

## Part 4 Simualtion and interest rate models

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# Interest rate model

Let  $P(t, T)$  be the price at time  $t$  of a Zero-coupon bond with face value 1 payable at  $T$ .

- Simply-compounded interest rate from  $t$  to  $T$ :  $L(t, T)$

$$1 + L(t, T) \times (T - t) = \frac{1}{P(t, T)} \rightarrow L(t, T) = \frac{1}{T - t} \left( \frac{1}{P(t, T)} - 1 \right)$$

- Annually-compounded interest rate from  $t$  to  $T$ :  $Y(t, T)$

$$(1 + Y(t, T))^{(T-t)} = \frac{1}{P(t, T)} \rightarrow Y(t, T) = \left( \frac{1}{P(t, T)^{1/(T-t)}} - 1 \right)$$

- Continuous-compounded interest rate from  $t$  to  $T$ :  $R(t, T)$

$$\exp(R(t, T) \times (T - t)) = \frac{1}{P(t, T)} \rightarrow R(t, T) = -\frac{\log(P(t, T))}{T - t}$$

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Define  $r(t)$  as follows

$$r(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow t^+} R(t, T)$$

$r(t)$  is called the short rate at time  $t$ . We can prove that

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow t^+} L(t, T) \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow t^+} Y(t, T) \end{aligned}$$

What is the price of a ZC bond with face value 1 payable at the end of year 1, given that  $r(t)$  equals to 3%, 4%, 5% and 6% in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, respectively?

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- If  $r(t)$  is a deterministic and continuous function from 0 to  $T$  then price of a ZC bond pays \$1 at time  $s$  where  $0 \leq s \leq T$  is

$$\exp\left(-\int_s^T r(t)dt\right)$$

- Vasicek (1977) assumed that the short rate evolves as an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with constant coefficients

$$r(0) = r_0$$

$$dr(t) = \kappa(\theta - r(t))dt + \sigma dB(t)$$

where  $r_0$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$  are positive constants and  $B(t)$  is a brownian motion (under **risk-neutral** measure)

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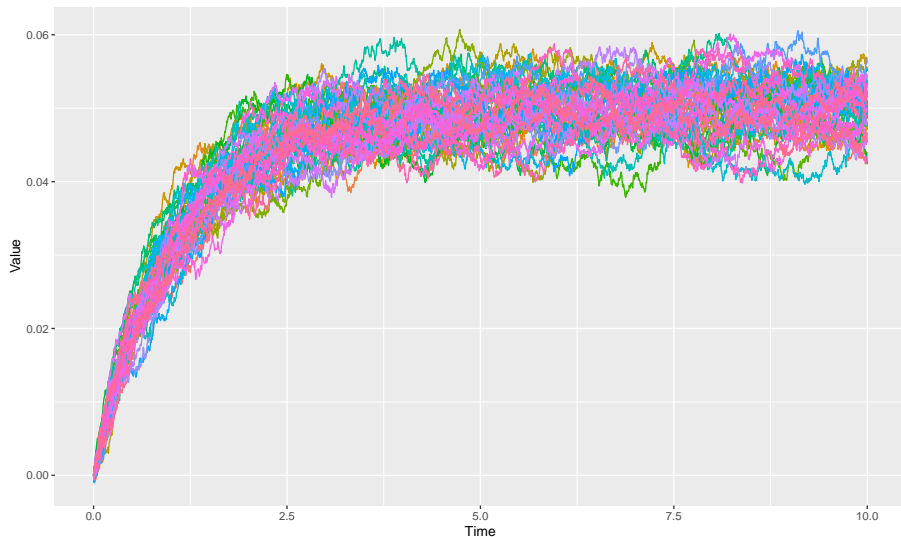
- With  $r_0 = 2\%$ ,  $\kappa = 1$ ,  $\theta = 5\%$  and  $\sigma = 0.5\%$ , using Monte Carlo simulation to simulate  $N = 50$  paths of instantaneous short rate from time 0 to 10.

```
T<-10
n<-2500
delta<-T/n
N<-50
kappa<-1
theta<-0.05
sigma<-0.5/100
r0<-0.02
time<-seq(0,T,length=(n+1))
```

