

# On differential equation driven by Brownian motion

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## Background

Stochastic differential equations (SDEs) provide a mathematical framework for modelling systems that evolve in time under the influence of both deterministic forces and random fluctuations. Many real-world processes — such as stock prices, biological systems, climate models, and physical diffusion phenomena — exhibit inherent randomness that cannot be captured by deterministic ordinary differential equations (ODEs). SDEs extend the classical dynamical systems framework by incorporating stochastic terms driven by *Brownian motion*, a continuous-time random process with stationary, independent increments.

## Itô and Stratonovich Integrals

To define SDEs rigorously, one must specify the meaning of integration with respect to Brownian motion  $B_t$ . Two main interpretations are used: the **Itô integral** and the **Stratonovich integral**.

The *Itô integral*, introduced by Kiyosi Itô in the 1940s, is defined in a non-anticipative (or *causal*) sense — the integrand at time  $t$  depends only on information available up to  $t$ . This makes Itô calculus particularly well-suited for modelling systems in finance and control theory, where future information cannot be used. However, the Itô integral does not satisfy the ordinary chain rule; instead, it follows the *Itô lemma*, which includes an additional correction term accounting for stochastic variance.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space and let  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a filtration satisfying the usual conditions (right-continuous and  $\mathbb{P}$ -complete). Let  $B_t^\mathbb{P}$  be a standard Brownian motion with respect to  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Let  $X_t$  satisfy the Itô stochastic differential equation driven by Brownian Motion  $B_t^\mathbb{P}$*

$$dX_t = a(X_t, t) dt + b(X_t, t) dB_t^\mathbb{P},$$

*and let  $f(x, t)$  be a twice continuously differentiable function in  $x$  and once in  $t$ . Then the process  $Y_t = f(X_t, t)$  evolves according to*

$$df(X_t, t) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(X_t, t) + a(X_t, t) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(X_t, t) + \frac{1}{2} b^2(X_t, t) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(X_t, t) \right) dt + b(X_t, t) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(X_t, t) dB_t^\mathbb{P}.$$

By contrast, the *Stratonovich integral* uses a symmetric (midpoint) approximation of the Brownian path and therefore preserves the standard rules of calculus, such as the chain rule. This makes the Stratonovich formulation more natural in physical and engineering contexts where stochastic perturbations arise as limits of smooth noise or when modelling continuous systems in contact with a fluctuating environment.

**Itô Integral Definition.** The Itô integral  $\int_0^T X_t dY_t$  exists if

$$\lim_{\|\Pi\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} X_{t_i} (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i}), \quad (1)$$

exists in  $L^2$  where  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k = T$  is a partition  $\Pi$  of  $[0, T]$ . By  $\|\Pi\| \rightarrow 0$  we mean the maximum step size of the partition goes to zero. In this case, we write

$$\int_0^T X_t dY_t = \lim_{\|\Pi\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} X_{t_i} (Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_i}).$$

*Example solution.* We can tell students to think of  $Y_t$  to be BM /semi-martingale. □

Suppose we have a process  $X_t$  and nice enough function  $a = a(t, x), b = b(t, x)$  such that

$$(\text{integral form}) \quad X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t a(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t b(s, X_s) dY_s,$$

then as shorthand notation we write

$$(\text{differential form}) \quad dX_t = a(t, X_t) dt + b(t, X_t) dY_t$$

**Stratonovich Integral Definition.**

$$\int_0^T X_t \circ dW_t = \lim_{\|\Pi\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{X_{t_{i+1}} + X_{t_i}}{2} (W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i}), \quad (2)$$

where  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k = T$  again denotes a partition of the time interval with mesh  $\|\Pi\| \rightarrow 0$ .

In differential (SDE) notation, we may write:

$$(\text{differential form}) \quad dX_t = a_t dt + b_t \circ dY_t \quad \text{or,} \quad (\text{integral form}) \quad X_T - X_0 = \int_0^T a_s ds + \int_0^T b_s \circ dY_s.$$

## Stochastic SINDy

Recently, *Stochastic Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics (Stochastic SINDy)* has emerged as a data-driven approach to discovering the governing equations of stochastic systems directly from trajectory data. It extends the deterministic SINDy framework—which represents the system’s dynamics as a sparse linear combination of candidate nonlinear functions—by incorporating stochastic terms that capture random perturbations and diffusion effects.

In Stochastic SINDy, one typically assumes a model of the form:

$$dX_t = f(X_t) dt + g(X_t) dB_t^{\mathbb{P}},$$

where both the drift  $f(X_t)$  and diffusion  $g(X_t)$  are inferred from observed data using sparse regression techniques. This allows researchers to recover interpretable models of complex stochastic systems, even when the underlying equations are not known *a priori*.

