

# Pathspace Representation of Affine Processes

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## Option Pricing

The problem:

given

- $(X_t^x)_{t \in [0, T]}$  stock process
- $H$  payoff function, possibly depending on the whole path up to time  $T$

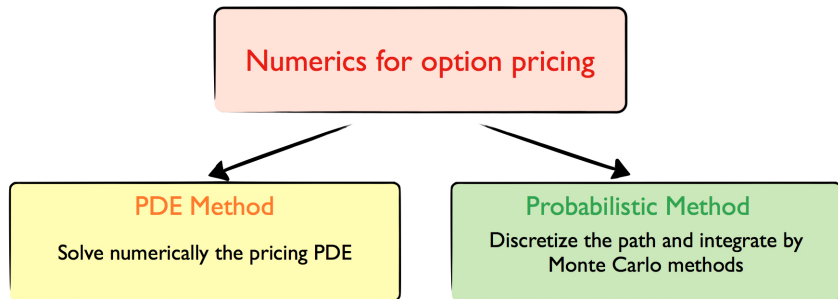
find  $\mathbb{E}^x \left[ H(X_t, t \in [0, T]) \right]$ .

### Example

$$H : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$X^x \mapsto H(X^x) := \max(X_T^x - K, 0)$$

$$X^x \mapsto H(X^x) := \max\left(\int_0^T X_t^x dt - K, 0\right)$$



## Approximation of trajectories by MC methods

- step 1** Fix a uniform partition in  $[0, T]$   
 $\{t_0 = 0, \dots, t_k = kh, \dots, t_N = T\}, \quad h = \frac{T}{N}.$
- step 2** Find a piecewise constant approximating process  $(\widehat{X}_{t_k})_{k=0, \dots, N}$  such that
- $\widehat{X}_{t_0} = x,$
  - $\widehat{X}$  is a weak  $\nu$ -order approximation of  $X^x.$

### Definition

For every  $f \in C^\infty$  with compact support there exists a  $K > 0$  such that

$$\left| \mathbb{E}^x \left[ f(X_T) \right] - \mathbb{E}^x \left[ f(\widehat{X}_{t_N}) \right] \right| \leq Kh^\nu.$$

## Find the approximating sequence

**Original process:**  $X^x$  a time-homogeneous Markov process with state space  $D$  and associated semigroup

$$P_t f(x) := \mathbb{E}^x \left[ f(X_t) \right], \quad f \in \mathcal{M},$$

$\mathcal{M}$  space of measurable functions where  $\mathbb{E}^x \left[ f(X_t) \right]$  is well defined.

**Approximated process:**  $\widehat{X}^x$  with transition semigroup  $Q_h$  which is bounded and

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (Q_h)^N f = P_T f.$$

If  $\widehat{X}$  is a good approximation of  $X$  we need

1.  $(Q_h)^k$  to be close to  $P_{t_k}$ ,
2. short time asymptotic

$$|Q_h P_s f - P_h P_s f| \leq K \rho(x) h^{\nu+1}, \text{ for all } f \in \mathcal{M}, h, s \in [0, T],$$

3.  $P_t \mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  to do the iteration.

From single step to multi-step

$$(Q_h)^N - P_T f = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (Q_h)^{N-k} (Q_h - P_h) P_{t_k} f.$$

## Follow the lines of ODE approximation

If  $f \in C^2$  with bounded derivative, from Dynkin formula

$$\mathbb{E}^x [f(X_h)] = f(x) + h \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}^x [\mathcal{A}f(X_{sh})] ds.$$

Iterating...

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^x [f(X_h)] &= f(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} \frac{h^k}{k!} \mathcal{A}^k f(x) \\ &\quad + \frac{h^{\nu+1}}{\nu!} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\nu \mathbb{E}^x [\mathcal{A}^{\nu+1} f(X_{sh})] ds \end{aligned}$$

How far can we go with the space of test function  $\mathcal{M}$ ?

