Numerical methods for the Heston model

School of Applied Mathematics
A Thesis
Presented to the
Getulio Vargas Foundation

In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree M.Sc. of Applied Mathematics

Fernando O. Teixeira

September 10, 2017

Approved for the Division (Mathematics)

Hugo Alexander de la Cruz Cancino

Acknowledgements

Any one who considers arithmetical methods of producing random digits is, of course, in a state of \sin . - John von Neumann



Table of Contents

Chapter 1: altadvisor: 'Your Other Advisor'	1
Chapter 2: Literature Review	3
Chapter 3: The Heston Model Implementation	5
Chapter 4: Results	7
Chapter 5: Conclusion	9
Chapter 6: Black-Scholes formula	11
References	13

List of Tables

List of Figures

Abstract

The preface pretty much says it all. Second paragraph of abstract starts here.

Dedication

You can have a dedication here if you wish.

altadvisor: 'Your Other Advisor'

Chapter 2 Literature Review

The Heston Model Implementation

Results

We present here the results of all the implementations that were disclosed in the previous section. We perform numerical comparisons between all the methods, setting out differences across number of simulations and timesteps.

Heston [1] gives a closed form used for comparison as the 'true' option value and enabling the results to be exposed in terms of bias¹ and RMSE (root mean square error).²

The simulaton experiments were performed on a notebook with an Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-4500U CPU @ 1.80GHz processor and 8GB of RAM running on a linux x86_64 based OS, Fedora 25. Codes were all written in R 3.4.1 "Single Candle" [2].

 $^{^{1}\}mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\alpha}-\alpha\right]$

²Defined as $\sqrt{\mathbb{E}((\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2)}$

Variables	Values
$\overline{\mathrm{dt}}$	0.05
k	6.21
r	0.03
rho	-0.70
S	100.00
sigma	0.61
t	0.00
tau	1.00
theta	0.00
V	0.01
X	100.00

Conclusion

Chapter 6 Black-Scholes formula

References

- [1] S.L. Heston, A closed-form solution for options with stochastic volatility with applications to bond and currency options, Review of Financial Studies. 6 (1993) 327–343.
- [2] R Core Team, R: A language and environment for statistical computing, R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria, 2017.