

# Affine processes from the perspective of path-space valued Lévy processes

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In the above examples:

- $V$  stochastic variance process in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$ ,
- $Y$  (discounted) log-price process in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

and

- $X := (V, Y)$  is a time homogeneous Markov process in  $D := \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ,
- there exist functions  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}^{(v,y)} \left[ e^{\langle u_1, V_t \rangle + \langle u_2, Y_t \rangle} \right] = e^{\phi(t, u_1, u_2) + \langle v, \Psi(t, u_1, u_2) \rangle + \langle y, u_2 \rangle},$$

for  $u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathcal{U}$ , where  $\mathcal{U} = i\mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ .

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Let

$$(\Omega, (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathcal{F}_t^{\mathbb{H}})_{t \geq 0}, (p_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathbb{P}^x)_{x \in D})$$

be a time homogeneous Markov process. The process  $X$  is said to be an **affine process** if it satisfies the following properties:

- for every  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in D$ ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow t} p_s(x, \cdot) = p_t(x, \cdot)$  weakly,
- there exist functions  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}^x \left[ e^{\langle u, X_t \rangle} \right] = \int_D e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} p_t(x, d\xi) = e^{\phi(t, u) + \langle x, \Psi(t, u) \rangle},$$

for all  $x \in D$  and  $(t, u) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U}$ .

Henceforth

$$\begin{aligned}D &= \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d, \\D_\Delta &= D \cup \{\Delta\}, \\U &= \mathbb{C}_{\leq 0}^m \times i\mathbb{R}^n, \\I &= \{1, \dots, m\}, \\J &= \{m+1, \dots, d\}.\end{aligned}$$

Given a set  $H \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_H : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^H \\x &\mapsto \pi_H x := (x_i)_{i \in H}.\end{aligned}$$

(Stochastic continuity + Affine property)

↓ [Cuchiero and Teichmann, 2011]

Càdlàg paths

↓ [Keller Ressel et al., 2011]

Regularity

## Generalized Riccati equations

On the set  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U}$ , the functions  $\phi$  and  $\Psi$  satisfy the following system of generalized Riccati equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \phi(t, u) &= F(\Psi(t, u)), & \phi(0, u) &= 0, \\ \partial_t \Psi(t, u) &= R(\Psi(t, u)), & \Psi(0, u) &= u.\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

The functions  $F$  and  $R_k$ , for each  $k = 1, \dots, d$ , have the following Lévy-Khintchine form

$$\begin{aligned} F(u) &= \langle b, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle u, au \rangle - c \\ &\quad + \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} \left( e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} - 1 - \langle \pi_J u, \pi_J h(\xi) \rangle \right) m(d\xi), \\ R_k(u) &= \langle \beta_k, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle u, \alpha_k u \rangle - \gamma_k \\ &\quad + \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} \left( e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} - 1 - \langle \pi_{J \cup \{k\}} u, \pi_{J \cup \{k\}} h(\xi) \rangle \right) M_k(d\xi). \end{aligned}$$

For an affine process on  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$  we can specify a set of admissible parameters

$$(b, \beta, a, \alpha, c, \gamma, m, M)$$

with

- $b, \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, i = 1, \dots, d,$
- $a, \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, d$  semi-definite positive matrices,
- $c, \gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, i = 1, \dots, d,$
- $m, M_i, i = 1, \dots, d$  Lévy measures,

where  $d = n + m$ .



diffusion

$$\begin{aligned} a_{kl} &= 0 && \text{for } k \in I \text{ or } l \in I, \\ \alpha_j &= 0 && \text{for all } j \in J, \\ (\alpha_i)_{kl} &= 0 && \text{if } k \in I \setminus \{i\} \text{ or } l \in I \setminus \{i\}, \end{aligned}$$

drift

$$\begin{aligned} b &\in D, \\ (\beta_i)_k &\geq 0 && \text{for all } i \in I \text{ and } k \in I \setminus \{i\}, \\ (\beta_j)_k &= 0 && \text{for all } j \in J, k \in I, \end{aligned}$$

killing

$$\gamma_j = 0 \quad \text{for all } j \in J,$$

jumps

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp } m &\subseteq D && \text{and } \int ( (|\pi_I \xi| + |\pi_J \xi|^2) \wedge 1 ) m(d\xi) < \infty, \\ M_j &= 0 && \text{for all } j \in J, \\ \text{supp } M_i &\subseteq D && \text{for all } i \in I \text{ and} \\ &&& \int ( (|\pi_{I \setminus \{i\}} \xi| + |\pi_{J \cup \{i\}} \xi|^2) \wedge 1 ) M_i(d\xi) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

- The theory of affine processes has been dominated by **weak constructions**.
- Stochastic continuity and the affine property are sufficient for the existence of a **version with càdlàg trajectories**, which can be defined on the canonical probability space of càdlàg paths.

