

The Joint S&P 500/VIX Smile Calibration Puzzle Solved

A Dispersion-Constrained Martingale Transport Approach

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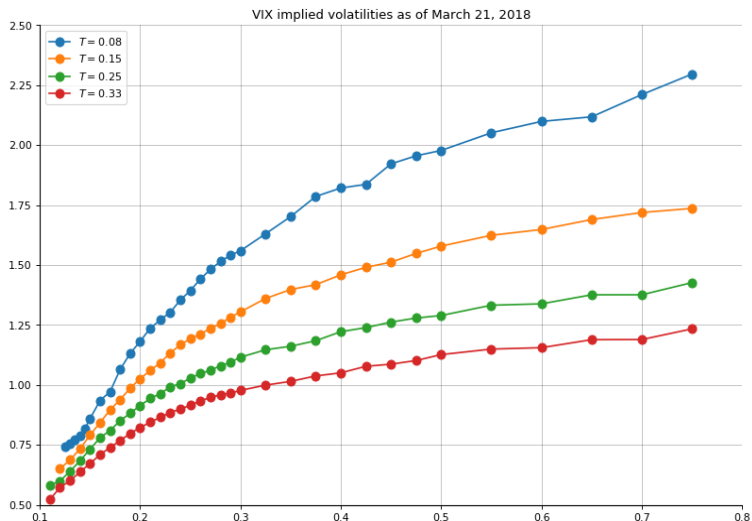
Motivation

- Volatility indices, such as the VIX index, are not only used as market-implied indicators of volatility.
- Futures and options on these indices are also widely used as risk-management tools to hedge the volatility exposure of options portfolios.
- Existence of a liquid market for these futures and options \implies need for models that jointly calibrate to the prices of options the underlying asset and prices of volatility derivatives.
- Since VIX options started trading in 2006, many researchers and practitioners have tried to build a model that jointly and exactly calibrates to the prices of S&P 500 (SPX) options, VIX futures and VIX options.
- **Very challenging problem, especially for short maturities.**

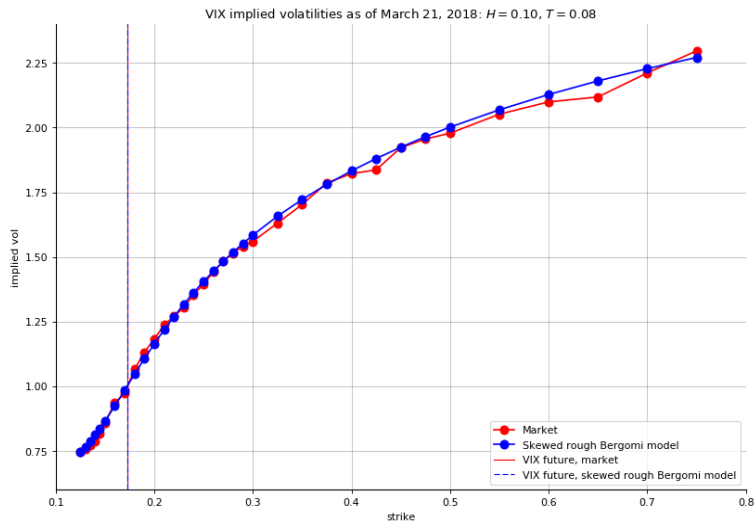
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- The **very large negative skew of short-term SPX options**, which in continuous models implies a very large volatility of volatility, **seems inconsistent with the comparatively low levels of VIX implied volatilities**.
- For example the double mean-reverting model of Gatheral (2008), though it is very flexible, cannot perfectly fit both the negative at-the-money SPX skew (not large enough in absolute value) and the at-the-money VIX implied volatility (too large) for short maturities up to five months.
- One should decrease the volatility of volatility to decrease the latter, but this would also decrease the former, which is already too small.
- See G. (2017, 2018).

