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Rough volatility workshop

## Lecture 4: Computation

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## Outline of Lecture 4

- Rational approximation of rough Heston
- Smile plotting and parameter sensitivities
- The HQE scheme

## The rough Heston model with $\lambda \geq 0$

- As shown in Lecture 2, in the case  $\lambda \geq 0$ , the rough Heston model may be written in forward variance form as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS_t}{S_t} &= \sqrt{V_t} \{ \rho dW_t + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} dW_t^\perp \} \\ d\xi_t(u) &= \sqrt{V_t} \kappa(u - t) dW_t, \quad u \geq t\end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi_t(u) = \mathbb{E}_t[V_u]$ ,  $u > t$  is the forward variance curve,  $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha = H + \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$ , and the kernel  $\kappa$  is given by

$$\kappa(x) = \nu x^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha,\alpha}(-\lambda x^\alpha),$$

where  $E_{\alpha,\alpha}(\cdot)$  denotes the generalized Mittag-Leffler function.

## The convolution Riccati equation

- Let  $X = \log S$  and  $X_{t,T} := X_T - X_t$ .
- In Lecture 3, we showed that that affine forward variance (AFV) models have a cumulant generating function (CGF) of the form

$$\varphi_t(T; a) := \log \mathbb{E}_t [e^{ia X_{t,T}}] = \int_t^T \xi_t(s) g(T - s; a) ds.$$

- $g(t; a)$  satisfies the convolution Riccati equation

$$g = -\frac{1}{2} a (a + i) + \rho a i (\kappa \star g) + \frac{1}{2} (\kappa \star g)^2,$$

$$\text{where } (\kappa \star g)(t; a) := \int_0^t \kappa(t - s) g(s; a) ds.$$

## The rough Heston fractional ODE

- Let  $D^\alpha$  and  $I^{1-\alpha}$  represent respectively fractional differential and integral operators.
- In the rough Heston case, the convolution Riccati equation may be re-expressed as a fractional ODE.
- As originally proved in [Gatheral and Radoičić]<sup>[6][7]</sup>, we have:

### Lemma 1.1 of [Gatheral and Radoičić]<sup>[7]</sup>

Let  $\kappa(\tau) = \nu \tau^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha,\alpha}(-\lambda \tau^\alpha)$  and  $h(t; a) = \frac{1}{\nu} (\kappa \star g)(t; a)$ .

Then  $h$  satisfies the fractional ODE

$$\begin{aligned} D^\alpha h(t; a) &= -\frac{1}{2} a (a + i) + (i \rho \nu a - \lambda) h(t; a) + \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 h^2(t; a); \\ I^{1-\alpha} h(t; a) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

## Solving the fractional ODE

- There exist a number of standard numerical techniques, such as the Adams scheme, for solving fractional differential equations such as the rough Heston fractional Riccati equation.
  - These techniques are all slow!
- [Gatheral and Radoičić]<sup>[6][7]</sup> showed how to approximate the solution of the fractional ODE using a rational (Padé approximation).

- The idea is to paste together short- and long-time expansions of the solution.
  - This approximation solution is just as fast as the classical Heston solution and appears to be more accurate than the Adams scheme for any reasonable number of time steps!
- As pointed out in [Baschetti et al.]<sup>[3]</sup> for example, such rational approximations are extremely fast to compute relative to the alternatives, enabling efficient calibration of the rough Heston model.

## The Lewis formula

- Given an approximate solution to the convolution Riccati Equation , an accurate approximation to the CGF may be easily computed.
- European option prices may then be obtained using the Lewis formula[Lewis]<sup>[9]</sup>:

$$C(S, K, T) = S - \sqrt{SK} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{a^2 + \frac{1}{4}} \operatorname{Re} \left[ e^{-iak} \varphi_t(T; a - i/2) \right], \quad (1)$$

where  $S$  is the current stock price,  $K$  the strike price and  $T$  expiration.

- Implied volatilities may be computed by numerical inversion of the Black-Scholes formula.
- For option pricing with the Lewis formula, we need only find a good approximation for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  with

$$\mathcal{A} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Re(z) \geq 0, -1 \leq \Im(z) \leq 0\} \quad (2)$$

where  $\Re$  and  $\Im$  denote real and imaginary parts respectively.

## Solving the rough Heston Riccati equation for short times

- First, we derive a short-time expansion of the solution  $h(t; a)$  of the fractional ODE.
- Consider the small  $t$  ansatz

$$h(t; a) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j t^{j\alpha}. \quad (3)$$

- Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^\alpha h &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j \frac{\Gamma(1+j\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+(j-1)\alpha)} t^{(j-1)\alpha} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_{j+1} \frac{\Gamma(1+(j+1)\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+j\alpha)} t^{j\alpha}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Substituting into the fractional IDE and matching coefficients of  $t^0$  gives

$$b_1 = -\frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} \frac{1}{2} a(a+i).$$

- Doing the same with the coefficient of  $t^\alpha$  gives

$$b_2 = \frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+2\alpha)} (i\rho a - \lambda') \nu b_1,$$

where as before,  $\lambda' = \lambda/\nu$ .

- This generalizes to the recursion

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1 &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} \frac{1}{2} a(a+i) \\
 b_k &= \frac{\Gamma(1+(k-1)\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+k\alpha)} \left\{ -\tilde{\lambda} \nu b_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^{k-1} 1_{i+j=k-1} b_i b_j \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\lambda} = \lambda' - i\rho a$ .

## Solving the rough Heston Riccati equation for long times

- The fractional Riccati equation ODE may be re-expressed as

$$D^\alpha h(t; a) = \frac{1}{2} (\nu h(t; a) - r_-) (\nu h(t; a) - r_+), \quad (4)$$

with  $A = \sqrt{a(a+i) + (\lambda' - i\rho a)^2}$ ;  $r_\pm = \{\lambda' - i\rho a \pm A\}$ ;  $\lambda' = \lambda/\nu$ .

- Let  $\nu h_\infty(t; a) = r_- [1 - E_\alpha(-A\nu t^\alpha)]$  where  $E_\alpha$  is the Mittag-Leffler function.
- Then, for  $t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is suitably defined,  $h_\infty(t; a)$  satisfies

$$\nu h_\infty(t; a) - r_- = -\frac{r_-}{A\nu} \frac{t^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} + \mathcal{O}(|A\nu t^\alpha|^{-2}). \quad (5)$$

and thus solves the rough Heston Riccati equation up to an error term of  $\mathcal{O}\left(|A \nu t^\alpha|^{-2}\right)$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

- The form of the asymptotic expansion of  $E_\alpha(-A \nu t^\alpha)$  motivates the following ansatz for  $h(t; a)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$h(t; a) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k t^{-k\alpha}. \quad (6)$$

- Then

$$D^\alpha h(t; a) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_{k-1} \frac{\Gamma(1 - (k-1)\alpha)}{\Gamma(1 - k\alpha)} t^{-k\alpha}.$$

- Note that, from the asymptotic solution,

$$g_0 = \frac{r_-}{\nu}; \quad g_1 = -\frac{r_-}{A\nu^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)}.$$

- Also, from the fractional ODE, using that  $g_0 = r_-/\nu$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D^\alpha h(a, x) &= \frac{1}{2} (\nu h(t; a) - r_-) (\nu h(t; a) - r_+) \\ &= \nu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k t^{-k\alpha} \left( -A + \frac{1}{2} \nu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k t^{-k\alpha} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_{k-1} \frac{\Gamma(1 - (k-1)\alpha)}{\Gamma(1 - k\alpha)} t^{-k\alpha} \\ &= \nu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k t^{-k\alpha} \left( -A + \frac{1}{2} \nu \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k t^{-k\alpha} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- Matching coefficients of  $t^{-\alpha}$  gives

$$g_1 = -\frac{1}{A\nu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} g_0.$$

- Similarly, matching coefficients of  $t^{-2\alpha}$  gives

$$g_2 = -\frac{1}{A\nu} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)}{\Gamma(1 - 2\alpha)} g_1 - \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 g_1^2 \right\}.$$

- The general recursion for  $k > 2$  is given by

$$g_k = -\frac{1}{A\nu} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1 - (k-1)\alpha)}{\Gamma(1 - k\alpha)} g_{k-1} - \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} 1_{i+j=k} g_i g_j \right\}.$$

## Rational approximations of $h$

- Now that we have short-time and long-time asymptotics of  $h$ , we can construct rational approximations that match the short- and long-term to a given order.
- The only admissible global rational approximations of  $h$  are of the diagonal form

$$h^{(n,n)}(t; a) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_{n,i} y^i}{\sum_{j=0}^n q_{n,j} y^j} \quad (7)$$

with  $y = \nu t^\alpha$ .

- Explicit expressions for the coefficients  $p_{n,i}$  and  $q_{n,j}$  are provided in `roughHestonPadeLambda.R`.

- `roughHestonPadeLambda.R` is made openly accessible at <https://github.com/jgatheral/RationalRoughHeston>, together with Jupyter notebooks illustrating the usage of the  $h^{(n,n)}$ .

## Some R-code

```
In [1]: setwd("./QRV")
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In [2]: source("BlackScholes.R")
source("Heston.R")
source("HQE.R")
source("Lewis.R")
source("roughHestonPadeLambda.R")
source("gammaKernel.R")
source("plotIvols.R")
```

```
In [3]: library(repr)
library(reshape2)
library(MittagLeffler)
```

```
library(stinepack)
options(repr.plot.height=7, repr.plot.width=10, rep.plot.res=200)
```

## Set up nice colors

```
In [4]: my.col <- sequential_hcl(5, palette="Batlow")
bl <- "royalblue"
rd <- "red2"
pk <- "hotpink1"
gr <- "green4"
br <- "brown"
pu <- "purple"
or <- "orange"
```

## R implementation of the rational approximation

- The complicated algebra to get the coefficients  $p_{n,i}$  and  $q_{n,j}$  from the  $b_k$  and the  $g_k$  need only be done once.
  - Wuth Mathematica in my case!
- `h.Pade22` is easy enough to be computed by hand.
- `h.Pade66` is too complicated to print!
- Let's look at some examples:

```
In [5]: h.Pade22
```

```

function (params)
function(a, tau) {
  H <- params$H
  rho <- params$rho
  nu <- params$nu
  al <- H + 1/2
  lam <- params$lam
  lamp <- lam/nu
  lamTilde <- lamp - (0 + (0 + (0+1i))) * rho * a
  aa <- sqrt(a * (a + (0 + (0 + (0+1i))))) + lamTilde^2)
  rm <- lamTilde - aa
  rp <- lamTilde + aa
  b1 <- -a * (a + (0 + (0+1i)))/2 * 1/gamma(1 + al)
  b2 <- -b1 * lamTilde * nu * gamma(1 + al)/gamma(1 + 2 * al)
  g0 <- rm/nu
  g1 <- ifelse(al == 1, 0, -1/aa * 1/gamma(1 - al) * g0/nu)
  den <- g0^2 + b1 * g1
  q1 <- (b1 * g0 - b2 * g1)/den
  q2 <- (b1^2 + b2 * g0)/den
  p1 <- b1
  p2 <- b2 + b1 * q1
  y <- tau^al
  h.pade <- (p1 * y + p2 * y^2)/(1 + q1 * y + q2 * y^2)
  return(h.pade)
}

```

In [6]: `h.Pade33`



```

function (params)
function(a, tau) {
  H <- params$H
  rho <- params$rho
  nu <- params$nu
  al <- H + 1/2
  lam <- params$lam
  lamp <- lam/nu
  lamTilde <- lamp - (0 + (0+1i)) * rho * a
  aa <- sqrt(a * (a + (0 + (0+1i)))) + lamTilde^2)
  rm <- lamTilde - aa
  rp <- lamTilde + aa
  b1 <- -a * (a + (0+1i))/2 * 1/gamma(1 + al)
  b2 <- -b1 * lamTilde * nu * gamma(1 + al)/gamma(1 + 2 * al)
  b3 <- (-b2 * lamTilde * nu + nu^2 * b1^2/2) * gamma(1 + 2 *
    al)/gamma(1 + 3 * al)
  b4 <- (-b3 * lamTilde * nu + nu^2 * b1 * b2) * gamma(1 +
    3 * al)/gamma(1 + 4 * al)
  g0 <- rm/nu
  g1 <- -1/(aa * nu) * 1/gamma(1 - al) * g0
  g2 <- -1/(aa * nu) * (gamma(1 - al)/gamma(1 - 2 * al) * g1 -
    1/2 * nu^2 * g1 * g1)
  g3 <- -1/(aa * nu) * (gamma(1 - 2 * al)/gamma(1 - 3 * al) *
    g2 - nu^2 * g1 * g2)
  den <- g0^3 + 2 * b1 * g0 * g1 - b2 * g1^2 + b1^2 * g2 +
    b2 * g0 * g2
  p1 <- b1
  p2 <- (b1^2 * g0^2 + b2 * g0^3 + b1^3 * g1 + b1 * b2 * g0 *
    g1 - b2^2 * g1^2 + b1 * b3 * g1^2 + b2^2 * g0 * g2 -
    b1 * b3 * g0 * g2)/den
  q1 <- (b1 * g0^2 + b1^2 * g1 - b2 * g0 * g1 + b3 * g1^2 -
    b1 * b2 * g2 - b3 * g0 * g2)/den
  q2 <- (b1^2 * g0 + b2 * g0^2 - b1 * b2 * g1 - b3 * g0 * g1 +
    b2^2 * g2 - b1 * b3 * g2)/den
  q3 <- (b1^3 + 2 * b1 * b2 * g0 + b3 * g0^2 - b2^2 * g1 +
    b1 * b3 * g1)/den
  p3 <- g0 * q3
  y <- tau^al
  h.pade <- (p1 * y + p2 * y^2 + p3 * y^3)/(1 + q1 * y + q2 *
    y^2 + q3 * y^3)
  return(h.pade)
}

