Stefanica - 150 quant interviews Alain Chenier, page 1, 24-Sep-2017 1 Introduction

• 2 put options, K=20,30 trading for \$4,\$6

find arbitrage
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$$2x6-3x4=0$$
, so try $2(20-S)^+-3(30-S)^+>$

 $\begin{cases} S \ge 30 \Rightarrow 0 \\ 20 \le S \le 30 \Rightarrow \text{-ve} \\ 0 \le S \le 20 \Rightarrow \text{-ve} \end{cases}$ - 0 or -ve, so take opposite and done

20 10 Strike=K • 2²⁹ has 9 digits all different - find missing

digit - key: 9 divides [n - Sum(digits n)]

- **Proof**: $n = a_n 10^n + a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + ... + a_1 10^1 +$ $- S(n) = a_n + a_{n-1} + ... + a_1 + a_0$

 $-n-S(n) = a_n(10^n-1) + a_{n-1}(10^{n-1}-1) + \dots +$ $a_1(10^1-1)+a_0-a_0$ $-10^k - 1$ = all 9s = divisible by 9. so QED

- Sum(digits n) = $\sum_{1}^{9} i - x = 45 - x$ $- so 9|(2^{29} - 45 - x)|$ - but $2^{29} = 2^5 \times 2^{6 \times 4} = 2^5 \times 64^4 = 2^5 \times 64^5 = 2^5 \times 64^$ $(63+1)^4 = 2^5 \times (k \times 63) + 1 = k \times 63 \times 2^5 + 1$ $2^5 = 9 \times \text{ something for some k}$

- so $9/(2^{29}-45-x)$ and $9/(2^{29}-2^5)$ so $9/(2^{29}-2^5)$ $45-x)-(2^{29}-2^5)$ $-9(45-x-2^5) = (45-x-32) = (13-x)$ so • $\int_0^L W_t dt$ - what is distribution? is it martin-

 $-X_T = \int_0^T W_t dt \Leftrightarrow dX_t = W_t dt + 0.dW_t =$ only drift so not martingale

 $-dX_t = W_t dt \Leftrightarrow X_T = \int_0^T W_t dt \Leftrightarrow X_T =$ $[W_t t]_0^T - \int_0^T t dW_t = TW_T - \int_0^T t dW_t =$ $T \int_0^T dW_t - \int_0^T t dW_t = \int_0^T (T-t) dW_t$

- Recall stochastic integral $\int_{0}^{T} f(t)dW_{t} \sim N(0, \int_{0}^{T} |f(t)|^{2} dt)$ $-X_T = \int_0^T (T-t)dW_t \sim N(0, \int_0^T |T-t|^2)dt =$

 Alice sends 20 ants towards Bob in straight line, Bob 50 towards Alice in straight line. Ants collide and go back. How many reach

Bob? Alice? How many collisions? - imagine ants carry a flag and pass it on. so 50 reach Alice and 20 reach Bob.

– num collisions: each of Bob's 50 flags must go though 20 collisions to reach Alice, each of Alice's 20 flags goes through 50 collisions to reach Bob: $2x 50 \times 20 = 2000$

• find all p such that this is a collrelation mat-

itive definite

0,6 -0.3- Ω correlation matrix $\Leftrightarrow \Omega$ symmetric pos-

- Sylvester, Cholesky, definition - Sylvester criterion: all the principal minor determinants must be >0 (principal minor: remove the same rows and same column indices form a matrix)

2. remove $3 \to \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0.6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0.64$ 3. remove $2 \to \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.3 \\ -0.3 \end{bmatrix} = 0.91$

1. remove $2.3 \rightarrow \det(1) = 1$, remove 1.3

 \rightarrow det(1) = 1, remove 1,2 \rightarrow det(1) = 1

4. remove $1 \rightarrow \det \begin{vmatrix} 1 & p \\ p & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - p^2$ 5. remove ∅ $\det \Omega$ $\det\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.6 & -0.3 \\ 0.6 & 1 & p \\ -0.3 & p & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

-0.3down - up $\rightarrow 1 - 0.18p - 0.18p - 0.09$ $p^2 - 0.36 = 0.55 - 0.36p - p^2$ $(1 - p^2 > 0)$

 $P(0.7 < U[0,1] < 0.72) \ge 0.95$ for one U[0,1]- P(none of the N rv in [0.7, 0.72])=0.98^N \rightarrow P(at least one in [0.7,0.72]) = $1-0.98^N$ and solve $1 - 0.98^N > 0.95$ • prove pdf of N(0,1) is : $\int pdf = 1$

• how many draws N of U[0,1] such that

 $0.5\dot{5} - 0.36p - p^2 > 0$

 $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2})dx$ substitute $x^2/2 =$ $t \rightarrow dx = \sqrt{(2)}dt \rightarrow \text{need prove } I :=$

 $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-t^2) dt = \sqrt{\pi}$ $-I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-x^2) dx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-y^2) dy =$ $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-x^2 + y^2) dx dy$ $-x = r\cos\theta, y = r\sin\theta, dxdy = rdrd\theta$

