

Moment Explosions and Stationary Distributions in Affine Diffusion Models

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Introduction

Affine Diffusion Models

$$dY(t) = \mu(t)dt + \sigma(t)dW(t)$$

$\mu(t)$ and $\sigma(t)\sigma(t)^\top$ are affine functions of $Y(t)$

Why affine models? Modeling flexibility + Tractability

Examples

- Vasicek: $dY(t) = \alpha(b - Y(t))dt + \sigma dW(t)$
- Cox-Ingersoll-Ross: $dY(t) = \alpha(b - Y(t))dt + \sigma\sqrt{Y(t)}dW(t)$
- Heston: $W(t)$ 2-dimensional Brownian motion with correlation ρ , $S(t) = \exp(Y_2(t))$

$$dY_1(t) = \alpha(b - Y_1(t))dt + \sigma\sqrt{Y_1(t)}dW_1(t)$$

$$dY_2(t) = (r - Y_1(t)/2)dt + \sqrt{Y_1(t)}dW_2(t)$$

Transform Formula

1. Tractability of Affine Models

–Semi-analytical Bond or Option pricing formula via Fourier inversion

2. Duffie, Pan, Singleton, Econometrica 2000

–Affine Jump-Diffusion Models under regularity conditions

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(u \cdot Y(t)) = \exp(x(t) + y(t) \cdot Y(0))$$

– $x(t)$, $y(t)$: solutions of a system of ODEs

3. Duffie, Filipović, Schachermayer, Annals of App. Prob. 2003

–Admissible parameters \Rightarrow Fourier transform holds

Objectives

1. Moment Explosions (Andersen and Piterbarg, Fin. and Stoch. 07)

–Moment explosions for SV models

$$\begin{aligned}dV_t &= \kappa(\theta - V_t)dt + \epsilon V_t^p dW_t^1 \\dX_t &= \lambda X_t \sqrt{V_t} dW_t^2\end{aligned}$$

2. Tail Behavior of $u \cdot Y_t$: $\phi(\theta) := \mathbb{E}e^{\theta X}$, $X \geq 0$ a.s. and $\theta \geq 0$

- If $\phi(\theta) = \infty$ for all $\theta > 0$, X is heavy-tailed
- If $\phi(\theta) < \infty$ for $\theta < \theta_0$, X has exponentially bounded tails
- If $\phi(\theta) < \infty$ for all θ , X is light-tailed

3. Limiting stationary distribution Y_∞

Canonical Affine Diffusions

Canonical Models

Dai and Singleton, Journal of Finance 2000
(econometric identifiability)

Canonical Affine Diffusions: restrictions on parameters to identify $r_t = a + b \cdot V_t + c \cdot X_t$

–Volatility factors (dimension m)

$$dV_t = K_1(\Theta_1 - V_t)dt + \sqrt{\text{diag}(V_t)}dW_t^1$$

–Dependent factors (dimension n)

$$dX_t = (K_2(\Theta_2 - X_t) - K_3V_t) dt + \sqrt{\text{diag}(1 + MV_t)}dW_t^2$$

$$\implies \mathbb{A}_m(m + n)$$

Theorem 1

For given $u \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ and $t > 0$ ($Y = (V, X)$),

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(u \cdot Y_t) < \infty? \Leftrightarrow |x(t)| < \infty?$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ \dots \\ x_{n+m}^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x(0) = u/2$$

$$A = - \begin{pmatrix} K_1^\top & K_3^\top \\ 0 & K_2^\top \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} I & M^\top \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(u \cdot Y_t) = \exp \left(2 \int_0^t \Lambda \cdot x(s) ds + 2 \int_0^t |x^X(s)|^2 ds + 2x(t) \cdot Y_0 \right)$$

Implication I

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ \dots \\ x_{n+m}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. $x(0) = 0 \implies x(t) \equiv 0$: origin is an equilibrium
2. Jacobian at the origin $J(0) = A$: negative eigenvalues
 $\implies \lim_t x(t) = 0$ whenever $x(0) \in U$ some neighborhood of the origin
3. For any u and t , $\mathbb{E} \exp(\theta u \cdot Y_t) < \infty$ for small θ
 $\implies u \cdot Y_t$ cannot have heavy tails

Implication II

$$S_t := \{u : |x(t)| < \infty\}$$

$u \cdot Y_t$ has light left and light right tails



$$\mathbb{E} \exp(\theta u \cdot Y_t) < \infty \text{ for all } \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$



$$\theta u/2 \in S_t \text{ for all } \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

