Fractional PDE Approach for Numerical Solution of Some Jump-Diffusion Models

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Outline

In mathematical finance a popular approach for pricing options under some Lévy model is to consider underlying that follows a Poisson jump diffusion process. As it is well known this results in a partial integro-differential equation (PIDE) that usually does not allow an analytical solution while numerical solution brings some problems. In this work we elaborate a new approach on how to transform the PIDE to some class of either so-called pseudo-parabolic equations or fractional equations. They both are known in mathematics but are relatively new for mathematical finance. As an example we discuss several jump-diffusion models which Lévy measure allows such a transformation.

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$$\mathcal{A}_y^+ = \frac{1}{\lambda p!} \left(\nu + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^{p+1} \equiv \frac{1}{\lambda p!} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{p+1} C_i^{p+1} \nu^{p+1-i} \frac{\partial^i}{\partial y^i} \right], \quad p \equiv -(1+\alpha) \geq 0,$$

where C_i^{p+1} are the binomial coefficients.

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For the second equation in the Eq. (6) it is possible to elaborate an analogous approach. Again assuming $z = x + y$ we rewrite it in the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} C(x, t) = -\sqrt{V_L} \int_{-\infty}^{x} C(z, t) \lambda_R \frac{e^{-\nu_R |z-x|}}{|z - x|^{1+\alpha_R}} \mathbb{1}_{z-x<0} dz \qquad (8)$$

Now we need to find a differential operator $\mathcal{A}_y^-$ which Green's function is the kernel of the integral in the Eq. (8), i.e.

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To proceed we need to prove two other statements.

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$$\mathcal{A}_x^- \frac{\partial}{\partial t} C(x,t) = -\sqrt{V_R} \mathcal{A}_x^- \int_x^\infty C(z,t) g^+(z-x) dz = \sqrt{V_R} \left\{ \int_x^\infty C(z,t) \mathcal{A}_x^- g^+(z-x) dz + \mathcal{R} \right\} \quad (14)$$

$$= \sqrt{V_R} \left\{ \int_x^\infty C(z,t) \delta(z-x) dz + \mathcal{R} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{V_R} C(x,t) + \sqrt{V_R} \mathcal{R}$$

Here

$$\mathcal{R} = \sum_{i=0}^p a_i \left(\frac{\partial^{p-i}}{\partial x^{p-i}} V(x) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^i}{\partial x^i} g(z-x) \right) \Big|_{z-x=0}, \quad (15)$$

and a_i are some constant coefficients. As from the definition in the Eq. (10) $g(z-x) \propto (z-x)^p$, the only term in the Eq. (15) which does not vanish is that at $i = p$. Thus

$$\mathcal{R} = V(x) \left(\frac{\partial^p}{\partial x^p} g(z-x) \right) \Big|_{z-x=0} = V(x) p! \mathbb{1}_{(0)} = 0; \quad (16)$$

2 With allowance for this expression from the Eq. (14) we obtain the following pseudo parabolic equation for $C(x,t)$

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Comparison with FFT

To apply an FFT approach we first select a domain in x space where the values of function $C(x, \tau$ are of our interest. Suppose this is $x \in (-x_*, x_*)$. We define a uniform grid in this domain which contains N points: $x_1 = -x_*, x_2, \ldots x_{N-1}, x_N = x_*$ such that $x_i - x_{i-1} = h, i = 2 \ldots N$. We then approximate the integral in the rhs with the first order of accuracy in h as

$$\int_0^\infty C(x + y, \tau) \lambda_R \frac{e^{-\nu_R |y|}}{|y|^{1+\alpha_R}} dy = h \sum_{j=1-i}^{N-i} C_{i+j}(\tau) f_j, \quad f_j \equiv \lambda_R \frac{e^{-\nu_R |x_j|}}{|x_j|^{1+\alpha_R}} + O(h^2). \tag{35}$$

