Efficient option pricing for Rough Bergomi model

1 Introduction

1.1 The goal and outline of the project

The main goal of the project is to design a fast option pricer, based on multi-index stochastic collocation (MISC) as [17], for options whose dynamics follow rBergomi model as in [2]. We may later investigate QMC.

1.2 Review of literature

Extending the Black-Scholes model, in which volatility is assumed to be constant, to the case where the volatility is stochastic has proved to be successful in explaining certain phenomena observed in option price data, in particular the implied volatility smile. The main drawback of such stochastic volatility models, however, is that they are unable to capture the true steepness of the implied volatility smile close to maturity. While choosing to add jumps to stock price models, for example modelling the stock price process as an exponential Lévy process, does indeed produce steeper implied volatility smiles, the issue of the presence of jumps in stock price processes remains controversial[1, 10].

As an alternative to diffusive stochastic volatility models, rough stochastic volatility has emerged as a new paradigm in quantitative finance, motivated by the statistical analysis of realised volatility by Gatheral, Jaisson and Rosenbaum [16] and the theoretical results on implied volatility by Fukasawa [13]. In these models, the trajectories of volatility are less regular than those of the standard Brownian motion. As shown in [16, 2], these models are a family of (continuous-path) stochastic volatility models where the driving noise of the volatility process has Hölder regularity lower than Brownian motion, typically achieved by modeling the fundamental noise innovations of the volatility process as a fractional Brownian motion with Hurst exponent (and hence Hölder regularity)$0 < H < 1/2$. A major advantage of such rough volatility models is the fact that they allow to explain crucial phenomena observed in financial markets both from a statistical [16, 5] and an option-pricing point of view [2]. For instance, it was observed empirically that in equity markets that as time to maturity becomes small the empirical implied volatility skew follows a power law with negative exponent, and thus becomes arbitrarily large near zero. While standard stochastic volatility models with continuous paths struggle to capture this phenomenon, predicting instead a constant at-the-money implied volatility behaviour on he short end [14], fractional stochastic volatility models (and more specifically so-called rough volatility models) constitute alternative models that fit empirical implied volatilities for short dated options. Consequently, they have become the go-to models capable of reproducing stylised facts of financial markets.

Rough volatility models are based on fractional Brownian motion (fBM), which is a centred Gaussian process, whose covariance structure depends on the Hurst parameter $H \in (0,1)$. If $H \in (0,1/2)$, then the fractional Brownian motion has negatively correlated increments and "rough" sample paths, and if $H \in (1/2,1)$ then it has positively correlated increments and "smooth" sample paths, when compared with a standard Brownian motion, which is recovered by taking $H = 1/2$. Gatheral, Jaisson, and Rosenbaum [16] justify empirically the benefits of such models; in particular, they argue that log-volatility in practice behaves essentially as fBM with the Hurst exponent $H \approx 0.1$ at any reasonable time scale (see also [15]). This finding is confirmed by Bennedsen, Lunde and Pakkanen [5], who study over a thousand individual US equities and find that the Hurst parameter H lies in $(0,1/2)$ for each equity.

The rough Bergomi (rBergomi) model is one of the recent rough volatility models, developed by Bayer, Friz and Gatheral [2], that is consistent with the stylised fact of implied volatility surfaces being essentially time-invariant, and are able to capture the term structure of skew observed in equity markets. In [2], the authors constructed the rBergomi model by moving from physical to pricing measure and simulated prices under that model to fit well the implied volatility surface in the case of the S&P 500 index with few parameters-just three!. They claim that the fractional model generates strong skews or "smiles" in the implied volatility even for very short time to maturity so that this modeling provides an alternative to using jumps to model such an effect. In [2] the model is so named because of its relationship with the Bergomi variance curve model [7], and may be seen as a non-Markovian generalisation of the latter.

Due to the non-Markovian nature of the fractional driver, pricing and hedging under rough volatility constitute a significant challenge. In fact, the popularity of asset pricing models hinges on the availability of efficient numerical pricing methods. In the case of diffusions, these include Monte Carlo (MC) estimators, PDE discretization schemes, asymptotic expansions and transform methods. With fractional Brownian motion being the prime example of a process beyond the semi-martingale framework, most currently prevalent option pricing methods -particularly the ones assuming semimartingality or Markovianity - may not easily carry over to the rough setting. In fact, due to the lack of Markovianity or affine structure, conventional analytical pricing methods do not apply. At the moment, the only known method for pricing options under such models is MC simulation. In particular, recent advances in simulation methods for the rough Bergomi model have been achieved in [2, 3, 22, 6, 18]. For isntance, in [22], the authors employ a novel composition of variance reduction methods, immediately applicable to any conditionally log-normal stochastic volatility model. They got a substatantial computation gain in the pricing over the exisiting MC methods. On the other hand, more analytical results of option pricing and implied volatility under this model has been done in [19, 4, 12]. For isntance, in [19], they characterise the small-time behaviour of implied volatility using large deviations theory and related results, concerning the small-time near-the-money skew, have been obtained by Bayer, Friz, Gulisashvili, Horvath and Stemper [4]. However, we should point out that pricing and model calibration under rough volatility models still remains time consuming.

In this paper, we suggest to design a fast option pricer, based on multi-index stochastic collocation (MISC) as in [17], for options whose dynamics follow rBergomi model as in [2]. We may later investigate QMC.

1.3 Background on Gaussian and fBM processes

A zero-mean real-valued Gaussian process $(Z_t)_{t\geq 0}$ is a stochastic process such that on any finite subset $\{t_1, \dots t_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}, (Z_{t_1}, \dots, Z_{t_n})$ has a multivariate normal distribution with mean zero. The law of a Gaussian process is entirely determined by the covariance function $K(s,t) = \mathrm{E}\left[Z_t Z_s\right]$ and Z induces a Gaussian probability measure on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$, where E denotes the Banach space $C_0([0,1])$ with the usual sup norm topology (see, e.g., section 3.1.1 of [9] for details).

Fractional Brownian motion (fBM) is a natural generalization of standard Brownian motion which preserves the properties of stationary increments, self-similarity, and Gaussian finite-dimensional distributions, but it has a more complex dependence structure. In this section, we recall the definition and summarize the basic properties of fBM.

A zero-mean Gaussian process B_t^H is called standard fractional Brownian motion (fBM) with Hurst parameter $H \in (0,1)$ if it has covariance function

$$R_H = \mathrm{E}\left[B_t^H B_s^H\right] - \mathrm{E}\left[B_t^H\right]\mathrm{E}\left[B_s^H\right] = \frac{1}{2}\left(|t|^{2H} + |s|^{2H} - |t-s|^{2H}\right). \tag{1}$$

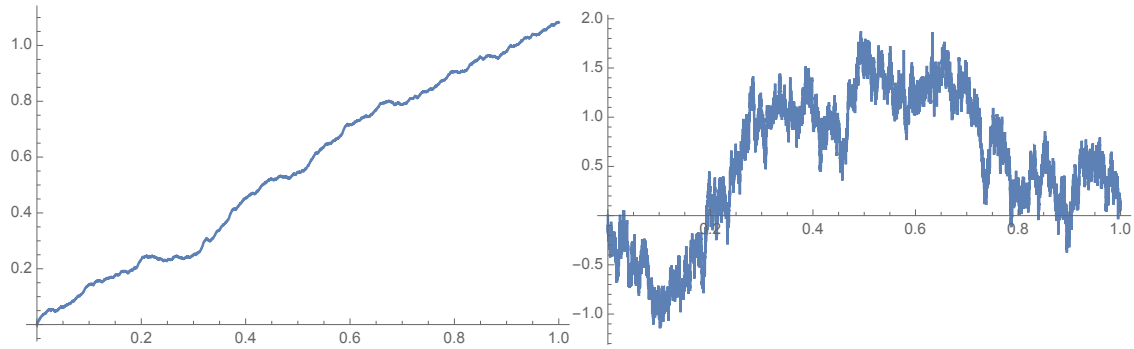
In order to specify the distribution of a Gaussian process, it is enough to specify its mean and its covariance function; therefore, for each H, the law of B^H is uniquely determined by $R_H(s,t)$. However, this definition by itself does not guarantee the existence of fBM; to show that fBM exists, one needs to verify that the covariance function is nonnegative definite.

We now recall some fundamental properties of fBM (see also Figure 1):

- fBM is continuous a.s. and H-self-similar (H-ss), i.e., for $a > 0, (B_{at})_{t\geq 0} \overset{(d)}{=} a^H (B_t)_{t\geq 0}$ where $\overset{(d)}{=}$ means both processes have the same finite-dimensional distributions. For $H \neq 1/2$, B^H does not have independent increments; for $H = 1/2, B_t^H$ is the standard Brownian motion.
- From (1), we see that
$$\mathrm{E}\left[(B_t^H - B_s^H)^2\right] = |t-s|^{2H},$$
so $B_t^H - B_s^H \sim \mathcal{N}(0, |t-s|^{2H})$; thus B^H has stationary increments.
- If we set $X_n = B_n^H - B_{n-1}^H$, then X_n is a discrete-time Gaussian process with covariance function
$$\begin{aligned}\rho_n &= \mathrm{E}\left[X_{k+n} X_n\right] = \mathrm{E}\left[\left(B_{k+n}^H - B_{k+n-1}^H\right)\left(B_k^H - B_{k-1}^H\right)\right] \\ &\sim H(2H-1)n^{2H-2} \quad (n \to \infty),\end{aligned}$$
and thus (by convexity of the function $g(n) = n^{2H}$), we see that two increments the form $B_k - B_{k-1}$ and $B_{k+n} - B_{k+n-1}$ are positively correlated if $H \in (1/2, 1)$ and negatively correlated if $H \in (0, 1/2)$. Thus B^H is persistent (i.e., it is more likely to keep a trend than to break it) when $H > 1/2$, the relatively stronger positive correlation for the consecutive increments of the associated fBm process with increasing H values gives a relatively smoother process whose correlations decay relatively slowly.On the other hand, it is antipersistent when $H < 1/2$ (i.e., if B^H was increasing in the past, it is more likely to decrease in the future, and vice versa). The enhanced negative correlation with smaller Hurst exponent gives a relatively rougher process.

- If $H \in (1/2, 1)$, we can show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_n = \infty$, which means that the process exhibits long-range dependence, but if $H \in (0, 1/2)$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_n < \infty$.
- Using that $\mathrm{E}\left[(B_t^H - B_s^H)^2\right] = (t-s)^{2H}$, we can show that sample paths of B^H are α-H older continuous for all $\alpha \in (0, H)$.
- fBM is the only self-similar Gaussian process with stationary increments (see, e.g., [21]), and for $H \neq 1/2$, B_t^H is neither a Markov process nor a semimartingale (see, e.g., [23]).

For more details regarding the fBm processes we refer to [8, 11, 20].



(a) (b)

Figure 1: Monte Carlo simulation of fBM for $H = 0.9$ (left) and $H = 0.3$ (right).

2 Problem setting

2.1 The rBergomi model

We use the rBergomi model for the price process S_t as defined in [2], normalized to $r = 0$, which is defined by

$$dS_t = \sqrt{v_t(\tilde{W}^H)} S_t dZ_t, \tag{2}$$

$$v_t = \xi_0(t) \exp\left(\eta \tilde{W}_t^H - \frac{1}{2}\eta^2 t^{2H}\right), \tag{3}$$

where for $0 < H < 1$ and $\eta > 0$. We have $\tilde{W}^H$ is a certain Volterra process (Riemann-Liouville process), defined by

$$\tilde{W}_t^H = \int_0^t K^H(t,s) dW_s^1, \quad t \geq 0 \tag{4}$$

where the kernel $K^H : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}_+$ reads

$$K^H(t,s) = \sqrt{2H}(t-s)^{H-1/2}, \quad \forall\, 0 \leq s \leq t. \tag{5}$$

We note that the map $s \to K^H(s,t)$ belongs to L^2, so that the stochastic integral (4) is well defined.

W^1, Z denote two *correlated* standard Brownian motions with correlation $\rho \in [-1,1]$, so that

$$Z := \rho W^1 + \overline{\rho} W^{\perp} \equiv \rho W^1 + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} W^{\perp}, \tag{6}$$

where $(W^1, W^{\perp})$ are two independent standard Brownian motions, Therefore, Eq 2 can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} S_t &= S_0 \exp\left(\int_0^t \sqrt{v(s)} dZ(s) - \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t v(s) ds\right), \quad S_0 > 0 \\ v(u) &= \xi_0(u) \exp\left(\eta \tilde{W}_u^H - \frac{\eta^2}{2} u^H\right), \quad \xi_0 > 0 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t\geq 0}$ can here be taken as the one generated by the two-dimensional Brownian motion $(W^1, W^{\perp})$ under the risk neutral measure $\mathbb{Q}$, resulting in a filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}; \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbb{Q})$. The stock price process S is clearly then a local $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t\geq 0}$-martingale and a supermartingale, therefore integrable. We shall henceforth use the notation $\mathrm{E}[.] = E^{\mathbb{Q}}[. \mid \mathcal{F}_0]$ unless we state otherwise.

We refer to v_u as the variance process, where $\xi_0(u) = \mathrm{E}[v_u] \in \mathcal{F}_0$ a.s. the forward variance curve. $\tilde{W}^H$ is a centered, locally $(H-\epsilon)$- Hölder continuous, Gaussian process with $\mathrm{var}[\tilde{W}_t^H] = t^{2H}$.

We note that the model parameters (η, ρ, H) may have an intuitive interpretation of their influence over implied volatilities. In fact, η might seen as smile, ρ as skew, $H - 1/2$ as the explosion(smile and skew).

2.2 Option pricing under rBergomi model

Assuming $S_0 = 1$, and using the conditioning argument on the σ-algebra generated by W^1 (argument first used by [24] in the context of Markovian SV models), we can show that the call price is given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_{RB}(T,K) &= E\left[(S_T - K)^+\right] \\ &= \mathrm{E}\left[\mathrm{E}\left[(S_T - K)^+ \mid \sigma(W^1(t), t \leq T)\right]\right] \\ &= E\left[C_{BS}\left(S_0 = \exp\left(\rho \int_0^T \sqrt{v_t} dW_t^1 - \frac{1}{2}\rho^2 \int_0^T v_t dt\right),\ K = K,\ T = 1,\ \sigma^2 = (1-\rho^2)\int_0^T v_t dt\right)\right], \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where C_{BS} denotes the Black-Scholes price.

In fact, if we use the orthogonal decomposition of S_t into S_t^1 and S_t^2, where

$$S_t^1 := \mathcal{E}\{\rho \int_0^t \sqrt{v_s} dW_s^1\},\ S_t^2 := \mathcal{E}\{\sqrt{1-\rho^2} \int_0^t \sqrt{v_s} dW_s^{\perp}\}, \tag{9}$$

where $\mathcal{E}()$ denotes the stochastic exponential, then, we obtain by conditional log-normality

$$\log S_t \mid \mathcal{F}_t^1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\log S_t^1 - \frac{1}{2}(1-\rho^2)\int_0^t v_s ds, (1-\rho^2)\int_0^t v_s ds\right), \tag{10}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_t^1 = \sigma\{W_s^1 : s \leq t\}$. Therefore, we obtain (8).

We insist that the smoothing trick, based on conditionning, performed in Eq (8) enable us to get a smooth term inside the expectation. Therefore, applying sparse quadrature techniques becomes an adequate option for computing the call price as we shall see later.

2.3 Simulation of the rBergomi model

The main challenge is the computation of $S = \int_0^T \sqrt{v_t} dW_t^1$ and $V = \int_0^T v_t dt$. As was mentioned in [3], we may try to avoid any sampling related to W^2 by a brute-force approach that consists in simulating a scalar Brownian motion W^1, followed by computing $\tilde{W}^H = \int K dW^1$ by Itô/Riemann Stieltjes approximations of (S, V). However, this is not advisable given the singularity of the Volterra kernel $K(s,t)$ at the diagonal $s = t$. Therefore, one needs to jointly simulate the two-dimensional Gaussian process $(W_t^1, \tilde{W}_t^H : 0 \leq t \leq T)$, resulting in $W_{t_1}^1, \ldots, W_{t_N}$ and $\tilde{W}_{t_1}^H, \ldots, \tilde{W}_{t_N}^H$ along a given grid $t_1 < \cdots < t_N$. There are essentially three possible ways to achieve this:

1. Euler discretization of the integral defining $\tilde{W}^H$ together with classical simulation of increments of W^1. This is horribly inefficient because the integral is singular and adaptivity probably does not help, as the singularity moves with time. For this method, we need an N-dimensional random Gaussian input vector to produce one (approximate, inaccurate) sample of $W_{t_1}^1, \ldots, W_{t_N}^1, \tilde{W}_{t_1}^H, \ldots, \tilde{W}_{t_N}$.

2. Given that $W_{t_1}^1, \ldots, W_{t_N}^1, \tilde{W}_{t_1}^H, \ldots, \tilde{W}_{t_N}$ together forms a $(2N)$-dimensional Gaussian random vector with computable covariance matrix. We can use Cholesky decomposition of the covariance matrix to produce exact samples of $W_{t_1}^1, \ldots, W_{t_N}^1, \tilde{W}_{t_1}^H, \ldots, \tilde{W}_{t_N}$, but unlike the first way, we need $2N$-dimensional Gaussian random vectors as input. This method is exact but slow (See [2] and Section 4 in [4]). The simulation requires $\mathcal{O}\left(N^3\right)$. flops.

3. The hybrid scheme of [6] uses a different approach, which is essentially based on Euler discretization as the first way but crucially improved by moment matching for the singular term in the left point rule. It is also inexact in the sense that samples produced here do not exactly have the distribution of $W_{t_1}^1, \ldots, W_{t_N}^1, \tilde{W}_{t_1}^H, \ldots, \tilde{W}_{t_N}$, however they are much more accurate then samples produced from method 1), but much faster than method 2). As in method 2), in this case we need a $2N$-dimensional Gaussian random input vector to produce one sample of $W_{t_1}^1, \ldots, W_{t_N}^1, \tilde{W}_{t_1}^H, \ldots, \tilde{W}_{t_N}$.

In this project, we adopt the last approach for the simulation of the rBergomi model. We utilise the first order variant ($\kappa = 1$) of the hybrid scheme [6], which is based on the approximation

$$\tilde{W}_{\frac{i}{N}}^H \approx \overline{W}_{\frac{i}{N}} := \sqrt{2H}\left(\int_{\frac{i-1}{N}}^{\frac{i}{N}} \left(\frac{i}{N} - s\right)^{H-\frac{1}{2}} dW_u^1 + \sum_{k=2}^{i} \left(\frac{b_k}{N}\right)^{H-\frac{1}{2}} \left(W_{\frac{i-(k-1)}{N}}^1 - W_{\frac{i-k}{N}}^1\right)\right) \tag{11}$$

where N is the number of time steps and

$$b_k := \left(\frac{k^{H+\frac{1}{2}} - (k-1)^{H+\frac{1}{2}}}{H+\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{H-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Employing the fast Fourier transform to evaluate the sum in (11), which is a discrete convolution, a skeleton $\overline{W}_0^H, \overline{W}_1^H, \ldots, \overline{W}_{\frac{[Nt]}{N}}^H$ can be generated in $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ foating point operations.

The variates $\overline{W}_0^H, \overline{W}_1^H, \ldots, \overline{W}_{\frac{[Nt]}{N}}^H$ can be generated by sampling $[nt]$ iid draws from a $\kappa+1$-dimensional Gaussian distribution and computing a discrete convolution. We call these pairs of Gaussian random variables from now on as (W^1, W^2).

3 Details our approach and error bounds

Our approach of computing the expectation in (8) is based on multi-index stochastic collocation (MISC), suggested in [17]. We describe the general strategy for the multi-index construction in Section 4.1. Recall that there are two N dimensional Gaussian inputs for the used hybrid approach (N is the number of time steps in the time grid) , namely

- $\{W^1\}_{i=1}^N$: The N Gaussian random parameters that are defined in Section 3.1.
- $\{W^2\}_{i=1}^N$: An artificial introduced N Gaussian random parameters that are used for left-rule points in the hybrid scheme, explained in Section 3.3.

We have a natural error decomposition for the total error of computing the the expectation in (8), namely, $\mathcal{E}$

$$\mathcal{E} \leq \mathcal{E}_Q(TOL_{\text{MISC}}, N) + \mathcal{E}_B(N), \tag{12}$$

where $\mathcal{E}_Q$ is the quadrature error, function of MISC tolerance TOL_{MISC} and N (the number of time steps) and $\mathcal{E}_B$ is the bias, function of N (the number of time steps) or $\Delta_t = \frac{T}{N}$ (size of the time grid).

We note that sampling the Brownian motion can be constructed either sequentially using a standard random walk construction or hierarchically using Brownian bridge (BB) construction. To make an effective use of MISC, which is badly affected by isotropy, we use the BB construnction since it produces dimensions with different importance for MISC (creates anisotropy), contrary to random walk procedure for which all the dimension of the stochastic space have equal importance (isotropic). We explain the BB construction in Section 4.3. This transformation plays a role of dimension reduction of the problem and as a consquence accelerating the MISC procedure by reducing the compotational cost.

Another way to reduce the dimension of the problem is by using Richardson extrapolation, explained in Section 4.4. In fact, Richardson extrapolation acts on both the bias (by reducing it) and MISC procedure by redcing the number of needed time steps ,N, neeeded to achive a certain tolerance, resulting in a lower dimensional problem.

Motivated by some numerical observations regarding the behavior of the MISC solver with respect to the standard Gaussian hermite quadrature (See Section 5), We build a more robust MISC solver by incorporating a change of measure with respect to W^1 as described in Section 4.2.

