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Simple Closed-Form Formulas for Conditional Moments of Inhomogeneous Nonlinear Drift Constant Elasticity of Variance Process

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Abstract: The stochastic differential equation (SDE) has been used to model various phenomena and investigate their properties. Conditional moments of stochastic processes can be used to price financial derivatives whose payoffs depend on conditional moments of underlying assets. In general, the transition probability density function (PDF) of a stochastic process is often unavailable in closed form. Thus, the conditional moments, which can be directly computed by applying the transition PDFs, may be unavailable in closed form. In this work, we studied an inhomogeneous nonlinear drift constant elasticity of variance (IND-CEV) process, which is a class of diffusions that have time-dependent parameter functions; therefore, their sample paths are asymmetric. The closed-form formulas for conditional moments of the IND-CEV process were derived without having a condition on eigenfunctions or the transition PDF. The analytical results were examined through Monte Carlo simulations.

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1. Introduction

The stochastic differential equation (SDE) has been used to model various phenomena and investigate their properties, such as the moments, variance and conditional moments, which are beneficial for estimating parameters that play significant roles in several practical applications. For example, financial derivative prices, such as moment swaps, can be obtained by calculating the conditional moments of their payoffs under the risk neutral measure; see for more concrete studies Araneda et al. [1], Cao et al. [2], He and Zhu [3] and Nonsoong et al. [4]. Actually, such moments can be directly computed by employing SDE's transition probability density function (PDF). However, the transition PDF is often unavailable in closed form; so is the formula for those conditional moments of the SDE. Investigating properties of those SDEs is still imperative and challenging.

There are several empirical studies confirming that a mean-reverting drift process, such as the Vašíček, Ornstein–Uhlenbeck (OU) [5] and Cox–Ingersoll–Ross (CIR) [6] processes, should not necessarily be linear. Indeed, the behaviors and dynamics of interest rate and its derivatives prefer nonlinearity in the mean-reverting drift rather than linear drift processes; see for more details in [7–10]. In order to extend the OU process, a nonlinear diffusion process was introduced by Cox [11], namely, the constant elasticity of variance (CEV) process. The CEV process is useful and has many applications in various fields. However, the drift term of Cox's CEV process is still linear. For many reasons described in the existing literature [7,8], an extended case of Cox's CEV process was first studied by Marsh

and Rosenfeld [12]. The process is sometimes called the Marsh–Rosenfeld (MR) process, and its transition PDF that can be straightforwardly calculated by using Itô's lemma and the transition PDF of the CIR process are very complicated; the closed-form formula for conditional moments of the MR process is also complicated or unavailable in general; see for more details in [13]. It gets even more complicated for an inhomogeneous-time MR process that extends the MR process by replacing the constant parameters in the process with time-dependent functions. From now on, we subsequently call the inhomogeneous-time MR process in general an inhomogeneous nonlinear drift constant elasticity of variance (IND-CEV) process.

Conditional moments have been extensively used in modern financial markets. For example, they can be used to price moment swaps. Unfortunately, the conditional moments, which can be directly computed by applying the transition PDFs, are often unavailable in closed form because the transition PDFs are hardly known. The Feynman–Kac technique is used to overcome this problem for calculating the conditional moments of many stochastic processes. There has still been little research on the analytical formula for conditional moments regarding the IND-CEV process. In this work, a novel approach is developed based on the Feynman–Kac theorem, where the partial differential equation (PDE) is solved analytically, and some combinatorial techniques are used to simplify the system of recursive ordinary differential equations (ODEs) associated with the conditional moment.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides an overview of the IND-CEV process and sufficient conditions of the time-dependent parameter functions in the process. The key methodology and main results are given in Section 3. Section 4 proposes some essential properties such as conditional moments, conditional variance and central moments, conditional mixed moments, conditional covariance and correlation. Section 5 provides the formula of the unconditional moments of the IND-CEV process with constant parameters. Experimental validations for our results applied with Monte Carlo (MC) simulations are addressed in Section 6. Conclusions, limitations and future researches are discussed in Section 7.

2. IND-CEV Process

This section presents the IND-CEV process and sufficient assumptions for the process in order to have a unique positive solution. The dynamics of the short-term interest rate over time are assumed to follow the SDE:

$$dr_t = \kappa(t) \left(\theta(t) r_t^{2\beta-1} - r_t \right) dt + \sigma(t) r_t^\beta dW_t, \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition $r_0 > 0$, where $\kappa(t)$, $\theta(t)$ and $\sigma(t)$ are smooth and bounded time-dependent parameter functions and W_t is a standard Brownian motion, which has asymmetric sample paths, under a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$ with filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$. In this study, we only focus on the case that $\beta < 1$ in the SDE (1). Let $\ell := 2 - 2\beta$. Henceforth, the dynamics of the process r_t are considered via the following SDE:

$$dr_t = \kappa(t) \left(\theta(t) r_t^{-(\ell-1)} - r_t \right) dt + \sigma(t) r_t^{-\left(\frac{\ell-2}{2}\right)} dW_t \quad (2)$$

where $\ell > 0$. The process r_t in (2) is called an IND-CEV process. In addition, the SDE (2) is called the extended Cox–Ingersoll–Ross (ECIR) process when $\ell = 1$; see for more details in [14–17]. From (2), if the parameters $\kappa(t)$, $\theta(t)$ and $\sigma(t)$ are constants written by κ , θ and σ , respectively, then the SDE (2) can be rewritten as:

$$dr_t = \kappa \left(\theta r_t^{-(\ell-1)} - r_t \right) dt + \sigma r_t^{-\left(\frac{\ell-2}{2}\right)} dW_t \quad (3)$$

where $\ell > 0$. We will consider SDEs (2) and (3) on a time domain $[0, T]$.