This approximation means that we have to extend our computational domain to the left up to $x_{1-N} = x_1 - hN$. The matrix $|f|$ is a Toeplitz matrix. Using FFT directly to compute a matrix-vector product in the Eq. (35) will produce a wrap-round error that significantly lowers the accuracy. Therefore a standard technique is to embed this Toeplitz matrix into a circulant matrix $\mathcal{F}$ which is defined as follows. The first row of F is

$$F_1 = (f_0, f_1, \ldots, f_{N-1}, 0, f_{1-N}, \ldots, f_{-1}),$$

and others are generated by permutation (see, for instance Zhang & Wang 2009). We also define a vector

$$\hat{C} = [C_1(\tau), \ldots C_N(\tau), \underbrace{0, \ldots, 0}_{N}]^T.$$

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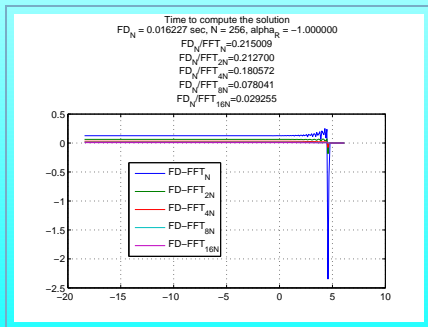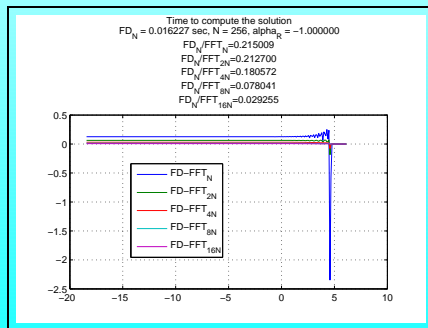

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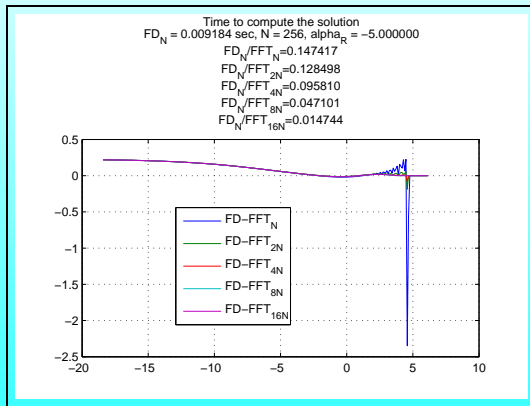3. The first series of tests was provided when $\alpha_R \in \mathbb{I}$ and $\nu_R = 1$, $\lambda_R = 0.2$.