We also discuss the error bounds in Section 4.5

3.1 Details of the MISC

In the multi-variate case, we are left with a $2N$- dimensional Gaussian random inputs, which are chosen independently, resulting in $2N$ numerical parameters, which we use as the basis of the multi-index construction, reflecting the fact that W_i^1 and W_j^2 can vary independently of each other regardless of $i \neq j$ or $i = j$. For the sake of concreteness, let $l \in \{1, \ldots, 2N\}$ and set

$$m_l := \begin{cases} W_l^1, & 1 \leq l \leq N, \\ W_{l-N}^2, & N+1 \leq l \leq 2N. \end{cases} \tag{13}$$

For a multi-index $\ell = (l_i)_{i=1}^{2N} \in \mathbb{N}^{2N}$ we denote by $Q_\ell^N := Q(m_\ell)$ the result of a discretized integral, using N time steps , with parameters $m_\ell := (m_{l_i})_{i=1}^{2N}$. We further define the set of differences ΔQ_ℓ as follows: for a single index $1 \leq i \leq 2N$, let

$$\Delta_i Q_\ell^N := \begin{cases} Q^N(m_\ell) - Q^N(m'_\ell) \text{ with } m'_\ell = m_{\ell - e_i}, \text{ if } \ell_i > 0 \\ \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad Q^N(m_\ell) \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

where e_i denotes the ith $2N$-dimensional unit vector. Then, ΔQ_ℓ^N is defined as

$$\Delta Q_\ell^N := \left(\prod_{i=1}^{2N} \Delta_i \right) Q_\ell^N. \tag{15}$$

For instance, when $N = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta Q_\ell^1 = \Delta_2 \Delta_1 Q_{(l_1,l_2)}^1 = \Delta_2 \left(Q_{(l_1,l_2)}^1 - Q_{(l_1-1,l_2)}^1 \right) &= \Delta_2 Q_{(l_1,l_2)}^1 - \Delta_2 Q_{(l_1-1,l_2)}^1 \\ &= Q_{(l_1,l_2)}^1 - Q_{(l_1,l_2-1)}^1 - Q_{(l_1-1,l_2)}^1 + Q_{(l_1-1,l_2-1)}^1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $Q^N(m)$ converges to the biased option price (denoted by $Q^N(\infty)$ as $m \to \infty$. Hence, we have the telescoping property

$$Q^N(\infty) = \sum_{l_1=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{l_{2N}=0}^{\infty} \Delta Q_{(l_1,\ldots,l_{2N})}^N = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}^{2N}} \Delta Q_\ell^N, \tag{16}$$

provided that $m_{l_1} \xrightarrow{l_1 \to \infty} \infty, \ldots, m_{l_{2N}} \xrightarrow{l_{2N} \to \infty} \infty$. The telescoping property is accompanied by a corresponding error factorization, i.e., the size of the increment ΔQ_ℓ^N can be bounded by a product of error terms depending on m_i and m_{i+N}.

We denote the computational work at level $\ell = (l_1, \ldots, l_{2N})$ for adding an increment ΔQ_ℓ^N in the telescoping sum by W_ℓ^N, and define the actual estimator for the quantity of interest $Q^N(\infty)$: given a set of multi-indices $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{N}^{2N}$, let

$$Q^N(\mathcal{I}) := \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{I}} \Delta Q_\ell^N.$$

Then the error is given by

$$\left| Q^N(\infty) - Q^N(\mathcal{I}) \right| \leq \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}^{2N} \setminus \mathcal{I}} \left| \Delta Q_\ell^N \right|,$$

The construction of $\mathcal{I}$ will be done by profit thresholding, i.e., for a certain threshold value T, we add a multi-index ℓ to $\mathcal{I}$ provided that

$$\log\left(\frac{\left|\Delta Q_\ell^N\right|}{W_\ell}\right) \leq T.$$

(Actually, we take the error estimate instead of the true error.)

3.2 Gaussian Hermite Quadrature with importance sampling

Let us call the integrand that we feed to MISC by $I(W^1, W^2)$, then

$$C_{RB}\left(T,K\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^{2N}} I(\mathbf{W}^1,\mathbf{W}^2)\rho(\mathbf{W}^1)\rho(\mathbf{W}^2)d\mathbf{W}^1 d\mathbf{W}^2, \tag{17}$$

where N is the number of time steps. We can rewrite the previous expression as

$$C_{RB}\left(T,K\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^{2N}} \frac{I(\mathbf{W}^1,\mathbf{W}^2)\rho(\mathbf{W}^1)}{h(\mathbf{W}^1;\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^1,\Psi)} h(\mathbf{W}^1;\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^1,\Psi)\rho(\mathbf{W}^2)d\mathbf{W}^1 d\mathbf{W}^2, \tag{18}$$

where $h(\mathbf{W}^1;\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^1,\Psi)$ is a multivariate normal density with first and second order moments given by

$$\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^1 = \arg\max_{\mathbf{W}^1\in\mathbb{R}^N}[\log I(\mathbf{W}^1;\mathbf{W}^2)] \tag{19}$$

$$\Psi = \left(-\frac{\partial^2[\log I(\mathbf{W}^1;\mathbf{W}^2)]}{\partial(\mathbf{W}^1)^T\mathbf{W}^1}\right)^{-1}_{\mathbf{W}^1=\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^1} \tag{20}$$

Let us define $\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^1$ as uncorrelated varaibles and the Cholesky factorization of Ψ is given by $\Psi = LL^T$, and $\overline{\mathbf{W}}^1 = \sqrt{2}L\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^1 + \widehat{\mathbf{W}}^1$ then Eq 18 becomes

(21)

$$C_{RB}\left(T,K\right) = 2^{N/2}.\,|L|\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^{2N}}\left(I(\overline{\mathbf{W}}^1,\mathbf{W}^2)\exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\overline{\mathbf{W}}^1)^T\overline{\mathbf{W}}^1)\exp(\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^T\tilde{\mathbf{W}})\right)\rho(\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^1)\rho(\mathbf{W}^2)d\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^1 d\mathbf{W}^2$$

3.3 Brwonian bridge construction

In the simulation, we generate the stock prices using Brownian bridge (BB) in the following way: first generates the final value W_d , then sample $W_{[d/2]}$ conditional on the values of W_d and W_0, and proceed by progressively filling in intermediate values. Here, $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less

than or equal to x. In particular, if d is a power of 2, then BB generates the Brownian motion as

$$\begin{aligned} W_d &= \sqrt{T} Z_1 \\ W_{d/2} &= \frac{1}{2}(W_0 + W_d) + \sqrt{T/4} Z_2 \\ W_{d/4} &= \frac{1}{2}(W_0 + W_{d/2}) + \sqrt{T/8} Z_3 \\ &\vdots \\ W_{d-1} &= \frac{1}{2}(W_{d-2} + W_d) + \sqrt{T/2d} Z_d, \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where Z_j are independent standard normal variables.

3.4 Richardson extrapolation

We recall that the Euler (often) scheme has weak order 1 so that

$$\left| \mathrm{E}\left[f(\widehat{X}_T^h) \right] - \mathrm{E}\left[f(X_T) \right] \right| \leq Ch \tag{23}$$

for some constant C, all sufficiently small h and suitably smooth f. It was shown that 23 can be improved to

$$\mathrm{E}\left[f(\widehat{X}_T^h) \right] = \mathrm{E}\left[f(X_T) \right] + ch + \mathcal{O}\left(h^2\right), \tag{24}$$

where c depends on f.

Applying 24 with discretization step $2h$, we obtain

$$\mathrm{E}\left[f(\widehat{X}_T^{2h}) \right] = \mathrm{E}\left[f(X_T) \right] + 2ch + \mathcal{O}\left(h^2\right), \tag{25}$$

implying

$$2\mathrm{E}\left[f(\widehat{X}_T^{2h}) \right] - \mathrm{E}\left[f(\widehat{X}_T^h) \right] = \mathrm{E}\left[f(X_T) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(h^2\right), \tag{26}$$

For higher levels extrapolations, we use the following: Let us denote by $h_J = h_0.2^{-J}$ the grid sizes (where h_0 is the coarsest grid size), by K the level of the Richardson extrapolation, and by $I(J,K)$ the approximation of $\mathrm{E}\left[f^(\widehat{X}_T^{h_J}) \right]$ by terms up to level K (leading to a weak error of order K), then we have

$$I(J,K) = \frac{2^K \left[I(J,K-1) - I(J-1,K-1) \right]}{2^K - 1} + \mathcal{O}\left(h^{K+1}\right), \quad J = 1,2,\ldots, K = 1,2,\ldots \tag{27}$$

3.5 Discussion about error bounds

TO-DO: In this Section, we discuss each term in Eq 12 seperatly.

3.5.1 Discussion about the Bias error

3.5.2 Discussion about the quadrature error

4 Numerical tests

In this Section, the default paramters values of the rBergomi model (unless stated), defined in Section 3.1, are: $S_0 = 1$, $\eta = 1.9$, $\xi = 0.235^2$, $\rho = -0.9$, $T = 1$.

4.1 Motivation for the need of measure change

In this Section, we motivate the need of measure change as a pre-processing step before applying the MISC solver.

4.1.1 Integrand plotting wrt different random inputs

In this section, we plot the integrand, given by the term inside the expectation in (8)(including the Gaussian density), wrt different random inputs (W^1, W^2). This is important to check if we need a measure change and if needed for which variables. We show the results for $H = 0.07$ and for two scenarios of number of time steps $N \in \{2, 4\}$ (similar plots are produced for $H = 0.43$ in Appendices (A.1,A.2). We also show the two dimensional plots (See figures 4,7,9,8). As it seems from the plots, we just need change of measure wrt to W^1 coordinates and we do not need a measure chnage for W^2 coordinates.

N=2, H=0.07

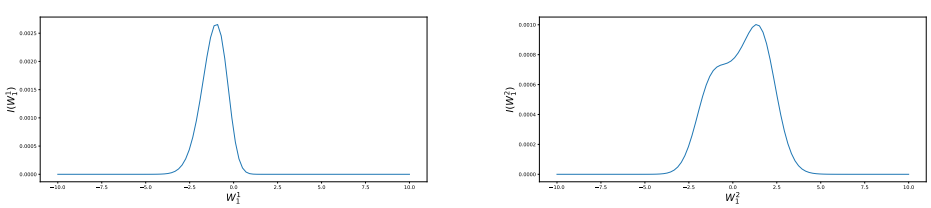


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Figure 2: Plotting the integrand I (in (8)) as a function of W^1 coordinates for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 2$.

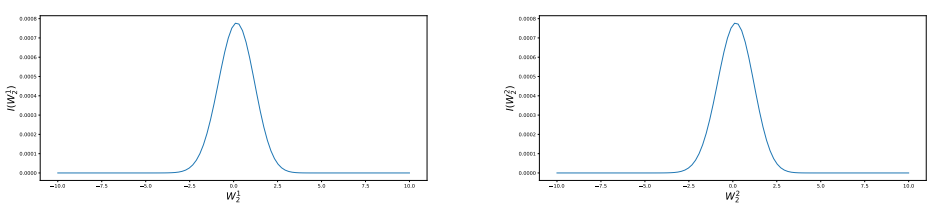

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Figure 3: Plotting the integrand I (in (8)) as a function of W^2 coordinates for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 2$.

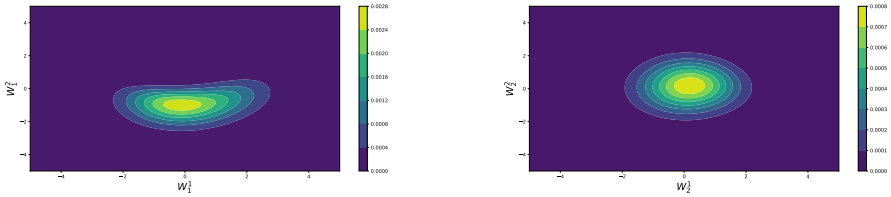

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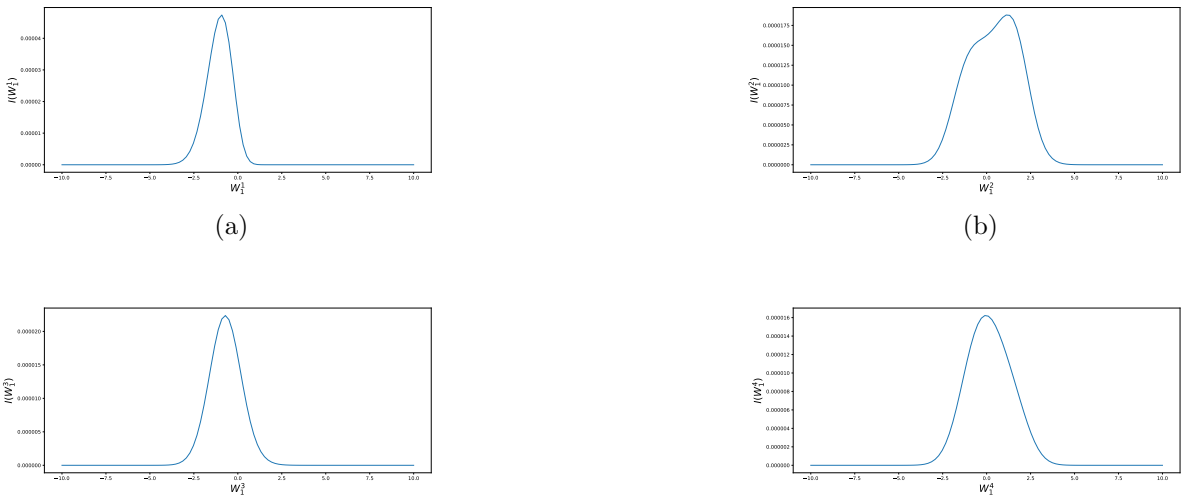
Figure 4: Two dimensional Plotting of the integrand I (in (8)) for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 2$, a) function of W_1 coordinates, b) function of W^2 coordinates

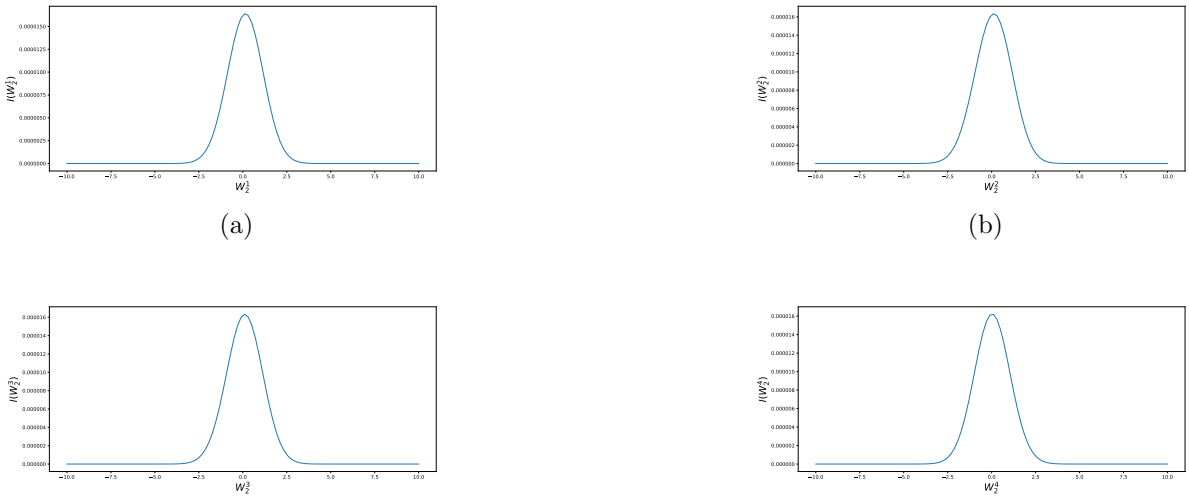
N=4, H=0.07



(a) (b)

(c) (d)

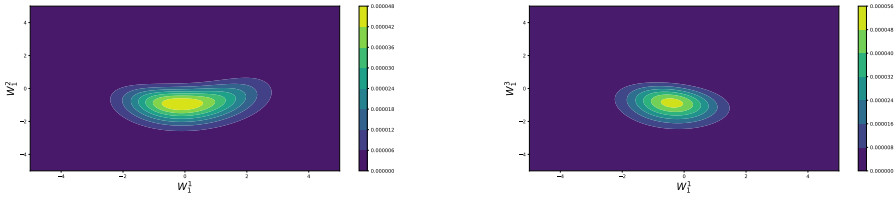
Figure 5: Plotting the integrand I (in (8)) as a function of W_1 coordinates for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 4$.



(a) (b)

(c) (d)

Figure 6: Plotting the integrand I (in (8)) as a function of W_2 coordinates for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 4$.



(a) (b)

Figure 7: Two dimensional Plotting of the integrand I (in (8)) for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 4$, a) function of W_1^1 and W_1^2 , b) function of W_1^1 and W_1^3

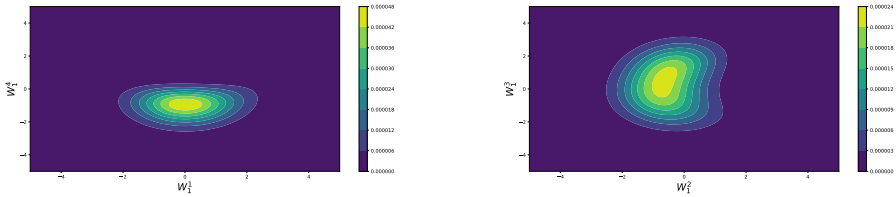


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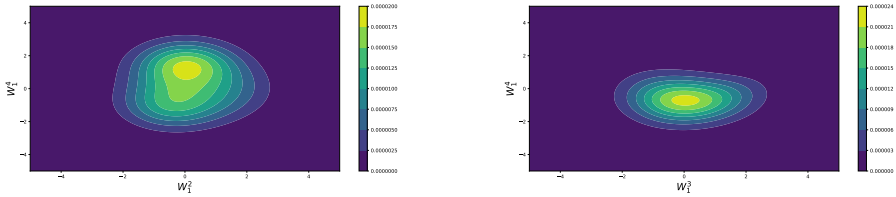
Figure 8: Two dimensional Plotting of the integrand I (in (8)) for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 4$, a) function of W_1^1 and W_1^4 , b) function of W_1^2 and W_1^3

4.1.2 Comparing the mixed differences rates

In this section, we compare the mixed differences (first and second differences) rates for the standard case against the case where we do a partial change of measure wrt W_1 coordinates (see Section 4.2), for the case of $H = 0.07$ and $N = 4$ time steps. From figures (10,13,11,12,14), we may notice that



(a) (b)

Figure 9: Two dimensional Plotting of the integrand I (in (8)) for $H = 0.07$ and $N = 4$, a) function of W_1^2 and W_1^4 , b) function of W_1^3 and W_1^4

we face a bad behavior for the second differences, for the case without change of measure, which may explain the poor performance observed for MISC. This bad behavior is resolved when doing the partial change of measure. We obtained better results when using a measure change based on spectral decomposition rather than Cholesky decomposition. therefore by doing the change of measure, we obtained a more robust MISC solver.

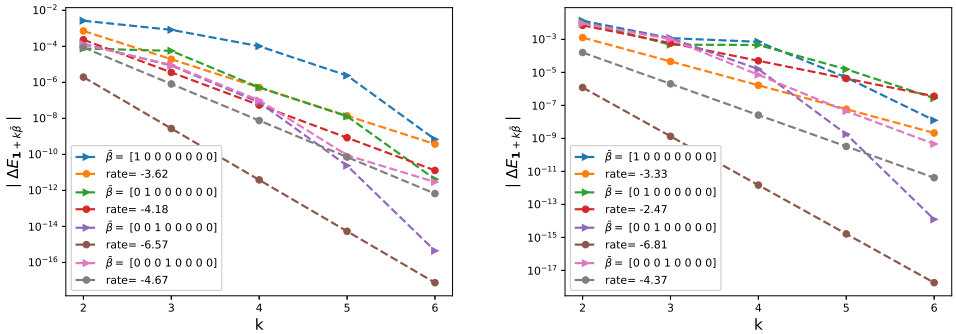


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Figure 10: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta})$), for W^1, for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$: a) Without measure change b) With measure change

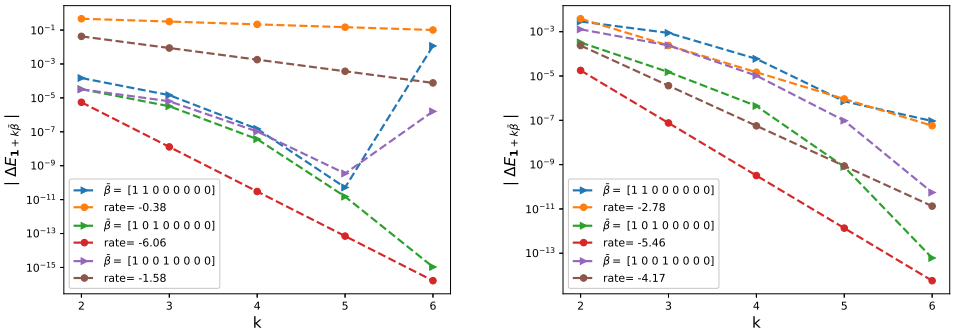

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Figure 11: The rate of convergence of second order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta})$), for W^1, for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$: a) Without measure change b) With measure change

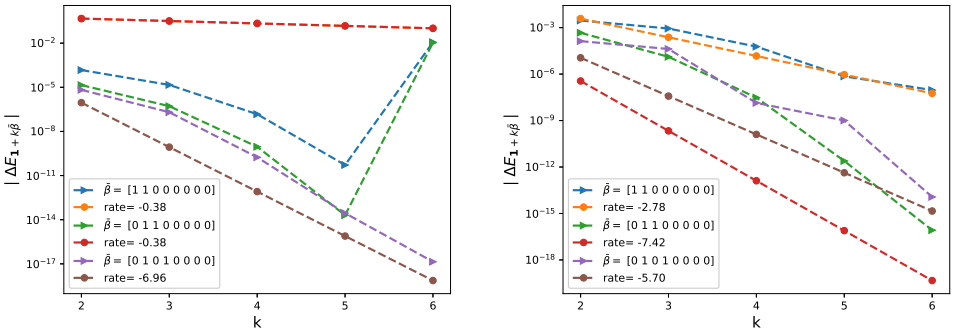

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Figure 12: The rate of convergence of second order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta})$), for W^1, for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$: a) Without measure change b) With measure change

4.2 Numerical results for the case without change of measure

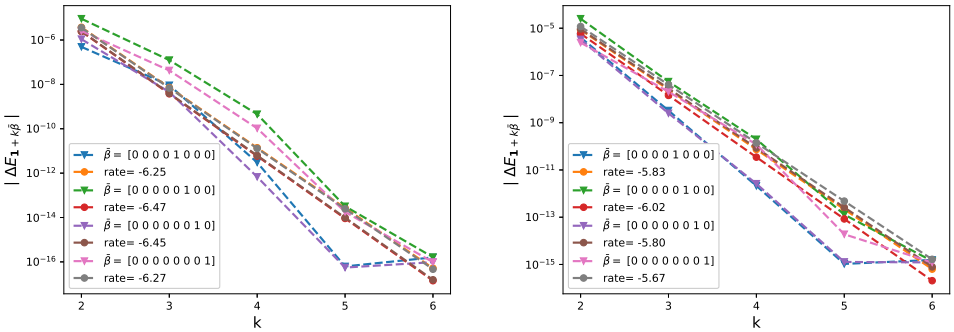

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Figure 13: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)), for W^2, for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$: a) Without measure change b) With measure change

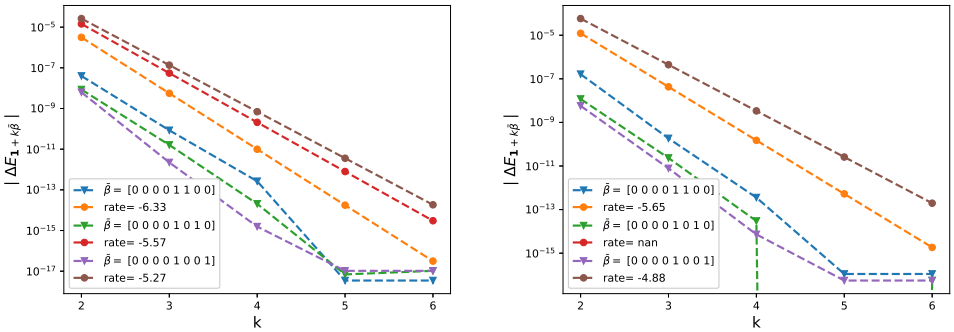

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Figure 14: The rate of convergence of second order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)), for W^2, for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$: a) Without measure change b) With measure change

4.2.1 Weak error plots

In this section, I include the results of weak error rates for the case without change of measure for both cases without and with Richardson extrapolation (level 1 and 2), for $H \in \{0.43, 0.07\}$. The reference solution was computed with $N = 500$ time steps. We note that the weak errors plotted here corresponds to relative errors.

