

A class of approximate Greek weights

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2 $l = 2$: the unique quadratic belonging to $\mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}^2$ is $\psi_{p,2}(u) \equiv 9 - 36u + 30u^2$.

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Lemma 2 ([CC14, Proposition 2.4])

For $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}^l$ and value function sufficiently smooth,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[H_h^\psi g(X_T) \right] = L^{(1)} u(0, x) + \mathcal{O}(h^{l+1}),$$

where $L^{(1)} u(0, x) = \sigma(x)\Delta$ (i.e. expression containing the Δ).

Weak Taylor schemes

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- ② Weak Taylor scheme of order 2

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_{t_{i+1}} := & \text{Euler} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma(\hat{X}_{t_i})\sigma'(\hat{X}_{t_i})((\Delta W_{i+1})^2 - h_{i+1}) \\ & + \mu'(\hat{X}_{t_i})\sigma(\hat{X}_{t_i})\Delta Z_{i+1} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\mu(\hat{X}_{t_i})\mu'(\hat{X}_{t_i}) + \frac{1}{2}\mu''(\hat{X}_{t_i})\sigma^2(\hat{X}_{t_i})\right)h_{i+1}^2 \\ & + \left(\mu(\hat{X}_{t_i})\sigma'(\hat{X}_{t_i}) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma''(\hat{X}_{t_i})\sigma^2(\hat{X}_{t_i})\right)(\Delta W_{i+1}h_{i+1} - \Delta Z_{i+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Euler scheme

- On $[0, h]$, the Euler scheme is a BM with drift $f(y)$ diffusion $\sigma(y)$ if the process X starts at y at time $t = 0$, i.e.

$$\hat{X}_h = y + \mu(y)h + \sigma(y)\sqrt{h}Z,$$

for some $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.

- Define the operators $\hat{L}_y^{(j)}$, $j = 0, 1$ associated to this process:

Definition 3 (Fixed space operators)

For function $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and some $y \in \mathbb{R}$, define the operators $\hat{L}_y^{(j)}$ on φ by

$$\{\hat{L}_y^{(1)}\varphi\}(t, x) := \sigma(y)\partial_x\varphi(t, x),$$

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where ∂_t and ∂_x are partial derivatives w.r.t. time and space.

Remark 1

Considering the explicit Euler scheme and fixing $y = \hat{X}_{t_i}$, then $\hat{L}_y^{(0)}$ is the operator associated to the diffusion process $(\hat{X}_t)_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]}$. Recall the operators defined in (2); note that

$$L^{(0)}\varphi(t, X_t) = \hat{L}_{X_t}^{(0)}\varphi(t, X_t), \quad L^{(1)}\varphi(t, X_t) = \hat{L}_{X_t}^{(1)}\varphi(t, X_t).$$

Choosing the appropriate weight and weak Taylor scheme and sufficient smoothness of the value function:

Lemma 4

Fix $l \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose u is sufficiently smooth, and $L^{(0)}u = 0$, $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}^l$, weak Taylor scheme order $l + 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[H_h^\psi u(h, \hat{X}_h) \right] &= L^{(1)}u(0, x) + \mathcal{O}(h^{l+1}) \\ &= \sigma(x)\Delta + \mathcal{O}(h^{l+1}).\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbb{E}[Z^k] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd;} \\ \prod_{j=1}^{k/2} (2j-1) & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

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- To prove result, express $\mathbb{E} \left[H_h^\psi u(t_n, \hat{X}_{t_n}) \right]$ as

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- Deal with first term from previous lemma, and bound telescoping terms from the smoothness of the value function.

Flavour of techniques

- Iterated Itô integrals, and weak Taylor schemes [KP92].
- Expansions introduced by [TT90].
- Choose weights for state-space Greeks.
- Refine H_h^ψ for higher order schemes.

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Table 1: Implementation for higher order Δ .

- $\mu(x) \equiv 0$, $\sigma(x) \equiv 1 + \sin^2(x)$, $g(x) \equiv \arctan(x)$.
- $(X_0, T) = (0.3, 1)$, $(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) = (1/3, 1/5, 1/7)$.

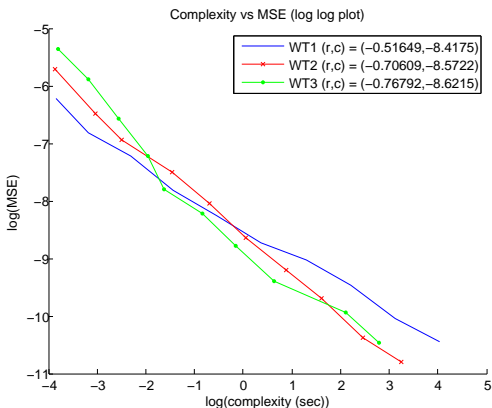


Figure 1: Higher order Δ and ψ .

- ≈ 20 seconds for WT3 vs ≈ 60 seconds for WT1!

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Theorem 6 (Romberg extrapolation)

$$2\mathbb{E} \left[H_h^\psi g(\hat{X}_T^h) \right] - \mathbb{E} \left[H_{2h}^\psi g(\hat{X}_T^{2h}) \right] = L^{(1)} u(0, x) + \mathcal{O}(h^2).$$

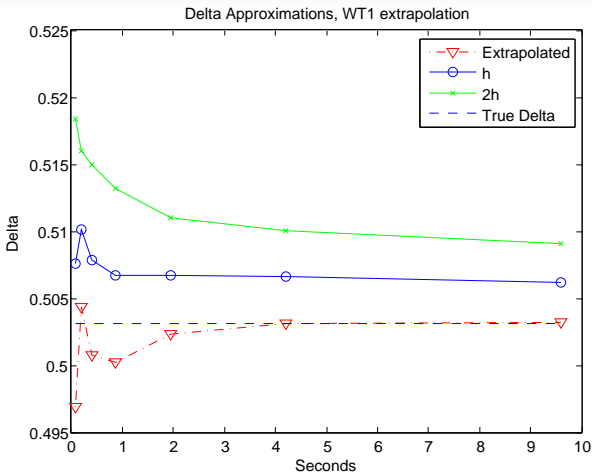


Figure 2: Extrapolated Δ , the value with stepsize h , $2h$ and the true Δ . Euler scheme, $\zeta = 1/5$.