```

In [7]: `h.Pade55`

```

function (params)
function(a, tau) {
  H <- params$H
  rho <- params$rho
  nu <- params$nu
  al <- H + 1/2
  lam <- params$lam
  lamp <- lam/nu
  lamTilde <- lamp - (0 + (0 + (0+1i))) * rho * a
  aa <- sqrt(a * (a + (0 + (0 + (0+1i))))) + lamTilde^2)
  rm <- lamTilde - aa
  rp <- lamTilde + aa
  b1 <- -a * (a + (0 + (0+1i)))/2 * 1/gamma(1 + al)
  b2 <- -b1 * lamTilde * nu * gamma(1 + al)/gamma(1 + 2 * al)
  b3 <- (-b2 * lamTilde * nu + nu^2 * b1^2/2) * gamma(1 + 2 *
    al)/gamma(1 + 3 * al)
  b4 <- (-b3 * lamTilde * nu + nu^2 * b1 * b2) * gamma(1 +
    3 * al)/gamma(1 + 4 * al)
  b5 <- (-b4 * lamTilde * nu + nu^2 * (1/2 * b2 * b2 + b1 *
    b3)) * gamma(1 + 4 * al)/gamma(1 + 5 * al)
  g0 <- rm/nu
  g1 <- ifelse(al == 1, 0, -1/(aa * nu) * 1/gamma(1 - al) *
    g0)
  g2 <- ifelse(al == 1, 0, -1/(aa * nu) * (gamma(1 - al)/gamma(1 -
    2 * al) * g1 - 1/2 * nu^2 * g1 * g1))
  g3 <- ifelse(al == 1, 0, -1/(aa * nu) * (gamma(1 - 2 * al)/gamma(1
    -
      3 * al) * g2 - nu^2 * g1 * g2))
  g4 <- ifelse(al == 1, 0, -1/(aa * nu) * (gamma(1 - 3 * al)/gamma(1
    -
      4 * al) * g3 - nu^2 * (1/2 * g2 * g2 + g1 * g3)))
  den <- (-g0^5 - 4 * b1 * g0^3 * g1 - 3 * b1^2 * g0 * g1^2 +
    3 * b2 * g0^2 * g1^2 + 2 * b1 * b2 * g1^3 - 2 * b3 *
    g0 * g1^3 + b4 * g1^4 - 3 * b1^2 * g0^2 * g2 - 3 * b2 *
    g0^3 * g2 - 2 * b1^3 * g1 * g2 + 2 * b1 * b2 * g0 * g1 *
    g2 + 4 * b3 * g0^2 * g1 * g2 - b2^2 * g1^2 * g2 - 2 *
    b1 * b3 * g1^2 * g2 - 3 * b4 * g0 * g1^2 * g2 + b1^2 *
    b2 * g2^2 - 2 * b2^2 * g0 * g2^2 + 4 * b1 * b3 * g0 *
    g2^2 + b4 * g0^2 * g2^2 + 2 * b2 * b3 * g1 * g2^2 - 2 *
    b1 * b4 * g1 * g2^2 - b3^2 * g2^3 + b2 * b4 * g2^3 -
    2 * b1^3 * g0 * g3 - 4 * b1 * b2 * g0^2 * g3 - 2 * b3 *
    g0^3 * g3 + 2 * b1^2 * b2 * g1 * g3 + 4 * b2^2 * g0 *

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g1 * g3 + 2 * b4 * g0^2 * g1 * g3 - 2 * b2 * b3 * g1^2 *
g3 + 2 * b1 * b4 * g1^2 * g3 - 2 * b1 * b2^2 * g2 * g3 +
2 * b1^2 * b3 * g2 * g3 - 2 * b2 * b3 * g0 * g2 * g3 +
2 * b1 * b4 * g0 * g2 * g3 + 2 * b3^2 * g1 * g2 * g3 -
2 * b2 * b4 * g1 * g2 * g3 + b2^3 * g3^2 - 2 * b1 * b2 *
b3 * g3^2 + b1^2 * b4 * g3^2 - b3^2 * g0 * g3^2 + b2 *
b4 * g0 * g3^2 - b1^4 * g4 - 3 * b1^2 * b2 * g0 * g4 -
b2^2 * g0^2 * g4 - 2 * b1 * b3 * g0^2 * g4 - b4 * g0^3 *
g4 + 2 * b1 * b2^2 * g1 * g4 - 2 * b1^2 * b3 * g1 * g4 +
2 * b2 * b3 * g0 * g1 * g4 - 2 * b1 * b4 * g0 * g1 *
g4 - b3^2 * g1^2 * g4 + b2 * b4 * g1^2 * g4 - b2^3 *
g2 * g4 + 2 * b1 * b2 * b3 * g2 * g4 - b1^2 * b4 * g2 *
g4 + b3^2 * g0 * g2 * g4 - b2 * b4 * g0 * g2 * g4)
q1 <- (-(b1 * g0^4) - 3 * b1^2 * g0^2 * g1 + b2 * g0^3 *
g1 - b1^3 * g1^2 + 4 * b1 * b2 * g0 * g1^2 - b3 * g0^2 *
g1^2 - b2^2 * g1^3 - 2 * b1 * b3 * g1^3 + b4 * g0 * g1^3 -
b5 * g1^4 - 2 * b1^3 * g0 * g2 - b1 * b2 * g0^2 * g2 +
b3 * g0^3 * g2 + 4 * b1^2 * b2 * g1 * g2 + 2 * b1 * b3 *
g0 * g1 * g2 - 2 * b4 * g0^2 * g1 * g2 + 2 * b2 * b3 *
g1^2 * g2 + b1 * b4 * g1^2 * g2 + 3 * b5 * g0 * g1^2 *
g2 - 2 * b1 * b2^2 * g2^2 + b1^2 * b3 * g2^2 - 2 * b1 *
b4 * g0 * g2^2 - b5 * g0^2 * g2^2 - b3^2 * g1 * g2^2 -
b2 * b4 * g1 * g2^2 + 2 * b1 * b5 * g1 * g2^2 + b3 *
b4 * g2^3 - b2 * b5 * g2^3 - b1^4 * g3 - b1^2 * b2 *
g0 * g3 + b2^2 * g0^2 * g3 + b4 * g0^3 * g3 - 2 * b1^2 *
b3 * g1 * g3 - 4 * b2 * b3 * g0 * g1 * g3 - 2 * b5 *
g0^2 * g1 * g3 + b3^2 * g1^2 * g3 + b2 * b4 * g1^2 *
g3 - 2 * b1 * b5 * g1^2 * g3 + b2^3 * g2 * g3 - b1^2 *
b4 * g2 * g3 + b3^2 * g0 * g2 * g3 + b2 * b4 * g0 * g2 *
g3 - 2 * b1 * b5 * g0 * g2 * g3 - 2 * b3 * b4 * g1 *
g2 * g3 + 2 * b2 * b5 * g1 * g2 * g3 - b2^2 * b3 * g3^2 +
b1 * b3^2 * g3^2 + b1 * b2 * b4 * g3^2 - b1^2 * b5 *
g3^2 + b3 * b4 * g0 * g3^2 - b2 * b5 * g0 * g3^2 + b1^3 *
b2 * g4 + 2 * b1 * b2^2 * g0 * g4 + b1^2 * b3 * g0 *
g4 + 2 * b2 * b3 * g0^2 * g4 + b1 * b4 * g0^2 * g4 +
b5 * g0^3 * g4 - b2^3 * g1 * g4 + b1^2 * b4 * g1 * g4 -
b3^2 * g0 * g1 * g4 - b2 * b4 * g0 * g1 * g4 + 2 * b1 *
b5 * g0 * g1 * g4 + b3 * b4 * g1^2 * g4 - b2 * b5 * g1^2 *
g4 + b2^2 * b3 * g2 * g4 - b1 * b3^2 * g2 * g4 - b1 *
b2 * b4 * g2 * g4 + b1^2 * b5 * g2 * g4 - b3 * b4 * g0 *
g2 * g4 + b2 * b5 * g0 * g2 * g4)/den
q2 <- (-(b1^2 * g0^3) - b2 * g0^4 - 2 * b1^3 * g0 * g1 -

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b1 * b2 * g0^2 * g1 + b3 * g0^3 * g1 + 2 * b1^2 * b2 *
g1^2 + b2^2 * g0 * g1^2 - b4 * g0^2 * g1^2 + b1 * b4 *
g1^3 + b5 * g0 * g1^3 - b1^4 * g2 - b1^2 * b2 * g0 *
g2 - 2 * b2^2 * g0^2 * g2 + 3 * b1 * b3 * g0^2 * g2 +
b4 * g0^3 * g2 - 2 * b1 * b2^2 * g1 * g2 - 4 * b1 * b4 *
g0 * g1 * g2 - 2 * b5 * g0^2 * g1 * g2 - b2 * b4 * g1^2 *
g2 + b1 * b5 * g1^2 * g2 + 2 * b1 * b2 * b3 * g2^2 -
2 * b1^2 * b4 * g2^2 - b3^2 * g0 * g2^2 + 3 * b2 * b4 *
g0 * g2^2 - 2 * b1 * b5 * g0 * g2^2 + b3 * b4 * g1 *
g2^2 - b2 * b5 * g1 * g2^2 - b4^2 * g2^3 + b3 * b5 *
g2^3 + b1^3 * b2 * g3 + 3 * b1^2 * b3 * g0 * g3 + 3 *
b1 * b4 * g0^2 * g3 + b5 * g0^3 * g3 + b2^3 * g1 * g3 -
2 * b1 * b2 * b3 * g1 * g3 + b1^2 * b4 * g1 * g3 + b3^2 *
g0 * g1 * g3 - b2 * b4 * g0 * g1 * g3 - b3 * b4 * g1^2 *
g3 + b2 * b5 * g1^2 * g3 - b2^2 * b3 * g2 * g3 - b1 *
b3^2 * g2 * g3 + 3 * b1 * b2 * b4 * g2 * g3 - b1^2 *
b5 * g2 * g3 - b3 * b4 * g0 * g2 * g3 + b2 * b5 * g0 *
g2 * g3 + 2 * b4^2 * g1 * g2 * g3 - 2 * b3 * b5 * g1 *
g2 * g3 + b2 * b3^2 * g3^2 - b2^2 * b4 * g3^2 - b1 *
b3 * b4 * g3^2 + b1 * b2 * b5 * g3^2 - b4^2 * g0 * g3^2 +
b3 * b5 * g0 * g3^2 - b1^2 * b2^2 * g4 + b1^3 * b3 *
g4 - b2^3 * g0 * g4 + b1^2 * b4 * g0 * g4 - b2 * b4 *
g0^2 * g4 + b1 * b5 * g0^2 * g4 + b2^2 * b3 * g1 * g4 +
b1 * b3^2 * g1 * g4 - 3 * b1 * b2 * b4 * g1 * g4 + b1^2 *
b5 * g1 * g4 + b3 * b4 * g0 * g1 * g4 - b2 * b5 * g0 *
g1 * g4 - b4^2 * g1^2 * g4 + b3 * b5 * g1^2 * g4 - b2 *
b3^2 * g2 * g4 + b2^2 * b4 * g2 * g4 + b1 * b3 * b4 *
g2 * g4 - b1 * b2 * b5 * g2 * g4 + b4^2 * g0 * g2 * g4 -
b3 * b5 * g0 * g2 * g4)/den
q3 <- (-(b1^3 * g0^2) - 2 * b1 * b2 * g0^3 - b3 * g0^4 -
b1^4 * g1 - b1^2 * b2 * g0 * g1 + 2 * b2^2 * g0^2 * g1 -
b1 * b3 * g0^2 * g1 + b4 * g0^3 * g1 + b1 * b2^2 * g1^2 -
2 * b1^2 * b3 * g1^2 - 2 * b2 * b3 * g0 * g1^2 - b5 *
g0^2 * g1^2 + b2 * b4 * g1^3 - b1 * b5 * g1^3 + b1^3 *
b2 * g2 + 3 * b1^2 * b3 * g0 * g2 + 3 * b1 * b4 * g0^2 *
g2 + b5 * g0^3 * g2 + 2 * b3^2 * g0 * g1 * g2 - 2 * b2 *
b4 * g0 * g1 * g2 - b3 * b4 * g1^2 * g2 + b2 * b5 * g1^2 *
g2 - b1 * b3^2 * g2^2 + b1 * b2 * b4 * g2^2 - b3 * b4 *
g0 * g2^2 + b2 * b5 * g0 * g2^2 + b4^2 * g1 * g2^2 -
b3 * b5 * g1 * g2^2 - b1^2 * b2^2 * g3 + b1^3 * b3 *
g3 + b2^3 * g0 * g3 - 4 * b1 * b2 * b3 * g0 * g3 + 3 *
b1^2 * b4 * g0 * g3 - 2 * b3^2 * g0^2 * g3 + b2 * b4 *

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g0^2 * g3 + b1 * b5 * g0^2 * g3 - b2^2 * b3 * g1 * g3 +
3 * b1 * b3^2 * g1 * g3 - b1 * b2 * b4 * g1 * g3 - b1^2 *
b5 * g1 * g3 + 3 * b3 * b4 * g0 * g1 * g3 - 3 * b2 *
b5 * g0 * g1 * g3 - b4^2 * g1^2 * g3 + b3 * b5 * g1^2 *
g3 + b2 * b3^2 * g2 * g3 - b2^2 * b4 * g2 * g3 - b1 *
b3 * b4 * g2 * g3 + b1 * b2 * b5 * g2 * g3 - b4^2 * g0 *
g2 * g3 + b3 * b5 * g0 * g2 * g3 - b3^3 * g3^2 + 2 *
b2 * b3 * b4 * g3^2 - b1 * b4^2 * g3^2 - b2^2 * b5 *
g3^2 + b1 * b3 * b5 * g3^2 + b1 * b2^3 * g4 - 2 * b1^2 *
b2 * b3 * g4 + b1^3 * b4 * g4 + b2^2 * b3 * g0 * g4 -
2 * b1 * b3^2 * g0 * g4 + b1^2 * b5 * g0 * g4 - b3 *
b4 * g0^2 * g4 + b2 * b5 * g0^2 * g4 - b2 * b3^2 * g1 *
g4 + b2^2 * b4 * g1 * g4 + b1 * b3 * b4 * g1 * g4 - b1 *
b2 * b5 * g1 * g4 + b4^2 * g0 * g1 * g4 - b3 * b5 * g0 *
g1 * g4 + b3^3 * g2 * g4 - 2 * b2 * b3 * b4 * g2 * g4 +
b1 * b4^2 * g2 * g4 + b2^2 * b5 * g2 * g4 - b1 * b3 *
b5 * g2 * g4)/den
q4 <- (-(b1^4 * g0) - 3 * b1^2 * b2 * g0^2 - b2^2 * g0^3 -
2 * b1 * b3 * g0^3 - b4 * g0^4 + b1^3 * b2 * g1 + 4 *
b1 * b2^2 * g0 * g1 - b1^2 * b3 * g0 * g1 + 4 * b2 *
b3 * g0^2 * g1 - b1 * b4 * g0^2 * g1 + b5 * g0^3 * g1 -
b2^3 * g1^2 + b1^2 * b4 * g1^2 - 2 * b3^2 * g0 * g1^2 +
2 * b1 * b5 * g0 * g1^2 + b3 * b4 * g1^3 - b2 * b5 *
g1^3 - b1^2 * b2^2 * g2 + b1^3 * b3 * g2 - 2 * b2^3 *
g0 * g2 + 2 * b1 * b2 * b3 * g0 * g2 + b3^2 * g0^2 *
g2 - 2 * b2 * b4 * g0^2 * g2 + b1 * b5 * g0^2 * g2 +
2 * b2^2 * b3 * g1 * g2 - 4 * b1 * b2 * b4 * g1 * g2 +
2 * b1^2 * b5 * g1 * g2 - b4^2 * g1^2 * g2 + b3 * b5 *
g1^2 * g2 - b2 * b3^2 * g2^2 + b2^2 * b4 * g2^2 + b1 *
b3 * b4 * g2^2 - b1 * b2 * b5 * g2^2 + b4^2 * g0 * g2^2 -
b3 * b5 * g0 * g2^2 + b1 * b2^3 * g3 - 2 * b1^2 * b2 *
b3 * g3 + b1^3 * b4 * g3 + b2^2 * b3 * g0 * g3 - 2 *
b1 * b3^2 * g0 * g3 + b1^2 * b5 * g0 * g3 - b3 * b4 *
g0^2 * g3 + b2 * b5 * g0^2 * g3 - b2 * b3^2 * g1 * g3 +
b2^2 * b4 * g1 * g3 + b1 * b3 * b4 * g1 * g3 - b1 * b2 *
b5 * g1 * g3 + b4^2 * g0 * g1 * g3 - b3 * b5 * g0 * g1 *
g3 + b3^3 * g2 * g3 - 2 * b2 * b3 * b4 * g2 * g3 + b1 *
b4^2 * g2 * g3 + b2^2 * b5 * g2 * g3 - b1 * b3 * b5 *
g2 * g3 - b2^4 * g4 + 3 * b1 * b2^2 * b3 * g4 - b1^2 *
b3^2 * g4 - 2 * b1^2 * b2 * b4 * g4 + b1^3 * b5 * g4 +
2 * b2 * b3^2 * g0 * g4 - 2 * b2^2 * b4 * g0 * g4 - 2 *
b1 * b3 * b4 * g0 * g4 + 2 * b1 * b2 * b5 * g0 * g4 -

