

# Some applications of the Ninomiya-Victoir scheme in the context of financial engineering

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# Weak approximation of solutions of SDEs

$$dX_t = V_0(X_t)dt + \sum_{i=1}^d V_i(X_t) \circ dB_t^i =: \sum_{i=0}^d V_i(X_t) \circ dB_t^i, \quad (1)$$

- ▶  $V_0, \dots, V_d : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  vector fields
- ▶  $B_t$  a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion,  $B_t^0 := t$

## Problem

For  $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  sufficiently regular, compute  
 $u(t, x) := E[f(X_T) | X_t = x]$ .

## PDE formulation

$\partial_t u + Lu = 0$ , where  $Lf(x) = V_0 f(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d V_j^2 f(x)$ ,  
 $V_j f(x) := V_j(x) \cdot \nabla f(x)$ .

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- ▶ Let  $W$  be a  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional process with paths of bounded variation, define  $\tilde{X}_t = X(W)_t$  by the random **ODE**

$$\frac{d}{dt} \tilde{X}_t = \sum_{i=0}^d V_i(\tilde{X}_t) \dot{W}_t^i, \quad \tilde{X}_0 = x. \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Ordinary Taylor expansion:

$$f(\tilde{X}_t) = \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_k) \in \{0, \dots, d\}^k} V_{i_1} \cdots V_{i_k} f(x) W_t^{(i_1, \dots, i_k)} + \tilde{R}_m(t, x, f)$$

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# Abstract splitting

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- ▶ General splitting:  $V_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d V_i^2 = \sum_{i=0}^d U_i$ , then approximate  $P_t \approx \prod_j e^{t\gamma_j U_{i(j)}}$
- ▶ Maximal order of convergence: 2 for positive weights  $\gamma$

## Example

- ▶  $Q_t = e^{tU_0} \dots e^{tU_d}$ ,  $Q_t^* = e^{tU_d} \dots e^{tU_0}$  (Lie-Trotter splitting or symplectic Euler method)
- ▶  $Q_t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{tU_0} \dots e^{tU_d} + e^{tU_d} \dots e^{tU_0})$  (symmetrically weighted sequential splitting)

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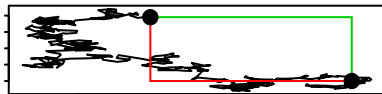
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# Drift trick

## Reformulation

$$dX_t = V_0^{(\gamma)}(X_t)dt + \sum_{i=1}^d V_i(X_t) \circ d(B_t^i + \gamma^i t),$$

where  $V_0^{(\gamma)}(x) := V_0(x) - \sum_{i=1}^d V_i(x)\gamma^i$ .

- ▶ Use Ninomiya-Victoir with  $V_0$  replaced by  $V_0^{(\gamma)}$  and  $\Delta B^i$  replaced by  $\Delta B^i + \gamma^i \Delta t$ .
- ▶ Second order convergence retained.
- ▶ Cubature method also obvious.
- ▶ Non-standard splitting:

$$L = V_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d V_i^2 = V_0^{(\gamma)} + \sum_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{1}{2} V_i^2 + \gamma^i V_i \right)$$

# Girsanov transform

- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{E}_t := \exp\left(\langle \gamma, B_t \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\gamma\|^2 t\right)$  and  $Q$  be defined by  $\frac{dQ}{dP} = \mathcal{E}_T$ .
- ▶ We have

$$E_P[f(X_T)] = E_Q[f(Y_T)] = E_P[f(Y_T)\mathcal{E}_T],$$

where  $Y_T$  solves the SDE with  $V_0^{(\gamma)}, V_1, \dots, V_d$ .

- ▶ But:  $\text{Var}[\mathcal{E}_T] = e^{\|\gamma\|^2 T} - 1$ .

# Generalized SABR model

## Model

$$dX_t^1 = a (X_t^2)^\alpha (X_t^1)^\beta dB_t^1,$$

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where  $1/2 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$ . (SABR:  $\alpha = 1, \kappa = 0$ .)

