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Stochastic Stefan-type Problems and Limit Order Book Models

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Assumption

- infinitesimal tick size \rightarrow price-time-continuous model,
- log prices $\rightarrow p \in P = \mathbb{R}$,
- no spread $\rightarrow p_{\text{bid}} = p_{\text{ask}} = p_*$.

Boundary Conditions

- Type I: Neumann:

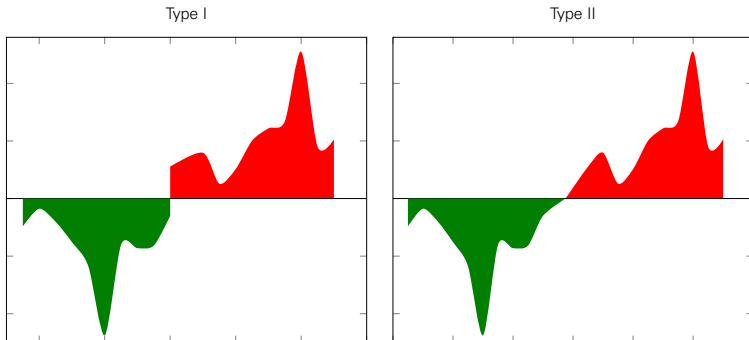
$$\partial_p v(t, p_* \pm) = 0$$

or more general Robin, $\kappa_+, \kappa_- \in (0, \infty)$:

$$v(t, p_* \pm) = \kappa_{\pm} \partial_p v(t, p_* \pm)$$

- Type II: Dirichlet:

$$v(t, p_* \pm) = 0$$



Price dynamics

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- Volume imbalance: $\mathcal{I}(t) := \rho(V_b(t) - V_s(t))$, ρ increasing, $\rho(0) = 0$.
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Type I: Use best bid/ask queue:

$$V_{b/s}(t) := |v_{b/s}(t, p_*(t) \mp)|$$

Type II: $v_{b/s}(t, p_*(t) \mp) = 0 \dots$ Use best bid/ask slope:

$$V_{b/s}(t) := \partial_\rho v_{b/s}(t, p_*(t) \mp)$$

An SPDE Model II

Initial data: $v_b(0, p) := \text{LOB}_{\text{buy}}(p)$ and $v_s(0, p) := \text{LOB}_{\text{sell}}(p)$,
 ξ : spatially colored noise, B : real BM,

Order Book Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} dv_s(t, p) &= [\eta_+ \partial_p^2 v_s + \mu_+ (p - p_*(t), v_s, \partial_p v_s)] dt \\ &\quad + \sigma_+ (p - p_*(t), v_s) d\xi_t(p), \quad p > p_*(t) \\ dv_b(t, p) &= [\eta_- \partial_p^2 v_b + \mu_- (p - p_*(t), v_b, \partial_p v_b)] dt \\ &\quad + \sigma_- (p - p_*(t), v_b) d\xi_t(p), \quad p < p_*(t), \end{aligned}$$

Price Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} dp_*(t) &= \rho (v_b|_{p_*(t)}, v_s|_{p_*(t)}, \partial_p v_b|_{p_*(t)-}, \partial_p v_s|_{p_*(t)+}) dt \\ &\quad + \sigma_* dB_t. \end{aligned}$$

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Noise I

U, U_1 separable Hilbert spaces s. t. $U \hookrightarrow U_1$ and the embedding is Hilbert-Schmidt.

Definition

(e_k) CONS of U and $\beta_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ be ind. Brownian motions. Define the **cylindrical Wiener process** W

$$W_t := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e_k \beta_k(t), \quad t \geq 0,$$

where the series converges in $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U_1)$.

Noise II

Example

For $U := L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $(\alpha_k) \in \ell^2$, $\alpha_k > 0$, define $Je_k := \alpha_k e_k$, $U_1 := JU$, and

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Definition (Colored noise)

For some $\zeta \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \cap H^3(\mathbb{R})$

$$\xi_t(p) := \int_0^t \zeta * dW_s(p), \quad t \geq 0, p \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note: $(\zeta * \cdot)(p) \in \text{HS}(U; \mathbb{R})$, for $p \in \mathbb{R}$.

