

Deep PPDEs for rough local stochastic volatility

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→ [Rough Volatility website](#)

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That said, practitioners' authoritative choice: local stochastic volatility models!!

Rough local stochastic volatility models (I)

$$\begin{aligned} S_t &= S_0 + \int_0^t l(r, S_r, V_r) S_r dW_r, \\ V_t &= V_0 + \int_0^t K(t-r) (b(V_r) dr + \xi(V_r) dB_r), \\ d\langle W, B \rangle_t &= \rho dt, \end{aligned}$$

where $V = \sigma^2$. Setting $\mathbf{X} = (S, V)$, we can rewrite the system as

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where

$$\mathbf{b}(t, r, \mathbf{X}_r) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ K(t-r)b(V_r) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}(t, r, \mathbf{X}_r) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\rho} l(t, S_r, V_r) S_r & \rho l(t, S_r, V_r) S_r \\ 0 & K(t-r)\xi(V_r) \end{pmatrix},$$

with $\bar{\rho} := \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}$, $\mathbf{B} = (B^\perp, B)$, and $W := \rho B + \bar{\rho} B^\perp$.

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Answer: Yes, under some assumptions (boundedness of the coefficients,...).

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Goal: solve via path-dependent PDEs and propose a numerical scheme.

Pricing formalism

Lemma. $P_t = \mathbb{E}[g(S_T)|\mathcal{F}_t]$

There exists a function $P : [0, T] \times [0, \infty) \times \mathcal{C}([0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$, such that, for any $t \in [0, T]$,

$$P_t = P(t, S_t, (\Theta_u^t)_{t \leq u \leq T}),$$

where for any $u \in [t, T]$,

$$\Theta_u^t := \mathbb{E} \left[V_u - \int_t^u K(u-r)b(r, V_r)dr \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \in \mathcal{F}_t.$$

Note in particular that $\Theta_t^t = V_t$.

Notation:

$$K^t := K(\cdot - t), \quad \text{for any } t \geq 0,$$

is the curve K^t seen at time t .

Pricing PPDE

Theorem: Pricing PPDE

The option price is the unique solution to the linear path-dependent PDE

$$\left(\partial_t + \mathcal{L}_{xx} + \mathcal{L}_{x\omega} + \mathcal{L}_\omega + \mathcal{L}_{\omega\omega}\right)P(t, S_t, \Theta^t) = 0,$$

for $t \in [0, T)$, with boundary condition $P(T, S_T, \Theta^T) = g(S_T)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{x\omega} &:= \rho l(t, x, v) \xi(\Theta_t^t) x \langle \partial_{x,\omega}, \mathbf{K}^t \rangle, & \mathcal{L}_{xx} &:= \frac{1}{2} l(t, x, \Theta_t^t)^2 x^2 \partial_x^2, \\ \mathcal{L}_{\omega\omega} &:= \frac{1}{2} \xi(\Theta_t^t)^2 \langle \partial_\omega^2, (\mathbf{K}^t, \mathbf{K}^t) \rangle, & \mathcal{L}_\omega &:= b(\Theta_t^t) \langle \partial_\omega, \mathbf{K}^t \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

- Nice theoretically, but very few algorithms to solve it (Zhang-Zuo (2014), Ren-Tan (2017)).
- Existence and uniqueness guaranteed (Ekren-Touzi-Zhang (2016)).
- Meaning of the derivatives?

A short detour through functional Itô

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{X}_0 + \int_0^t \mathbf{b}(t, r, \mathbf{X}_\cdot) dr + \int_0^t \boldsymbol{\sigma}(t, r, \mathbf{X}_\cdot) \cdot d\mathbf{W}_r, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{X}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, \mathbf{W} is a Brownian motion on \mathbb{R}^n , and $\mathbf{b} : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ satisfy

Assumptions:

