

Remarks on Stochastic Volatility Models for Equity Derivatives.

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Objectives:

- Given an overview of some stochastic volatility models of the affine class for equity with an emphasis on implementation problems.

On the calibration of the Heston (1993) model

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds_t}{s_t} &= \sqrt{v_t}dw_t^1 \\ dv_t &= \kappa(\theta - v_t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{v_t}dw_t^2 \\ dw_t^1 dw_t^2 &= \rho dt\end{aligned}$$

- θ is the long term vol
- κ is the mean reverting parameter
- σ is the vol-of-vol
- dw_t^1 the noise of the asset, dw_t^2 the noise of the vol

ρ controls the link between vol and asset returns



The Skew or Leverage

Analytical and Financial properties

We do **not** know in closed form the **density** of s_T therefore:

- the computation of expectations (option prices) is a problem
- the estimation using MaxLik is a problem

but we know the MGF (Moments Generating Function) therefore

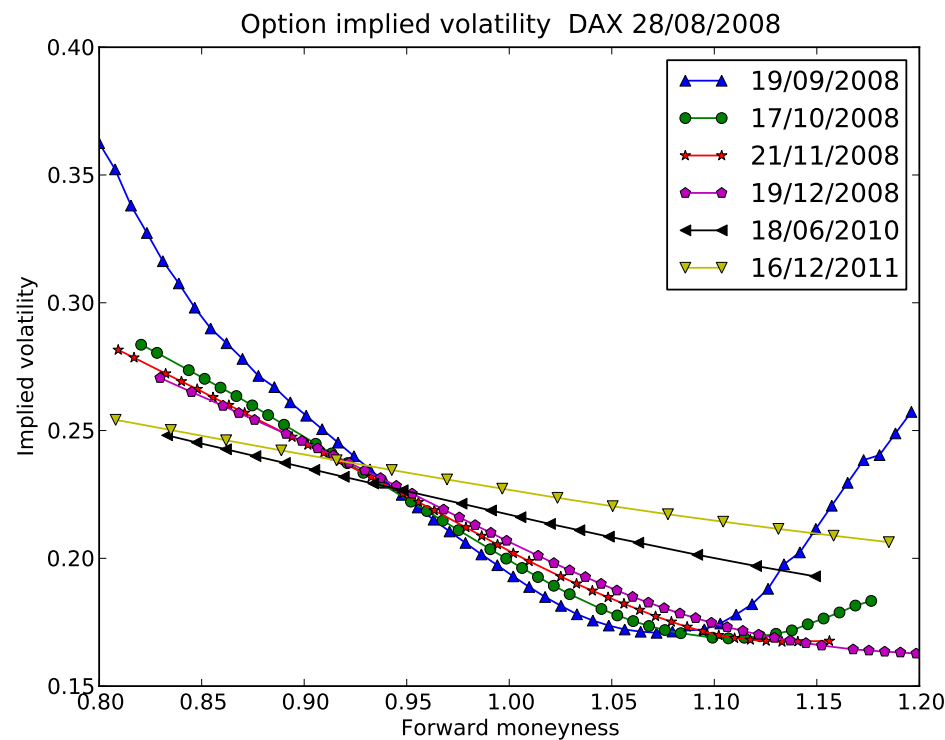
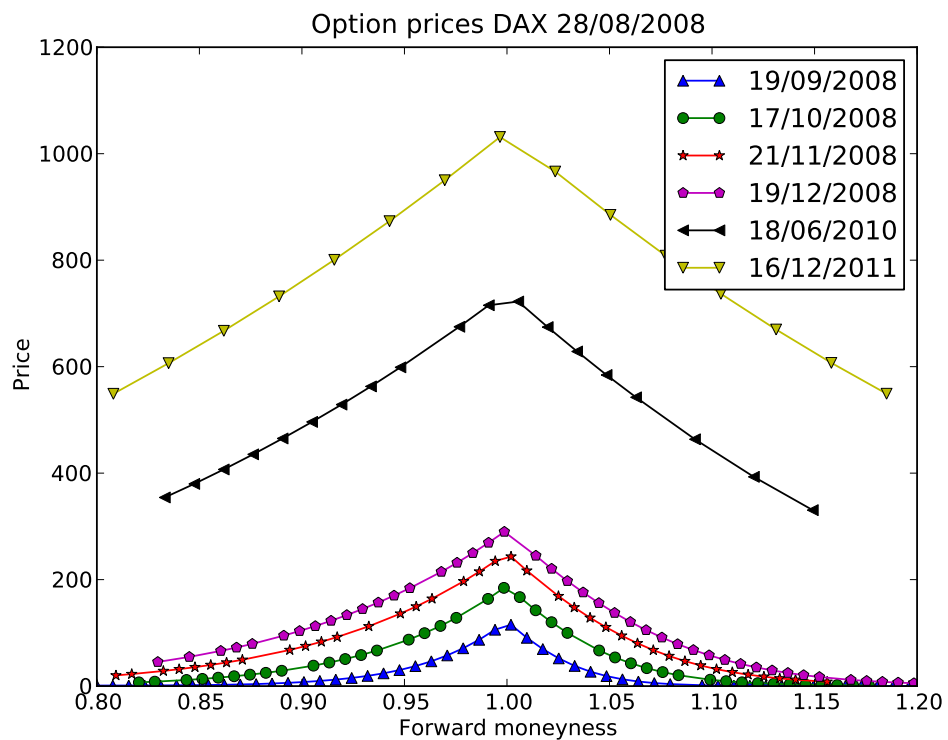
- the computation of expectations expressed as a function of the MGF is feasible (for example:option prices)
- the estimation using GMM (for example) is feasible

