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# **On Likelihood Inference for Stochastic Volatility Models**

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Straightforward diffusion bridge simulation using e.g. the Euler scheme:

Bladt and Sørensen (2007)

# Assumption: Ergodic diffusion

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$$\int_{\ell}^r [s(x)\sigma^2(x)]^{-1} dx < \infty$$

where

$$s(x) = \exp\left(-2 \int_{x^{\#}}^x \frac{\alpha(y)}{\sigma^2(y)} dy\right)$$

with  $x^{\#} \in (\ell, r)$  (the state space)

$$\int_{x^{\#}}^r s(x) dx = \int_{\ell}^{x^{\#}} s(x) dx = \infty.$$

A one-dimensional ergodic diffusion is time-reversible

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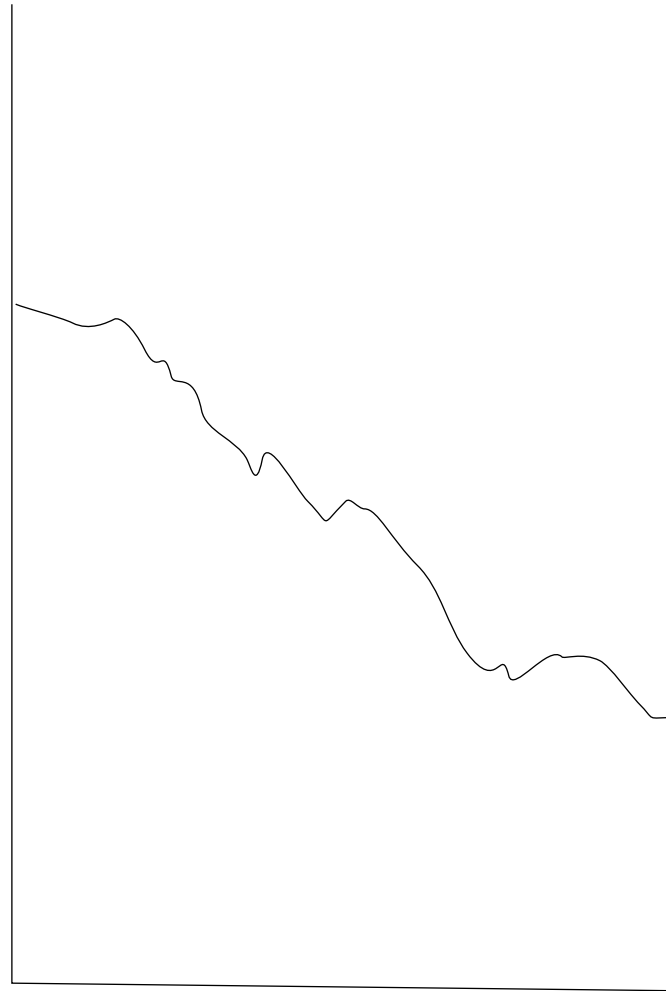
Define  $\tau = \inf\{0 \leq t \leq 1 | X_t^1 = X_{1-t}^2\}$  ( $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$ ) and

$$Z_t = \begin{cases} X_t^1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \tau \\ X_{1-t}^2 & \text{if } \tau < t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then the distribution of  $\{Z_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq 1}$  conditional on the event  $\{\tau \leq 1\}$  equals the conditional distributions of  $\{X_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq 1}$  given that  $X_0 = a$  and  $X_1 = b$ , i.e.  $Z$  is a  $(0, a, 1, b)$ -bridge

