

STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS AND THEIR APPLICATION IN FINANCIAL MODELING

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Objectives of project

- ▶ Go through the basic theory behind Itô calculus
- ▶ To use this theory in the pricing models of financial derivatives - specifically future contracts.

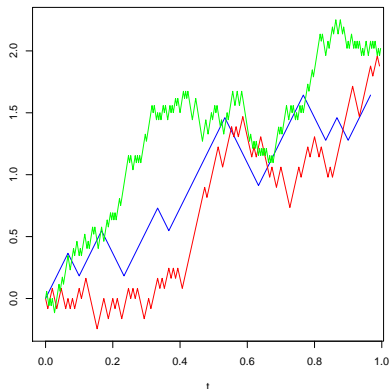
Brownian motion as a limit of a random walk

We define a stochastic process $X(t)$ in the following way

- ▶ $X(t) = \Delta x \left(X_1 + \dots + X_{\lfloor \frac{t}{\Delta t} \rfloor} \right)$
- ▶ $X_i = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } i\text{-th step of length } \Delta x \text{ is to the right,} \\ -1 & \text{if it is to the left,} \end{cases}$
- ▶ $P[X_i = 1] = P[X_i = -1] = \frac{1}{2}$

i.e for every time unit Δt we will make a step Δx to the right or to the left with equal probability.

Example of a random walk with $\Delta x = \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}$ and $\sigma = 1$



blue $\Delta t = \frac{1}{30}$, *red* $\Delta t = \frac{1}{150}$ a *green* $\Delta t = \frac{1}{300}$

Definition of brownian motion

We say that the stochastic process $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is the process of Brownian motion

- ▶ $X(0) = 0$;
- ▶ $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ *has stationary and independent increments* i.e. the probability distribution $X(t+s) - X(t)$ does not depend on t and for every $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ are $X(t_1), X(t_2) - X(t_1), \dots, X(t_n) - X(t_{n-1})$ independent.
- ▶ for every $t > 0$ is $X(t)$ random variable from normal distribution with the expected value 0 and variance $\sigma^2 t$

If $\sigma = 1$, we say that the process is standardized Brownian motion.

Brownian motion with the coefficient of drift μ is when the expected value of $X(t)$ is μt

Existence and continuity of Brownian motion

- ▶ there exists a process with the properties from the previous slide
 - ▶ by defining a measure ν_{t_1, \dots, t_k} on $(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathcal{B})$ in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu_{t_1, \dots, t_k}(F_1 \times \dots \times F_k) = \\ &= \int_{F_1 \times \dots \times F_n} f_{t_1}(x_1) f_{t_2-t_1}(x_2-x_1) \dots f_{t_k-t_{k-1}}(x_k-x_{k-1}) dx_1 \dots dx_k, \quad F_i \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

where f_t is the density of normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, t)$

- ▶ next, by applying one of Kolmogorov's theorems (*Kolmogorov extension theorem*)
- ▶ There exists a continuous version of Brownian motion *canonical Brownian motion (by using another Kolmogorov's theorem: Kolmogorov's continuity theorem)*

Definition of Itô's integral

Let $f \in \nu(S, T)$. Then Itô's integral f (from S to T) is defined in the following way

$$\int_S^T f(t, \omega) dB_t(\omega) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_S^T \phi_n(t, \omega) dB_t(\omega)$$

(the limit in $L^2(P)$), where $\{\phi_n\}$ is the sequence of simple functions with the following property

$$E \left[\int_S^T (f(t, \omega) - \phi_n(t, \omega))^2 dt \right] \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Properties of Itô calculus

Let $f, g \in \nu(0, T)$ and $0 \leq S < U < T$. Then

- ▶ $\int_S^T f dB_t = \int_S^U f dB_t + \int_U^T f dB_t$ for almost every ω
- ▶ $\int_S^T (cf + g) dB_t = c \int_S^T f dB_t + \int_S^T g dB_t$ for almost every ω
- ▶ $E \left[\int_S^T f dB_t \right] = 0$
- ▶ $\int_S^T f dB_t$ je \mathcal{F}_t -measurable
- ▶ (Itô isometry) $E \left[\left(\int_S^T f(t, \omega) dB_t \right)^2 \right] = E \left[\int_S^T f(t, \omega)^2 dt \right]$