Quoting vanilla options

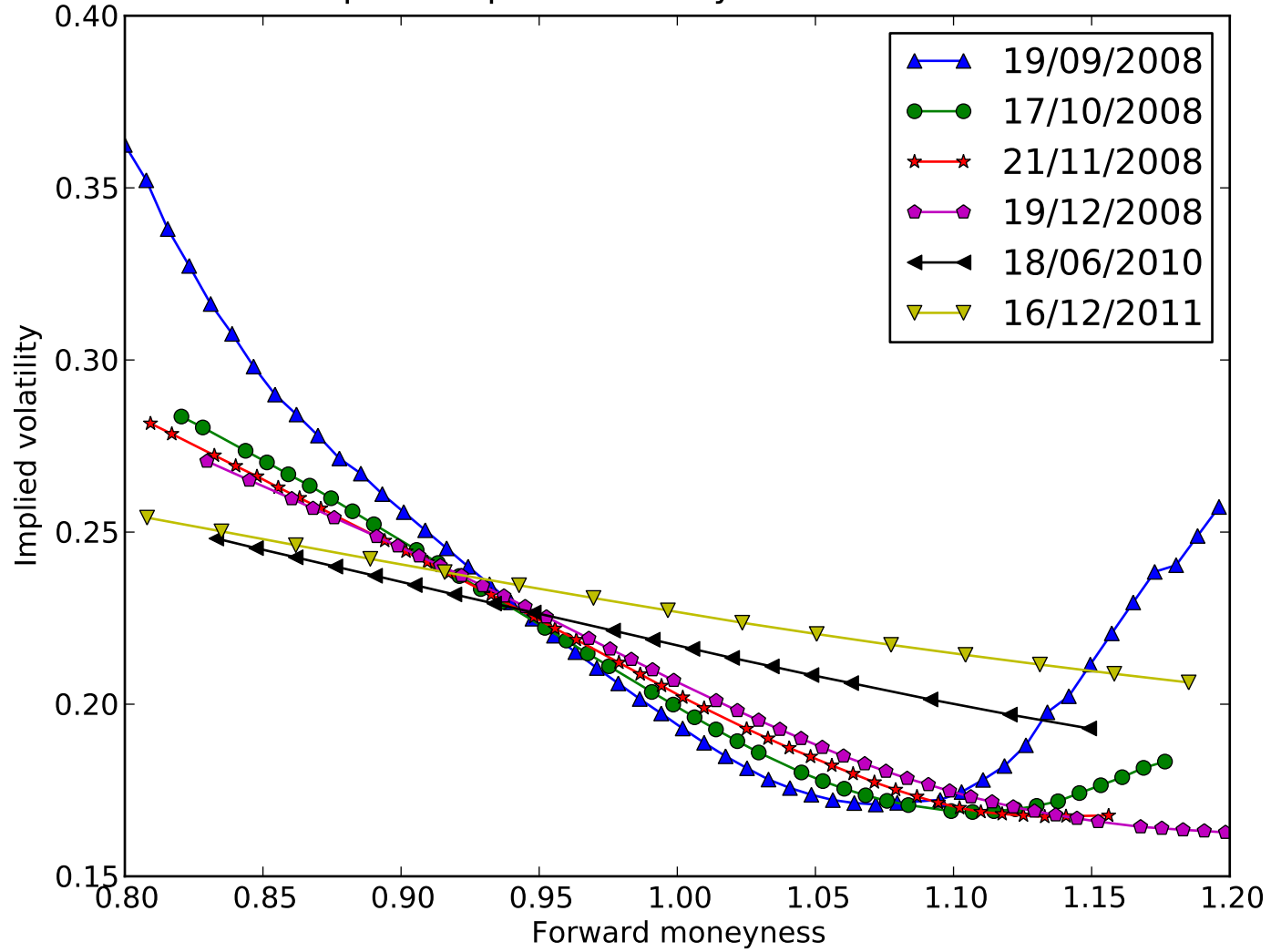
The **implied volatility** σ_{imp} is the quantity such that

