The data-driven COS method

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The COS method

- A lot of work behind: [FO08], [FO09], etc.
- Fourier-based method to price options.
- Starting point is risk-neutral valuation formula:

$$v(x,t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{E}\left[v(y,T)|x\right] = e^{-r(T-t)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} v(y,T) f(y|x) dy,$$

where r is the risk-free rate and f(y|x) is the density of the underlying process. Typically, we have:

$$x := \log \left(\frac{S(0)}{K} \right)$$
 and $y := \log \left(\frac{S(T)}{K} \right)$,

- f(y|x) is unknown in most of cases.
- However, characteristic function available for many models.
- Exploit the relation between the density and the characteristic function (Fourier pair).

The COS method - European options

• f(y|x) is approximated, on a finite interval [a,b], by a cosine series

$$f(y|x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \left(A_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k(x) \cdot \cos\left(k\pi \frac{y-a}{b-a}\right) \right),$$

$$A_0 = 1, \quad A_k(x) = \int_a^b f(y|x) \cos\left(k\pi \frac{y-a}{b-a}\right) dy, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots.$$

Interchanging the summation and integration and introducing the definition

$$V_k := \frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b v(y,T) \cos\left(k\pi \frac{y-a}{b-a}\right) dy,$$

we find that the option value is given by

$$v(x,t) \approx e^{-r(T-t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {}' A_k(x) V_k,$$

where ' indicates that the first term is divided by two.

Pricing European options with the COS method

- Coefficients A_k can be computed from the ChF.
- Coefficients V_k are known analytically (for many types of options).
- ullet Closed-form expressions for the option Greeks Δ and Γ

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial v(x,t)}{\partial S} = \frac{1}{S(0)} \frac{\partial v(x,t)}{\partial x} \approx \exp(-r(T-t)) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial A_k(x)}{\partial x} \frac{V_k}{S(0)},$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\partial^2 v(x,t)}{\partial S^2} = \exp(-r(T-t)) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{\partial A_k(x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 A_k(x)}{\partial x^2} \right) \frac{V_k}{S^2(0)}$$

• Due to the rapid decay of the coefficients, v(x,t), Δ and Γ can be approximated with high accuracy by truncating to N terms.

"Learning" densities

- Statistical learning theory: deals with the problem of finding a predictive function based on data.
- We follow the analysis about the problem of density estimation proposed by Vapnik in [Vap98].
- Given independent and identical distributed samples X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n .
- By definition, density f(x) is related to the *cumulative distribution* function, F(x), by means of the expression

$$\int_{-\infty}^{x} f(y) \mathrm{d}y = F(x).$$

• Function F(x) is approximated by the empirical approximation

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta(x - X_i),$$

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where $\eta(\cdot)$ is the step-function. Convergence $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{n})$.

Regularization approach

The previous equation can be rewritten as a linear operator equation

$$Cf = F \approx F_n$$

where the operator $Ch := \int_{-\infty}^{x} h(z) dz$.

- Stochastic ill-posed problem. Regularization method (Vapnik).
- Given a lower semi-continuous functional W(f) such that:
 - ▶ Solution of $Cf = F_n$ belongs to \mathcal{D} , the domain of definition of W(f).
 - ▶ The functional W(f) takes real non-negative values in \mathcal{D} .
 - ▶ The set $\mathcal{M}_c = \{f : W(f) \leq c\}$ is compact in \mathcal{H} (the space where the solution exits and is unique).
- Then we can construct the functional

$$R_{\gamma_n}(f, F_n) = L^2_{\mathcal{H}}(Cf, F_n) + \gamma_n W(f),$$

where $L_{\mathcal{H}}$ is a metric of the space \mathcal{H} (loss function) and γ_n is the parameter of regularization satisfying that $\gamma_n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

• Under these conditions, a function f_n minimizing the functional converges almost surely to the desired one.

