Credit Default Swaps
with Correlated CIR++
Intensity and Interest Rate

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Abstract
Consider a Credit Default Swap (CDS) as defined in Brigo and Alfonsi (2004),
and suppose that the interest rates and default intensity are modeled by correlated
CIR++ stochastic processes. Our goal is to compute numerically the CDS rate $R_f$.

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1 Credit Default Swaps

A credit default swap (CDS) is a contract ensuring protection against default. This contract is specified by a number of parameters. Let us start by assigning a maturity \( T \).

Consider two companies “A” and “B” who agree on following: if a third reference company “C” defaults at time \( \tau < T \), “B” pays to “A” a certain cash amount \( Z \), supposed to be deterministic in our model, at the default time \( \tau \) itself. This cash amount is a “protection” for “A” in case “C” defaults. In exchange for this protection, company “A” agrees to pay periodically to “B” a fixed amount \( R_f \), referred as the CDS rate. Payments occur at times \( T = \{T_1, ..., T_n\} \), \( \alpha_i = T_i - T_{i-1} \), \( T_0 = 0 \), \( T_n = T \), fixed in advance at time \( t = 0 \) up to default time \( \tau \) if this occurs before maturity \( T \), or until maturity \( T \) if no defaults occurs. With these notations we may write the CDS discounted value seen from “B” at time \( t \) as

\[
1_{\tau > t} \left[ D(t, \tau)(\tau - T_{\beta(\tau)-1})R_f 1_{\tau < T} + \sum_{i=\beta(t)}^{n} D(t, T_i)\alpha_i R_f 1_{\tau > T_i} - D(t, \tau)Z 1_{\tau < T} \right],
\]

(1)

where for any \( s \in [0, T] \), \( \beta(s) \in \{1, ..., n\} \) and \( T_{\beta(s)} \) is the first date of \( T_1, ..., T_n \) following \( t \). The stochastic discount factor at time \( t \) for maturity \( T \) is denoted by \( D(t, T) = B(t)/B(T) \), where \( B_t = \exp \left( \int_0^t r_u du \right) \) denotes the bank-account numeraire, \( r \) being the instantaneous short interest rate.

We denote by \( \text{CDS}(t, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) \) the price at time \( t \) of the above CDS, and by \( \mathcal{P}_t \) the random variable in (1). We will compute the CDS price at time \( t \), according to risk-neutral valuation (Bielecki and Rutkowski (2002)):

\[
\text{CDS}(t, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) = 1_{\tau > t} \mathbb{E}\{\mathcal{P}_{\tau} | \mathcal{F}_t \vee \sigma(\{\tau < u\}, u \leq t)\},
\]

(2)

where \( \mathcal{F}_t \) is the basic filtration without default, typically representing the information flow of interest rate, intensities and possibly other default-free quantities, and \( \mathbb{E} \) denotes the risk-neutral expectation in the enlarged probability space supporting \( \tau \).

As \( Z \) is given, \( R_f \) must be set to the value that makes the CDS fair at time \( t \), i.e. \( R_f \) is such that \( \text{CDS}(t, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) = 0 \). This explains why \( R_f \) is called "the CDS rate."
1.1 CIR++ model

Consider the Cox-Ingersoll-Ross (1985) process

\[ dx^\alpha_t = k(\theta - x^\alpha_t)dt + \sigma \sqrt{x^\alpha_t}dW_t, \]  

where the parameter vector is \( \alpha = (k, \theta, \sigma, x^\alpha_0) \), with \( k, \theta, \sigma, x^\alpha_0 \) positive deterministic constants. The condition 

\[ 2k\theta > \sigma^2 \]

ensures that the origin is inaccessible to the process \( x^\alpha \), so that the process \( x^\alpha \) remains positive. We can now define the CIR++ model, consisting of the following extension of (3)

\[ r_t = x^\alpha_t + \varphi(t; \alpha), \quad t \geq 0, \]  

with 

\[ \varphi(t; \alpha) = f(0, t) - f^{\text{CIR}}(0, t; \alpha), \]

where \( f(0, t) \), which is a function integrable on closed intervals, will be defined later, and

\[ f^{\text{CIR}}(0, t; \alpha) = \frac{2k\theta}{2h + (k + h)(\exp\{th\} - 1)} \left( \exp\{th\} - 1 \right) \]

\[ + \frac{4h^2 \exp\{th\}}{[2h + (k + h)(\exp\{th\} - 1)]^2}, \]

with \( h = \sqrt{k^2 + 2\sigma^2} \).

