K)*norm.cdf(m) + self.sig_atm * self.tau**0.5 * norm.pdf(m))
P_BC = np.exp(-self.r * self.tau) * ((K - self.F)*(1-norm.cdf(m)) + self.sig_atm * self.tau**0.5 * norm.pdf(m))
          U = self.tau**0.5 * norm.pdf(m) * (self.a + self.b*(self.F + K)/2 +
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self.c*(self.F**2 + self.F*K + K**2 + 0.5*self.sig_atm**2*self.tau)/3)
             if option_type == 'call':
                 return C_BC + U*np.exp(-self.r * self.tau)
             elif option_type == 'put':
               return P_BC + U*np.exp(-self.r * self.tau)
        def implicit_FD(self, K, option_type = 'call'):
             The implicit finite difference
             return call/put option price
             # PDE: V_t + aV_f + bV_f + cV = 0
             a = lambda f : 0.5 * (self.sig_atm + self.a + self.b*f + self.c*f**2)**2
             b = lambda f : 0
             c = lambda f : -self.r
             # Grid Parameters
             f \max = self.F + 100
                                                                                                                                                                                  # space upper boundary
             f min = self.F - 100
                                                                                                                                                                                  # space lower boundary
             M = int(8*(f max-f min)) + 1
                                                                                                                                                                                  # the number of space steps
             N = int(100*252*self.tau)
                                                                                                                                                                                  # the number of time steps
             # Grid Construction
             arr_f, df = np.linspace(f_min, f_max, M, retstep=True)
                                                                                                                                                                                  # space discretization
             arr_t, dt = np.linspace(0, self.tau, N, retstep=True)
                                                                                                                                                                                   # time discretization
                                                                                                                                                                                  # grid initialization
             V = np.zeros((M, N))
             if option_type == 'call':
                     V[:,0] = np.maximum(0, arr f - K)
                                                                                                                                                                                  # European call option payoff (terminal condition)
                     V[0,:] = 0
                                                                                                                                                                                  # boundary condition
                     V[-1,:] = (f_max - K) * np.exp(-self.r*arr_t)
                                                                                                                                                                                  # boundary condition
             elif option_type == 'put':
                     V[:,0] = np.maximum(0, K - arr f)
                                                                                                                                                                                  # European put option payoff (terminal condition)
                     V[0,:] = (K - f_min)* np.exp(-self.r*arr_t)
                                                                                                                                                                                                    # boundary condition
                     V[-1,:] = 0
                                                                                                                                                                                  # boundary condition
             # Tri-diagonal Matrix Construction
             alpha = lambda f : -a(f)*dt/df**2 + b(f)*dt/2/df
             beta = lambda f : 1 + 2*a(f)*dt/df**2 - c(f)*dt
             gamma = lambda f : -a(f)*dt/df**2 - b(f)*dt/2/df
             D = np.zeros(shape = (M-2, M-2))
             \  \, \mathsf{D[0,0]}, \ \mathsf{D[0,1]}, \ \mathsf{D[-1,-2]}, \ \mathsf{D[-1,-1]} \ = \ \mathsf{beta}(\mathsf{arr}_{\mathtt{f}[1]}), \ \mathsf{gamma}(\mathsf{arr}_{\mathtt{f}[1]}), \ \mathsf{alpha}(\mathsf{arr}_{\mathtt{f}[-2]}), \ \mathsf{beta}(\mathsf{arr}_{\mathtt{f}[-2]}), \
             for m in range(1, M-3):
                    \label{eq:def:def:D[m,m-1]} $$D[m,m], D[m,m+1] = alpha(arr_f[m+1]), beta(arr_f[m+1]), gamma(arr_f[m+1])$
             D = sparse.csr_matrix(D)
             # Grid Computation
             rem = np.zeros(shape = (M-2,))
             for n in range(1,N):
                     rem[0], rem[-1] = alpha(arr_f[1])*V[0,n-1], gamma(arr_f[-2])*V[-1,n-1]
                     V[1:-1,n] = sparse.linalg.spsolve(D, V[1:-1, n-1] - rem)
             return V[ round( (self.F - f_min)/df), -1]
# Check finite difference implementation
futures_price = 60.0
volaility_bachelier = 25
risk_free_rate = 0.005
time to maturity = 2.0
strike_price = 70
bachelier = Bachelier(futures price, volaility bachelier, risk free rate, time to maturity)
print(f'call formula = {bachelier.option pricer(K = strike price, option type = "call"):.4f}')
print(f'call finite difference = {bachelier.implicit_FD(K = strike_price, option_type = "call"):.4f}\n')
print(f'put\ formula\ =\ \{bachelier.option\_pricer(K\ =\ strike\_price,\ option\_type\ =\ "put"):.4f\}')
 print(f'put\ finite\ difference = \{bachelier.implicit\_FD(K = strike\_price,\ option\_type = "put"):.4f\}') 
          call formula = 9.5690
         call finite difference = 9.5690
          put formula = 19.4695
          put finite difference = 19.4695
```

→ IBV and INV function

