Real-Time Risk Management with Adjoint Algorithmic Differentiation

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### Introduction

Financial computations, no matter whether by Monte Carlo or PDE approaches, can be complex and time-consuming.

The traditional way of computing sensitivities is bumping, which requires double computations. This adds complexity and inefficiency.

The main idea of AAD is to decompose functions into basic operations which are easy to differentiate on a computer.

We present the application of AAD to regression based Monte Carlo approaches such as those that are widely used for Bermudan options and for XVA applications

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## How a function is implemented?

Considering a computer implemented function of the form

$$Y = FUNCTION(X)$$

mapping a vector  $X \in \mathbb{R}_n$  to a vector  $Y \in \mathbb{R}_m$  through a sequence of steps

$$X \to ... \to U \to V \to ... \to Y$$

Here, the real vectors U and V represent intermediate variables used in the calculation and each step can be a distinct high-level function or even a specific instruction.

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#### The adjoints and chain rule

We define the adjoint of any intermediate variable  $V_k$  by

$$ar{V}_k = \sum_{j=1}^m ar{Y}_j rac{\partial Y_j}{\partial V_k}$$

where  $\overline{Y}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}_m$  For each of the intermediate variables  $U_i$ , by applying the chain rule, we get

$$\bar{U}_i = \sum_{j=1}^m \bar{Y}_j \frac{\partial Y_j}{\partial U_i} = \sum_{j=1}^m \bar{Y}_j \sum_k \frac{\partial Y_j}{\partial V_k} \frac{\partial V_k}{\partial U_i}$$

which corresponds to the adjoint mode equation for the intermediate step represented by the function V = V(U).

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## AAD algorithm

We start from the adjoint of the outputs  $\bar{Y}$  , and apply this rule to each step in the calculation, working

 $\bar{X} = \texttt{FUNCTION}_b(X, \bar{Y})$ 

by

$$\bar{X} \leftarrow ... \leftarrow \bar{U} \leftarrow \bar{V} \leftarrow ... \leftarrow \bar{Y}$$

until we obtain the inputs adjoints  $\bar{X}$ .

In the adjoint mode, the cost does not increase with the number of inputs. One particularly important theoretical result is

$$\frac{\text{Cost}[\text{FUNCTION}_b]}{\text{Cost}[\text{FUNCTION}]} < \omega_A$$

where  $\omega_A \in [3, 4]$ .

### Bermudan options and dynamic programming principle

The value of a Bermudan option is the supremum of the option value over all the possible exercise policies  $E(\tau)$ , where  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}(t)$ , the strikable time.

$$\frac{V(t)}{N(t)} = \sup_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}(t)} \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{E(\tau)}{N(\tau)} \right].$$
(1)

We indicate with  $H_{\eta}(t)$  the holding value of the Bermudan option when  $T_{\eta(t)} \leq t < T_{\eta(t)+1}$ , we have

$$\frac{H_{\eta(t)}(t)}{N(t)} = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \frac{V(T_{\eta(t)+1})}{N(T_{\eta(t)+1})} \right] \,. \tag{2}$$

### Bermudan options and dynamic programming principle

It leads to the so-called dynamic programming formulation, namely,

$$\frac{H_{\eta(t)}(t)}{N(t)} = \mathbb{E}_t \Big[ \max \Big( \frac{E(T_{\eta(t)+1})}{N(T_{\eta(t)+1})}, \frac{H_{\eta(t)+1}(T_{\eta(t)+1})}{N(T_{\eta(t)+1})} \Big) \Big] , \qquad (3)$$

for  $T_\eta \leq t < T_{\eta+1}$ , and  $\eta = 1, \dots, M-1$ .

The dynamic programming formulation above implies that the stopping time defining optional exercise as seen as time t is given by

$$\tau^{\star} = \inf[T_m \ge t : E(T_m) \ge H_m(T_m)] . \tag{4}$$

#### XVA and nested Monte Carlo

For simplicity, we consider the calculation of the CVA and of the DVA as the main measures of a dealer's counterparty credit risk. This can be evaluated at time  $t_0 = 0$  as

$$XVA = -\mathbb{E}\Big[\mathbb{I}(\tau_{c} \leq T)\frac{L_{c}}{N(\tau_{c})}(V(\tau_{c}))^{+} + \mathbb{I}(\tau_{d} \leq T)\frac{L_{d}}{N(\tau_{d})}(V(\tau_{d}))^{-}\Big], \quad (5)$$

In general, its calculation requires a MC simulation due to the correlated variables.