 $-I^{2} = \int_{0}^{+\infty} \int_{0}^{+2\pi} \exp(-r^{2}) r dr d\theta$ $2\pi \int_{0}^{+\infty} \exp(-r^2) r dr = 2\pi \left[\frac{-1}{2} \exp(-r^2) \right]_{0}^{+\infty}$ $\pi \to I = \sqrt{\pi}$ walk 1m south, 1m east, 1m north, then back at same point - where are you o Earth? - find latitute near south Pole such that

round-the-world=1m. then any point 1m north of this works also any latitude near south Pole such that round-the-world= $\frac{1}{k}$ works (go round the world k times but still end up same point) solve Oernstein-Uhlenbeck SDE - Vasicek

for IR

• i^{i} ? $e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}i} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}$

 $-dr_t = \lambda(\theta - r_t)dt + \sigma dW_t \rightarrow dr +$ $\lambda r_t dt = \lambda \theta dt + \sigma dW_t \stackrel{\times e}{\Rightarrow} e^{\lambda t} (dr +$ $\lambda r_t dt$) = $e^{\lambda t} (\lambda \theta dt + \sigma dW_t) \rightarrow d(r_t e^{\lambda t})$ = $e^{\lambda t}(\lambda \theta dt + \sigma dW_t) \rightarrow [r_t e^{\lambda t}]_0^t = \int_0^t \lambda \theta e^{\lambda s} ds +$ $\int_0^t \sigma e^{\lambda s} dW_s \rightarrow r_t e^{\lambda t} - r_0 = \theta(e^{\lambda t} - 1) +$ $\sigma \int_0^t e^{\lambda s} dW_s \rightarrow r_t = e^{-\lambda t} r_0 + \theta (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) +$

- note however $E(\int_0^t f(s)dW_s) = \text{"sum of}$ N(0, .)''=0 so $E(r_t) = e^{-\lambda t}r_0 + \theta(1 - e^{-\lambda t})$ which $\rightarrow \theta$ as $r \uparrow +\infty$ "mean reverting" 2 Calculus

 $\sigma \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(s-t)} dW_s$ and that is it.

• $\pi^e > < e^{\pi}$? try $\ln(\pi^e) = e \ln(\pi)$ vs $\ln(e^{\pi}) =$ $\pi \ln(e)$ ie $\frac{\ln(\pi)}{\pi}$ vs $\frac{\ln(e)}{e}$ ie check $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$ ie $f'(x) = (\frac{\ln(x)}{x})' = \frac{1}{x}\frac{1}{x} + \ln(x)\frac{-1}{x^2} = \frac{1-\ln x}{x^2}$ ie f'(x) < 0 if x > e and f'(x) > 0 if x < e ie $f(x) \uparrow \text{ on } [0,e] \text{ and } f \downarrow \text{ on } [e,...+\infty] \text{ and } e < \pi$ so $f(e) > f(\pi)$ • $\frac{e^x + e^y}{2} > e^{\frac{x+y}{2}}$? $e^{\frac{x+y}{2}} = \sqrt{e^{x+y}} = \sqrt{e^x} \sqrt{e^y}$ ie $a^2 + e^x \sqrt{e^y}$

 $b^2 > 2ab$ ie $a^2 - 2ab + b^2 > 0$ which is true

• solve $x^6 = 64$ $2^6 = 64$ and $z^6 = 1 \Leftrightarrow z =$ $e^{\frac{2ik\pi}{6}}$, $k \in 0...5$ so $x = 2e^{\frac{2ik\pi}{6}}$, $k \in 0...5$ • derivative of x^x ? $x^x = e^{x \ln(x)}$ so derivative = $g' \circ f \cdot f'$ ie $e^{x \ln(x)} (\ln(x) + x \frac{1}{x}) = x^x (\ln(x) + 1)$

• compute $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 \dots}}}$? $l = \sqrt{2 + l}$ ie $l^2 = \sqrt{2 + l}$ l + 2 ie (l - 2)(l + 1) = 0 ie l = 2 since l > 0

assuming limit exists. but $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n + 2}$ is increasing (same reason) and bounded abve, so l exists and l=2

 $let x_0 = \sqrt{(2)}, x_{n+1} = x_n^{\sqrt{2}}.$ prove $\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ Prove sequence is increasing, bounded from above by 2.therefore has a limit. Therefore that limit must = $\sqrt{2}$ • which one converges ? $\sum \frac{1}{k}$, $\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$, $\sum \frac{1}{k \ln(k)}$

1. $\sum \frac{1}{k^2} \le \sum \frac{1}{k(k-1)} = \sum \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k-1} \le 1 - 1/n < 2$ so ↑, bounded ie converges.

2. $\sum \frac{1}{k} > \ln(n) + \frac{1}{n}$ because $\int_{1}^{n} \frac{1}{x} dx =$ $\sum_{1}^{n-1} \int_{k}^{k+1} \frac{1}{x} dx < \sum_{1}^{n-1} \int_{k}^{k+1} \frac{1}{k} dx =$ $\sum_{1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} [x]_{k}^{k+1} = \sum_{1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} = \sum_{1}^{n} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{n}$

3. $\sum \frac{1}{k \ln(k)}$: similarly compare $\int_1^n \frac{1}{x \ln(x)} dx$ and note $\int \frac{1}{x \ln(x)} = \ln(\ln(x))$ • compute $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$? substitute x =

 $\tan(z) = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z}$ so $dx = \frac{1}{\cos^2 z} dz = \frac{1}{\cos^2 z} dz$