Without Richardson extrapolation

From figures (15 and 16), we see that for both cases $H \in \{0.43, 0.07\}$, we get a weak error of order Δt. The upper and lower bounds are 95% confidence interval.

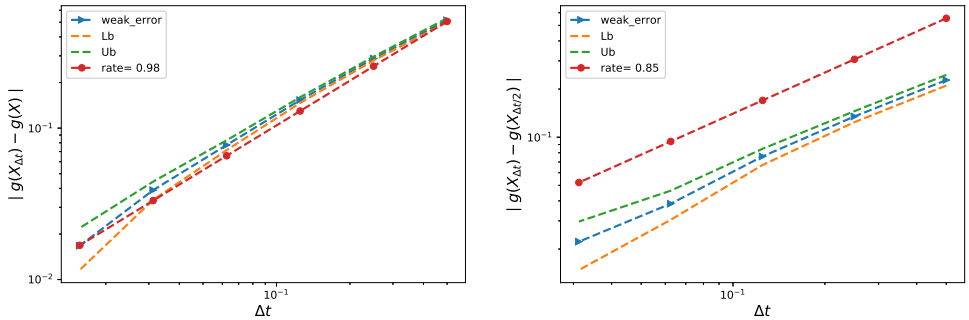

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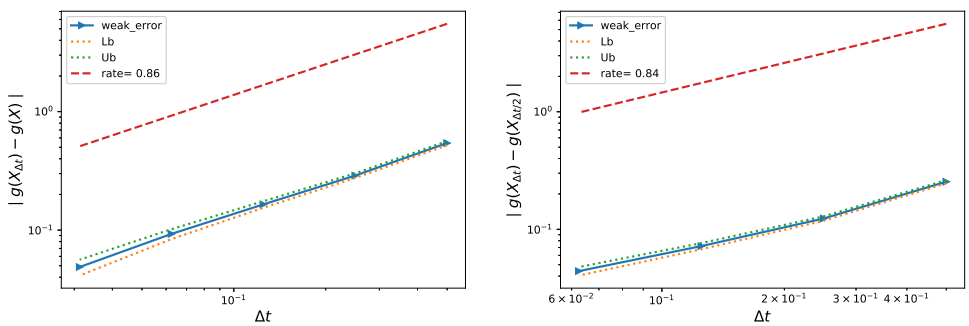
Figure 15: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.43$ $K = 1$, without Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^5$: a) $|\mathrm{E}\left[g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)|$ b) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[g(X_{\Delta t}) - g(X_{\Delta t/2})\right]\right|$



(a) (b)

Figure 16: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.07$ $K = 1$, without Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^5$: a) $|\mathrm{E}\left[g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)|$ b) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[g(X_{\Delta t}) - g(X_{\Delta t/2})\right]\right|$

With Richardson extrapolation (level 1)

From figures (17 and 18), we see that for both cases $H \in \{0.43, 0.07\}$, we get a weak error of order Δt^2 (We can see this from the first points, however I think the last points are influenced by the statistical error). The upper and lower bounds are 95% confidence interval.

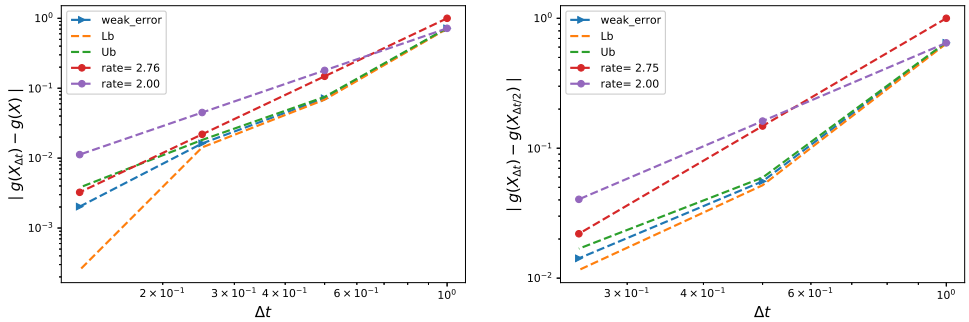


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Figure 17: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.43$ $K = 1$, with Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^6$: a) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[2g(X_{\Delta t/2}) - g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)\right|$ b) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[3g(X_{\Delta t/2}) - g(X_{\Delta t}) - 2g(X_{\Delta t/4})\right]\right|$

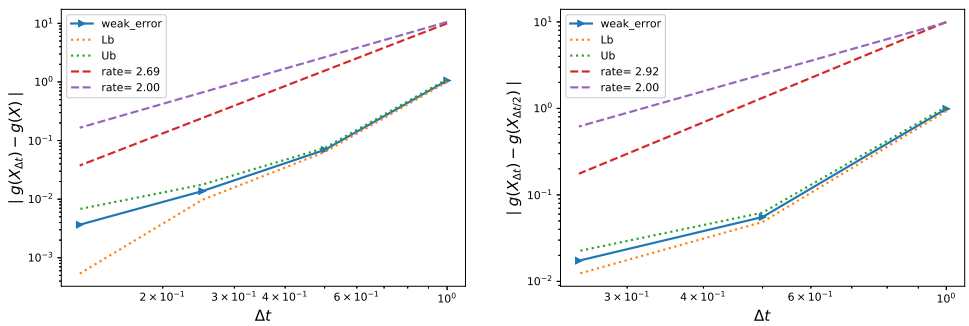

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Figure 18: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.07$ $K = 1$, with Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^6$: a) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[2g(X_{\Delta t/2}) - g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)\right|$ b) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[3g(X_{\Delta t/2}) - g(X_{\Delta t}) - 2g(X_{\Delta t/4})\right]\right|$

With Richardson extrapolation (level 2)

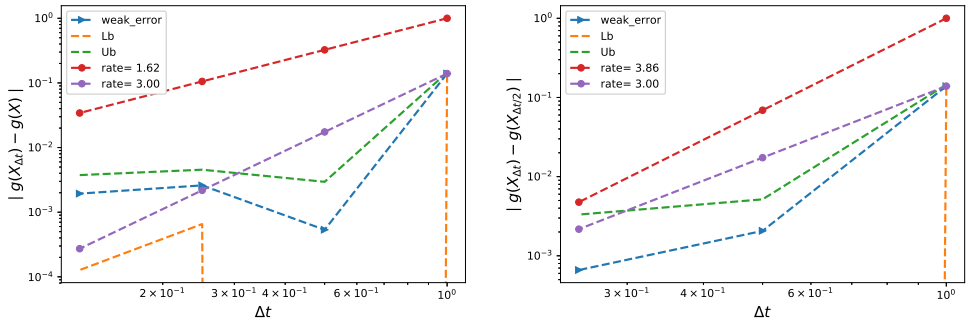

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Figure 19: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.43$ $K = 1$, with Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^6$: a) $\left|\frac{1}{3}\mathrm{E}\left[8g(X_{\Delta t/4}) - 6g(X_{\Delta t/2}) + g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)\right|$ b) $\left|\frac{1}{3}\mathrm{E}\left[-8g(X_{\Delta t/8}) + 14g(X_{\Delta t/4}) - 7(X_{\Delta t/2}) + g(X_{\Delta t})\right]\right|$

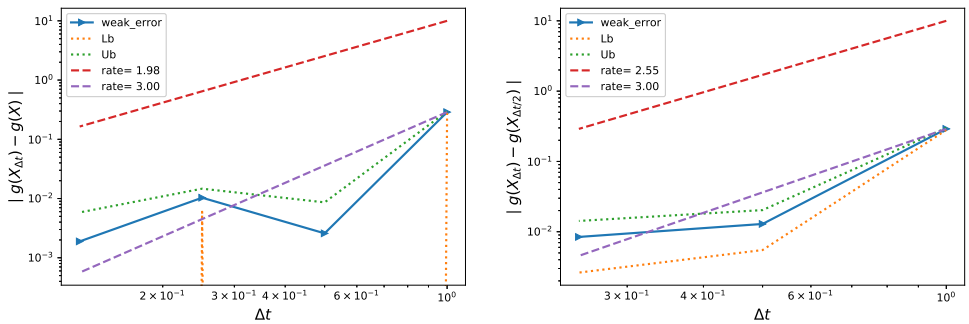

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Figure 20: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.07$ $K = 1$, with Richardson extraploation (level 2), using MC with $M = 10^6$: a) $\left|\frac{1}{3}\mathrm{E}\left[8g(X_{\Delta t/4}) - 6g(X_{\Delta t/2}) + g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)\right|$ b) $\left|\frac{1}{3}\mathrm{E}\left[-8g(X_{\Delta t/8}) + 14g(X_{\Delta t/4}) - 7(X_{\Delta t/2}) + g(X_{\Delta t})\right]\right|$

4.2.2 Comparing relative errors using hierarchical representation

We note that these are preliminary results since we observed an over-estimated tolerance for MISC solver. We need to figure out a way to define the adequate procedure to use the right MISC tolerance.

The results were reported for $H \in \{0.43, 0.07\}$, and number of time steps $N \in \{2, 4, 8, 16\}$. Also, we use $S_0 = 1$, so the options will be prices in terms of the moneyness K, where K is the strike price.

In the following, we compare the relative errors for H $\in \{0.43, 0.07\}$ (see appendices A.3 and A.4 for the values of Call option prices). We note that for each case the reference solution was computed for $N = 500$ (number of time steps) using MC with 10^6 samples. In each case we report the results for 3 scenarios: i) Without using Richardson extrapolation, ii) Using level 1 Richardson

extrapoaltion and iii) Using level 2 Richardson extrapoaltion. Tables (1, 2, 3) coresspond to $H = 0.43$ and tables (4, 5, 6) coresspond to $H = 0.07$.

Given the normalized bias computed by MC method (reported as bold values in the tables), we report in red in each table the smallest tolerance that MISC required to get below that relative bias (I do not put values for smaller tolerances, once the required bias is reached).

From the tables below, we have the following observations:

- Using Richardson extrapoaltion, we got a significant improvement for the relative error with the use of minimal time steps. For instance, for $H = 0.43$, we achieved around 8% of relative error, with 16 time steps when not using Richardson extrapolation (see table 1). However, When using level 1 of Richardson extrapolation (see table 2), we achieved around 6% of relative error, with only 2 time steps in the coarse level, and we got around 1% of relative error, with 4 time steps in the coarse level. A more significant improvement is seen with level 2 of Richardson extrapolation, in fact, with just 1 step in the coarse level, we got around 3% percent of relative error.

- For $H = 0.07$, we achieved around 8% of relative error, with 16 time steps when not using Richardson extrapolation (see table 4). However, When using level 1 of Richardson extrapolation (see table 5), we achieved around 5% of relative error, with only 2 time steps in the coarse level, and we got below 1% of relative error, with 4 time steps in the coarse level. We observed a less significant improvement when using levle 2 of Ricchardson extrapolation, compared to the case of $H = 0.43$.

Case $H = 0.43$, Relative error for different methods

Method \Steps	2	4	8	16
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.6011	0.3497	0.1910	0.0969
MISC ($TOl = 2.10^{-1}$)	0.6011	0.3497	0.1910	0.0801
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.6011	0.3497	0.2233	0.1236
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.6011	0.3539	0.1882	0.1573
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.5126	0.3258	0.1770	0.0829
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-3}$)	0.4930	0.3076	0.1671	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-3}$)	0.5126	0.2935	0.1503	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-4}$)	0.5154	0.2935	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	**0.5154**	**0.2935**	**0.1545**	**0.0801**

Table 1: Relative error of Call option price of the different tolerances for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$, without Richardson extrapolation

Method \Steps	$1-2$	$2-4$	$4-8$	$8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.9059	0.0997	0.0323	0.0028
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.9059	0.0997	0.1025	0.0688
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.9059	0.1671	0.0857	0.0646
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.7374	0.0969	0.0463	0.0028
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-3}$)	0.7205	0.0941	0.0211	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-3}$)	0.7191	0.0758	0.0112	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-4}$)	0.7129	0.0609	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	**0.7133**	**0.0698**	**0.0160**	**0.0035**

Table 2: Relative error of Call option price of the different tolerances for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 1)

Method \Steps	$1-2-4$	$2-4-8$	$4-8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1699	0.0098	0.0056
MISC ($TOl = 2.10^{-1}$)	0.1699	–	0.0014
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.2037	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.0295	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	**0.1440**	**0.0180**	**0.0023**

Table 3: Relative error of Call option price of the different tolerances for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 2)

Case $H = 0.07$, Relative error for different methods

Method \Steps	2	4	8	16
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.3662	0.1578	0.1010	0.0758
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.3662	0.1578	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.3662	–	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	–	–	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	**0.5354**	**0.2879**	**0.1515**	**0.0783**

Table 4: Relative error of Call option price of the different tolerances for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$, without Richardson extrapolation

Method \Steps	$1-2$	$2-4$	$4-8$	$8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.5682	0.0505	0.1389	0.1604
MISC ($TOl = 16.10^{-2}$)	0.5682	0.0505	0.1389	0.0038
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.5682	0.0505	0.1692	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.5682	0.1465	0.0088	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	–	0.0669	0.0088	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	**0.8915**	**0.0537**	**0.0129**	**0.0043**

Table 5: Relative error of Call option price of the different tolerances for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 1)

Method \Steps	$1-2-4$	$2-4-8$	$4-8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.2563	0.1692	0.1679
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.2563	0.1566	0.0025
MISC ($TOl = 7.10^{-2}$)	0.3005	0.0227	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.4874	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.1742	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	**0.2231**	**0.0279**	**0.0035**

Table 6: Relative error of Call option price of the different tolerances for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 2)

4.3 Numerical results for the case with change of measure

4.3.1 Weak error plots

In this section, I include the results of weak error rates for the case with change of measure for both cases without and with Richardson extrapolation, for $H = 0.07$. The reference solution was computed with $N = 500$ time steps. We note that we limit the maximum number of changed coordinates up to 4, due to practical purposes related to the optimization procedure. We note that the weak errors plotted here corresponds to relative errors.

Without Richardson extrapolation

From figure 21), we see that for $H = 0.07$, we get a weak error of order Δt. The upper and lower bounds are 95% confidence interval.

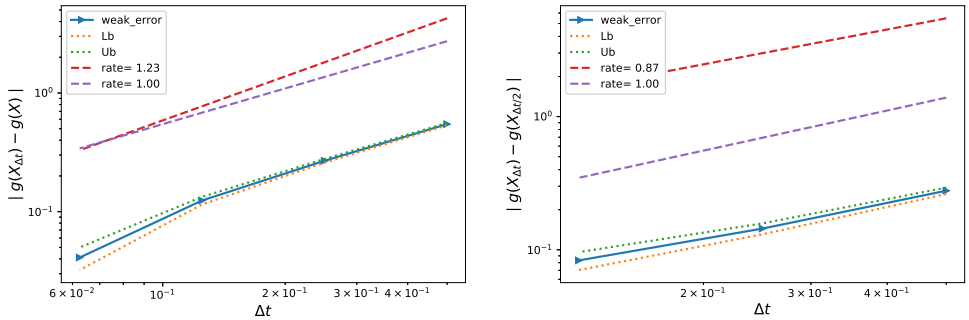

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Figure 21: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.07$ $K = 1$, without Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^5$: a) $|\mathrm{E}\left[g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)|$ b) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[g(X_{\Delta t}) - g(X_{\Delta t/2})\right]\right|$

With Richardson extrapolation (level 1)

From figure 22 , we see that for $H = 0.07$, we get a weak error of order Δt^2. The upper and lower bounds are 95% confidence interval.

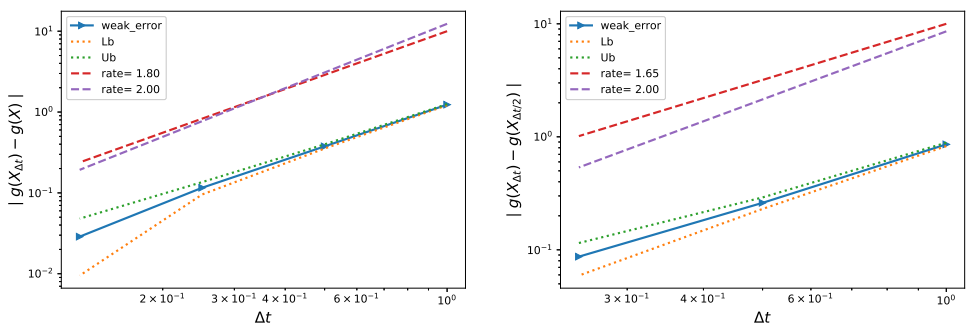

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Figure 22: The rate of convergence of the weak error for $H = 0.07$ $K = 1$, with Richardson extraploation, using MC with $M = 10^6$: a) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[2g(X_{\Delta t/2}) - g(X_{\Delta t})\right] - g(X)\right|$ b) $\left|\mathrm{E}\left[3g(X_{\Delta t/2}) - g(X_{\Delta t}) - 2g(X_{\Delta t/4})\right]\right|$

4.3.2 Comparing relative errors

We need to figure out a way to define the adequate procedure to use the right MISC tolerance, since we observed an over-estimated tolerance for MISC solver when used for the case without change of measure.

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A additional results

A.1 Integrand plotting wrt different random inputs N=2, H=0.43

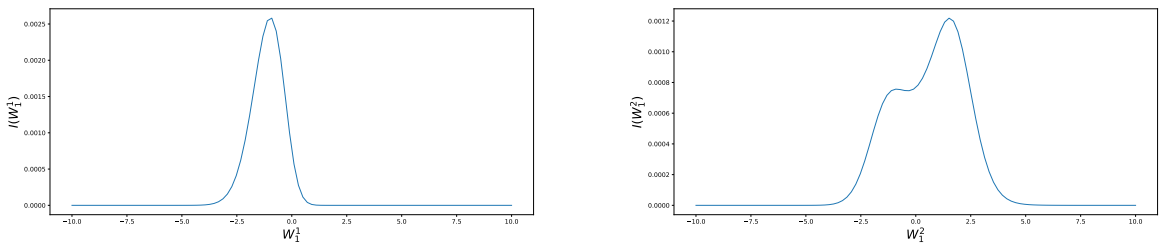

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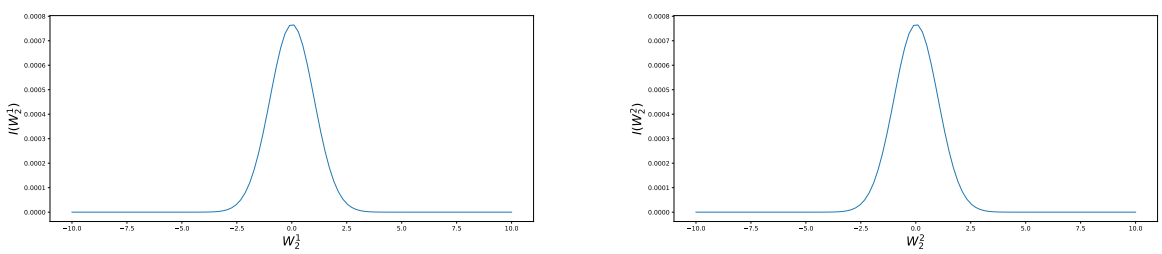
Figure 23: Plotting the integrand I (in (8)) as a function of W^1 coordinates for $H = 0.43$ and $N = 2$.