Centered equations

Formally, with $u(t, x) := v(t, x + p_*(t))$ we get the SPDE on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$,

(cMBP)

$$du_t(x) = [(\eta + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_*^2)\Delta u_t + \mu(x, u_t, \nabla u_t) + \mathcal{I}(u_t)\nabla u_t] dt \\ + \sigma(x, u_t) d\xi_t(x + p_*(t)) + \sigma_* \nabla u_t dB_t, \quad x \neq 0,$$

$$dp_*(t) = \mathcal{I}(u_t) dt + \sigma_* dB_t,$$

$$u_t(0+) = \kappa \nabla u_t(0+),$$

$$u_t(0-) = -\kappa \nabla u_t(0-),$$

where $\eta > 0$, $\sigma_* \geq 0$, $\kappa \in [0, \infty]$, $\mu : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and

$$\mathcal{I}(u) := \rho(u(0+), u(0-), \nabla u(0+), \nabla u(0-)).$$

Transformation

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- $\bar{W} := (W_t, B_t)$ is a cylindrical Wiener process on $U := L^2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathbb{R}$,

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For Δ Laplacian and ∇ gradient on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} (\eta + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_*^2)\Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathcal{D}(A) = \{(u, x) \in \mathcal{H}^2 \mid \nabla u(0+) = \kappa u(0+), \nabla u(0-) = -\kappa \nabla u(0-)\}$$

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For $u \in \mathcal{L}^2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$B(u)(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu(x, u_1(x), \nabla u_1(x)) + \nabla u_1(x) \cdot \mathcal{I}(u) \\ \mathcal{I}(u) \end{pmatrix},$$

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For $u \in \mathcal{L}^2$, $w \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $x, b \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$C(u)(w, b)(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(x, u_1(x)) \cdot (\zeta * w)(u_2 + x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \sigma_* b \begin{pmatrix} \nabla u(x) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Spaces

Remark (Fractional order domains)

For $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ define the Hilbert spaces

$$E_\alpha := \mathcal{D}((a - A)^\alpha), \quad \|u\|_\alpha := \|(a - A)^\alpha u\|, \quad a > 0.$$

Then, $E_0 = \mathcal{L}^2$ and

$$E_1 \approx \mathcal{D}(A) \subset \mathcal{H}^2 \hookrightarrow BUC^1(\dot{\mathbb{R}}_0) \oplus \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that $H^k(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$ can be identified with $H^k(\mathbb{R}_+) \oplus H^k(\mathbb{R}_+)$,

The Coefficients I

Remark

For all $a > 0$, $a - A$ is positive self-adjoint on \mathcal{L}^2 , so that

- A generates the analytic contraction semigroup $(S_t) := (e^{tA})$,
- $S_t u \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{D}(A^n)$, for all $u \in \mathcal{L}^2$, $t > 0$.
- For all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $t > 0$, $u \in E_\alpha$,

$$\|S_t u\|_1 \lesssim t^{\alpha-1} \|u\|_\alpha.$$

Recall the variation of constants formula for (EE),

$$dX_t = S_t X_0 + \int_0^t S_{t-s} B(X(s)) ds + \int_0^t S_{t-s} C(X(s)) d\bar{W}_s$$

The Coefficients II

Lemma

If $\rho : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is locally Lipschitz, then \mathcal{I} and

$$H^2(\dot{\mathbb{R}}_0) \ni u \mapsto \mathcal{I}(u)\partial_x u \in H^1(\dot{\mathbb{R}}_0)$$

are Lipschitz on bounded sets.

Hence, $B : \mathcal{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^1$ is Lipschitz on bd. sets, if

- $\mu(x, y, z) = \mu_+(x, y, z)\mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}_+}(x) + \mu_-(x, y, z)\mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}_-}(x)$, $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$,
- $\mu_+, \mu_- \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^3)$, s. t.

$$\left| \partial_x^{(i)} \mu_{\pm}(x, y, z) \right| \leq a(x) + b(y, z) |(y, z)|$$

and

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\partial_y \mu_{\pm}(x, y, z)| + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\partial_z \mu_{\pm}(x, y, z)| \leq b(y, z)$$

for $a \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $b \in L_{loc}^{\infty}$.