## The choice of test functions

Take  $\mathcal{M} = C_{\text{pol}}^{\infty}$  (see [Jacod et al., 2005], [Alfonsi, 2010])

**Definition (The function space  $C_{\text{pol}}^k$ )**

A function  $f \in C_{\text{pol}}^k$  if

- ▶  $f \in C^k$
- ▶ for all  $\alpha$  multi-index with  $|\alpha| \leq k$ , there exist constants  $C_{\alpha}$  and  $e_{\alpha}$  such that

$$|\partial^{\alpha} f(x)| \leq C_{\alpha}(1 + |x|^{e_{\alpha}}), \quad \text{for all } x \in D.$$



## Theorem (Theorem 1.9 in [Alfonsi, 2010])

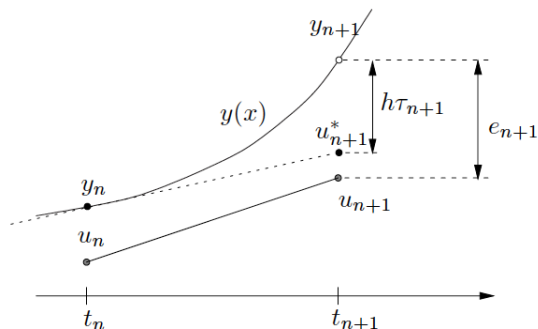
*Under the assumptions*

1. *(Uniform bounded moments)*
2. *( $\nu$ - order asymptotic of the local error)*
3. *(Regularity Kolmogorov PIDE)  $f$  is a function such that  $u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}^x [f(X_{T-t})]$  is the solution of the PIDE*

$$\partial_t u(t, x) + \mathcal{A}u(t, x) = 0 \quad \text{with } u(t, x) \in C_{pol}^k$$

*Then  $\widehat{X}^x$  is a weak  $\nu$ -order scheme for  $X^x$ .*

## Two types of error



**Figure :** Geometrical interpretation of the local truncation error and the true error. The picture is taken from [Quarteroni et al., 2010]

# Problem 1

Find  $Q_h$  such that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (Q_{\frac{t}{N}})^N f = P_t f.$$

High dimensional state space

↪ High order numerical schemes

Domain constrains

↪ Geometry preserving schemes

## Problem 2

Is the stability condition satisfied?

### Feynman-Kac representation

If  $u$  is a classical solution of

$$\partial_t u(t, x) + \mathcal{A}u(t, x) = 0$$

and its derivatives are bounded by a polynomial function uniformly in  $t$ , then it has the probabilistic representation

$$u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}^x \left[ f(X_{T-t}) \right].$$

↪ Is  $u$  smooth enough?

## Regularity of the solution of the Kolmogorov PIDE

- ▶ Regularity of the Kolmogorov equation in time is easier to handle (Dynkin formula) than regularity in space.
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## Affine processes on the canonical state space

An *affine process* on the canonical state space  $D = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$  is a time homogeneous Markov process

$$X = (\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (p_t)_{t \geq 0}, (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathbb{P}^x)_{x \in D_\Delta})$$

satisfying the following properties:

- ▶ (*stochastic continuity*) for every  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in D$ ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow t} p_s(x, \cdot) = p_t(x, \cdot)$  weakly,
- ▶ (*affine property*) 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

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

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

$$\mathcal{U} = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{C}^d \mid e^{\langle u, x \rangle} \text{ is a bounded function on } D \right\}. \quad (1)$$

## 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  $\mathbb{E}^{(1,x)} \left[ e^{\langle u, X_t^\omega \rangle} \right] = e^{\langle (1,x), \Psi^\omega(t,u) \rangle}$  where

$$\Psi^\omega(t, u_0, u_1, \dots, u_d) := \begin{pmatrix} \phi(t, u_1, \dots, u_d) + u_0 \\ \Psi(t, u_1, \dots, u_d) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Linear structure

There exists a function  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$  such that

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

## Generalized Riccati equations

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

### Generalized Riccati equations

$$\partial_t \Psi(t, u) = \mathbf{R}(\Psi(t, u)), \quad \Psi(0, u) = u$$

where for each  $k = 1, \dots, d$  the function  $\mathbf{R}_k$  has the following Lévy-Khintchine form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_k(u) &= \langle \beta_k, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle u, \alpha_k u \rangle - \gamma_k \\ &+ \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} \left( e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} - 1 - \langle \pi_{J \cup \{k\}} u, \pi_{J \cup \{k\}} h(\xi) \rangle \right) M_k(d\xi). \end{aligned}$$



