

Mean Reversion Calibration with Maximum Likelihood

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1 Mean reversion with a time dependent volatility

The process is

$$f(t+dt, T) - f(t, T) = s_T(h_T - f(t, T))dt + g_T(T-t)dW_t^T$$

with

$$g_T(x) = a_T f(b_T, x)$$

where b_T is a parameter and f is any two variables function

The likelihood for a maturity is :

$$L = \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \text{Log} \left[\Phi[f_{n+1} | f_n] \right]$$

and we have

$$\varphi_{[f_{n+1}|f_n]} = \frac{e^{\frac{-(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T(h_T - f_n)\Delta t_n)^2}{2[g_T(T - t_n)]^2\Delta t_n}}}{g_T(T - t_n)\Delta t_n\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

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The equations that we have to solve for maximizing the likelihood are :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_T}$$

The solution of these equations can be written as :

$$\begin{aligned} a_T(b_T) &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{I_n(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T(b_T)(h_T(b_T) - f_n)\Delta t_n)^2}{\Delta t_n}}{\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n(h_T(b_T) - f_n)(f_{n+1} - f_n)}} \\ s_T(b_T) &= \frac{\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n \Delta t_n (h_T(b_T) - f_n)^2}{\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n \Delta t_n f_n} \\ I_n &= \frac{1}{(f(b_T, T - t_n))^2} \\ h_T(b_T) &= \frac{\left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n \Delta t_n f_n \right) \left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n f_n (f_{n+1} - f_n) \right) - \left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n (f_{n+1} - f_n) \right) \left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n \Delta t_n f_n^2 \right)}{\left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n \Delta t_n \right) \left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n f_n (f_{n+1} - f_n) \right) - \left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n (f_{n+1} - f_n) \right) \left(\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} I_n \Delta t_n f_n \right)} \end{aligned}$$

If the parameter b_T is multidimensional, let's be it k , we have to solve k simultaneous equations that are exactly given by the preceding equation where we interpret the derivative $\frac{\partial f}{\partial b_T}(b_T, T - t_n)$ as a vector.

2 Mean reversion with time dependent coefficients

So

$$\text{Log}\left[\varphi_{[f_{n+1}|f_n]}\right] = \frac{-(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))^2}{2(v_T V_n)^2} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Log}[2\pi] - \text{Log}[v_T V_n]$$

we therefore derive:

$$L = -\frac{1}{2v_T^2} \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{-(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))^2}{(V_n)^2} - \text{Log}(v_T)N - \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \text{Log}(V_n)$$

we have to solve

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_T} = \frac{1}{v_T^3} \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{-(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))^2}{v_n^2} - \frac{1}{v_T} N = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial s_T} = \frac{1}{v_T^2} \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n (h_T H_n - f_n) (f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))}{v_n^2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial h_T} = \frac{1}{v_T^2} \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{s_T S_n H_n (f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))}{v_n^2} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

which is equivalent to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_T = \sqrt{\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))^2}{N V_n^2}} \\ \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n f_n (f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))}{V_n^2} = 0 \\ \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n H_n (f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))}{V_n^2} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

we define the statistics

$$\begin{aligned} F_{sfd} &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n f_n (f_{n+1} - f_n)}{V_n^2} & F_{sshf} &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n^2 H_n f_n}{V_n^2} \\ F_{ssff} &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n^2 f_n^2}{V_n^2} & F_{sshh} &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n^2 H_n^2}{V_n^2} \\ F_{shd} &= \sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{S_n H_n (f_{n+1} - f_n)}{V_n^2} \end{aligned}$$

and we have to solve

$$\begin{aligned} F_{sfd} - s_T h_T F_{sshf} + s_T F_{ssff} &= 0 \\ F_{shd} - s_T h_T F_{sshh} + s_T F_{sshf} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The solution of this system is:

$$\begin{aligned} s_T &= \frac{F_{shd} F_{ssff} - F_{sfd} F_{sshh}}{F_{shd} F_{sshf} - F_{sfd} F_{sshh}} \\ h_T &= \frac{F_{sfd} F_{sshh} - F_{shd} F_{sshf}}{F_{sshf}^2 - F_{ssff} F_{sshh}} \\ v_T &= \sqrt{\sum_{0 \leq n \leq N-1} \frac{(f_{n+1} - f_n - s_T S_n (h_T H_n - f_n))^2}{N V_n^2}} \end{aligned}$$