 $\cos z \frac{1}{\cos z} + \sin z \frac{-1}{\cos^2 z} (-\sin z) = 1 + \frac{\sin^2 z}{\cos^2 z} =$ $\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 z}\right)$ so $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{1+\tan^2 z} \frac{1}{\cos^2 z} dz =$ $\int \frac{1}{\cos^2 z + \sin^2 z} dz = \int dz = z + C = \arctan x + C$ • compute $\int x \ln(x) dx$? $\int x \ln(x) dx =$

 $\left[\frac{x^2}{2} \ln x\right] - \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \frac{1}{x}\right]$ • compute $\int xe^x dx$? $\int xe^x dx = [xe^x] - \int e^x dx$

• compute $\int x^n \ln x \, dx = \int x^n \ln x \, dx = \int x^n \ln x \, dx$ $\left[\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}\ln x\right] - \left[\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}\frac{1}{x}dx\right]$

• compute $\int \ln^n x \, dx$? $\int \ln^n x \, dx = [x \ln^n x] \int x n \ln^{n-1}(x) \frac{1}{x} dx = \left[x \ln^n x \right] - n \int \ln^{n-1}(x) dx$

so recursion $f_n(x) = [x \ln^n x] - n f_{n-1}(x)$ • solve y'' - 4y' + 4y = 1 general solution y'' - $4y' + 4y = 0 \rightarrow z^2 - 4z + 4 = 0 \rightarrow (z-2)^2 =$

 $0 \rightarrow y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x} + \text{particular solution}$ • solve y' = y(1-y) $y' = y(1-y) \rightarrow \frac{y'}{v(1-y)} =$

 $1 \to \int \frac{y'}{v(1-v)} dx = \int 1 dx \overset{y'=dy/dx}{\Rightarrow} \int \frac{dy}{v(1-v)} =$ $\int 1 dx \text{ with } \int \frac{dy}{v(1-v)} = \int \left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{v-1}\right) dy \text{ so } \ln y - \frac{1}{v-1} = \int \left(\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{v-1}\right) dy$

Alain Chenier, page 2, 24-Sep-2017 $\ln(1-y) = \ln(\frac{y}{1-y}) = x + C$ so $\frac{y}{1-y} = e^{x+C}$ • derive BS PDE set $\Pi = V - \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}S$ so $d\Pi =$ $dV - \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}dS$ and $\frac{dS}{S} = \mu dt + \sigma dW$ and $dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}dt + \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}dS + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}(dS)^2$ and $(dS)^2 =$

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$$II = V - \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}$$

$$= \mu dt + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S} (12)^2$$

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}dt + \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}dS + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}(dS)^2 \text{ and } (dS)^2 = \sigma^2 S^2 dt \text{ so } dV = (\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2 S^2)dt + \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}dS$$
so $d\Pi$

$$= (\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2 S^2)dt = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2 S^2 dt$$
= $\pi \Pi dt$

$$= (\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} \sigma^2 S^2) dt$$
 risk free growth
$$= r\Pi dt$$

$$= r(V - \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} S) dt$$
 so $(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} \sigma^2 S^2)$
$$= r(V - \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} S)$$
 rearrange
$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} \sigma^2 S^2 + r \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} S - rV = 0$$

• $\operatorname{cov} \Sigma_X$ & $\operatorname{corr} \Omega_X$ matrices are +ve sem.-def $- \Sigma(j,k) = cov(X_j, X_k) = cov(X_k, X_j) =$

 $=E[Y-E(Y)]^2$

 $=C^T\Sigma_X C$

 $= E[\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i (X_i - \mu_i)^2]$

3 Linear algebra

 $= r(V - \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}S)$

$$(\star)var(\sum_{i=1}^{n}c_{i}X_{i}) = C^{T}\Sigma_{X}C$$
 with $C = \frac{c_{1}}{c_{n}}$ and $var(.) >= 0$ so Σ_{X} is positive, and symmetric (see above), so +ve semi-definite

 $corr(X_k, X_i) = \Omega(k, i).$

 $\Sigma_X(k,j)$ and $\Omega(j,k) = corr(X_i,X_k) =$

Proof of
$$(\star)$$
: let $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i X_i$ then $Y - E[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i (X_i - \mu_i)$ and $Var(Y)$

$$= E[\sum_{1 \le j,k \le n} c_j c_k (X_j - \mu_j) (X_k - \mu_k)]$$

$$= \sum_{1 \le j,k \le n} c_j c_k E[(X_j - \mu_j) (X_k - \mu_k)]$$

$$= \sum_{1 \le j,k \le n} c_j c_k cov(X_j, X_k)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \le j,k \le n} c_j c_k \sum_{X} (j,k)$$