We first discuss the solution of SDE (2).

Assumption 1. The parameter functions $\theta(t)$, $\kappa(t)$ and $\sigma(t)$ in SDE (2) are strictly positive and continuously differentiable on $[0, T]$. Moreover, $\kappa(t)/\sigma^2(t)$ is locally bounded on $[0, T]$.

Assumption 2. $2\kappa(t)\theta(t) > \sigma^2(t)$ for all $t \in [0, T]$.

Theorem 1. For SDE (2), if Assumptions 1 and 2 hold with $r_0 > 0$, then there exists a pathwise unique strong solution process $r_t > 0$ for all $t \in [0, T]$.

Proof. Transforming $v_t = r_t^\ell$ with the Itô lemma yields:

$$\begin{aligned} dv_t &= (\ell)r_t^{\ell-1} \left(\kappa(t) \left(\theta(t)r_t^{-(\ell-1)} - r_t \right) dt + \sigma(t)r_t^{-\frac{\ell-2}{2}} dW_t \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\ell)(\ell-1)r_t^{\ell-2} \left(\sigma(t)r_t^{-\frac{\ell-2}{2}} dW_t \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\ell\kappa(t) \left(\theta(t) - r_t^\ell \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\ell)(\ell-1)\sigma^2(t) \right) dt + \ell\sigma(t)r_t^{\frac{1}{2}\ell} dW_t \\ &= \ell\kappa(t) \left(\theta(t) - r_t^\ell + \frac{(\ell-1)\sigma^2(t)}{2\kappa(t)} \right) dt + \ell\sigma(t)r_t^{\frac{1}{2}\ell} dW_t \\ &= \ell\kappa(t) \left(\theta(t) + \frac{(\ell-1)\sigma^2(t)}{2\kappa(t)} - v_t \right) dt + \ell\sigma(t)\sqrt{v_t} dW_t \\ &= A_\ell(t)(B_\ell(t) - v_t) dt + C_\ell(t)\sqrt{v_t} dW_t, \end{aligned}$$

where $A_\ell(t) = \ell\kappa(t)$, $B_\ell(t) = \theta(t) + (\ell-1)\sigma^2(t)/2\kappa(t)$ and $C_\ell(t) = \ell\sigma(t)$. Thus, v_t is an ECIR process. Under Assumptions 1 and 2, the functions A_ℓ , B_ℓ and C_ℓ are strictly positive, smooth and continuous time-dependent parameter functions on $[0, T]$. Additionally, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} 2A_\ell(t)B_\ell(t) &= 2\ell\kappa(t) \left(\theta(t) + \frac{(\ell-1)\sigma^2(t)}{2\kappa(t)} \right) \\ &= \ell \left(2\kappa(t)\theta(t) + (\ell-1)\sigma^2(t) \right) \\ &> \ell \left(\sigma^2(t) + (\ell-1)\sigma^2(t) \right) = C_\ell^2(t). \end{aligned}$$

By the Feller condition [18], the SDE (2) has a pathwise unique strong solution in which v_t avoids zero almost surely under measure \mathcal{P} for all $0 < t \leq T$ and so does r_t . \square

From now on, we will always assume Assumptions 1 and 2 with $r_0 > 0$.

3. Main Results

In this section, we give the closed-form formula of conditional moments of processes (2) and (3). Applying the Feynman–Kac technique and assuming a special form of the conditional moment, we can express the solution of the resulting PDE as an infinite series and solve the system of recursive ODEs to obtain coefficients for the closed-form formula. The results for some special cases are also displayed.

In this work, under the probability measure \mathcal{P} and σ -field \mathcal{F}_t , we first propose the integral-form formula for the conditional moment of an IND-CEV process for $\gamma > 0$:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) := \mathbf{E}[r_T^\gamma \mid r_t = r], \quad (4)$$

for all $r > 0$ and $\tau := T - t \in (0, T]$. Obviously, $u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, 0) = r^\gamma$. The key idea involves a system with a recurrence differential equation that brings about the PDE by involving an asymmetric matrix. The form of PDE's solution associated with the conditional moment (4) is a polynomial expression motivated by [16,17,19–24]. Hence, we can solve its coefficients to obtain a closed-form formula directly.

Theorem 2. Let r_t be an IND-CEV process satisfying (2). Assume that the γ th conditional moment can be expressed in the form:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau)r^{\gamma-\ell k} \tag{5}$$

in which the infinite series uniformly converges on $D_\ell^{(\gamma)} \subseteq (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$. Then, the coefficients in (5) can be expressed recursively by:

$$\begin{aligned} A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau) &:= e^{-\int_0^\tau P_\ell^{(0)}(T-\xi)d\xi}, \\ A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) &:= \int_0^\tau e^{-\int_\eta^\tau P_\ell^{(k)}(T-\xi)d\xi} Q_\ell^{(k-1)}(T-\eta)A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\eta)d\eta, \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where:

$$P_\ell^{(j)}(\tau) := (\gamma - \ell j)\kappa(\tau), \tag{7}$$

$$Q_\ell^{(j)}(\tau) := (\gamma - \ell j) \left(\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \ell j - 1)\sigma^2(\tau) + \kappa(\tau)\theta(\tau) \right). \tag{8}$$

Proof. Applying the Feynman–Kac formula to the SDE (2), we have that the function $u := u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau)$ satisfies the PDE:

$$u_\tau - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T - \tau)r^{-(\ell-2)}u_{rr} - \kappa(T - \tau) \left(\theta(T - \tau)r^{-(\ell-1)} - r \right) u_r = 0 \tag{9}$$

for all $r > 0$ and $0 < \tau \leq T$, with the initial condition:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, 0) = \mathbf{E}[r_T^\gamma \mid r_T = r] = r^\gamma. \tag{10}$$