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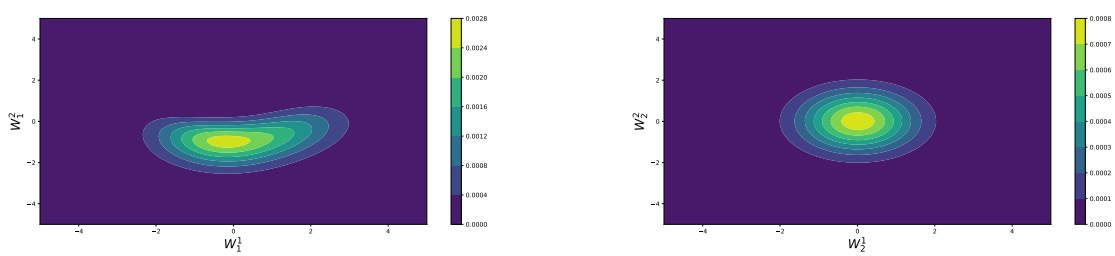

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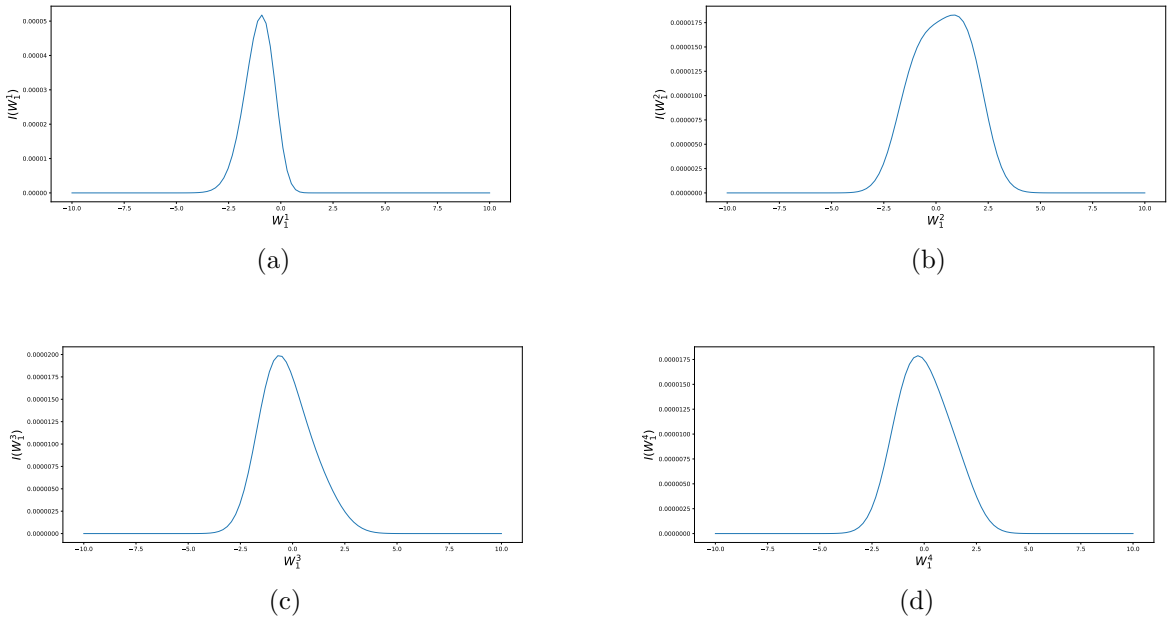
Figure 25: Two dimensional Plotting of the integrand I (in (8)) for $H = 0.43$ and $N = 2$, a) function of W^1 coordinates, b) function of W^2 coordinates

A.2 Integrand plotting wrt different random inputs: N=4, H=0.43



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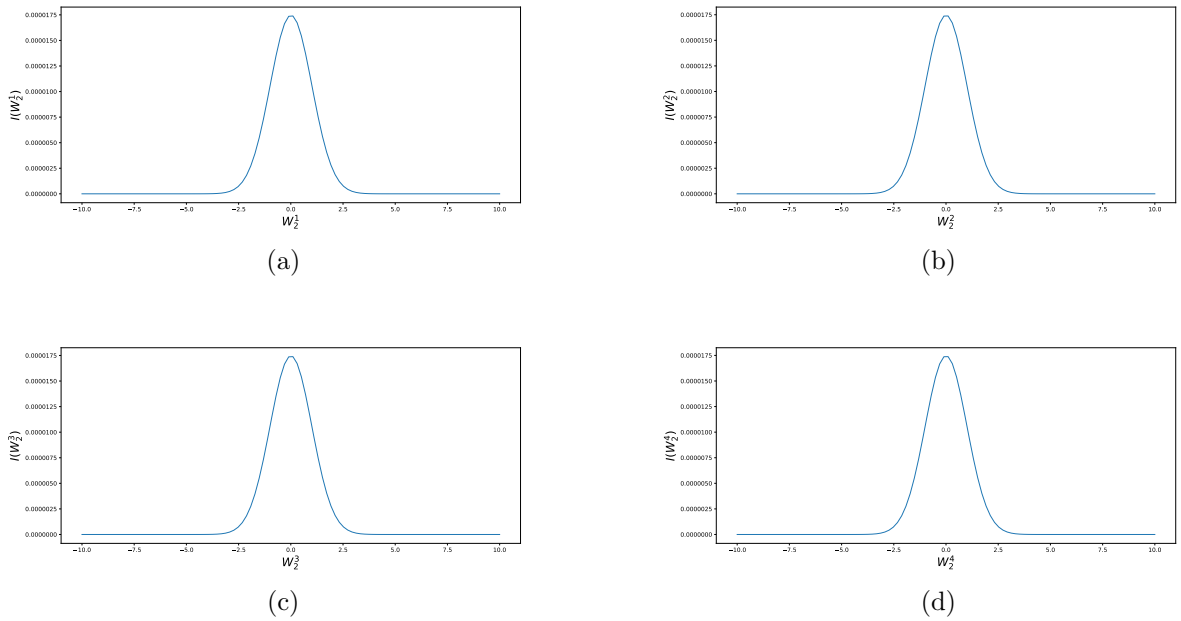

Figure 27: Plotting the integrand I (in (8)) as a function of W^2 coordinates for $H = 0.43$ and $N = 4$.

A.3 Case $H = 0.43$, Call prices for different methods

Method \Steps	2	4	8	16
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1140	0.0961	0.0848	0.0781
MISC ($TOl = 2.10^{-1}$)	0.1140	0.0961	0.0848	0.0769
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.1140	0.0961	0.0871	0.0800
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.1140	0.0964	0.0846	0.0824
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.1077	0.0944	0.0838	0.0771
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-3}$)	0.1063	0.0931	0.0831	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-3}$)	0.1077	0.0921	0.0819	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-4}$)	0.1079	0.0921	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	0.1079 ($1.55e{-}04$)	0.0921 ($9.65e{-}05$)	0.0822 ($7.61e{-}05$)	0.0769 ($6.65e{-}05$)

Table 7: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$, without Richardson extrapolation. The values between parentheses in the tables are the standard errors for MC method

Method \Steps	$1-2$	$2-4$	$4-8$	$8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1357	0.0783	0.0735	0.0714
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.1357	0.0783	0.0785	0.0761
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.1357	0.0831	0.0773	0.0758
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.1237	0.0781	0.0745	0.0714
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-3}$)	0.1225	0.0779	0.0727	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-3}$)	0.1224	0.0766	0.0720	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-4}$)	0.1221	0.0763	–	–

Table 8: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 1)

Method \Steps	$1-2-4$	$2-4-8$	$4-8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.0591	0.0719	0.0708
MISC ($TOl = 2.10^{-1}$)	0.0591	–	0.0711
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.0567	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.0733	–	–

Table 9: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 2)

A.4 Case $H = 0.07$, Call prices for different methods

Method \Steps	2	4	8	16
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1082	0.0917	0.0872	0.0732
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.1082	0.0917	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.1082	–	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	–	–	–	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	0.1216 ($1.05e{-}03$)	0.1020 ($1.86e{-}04$)	0.0912 ($1.35e{-}04$)	0.0854 ($1.08e{-}04$)

Table 10: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, without Richardson extrapolation. The values between parentheses in the tables are the standard errors for MC method

Method \Steps	$1-2$	$2-4$	$4-8$	$8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1242	0.0752	0.0682	0.0665
MISC ($TOl = 16.10^{-2}$)	0.1242	0.0752	0.0682	0.0795
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.1242	0.0752	0.0658	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.1242	0.0676	0.0799	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	–	0.0845	0.0799	–

Table 11: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 1)

Method \Steps	$1-2-4$	$2-4-8$	$4-8-16$
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.0589	0.0658	0.0659
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.0589	0.0668	0.079
MISC ($TOl = 7.10^{-2}$)	0.0554	0.0810	–
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.0406	–	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.0654	–	–

Table 12: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$, using Richardson extrapolation (level 2)

A.5 Motivation of the hierarchical representation and investigating the effect with respect to H

In this section, we motivate the idea of using hierarchical representation (Brownian bridge construction) for buiding W^1 and W^2.

A.5.1 Totally Hierarchical

In this section, we do both hierarchical transformation, based on brownian bridges, for both directions W^1 and W^2. We see clearly from figures (28,29) the advantage of buiding W^2 in a hierarchical fashion as W^1

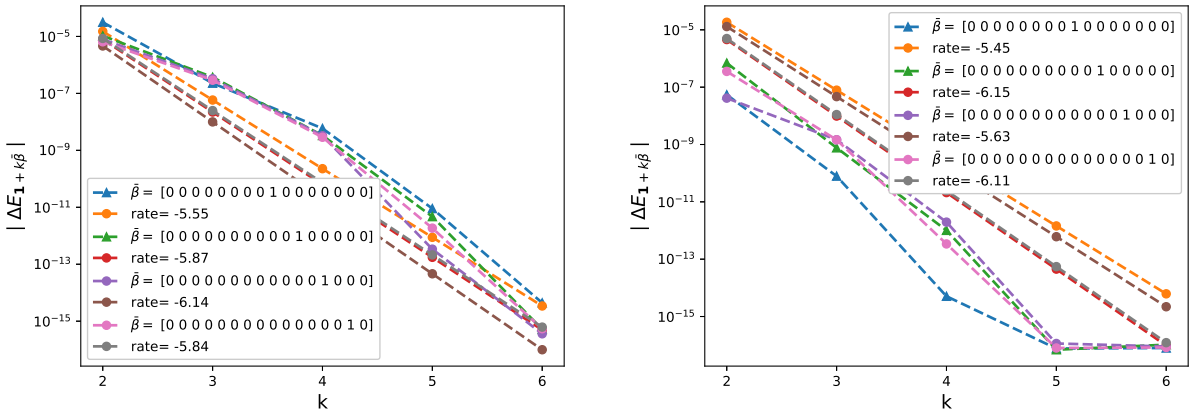

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Figure 28: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)) for $K = 1$: a) Without hierarchical for W_2 b) With hierarchical for W_2

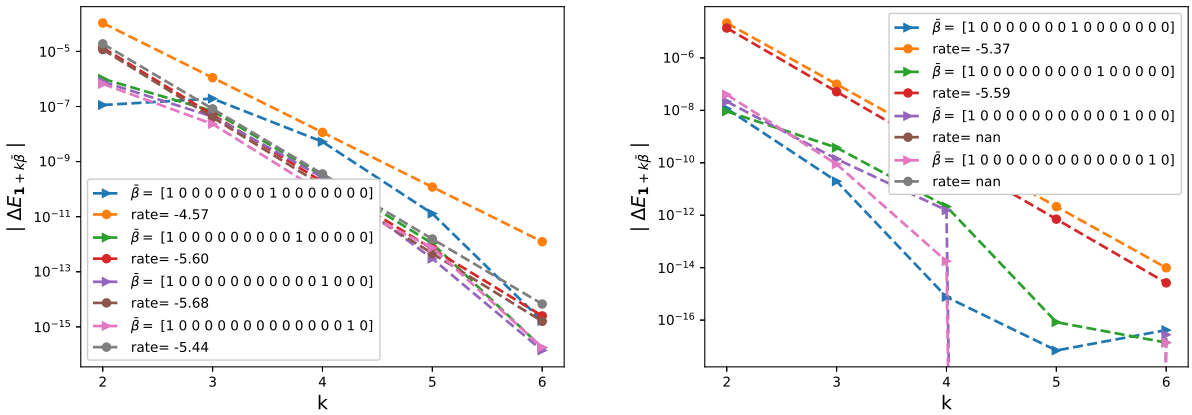

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Figure 29: The rate of convergence of second order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}))$ for $K = 1$: a) Without hierarchical for W_2 b) With hierarchical for W_2

A.5.2 Hierarchical

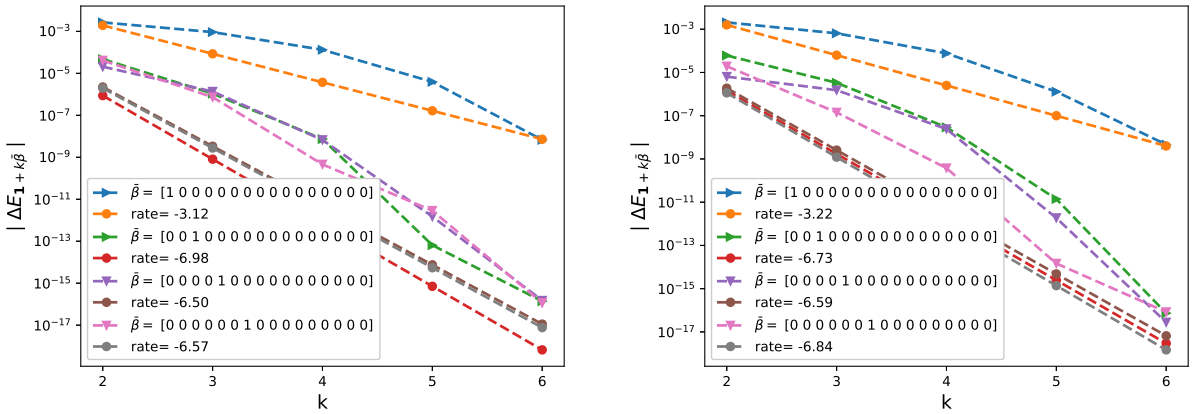

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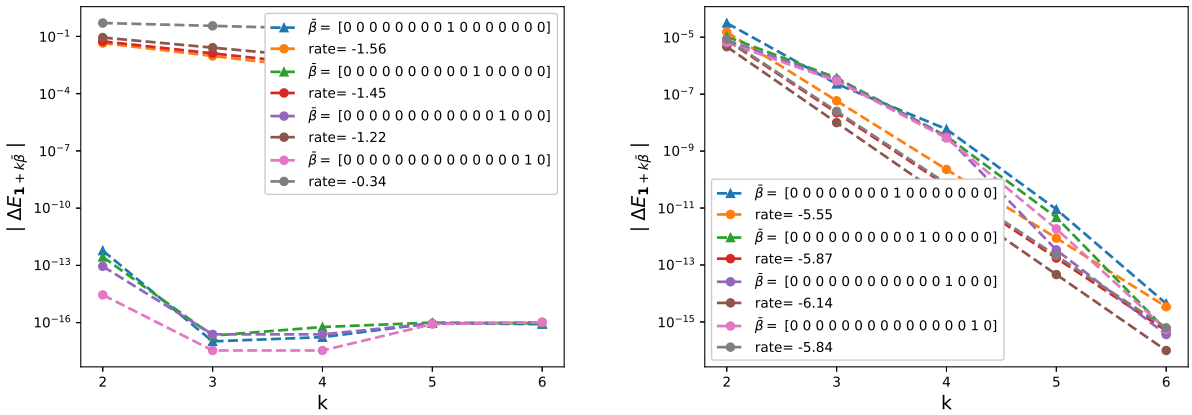
Figure 30: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}))$ for $K = 1$: a) $H = 0.43$ b) $H = 0.07$



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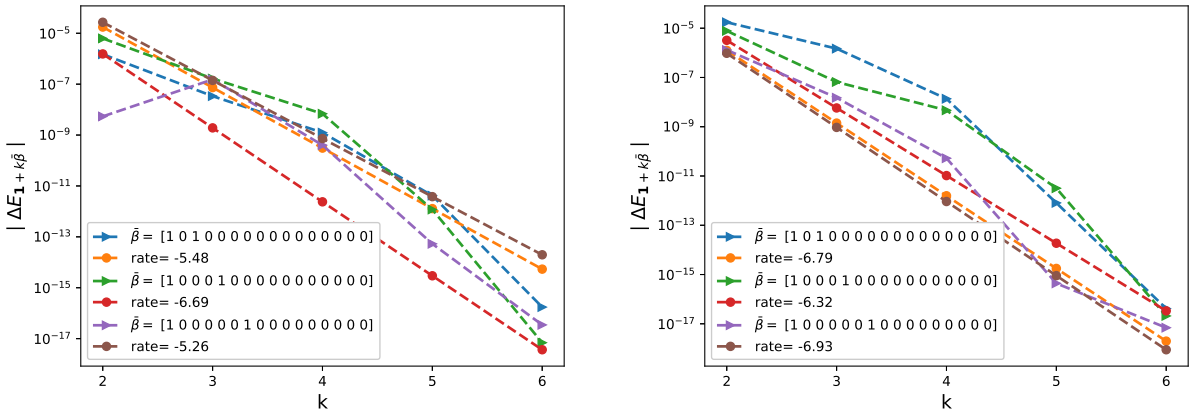

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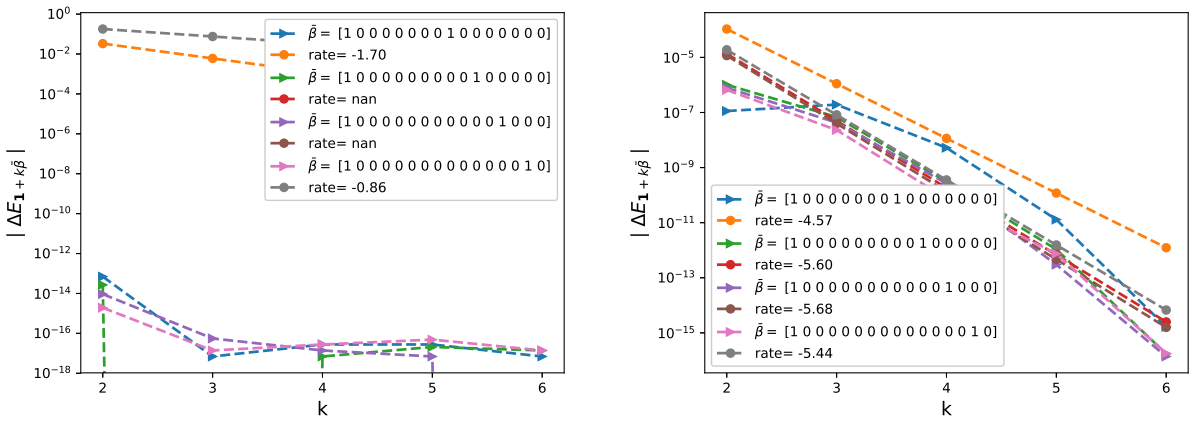
Figure 32: The rate of convergence of mixed order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}))$ for $K = 1$: a) $H = 0.43$ b) $H = 0.07$

A.5.3 Non Hierarchical



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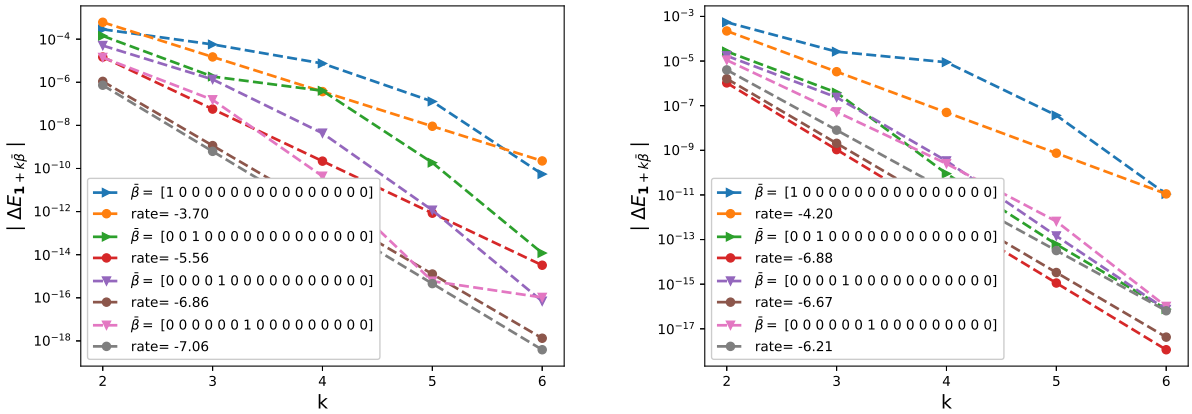

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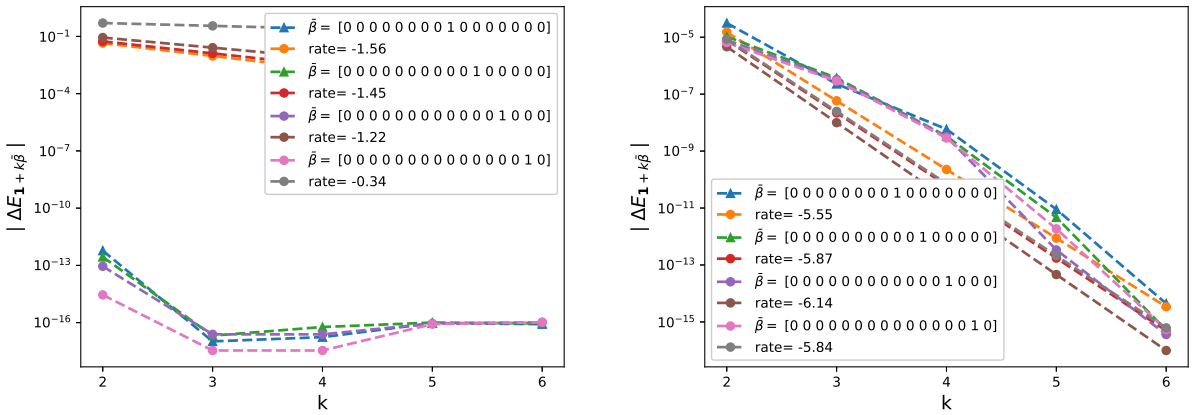
Figure 34: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}))$ for $K = 1$: a) $H = 0.43$ b) $H = 0.07$

A.6 Investigating mixed differences wrt ρ

N=4, K=1



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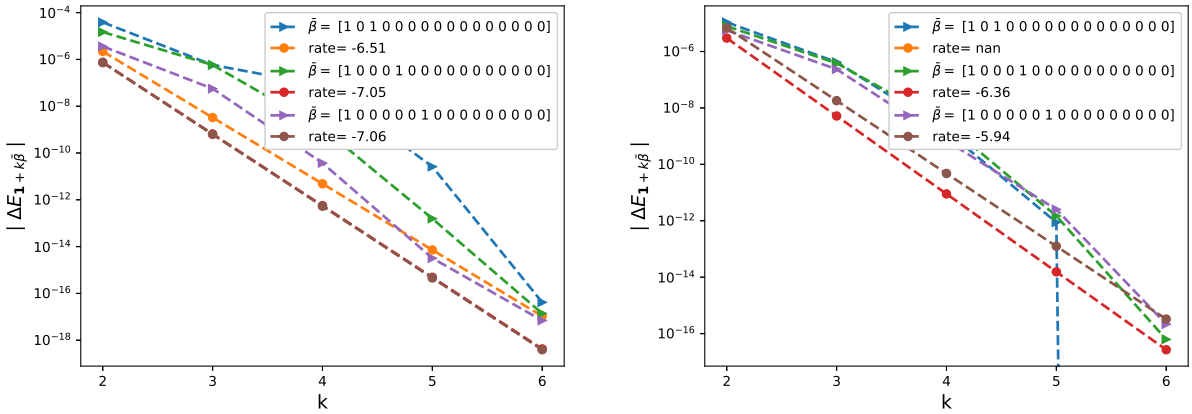