(CIR, OU)

$$dV_t = (m_1 - 2V_t)dt + \sqrt{V_t}dW_t^1$$

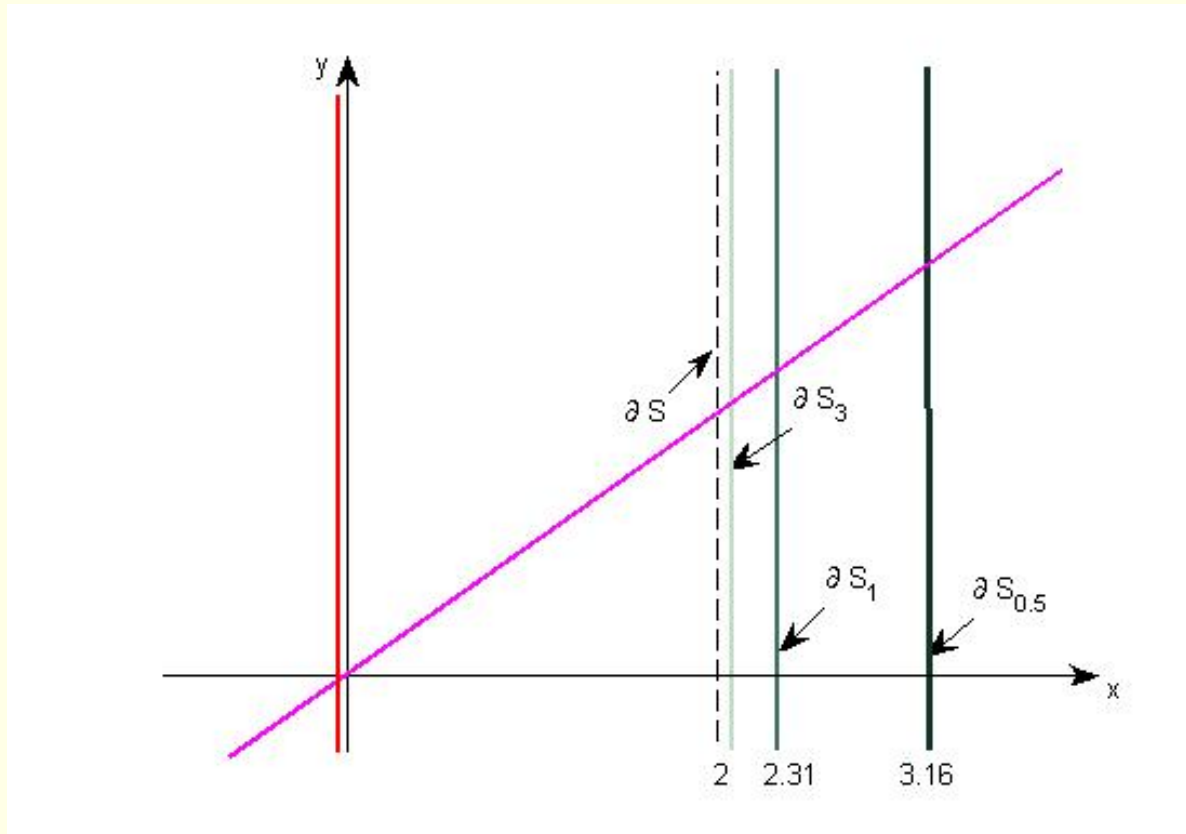
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Heston-like