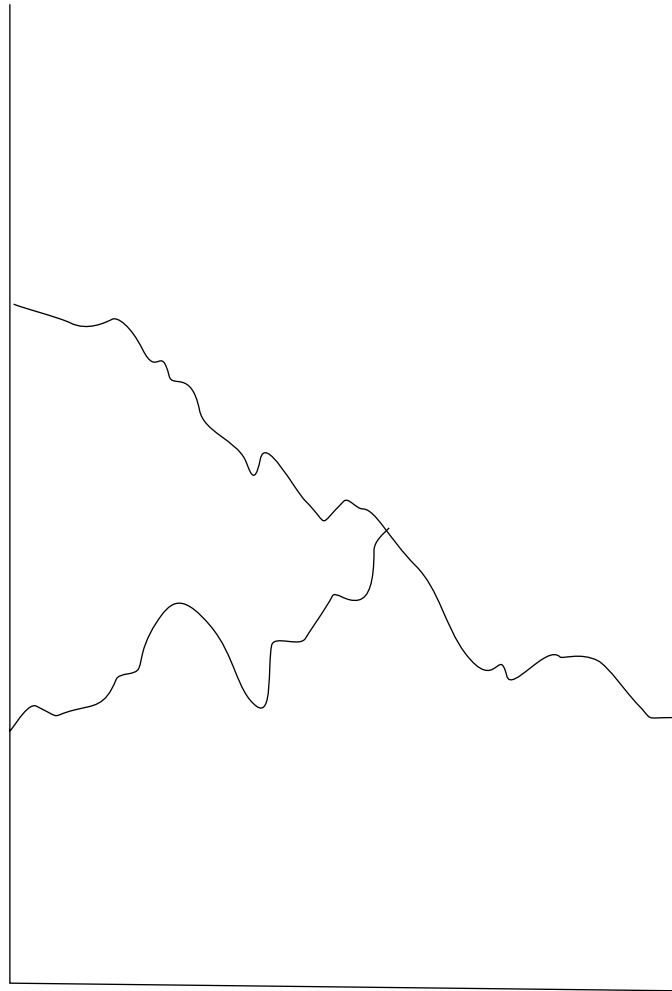
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$$E(|Z_t - B_t|) \leq C\delta^\gamma \quad \text{for } t \in (0, 1)$$

# Ornstein-Uhlenbeck bridge

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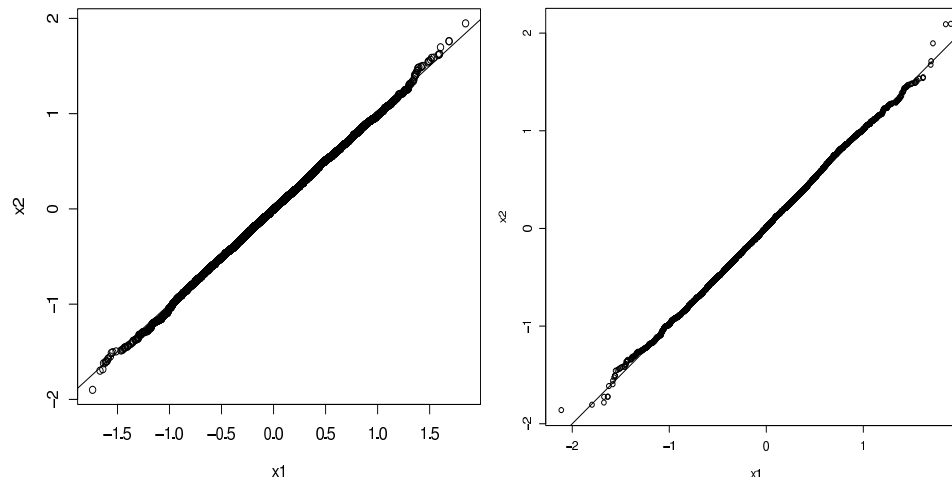
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$(0, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, -2, 1, 2)$  Ornstein-Uhlenbeck bridges  $(\theta = 0.5, \sigma = 1.0)$



