

1 Introduction

We consider the Hull-White model with constant variables. In this model the interest rate r_t satisfies the following stochastic differential equation (SDE):

$$dr_t = \sigma dW_t + (\theta - \alpha r_t)dt \quad (1)$$

where σ, θ , and α are constants.

By solving this SDE, we will get,

$$r_t = e^{-\alpha t} \left(r_0 + \frac{\theta}{\alpha} (e^{\alpha t} - 1) + \sigma \int_0^t e^{\alpha s} dW_s \right) \quad (2)$$

The price of a discount bond at time t with expiration time T is,

$$P(t, T) = E \left(e^{-\int_t^T r_u du} \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right) = E \left(e^{-\int_t^T r_u du} \mid r_t = x \right) \quad (3)$$

First we compute, $\int_t^T r_u du$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_t^T r_u du &= \frac{r_0}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha t} - e^{-\alpha T}) + \frac{\theta}{\alpha} \left[(T-t) - \frac{1}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha t} - e^{-\alpha T}) \right] + \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} \int_0^t (e^{-\alpha(t-s)} - e^{\alpha(T-s)}) dW_s \\ &\quad + \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} \int_t^T (1 - e^{\alpha(T-s)}) dW_s \end{aligned}$$

$$E \left(e^{-\int_t^T r_u du} \mid r_t = x \right) = e^{\frac{-1}{\alpha}(1-e^{-\alpha(T-t)})x + \left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha^2} - \frac{3\sigma^2}{4\alpha^3}\right) + \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} - \theta\right)(T-t) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\alpha} - \theta\right)e^{-\alpha(T-t)} - \frac{\sigma^2}{4\alpha^3}e^{-2\alpha(T-t)}} \quad (4)$$

Thus,

$$P(t, T) = e^{A(t, T) - B(t, T)x} \quad (5)$$

Where,

$$B(t, T) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(1 - e^{-\alpha(T-t)} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$A(t, T) = \left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha^2} - \frac{3\sigma^2}{4\alpha^3} \right) + \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} - \theta \right) (T-t) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\alpha} - \theta \right) e^{-\alpha(T-t)} - \frac{\sigma^2}{4\alpha^3} e^{-2\alpha(T-t)} \quad (7)$$

2 Computation of V_s

Some of the computations will be done with the help of Maple software.

The price of a call option at time s , with strike price K , and time of maturity t , on underlying bond with time of maturity T , is,

$$V_s = B_s E (B_t^{-1} (P(t, T) - K)^+ | \mathcal{F}_s) \quad (8)$$

Where, $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$.

First we compute V_0 , and then using the Markov property we get V_s from our expression for V_0 .

We have,

$$V_0 = E (B_t^{-1} (P(t, T) - K)^+) \quad (9)$$

Since $B_t = e^{\int_0^t r_u du}$, we first compute $\int_0^t r_u du$.

$$\int_0^t r_u du = \left(\frac{r_0}{\alpha} - \frac{\theta}{\alpha^2} \right) + \frac{\theta}{\alpha} t + \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha} - r_0 \right) e^{-\alpha t} + \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} W_t - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} \int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u \quad (10)$$

So,

$$B_t^{-1} = \exp \left(C(t) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} W_t + \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} \int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u \right) \quad (11)$$

where,

$$C(t) = - \left(\frac{r_0}{\alpha} - \frac{\theta}{\alpha^2} \right) - \frac{\theta}{\alpha} t - \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha} - r_0 \right) e^{-\alpha t} \quad (12)$$

$P(t, T) - K > 0$ if and only if $r_t < \frac{A(t, T) - \log K}{B(t, T)}$ if and only if $\int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u < D$, where

$$D(t, T) = \frac{e^{\alpha t}}{\sigma} \left(\frac{A(t, T) - \log K}{B(t, T)} \right) - \frac{1}{\sigma} \left(r_0 + \frac{\theta}{\alpha} (e^{\alpha t} - 1) \right) \quad (13)$$

Now we will compute $B_t^{-1} P(t, T)$ and $B_t^{-1} K$.

$$B_t^{-1}K = K \exp \left(C(t) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} W_t + \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} \int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u \right) \quad (14)$$

and

$$B_t^{-1}P(t, T) = \exp \left(G(t, T) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} W_t + \sigma e^{-\alpha t} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - B(t, T) \right) \int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u \right) \quad (15)$$

where $G(t, T)$,

$$G(t, T) = C(t) + A(t, T) - B(t, T) e^{-\alpha t} \left(r_0 + \frac{\theta}{\alpha} (e^{-\alpha t} - 1) \right) \quad (16)$$

$$\int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u \stackrel{d}{=} N \left(0, \int_0^t e^{2\alpha u} du \right) \quad \text{and} \quad W_t \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, t)$$

$$\text{Let } X = \int_0^t e^{\alpha u} dW_u \quad \text{and} \quad Y = W_t - \frac{E(XW_t)}{E(X^2)} X.$$