## Infinite divisibility in $D$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  the *convex cone* of continuous function  $\eta : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_+$  of type

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(u) = & \langle \mathbf{b}, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \pi_J u, \sigma \pi_J u \rangle \\ & + \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} \left( e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} - 1 - \langle \pi_J u, \pi_J h(\xi) \rangle \right) \nu(d\xi). \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

### Definition

A distribution  $\lambda$  on  $D_\Delta$  is *infinitely divisible* if and only if its Laplace transform takes the form  $e^{\eta(u)-c}$ , where  $\eta$  has the form (\*) and  $c = \log \lambda(D)$ .

$p_t(x, \cdot)$  is infinitely divisible in  $D$ !

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## From affine processes to Lévy processes

Let  $(\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta), (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (p_t)_{t \geq 0}, (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathbb{P}^x)_{x \in D_\Delta})$  be a linear process on the canonical state space  $D = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Proposition

For each fixed  $t > 0$  and  $x \in D \setminus \{0, \Delta\}$ , there exists process  $(L_{sX}^t)_{s \in [0,1]}$  such that:

1.  $L_0^t = 0$ ,
2. for every  $0 \leq s_1 \leq s_2 \leq 1$ , the increment  $L_{s_2X}^t - L_{s_1X}^t$  is independent of the family  $(L_{sX}^t)_{s \in [0, s_1]}$  and it distributed as  $\mathcal{X}_t^{(s_2 - s_1)X}$ .

Moreover for any fixed  $t \geq 0$ , and  $x \in D$  there exists a unique modification  $\tilde{L}^t$  of  $L^t$  which is a Lévy process with càdlàg paths.

## The proof

Apply Kolmogorov's existence Theorem with the convolution semigroup  $(p_t(sx, \cdot))_{s \geq 0}$ .

Chapman-Kolmogorov's equations  $\rightarrow$  Semigroup property in time

$$p_{s+t}(x, \cdot) = p_s \cdot p_t(x, \cdot) := \int p_t(x, dy) p_s(y, \cdot),$$

Linearity  $\rightarrow$  Convolution property in space

$$p_t(x + y, \cdot) = p_t(x, \cdot) * p_t(y, \cdot).$$

## Let $t$ run

**Remark:** Here  $t$  appears here as a parameter of  $(L_{sX}^t)_{s \in [0,1]}$ .

**Idea:** Let  $t$  evolve and consider the above construction on the path space.

**Result:** Construct a path valued process  $(L_{sX}^{\cdot})_{s \in [0,1]}$  which starts in zero and it reaches  $(X_t^X)_{t \geq 0}$  at time 1. here

## Make things rigorous

### Theorem

There exists a process  $(L_{sx})_{s \geq 0}$  taking values in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_{\Delta})$  such that

1. it has stationary and independent increments,
2. it is stochastically continuous,
3. it holds

$$\mathbb{E}^x \left[ e^{\langle u, X_t \rangle} \right] = e^{\langle x, \Psi(t, u) \rangle} = \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{\langle u, \text{ev}_t(L_{sx}) \rangle} \right] \Big|_{s=1}$$

**Proof:** Apply Kolmogorov's existence Theorem with the convolution semigroup  $\wp_s(x, \cdot) := \mathbb{P}^{sx}$ ,  $s \geq 0$ .