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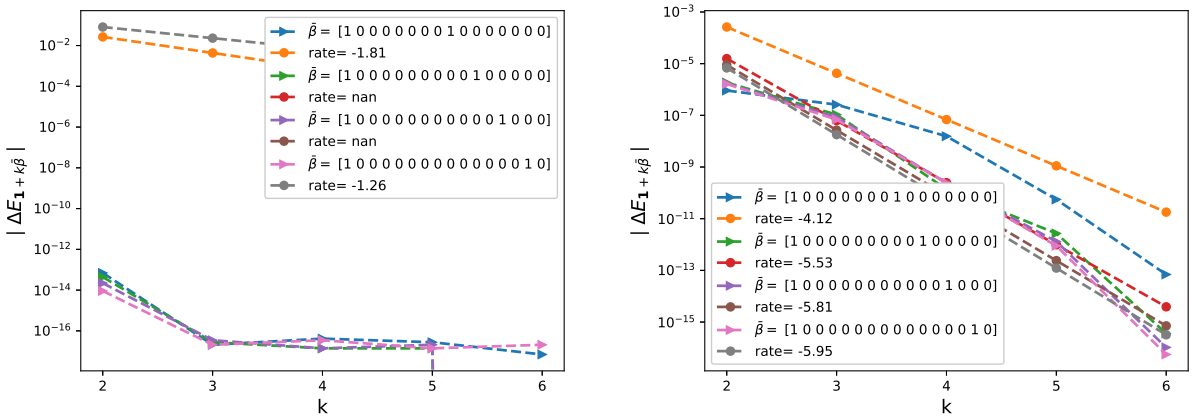
Figure 36: The rate of convergence of mixed order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}))$ for $K = 1$: a) $H = 0.43$ b) $H = 0.07$

N=8, K=1



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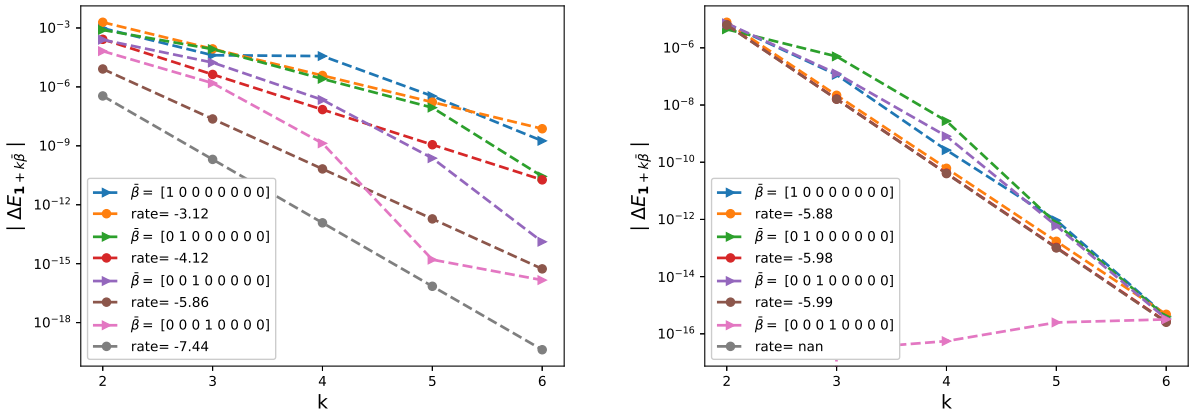

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Figure 38: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}))$ for $K = 1$: a) $\rho = -0.9$ b) $\rho = 0$.

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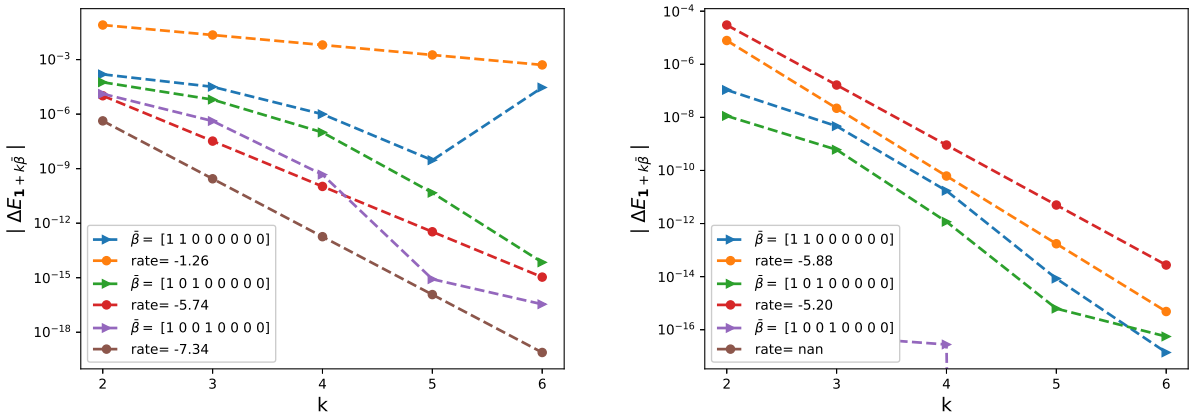

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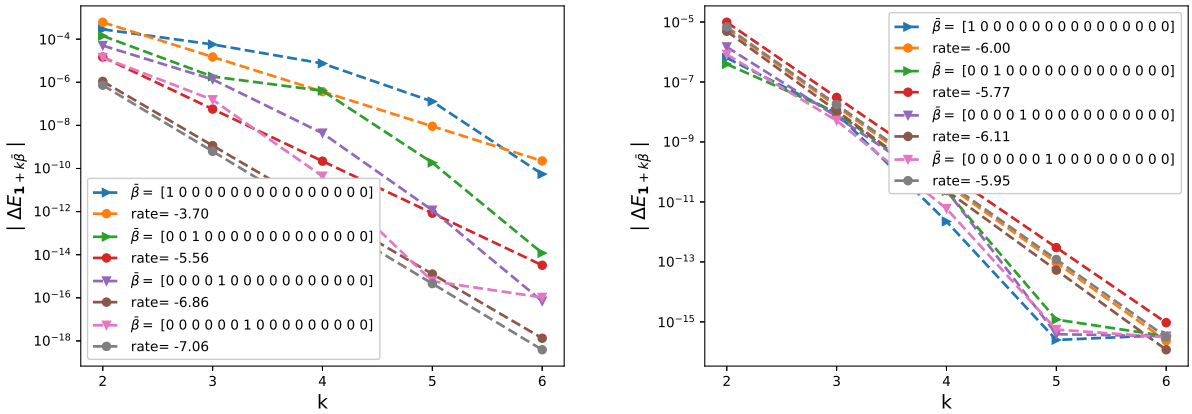

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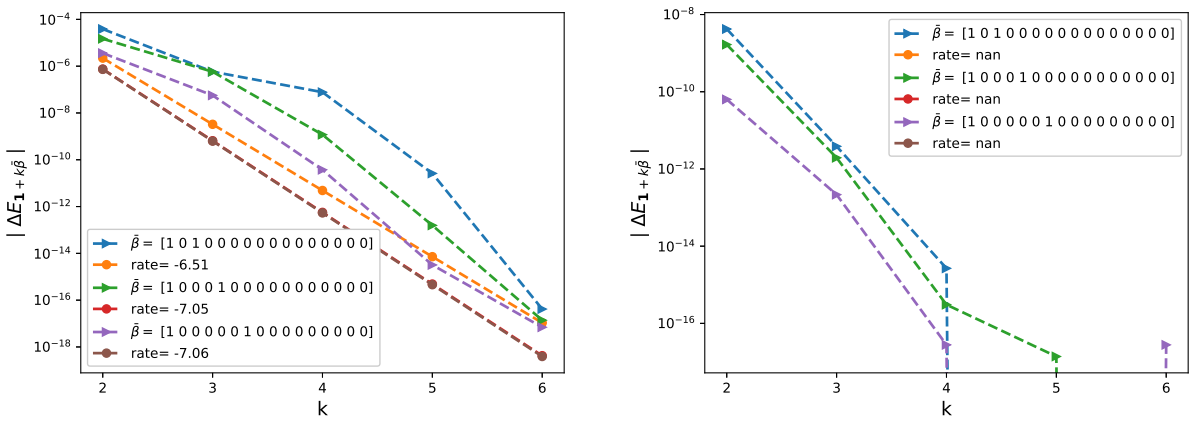
N=8, K=0.8



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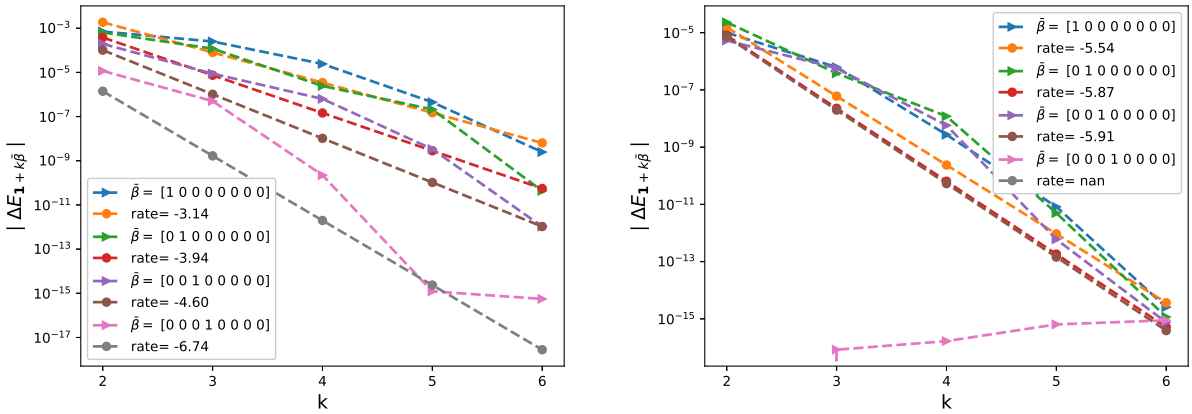

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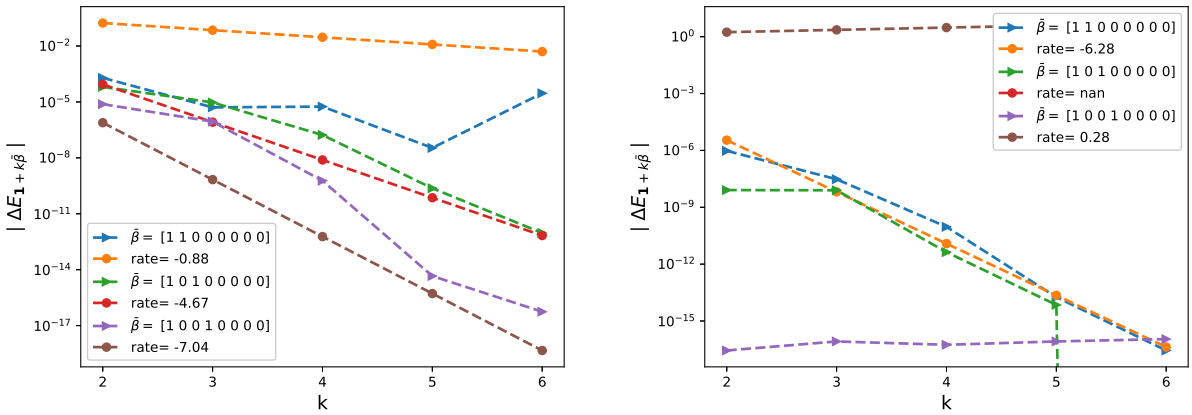
Figure 42: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $\rho = -0.9$ b) $\rho = 0$.

A.7 Investigating mixed differences wrt ξ

N=4, K=1



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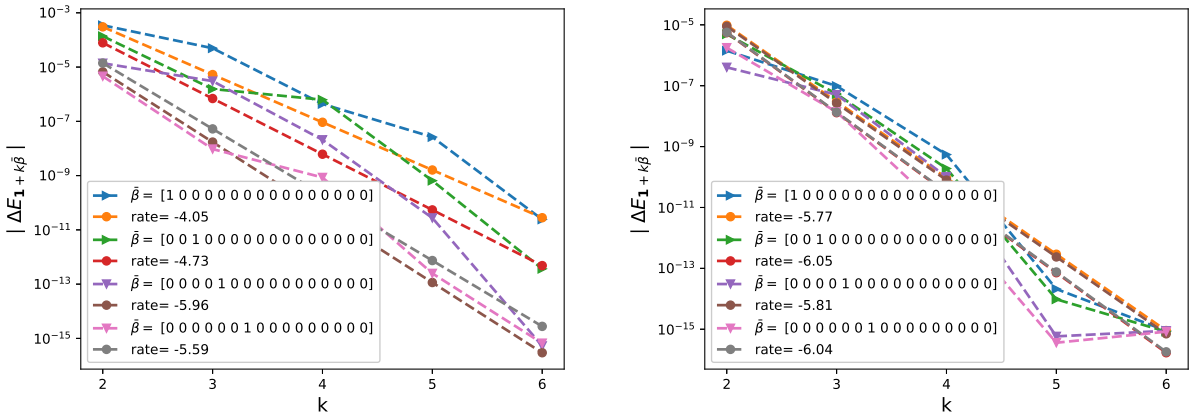

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N=8, K=1

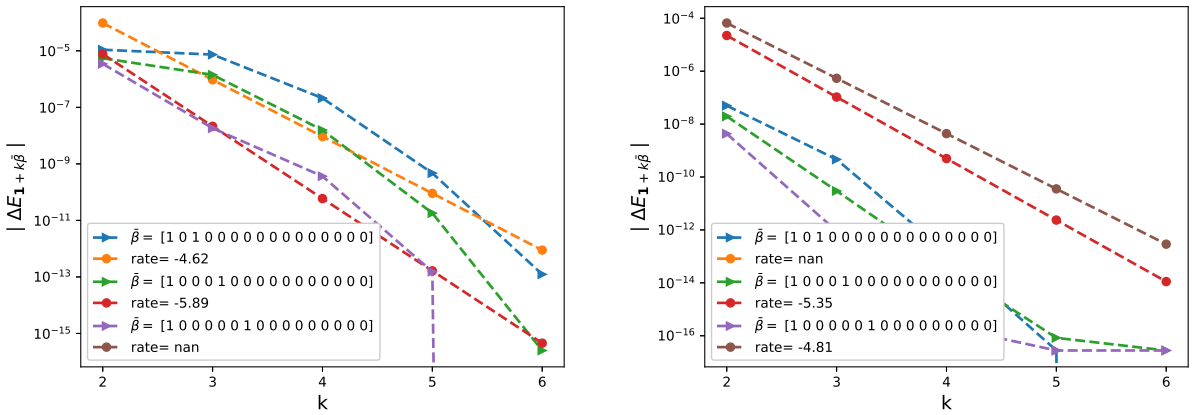

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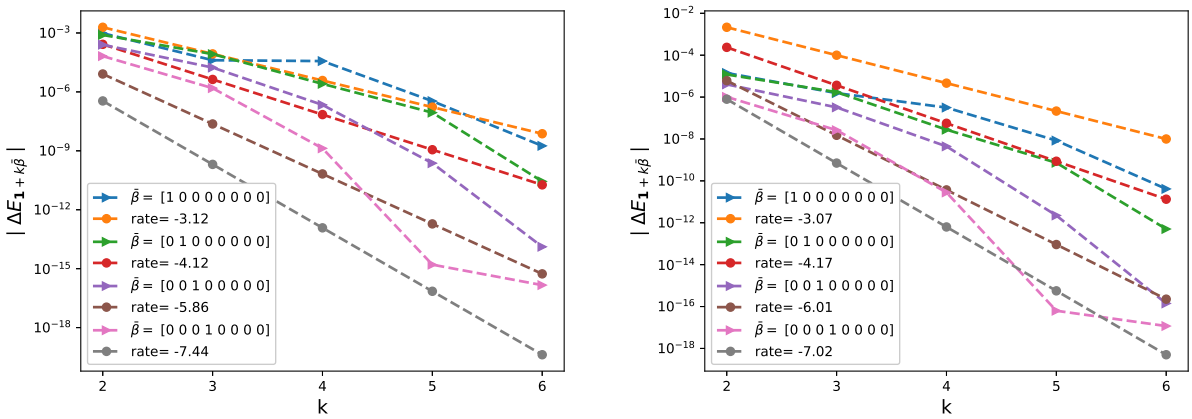
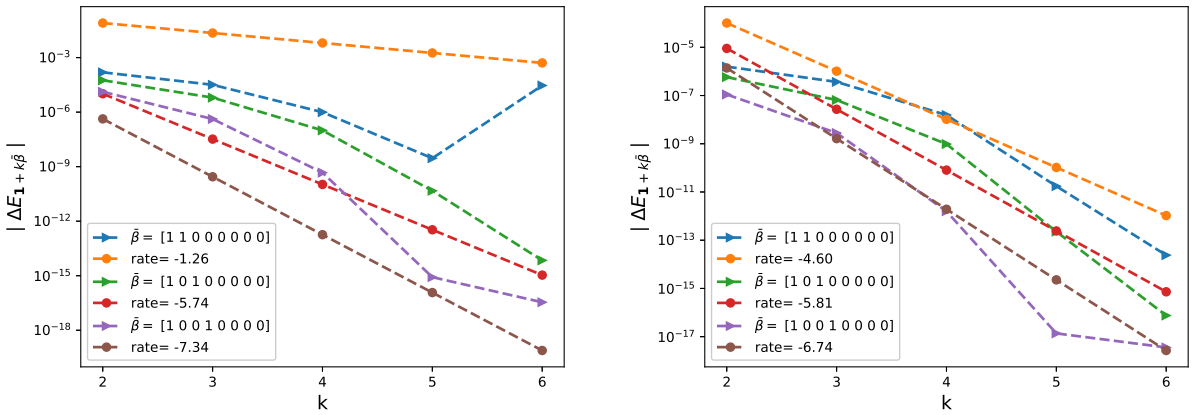
Figure 45: The rate of convergence of mixed order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $\rho = -0.9$ b) $\rho = 0$.



(a) (b)

Figure 46: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $\xi = 0.235^2$ b) $\xi = 10^{-5}$

N=4, K=0.8



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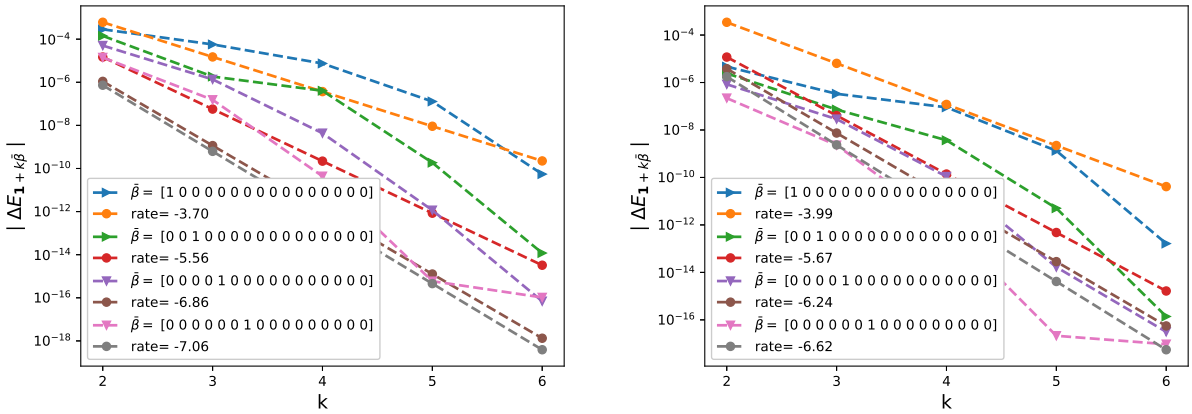

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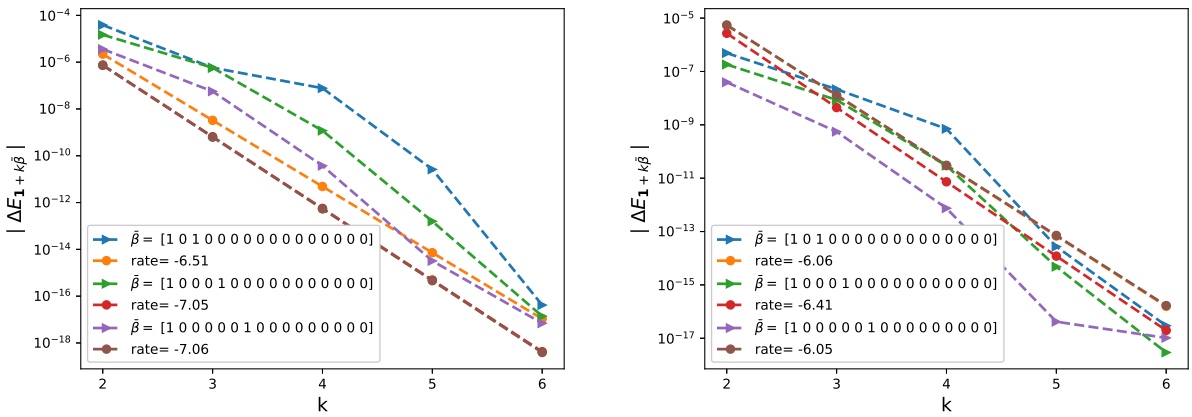
Figure 48: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $\xi = 0.235^2$ b) $\xi = 10^{-5}$