Itô lemma

Let X_t be Itô process given by

$$dX_t = udt + vdB_t.$$

Let $g(t, x) \in C^2([0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R})$ (i.e. g is twice differentiable function on $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$). Then

$$Y_t = g(t, X_t)$$

is again Itô process and

$$dY_t = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t}(t, X_t)dt + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(t, X_t)dX_t + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2}(t, X_t) \cdot (dX_t)^2,$$

where $(dX_t)^2 = (dX_t) \cdot (dX_t)$ is derived according to the following rules

$$dt \cdot dt = dt \cdot dB_t = dB_t \cdot dt = 0, \quad dB_t \cdot dB_t = dt$$

Stochastic differential equation

A stochastic differential equation is an equation of the form:

$$dX_t = b(t, X_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dB_t.$$

with the initial condition $X_0 = x$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

We call functions $b(t, x)$ and $\sigma(t, x)$ *drift* a *diffusion*.

Geometric Brownian motion

- ▶ Is the following stochastic differential equation:

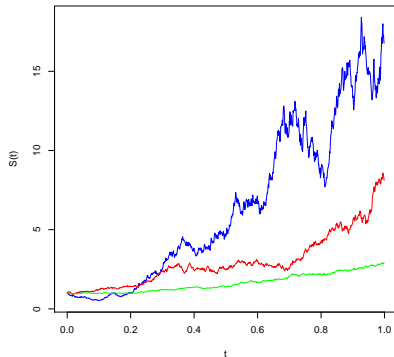
$$dS(t) = rS(t)dt + \alpha S(t)dB(t),$$

r and α are constants

- ▶ Solution

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp \left[\left(r - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \right) t + \alpha B(t) \right]$$

Examples of geometric Brownian motion with the initial condition $S(0) = 1$



blue $r = 2.1$, $\alpha = 0.9$, *red* $r = 1.7$, $\alpha = 0.6$ a *green* $r = 1.1$,
 $\alpha = 0.3$.

Properties of geometric brownian motion

- ▶ $S(t)$ is from **log-normal distribution**
- ▶ $E[S(t)] = S(0) \exp(rt)$ - from the properties of log-normal distribution
- ▶ or more generally from Itô lemma

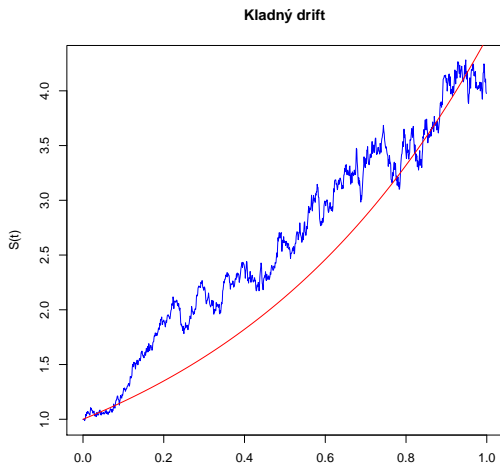
$$E[S(t)^\beta] = S(0)^\beta \exp \left[\beta \left(r - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \right) t + \frac{\beta^2 \alpha^2}{2} t \right]$$

for $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

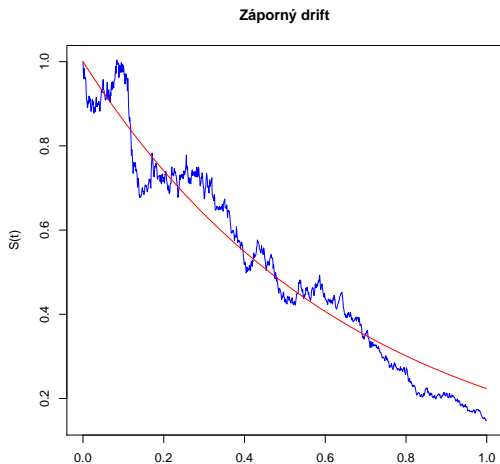
- ▶ $100(1 - \beta)\%$ -th two-sided confidence interval

$$P \left(S(0) e^{\left(r - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \right) t - u \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right) \sqrt{\alpha^2 t}} \leq S(t) \leq S(0) e^{\left(r - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \right) t + u \left(\frac{\beta}{2} \right) \sqrt{\alpha^2 t}} \right) = 1 - \beta.$$