1.2 CIR++ short-rate model

We suppose that the short-rate \( r_t \) is defined by Eq. (4). Denote by \( f \) instantaneous forward rates, i.e. \( f(t, T) = -\partial \ln P(t, T)/\partial T \).

Denote by \( P^M(0, T) \) the price of the \( T \)-maturity market zero-coupon; in what follows the superscript "M" stands for "market". The initial market zero-coupon interest-rate curve \( T \to P^M(0, T) \) is automatically calibrated by our model if we set \( \varphi(t; \alpha) = \varphi^{\text{CIR}}(t; \alpha) \), where

\[ \varphi^{\text{CIR}}(t; \alpha) = f^M(0, t) - f^{\text{CIR}}(0, t; \alpha). \]

Consider a given discrete set of zero-coupon prices

\[ P(0, 0) = 1, P(0, t_1), ..., P(0, t_n), \]

with \( t_n = T \). The function \( t \to f^M(0, t) \), defined on \([0, T]\), is piecewise constant and such that

\[ e^{-\int_0^t f^M(0, u)du} = P(0, t_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n. \]

Thus, for \( 1 \leq i \leq n \)

\[ f^M(0, t) = \text{const.} = f_i, \quad t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]. \]
1.3 CIR++ intensity model

For the default intensity model of a default time $\tau$, consider a similar approach and set:

$$\lambda_t = y_t^\beta + \psi(t; \beta), \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$dy_t^\beta = \kappa(\mu - y_t^\beta)dt + \nu\sqrt{y_t^\beta}dZ_t,$$

$\beta = (\kappa, \mu, \nu, y_0^\beta)$. The short-interest rate and intensity processes are allowed to be correlated, by assuming that the driving Brownian motions $W$ and $Z$ are instantaneously correlated according to

$$dW_t\,dZ_t = \rho dt.$$

Here again the function $\psi(t; \beta) = \psi_{\text{CIR}}(t; \beta)$, with

$$\psi_{\text{CIR}}(t; \beta) = \gamma_{\text{M}}(0, t) - g_{\text{CIR}}(0, t; \beta),$$

where $g_{\text{CIR}}(0, t; \beta)$ is defined as in Section 1.1. Given an initial discrete set of CDS rates $R_f(0, t_1), \ldots, R_f(0, t_m)$, with $t_m = T$, we can compute the function $t \to \gamma_{\text{M}}(0, t)$, which is piecewise linear, and such that, if we denote by $R_f^M(0, t)$ the CDS rate (corresponding to maturity $t$) computed using the intensity $\gamma_{\text{M}}$, we have

$$R_f^M(0, t_i) = R_f(0, t_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

With this choice for $\lambda$, in the credit derivatives world we have formulae that are analogous to the ones for the interest-rate derivatives products. Thus, the risk-neutral survival probability is

$$E(1_{\tau > t}) = E(e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(u)du}).$$

2 Pricing CDS

2.1 Pricing CDS when $r$ and $\tau$ are independent, in a deterministic intensity model

Suppose that the default time $\tau$ admits the (deterministic) intensity function $\gamma$ (also called hazard rate), i.e. the hazard function $\Gamma$ is given by $\Gamma(T) = \int_0^T \gamma(u)du$.

When interest rates and default time are independent Eq. (2) writes (see Brigo and Alfonsi (2004)):

$$\text{CDS}(t, T, T, R_f, Z) = R_f \int_t^T P(t, u)(u - T_{\beta(u)-1})\gamma(u)e^{-\int_t^u \gamma(s)ds}du$$

$$+ R_f \sum_{i=\beta(t)}^n P(t, T_i)\alpha_i e^{-\int_{T_i}^{T} \gamma(s)ds}$$

$$- Z \int_t^T P(t, u)\gamma(u)e^{-\int_t^u \gamma(s)ds}du.$$
where $P(t,u)$ denotes the price of the $u$-maturity zero-coupon starting from $t$.