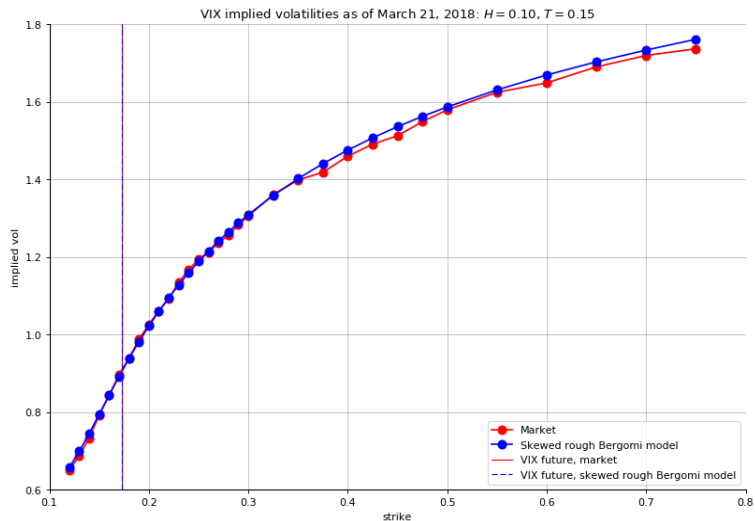
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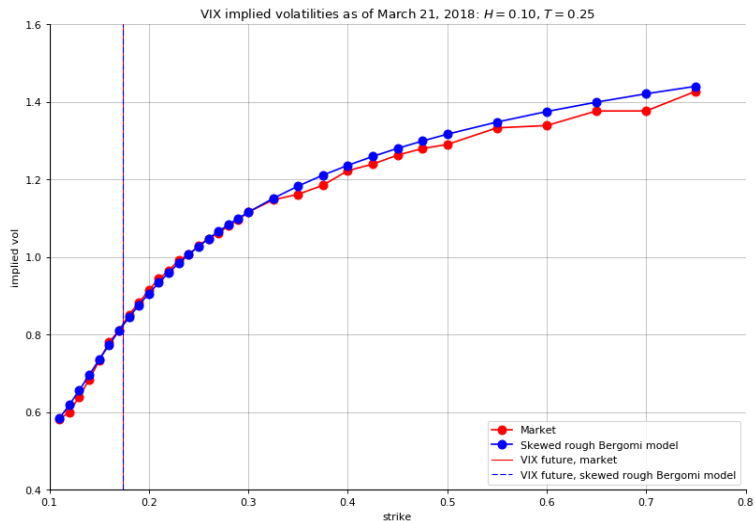
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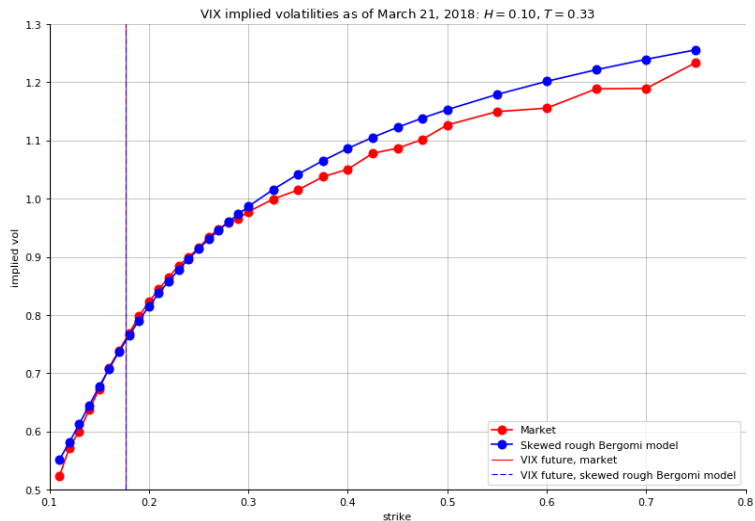
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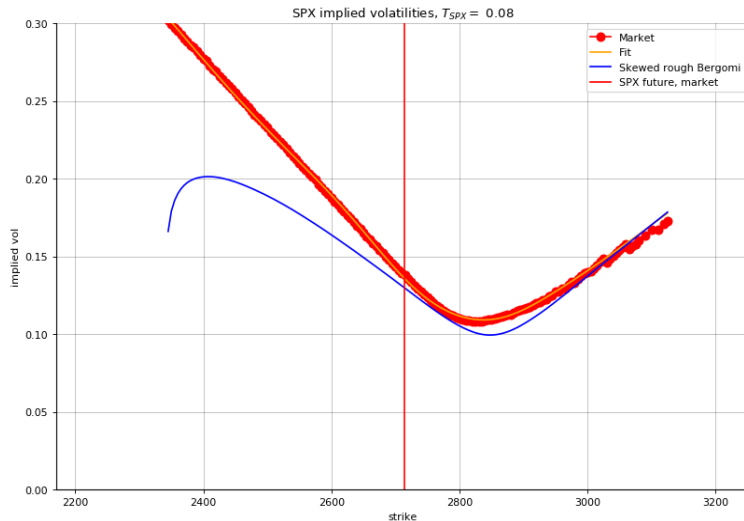
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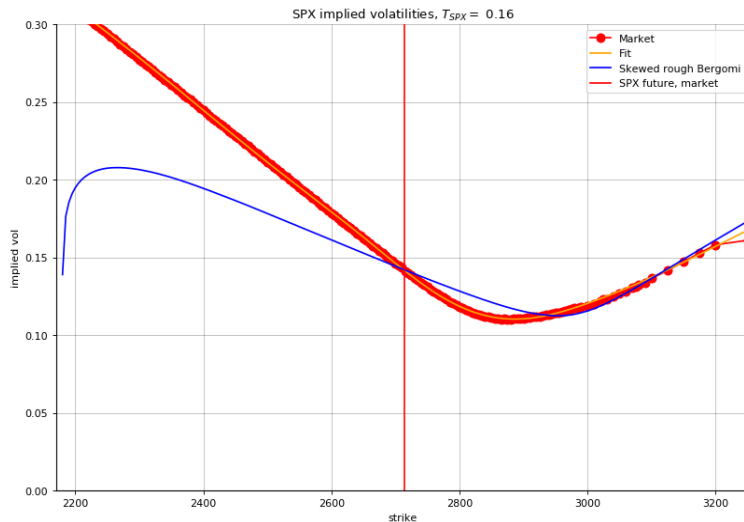
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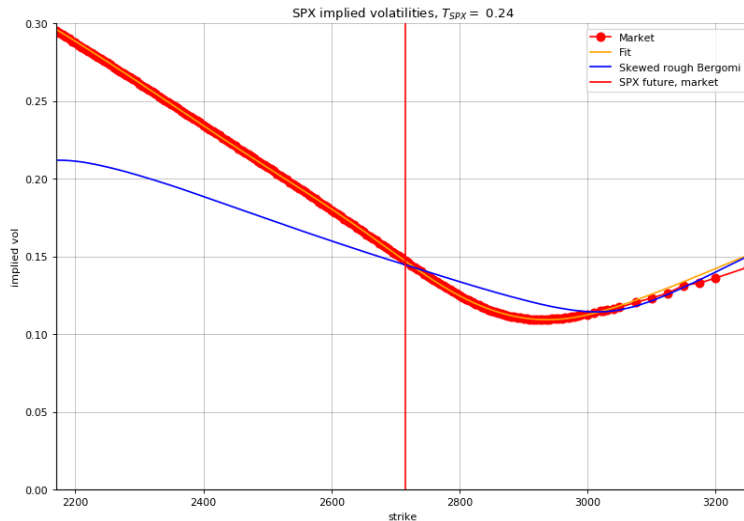
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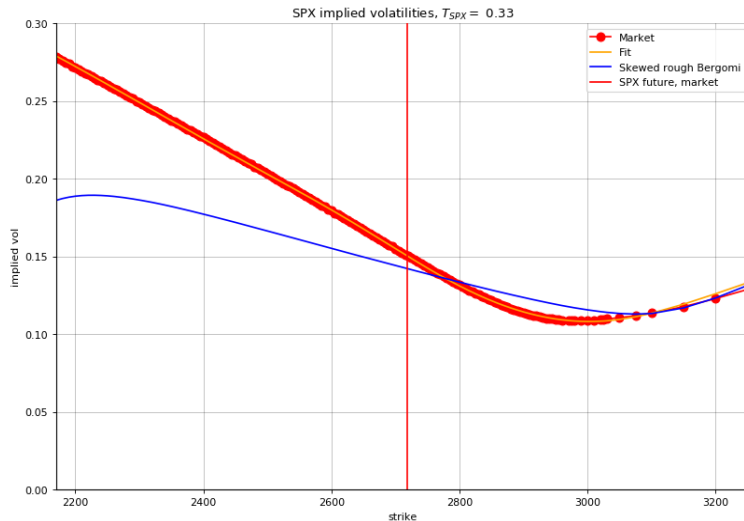
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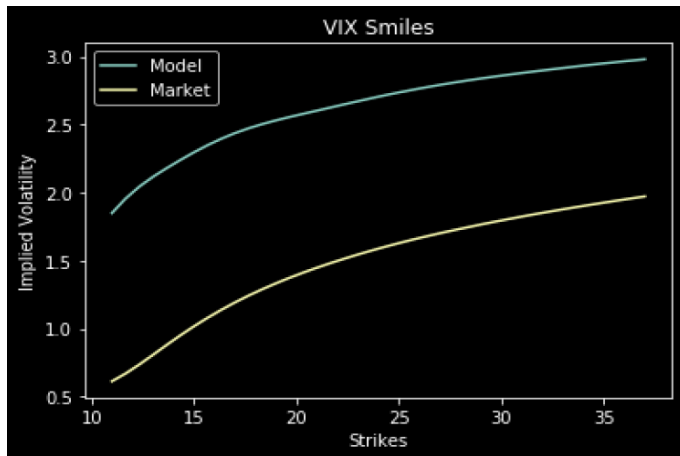
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Skewed rough Bergomi calibrated to VIX: SPX smile

- **Not enough ATM skew for SPX**, despite pushing negative spot-vol correlation as much as possible.
- I get **similar results** when I use the **skewed 2-factor Bergomi model** instead of the skewed rough Bergomi model.

SLV calibrated to SPX: VIX smile (Aug 1, 2018)



SLV model, SV = skewed 2-factor Bergomi model
SV params optimized to fit VIX smile

Related works with continuous models on the SPX

- Fouque-Saporito (2017), Heston with stochastic vol-of-vol. Problem: their approach does not apply to short maturities (below 4 months), for which VIX derivatives are most liquid and the joint calibration is most difficult.
- Goutte-Ismail-Pham (2017), Heston with parameters driven by a Hidden Markov jump process. Problem: the SPX smile used in their calibration tests is erroneous.
- Jacquier-Martini-Muguruza, *On the VIX futures in the rough Bergomi model* (2017):

"Interestingly, we observe a 20% difference between the [vol-of-vol] parameter obtained through VIX calibration and the one obtained through SPX. This suggests that the volatility of volatility in the SPX market is 20% higher when compared to VIX, revealing potential data inconsistencies (arbitrage?)."

Conjecture

- Consider continuous models on SPX that are calibrated to SPX smile:

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = \frac{a_t}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[a_t^2|S_t]}} \sigma_{\text{loc}}(t, S_t) dW_t.$$

- Define

$$\text{VIX}_T^2 = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_T^{T+\tau} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{a_t^2}{\mathbb{E}[a_t^2|S_t]} \sigma_{\text{loc}}^2(t, S_t) \middle| \mathcal{F}_T \right] dt.$$

- **Conjecture:** Continuous-time continuous-paths models for the SPX cannot fit VIX smile for small T and strikes K around the money:

$$\inf_{(a_t)} \mathbb{E}[(\text{VIX}_T - K)_+] > C_{\text{VIX}}^{\text{mkt}}(T, K).$$

- Controlled singular Mc-Kean SDE, mean-field HJB PDE.
- **Does not mean there is an arbitrage!**

Motivation

- To try to jointly fit the SPX and VIX smiles, many authors have incorporated **jumps** in the dynamics of the SPX: Sepp, Cont-Kokholm, Papanicolaou-Sircar, Baldeaux-Badran, Pacati et al, Kokholm-Stisen...
- Jumps offer extra degrees of freedom to decouple the ATM SPX skew and the ATM VIX implied volatility.
- So far all the attempts at solving the joint SPX/VIX smile calibration problem could only produce an **approximate fit**.

Motivation

- We solve this puzzle using a **completely different approach**: instead of postulating a parametric continuous-time (jump-)diffusion model on the SPX, we build a **nonparametric discrete-time model**.
- **Discrete-time**: to decouple SPX skew and VIX implied vol.
- **Nonparametric**: to perfectly fit the smiles.
- Given a VIX future maturity T_1 , we build a **joint probability measure on (S_1, V, S_2)** which is **perfectly calibrated** to the SPX smiles at T_1 and $T_2 = T_1 + 30$ days, and the VIX future and VIX smile at T_1 .
- S_1 : SPX at T_1 , V : VIX at T_1 , S_2 : SPX at T_2 .
- Our model satisfies the **martingality constraint** on the SPX as well as the requirement that the VIX at T_1 is the implied volatility of the 30-day log-contract on the SPX (**consistency condition**).
- The discrete-time model is cast as the solution of a **dispersion-constrained martingale transport problem** which is solved using the **Sinkhorn algorithm**, in the spirit of De March and Henry-Labordère (2019).