- \mathbf{b} and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ are adapted, and $\partial_t \mathbf{b}$ and $\partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ exist. For $\varphi \in \{\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \partial_t \mathbf{b}, \partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}\}$, $|\varphi(t, s, \omega)| \leq C (1 + \|\omega\|_T^a)$ for some $C, a > 0$.
- (1) admits a weak solution and $\mathbb{E}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\mathbf{X}_t|^p] < \infty$ for all $p \geq 1$.
- The following hold:
 - (i) (Regular case) For any $s \in [0, T]$, $\partial_t \mathbf{b}(t, s, \cdot)$ and $\partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}(t, s, \cdot)$ exist on $[s, T]$, and for $\varphi \in \{\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \partial_t \mathbf{b}, \partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}\}$,

$$|\varphi(t, s, \omega)| \leq C (1 + \|\omega\|_T^a), \quad \text{for some } a, C > 0;$$

- (ii) (Singular case) Let $\varphi \in \{\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}\}$. For any $s \in [0, T]$, $\partial_t \varphi(t, s, \cdot)$ exists on $(s, T]$, and there exists $h \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that, for some $a, C > 0$,

$$|\varphi(t, s, \omega)| \leq C (1 + \|\omega\|_T^a) (t-s)^{h-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad |\partial_t \varphi(t, s, \omega)| \leq C (1 + \|\omega\|_T^a) (t-s)^{h-\frac{3}{2}}.$$

For any $0 \leq t \leq u$, decompose \mathbf{X} as

$$\mathbf{X}_u = \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_0 + \int_0^t (\dots) dr + \int_0^t (\dots) d\mathbf{W}_r}_{\Theta_u^t \in \mathcal{F}_t} + \underbrace{\int_t^u (\dots) dr + \int_t^u (\dots) d\mathbf{W}_r}_{I_u^t \notin \mathcal{F}_t}.$$

Denote the concatenation of the paths \mathbf{X} and Θ^t before and after time t ,

$$(\mathbf{X} \otimes^t \Theta^t)_u := \mathbf{X}_u \mathbf{1}_{\{0 < u < t\}} + \Theta_u^t \mathbf{1}_{\{t < u < T\}}, \quad \text{for any } u, t \in [0, T].$$

Now, the space derivatives are defined as Gâteaux derivatives:

$$\langle \partial_\omega u(t, \omega), \eta \rangle := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{u(t, \omega + \varepsilon \eta_{[t, T]}) - u(t, \omega)}{\varepsilon}, \quad \text{for any } \eta \in \mathcal{C}_t,$$

$$\langle \partial_\omega^2 u(t, \omega), (\eta, \zeta) \rangle := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{\langle \partial_\omega u(t, \omega + \varepsilon \eta_{[t, T]}), \zeta \rangle - \langle \partial_\omega u(t, \omega), \zeta \rangle}{\varepsilon}, \quad \text{for any } \eta, \zeta \in \mathcal{C}_t.$$

Functional Itô Theorem (Viens-Zhang)

For $t \in [0, T]$, let $\mathbf{Z}^t := \mathbf{X} \otimes^t \Theta^t$, and $\varphi^{t, \omega} := \varphi(\cdot, t, \omega)$ for $\varphi \in \{\mathbf{b}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} du(t, \mathbf{Z}^t) &= \left[\partial_t u(t, \mathbf{Z}^t) + \langle \partial_\omega u(t, \mathbf{Z}^t), \mathbf{b}^{t, \mathbf{X}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \partial_\omega^2 u(t, \mathbf{Z}^t), (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{t, \mathbf{X}}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{t, \mathbf{X}}) \rangle \right] dt \\ &\quad + \langle \partial_\omega u(t, \mathbf{Z}^t), \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{t, \mathbf{X}} \rangle d\mathbf{W}_t, \end{aligned}$$

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For each $t \in [0, T]$, consider a basis of càdlàg functions $(\psi_i^t)_{i=1, \dots, n}$, and approximate

$$\widehat{\Theta}^t := \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i^t \psi_i^t \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{K}^t := \sum_{i=1}^n \kappa_i^t \psi_i^t.$$