### 2.2 Pricing CDS when $r$ and $\tau$ are correlated

When interest rates and default intensity are correlated, the first idea is to simulate trajectories of the correlated process $r$ and $\lambda$, and to use then Monte Carlo techniques to compute the expectation in Eq. (2). We implement also a second method, based on an analytical approximation for some credit derivatives terms involving correlated CIR processes.

### 2.3 Simulating $\lambda$ and $r$

**Explicit scheme for simulating a CIR process**

For a discretization $t_0 = 0 < t_1 < \ldots < t_n = T$, of the interval $[0, T]$, consider the scheme (called Explicit(0), see Alfonsi (2005))

$$
\hat{x}_{t_{i+1}}^\alpha = \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{k}{2}(t_{i+1} - t_i) \right) \sqrt{\hat{x}^\alpha_{t_i}} - \frac{\sigma(W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i})}{2(1 - \frac{k}{2}(t_{i+1} - t_i))} \right]^2 + \left( k\theta - \frac{\sigma^2}{4} \right)(t_{i+1} - t_i). \quad (11)
$$

**Simulating correlated CIR processes**

We write $Z_t$ as $Z_t = \rho W_t + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W'_t$, where $W'_t$ is a Brownian motion independent of $W$, and we obtain the increments of $(W, Z)$ between $t_i$ and $t_{i+1}$ through simulation of the increments of $W$ and $W'$; these increments are independent, centered Gaussian variables with variance $\Delta_i = t_{i+1} - t_i$.

### 2.4 Gaussian dependence mapping

For $u \in [t, T]$, denote by

$$
M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\left[ \lambda_u \exp \left\{ - \int_t^u (r_s + \lambda_s) ds \right\} \right]
$$

$$
M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\left[ \exp \left\{ - \int_t^u (r_s + \lambda_s) ds \right\} \right].
$$

When $\lambda$ and $r$ are independent, the value of the CDS at time $t$ can be written as (see [BrAlf]):

$$
\text{CDS}(t, T, T, R_f, Z) = R_f \sum_{i=\beta(t)}^n \alpha_i M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(T_i) \quad (13)
$$

$$
- Z \int_t^T M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u) du. \quad (14)
$$

\[ \text{CDS}(t, T, T, R_f, Z) = R_f \int_t^T M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u)(u - T_{\beta(u)-1}) du \quad (12) \]
If, for $t \leq u \leq T$, we know to compute $M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$ and $M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$, then using (12), (13) and (14) we can compute the CDS value. Indeed, knowing $M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$, for $t \leq u \leq T$, we can compute numerically the integrals in (12) and (14).

How about the computation of $M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$ and $M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$? Looking closely at this problem one find that these expectations can be trustworthy approximated not only when $\lambda$ and $r$ are independent, but also when $\lambda$ and $r$ are correlated. Thus, in the general case $\rho \neq 0$ we will approximate the CDS value using (12)-(14).

We present now the approximation formulae to compute $M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$ and $M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(u)$.

### 2.4.1 Preliminaries

Because $r_s = x_s^\alpha + \varphi(s; \alpha)$ and $\lambda_s = y_s^\beta + \psi(s; \beta)$ we have

$$M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u) = e^{-\int_t^u (\varphi(s;\alpha) + \psi(s;\beta)) ds} \left( \psi(u; \beta) \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left\{ -\int_t^u (x_s^\alpha + y_s^\beta) ds \right\} \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ y_u^\beta \exp \left\{ -\int_t^u (x_s^\alpha + y_s^\beta) ds \right\} \right] \right),$$

$$M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(u) = e^{-\int_t^u (\varphi(s;\alpha) + \psi(s;\beta)) ds} \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left\{ -\int_t^u (x_s^\alpha + y_s^\beta) ds \right\} \right].$$