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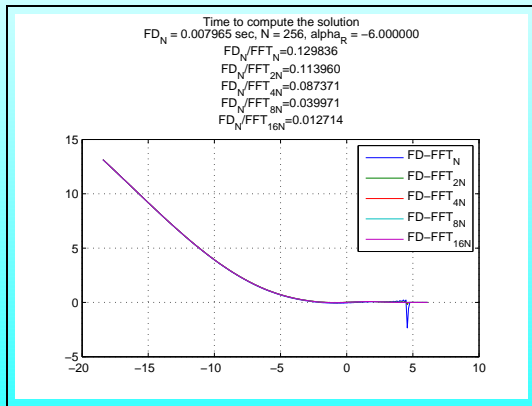
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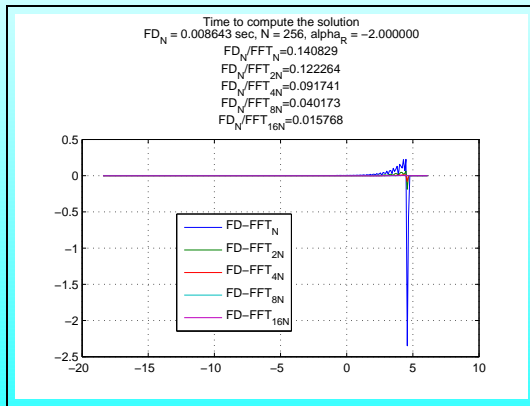
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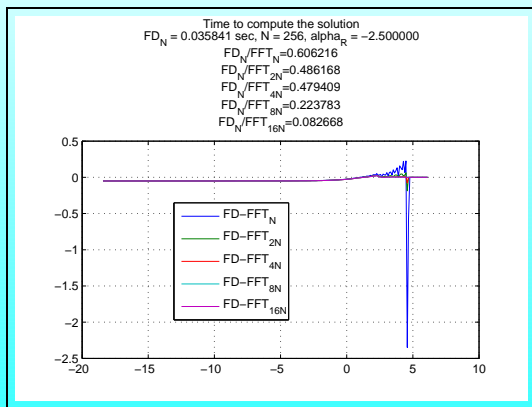
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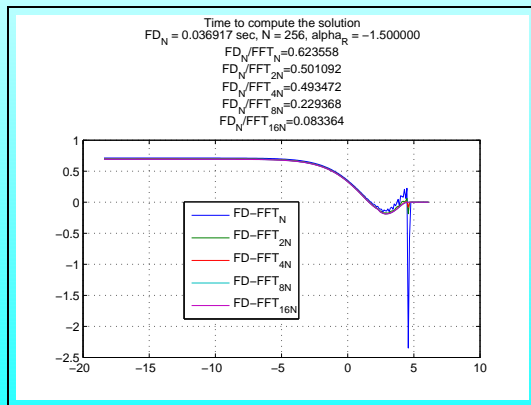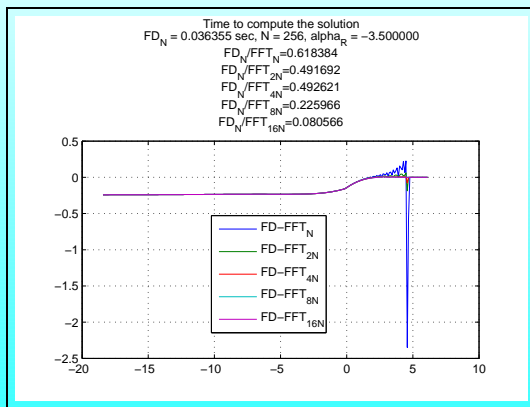

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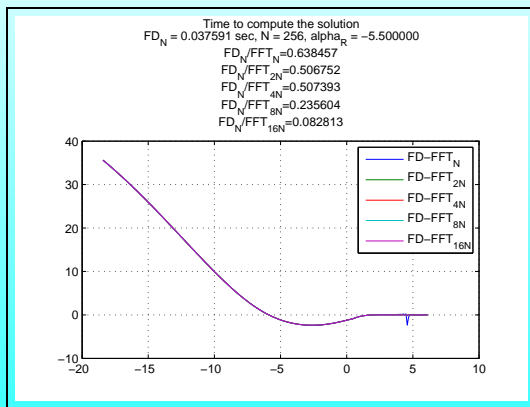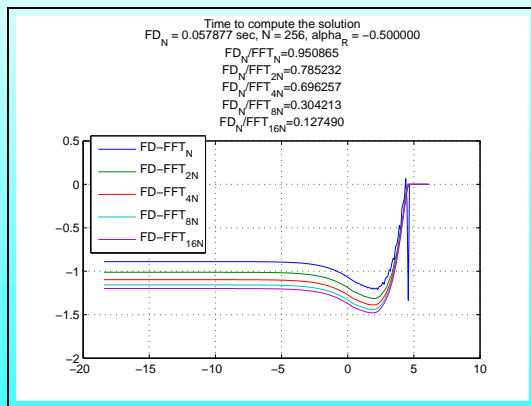
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$$\mathcal{A}_1 \propto (-1)^{\alpha R} e^{\nu R} {}_x \mathbb{D}_\infty^{\alpha R} \left(e^{-\nu R} C(x, t) \right), \tag{44}$$

and operator $\mathcal{A}_2$ as

$$\mathcal{A}_2 \propto e^{\nu R} {}_\infty \mathbb{D}_x^{\alpha R} \left(e^{-\nu R} C(x, t) \right), \tag{45}$$

So to compare we have to note that aside of the different method of how to derive these equations our main contribution is:

1. Special cases $\alpha_r = 0, 1$, $\alpha_l = 0, 1$ are not considered by Cartea. in BL (2002) a corresponding characteristic function of the KoBoL process was obtained in all cases for $\alpha \leq 1$. However, the authors did not consider numerical solution of the fractional PDE. In this paper we derive a fractional PDE for all $\alpha < 2$ and propose a numerical method for their solution.