```

```

      b4^2 * g0^2 * g4 + b3 * b5 * g0^2 * g4 - b3^3 * g1 *
      g4 + 2 * b2 * b3 * b4 * g1 * g4 - b1 * b4^2 * g1 * g4 -
      b2^2 * b5 * g1 * g4 + b1 * b3 * b5 * g1 * g4)/den
q5 <- (-b1^5 - 4 * b1^3 * b2 * g0 - 3 * b1 * b2^2 * g0^2 -
      3 * b1^2 * b3 * g0^2 - 2 * b2 * b3 * g0^3 - 2 * b1 *
      b4 * g0^3 - b5 * g0^4 + 3 * b1^2 * b2^2 * g1 - 3 * b1^3 *
      b3 * g1 + 2 * b2^3 * g0 * g1 + 2 * b1 * b2 * b3 * g0 *
      g1 - 4 * b1^2 * b4 * g0 * g1 + b3^2 * g0^2 * g1 + 2 *
      b2 * b4 * g0^2 * g1 - 3 * b1 * b5 * g0^2 * g1 - b2^2 *
      b3 * g1^2 - 2 * b1 * b3^2 * g1^2 + 4 * b1 * b2 * b4 *
      g1^2 - b1^2 * b5 * g1^2 - 2 * b3 * b4 * g0 * g1^2 + 2 *
      b2 * b5 * g0 * g1^2 + b4^2 * g1^3 - b3 * b5 * g1^3 -
      2 * b1 * b2^3 * g2 + 4 * b1^2 * b2 * b3 * g2 - 2 * b1^3 *
      b4 * g2 - 2 * b2^2 * b3 * g0 * g2 + 4 * b1 * b3^2 * g0 *
      g2 - 2 * b1^2 * b5 * g0 * g2 + 2 * b3 * b4 * g0^2 * g2 -
      2 * b2 * b5 * g0^2 * g2 + 2 * b2 * b3^2 * g1 * g2 - 2 *
      b2^2 * b4 * g1 * g2 - 2 * b1 * b3 * b4 * g1 * g2 + 2 *
      b1 * b2 * b5 * g1 * g2 - 2 * b4^2 * g0 * g1 * g2 + 2 *
      b3 * b5 * g0 * g1 * g2 - b3^3 * g2^2 + 2 * b2 * b3 *
      b4 * g2^2 - b1 * b4^2 * g2^2 - b2^2 * b5 * g2^2 + b1 *
      b3 * b5 * g2^2 + b2^4 * g3 - 3 * b1 * b2^2 * b3 * g3 +
      b1^2 * b3^2 * g3 + 2 * b1^2 * b2 * b4 * g3 - b1^3 * b5 *
      g3 - 2 * b2 * b3^2 * g0 * g3 + 2 * b2^2 * b4 * g0 * g3 +
      2 * b1 * b3 * b4 * g0 * g3 - 2 * b1 * b2 * b5 * g0 *
      g3 + b4^2 * g0^2 * g3 - b3 * b5 * g0^2 * g3 + b3^3 *
      g1 * g3 - 2 * b2 * b3 * b4 * g1 * g3 + b1 * b4^2 * g1 *
      g3 + b2^2 * b5 * g1 * g3 - b1 * b3 * b5 * g1 * g3)/den
p1 <- b1
p2 <- b2 + b1 * q1
p3 <- b3 + b1 * q2 + b2 * q1
p4 <- b4 + b3 * q1 + b2 * q2 + b1 * q3
p5 <- g0 * q5
y <- tau^a1
h.pade <- (p1 * y + p2 * y^2 + p3 * y^3 + p4 * y^4 + p5 *
      y^5)/(1 + q1 * y + q2 * y^2 + q3 * y^3 + q4 * y^4 + q5 *
      y^5)
return(h.pade)
}

```

## R implementation of the Lewis formula

In [8]: option.OTM.raw

```

function (phi, k, tau)
{
  integrand <- function(u) {
    Re(exp(-(0 + (0+1i)) * u * k) * phi(u - (0 + (0+1i))/2,
      tau)/(u^2 + 1/4))
  }
  k.minus <- (k < 0) * k
  res <- exp(k.minus) - exp(k/2)/pi * integrate(integrand,
    lower = 0, upper = Inf, rel.tol = 1e-10, subdivisions = 1000)
  $value
  return(ifelse(res < 0, NA, res))
}

```

## The rough Heston smile

```

In [9]: params.rHeston <- list(H=0.05, nu=0.4, rho=-.65, lam=0)
xiCurve <- function(t){.16^2+0*t}

```

```

In [10]: phi <- phiRoughHestonRational(params.rHeston, xiCurve, h.approx= h.Pade44, r

```

```

In [11]: vol <- function(k){
  sapply(k,function(x){impvol.phi(phi)(x,1)}})
system.time(curve(vol(x), from=-.4, to=.4, col=rd, lwd=2, xlab="Log-strike k", yla
  user  system elapsed
 3.026   0.043   3.069

```



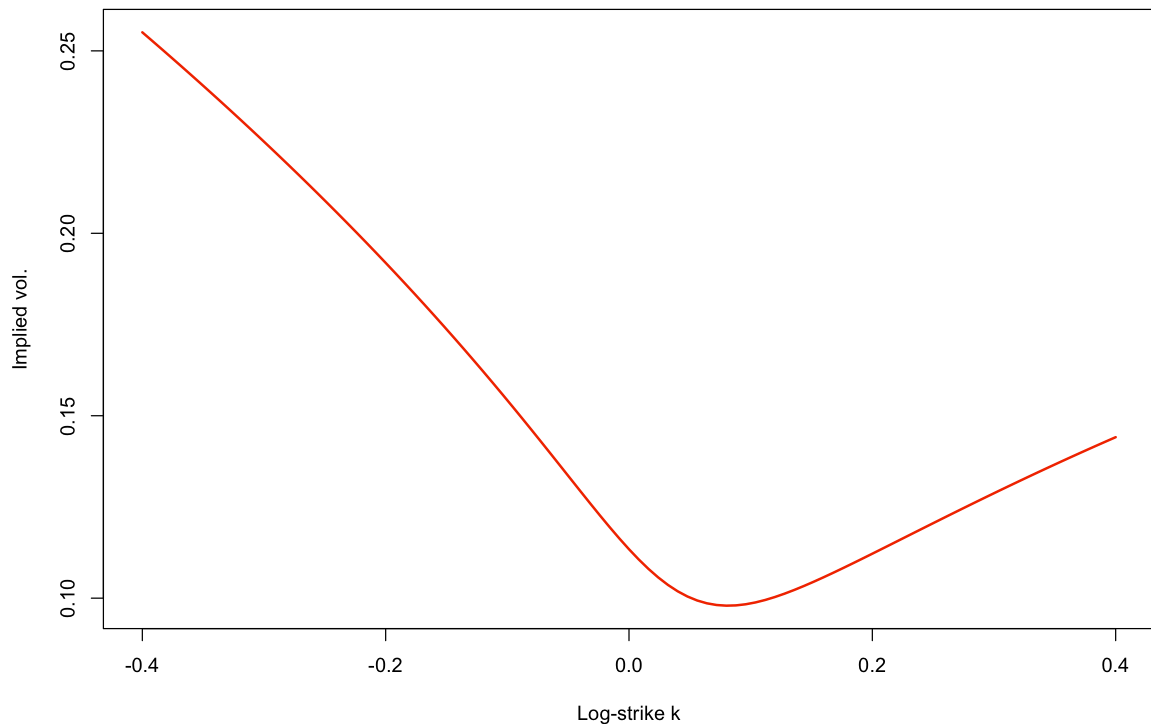


Figure 1: The 1-year rough Heston smile using the approximation  $h^{(3,3)}$ .

## On generating the smile

- In our code, we compute the Lewis formula for each strike and expiration.
- There are much more efficient methods that take advantage of the structure of the characteristic function.
  - For example the COS method or the more recent SINC method of [Baschetti et al.]<sup>[3]</sup>.
    - Their code is available at <https://github.com/fabioBaschetti/SINC-method!>

How does  $h^{(3,3)}$  compare with  $h^{(2,2)}$  and  $h^{(4,4)}$  ?

```
In [12]: phi2 <- phiRoughHestonRational(params.rHeston, xiCurve, h.approx=h.Pade22, r
phi4 <- phiRoughHestonRational(params.rHeston, xiCurve, h.approx=h.Pade44, r
```

```
In [13]: vol2 <- function(k){sapply(k,function(x){impvol.phi(phi2)(x,1)}}
vol4 <- function(k){sapply(k,function(x){impvol.phi(phi4)(x,1)}}}
```

```
In [14]: curve(vol(x), from=-.4, to=.4, col=rd, lwd=2, xlab="Log-strike k", ylab="Implied v
curve(vol2(x), from=-.4, to=.4, col=bl, lwd=2, add=T, lty=2)
curve(vol4(x), from=-.4, to=.4, col=gr, lwd=2, add=T, lty=2)
```

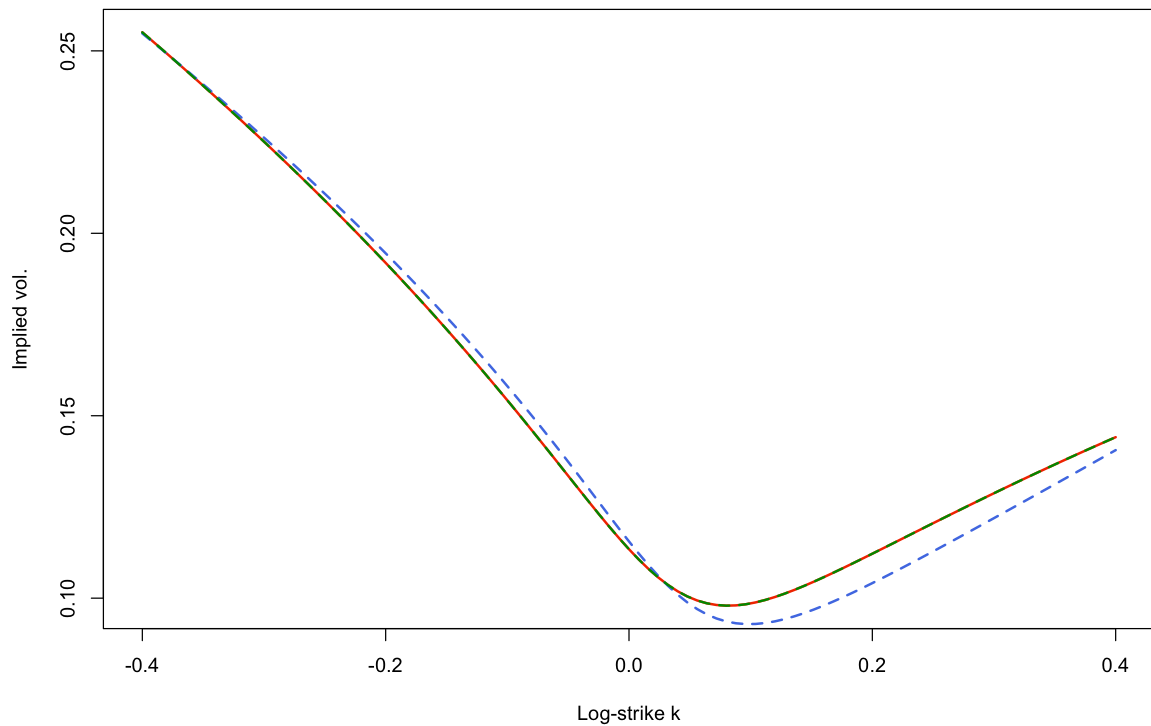


Figure 2: The 1-year rough Heston smile in red with approximation  $h^{(3,3)}$ . The blue dashed line is  $h^{(2,2)}$ , and the green dotted line  $h^{(4,4)}$ .

## Sensitivity of the rough Heston smile to $\nu$

First, a function to compute the 1-year smile:

```
In [15]: vol <- function(params)function(k){ # A function to compute the 1-year smile
  phi <- phiRoughHestonRational(params, xiCurve, h.approx=h.Pade33, n=20)
  supply(k,function(x){impvol.phi(phi)(x,1)}}

  sub.nu <- function(nu.in){
    tmp <- params.rHeston
    tmp$nu <- nu.in
    return(tmp)
  }
```

```
In [16]: yrange <- c(0.07,.3)
curve(vol(params.rHeston)(x),from=-.5,to=.5,col=my.col[1],ylim=yrange,lwd=2,
nu.vec <- params.rHeston$nu + c(0.1,0.2,0.3,0.4,0.5)
for (j in 1:5)
{
  curve(vol(sub.nu(nu.vec[j]))(x),from=-.5,to=.5,col=my.col[j+1],lty=1,lwc
}
```

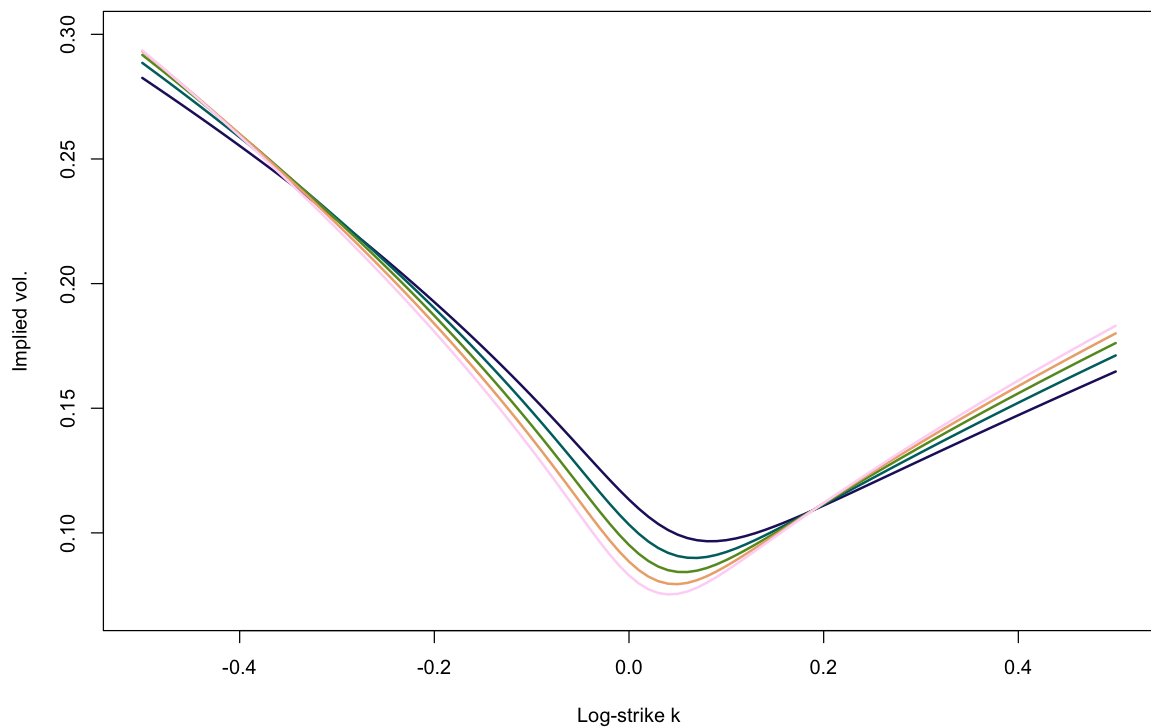


Figure 3: The dotted lines are smiles with  $\eta \mapsto \eta + \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5\}$ .