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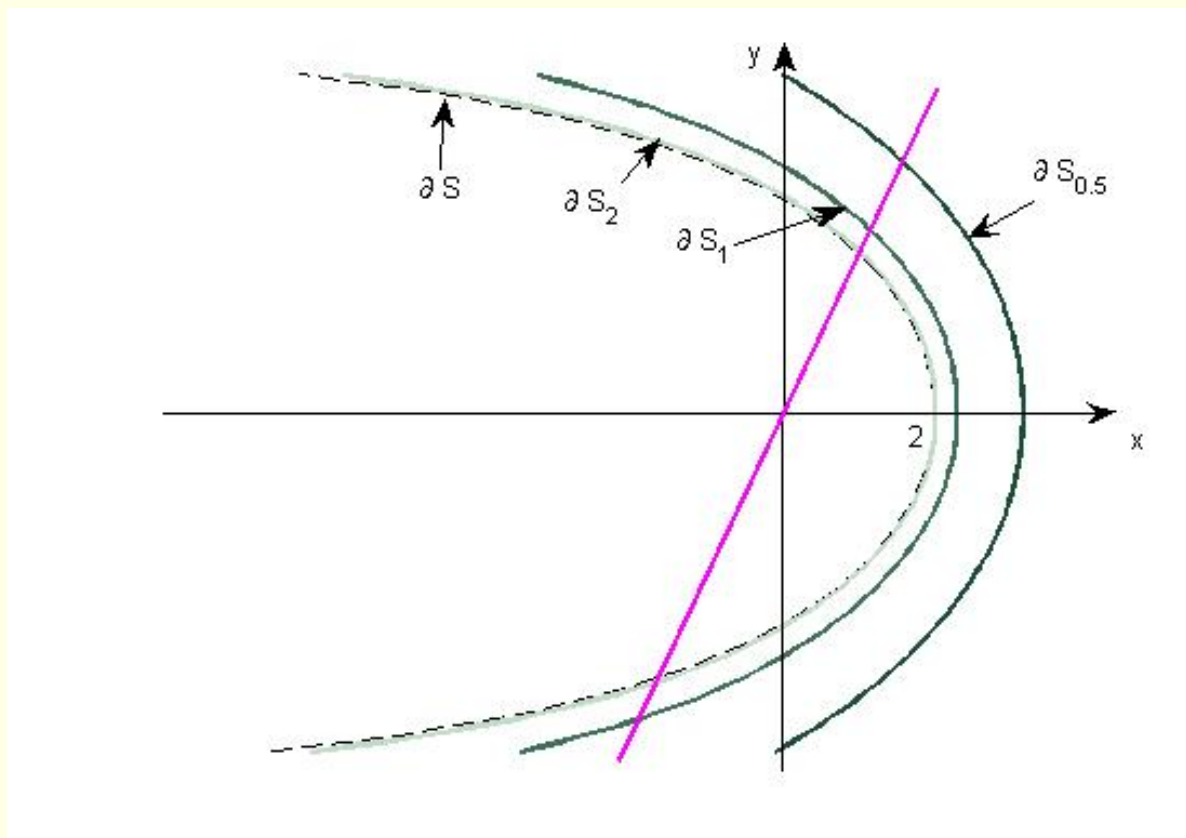
$$dX_t = (m_2 - 2X_t)dt + \sqrt{1 + V_t}dW_t^2$$

$$Y_t = (\text{CIR}, \text{OU}), \quad S_t := \{u : |x(t)| < \infty\}$$



- $u = (1, 0) \implies u \cdot Y_t = \text{CIR}$
- $u = (0, 1) \implies u \cdot Y_t = \text{OU}$
- $u \cdot Y_t$ has light tails if and only if $u_1 = 0$

$Y_t = \text{Heston-like}$, $S_t := \{u : |x(t)| < \infty\}$



- For any u , $u \cdot Y_t$ has exponentially bounded tails

Stationary Distribution

Examples

1. Vasicek: $dY(t) = \alpha(b - Y(t))dt + \sigma dW(t)$, $Y/\sigma \in \mathbb{A}_0(1)$

$$Y(t) \sim N \left(e^{-\alpha t}(Y_0 - b) + b, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} (1 - e^{-2\alpha t}) \right)$$

$$Y_\infty \sim N \left(b, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} \right)$$

2. Cox-Ingersoll-Ross: $dY(t) = \alpha(b - Y(t))dt + \sigma\sqrt{Y(t)}dW(t)$,
 $Y/\sigma^2 \in A_1(1)$

$$Y(t) \sim \frac{\sigma^2(1 - e^{-\alpha t})}{4\alpha} \chi_d'^2 \left(\frac{4\alpha e^{-\alpha t}}{\sigma^2(1 - e^{-\alpha t})} Y(0) \right), \quad d = \frac{4b\alpha}{\sigma^2}$$

$$Y_\infty \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{4\alpha} \chi_d^2, \quad \mathbb{E}e^{2uY_\infty} = \left(1 - \frac{u}{\alpha} \right)^{-d/2}, \quad u < \alpha$$

Theorem 2

$\exists!$ limiting stationary distribution Y_∞ for any $Y_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\mathbb{E}e^{u \cdot Y_\infty} = \exp\left(2 \int_0^\infty \Lambda \cdot x(t) dt + 2 \int_0^\infty |x^d(t)|^2 dt\right)$$

for $u \in \{u : \mathbb{E}e^{u \cdot Y_\infty} < \infty\}$. Moreover,

$$S = \{u : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0, x(0) = u\} = \{u/2 : \mathbb{E}e^{u \cdot Y_\infty} < \infty\}$$