N=8, K=0.8



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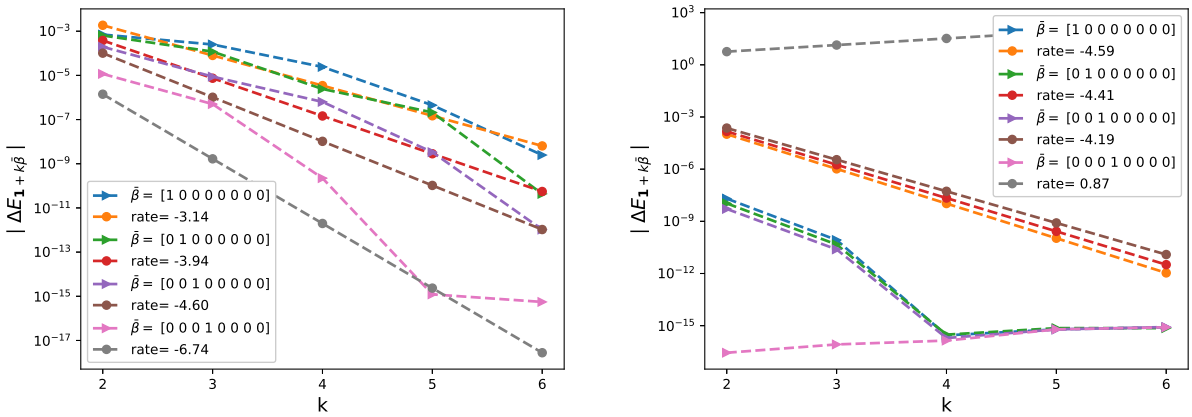

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Figure 50: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta})$): a) $\xi = 0.235^2$ b) $\xi = 10^{-5}$

A.8 Investigating mixed differences wrt moneyness K

Case $H = 0.43$

$N = 8$

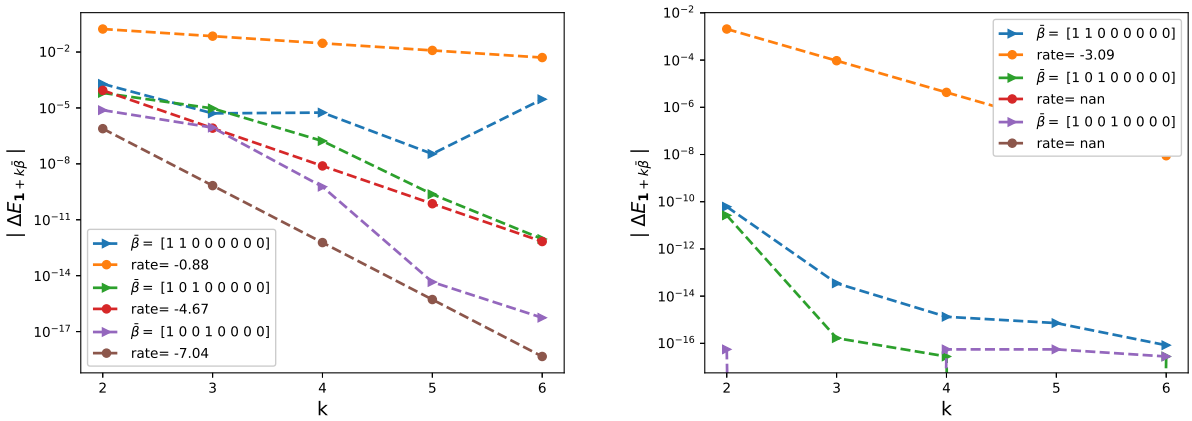

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Figure 51: The rate of convergence of mixed order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta})$): a) $\xi = 0.235^2$ b) $\xi = 10^{-5}$

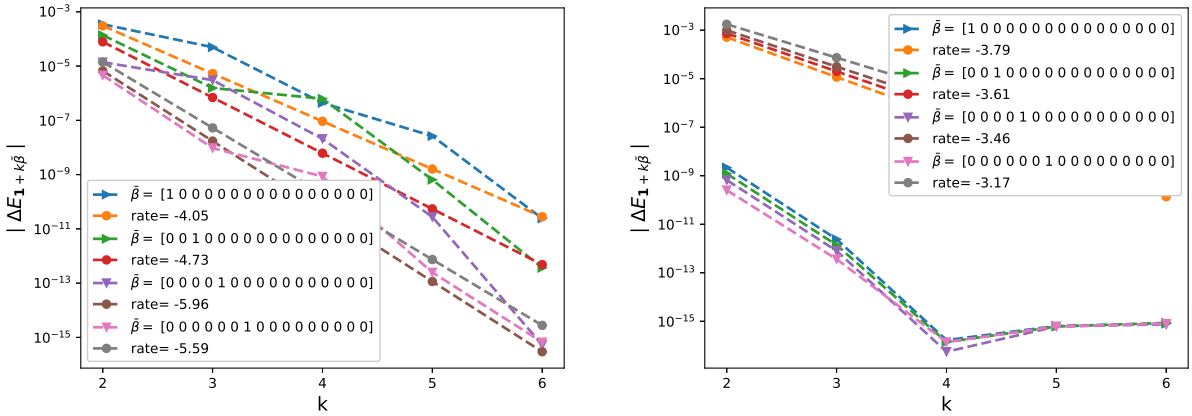

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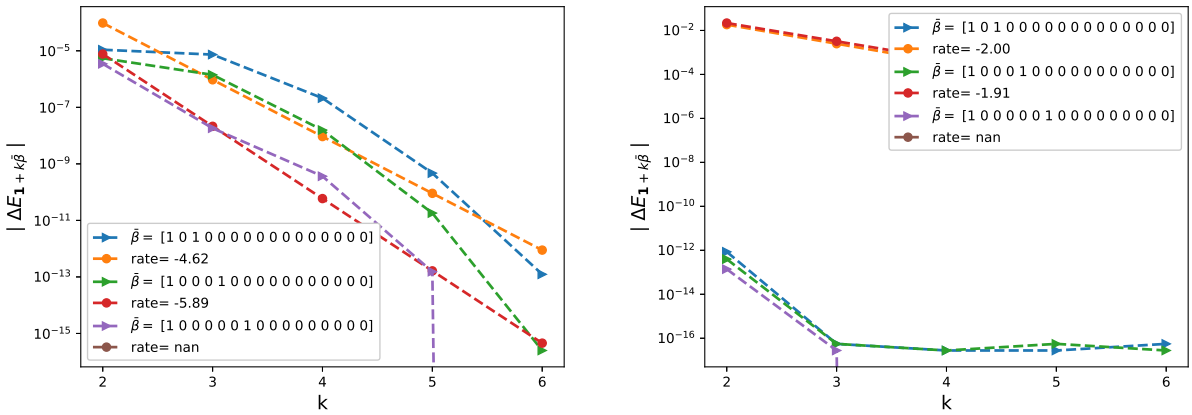
Figure 52: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ $(\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta})$): a) $\xi = 0.235^2$ b) $\xi = 10^{-5}$

$N = 16$



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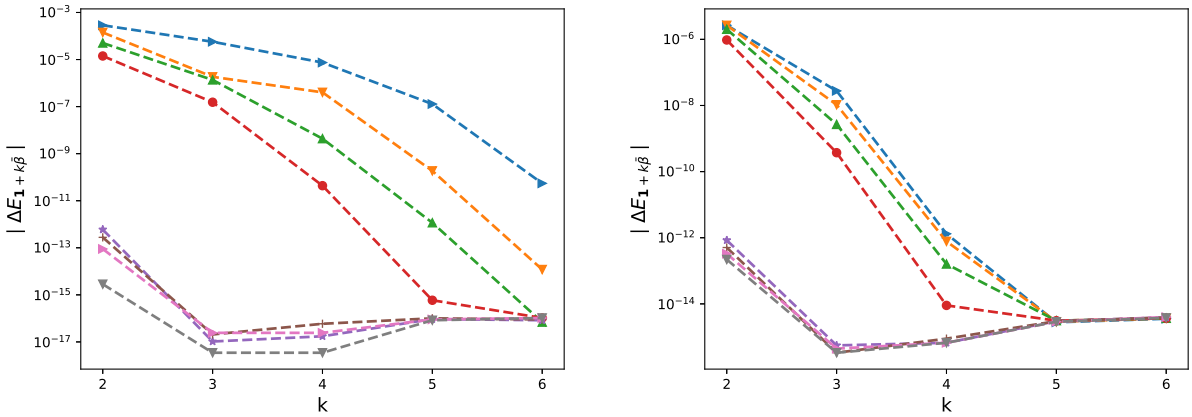
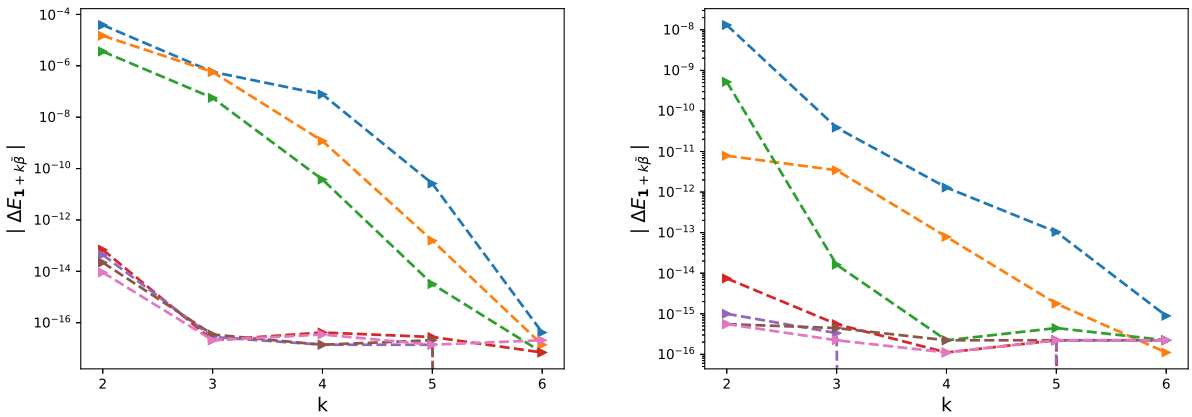


(a) (b)

Figure 54: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $K = 1$ b) $K = \exp(-4)$.

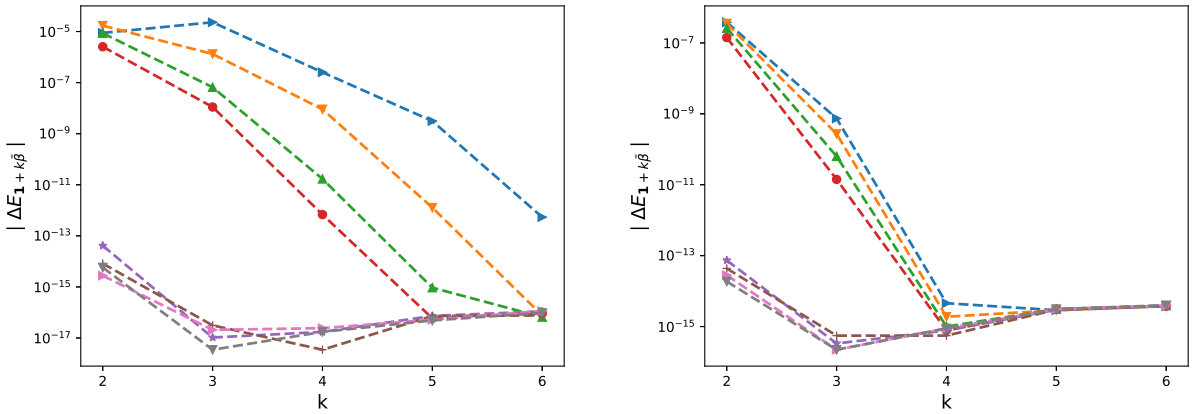
Case $H = 0.07$

$N = 8$



(a) (b)

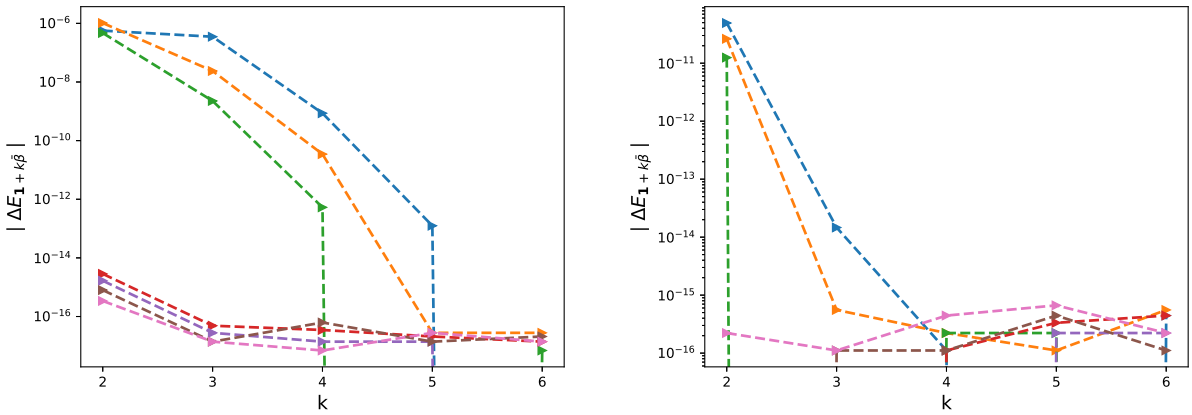
Figure 55: The rate of convergence of second order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $K = 1$ b) $K = \exp(-4)$.



(a) (b)

Figure 56: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $K = 1$ b) $K = \exp(-4)$.

$N = 16$



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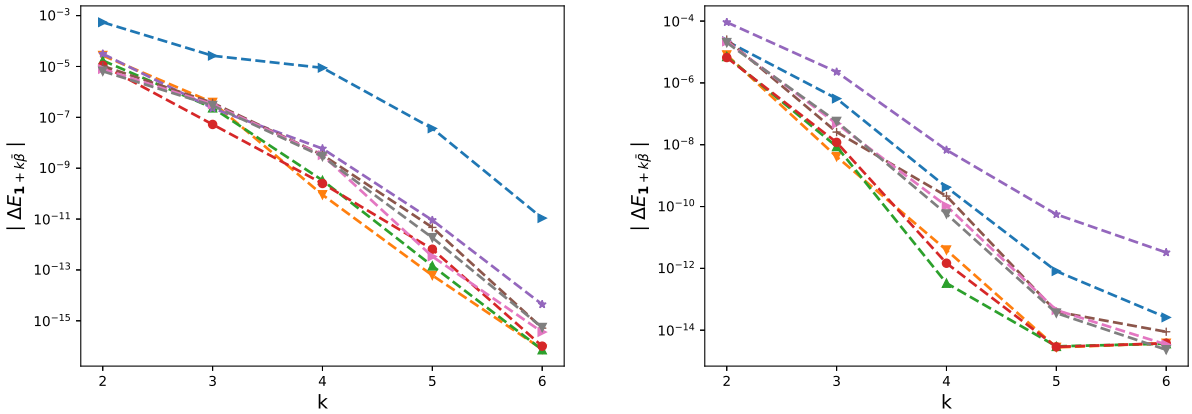

(a) (b)

Figure 58: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $K = 1$ b) $K = \exp(-4)$.

A.9 Convergence plots using MISC ($H = 0.43$)

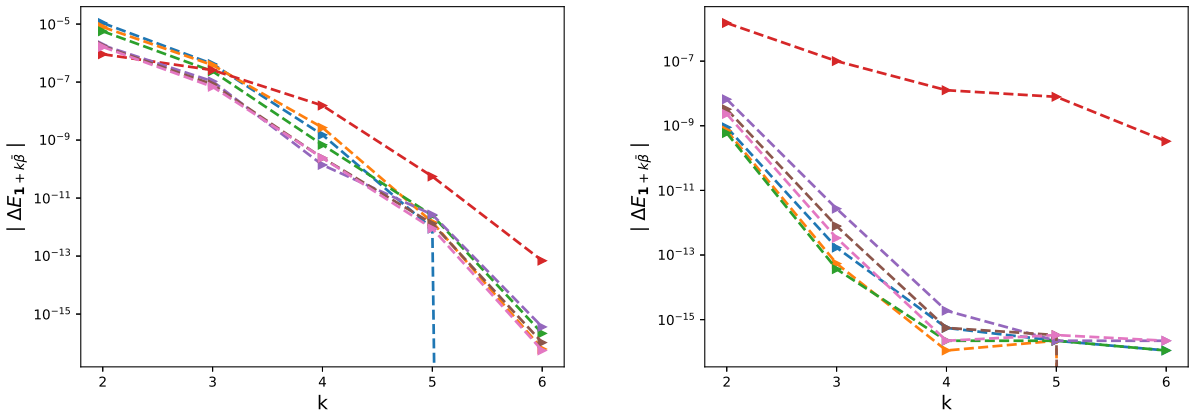

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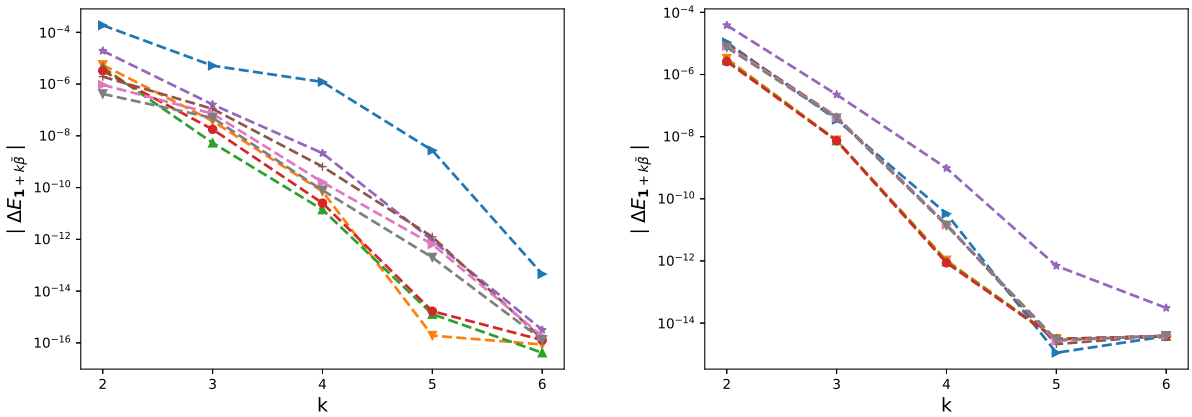
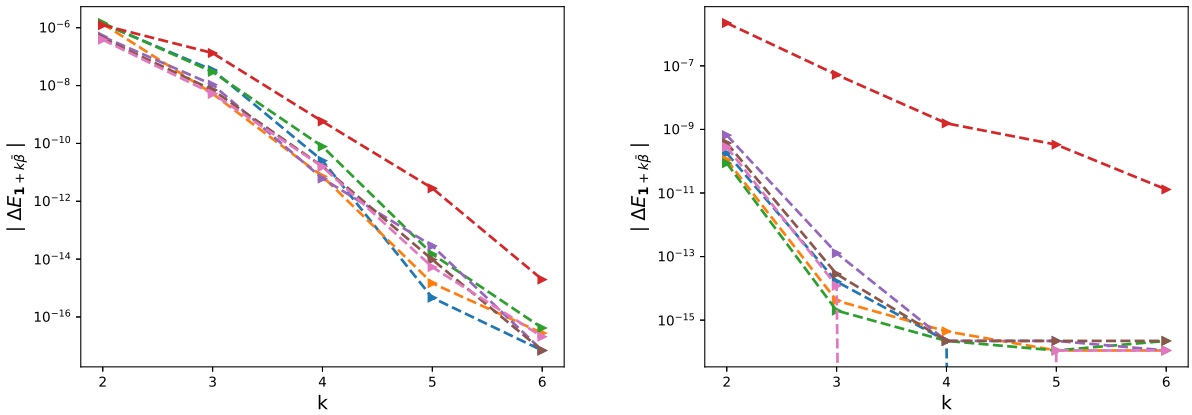
Figure 59: The rate of convergence of second order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $K = 1$ b) $K = \exp(-4)$.



(a) (b)

Figure 60: The rate of convergence of first order differences $|\Delta E_\beta|$ ($\beta = \mathbf{1} + k\overline{\beta}$)): a) $K = 1$ b) $K = \exp(-4)$.

