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Theory of Quantum and Complex systems

Schrödinger's money: The strange marriage between quantum mechanics and finance



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$$\phi_{AB} = \int \mathcal{D}x \ \phi[x(t)]$$

The amplitude corresponding to a given path x(t) is

$$\phi[x(t)] = \exp\left\{\frac{i}{\hbar}S[x(t)]\right\}$$

Here, *S* is the action functional:

$$S[x(t)] = \int_{0}^{T} L(x, \dot{x}, t) dt$$

With L the Lagrangian, eg.

$$L(x, \dot{x}, t) = \frac{m}{2}\dot{x}^2 - V(x)$$

H. Kleinert, Path Integrals in Quantum Mechanics, Statistics, Polymer Physics, and Financial Markets, 5th ed. (World Scientific, Singapore, 2009)

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 $\phi_{AB} = \langle r_B(T) | r_A(0) \rangle = K(r_B, T | r_A, 0)$
is called the path integral propagator
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This prescription contains both

→ classical mechanics (as a limit) :

Only when neighbouring paths have the same action functional

 $\rightarrow \delta \mathcal{S} = 0$

will $\exp\{-iS[\mathbf{r}(t)]/\hbar\}$ interfere constructively.



Cannon balls: a quantum mechanical treatment.

→ and "Schrödinger-picture" quantum mechanics

$$K(\mathbf{r}_1, t | \mathbf{r}_0, 0) = \left\langle \mathbf{r}_1 \left| \exp\left\{ i\hat{H}t/\hbar \right\} \right| \mathbf{r}_0 \right\rangle$$
$$= \sum_n \psi_n(\mathbf{r}_1)\psi_n(\mathbf{r}_0) \exp\left\{ -iE_nt/\hbar \right\}$$

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Part II: Finance, and trading things in the future

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Question #1

Choose between two rewards:

(a) 100 €, one year from now
(b) 100 €, right now

Conclusion: Money now is worth more than money in the future.





Question #2

Choose between two rewards:

(a) 100 €, one year from now
(b) 0 €, right now

Conclusion: Future money is worth something between 0% and 100% of money now.

Apply bracketing to find the amount where people find (a) and (b) equally attractive.

The rational answer: discount the value at the interest rate for money savings.



At r = 0.02, the value now of "100 euro one year from now" is 98.04 euro now.

Homogeneous in time ("time consistency"): the preference of the options do not change when shifting both times

Application to the student – beer relationship



more won't hurt" has

taken over



The reason exponential discounting of future prices is not valid is **RISK**

Main question in finance: how much is this 'right to buy in the future' worth?



A better deal (for you) is to buy the *RIGHT*, not the obligation to buy steel at 630 EUR/tonne one year from now.

This is called an 'option contract'. All types exist, eg.also the right to sell, with different times, and for different underlying assets.

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2011 data on money. Each block = 1000 billion dollar $(10^{12}$ \$)





Size of derivatives market.

5 years of derivatives trading corresponds to a market equivalent to the total GDP of the human race since the beginning of civilization.











Rather than 2 possible futures, there are many – but they can bee seen as a limit of many small 'binomial' steps

 \rightarrow according to the central limit theorem, the outcome is Gaussian fluctuations



We work with the logreturn $x(t) = \log(s_t/s_0)^{-1}$ to obtain $dx = (r - \sigma^2/2) dt + \sigma dW$

This corresponds to a diffusion with diffusion constant σ^2 and drift (r- $\sigma^2/2$) per unit time.

$$P(x_T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma^2 T}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left[x - (r - \sigma^2/2)T\right]^2}{2\sigma^2 T}\right\}$$

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The probability to end up in x_T is *also* given by the sum over all paths that end up there, weighed by the probability of these paths



From the stochastic differential equation dx = A(x,t)dt + B(x,t)dW

An infinitesimal time-step propagator is derived:

$$K(x', t + \delta t | x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi B^2(x, t)\delta t}}$$
$$\times \exp\left\{-\frac{[x' - x - A(x, t)\delta t]^2}{2B^2(x, t)\delta t}\right\}$$

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For the Black-Scholes model:

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Black-Scholes-Merton and black monday

option price =
$$e^{-rT} \mathbb{E}[\text{payoff}]$$

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1997 nobel prize in economics



Robert C. Merton Myron S. Scholes

→ Board members of "Long-Term Capital Management", which initially made 40% return on investment as first users of the Black-Scholes model. Until in 1987 it lost all of its \$4.6 billion.