Setting and notation

- For simplicity: zero interest rates, repos, and dividends.
- μ_1 = risk-neutral distribution of $S_1 \longleftrightarrow$ market smile of S&P at T_1 .
- μ_V = risk-neutral distribution of $V \longleftrightarrow$ market smile of VIX at T_1 .
- μ_2 = risk-neutral distribution of $S_2 \longleftrightarrow$ market smile of S&P at T_2 .
- F_V : value at time 0 of VIX future maturing at T_1 .
- We denote $\mathbb{E}^i := \mathbb{E}^{\mu_i}$, $\mathbb{E}^V := \mathbb{E}^{\mu_V}$ and assume

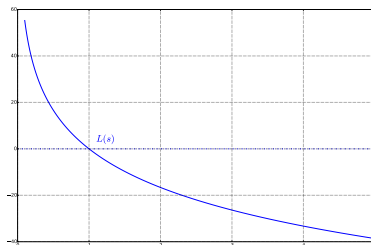
$$\mathbb{E}^i[S_i] = S_0, \quad \mathbb{E}^i[|\ln S_i|] < \infty, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}; \quad \mathbb{E}^V[V] = F_V, \quad \mathbb{E}^V[V^2] < \infty.$$

- No calendar arbitrage $\iff \mu_1 \leq_c \mu_2$ (convex order)

Setting and notation

$$V^2 := (\text{VIX}_{T_1})^2 := -\frac{2}{\tau} \text{Price}_{T_1} \left[\ln \left(\frac{S_2}{S_1} \right) \right] = \text{Price}_{T_1} \left[L \left(\frac{S_2}{S_1} \right) \right]$$

- $\tau = 30$ days.
- $L(x) := -\frac{2}{\tau} \ln x$: convex, decreasing.



Superreplication, duality

Superreplication: primal problem

Following De Marco-Henry-Labordère (2015), G.-Menegaux-Nutz (2017):

Available instruments:

- At time 0:

- $u_1(S_1)$: SPX vanilla payoff maturity T_1 (including cash)
- $u_2(S_2)$: SPX vanilla payoff maturity T_2
- $u_V(V)$: **VIX vanilla payoff maturity T_1**
- Cost: $\text{MktPrice}[u_1(S_1)] + \text{MktPrice}[u_2(S_2)] + \text{MktPrice}[u_V(V)]$

- At time T_1 :

- $\Delta_S(S_1, V)(S_2 - S_1)$: delta hedge
- $\Delta_L(S_1, V)(L(S_2/S_1) - V^2)$: buy $\Delta_L(S_1, V)$ log-contracts
- Cost: 0

Shorthand notation:

$$\Delta^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) := \Delta(s_1, v)(s_2 - s_1), \quad \Delta^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2) := \Delta(s_1, v) \left(L\left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right) - v^2 \right)$$

Superreplication: primal problem

- The model-independent no-arbitrage upper bound for the derivative with payoff $f(S_1, V, S_2)$ is the smallest price at time 0 of a superreplicating portfolio:

$$P_f := \inf_{\mathcal{U}_f} \left\{ \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \right\}$$

- \mathcal{U}_f : set of integrable superreplicating portfolios, i.e., the set of all measurable functions $(u_1, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L)$ with $u_1 \in L^1(\mu_1)$, $u_V \in L^1(\mu_V)$, $u_2 \in L^1(\mu_2)$, $\Delta_S, \Delta_L : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, that satisfy the superreplication constraint: $\forall (s_1, s_2, v) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$,

$$u_1(s_1) + u_V(v) + u_2(s_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2) \geq f(s_1, v, s_2).$$

- Linear program.

Superreplication: dual problem

- $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$: set of all the probability measures μ on $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

$$S_1 \sim \mu_1, \quad V \sim \mu_V, \quad S_2 \sim \mu_2, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu[S_2|S_1, V] = S_1, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu\left[L\left(\frac{S_2}{S_1}\right)\middle|S_1, V\right] = V^2.$$

- Dual problem:

$$D_f := \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)} \mathbb{E}^\mu[f(S_1, V, S_2)].$$

- **Dispersion-constrained martingale optimal transport problem.**
- $\mathbb{E}^\mu[S_2|S_1, V] = S_1$: martingality condition of the SPX index, condition on the average of the distribution of S_2 given S_1 and V .
- $\mathbb{E}^\mu[L(S_2/S_1)|S_1, V] = V^2$: consistency condition, condition on dispersion around the average.

Superreplication: absence of a duality gap

Theorem

Let $f : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be upper semicontinuous and satisfy

$$|f(s_1, v, s_2)| \leq C(1 + s_1 + s_2 + |L(s_1)| + |L(s_2)| + v^2)$$

for some constant $C > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_f &:= \inf_{\mathcal{U}_f} \left\{ \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \right\} \\ &= \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)} \mathbb{E}^\mu[f(S_1, V, S_2)] =: D_f. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $D_f \neq -\infty$ if and only if $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) \neq \emptyset$, and in that case the supremum is attained.

Proof: straightforward adaptation of the proof of Theorem 1 in Beiglbock et al (martingale optimal transport, 2013).

Superreplication of forward-starting options

- The knowledge of μ_1 and μ_2 gives little information on the prices of forward starting options $\mathbb{E}^\mu[f(S_2/S_1)]$.
- Computing the upper and lower bounds of these prices is precisely the subject of **classical optimal transport**.
- Adding the arbitrage-freeness constraint that (S_1, S_2) is a martingale leads to more precise bounds, as this provides information on the conditional average of S_2/S_1 given S_1 : **Martingale optimal transport**, see Henry-Labordère (2017).
- Adding VIX market data information produces even more precise bounds, as it information on the conditional dispersion of S_2/S_1 , which is controlled by the VIX V : **Dispersion-constrained martingale optimal transport**.
- Adding VIX market data may possibly reveal a joint SPX/VIX arbitrage. Corresponds to $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) = \emptyset$ (see next slides).
- In the limiting case where $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) = \{\mu_0\}$ is a singleton, the joint SPX/VIX market data information completely specifies the joint distribution of (S_1, S_2) , hence the price of forward starting options.

Joint SPX/VIX arbitrage

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- \mathcal{U}_0 = the portfolios $(u_1, u_2, u_V, \Delta^S, \Delta^L)$ superreplicating 0:

$$u_1(s_1) + u_2(s_2) + u_V(v) + \Delta^S(s_1, v)(s_2 - s_1) + \Delta^L(s_1, v) \left(L\left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right) - v^2 \right) \geq 0$$

- An (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage is an element of \mathcal{U}_0 with negative price:

$$\text{MktPrice}[u_1(S_1)] + \text{MktPrice}[u_2(S_2)] + \text{MktPrice}[u_V(V)] < 0$$

- Equivalently, there is an (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage if and only if

$$\inf_{\mathcal{U}_0} \{ \text{MktPrice}[u_1(S_1)] + \text{MktPrice}[u_2(S_2)] + \text{MktPrice}[u_V(V)] \} = -\infty$$

Consistent extrapolation of SPX and VIX smiles

- If $\mathbb{E}^V[V^2] \neq \mathbb{E}^2[L(S_2)] - \mathbb{E}^1[L(S_1)]$, there is a trivial (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage. For instance, if $\mathbb{E}^V[V^2] < \mathbb{E}^2[L(S_2)] - \mathbb{E}^1[L(S_1)]$, pick

$$u_1(s_1) = L(s_1), \quad u_2(s_2) = -L(s_2), \quad u_V(v) = v^2, \quad \Delta_S(s_1, v) = 0, \quad \Delta_L(s_1, v) = 1.$$

- \implies We assume that

$$\mathbb{E}^V[V^2] = \mathbb{E}^2[L(S_2)] - \mathbb{E}^1[L(S_1)]. \quad (2.1)$$

- Violations of (2.1) in the market have been reported, suggesting arbitrage opportunities, see, e.g., Section 7.7.4 in Bergomi (2016).
- However, the two quantities in (2.1) do not purely depend on market data. The l.h.s. depends on an (arbitrage-free) extrapolation of the smile of V beyond the last quoted strikes, while the r.h.s. depends on (arbitrage-free) extrapolations of the SPX smile at maturities T_1 and T_2 .
- The reported violations of (2.1) actually rely on some arbitrary smile extrapolations.
- G. (2018) explains how to build **consistent extrapolations of the VIX and SPX smiles** so that (2.1) holds.