However, the conditional future NPV can rarely be expressed in closed form. It means we requires a nested Monte Carlo to evaluate the XVA, which is inefficient in both time and memory.

#### The valuation of Bermudan options



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#### Low estimator of Bermudan option prices



#### Computing XVA by regression-based Monte Carlo



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#### Function regularisations

AAD requires the function to be Lipschitz continuous in each step of the AAD procedure.

Most of the financial derivatives with non-Lipschitz continuities, one can express their payoff by applying the Heaviside function  $\mathcal{H}(x)$ .

One can approximate  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  by the call spread formula

$$\mathcal{H}(x-K) \approx \mathcal{H}_{\delta}^{\mathrm{cs}}(x-K) = \left(\min\left(\frac{x-(K-\delta)}{2\delta},1\right)\right)^+,$$
 (6)

where  $\delta \ll K$ .

As  $\delta \to 0$ , most derivatives of  $\mathcal{H}^{cs}_{\delta}(x - K)$  in the sample space are vanishingly small, but a few of them is very large instead. It leads to large variances of the path-wise derivative estimator.

### AAD for Bermudan options



#### AAD for low estimator

For  $m = M - 1, \dots, 0$ , we collect  $\bar{\theta} + = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{MC}} \bar{X}_{m+1}^{(n)} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \theta} (T_m, X_m^{(n)}, \theta)$ 
$$\begin{split} \bar{X}_m^{(n)} &= \bar{E}_m^{(n)} \frac{\partial \bar{E}_m^{(n)}}{\partial X_m^{(n)}} + \bar{N}_m^{(n)} \frac{\partial N_m^{(n)}}{\partial X_m^{(n)}} + \bar{\psi}_p^{-T} (X_{T_m}^{(n)}) \frac{\partial \psi_p}{\partial X_m^{(n)}} (X_{T_m}^{(n)}) \\ \bar{\theta} &= \sum_{n=1}^{N_{MC}} \bar{N}_m^{(n)} \frac{\partial N_m^{(n)}}{\partial \theta} \end{split}$$
 $\bar{\beta}_m = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\ \bar{\psi}_p}}^{m} \bar{H}_{p,m}^{(n)} \psi_p(X_{T_m}^{(n)})$  $\bar{\psi}_p\left(X_{T_m}^{(n)}\right) = \bar{H}_{p,m}^{(n)} \beta_m$ Apply the call spread regularisation formula, we can approximate  $\overline{\widetilde{H}}_{m}^{(n)} = \frac{\widetilde{E}_{\tau}^{(n)}}{2\delta} \mathbb{I}\left(\widetilde{H}_{m}^{(n)} \in \left[\widetilde{E}_{m}^{(n)} - \delta, \widetilde{E}_{m}^{(n)} + \delta\right]\right) \left(P_{m}^{(n)} - Q_{m}^{(n)}\right)$  $\bar{\bar{E}}_m^{(n)} = \bar{\bar{E}}_\tau^{(n)} \left[ R_m^{(n)} + \frac{\mathbb{I}\left( \bar{E}_m^{(n)} \in \left[ \widetilde{H}_m^{(n)} - \delta, \widetilde{H}_m^{(n)} + \delta \right] \right)}{2\delta} \left( P_m^{(n)} - Q_m^{(n)} \right) \right]$  $\overline{\widetilde{N}}_{m}^{(n)} = -\overline{\widetilde{E}}_{\tau}^{(n)} \frac{Q_{m}^{(n)} \mathbb{I}\left(\widetilde{E}_{m}^{(n)} > \widetilde{H}_{m}^{(n)}\right)}{\widetilde{N}^{(n)}}$  $\bar{\tilde{E}}_{\tau}^{(n)} = \frac{V(T_0)}{N_{MC}}$ 