$$\underbrace{C_{mkt}(t, T, S_t, K)}_{\text{market price}} = \underbrace{c_{bs}(t, T, S_t, K, \sigma_{imp}^2(T - t))}_{\text{price in the Black\&Scholes model}}$$

On the market we observe the “**Smiles**”



Option implied volatility DAX 28/08/2008



Important facts:

the skew is controlled by ρ



we have a term structure of skews



we should have different values for ρ

Why extending the Heston model?

- The **dynamics** of the implied volatility surface (vanilla options) and the Variance Swap curve are driven by **several factors**
- On the FX market the skew is **stochastic** by Carr&Wu
- We have a skew term structure: **short term skew \neq long term skew**

Double-Heston model

(Christoffensen, Heston, Jacobs 2009)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds_t}{s_t} &= \sqrt{v_t^1} dz_t^1 + \sqrt{v_t^2} dz_t^2 \\ dv_t^1 &= \kappa^1(\theta^1 - v_t^1)dt + \sigma^1 \sqrt{v_t^1} dw_t^1 \\ dv_t^2 &= \kappa^2(\theta^2 - v_t^2)dt + \sigma^2 \sqrt{v_t^2} dw_t^2 \\ dz_t^1 dw_t^1 &= \rho^1 dt \\ dz_t^2 dw_t^2 &= \rho^2 dt\end{aligned}$$

but

$$\underbrace{dz_t^1 dz_t^2 = dw_t^1 dw_t^2 = dz_t^1 dw_t^2 = dz_t^2 dw_t^1}_{\text{AFFINITY}} = 0$$

Recall the Duffie-Filipovic-Schachermayer (2003)'s condition

If $V_t = (v_t^1, v_t^2)^\top$ is a vector **affine** square root process (thus **positive**):

$$d \begin{pmatrix} v_t^1 \\ v_t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \dots dt + \begin{pmatrix} \times & 0 \\ 0 & \times \end{pmatrix} d \begin{pmatrix} w_t^1 \\ w_t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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We have **strong constraints** on the diffusion

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Strong constraints on the **correlation!!**

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We can **not correlate** v_t^1 and v_t^2 in the Double-Heston

Wishart multi-dim Stochastic Vol

- a dynamics based on the Wishart

$$\frac{ds_t}{s_t} = rdt + Tr \left[\sqrt{\Sigma_t} dZ_t \right]$$

- $d\Sigma_t = (\beta Q^\top Q + M\Sigma_t + \Sigma_t M^\top)dt + \sqrt{\Sigma_t} dW_t Q + Q^\top dW_t^\top \sqrt{\Sigma_t}$
- $Z_t =$ Matrix Brownian Motion **correlated** with W_t
- $Vol(S_t) = Tr [\Sigma_t]$ linear combination of the Wishart elements

- $d\Sigma_t = (\beta Q^\top Q + M\Sigma_t + \Sigma_t M^\top)dt + \sqrt{\Sigma_t}dW_tQ + (\sqrt{\Sigma_t}dW_tQ)^\top$
- $\beta Q^\top Q$ with β Gindikin's condition equivalent to Feller.
- M negative definite \Leftrightarrow mean reverting behavior
- Σ_t SYMMETRIC MATRIX SQUARE ROOT PROCESS ($n \times n$)
- Q vol-of-vol.
- $(W_t; t \geq 0)$ is a matrix Brownian motion ($n \times n$)
- the constraint $\beta Q^\top Q$ was relaxed by Cuchero et al.