## 1 Literature review

*Example solution.* An ideal project should address most of the bullets more or less:

- Describe the motivation for studying stochastic differential equations (SDEs) — why randomness is essential in modelling real-world systems.
- Difference between strong and weak solution
- Outline the historical development of stochastic calculus: the emergence of Brownian motion and Wiener processes. In particular, the contributions of Kiyosi Itô and Ruslan Stratonovich.
- Compare the Itô and Stratonovich approaches: Definitions, intuition, and differences in interpretation. Typical use cases for each (e.g. finance vs. physics). This should include key references such as Itô (1944), Stratonovich (1966), and standard SDE textbooks (e.g. Øksendal, Karatzas & Shreve).
- Discuss Numerical Simulation Methods (including accuracy, convergence, and computational cost), including (but not limited to) Euler–Maruyama method. Some other interesting methods are the Milstein scheme, stochastic Runge–Kutta methods. Highlight challenges in simulating Stratonovich vs Itô equations.
- Summarise literature on system identification for stochastic systems. Introduce Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics (SINDy) and its stochastic extensions (Stochastic SINDy, Neural SINDy, etc.). Discuss how stochastic SINDy relates to classical estimation techniques (e.g. Maximum Likelihood, Kalman filtering). Highlight current research gaps (e.g. robustness to noise, interpretability, or scalability).
- Discuss assumptions made by different authors (e.g. stationarity, ergodicity, Gaussian noise). Point

Now sure how much we want to prompt the students. I am more tempted to give this to the solution file so that supervisors can direct the students in the correct direction.

out limitations in current models or simulation techniques. Reflect on how these gaps motivate the present study or project.


- Consistent estimation of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  for arithmetic BM/diffusions, and difficulties in estimating  $\mu$  with reference.   □

## 2 Part 2: Numerical computations

This part is for us, will be removed in the final version: The general theme is– in Q1, the students learn about uniqueness and existence of SDE (might have some overlap with FM04, but not necessary for students to have prior knowledge). This leads to an integral representation, which can be written in either Itô or in Stratonovich sense. This brings us to Q2, where they learn how to calculate Stratonovich integrals and Itô integrals separately. From this, they can verify the correction term in the Itô formula. Then, in Q3, in the absence of noise, they learn how to numerically compute the functional form of  $\mu$  (this is a 3-dim case). In Q4, the students will learn how to identify the drift and diffusion functions from data.

**Q1 Itô-Stratonovich correction:** Consider the stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = \mu(t, X_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dB_t^{\mathbb{P}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $B$  is a Brownian motion. The  DE can equivalently be written in integral form as

$$X_t = X_s + \int_s^t \mu(u, X_u)du + \int_s^t \sigma(u, X_u)dB_u^{\mathbb{P}}. \quad (4)$$

State a sufficient condition for  $\mu, \sigma : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that guarantees existence and uniqueness of a strong solution to this SDE.

*Example solution.* One such condition can be global Lipschitz + linear growth. They need to define the conditions properly in the project. □

Under the assumption of existence and uniqueness of the solution of the form (4) and differentiability of  $\sigma$ , write down the corresponding Stratonovich form differential equation.

*Example solution.* We have  $\sigma$  that is differentiable. Let  $X$  solve

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \mu(u, X_u)du + \int_0^t \sigma(u, X_u)dB_u.$$

Then  $X$  solves the Stratonovich equation

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \left( \mu(u, X_u) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma(u, X_u) \partial_x \sigma(u, X_u) \right) du + \int_0^t \sigma(u, X_u) \circ dB_u. \quad (5)$$

□

Consider now the ODE

$$y'(s) = \sigma(y(s)) \quad (6)$$

and assume that  $\sigma$  is smooth and a solution  $y = y(s)$  is defined for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Derive the Itô SDE satisfied by

$$X_t = y(B_t). \quad \img alt="comment icon" data-bbox="578 828 608 851"/>$$

Derive also the corresponding Stratonovich SDE for  $X$ . What do you observe?

