

# A Convex-Regularization Framework for Local-Volatility Calibration in Derivative Markets

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## Application

Volatility surface calibration is crucial in many applications. E.G.: risk management, hedging, and the evaluation of exotic derivatives.

# Main Features

- Address in a general and rigorous way the key issue of convergence and sensitivity of the regularized solution when the noise level of the observed prices goes to zero.
- Our approach relates to different techniques in volatility surface estimation. e.g.: the Statistical concept of exponential families and entropy-based estimation.
- Our framework connects with the Financial concept of Convex Risk Measures.

# Problem Statement

Starting Point: Dupire forward equation [Dup94]

$$-\partial_T U + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(T, K) K^2 \partial_K^2 U - (r - q) K \partial_K U - qU = 0, \quad T > 0, \quad (1)$$

$$K = S_0 e^y, \quad \tau = T - t, \quad b = q - r, \quad u(\tau, y) = e^{q\tau} U^{t, S}(T, K) \quad (2)$$

and

$$a(\tau, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(T - \tau; S_0 e^y), \quad (3)$$

Set  $q = r = 0$  for simplicity to get:

$$u_\tau = a(\tau, y) (\partial_y^2 u - \partial_y u) \quad (4)$$

and initial condition

$$u(0, y) = S_0 (1 - e^y)^+ \quad (5)$$

# Problem Statement

## The Vol Calibration Problem

Given an observed set

$$\{u = u(t, S, T, K; \sigma)\}_{(T, K) \in S}$$

find  $\sigma = \sigma(t, S)$  that best fits such market data

**Noisy data:**  $u = u^\delta$

Admissible *convex* class of calibration parameters:

$$\mathcal{D}(F) := \{a \in a_0 + U : \underline{a} \leq a \leq \bar{a}\}. \quad (6)$$

where, for  $0 \leq \varepsilon$  fixed,  $U := H^{1+\varepsilon}(\Omega)$  and  $\bar{a} > \underline{a} > 0$ .

**Parameter-to-solution operator**

$$F : \mathcal{D}(F) \subset U \rightarrow V$$

$$F(a) = u(a) \quad (7)$$

# Literature

Very vast!!!

- Avellaneda et al.  
[ABF<sup>+</sup>00, Ave98c, Ave98b, Ave98a, AFHS97]
- Bouchev & Isakov [BI97]
- Crepey [Cré03]
- Derman et al. [DKZ96]
- Hofmann et al. [HKPS07, HK05]
- Jermakyan [BJ99]
- Egger & Engl [EE05]
- Abken et al. (1996)
- Ait Sahalia, Y & Lo, A (1998)
- Berestycki et al. (2000)
- Buchen & Kelly (1996)
- Coleman et al. (1999)
- Cont, Cont & Da Fonseca (2001)
- Jackson et al. (1999)
- Jackwerth & Rubinstein (1998)
- Jourdain & Nguyen (2001)
- Lagnado & Osher (1997)
- Samperi (2001)
- Stutzer (1997)

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## Assumption (very general!)

Let  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  be fixed.  $f : \mathcal{D}(f) \subset U \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is a convex, proper and sequentially weakly lower semi-continuous functional with domain  $\mathcal{D}(f)$  containing  $\mathcal{D}(F)$ .



# Technical Assumptions

Assumption 1 on  $f$  and  $F : \mathcal{D}(F) \subset U \rightarrow V$

## Assumption (1)

- 1  $U$  and  $V$  given topologies  $\tau_U$  and  $\tau_V$  weaker than the norm topologies.
- 2 The norm  $\|\cdot\|_V$  is sequentially lower semi-continuous w.r.t.  $\tau_V$ .
- 3 The functional  $f : \mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq U \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is convex and sequentially lower semi-continuous w.r.t.  $\tau_U$  and  $\mathcal{D} := \mathcal{D}(F) \cap \mathcal{D}(f) \neq \emptyset$ .
- 4 Let  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \bar{u}}$  the Tikhonov functional defined in (8). Then,

$$\mathcal{M}_{\beta}(M) := \text{level}_M(\mathcal{F}_{\beta, \bar{u}}) = \{a : \mathcal{F}_{\beta, \bar{u}}(a) \leq M\}$$

is sequentially pre-compact and closed w.r.t.  $\tau_U$ .