Δ extrapolated

Similar expansion for higher order Romberg extrapolation using better $\psi \in \mathcal{B}'_{[0,1]}$ and weak Taylor expansions.

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Extrapolated Δ using WT1 and WT2

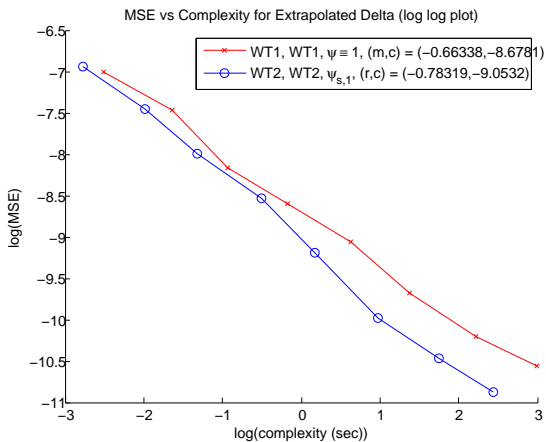


Figure 3: MSE for extrapolated Δ vs Complexity.

Heston Delta

- The Heston model can be represented with i.i.d. Brownian motions $W^{(1)} = (W_t^{(1)})_{t \geq 0}$ and $W^{(2)} = (W_t^{(2)})_{t \geq 0}$ as

$$d \begin{pmatrix} S_t \\ X_t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rS_t \\ \kappa(\theta - X_t) \end{pmatrix} dt + \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{X_t}S_t & 0 \\ 0 & \xi\sqrt{X_t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dW_t^{(1)} \\ dW_t^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $(S_0, X_0) = (x, v)$.

- For an Euler scheme:

$$\Delta = \mathbb{E} \left[g(X_T) \frac{(H_h^\psi)_{(1)}}{x\sqrt{v}} \right] + \mathcal{O}(h),$$

where $(H_h^\psi)_1$ is defined with $\psi \in \mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}^0$ and $W^{(1)}$.

Explicit and drift-implicit schemes

- $(\kappa, \theta, \xi, r, x, v) = (1.15, 0.04, 0.2, 0, 100, 0.04)$.
- Mean reversion $\omega := 2\kappa\theta/\xi^2 = 2.3$.
- Call option with strike $K = 100$, and $T = 1$.

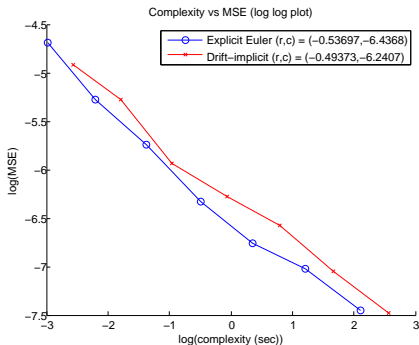


Figure 4: MSE for Heston Δ , $\zeta = 1/3$.

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and if $l \geq 2$, then for all $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$ such that $2 \leq k \leq l$,

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- In Table 3, implementation for higher order schemes for Γ using different schemes, and weights.

Scheme	Weight	ζ	MSE	Complexity	Slope
WT2	$\phi \equiv 2 \in \mathcal{G}_{[0,1]}^1$	1/4	$\mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2})$	$\mathcal{O}(N^{5/4})$	-2/5
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Table 3: Implementation and MSE for the Gamma.

Weak Taylor 2 scheme, using $\phi \equiv 2$

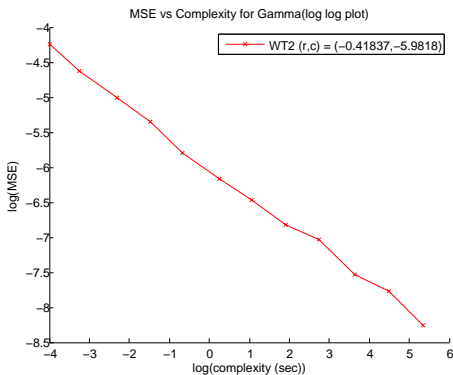


Figure 5: MSE for the Γ . Parameters as in Table 3 (i.e. $\zeta = 1/4$).

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Remark 2

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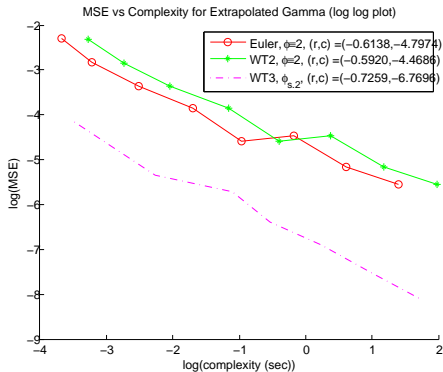


Figure 6: log log plot of the MSE vs Complexity for the Γ using extrapolation. Euler scheme and WT2 with $\phi \equiv 2$, and $(A, B) = (2, 1)$. Third plot is WT3, using $\psi_{s,2}$ and $(A, B) = (4/3, 1/3)$. See Table 4.

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