*Example solution.* From the classical chain rule we know that  $y''(s) = \sigma'(y(s))y'(s) = \sigma'(y(s))\sigma(y(s))$ . Then from Itô's lemma

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= y'(B_t)dB_t + \frac{1}{2}y''(B_t)dt = \sigma(y(B_t))dB_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma'(y(B_t))\sigma(y(B_t))dt \\ &= \sigma(X_t)dB_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma'(X_t)\sigma(X_t)dt. \end{aligned}$$

To compute the Stratonovich counterpart, by means of the conversion formula above, we obtain

$$dX_t = \sigma(X_t) \circ dB_t,$$

as one would get by “blindly” applying the classical chain rule to  $X_t$ . □

Simulate  $S_T$  for  $N = 100,000$  price paths where the path follows the dynamics with time grid  $t_i = \frac{i}{500}$  (do not use  $\log S_t$  process to simulate)

$$dS_t = \kappa(\theta - S_t)dt + \sigma S_t \circ dW_t^{\mathbb{P}},$$

where,  $S_0 = 100, T = 1, \kappa = 2, \theta = 100, \sigma = 0.6$ . Calculate numerically the European call option price under probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  for strike price  $K = 100$  and maturity  $T = 1$ :  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}((S_T - K)_+)$ .

Now simulate another  $N = 100,000$  many price paths  $S'_T$  which comes from the dynamics

$$dS'_t = \kappa(\theta - S'_t)S'_t dt + \sigma S'_t dW_t^{\mathbb{P}},$$

where,  $S'_0 = 100, T = 1, \kappa = 2, \theta = 100, \sigma = 0.2$  as before. Calculate again numerically the European call option price under probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  for strike price  $K = 100$  and maturity  $T = 1$  from the simulated  $S'_T$  i.e.  $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}(S'_T - K)_+$ . Plot the histogram of  $S_T$  and  $S'_T$  in a single graph. What is your observation?

Note that in this task you are *not* asked to calculate the typical call option price under the risk-neutral measure  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

*Example solution.* For the Stratonovich sense  $dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t \circ dW_t$  first the students need to convert to Itô form by adding the Itô correction term to the drift

$$dS_t = \kappa(\theta - S_t)dt + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t. \quad (7)$$

One can now use the Euler–Maruyama scheme on (7). i.e. the asset price  $S_t$  is discretized as:

$$S_{t+\Delta t} = S_t + \kappa(\theta - S_t)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S_t \Delta t + \sigma S_t \Delta W_t.$$

Then they compute the payoff for a European call option from this formula:

$$\text{payoff}_i = \max(S_T^{(i)} - K, 0), \quad (8)$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . The discounted call option price is then estimated as

$$C_0 \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{payoff}_i. \quad (9)$$

Need the values for solution. □

**Q2 Computing iterated integrals:** Iterated integrals capture how different parts of a path interact over time, and together they form something called ‘signature’ (these are nothing but a collection of (Stratonovich type) iterated integrals) of that path, which encodes its essential shape and behaviour. In finance, signatures can help describe and analyse how prices evolve, making them

useful for modelling, forecasting, and understanding market dynamics. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $k$ -th order signature of a path/process  $X$  is defined as follows.

$$S^{(k)}(X)_{s,t} = \int_s^t \int_s^{u_k} \cdots \int_s^{u_2} \circ dX_{u_1} \circ dX_{u_2} \cdots \circ dX_{u_k}.$$

Calculate the  $S^{(1)}(X)_{s,t}$ ,  $S^{(2)}(X)_{s,t}$  and  $S^{(3)}(X)_{s,t}$  for  $X_t = a + bt$ .

*Example solution.* Let  $X_t = a + bt$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Then  $dX_t = b dt$ .

Since  $dX_{u_i} = b du_i$ , each integral is an ordinary (Riemann) integral, so

$$S^{(k)}(X)_{s,t} = b^k \int_s^t \int_s^{u_k} \cdots \int_s^{u_2} du_1 du_2 \cdots du_k.$$

The iterated integral of 1 over the simplex  $\{s < u_1 < \cdots < u_k < t\}$  equals  $\frac{(t-s)^k}{k!}$ , hence (the students can simply calculate by hand for the first 3, no need to do this general approach)

$$S^{(k)}(X)_{s,t} = \frac{b^k (t-s)^k}{k!}.$$

In particular,

$$S^{(1)}(X)_{s,t} = b(t-s), \quad S^{(2)}(X)_{s,t} = \frac{b^2(t-s)^2}{2}, \quad S^{(3)}(X)_{s,t} = \frac{b^3(t-s)^3}{6}.$$

□

Now consider  $X_t = B_t$ , the standard Brownian motion. Calculate  $S^{(1)}(X)_{s,t}$  and  $S^{(2)}(X)_{s,t}$ .