- For correlation: $\Sigma_X = D_{\sigma_X} \Omega_X D_{\sigma_X}$ where

$$D_{\sigma_X} = Diag(\sigma_i), \sigma_i^2 = var(X_i), i \in 1..n$$
and $w^T \Sigma_X w = w^T D_{\sigma_X} \Omega_X D_{\sigma_X} w = v^T D^{-1} D = v^T D_{\sigma_X} v > 0$

$$v^{T}D_{\sigma_{X}}^{-1}D_{\sigma_{X}}\Omega_{X}D_{\sigma_{X}}D_{\sigma_{X}}^{-1}v = v^{T}\Omega_{X}v \geq 0$$

so correlation Ω_{X} positive semi-definite.
• Find correlation Ω for covariance matrix

and
$$w^T \Sigma_X w = w^T D_{\sigma_X} \Omega_X D_{\sigma_X} w = v^T D_{\sigma_X}^{-1} D_{\sigma_X} \Omega_X D_{\sigma_X} v \geq 0$$

$$\sqrt{\Sigma(3,3)} = 3$$
• Find allowable p for $\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p \\ p & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

 $(\lambda = 0 \rightarrow 1 - p \ge 0)$

independent eigenvectors.

up of the evectors ie

- find the evals:

 $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $O = (v_1 v_2)$,

- find the evecs with $\|.\| = 1$

e.v must be +ve to find the condition on p $-\Omega = (1-p)I + pM$ with I = identity. M=all 1s. But ev of M are easy to find : $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \rightarrow v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + v_4 + v_4 + v_5 + v_4 + v_5 + v_4 + v_5 +$ $\dots + v_n = \lambda v_1 = \lambda v_2 = \dots = \lambda v_n$ so $\begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ v_1 = v_2 = v_n \to v_1 + v_2 + v_n = nv_1 = \lambda v_1 \end{cases}$

so $\lambda = 0$, n and for $\Omega v = (1 - p)Iv + pMv =$

 $(1-p)v + p\lambda v = (1-p+p\lambda)v$ so

- Find eigenvalues of Ω then state that all

 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} \Omega_X \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\lambda = n \to 1 p + pn \ge 0 \quad \text{so } \frac{1}{1 n} \le p \le 1$ prove *nxn* matrix has n eigenvalues • show A, B prob. Mat $\Rightarrow AB$ prob. Mat $-Av = \lambda v \Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A)v = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A) \sin \theta$ - A prob. Mat := sum of rows == $1 \Leftrightarrow A\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{I}$
- gular $\Leftrightarrow det(\lambda I A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow P_A(\lambda) = 0$ so n roots, so n eigenvalues but some may be - An eigenvalue of multiplicity m has at least 1 eigenvector and at most m linearly
- find $X^2 = A$ and $YY^T = A$ for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ - A symmetric ! $\Leftrightarrow A = O^T \Lambda O$ with $\Lambda =$
 - Diag(evals) and O orthogonal and made
 - $Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1, Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2, ||v_1|| = 1, ||v_2|| = 1$
 - $-X = O^T \Lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}O$, $O^T O = I$ as O=orthogonal - A symmetric +ve definite ⇔ Cholesky $\Leftrightarrow A = U^T U \text{ with } U = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } Y = U^T$
 - $det(\lambda I A) = det\begin{bmatrix} \lambda 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ - find the Cholesky \ddot{U} by solving linear equation $\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & 0 \\ u_{12} & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ 0 & u_{22} \end{bmatrix} = A$

find $Av, v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- so trace(AB) = trace(BA)

 $= det(\lambda IB^{-1}B - B^{-1}BAB)$

 $= det(B^{-1}B)det(\lambda I - BA)$

 $= det(B^{-1})det(\lambda IB - BAB)$

 $= det(B^{-1})det(\lambda I - BA)det(B)$

 $= det(B^{-1})det(B)det(\lambda I - BA)$

• if $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -3, v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- $(-1)^n det(M)$

- Proof ★:

 $det(\lambda I - AB)$

 $= det(\lambda I - BA)$

- $det(\lambda I BA)$

- $-Av = c_1 Av_1 + c_2 Av_2 = c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 v_2$

- $0 \mid \Sigma_X \mid 0$
- $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\Sigma(1,1)} = 1, \sigma_2 = \sqrt{\Sigma(2,2)} = 2, \sigma_3 =$

- show trace(AB) = trace(BA) for A, B = nxn $-(\star)P_{AB}(\lambda) = P_{BA}(\lambda) = det(\lambda I - AB) =$ $-P_M(\lambda) = det(\lambda I - M) = \lambda^n - trace(M) + ... +$

= corr matrix

- find $c_1, c_2 : v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2$ (solve equation)
- $x_1^2 + 1.2x_1x_2 0.6x_1x_3 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 2\rho x_1x_3 =$ $x_1^2 + 2x_1(0.6x_2 - 0.3x_3) + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 2\rho x_1 x_3 =$ $(x_1+0.6x_2-0.3x_3)^2-(0.6x_2-0.3x_3)^2++x_2^2+$
 - $x_3^2 + 2\rho x_1 x_3 = (x_1 + 0.6x_2 0.3x_3)^2 + 0.64x_2^2 +$ $2x_2x_3(\rho + 0.18) + 0.91x_3^2$ and complete last sqaure again same method

ie $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 1.2x_1x_2 - 0.6x_1x_3 +$

 $2\rho x_1 x_3 \geq 0$ then complete squares

 $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 1.2x_1x_2 - 0.6x_1x_3 + 2\rho x_1x_3 =$

- **Financial instruments** 3 put options (strike=K,Price(K))=
- (40,10),(50,20),(70,30). Is there arbitrageif
- graph $K \mapsto Price(K)$ must be strictly con-