 $P_m^{(n)}$ ,  $Q_m^{(n)}$  and  $R_m^{(n)}$ 

$$P_{m}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\tilde{E}_{2}^{(n)} - \tilde{\mu}_{2}^{(n)}}{\tilde{N}_{2}^{(n)}} + \sum_{k=3}^{M} \frac{\tilde{E}_{k}^{(n)} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{E}_{k}^{(n)} > \tilde{\mu}_{k}^{(n)}}}{\tilde{N}_{k}^{(n)}} \prod_{j=2}^{k-1} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{H}_{j}^{(n)} > \tilde{E}_{j}^{(n)}}, & m = 1 \\ \sum_{k=m+1}^{M} \frac{\tilde{E}_{k}^{(n)} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{E}_{k}^{(n)} > \tilde{\mu}_{k}^{(n)}}}{\tilde{N}_{k}^{(n)}} \prod_{j=2, j \neq m}^{k-1} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{H}_{j}^{(n)} > \tilde{E}_{j}^{(n)}}, & m \in [2, M-1] \\ 0, & m = M \end{cases}$$
$$Q_{m}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\tilde{E}_{m}^{(n)}}{\tilde{N}_{m}^{(n)}} \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{H}_{j}^{(n)} > \tilde{E}_{j}^{(n)}}, & m \neq 1 \\ \frac{\tilde{E}_{1}^{(n)}}{\tilde{N}_{1}^{(n)}}, & m = 1 \end{cases}$$
$$R_{m}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbf{1}_{\tilde{E}_{m}^{(n)} > \tilde{H}_{m}^{(n)}}}{\tilde{N}_{m}^{(n)}} \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{H}_{j}^{(n)} > \tilde{E}_{j}^{(n)}}, & m \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{\tilde{E}_{m}^{(n)} > \tilde{H}_{m}^{(n)}}, & m = 1 \end{cases}$$

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#### AAD for XVA Greeks



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## Sensitivities in $\bar{\beta}_m$



For the Bermudan option low estimator, Capriotti, L., Jiang, Y., and Macrina, A. (2016) shows that, the sensitivities of model parameters transferred from  $\bar{\beta}_m$  tend to zero when the exercising boundary (determined by  $\beta_m$ ) approaches optimal.

It means for the Bermudan option low estimator, if the regression boundary is precise, the Greeks components in  $\bar{\beta}_m$  can be negelected.

However, this is no longer true for XVA evaluations. Because in XVA exvaluation, we do not have any optimality to guarantee the Greeks components in  $\bar{\beta}_m$  tends to be zero.

## Measure the error of AAD Monte Carlo by binning

Though AAD gives us the value of the sensitivities, we do not have the Monte Carlo variance of our estimators for the sensitivities.

One time-consuming approach is to compute the sample variance by repeating the algorithm many times.

We divide  $N_{MC}$  paths into  $N_b$  equally sized "bins". Then we convert  $\overline{V}(T_0)$  or  $\overline{XVA}$  to the sensitivities for each bin. Hence for  $N_b$  sets of sensitivities, we can evaluate their sample mean  $\hat{\mu}_{N_b}$  and variance  $\hat{\sigma}_{N_b}$ . Then we have the sensitivities Monte Carlo variance

 $\frac{\hat{\sigma}_{N_b}}{N_b}$ 

#### Best of two Bermudan option

We price a Bermudan option on the maximum of two assets under the standard lognormal model. The payoff function is given by

$$(\max \{X_1(t), X_2(t)\} - K)^+$$
 (7)

where K is the strike price and t is the option executable time.

In particular, we choose  $X_1(0) = X_2(0) = 1$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.2$  and  $d_1 = d_2 = 0.1$ . We compute the Bermudan option prices, *Deltas* and *Vegas* for K = 0.9, 1.0 and 1.1 with risk-free rate r = 0.05, respectively.

We also compare these with their "exact" value, which is obtained by a PDE approach.