Correlation in the Wishart model

- $R \in M_n$ completely describes the correlation structure:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t &= W_t R^\top + B_t \sqrt{\mathbb{I} - R R^\top} \\ &= \text{Matrix Brownian motion!} \end{aligned}$$

- This choice is compatible with **affinity** of the model!!
- Other (few) choices are possible but harder to manage.
- We know how to compute the **MGF**! (but we need to know how to **derive** the function).

The Multi-asset model

How to build a multi asset framework:

- Consistent with the **smile** in vanilla options
- With a **general correlation** structure
- **Analytic** as much as possible

Using Heston's model

$$ds_t^1 = s_t^1 \sqrt{v_t^1} dz_t^1$$

$$dv_t^1 = \kappa_1(\theta_1 - v_t^1)dt + \sigma_1 \sqrt{v_t^1} dw_t^1$$

$$ds_t^2 = s_t^2 \sqrt{v_t^2} dz_t^2$$

$$dv_t^2 = \kappa_2(\theta_2 - v_t^2)dt + \sigma_2 \sqrt{v_t^2} dw_t^2$$

$$dz^1 dz^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Affinity of the model}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\frac{ds^1}{s^1} \frac{ds^2}{s^2} = 0$$

The Wishart Affine Stochastic Correlation model

The model: $s_t = (s_t^1, s_t^2)^\top$ and $\Sigma_t \in M_{(2,2)}$

$$ds_t = \text{diag}[s_t] \sqrt{\Sigma_t} dZ_t$$

$$d\Sigma_t = \left(\Omega \Omega^\top + M \Sigma_t + \Sigma_t M^\top \right) dt + \sqrt{\Sigma_t} dW_t Q + Q^\top (dW_t)^\top \sqrt{\Sigma_t}$$

dZ_t is a vector BM (2,1) and dW_t is a matrix BM (2,2):

$$\frac{ds^i ds^j}{s^i s^j} = \Sigma^{ij} dt$$

Affinity of the infinitesimal generator $\Leftrightarrow dZ_t = dW_t \rho + \sqrt{1 - \rho^\top \rho} dB_t$ where ρ is a vector (2,1) and dB is a vector BM(2,1).

- only 2 parameters to specify the skew
- parsimonious model
- the MGF has an exponential affine form and is known

An alternative using Heston's model

$$ds_t^1 = s_t^1 \sqrt{v_t^1} dz_t^1$$

$$dv_t^1 = \kappa_1(\theta_1 - v_t^1)dt + \sigma_1 \sqrt{v_t^1} dw_t^1 + \sigma_0 \sqrt{v_t^0} dz_t^0$$

$$ds_t^2 = s_t^2 \sqrt{v_t^2} dz_t^2$$

$$dv_t^2 = \kappa_2(\theta_2 - v_t^2)dt + \sigma_2 \sqrt{v_t^2} dw_t^2 + \sigma_0 \sqrt{v_t^0} dz_t^0$$

$$dv_t^0 = \kappa_0(\theta_0 - v_t^0)dt + \sigma_0 \sqrt{v_t^0} dw_t^0$$

$$dz^0 dw^0 = \rho dt$$

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$$ds^1 ds^2 = s^1 s^2 \sigma_0 v^0 \rho dt$$

v^0 is the **common** factor (but always a constraint due to the affinity constraint).

Recall the FFT to price a Vanilla

$$C(t, T, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty+i\omega_i}^{+\infty+i\omega_i} e^{-i\omega k} \beta(\omega) \Phi_{Y_t}(\tau, \omega) d\omega$$

$$\Phi_{Y_t}(\tau, \omega) = \mathbb{E}_t [e^{i\omega Y_{t+\tau}}] = e^{\text{Tr}[A(\tau)\Sigma_t] + b(\tau)Y_t + c(\tau)}$$

$$A(\tau) = A_{22}(\tau)^{-1} A_{21}(\tau),$$

with

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11}(\tau) & A_{12}(\tau) \\ A_{21}(\tau) & A_{22}(\tau) \end{pmatrix} = \exp \tau \begin{pmatrix} M + i\omega Q^\top R^\top & -2Q^\top Q \\ \frac{i\omega(i\omega-1)}{2} \mathbb{I}_n & - (M + i\omega Q^\top R^\top)^\top \end{pmatrix},$$