Fisher Black & Myron Scholes, "The Pricing of Options and Corporate Liabilities". Journal of Political Economy 81 (3): 637–654 (1973).
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Asian option: payoff is a function of the *average* of the underlying price?

Improving Black-Scholes : stochastic volatility



two particle problem

The Heston model treats the variance as a second stochastic variable, satisfying its own stochastic differential equation:





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Using the prescription related before, the stochastic differential equations can be rewritten as an infinitesimal-time propagator, from which a Lagrangian can be identified (introducing $z = (v/\theta)^{1/2}$):

$$\mathcal{K}(x_0, z_0, 0 | x_T, z_T, T)$$

$$= A \int \mathcal{D}z[t] \int \mathcal{D}x[t] \exp\left\{-\int_0^T \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\theta z^2} dt\right\} \exp\left\{-\int_0^T \left(\frac{1}{2m}\dot{z}^2 + az^2 + \frac{b}{z^2}\right) dt\right\}$$

the transition probability for a price and volatility to go from x_0, z_0 at time t=0 to x_T, z_T at T (details: D.Lemmens, M. Wouters, JT, S. Foulon, Phys. Rev. E **78**, 016101 (2008)).



Other improvements to Black-Scholes

A) Stochastic Volatility

* Heston model:

 $\begin{cases} dx = (r - \sigma^2/2) dt + \sqrt{v} dW_1 \\ dv = \kappa(\theta - v) dt + \sigma_v \sqrt{v} dW_2 \end{cases}$

* Hull-White model

 $\begin{cases} dx = (r - \sigma^2/2) dt + \sigma dW_1 \\ d\sigma = \kappa(\theta - \sigma) dt + \sigma_v dW_2 \end{cases}$

* Exponential Vasicek model

 $\begin{cases} dx = \left(r - \sigma^2/2\right) dt + \sigma dW_1 \\ d\sigma = \sigma \left[\beta \left(a - \ln \sigma\right) + \gamma^2/2\right] dt + \gamma \sigma dW_2 \end{cases}$

B) Jump Diffusion (and Levy models)

$$ds_t = s_t r dt + s_t \sigma dW + \begin{pmatrix} e^J - 1 \end{pmatrix} s_t dN_t$$

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H. Kleinert, Option Pricing from Path Integral for Non-Gaussian Fluctuations. Natural Martingale and Application to Truncated Lévy Distributions, Physica A 312, 217 (2002).





Other models and other tricks

Improvements to Black-Scholes	<u>translate into</u> physical actions	<u>to which quantum mechanics</u> solving techniques can be applied
<u>A) Stochastic Volatility</u> 1. Heston model	free particle coupled to	exact solution
	radial harmonic oscillator	
B) Stochastic volatiltiy + Jump Diffusion		
2. Exponential Vasicek model	particle in an exponential gauge field generated by free particle	perturbational (Nozieres – Schmitt-Rink expansion)
3. Kou and Merton's models	particle in complicated potential (not previously studied)	variational (Jensen-Feynman variational principle)

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More complicated payoffs



> Barrier options: contract becomes void if price goes above/below some value

For such options, the price is given by

option price
$$= e^{-rT} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left(\int \mathcal{D}x(t) \operatorname{payoff}[x(t)] e^{-\mathcal{S}[x(t)]} \right) dx_T$$

Feynman-Kac 'interpretation' \rightarrow include payoff in the path weight:

option price =
$$e^{-rT} \int_0^\infty \left(\int \mathcal{D}x(t) \ e^{-\mathcal{S}[x(t)] - \ln(payoff)} \right) \ dx_T$$

= $e^{-rT} \int_0^\infty \left(\int \mathcal{D}x(t) \ e^{-\mathcal{S}_{new}[x(t)]} \right) \ dx_T$

Conclusions







Fluctuating paths in finance are described by stochastic models, which can be translated to Lagrangians for path integration.

