

Numerical methods MATHMODES course:  
Exercise sheet 1

- 1.** Solve the stochastic differential equation

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t,$$

where  $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a real-valued Brownian motion, and  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$  are fixed constants (the *drift* and *volatility* respectively). This is the Black-Scholes model of the price of a stock at time  $t$ , or equivalently a geometric Brownian motion. Show that the mean and variance of  $S_t$  are given by

$$\mathbb{E}(S_t | S_0) = S_0 e^{\mu t}, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(S_t | S_0) = S_0^2 e^{2\mu t} (e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1),$$

respectively.

- 2.** Suppose that  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is defined as in Exercise 1. Find the stochastic differential equations satisfied by
- (a)  $Y_t = \cos(S_t)$ ;
  - (b)  $Y_t = t^2 \sqrt{S_t}$ ;
  - (c)  $Y_t = S_t^n$  for some constant  $n$ , and hence deduce that  $S_t^n$  is also a geometric Brownian motion.
- 3.** Suppose that  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is defined as in Exercise 1, where it represents the USD/YEN exchange rate at time  $t$ , and that today's exchange rate is  $S_0$ . You are told that both the expected USD/YEN exchange rate (given by  $S_t$ ) and the YEN/USD exchange rate (given by  $1/S_t$ ) a year ahead are  $2S_0$ . Is this possible, and if so how? (Hint: write down the SDEs satisfied for both  $S_t$  and  $1/S_t$  using part (c) above, and then use Exercise 1.)
- 4.** Prove Gronwall's Lemma: Suppose  $g : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and that there exist positive integrable functions  $\alpha, \beta : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \int_0^t \beta(s) g(s) ds, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

Then

$$g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \int_0^t \alpha(s)\beta(s)e^{\int_s^t \beta(r)dr} ds, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

In particular, if  $\alpha$  is non-decreasing show that

$$g(t) \leq \alpha(t)e^{\int_0^t \beta(s)ds}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

*Hint:* Define

$$f(s) := \exp\left(-\int_0^s \beta(r)dr\right) \int_0^s g(r)\beta(r)dr, \quad s \in [0, T],$$

and look at  $f'(s)$  to get a bound for  $\int_0^t g(s)\beta(s)ds$ .

5. Simulate paths of  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  given in Exercise 1 with  $S_0 = 1$  using the Euler method in the following different cases (and display all three results on the same figure):
  - (a)  $\mu = 1, \sigma = 0.2$ ;
  - (b)  $\mu = 1, \sigma = 0.5$ ;
  - (c)  $\mu = 2, \sigma = 0.2$ .

Hence observe the effect of changing the volatility  $\sigma$  and the drift  $\mu$  on the path  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Change your code to repeat the exercise with the Milstein scheme.

- 6\*. Consider the Cox-Ingersoll-Ross (CIR) process  $(R_t)_{t \geq 0}$  given by

$$dR_t = \theta(\mu - R_t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{R_t}dW_t, \quad R_0 = r_0 > 0,$$

where  $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a real-valued Brownian motion and  $\theta, \mu$  and  $\sigma$  are fixed positive constants. Deduce that  $R_t \geq 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

ASIDE: This fact makes the CIR process useful in modeling interest rates (which are typically non-negative). In fact the model can also handle the situation where we want to model the interest rate by a *strictly* positive process. Indeed, it can be shown that if  $2\theta\mu \geq \sigma^2$  then  $R_t > 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$  almost surely.

The SDE satisfied by the CIR process is an example of an SDE that cannot be integrated i.e. there is no explicit solution for  $(R_t)_{t \geq 0}$  as a function of  $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . We therefore would like to simulate paths of this process. What is the problem of using an Euler scheme to simulate  $R_t$ ? Can you suggest a way to improve this scheme?

Reference:

<http://cermics.enpc.fr/reports/CERMICS-2005/CERMICS-2005-279.pdf>.

# Homework

## Exercise 1

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t \quad \text{GBM}$$

$$df = f_1 dt + f_2 dx + \frac{1}{2} [f_{11} dx^2 + f_{22} dx^2 + f_{12} dx^2]$$

$$f = \ln x \quad f_1 = 0 \quad f_2 = \frac{1}{x} \quad f_{22} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} df(t, S_t) &= 0 + \frac{1}{S_t} dS_t + \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{S_t^2} (dS_t)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{S_t} \left[ \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t d\beta_t \right] - \frac{1}{2 S_t^2} \left[ \sigma^2 S_t^2 dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \mu dt + \sigma d\beta_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 dt.$$

$$d \ln(S_t) = (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2) dt + \sigma d\beta_t.$$

$$\ln(S_t) = \ln(S_0) + \dots$$

$$S_t = S_0 \exp \left[ (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2) t + \sigma \beta_t \right]$$

Expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[S_t] = S_0 \exp \left[ (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2) t \right] \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[e^{\sigma \beta_t}]}_{\text{Momentum Generating function of } N(0, t)}$$

$$= S_0 e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S_t] = S_0 e^{\mu t} =$$

$$e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2}$$

Variance

$$\mathbb{E}[S_t^2] - (\mathbb{E}[S_t])^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E} S_t^2 &= \mathbb{E} \left[ S_0^2 e^{2(M - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + 2\sigma B_t} \right] \\
 &= S_0^2 e^{2(M - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t} \underbrace{\mathbb{E} [e^{2\sigma B_t}]}_{\text{momentum generator function } N(0, t)} \\
 &\quad e^{2\sigma^2 t + \frac{1}{2}t^2(2\sigma)^2} \\
 &= S_0^2 e^{2Mt + \sigma^2 t} = S_0^2 e^{2Mt + \sigma^2 t}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Variance

$$\text{var } S_t = S_0^2 e^{2Mt + \sigma^2 t} - (S_0 e^{Mt})^2 = S_0^2 e^{2Mt} [e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1]$$

### Exercise 2

$$Y_t = \cos S_t, \quad Y_1 = 0, \quad Y_2 = -\sin S_t, \quad Y_{22} = -\cos S_t.$$

$$dY = (Y_1 + \frac{1}{2} Y_{22}) dt + Y_2 dS_t.$$

$$= -\frac{\cos S_t}{2} dt + \sin S_t [MS_t dt + \sigma S_t dB_t]$$

$$= \left( -MS_t \frac{\sin S_t}{2} - \frac{\cos S_t}{2} \right) dt + [\sigma S_t \sin S_t dB_t]$$

$$f = S_t^n \quad f(x, \pi) = \pi^n$$

$$f_1 = 0 \quad f_2 = n \pi^{n-1} \quad f_{22} = n(n-1) \pi^{n-2}$$

$$df = f_1 dt + f_2 d\pi + \frac{1}{2} [f_{11} dt^2 + f_{22} d\pi^2 + f_{12} dt d\pi]$$

$$= n \pi^{n-1} d\pi + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (fixed)} n(n-1) \pi^{n-2} d\pi^2.$$

$$dS_t^n = n S_t^{n-1} [\mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t d\beta_t] + \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1) S_t^{n-2}] [\sigma^2 S_t^2 dt]$$

$$= \left( n S_t^n \mu + \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) S_t^{n-2} \sigma^2 \right) dt + n S_t^{n-1} \sigma d\beta_t.$$

$$= S_t^n \left[ \mu n + \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \sigma^2 \right] dt + S_t^n n \sigma d\beta_t.$$

GBM with  $\mu = n\mu + \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \sigma^2$   
 $\sigma^2 = n\sigma^2$ .

powers of  $S_t^n$  is also a GBM.

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t d\beta_t$$

$$dS_t^{-1} = S_t^{-1} \left[ -\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right] dt + S_t^{-1} (-\sigma d\beta_t)$$

$$\mathbb{E} S_t = S_0 e^{\mu t} \quad \mathbb{E} S_t^{-1} = S_0^{-1} e^{(-\mu + \sigma^2)t}$$

$$t=1 \quad = 2S_0 \quad t=1 \quad = 2S_0$$

$$e^\mu = 2 \quad e^{-\mu + \sigma^2} = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\sigma^2} = 4 \quad \sigma^2 = \ln 4; \quad \mu = \ln 2.$$

IS POSSIBLE that A RATE and ITS INVERSE ARE SAME!! BAD MODEL!!

### Exercise 3 Fronwall Lemma

If  $g(t)$  satisfy an differential inequality  
or integral

then  $g(t)$  is bounded by the solution of the inequality.  
( doesn't have  $g(t)$  in both sides )

Inequality  $g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \int_0^t \beta(s) g(s) ds$   $\exists \alpha, \beta$  positive  
( s.t if  $g(t)$  moves up  
all RHS moves up. )

The solution  $f(t) = \int_0^t \beta(s) g(s) ds$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \beta(t) g(t)$$

Inequality is  $\frac{f'}{\beta} \leq \alpha + f ; f' \leq \alpha \beta + f \beta$

$$f' - f \beta \leq \alpha \beta$$

$$\frac{dIf}{dt} \leq \alpha \beta I$$

$$If - I_0 f(0) \leq \int_0^t \alpha \beta I ds$$

$$f \leq I^{-1} \int_0^t \alpha(s) \beta(s) e^{-\int_0^s \beta(r) dr} ds$$

$$f(t) \leq e^{\int_0^t \beta(s) ds} \int_0^t \alpha(s) \beta(s) e^{-\int_0^s \beta(r) dr} ds$$

$$f(t) \leq \int_0^t \alpha(s) \beta(s) e^{\int_s^t \beta(r) dr} ds$$

Now add some positive (e.g.  $\epsilon$ )  $f(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \epsilon$

because  $f(t) = \int_0^t \beta(s) g(s) ds$

$$g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + f(t)$$

$$g(t) - \alpha(t) \leq f(t)$$

$$g(t) - \alpha(t) \leq \int_0^t \alpha(s) \beta(s) e^{\int_s^t \beta(r) dr} ds$$

$$g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \int_0^t \alpha(s) \beta(s) e^{\int_s^t \beta(r) dr} ds.$$

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