• Assume f(x) belongs to the functions whose p-th derivatives belong to $L_2(0,\pi)$, the kernel $\mathcal{K}(z-x)$ and

$$W(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}(z-x) f(x) dx \right)^2 dz,$$

The risk functional

$$R_{\gamma_n}(f,F_n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_0^x f(y) dy - F_n(x) \right)^2 dx + \gamma_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}(z-x) f(x) dx \right)^2 dz.$$

• Denoting by $\hat{f}(u)$, $\hat{F}_n(u)$ and $\hat{\mathcal{K}}(u)$ the Fourier transforms, by definition

$$\begin{split} \hat{F}_n(u) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_n(x) e^{-iux} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2n\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta(x - X_i) e^{-iux} dx = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\exp(-iuX_i)}{iu}, \end{split}$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$ is the imaginary unit.



By employing the convolution theorem and Parseval's identity

$$R_{\gamma_n}(f,F_n) = \left\| \frac{\hat{f}(u) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \exp(-iuX_j)}{iu} \right\|_{L_2}^2 + \gamma_n \left\| \hat{\mathcal{K}}(u) \hat{f}(u) \right\|_{L_2}^2.$$

• The condition to minimize $R_{\gamma_n}(f, F_n)$ is given by,

$$\frac{\hat{f}(u)}{u^2} - \frac{1}{nu^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \exp(-iuX_j) + \gamma_n \hat{\mathcal{K}}(u) \hat{\mathcal{K}}(-u) \hat{f}(u) = 0,$$

which gives us,

$$\hat{f}_n(u) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \gamma_n u^2 \hat{\mathcal{K}}(u) \hat{\mathcal{K}}(-u)}\right) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \exp(-iuX_j).$$

• $\mathcal{K}(x) = \delta^{(p)}(x)$, and the desired PDF, f(x) and its p-th derivative $(p \ge 0)$ belongs to $L_2(0, \pi)$, the risk functional becomes

$$R_{\gamma_n}(f,F_n) = \int_0^\pi \left(\int_0^x f(y) \mathrm{d}y - F_n(x) \right)^2 \mathrm{d}x + \gamma_n \int_0^\pi \left(f^{(p)}(x) \right)^2 \mathrm{d}x.$$

• Given orthonormal functions, $\psi_1(\theta), \ldots, \psi_k(\theta), \ldots$

$$f_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tilde{A}_k \psi_k(\theta),$$

with $\tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1, \dots, \tilde{A}_k, \dots$ expansion coefficients, $\tilde{A}_k = \langle f_n, \psi_k \rangle$.

• The coefficients \tilde{A}_k cannot be directly computed from f_n , but

$$\tilde{A}_{k} = \langle f_{n}, \psi_{k} \rangle = \langle \hat{f}_{n}, \hat{\psi}_{k} \rangle$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\pi} \left(\left(\frac{1}{1 + \gamma_{n} u^{2} \hat{\mathcal{K}}(u) \hat{\mathcal{K}}(-u)} \right) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \exp(-iu\theta_{i}) \right) \cdot \hat{\psi}_{k}(u) du.$$

• Using cosine series expansions, i.e., $\psi_k(\theta) = \cos(k\theta)$, it is well-known that

$$\hat{\psi}_k(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\delta(u-k) + \delta(u+k)).$$

ullet This facilitates the computation of $ilde{A}_k$ avoiding the calculation of the integral. Thus, the minimum of R_{γ_n}

$$\begin{split} \tilde{A}_k &= \frac{1}{2n} \left(\left(\frac{1}{1 + \gamma_n(-k)^2 \hat{\mathcal{K}}(-k) \hat{\mathcal{K}}(k)} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \exp(ik\theta_j) \right. \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{1 + \gamma_n k^2 \hat{\mathcal{K}}(k) \hat{\mathcal{K}}(-k)} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \exp(-ik\theta_j) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \gamma_n k^2 \hat{\mathcal{K}}(k) \hat{\mathcal{K}}(-k)} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \cos(k\theta_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \gamma_n k^{2(p+1)}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \cos(k\theta_i), \end{split}$$

where $\theta_i \in (0, \pi)$ are given samples of the unknown distribution. In the last step, $\hat{\mathcal{K}}(u) = (iu)^p$ is used. Reading group, March 13, 2017

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- Employ the solution of the regularization problem for density estimation in the COS framework.
- In both, the density is assumed to be in the form of a cosine series expansion.
- The minimum of the functional is in terms of the expansion coefficients.
- Take advantage of the COS machinery: pricing options, Greeks, etc.
- The samples must follow risk-neutral measure (Monte Carlo paths).