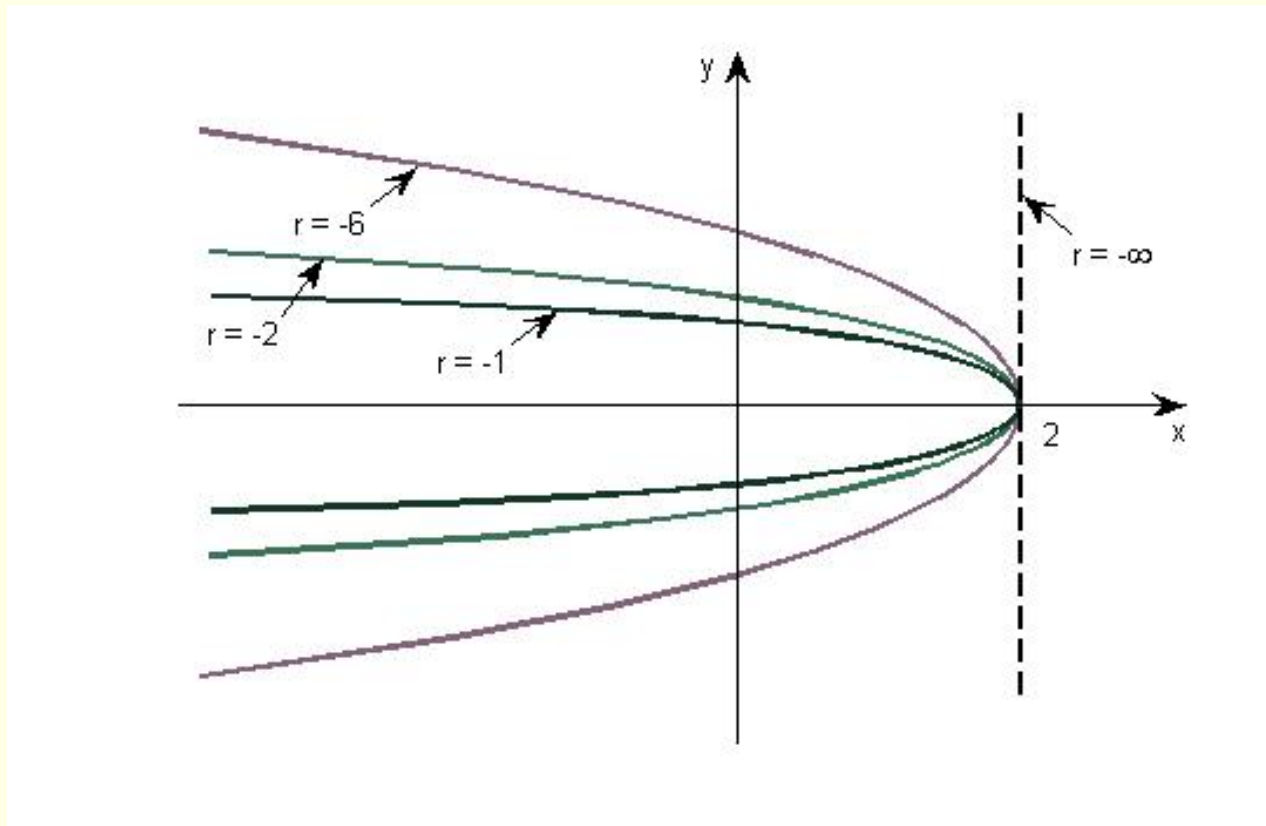
$$\dot{x} = Ax + B(x_1^2, \dots, x_{m+n}^2), \quad x(0) = u/2$$

Implication

1. Stability region: open set containing the origin $\Rightarrow u \cdot Y_\infty$ never achieves a heavy tail
2. $u \cdot Y_\infty$ has a light tail iff $\theta u \in S$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