Here:

- We give an alternative construction of affine property in “strong sense”.
- The existence result relies on a **time–space transformation** of Lévy trajectories.
- Càdlàg property follows directly from the construction.

## Theorem (Theorem 3.4 in [Kallsen, 2006])

Let  $X$  be an affine process with set of admissible parameters  $(b, \beta, a, \alpha, 0, 0, m, M)$ . On a possibly enlarged probability space, there exist  $d + 1$  independent  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued Lévy processes  $Z^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, d$  such that

$$X_t \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} x + Z_t^{(0)} + \sum_{k=1}^d Z \int_0^t X_r^{(k)} dr .$$

**Question:** Is it possible to construct  $X$  in a pathwise sense?

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# From affine processes to linear processes

Let  $AP(D)$  be the space of affine processes with state space  $D$ .  
Define the map

$$\begin{aligned}\omega: AP(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n) &\rightarrow AP(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{m+1} \times \mathbb{R}^n) \\ X &\mapsto X^\omega\end{aligned}$$

**Input:**  $X$  with  $\mathbb{E}^X \left[ e^{\langle u, X_t \rangle} \right] = e^{\phi(t,u) + \langle x, \psi(t,u) \rangle}$

**Output:**  $X^\omega$  with  $\mathbb{E}^{X^\omega} \left[ e^{\langle u, X_t^\omega \rangle} \right] = e^{\langle x^\omega, \psi^\omega(t,u) \rangle}$

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# From AP to semi-homogeneous AP

Theorem 5.1 in [Keller-Ressel et al., 2011]

Let  $X$  be an affine process. Recall that, there exists  $\mathcal{B}_J \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that  $\pi_J R(u) = \mathcal{B}_J^\top u$ . Define the matrix

$$T = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \mathcal{B}_J \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

and the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T} : AP(D) &\rightarrow AP(D) \\ X &\mapsto X - T^\top \int_0^\cdot X_s ds. \end{aligned}$$

The map  $\mathcal{T}$  is a bijection between affine processes of with  $\pi_J R(u) = \mathcal{B}_J^\top u$  and the class of affine processes with  $\pi_J R(u) = 0$ .

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## Theorem [G. and Teichmann, 2014b]

Let  $(F, R)$  be a couple of functional characteristics such that  $F = 0$  and  $\pi_J R = 0$ . Let  $Z^{(1)}, \dots, Z^{(m)}$  be independent  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued Lévy processes with

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{\langle u, Z_t^{(k)} \rangle} \right] = e^{tR_k(u)}, \quad u \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Then the time-change equation

$$X_t = x + \sum_{k=1}^m Z^{(k)} \int_0^t X_r^{(k)} dr$$

admits a unique solution, which is an affine process with respect to the **time-changed filtration**.

# Multiparameter time–change filtration

- Define  $Z = (Z_1^{(1)}, \dots, Z_d^{(1)}, \dots, Z_1^{(m)}, \dots, Z_d^{(m)}) =: (Z^{(1)}, \dots, Z^{(md)})$ .
- For all  $\underline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_{md}) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{md}$   
 $\mathcal{G}_{\underline{s}}^{\natural} := \sigma \left( \{Z_{t_h}^{(h)}, t_h \leq s_h, \text{ for } h = 1, \dots, md\} \right)$ .
- Complete it by  $\mathcal{G}_{\underline{s}} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{G}_{\underline{s}^{(n)} + \frac{1}{n}}^{\natural} \vee \sigma(\mathcal{N})$ .

