

Local Volatility Dynamics of LETF options

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Implied & Local Volatility

- Implied Volatility (IV): $\hat{\sigma} : (t, K, T) \rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_t(K, T)$: the BS option price implied measure of volatility
- local volatility (LV): under risk-neutral measure Q assume

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = (r - q)dt + \sigma(S_t, t, \cdot)dW_t^Q, \quad (1)$$

then the local volatility is given by

$$\sigma_{K,T}(S_t, t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\sigma_{K,T}^2(S_t, t)} = \sqrt{E^Q\{\sigma^2(S_T, T, \cdot) | S_T = K, \mathcal{F}_t\}} \quad (2)$$

with (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) probability space, $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ filtration



Why study local volatility?

□ Advantages

- ▶ easier calibration
- ▶ LV allows pricing using entire volatility smile
- ▶ therefore LV the correct input parameter for pricing exotic options, Derman, Kani & Zou (1996)

□ Disadvantages

- ▶ static nature in many cases
- ▶ forward volatility flattening-out



(L)ETFs

- Exchange-traded funds (ETFs): tracking returns on financial quantities and yielding the identical daily return, e.g., SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY) tracks the S&P 500.
- Leveraged exchange-traded funds (LETFs): promising a fixed leverage ratio β w.r.t. a given underlying asset or index, e.g.,

LETF	β
ProShares Ultra S&P500 (SSO)	2
ProShares UltraPro S&P 500 (UPRO)	3
ProShares UltraShort S&P500 (SDS)	-2
ProShares UltraPro Short S&P 500 (SPXU)	-3

Table 1: LETFs with different β ▶ Illustration



Go with market

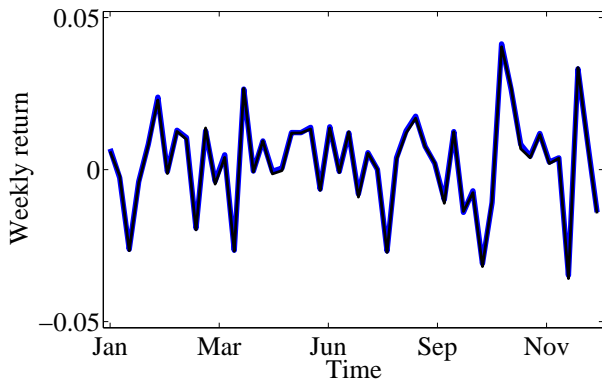


Figure 1: Weekly returns of ETF (SPY) and stock market (S&P 500) (20140101-20141230)



Leverage up/down

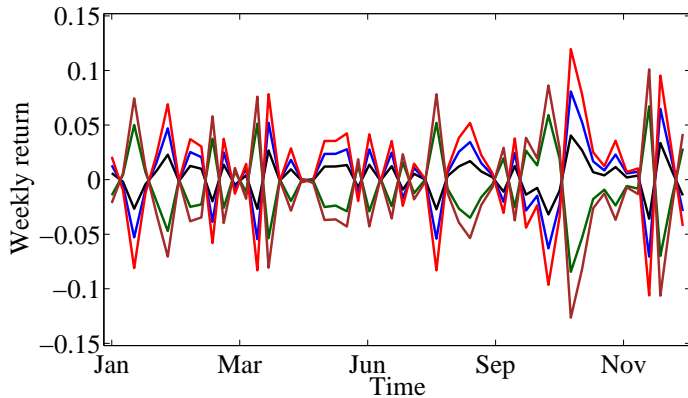


Figure 2: Weekly returns of LETFs (SSO, UPRO, SDS, SPXU) and stock market (S&P 500) (20140101-20141230)



Implied volatility paradoxon

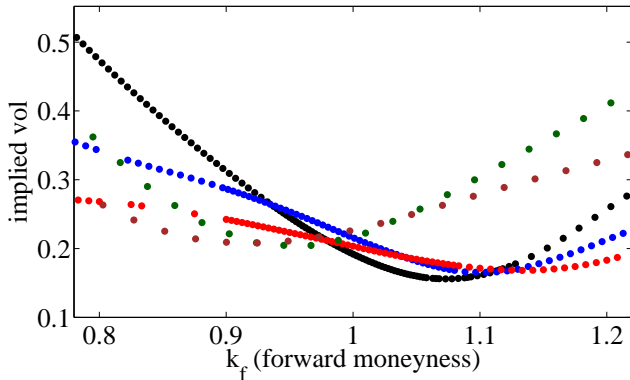


Figure 3: Implied volatility of (L)ETF options (SPY, SSO, UPRO, SDS, SPXU) with 21 days to maturity