From (5), $u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, 0) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty A_\ell^{(k)}(0)r^{\gamma-\ell k}$. Comparing this with (10) implies that $A_\ell^{(0)}(0) = 1$ and $A_\ell^{(k)}(0) = 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Substituting (5) into (9), we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{d}{d\tau} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau)r^{\gamma-\ell k} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T - \tau)r^{-(\ell-2)} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left((\gamma - \ell k)(\gamma - \ell k - 1)A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau)r^{\gamma-\ell k-2} \right) \\ &\quad - \kappa(T - \tau) \left(\theta(T - \tau)r^{-(\ell-1)} - r \right) \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left((\gamma - \ell k)A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau)r^{\gamma-\ell k-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

or it can be simplified as:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau) + \gamma\kappa(T - \tau)A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau) \right) r^\gamma \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^\infty \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) + P_\ell^{(k)}(T - \tau)A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) - Q_\ell^{(k-1)}(T - \tau)A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\tau) \right) r^{\gamma-\ell k}. \end{aligned}$$

Under the assumption that the solution is in the form (5) over $D_\ell^{(\gamma)}$, this equation can be solved through the system of ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{d\tau} A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau) + \gamma\kappa(T - \tau)A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau), \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{d\tau} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) + P_\ell^{(k)}(T - \tau)A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) - Q_\ell^{(k-1)}(T - \tau)A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\tau), \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

with initial conditions $A_\ell^{(0)}(0) = 1$ and $A_\ell^{(k)}(0) = 0$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, the coefficients in the infinite series (5) can be directly acquired by solving the system (11), which turns out to be the recursive relation given in (6). \square

Note that when we define variables or notations using the $:=$ sign, e.g., Equations (6)–(8), we will use those variables or notations throughout this work.

Observe that (5) becomes a finite sum when one of the two factors for $Q_\ell^{(j)}(\tau)$ in (8) is zero. For fixing $\ell > 0$, we give the consequence of (5) in Theorem 2 when $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. The infinite sum in (5) is cut off at a finite order and can be presented as in the following corollary.

Corollary 1. *Let r_t be an IND-CEV process satisfying (2). For the positive real number γ such that $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the γ th conditional moment is explicitly given by:*

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{\gamma/\ell} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) r^{\gamma-\ell k}, \quad (12)$$

for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$.

Proof. From (8), when $j = \gamma/\ell$, we acquire that $Q_\ell^{(j)}(\tau) = 0$. From (6), the coefficients $A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) = 0$ for all integers $k \geq \gamma/\ell + 1$. Hence, the infinite sum (5) is actually just the finite sum (12). Since any integration of a continuous function over a compact set is finite, the finite sum (12) exists for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$; hence, the infinite sum (5) uniformly converges to the finite sum (12) and $D_\ell^{(\gamma)} = (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$. \square

Another consequence of (5) in Theorem 2 is shown in the following corollary.

Corollary 2. *Assume that r_t follows SDE (2) and there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$ such that:*

$$\gamma = 1 - \frac{2\kappa(\tau)\theta(\tau)}{\sigma^2(\tau)} + \ell m \quad (13)$$

for all $\tau \in (0, T]$. Then,

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^m A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) r^{\gamma-\ell k}, \quad (14)$$

for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$.

Proof. From (8), when $j = m$, we have that $Q_\ell^{(j)}(\tau) = 0$. From (6), the coefficients $A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) = 0$ for all integers $k \geq m + 1$. With the same reasoning as in the proof of Corollary 1, we acquire the desired result. \square

One main concern when we investigate the conditional moments described by the IND-CEV process is that the integral terms (6) in Theorem 2 cannot be directly evaluated. Thus, a very accurate numerical integration scheme is applied via the Chebyshev integration method; see [25–28] for more details.

Next, we consider the case when $\kappa(\tau)$, $\theta(\tau)$ and $\sigma(\tau)$ are constant functions.

Theorem 3. *If r_t follows the SDE (3) and the γ th conditional moment can be expressed in the form (5), then the γ th conditional moment is given by:*

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) r^{\gamma-\ell k}, \quad (15)$$

for all $(r, \tau) \in D_\ell^{(\gamma)}$, where:

$$\tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} := (\gamma - \ell j) \left(\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \ell j - 1)\sigma^2 + \kappa\theta \right). \quad (16)$$

Note that the product from 0 to -1 , $\prod_{j=0}^{-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)}$, is defined to be 1.

Proof. We will prove by induction that:

$$A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) = \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right)$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. From (6) with the constant parameters κ , θ and σ , we have that $A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau) = e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}$ and

$$A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) = \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(k-1)} \int_0^\tau e^{-(\tau-\eta)(\gamma-\ell k)\kappa} A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\eta) d\eta, \quad (17)$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By substituting $k = 1$ in (17), we obtain:

$$A_\ell^{(1)}(\tau) = e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right) \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(0)}.$$

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume that:

$$A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\tau) = \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{(k-1)!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^{k-1} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-2} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right).$$

From (17), we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) &= e^{-(\gamma-\ell k)\kappa\tau} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(k-1)} \int_0^\tau e^{(\gamma-\ell k)\kappa\eta} A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\eta) d\eta \\ &= \frac{e^{-(\gamma-\ell k)\kappa\tau}}{(k-1)!(\kappa\ell)^{k-1}} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) \int_0^\tau e^{-k\ell\kappa\eta} (e^{\kappa\eta\ell} - 1)^{k-1} d\eta \\ &= \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

From Corollaries 1 and 2, when $\kappa(\tau)$, $\theta(\tau)$ and $\sigma(\tau)$ are constant functions, we have the following corollaries.