- ... related Lipschitz conditions

The Coefficients III

Write $C(u)[w, b] = C_1(u)w + C_2(u)b$. Assume

- $\sigma \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, and GC and LC, similar to μ
- boundary conditions for σ , e. g. for Dirichlet $\sigma(0, 0) = 0$ or for Robin,

$$\sigma(x, y) = \partial_x \sigma(x, y) = \partial_y \sigma(x, y) = 0, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- if $\sigma_* > 0$, then assume $\kappa \in (0, \infty]$ (Neumann or Robin BC).

Then, $C_1 : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow HS(L^2(\mathbb{R}); \mathcal{D}(A))$ is Lipschitz on bd sets.

Remark

$$E_1 = \mathcal{D}(A) \subset \mathcal{H}^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{H}^{2\alpha} \hookrightarrow E_\alpha, \quad \forall \alpha < 1/4.$$

Moreover, for the Neumann and Robin BC holds

$$\mathcal{H}^1 \hookrightarrow E_{1/2},$$

for Dirichlet **not!**

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- S_t is “sufficiently regular”
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- $C = C_1 + C_2$, $C_1 : E_1 \rightarrow HS(U; E_1)$ Lipschitz on bd. sets
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Recall $(u_1, u_2, p_*) = X$ and for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $t \geq 0$,

$$v(t) = \Theta(u(t), p_*(t)) := u(t, \cdot) - p_*(t)$$

Change of coordinates was only formal!

Question

Relationship between the centered equations and the model on the randomly moving frame?

On Ito's Formula

In general, $(u, x) \in \mathcal{H}^1$ holds $\Theta(u, x) \notin H^1(\mathbb{R})!$

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Natural Idea:

Adjoint of $\Theta(\cdot, x)$ is $\Theta(\cdot, -x)!$

- 1 Test v against $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$
- 2 Put the shift $x \mapsto x - p_*(t)$ into the test function

This is the idea of the so called **Ito-Wentzell formula** for SPDEs (Krylov 1999, 2010)

Ito-Wentzell Formula

u is a solution of

$$\begin{aligned} du(t, x) = & ((\eta + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_*^2)\Delta u(t, x) + \nabla u(t, x)\mathcal{I}(u(t))) dt \\ & + \mu(x, u(t, x), \nabla u(t, x)) dt \\ & + \sigma(x, u(t, x)) d\xi_t(x + p_*(t)) + \sigma_* \nabla u(t, x) d\beta_t, \end{aligned}$$

in distributional sense, iff $v(t, x) = u(t, x + p_*(t))$ is solves

$$\begin{aligned} dv(t, x) = & \eta \Delta v(t, x) + \mu(x - p_*(t), v(t, x), \nabla v(t, x),) dt \\ & + \sigma(x, v(t, x)) d\xi_t(x) \\ & + L_1(v(t), p_*(t)) dp_*(t) + L_2(v(t), p_*(t)) d\langle p_* \rangle_t, \end{aligned}$$

where L_1 and L_2 are (given) distribution valued functions with

$$L_1(\cdot, p)|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus \{p\}} = L_2(\cdot, p)|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus \{p\}} = 0.$$

Ito-Wentzell Formula II

Warning

∇ and Δ are piecewise (!) weak derivatives and not the distributional derivatives on \mathbb{R} !

E. g. for $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$,

$$\partial_x f - \nabla f = (f(0+) - f(0-))\delta_0.$$

Remark

At least formally, L_1 and L_2 describe the jumps of v and ∇v at phase change p_* .

Summary and Outlook

- Strong local solution of the stochastic evolution equation,
- If $\sigma_* > 0$, then only Neumann and Robin bc.
- Transformation in general via Ito-Wentzell formula - in distributional sense.

Special case $\sigma_* = 0$

- All (hom.) boundary conditions possible,
- Continuity w. r.t. \mathcal{H}^2 ,
- Analysis much easier,
- Forward invariance (positivity),
- Wong-Zakai approximation,
- For Dirichlet b. c. : $\Theta \in C^1(\mathcal{H}_0^1; L^2(\mathbb{R}))$ yields strong solution of the SMBP. (\rightarrow arXiv 1507.03276)

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