- construct arbitrage: find porfolio in the

- try $2x10 + 30 - 3x20 = 2P_{40} + P_{50} - 3P_{70} =$

P=47 or P=52 with prob 50-50. How much

for ATM put? Assume no dividends and

-1 = pu + (1-p)d with $u = \frac{P_{up}}{P(0)} = \frac{52}{50}$, $d = \frac{47}{50}$

 $-1 = p(u-d) + d \Rightarrow p = \frac{1-d}{u-d} = \dots = 0.6$

• Price of a stock now P=50. In 3m, either

 $2(40-K)^{+} + (50-K)^{+} - 3(70-K)^{+}$

real world probability irrelevant

standard solutions follows:

 $- P(0) = p_{up}P_{up} + p_{down}P_{down}$

 $= pP_{\rm up} + (1-p)P_{\rm down}$

= puP(0) + (1-p)dP(0)

-P(0) == puP(0) + (1-p)dP(0)

puts so that 1. V(0) < 0, 2. $V(T) > 0 \forall T$

- $O(0) = pO_{up} + (1-p)O_{down}^{n}$ - (here) O=ATM put , ATM means strike=Price now = 50 $- O(0) = p0 + (1-p)3 = 0.6 \times 0 + 0.4 \times 3 = 1.2$
- $\det M = \det \begin{bmatrix} 0.64 & \rho + 0.18 \\ \rho + 0.18 & 0.91 \end{bmatrix} \ge 0$ alternative solution follows: - **Definition** $\begin{bmatrix} x^t \Omega x & \geq & 0 & \forall x & \text{ie} \\ [x_1 & x_2 & x_3] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.6 & -0.3 \\ 0.6 & 1 & \rho \\ -0.3 & \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$

so build it **vex** else arbitrage

bitrage exists

with V(T) =

Interest rate = 0

- line through (40,10) and (70,30) : $C : K \mapsto$ $\frac{70-K}{30}10 + \frac{K-40}{30}30 = 10 + \frac{x-40}{70-40}(30-10) =$
- $10 + \frac{30-10}{70-40}(x-40)$ - on that line P(50) = 20 > C(50) =

- Set up portfolio $\Pi = +1$ Option + $(-1)\Delta_{\text{Option}}$ Stock with Δ_{Option} = $\frac{O_{\rm up} - O_{\rm down}}{S_{\rm up} - S_{\rm down}} = \text{(here)} \ \frac{0 - 3}{52 - 47} = 0.6$ - (here) $\Pi = +1$ Option + (-1)(-0.6) Stock

- for singular B, use $B - \epsilon I$ which is nonsingular apart from finite $\epsilon = evalue$ so let solve AB - BA - I = 0 for A, B = nxn- no solution since trace(AB - BA) =

trace(AB) - trace(BA) = 0

 $-(AB)\mathbb{I} = A(B\mathbb{I}) = A\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{I}$

inant) – see above

algorithm must be ≥ 0 :

 $= \begin{bmatrix} 0.64 & \rho + 0.18 \\ \rho + 0.18 & 0.91 \end{bmatrix}$

 $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ -0.3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}$

- Sylvester, Cholesky, Definition

- Sylvester: all the principal minors must

be >0 (princicipal minors: remove same

row and same column, compute determ-

matrix M in the first step of the Cholesky

- Cholesky: the determinant of the 2x2

• all $\rho : \Omega := 0.6$

Stefanica - 150 quant interviews Alain Chenier, page 3, 24-Sep-2017 $\begin{cases} S(T) = 52 \Rightarrow 0 + 0.6 \times 52 = 31.2 \\ S(T) = 47 \Rightarrow 3 + 0.6 \times 47 = 31.2 \end{cases}$

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$$\Pi(0)$$
 = discounted $\Pi(T)$ $\stackrel{IR=0}{=}$ $\Pi(T)$ = $31.2 = O(0) + 0.6 \times S(0) = O(0) + 0.6 \times 50 \Rightarrow$
 $O(0) = 31.2 - 0.6 \times 50 = 31.2 - 30 = 1.2$

 What is risk neutral pricing? $-V(0) = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-rT}V(S(T))\right]$

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$$V(0) = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-r}V(S(T))\right]$$

- with $S(T) = S(0)e^{(r-q-\frac{\sigma^2}{2})T+\sigma\sqrt{T}N(0,1)}$

- not OK for path-dependent

 risk neutral pricing - BS PDE.

* Payoff = boundary conditions * Transform to heat equation

- binomial tree, with calibration: * drift = risk free rate

* terminal dist = lognormal when num time steps $\rightarrow \infty$ • Approximate formula for ATM put?

- Put_{ATM} $\approx 0.4S_0\sigma\sqrt{T}$ when total variance $= \sigma^2 T$ small

 if the price of a stock doubles, how does call option change?

- depends if call option ITM, ATM, OTM

* $C - P = S - K \leftarrow Put$ -call parity * $C + Ke^{-rT} = S \Rightarrow C = S - Ke^{-rT}$ so $C \times 2$ - ATM: call option → ITM, $C \uparrow (\times 10)$

- OTM: call option \rightarrow ATM, $C \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow (\times 10^n)$

• what are the possible values of Delta of an option?