Example of expected value of geometric Brownian motion with positive drift



Example of expected value of geometric Brownian motion with negative drift

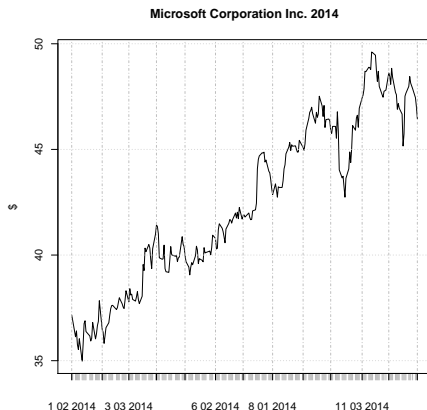


Geometric Brownian motion and stock price modeling

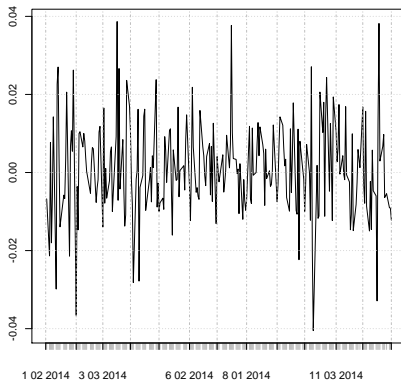
Assumptions:

- ▶ Rates of price changes $\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}}\right)$ are **independent**
 - ▶ we can check this by autocorrelation and Ljung-Box test.
- ▶ $\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}}\right)$ are from **normal distribution**
 - ▶ Kolmogorov - Smirnov: p-value = 0.535

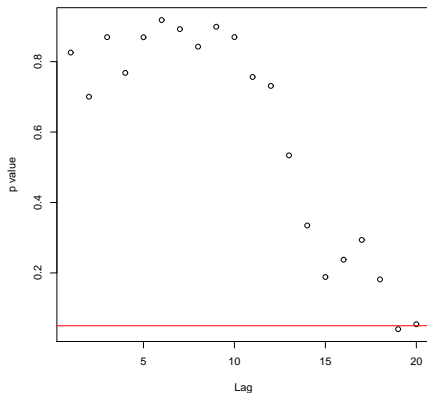
Daily close prices of Microsoft Corporation Inc. in year 2014



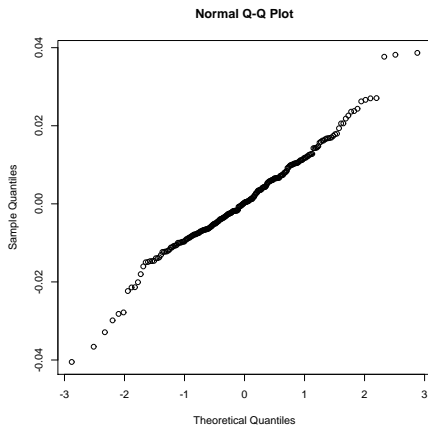
$\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}}\right)$, where S_t is the close price of a stock at time t



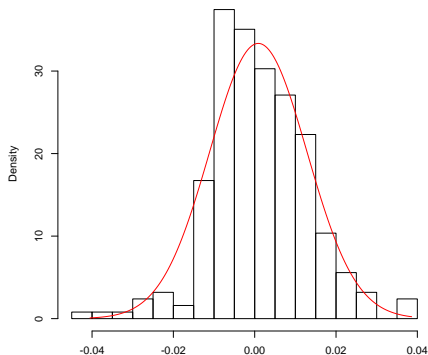
p-values of Ljung-Box test for different values of lag



— denotes $p\text{-value} = 0.05$.