```
if model == 'bachelier':
  bachelier_ = Bachelier(F, 30, r, tau)
  obj_fun = lambda vol : option_price - bachelier_.option_pricer(K = K, vol = vol, option_type = option_type)
else: # model == 'black'
 black_ = Black(F, 0.1, r, tau)
  obj_fun = lambda vol : option_price - black_.option_pricer(K = K, vol = vol, option_type = option_type)
# numerical method
if method == 'minimization':
  obj square = lambda vol : obj_fun(vol)**2
  res = minimize_scalar( obj_square, bounds=(1e-15, 8), method='bounded')
  if res.success == True:
    return res.x
elif method == 'fsolve':
    X0 = [0.1, 0.5, 1, 3] # set of initial guess points
    for x0 in X0:
        x, _, solved, _ = fsolve(obj_fun, x0, full_output=True, xtol=1e-8)
        if solved == 1:
          return x[0]
else:
    x, r = brentq( obj_fun, a = 1e-15, b = 500, full_output = True)
    if r.converged == True:
      return x
# display strikes with failed convergence
if disp == True:
  print(method, K)
return -1
```

▼ Derman's approximation

$$INV(K,F) \approx \frac{1}{K-F} \int_{F}^{K} \sigma(x)dx$$

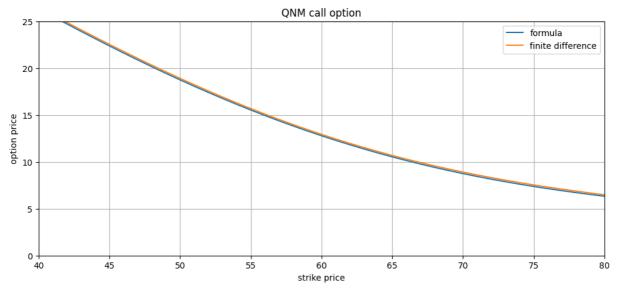
$$= \frac{1}{K-F} \int_{F}^{K} (\sigma_{ATM} + a + bx + cx^{2})dx$$

$$= \sigma_{ATM} + a + \frac{b}{2}(K+F) + \frac{c}{3}(K^{2} + KF + F^{2})$$

```
# ONM parameters
sig_atm, a, b, c = 20, 72, -2.4,0.02
                                                          # 20 + 0.02*(F-60)^2
futures_price = 60.0
risk_free_rate = 0.0
time_to_maturity = 2.0
# local vol
sig_qnm = lambda f : sig_atm + a + b*f + c*f**2
# Derman's approximation
\texttt{derman = lambda k : sig\_atm + a + b/2*(k + futures\_price) + c/3*(k**2 + k*futures\_price + futures\_price**2)}
# Derman's approximation (revised)
\label{eq:derman_revised} \mbox{derman\_revised = lambda } \mbox{$k$ : sig\_atm + a + b/2*(k + futures\_price) +$$$} \mbox{}
                                  c/3*(k**2 + k*futures\_price + futures\_price**2 + time\_to\_maturity*sig\_atm**2/2)
# plot the local vol
step_size_f = 1.0
arr_f = np.arange(40, 80 + step_size_f/2, step_size_f)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.plot(arr_f, sig_qnm(arr_f))
plt.title('local vol')
plt.xlabel('futures price')
plt.ylabel('volatility')
plt.xlim(40,80)
plt.ylim(10,35)
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```

