

Numerical Simulation of the Avellaneda-Stoikov Market Making Model

Model Parameters

Let the simulation use the following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= 100.00 && \text{(initial mid-price)} \\ \sigma &= 2.0 && \text{(volatility)} \\ \gamma &= 0.1 && \text{(risk aversion)} \\ A &= 140 && \text{(base arrival rate)} \\ k &= 1.5 && \text{(order sensitivity)} \\ T &= 1.0 && \text{(time horizon)} \\ \Delta t &= \frac{1}{240} && \text{(time step)} \end{aligned}$$

Reservation Price

At time t , with inventory q_t , the reservation price is:

$$r_t = S_t - q_t \cdot \gamma \cdot \sigma^2 \cdot (T - t)$$

Optimal Spread and Quote Distances

The optimal bid-ask spread is:

$$\text{spread}_t = \gamma \sigma^2 (T - t) + \frac{2}{\gamma} \ln \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{k} \right)$$

Assuming symmetric quotes around r_t , we define:

$$\delta_t = \frac{\text{spread}_t}{2}$$

Bid and Ask Quotes

$$\begin{aligned} p_t^b &= r_t - \delta_t \\ p_t^a &= r_t + \delta_t \end{aligned}$$

Order Arrival Intensities

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_t^b &= A \cdot e^{-k \cdot \delta_t^b}, & \delta_t^b &= S_t - p_t^b \\ \lambda_t^a &= A \cdot e^{-k \cdot \delta_t^a}, & \delta_t^a &= p_t^a - S_t \end{aligned}$$

Execution Probabilities

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{fill bid}) &= 1 - \exp(-\lambda_t^b \cdot \Delta t) \\P(\text{fill ask}) &= 1 - \exp(-\lambda_t^a \cdot \Delta t)\end{aligned}$$

State Updates

If bid fills:

$$q_{t+\Delta t} = q_t + 1, \quad X_{t+\Delta t} = X_t - p_t^b$$

If ask fills:

$$q_{t+\Delta t} = q_t - 1, \quad X_{t+\Delta t} = X_t + p_t^a$$

Mid-Price Evolution

Mid-price evolves as:

$$S_{t+\Delta t} = S_t + \sigma \cdot \sqrt{\Delta t} \cdot \xi_t, \quad \xi_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Terminal P&L

At time T :

$$\text{PnL} = X_T + q_T \cdot S_T$$