Objectives

- introduce a dynamic model for IVS/LVS
- model IV and LV for LETF options with ETF option data
- identify LETF option price discrepancies using moneyness scaling



Outline

1. Motivation ✓
2. Moneyness scaling
3. DSFM Model
4. Estimation Results
5. Outlook

LETFs and the Black-Scholes model

- asset price dynamics:

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = rdt + \sigma dW_t^Q \quad (3)$$

with interest rate r and volatility σ ; W_t^Q standard Brownian motion under the risk-neutral measure P^Q

- (L)ETF dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dL_t}{L_t} &= \beta \left(\frac{dS_t}{S_t} \right) - \{(\beta - 1)r + c\}dt \\ &= (r - c)dt + \beta\sigma dW_t^Q \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$0 \leq c \ll r$ (L)ETF expense ratio



Dupire formula

LV estimated using the Dupire formula, Fengler (2005):

$$\hat{\sigma}_{K,T}^2(S_t, t) = \frac{\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\tau} + 2\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial T} + 2K(r - \delta)\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K}}{K^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{K^2 \hat{\sigma} \tau} + 2\frac{d_1}{K \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\tau}} \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} + \frac{d_1 d_2}{\hat{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K^2} \right\}}$$

where $d_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\log(S_t/K) + (r - \delta + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\sigma}^2)\tau}{\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}}$, $d_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d_1 - \hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}$, δ dividend rate, $\tau \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T - t$, $\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma}_t(K, T)$



LV for LETF options

Dupire formula:

$$(\beta\sigma_{K,T})^2 = 2 \frac{\frac{\partial C_{BS}^\beta}{\partial T} + cC_{BS}^\beta + (r-c)K \frac{\partial C_{BS}^\beta}{\partial K}}{K^2 \frac{\partial^2 C_{BS}^\beta}{\partial K^2}},$$

hence

$$\sigma_{K,T}^2 = 2 \frac{\frac{\partial C_{BS}^\beta}{\partial T} + cC_{BS}^\beta + (r-c)K \frac{\partial C_{BS}^\beta}{\partial K}}{\beta^2 K^2 \frac{\partial^2 C_{BS}^\beta}{\partial K^2}} \quad (5)$$



LV for LETF options

□ assume:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{BS}^{\beta}(t, L; K, T) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C^{BS}(t, L; K, T, r, c, |\beta|\sigma) \\
 &= C^{BS}\{t, L; K, T, r, c, |\beta|\hat{\sigma}(K, T)\}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6}$$

□ estimate LV using an estimator of IV $\hat{\sigma}$:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{K,T}^2 = \frac{\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{2\tau} + \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial T} + (r-c)K \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K}}{\frac{1}{2}K^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{K^2 \hat{\sigma} \tau} + \frac{2|\beta|d_1}{K\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}} \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} + \frac{|\beta|^2 d_1 d_2}{\hat{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K}\right)^2 + |\beta|^2 \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K^2} \right\}}
 \tag{7}$$

where $d_1 = \frac{\log(L_t/K) + (r-c + \frac{1}{2}|\beta|^2 \hat{\sigma}^2)\tau}{|\beta|\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}}$ and $d_2 = d_1 - |\beta|\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}$.

► Details



Moneyiness scaling

- link LV to IV in terms of the forward moneyiness measure $\kappa_f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K / \{e^{(r-c)\tau} L_t\}$ and time to maturity τ :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\kappa_f, \tau}^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 + 2\tau\hat{\sigma}\frac{\partial\hat{\sigma}}{\partial\tau}}{1 + 2|\beta|\kappa_f\sqrt{\tau}\tilde{d}_1\frac{\partial\hat{\sigma}}{\partial\kappa_f} + |\beta|^2(\kappa_f)^2\tau\left\{\tilde{d}_1\tilde{d}_2\left(\frac{\partial\hat{\sigma}}{\partial\kappa_f}\right)^2 + \hat{\sigma}\frac{\partial^2\hat{\sigma}}{\partial\kappa_f^2}\right\}} \quad (8)$$

where $\tilde{d}_1 = \frac{-\log(\kappa_f) + \frac{1}{2}|\beta|^2\hat{\sigma}^2\tau}{\beta\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}}$ and $\tilde{d}_2 = \tilde{d}_1 - |\beta|\hat{\sigma}\sqrt{\tau}$.