## Sensitivity of the rough Heston smile to $\rho$

```
In [17]: sub.rho <- function(rho.in){
  tmp <- params.rHeston
  tmp$rho <- rho.in
  return(tmp)
}
```

```
In [18]: yrange <- c(0.07, .3)
curve(vol(params.rHeston)(x), from=-.5, to=.5, col=my.col[1], ylim=yrange, lwd=2,
rho.vec <- params.rHeston$rho - c(0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25)
for (j in 1:5)
{
  curve(vol(sub.rho(rho.vec[j]))(x), from=-.5, to=.5, col=my.col[j+1], lwd=2, a
```

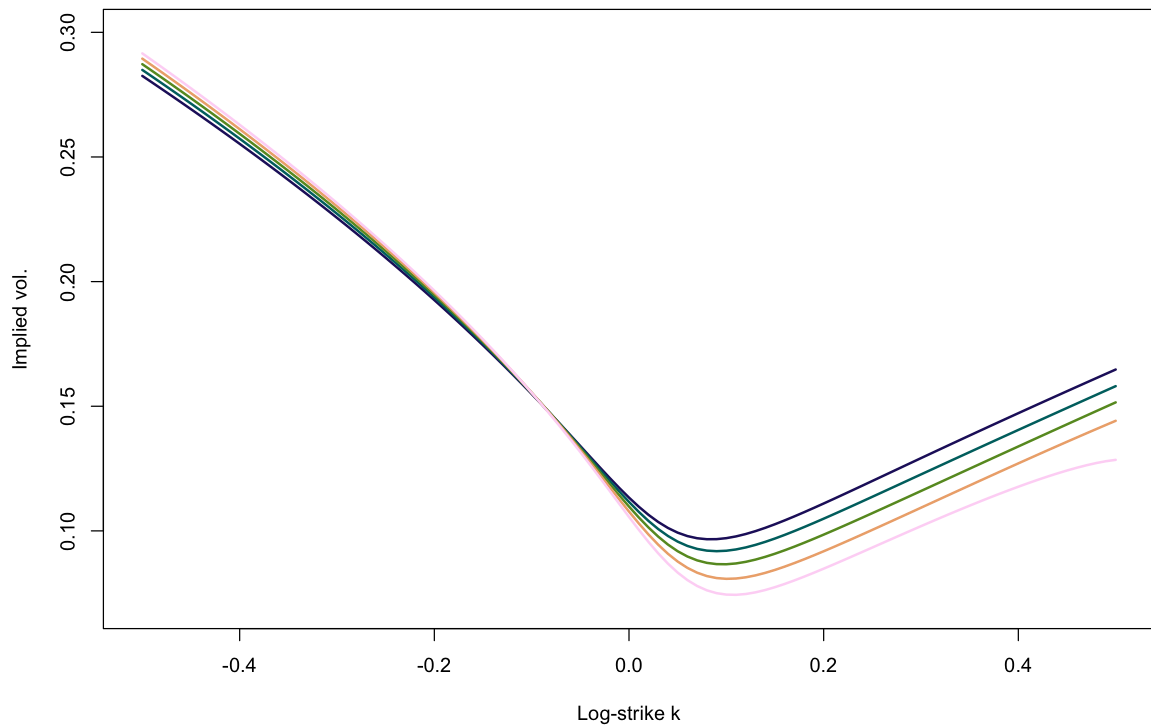


Figure 4: The dotted lines are smiles with  $\rho \mapsto \rho - \{0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25\}$ .

## Sensitivity of the rough Heston 1 year smile to $H$

```
In [19]: sub.H <- function(H.in){
  tmp <- params.rHeston
  tmp$H <- H.in
  return(tmp)
}
```

```
In [20]: yrange <- c(0.07, .3)
curve(vol(params.rHeston)(x), from=-.5, to=.5, col=my.col[1], ylim=yrange, lwd=2,
H.vec <- params.rHeston$H + seq(0.1, 0.4, 0.1)
for (j in 1:4)
{
  curve(vol(sub.H(H.vec[j]))(x), from=-.5, to=.5, col=my.col[j+1], lty=1, add=T
}
```

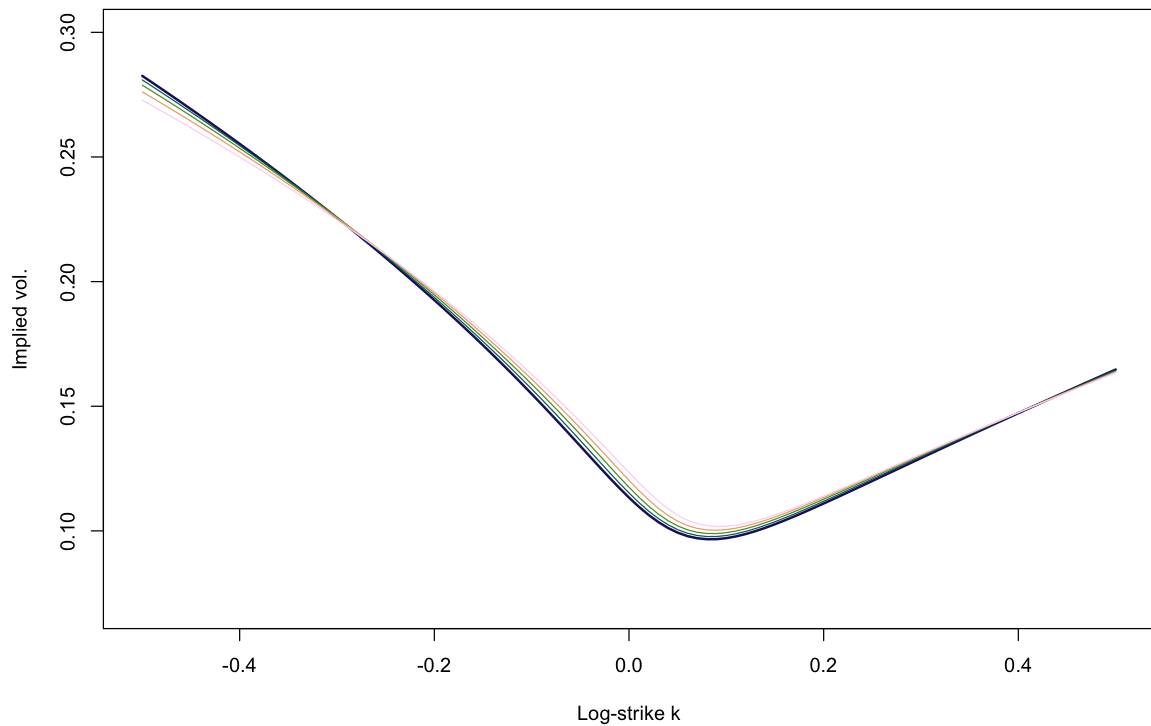


Figure 5: The dotted lines are 1 year smiles with  $H \mapsto H + \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4\}$ .

## Sensitivity of the rough Heston 1 week smile to $H$

A function to draw the 1-week smile:

```
In [21]: vol <- function(params)function(k){
  phi <- phiRoughHestonRational(params, xiCurve, h.approx=h.Pade33, n=20)
  sapply(k,function(x){impvol.phi(phi)(x,1/52)}})

In [22]: yrange <- c(0.05,.4)
curve(vol(params.rHeston)(x),from=-.15,to=.15,col=my.col[1],ylim=yrange,lwd=
H.vec <- params.rHeston$H + seq(0.1,0.4,0.1)
for (j in 1:4)
{
  curve(vol(sub.H(H.vec[j]))(x),from=-.15,to=.15,col=my.col[j+1],lty=1,lwc
```

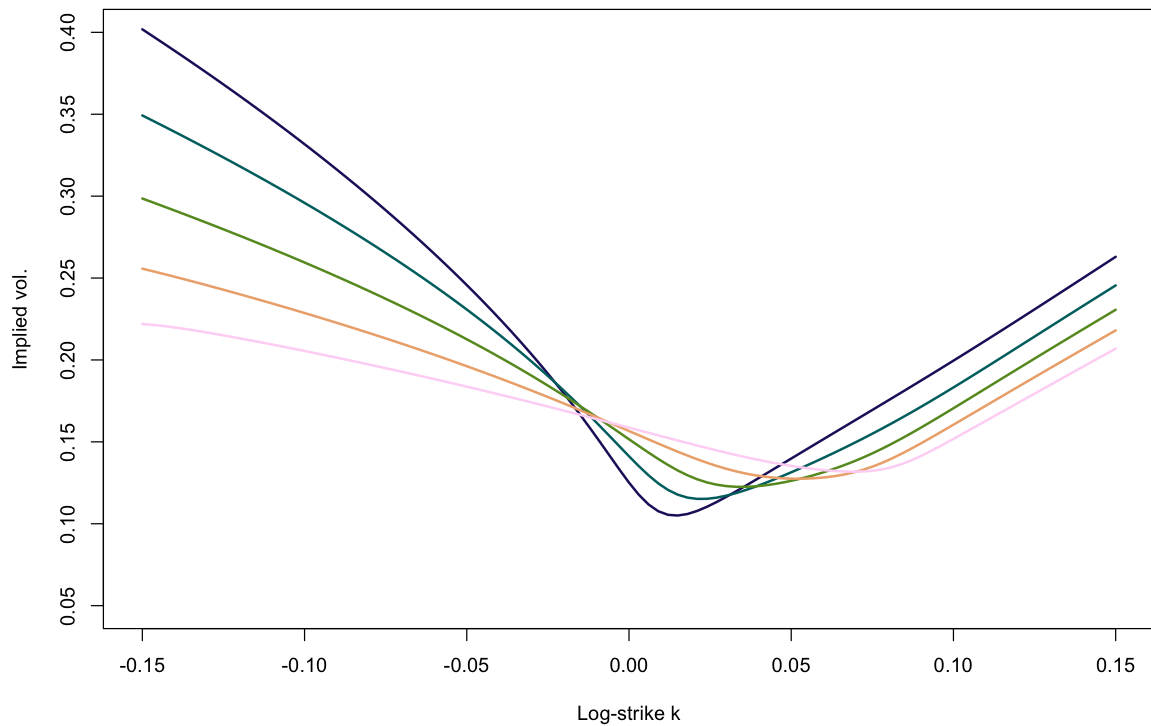


Figure 6: The dotted lines are 1 week smiles with  $H \mapsto H + \{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4\}$ . The smile flattens as we increase  $H$ .

## Ease of calibration of rough volatility models

- Rough volatility models are typically very parsimonious.
- Moreover, from the above sensitivity analyses, the effect of changing each parameter is clear:
  - $\nu$  controls curvature
  - $\rho$  controls slope/orientation
  - $H$  controls explosivity
- Contrast this with the classical Heston model where volatility of volatility and mean reversion are competing effects.

## Dynamics of the rough Heston volatility surface

- All rough stochastic volatility models have essentially the same implications for the shape of the volatility surface.
- Recall from Lecture 2 that we can differentiate between models by examining how ATM skew depends on ATM volatility keeping model parameters fixed.

- In Figure 7, we that rough Heston dynamics are not consistent with empirical dynamics, in contract to rough Bergomi.

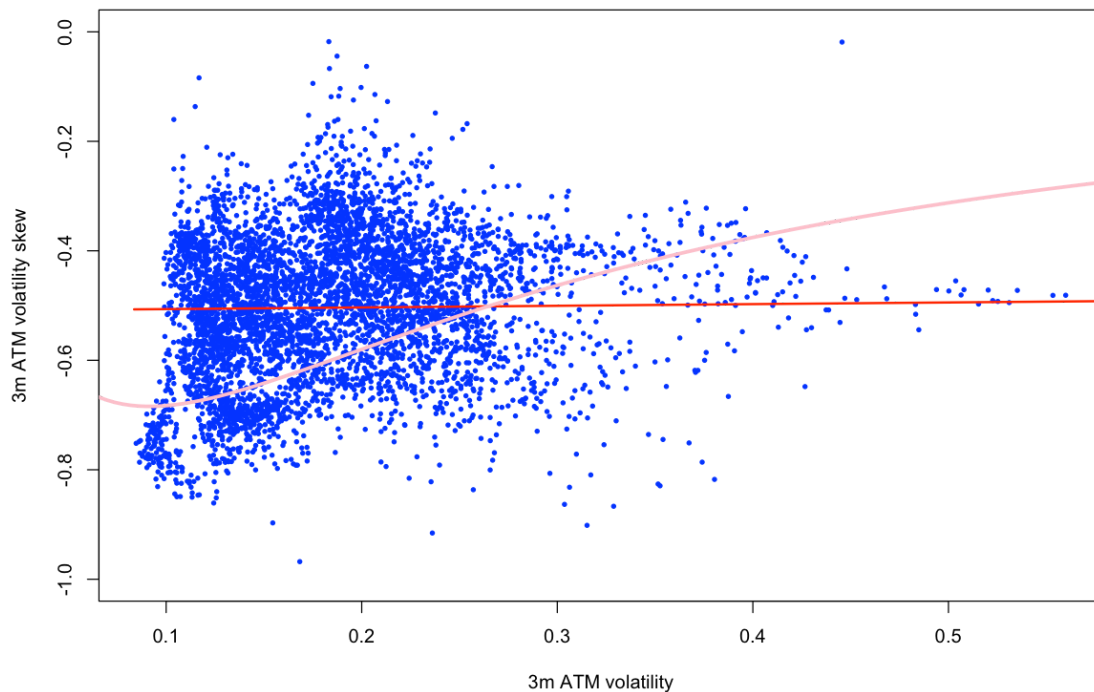


Figure 7: Blue points are empirical 3-month ATM volatilities and skews (from Jan-1996 to today); the red line is the rough Bergomi computation with the above parameters; the pink curve is the rough Heston computation.

