Valuation Adjustments

with an Affine-Diffusion-based Interest Rate Smile

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2. Focus on xVAs for IR derivatives.
3. Common xVA modeling setup in a Monte Carlo framework:
   a. Use one-factor short-rate model in Affine Diffusion class.
   b. Analytic tractability motivates use for xVA purposes.
   c. Example: Hull-White one-factor model (HW1F).

HW1F model

1. Impossible to fit to the whole market volatility surface (expiry $\times$ tenor $\times$ strike).
2. Time-dependent piece-wise constant volatility parameter used to calibrate the model to a strip of ATM co-terminal swaptions.
3. Forward rate under HW1F is shifted-lognormal: there is skew but it cannot be controlled.
4. The model does not generate volatility smile.
5. HW1F dynamics in the G1++ form:

$$r(t) = x(t) + b(t), \quad \mathrm{d}x(t) = -a_x x(t)\mathrm{d}t + \sigma_x(t)\mathrm{d}W(t).$$

Smile and skew: the market

1. Volatility smile on the short end.
2. Transforms into skew over time.

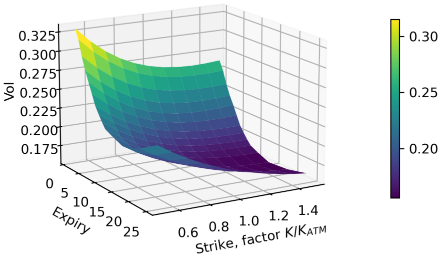

Figure: USD swaption volatility surface with 10Y tenor, market data from 28/09/2022. The volatilities are shifted Black volatilities. The strike is given as a factor times the ATM strike K_{ATM}, e.g., 1.2 means a strike of $1.2 \cdot K_{\text{ATM}}$.

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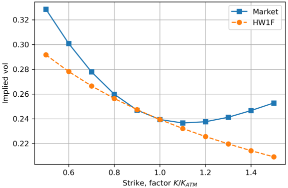

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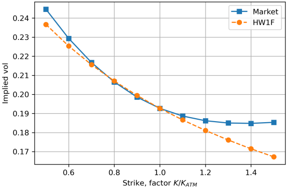

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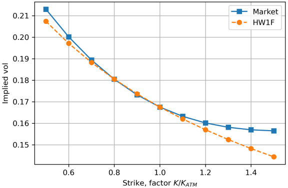

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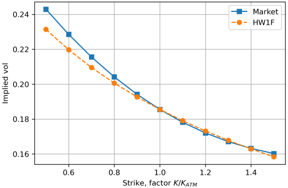

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Figure: USD 30Y co-terminal swaption volatility strips (02/12/2022).

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4. Examples in literature:
   a. Andreasen used a four-factor Cheyette model with local and stochastic volatility [1].
   b. Quadratic Gaussian models (quadratic form for the short rate) also allow smile control [3, Section 16.3.2].

Our contribution

1. Find SDE with state-dependent drift / diffusion that is consistent with the convex combination of N different HW1F models, where one model parameter is varied.
2. This model allows to capture market smile and skew.
3. Profit from the analytic tractability of Affine Diffusion dynamics.
4. The model allows for fast and semi-analytic swaption calibration.
5. Monte Carlo pricing using regression methods.
6. Use the idea of the RAnD method to parameterize the model: one additional degree of freedom for HW1F.

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Fokker-Planck: applied to our case

We write down the FP equation for both $r(t)$ and $r_n(t)$. Using

$$f_{r(t)}(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \omega_n f_{r_n(t)}(y), \tag{4}$$

and linearity of the derivative operator we obtain:

$$\mathrm{d}r(t) = \mu_r(t, r(t))\mathrm{d}t + \eta_r(t, r(t))\mathrm{d}W(t), \tag{5}$$

$$\mu_r(t, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mu_{r_n}(t, y)\Lambda_n(t, y), \tag{6}$$

$$\eta_r^2(t, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \eta_{r_n}^2(t, y)\Lambda_n(t, y), \tag{7}$$

$$\Lambda_n(t, y) = \frac{\omega_n f_{r_n(t)}(y)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \omega_i f_{r_i(t)}(y)}. \tag{8}$$