Q-Q plot of $\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}}\right)$ 

Comparison of histogram of $\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}}\right)$ and normal distribution density



Estimating parameters of geometric Brownian motion

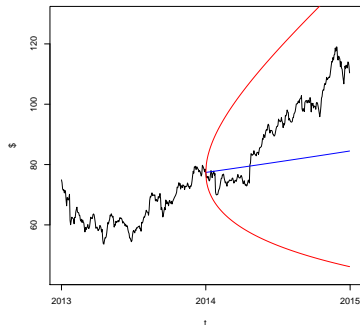
Discretization of $S(t)$

$$\ln \left(\frac{S(t)}{S(t - \Delta t)} \right) = \left(r - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} \right) \Delta t + \alpha (B(t) - B(t - \Delta t))$$

and from the properties of normal distribution we get the estimators

$$\hat{r} = \frac{m}{\Delta t} + \frac{\hat{\alpha}^2}{2}, \quad \hat{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{\Delta t}}$$

Example of using estimation of parameters of geometric Brownian motion on the prices of Apple Inc. in 2014



— *expected value of GBP from the estimated parameters* and — *is 95%-th pointwise confidence band.*

Ornstein - Uhlenbeck proces

- ▶ **Stochastic differential equation** in the form

$$dX_t = \theta(\mu - X_t)dt + \sigma dB_t$$

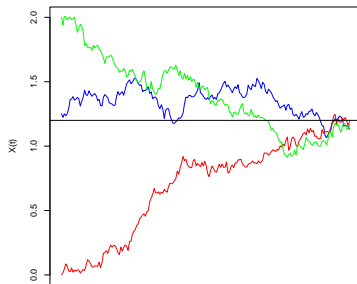
with the initial condition X_0 , where $\theta > 0$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\sigma > 0$ are constants and B_t is Brownian motion.

- ▶ **Solution**

$$X_t = X_0 e^{-\theta t} + \mu(1 - e^{-\theta t}) + \int_0^t \sigma e^{-\theta(t-s)} dB_s, \quad 0 \leq t < \infty$$

- ▶ The process $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is know as Ornstein - Uhlenbeck process.

Three examples of Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with parameter values $\theta = 1$, $\mu = 1.2$, $\sigma = 0.3$ and various initial conditions



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blue $X(0) \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta})$, *red* $X(0) = 0$ a *green* $X(0) = 2$. — denotes μ .

Properties of Ornstein - Uhlenbeck process

- ▶ $X(t)$ is from normal distribution
- ▶ From the properties of Itô integral we get

$$E[X_t|X_0] = X_0 e^{-\theta t} + \mu(1 - e^{-\theta t}).$$

$$\text{Var}[X_t|X_0] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta}(1 - e^{-2\theta t})$$

- ▶ mean-reverting property i.e. pre $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$X_\infty \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta}\right).$$

- ▶ $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ -th confidence interval

$$\begin{aligned} P\left[-u\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta}(1 - e^{-2\theta t})} + X_0 e^{-\theta t} + \mu(1 - e^{-\theta t}) \leq X_t \leq \right. \\ \left. \leq u\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta}(1 - e^{-2\theta t})} + X_0 e^{-\theta t} + \mu(1 - e^{-\theta t})\right] = 1 - \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Parameter estimation of Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

From the conditional density of $X_{t_i} | X_{t_{i-1}}$

$$f(x_{t_i} | x_{t_{i-1}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tilde{\sigma}^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{x_{t_i} - x_{t_{i-1}} e^{-\theta(t_i - t_{i-1})} - \mu(1 - e^{-\theta(t_i - t_{i-1})})}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2} \right],$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta} (1 - e^{-2\theta(t_i - t_{i-1})})$$

and from **maximum likelihood estimation** method we get the estimators

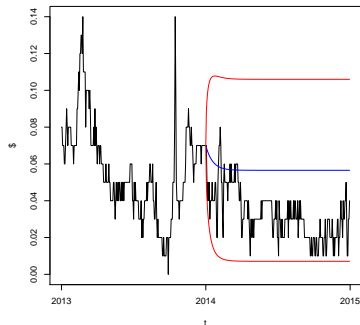
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_i} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_{i-1}}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_{i-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_i} x_{t_{i-1}}}{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_{i-1}}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_i} x_{t_{i-1}}) - [(\sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_{i-1}})^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_{i-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{t_i}]}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} \ln \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{t_i} - \hat{\mu})(x_{t_{i-1}} - \hat{\mu})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{t_{i-1}} - \hat{\mu})^2} \right]$$

$$\hat{\tilde{\sigma}}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [x_{t_i} - x_{t_{i-1}} e^{-\hat{\theta}\Delta t} - \hat{\mu}(1 - e^{-\hat{\theta}\Delta t})]^2$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \hat{\tilde{\sigma}}^2 \frac{2\hat{\theta}}{1 - e^{-2\hat{\theta}\Delta t}}.$$

Example of using parameter estimation for modeling daily prices of 3-month T-Bills in the year 2013



— is expected value of Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with the estimated parameters and — is 95%-th pointwise confidence interval.