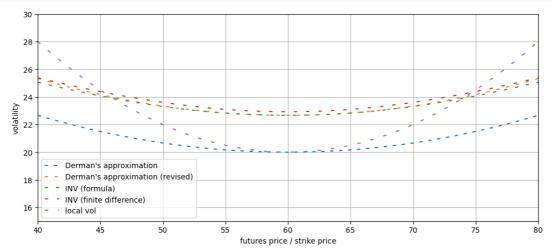
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35 | local vol
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# compute call prices across strikes
qnm = QNM(futures_price, sig_atm, a, b, c, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity)
arr_call_formula = qnm.option_pricer(K = arr_f, option_type = 'call')
list_call_fd = []
for k_ in arr_f:
   list_call_fd.append(qnm.implicit_FD(k_, option_type = 'call'))
arr_call_fd = np.array(list_call_fd)
# plot the call prices
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.plot(arr_f, arr_call_formula, label = 'formula')
plt.plot(arr_f, list_call_fd, label = 'finite difference')
plt.title('QNM call option')
plt.xlabel('strike price')
plt.ylabel('option price')
plt.xlim(40,80)
plt.ylim(0,25)
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

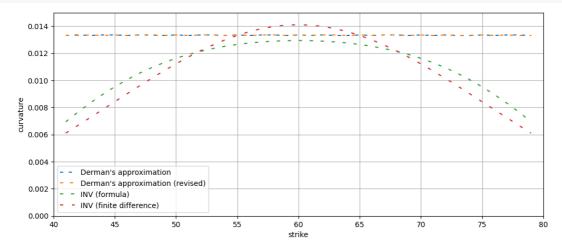


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# compute the corresponding INVs across strikes
list_inv_formula = []
list_inv_fd = []
for stirke_, call_formula_, call_fd_ in zip(arr_f, arr_call_formula, arr_call_fd):
   list_inv_formula.append(implied_volatility(call_formula_, futures_price, stirke_, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity,
                                                                   option_type = 'call', model = 'bachelier', method='brent', disp=True))
    list_inv_fd.append(implied_volatility(call_fd_, futures_price, stirke_, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity,
                                                                   option_type = 'call', model = 'bachelier', method='brent', disp=True))
arr_inv_formula = np.array(list_inv_formula)
arr_inv_fd = np.array(list_inv_fd)
# plot the local vol, INVs, and Derman's approximations
arr_derman = derman(arr_f)
arr_derman_revised = derman_revised(arr_f)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.plot(arr_f, arr_derman, label = 'Derman\'s approximation', linestyle = (0,(3,5)))
plt.plot(arr f, arr derman revised, label = 'Derman\'s approximation (revised)', linestyle = (0,(3,6)))
plt.plot(arr_f, arr_inv_formula, label = 'INV (formula)', linestyle = (0,(3,7)))
plt.plot(arr_f, arr_inv_fd, label = 'INV (finite difference)', linestyle = (0,(3,8)))
plt.plot(arr_f, sig_qnm(arr_f), label = 'local vol', linestyle = (0,(3,9)))
plt.xlabel('futures price / strike price')
plt.ylabel('volatility')
plt.xlim(40,80)
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plt.ylim(15,30)
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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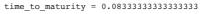
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# compute the corresponding curvatures across strikes for INVs and Derman's approximations
arr_curve_formula = (arr_inv_formula[2:] + arr_inv_formula[:-2] - 2*arr_inv_formula[1:-1])/step_size_f**2
 \texttt{arr\_curve\_derman} = (\texttt{arr\_derman}[2:] + \texttt{arr\_derman}[:-2] - 2*\texttt{arr\_derman}[1:-1]) / \texttt{step\_size\_f} **2 
arr_curve_derman_revised = (arr_derman_revised[2:] + arr_derman_revised[:-2] - 2*arr_derman_revised[1:-1])/step_size_f**2
# plot the curvatures for INVs and Derman's approximations
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
{\tt plt.plot(arr_f[1:-1], arr\_curve\_fd, label = 'INV (finite difference)', linestyle = (0,(3,8)))}
plt.xlabel('strike')
plt.ylabel('curvature')
plt.xlim(40,80)
plt.ylim(0,0.015)
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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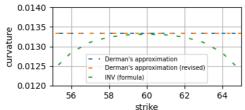