Corollary 3. Assume that r_t follows SDE (3). For a positive real number γ such that $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the γ th conditional moment is explicitly given by:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{\gamma/\ell} \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) r^{\gamma-\ell k}, \quad (18)$$

for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$. Note that the product of $\tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)}$ in (18) for $k = 0$ is defined to be 1.

Corollary 4. Assume that r_t follows the SDE (3). If there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$ such that

$$\gamma = 1 - \frac{2\kappa\theta}{\sigma^2} + \ell m, \quad (19)$$

then

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) r^{\gamma-\ell k}, \tag{20}$$

for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$.

For SDE (3), characterization for the convergence of the series (15) can be provided.

Theorem 4. Assume that r_t follows SDE (3) and $\tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \neq 0$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$. Then, the series (15) diverges for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$.

Proof. Since $\tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \neq 0$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$, we have that $\gamma - \ell k \neq 0$ and $(\gamma - \ell k - 1)\sigma^2/2 + \kappa\theta \neq 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{A_\ell^{(k+1)}(\tau) r^{\gamma-\ell(k+1)}}{A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) r^{\gamma-\ell k}} \right| &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^{k+1} \left(\prod_{j=0}^k \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) r^{\gamma-\ell(k+1)}}{\frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) r^{\gamma-\ell k}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\left(e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1 \right) (\gamma - \ell k) \left(\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \ell k - 1)\sigma^2 + \kappa\theta \right)}{(k+1)\kappa\ell r^\ell} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

The above expression is $\mathcal{O}(k)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$; hence, the limit diverges. By ratio test, the series (15) diverges for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$. \square

From Corollaries 3 and 4, and Theorem 4, we have the following result.

Corollary 5. Assume that r_t follows SDE (3). Then, the series (15) converges for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$ if and only if:

1. $\frac{\gamma}{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, or
2. $\frac{1}{\ell} \left(\gamma - 1 + \frac{2\kappa\theta}{\sigma^2} \right) \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$.

The convergent results for case 1 and 2 are given in Corollaries 3 and 4, respectively.

4. Probabilistic Properties

This section illustrates some usefulness of our results from Section 3 including the first, second and fractional conditional moments; conditional variance and central moments; conditional mixed moments; and conditional covariance and correlation.

Example 1 (The conditional moments). From Corollary 1, the n^{th} conditional moment of an IND-CEV process when the parameter $\ell = 1/L$ for some $L \in \mathbb{N}$ is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}[r_T^n \mid r_t = r] = u_\ell^{(n)}(r, \tau) = \sum_{k=0}^{nL} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) r^{n-\frac{k}{L}},$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} A_\ell^{(0)}(\tau) &= e^{-\int_0^\tau P_\ell^{(0)}(T-\xi) d\xi}, \\ A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau) &= \int_0^\tau e^{-\int_\eta^\tau P_\ell^{(k)}(T-\xi) d\xi} Q_\ell^{(k-1)}(T-\eta) A_\ell^{(k-1)}(\eta) d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where:

$$P_\ell^{(j)}(\tau) = \left(n - \frac{j}{L}\right)\kappa(\tau),$$

$$Q_\ell^{(j)}(\tau) = \left(n - \frac{j}{L}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(n - \frac{j}{L} - 1\right)\sigma^2(\tau) + \kappa(\tau)\theta(\tau)\right).$$

For constants κ, θ and σ , we use $u_\ell^{(1)}(r, \tau)$ and $u_\ell^{(2)}(r, \tau)$ in Corollary 3. Then, for $L = 1$, the first and second conditional moments are given by:

$$\mathbf{E}[r_T | r_t = r] = (r - \theta)e^{-\kappa\tau} + \theta \tag{21}$$

and

$$\mathbf{E}\left[r_T^2 | r_t = r\right] = e^{-2\kappa\tau}r^2 + \frac{(\sigma^2/2 + \kappa\theta)e^{-2\kappa\tau}}{\kappa}\left(r(e^{\kappa\tau} - 1) + \theta(e^{\kappa\tau} - 1)^2\right). \tag{22}$$

For $L = 2$, the first and second conditional moments are given by:

$$\mathbf{E}[r_T | r_t = r] = e^{-\kappa\tau}\left(r + \theta\left(e^{\frac{\kappa\tau}{2}} - 1\right)\left(2r^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\left(e^{\frac{\kappa\tau}{2}} - 1\right)}{\kappa}\left(-\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)\right)\right) \tag{23}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}\left[r_T^2 | r_t = r\right] = & e^{-2\kappa\tau}\left(r^2 + \left(e^{\frac{\kappa\tau}{2}} - 1\right)\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \kappa\theta\right)\left(\frac{4}{\kappa}r^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{6\left(e^{\frac{\kappa\tau}{2}} - 1\right)}{\kappa^2}\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)r\right)\right) \\ & + e^{-2\kappa\tau}\frac{4\left(e^{\frac{\kappa\tau}{2}} - 1\right)^3}{\kappa^2}\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \kappa\theta\right)\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)\theta r^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & + e^{-2\kappa\tau}\frac{\left(e^{\frac{\kappa\tau}{2}} - 1\right)^4}{\kappa^2}\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \kappa\theta\right)\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)\left(-\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)\theta. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Additionally, for $\ell = 3/4$, the conditional moment with $\gamma = 3/2$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}\left[r_T^{\frac{3}{2}} | r_t = r\right] = & e^{-\frac{3}{2}\kappa\tau}r^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2e^{-\frac{3}{2}\kappa\tau}\left(\frac{e^{\frac{3}{4}\kappa\tau} - 1}{\kappa}\right)\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)r^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ & + e^{-\frac{3}{2}\kappa\tau}\left(\frac{e^{\frac{3}{4}\kappa\tau} - 1}{\kappa}\right)^2\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \kappa\theta\right)\left(-\frac{\sigma^2}{8} + \kappa\theta\right). \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Next, we propose the consequences of Example 1, which are the conditional variance and central moments, conditional mixed moments, and conditional covariance and correlation, as follows.