Joint SPX/VIX arbitrage

Theorem (G., 2018)

The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i) *The market is free of (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage,*
- (ii) *$\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) \neq \emptyset$,*
- (iii) *There exists a coupling ν of μ_1 and μ_V such that $\text{Law}_\nu(S_1, L(S_1) + V^2)$ and $\text{Law}_{\mu_2}(S_2, L(S_2))$ are in convex order, i.e.,
 $\mathbb{E}^\nu[f(S_1, L(S_1) + V^2)] \leq \mathbb{E}^2[f(S_2, L(S_2))]$ for any convex function
 $f : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.*

(i) \iff (ii): By duality (Theorem 1), we have $P_0 = D_0$. Now, by definition, the market is free of (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage if and only if $P_0 = 0$, and from Theorem 1, $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $D_0 \neq -\infty$, in which case $D_0 = 0$.

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(ii) \iff (iii): Define $M_1 = (S_1, L(S_1) + V^2)$, $M_2 = (S_2, L(S_2))$, and

$$\mu_{M_2}(dx, dy) = \mu_2(dx) \delta_{L(x)}(dy).$$

Let $\Pi(\mu_1, \mu_V)$ denote the set of transport plans from μ_1 to μ_V , i.e., the set of all couplings of μ_1 and μ_V .

For $\nu \in \Pi(\mu_1, \mu_V)$, denote by $\mu_{M_1}^\nu$ the distribution of M_1 under ν and by $\mathcal{M}(\nu, \mu_2)$ the set of all probability measures μ on $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ s.t.

$$M_1 \sim \mu_{M_1}^\nu, \quad M_2 \sim \mu_{M_2}, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu [M_2 | M_1] = M_1.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) = \bigcup_{\nu \in \Pi(\mu_1, \mu_V)} \mathcal{M}(\nu, \mu_2).$$

By Strassen's theorem, each $\mathcal{M}(\nu, \mu_2)$ is nonempty if and only if $\mu_{M_1}^\nu$ and μ_{M_2} are in convex order.

Joint SPX/VIX arbitrage

- (i) The market is free of (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage,
 - (ii) $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) \neq \emptyset$,
 - (iii) There exists a coupling ν of μ_1 and μ_V such that $\text{Law}_\nu(S_1, L(S_1) + V^2)$ and $\text{Law}_{\mu_2}(S_2, L(S_2))$ are in convex order.
- Directly solving the linear problem associated to (i) is not easy as one needs to try all possible $(u_1, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_V)$ and check the superreplication constraints for all $s_1, s_2 > 0$ and $v \geq 0$.
 - Checking (iii) numerically is difficult as, in dimension two, the extreme rays of the convex cone of convex functions are dense in the cone (Johansen 1974), contrary to the case of dimension one where the extreme rays are the call and put payoffs (Blaschke-Pick 1916).
 - Instead, we will verify absence of (S_1, S_2, V) -arbitrage by building – numerically, but with high accuracy – an element of $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$, thus checking (ii).

Build a model in $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$

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- We explain how to numerically build a model $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$.
- **We thus solve a longstanding puzzle in derivatives modeling: build an arbitrage-free model that jointly calibrates to the prices of SPX options, VIX futures and VIX options.**
- Our strategy is inspired by the recent work of De March and Henry-Labordère (2019).
- We assume that $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) \neq \emptyset$ and try to build an element μ in this set. To this end, we fix a **reference probability measure $\bar{\mu}$** on $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ and look for the measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$ that **minimizes the relative entropy $H(\mu, \bar{\mu})$** of μ w.r.t. $\bar{\mu}$, also known as the Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$D_{\bar{\mu}} := \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)} H(\mu, \bar{\mu}), \quad H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) := \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}^{\mu} \left[\ln \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}} \right] = \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[\frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}} \ln \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}} \right] & \text{if } \mu \ll \bar{\mu}, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- This is a **strictly convex problem that can be solved after dualization using Sinkhorn's fixed point iteration** (Sinkhorn 1967).

Build a model in $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$

- \mathcal{M}_1 : set of probability measures on $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.
- \mathcal{U} : set of all integrable portfolios $u = (u_1, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L)$.
- Introduce the Lagrange multipliers $u = (u_1, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L)$ associated to the five constraints of $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$ and assume that the inf and sup operators can be swapped (absence of a duality gap):

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{\bar{\mu}} &:= \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)} H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) \\
 &= \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left\{ H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) + \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mathbb{E}^\mu \left[u_1(S_1) + u_V(V) + u_2(S_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2) \right] \right\} \\
 &= \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \left\{ H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) + \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Build a model in $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$

$$D_{\bar{\mu}} = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \left\{ H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) + \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \right. \\ \left. - \mathbb{E}^\mu \left[u_1(S_1) + u_V(V) + u_2(S_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2) \right] \right\}$$

For any random variable X , denote by $\bar{\mu}_X$ the probability distribution defined by $\frac{d\bar{\mu}_X}{d\bar{\mu}} = \frac{e^X}{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}[e^X]}$:

$$\inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \{H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) - \mathbb{E}^\mu[X]\} = \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbb{E}^\mu \left[\ln \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}} - X \right] = \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbb{E}^\mu \left[\ln \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}_X} + \ln \frac{d\bar{\mu}_X}{d\bar{\mu}} - X \right] \\ = \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} \mathbb{E}^\mu \left[\ln \frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}_X} - \ln \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}[e^X] \right] = \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1} H(\mu, \bar{\mu}_X) - \ln \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}[e^X] = -\ln \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}}[e^X]$$

and the infimum is attained at $\mu = \bar{\mu}_X$ since for all $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$, $H(\mu, \bar{\mu}_X) \geq 0$ and $H(\mu, \bar{\mu}_X) = 0$ if and only if $\mu = \bar{\mu}_X$.

Build a model in $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$

$$D_{\bar{\mu}} = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}(u) =: P_{\bar{\mu}}$$

where for $u = (u_1, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) \in \mathcal{U}$, we have defined

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}(u) &:= \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \\ &\quad - \ln \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[e^{u_1(S_1) + u_V(V) + u_2(S_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(S_1, V, S_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(S_1, V, S_2)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- $D_{\bar{\mu}} \neq +\infty$ if and only if $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2) \neq \emptyset$, and in that case the infimum defining $D_{\bar{\mu}}$ is attained. Indeed, $\mu \mapsto H(\mu, \bar{\mu})$ is lower semicontinuous in the weak topology (Dembo-Zeitouni). Since $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$ is compact in this topology, the infimum is attained.
- If the supremum defining $P_{\bar{\mu}}$ is attained at $u^* = (u_1^*, u_V^*, u_2^*, \Delta_S^*, \Delta_L^*)$, the infimum defining $D_{\bar{\mu}}$ is reached at

$$\mu^*(ds_1, dv, ds_2) = \bar{\mu}(ds_1, dv, ds_2) \frac{e^{u_1^*(s_1) + u_V^*(v) + u_2^*(s_2) + \Delta_S^{*(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{*(L)}(s_1, v, s_2)}}{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[e^{u_1^*(S_1) + u_V^*(V) + u_2^*(S_2) + \Delta_S^{*(S)}(S_1, V, S_2) + \Delta_L^{*(L)}(S_1, V, S_2)} \right]}.$$

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- $\Psi_{\bar{\mu}}$ is invariant by translation of u_1 , u_V , and u_2 : for any constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$, $\Psi_{\bar{\mu}}(u_1 + c, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) = \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}(u_1, u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L)$ (and similarly with u_V and u_2); $c = \text{cash position} \implies$ We will always work with a normalized version of $u^* \in \mathcal{U}$ s.t.

$$\mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[e^{u_1^*(S_1) + u_V^*(V) + u_2^*(S_2) + \Delta_S^{*(S)}(S_1, V, S_2) + \Delta_L^{*(L)}(S_1, V, S_2)} \right] = 1. \quad (3.1)$$

- **The initial, difficult problem of minimizing over $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$ has been reduced to the simpler problem of maximizing the strictly concave function $\Psi_{\bar{\mu}}$ over $u \in \mathcal{U}$.** If it exists, the optimum u^* cancels the gradient of $\Psi_{\bar{\mu}}$:

$$\frac{\partial \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}}{\partial u_1(s_1)} = \frac{\partial \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}}{\partial u_V(v)} = \frac{\partial \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}}{\partial u_2(s_2)} = \frac{\partial \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}}{\partial \Delta_S(s_1, v)} = \frac{\partial \Psi_{\bar{\mu}}}{\partial \Delta_L(s_1, v)} = 0.$$