- Call option: * long Call: [0 (OTM) ...1 (ITM)]

- Put option:

* $C + P = S \leftarrow Put$ -Call parity

* $\Delta_C + \Delta_P = 1$ what is Delta of +1 ATM Call? what is Delta

of +1 ATM Put?

- Delta of +1 ATM Call = 0.5- Delta of +1 ATM Put = -0.5

- $\Delta_{\text{Call}} = N(d_1)$ with $d_1 = \frac{\ln \frac{S}{K} + (r - d + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})}{\sigma \sqrt{T}}$

* ATM $\rightarrow K = S$, assume r=q=0 $\rightarrow d_1 =$

* $\Delta_{\text{Call}} = N(d_1) = N(0.5\sigma\sqrt{T})$

* $0.5\sigma\sqrt{T}$ normaly small eg for $\sigma =$ $0.5. T = 1 \Rightarrow 0.5 \times 0.5 \sqrt{1} = 0.25$

* N(x) about 0 is $N(x) = 0.5 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$

* so $\Delta_{Call} = N(d1) \approx 0.5$ since $d_1 =$ $0.5\sigma\sqrt{T}$ small

 $-\Delta_{\text{Put}} = -N(-d_1)$ * so $\Delta_{\text{Put}} = -N(-\overline{d_1}) \approx -0.5$

 $-N(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{\frac{-z^2}{2}} dz = 0.5 +$

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz = 0.5 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x [1 + \dots] dz \approx$ $0.5 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}x$

• what is Put-Call parity? – Call - Put = Forward

 $-(S-K)^{+}-(K-S)^{+}=S-K$ $-C(0)-P(0)=[S(0)e^{rT}-K]e^{-rT}$

 $-C(0)-P(0)=S(0)-Ke^{-rT}$

 $-C(t)-P(t) = S(t)-Ke^{-r(T-t)}$

• Show that the time value of an option is highest ATM *

- time value of call option := call option value - intrinsic value := $C(t) - (S_t - K)^+$ - at any time t, for which value of S is this

highest ? S = K ? - fix t, define: $f(S) = C(S) - (S - K)^+$

 $\{S \leq K \Rightarrow f(S) = C(S)\}$ $(S > K \Rightarrow f(S) = C(S) - (S - K))$

 $\int S \leq K \Rightarrow \text{call option so } \uparrow \text{ with } S$ $(S > K \Rightarrow f'(S) = \Delta_C - 1 < 0$

- so max at S = K• What is implied volatility? volatility smile? volatility skew?

- implied volatility = the σ : $BS(..., \sigma)$ = observed price. Unique σ because $\sigma \uparrow \Rightarrow$ $BS(..,\sigma) \uparrow$

- Volatility smile \smile : $\sigma_{ITM} > \sigma_{ATM} < \sigma_{OTM}$ [currency options]

- Volatility skew \sim : $\sigma_{ITM} < \sigma_{ATM} > \sigma_{OTM}$ [index options, equity options,com. options

• What is the Gamma of an option? Why is it better to have small Gamma? Why is Gamma of plain vanilla options positive?

- Gamma $\Gamma = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}$

- small Gamma ⇒ Delta does not change quickly ⇒ easier to keep Delta-neutral

- Delta of Call/Put ↑ with ↑ S ♣, hence

– Gamma \approx 0 for OTM / deep ITM, Gamma max ATM

• When is Call = Put?

 $-C_0 - P_0 = (S_0 e^{rT} - K)e^{-rT} = S_0 - Ke^{-rT} =$

- so $C_0 = P_0$ ⇒ K = forward value of asset

• What is 2-year volatility of an asset with 30 % 6m volatility? $-\sigma(t) = \sigma_{1Y}\sqrt{T}$

 $-\sigma(6m) = \sigma_{1y}\sqrt{0.5}$ $-\sigma(2y) = \sigma_{1Y}\sqrt{2} = \sigma(6m)\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{0.5}}$

• Value fix/float swap? - PV = fix - float (say)

- fix pv = sum of future flows - float = right after payment, sumof all

flows = 1 (notional)- so float = pv of next payment + pv of (1)

at next payment date

- example: 6m swap, N=10M, K=3%, next payment in 1m, then 7m, 13m, 19m, with last reset saying next flt payment = 125k * fix cpn = $Nr\tau = 10M \times 0.03 \times 0.5 = 150k$

with τ = year fraction * fix pv = $150k \times df(\frac{1}{12}) + 150k \times df(\frac{7}{12}) +$ $150k \times df(\frac{13}{12}) + (10M + 150k) \times df(\frac{19}{12})$

* float pv = $(10M + 125k) \times df(\frac{1}{12})$ * example df for semi-annual LIBOR =

 $df(t) = [(1 + L \times 0.5) \times (1 + L \times 0.5)]^{-t} \leftrightarrow$ start with 1, keep on re-investing. Divide 1/(what you get) to get the df = price of zero coupon delivering 1 at T

 Price change of a 10y ZC bond if yield increases by 10bp?