A solves a Matrix Riccati equation

$$\partial_\tau A = A (M + i\omega Q^\top R^\top) + (M + i\omega Q^\top R^\top)^\top A + 2A Q^\top Q A + \frac{i\omega(i\omega - 1)}{2} \mathbb{I}$$

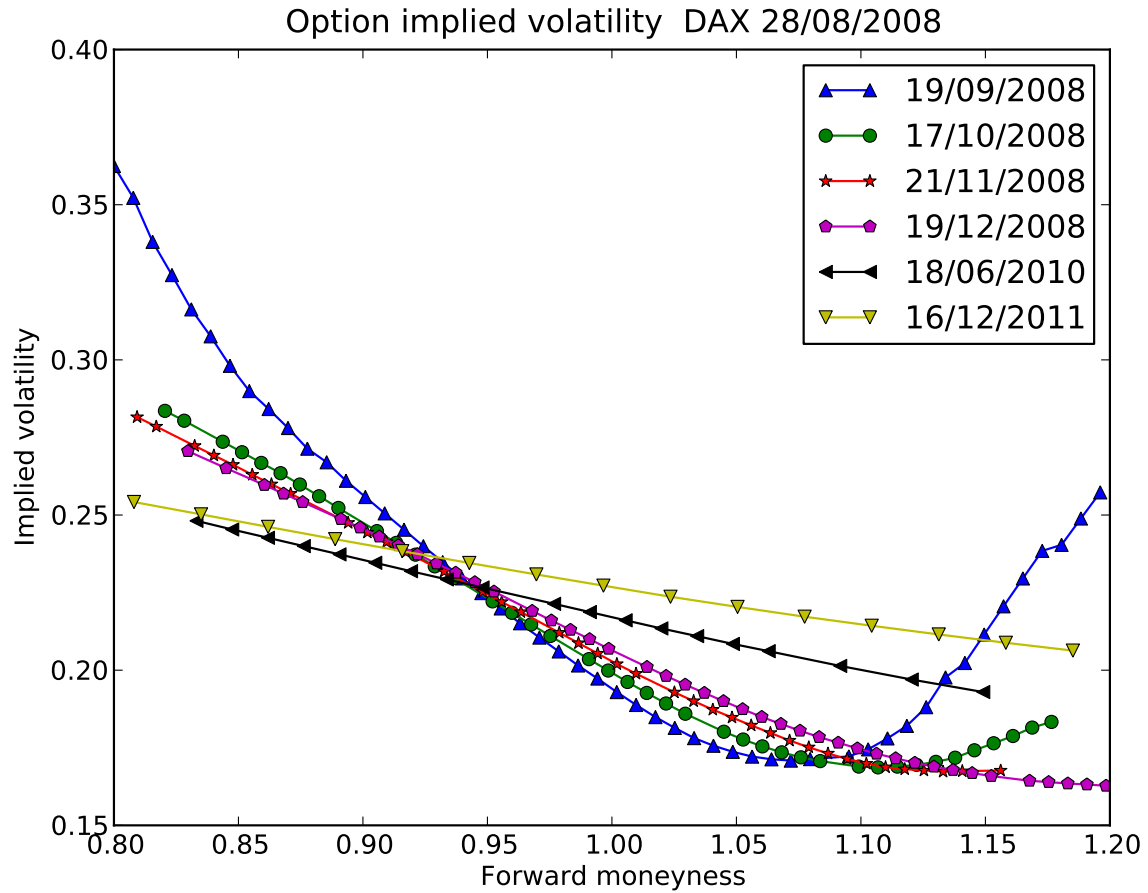
$$\partial_\tau c = \text{Tr}[\Omega \Omega^\top A(\tau)]$$

boundary conditions $A(0) = 0$ and $c(0) = 0$.

Computational remarks

- the fact we know how to compute explicitly the Riccati equations is important when it comes to calibration
- the equation for c supposes that we know how to compute the integral of A
- in some case we need to compute successive integrals of A
- in practice we need to compute the FC 300 times to evaluate one option (or options with same maturity).

Don't forget the "Smiles"



Short term Implied volatility (σ_{imp}) expansions

For Heston model:

$$\sigma_{imp}^2 = v^0 + \frac{\rho_0 \sigma_0}{2} m_f + \frac{m_f^2 \sigma_0^2}{12(v^0)^2} (4 - 7\rho_0^2)$$
$$m_f = \log \frac{K}{S_t}$$

we can read the model parameters **directly** on the market (computational cost=0) but

- the first order does **not** allow identification
- the second order leads to **concave** smile for certain values of ρ !
 $\rho \leq -0.755$ (this property appears in many (most?) of formula of this kind)
- avoiding to calibrate the short term smile leads to strong correlation (absolute value terms). Typical of calibration with norm in price.