- 5 The restriction of  $F$  to  $\mathcal{M}_{\beta}(M)$  are sequentially continuous w.r.t. the topologies  $\tau_U$  and  $\tau_V$ .

# Main Theoretical Result

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## Theorem (Existence, Stability, Convergence)

Sup.  $F, f, \mathcal{D}, U, V$  satisfy Assumption 1,  $\beta > 0$  and  $u^\delta \in V$ . Then,

- $\exists$  minimizer of  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, u^\delta}$ .
- If  $(u_k) \rightarrow u$  in  $V$  w.r.t. norm topology, then  $(a_k)$  s.t.

$$a_k \in \operatorname{argmin}\{\mathcal{F}_{\beta, u_k}(a) : a \in \mathcal{D}\}$$

has a subsequence which converges w.r.t.  $\tau_U$ .

- The limit of every  $\tau_U$ -convergent subsequence  $(a_{k'})$  of  $(a_k)$  is a minimizer  $\tilde{a}$  of  $\mathcal{F}_{\beta, u}$ , and  $(f(a_{k'}))$  converges to  $f(\tilde{a})$ .
- If  $\exists$  a solution of (7) in  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $\exists$  an  $f$ -minimizing solution of (7).

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## Theorem (cont.)

Take  $\beta = \beta(\delta) > 0$  and assume

- (7) has a solution in  $\mathcal{D}$
- $\beta(\delta)$  satisfies

$$\beta(\delta) \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \frac{\delta^2}{\beta(\delta)} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0. \quad (10)$$

- The seq.  $(\delta_k)$  converges to 0, and that  $u_k := u^{\delta_k}$  satisfies  $\|\bar{u} - u_k\| \leq \delta_k$ .

Then,

- 1 Every seq.  $(a_k) \in \operatorname{argmin} \mathcal{F}_{\beta_k, u_k}$ , has  $\tau_U$ -convergent subseq.  $(a_{k'})$ .
- 2 The limit  $a^\dagger := \lim_{\tau_U} a_{k'}$  is an  $f$ -minimizing solution of (7), and  $f(a_k) \rightarrow f(a^\dagger)$ .
- 3 If the  $f$ -minimizing solution  $a^\dagger$  is unique, then  $a_k \rightarrow a^\dagger$  w.r.t.  $\tau_U$ .

# Assumption 2

## Bregman distance

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### Assumption (2)

Besides Assumption 1, we assume that

- ①  $\exists$  an  $f$ -minimizing sol.  $a^{\dagger}$  of (7),  $a^{\dagger} \in \mathcal{D}_B(f)$ .
- ②  $\exists \beta_1 \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\beta_2 \geq 0$ , and  $\zeta^{\dagger} \in \partial f(a^{\dagger})$  s.t.

$$\langle \zeta^{\dagger}, a^{\dagger} - a \rangle \leq \beta_1 D_{\zeta^{\dagger}}(a, a^{\dagger}) + \beta_2 \|F(a) - F(a^{\dagger})\|_V \text{ for } a \in \mathcal{M}_{\beta_{\max}}(\rho), \quad (11)$$

where  $\rho > \beta_{\max} f(a^{\dagger}) > 0$ .

## Theorem (Convergence rates [SGG<sup>+</sup>08])

Let  $F$ ,  $f$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $U$ , and  $V$  satisfy Assumption 2. Moreover, let  $\beta : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  satisfy  $\beta(\delta) \sim \delta$ . Then

$$D_{\zeta^+}(a_{\beta}^{\delta}, a^{\dagger}) = O(\delta), \quad \left\| F(a_{\beta}^{\delta}) - u^{\delta} \right\|_V = O(\delta),$$

and there exists  $c > 0$ , such that  $f(a_{\beta}^{\delta}) \leq f(a^{\dagger}) + \delta/c$  for every  $\delta$  with  $\beta(\delta) \leq \beta_{\max}$ .