# Ornstein-Uhlenbeck bridge

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$a \mapsto b$	CPU (sec.)	rejection prob.	probability of move
$0 \mapsto 0$	0.5	0.17	
$0 \mapsto 1$	0.7	0.41	0.1
$0 \mapsto 2$	1.7	0.77	0.006
$-1 \mapsto 1$	1.9	0.80	0.02
$-1 \mapsto 2$	11.9	0.97	0.0005

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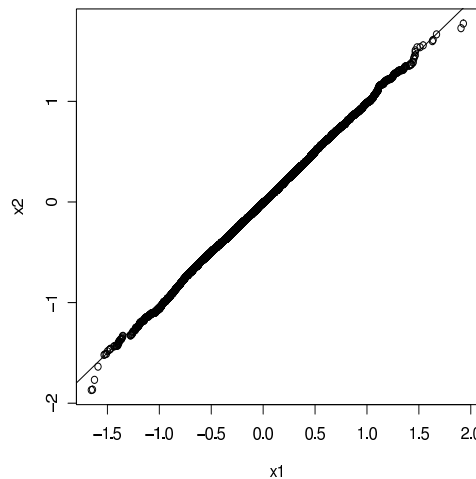
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$a \mapsto b$	CPU (sec.)	rejection prob.
$0 \mapsto 0$	0.6	0.14
$0 \mapsto 1$	0.8	0.36
$0 \mapsto 2$	2.1	0.77
$-1 \mapsto 1$	2.0	0.76
$-1 \mapsto 2$	12.6	0.96

# Stochastic volatility model

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$$dX_t = (\beta_1 + \beta_2 V_t)dt + \sqrt{V_t}d\bar{W}_t$$

$$V_t = V_t^{(1)} + V_t^{(2)}$$

$$dV_t^{(i)} = -\alpha_{i1}(V_t^{(i)} - \alpha_{i2})dt + \sigma_i(V_t^{(i)}; \alpha_{i3})dB_t^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

$$\bar{W}_t = \sqrt{1 - \rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2}W_t + \rho_1 B_t^{(1)} + \rho_2 B_t^{(2)}$$

$W$ ,  $B^{(1)}$  and  $B^{(2)}$  independent standard Wiener processes

$|\rho_i| < 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\alpha_{11} > \alpha_{21} > 0$

Bibby & Sørensen (2003)

Barndorff-Nielsen & Shephard (2001)

Bibby, Skovgaard & Sørensen (2005)

# Likelihood conditional on volatility

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Strategy follows Chib, Pitt & Shephard (2006)

Data:  $X_{t_0}, X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}$

Conditionally on the volatility process:

$$Y_i = X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}} \sim N \left( \beta_1 \Delta_i + \beta_2 S_i + \rho_1 Z_i^{(1)} + \rho_2 Z_i^{(2)}, (1 - \rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2) S_i \right)$$

$$\Delta_i = t_i - t_{i-1},$$

$$S_i = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} (V_t^{(1)} + V_t^{(2)}) dt$$

$$Z_i^{(j)} = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \sqrt{V_t^{(1)} + V_t^{(2)}} dB_t^{(j)}, \quad j = 1, 2$$

# Likelihood with volatility observation

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Likelihood if we had observed  $V^{(1)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$  continuously in  $[t_0, t_n]$