Numerical results: the DAX

Parameter	Heston	BiHeston
κ	1.4078	1.3080
σ	0.9319	1.1202
ρ	-0.5409	-0.3884
θ	0.0838	0.0281
v_0	0.0414	0.0187
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- allows to check the consistency between Heston and BiHeston

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds_t}{s_t} &= \sqrt{v_t^1}dz_t^1 + \sqrt{v_t^2}dz_t^2 \\ dv_t^1 &= \kappa^1(\theta^1 - v_t^1)dt + \sigma^1\sqrt{v_t^1}dw_t^1 \\ dv_t^2 &= \kappa^2(\theta^2 - v_t^2)dt + \sigma^2\sqrt{v_t^2}dw_t^2 \\ dz_t^1dw_t^1 &= \rho^1dt \quad dz_t^2dw_t^2 = \rho^2dt\end{aligned}$$

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- allows to check the consistency with respect to Heston and BiHeston

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds_t}{s_t} &= \text{Tr}[\sqrt{\Sigma_t}dZ_t] \\ d\Sigma_t &= (\beta Q^\top Q + M\Sigma_t + \Sigma_t M^\top)dt + \sqrt{\Sigma_t}dW_tQ + Q^\top dW_t^\top \sqrt{\Sigma_t}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\sigma_{imp}^2 = \Sigma_t^{11} + \alpha m_f (\rho_1 Q_{11} + \rho_2 Q_{21}) + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 m_f^2 \left[\frac{4(Q_{11}^2 + Q_{21}^2) - 7(\rho_1 Q_{11} + \rho_2 Q_{21})^2}{6\Sigma_t^{11}} \right].$$

- allows to check the consistency with the others
- possible to calibrate a basket model on vanilla options (single stock option)

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different models give same shape for the smile, so what?

How the models allow to "control" the smile

$$\sigma_{imp}^2 = v^0 + \frac{\rho_0 \sigma_0}{2} m_f$$

$$\sigma_{imp}^2 = v^0 + v^1 + \frac{\rho_0 \sigma_0 v^0 + \rho_1 \sigma_1 v^1}{2(v^0 + v^1)} m_f \alpha$$

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$$\sigma_{imp}^2 = \Sigma_t^{11} + \alpha m_f (\rho_1 Q_{11} + \rho_2 Q_{21})$$

- the natural entry "points" are v_0 or (v_0^1, v_0^2) or Σ_t etc..
- the practical entry "points" are ρ etc..

I suppose a shock on the price (.i.e σ_{imp}^2) how it will spread in the model?

Pushing a string

- we find that Feller's condition is not satisfied for the Heston models (many markets)
- we find that Feller's condition is not satisfied for the BiHeston models (many markets). Similar results by Bates (2000)
- Peng & Scaillet obtain similar results (working paper)
- Gindikin is not satisfied for Wishart based models

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why and what are the consequences?

$$C = E[\phi(s_0 e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t v_t dt + \int_0^t \sqrt{v_t} dw_t})]$$

Option contains **integrated** volatility (along the volatility path).

- we can not really distinguish whether the process oscillates a lot or not.
- the maturities are too spaced to sort out if the mean reverting parameter is strong or not.

so the mean reverting will be **small**, sometimes even equal to zero Bates 2000 and others.

$$2\kappa\theta \geq \sigma^2$$

- the distribution is too close to zero

why and what are the consequences?

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- things get worse with BiHeston because an option shows the integrated sum of two identical process → identification problem.

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In conclusion:

we use square root process for the volatility because it is **positive**



but one of the key parameter that controls the positivity of the process is **problematic**
to estimate from options



the resulting dynamics is **too** close to zero



we need positivity by **construction**.

Back to the beginning

Hull&White's model (1982)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds_t}{s_t} &= v_t dw_t^1 \\ dv_t &= v_t \alpha dt + \sigma v_t dw_t^2\end{aligned}$$

Scott&Chesney's model (1985)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds_t}{s_t} &= e^{v_t} dw_t^1 \\ dv_t &= \kappa(\theta - v_t)dt + \sigma dw_t^2\end{aligned}$$

manage the positivity through exponentiation.

Thanks for your attention!