### Bermudan Greeks: Monte Carlo AAD v.s. PDE

K = 0.9	Price	Delta	Vega
Exact value	0.20107	0.41423	0.45740
MC and AAD	0.20107	0.39338	0.51001
StD	0.00024	0.00495	0.00463
K = 1.0	Price	Delta	Vega
Exact value	0.13959	0.33588	0.48440
MC and AAD	0.13907	0.33249	0.49003
StD	0.00024	0.00201	0.00393
K = 1.1	Price	Delta	Vega
Exact value	0.09431	0.25635	0.46253
MC and AAD	0.09395	0.25925	0.46237
StD	0.00017	0.00138	0.00230

Table: Prices, *Deltas* and *Vegas* for the Bermudan option described in (7) with three different value of strikes. The smoothing component  $\delta$  is chosen to be 0.005. The Monte Carlo paths for each set are 400,000. The standard deviation (short by StD) is computed via 20 bins for each set of simulations.

## Sensitivities in $\bar{\beta}_m$ : Bermudan options



Figure: The *Delta* and *Vega* from the regression part against four regression functionals. The smoothing component  $\delta$  is chosen to be 0.005. The sample mean and standard deviation are computed from 20 bins in a 400,000 paths Monte Carlo.

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## Smoothed v.s. Unsmoothed



Figure: *Deltas* and *Vegas* by smoothing with call-spread approach and keeping unsmoothed against five regression functionals. The sample mean and standard deviation, depicted by the points and error-bars respectively, are computed from 20 bins in a 3,000,000 paths Monte Carlo. The boundaries for both sets are flexible. Two graphs are plotted under the same scale.

## XVA sensitivities for Bermudan option

$\sigma_0$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$
0.00303	0.00305	0.00298	0.00287
1.0e-4	4.6e-5	4.2e-5	5.7e-5
0.00301	0.00304	0.00299	0.00286
5.3e-5	4.7e-5	3.3e-5	3.4e-5
$\sigma_4$	$\sigma_5$	$\sigma_{6}$	$\sigma_7$
0.00271	0.00255	0.00239	0.00220
4.7e-5	5.6e-5	3.4e-5	5.0e-5
0.00268	0.00254	0.00236	0.00220
2.7e-5	3.0e-5	3.4e-5	2.6e-5
$\sigma_8$	$\sigma_9$	$\sigma_{10}$	$\sigma_{11}$
0.00194	0.00184	0.00165	0.00153
3.9e-5	4.1e-5	2.9e-5	3.2e-5
0.00194	0.00183	0.00164	0.00151
2.6e-5	2.1e-5	9.1e-6	3.8e-6
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Table: The CVA sensitivities with respect to the piecewise volatility.

## XVA sensitivities for Bermudan option

	$\lambda_0$	$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_3$
AAD	0.0332	0.0332	0.0331	0.0330
StD	5.2e-5	8.4e-5	9.0e-5	1.2e-4
Bmp	0.0332	0.0332	0.0331	0.0330
StD	5.2e-5	8.0e-5	9.4e-5	1.2e-4
	$\lambda_4$	$\lambda_5$	$\lambda_6$	$\lambda_7$
AAD	0.0326	0.0320	0.0314	0.0306
StD	1.7e-4	1.6e-4	1.3e-4	1.6e-4
Bmp	0.0326	0.0320	0.0314	0.0306
StD	1.7e-4	1.6e-4	1.3e-4	1.6e-4
	$\lambda_8$	$\lambda_9$	$\lambda_{10}$	$\lambda_{11}$
AAD	0.0297	0.0288	0.0277	0.0265
StD	2.0e-4	2.2e-4	2.2e-4	2.2e-4
Bmp	0.0297	0.0288	0.0277	0.0265
StD	2.0e-4	2.2e-4	2.2e-4	2.2e-4

Table: The CVA sensitivities with respect to the piecewise hazard rates.

# Sensitivities in $\bar{\beta}_m$ : XVA



Figure: The graph of the CVA sensitivities with respect to the piecewise volatility and hazard rate, computed by AAD with flexible boundaries, fixed boundaries and bumping. Three sets of the results are all computed with a 50,000 paths Monte Carlo, where the standard deviations are computed with 10 bins.

## CPU ratio: AAD v.s. Bumping



Figure: The CPU ratio of AAD and bumping for the CVA sensitivities computation, where the time consumption of the pricing algorithm is set as basis one.

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