Since

$$\langle \partial_\omega P(t, x, \Theta^t), K^t \rangle := \partial_\varepsilon P(t, x, \Theta^t + \varepsilon K^t \mathbf{1}_{[t, T]}) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} = \partial_\varepsilon P(t, x, \Theta^t + \varepsilon K^t) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0},$$

then introduce the approximation

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$$\langle \partial_\omega^2 (t, x, \widehat{\Theta}^t), (\widehat{K}^t, \widehat{K}^t) \rangle := (\kappa^t)^\top \cdot \Delta_{\theta^t} \widehat{P}(t, x, \theta^t) \cdot \kappa,$$

$$\langle \partial_{x, \omega} (t, x, \widehat{\Theta}^t), \widehat{K}^t \rangle := \partial_x \nabla_{\theta^t} \widehat{P}(t, x, \theta^t) \cdot \kappa^t.$$

The PPDE becomes a (very) high-dimensional PDE:

$$\left(\partial_t + \mathcal{L}_{xx} + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_{x\theta_i^t} + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}_{\theta_i^t} + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \mathcal{L}_{\theta_i^t \theta_j^t} \right) \widehat{P} = 0.$$

Discretisation of the PPDE

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where the differential operators are defined, for each $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{x\theta_i} &:= \rho l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_i^t \partial_{x\theta_i^t}, & \mathcal{L}_{xx} &:= \frac{l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2}{2} \partial_x^2, \\ \mathcal{L}_{\theta_i^t \theta_j^t} &:= \frac{\xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2}{2} \kappa_i^t \kappa_j^t \partial_{\theta_i^t \theta_j^t}, & \mathcal{L}_{\theta_i} &:= b(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_i^t \partial_{\theta_i^t}. \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite this system in a more concise way as

$$\partial_t \widehat{P} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\top \cdot \Delta \widehat{P} \right) + \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \nabla \widehat{P} = 0,$$

where $\boldsymbol{\mu}(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) := (0, b(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_1^t, \dots, b(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_n^t)^\top$ and

$$(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\top)(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2 & \rho l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_1^t & \cdots & \rho l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_n^t \\ \rho l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_1^t & \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2 (\kappa_1^t)^2 & \cdots & \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2 \kappa_1^t \kappa_n^t \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho l(t, x, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t) \kappa_n^t & \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2 \kappa_1^t \kappa_n^t & \cdots & \xi(\boldsymbol{\theta}^t)^2 (\kappa_n^t)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Very high-dimensional PDE;
- Curse of dimensionality;
- Neural network is an old idea, but recent numerics show surprisingly good results;
- Mathematically, universal approximation theorems show that a wide class of functions on compact subsets can be approximated by single hidden layer neural network;
- More work needed for multi-layer NN.

The BSDE formulation and simulation

$$\partial_t \widehat{P} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\top \cdot \Delta \widehat{P} \right) + \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \nabla \widehat{P} = 0,$$

In the classical BSDE literature, one can associate a BSDE solution (X, Y, Z) to a given PDE. Here, one can show that $Y = \widehat{P}$ is an element of the BSDE; written in backward form, for any $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\widehat{P}(t, S_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}^t) = \widehat{P}(T, S_T, \boldsymbol{\theta}^T) - \int_t^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(u, S_u, \boldsymbol{\theta}^u)^\top \cdot \nabla \widehat{P}(u, S_u, \boldsymbol{\theta}^u) dW_u,$$

Discretising (Euler) the backward SDE gives

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{P}(t_n, S_{t_n}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t_n}) &= g(S_T), \\ \widehat{P}(t_i, S_{t_i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t_i}) &= \widehat{P}(t_{i+1}, S_{t_{i+1}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t_{i+1}}) - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(t_i, S_{t_i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t_i})^\top \nabla \widehat{P}(t_i, S_{t_i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t_i}) \Delta W_{t_i}. \end{cases}$$

Simulation of the Volterra process is performed using the hybrid scheme (Bennedsen-Pakkanen-Lunde (2017)).