$$U_t^{(i)} = h_i(V_t^{(i)}; \alpha_{i3})$$

$$h_i(x; \alpha_{i3}) = \int^x \frac{1}{\sigma_i(y; \alpha_{i3})} dy$$

$$dU_t^{(i)} = b_i(U_t^{(i)}; \alpha_{i*})dt + dB_t^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$b_i(x; \alpha_{i1}, \alpha_{i2}, \alpha_{i3}) = -\alpha_{i1} \frac{h_i^{-1}(x; \alpha_{i3}) - \alpha_{i2}}{\sigma_i(h_i^{-1}(x; \alpha_{i3}); \alpha_{i3})} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i'(h_i^{-1}(x; \alpha_{i3}); \alpha_{i3})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \log L(\beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{21}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{23}, \rho_1, \rho_2) = \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \log \varphi \left( Y_i; \beta_1 \Delta_i + \beta_2 S_i(\alpha_{*3}) + \rho_1 Z_i^{(1)}(\alpha_{*3}) + \rho_2 Z_i^{(2)}(\alpha_{*3}), (1 - \rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2) S_i(\alpha_{*3}) \right) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^2 \left( a_j(U_{t_n}^{(j)}; \alpha_{j*}) - a_j(U_{t_0}^{(j)}; \alpha_{j*}) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \left( b_j(U_t^{(j)}; \alpha_{j*})^2 + b'_j(U_t^{(j)}; \alpha_{j*}) \right) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$a_j(x; \alpha_{j*}) = \int^x b_j(u; \alpha_{j*}) du.$$

$$S_i(\alpha_{*3}) = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \left[ h_i^{-1}(U_t^{(1)}; \alpha_{13}) + h_i^{-1}(U_t^{(2)}; \alpha_{23}) \right] dt$$

# EM algorithm

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$$\theta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{21}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{23}, \rho_1, \rho_2)$$

$\tilde{\theta}$  any value of the parameter vector

- (1) (E-step) Generate sample paths  $V^{(1,k)}$  and  $V^{(2,k)}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, M$  conditional on  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  using the parameter value  $\tilde{\theta}$ , and calculate

$$g(\theta) = \frac{1}{M - M_0} \sum_{k=M_0+1}^M \log L(\theta; Y_1, \dots, Y_n, (h_1(V_t^{(1,k)}; \tilde{\alpha}_{13}), h_2(V_t^{(2,k)}; \tilde{\alpha}_{23})), t \in [t_0, t_n])$$

(for a suitable burn-in period  $M_0$ )

- (2) (M-step)  $\tilde{\theta} = \operatorname{argmax} g(\theta)$

- (3) GO TO (1)



# Conditional volatility simulation

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Chib, Pitt & Shephard (2006)

Simulate two independent unrestricted stationary sample paths of  $V^{(1)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$  in  $[t_0, t_n]$

Repeat the following

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- 2) In each interval  $[\tau_{j-1}, \tau_j]$  update by simulating diffusion bridges conditional on the values of the volatility processes at the times  $\tau_{j-1}$  and  $\tau_j$  obtained in the previous iteration and on  $Y_{t_{\nu_j}}, Y_{t_{\nu_j}+1}, \dots, Y_{t_{\nu_{j+1}}}$

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Step 2): modification of Chib, Pitt & Shephard (2006)

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- (1) Set  $k = 1$ . Simulate two independent  $(\tau_{j-1}, v_{i0}, \tau_j, v_{i1})$ -diffusion bridges,  $V^{(i,0)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$
- (2) Propose two new sample paths by sampling two new independent  $(\tau_{j-1}, v_{i0}, \tau_j, v_{i1})$ -diffusion bridges  $V^{(i,k)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$
- (3) Accept the proposed diffusion bridges with probability

$$\text{in} \left( 1, \prod_{i=1}^{n_j} \frac{\varphi(Y_{\nu_j+i}; \beta_1 \Delta_{\nu_j+i} + \beta_2 S_{\nu_j+i}^{(k)} + \rho_1 Z_{\nu_j+i}^{(1,k)} + \rho_2 Z_{\nu_j+i}^{(2,k)}, (1 - \rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2) S_{\nu_j+i}^{(k)})}{\varphi(Y_{\nu_j+i}; \beta_1 \Delta_{\nu_j+i} + \beta_2 S_{\nu_j+i}^{(k-1)} + \rho_1 Z_{\nu_j+i}^{(1,k-1)} + \rho_2 Z_{\nu_j+i}^{(2,k-1)}, (1 - \rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2) S_{\nu_j+i}^{(k-1)})} \right)$$

where  $S_i^{(\ell)}$ ,  $Z^{(1,\ell)}$  and  $Z^{(2,\ell)}$  are calculated on the basis of the  $\ell$ th simulated pair of volatility sample paths. Otherwise  $V^{i,k} = V^{i,k-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$