Example 2 (The conditional variance and n th central moment). *By applying Corollary 3, (21) and (22), the conditional variance of the IND-CEV process can be given by:*

$$\mathbf{Var}[r_T | r_t = r] = \mathbf{E}\left[(r_T - \mathbf{E}[r_T | r_t])^2 | r_t = r\right] = u_\ell^{(2)}(r, \tau) - \left(u_\ell^{(1)}(r, \tau)\right)^2,$$

where $u_\ell^{(1)}(r, \tau)$ and $u_\ell^{(2)}(r, \tau)$ are derived in (21) and (22) for the CIR process. In general, the n th central moment is presented by:

$$\mu_n(r, \tau) := \mathbf{E}[(r_T - \mathbf{E}[r_T | r_t])^n | r_t = r] = \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^{n-j} \binom{n}{j} (u_\ell^{(j)}(r, \tau)) (u_\ell^{(1)}(r, \tau))^{n-j}$$

where $u_\ell^{(0)}(r, \tau) := 1$.

Example 3 (The conditional mixed moments). By applying the tower property for $0 \leq t < T_1 < T_2$, where $\tau_1 = T_1 - t$ and $\tau_2 = T_2 - T_1$ and Corollary 1, the conditional mixed moment of the IND-CEV process (2) with $\ell = 1/L$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1}^{n_1} r_{T_2}^{n_2} | r_t = r] &= \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1}^{n_1} \mathbf{E}[r_{T_2}^{n_2} | r_{T_1}] | r_t = r] = \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1}^{n_1} u_\ell^{(n_2)}(r_{T_1}, T_2 - T_1) | r_t = r] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_2 L} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau_2) \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1}^{n_1 + n_2 - \frac{k}{L}} | r_t = r] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_2 L} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau_2) u_\ell^{(n_1 + n_2 - \frac{k}{L})}(r, T_1 - t) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_2 L} \sum_{j=0}^{(n_1 + n_2)L - k} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau_2) A_\ell^{(j)}(\tau_1) r^{n_1 + n_2 - \frac{k+j}{L}}. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

In addition, the general formula for conditional mixed moments $\mathbf{E}[r_{T_1}^{n_1} r_{T_2}^{n_2} \cdots r_{T_k}^{n_k} | r_t = r]$, where $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $0 \leq t < T_1 < T_2 < \dots < T_k$, for the process (3) can be analytically derived by using Corollary 3.

Example 4 (The conditional covariance and correlation). The conditional covariance of the CIR process for $0 \leq t < T_1 < T_2$, where $\tau_1 = T_1 - t$ and $\tau_2 = T_2 - T_1$, is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Cov}[r_{T_1}, r_{T_2} | r_t = r] &:= \mathbf{E}[(r_{T_1} - \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1} | r_t])(r_{T_2} - \mathbf{E}[r_{T_2} | r_t]) | r_t = r] \\ &= \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1} r_{T_2} | r_t = r] - \mathbf{E}[r_{T_1} | r_t = r] \mathbf{E}[r_{T_2} | r_t = r] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^{2-k} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau_2) A_\ell^{(j)}(\tau_1) r^{2-k-j} - u_\ell^{(1)}(r, \tau_1) u_\ell^{(2)}(r, \tau_2). \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Applying the results from (26) and (27), we obtain that the conditional correlation of the CIR process is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Corr}[r_{T_1}, r_{T_2} | r_t = r] &:= \frac{\mathbf{Cov}[r_{T_1}, r_{T_2} | r_t = r]}{\mathbf{Var}[r_{T_1} | r_t = r]^{1/2} \mathbf{Var}[r_{T_2} | r_t = r]^{1/2}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^{2-k} A_\ell^{(k)}(\tau_2) A_\ell^{(j)}(\tau_1) r^{2-k-j} - u_\ell^{(1)}(r, \tau_1) u_\ell^{(2)}(r, \tau_2)}{\left(u_1^{(2)}(r, \tau_1) - \left(u_1^{(1)}(r, \tau_1)\right)^2\right)^{1/2} \left(u_1^{(2)}(r, \tau_2) - \left(u_1^{(1)}(r, \tau_2)\right)^2\right)^{1/2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

We can generalize (27) and (28) by using (26) as the closed forms of $\mathbf{Cov}[r_{T_1}^{n_1}, r_{T_2}^{n_2} | r_t = r]$ and $\mathbf{Corr}[r_{T_1}^{n_1}, r_{T_2}^{n_2} | r_t = r]$, where n_1 and n_2 are positive integers.

5. Unconditional Moments of the IND-CEV Process

This section provides the formula of the unconditional moments of the IND-CEV process with constant parameters as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ reduced from the formula of conditional moments.

Theorem 5. Assume that r_t follows SDE (3). Then, for all $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \prod_{j=1}^{\gamma/\ell} \frac{2\kappa\theta + (\ell j - 1)\sigma^2}{2\kappa}. \quad (29)$$

Proof. Let $s = \gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. By considering (18) in Corollary 3, the coefficient terms of $r^{\gamma-\ell k}$ converge to 0 as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, s-1$. Thus, the summation (18) is reduced to only one term, where $k = s$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau}}{s!} \left(\frac{e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1}{\kappa\ell} \right)^s \left(\prod_{j=0}^{s-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) r^{\gamma-\ell s} \\ &= \frac{1}{s!(\kappa\ell)^s} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{s-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \left(e^{\kappa\tau\ell} - 1 \right)^s \\ &= \frac{1}{s!(\kappa\ell)^s} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{s-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right) \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - e^{-\kappa\tau\ell} \right)^s \\ &= \frac{1}{s!(\kappa\ell)^s} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{s-1} \tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)}$ is defined in (16). By expressing $\tilde{Q}_\ell^{(j)}$ to the above equation, it can be performed to

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = \frac{1}{s!(\kappa\ell)^s} \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (\gamma - \ell j) \left(\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - \ell j - 1)\sigma^2 + \kappa\theta \right) = \prod_{j=1}^{\gamma/\ell} \frac{2\kappa\theta + (\ell j - 1)\sigma^2}{2\kappa}. \quad \square$$

Note that the formula for unconditional moments does not rely on the initial value r , and these unconditional moments represent the moments of the stationary distribution of the process (3).