Path integrals can solve in a unifying framework the two problems of the 'standard model of finance':

 1/ The real fluctuations are not gaussian
 2/ New types of option contracts have pathdependent payoffs



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Closing remark #1

How can we choose between the zoo of models? Various models have been proposed to include various properties or specific characteristic of financial time series, such as:

- * short memory of the returns
- * long memory of the volatility
- * heavy-tails in the return distribution
- * jumps
- * scale-free behavior of logreturns near crash

Approach A: Superstatistics to discriminate between stochastic volatility models

a method to "deconvolute" the underlying distribution of volatilities from the time series

Approach B: Game theory on scale-free networks as microscopic theory to generate time series



Link to physics: Ising models for 2-state objects interacting on a lattice.

(2 states: buy and sell; price is an emergent property) lsing parameters given by the Nash table from minority games





What 'econophysics' is not

"I don't believe talks about econophysics at conferences. Physicists who really worked out a predictive model of the market won't be found at conferences. They'd be on some tropical island keeping quiet about it." (Larry Schulman, path integral conference Antwerpen 1999)

"Econophysics cannot tell you when exactly the market will crash, just like elasticity theory and tribology cannot predict where exactly on the mountain you will fall if you climb it using beach slippers. Nevertheless elasticity theory and tribology have a lot to say about beach slippers." (Eugene Stanley, APS March meeting 2008)













More complicated payoffs

Other example: Timer options in the Heston framework

Timer options have an uncertain expiry time, equal to the time at which a certain "variance budget" has been used up)

A Duru-Kleinert transformation allows to introduced a warped spacetime, linking real time and variance budget. This results in a particle in a Kratzer potential, allowing an exact solution.



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Leads also to new formulas for estimating the maximum exposure time in an environment with fluctuating radioactivity



The probability density function for a given dose D to be reached at time T_D , as a function of T_D . The colours correspond to D = 10, ..., 60 in steps of 10.

What is the transition *probability* for a price to go from x_a at time t_a to x_b at t_b ?

$$K(x_T, T | x_0, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma^2 T}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left[x_T - x_0 - (r - \sigma^2/2)T\right]^2}{2\sigma^2 T}\right\}$$



Dash, Linetsky, Rosa-Clot, Kleinert,...

Calculating the path integral: time slicing





Path integrals and the polaron

Ultracold gases are used as a quantum simulator to model the polaron

$$\hat{H}_{pol} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m_I} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0} \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0} V_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{r}}} (\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{b}_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger})$$

$$\hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = ck\sqrt{1 + (\xi k)^2/2}$$
$$V_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{N_0} \left[\frac{(\xi k)^2}{(\xi k)^2 + 2} \right]^{1/4} g_{IB}$$





Prof.dr. Widera's research group: probing Cs atoms in Rb condensate



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 \Rightarrow Human psychology does not work with exponential discounting



Improving Black-Scholes : stochastic volatility

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$$\mathcal{K}(x_0, z_0, 0 | x_T, z_T, T) = \int \mathcal{D}x[t] \mathcal{D}z[t] \exp\{-\mathcal{S}\}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{K}(x_0, z_0, 0 | x_T, z_T, T) \\ &= A \int \mathcal{D}z[t] \int \mathcal{D}x[t] \, \exp\left\{-\int_0^T \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\theta z^2} dt\right\} \, \exp\left\{-\int_0^T \left(\frac{1}{2m} \dot{z}^2 + az^2 + \frac{b}{z^2}\right) dt\right\} \\ & \left\{ \text{time-slicing + gaussian integrations} \right. \\ & \left\{ t_1, x_1, z_1 \right\}, \dots, \left\{ t_{N-1}, x_{N-1}, z_{N-1} \right\} \\ & \left. \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta}} \exp\left(\frac{-x_T^2}{2\theta \int_0^T z^2 d\tau}\right) \, = \int dk \exp\left\{ikx_T\right\} \exp\left\{-k^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \int_0^T z^2 dt\right\} \end{split}$$







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$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left[\frac{-x_T}{2} + \frac{\kappa^2 \theta}{\sigma^2} T\right] \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp\left[ikx_T + z_0^2 \left(\frac{\frac{\kappa}{4\sigma^2} - \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}}{4\sigma} \coth\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}T\right)\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2\right)}{4\sinh^2\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}T\right)\left(\kappa + \sigma\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2} \coth\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}T\right)\right)\right] \\ \left(\frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}}{\frac{\kappa}{\sigma}\sinh\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}T\right) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}\cosh\left(\frac{\sigma}{2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\kappa^2}{\sigma^2} + k^2}T\right)\right)}\right)^{2\frac{\kappa\theta}{\sigma^2}} dk$$