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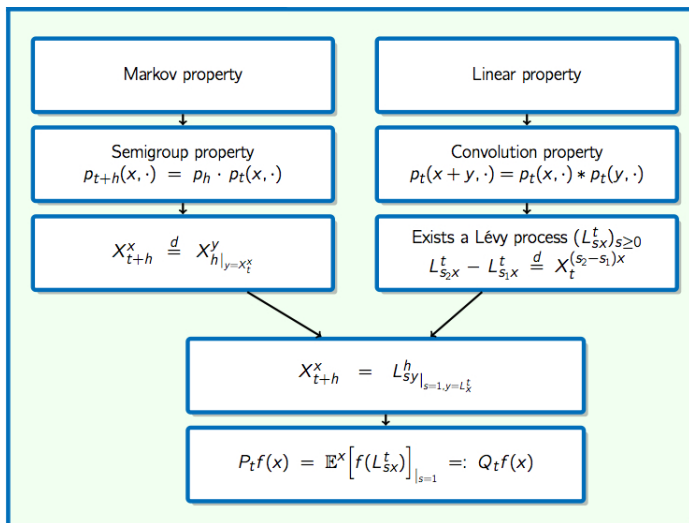
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## A guiding principle





## Lévy-Kintchine decomposition of an affine process

**step 1** Solve  $\Psi(t, u) = u + \int_0^t \mathbf{R}(\Psi(s, u)) ds, \quad u \in \mathcal{U}$ .

**step 2** Do Lévy-Khintchine decomposition of  $\Psi(t, u)$ .

## Approximation Riccati equations

1. Fix  $N > 0$ ,  $T > 0$  and a partition  $\{t_0 = 0, t_1 = h, \dots, t_N = T\}$  with  $h = \frac{T}{N}$ .
2. Let  $y_n$  be the approximation of  $\Psi(t_n, u)$ .

### Example: Forward Euler's method

For small  $h$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}^x \left[ e^{\langle u, X_h \rangle} \right] = e^{\langle x, u \rangle + h \langle x, \mathbf{R}(u) \rangle}, \quad u \in \mathcal{U}.$$

- ❗  $X_t^x$  is infinitely divisible in  $D = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$  but  $\langle x, \mathbf{R}(u) \rangle$  has the Lévy-Khintchine representation in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ! [here](#)

↪ Seek methods that preserve positivity of the semiflow.

## Example 1: Feller diffusion $\leftrightarrow$ homographic ray

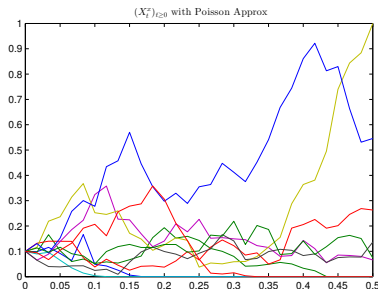
$$\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{u \mathcal{L}_x^t} \right] = \exp \left( x \frac{u}{1 - \frac{ut}{2}} \right), \quad \operatorname{Re}(u) < \frac{2}{t},$$

Affine process on  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  with functional characteristic  $\mathbf{R}(u) = \frac{1}{2}u^2$ .

### Exact approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{X}_0^x &= x, \\ \widehat{X}_{t_{k+1}}^x &= (\mathcal{L}_{sX}^h)_{s=1, X=\widehat{X}_{t_k}^x}, \quad k \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_x^t$  is a subordinator with  
 $\nu(t, x, d\xi) := \frac{4x}{t^2} e^{-\frac{2\xi}{t}} d\xi$ .



## Example 2: Neveu Branching $\leftrightarrow$ stable ray

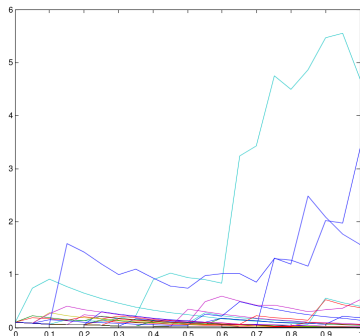
$$\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{u \mathcal{J}_x^t} \right] = \exp \left( -x(-u)e^{-t} \right)$$

Affine process on  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  with functional characteristic  
 $\mathbf{R}(u) = -u \log(-u)$ .

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where  $\mathcal{J}_x^t$  is a subordinator with  
 $\nu(t, x, d\xi) := \frac{x e^{-t}}{\Gamma(1-e^{-t})} \xi^{-1-e^{-t}} d\xi$ .