Risk neutral pricing formula na future contracts

- ▶ Risk neutral pricing formula:

$$V(t) = \tilde{E}\left[e^{-\int_t^T R(u)du} V(T) | \mathcal{F}(t)\right], \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

$V(t)$ denotes the price of financial derivative at time t .

- ▶ **Future price of an asset**, the value of which at time T is $S(T)$, is given by the formula

$$F(t, T) = \tilde{E}[S(T) | \mathcal{F}(t)], \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Model 1

- ▶ Let the stochastic process of the spot price of a commodity be given by

$$dS = \kappa(\mu - \ln S)Sdt + \sigma SdB.$$

- ▶ Substitution $X = \ln S$ and transforming the equation in relation to risk neutral measure we get:

$$dX = \kappa(\alpha^* - X)dt + \sigma dB^*$$

- ▶ From the properties of Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process and from definition of future contracts we get the price of the future contract at time t :

$$\begin{aligned} F(S, t) &= \tilde{E}[S(T)] = \\ &= \exp\left(\ln S(t)e^{-\kappa(T-t)} + \alpha^*(1 - e^{-\kappa(T-t)}) + \frac{\sigma^2}{4\kappa}(1 - e^{-2\kappa(T-t)})\right) \end{aligned}$$

Model 2

- ▶ Suppose that the spot price of the commodity follows the process

$$dS_t = \kappa(\alpha - S_t) dt + \sigma(S_t)^\gamma dB_t$$

for some risk neutral measure

- ▶ By solving this stochastic differential equation and from the properties of Itô integral we get the price of the future contract:

$$F(S, t) = \tilde{E}[S_t] = e^{-\kappa(T-t)}[S_t - \alpha(1 - e^{\kappa(T-t)})]$$

Model 3

- ▶ Two factor model

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma_1 S_t dW_t,$$

$$d\delta_t = \kappa(\alpha - \delta_t)dt + \sigma_2 dZ_t,$$

- ▶ S_t is the spot price of the commodity
- ▶ δ_t is *convenience yield*
- ▶ dW_t and dZ_t are the increments of the standardized Brownian motion with correlation

$$dW_t dZ_t = \rho dt.$$

- ▶ From the theory of risk neutral pricing we have derived the price of the future contract.

Price of the future contract for model 3

$$\begin{aligned} F(T-t, S, \delta) = & S(t) \exp\left\{\left[(-\alpha + \frac{1}{\kappa}(\sigma_2\lambda - \sigma_1\sigma_2\rho + r) + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{2\kappa^2})\right](T-t)\right. \\ & - \frac{1}{\kappa}[\delta_t - \alpha + \frac{1}{\kappa}(\sigma_2\lambda - \sigma_1\sigma_2\rho) + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\kappa^2}](1 - e^{-\kappa(T-t)}) \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\kappa}\right)^2 \frac{1}{4\kappa}(1 - e^{-2\kappa(T-t)})\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Parameter estimation for model 1

- ▶ estimation of parameters κ and σ using estimators derived in the **Ornstein - Uhlenbeck process** section
- ▶ As for estimation of parameter α^* we **minimized the function**

$$f(\hat{\alpha}^*) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\ln F_i - \ln S_i e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)} - \alpha^* (1 - e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) - \frac{\sigma^2}{4\kappa} (1 - e^{-2\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) \right]^2$$

- ▶ Estimator is then α^* :

$$\hat{\alpha}^* = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \left[\ln F_i - \ln S_i e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)} - \frac{\sigma^2}{4\kappa} (1 - e^{-2\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) \right] (1 - e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1 - e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)})^2}.$$

Parameter estimation for model 2

- ▶ **Linear regression** implemented in R environment applied on discretization of model 2

$$S_{t_{i+1}} - S_{t_i} = \kappa (\alpha - S_{t_i}) \Delta t + \sigma (S_{t_i})^\gamma \epsilon_{t_i}$$

for $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$.