Denoting by

$$M_1^{\text{CIR}}(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[ y_u^\beta \exp \left\{ -\int_t^u (x_s^\alpha + y_s^\beta) ds \right\} \right],$$

$$M_2^{\text{CIR}}(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left\{ -\int_t^u (x_s^\alpha + y_s^\beta) ds \right\} \right],$$

we have that

$$M_1^{\text{CIR++}}(u) = e^{-\int_t^u (\varphi(s;\alpha) + \psi(s;\beta)) ds} \left[ \psi(u; \beta) M_2^{\text{CIR}}(u) + M_1^{\text{CIR}}(u) \right]$$

$$M_2^{\text{CIR++}}(u) = e^{-\int_t^u (\varphi(s;\alpha) + \psi(s;\beta)) ds} M_2^{\text{CIR}}(u).$$

The idea is to "map" the two-dimensional CIR dynamics in an analogous tractable two-dimensional Gaussian dynamics that preserve as much as possible of the original CIR structure, and then do calculations in the Gaussian model. Recall that the CIR process and the Vasicek process for interest rate give both affine models. The first one is more convenient because it ensures positive values while the second one is more analytically tractable. Indeed, in our two-dimensional CIR model we have no formula for $M_1^{\text{CIR}}(u)$ and $M_2^{\text{CIR}}(u)$ for $\rho \neq 0$, while in the two-dimensional Vasicek case one can easily derive such formulae (see below).

### 2.4.2 Mapping a CIR dynamic in a Vasicek one

Let $x_\alpha$ be the CIR process defined in (3)

$$dx_s^\alpha = k(\theta - x_s^\alpha) ds + \sigma \sqrt{x_s^0} dW_s, \quad x_t^\alpha = x_0, \quad t \leq s \leq T,$$
and let $x^{\alpha,T,V}$ be the following Vasicek process
\[
dx^{\alpha,T,V}_s = k(\theta - x^{\alpha,T,V}_s)ds + \sigma^{\alpha,T,V}_s dW_s, \quad x^{\alpha,T,V}_t = x_0, \quad t \leq s \leq T,
\]
where $\sigma^{\alpha,T,V}$, the volatility of the Vasicek process, is computed solving the equation
\[
E\left[\exp\left\{-\int_t^T x^{\alpha,T,V}_s ds\right\}\right] = E\left[\exp\left\{-\int_t^T x^\alpha ds\right\}\right].
\]
In the above equation, expectations on both sides are analytically known, being bond price formulae for Vasicek and CIR models respectively. Then
\[
\sigma^{\alpha,T,V} = k \sqrt{2 \log(P_{CIR}(t,T; x^\alpha)) + \theta(T-t) - (\theta - x_t)g(k,T-t)} + \theta(T-t) - (\theta - x_t)g(k,T-t) - 2g(k,T-t) + g(2k,T-t),
\]
with $g(a,s) = (1 - e^{-as})/a$.

### 2.4.3 Gaussian dependence mapping approximation

Recall our two CIR processes $x^\alpha$ and $y^\beta$
\[
dx^\alpha_s = k(\theta - x^\alpha_s)ds + \sigma^\alpha_s \sqrt{x^\alpha_s} dW_s,
\]
\[
dy^\beta_s = \kappa(\mu - y^\beta_s)ds + \nu \sqrt{y^\beta_s} dZ_s,
\]
with $dW_s dZ_s = \rho ds$, and consider the corresponding Vasicek processes $x^{\alpha,T,V}$ and $y^{\beta,T,V}$
\[
dx^{\alpha,T,V}_s = k(\theta - x^{\alpha,T,V}_s)ds + \sigma^{\alpha,T,V}_s dW_s,
\]
\[
dy^{\beta,T,V}_s = \kappa(\mu - y^{\beta,T,V}_s)ds + \nu^{\beta,T,V}_s dZ_s,
\]
constructed as in Section 2.4.2.