## Fit rough Heston on February 15, 2023

- Recall that in Lecture 3, we estimated the (strange-looking) parameters:

$H0.511599077350975 \nu 1.04560609788258 \rho - 0.971373372481705 \lambda 2.23552496279593$

- Not surprisingly, these parameters generate pretty bad-looking smiles.
- However, surprisingly, fitting to just 5 points of each of the six slices in our earlier subset of smiles, we get rather similar parameters:

## Load the implied volatility data

```
In [23]: load("spxIvols20230215.rData")

ivolData <- spxIvols20230215
ivolData <- ivolData[!is.na(ivolData$Bid),]
head(ivolData)
```

A data.frame: 6 × 7

	Expiry	Texp	Strike	Bid	Ask	Fwd	CallMid
	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
29	20230216	0.002737851	3725	0.6790964	0.7226482	4146.742	421.8169
30	20230216	0.002737851	3730	0.6712863	0.7144126	4146.742	416.8169
31	20230216	0.002737851	3740	0.6556784	0.6979523	4146.742	406.8169
32	20230216	0.002737851	3750	0.6400859	0.6815060	4146.742	396.8169
33	20230216	0.002737851	3760	0.6245079	0.6650726	4146.742	386.8169
34	20230216	0.002737851	3770	0.6089435	0.6486510	4146.742	376.8169

## Load the forward variance curve

```
In [24]: load(file="xi20230215.rData")
xi <- xiCurveObj$getForwardVarCurve()
```

## Extract six slices

```
In [25]: expiries <- unique(ivolData$Texp)
ive <- ivolData[ivolData$Texp %in% expiries[c(2,10,21,28,34,42)],]
ive$kk <- log(ive$Strike/ive$Fwd)
ive$tt <- ive$Texp
head(ive)
```

A data.frame: 6 × 9

	Expiry	Texp	Strike	Bid	Ask	Fwd	CallMid	
	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
270	20230217	0.005475702	3555	0.6345745	0.7107853	4146.459	591.5214	-0.1538
271	20230217	0.005475702	3560	0.6291774	0.7048296	4146.459	586.5214	-0.1524
272	20230217	0.005475702	3565	0.6237852	0.6988788	4146.459	581.5214	-0.1510
273	20230217	0.005475702	3570	0.6183979	0.6929328	4146.459	576.5214	-0.1496
274	20230217	0.005475702	3575	0.6130153	0.6869916	4146.459	571.5214	-0.1482
275	20230217	0.005475702	3580	0.6076374	0.6810552	4146.459	566.5214	-0.1468

## Compute modelVol

```
In [26]: fit.5 <- list(H=0.53, rho=-.64, nu=1.11, lambda=1.28)
```



```
phi3 <- phiRoughHestonRational(fit.5, xi, h.approx=h.Pade33, n=20)
vol3 <- Vectorize(function(k,tau){impvol.phi(phi3)(k,tau)})
```

```
In [27]: system.time(ive$modelVol <- vol3(ive$kk,ive$tt))
```

```
      user system elapsed
65.926   0.958  67.203
```

## Plot the smiles

```
In [28]: res.plot6 <- plotIvols(ive,modelVol=T)
```

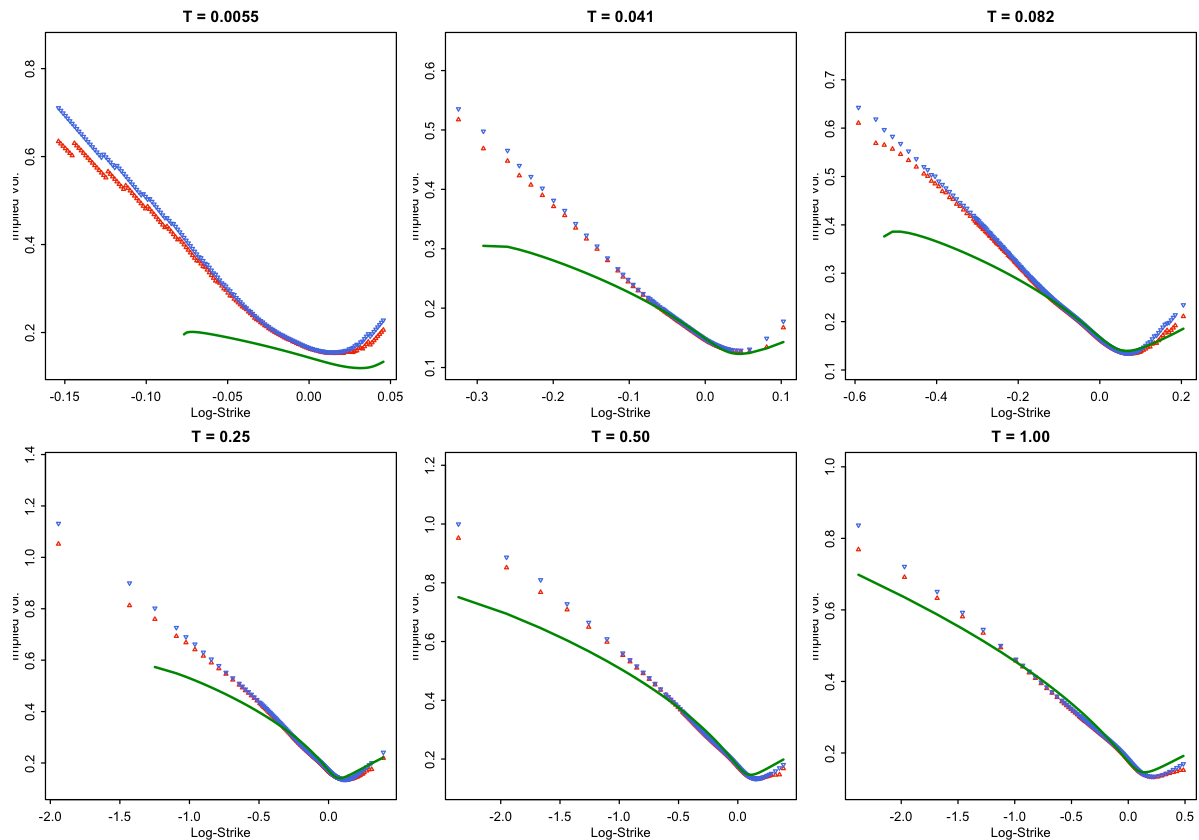


Figure 8: Six rough Heston smiles (green) with `fit.5` parameters superimposed on February 15, 2023 SPX smiles.

## Comments on Figure 8

- With just one computation for 6 slices taking 70 seconds, calibration with this code is not practical.
  - We would need, at the least, to use something like the SINC method of [Baschetti et al.]<sup>[3]</sup>.
- The parameters look crazy - very close to classical Heston.
  - And inconsistent with the scaling of VIX futures seen in Lecture 2.

- But at least they are consistent with the leverage contract estimates of Lecture 3.
- With just one computation for 6 slices taking 60 seconds, calibration with this code is not practical.

## Why Monte Carlo?

- The rational approximation allows us to value European options only.
- We may be (are) interested in valuing other kinds of option. We need a Monte Carlo scheme.
  - Also, we have a rational approximation for rough Heston only.
    - The Monte Carlo scheme can have any kernel.

## Andersen's Quadratic Exponential (QE) scheme

- [Andersen]<sup>[1]</sup> came up with the following clever scheme for simulating the Heston model that guarantees non-negativity of the simulated  $V$  process while matching mean and variance at each step.
- Define

$$\psi = \frac{\text{var}_t[V_\Delta]}{\mathbb{E}_t[V_\Delta]^2}.$$

- Expectation and variance are wrt  $\mathcal{F}_t$ .

### Algorithm $\psi^-$

If  $\psi \leq 2$ , simulate  $V_\Delta$  as

$$V_\Delta = \alpha (\beta + Z)^2$$

with  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and

$$\beta^2 = \frac{2}{\psi} - 1 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\psi}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\psi} - 1}; \quad \alpha = \frac{\mathbb{E}[V_\Delta]}{1 + \beta^2}.$$

### Algorithm $\psi^+$

On the other hand, if  $\psi \geq 1$ , simulate  $v_\Delta$  as

$$v_{\Delta} = -1_{U < p} \gamma \log \frac{U}{p}$$

with  $U_n \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$  and

$$p = \frac{2}{1 + \psi}; \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[v_{\Delta}] (1 + \psi).$$

- It is straightforward to check that means and variances are correctly matched in both cases.
  - The quadratic and exponential distributions are chosen because they have similar shapes to the true distribution in their respective regions of applicability.
- Since the two regions of applicability overlap, Andersen suggests to use algorithm  $\psi^-$  if  $\psi < 3/2$  and algorithm  $\psi^+$  if  $\psi \geq 3/2$ .
- Note that the algorithms  $\psi^{\pm}$  depend only on expectation and variance so this scheme should work whenever these can be computed or approximated.
  - In particular in the case of affine forward variance models.

## Function to compute $\psi$

```
In [29]: psi <- function(params,dt)function(v){
  eta <- params$eta
  lam <- params$lambda
  vbar <- params$vbar

  eldt <- exp(-lam*dt)

  ev <- (v-vbar)*eldt+vbar
  varv <- eta^2/lam*(eldt*(1-eldt)*(v-vbar)+vbar/2*(1-eldt^2))

  return(varv/ev^2)
}
```

## Code to implement $\psi^-$ and $\psi^+$

```
In [30]: psiM
```

```
function (psi, ev, w)
{
  beta2 <- 2/psi - 1 + sqrt(2/psi) * sqrt(abs(2/psi - 1))
  alpha <- ev/(1 + beta2)
  vf <- alpha * (sqrt(abs(beta2)) + w)^2
  return(vf)
}
```

In [31]: `psiP`

```
function (psi, ev, u)
{
  p <- 2/(1 + psi)
  gam <- ev/2 * (1 + psi)
  vf <- -(u < p) * gam * log(u/p)
  return(vf)
}
```

## Affine forward variance (AFV) models

- Now, following [Efficient Simulation]<sup>[5]</sup>, we explain how to simulate affine forward variance (AFV) models in general.
  - In particular, rough affine models.
- In order to do this, we extend Andersen's QE scheme to get the mean and variance correct at each step.
- And we adapt the hybrid scheme of [Bennedsen et al.]<sup>[2]</sup>.

## Discretization of the spot and variance processes

From the AFV dynamics,

$$d\xi_t(u) = \kappa(u - t) \sqrt{V_t} dW_t,$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} V_T = \xi_T(T) &= \xi_0(T) + \int_0^T d\xi_s(T) \\ &= \xi_0(T) + \int_0^T \kappa(T - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s. \end{aligned}$$

## Formal representation of the $V$ process

- Wlog, let  $t = 0$  and  $\xi(u) = \xi_0(u)$ . Let the time step  $\Delta = T/n$  where  $n$  is the number of steps.
- As in [Bennedsen et al.]<sup>[2]</sup>, we have the following exact decomposition:

$$V_{n\Delta} = \xi(n\Delta) + \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{(k-1)\Delta}^{k\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s.$$

## Discretization of the $V$ -process

- With simpler notation,

$$V_n = \xi_n + \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{(k-1)\Delta}^{k\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s =: \hat{\xi}_n + u_n,$$

where the  $\mathcal{F}_{n-1}$ -adapted variable  $\hat{\xi}_n$  is given by

$$\hat{\xi}_n = \mathbb{E}[V_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \xi_n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{(k-1)\Delta}^{k\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s,$$

and the martingale increment  $u_n$  by

$$u_n = \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s.$$

## The $X$ -process

- We also need to simulate the  $n$ th increment of the component of the log-stock price process  $X = \log S$  parallel to the volatility process,

$$\chi_n = \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \sqrt{V_s} dW_s.$$

- We write the increments as  $\chi_n$  to emphasize that they should be approximately  $\chi^2$  distributed random variables.
- We then have the following discretization of the  $X$  process:

$$X_n = X_{n-1} - \frac{1}{4} (V_n + V_{n-1}) \Delta + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \sqrt{\bar{V}_n \Delta} Z_n^\perp + \rho \chi_n,$$

where  $Z_n^\perp$  is standard normal, independent of  $\chi_n$  and  $u_n$ .

## Choices of kernel

Let  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta \sqrt{2H}$ . The code uses the gamma kernel  $\kappa(\tau) = \tilde{\eta} \tau^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda\tau}$  which has the two special cases

- The *power-law* kernel (rough Heston with  $\lambda = 0$ )

$$\kappa(\tau) = \sqrt{2H} \eta \tau^{\alpha-1} =: \tilde{\eta} \tau^{\alpha-1},$$

- and the exponential kernel (classical Heaton)

$$\kappa(\tau) = \tilde{\eta} e^{-\lambda\tau}.$$

- The algorithm can deal with any kernel however.

## Some definitions

- We define for  $i, j \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_i(\Delta) &= \int_0^\Delta \kappa(s + i\Delta) ds; \\ \mathcal{K}_{i,j}(\Delta) &= \int_0^\Delta \kappa(s + i\Delta) \kappa(s + j\Delta) ds. \end{aligned}$$

- The  $\mathcal{K}_{i,j}(\Delta)$  with  $i \neq j$  are not in general computable in closed-form but are easy to compute numerically.

## Covariances and correlations

- It can be shown that

$$\text{var}[u_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^{1+2H}),$$

where

$$\bar{V}_n := \frac{1}{2H+1} \left[ \hat{\xi}_n + 2H V_{n-1} \right].$$

- Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}[\tilde{\xi}_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &\approx \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_{1,1}(\Delta) \\ \text{var}[\chi_n|\mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &\approx \bar{V}_n \Delta \\ \text{cov}[u_n, \tilde{\xi}_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &\approx \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_{0,1}(\Delta) \\ \text{cov}[u_n, \chi_n|\mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &\approx \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta) \\ \text{cov}[\chi_n, \tilde{\xi}_{n+1}|\mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &\approx \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_1(\Delta).\end{aligned}$$

Given a suitable kernel, all of these may be easily computed.

## The correlation matrix

- Because variances and covariances in an AFV model are linear in  $\xi$ , the correlation matrix takes the simple form.

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{u\chi} & \rho_{u\xi} \\ \rho_{u\chi} & 1 & \rho_{\xi\chi} \\ \rho_{u\xi} & \rho_{\xi\chi} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{u\chi} &= \frac{\mathcal{K}_0(\Delta)}{\sqrt{\Delta}\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta)}} \\ \rho_{u\xi} &= \frac{\mathcal{K}_{0,1}(\Delta)}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta)}\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{1,1}(\Delta)}} \\ \rho_{\xi\chi} &= \frac{\mathcal{K}_1(\Delta)}{\sqrt{\Delta}\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{1,1}(\Delta)}}\end{aligned}$$

are all independent of  $n$ .

## The power-law kernel

- In the case of the power-law kernel  $\kappa(\tau) = \tilde{\eta} \tau^{\alpha-1}$ , these correlations are functions of  $H$  only.
- Specifically

$$\rho_{u\chi} = \frac{\sqrt{2H}}{H + 1/2},$$

and the other correlations may be easily computed numerically.

- In Figure 9, we plot these correlations as a function of  $H$ .