- Duration: $\Delta B = \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} dy = -\left(-\frac{1}{B}\frac{\partial B}{\partial y}\right)Bdy :=$

-DBdv $- \text{ so } \frac{\Delta B}{R} = -D \, dy$ - (here)

* $10v ZC \Rightarrow D=10$

 $* dy = 10bps = 10 \times 1e - 4 = 1e - 3$ * $\frac{\Delta B}{R} = -D \, dy = -10 \times 1e - 3 = -0.01$ * price ↓ 10%

• A 5y ZC bond with Duration D=3.5y has

P=102. What is P if yield \downarrow 50bp? $-\frac{\Delta B}{R} = -D \,\mathrm{d} y$

- (here) * D = 3.5

 $* dy = -50bp = -5 \times 1e - 3$ * B = 102

* $\Delta B = -3.5 \times 102 \times (-5 \times 1e - 3) \approx +1.785$ * $B_{\text{new}} \approx B + 1.785 = 102 + 1.785 = 103.785$

• What is a forward contract?

- (long position) agrees to buy an asset at a specific price at specific time in future (short position) agrees to sell an asset at a

specific price at specific time in future

- that specific price is called the forward

 at T=0 the value of the forward contact is $0 \leftarrow obv$ price of the forward contract ≠ forward price!! (completely unrelated quantities)

- Forward Price= $F = S_0 e^{(r-q)T}$ = price of the asset in the future · Forward price of Treasury FUTURES con-

tract vs Forward price of a Commodity FU-TURES contract? For Treasury (ie bond) FUTURES con-

tract, price now includes the bond flows between now and T But you won't receive these when you get the bond, so for you, price of bond must

exclude them - ie Forward price = F_{bond} $= \{PV_{\text{now}}(\text{Bond}) - PV_{\text{now}}(\text{Coupons})\}e^{rT}$

- For Com future, situation is reversed: when you get the Com, you will not have incurred storage costs etc

- ie Forward price = F_{com} $= \{PV_{\text{now}}(\text{Com}) + PV_{\text{now}}(\text{Storage})\}e^{rT}$

Difference between Future and Forward?

- daily settlement for futures, not so for for-

 Standardised maturities, contracts for futures, not so for forwards Exchange involved for futures (reduced)

CPTY risk), not so for forwards (OTC) Range of delivery dates for (COM) futures,

not so for forwards – Forwards can be cash-settled, even for

• 10-day VAR @ 99% of a portfolio with 5-day VAR @ 95% = USD 100M ?

 $-VAR(N,C) = \sigma_{V,1Y}P(Z \le C)\sqrt{\frac{N}{252}}V(0)$

* N = time horizon eg N=10-days* *P* = P for Normal distribution * *C* = confidence level = eg 95 % = 0.95

* $\sigma_{V,1Y}$ = annualised std dev of the port-

* V(0) = PV now of portfolio

– eliminate the $\sigma_{V,1Y}V(0)$ by division ... 5 C++

declare an array

- T foo [3]

- T bar [] = {1,2,3} - int T* baz = new int[3]

· declare an array of pointers

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- T* foo [3]

- T* bar [] = {&a,&b,&c}

- int T** baz = new int* [3]

 const pointer to object, const pointer to const object etc

Remember the clockwise and backward rule

T* bar [10]; // array of 10 pointers to T

- char const *chptr; // pointer to a
const char == pointer to a read-only char

- char * const chptr; // const pointer
to a char == read-only pointer to a char

- char const * const chptr; // const
pointer to a const char == read-only
pointer to a read-only char

 template functions template typename <T>

T temp_sum (T a, T b) return {a+b;}
// accepts 2 Ts, return a+b, which is also a
T

• find max subarray of +ve numbers- check Kadane algorithm

max_ending += a[i];

max_ending_hr = max(0,max_ending_hr)
max_so_far = max(0,max_ending_here)

// keep track of largest so far

• Reverse a linked list

max_ending += a[i];
max_ending_hr = max(0,max_ending_hr)

max_so_far = max(0,max_ending_here)
// keep track of largest so far

6 MC simulation

 How to estimate π? what is the variance of your method?

- Acceptance-Rejection on πR^2 in an $2R \times 2R$ square with R = 1

 $* \frac{\pi 1^2}{2 \times 2} = \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{A}{N}$

* N = num points tried altogether

* A = num accepted points

 $-X_{i} = \mathbb{1}_{D(0,R=1)}(U_{i}) \text{ with } U_{i} \stackrel{\text{difficient}}{=} \mathbb{1}_{[-1,1] \times [-1,1]}$ $-\mathbb{E}[X_{i}] = \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{1}_{D(0,R=1)}(U_{i})\right]$

 $= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{2}} \frac{1}{4} \, \mathrm{d}x \, \mathrm{d}y = \frac{\pi}{4}$

- for variance note $X_i^2 \equiv X_i$ since indicator variable!

- so $var\left(\frac{\sum X_i}{N}\right)$ = $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} var(\frac{\sum X_i}{N})$

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{1}^{N} var(X_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{1}^{N} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[X_i^2 \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[X_i \right]^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{N^2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 \right) \end{split}$$

• How to generate N(.,.) rv?

Acceptance rejectionBox-MuellerInverse Transform

• How to generate GBM stock path?