We adopt the following approximations:
\[
M^{\text{CIR}}_2(u) \triangleq E\left[\exp\left\{-\int_t^u (x^\alpha_s + y^\beta_s)ds\right\}\right] \approx E\left[\exp\left\{-\int_t^u (x^{\alpha,u,V}_s + y^{\beta,u,V}_s)ds\right\}\right],
\]
\[
M^{\text{CIR}}_1(u) \triangleq E\left[y^\beta_u \exp\left\{-\int_t^u (x^\alpha_s + y^\beta_s)ds\right\}\right] \approx E\left[y^{\beta\alpha,u,V}_u \exp\left\{-\int_t^u (x^{\alpha,u,V}_s + y^{\beta,u,V}_s)ds\right\}\right] + \Delta_u
\]
where
\[
\Delta_u \triangleq E\left[\exp\left\{-\int_t^u x^\alpha_s ds\right\}\right]E\left[y^\beta_u \exp\left\{-\int_t^u y^\beta_s ds\right\}\right] - E\left[\exp\left\{-\int_t^u x^{\alpha,u,V}_s ds\right\}\right]E\left[y^{\beta\alpha,u,V}_u \exp\left\{-\int_t^u y^{\beta,u,V}_s ds\right\}\right] = P^{\text{CIR}}(t,u; x^\alpha) \left[-\frac{\partial P^{\text{CIR}}}{\partial u}(t,u; y^\beta) - M^{\text{V}}_3(u)\right],
\]
(20)
where $M^V_3(u)$ is defined in (23).

Put

$$M^V_1(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[ y^\beta_{u} \exp \left\{ - \int_{t}^{u} (x^\alpha_{s} + y^\beta_{s}) ds \right\} \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (21)

$$M^V_2(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left\{ - \int_{t}^{u} (x^\alpha_{s} + y^\beta_{s}) ds \right\} \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (22)

$$M^V_3(u) \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[ y^\beta_{u} \exp \left\{ - \int_{t}^{u} y^\beta_{s} ds \right\} \right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (23)

Then, from (18)-(19) and (16)-(17), we have

$$M^\text{CIR}_1(u) \approx M^V_1(u) + \Delta_u$$  \hspace{1cm} (24)

$$M^\text{CIR}_2(u) \approx M^V_2(u).$$  \hspace{1cm} (25)

At this point we can say that the work is completely done, because, for $0 \leq u \leq T$, $M^V_1(u)$, $M^V_2(u)$ and $M^V_3(u)$ have known analytical expressions, as indicated in what follows.

### 2.4.4 Computing $M^V(u)$, $M^V_2(u)$ and $M^V_3(u)$

Let $x^{\alpha_{T,V}}$ and $y^{\beta_{T,V}}$ be two Vasicek processes as follows

$$dx^{\alpha_{T,V}}_s = k(\theta - x^{\alpha_{T,V}}_s) ds + \sigma_v dW_s,$$

$$dy^{\beta_{T,V}}_s = \kappa(\mu - y^{\beta_{T,V}}_s) ds + \nu_v dZ_s,$$

defined for $t \leq u \leq T$, with $dW_s dZ_s = \rho ds$. Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 from [BrAlf] imply the following formulae.

$$M^V_1(T) = m_B \exp \left\{ -m_A + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_A^2 \right\} - \frac{\bar{\rho} \sigma_A \sigma_B}{2} \exp \left\{ -m_A + \frac{1 - \bar{\rho}^2}{2} \sigma_A^2 \right\},$$

$$M^V_2(T) = \exp \left\{ -m_A + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_A^2 \right\},$$