Parameter estimation for model 3

- Estimators of parameters κ , α , σ_1 , σ_2 and ρ were found using **SUR model** (seemingly unrelated regression model) applied on discretized approximation of model 3

$$\delta_t - \delta_{t-1} = \alpha k + k\delta_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{S_{t-1}}\right) = a + \varepsilon_t.$$

- To estimate λ we applied least squares on function

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda) = & \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \ln F_i - \ln S_i - \left[(-\alpha + \frac{1}{\kappa}(\sigma_2\lambda - \sigma_1\sigma_2\rho + r) + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{2\kappa^2}) \right] (T_i - t_i) \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{\kappa} [\delta_t - \alpha + \frac{1}{\kappa}(\sigma_2\lambda - \sigma_1\sigma_2\rho) + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\kappa^2}] (1 - e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\kappa} \right)^2 \frac{1}{4\kappa} (1 - e^{-2\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) \right\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Parameter estimation for model 3

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \{ \ln F_i - \ln S_i - [(-\alpha + \frac{1}{\kappa}(-\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rho + r) + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{2\kappa^2})](T_i - t_i) \} (T_i - t_i - 1 + e^{\kappa(T_i - t_i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_2}{\kappa} (T_i - t_i - 1 + e^{\kappa(T_i - t_i)})^2}$$

$$+ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \{ \frac{1}{\kappa} [\delta_t - \alpha + \frac{1}{\kappa}(\sigma_2 \lambda - \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \rho) + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\kappa^2}] (1 - e^{-\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) \} (T_i - t_i - 1 + e^{\kappa(T_i - t_i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_2}{\kappa} (T_i - t_i - 1 + e^{\kappa(T_i - t_i)})^2}$$

$$- \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \{ (\frac{\sigma_2}{\kappa})^2 \frac{1}{4\kappa} (1 - e^{-2\kappa(T_i - t_i)}) \} (T_i - t_i - 1 + e^{\kappa(T_i - t_i)})}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma_2}{\kappa} (T_i - t_i - 1 + e^{\kappa(T_i - t_i)})^2}.$$

Applying models to real world data

- ▶ Data: daily observations of prices of futures of corn traded on Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.
- ▶ **Estimation of parameters of models:** daily data of 6 contracts during the year **2013** (march 2013, may 2013, july 2013, september 2013, december 2013, march 2014)
- ▶ **Prediction comparison:** 6 future contracts during the year **2014** (march 2014, may 2014, july 2014, september 2014, december 2014, march 2015)
- ▶ Computation of *convenience yield*

$$\delta = r_{T-3,T} - \frac{1}{\frac{3}{12}} \times \ln \left[\frac{F(S, T)}{F(S, T-3)} \right]$$

- ▶ Computation of $r_{T-3,T}$

$$r_{i,j} = \left[\frac{(1+r_j)^j}{(1+r_i)^i} \right]^{\frac{1}{j-i}}$$

where r_j is daily rate of a Treasury bill with expiry time j

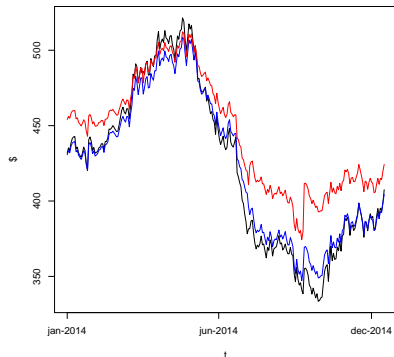
Results for model 1

	Our estimation	optim()
α^*	6.1504853	6.127819e+00
θ	0.9516584	4.143069e-01
σ^2	0.1477166	2.754954e-09
RMSE ₁	28.70621	8.251041
RMSE ₂	0.05789166	0.01991426

$$\text{RMSE}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{F}_i - F_i)^2}$$

$$\text{RMSE}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\ln(\hat{F}_i) - \ln(F_i)]^2}$$

Model 1



black real data of corn price, red predictions based on our estimators, blue predictions based on parameter estimation using `optim()` function in R environment