## Code for the correlation functions

```
In [32]: rho.uchi <- function(H){
  params <- list(al=H+1/2, lam=0, eta=0.8, rho=-0.65, H=H, lam=0)
  del <- 1/10
  k00 <- G00(params)(del)
  k0 <- G0(params)(del)
  k01 <- G01(params)(del)
  k11 <- G11(params)(del)
  k1 <- G1(params)(del)
  return(k0/sqrt(k00*del))
}
```

```
In [33]: rho.uxi <- function(H){
  params <- list(al=H+1/2, lam=0, eta=0.8, rho=-0.65, H=H, lam=0)
  del <- 1/10
  k00 <- G00(params)(del)
  k0 <- G0(params)(del)
  k01 <- G01(params)(del)
  k11 <- G11(params)(del)
  k1 <- G1(params)(del)
  return(k01/sqrt(k00*k11))
}
```

```
In [34]: rho.xichi <- function(H){
  params <- list(al=H+1/2, lam=0, eta=0.8, rho=-0.65, H=H, lam=0)
  del <- 1/10
  k00 <- G00(params)(del)
  k0 <- G0(params)(del)
  k01 <- G01(params)(del)
  k11 <- G11(params)(del)
  k1 <- G1(params)(del)
  return(k1/sqrt(k11*del))
}
```

## Plot of the correlation matrix in the power-law kernel case

```
In [35]: leg.txt <- c(expression(rho[mu*chi]),
  expression(rho[mu*xi]),
  expression(rho[chi*xi]))
leg.posn <- "bottomright"
leg.inset <- .05
```

```
In [36]: curve(Vectorize(rho.uchi)(x), from=1e-12, to=0.5,
  col=my.col[4], xlab="H", ylab="", n=1000, lwd=2, cex.lab=1.5)
curve(Vectorize(rho.uxi)(x), from=1e-12, to=0.5,
  col=my.col[3], add=T, n=1000, lwd=2)
curve(Vectorize(rho.xichi)(x), from=1e-12, to=0.5,
```



```
col=my.col[1],add=T,n=1000,lwd=2)
legend(leg.posn,leg.txt, cex=1.5, inset=.05, col=my.col[c(4,3,1)], lwd=2)
```

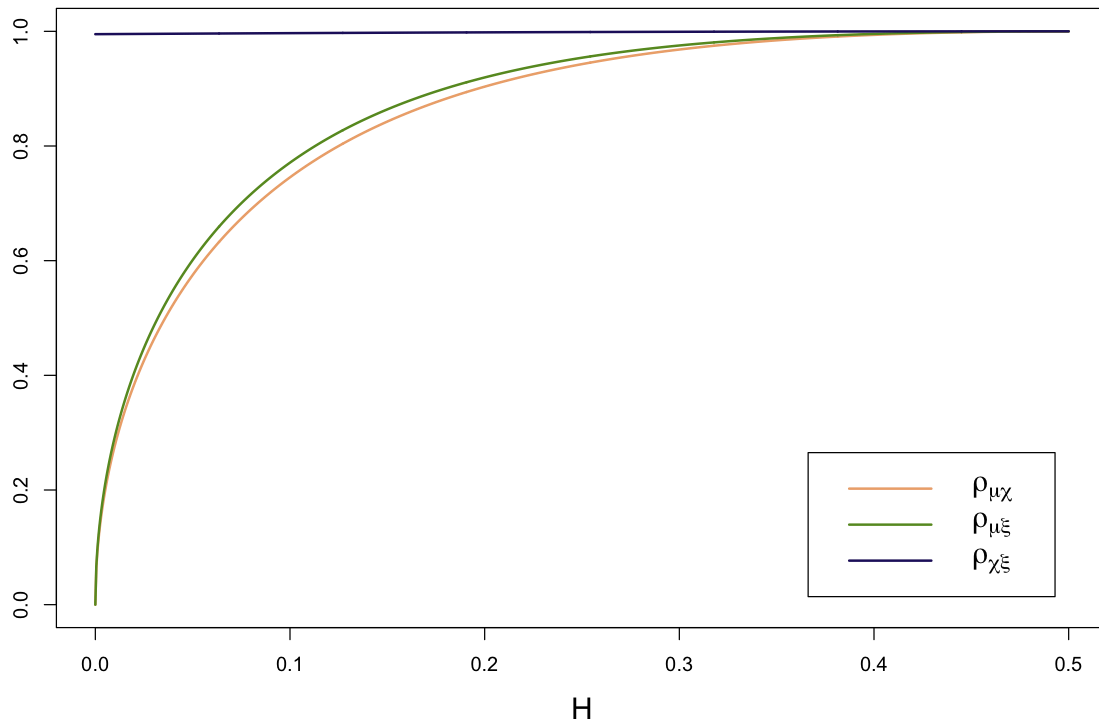


Figure 9: The correlations  $\rho_{u\chi}$ ,  $\rho_{u\xi}$ , and  $\rho_{\xi\chi}$  vs.  $H$  in the power-law kernel case.

## A further approximation

- By assumption, the kernel behaves as a power-law kernel for  $\Delta$  sufficiently small.
- Figure 9 thus suggests the following approximation whose motivation is easy to see by thinking of  $\mathcal{K}_i(\Delta)$  as  $\Delta$  times the average value of  $\kappa(s + i\Delta)$  over the interval  $(0, \Delta]$ .

For  $i \geq 0$  and  $j \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathcal{K}_{i,j}(\Delta) \Delta \approx \mathcal{K}_i(\Delta) \mathcal{K}_j(\Delta).$$

## An approximate correlation matrix

With this last approximation,

$$\mathcal{K}_{0,1}(\Delta) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathcal{K}_1(\Delta) \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta); \quad \mathcal{K}_{1,1}(\Delta) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathcal{K}_1(\Delta)^2.$$

Substituting these expressions into our earlier expression for the correlation matrix gives

$$\bar{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{\rho} & \bar{\rho} \\ \bar{\rho} & 1 & 1 \\ \bar{\rho} & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\bar{\rho} \approx \frac{\mathcal{K}_0(\Delta)}{\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta)} \Delta} = \rho_{u\chi}.$$

## Consequences for simulation

- At each step, we need to generate (at least) three random variables:  $u_n$ ,  $\chi_n$ , and  $\hat{\xi}_{n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &= \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s \\ \chi_n &= \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \sqrt{V_s} dW_s \\ \hat{\xi}_{n+1} &= \xi_{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{(k-1)\Delta}^{k\Delta} \kappa((n+1)\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s. \end{aligned}$$

- When the model is Markovian ( $H = 1/2$ ), we need only generate  $u_n$  at the  $n$ th time step;  $\chi_n$  and  $\hat{\xi}_{n+1}$  are perfectly correlated with  $u_n$ .
  - In practice, in the non-Markovian case ( $H < 1/2$ ), we need only generate one other random variable consistent with the correlation matrix  $\bar{R}$ .

## Average values of the kernel

- Echoing the notation of [Bennedsen et al.]<sup>[3]</sup>, let

$$b_j^{\star 2} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathcal{K}_{j-1, j-1}(\Delta).$$

- $b_j^{\star 2}$  thus gives the RMS average of the kernel at the  $j$ th lag.

## The evolution of the forward variance curve

- The approximation

$$\int_{(k-1)\Delta}^{k\Delta} \kappa((n+1)\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s \approx b_{n+1-k}^{\star} \chi_k$$

gives

$$\hat{\xi}_{n+1} \approx \xi_{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n b_{n+1-k}^* \chi_k.$$

- Similarly (though not needed for the algorithm), for  $m > n$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[V_m | \mathcal{F}_n] \approx \xi_m + \sum_{k=1}^n b_{m-k}^* \chi_k.$$

- We see that the entire forward variance curve evolves according to the weighted historical path of the  $X = \log S$  process.

## A Riemann-sum QE scheme

- Inspired by the Riemann-sum scheme of [Bennedsen et al.]<sup>[2]</sup> and the rough-Donsker scheme of [Horvath et al.]<sup>[8]</sup>, we simulate the  $u_n$ ,  $\hat{\xi}_{n+1}$  and  $\chi_n$  as if all three were perfectly correlated, equivalent to setting  $\bar{\rho} = 1$  in (7).
- From Figure 9 such an approximation may be justified if  $H$  is not too much less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## The RSQE scheme

1. Given  $\chi_k$ , for  $k < n$ , with  $\epsilon$  very small, compute
 
$$\hat{\xi}_n = \max \left[ \epsilon, \xi_n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_{n-k+1}^* \chi_k \right].$$
2. With  $\text{var}[V_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = b_1^{*2} \bar{V}_n \Delta$ , simulate  $V_n$  using the QE scheme.
3.  $u_n = V_n - \hat{\xi}_n$ .
4.  $\hat{\xi}_{n+1} = \xi_{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_{n-k+1}^*}{b_1^*} u_k$ .
5. Finally,  $X_n = X_{n-1} - \frac{1}{4} (V_n + V_{n-1}) \Delta + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \sqrt{\bar{V}_n \Delta} Z_n^\perp + \rho \chi_n$ .

## RSQE code

In [37]: `RSQE.sim`

```

function (params, xi)
function(T, paths, steps) {
  library(gsl)
  eta <- params$eta
  lam <- params$lambda
  H <- params$al - 1/2
  rho <- params$rho
  rho2m1 <- sqrt(1 - rho * rho)
  eps.0 <- 1e-10
  W <- matrix(rnorm(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  Wperp <- matrix(rnorm(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  U <- matrix(runif(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  G00p <- Vectorize(G00)(params))
  dt <- T/steps
  sqrt.dt <- sqrt(dt)
  tj <- (1:steps) * dt
  xij <- xi(tj)
  G00del <- G00(params)(dt)
  G00j <- c(0, G00p(tj))
  bstar <- sqrt(diff(G00j)/dt)
  bstar1 <- bstar[1]
  u <- array(0, dim = c(steps, paths))
  v <- rep(xi(0), paths)
  xihat <- rep(xij[1], paths)
  x <- numeric(paths)
  y <- numeric(paths)
  w <- numeric(paths)
  for (j in 1:steps) {
    varv <- eta^2 * (xihat + 2 * H * v)/(1 + 2 * H) * G00del
    psi <- varv/xihat^2
    vf <- ifelse(psi < 3/2, psiM(psi, xihat, W[j, ]), psiP(psi,
      xihat, U[j, ]))
    u[j, ] <- vf - xihat
    dw <- (v + vf)/2 * dt
    w <- w + dw
    dy <- as.numeric(u[j, ])/(eta * bstar1)
    y <- y + dy
    x <- x - dw/2 + sqrt(dw) * as.numeric(rho2m1 * Wperp[j,
      ]) + rho * dy
    btilde <- rev(bstar[2:(j + 1)])
    if (j < steps) {
      xihat <- xij[j + 1] + as.numeric(btilde %*% u[1:j,

```

```

    ])/bstar1
  }
  xihat <- ifelse(xihat > eps.0, xihat, eps.0)
  v <- vf
}
res <- list(x = x, v = v, w = w)
return(res)
}

```

## Classical Heston with RSQE

- Classical Heston has  $H = \frac{1}{2}$  and the exponential kernel is a special case of the gamma kernel.
  - Let's apply the RSQE code to the classical Heston case.

```
In [38]: params.cHeston <- list(al=1,eta=0.8, rho=-0.65, H=.5, lambda=1, v=0.04, vbar=0.04)
xi0 <- function(s){0.04+0*s} # The forward variance curve
```

The following function computes classical Heston implied volatilities using the classical solution.

```
In [39]: impvolHeston <- function(params)Vectorize(
  function(k,t){impvol.phi(phiHeston(params))(k,t)},
  vectorize.args = "
```

## Run the RSQE Monte Carlo

```
In [40]: system.time(res.128.RSQE <- RSQE.sim(params.cHeston,xi0)(T=1, paths=1e5, ste
  user system elapsed
  9.873   3.324  13.224
```

```
In [41]: S.128.RSQE <- exp(res.128.RSQE$x)
```

## Why is RSQE slow compared to Andersen's QE scheme?

- The reason is the convolution step  $\hat{\xi}_n = \max \left[ \epsilon, \xi_n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_{n-k+1}^* \chi_k \right]$ .
- In the case of the exponential kernel,

$$b_j^* = \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathcal{K}_{j-1,j-1}(\Delta) = \eta^2 \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{(j-1)\Delta}^{j\Delta} e^{-2\lambda s} ds = e^{-2(j-1)\Delta} b_1^*.$$

so rather than compute the convolution at each step, we need only keep track of the exponentially weighted moving average of the  $\chi_j$ .

- That would save a lot of time!
- If the kernel is not exponential, we are out of luck.

## Compare RSQE with exact classical Heston smile

```
In [42]: kk <- seq(-.8,.4,.02)
smile.128.RSQE <- ivS(S.128.RSQE, T=1, exp(kk))
exactHestonVols.cHeston.kk <- impvolHeston(params.cHeston)(kk,1)
options(repr.plot.width=10,repr.plot.height=7,repr.plot.res=150)
```

## Plot the smiles

```
In [43]: plot(kk,smile.128.RSQE,col=rd,lwd=2,type="l",
             xlab="Log-strike k", ylab = "Implied vol.",cex.lab=1.5)
lines(kk,exactHestonVols.cHeston.kk,col=bl,lwd=2,lty=2)
```

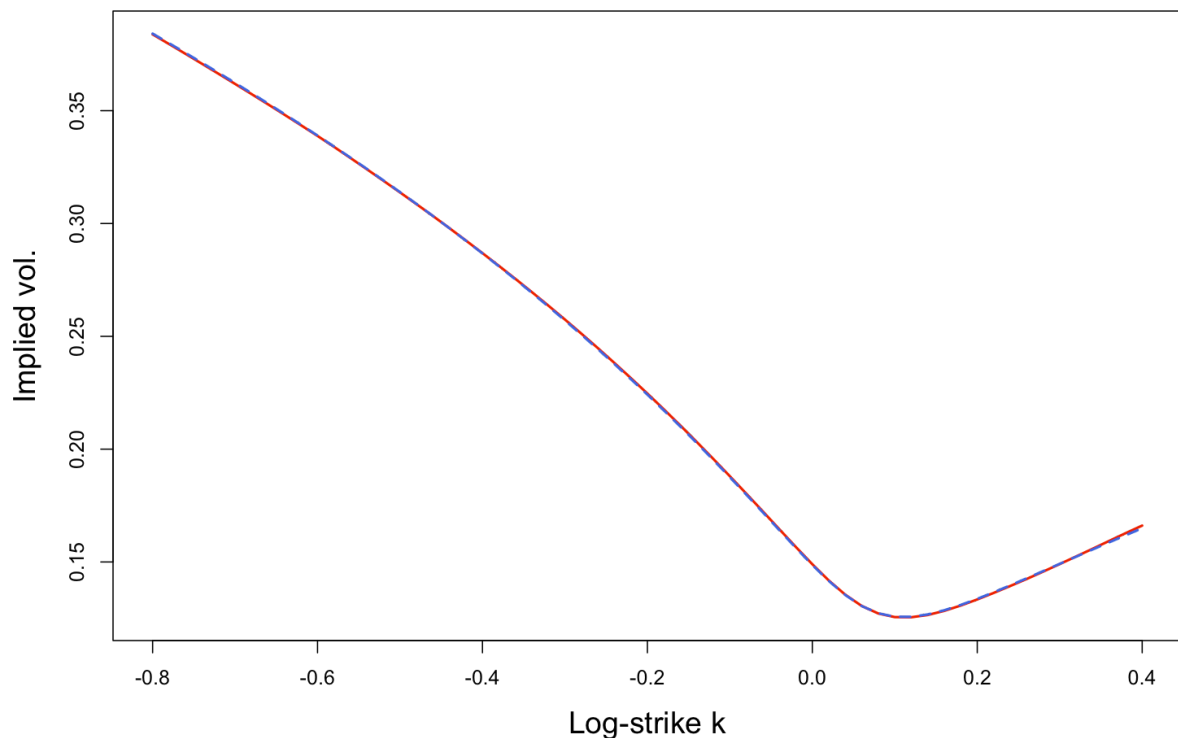


Figure 10: Exact and RSQE 1-year classical Heston smiles compared.