## Definition

A random variable  $\underline{\tau} = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{md}) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{md}$  is a  $(\mathcal{G}_{\underline{s}})$ -stopping time if

$$\{\underline{\tau} \leq \underline{s}\} := \{\tau_1 \leq s_1, \dots, \tau_{md} \leq s_{md}\} \in \mathcal{G}_{\underline{s}}, \text{ for all } \underline{s} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{md}.$$

If  $\underline{\tau}$  is a stopping time,

$$\mathcal{G}_{\underline{\tau}} := \{B \in \mathcal{G} \mid B \cap \{\underline{\tau} \leq \underline{s}\} \in \mathcal{G}_{\underline{s}} \text{ for all } \underline{s} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{md}\}.$$

## Why only $m$ terms?

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Apply the  $\infty$   
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Apply the method of the moving frame, see in [KST11].

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**Question:** Given a Lévy process  $Z$  taking values in  $\mathbb{R}$ , is there a solution of

$$X_t = x + Z \int_0^t X_s ds \quad ?$$

- For the one dimensional case see also [Caballero et al., 2009, Caballero et al., 2013].



# An ODE point of view in dimension 1

Introduce

$$\tau(t) := \int_0^t X_s ds.$$

Does there exist a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tau}(t) = x + Z(\tau(t)) \\ \tau(0) = 0 \end{cases} \quad ?$$

## Lemma

If

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tau}_i(t) = x_i + \sum_{k=1}^m Z_i^{(k)} \left( \int_0^t X_r^{(k)} dr \right) \\ \tau_i(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

admits a solution for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , then it admits also a solution for all  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .

Introduce

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z} : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \\ \underline{s} &\mapsto \sum_{i=1}^m Z^{(i)}(s_i). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Does there exist a solution  $\underline{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$  of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{\tau}}(t) = x + \mathcal{Z}(\underline{\tau}(t)), \\ \underline{\tau}(0) = 0. \end{cases} \quad ?$$

The Lévy–Itô decomposition together with the **canonical form** of the admissible parameters give

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t^{(i)} = & \beta_i t + \sigma_i B_t^{(i)} + \int_0^t \int \xi 1_{\{|\xi| > 1\}} \mathcal{J}^{(i)}(d\xi, ds) \\ & + \int_0^t \int \xi 1_{\{|\xi| \leq 1\}} (\mathcal{J}^{(i)}(d\xi, ds) - M_i(d\xi) ds) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{(\alpha_i)_{ii}}$ ,  $B^{(i)}$  is a process in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  which evolves only along the  $i$ -th coordinate as Brownian motion and  $\mathcal{J}^{(i)}$  is the jump measure of the process  $Z^{(i)}$ .

■ Decompose

$$Z^{(i)} =: \tilde{Z}^{(i)} + \tilde{\tilde{Z}}^{(i)}$$

where  $\tilde{Z}^{(i)}$  and  $\tilde{\tilde{Z}}^{(i)}$  are two stochastic processes on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}_i^{(i)}(t) &:= (\beta_i)_i t + \sigma_i B^{(i)}(t) + \int_0^t \int \xi_i 1_{\{|\xi| > 1\}} \mathcal{J}^{(i)}(d\xi, ds) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int \xi_i 1_{\{|\xi| \leq 1\}} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^{(i)}(d\xi, ds) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{Z}_k^{(i)}(t) := 0, \quad \text{for } k \neq i,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\tilde{Z}}^{(i)}(t) &:= \tilde{\beta}_i t + \int_0^t \int (\xi - \xi_i e_i) 1_{\{|\xi| > 1\}} \mathcal{J}^{(i)}(d\xi, ds) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int (\xi - \xi_i e_i) 1_{\{|\xi| \leq 1\}} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}^{(i)}(d\xi, ds). \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\beta}_i = \beta_i - e_i(\beta_i)_i$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}^{(i)}$  is the compensated jump measure.

# Approximation of the jump part

- Introduce, for all  $\underline{s} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$ ,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}(\underline{s}) := \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{Z}^{(i)}(s_i), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}(\underline{s}) := \sum_{i=1}^m \tilde{Z}^{(i)}(s_i).$$

- Fix  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  and consider the partition

$$\mathcal{T}_M := \left\{ \frac{k}{2^M}, \quad k \geq 0 \right\}.$$

- Define the following approximations on the partition  $\mathcal{T}_M$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_t^{(i, M)} &:= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{Z}_{k/2^M}^{(i)} 1_{[\frac{k}{2^M}, \frac{k+1}{2^M})}(t), \\ \uparrow \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}^{(M)}(\underline{s}) &:= \sum_{i=1}^m \uparrow \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}^{(i, M)}(s_i), \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem [G. and Teichmann, 2014b]

There exists a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{x}}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t) = (x + \mathcal{Z})(\underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t)), \\ \underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t_0) = \tau_0, \end{cases}$$

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for  $t \geq t_0$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$ .