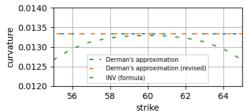
Derman's approximation demonstrates enhanced performance with shorter time to maturity, whereas a more refined strike grid has little impact on the situation.

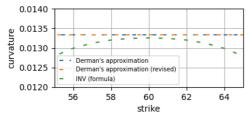
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list_time_to_maturity = [1/12, 2/12, 4/12, 8/12]
for time_to_maturity_ in list_time_to_maturity:
    # compute call prices across strikes
    qnm = QNM(futures_price, sig_atm, a, b, c, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity_)
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arr_qnm_call = qnm.option_pricer(K = arr_f, option_type = 'call')
\# compute the corresponding INVs and Derman's approximations across strikes
list_inv_qnm = []
for stirke_, qnm_ in zip(arr_f, arr_qnm_call):
         list_inv_qnm.append(implied_volatility(qnm_, futures_price, stirke_, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity_,
                                                                                                                         option_type = 'call', model = 'bachelier', method='brent', disp=True))
arr_inv_qnm = np.array(list_inv_qnm)
arr_derman = derman(arr_f)
arr derman revised = derman revised(arr f)
\# compute the corresponding curvatures across strikes for INV and Derman's approximation
 \texttt{arr\_curve\_inv} = (\texttt{arr\_inv\_qnm[2:]} + \texttt{arr\_inv\_qnm[:-2]} - 2 \\ \texttt{*arr\_inv\_qnm[1:-1]}) / \texttt{step\_size\_f**2} 
 \texttt{arr\_curve\_derman} = (\texttt{arr\_derman}[2:] + \texttt{arr\_derman}[:-2] - 2*\texttt{arr\_derman}[1:-1]) / \texttt{step\_size\_f} **2 
arr\_curve\_derman\_revised = (arr\_derman\_revised[2:] + arr\_derman\_revised[:-2] - 2*arr\_derman\_revised[1:-1])/step\_size\_f**2 + arr\_derman\_revised[:-2] - 2*arr\_derman\_revised[:-3] - 2*arr\_derman\_r
# plot the curvatures for INV and Derman's approximation
print(f'\n time_to_maturity = {time_to_maturity_}')
plt.figure(figsize=(12/3, 5/3))
plt.plot(arr_f[1:-1], arr_curve_derman, label = 'Derman\'s approximation', linestyle = (0,(3,5)))
plt.plot(arr_f[1:-1], arr_curve_derman_revised, label = 'Derman\'s approximation (revised)', linestyle = (0,(3,6)))
plt.plot(arr_f[1:-1], arr_curve_inv, label = 'INV (formula)', linestyle = (0,(3,7)))
plt.xlabel('strike')
plt.ylabel('curvature')
plt.xlim(55,65)
plt.ylim(0.012,0.014)
plt.grid()
plt.legend(fontsize = 'x-small')
plt.show()
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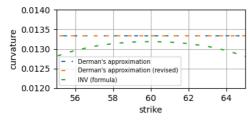








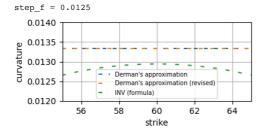
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time_to_maturity = 0.66666666666666
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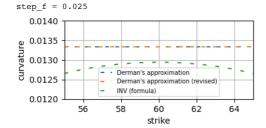


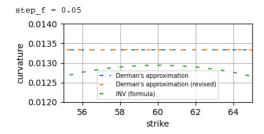
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list_step_size_f = [0.1/8, 0.1/4, 0.1/2, 0.1]
for step_size_f_ in list_step_size_f:
    arr_f = np.arange(40, 80 + step_size_f_/2, step_size_f_)