## CIR with jumps

The Model:

$$dZ_t^Z = cZ_t^Z dt + \sqrt{Z_t^Z} dW_t + \int_{|\xi|>1} \xi N(ds, d\xi) \\ + \int_{|\xi|\leq 1} \xi (N(dt, d\xi) - \frac{d\xi}{\xi^2} Z_t^Z dt)$$

$$R^{C+J}(u) = \boxed{cu + \frac{1}{2}u^2} + \boxed{\int_0^\infty (e^{u\xi} - 1 - u\xi \mathbb{1}_{|\xi|\leq 1}) \frac{d\xi}{\xi^2}}$$

Idea: Split the vector field

$$R^{C+J}(u) = \underbrace{R^C(u)}_{\text{Feller Diffusion}} + \underbrace{R^J(u)}_{\text{Neveu CSBP}}$$

## Geometry preserving schemes

1. Let  $\widehat{\Psi}(h, u) := \Psi^J(h, \Psi^C(h, u))$ .
2. Define

$$\begin{aligned} y_0(u) &= u \\ y_{n+1}(u) &= \widehat{\Psi}(h, y_n(u)) \quad n = 0, \dots, N-1. \end{aligned}$$

3.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_N(u) =: \Psi^{C+J}(t, u)$  with

$$\Psi^{C+J}(t, u) = u + \int_0^t R^{C+J}(\Psi^{C+J}(s, u)) ds.$$

**Remark:**  $P_T f = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (Q_h f)^N$ ,  $Q_h := P_h^C P_h^J$ . Other examples: [main](#).

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## Set the notation

Consider

$$u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}^x \left[ f(X_{T-t}) \right] \stackrel{\text{not.!!}}{=} \mathbb{E} \left[ f(L_s^{(T-t, x)}) \right] \Big|_{s=1}.$$

Introduce

$$v^{(t, x)}(s, y) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^y \left[ f(L_{(1-s)}^{(T-t, x)}) \right]}_{\text{it evolves in time } s} = \mathbb{E} \left[ f(L_{(1-s)}^{(T-t, x)} + y) \right].$$

**Remark:** Regularity in  $x$  for  $u(t, x)$  can be obtained by regularity in  $s$  of  $v^{(t, x)}(s, y)$ .



## Change the perspective

**General case:**  $(L_s^{(t,x)})_{s \geq 0}$  is a Lévy process with infinitesimal generator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{(t,x)} f(y) &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(t,x) \Delta f(y)) + \langle \mathbf{b}(t,x), \nabla f(y) \rangle \\ &+ \int (f(y + \xi) - f(y) - \langle \xi, \nabla f(y) \rangle) \nu(t,x, d\xi). \end{aligned}$$

**Processes on  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$ :**  $(L_s^{(t,x)})_{s \geq 0}$  is a subordinator.

**Feller diffusion:**  $(L_s^{(t,x)})_{s \geq 0}$  is a compound Poisson process with Lévy measure

$$\nu(t,x, d\xi) = \frac{x}{(2t)^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\xi}{2t}\right)$$

## Regularity of the solution of the Kolmogorov PIDE

### Advantages

- ▶ If  $\mathcal{L}^{(t,x)}C_{\text{pol}}^\infty \subseteq C_{\text{pol}}^\infty$  all the derivatives with respect of  $s$  exists.
- ▶ In the diffusive case regularity of  $(s, y) \mapsto v^{(t,x)}(s, y)$  has been proved already in [Talay and Tubaro, 1990].
- ▶ The Lévy case has been studied in [Jacod et al., 2005] and [Protter and Talay, 1997].

## A one dimensional example: The Feller diffusion

$$X^x_t := x + 2 \int_0^t \sqrt{X_s} dW_s$$

$$X^x_t \stackrel{d}{=} L^t_x$$

$$L^t_x := 2t \sum_{k=1}^{N_x/(2t)} \mathbb{E}_k$$

- In [Alfonsi, 2005] regularity is obtained by using explicit expression of the density

## Regularity for Kolmogorov's equation driven by operators of Lévy type

**Idea** Use results in [Jacod et al., 2005] for Lévy driven SDE.

$$v^{(t,x)}(s, y) := \mathbb{E}^y \left[ f(L_{(1-s)}^{(T-t,x)}) \right]$$

**Sufficient conditions** (Corollary 5.2. in [Protter and Talay, 1997])

- ▶  $f \in C_{\text{pol}}^k$
- ▶  $\int_{|\xi| \geq 1} |\xi|^k \nu(t, x, d\xi) < \infty$