# Putting it all together

Although Assumption 1 may seem too restrictive, the next result reveals that it can be obtained from rather classical ones:

## Proposition

Let  $F$ ,  $f$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $U$ , and  $V$  satisfy Assumption 1. Assume that  $\exists$  an  $f$ -minimizing solution  $a^\dagger$  of (7), and that  $F$  is Gâteaux differentiable at  $a^\dagger$ .

Moreover, assume that  $\exists \gamma \geq 0$  and  $\omega^\dagger \in V^*$  with  $\gamma \|\omega^\dagger\| < 1$ , s.t.

$$\zeta^\dagger := F'(a^\dagger)^* \omega^\dagger \in \partial f(a^\dagger) \quad (12)$$

and  $\exists \beta_{\max} > 0$  satisfying  $\rho > \beta_{\max} f(a^\dagger)$  such that

$$\|F(a) - F(a^\dagger) - F'(a^\dagger)(a - a^\dagger)\| \leq \gamma D_{\zeta^\dagger}(a, a^\dagger), \text{ for } a \in \mathcal{M}_{\beta_{\max}}(\rho). \quad (13)$$

Then, Assumption 2 holds.

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**Landweber Iteration [EHN96]:**

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**Discrepancy Principle:**

$$\left\| u^\delta - F(a_{k_*}^\delta(\delta, y^\delta)) \right\| \leq r\delta < \left\| u^\delta - F(a_k^\delta) \right\|, \quad (15)$$

where

$$r > 2 \frac{1 + \eta}{1 - 2\eta}, \quad (16)$$

is a relaxation term.

If the iteration is stopped at index  $k_*(\delta, y^\delta)$  such that for the first time, the residual becomes small compared to the quantity  $r\delta$ .

## Regular Exponential Families:

family of probability distribution functions  $p_{\psi,\theta} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined by

$$p_{\psi,\theta}(s) := \exp(s \cdot \theta - \psi(\theta)) p_0(s)$$

where  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is convex and  $p_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is continuous.

## Example:

Gaussians parametrized by the mean.

**The Darrois-Koopman-Pitman Thm:** Under certain regularity conditions on the probability density, a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a sufficient statistic of fixed dimension is that the probability density belongs to the exponential family [And70].

## Recall the Fenchel Conjugate

Given a function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ , the *Fenchel dual*  $f^* : X^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is defined by

$$f^*(x^*) := \sup\{\langle x^*, x \rangle - f(x) \mid x \in X\}$$

## Theorem (Banerjee et al. [BMDG05])

Let  $\psi^*$  denote the Fenchel transform of  $\psi$ , which we assume to be differentiable. Then, the Bregman distance w.r.t.  $\psi^*$  is given by

$$D_{\psi^*}(\hat{a}, \tilde{a}) = \psi^*(\hat{a}) - \psi^*(\tilde{a}) - \psi^{*\prime}(\tilde{a})(\hat{a} - \tilde{a}).$$

If we assume that  $a(\theta) \in \text{int}(\text{dom}(\psi^*))$ , then

$$p_{\psi, \theta}(a) = \exp(-D_{\psi^*}(a, a(\theta))) \exp(\psi^*(a)) p_0(a). \quad (17)$$

# Connection with Statistics and Exponential Families(cont.)

## Example (Exponential Families and their Fenchel conjugates)

For a Gaussian distribution  $\psi(\theta) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \theta^2$ , then  $\psi^*(a) = \frac{a^2}{2\sigma^2}$ . For Poisson distribution  $\psi(\theta) = \exp(\theta)$  we have  $\psi^*(a) = a \log(a) - a$ .

## Example

According to Example 1, if we use the exponential family associated to Poisson distributions, we obtain Kullback-Leibler regularization, consisting in minimization of

$$a \longmapsto \mathcal{F}_{\beta, u^\delta}(a) := \left\| F(a) - u^\delta \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \beta \text{KL}(\hat{a}, a), \quad (18)$$

where

$$\text{KL}(\hat{a}, a) = \int_{\Omega} a \log(\hat{a}/a) - (\hat{a} - a) dx .$$

We note that the Kullback-Leibler distance is the Bregman distance associated to the Boltzmann-Shannon entropy

## Lemma

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with Lipschitz boundary. Moreover, assume that  $F$  is continuous w.r.t. the weak topologies on  $L^1(\Omega)$  and  $L^2(\Omega)$ , respec.

① Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{G})$ . Then

$$\|a - b\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq \left( \frac{2}{3} \|a\|_{L^1(\Omega)} + \frac{4}{3} \|b\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \right) KL(a, b). \quad (20)$$

(Convention:  $0 \cdot (+\infty) = 0$ )

② Let  $0 \neq \hat{a} \in \mathcal{D}_B(\mathcal{G})$ , then the sets

$$\mathcal{M}_{\beta, \nu^\delta}(M) := \{a \in \mathcal{D}_B(\mathcal{G}) : \mathcal{F}_{\beta, \nu^\delta}(a) \leq M\}$$

are  $\tau_{\tilde{U}}$  sequentially compact.

An important consequence of (20) and Theorem 2 is that

$$\left\| a_{\beta}^{\delta} - a^{\dagger} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega)} = O(\sqrt{\delta}). \quad (21)$$

Now, let  $\delta_k$  be a sequence converging to zero and  $a_k = a_{\beta_k}^{\delta_k}$  the respective minimizers of the Tikhonov functional (8). Take  $b_k = a^{\dagger}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, from Lemma 1

$$\left\| a_k - a^{\dagger} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } \delta_k \rightarrow 0.$$

# Connection w/ Convex Risk Measures

## Convex measure of risk

Consists of a map  $\rho : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following properties:

- Convexity.
- Non-increasing monotonicity, i.e.,  $v_2 \leq v_1$  a.e. implies  $\rho(v_2) \geq \rho(v_1)$ .
- Translation invariance, i.e.,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  deterministic implies

$$\rho(v + m) = \rho(v) - m. \quad (22)$$

We assume that the domain  $\Omega = [0, T] \times I$

## Theorem

*The source condition (12)*

$$\zeta^\dagger := F'(a^\dagger)^* \omega^\dagger \in \partial f(a^\dagger) \quad (12)$$

*can be interpreted as an a priori assumption on the risk associated to the correspondent position, given the volatility level.*

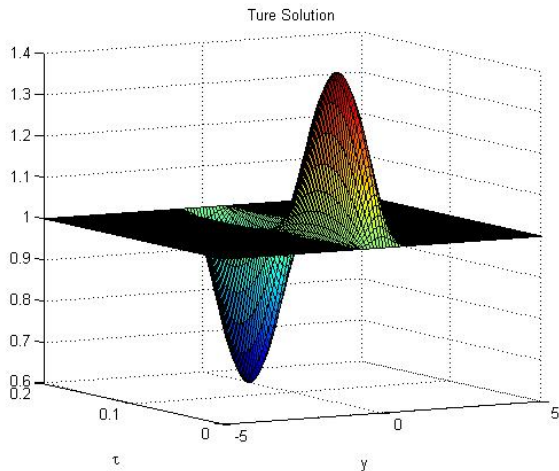
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## Description of the Examples