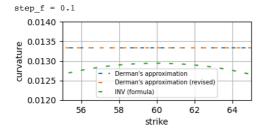
# compute call prices across strikes
    qnm = QNM(futures_price, sig_atm, a, b, c, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity)
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arr qnm call = qnm.option pricer(K = arr I, option type = 'call')
# compute the corresponding INVs and Derman's approximations across strikes
list inv qnm = []
for stirke_, qnm_ in zip(arr_f, arr_qnm_call):
    list_inv_qnm.append(implied_volatility(qnm_, futures_price, stirke_, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity,
                                                        option_type = 'call', model = 'bachelier', method='brent', disp=True))
arr_inv_qnm = np.array(list_inv_qnm)
arr_derman = derman(arr_f)
arr_derman_revised = derman_revised(arr_f)
# compute the corresponding curvatures across strikes for INV and Derman's approximations
arr_curve_inv = (arr_inv_qnm[2:] + arr_inv_qnm[:-2] - 2*arr_inv_qnm[1:-1])/step_size_f_**2
arr_curve_derman = (arr_derman[2:] + arr_derman[:-2] - 2*arr_derman[1:-1])/step_size_f_**2
arr_curve_derman_revised = (arr_derman_revised[2:] + arr_derman_revised[:-2] - 2*arr_derman_revised[1:-1])/step_size_f_**2
\ensuremath{\text{\#}} plot the curvatures for INV and Derman's approximation
print(f'\n step_f = \{step\_size\_f\_\}')
plt.figure(figsize=(12/3, 5/3))
 \texttt{plt.plot}(\texttt{arr}\_\texttt{f[1:-1]}, \ \texttt{arr}\_\texttt{curve}\_\texttt{derman}, \ \texttt{label} = \texttt{'Derman} \texttt{'s approximation'}, \ \texttt{linestyle} = (0,(3,5))) 
 \texttt{plt.plot}(\texttt{arr}\_\texttt{f}[1:-1], \texttt{arr}\_\texttt{curve}\_\texttt{derman}\_\texttt{revised}, \texttt{label} = \texttt{'Derman}'\texttt{'s} \texttt{ approximation (revised)'}, \texttt{ linestyle} = (0,(3,6))) 
plt.plot(arr_f[1:-1], arr_curve_inv, label = 'INV (formula)', linestyle = (0,(3,7)))
plt.xlabel('strike')
plt.ylabel('curvature')
plt.xlim(55,65)
plt.ylim(0.012,0.014)
plt.grid()
plt.legend(fontsize = 'x-small')
plt.show()
```









The revised Derman's approximation performs effectively when the time to maturity is sufficiently long. For a one-month call option, it displays a maximum volatility error of only 1.09 across a range of strike prices.

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'''# plot the maximum vol error as a function of time to matuirity
# i.e. ( max_k( | revised Derman's approximation - INV | ) )(tau)
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arr_time_to_maturity = np.arange(1/12, 5.001, 1/12) #[1/12, 2/12, ...., 5]
list_max_vol_error = []
for time_to_maturity_ in arr_time_to_maturity:
   # compute call prices across strikes
   qnm = QNM(futures_price, sig_atm, a, b, c, risk_free_rate, time_to_maturity_)
   arr_qnm_call = qnm.option_pricer(K = arr_f, option_type = 'call')
   # compute the corresponding INVs and revised Derman's approximation across strikes
   list_inv_qnm = []
   for stirke_, qnm_ in zip(arr_f, arr_qnm_call):
      arr_inv_qnm = np.array(list_inv_qnm)
   arr_derman_revised = derman_revised(arr_f)
   \ensuremath{\text{\#}} compute the maximum difference between INV and revised Derman's approximation
   list_max_vol_error.append( (np.abs(arr_derman_revised - arr_inv_qnm)).max() )
# plot the maximum vol error(tau)
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.plot(arr_time_to_maturity, list_max_vol_error, label = 'max_k( | Derman - INV | )')
plt.xlabel('time to maturity')
plt.ylabel('maximum error')
plt.grid()
plt.legend()
plt.show()'''
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