# The proof

step 1 Decompose  $x + \mathcal{Z} = x + \tilde{\mathcal{Z}} + \tilde{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}}$

step 2 Approximate  $x + \tilde{\mathcal{Z}} + \tilde{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}} \sim x + \tilde{\mathcal{Z}} + \uparrow \tilde{\tilde{\mathcal{Z}}}^{(M)}$

Theorem (Theorem VI.1.1 in [Ethier and Kurtz, 1986])

There exists a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{x}}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t) = (x + \tilde{z})(\underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t)), \\ \underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t_0) = \tau_0, \end{cases}$$

with  $\tau_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$ .

## ■ Set

$$\begin{aligned}(t_0, \tau_0, x) &:= (0, 0, x), \\ \overleftarrow{\sigma} &:= (0, \dots, 0), \\ \overrightarrow{\sigma} &:= (\sigma_1^{(1,M)}, \dots, \sigma_1^{(i,M)}, \dots, \sigma_1^{(m,M)})\end{aligned}$$

## ■ Solve

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{x}}((0, 0, x); t) = (\underline{x} + \tilde{\underline{z}})(\underline{\tau}((0, 0, x); t)), \\ \underline{\tau}((0, 0, x); t_0) = \tau_0, \end{cases}$$

for  $t \in [0, t_1]$  where

$$t_1 := \sup\{t > 0 \mid \underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t) \leq \overrightarrow{\sigma}\}.$$

**Remark** There might be one or more indices  $i^*$ , where equality holds. Collect them in a set  $I^* \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

- Update the values

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{l^*} \overleftarrow{\sigma} &:= \pi_{l^*} \overrightarrow{\sigma}, \\ \pi_{l^*} \overrightarrow{\sigma} &:= \pi_{l^*} \overrightarrow{\sigma}_{++},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\overrightarrow{\sigma}_{++}$  contains the next jumps of  $\uparrow \tilde{Z}^{(i, M)}$  for all  $i \in l^*$  after  $\overrightarrow{\sigma}_i$ .

- Define

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_1 &:= \underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t_1) \\ x_1 &:= x + \Delta \uparrow \tilde{Z}^{(M)}(\overleftarrow{\sigma}).\end{aligned}$$

- Solve

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{\tau}}((t_1, \tau_1, x_1); t) = (x_1 + \tilde{Z})(\underline{\tau}((t_1, \tau_1, x_1); t)), \\ \underline{\tau}((t_1, \tau_1, x_1); t_1) = \tau_1, \end{cases}$$

for  $t \in [t_1, t_2]$  where

$$t_1 := \sup\{t > t_1 \mid \underline{\tau}((t_1, \tau_1, x_1); t) \leq \overrightarrow{\sigma}\}.$$

- Define iteratively, for all  $n \geq 1$

$$t_{n+1} := \sup\{t > 0 \mid \underline{\tau}((t_n, \tau_n, x_n); t) \leq \overrightarrow{\sigma}\},$$

$$\tau_{n+1} := \underline{\tau}((t_n, \tau_n, x_n); t_{n+1}),$$

$$x_{n+1} := x_n + \Delta \uparrow \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}^{(M)}(\overleftarrow{\sigma}),$$

where, at each step  $\overleftarrow{\sigma}$  and  $\overrightarrow{\sigma}$  are updated.

# Solution of the approximated problem

## Theorem

There exists a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{\tau}}^{(M)}((0, 0, x); t) = (x + \tilde{\mathcal{Z}} + \uparrow \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}^{(M)}) (\underline{\tau}^{(M)}((0, 0, x); t)), \\ \underline{\tau}^{(M)}((0, 0, x); t_0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover it holds

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \underline{\tau}^{(M)}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t) = \underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t)$$

where  $\underline{\tau}$  solves

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\underline{\tau}}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t) = (x + \mathcal{Z}) (\underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t)), \\ \underline{\tau}((t_0, \tau_0, x); t_0) = \tau_0. \end{cases}$$