- generate path for $\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t$

- discretise [0..*T*] into *m* steps of size $\delta t = \frac{T}{m}$

 $- \text{ let } t_j = j\delta t$

- $S_{t_{j+1}} - S_{t_j} = \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \mu S_t dt + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \sigma S_t dW_t dt$ - Method 1: Simple method (but can end up with negative paths)

 $* \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \mu S_t dt \approx \mu S_{t_j} (t_{j+1} - t_j) = \mu S_{t_j} \delta t$

 $\star \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \sigma S_t dW_t dt$ $\approx \sigma S_{t_i} (W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i})$

 $\approx \sigma S_{t_j} \sqrt{t_{j+1} - t_j} N(0, 1)$ = $\sigma S_{t_i} \sqrt{\delta t} N(0, 1)$

* $S_{t_{j+1}} - S_{t_j} = \mu S_{t_j} (t_{j+1} - t_j) + \sigma S_{t_j} \sqrt{\delta t} N(0, 1)$

* $S_{t_{j+1}} = S_{t_j} \left\{ 1 + \mu \delta t + \sigma \sqrt{\delta t} N(0, 1) \right\}$

- Method 2: with Ito - No negative paths

 $* \frac{dS_t}{S_t} = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t$

* $d(\ln(S_t)) \stackrel{\text{Ito}}{=} (\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})dt + \sigma dW_t$

* $\ln(S_{t_{j+1}}) - \ln(S_{t_j})$ = $\ln\left(\frac{S_{t_{j+1}}}{S_{t_i}}\right)$

 $= (\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})(t_{j+1} - t_j) + \sigma(W_{t_{j+1}} - W_{t_j})$ = $(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})\delta t + \sigma\sqrt{\delta t}N(0, 1)$

 $= (\mu - \frac{\sigma}{2}) \delta t + \sigma \nabla \delta t N(0, 1)$ $* S_{t_{i+1}} = S_{t_i} \exp\left\{ (\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) \delta t + \sigma \sqrt{\delta t} N(0, 1) \right\}$

• How to generate an rv N(0,1) from 12 rv u_1, \dots, u_1 2 with u_1 =Uniform [0,1]?

- Answer: $X = \sum u_i - 6 \approx N(0,1)$

- Recall Central limit $Z \sim \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_{i} - \mathbb{E}[X]}{\frac{\sigma(X)}{\sqrt{G}}}$

 $-E(U) = \int_0^1 u du = \frac{1}{2}$ $-E(U^2) = \int_0^1 u^2 du = \frac{1}{3}$

 $-\sigma^{2}(U) = E(U^{2}) = E(U)^{2} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$

 $-Z \sim \frac{\frac{1}{12}\sum_{1}^{12}U_{i}-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}}}{\sqrt{12}}} = \sum_{i}U_{i}-6$

– note: inefficient: requires $12 u_i$ for just 1 N(0,1). Box-Muller uses 2 for 1.

• Convergence rate of MC method?

- *m* time steps, *n* simulations - then convergence $\sim O\left\{\max\left(\frac{T}{m}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right\}$

• What does reducing variance for MC ? how to do it ?

it means: reduce the constant factor of the O(.)

- Methods: ♣

* antithetic variables* control variates* moment matching

 How to generate correlated N(.,.) variables with correlation ρ?

- given 2 uncorr N_1 , N_2 - $X_1 = N_1$ - $X_2 = \rho N_1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} N_2$

 $- corr(X_1, X_2) = corr(N_1, \rho N_1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} N_2) = corr(N_1, \rho N_1) + corr(N_1, \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} N_2) =$

 $\rho corr(N_1, N_1) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} corr(N_1, N_2) = \rho$ • What is Newton's method? How does it con-

verge?Newton=recursive method for finding x:f(x) = 0

 $-x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} \leftrightarrow f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k) = (x_{k+1} - x_k)f'(x_k) \text{ with } f(x_{k+1}) = 0$

- Convergence rate : quadratic

 $- \operatorname{Proof}_{*} \operatorname{let} f(x^{*}) = 0$

* Taylor: $f(x^*) = f(x_k) + (x^* - x_k)f'(x_k) + \frac{1}{2}(x^* - x_k)^2 f''(c_k)$

 $\frac{1}{2}(x^* - x_k)^2 f''(c_k)$ * $x_{k+1} - x_k = -\frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$

* $x_{k+1} - x_k = -\frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$ * $x_{k+1} - x^*$

 $= x_k - x^* - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$ $= x_k - x^* - \frac{f(x_k) - f(x^*)}{f'(x_k)}$

* substitute Taylor etc

Finite difference method for Trinomial Tree?
Forward Euler == Trinomial Tree
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7 Probability

What is exponential distribution? what are its mean and variance?
 pdf = f(x) = αe^{-αx}, x ≥ 0

- mean = $E(x) = \int_0^\infty x f(x) dx = \int_0^\infty x \alpha e^{-\alpha x} dx$

 $- \text{ var} = E(x^2) - E(x)^2$

- by parts : $\int_0^\infty x e^{-\alpha x} dx = \left[x \frac{e^{-\alpha x}}{-\alpha} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\alpha x}}{-\alpha} dx = 0 + \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\alpha x}}{\alpha} dx = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left[\frac{e^{-\alpha x}}{-\alpha} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} = 0$ - by parts : $\int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-\alpha x} dx = \left[x^2 \frac{e^{-\alpha x}}{-\alpha} \right]_0^\infty - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} = 0$

 $\int_0^\infty 2x \frac{e^{-\alpha x}}{-\alpha} dx = 0 + \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty x e^{-\alpha x} dx = \frac{2}{\alpha} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} =$