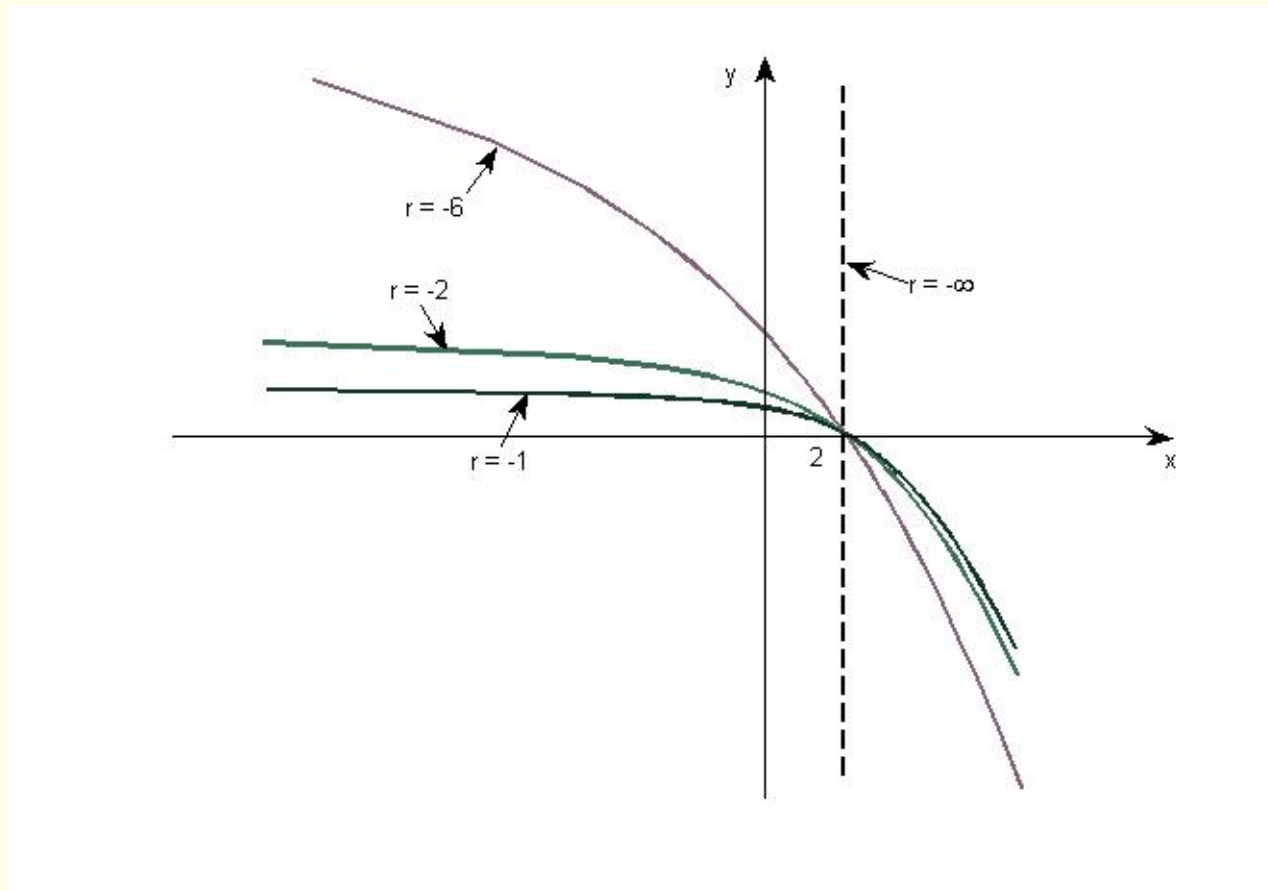
Example I $\mathbb{A}_1(2)$

$$\begin{aligned} dV_t &= (m_1 - 2V_t)dt + \sqrt{V_t}dW_t^1 \\ dX_t &= (m_2 + rX_t)dt + \sqrt{1 + V_t}dW_t^2 \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -2x_1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= rx_2 \end{aligned}$$



Example II $\mathbb{A}_1(2)$

$$\begin{aligned} dV_t &= (m_1 - 2V_t)dt + \sqrt{V_t}dW^1 \\ dX_t &= (m_2 + V_t + rX_t)dt + dW^2 \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -2x_1 + x_2 + x_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= rx_2 \end{aligned}$$



Gaussian Conditions

Jordan Canonical Form of $-K_2^\top$

$$dX_t = (K_2(\Theta_2 - X_t) - K_3V_t) dt + \sqrt{\text{diag}(1 + MV_t)}dW_t^2$$

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$: distinct eigenvalues of $-K_2^\top$

$\Rightarrow \exists P$ s.t. $P^{-1}(-K_2^\top)P = J$ where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & J_2 & \\ & & J_k \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_i = \begin{pmatrix} J_i^1 & & \\ & J_i^2 & \\ & & J_i^{g_{\lambda_i}} \end{pmatrix}$$