Then we easily see that $E(X) = E(Y) = 0$ and $Cov(X, Y) = E(XY) = 0$. Since (X, Y) is a Gaussian vector, we have that X and Y are independent Gaussian variables.

$$Var(X) = (\sigma_X)^2 = \frac{e^{2\alpha t} - 1}{2\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad Var(Y) = (\sigma_Y)^2 = t + \left(\frac{e^{\alpha t} - 1}{\alpha} \right)^2 \left(1 - 2 \frac{2\alpha}{e^{2\alpha t} - 1} \right)$$

Substituting X and Y in equations (14) and (15), we get,

$$B_t^{-1}P(t, T) = \exp \left(G(t, T) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} Y + \beta(t, T) X \right) \quad (17)$$

where

$$\beta(t, T) = \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} \frac{E(XW_t)}{E(X^2)} + \sigma e^{-\alpha t} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - B(t, T) \right) \quad (18)$$

$$B_t^{-1}K = K \exp \left(C(t) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} Y + \gamma(t) X \right) \quad (19)$$

where

$$\gamma(t) = \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} \frac{E(XW_t)}{E(X^2)} + \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha t} \quad (20)$$

Now we get that $E(B_t^{-1}(P(t, T) - K)^+) = I_1 - I_2$ where,

$$I_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^D \exp\left(G(t, T) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha}y + \beta(t, T)x\right) \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X}} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_Y}} dx dy$$

$$I_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^D K \exp\left(C(t) - \frac{\sigma}{\alpha}y + \gamma(t)x\right) \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X}} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_Y}} dx dy$$

Now we can write I_1 and I_2 as

$$I_1 = e^{G(t, T)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\sigma}{\alpha}y} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_Y}} dy \int_{-\infty}^D e^{\beta(t, T)x} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X}} dx$$

$$I_2 = K e^{C(t)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\sigma}{\alpha}y} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_Y^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_Y}} dy \int_{-\infty}^D e^{\gamma(t)x} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_X}} dx$$

Suppose now that $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, then

$$E(1_{\{X \leq x\}} e^{aX}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{at} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{t-a\sigma^2}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \frac{a^2\sigma^2}{2}} dt$$

making the substitution $u = \frac{t-a\sigma^2}{\sigma}$, we get,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{at} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt = e^{\frac{a^2\sigma^2}{2}} \Phi\left(\frac{x - a\sigma^2}{\sigma}\right)$$

where $\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-\frac{1}{2}s^2} ds = P(N(0, 1) \leq z)$

We use the above formula to compute the integral with respect to x and y .

$$I_1 = e^{G(t, T)} \exp\left(\frac{\frac{\sigma^2}{\alpha^2}\sigma_Y^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{(\beta(t, T))^2 \sigma_X^2}{2}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{D - \beta(t, T)\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_X}\right)$$

$$I_2 = Ke^{C(t)} \exp\left(\frac{\sigma^2 \sigma_Y^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{(\gamma(t))^2 \sigma_X^2}{2}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{D - \gamma(t)\sigma_X^2}{\sigma_X}\right)$$

After lengthy and tedious computation we can obtain that

$$I_1 = P(0, T) \Phi\left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{F_0}{K}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_0^2}{\Sigma_0}\right)$$

$$I_2 = P(0, t) K \Phi\left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{F_0}{K}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_0^2}{\Sigma_0}\right)$$

where $F_0 = \frac{P(0, T)}{P(0, t)}$ and $\Sigma_0^2 = (B(0, t)^2) \frac{\sigma^2(1-e^{-2\alpha t})}{2\alpha}$.
Therefore by using the Markov property we get,

$$V_s = P(s, T) \Phi\left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{F_s}{K}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_s^2}{\Sigma_s}\right) - P(s, t) \Phi\left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{F_s}{K}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_s^2}{\Sigma_s}\right) \quad (21)$$

where $F_s = \frac{P(s, T)}{P(s, t)}$ and $\Sigma_s^2 = (B(s, t)^2) \frac{\sigma^2(1-e^{-2\alpha(t-s)})}{2\alpha}$

3 Conclusion

We observe that the formula for V_s is similar to the usual Black-Scholles formula for a stock.