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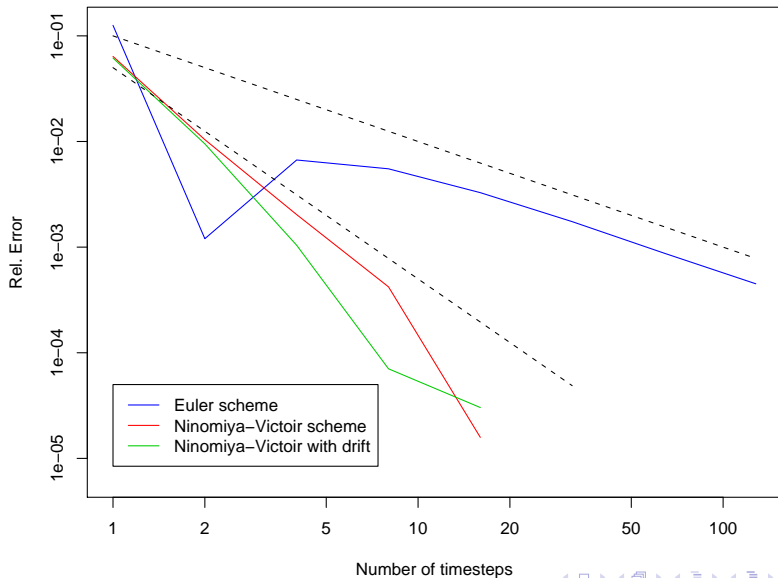
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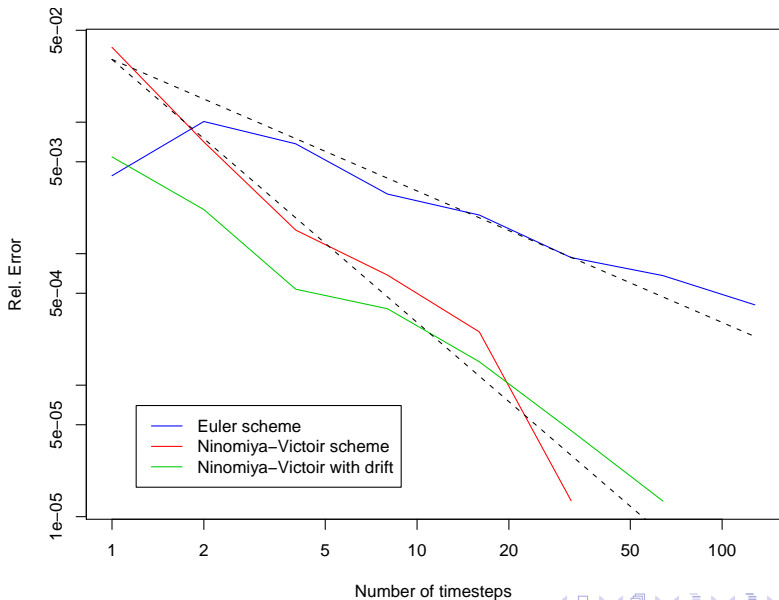
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$\tilde{B}$  and  $\tilde{W}$  correlated Brownian motions.

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Method	$n$	$M$	Rel. Error	Time
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  - ▶ integration using Sobol numbers

$T$	$K = 27.9$	$K = 28.5$	$K = 29.1$	$K = 29.7$
0.5	$-4.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$-3.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$-3.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$-5.4 \times 10^{-5}$
1	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$
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**Table:** Relative error of the asymptotic price formula for a 10-dim. basket option; option is at the money for  $K = 29$ .

# The DMR model

- ▶ Consider Gatheral's double mean reverting stochastic volatility model (Bühler's affine variance curve model)

$$\begin{cases} dS_t = \sqrt{v_t} S_t dW_t^1, \\ dv_t = \kappa_1 (v'_t - v_t) dt + \xi_1 v_t^{\alpha_1} dW_t^2, \\ dv'_t = \kappa_2 (\theta - v'_t) dt + \xi_2 (v'_t)^{\alpha_2} dW_t^3, \end{cases}$$

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- ▶ Goal of the model: price models on both SPX and VIX consistently.
- ▶ Variance  $v_t$  mean-reverts to a value, which moves slowly over time.
- ▶ Calibration to both SPX and VIX options.

# Calibration – 1

- ▶ Constant parameters  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \theta, \rho_{2,3}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ .
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$$E \left[ \int_t^{t+\tau} v_s ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] = \theta\tau + (v_t - \theta) \frac{1 - e^{-\kappa_1\tau}}{\kappa_1} + \\ + (v'_t - \theta) \frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\kappa_1\tau}}{\kappa_1} - \frac{1 - e^{-\kappa_2\tau}}{\kappa_2} \right)$$







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- ▶  $\rho_{2,3}$  historical correlation.
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## Calibration – 2

- ▶ Parameters  $\xi_1, \xi_2$  and  $\rho_{1,2}, \rho_{1,3}$  left for daily calibration
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$$V_0 = V_{0,1} + V_{0,2}$$
- ▶ Speed-up of factor 10 as compared to Euler method, 20 time-steps instead of 1000
- ▶  $\rho_{1,2}, \rho_{1,3}$  calibrated to SPX options using Euler with 30 time-steps – even for Ninomiya-Victoir we would have to use at least 14 time-steps corresponding to 14 different maturities.
- ▶ Calibration can be done in 30 seconds.

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