Finite-difference approach to pricing barrier options under stochastic skew model

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Brief overview of the Stochastic Skew Model

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We assume frictionless markets and no arbitrage. Carr and Wu (2004) further assume that under an EMM $\mathbb{Q}$, the dynamics of the spot exchange rate and the two activity rates are given by the following system of SDEs:

\[
\begin{align*}
    dS_t & = (r_d - r_f) S_t - dt \\
    & + \sigma \sqrt{V_t^R} S_t - dW_t^R + \int_{0}^{\infty} S_t - (e^x - 1) \left[ \mu^R(dx, dt) - \lambda \frac{e^{-|x|/\nu^j}}{|x|^{1+\alpha}} \sqrt{V_t^R} \, dx \right] \\
    & + \sigma \sqrt{V_t^L} S_t - dW_t^L + \int_{-\infty}^{0} S_t - (e^x - 1) \left[ \mu^L(dx, dt) - \lambda \frac{e^{-|x|/\nu^j}}{|x|^{1+\alpha}} \sqrt{V_t^L} \, dx \right] \\
    dV_t^R & = \kappa (1 - V_t^R) dt + \sigma \sqrt{V_t^R} \, dZ_t^R \\
    dV_t^L & = \kappa (1 - V_t^L) dt + \sigma \sqrt{V_t^L} \, dZ_t^L \\
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    dW_t^R \, dZ_t^R & = \rho^R \, dt, \quad dW_t^L \, dZ_t^L = \rho^L \, dt,
\end{align*}
\]
Here $t \in [0, \Upsilon]$, $r_d, r_f, \sigma, \lambda, \sigma_V, \kappa$ are nonnegative constants, $S_0, V_0^R, V_0^L, \nu_j$ are positive constants, $\alpha < 2$ is constant, $\rho^R, \rho^L \in [-1, 1]$ are constant, $\Upsilon$ is some arbitrarily distant horizon.

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- When calibrating, we assume that $S_0$, $r_d$, and $r_f$ are directly observable. The parameter $\alpha < 2$ is pre-specified. This leaves the two state variables $V^R_t, V^L_t$ and the 7 free parameters $\sigma, \lambda, \sigma_V, \kappa, \nu_j, \rho^R, \rho^L$ to be identified from the time series of option prices across multiple maturities and moneyness levels.
Backward PDE

The vector process \([S_t, V_t^R, V_t^L, t]\) is Markovian in itself on the state space \(S > 0, V_R > 0, V_L > 0, t \in [0, T]\). Let:

\[
C(S, V_R, V_L, t) \equiv e^{-r(T-t)} E^Q\{(S_T - K)^+ \mid [S_t, V_t^R, V_t^L, t] = [S, V_R, V_L, t]\} \tag{2}
\]

This function is governed by the following PIDE:

\[
r_d C = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} C + (r_d - r_f)S \frac{\partial}{\partial S} C + \kappa(1 - V_R) \frac{\partial}{\partial V_R} C + \kappa(1 - V_L) \frac{\partial}{\partial V_L} C
\]
\[
+ \frac{\sigma^2 S^2 (V_R + V_L)}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial S^2} C + \sigma \rho^R \sigma_V S V_R \frac{\partial^2}{\partial S \partial V_R} C + \sigma \rho^L \sigma_V S V_L \frac{\partial^2}{\partial S \partial V_L} C
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To obtain the European barrier option price under the SSM model we have to solve 3D unsteady PIDE. So far nobody faced this problem in math finance!
Some useful theorems
Lemma 1.0. Matrix of second derivatives of the PIDE is positive definite if $|\rho_L| < 1$ and $|\rho_R| < 1$.

Proof 1.0. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the matrix of coefficients $(a_{ij})_{3 \times 3}$ to be positive definite are:

\[
\begin{align*}
    a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}^2 &> 0, \\
    a_{11}a_{33} - a_{13}^2 &> 0, \\
    a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}^2 &> 0, \\
    a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + 2a_{12}a_{13}a_{21} &> 0
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\]  

(18)

These results are well known and follow from completion of squares. The proof is given in Fraser, Duncan and Collar, 1963.

For the PIDE and vector of independent variables $x = (x, v_R, v_L)$ the matrix $(a_{ij})_{3 \times 3} \equiv a(x)$ is

\[
a(x) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix}
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\end{vmatrix}
\]

(19)
The Lie operator formalism

To solve the PIDE we intend to utilize splitting (Yanenko 1971, Samarskii 1964, Dyakonov 1965). Marchuk 1975 and then Strang 1968 extended this idea for complex physical processes by providing in addition to splitting on spatial coordinates also splitting on physical processes.