Then there exists a constant (depending on  $t$  and  $f$ ) such that for all  $\alpha$  multi-index with  $|\alpha| \leq k$  there exists  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$|\partial_{(s,y)}^\alpha v^{(t,x)}(s, y)| \leq K(1 + |y|^M).$$

Back to the Feller diffusion:  $dX_t^x = 2\sqrt{X_t}dW_t$

Theorem (see Proposition 4.1. in [Alfonsi, 2005])

Given  $f \in C_{pol}^k$ ,  $\partial_x^\alpha u(t, x)$  is well defined and in  $C_{pol}^k$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
Moreover it is a classical solution of the PDE

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u(t, x) + 2x\partial_x^2 u(t, x) &= 0, \\ u(T, x) &= f(x).\end{aligned}$$

Proof:

$$\text{For all } m \geq 0 \mathbb{E}^x \left[ (X_t)^m \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ (L_x^t)^m \right] < \infty.$$

↪ for all  $l \geq 0$   $\partial_s^l v(s, y)$  is smooth and of polynomial growth

↪ for all  $l \geq 0$   $\partial_x^l u(x, t)$  is smooth and of polynomial growth

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## Conclusions and future research

1. The understanding of linear processes as path valued Lévy processes leads to numerical schemes based on the approximation of **'easy to simulate'** processes.
2. **Higher order schemes** can be derived by performing a Strang splitting instead of the Lie-Trotter splitting.
3. This perspective allows us to consider **path dependent options** written on a stock driven by an Affine process as a European style option written on a path valued process.



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Thank you

Lévy Khintchine decomposition of  $\langle x, \Psi(t, u) \rangle$ 

For  $i = 1, \dots, m$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_i(t, u) &= \langle \mathbf{b}_i(t), u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \pi_J u, \sigma_i(t) \pi_J u \rangle - c_i(t) \\ &\quad + \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} \left( e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} - 1 - \langle \pi_J u, \pi_J h(\xi) \rangle \right) \nu_i(t, d\xi) \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = m + 1, \dots, d$

$$\Psi_j(t, u) = \langle \mathbf{b}_j(t), u \rangle .$$

Lévy Khintchine decomposition of  $\langle x, \mathbf{R}(u) \rangle$ 

For  $i = 1, \dots, m$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_i(u) &= \langle \beta_i, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \pi_J u, \alpha_J^i \pi_J u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_{i,i}^2 u_i^2 - \gamma_i \\ &\quad + \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} \left( e^{\langle u, \xi \rangle} - 1 - \langle \pi_{J \cup \{i\}} u, \pi_{J \cup \{i\}} h(\xi) \rangle \right) \nu_i(t, d\xi) \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = m + 1, \dots, d$

$$\mathbf{R}_j(u) = \langle \beta_j, u \rangle.$$

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## Construction

**step1:** Define the family of Markov kernels  $(\wp_s(x, \cdot))_{s \geq 0}$

$$\wp_s(x, A) : (D_\Delta, \mathcal{B}(D_\Delta)) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta), \mathcal{F}),$$

by  $\wp_s(x, A) := \mathbb{P}^{s,x}(A)$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}$

► it is a convolution semigroup:

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_{s+t}(x, \cdot) &= \mathbb{P}^{(s+t),x} = \mathbb{P}^{s,x} * \mathbb{P}^{t,x} = \\ &\wp_s(x, \cdot) * \wp_t(x, \cdot), \end{aligned}$$

►  $\wp_1 = \mathbb{P}^x$ .

**step2:**  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta)^{[0,1]} := \{\omega : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta)\}$ .