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## The problem

given  $Z_t = bt + B_t + \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} e_i$ ,

where

- $B$  is a Brownian motion,
- $N$  is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ ,
- $e_i$  are i.i.d.  $\sim \mathcal{Exp}(1)$ ,

construct  $X = (X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  such that

$$X = x + Z \int_0^{\cdot} X_r dr.$$

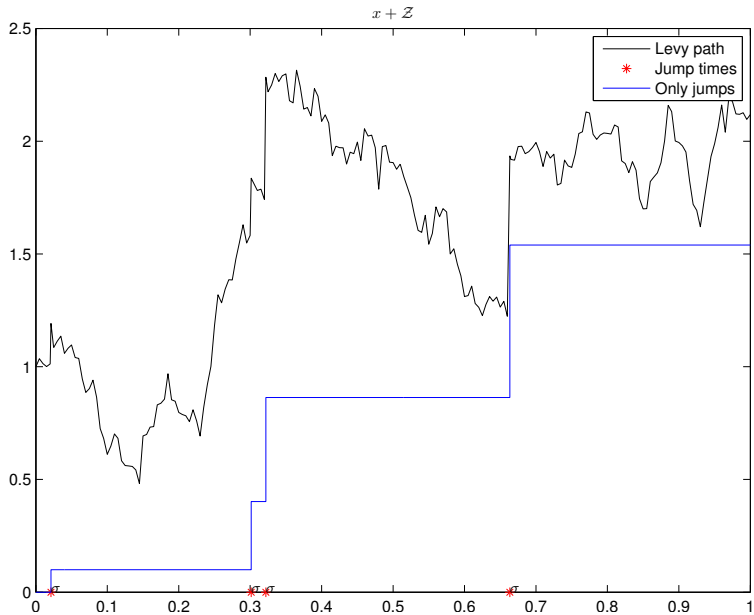
## Observations

- If  $\mathbf{Z}_t = \mathbf{b}t + \mathbf{B}_t$ , the solution of the time-change equation is an affine process that starts at  $x$  with

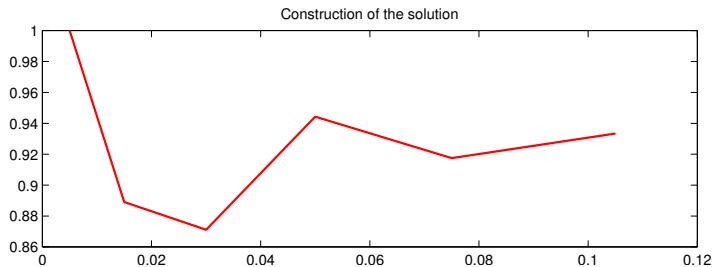
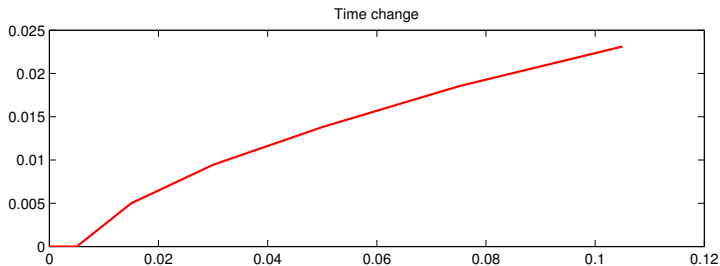
$$F(u) = 0, \quad R(u) = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + bu, \quad u \in \mathcal{U}.$$