*Example solution.* In this case,  $dX_t = dB_t$ . So,

$$S^{(1)}(X)_{s,t} = \int_s^t \circ dB_u = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 1 \times (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) = B_t - B_s.$$

Second order:

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(2)}(X)_{s,t} &= \int_s^t \int_s^{u_2} \circ dB_{u_1} \circ dB_{u_2} = \int_s^t (B_{u_2} - B_s) \circ dB_{u_2} \\ &= \int_s^t B_{u_2} \circ dB_{u_2} - B_s \int_s^t \circ dB_{u_2} \\ &= \left( \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{B_{t_i} + B_{t_{i+1}}}{2} \times (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) \right) - B_s(B_t - B_s) \\ &= \cdots = \frac{B_t - B_s}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

Calculate the Itô iterated integrals  $\int_s^t dX_u$  and  $\int_s^t \int_s^{u_2} dX_{u_1} dX_{u_2}$  for the above two cases of  $X$ . What is the Itô-Stratonovich correction term for both cases?

*Example solution.* For the linear case, it is the same as above (as a result of  $X_t$  being smooth):

$$S^{(1)}(X)_{s,t} = b(t-s), \quad S^{(2)}(X)_{s,t} = \frac{b^2(t-s)^2}{2}.$$

For the case  $X_t = B_t$ , since BM is not smooth (has non-zero quadratic variation), the Itô integral is different from the Stratonovich integral, and is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_s^t dB_u &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 1 \times (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) = B_t - B_s. \\ \int_s^t \int_s^{u_2} dB_{u_1} dB_{u_2} &= \int_s^t (B_{u_2} - B_s) dB_{u_2} \\ &= \int_s^t B_u dB_u - B_s(B_t - B_s) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Itô formula}}{=} \frac{B_t^2 - B_s^2}{2} - \frac{t-s}{2} - B_s(B_t - B_s) \\ &= \frac{(B_t - B_s)^2 - (t-s)}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

□

Now plot the histogram and the CDF of  $\frac{2S^{(2)}(B)_{s,t}}{t-s}$  for,  $t = 10, s = 5$  by generating  $M = 10,000$  sample paths. Calculate the mean, variance and empirical 95% confidence band. Identify the distribution theoretically. Return the p-value of the KS statistics (use the theoretical distribution as a reference).



*Example solution.* The distribution should be  $\mathcal{X}^2$  with 1 degree of freedom.

Need the values to provide in solution

□

Happy to change the question to calculating signatures of  $\begin{pmatrix} t \\ B_t \end{pmatrix}$  which is used for signature models in finance, but I feel the two dimensional case might be too difficult for weak students, open to feedbacks.

**Q3 ODE setup** Assume now that we are in a deterministic setting, and we consider a physical system described by an ODE. Viz.

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t)). \quad (10)$$

The vector  $\mathbf{x}(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  denotes the state of the system at time  $t$ , and the function  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t)) = (f_1(x(t)), \dots, f_n(x(t)))^T$  represents the dynamic constraints that define the equations of motion of the system.

Let us now say we observe the state of the system  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  and its derivative  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)$  at  $m$  points in time  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m)$ , and let us arrange these data into two matrices:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}^T(t_1) \\ \mathbf{x}^T(t_2) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^T(t_m) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t_1) & x_2(t_1) & \cdots & x_n(t_1) \\ x_1(t_2) & x_2(t_2) & \cdots & x_n(t_2) \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1(t_m) & x_2(t_m) & \cdots & x_n(t_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T(t_1) \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T(t_2) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}^T(t_m) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t_1) & \dot{x}_2(t_1) & \cdots & \dot{x}_n(t_1) \\ \dot{x}_1(t_2) & \dot{x}_2(t_2) & \cdots & \dot{x}_n(t_2) \\ & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \dot{x}_1(t_m) & \dot{x}_2(t_m) & \cdots & \dot{x}_n(t_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

The goal is to learn  $\mathbf{f}$  from the data. The steps are summarised as follows (Feel free to refer to e.g. [1]):

A library  $\Theta(\mathbf{X})$  of nonlinear candidate functions of the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  is constructed, which may be constant, polynomial, or more exotic functions (like trigonometric and rational terms, and so on):

$$\Theta(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & | & & | & | & | \\ 1 & \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{X}^{P_2} & \mathbf{X}^{P_3} & \cdots & \sin(\mathbf{X}) & \cos(\mathbf{X}) & \cdots \\ | & | & | & | & & | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, higher polynomials are denoted as  $\mathbf{X}^{P_2}, \mathbf{X}^{P_3}, \dots$  e.g.

$$\mathbf{X}^{P_2} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2(t_1) & x_1(t_1)x_2(t_1) & \cdots & x_2^2(t_1) & \cdots & x_n^2(t_1) \\ x_1^2(t_2) & x_1(t_2)x_2(t_2) & \cdots & x_2^2(t_2) & \cdots & x_n^2(t_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^2(t_m) & x_1(t_m)x_2(t_m) & \cdots & x_2^2(t_m) & \cdots & x_n^2(t_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

and so forth.