Suppose we can write the PIDE in the form

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} C(S, V_R, V_L, \tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \mathcal{L}_i C(S, V_R, V_L, \tau). \tag{20}
\]

We associate a Lie operator \( \mathcal{F} \) with each given operator \( \mathcal{L} \). This Lie operator is a linear operator acting on the space of operators defined on \( S \). Operator \( \mathcal{F} \) maps each operator \( G \) into the new operator \( \mathcal{F}G \), such that for any element \( c \in S \)

\[
(\mathcal{F}G)(C) = G'(C)\mathcal{L}(C)
\]

For the solution \( C(\tau) \) of the PIDE it easily follows that

\[
(\mathcal{F}G)(C(\tau)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} G(C(\tau)), \quad (\mathcal{F}^k G)(C(\tau)) = \frac{\partial^k}{\partial \tau^k} G(C(\tau)).
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\]
Our method - the main idea

First rewrite the PIDE in new variables \( x = \ln S/Q, \tau = T - t \), where \( Q \) is a certain constant. That gives

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} C = -r_d C(x, V_R, V_L, \tau) + \left[ r_d - r_f - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} (V_L + V_R) - a_R \sqrt{V_R} - a_L \sqrt{V_L} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial x} C
\]

\[+ \kappa (1 - V_R) \frac{\partial}{\partial V_R} C + \kappa (1 - V_L) \frac{\partial}{\partial V_L} C + \frac{\sigma^2 (V_R + V_L)}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} C + \sigma \rho V_R \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial V_R} C\]

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\[a_R = \int_0^\infty (e^y - 1 - y) \lambda \frac{e^{-|y|/\nu_j}}{|y|^{1+\alpha}} dy\]

\[a_L = \int_{-\infty}^0 (e^y - 1 - y) \lambda \frac{e^{-|y|/\nu_j}}{|y|^{1+\alpha}} dy\]
Now we represent the above equation in the form

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} C(x, V_R, V_L, \tau) = (L_1 + L_2) C(x, V_R, V_L, \tau), \tag{30} \]

where

\[
L_i C = -\frac{1}{2} r_d C + \left( \frac{1}{2} (r_d - r_f) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 V_i - a_i \sqrt{V_i} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} C
\]

\[
+ \kappa (1 - V_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial V_i} C + \frac{\sigma^2 V_i}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} C + \sigma \rho_{iV} V_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial V_i} C
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(31)

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(32)

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Coordinate transformation (Cont’d)

Let us use a map $S \leftrightarrow x, V_R \leftrightarrow v_r, V_L \leftrightarrow v_l, t \leftrightarrow \tau$ of the form

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Parameters $B_k$ correspond to the critical points, i.e. in our case $B_1 \equiv L, B_2 \equiv H, B_3 \equiv K, H = \min(H, S_{max}), L = \max(L, S_{min})$. Parameters $A$ and $\alpha_k, k = 1, 2, 3$ are adjustable. Setting $\alpha_k \ll H - L$ yields a highly nonuniform grid while $\alpha_k \gg H - L$ yields a uniform grid.
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To obey the boundary condition $S(1) = \mathcal{H}$ one can vary $A$. Since $S(x = 1)$ is monotonically increasing with $A$ the numerical iterations are guaranteed to converge.
Figure 1: New grid in $x$ that contains 100 nodes uniformly distributed from 0 to 1. Value of parameters used in this example are: $H = 130$, $L = 50$, $K = 100$, $\alpha_H = \alpha_L = (H - L)/60$, $\alpha_K = (H - K)/20$. The computed value of $A$ is 13.935.

Figure 2: $d \ln J(x)/dx$ as a function of $S(x)$. Parameters for this test are same.
In this Fig. we present a map of the new grid obtained from the original uniform $S - V_R$ grid by using the above transformation. The new grid contains 100 nodes in $x$ uniformly distributed from 0 to 1, and 100 nodes in $v_r$ also uniformly distributed from 0 to 1. Value of parameters used in this example are: $H = 110, L = 95, K = 100, \alpha_H = \alpha_L = (H - L)/0.1, \alpha_K = (H - K)/10, \alpha_0 = \alpha_{v_0} = V_{max}/20$, where $V_{max}$ is a maximum value of $V_R$ and $V_L$ on the grid (here $V_{max} = 0.5$), and $v_0 = 0.2$. 