- (4) Set  $k = k + 1$  and GO TO (2)

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Re-parametrization:

$$\gamma_1 = \beta_1, \quad \gamma_2 = \rho\sqrt{\alpha_3\alpha_{11}}, \quad \omega = (1 - 2\rho^2)\alpha_3\alpha_{11}$$

$$\kappa_1 = \alpha_{11}, \quad \kappa_2 = (\alpha_{12}/\alpha_3 - \frac{1}{2}), \quad \kappa_3 = (\alpha_{22}/\alpha_3 - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)^T, \quad \kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3)^T$$

# Generalized Heston model: the M-step

$$\tilde{\gamma} = (\bar{D}^T \bar{D})^{-1} \bar{D}^T \tilde{Y} \quad \tilde{\omega} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{Y}_i^2 - \tilde{Y}^T \bar{D} (\bar{D}^T \bar{D})^{-1} \bar{D}^T \tilde{Y} \right) / (n - 2)$$

$$\tilde{Y}_i = Y_i T_i, \quad \tilde{Y} = (\tilde{Y}_1, \dots, \tilde{Y}_n)^T \quad \bar{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_1 T_i & \bar{Z}_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \Delta_n T_i & \bar{Z}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\tilde{\alpha}_3 \tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} (V_t^{(1,k)} + V_t^{(2,k)}) dt}}$$

$$\bar{Z}_i = \frac{\int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \sqrt{V_t^{(1,k)} + V_t^{(2,k)}} d(B^{(1,k)} + B^{(2,k)})_t}{\sqrt{\int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} (V_t^{(1,k)} + V_t^{(2,k)}) dt}}$$

$$\bar{H}_k = \frac{1}{M - M_0} \sum_{k=M_0+1}^M H_k$$

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$$\tilde{\kappa} = \bar{M}^{-1} \bar{C}$$

$$\bar{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}(t_n - t_0)(1 + \zeta) + \frac{1}{2\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \left( \overline{V_{t_0}^{(1,k)} + V_{t_0}^{(2,k)} - V_{t_n}^{(1,k)} - V_{t_n}^{(2,k)}} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{V_{t_n}^{(1,k)}}{V_{t_0}^{(1,k)}} \right) + \frac{1}{\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \overline{\int_{t_0}^{t_n} V_s^{(1,k)} ds} \\ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{V_{t_n}^{(2,k)}}{V_{t_0}^{(2,k)}} \right) + \frac{1}{c\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \overline{\int_{t_0}^{t_n} V_s^{(2,k)} ds} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\bar{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \left( V_s^{(1,k)} + V_s^{(2,k)} \right) ds & -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) & -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) \\ -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) & \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{1}{V_s^{(1,k)}} ds & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) & 0 & \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}c}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{1}{V_s^{(2,k)}} ds \end{pmatrix}$$



# Markov chain Monte Carlo

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Gibbs sampler:

- (1) Draw  $\tilde{\theta}$  from the prior distribution
- (2) Simulate, for the parameter value  $\tilde{\theta}$ , sample paths of  $V^{(1)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$  conditionally on the data  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  by the methods described previously
- (3) Draw  $\tilde{\theta}$  from the posterior distribution conditional on  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n, V^{(1)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$
- (4) GO TO (2)

# Generalized Heston model: MCMC

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Prior:

- $\gamma$ ,  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  are independent
- $\gamma$  2-dimensional normal distributed with mean  $\gamma_0$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  (conditional on  $\gamma_2 > 0$ )
- $\omega$  inverse gamma distributed with shape parameter 1 and scale parameter 1
- $\kappa$  3-dimensional normal distributed with expectation  $\kappa_0$  and covariance matrix  $V$  (conditional on  $\kappa_1 > 0$  and  $\kappa_j > -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ )

# Generalized Heston model: MCMC

The posterior distribution:

- $\gamma$  given the full data set and  $\omega$  is 2-dimensional normal distributed with mean  $(\Sigma^{-1} + \omega^{-1} D^T D)(\Sigma^{-1} \gamma_0 + \omega^{-1} D^T D \hat{\gamma})$  and covariance matrix  $(\Sigma^{-1} + \omega^{-1} D^T D)^{-1}$  (conditional on  $\gamma_2 > 0$ )
- $\omega$  given the full data set and  $\gamma$  is inverse gamma distributed with shape parameter 1.5 and scale parameter  $(1 + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \hat{\gamma})^T D^T D(\gamma - \hat{\gamma}))^{-1}$

$$\hat{\gamma} = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T \tilde{Y} \quad \tilde{Y}_i = Y_i / \sqrt{S_{ik}} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Delta_1}{\sqrt{S_1}} & Z_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\Delta_n}{\sqrt{S_n}} & Z_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_{ik} = \frac{1}{\tilde{\alpha}_3 \tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} (V_t^{(1,k)} + V_t^{(2,k)}) dt \quad Z_i = \frac{\int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \sqrt{V_t^{(1)} + V_t^{(2)}} d(B^{(1)} + B^{(2)})_t}{\sqrt{\int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} (V_t^{(1)} + V_t^{(2)}) dt}}$$

# Generalized Heston model: MCMC

The posterior distribution:

- $\kappa$  given the full data set 3-dimensional normal distributed with expectation  $(V^{-1} + M)^{-1}(V^{-1}\kappa_0 + C)$  and covariance matrix  $(V^{-1} + M)^{-1}$  (conditional on  $\kappa_1 > 0$  and  $\kappa_j > -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ )

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}(t_n - t_0)(1 + c) + \frac{1}{2\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \left( V_{t_0}^{(1)} + V_{t_0}^{(2)} - V_{t_n}^{(1)} - V_{t_n}^{(2)} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{V_{t_n}^{(1)}}{V_{t_0}^{(1)}} \right) + \frac{1}{\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} V_s^{(1)} ds \\ \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{V_{t_n}^{(2)}}{V_{t_0}^{(2)}} \right) + \frac{1}{c\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} V_s^{(2)} ds \end{pmatrix}$$

# Generalized Heston model: MCMC

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$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \left( V_s^{(1)} + V_s^{(2)} \right) ds & -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) & -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) \\ -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) & \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{1}{V_s^{(1)}} ds & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(t_n - t_0) & 0 & \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_3\tilde{\alpha}_{11}c}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{1}{V_s^{(2)}} ds \end{pmatrix}$$

# Likelihood inference for a diffusion process

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$$dX_t = b_\alpha(X_t)dt + \sigma_\beta(X_t)dW_t$$

EM-algorithm  $((\alpha_0, \beta_0)$  initial parameter value)

(1) (E-step) Calculate the function

$$q(\alpha, \beta) = g_{\alpha, \beta}(x_n) - g_{\alpha, \beta}(x_1) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=2}^n [h_\beta(x_i) - h_\beta(x_{i-1})]^2 / (t_i - t_{i-1})$$

$$- \sum_{i=2}^n \log(\sigma_\beta(x_i)) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=2}^n E_{Z^{(i, \alpha_0, \beta_0)}} \left( \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} [\mu'_{\alpha, \beta}(Y_t^*(\beta, \beta_0)) + \mu_{\alpha, \beta}(Y_t^*(\beta, \beta_0))]^2 dt \right)$$

(2) (M-step)  $(\alpha_0, \beta_0) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\alpha, \beta} q(\alpha, \beta)$ .

(3) GO TO (1).

Modification of Beskos, Papaspiliopoulos & Roberts (2006)

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