The data-driven COS method

- Key idea: \tilde{A}_{k} approximates A_{k} .
- Risk neutral samples from an asset at time T, $S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$, ..., $S_n(t)$.
- With a logarithmic transformation, we have

$$Y_j := \log \left(\frac{S_j(T)}{K} \right).$$

• The regularization solution is defined in $(0,\pi)$, by transformation

$$\theta_j = \pi \frac{Y_j - a}{b - a},$$

where the boundaries a and b are defined as

$$a := \min_{1 \le j \le n} (Y_j), \quad b := \max_{1 \le j \le n} (Y_j).$$

The data-driven COS method - European options

• The A_k coefficients are replaced by the data-driven A_k

$$A_k \approx \tilde{A}_k = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \cos\left(k\pi \frac{Y_j - a}{b - a}\right)}{1 + \gamma_n k^{2(p+1)}}.$$

The ddCOS pricing formula for European options

$$\tilde{v}(x,t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \cos\left(k\pi \frac{Y_{j}-a}{b-a}\right)}{1 + \gamma_{n} k^{2(p+1)}} \cdot V_{k}$$
$$= e^{-r(T-t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{A}_{k} V_{k}.$$

 As in the original COS method, we must truncate the infinite sum to a finite number of terms N

$$\tilde{v}(x,t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \tilde{A}_k V_k,$$

The data-driven COS method - Greeks

- Data-driven expressions for the Δ and Γ sensitivities.
- Define the corresponding sine coefficients as

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k := \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sin\left(k\pi \frac{Y_j - a}{b - a}\right)}{1 + \gamma_n k^{2(p+1)}}.$$

• Taking derivatives of the ddCOS pricing formulat w.r.t the samples, Y_j , the data-driven Greeks, $\tilde{\Delta}$ and $\tilde{\Gamma}$, can be obtained by

$$\tilde{\Delta} = e^{-r(T-t)} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \tilde{B}_k \cdot \left(-\frac{k\pi}{b-a} \right) \cdot \frac{V_k}{S(0)},$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = e^{-r(T-t)} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \left(\tilde{B}_k \cdot \frac{k\pi}{b-a} - \tilde{A}_k \cdot \left(\frac{k\pi}{b-a} \right)^2 \right) \cdot \frac{V_k}{S^2(0)}.$$

The data-driven COS method - Variance reduction

- The ddCOS method admits in the computation of A_k .
- Here, antithetic variates (AV) to our method. Since the samples must be i.i.d., an immediate application of AV is not possible.
- Assume antithetic samples, Y'_i , that can be computed without computational effort, a new estimator

$$ar{A}_k := rac{1}{2} \left(ilde{A}_k + ilde{A}_k'
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where \tilde{A}'_{k} are "antithetic coefficients", obtained from Y'_{i} .

- It can be proved that the use of \bar{A}_k results in a variance reduction.
- Additional information to reduce the variance. For example, the martingale property

$$S(T) = S(T) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_j(T) + \mathbb{E}[S(T)],$$

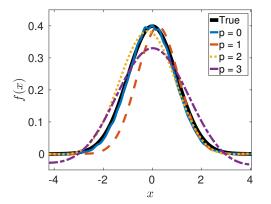
$$= S(T) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_j(T) + S(0) \exp(rT).$$
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The ddCOS method

Choice of parameters in ddCOS method

- The choice of optimal values of γ_n and p.
- There is no rule or procedure to obtain an optimal p.
- As a rule of thumb, p = 0 seems to be the most appropriate value.
- Fixing p, we rely on the computation of an optimal γ_n .