6. Experimental Validation

In this section, we validate the closed-form formulas presented in Theorem 2 and Corollaries 1 and 2. The Euler–Maruyama (EM) method was applied to simulate the process (2) and approximate the conditional moments based on the symmetry concept. For an interval $[0, \tau]$, let $\Delta = \tau/N$ for a fixed $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t_i = \Delta i$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$. We denote a numerical solution of the IND-CEV process at time t_i by \hat{r}_{t_i} . The EM approximation of (2) on the interval $[0, \tau]$ is defined as $\hat{r}_0 = r$ and

$$\hat{r}_{t_{i+1}} = \hat{r}_{t_i} + \kappa(t_i) \left(\theta(t_i) \hat{r}_{t_i}^{-(\ell-1)} - \hat{r}_{t_i} \right) \Delta t + \sigma(t_i) \hat{r}_{t_i}^{-\frac{(\ell-2)}{2}} \sqrt{\Delta} W_{i+1} \quad (30)$$

where W_1, W_2, \dots, W_N are N independent standard normal random variables. In this validation, the MC simulations based on the EM method (30) were conducted by MATLAB R2021a software on a quadcore Intel Core i5-1035G1 with 8 GB RAM.

Example 5. In this example, we apply the MC simulations based on the CEV process [15]:

$$dr_t = \kappa \left(\frac{\sigma_0^2 d e^{2\sigma_1 t}}{4\kappa} r_t^{-(\ell-1)} - r_t \right) dt + \sigma_0 e^{\sigma_1 t} r_t^{-\frac{\ell-2}{2}} dW_t \quad (31)$$

where κ and σ_0 are positive constants, σ_1 is a non-negative constant and d is a positive integer greater than 2. By considering (31) and (2), the parameter functions for SDE (31) are $\kappa(t) = \kappa$,

$\theta(t) = d\sigma_0^2 e^{2\sigma_1 t} / 4\kappa$ and $\sigma(t) = \sigma_0 e^{\sigma_1 t}$. Note that Assumptions 1 and 2 hold for these parameter functions. By Theorem 2, we have that:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \xi_k \quad (32)$$

where:

$$\xi_k := \frac{1}{k!} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (\gamma - \ell j)(d + 2(\gamma - \ell j - 1)) \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_0^2 e^{2\sigma_1(T-\tau)} (e^{2\sigma_1\tau + \kappa\tau\ell} - 1)}{4(2\sigma_1 + \kappa\ell)} \right)^k r^{\gamma - \ell k}. \quad (33)$$

However, Formula (32) can be reduced to a finite sum for a particular situation. By Corollary 1, if $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{\gamma/\ell} \xi_k. \quad (34)$$

By Corollary 2, if there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$ such that $\gamma = 1 - 2\kappa(\tau)\theta(\tau)/\sigma^2(\tau) + \ell m$, which is $1 - d/2 + \ell m$ in this example, for all $\tau \in (0, T]$, then:

$$u_\ell^{(\gamma)}(r, \tau) = e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \sum_{k=0}^m \xi_k. \quad (35)$$

Our experiments are classified into three cases: (i) $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, (ii) $(\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$, and (iii) $\gamma/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $(\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^+$. The algorithm of our validation is given in Algorithm 1. The parameters $\ell = 2/3$, $\sigma_0 = 0.01$, $\sigma_1 = 0.02$, $\kappa = 0.03$ and $T = 10$ in the process (31) are set for all of these three cases. MC simulations were performed at each initial value $r = 0.1, 0.2, \dots, 2$ and $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, 10$.

Algorithm 1 MC validation for the process (31)

- 1: Set the values for parameters $\ell, \gamma, d, \kappa, \sigma_0, \sigma_1, T$
 - 2: $N_0 \leftarrow \begin{cases} \gamma/\ell & \text{if } \gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ (\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell & \text{if } (\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ \text{the number of terms in (32)} & \text{if } \gamma/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and } (\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{cases}$
 - 3: Compute $u(r, \tau) = e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{N_0} \xi_k$ according to (33) for a refined grid of variables r and τ
 - 4: Plot a surface of $u(r, \tau)$ representing the conditional moments from our formulas
 - 5: Construct a grid of variables r and τ to perform MC simulation
 - 6: For each initial value r and final time τ , apply the EM method with 1000 time steps to the process (31) to get \hat{r}_τ with 1000 sample paths and compute the average value of \hat{r}_τ^γ
 - 7: Plot the resulting values and compare them with the surface of $u(r, \tau)$
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For the case when $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, we set $d = 3$ and consider two different values of γ . Here, we choose $\gamma = 2$ and $8/3$. Figure 1 shows the comparison between Formula (34) and MC simulations. The results from MC simulations are presented by blue star markers, and Formula (34) is presented by the solid surfaces. All markers perfectly match with the surfaces. This indicates that our formula from Corollary 1 is correct. The validation runtimes for $\gamma = 2$ and $8/3$ were 23.82 and 22.30 s, respectively.