- Exact simulation or splitting schemes are available.
- Decompose the paths

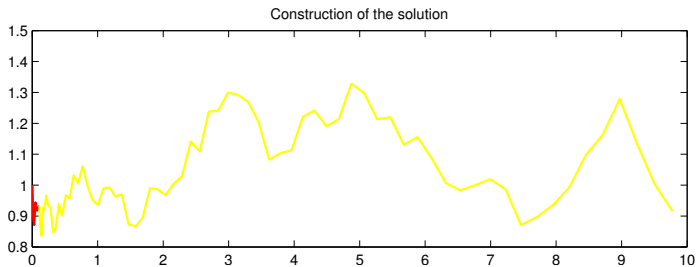
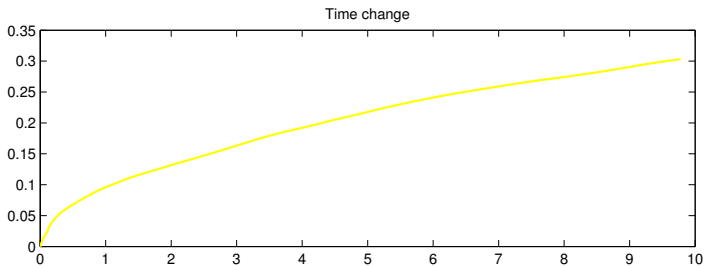
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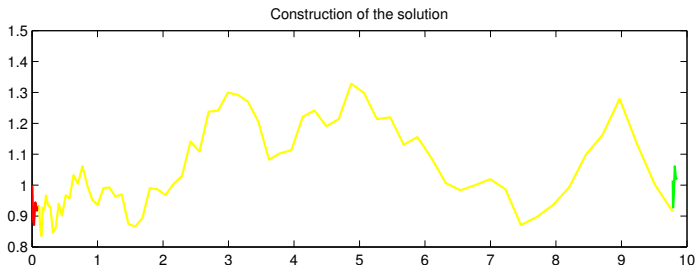
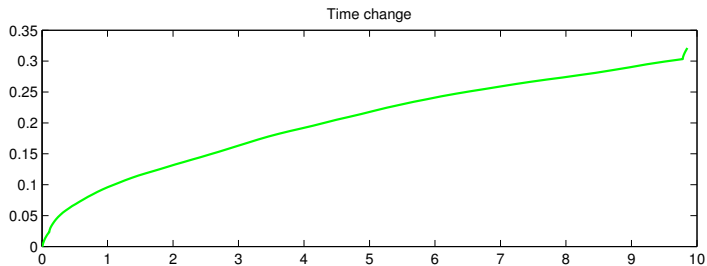
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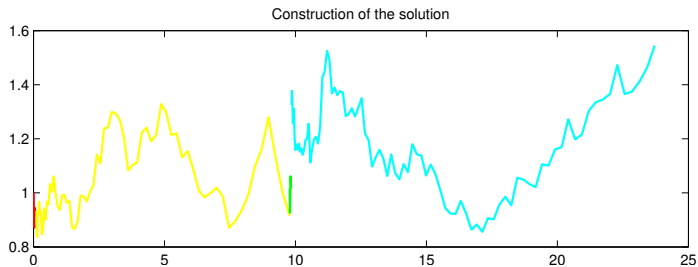
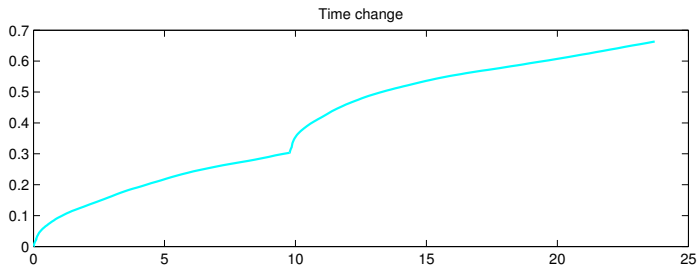
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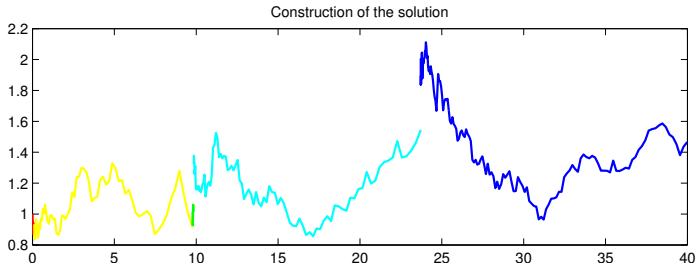
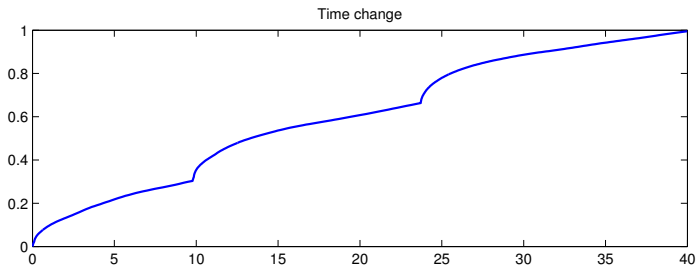
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