- link moneyiness axis for LETF options with leverage β_1, β_2

► Details

$$\kappa_f^{(\beta_1)} = \exp\left\{-\frac{\beta_1}{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)\bar{\sigma}^2\tau\right\} (\kappa_f^{(\beta_2)})^{\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2}}, \quad (9)$$

where $\bar{\sigma}$ is the average IV across all strikes



Simulation example

- level-dependent local volatility dynamics:

$$\frac{dL_t}{L_t} = (r - c)dt + \beta\sigma(t, S_t)dW_t^Q,$$

where $\sigma(t, S) = \kappa S^{-\gamma}$, $\kappa = 0.2$, $\gamma = 3.5$

- price LETF option by the Monte-Carlo
- model IV using LPS [▶ Details](#)
- calculate LV by (8) and do moneyiness scaling by (9)
- plot IV and LV against κ_f before and after moneyiness scaling

[▶ Show](#)



Real data example

- data: IV, strikes, maturities for SPY, SSO, UPRO, SDS and SPXU options
- data source: Datastream
- IV and LV against forward moneyness for real data [▶ Show](#)



Challenges for IV/LV estimation

- how to model the IV/LV surface?
- degenerated data design: IVS observations only for a small number of maturities
- observation grid does not cover desired estimation grid
 - ▶ the contracts are not traded for a particular strike
 - ▶ institutional arrangements at the futures' exchanges



Implied volatility in time

Figure 4: **SPY** ETF option IV ticks of 20150114-20150408

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IV data design

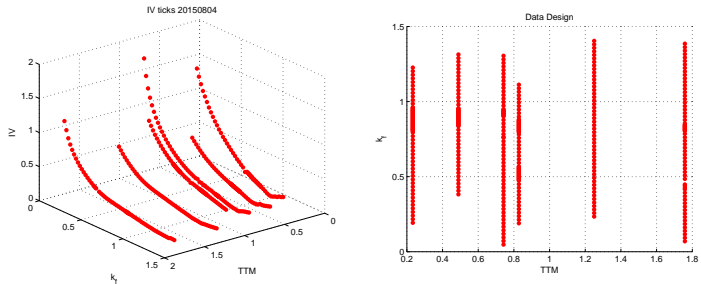


Figure 5: *Left panel*: SPY call IV observed on 20150408; *Right panel*: data design on 20150408



The dynamic semiparametric factor model for IVS

- define $\mathcal{J} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\kappa_{f \min}, \kappa_{f \max}] \times [\tau_{\min}, \tau_{\max}]$, $Y_{i,j}$ implied volatility, $i = 1, \dots, I$ time index, $j = 1, \dots, J_i$ option intraday numbering on day i , $X_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\kappa_{f i,j}, \tau_{i,j})^\top$, $Y_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sigma_{i,j}$ implied volatility

- assume

$$Y_{i,j} = \mathcal{Z}_i^\top m(X_{i,j}) + \varepsilon_{i,j}, \quad (10)$$

where $\mathcal{Z}_i = (1, Z_i^\top)$, $Z_i = (Z_{i,1}, \dots, Z_{i,L})^\top$ unobservable L -dimensional process, $m = (m_0, \dots, m_L)^\top$, real-valued functions m_l , $l = 0, \dots, L$ defined on a subset of \mathbb{R}^d

- $X_{i,j}$, $\varepsilon_{i,j}$ are independent, $\varepsilon_{i,j} \sim (0, \sigma^2)$, $\sigma^2 < \infty$



DSFM for IVS

Approximate, Park et al. (2009):

$$E(Y_i|X_i) = \mathcal{Z}_i^\top m(X_i) = \mathcal{Z}_i^\top \mathcal{A}\psi(X_i), \quad (11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(X_i) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\psi_1(X_i), \dots, \psi_K(X_i)\}^\top \text{ space basis,} \\ \mathcal{A} &: (L+1) \times K \text{ coefficient matrix} \end{aligned}$$

Choose $\{\psi_k : 1 \leq k \leq K\}$ tensor B-spline basis [▶ Details](#), de Boor (2001)



Tensor B-spline basis

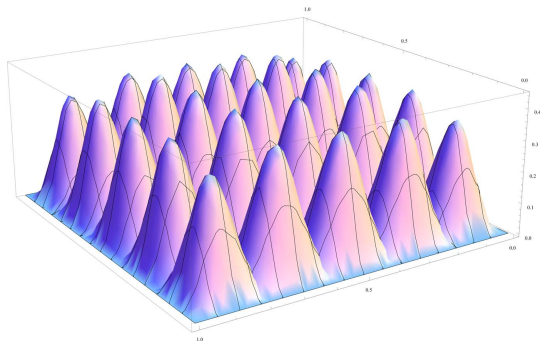


Figure 6: Tensor B-spline basis with 15×15 knots on $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$, odd intervals



