

The ZABR family

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The underlying's dynamic is dictated by the following SDE:

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t &= X_t z_t \sigma(X_t) dW_t^X \\dz_t &= \varepsilon(z) dW_t^z \\\langle dW_t^z, dW_t^x \rangle &= \rho dt \\\varepsilon(z) &= \eta z^\gamma\end{aligned}$$

note that η is considered to be the vol of vol.
the normal implied volatility equals:

$$\Sigma(X_0, K, T) = \frac{X_0 - K}{\delta^{1-\gamma} u\left(\delta^{\gamma-2} \int_K^{X_0} \frac{1}{\sigma(s)} ds\right)}$$

with:

$$\delta = \frac{\sigma_{ATM}}{\sigma(X_0)}$$

For sake of simplicity we choose $\gamma = 1$, this helps to find:

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{\eta} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - 2\rho\eta x + \eta^2 x^2} + \eta x - \rho}{1 - \rho} \right)$$

The different shapes of implied volatility functions are:

simple ZABR:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(x) &= x^\beta \\\int_K^{X_0} \frac{1}{\sigma(s)} ds &= \frac{X_0^{1-\beta} - K^{1-\beta}}{1-\beta}\end{aligned}$$

Zabr Double Beta:

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{e^{-\lambda x} x^{-\beta_1} + (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) x^{-\beta_2}}$$

Double Zabr

$$\sigma(x) = x^{\beta_1} \mathbf{1}_{x \leq \phi_0} + \frac{\phi_0^{\beta_1}}{\delta f} (x - \phi_0 + \delta f)^{\beta_2} \mathbf{1}_{x > \phi_0}$$

$$\delta f = \phi_0 \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_1} e^{-d}$$