Case of 2 time steps, $K = e^{-4}$



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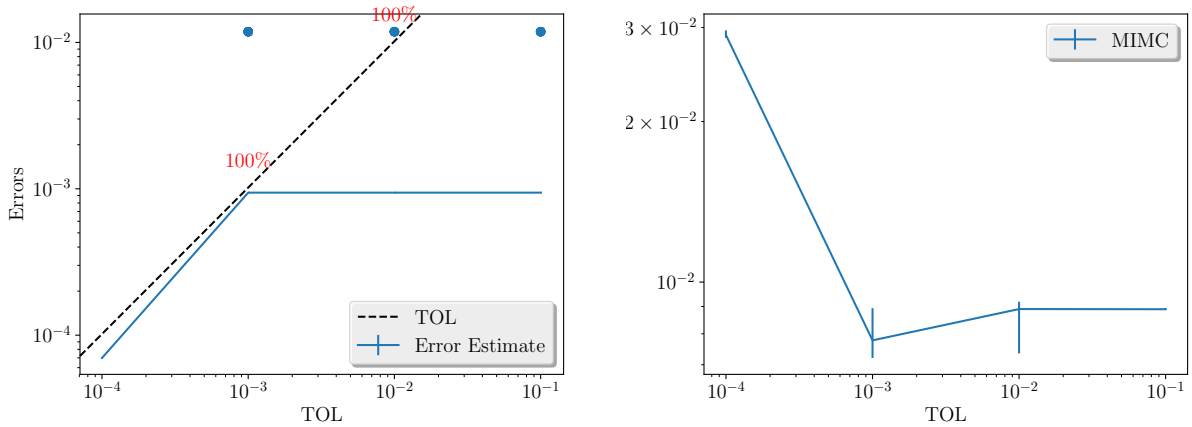
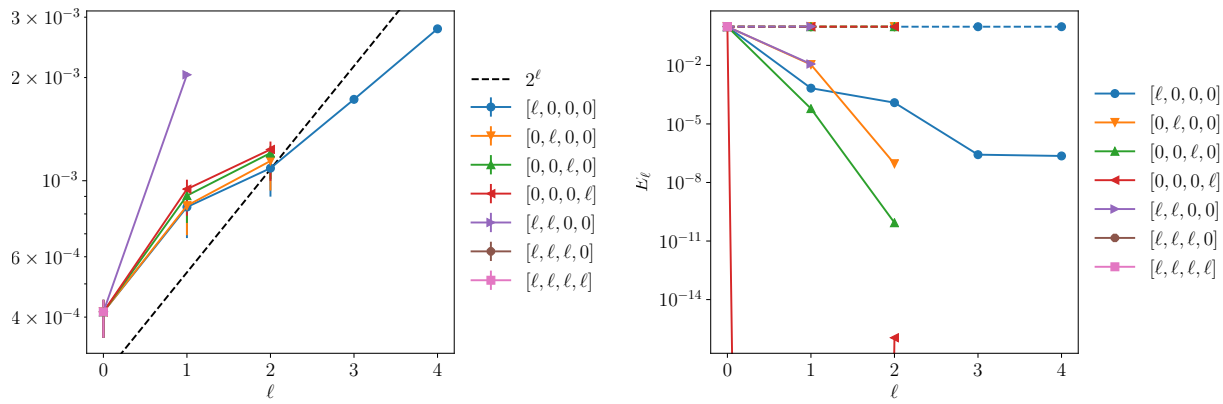


(a) Error estimate (b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 62: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

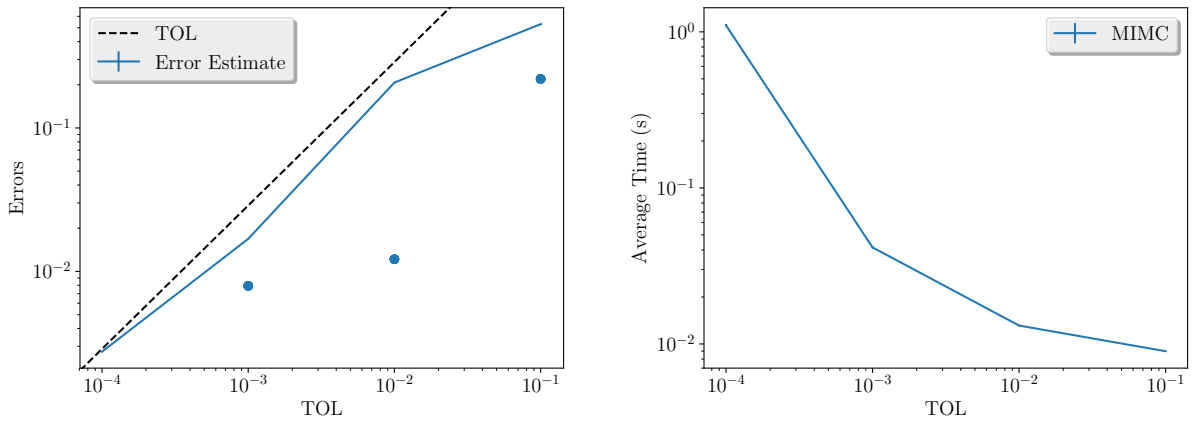
Case of 2 time steps, $K = 1.2$



(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 63: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.

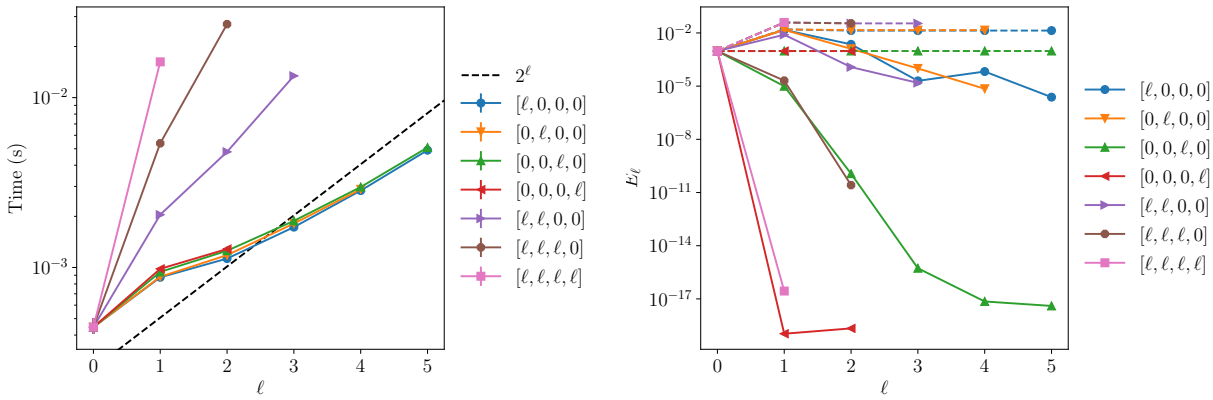


(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

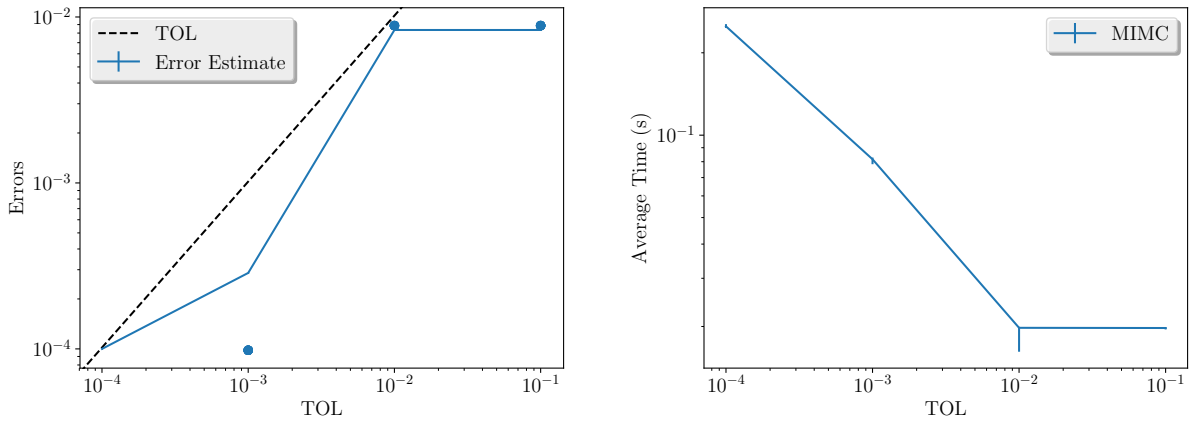
Figure 64: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

Case of 4 time steps, $K = e^{-4}$



(a) Average Computational time per level (b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

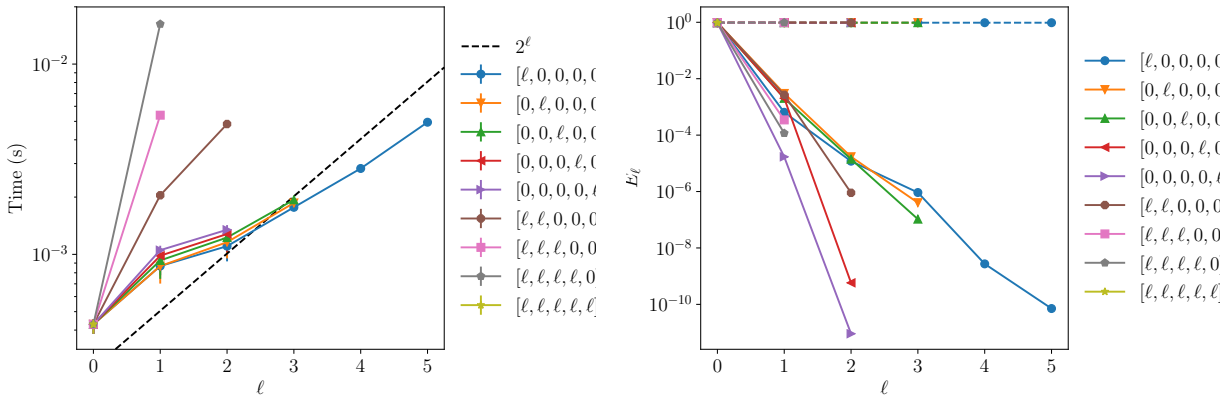
Figure 65: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.



(a) Error estimate (b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 66: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

Case of 4 time steps, $K = 1.2$



(a) Average Computational time per level (b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 67: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.

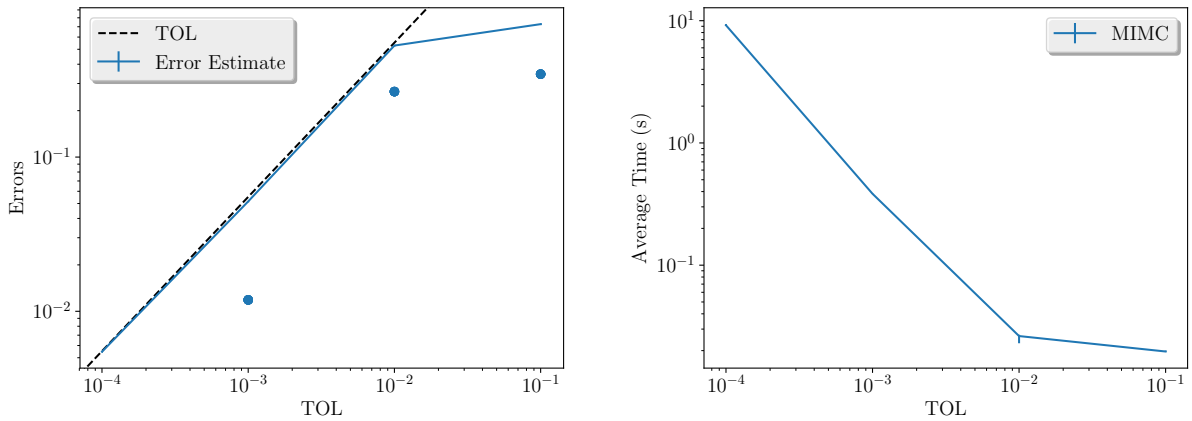


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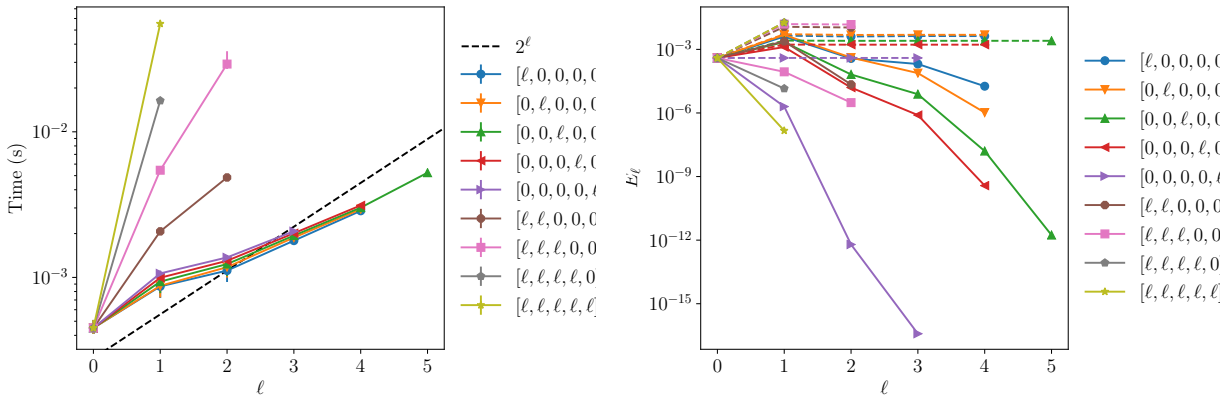
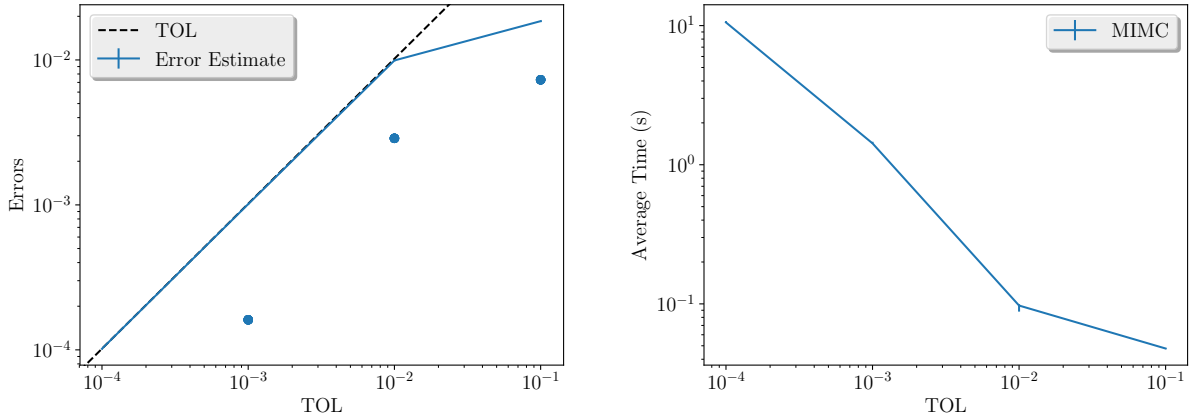
Figure 68: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

Case of 8 time steps, $K = e^{-4}$



(a) Average Computational time per level (b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 69: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.



(a) Error estimate (b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 70: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

Case of 8 time steps, $K = 1.2$

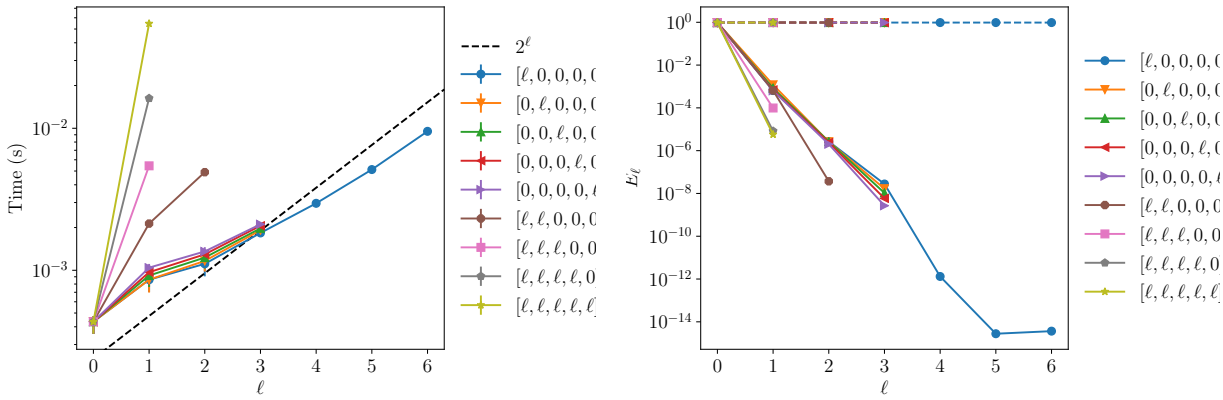


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Figure 71: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.

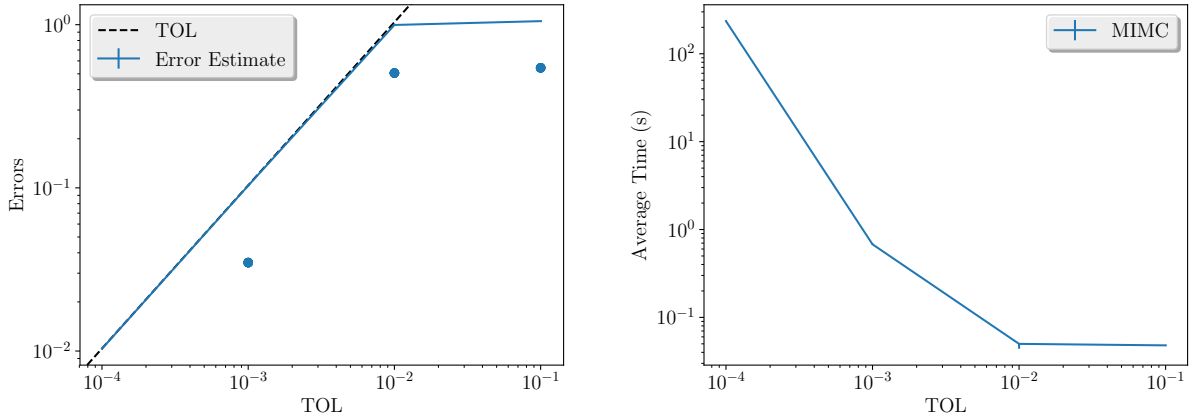

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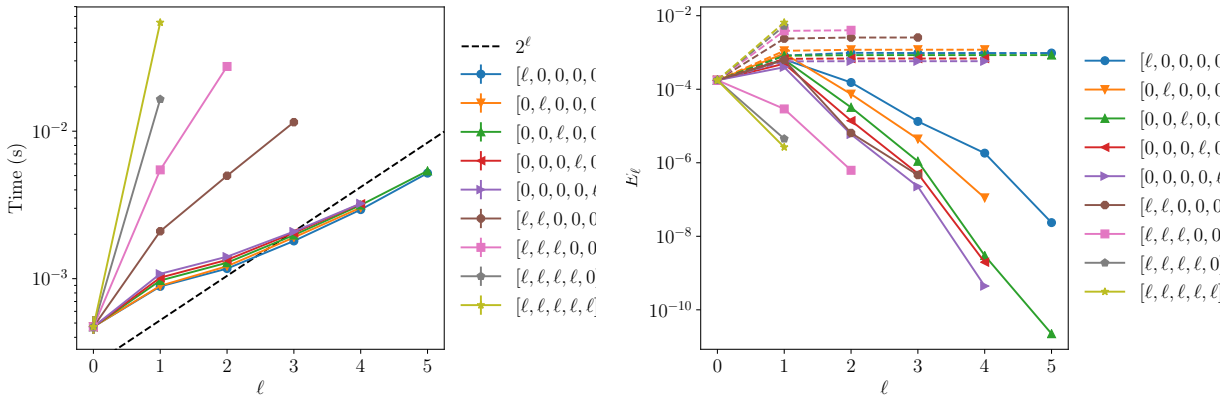
Figure 72: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

Case of 16 time steps, $K = e^{-4}$



(a) Average Computational time per level (b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 73: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.

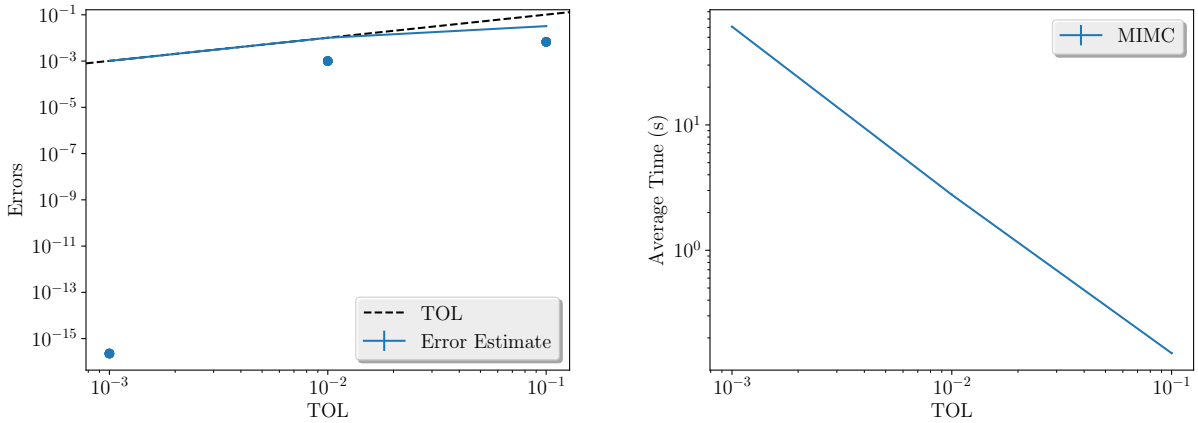


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Figure 74: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

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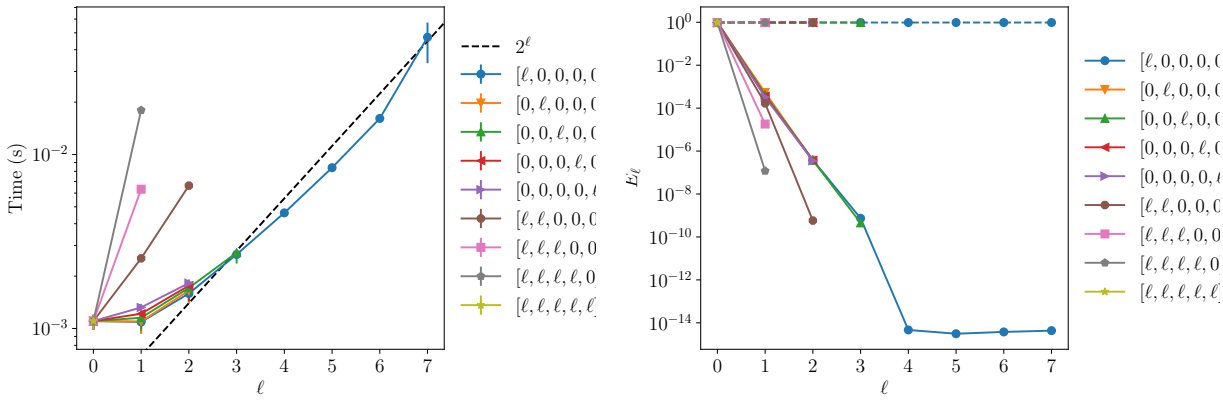
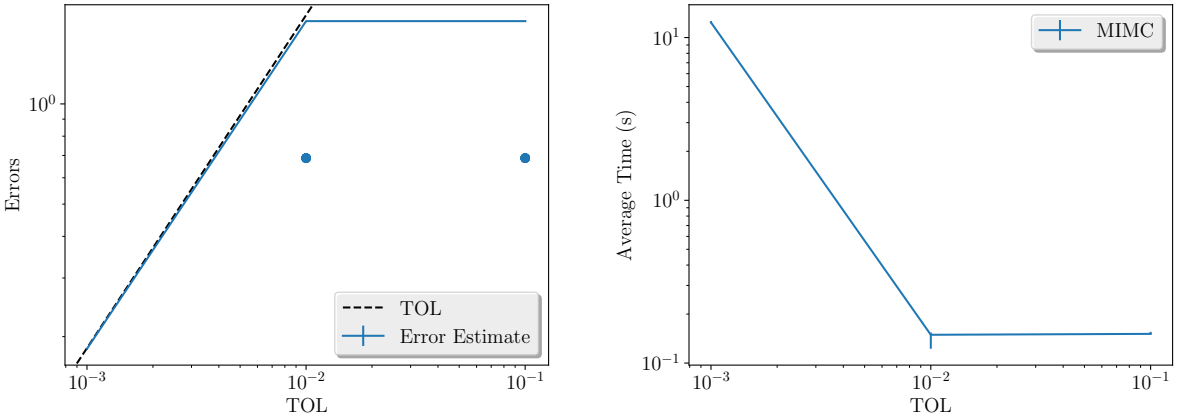


(a) Average Computational time per level (b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 75: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.