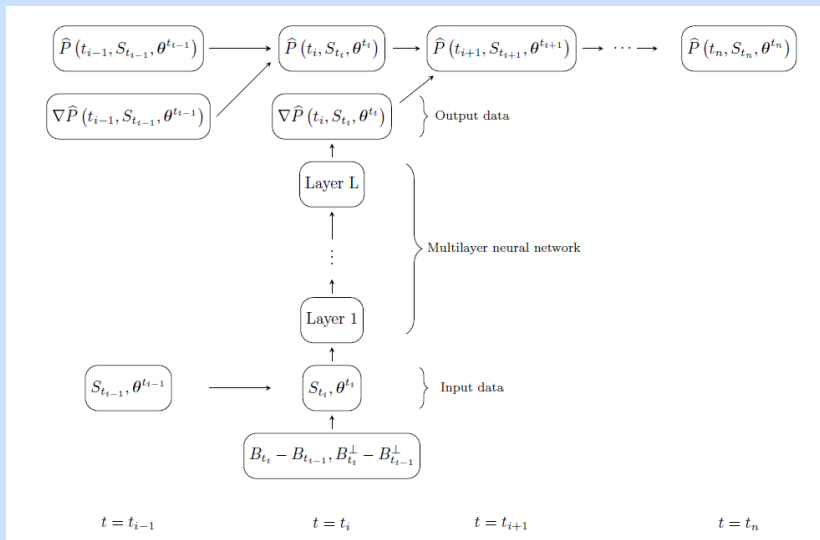
Computing via neural network (Han-Jentzen)

- At each time step, price and model parameters are known.
- Unknown: $\Sigma(t_i, S_{t_i}, \theta^{t_i})^\top \nabla \hat{P}(t_i, S_{t_i}, \theta^{t_i})$. We use a NN to infer its value.
- n_l : number of layers per sub-network;
- n_N : number of neurons per layer;

Loss function to minimise:

$$\hat{L}(\mathbf{w}, \delta, \beta, \gamma, \hat{P}_0, (\nabla \hat{P})_0) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \left| g(S_{t_n}^k) - \hat{P}\left((t_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}, (S_{t_i}^k)_{1 \leq i \leq n}, (\theta^{t_i})_{1 \leq i \leq n}^k\right) \right|^2.$$

Network structure



Example

We consider

$$\begin{aligned} S_t &= S_0 + \int_0^t \mathfrak{L}(r, S_r) \varsigma(V_r) S_r dW_r, \\ V_t &= V_0 + \int_0^t K(t-r) \left(b(V_r) dr + \xi(V_r) dB_r \right), \end{aligned}$$

with $b(V) = \kappa(V_\infty - V)$, $\xi(V) = \nu V$, $\varsigma(V) = e^V$, $K(t) = \frac{t^{H-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(H + \frac{1}{2})}$.

Regarding the neural network, we use the default configuration

- Two hidden layers;
- 5 neurons per hidden layer;
- Between 100 and 2,600 time steps per year depending on the maturity;
- Between 20 and 520 BSDE time steps per year depending on the maturity.

Parameter values:

$$S_0 = 100, \quad T = 0.1, \quad V_0 = \log(0.15), \quad \nu = 0.2, \quad V_\infty = 0.15, \quad \kappa = 0.5, \quad \rho = -0.4.$$

Maturity: 1 week

Strike	0.95	0.98	1.02	1.05
MC Price	15.09	15.02	14.96	14.94
DL Price	15.12	15.06	14.99	14.91

Maturity: 1 month

Strike	0.89	0.93	0.98	1.02	1.07	1.11
MC Price	15.18	15.11	15.05	14.99	14.92	14.85
DL Price	15.29	15.	15.04	14.98	14.90	14.84

Maturity: 6 months

Strike	0.77	0.83	0.9	0.97	1.00	1.1	1.17	1.23
MC Price	15.37	15.24	15.16	15.03	14.93	14.85	14.76	14.72
DL Price	15.43	15.28	15.16	15.06	14.95	14.89	14.82	14.74

Maturity: 1 year

Strike	0.72	0.83	0.94	1.06	1.17	1.28	1.39	1.5
MC Price	15.49	15.29	15.11	14.96	14.81	14.67	14.55	14.44
DL Price	15.50	15.31	15.12	14.89	14.83	14.71	14.61	14.53

Maturity: 2 years

Strike	0.72	0.83	0.94	1.06	1.17	1.28	1.39	1.5
MC Price	15.49	15.26	15.10	14.98	14.84	14.72	14.60	14.51
DL Price	15.51	15.34	15.17	15.02	14.89	14.78	14.72	14.60

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