Equations for $u^* = (u_1^*, u_V^*, u_2^*, \Delta_S^*, \Delta_L^*)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \forall s_1 > 0, \quad u_1(s_1) &= \Phi_1(s_1; u_V, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) \\
 \forall v \geq 0, \quad u_V(v) &= \Phi_V(v; u_1, u_2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) \\
 \forall s_2 > 0, \quad u_2(s_2) &= \Phi_2(s_2; u_1, u_V, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) \\
 \forall s_1 > 0, \forall v \geq 0, \quad 0 &= \Phi_{\Delta_S}(s_1, v; \Delta_S(s_1, v), \Delta_L(s_1, v)) \\
 \forall s_1 > 0, \forall v \geq 0, \quad 0 &= \Phi_{\Delta_L}(s_1, v; \Delta_S(s_1, v), \Delta_L(s_1, v))
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where, imposing the normalization (3.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_1(s_1; u_V, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) &:= \ln \mu_1(s_1) - \ln \left(\int \bar{\mu}(s_1, dv, ds_2) e^{u_V(v) + u_2(s_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2)} \right) \\
 \Phi_V(v; u_1, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) &:= \ln \mu_V(v) - \ln \left(\int \bar{\mu}(ds_1, v, ds_2) e^{u_1(s_1) + u_2(s_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2)} \right) \\
 \Phi_2(s_2; u_1, u_V, \Delta_S, \Delta_L) &:= \ln \mu_2(s_2) - \ln \left(\int \bar{\mu}(ds_1, dv, s_2) e^{u_1(s_1) + u_V(v) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(s_1, v, s_2)} \right) \\
 \Phi_{\Delta_S}(s_1, v; u_2, \delta_S, \delta_L) &:= \int \bar{\mu}(s_1, v, ds_2) (s_2 - s_1) e^{u_2(s_2) + \delta_S(s_2 - s_1) + \delta_L \left(L\left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right) - v^2 \right)} \\
 \Phi_{\Delta_L}(s_1, v; u_2, \delta_S, \delta_L) &:= \int \bar{\mu}(s_1, v, ds_2) \left(L\left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right) - v^2 \right) e^{u_2(s_2) + \delta_S(s_2 - s_1) + \delta_L \left(L\left(\frac{s_2}{s_1}\right) - v^2 \right)}.
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- Note that these are also the equations satisfied by the maximum of

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}}(u) := & \mathbb{E}^1[u_1(S_1)] + \mathbb{E}^V[u_V(V)] + \mathbb{E}^2[u_2(S_2)] \\ & - \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[e^{u_1(S_1) + u_V(V) + u_2(S_2) + \Delta_S^{(S)}(S_1, V, S_2) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(S_1, V, S_2)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- One could directly get that $D_{\bar{\mu}} = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}}(u)$ by using the set \mathcal{M}_+ of nonnegative measures instead of \mathcal{M}_1 in (3.1), and by computing the inner $\inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_+}$ in (3.1) by differentiating w.r.t. $\frac{d\mu}{d\bar{\mu}}$.
- In any case, **the jointly calibrating model reads**

$$\mu^*(ds_1, dv, ds_2) = \bar{\mu}(ds_1, dv, ds_2) e^{u_1^*(s_1) + u_V^*(v) + u_2^*(s_2) + \Delta_S^{*(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{*(L)}(s_1, v, s_2)}. \quad (3.3)$$

where $u^* = (u_1^*, u_V^*, u_2^*, \Delta_S^*, \Delta_L^*)$ is solution of (3.2).

- We could have simply postulated a model of the form (3.3); then the five conditions of $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$ translate into the five equations (3.2).

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- Natural choice: pick a reference measure $\bar{\mu}$ that satisfies all the constraints of $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V, \mu_2)$ except $S_2 \sim \mu_2$, i.e., pick $\bar{\mu}$ in the set $\mathcal{P}(\mu_1, \mu_V)$ of all the probability distributions

$$\mu(ds_1, dv, ds_2) = \nu(ds_1, dv) T(s_1, v, ds_2)$$

where ν is a coupling of μ_1 and μ_V and the transition kernel $T(s_1, v, ds_2)$ satisfies

$$\int s_2 T(s_1, v, ds_2) = s_1, \quad \int L(s_2) T(s_1, v, ds_2) = L(s_1) + v^2$$

for μ_1 -a.e. $s_1 > 0$ and μ_V -a.e. $v \geq 0$.

- For instance, we may choose

$$\nu = \mu_1 \otimes \mu_V, \quad T(s_1, v, ds_2) \text{ is the distribution of } s_1 \exp \left(v\sqrt{\tau}G - \frac{1}{2}v^2\tau \right),$$

where G denotes a standard Gaussian random variable.

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Practically, we consider market strikes $\mathcal{K} := (\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_V, \mathcal{K}_2)$ and market prices (C_K^1, C_K^V, C_K^2) of vanilla options on S_1 , V , and S_2 , and we build the model

$$\mu_{\mathcal{K}}^*(ds_1, dv, ds_2) = \bar{\mu}(ds_1, dv, ds_2) e^{c^* + \Delta_S^{0*} s_1 + \Delta_V^{0*} v + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_1} a_K^{1*} (s_1 - K)_+ + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_V} a_K^{V*} (v - K)_+ + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_2} a_K^{2*} (s_2 - K)_+ + \Delta_S^{*(S)}(s_1, v, s_2) + \Delta_L^{*(L)}(s_1, v, s_2)}$$

where $\theta^* := (c^*, \Delta_S^{0*}, \Delta_V^{0*}, a^{1*}, a^{V*}, a^{2*}, \Delta_S^*, \Delta_L^*)$ maximizes

$$\bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}}(\theta) := c + \Delta_S^0 S_0 + \Delta_V^0 F_V + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_1} a_K^1 C_K^1 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_V} a_K^V C_K^V + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_2} a_K^2 C_K^2$$

$$- \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[e^{c + \Delta_S^0 S_1 + \Delta_V^0 V + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_1} a_K^1 (S_1 - K)_+ + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_V} a_K^V (V - K)_+ + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_2} a_K^2 (S_2 - K)_+ + \Delta_S^{(S)}(\dots) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(\dots)} \right]$$

over the set Θ of portfolios $\theta := (c, \Delta_S^0, \Delta_V^0, a^1, a^V, a^2, \Delta_S, \Delta_L)$ such that $c, \Delta_S^0, \Delta_V^0 \in \mathbb{R}$, $a^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{K}_1}$, $a^V \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{K}_V}$, $a^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{K}_2}$, and $\Delta_S, \Delta_L : \mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are measurable functions of (s_1, v) .

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- This corresponds to solving the entropy minimization problem

$$P_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}} := \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K})} H(\mu, \bar{\mu}) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}}(\theta) =: D_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}}$$

where $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K})$ denotes the set of probability measures μ on $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^\mu[S_1] &= S_0, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu[V] = F_V, \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{K}_1, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu[(S_1 - K)_+] = C_K^1, \\ \forall K \in \mathcal{K}_V, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu[(V - K)_+] &= C_K^V, \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{K}_2, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu[(S_2 - K)_+] = C_K^2, \\ \mathbb{E}^\mu[S_2|S_1, V] &= S_1, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu\left[L\left(\frac{S_2}{S_1}\right) \middle| S_1, V\right] = V^2. \end{aligned}$$

- One can directly check that model $\mu_{\mathcal{K}}^*$ is an arbitrage-free model that jointly calibrates the prices of SPX futures, options, VIX future, and VIX options. Indeed, if $\bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}}$ reaches its maximum at θ^* , then θ^* is solution to $\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}}}{\partial \theta_i}(\theta) = 0$:

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$$\bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \kappa}(\theta) := c + \Delta_S^0 S_0 + \Delta_V^0 F_V + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_1} a_K^1 C_K^1 + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_V} a_K^V C_K^V + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_2} a_K^2 C_K^2$$

$$- \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[e^{c + \Delta_S^0 S_1 + \Delta_V^0 V + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_1} a_K^1 (S_1 - K)_+ + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_V} a_K^V (V - K)_+ + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_2} a_K^2 (S_2 - K)_+ + \Delta_S^{(S)}(\dots) + \Delta_L^{(L)}(\dots)} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \kappa}}{\partial c} = 0 : \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[\frac{d\mu_{\kappa}^*}{d\bar{\mu}} \right] = 1 \quad \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \kappa}}{\partial \Delta_S^0} = 0 : \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[S_1 \frac{d\mu_{\kappa}^*}{d\bar{\mu}} \right] = S_0$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \kappa}}{\partial \Delta_V^0} = 0 : \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[V \frac{d\mu_{\kappa}^*}{d\bar{\mu}} \right] = F_V \quad \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \kappa}}{\partial a_K^1} = 0 : \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[(S_1 - K)_+ \frac{d\mu_{\kappa}^*}{d\bar{\mu}} \right] = C_K^1$$