**step3:** for any *fixed*  $x \in D$ , define the map

$$\begin{aligned} L_{s,x} : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta)^{[0,1]} &\rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta) \\ \omega &\mapsto \omega_s. \end{aligned}$$

**step4:**  $(\mathcal{G}_s)_{s \in [0,1]}$  the natural filtration generated by  $L$ .

## Kolmogorov's existence Theorem

There exists a probability measure  $P$  on  $(\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta)^{[0,1]}, \bigvee_{s \in [0,1]} \mathcal{G}_s)$  such that, for fixed  $x \in D_\Delta$

$$P(L_{s_1 x} \in d\omega_1, \dots, L_{s_n x} \in d\omega_n) = \bigotimes_{k=1}^n \wp_{s_k - s_{k-1}}(x, d\omega_k - \omega_{k-1}),$$

with  $0 = s_0 \leq s_1 \leq \dots \leq s_n \leq 1$ .

- ▶  $(L_{sx})_{s \in [0,1]}$  a stochastic process taking values in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta)$  with stationary and independent increments,
- ▶ In distribution  $L_{1x}$  coincide with  $X^x$ .
- ▶ It is stochastically continuous, i.e.  $\lim_{s \rightarrow t} \wp_s(x, \cdot) = \wp_t(x, \cdot)$  weakly on  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; D_\Delta)$  for every  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in D$ .

## Admissible parameters

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  $d = n + m$ .

## Admissible parameters

This set of parameters is called *admissible* for  $D = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$  if

diffusion	
$a_{k,h} = 0$	for $k \in I$ or $h \in J$ ,
$\alpha_j = 0$	for all $j \in J$ ,
$(\alpha_i)_{k,h} = 0$	if $k \in I \setminus \{i\}$ or $h \in I \setminus \{i\}$ ,



## Admissible parameters

This set of parameters is called *admissible* for  $D = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$  if

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

## Admissible parameters

This set of parameters is called *admissible* for  $D = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$  if

killing

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

jumps

$$\text{supp } m \subseteq D \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{D \setminus \{0\}} (|x_I| + |x_J|^2) \wedge 1) m(dx) < \infty,$$

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

$$\text{supp } M_i \subseteq D \quad \text{for all } i \in I \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_{D \setminus \{0\}} (|\pi_{I \setminus \{i\}}(x)| + |\pi_{J \cup \{i\}}(x)|^2) \wedge 1) M_i(dx) < \infty$$

$$\text{for all } i \in I$$

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## Heston Model

$$dX_t^x = \sqrt{X_t^x} dB_t, \quad dY_t^y = -\frac{X_t^x}{2} dt + \sqrt{X_t^x} dW_t$$

$$R_1^H(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} (u_1^2 + u_2^2 - u_2), \quad R_2^H(u_1, u_2) = 0$$

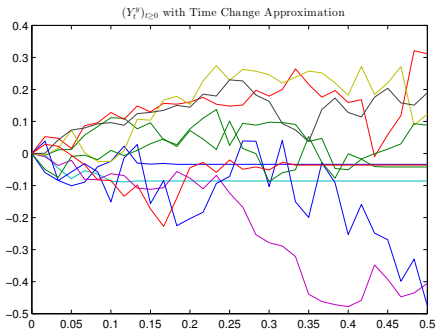
**Idea:** Solve the homogenous problem and then apply **nonlinear variation of constants**.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1^H(t, u_1, u_2) &= \underbrace{u_1 + \int_0^t R^C(\Psi_1^H(s, u_1, u_2)) ds}_{\text{homogeneous part}} + t R_1^H(0, u_2) \\ &= \Psi^C(t, u_1) \\ &\quad + R_1^H(0, u_2) \underbrace{\int_0^t \partial_v \Psi^C(t-s, \Psi(s, u_1, u_2)) ds}_{\text{Approximate by quadrature}} \end{aligned}$$

## The connection

Higher order approximation of the integral term coincides with higher approximation of the process.

Due to the representation of the Heston model as a time changed Brownian motion, one has  $\mathbb{E}^{(x,0)} \left[ e^{\langle u, Y_t \rangle} \right] = e^{x \Psi_I(t, R_1^H(0, u))}$ , where  $x \Psi_I$  is the logarithm of the Fourier–Laplace transform of the process  $I$ . The picture shows some approximated paths of  $Y$  when the path integral process  $I$  is approximated by composite trapezoid rule.



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