Estimation

Define the least-squares estimators $\hat{Z}_i = (\hat{Z}_{i,1}, \dots, \hat{Z}_{i,L})^\top$,
 $\hat{\mathcal{A}} = (\hat{\alpha}_{l,k})_{l=0, \dots, L; k=1, \dots, K}$

$$(\hat{Z}_i, \hat{\mathcal{A}}) = \arg \min_{Z_i, \mathcal{A}} S(\mathcal{A}, Z), \quad (12)$$

where

$$S(\mathcal{A}, Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^{J_i} \left\{ Y_{i,j} - (1, Z_i^\top) \mathcal{A} \psi(X_{i,j}) \right\}^2 \quad (13)$$

Once $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ obtained, m can be estimated as $\hat{m} = \hat{\mathcal{A}}\psi$



Identification

- the problem (12) can be solved via numeric algorithm [▶ Details](#)
- under certain conditions [▶ Details](#), geometric convergence to a solution
- (12) has no unique solution: orthonormalize \hat{Z}_i , \hat{m} for better interpretation, see Fengler et al. (2007)



Data overview

	Min.	Max.	Mean	Stdd.	Skewn.	Kurt.
TTM	0.20	0.70	0.53	0.14	-0.43	2.04
Moneyness	0.65	1.25	0.92	0.13	0.54	3.10
IV	0.09	0.47	0.20	0.05	0.43	3.63

Table 2: Summary statistics on the SPY ETF option from 20141006 to 20150408 (in total $\sum_i J_i = 9452$ datapoints). Source: Datastream



Estimation

- data transformed with marginal empirical distribution functions
- 10 knots in moneyness and 7 knots in maturity direction:
 $K = 10 \times 7 = 70$
- starting values for Z_i generated from a stable VAR process
[▶ Details](#)
- starting values for \mathcal{A} randomly generated from $U(0, 1)$
- convergence tolerance for the Newton algorithm: $1e-06$



Model order selection

Select model order by explained variance $EV(L)$

$$EV(L) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^{J_i} \left\{ Y_{i,j} - \sum_{l=0}^L \hat{Z}_{i,l} \hat{m}_l(X_{i,j}) \right\}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^{J_i} (Y_{i,j} - \bar{Y})^2} \quad (14)$$

No. factors	$EV(L)$
3	0.912
4	0.916
5	0.924
6	0.925

Estimate $L = 3$ basis functions



Dynamics of \hat{Z}_i

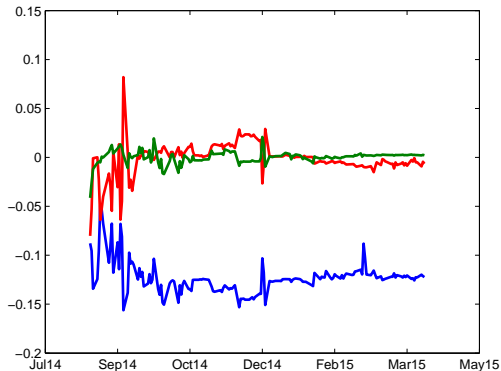


Figure 7: Time dynamics of $\hat{Z}_{i,1}$, $\hat{Z}_{i,2}$, $\hat{Z}_{i,3}$



VAR modelling of \hat{Z}_i

- Hannan-Quinn criterion selects the VAR(3) model; Schwarz the VAR(1)
- roots lay inside the unit circle
- Portmanteau and Breusch-Godfrey LM test results with 20 lags reject residual autocorrelation



VAR parameters

	$\widehat{Z}_{1,t-1}$	$\widehat{Z}_{2,t-1}$	$\widehat{Z}_{3,t-1}$	$\widehat{Z}_{1,t-2}$	$\widehat{Z}_{2,t-2}$
$\widehat{Z}_{1,t}$	0.90	0.21	-0.66	-0.03	0.10
$\widehat{Z}_{2,t}$	-0.48	0.02	0.44	-0.11	-0.21
$\widehat{Z}_{3,t}$	-0.15	-0.15	0.51	0.13	0.10
	$\widehat{Z}_{3,t-2}$	$\widehat{Z}_{1,t-3}$	$\widehat{Z}_{2,t-3}$	$\widehat{Z}_{3,t-3}$	c
$\widehat{Z}_{1,t}$	0.04	0.20	-0.06	-0.18	0.01
$\widehat{Z}_{2,t}$	0.06	-0.12	0.14	0.23	-0.09
$\widehat{Z}_{3,t}$	-0.22	0.04	-0.01	0.19	0.00