## Plot the smile errors

```
In [44]: plot(kk,smile.128.RSQE-exactHestonVols.cHeston.kk,col=rd,lwd=2,type="l",
             xlab="Log-strike k", ylab = "Implied vol. error",cex.lab=1.5,ylim=c(-.001,.001))
abline(h=.001,lty=2)
abline(h=-.001,lty=2)
```

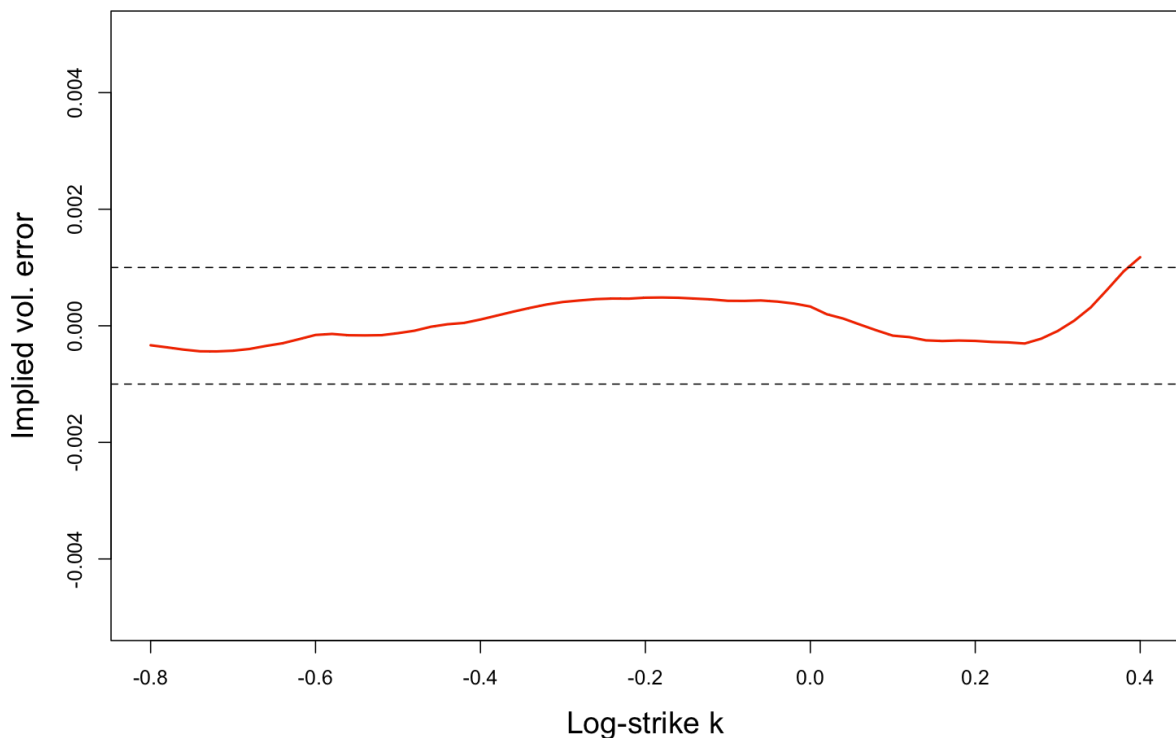


Figure 11: 1-year classical Heston smile errors with BCC2 parameters, using the RSQE scheme.

## A hybrid QE scheme

- The RSQE scheme matches unconditional means and variances at each step but it does not match the covariance structure of the process.
- For example, consider the conditional covariance between  $u_n$  and  $\chi_n$  which is given by

$$\text{cov}[u_n, \chi_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \mathbb{E}[V_s | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] ds \approx \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta).$$

- The RSQE scheme sets  $u_n = b_1^* \chi_n$  so that

$$\text{cov}[u_n, \chi_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] \approx b_1^* \text{var}[\chi_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \bar{V}_n \sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta) \Delta},$$

which is equivalent to the approximation

$$\mathcal{K}_0(\Delta) \approx \sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta) \Delta}.$$

- This approximation, though accurate for small  $\Delta$  when the kernel  $\kappa$  has no singularity at zero, is obviously very inaccurate when  $H$  is small.
- The essence of the hybrid scheme with  $\kappa = 1$  of [Bennedsen et al.]<sup>[2]</sup> is to correct the error in the approximation  $\mathcal{K}_0(\Delta) \approx \sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta)} \Delta$ . by simulating another random variable, uncorrelated with  $u_n$ , so as to match the covariance of  $u_n$  and  $\chi_n$ .
  - For this, we need a bivariate version of Andersen's QE scheme.

## A bivariate version of Andersen's QE scheme

- As before, let

$$u_n = \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \kappa(n\Delta - s) \sqrt{V_s} dW_s$$

$$\chi_n = \int_{(n-1)\Delta}^{n\Delta} \sqrt{V_s} dW_s.$$

- Linear regression gives

$$u_n \approx \beta_{u\chi} \chi_n + \varepsilon_n,$$

where  $\beta_{u\chi} = \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta)/\Delta$ , and  $\varepsilon_n$  and  $\chi_n$  are uncorrelated.

- Since  $V_n = \hat{\xi}_n + u_n \geq 0$ , we must ensure that  $\beta_{u\chi} \chi_n + \varepsilon_n + \hat{\xi}_n \geq 0$ .
- We now present a bivariate QE scheme to achieve this.



## A bivariate QE scheme

- Let  $\chi_n$  and  $\varepsilon_n$  be generated independently using the QE scheme with the following conditional means and variances:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\beta_{u\chi} \chi_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\xi}_n; & \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\xi}_n; \\ \text{var}[\chi_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= \bar{V}_n \Delta; & \text{var}[\varepsilon_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] &= \bar{V}_n \left( \mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta) - \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta)^2 \right).\end{aligned}$$

- Then  $V_n = \beta_{u\chi} \chi_n + \varepsilon_n + \hat{\xi}_n \geq 0$ .
- Moreover, with  $u_n = \beta_{u\chi} \chi_n + \varepsilon_n$ ,

$$\text{var}[u_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_{0,0}(\Delta); \quad \text{cov}[u_n, \chi_n | \mathcal{F}_{n-1}] = \bar{V}_n \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta).$$

## The hybrid QE (HQE) scheme

We summarize the resulting hybrid QE (HQE) scheme below:

- Given  $\chi_k$ , for  $k < n$ , with  $\epsilon$  very small, compute 
$$\hat{\xi}_n = \max \left[ \epsilon, \xi_n + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_{n-k+1}^* \chi_k \right].$$
- Simulate  $\chi_n$  and  $\varepsilon_n$  using the bivariate QE scheme
- $V_n = \hat{\xi}_n + \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathcal{K}_0(\Delta) \chi_n + \varepsilon_n$ .
- Finally,  $X_n = X_{n-1} - \frac{1}{4} (V_n + V_{n-1}) \Delta + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \sqrt{\tilde{V}_n \Delta} Z_n^\perp + \rho \chi_n$ , where  $\tilde{V}_n = \frac{1}{2} (V_n + V_{n-1})$ .

## Rough Heston kernel parameterizations

- The gamma kernel with  $\lambda = 0$  used by the HQE scheme has

$$\kappa(\tau) = \sqrt{2H} \eta \tau^{\alpha-1}$$

.

- On the other hand, when  $\lambda = 0$ , the rough Heston kernel (used in the Padé approximation for example) takes the form

$$\kappa(\tau) = \nu \frac{\tau^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)},$$

- So  $\nu$  and  $\eta$  are related as

$$\eta = \frac{\nu}{\sqrt{2H}\Gamma(\alpha)}.$$

## Rough Heston parameters

- We choose rough Heston parameters to give roughly the same 1-year smile as the classical Heston model, with  $H = 0.05$ :

```
In [45]: params.rHeston <- list(nu=0.45, eta=.45/(sqrt(2*.05)*gamma(0.55)), rho=-0.65,
xi0 <- function(s){0.04+0*s} # The forward variance curve
```

## Compute the rational approximation to the rough Heston smile

```
In [46]: volPade <- function(h.approx)function(params,xi)function(k){
  phi <- phiRoughHestonRational(params, xi, h.approx, n=20)
  sapply(k,function(x){impvol.phi(phi)(x,1)}}}

volPade.44 <- volPade(h.approx = h.Pade44)(params.rHeston,xi0)(kk)
volPade.55 <- volPade(h.approx = h.Pade55)(params.rHeston,xi0)(kk)
```

## Plot the classical Heston and rough Heston smiles

```
In [47]: plot(kk,volPade.44,col=bl,lwd=2, type="l",
  xlab="Log-strike k", ylab = "Implied vol.",cex.lab=1.5)
lines(kk,exactHestonVols.cHeston.kk,col=rd,lwd=2)
legend("topright",c("Rough Heston","Classical Heston"), cex=1.5, inset=.05,
  lty=1,col=c(bl,rd), lwd=2)
```

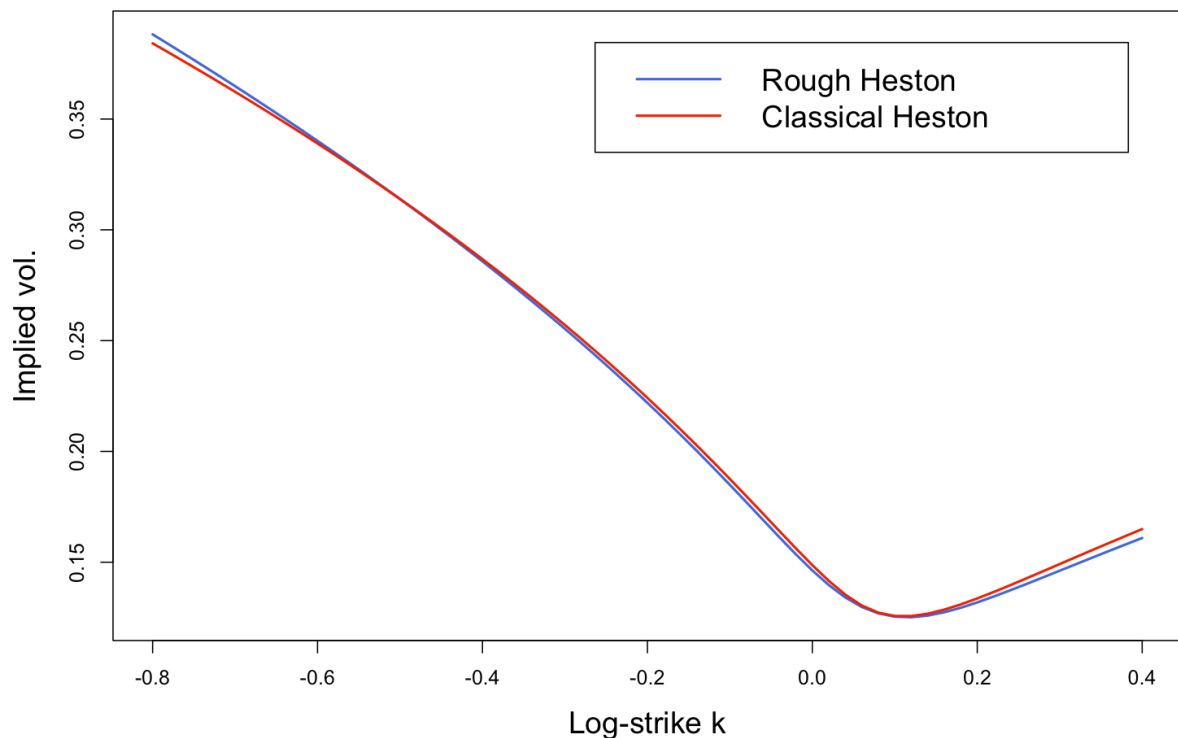


Figure 12: Classical Heston smile with `cHeston` parameters and rough Heston smile with `rHeston` parameters superimposed.

## Code for gamma kernel used in the HQE code

```
In [48]: gGamma
function (params)
function(tau) {
  al <- params$al
  H <- al - 1/2
  lam <- params$lam
  return(sqrt(2 * H) * tau^{
    al - 1
  } * exp(-lam * tau))
}
```

## The HQE code

```
In [49]: HQE.sim
```

```

function (params, xi)
function(T, paths, steps) {
  library(gsl)
  nu <- params$eta
  lam <- params$lambda
  H <- params$al - 1/2
  rho <- params$rho
  rho2m1 <- sqrt(1 - rho * rho)
  eps.0 <- 1e-10
  W <- matrix(rnorm(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  Wperp <- matrix(rnorm(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  Z <- matrix(rnorm(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  U <- matrix(runif(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  Uperp <- matrix(runif(steps * paths), nrow = steps, ncol = paths)
  dt <- T/steps
  sqrt.dt <- sqrt(dt)
  tj <- (1:steps) * dt
  xij <- xi(tj)
  G0del <- nu * G0(params)(dt)
  G1del <- nu * G1(params)(dt)
  G01del <- nu^2 * G01(params)(dt)
  Gjj <- nu^2 * (Gkk(params)(dt))((1:steps) - 1)
  G00del <- Gjj[1]
  G11del <- Gjj[2]
  bstar <- sqrt(Gjj/dt)
  bstar1 <- bstar[1]
  rho.vchi <- G0del/sqrt(G00del * dt)
  beta.vchi <- G0del/dt
  u <- array(0, dim = c(steps, paths))
  chi <- array(0, dim = c(steps, paths))
  v <- rep(xi(0), paths)
  xihat <- rep(xij[1], paths)
  x <- numeric(paths)
  y <- numeric(paths)
  w <- numeric(paths)
  for (j in 1:steps) {
    xibar <- (xihat + 2 * H * v)/(1 + 2 * H)
    var.eps <- xibar * G00del * (1 - rho.vchi^2)
    psi.chi <- 4 * G00del * rho.vchi^2 * xibar/xihat^2
    psi.eps <- 4 * G00del * (1 - rho.vchi^2) * xibar/xihat^2
    z.chi <- ifelse(psi.chi < 3/2, psiM(psi.chi, xihat/2,
      W[j, ]), psiP(psi.chi, xihat/2, U[j, ]))
  }
}

```

```

z.eps <- ifelse(psi.eps < 3/2, psiM(psi.eps, xihat/2,
  Wperp[j, ]), psiP(psi.eps, xihat/2, Uperp[j, ]))
chi[j, ] <- (z.chi - xihat/2)/beta.vchi
eps <- z.eps - xihat/2
u[j, ] <- beta.vchi * chi[j, ] + eps
vf <- xihat + u[j, ]
vf <- ifelse(vf > eps.0, vf, eps.0)
dw <- (v + vf)/2 * dt
w <- w + dw
y <- y + chi[j, ]
x <- x - dw/2 + sqrt(dw) * as.numeric(rho2m1 * Z[j, ]) +
  rho * chi[j, ]
btilde <- rev(bstar[2:(j + 1)])
if (j < steps) {
  xihat <- xij[j + 1] + as.numeric(btilde %*% chi[1:j,
    ])
}
v <- vf
}
res <- list(x = x, v = v, w = w)
return(res)
}

```

```

In [50]: system.time(res.128.HQE <- HQE.sim(params.rHeston,xi0)(T=1, paths=1e5, steps
  user system elapsed
12.585  4.305  16.904

```

```

In [51]: S.128.HQE <- exp(res.128.HQE$x)

```

## Plot the smile

```

In [52]: kk <- seq(-.8,.4,.02)
  smile.128.HQE <- ivS(S.128.HQE, T=1, exp(kk))

```

```

In [53]: plot(kk,smile.128.HQE,col=rd,lwd=2,type="l",
  xlab="Log-strike k", ylab = "Implied vol.",cex.lab=1.5)
  lines(kk,volPade.44,col=bl,lwd=2,lty=2)
  # lines(kk,volPade.55,col=gr,lwd=4,lty=3)