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The $r_n(t)$ dynamics

We work with the HW1F model in the G1++ formulation, where each $r_n(t)$ has a different mean-reversion θ_n:

$$r_n(t) = x_n(t) + b_n(t), \tag{9}$$

$$\mathrm{d}x_n(t) = -\theta_n x_n(t)\mathrm{d}t + \sigma_x \mathrm{d}W(t), \tag{10}$$

$$b_n(t) = f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,t) - x_n(0)\mathrm{e}^{-\theta_n t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_x^2 {B_n}^2(0,T), \tag{11}$$

$$B_n(s,t) = \frac{1}{\theta_n}\left(1 - \mathrm{e}^{-\theta_n(t-s)}\right). \tag{12}$$

- Constant volatility σ_x for ease of notation, in reality piece-wise constant $\sigma_x(t)$ is used.
- $r_n(t) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbb{E}_s\left[x_n(t)\right] + b_n(t), \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}_s\left(x_n(t)\right)\right)$ conditional on $\mathcal{F}_s$.
- So $f_{r_n(t)}(y)$ is a normal pdf.

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Writing these dynamics in the desired form

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yields

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$$\eta_{r_n}(t, r_n(t)) = \sigma_x. \tag{15}$$

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Using these results, we have that

$$\mathrm{d}r(t) = \mu_r(t, r(t))\mathrm{d}t + \eta_r(t, r(t))\mathrm{d}W(t), \tag{16}$$

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3. Eq. (20) obtained for call option on equity when imposing (19) under the T-forward measure.
4. Eq. (20) holds for non-path-dependent derivatives only.
5. For more complex derivatives, derive state-dependent (local-vol type) dynamics as before.

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$$V(t, r(t;\vartheta)) = \int_{[a,b]} V(t, r(t;\theta))\mathrm{d}F_\vartheta(\theta) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N} \omega_n V(t, r(t;\theta_n)).$$

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RAnD for model parametrization

1. Use the idea of the RAnD method to reduce dimensionality of our model parameters.
2. We do not suffer from the quadrature error.
3. We work with the HW1F dynamics.
4. We choose $\vartheta = a_x$, i.e., the mean-reversion parameter.
5. Impose $\mathcal{N}\left(\mu_\vartheta, \sigma_\vartheta^2\right)$ as randomizer (constant over time).
6. $N = 5$ suitable when ϑ follows a normal (or uniform) distribution.
7. Key advantage: one additional degree of freedom w.r.t. HW1F.

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   a. Fit the initial coterminal smile.
   b. Fit all ATM points of the vol surface.
   c. Fit all coterminal smiles.
5. Bootstrap calibration of piece-wise constant model volatility to get a good ATM fit to the coterminal swaption strip.

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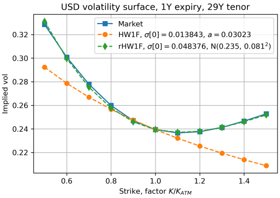
Calibration results



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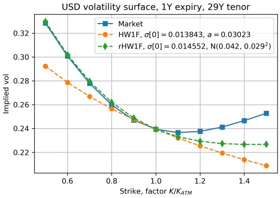

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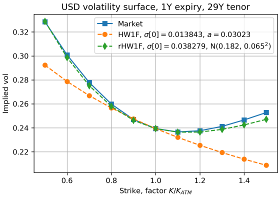

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Figure: Initial coterminal smile. USD market data from 02/12/2022.