Choice of γ_n

- γ_n impacts the efficiency of the ddCOS method: it is related to the number of samples, n, and number of terms, N.
- For the regularization parameter γ_n , a rule that ensures asymptotic convergence

$$\gamma_n = \frac{\log \log n}{n}.$$

- In practical situations: not optimal.
- Exploit the relation between the empirical and real (unknown) CDFs.

Choice of γ_n

- This relation can be modeled by statistical laws or statistics:
 Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Anderson-Darling, Smirnov-Cramér-von Mises.
- Preferable: a measure of the distance between the $F_n(x)$ and F(x) follows a known distribution.
- We have chosen Smirnov-Cramér-von Mises(SCvM):

$$\omega^2 = n \int_{\mathbb{R}} (F(x) - F_n(x))^2 dF(x).$$

- Assume we have an approximation, F_{γ_n} (which depends on γ_n).
- ullet An almost optimal γ_n is computed by solving the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(F_{\gamma_n}(\bar{X}_i) - \frac{i - 0.5}{n} \right)^2 = m_{S} - \frac{i}{12n},$$

where $\bar{X}_1, \bar{X}_2, \dots, \bar{X}_n$ is the ordered array of samples X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and m_5 the mean of the ω^2 .

Influence of γ_n

• To assess the impact of γ_n : Mean integrated Squared Error (MiSE):

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left\|f_n-f\right\|_2^2\right]=\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}}\left(f_n(x)-f(x)\right)^2\mathrm{d}x\right].$$

A formula for the MiSE formula is derived in our context:

$$\mathsf{MISE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \gamma_n k^{2(p+1)}\right)^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} A_{2k} - A_k^2\right) + \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} A_k^2.$$

- Two main aspects influenced γ_n : accuracy in n and stability in N.
- The quality of the approximated density can be also affected.

Influence of γ_n

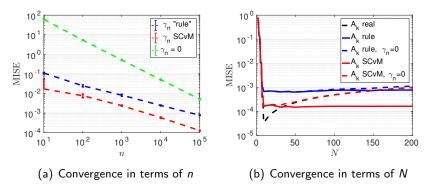
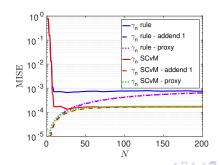


Figure: Influence of γ_n : .

Optimal number of terms N

- Try to find a minimum optimal value of N.
- *N* considerably affects the performance.
- We wish to avoid the computation of any \hat{A}_k .
- We define a proxy for the MiSE and follow:

MiSE
$$\approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(1 + \gamma_n k^{2(p+1)})^2}.$$



Optimal number of terms N

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Data: n, \gamma_n
N_{min} = 5
N_{max} = \infty
\epsilon = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}
\mathsf{MiSE}_{\mathit{prev}} = \infty
for N = N_{min} : N_{max} do
       MiSE_N = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(1 + \gamma_n k^{2(p+1)})^2}
       \epsilon_N = \frac{|\mathsf{MiSE}_N - \mathsf{MiSE}_{prev}|}{|\mathsf{MiSE}_N|}
       if \epsilon_N > \epsilon then
         | N_{op} = N
       else
               Break
       MiSE_{prev} = MiSE_N
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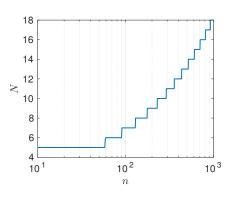


Figure: Almost optimal N.

Applications of the ddCOS method

- Pricing options (no better than Monte Carlo).
- Sensitivities or Greeks.
- Models without analytic characteristic function. SABR model.
- Risk measures: VaR and Expected shortfall.
- Combinations.

Applications of the ddCOS method

- Unfortunately, the γ_n based on the SCvM statistic does not provide any benefit.
- The use of the γ_n rule entails faster ddCOS estimators.
- ddCOS converges with the expected convergence rate $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{n})$.
- The variance reduction techniques are successfully applied.
- In Greeks computation, Monte Carlo-based methods may require one or two extra simulations.
- In the convergence tests, the reported values are computed as the average of 50 experiments.