Table 3: VAR(3) estimated parameters for Z_i



Estimated factor functions \hat{m}

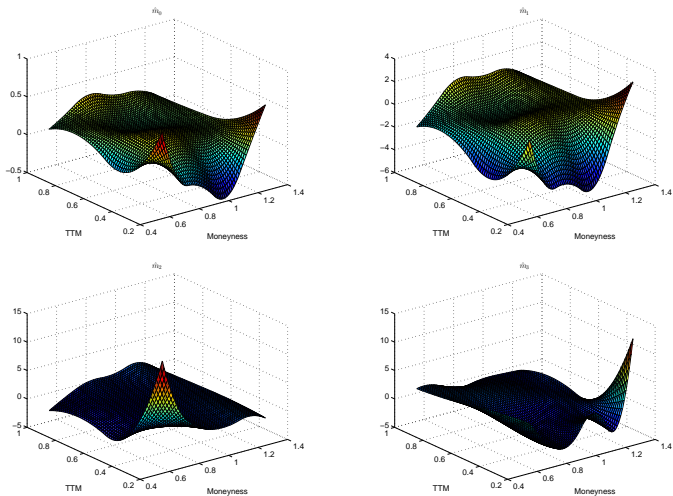


Figure 8: Factor functions $\hat{m}_0, \hat{m}_1, \hat{m}_2, \hat{m}_3$



DSFM IV Dynamics

Figure 9: SPY ETF option IV dynamics in 20150226-20150325



Bias comparison

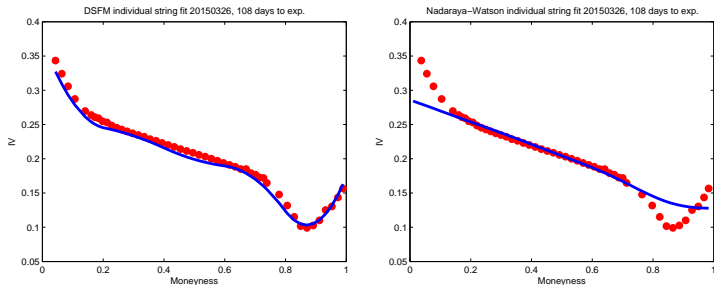


Figure 10: Bias comparison of the DSFM (*left panel*) and the Nadaraya-Watson estimator with $\hat{h} = (0.13, 0.12)^\top$, \hat{h} by Scott's rule, for the 108 days to expiry data (red dots) on 20150326



Backing out LVS

- to avoid presence of arbitrage, arbitrage-free smoothing of the IVS can be done, see Fengler (2009)
- finite-difference methods [▶ Details](#) to obtain $\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial \tau}$, $\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial k_f}$, $\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial k_f^2}$
- use the B-spline representation of $\hat{\sigma}$ [▶ Details](#):

$$\frac{\partial^{q+r} \hat{\sigma}_i}{\partial k_f^q \partial \tau^r} = \frac{\partial^{q+r} m_0(k_f, \tau)}{\partial k_f^q \partial \tau^r} + \sum_{l=1}^L Z_{i,l} \frac{\partial^{q+r} m_l(k_f, \tau)}{\partial k_f^q \partial \tau^r} \quad (15)$$

- then $\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial \tau}$, $\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial k_f}$, $\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial k_f^2}$ follow as special cases of (15)



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Figure 11: SPY ETF option LV dynamics in 20150226-20150325



LETF IV, LV dynamics from ETF data

- assume $\beta_1 = +2$: long leveraged position
- apply moneyness scaling (9) to the original SPY ETF κ_f data with $\beta_2 = 1$, obtain $\kappa_f^{(\beta_1)}$
- do DSFM estimation (12) with $\kappa_f = \kappa_f^{(\beta_1)}$
- plot the IVs against the original τ , $\kappa_f^{(\beta_2)}$
- estimate the LVs with the Dupire formula (8)



DSFM LETF IV dynamics

Figure 12: $\beta = +2$ LETF option IV dynamics in 20150226-20150325



DSFM LETF LV dynamics

Figure 13: $\beta = +2$ LETF option IV dynamics in 20150226-20150325



Conclusions and outlook

- the DSFM approach allows to model dynamic local volatility surfaces
- stable structure of the factor loadings allows IVS/LVS prediction
- construction of confidence bands for the mismatch of LV of LETF options
- identification of LETF option price discrepancies across different strikes and maturities using moneyness scaling
- expansion to a stochastic local volatility model



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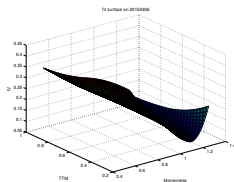
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S&P 500 and (L)ETFs Return