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$$\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}_{\bar{\mu}, \kappa}}{\partial \Delta_S(s_1, v)} = 0 : \mathbb{E}^{\bar{\mu}} \left[(S_2 - S_1) \frac{d\mu_{\kappa}^*}{d\bar{\mu}} \middle| S_1 = s_1, V = v \right] = 0, \quad \forall s_1 \geq 0, v > 0$$

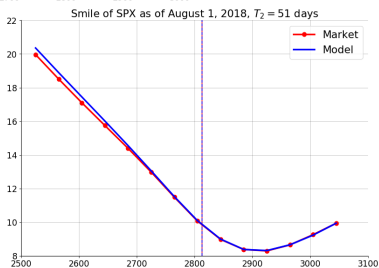
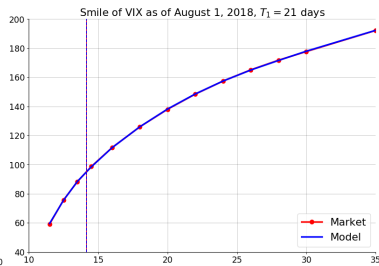
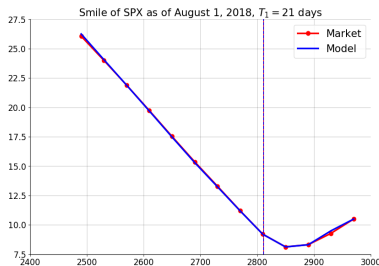
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Implementation details

- We use $\theta^{(0)} = 0$ as the starting point of the Sinkhorn algorithm.
- Integrals estimated using Gaussian quadrature; Gauss-Legendre when we integrate over s_1 and v , and Gauss-Hermite when we integrate over s_2 .
- While the expression for $c^{(n+1)}$ is explicit, computing the other parameters requires using a one-dimensional root solver; we use Newton's algorithm.
- As an exception, for each point s_1 and v in the quadrature, $(\Delta_S^{(n+1)}(s_1, v), \Delta_L^{(n+1)}(s_1, v))$ are jointly computed using the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm.
- Enough accuracy is typically reached after about a hundred iterations and gives us θ^* , hence $\mu_{\mathcal{K}}^*$.
- **If the Sinkhorn algorithm diverges**, then $D_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}} = +\infty$, so $P_{\bar{\mu}, \mathcal{K}} = +\infty$, which means that $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K}) = \emptyset$, i.e., **there exists a joint SPX/VIX arbitrage** (based only on \mathcal{K}).

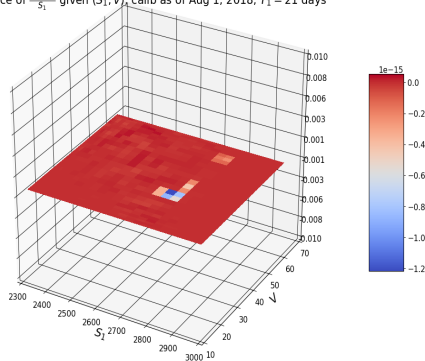
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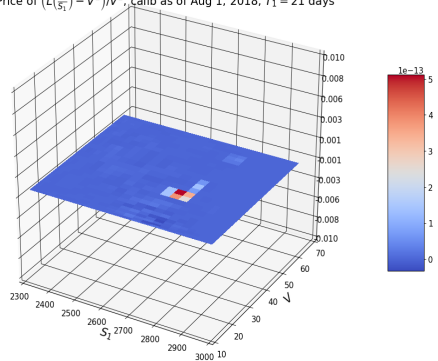


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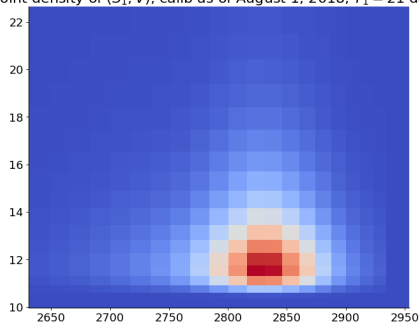


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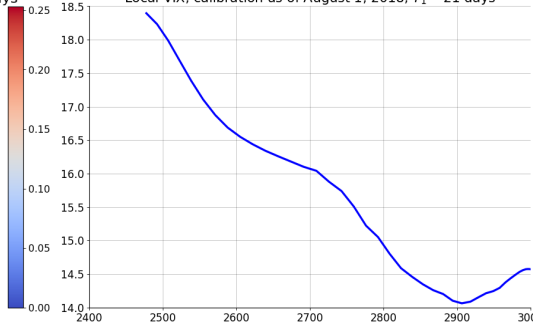
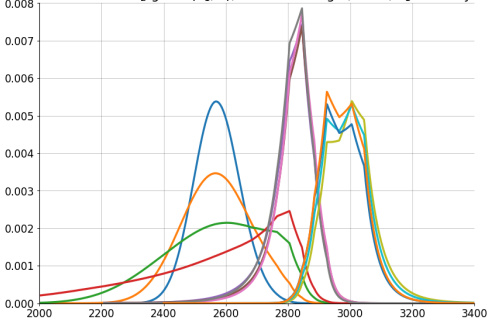


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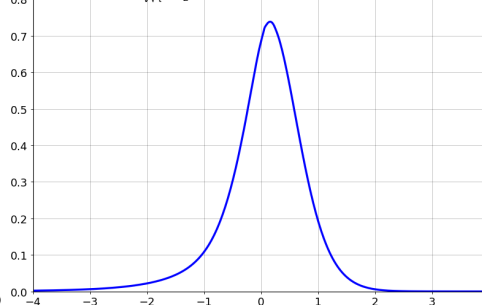


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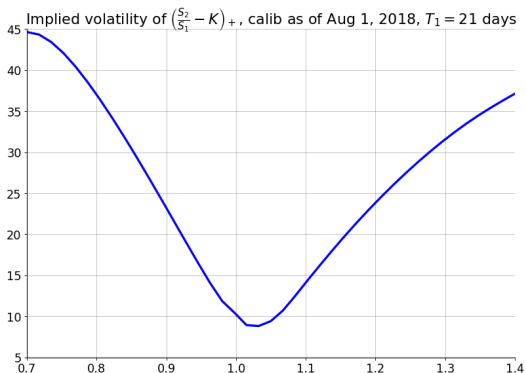
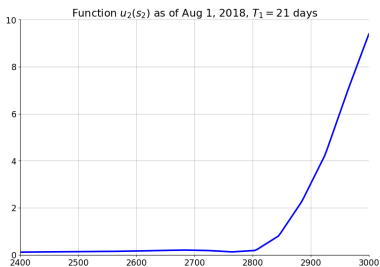
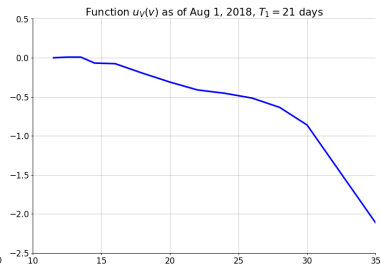
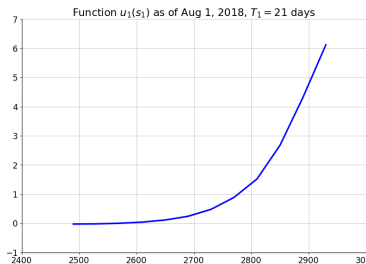


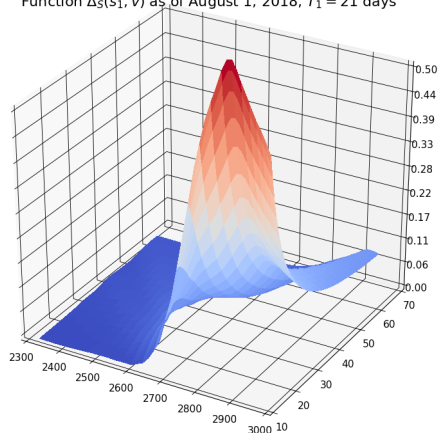
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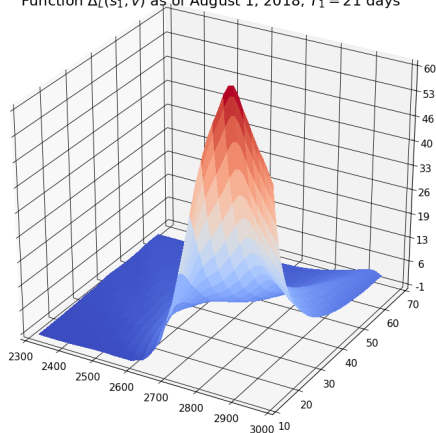
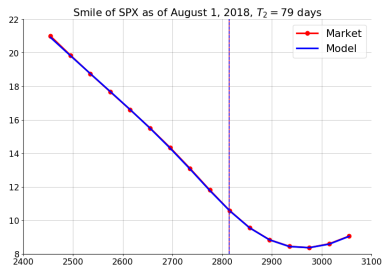
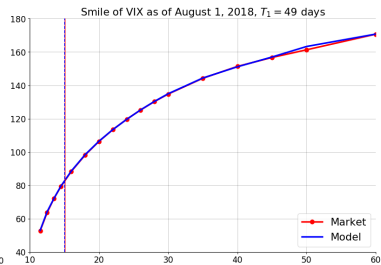
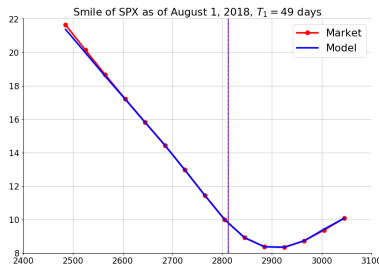