Applications of the ddCOS - Option pricing

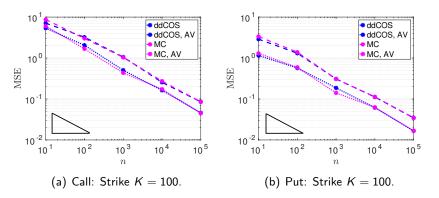


Figure: Convergence in prices of the ddCOS method: Antithetic Variates (AV); GBM, S(0) = 100, r = 0.1, $\sigma = 0.3$ and T = 2.

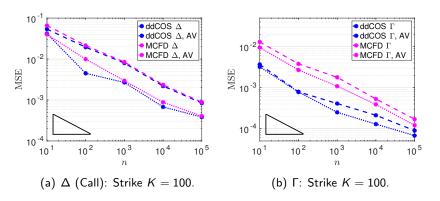


Figure: Convergence in Greeks of the ddCOS method: Antithetic Variates (AV); GBM, S(0) = 100, r = 0.1, $\sigma = 0.3$ and T = 2.

K (% of S(0))	80%	90%	100%	110%	120%	
0.1	Δ					
Ref.	0.8868	0.8243	0.7529	0.6768	0.6002	
ddCOS	0.8867	0.8240	0.7528	0.6769	0.6002	
RE	1.1012	1.1012×10^{-4}				
MCFD	0.8876	0.8247	0.7534	0.6773	0.6006	
RE	7.5168	7.5168×10^{-4}				
			Γ			
Ref.	0.0045	0.0061	0.0074	0.0085	0.0091	
ddCOS	0.0045	0.0062	0.0075	0.0084	0.0090	
RE	8.5423×10^{-3}					
MCFD	0.0045	0.0059	0.0071	0.0079	0.0083	
RE	4.9554	$\times 10^{-2}$				

Table: GBM call option Greeks: S(0) = 100, r = 0.1, $\sigma = 0.3$ and T = 2.

K (% of S(0))	80%	90%	100%	110%	120%	
	Δ					
Ref.	0.8385	0.8114	0.7847	0.7584	0.7328	
ddCOS	0.8383	0.8113	0.7846	0.7585	0.7333	
RE	2.7155	2.7155×10^{-4}				
MCFD	0.8387	0.8118	0.7850	0.7586	0.7330	
RE	3.1265	3.1265×10^{-4}				
		Γ				
Ref.	0.0022	0.0024	0.0027	0.0029	0.0030	
ddCOS	0.0022	0.0024	0.0027	0.0029	0.0030	
RE	8.2711×10^{-3}					
MCFD	0.0023	0.0026	0.0028	0.0031	0.0033	
RE	6.118 ×	10^{-2}				

Table: Merton jump-diffusion call option Greeks: S(0)=100, r=0.1, $\sigma=0.3$, $\mu_j=-0.2$, $\sigma_j=0.2$ and $\lambda=8$ and T=2.

K (% of S(0))	80%	90%	100%	110%	120%
	Δ				
Ref.	0.9914	0.9284	0.5371	0.0720	0.0058
ddCOS	0.9916	0.9282	0.5363	0.0732	0.0058
RE	5.2775×10^{-3}				
MCFD	0.9911	0.9279	0.5368	0.0737	0.0058
RE	5.5039	$\times 10^{-3}$			

Table: Call option Greek Δ under the SABR model: $S(0)=100,\ r=0,\ \sigma_0=0.3,\ \alpha=0.4,\ \beta=0.6,\ \rho=-0.25$ and T=2.

K (% of S(0))	80%	90%	100%	110%	120%
	Δ				
Ref.	0.8384	0.7728	0.6931	0.6027	0.5086
ddCOS	0.8364	0.7703	0.6902	0.6006	0.5084
RE	2.7855×10^{-3}				
Hagan	0.8577	0.7955	0.7170	0.6249	0.5265
RE	3.1751	$\times 10^{-2}$			

Table: Δ under SABR model. Setting: Call, S(0)=0.04, r=0.0, $\sigma_0=0.4$, $\alpha=0.8$, $\beta=1.0$, $\rho=-0.5$ and T=2.