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```
rt<-matrix(r0,(n+1),N)
for (i in 2:(n+1)){
  drt<-kappa*(theta-rt[(i-1),])*delta+
    sigma*sqrt(delta)*rnorm(N,0,1)
  rt[i,<-rt[(i-1),]+drt
}
dat<-as.data.frame(rt)
names(dat)<-paste0("r",1:N)
dat%>%mutate("Time"=time)%>%
  gather("rate",Value,"r1":paste0("r",N))%>%
  ggplot(aes(Time,Value,group=rate,color=rate))+geom_line()+
  theme(legend.position="none")
```

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- $r(t)$  satisfying this SDE is called a mean-reversion stochastic process
  - $\theta$  is the long-term mean
  - $\kappa$  is the convergence rate
- Because  $r(t)$  is a stochastic process, the price at time 0 of a ZC bond pays 1 at time  $T$  is

$$ZC(0) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left( \exp\left(-\int_0^T r(t) dt\right) \right)$$

- With each  $r(t)$  simulated, we have a simulated value for  $ZC(0)$

$$\exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n r_{i\Delta} \times \Delta\right)$$



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```
N<-10^5
rt<-matrix(r0,(n+1),N)
for (i in 2:(n+1)){
  drt<-kappa*(theta-rt[(i-1),])*delta+
    sigma*sqrt(delta)*rnorm(N,0,1)
  rt[i,<-rt[(i-1),]+drt
}
ZC<-exp(-delta*apply(rt,2,sum))
mean(ZC)

## [1] 0.6249339
```

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- We can prove that there is a closed formula for calculating the price of ZC bond under Vasicek model:

$$ZC(0) = A(T) \exp(-B(T)r_0)$$

where

$$B(T) = \frac{1}{\kappa} (1 - \exp(-\kappa T))$$

$$A(T) = \exp \left\{ \left( \theta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2\kappa^2} \right) [B(T) - T] - \frac{\sigma^2}{4\kappa} [B(T)]^2 \right\}$$

- Write a function to calculate the price of ZC bond at time 0 using these formula. Check your simulation result.

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```
ZC<-function(r0,kappa,theta,sigma,T){  
  BT<-1/kappa*(1-exp(-kappa*T))  
  AT<-exp((theta-sigma^2/(2*kappa^2))*(BT-T)-  
          sigma^2/(4*kappa)*BT^2)  
  ZC<-AT*exp(-BT*r0)  
}  
print(ZC(r0,kappa,theta,sigma,T))  
  
## [1] 0.6250678
```

# Interest rate model

In the Vasicek model, the instantaneous short rate can be negative; Cox, Ingersoll and Ross (1985) proposed the following SDE for  $r(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}r(0) &= r_0 \\dr(t) &= \kappa (\theta - r(t)) dt + \sigma \sqrt{r(t)} dB(t)\end{aligned}$$

The resulting model has been a benchmark for many years because of its analytical tractability and the fact that, the instantaneous short rate is always positive.

- 1 With  $r_0 = 2\%$ ,  $T = 10$ ,  $\kappa = 1$ ,  $\theta = 5\%$  and  $\sigma = 3\%$ , simulate  $N$  paths of  $r(t)$  in CIR model.
- 2 Calculate the price of ZC bond at time 0.

# Interest rate model

```
sigma<-3/100
N<-10^5
rt<-matrix(r0,(n+1),N)
for (i in 2:(n+1)){
  drt<-kappa*(theta-rt[(i-1),])*delta+
    sqrt(rt[(i-1),])*sigma*sqrt(delta)*rnorm(N,0,1)
  rt[i,]<-rt[(i-1),]+drt
}
ZC<-exp(-delta*apply(rt,2,sum))
mean(ZC)

## [1] 0.6249244
```