2. Jumps up and down are considered separately so the model in use (SSM) is slightly different from the model considered by Cartea.

3. In Cartea (2007) a Crank-Nicolson type numerical scheme was proposed to solve the obtained FPDE in time while discretization in space was done using the Grunwald-Letnikov approximation which is of the first order in space. Here we propose high-order schemes in both time and space.

4. As it is known from recent papers (Abu,Saman (2007), Meerschaert,Tadjeran (2004), Tadjeran (2006), Meerschaert, Tadjeran (2006), Sousa (2008)), a standard Grunwald-Letnikov approximation leads to unconditionally unstable schemes. To improve this a shifted Grunwald-Letnikov approximation was proposed which allows construction of the unconditionally stable scheme of the first order in space. Here we use a shifted approximation to derive the unconditionally stable scheme of higher order.

5. We show that when considering jumps with finite activity and finite variation despite it is a common practice to integrate out all Lévy compensators in the integral terms this breaks the stability of the scheme at least for the fractional PDE. Therefore, in order to construct the unconditionally stable scheme one must keep some other terms under the integrals. To resolve this in Cartea (2007) the authors were compelled to change their definition of the fractional derivative.

Approximation

First, we remind that for integer coefficients $\alpha_R \in \mathbb{I}, \ \alpha_L \in \mathbb{I}, \alpha_R < 0, \alpha_L < 0$ the FD scheme could be written in the form

$$\left(\mathbb{L}_1^- - \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{L}_2^- \theta\right) C^{k+1}(x) = \left(\mathbb{L}_1^- + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{L}_2^- \theta\right) C^k(x), \tag{46}$$

$$\mathbb{L}_1^- \equiv \left(\nu_R - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^{-\alpha_R}, \qquad \mathbb{L}_2^- \equiv 1 - \nu_R^{\alpha_R}\mathbb{L}_1^-$$

Finite difference operators $\mathbb{L}_1^-$ and $\mathbb{L}_2^-$ have upper band matrices, and therefore the Eq. (46) can be simply solved by a backward substitution. Computational cost of such an algorithm is $C(N) \propto N(2\alpha + 1)$.
In the general case of real coefficients $\alpha_R \in \mathbb{R}, \ \alpha_L \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha_R < 0, \alpha_L < 0$ it is still convenient to represent the discrete PIDE in the form of the Eq. (46). Approximation of the operator $\mathbb{L}_1^-$ should now rely on a proper definition of the fractional derivative. It is known (see, for instance, Podlubniy (2009)) that the left and right sided Riemann-Liouville derivatives are defined by

$$_aD_x^\mu \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\mu)} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^m \int_a^x \frac{\phi(\xi)d\xi}{(x-\xi)^{\mu-m+1}}, \quad m-1 < \mu \leq m, \tag{47}$$

$$_xD_b^\mu \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\mu)} \left(-\frac{d}{dx}\right)^m \int_x^b \frac{\phi(\xi)d\xi}{(\xi-x)^{\mu-m+1}}, \quad m-1 < \mu \leq m,$$

It is also known that the left-sided Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative $_aD_x^\mu$ can be approximated in all nodes of the equidistant space discretization net simultaneously with the help of the lower(upper) triangular strip matrix F_N^α. As applied to our problem, we have to use this approximation for the operator $\mathbb{B}^-$ with $a = 0$ and $\mathbb{B}^+$ with $b = 0$. A useful approximation to the left-sided and right-sided fractional derivatives is given by the Grunwald-Letnikov formula

$$\frac{d^\alpha f(x)}{d_+ x^\alpha} = \lim_{M_+ \to \infty} \frac{1}{h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{M_+} (-1)^k C_k^\alpha f(x - kh), \tag{48}$$

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