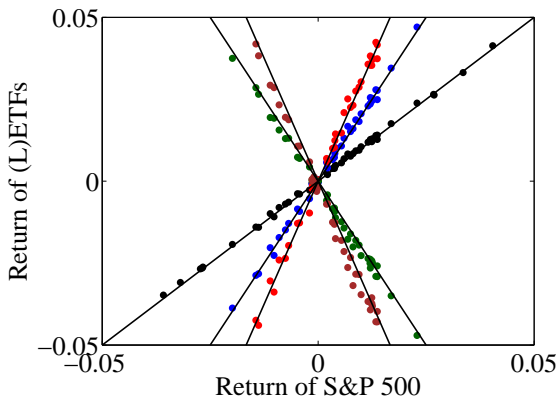


Figure 14: Weekly return relationship of S&P 500 and (L)ETFs (SPY, SSO, UPRO, SDS, SPXU) (20140101-20141230) [▶ Back](#)



Local Polynomial Smoothing (LPS) for IVS

$$\min_{\alpha(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^5} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1(x_{1i} - x_1) - \alpha_2(x_{2i} - x_2) - \alpha_3(x_{1i} - x_1)^2 - \alpha_4(x_{2i} - x_2)^2 - \alpha_5(x_{1i} - x_1)(x_{2i} - x_2) \right\}^2 \frac{K\left(\frac{x_1 - x_{1i}}{h_1}\right)}{h_1} \frac{K\left(\frac{x_2 - x_{2i}}{h_2}\right)}{h_2},$$

where $K(u) = \frac{3}{4}(1 - u^2)I(|u| < 1)$ Epanechnikov kernel;

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{(x_{1i}, x_{2i})} = \alpha_1, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} \Big|_{(x_{1i}, x_{2i})} = \alpha_2, \quad \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_1^2} \Big|_{(x_{1i}, x_{2i})} = 2\alpha_3$$

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IV and LV against forward moneyness

Figure 15: IV and LV against forward moneyness for (L)ETF options with $\beta = 1$, $\beta = 2$, $\beta = 3$, $\beta = -2$ and $\beta = -3$. [▶ Back](#)



IV and LV against forward moneyness for real data

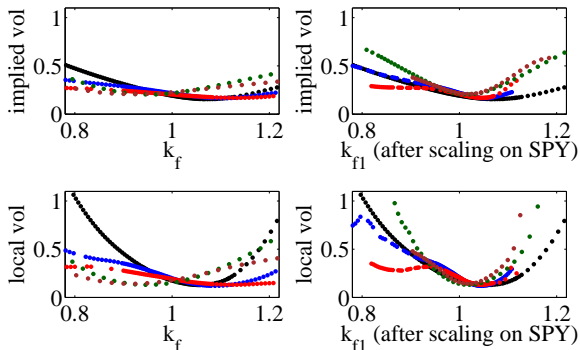


Figure 16: IV and LV against forward moneyness for S&P 500 (L)ETF options (SSO, UPRO, SDS, SPXU) with 21 days to maturity [▶ Back](#)



BS formula and its derivatives for LETF options

Recall (6), the BS is

$$C_{BS}^{\beta} = e^{-c\tau} L_t \Phi(d_1) - e^{-r\tau} K \Phi(d_2) \quad (16)$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the cdf of $N(0, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C_{BS}^{\beta}}{\partial T} &= \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial T} + \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} |\beta| \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial T} \\ &= \frac{e^{-c\tau} L_t |\beta| \hat{\sigma} \Phi(d_1)}{2\sqrt{\tau}} - ce^{-c\tau} L_t \Phi(d_1) + re^{-r\tau} K \Phi(d_2) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} |\beta| \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial T} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$



BS formula and its derivatives for LETF option

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial C_{BS}^{\beta}}{\partial K} &= \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial K} + \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} |\beta| \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} \\ &= -e^{-r\tau} \Phi(d_2) + \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} |\beta| \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K}\end{aligned}\quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 C_{BS}^{\beta}}{\partial K^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 C^{BS}}{\partial K^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 C^{BS}}{\partial K \partial \hat{\sigma}} |\beta| \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial^2 C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma^2} |\beta|^2 \left(\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} |\beta| \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K^2} \\ &= \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} \left\{ \frac{1}{|\beta| K^2 \hat{\sigma} \tau} + \frac{2d_1}{K \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\tau}} \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} + \frac{|\beta| d_1 d_2}{\hat{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} \right)^2 + |\beta| \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K^2} \right\}\end{aligned}\quad (19)$$



BS formula and its derivatives for LETF option

Substitute (18)-(19) into (5), obtain the Dupire formula in terms of IV and its derivatives:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{K,T}^2 = \frac{\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{2\tau} + \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial T} + (r - c)K \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K}}{\frac{1}{2}K^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{K^2 \hat{\sigma} \tau} + \frac{2|\beta|d_1}{K \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\tau}} \frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} + \frac{|\beta|^2 d_1 d_2}{\hat{\sigma}} \left(\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K} \right)^2 + |\beta|^2 \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial K^2} \right\}}$$