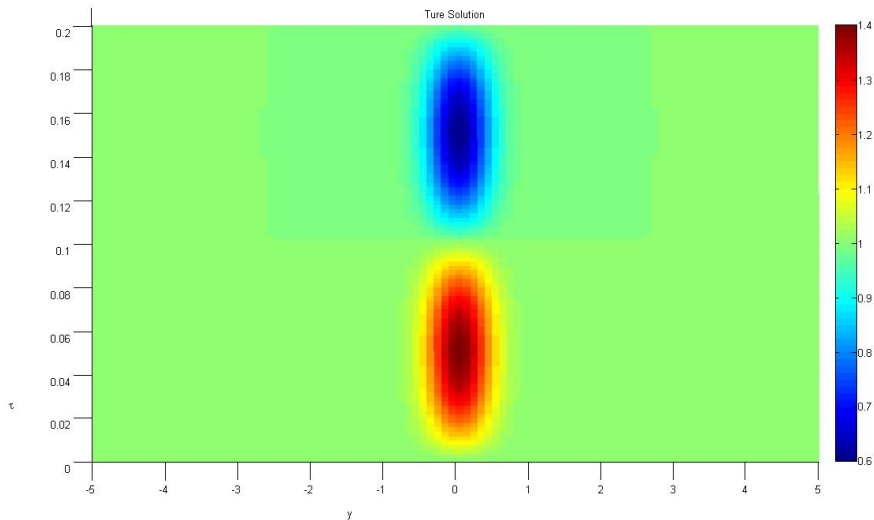
- Using a Landweber iteration technique we implemented the calibration.
- Produced for different test variances  $a$  the option prices and added different levels of multiplicative noise.
- The examples consisted of perturbing  $a = 1$  during a period of  $T = 0, \dots, 0.2$  and log-moneyness  $y$  varying between  $-5$  and  $5$ .
- Initial guess: Constant volatility.



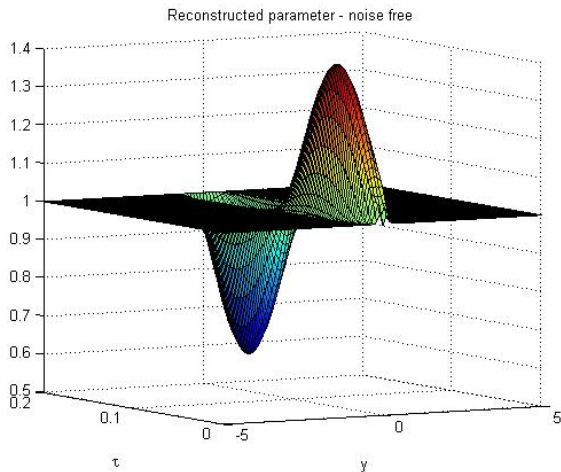
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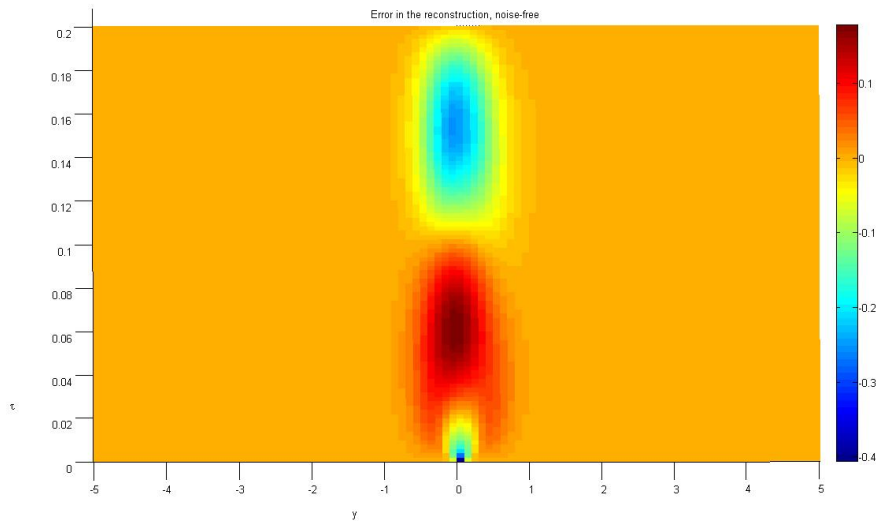
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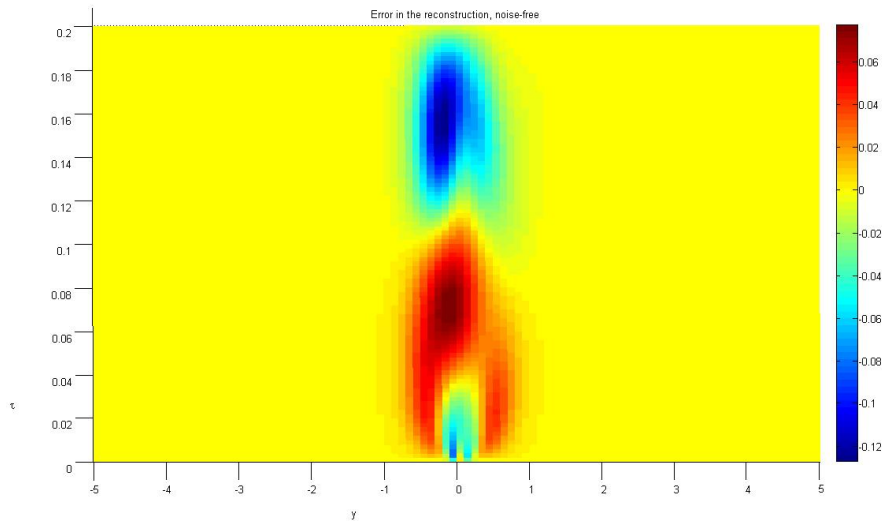
# Numerical Examples 1 - noiseless - 4000 steps