```

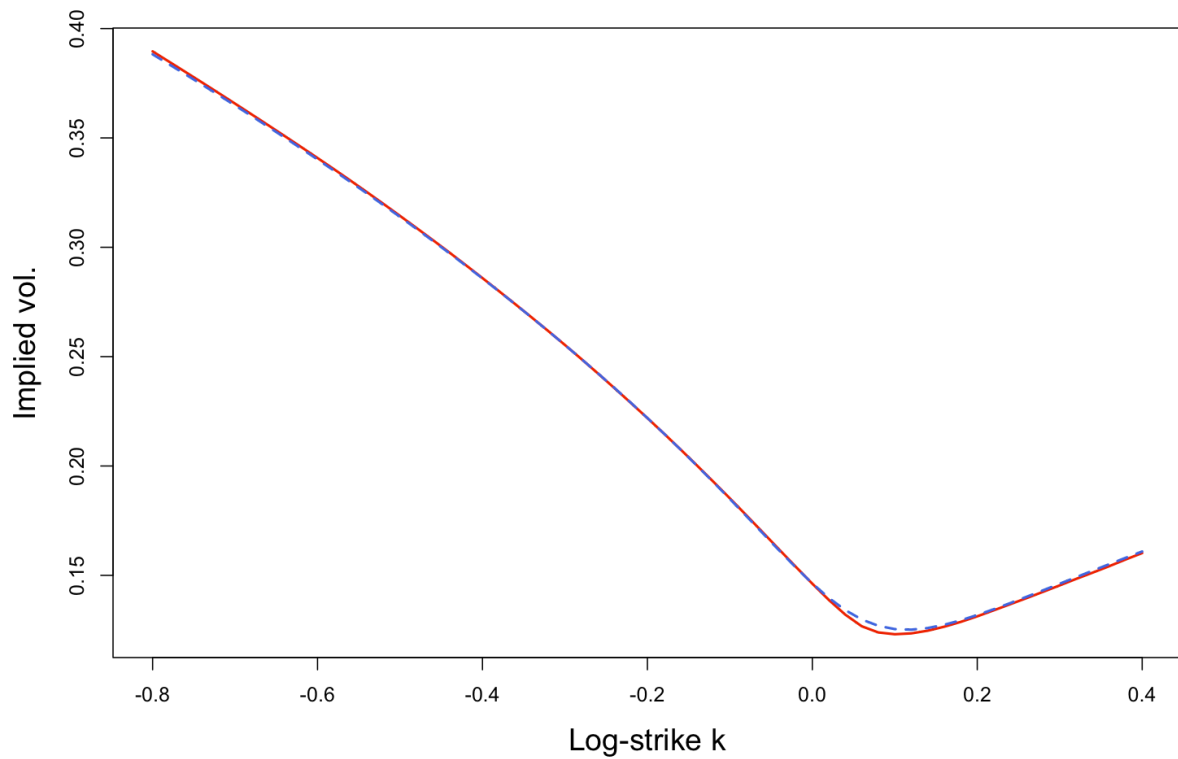


Figure 13: The rough Heston smile with parameters `paramsHQE`. The solid red line is from the Padé approximation; the dashed blue line is from the HQE scheme.

```
In [54]: plot(kk,smile.128.HQE-volPade.44,col=rd,lwd=2,type="l",
             xlab="Log-strike k", ylab = "Implied vol. error",cex.lab=1.5,ylim=c(-.0
abline(h=.001,lty=2)
abline(h=-.001,lty=2)
```

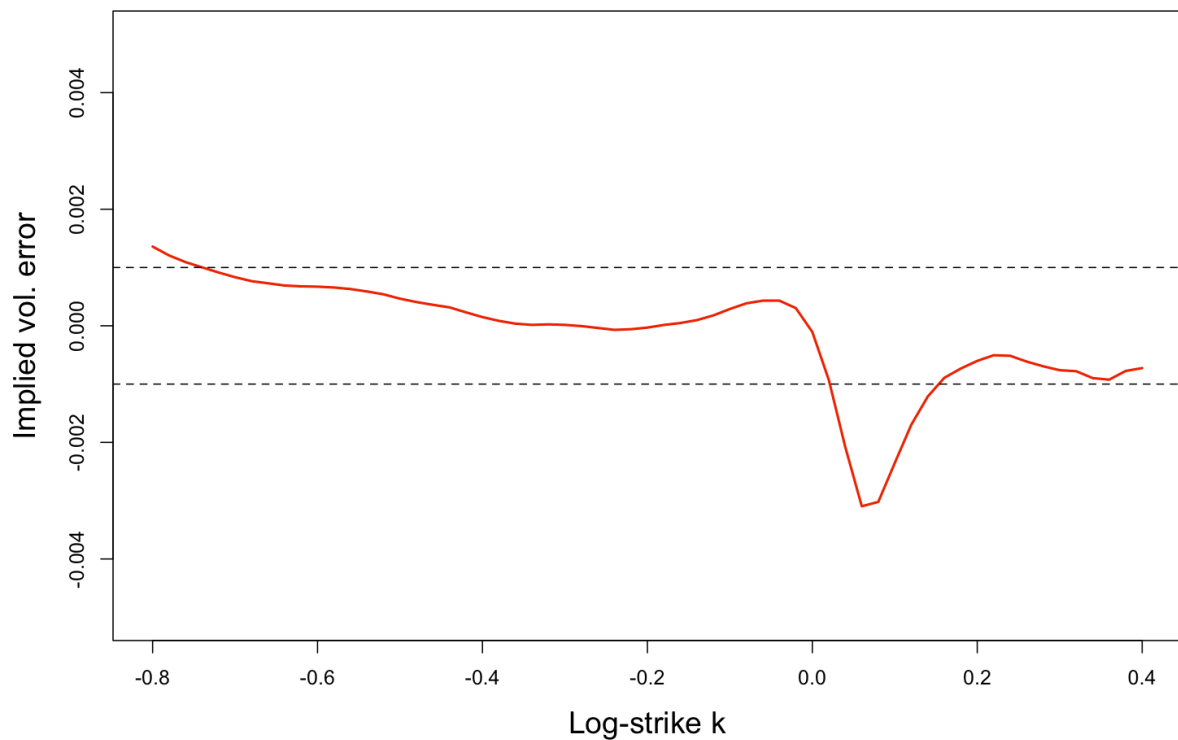


Figure 14: Rough Heston smile errors with `paramsHQE` parameters, using the HQE scheme.

## Convergence of the RSQE and HQE schemes

- Surprisingly (in view of Figure 9), we can also use the RQSE scheme to compute Rough Heston smiles.
  - RSQE is slower to converge.
- The following figure from [Efficient Simulation]<sup>[4]</sup> shows that it definitely makes sense to use HQE rather than RSQE for small  $H$ .

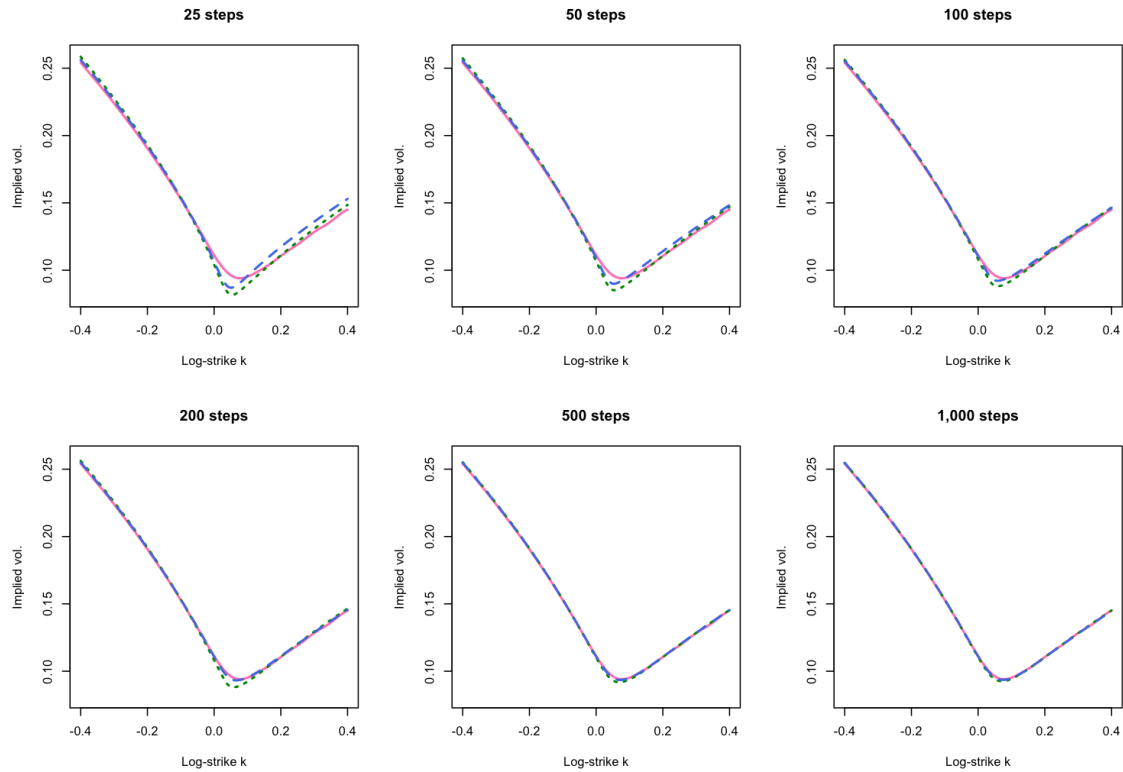


Figure 15: A 1-year rough Heston smile. The pink reference curve is the Adams reference smile. The green-dotted and blue-dashed curves are from RSQE and HQE simulations respectively with  $10^6$  paths.

## Convergence of the HQE scheme

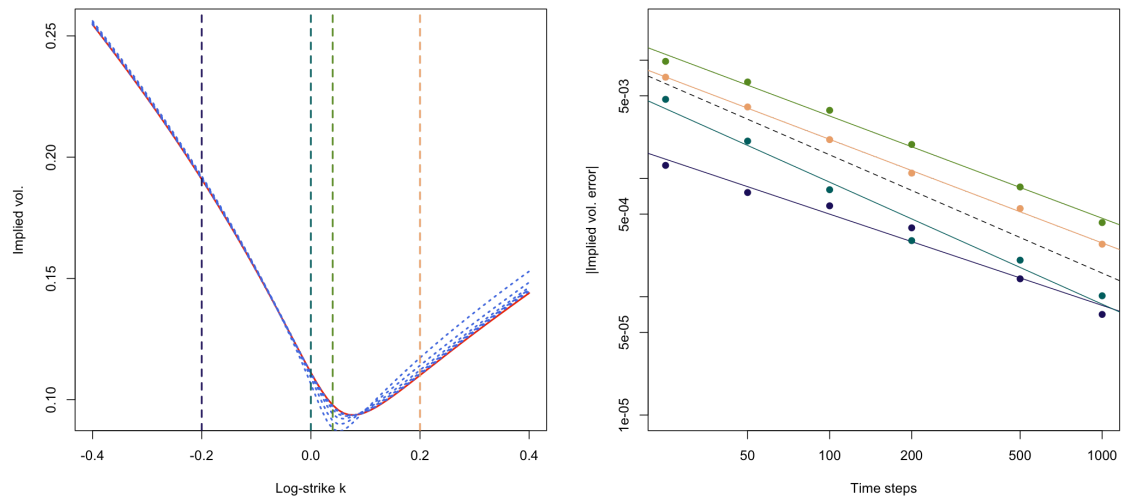


Figure 16: In the LH plot, the pink curve is the Richardson extrapolated HQE smile with 500 steps. The blue dotted lines are HQE smiles  $S_n$  computed with  $n \in \{25, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000\}$ . In the RH plot, we plot absolute implied volatility



errors. The dashed black line with slope  $-1$  is plotted for reference, clearly demonstrating order one weak convergence. All simulations are with  $10^6$  paths.

## Richardson extrapolation

- It seems that the order of weak convergence of the HQE scheme is one.
- It therefore makes sense to use Richardson extrapolation to increase the order of convergence.

## Convergence of Richardson extrapolated HQE smiles

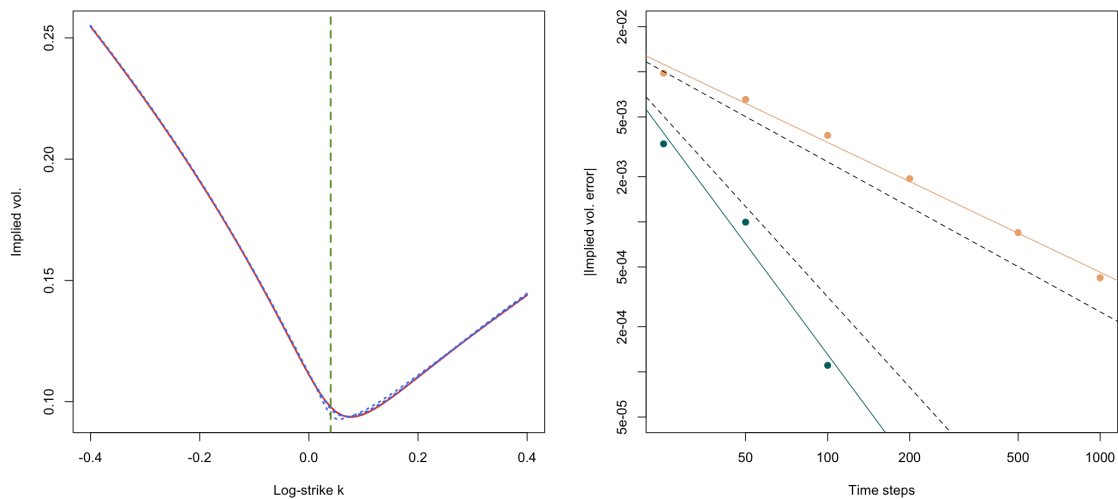


Figure 17: In the LH plot, the pink curve is the 500-step Richardson extrapolated HQE smile. The blue dotted lines are the Richardson-extrapolated smiles  $S_n^R$  computed with  $n \in \{25, 50, 100\}$ . In the RH plot, we plot absolute implied volatility errors vs time steps for log-strike  $k = 0.04$ , the dashed vertical line in the LH plot, where errors are maximized. Errors without extrapolation are superimposed for reference, as are black-dashed lines with slopes  $-1$  and  $-2$  respectively. We see evidence of order 2 weak convergence of Richardson-extrapolated smiles.

## On Markovian approximations

- Eduardo Abi Jaber and Omar El Euch originally suggested expressing rough kernels as sums of exponentials.
  - In the rough Heston case, this is equivalent to solving  $N$  classical Heston models.
  - To get reasonable agreement, at least 500 terms are required - very slow!

- More recently, [Bayer and Breneis]<sup>[4]</sup> exhibited an efficient Markovian approximation scheme for the rough Heston model which is apparently competitive with HQE.

## Summary of Lecture 4

- We showed how to construct rational approximations of the solution of the rough Heston fractional ODE.
  - These are very fast to compute and thus good for model calibration.
- We presented the hybrid quadratic exponential (HQE) scheme for simulating the rough Heston model.
  - The smiles match!
- However, though rough Heston is highly tractable, its dynamics are unreasonable.
  - And the parameters we found for February 15, 2023 look weird.

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