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Moneyiness scaling

Given the general solution of (4):

$$L_T = L_t \exp \left\{ (r - c)(T - t) - \frac{\beta^2}{2} \int_t^T \sigma_s^2 ds + \beta \int_t^T \sigma_s dW_s^* \right\}, \quad (20)$$

write (20) for $L_T^{(\beta_1)}$, $L_T^{(\beta_2)}$, obtain

$$\frac{L_T^{(\beta_1)}}{e^{(r-c)\tau} L_t^{(\beta_1)}} = \exp \left(-\frac{\beta_1^2}{2} \int_0^\tau \sigma_s^2 ds + \beta_1 \int_0^\tau \sigma_s dW_s \right) \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{L_T^{(\beta_2)}}{e^{(r-c)\tau} L_t^{(\beta_2)}} = \exp \left(-\frac{\beta_2^2}{2} \int_0^\tau \sigma_s^2 ds + \beta_2 \int_0^\tau \sigma_s dW_s \right) \quad (22)$$

where σ_s is the instantaneous volatility at time s .



Moneyiness scaling

From (22) follows:

$$\int_t^T \sigma_s dW_s^* = \frac{\log\left(\frac{L_T^{(\beta_2)}}{e^{(r-c)\tau} L_t^{(\beta_2)}}\right) + \frac{\beta_2^2}{2} \int_0^\tau \sigma_s^2 ds}{\beta_2} \quad (23)$$

Substitute (23) into (21) to eliminate the stochastic term $\int_t^T \sigma_s dW_s^*$, obtain:

$$\frac{L_T^{(\beta_1)}}{e^{(r-c)\tau} L_t^{(\beta_1)}} = \exp\left\{-\frac{\beta_1}{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2) \int_0^\tau \sigma_s^2 ds\right\} \left\{\frac{L_T^{(\beta_2)}}{e^{(r-c)\tau} L_t^{(\beta_2)}}\right\}^{\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2}} \quad (24)$$



Moneyiness scaling

Take logs and expectations conditioned on $K^{(\beta_1)} = L_T^{(\beta_1)}$ and $K^{(\beta_2)} = L_T^{(\beta_2)}$, obtain

$$\log(k_f^{(\beta_1)}) = -\frac{\beta_1}{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)E^* \left(\int_0^T \sigma_s^2 ds \mid K^{(\beta_1)} = L_T^{(\beta_1)}, K^{(\beta_2)} = L_T^{(\beta_2)} \right) + \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \log(k_f^{(\beta_2)})$$

Assuming constant σ and exponentiating, one obtains (9)

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Tensor product B-splines

Define $U \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\sum_i \alpha_i N_{i,h,s} : \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}, i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$,

$V \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\sum_j \beta_j N_{j,k,t} : \beta_j \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, then the tensor product

B-spline is $b \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i,j} \gamma_{i,j} N_{i,j}$, $\gamma_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}$, $w \in U \otimes V$, where

$$N_{i,j}(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} N_{i,h,s}(x) N_{j,k,t}(y),$$

$$N_{i,k,t}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\frac{x - t_i}{t_{i+k} - t_i} \right) N_i^{k-1}(x) + \left(\frac{t_{i+k+1} - x}{t_{i+k+1} - t_{i+1}} \right) N_{i+1}^{k-1}(x),$$

with the starting point

$$N_{i,0,t}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t_i \leq x < t_{i+1}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

here $k \in \mathbb{N}$, t_i infinite set of knots [▶ Back to "DSFM for IVS"](#)



Numerical differentiation

Use Taylor expansion for $\hat{\sigma}(\tau + h, \kappa_f)$, $\hat{\sigma}(\tau - h, \kappa_f)$, $\hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f + h)$, $\hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f - h)$, obtain the following approximations, h small:

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$$\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}(\tau + h, \kappa_f) - \hat{\sigma}(\tau - h, \kappa_f)}{2h}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \hat{\sigma}}{\partial \kappa_f} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f + h) - \hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f - h)}{2h}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 \hat{\sigma}}{\partial \kappa_f^2} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f + h) - 2\hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f) + \hat{\sigma}(\tau, \kappa_f - h)}{h^2}$$

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Tensor B-spline derivatives

- a B-spline surface $b(x, y)$ can be represented in Bézier form, Prautzsch et al. (2002)

$$b(x, y) = \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} B_i^n(x) B_j^k(y), \quad (25)$$

where B_i^n are Bernstein polynomials [▶ Details](#)