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Jumps with a finite activity

Every term under the integral exists, and therefore two last terms could be integrated out. If \( W = W(S(x), v_r, v_l, \tau) \), then

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where \( \xi(x) \equiv S(x)/J(x), \eta_r(v_r) \equiv V_R/J_r(v_r), \eta_l(v_l) \equiv V_L/J_l(v_l) \), Jacobians \( J_r(v_r) \) and \( J_l(v_l) \) are defined as \( J_r(v_r) = dV_R(v_r)/dv_r, \ J_l(v_l) = dV_L(v_l)/dv_l \). In our setup \( \beta_i \) and \( \gamma_i \) are constants that can be precomputed!
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The first integral has to be computed with the second order approximation in $x$ to preserve the second order approximation of the whole method. The trapezoidal approximation suffices for the second order but higher order methods are often even faster. Therefore, we use adaptive Lobatto quadratures.

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According to the above representation the 2d PIDE now reads

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As one of the limits of our integrals is infinite it has to be truncated to reduce the region of integration to a bounded interval. For options with the existing upper barrier, in the integral \( \int_0^\infty \) the upper limit can be truncated to \( \mathcal{H} \). This amounts to the truncation of large jumps. For the detailed discussion of this issue see Cont, Volchkova 2003.
Now let us introduce a grid in $y - y_i$, $i = 1...N$. If this grid is uniform or adaptive in general it doesn’t coincide with the grid in variable $x$ or $S(x)$. Therefore, to find the value of $Z(S(x)e^{y_i}, \nu_r, \nu_l, \tau)$ at least linear interpolation has to be used at each point $i = 1, ..., N$ to preserve second order of approximation. Under this procedure, one has to check if the value $S(x)e^{y_i}$ belongs to the computational domain on $x$. Otherwise, the value of $Z$ is set to the corresponding boundary value. For instance, in case of a double barrier option it must vanish outside the barriers.
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In our FD scheme we treat the integral as a source term using its value from the previous time step. In case of jumps of the finite activity we could integrate the second and third terms out and add them to the corresponding terms in the differential part, further applying the below described method.
FD scheme

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- Alternative to the Crank-Nicholson scheme we also use the BDF2 scheme (see Hundsdorfer and Verwer)

$$W^{n+1} = \frac{4}{3}W^n - \frac{1}{3}W^{n-1} + \frac{2}{3}\theta L_1dW^{n+1} + \frac{2}{3}\theta [2I^n - I^{n-1}].$$
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\]

\[
\delta_{xv}^2 W_{ij} = \frac{W_{i+1,j+1} - 2W_{i+1,j-1} - 2W_{i-1,j+1} + W_{i-1,j-1}}{4h_1 h_2},
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At \( j = 0 \) and \( j = N_2 \) we impose a Neumann-wise boundary condition approximated using the central finite difference operators

\[ \delta_v^2 W_{i0} = \frac{W_{i+1,-1} - 2W_{i,0} + W_{i-1,1}}{h_1^2} = 0 \]  

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From this it follows that the fictitious grid point values \( W_{i,-1} \) and \( W_{i,N+1} \) that lies outside the computational domain could be expressed via the known grid point values. We can use this knowledge to eliminate all fictitious grid point values appearing in the stencil.
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$$-A_N \Phi_{N-2} + C_N \Phi_N = F_N$$

and can be effectively solved by a block LU factorization.
Validation of the scheme against the Heston model

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Heston model

\begin{align}
    dS &= S\mu dt + S\sqrt{\nu}dW^{(1)} \\
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In the below tests we used $r_d = 0.05, r_f = 0.03, \rho = -0.5, V_0 = 0.03$. 

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<th>$S$</th>
<th>92</th>
<th>94</th>
<th>96</th>
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<td>0.54906</td>
<td>0.78915</td>
<td>0.95899</td>
<td>1.02546</td>
<td>0.97333</td>
<td>0.81068</td>
<td>0.56790</td>
<td>0.28458</td>
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<tr>
<td>BDF2</td>
<td>0.27846</td>
<td>0.54913</td>
<td>0.78888</td>
<td>0.95785</td>
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<td>Abs. error</td>
<td>-0.00047</td>
<td>-0.00007</td>
<td>0.00027</td>
<td>0.00114</td>
<td>-0.00266</td>
<td>-0.00581</td>
<td>-0.00736</td>
<td>-0.00661</td>
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<th>$V_0$</th>
<th>0.0001</th>
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<th>0.02</th>
<th>0.03</th>
<th>0.04</th>
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<th>0.1</th>
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<td>0.83472</td>
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<td>1.78635</td>
<td>1.83843</td>
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<td>-0.01641</td>
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\text{\( S = 100 \text{ - ATM} \)} & \\
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The results are presented as a difference between the jump-diffusion process and analogous process with no jumps. For convenience we introduce the notation

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where $C_j(S, V_R, V_L, T)$ is the option price for the jump-diffusion process and $C_n(S, V_R, V_L, T)$ is the option price for a pure diffusion process with no jumps.
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