$$M^V_3(T) = m_B \exp \left\{ -m^{\text{deg}}_A + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma^{\text{deg}}_A \right)^2 \right\} - \frac{\bar{\rho}^{\text{deg}} \sigma^{\text{deg}}_A \sigma_B}{2} \exp \left\{ -m^{\text{deg}}_A + \frac{1 - \bar{\rho}^{\text{deg}}^2}{2} \left( \sigma^{\text{deg}}_A \right)^2 \right\},$$
with
\[
\begin{align*}
  m_A &= (\mu + \theta)(T - t) - [(\theta - x_i)g(k, T - t) + (\mu - y_i)g(\kappa, T - t)], \\
  m_B &= \mu - (\mu - y_i)e^{-\kappa(T - t)}, \\
  m_{A}^{\text{deg}} &= \mu(T - t) - (\mu - y_i)g(\kappa, T - t), \\
  \sigma_A^2 &= \left(\frac{\nu_v}{\kappa}\right)^2 (T - t - 2g(\kappa, T - t) + g(2\kappa, T - t)) \\
  &\quad + \left(\frac{\sigma_v}{\kappa}\right)^2 (T - t - 2g(k, T - t) + g(2k, T - t)) \\
  &\quad + \frac{2\rho\sigma_v\nu_v}{k\kappa}(T - t - g(\kappa, T - t) - g(k, T - t) + g(\kappa + k, T - t)), \\
  \sigma_B^2 &= \nu_v^2 g(2\kappa, T - t), \\
  (\sigma_{A}^{\text{deg}})^2 &= \left(\frac{\nu_v}{\kappa}\right)^2 (T - t - 2g(\kappa, T - t) + g(2\kappa, T - t)), \\
  \tilde{\rho} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_A \sigma_B} \left[\frac{\nu_v^2}{\kappa} (g(\kappa, T - t) - g(2\kappa, T - t)) \\
  &\quad + \frac{\rho\sigma_v\nu_v}{k\kappa} (g(\kappa, T - t) - g(\kappa + k, T - t))\right], \\
  \tilde{\rho}_{\text{deg}} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_{A}^{\text{deg}} \sigma_B} \left[\frac{\nu_v^2}{\kappa} (g(\kappa, T - t) - g(2\kappa, T - t))\right], \\
  g(a, s) &= (1 - e^{-as})/a.
\end{align*}
\]

3 Available numerical routines

3.1 Pricing defaultable bonds
We have to compute \( E(1_{\tau > T}P(0, T)) \).

3.1.1 Closed form formula \((\rho = 0)\)
When \( r \) and \( \lambda \) are uncorrelated, we can use the closed form formulas for the zero-coupon bond and the survival probabilities.

3.1.2 Monte Carlo technique
We simulate the correlated couple \((r_t, \lambda_t)\), over \([0, T]\), and compute the desired expectation.

3.2 Computing the CDS rate
Recall Eqs. (1) and (2). We have to compute
\[
\text{CDS}(t, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) = E_t(P_t)
\]
Computing the CDS Rate using Gaussian Mapping Approximation

CdsRate

Discounted Fraction Fee  Sum of Discounted Regular Fees  Discounted Default Payment

M1 CIR++(u)  M2 CIR++(u)

M1 CIR(u)  M2 CIR(u)

Bank Accounts (u)

Short Rate  Intensity (u)  Intensity Shift (u)  Delta(u)

Short Rate ZC CIR(u)  Intensity partial ZC CIR(u)  M3 V (u)

Intensity and Short Rate Mapped Volatilities (u)
as a function of $R_f$, and then to choose the $R_f$ that makes the CDS fair at time $t$, i.e.

$$\text{CDS}(t, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) = 0.$$  

3.2.1 Closed form formula ($\rho = 0$)

When $r$ and $\lambda$ are uncorrelated, the CDS price is written down in (8)-(10). Our model is such constructed that it exactly match the zero-coupon prices and survival probabilities. Thus in these equations we can directly use the market zero-coupon prices and survival probabilities. Applying numerical integration we compute the integrals in (8) and (10), and then completely evaluate the CDS rate $R_f$, which is such that $\text{CDS}(t, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) = 0$.

3.2.2 Gaussian mapping analytical approximation

We use analytical formulae to approximate the expectations in (12)-(14) and apply numerical integration to compute integrals in (12) and (14). Then $R_f$ is close such that $\text{CDS}(0, \mathcal{T}, T, R_f, Z) = 0$.

3.2.3 Monte Carlo technique

To compute $\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{P}_0)$, we simulate the correlated couple $(r_t, \lambda_t)$, over $[0, T]$, and apply the control variate technique to reduce the variance; the control variate we used is $1_{r>T}$.

4 Implementation

The implementation is done in the C++ language. Some remarks concerning the numerical algorithms are in order.

The numerical integrations are computed using Riemann summations and also Simpson’s Rule.

CIR++ processes are simulated using the Explicit(0) scheme from Alfonsi (2005).

We also use the C++ random number generator library written by Robert Davies. This library is freely available at the address: http://www.robertnz.net/

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