- the partial derivatives of (25) are given by

$$\frac{\partial^{q+r} b(x, y)}{\partial x^q \partial y^r} = \frac{n!k!}{n!k! - qr} \sum_i \sum_j \Delta^{01} \Delta^{q,r-1} \beta_{ij} B_i^{n-q}(x) B_j^{k-r}(y), \quad (26)$$

where the forward difference $\Delta^{qr} \beta_{ij} = \beta_{i+q, j+r} - \beta_{i, j}$

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Bernstein polynomials

Bernstein polynomials of degree n are given by

$$B_i^n(u) = \binom{n}{i} u^i (1-u)^{n-i},$$

where $i = 0, \dots, n$ [Return to "Tensor B-spline derivatives"](#)



Convergence conditions

Initial choice (α^0, Z^0) such that, Park et al. (2009):

A1 it holds that $\sum_{i=1}^I Z_i^0 = 0$; $\sum_{i=1}^I Z_i^0 Z_i^{0\top}$ and the Hessian from (12) at (α^0, Z^0) , $\mathcal{H}(\alpha^0, Z^0)$ are invertible

A2 there exists a version $(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{Z})$ with $\sum_{i=1}^I \hat{Z}_i = 0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^I \hat{Z}_i Z_i^{0\top}$ is invertible. Also, $\hat{\alpha}_l = (\hat{\alpha}_{l1}, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_{lK})^\top$, $l = 0, \dots, L$ are linearly independent

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Numeric algorithm I

The first-order conditions for (12):

$$\frac{\partial S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^I \left\{ (\Psi_i \Psi_i^\top) \otimes (Z_i Z_i^\top) \right\} \alpha - 2 \sum_{i=1}^I (\Psi_i Y_i) \otimes Z_i, \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial Z} = & 2(Z_1^\top \mathcal{A} \Psi_1 \Psi_1^\top \mathcal{A}^\top - Y_1^\top \Psi_1^\top \mathcal{A}^\top, \dots, Z_I^\top \mathcal{A} \Psi_I \Psi_I^\top \mathcal{A}^\top \\ & - Y_I^\top \Psi_I^\top \mathcal{A}^\top), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where A is \mathcal{A} without 1st row, $\Psi_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\psi(X_{i,1}), \dots, \psi(X_{i,J_i})\}$,

$\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{vec}(\mathcal{A})$ [▶ Return to "Identification"](#)



Numeric algorithm II

The second-order conditions for (12):

$$\frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha^2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^I \left\{ (\Psi_i \Psi_i^\top) \otimes (Z_i Z_i^\top) \right\}, \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial Z^2} = \begin{pmatrix} A \Psi_1 \Psi_1^\top A^\top & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & A \Psi_I \Psi_I^\top A^\top \end{pmatrix}, \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha \partial Z} = 2 \{ F_1(\alpha, Z), \dots, F_I(\alpha, Z) \}, \quad (31)$$

where

$$F_i(\alpha, Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Psi_i \Psi_i^\top A^\top) \otimes Z_i + (\Psi_i \Psi_i^\top A^\top Z_i) \otimes \mathcal{I} - (\Psi_i Y_i) \otimes \mathcal{I},$$

$\mathcal{I} = (0, I_L)$, I_L is $L \times L$ identity matrix

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Numeric algorithm III

Collect the FOCs (27)-(28) and the SOC's (29)-(31) into the Newton iteration for (12):

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \mathcal{H}^{-1}(x_k) \nabla(x_k), \quad (32)$$

$$\text{where } x_k \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(k)} \\ Z^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{H}^{-1}(x_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha^2} & \frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha \partial Z} \\ \frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha \partial Z}^\top & \frac{\partial^2 S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial Z^2} \end{pmatrix} \Bigg|_{x_k},$$

$$\nabla(x_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial S(\mathcal{A}, Z)}{\partial Z} \end{pmatrix} \Bigg|_{x_k}$$

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Stable vector autoregressive process

VAR(p) process

$$y_t = c + A_1 y_{t-1} + \cdots + A_p y_{t-p} + u_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (33)$$

where $y_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$ random vector, $A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ fixed coefficient matrices, $c \in \mathbb{R}^k$ fixed vector of intercept terms, $u_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$ innovation process, $E u_t = 0$, $E u_t u_s^\top = 0$, $s \neq t$, $\Sigma_u \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E u_t u_t^\top$ is called *stable* if

$$\det(I_k - A_1 z - \cdots - A_p z^p) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } |z| \leq 1,$$

i.e., the reverse characteristic polynomial of (33) has no roots inside and on the complex unit circle

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