For the case when $(\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$, we set $d = 4$ and consider $\gamma = 1$ and $5/3$. Figure 2 demonstrates the comparison between Formula (35) and MC simulations. Evidently, the results from MC simulations and the surfaces from Formula (35) are completely coincident. Validation runtimes for $\gamma = 1$ and $5/3$ were 22.34 and 22.63 s, respectively.

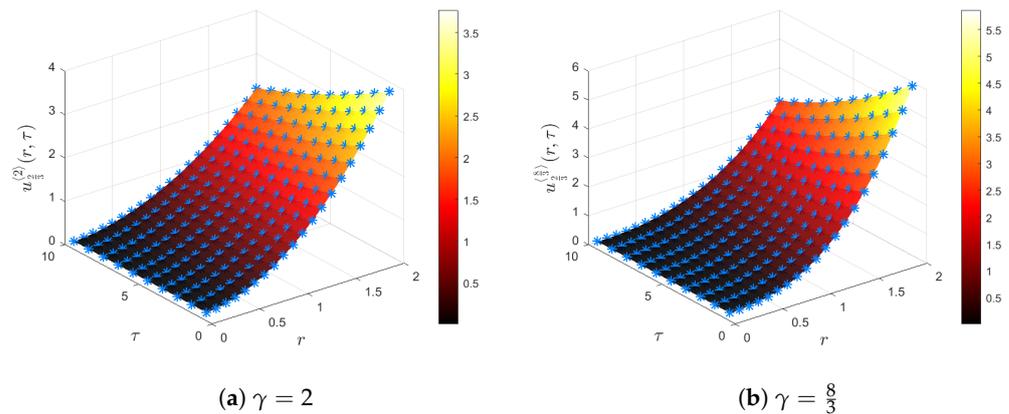


Figure 1. The validation of conditional moments for process (31) where $\ell = 2/3, \sigma_0 = 0.01, \sigma_1 = 0.02, \kappa = 0.03, T = 10$ and $d = 3$ with MC simulations.

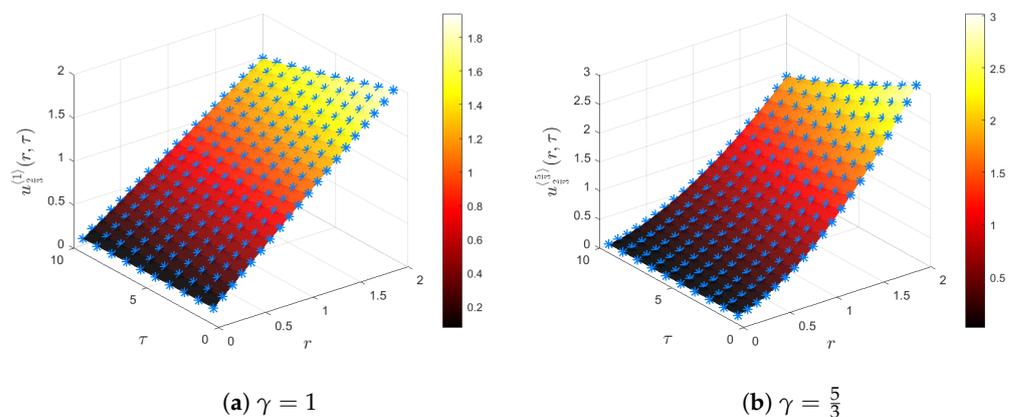


Figure 2. The validation of conditional moments for process (31) where $\ell = 2/3, \sigma_0 = 0.01, \sigma_1 = 0.02, \kappa = 0.03, T = 10$ and $d = 4$ with MC simulations.

For the case when $\gamma/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $(\gamma - 1 + d/2)/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^+$, we set $d = 5$ and consider $\gamma = 1$. Observe that from (33), $|\xi_{k+1}/\xi_k|$ is $\mathcal{O}(k)$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$; thus, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\xi_{k+1}/\xi_k| = \infty$ for $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$. By the ratio test, the summation $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \xi_k$ diverges; hence, Formula (32) diverges for all $(r, \tau) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, T]$. This means that the conditional moment cannot be expressed in the form (5). However, our experiment shows that finite terms of the summation in Formula (32) can be used to approximate the conditional moment. Figure 3 shows the comparison between the formula

$$S_n(r, \tau) := e^{-\gamma\kappa\tau} \sum_{k=0}^n \xi_k \tag{36}$$

for $n = 10, 1000$ and MC simulations. The results from MC simulations coincide with the surface from Formula (36) with $n = 10$. For $n = 1000$, the results from Formula (36) could not be computed by our machine. This supports our theory that Formula (32) diverges. Validation runtimes for $n = 10$ and $n = 1000$ were 22.76 and 26.98 s, respectively.

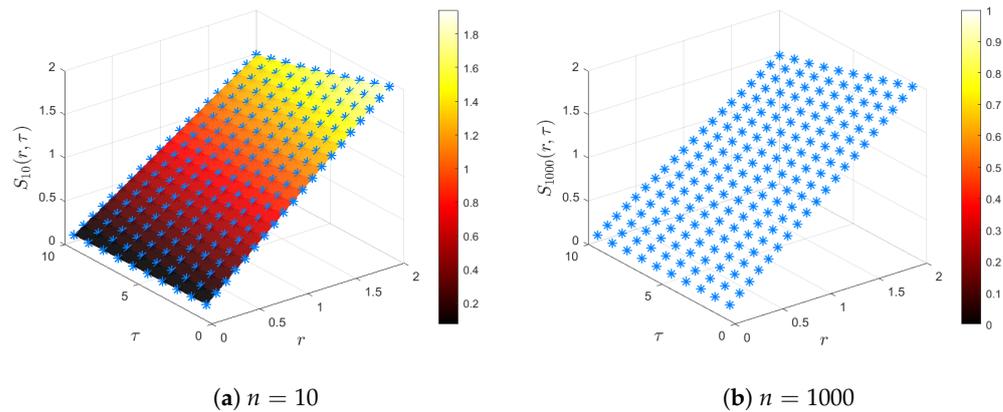


Figure 3. The validation of conditional moments for process (31) where $\ell = 2/3, \gamma = 1, \sigma_0 = 0.01, \sigma_1 = 0.02, \kappa = 0.03, T = 10$ and $d = 5$ with MC simulations.