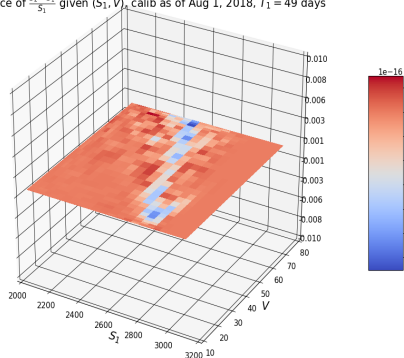
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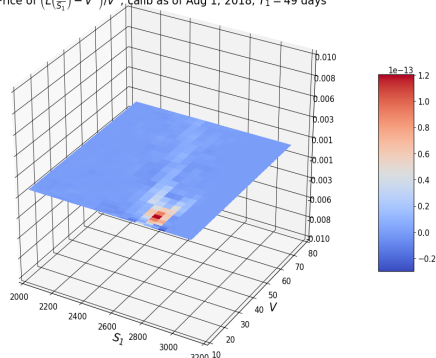


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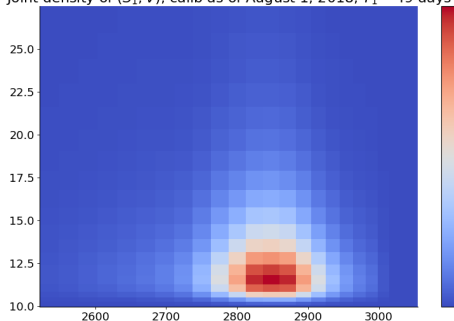


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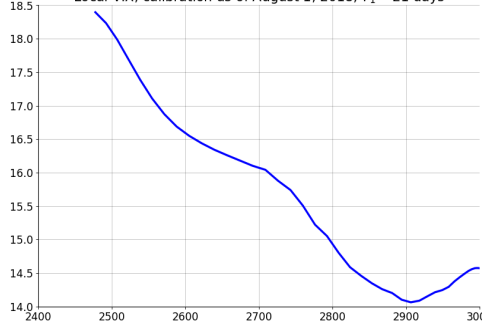


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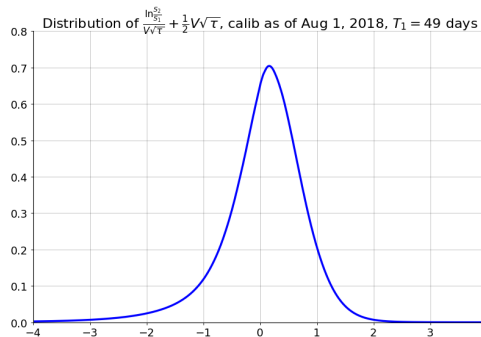
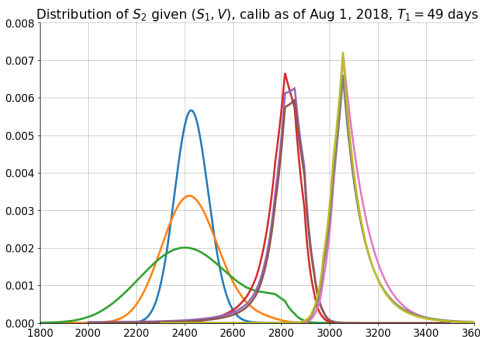


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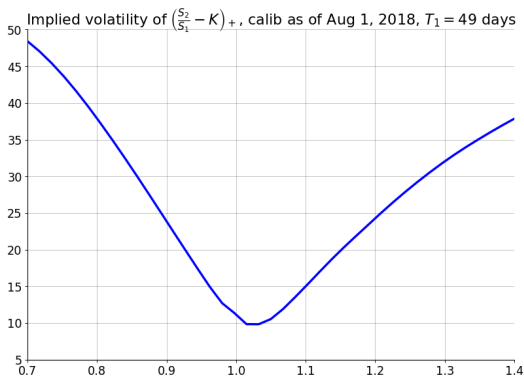
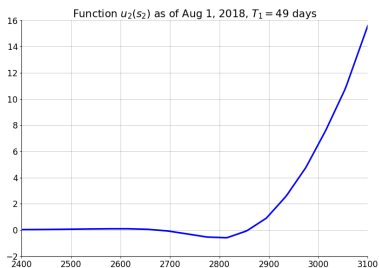
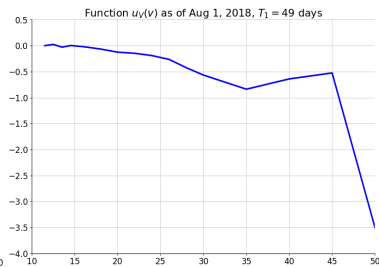
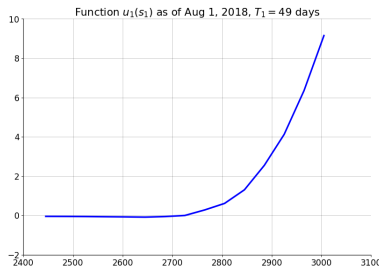


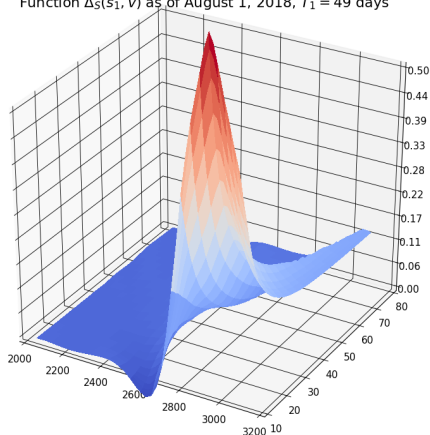
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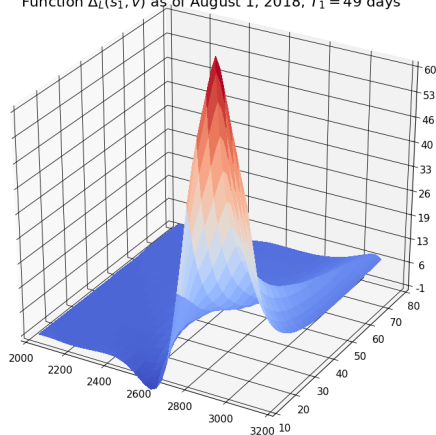
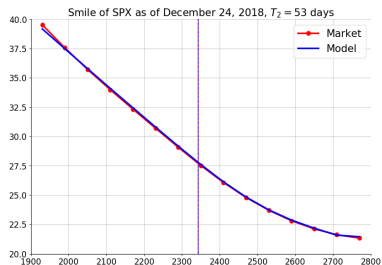
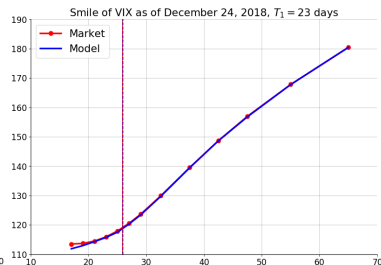
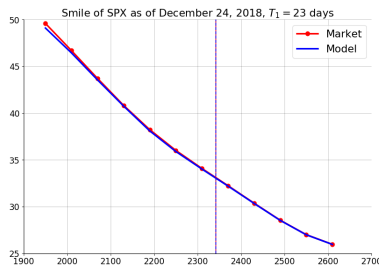