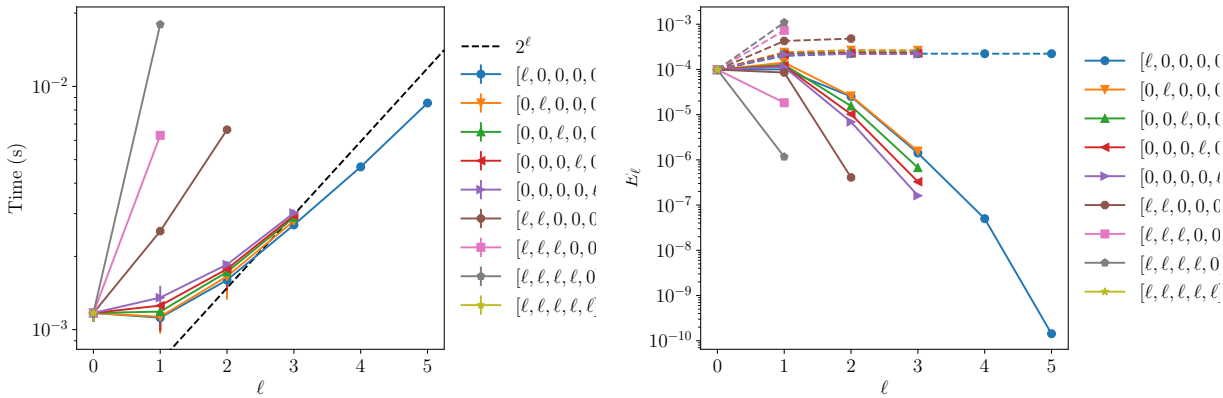
(a) Error estimate (b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 76: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model.

A.10 MISC plots

A.11 Non Hierarchical

H=0.43

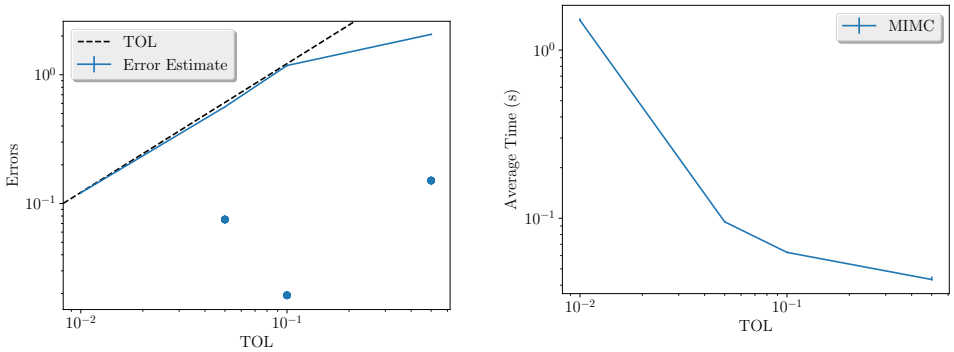


(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 77: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model.

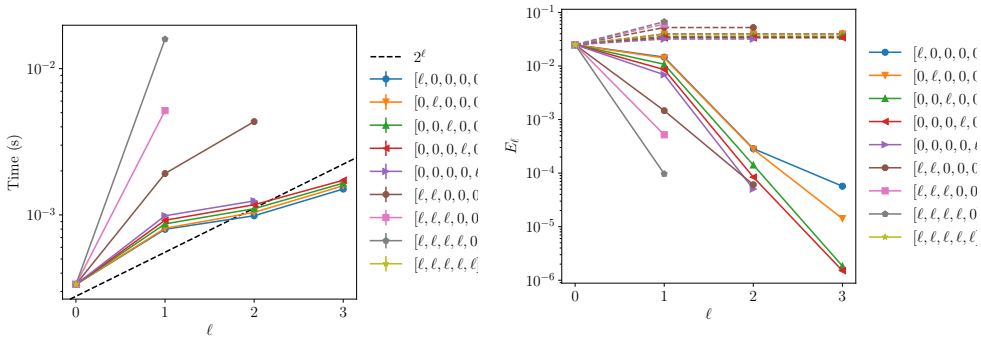
Case of 8 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

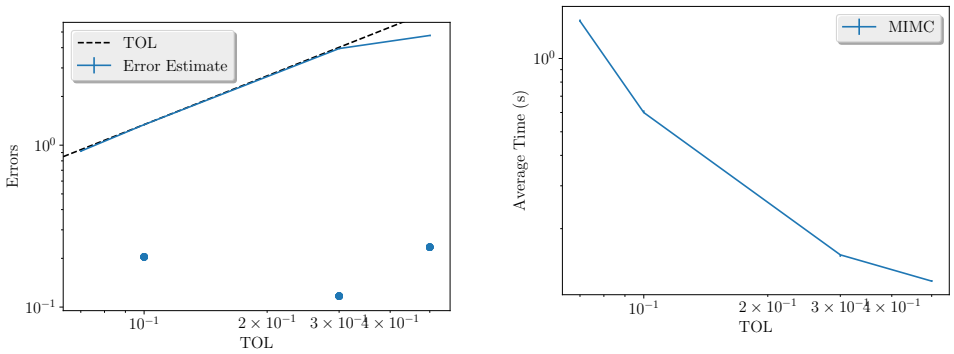
Figure 78: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 8$.



(a) Average Computational time per level (b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

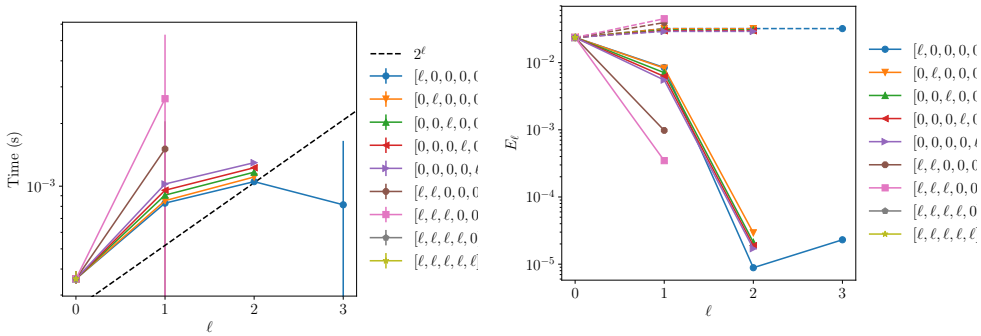
Figure 79: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 8$.

Case of 16 time steps



(a) Error estimate (b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 80: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 16$.



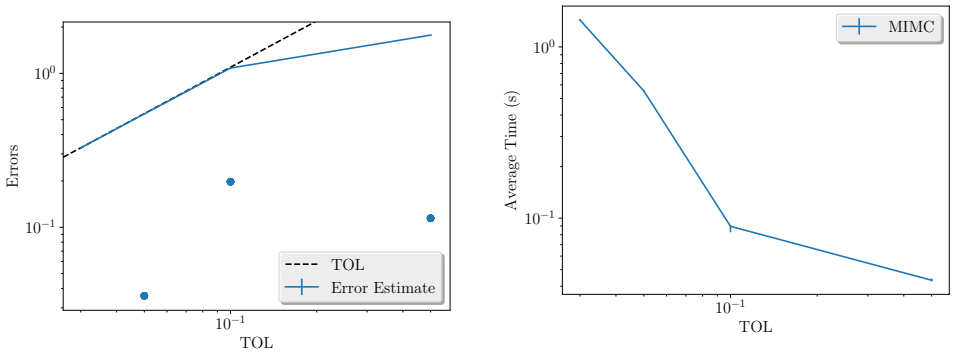
(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 81: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 16$.

H=0.07

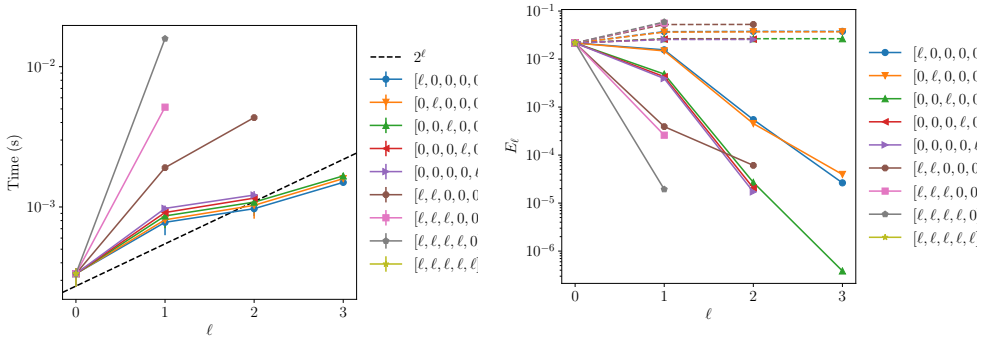
Case of 8 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 82: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 8$.

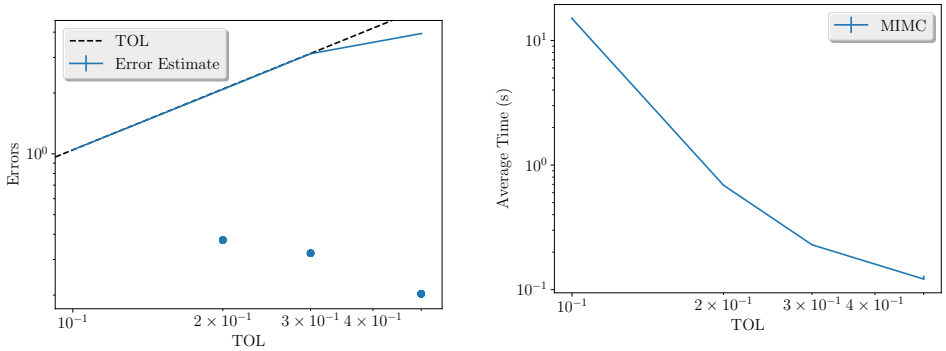


(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 83: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 8$.

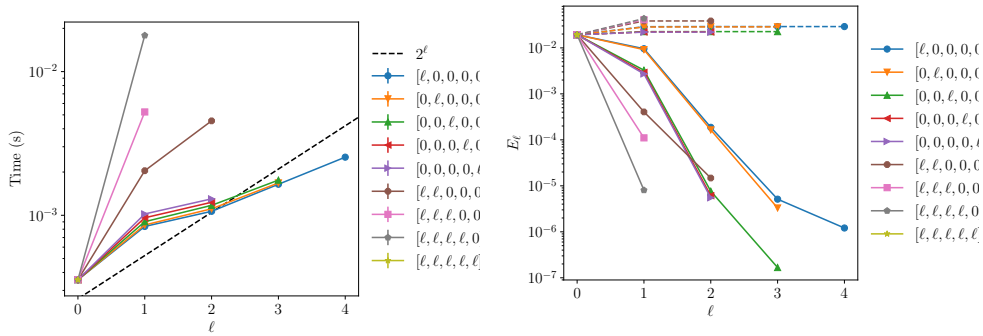
Case of 16 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 84: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 16$.



(a) Average Computational time per level

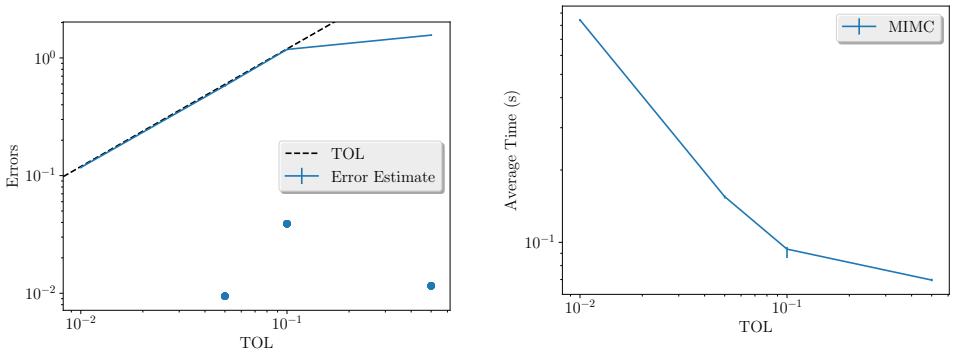
(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 85: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 16$.

A.12 Hierarchical

H=0.43

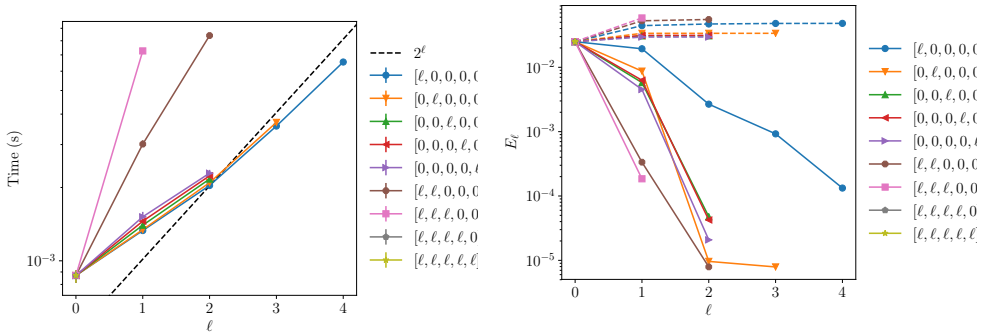
Case of 8 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 86: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 8$.

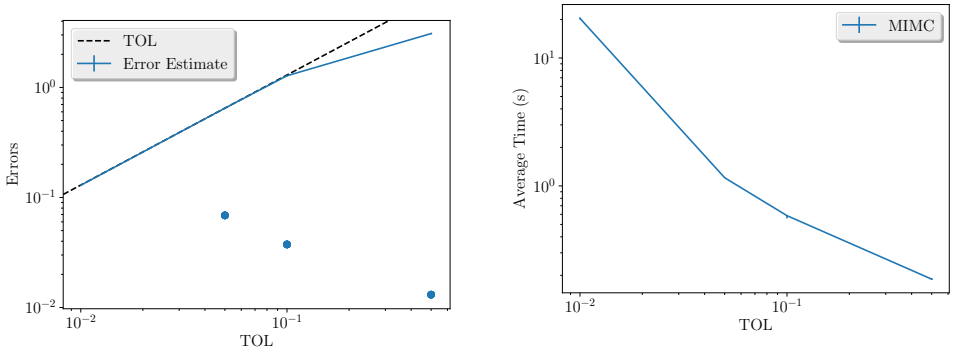


(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 87: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 8$.

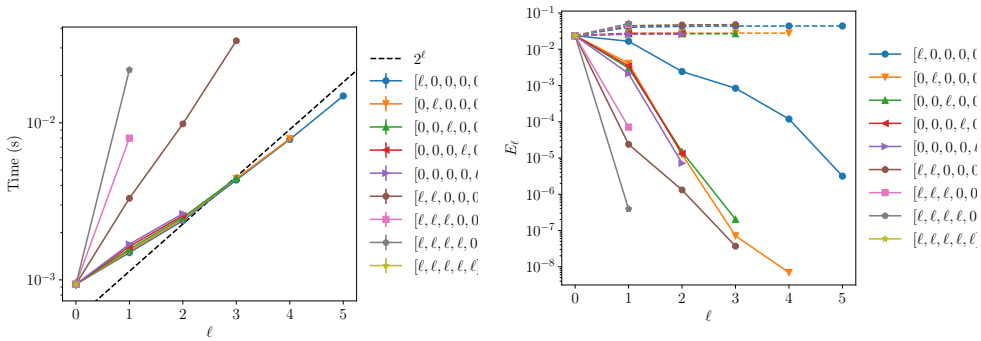
Case of 16 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 88: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 16$.



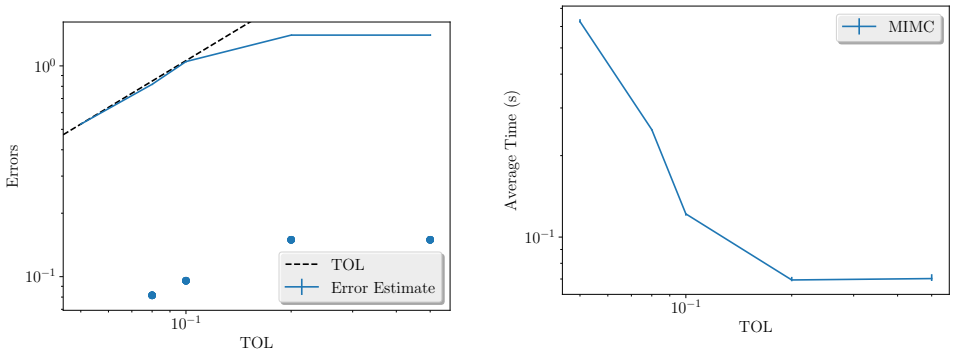
(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 89: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.43$ and $N = 16$.

H=0.07

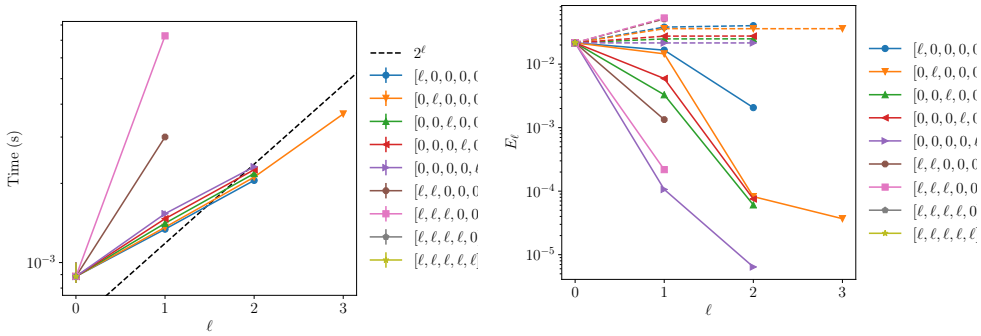
Case of 8 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 90: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 8$.

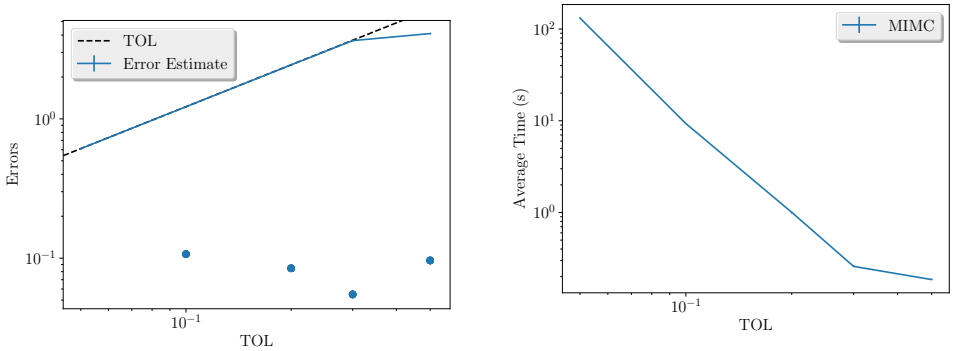


(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 91: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 8$.

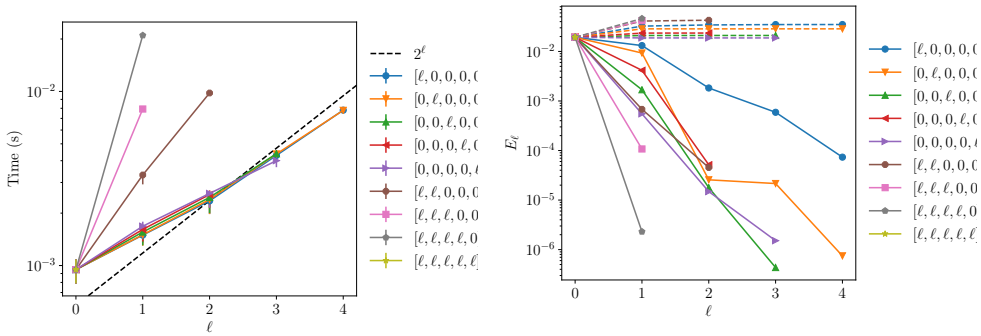
Case of 16 time steps



(a) Error estimate

(b) Average running time as a function of TOL

Figure 92: Convergence and complexity results for the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 16$.



(a) Average Computational time per level

(b) The convergence rate of mixed differences per level

Figure 93: Convergence and work rates for discretization levels the call payoff with rBergomi model for $K = 1$, $H = 0.07$ and $N = 16$.

A.13 Comparing call options prices

A.13.1 Without Hierarchical representation

Case $H = 0.43$

Case $H = 0.07$

Method \Steps	2	4	8	16
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1057	0.0988	0.0944	0.0921
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.1057	0.0988	0.0836	0.0594
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.1057	0.0976	0.0758	0.0781
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.1113	0.0940	0.0820	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	0.1079 $(1.55e{-}04)$	0.0921 $(9.65e{-}05)$	0.0822 $(7.61e{-}05)$	0.0769 $(6.65e{-}05)$

Table 13: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$

Method \Steps	2	4	8	16
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-1}$)	0.1065	0.0900	0.0809	0.0762
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-1}$)	0.1065	0.0900	0.0733	0.0956
MISC ($TOl = 5.10^{-2}$)	0.1065	0.0898	0.0881	–
MISC ($TOl = 10^{-2}$)	0.1226	0.1022	0.0933	–
MC method ($M = 10^6$)	0.1216 $(1.05e{-}03)$	0.1020 $(1.86e{-}04)$	0.0912 $(1.35e{-}04)$	0.0854 $(1.08e{-}04)$

Table 14: Call option price of the different methods for different number of time steps. Case $K = 1$