The next example shows a similar result of the third case in Example 5 for the IND-CEV process with constant parameter functions.

Example 6. For SDE (3) with $\ell = 2/3, \kappa = 0.03, \theta = 0.003, \sigma = 0.01, \gamma = 1$ and $T = 10$, we have that $\gamma/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $(\gamma - 1 + 2\kappa\theta/\sigma^2)/\ell \notin \mathbb{Z}_0^+$. From Corollary 5, $u_{2/3}^{(1)}(r, \tau)$ cannot be expressed in the form (5). However, our experiment shows that finite terms of the summation in Formula (15) can be used to approximate the conditional moment. Let:

$$\tilde{S}_n(r, \tau) := \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{e^{-\kappa\tau}}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{2\kappa\tau} - 1}{2\kappa} \right)^k \left(\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (1 - 2j) (\kappa\theta - j\sigma^2) \right) r^{1-2k}. \tag{37}$$

Figure 4 shows the comparison for Formula (37) between $n = 10, 1000$ and MC simulations. All blue markers match with the surface from the formula with $n = 10$, even though $\tilde{S}_n(r, \tau)$ diverges as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Validation runtimes for $n = 10$ and $n = 1000$ were 22.79 and 26.96 s, respectively.

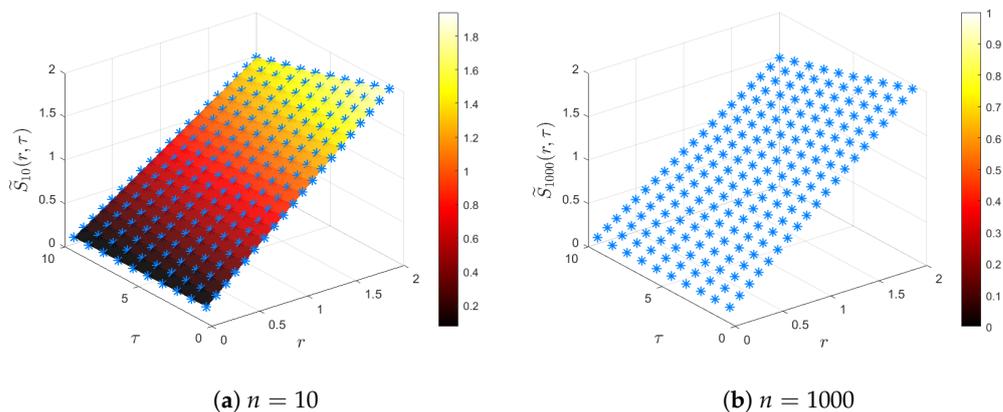


Figure 4. The validation of conditional moments for process (3) where $\ell = 2/3, \gamma = 1, \kappa = 0.03, \theta = 0.003$ and $\sigma = 0.01$ and $T = 10$ with MC simulations.

7. Conclusions, Limitations and Future Researches

In this study, we focused on the IND-CEV process (2) and a special case when the parameter functions are constants, which leads to process (3). We gave the sufficient conditions for SDE (2) in order to have a unique positive path-wise strong solution. We have derived the explicit formulas of conditional moments for this process. The derived formula for process (2) is shown in Theorem 2 in terms of infinite series. The formula can be reduced from infinite sum to finite sum for two situations: (i) the case when $\gamma/\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and (ii) condition (13), which are shown in Corollaries 1 and 2. Furthermore, we have presented the formula for process (3), where the parameter functions are constant, in Theorem 3. As

a consequence, formulas for special situations are expressed in Corollaries 3 and 4. The characterization for the convergence of the infinite sum in the formula for process (3) is discussed in Theorem 4 and summarized in Corollary 5.

The use of our results was illustrated. This includes conditional moments, conditional variance and central moments, conditional mixed moments, conditional covariance and correlation. In addition, the moments of the stationary distribution of process (3) were proposed in Theorem 5.

Moreover, we have validated our closed-form formulas for process (2) by comparing the calculated values of conditional moments from our formula with the MC simulations via a number of experimental examples in Section 6. Our results in each situation have completely matched with MC simulations. Moreover, for some moments γ whose formula cannot be reduced to a finite sum, we can approximate the conditional moments by displaying the numerical result of the finite sum with suitable order. It turns out that the obtained results have good accuracy when compared with the MC simulations.

One major concern is that our proposed formulas in Theorem 2 and Corollaries 1 and 2 are not in closed form when integral terms cannot be analytically computed. In this case, a numerical method can be applied to calculate the coefficients numerically; see [28,29].

In the context of future works, our proposed closed-form formulas under the IND-CEV process have further beneficial aspects for pricing financial derivatives, such as moment swaps and the asset whose payoff can be generated by the conditional moments, see more details in [23,30]. In addition, since the transition PDF of process (2) is complicated and does not exist in closed form, our closed-form formulas can also be applied for parameter estimations of the behavior and dynamic of observed data; see more details in [9].

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The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

CEV	Constant elasticity of variance diffusion
CIR	Cox–Ingersoll–Ross
ECIR	Extended Cox–Ingersoll–Ross
EM	Euler–Maruyama
IND	Inhomogeneous nonlinear drift
MC	Monte Carlo
MR	Marsh–Rosenfeld
ODE	Ordinary differential equation
OU	Ornstein–Uhlenbeck
PDE	Partial differential equation
PDF	Probability density function
SDE	Stochastic differential equation

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