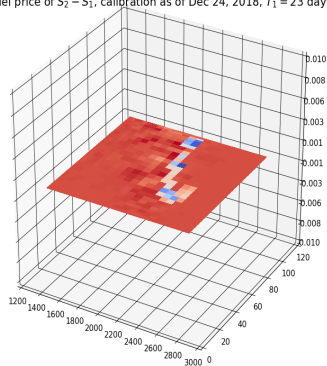
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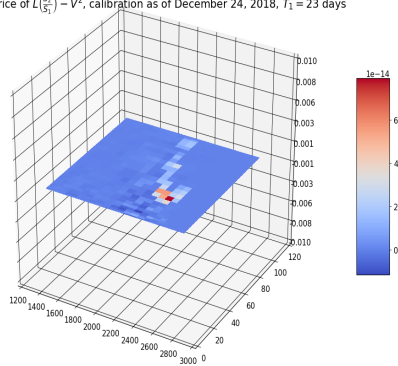


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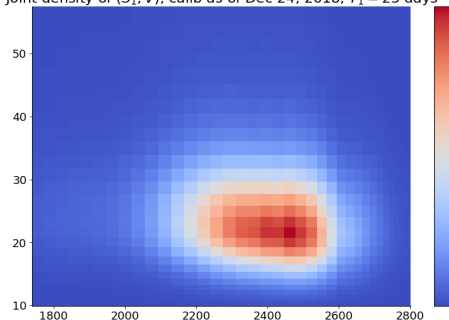


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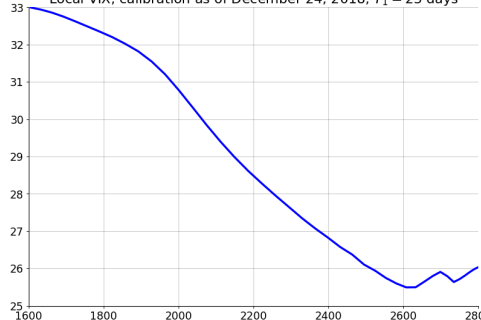
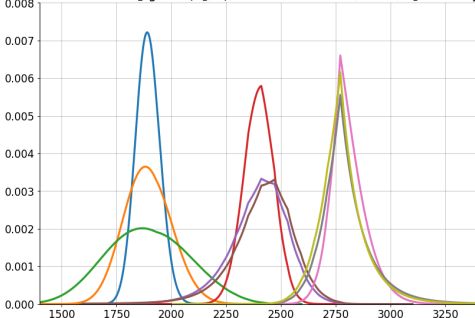


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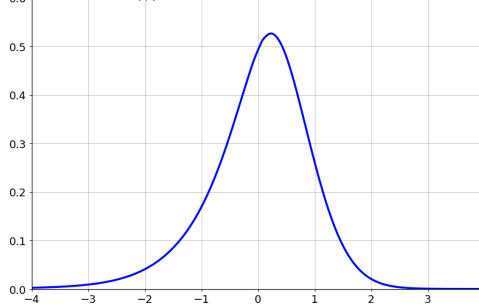


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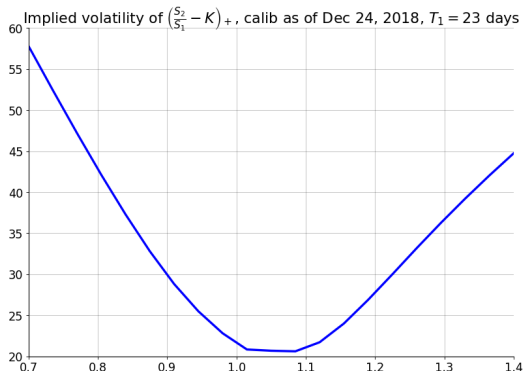
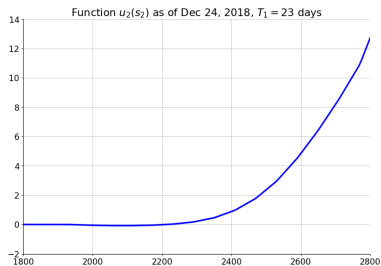
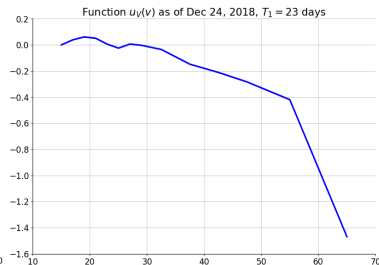
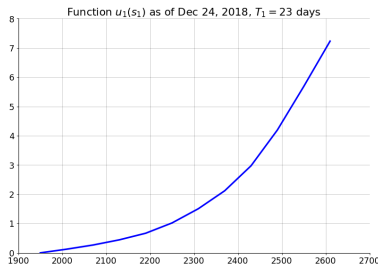


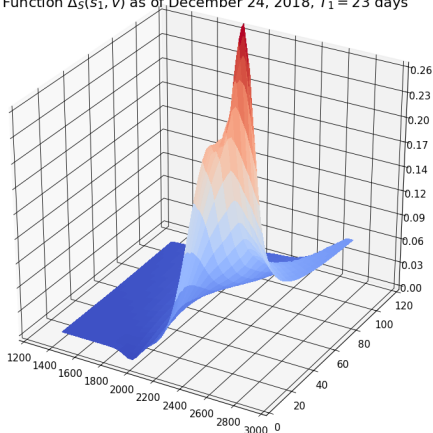
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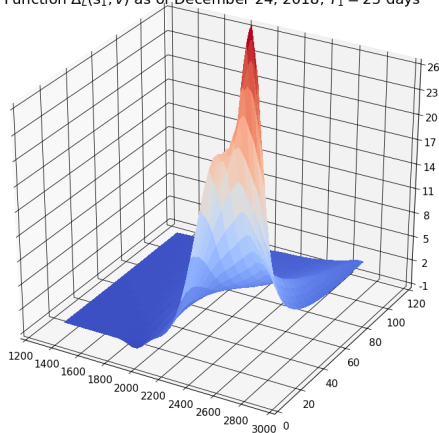


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Maturity issue

- SPX options maturity $T'_1 = T_1 + 2$ days or $T_1 - 5$ days.
- Rigorous treatment: introduce S'_1 representing the value of the SPX index at time T'_1 . If T'_1 is two days after T_1 , we consider the primal portfolios

$$u_1(s'_1) + u_V(v) + u_2(s_2) + \Delta_S(s_1, v)(s'_1 - s_1) + \Delta'_S(s_1, v, s'_1)(s_2 - s'_1) + \Delta_L(s_1, v) \left(L \left(\frac{s_2}{s_1} \right) - v \right)$$

and the dual risk-neutral probability measures $V \sim \mu_V, S'_1 \sim \mu_1, S_2 \sim \mu_2$,

$$\mathbb{E}^\mu [S'_1 | S_1, V] = S_1, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu [S_2 | S_1, V, S'_1] = S'_1, \quad \mathbb{E}^\mu \left[L \left(\frac{S_2}{S_1} \right) \middle| S_1, V \right] = V^2.$$

- If T'_1 is five days before T_1 , the primal portfolios are

$$u_1(s'_1) + u_V(v) + u_2(s_2) + \Delta'_S(s'_1)(s_1 - s'_1) + \Delta_S(s'_1, s_1, v)(s_2 - s_1) + \Delta_L(s'_1, s_1, v) \left(L \left(\frac{s_2}{s_1} \right) - v \right)$$

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- Approx: assume SPX options mature exactly at T_1 ; maturity interpolation of SPX data.

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- Assume that monthly SPX options and VIX futures maturities T_i perfectly coincide and, for two consecutive months, are separated by exactly 30 days, $T_{i+1} - T_i = \tau$ for all $i \geq 1$.
- Assume that for each i we are able to build a jointly calibrating model ν_i using the Sinkhorn algorithm.
- Here ν_i denotes the joint distribution of (S_i, V_i, S_{i+1}) where S_i and V_i denote the SPX and VIX values at T_i .
- Then we can build a calibrated model on $(S_i, V_i)_{i \geq 1}$ as follows:
 $(S_1, V_1, S_2) \sim \nu_1$; recursively we define the distribution of (V_{i+1}, S_{i+2}) given $(S_1, V_1, S_2, V_2, \dots, S_i, V_i, S_{i+1})$ as the conditional distribution of (V_{i+1}, S_{i+2}) given S_{i+1} under ν_{i+1} .
- It is easy to check that the resulting model ν is arbitrage-free, consistent, and calibrated to all the SPX and VIX monthly market smiles μ_{S_i} and μ_{V_i} : for all $i \geq 1$,

$$S_i \sim \mu_{S_i}, \quad V_i \sim \mu_{V_i}, \quad \mathbb{E}^\nu [S_{i+1} | (S_j, V_j)_{1 \leq j \leq i}] = S_i, \quad \mathbb{E}^\nu \left[L \left(\frac{S_{i+1}}{S_i} \right) \middle| (S_j, V_j)_{1 \leq j \leq i} \right] = V_i^2.$$

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