

Efficient Fourier Transform-based Pricing of Interest Rate Derivatives

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- A wide range of methods have been developed
 - Monte Carlo and tree methods
 - Finite difference methods
Andersen, Andreasen (2000), Cont, Tankov (2004), Briani, Natalini, Russo (2004), d'Halluin, Forsyth, Vetzal (2005)
 - Transform-based methods
Carr, Madan (1999), Raible (2000), Lewis (2001), Lord, Fang, Bervoets, Oosterlee (2008), Jackson, Jaimungal, Surkov (2008)
 - Quadrature methods, Wiener-Hopf factorization, Hilbert and Laplace transforms, Hermite and cosine expansions, etc.

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- Generalizes the Hull-White model and it's multi-factor and jump-extensions

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where $\boldsymbol{\mu} = [\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d]'$, $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = \text{diag}[\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_d]$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{jk} = \sigma_j \sigma_k \rho_{jk}$, $\partial_{\mathbf{x}}f(\mathbf{x}) = [\partial_{x_1}f(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \partial_{x_d}f(\mathbf{x})]'$, and $\nu(d\mathbf{z})$ is the multi-dimensional jump measure.

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- The propagator $\hat{\Psi}(t, \omega; s)$ can be computed analytically for Hull-White, Vasicek-EJ++ and G2++ models or approximated numerically for Vasicek-GJ++ model.

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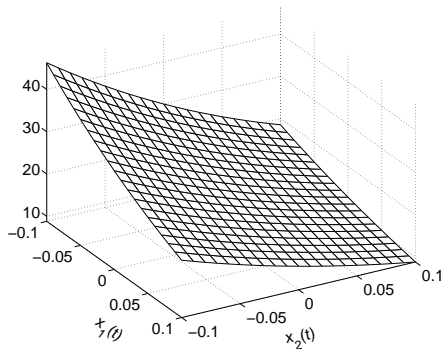
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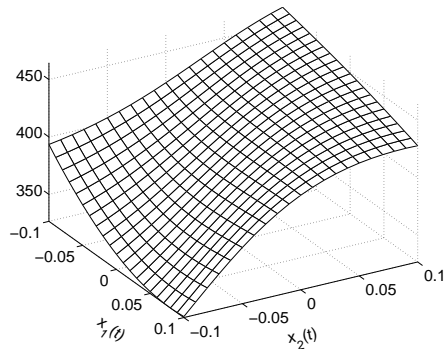
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Options Prices on a Zero-bond under a G2++ model

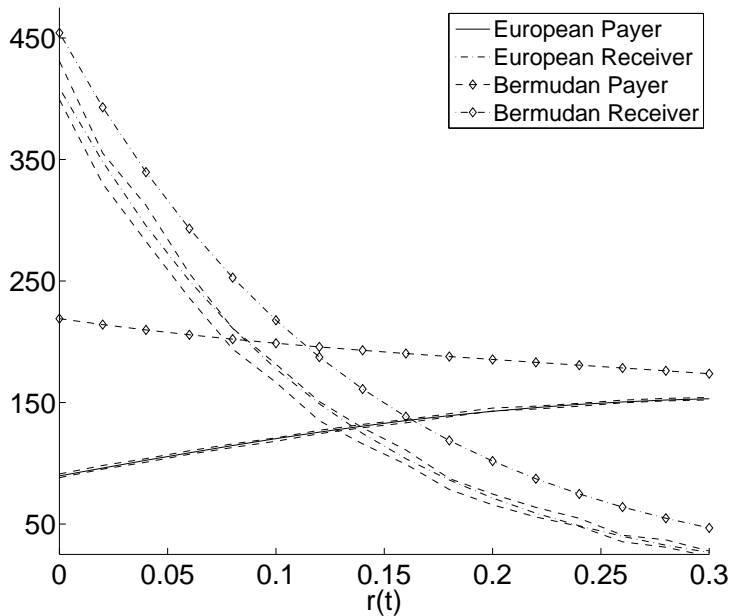


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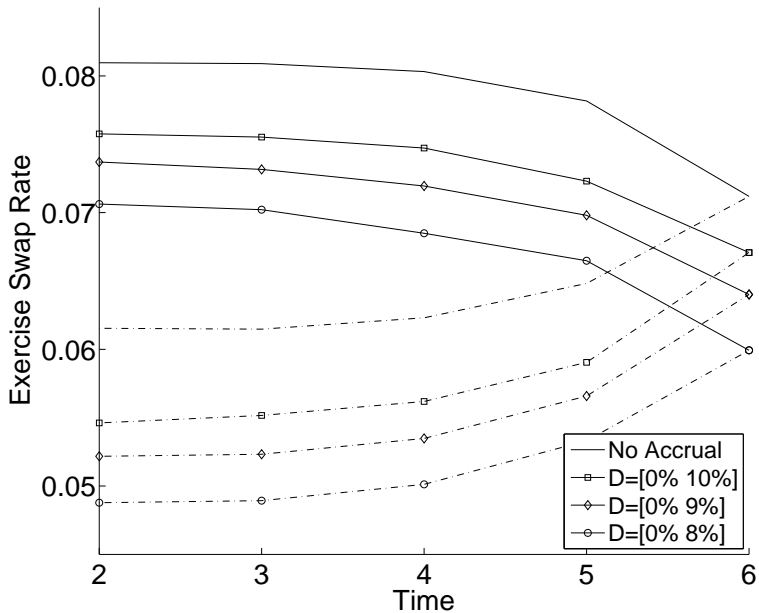