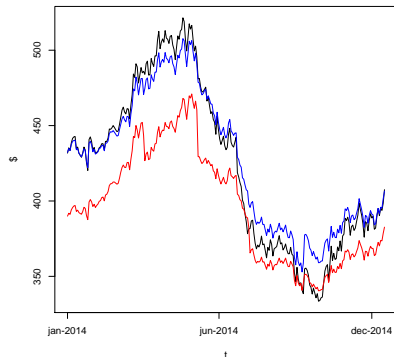
Result for model 2

	Linear regression	optim()
α	357.2541	458.2553718
κ	1.188226	0.5010952
RMSE ₁	33.359	11.25532
RMSE ₂	0.07366489	0.02836555

$$\text{RMSE}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{F}_i - F_i)^2}$$

$$\text{RMSE}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\ln(\hat{F}_i) - \ln(F_i)]^2}$$

Model 2



black real corn price data, red predictions based on parameter estimation using linear regression, blue predictions based on parameter estimation using optim() function in R environment

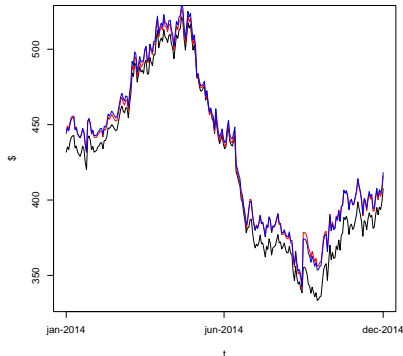
Results for model 3

	SUR and LS	optim()
α	0.13051337	0.131009916
κ	0.01066044	0.005171215
ρ	0.59788300	0.597961434
λ	-1.90872920	-1.911964878
σ_1	0.02422901	0.026163569
σ_2	0.06216214	0.158931695
RMSE ₁	11.55318	11.80623
RMSE ₂	0.03005018	0.03005476

$$\text{RMSE}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{F}_i - F_i)^2}$$

$$\text{RMSE}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\ln(\hat{F}_i) - \ln(F_i)]^2}$$

Model 3



black real corn price data, red predictions based on SUR and LS parameter estimation, blue predictions based on parameter estimation using `optim()` function in R environment

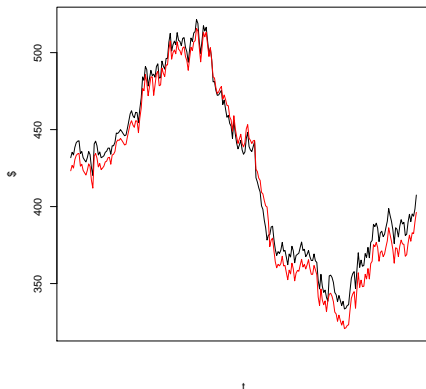
Trivial model

RMSE ₁	8.962294
RMSE ₂	0.02353489

$$\text{RMSE}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (F_i - S_i)^2}$$

$$\text{RMSE}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\ln(F_i) - \ln(S_i)]^2}$$

Trivial model



black real corn price data, red predictions based on trivial model

Feynman-Kac theorem

Consider a stochastic differential equation

$$dX(u) = \beta(u, X(u))du + \gamma(u, X(u))dW(u).$$

Let $h(y)$ be Borel-measurable function. Fix $T > 0$, and let $t \in [0, T]$ be given. We define a function

$$g(t, x) = E^{t,x} h(X(T)).$$

(We assume, that $E^{t,x} |h(X(T))| < \infty$ for every t and x .) Then $g(t, x)$ satisfies the partial differential equation

$$g_t(t, x) + \beta(t, x)g_x(t, x) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2(t, x)g_{xx}(t, x) = 0$$

with the condition

$$g(T, x) = h(x) \text{ for every } x.$$

An alternative method of solving the future contract price

- ▶ Expression of model 1 relative to risk neutral measure \tilde{P}

$$dX = \kappa(\alpha^* - X)dt + \sigma dB^*$$

where $X = \ln S$

- ▶ The price of the future contract at time t :

$$F(t, S) = \tilde{E}[S(t)] = \tilde{E}[e^X]$$

- ▶ Directly from Feynman-Kac theorem we get the partial differential equation

$$F_t + \kappa(\alpha^* - x)F_x + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 F_{xx} = 0$$

with the condition

$$F(T, x) = e^x$$

- ▶ solving this equation we get the solution of model 1