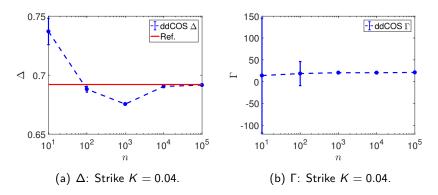


Figure: The ddCOS method: Greeks convergence test.

- In the context of the Delta-Gamma approach (COS in [OGO14]).
- The change in a portfolio value can be generalized.

$$L := -\Delta V = V(S, t) - V(S + \Delta S, t + \Delta t).$$

The formal definition of the VaR reads

$$\mathbb{P}(\Delta V < \mathsf{VaR}(q)) = 1 - F_L(\mathsf{VaR}(q)) = q,$$

with q a predefined confidence level.

• Given the VaR, the ES measure is computed as

$$\mathsf{ES} := \mathbb{E}[\Delta V | \Delta V > \mathsf{VaR}(q)].$$

- Two portfolios with the same composition: one European call and half a European put on the same asset, maturity 60 days and K=101.
- Different time horizons: 1 day (Portfolio 1) and 10 days (Portfolio 2). The asset follows a GBM with S(0) = 100, r = 0.1 and $\sigma = 0.3$.

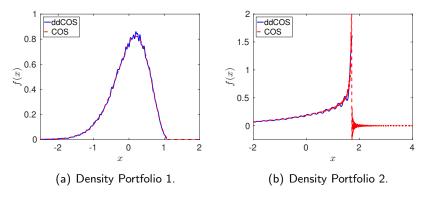


Figure: Recovered densities of L: ddCOS vs. COS.

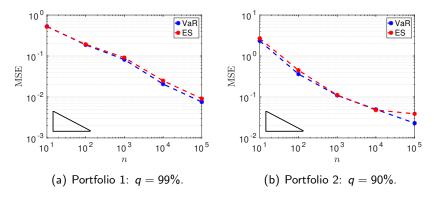


Figure: VaR and ES convergence in *n*.

- The oscillations can be removed.
- Two options: smoothing parameter or filters [RVO14].

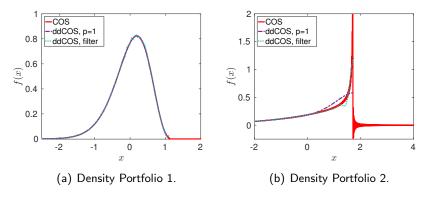


Figure: Smoothed densities of *L*.

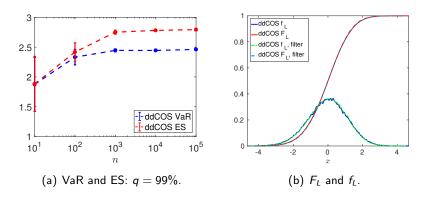


Figure: Delta-Gamma approach under the SABR model. Setting: S(0)=100, K=100, r=0.0, $\sigma_0=0.4$, $\alpha=0.8$, $\beta=1.0$, $\rho=-0.5$, T=2, q=99% and $\Delta t=1/365$.

q	10%	30%	50%	70%	90%
VaR	-1.4742	-0.5917	-0.0022	0.5789	1.3862
ES	0.1972	0.5345	0.8644	1.2517	1.8744

Table: VaR and ES under SABR model. Setting: S(0) = 100, K = 100, r = 0.0, $\sigma_0 = 0.4$, $\alpha = 0.8$, $\beta = 1.0$, $\rho = -0.5$, T = 2, and $\Delta t = 1/365$.

Conclusions

- The ddCOS method extends the COS method applicability to cases when only data samples of the underlying are available.
- The method exploits a closed-form solution, in terms of Fourier cosine expansions, of a regularization problem.
- It allows to develop a data-driven method which can be employed for option pricing and risk management.
- The ddCOS method particularly results in an efficient method for the Δ and Γ sensitivities computation, based solely on the samples.
- It can be employed within the Delta-Gamma approximation for calculating risk measures.
- A possible future extension may be the use of other basis functions.
 Haar wavelets are for example interesting since they provide positive densities and allow an efficient treatment of dynamic data.

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Suggestions, comments & questions



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