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Option Prices under Vasicek-EJ++ model



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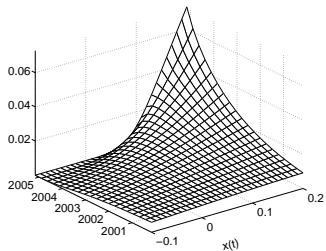
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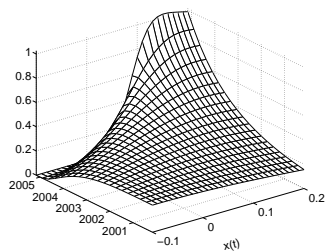
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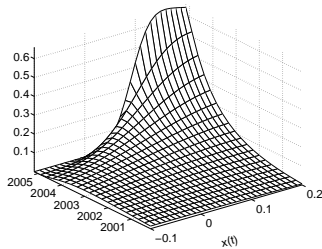
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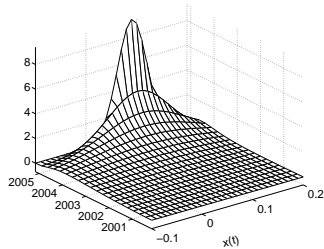
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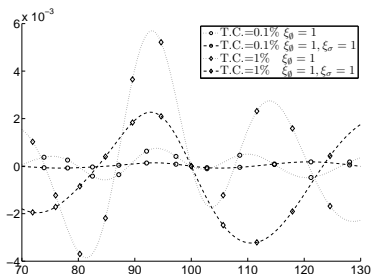
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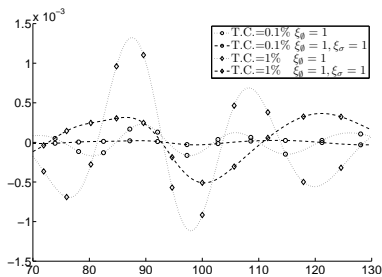
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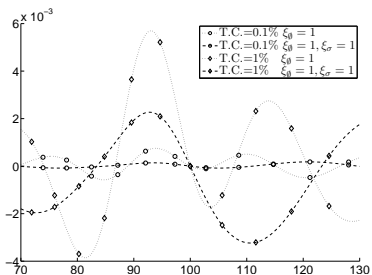
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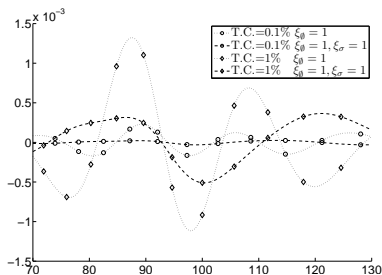
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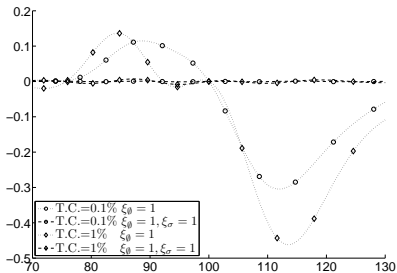
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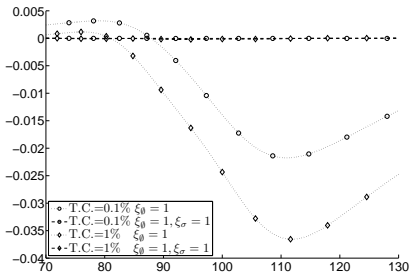
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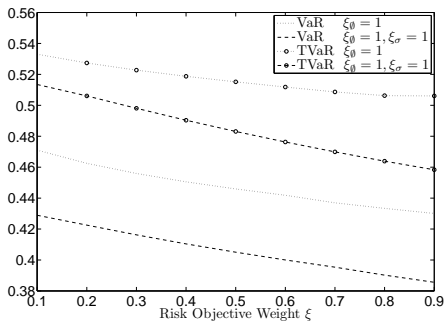
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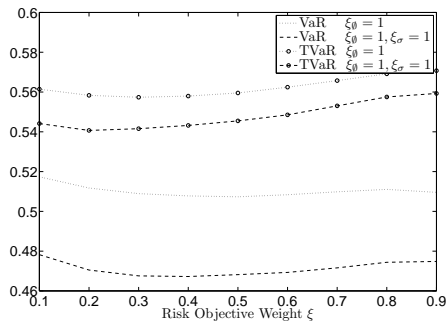
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Thank You!



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