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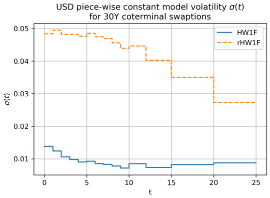

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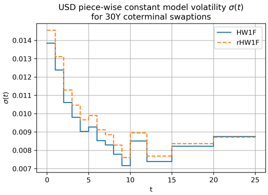

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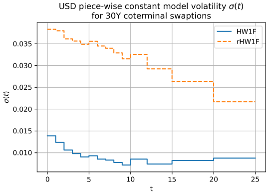

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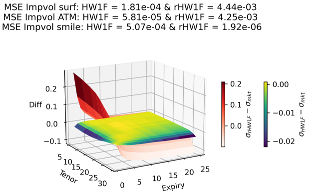

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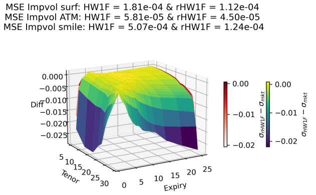

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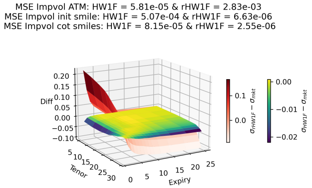

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Figure: Difference in ATM implied vols. USD market data from 02/12/2022.

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$$\int_s^t \mu_r(u, r(u))\mathrm{d}u = f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,t) - f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,s)$$
$$+ \int_s^t \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left[\theta_n f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,u) - \theta_n r(u) + \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}_0\left(r_n(u)\right)\right] \Lambda_n(u, r(u))\mathrm{d}u.$$

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2. Ideally we make large time steps. Hence, we integrate $\mathrm{d}r(t)$ to obtain an expression for $r(t)$ conditional on $r(s)$ for $s < t$, i.e.,
$$r(t) = r(s) + \int_s^t \mu_r(u, r(u))\mathrm{d}u + \int_s^t \eta_r(u, r(u))\mathrm{d}W(u). \qquad (25)$$
3. The integrated drift is difficult to compute:
$$\int_s^t \mu_r(u, r(u))\mathrm{d}u = f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,t) - f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,s)$$
$$+ \int_s^t \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left[\theta_n f^{\mathrm{M}}(0,u) - \theta_n r(u) + \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}_0\left(r_n(u)\right)\right] \Lambda_n(u, r(u))\mathrm{d}u.$$
4. Alternatively: machine learning, e.g., Seven-League scheme [6].

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Pricing under the $r(t)$ dynamics

1. Valuation as convex combination of underlying prices only for Europeans.
2. In general, we can use Monte Carlo with regression:
   a. Regression to avoid nested simulation.
   b. For example, we simulate r from t_0 to t and at this point we want to compute $P(t,T) = \mathbb{E}_t\left[\mathrm{e}^{-\int_t^T r(s)\mathrm{d}s}\right]$.
   c. For each T where we need $P(t,T)$ in pricing, it is regressed on $r(t)$.
   d. For example, an n-th order polynomial can be used as regression function, or something of exponential form.
3. These regression-based methods lend themselves naturally for xVA calculations, also known as American Monte Carlo.

Pricing a swaption under the $r(t)$ dynamics

1. Swaption with 10k notional, 5y expiry, on a 5y payer swap with annual payments.
2. Use 10^5 MC paths (antithetic variates turned on) and 100 simulation dates per year.
3. Polynomial regression of degree 4.

	Value	Imp.vol
HW1F: analytic	328.63814	0.22186
Convex comb: analytic	580.31577	0.40080
Convex comb: MC regressed ZCB	582.41497	0.40235
RAnD dynamics: MC regressed ZCB	581.20828	0.40146
Abs diff	1.20669	8.92e-04
Rel diff	2.08e-03	

Table: Results for all coterminal smiles calibration. Absolute and relative differences are between convex combination and RAnD dynamics values using the MC with regressed ZCB. RAnD 95% conf.int.: $(578.96, 583.46)$.