J_i^j : Jordan blocks associated with λ_i

g_{λ_i} : geometric multiplicity = $\dim \text{Ker}(-K_2^\top - \lambda_i I) =$ the number of Jordan blocks for λ_i

a_{λ_i} : algebraic multiplicity = $\sum_j \dim J_i^j = \dim J_i$

Useful Matrices

Define $N_i = J_i - \lambda_i I$, $\tilde{u} = P^{-1}u^X$

$$W := \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_l \\ -K_3^\top P \end{pmatrix} = [W_1 \mid \cdots \mid W_k], \quad \tilde{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}^1 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{u}^k \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{u}^i \in \mathbb{R}^{a_{\lambda_i}}.$$

w_1, \dots, w_l : q -th rows of P for $q \in \mathcal{J} = \{q : \exists p \text{ s.t. } M_{pq}^\top \neq 0\}$

W_1 : the first a_{λ_1} columns of W , W_2 : the next a_{λ_2} columns, etc.

Theorem 3

For any given $t > 0$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$,

$$\mathbb{E}e^{\theta u \cdot Y_t} < \infty \text{ for all } \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

if and only if $u^V = 0$ and

$$W_i N_i^l \tilde{u}^i = 0, \quad l = 0, \dots, a_{\lambda_i} - 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

Moreover, $u \cdot Y_t$ has a Gaussian distribution if and only if these conditions hold.

Remark

To achieve a light tail (in this case, Gaussian), we remove all the dependence on V factors from $u \cdot Y_t = u^V \cdot V_t + \tilde{u}^X \cdot (P^\top X_t)$ and this dependence is captured by the above conditions.

Example $\mathbb{A}_1(3)$

$$dY_1 = (m_1 - Y_1)dt + \sqrt{Y_1}dW_t^1$$

$$dY_2 = (m_2 + aY_1 - Y_2)dt + dW_t^2$$

$$dY_3 = (m_3 + bY_1 + cY_2 - Y_3)dt + dW_t^3$$

For no explicit dependence on Y_1 , $u = (0, u_2, u_3)$. Then,

$$d(u \cdot Y) = (\Lambda + (au_2 + bu_3)Y_1 + cu_3Y_2 - u \cdot Y)dt + u_2dW_t^2 + u_3dW_t^3$$

- $au_2 + bu_3 = 0$ (*)
- If $a \neq 0$, then $cu_3 = 0$
- If $a \neq 0$ and $c = 0$, then $u \cdot Y_t$ is Gaussian under (*)
- If $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$, then $u_2 = u_3 = 0$: no $u \cdot Y$ is Gaussian

Example $\mathbb{A}_1(4)$

$$-K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d(u^X \cdot X_t) = \left(u^X \cdot (K_2 \Theta_2) - \sum_j u_j^X (K_3)_j V_t + \sum_j u_j^X \lambda_j X_{t,j} \right) dt \\ + \sum_j u_j^X \sqrt{1 + M_j V_t} dW_j^2(t)$$

\Rightarrow For no (explicit) dependence on V ,

(1) $u^V = 0$,

(2) $\sum_j u_j^X (K_3)_j = 0$

(3) $u_j^X = 0$ for all $j \in \mathcal{J} = \{j : M_j \neq 0\}$.

However, this is not enough.

$$d(u^X \cdot X_t) = (u^X \cdot (K_2 \Theta_2) + \lambda_1 (u^X \cdot X_t) + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) u_3^X X_{t,3}) dt + \sum_{j \notin \mathcal{J}} u_j^X dW_j^2(t)$$

If X_3 depends on V , then $u \cdot Y$ is not free of $V \Rightarrow u_3^X = 0$:

$$d(u^X \cdot X_t) = (u^X \cdot (K_2 \Theta_2) + \lambda_1 (u^X \cdot X_t)) dt + \sum_{j \notin \mathcal{J}} u_j^X dW_j^2(t)$$

Conclusion

Summary

- The transform formula as in DPS holds unconditionally for the canonical affine diffusion models
- $u \cdot Y_t$ has necessarily tails with exponential decay or Gaussian distribution and this Gaussian case is achieved when u satisfies certain constraints
- Canonical models admit limiting stationary distributions Y_∞ and they are characterized by MGFs, which in turn are expressed using solutions to Riccati ODEs
- The region of finite exponential moments of Y_∞ coincides with the stability region of the associated ODEs
- The stability region S of the origin shows the tail behaviors of $u \cdot Y_\infty$ at least qualitatively

Thank You!