Each column of  $\Theta(\mathbf{X})$  represents a candidate function for the right-hand side of (10). Because only a few terms are expected to be active at each point in time, an assumption is made that  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t))$  admits a sparse representation in  $\Theta(\mathbf{X})$ .

We set up a sparse regression problem to determine the sparse vectors of coefficients  $\Xi = [\xi_1 \ \xi_2 \ \cdots \ \xi_n]$  determining the active terms in  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ :

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \Theta(\mathbf{X})\Xi.$$

This then becomes an optimisation problem in finding a sparse  $\Xi$  which optimally embeds  $\dot{\mathbf{X}}$ . In other words, a parsimonious model is obtained by performing least squares regression on the system (10) as follows.

$$\xi_{\mathbf{k}} = \arg \min_{\xi'_{\mathbf{k}}} \left\| \dot{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}} - \Theta(\mathbf{X})\xi'_{\mathbf{k}} \right\|_2 + \lambda \|\xi'_{\mathbf{k}}\|_1,$$

where  $\lambda$  is a regularisation parameter. Finally, the sparse set of  $\xi_{\mathbf{k}}$  can be used to reconstruct the dynamical system:

$$\dot{x}_k = f_k(\mathbf{x}) = \Theta(\mathbf{x}^\top)\xi_k.$$

Notice that  $\Theta(\mathbf{x}^\top)$  is a vector of symbolic functions of elements of  $\mathbf{x}$ , as opposed to  $\Theta(\mathbf{X})$ , which is a data matrix. Thus, in conclusion

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \Xi^\top (\Theta(\mathbf{x}^\top))^\top.$$

Now consider the dataset  $(x_{t_i}, y_{t_i}, z_{t_i})$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 50,000$  provided in ‘Lorenz.csv’ and consider a polynomial library of  $x, y, z$  up to order 4. Use the ‘pysindy’ package (Code available at <https://github.com/dynamicslab/pysindy>) for two regularisation parameters of  $\lambda$  (say 0.001 and 0.5) to learn the function  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  such that the following system holds

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x, y, z) \\ f_2(x, y, z) \\ f_3(x, y, z) \end{pmatrix}.$$

@Martin change them if needed, these are ad-hoc

*Example solution. Chaotic Lorenz System* The data matrix should come from

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \sigma(y - x) \\ \dot{y} &= x(\rho - z) - y \\ \dot{z} &= xy - \beta z \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where  $\sigma, \beta, \rho > 0$ . Let  $\sigma = 1, \rho = 2, \beta = 3$ . This question is inspired by [1], where they provide a link to the code. . Need the final estimates for the solution file □

@Martin change them if needed

**Q4 Learning drift and diffusion** Consider the EUR-USD time series (10-year history, excluding weekends) provided in ‘data.csv’. Assume this data follows a time-homogeneous SDE of the form (3). Denote the EUR-USD time series as  $X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_N}$ . Use stochastic SINDy described in [2, Eq. (4.3), (4.4)] to estimate the drift and diffusion Use a polynomial library of order 5. You can use the ‘pysindy’ package in Python. Plot the drift and the diffusion function estimate from stochastic SINDy.

There is a better estimator of  $\mu$  in the same paper Eq (6.2) in [2]. I intentionally chose the simpler one as this is the one the students can use in part 3

*Example solution.* Need the plots in the solution file

□

The stochastic SINDy above provides a functional form of  $\mu : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Plot both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ . Using this functional form, you can simulate new sample paths of  $X_t$  from (3). Now use Monte Carlo with antithetic variables (see FM06), tabulate and plot the implied volatility smile for this EUR/USD path.

*Example solution.* Need the plot/table in the solution file


□

Last exercise (simulated setup):

- (a) Take  $N = 50,000$  and define  $t_i = \frac{i}{N}$  for all  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$ . Simulate  $(X_{t_i})_{i=1}^N$  from the following generalized OU process

$$dX_t = \kappa(\theta - X_t)dt + \sigma X_t dW_t,$$

where  $\kappa = ?$ ,  $\sigma = ?$ ,  $\theta = ?$ .

- (b) Use the Stochastic  Dy algorithm as described above with a polynomial library up to order 5 to get  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$ .

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