Conclusions

1. Find SDE with state-dependent drift / diffusion that is consistent with the convex combination of N different HW1F models, where one model parameter is varied.
2. This model allows to capture market smile and skew.
3. Profit from the analytic tractability of Affine Diffusion dynamics.
4. The model allows for fast and semi-analytic swaption calibration.
5. Monte Carlo pricing using regression methods.
6. Use the idea of the RAnD method to parameterize the model: one additional degree of freedom for HW1F.

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Mixture models: Piterbarg's view

Piterbarg [8] says the following about mixture models:

1. Mixture models are safe for European options as their option value does not depend on the volatility path, but only on the average volatility between now and expiry.
2. Equation (20) holds for non-path-dependent derivatives only.
3. For mixture models to work for complex derivatives:
   a. Fully specify the evolution of all state variables in the model through time.
   b. Do not use Equation (20) for valuation.
4. Brigo and Mercurio [2] do this by deriving a local volatility model consistent with the assumption of a (in their case lognormal) mixture. This local volatility model is fully self-consistent.

Mixture models: Brigo and Mercurio's view

Brigo and Mercurio [2] say the following about mixture models:

1. When pricing path-dependent options, you need to have dynamics consistent with the chosen parametric form of the risk-neutral density (used for calibration).
2. It is possible to construct an SDE s.t. its density is given by a convex linear combination of densities, i.e., we find the SDE that follows density $f_{X(t)}(y)$ s.t. Equation (19) holds.
3. For Europeans, the valuation (including Greeks) is analytically tractable through the valuation as a convex linear combination of prices, see Equation (20).
4. This allows for smile and skew to be controlled.
5. Path-dependent / early-exercise products can be valued using Monte Carlo with the derived local volatility model.

Fokker-Planck: general

Fokker-Planck (FP) equation [7, Theorem 4.3.1]:

1. For problems where the initial distribution is known.
2. To obtain a PDE (Kolmogorov forward) that describes the future evolution of the PDF in time.
3. In general, for a process $X(t)$ that is governed by the following SDE

$$\mathrm{d}X(t) = \mu(t, X(t))\mathrm{d}t + \sigma(t, X(t))\mathrm{d}W(t),$$

the FP equation for the density $f_{X(t)}(y)$ of $X(t)$ is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_{X(t)}(y) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left[\mu(t,y) f_{X(t)}(y)\right] + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\left[\sigma^2(t,y) f_{X(t)}(y)\right],$$

where the initial condition is given by the Dirac delta function $f_{X(t_0)}(y) = \delta(y = X(t_0))$.

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Calibration of the $r_n(t)$ dynamics

Classic HW1F calibration:

1. Use mean-reversion to get a good fit to all ATM points of the vol surface in an MSE sense.
2. Bootstrap calibration of piece-wise constant model volatility to ATM points of coterminal swaptions, using Jamshidian decomposition.

Pricing a swaption under the $r(t)$ dynamics

	Value	Imp.vol
HW1F: analytic	328.63814	0.22186
Convex comb: analytic	646.69013	0.45048
Convex comb: MC regressed ZCB	649.17494	0.45237
RAnD dynamics: MC regressed ZCB	646.93318	0.45067
Abs diff	2.24176	1.70e-03
Rel diff	3.47e-03	

Table: Results for initial smile calibration with polynomial regression of degree 4. Absolute and relative differences are between convex combination and RAnD dynamics values using the MC with regressed ZCB. RAnD dynamics value confidence interval: $(644.59, 649.28)$.

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Pricing a swaption under the $r(t)$ dynamics

	Value	Imp.vol
HW1F: analytic	328.63814	0.22186
Convex comb: analytic	333.31157	0.22508
Convex comb: MC regressed ZCB	334.49828	0.22590
RAnD dynamics: MC regressed ZCB	334.54208	0.22593
Abs diff	0.04381	3.02e-05
Rel diff	1.31e-04	

Table: Results for ATM points calibration with polynomial regression of degree 3. Absolute and relative differences are between convex combination and RAnD dynamics values using the MC with regressed ZCB. RAnD dynamics value confidence interval: $(332.87, 336.22)$.

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