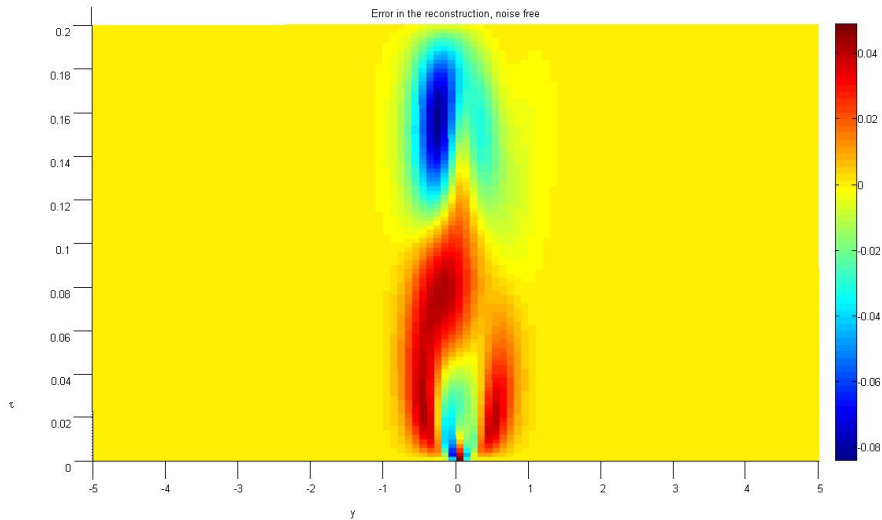
# Numerical Examples 1 - error - 100 steps



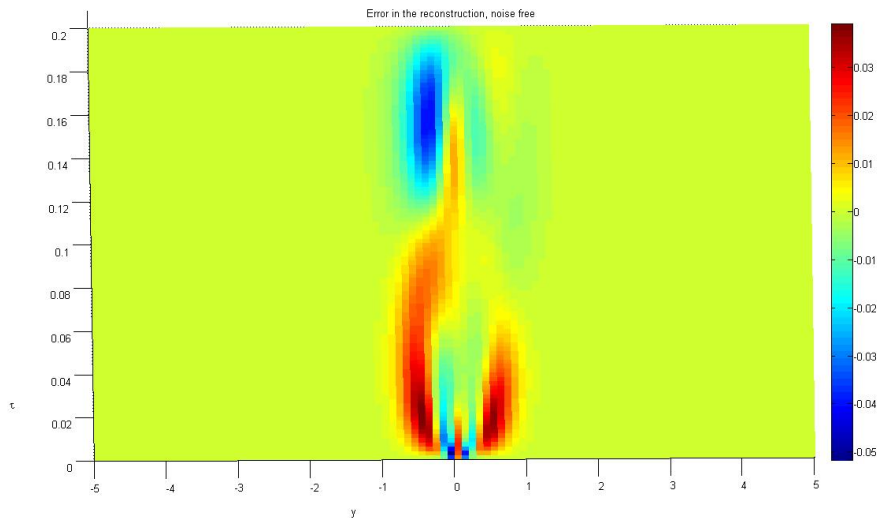
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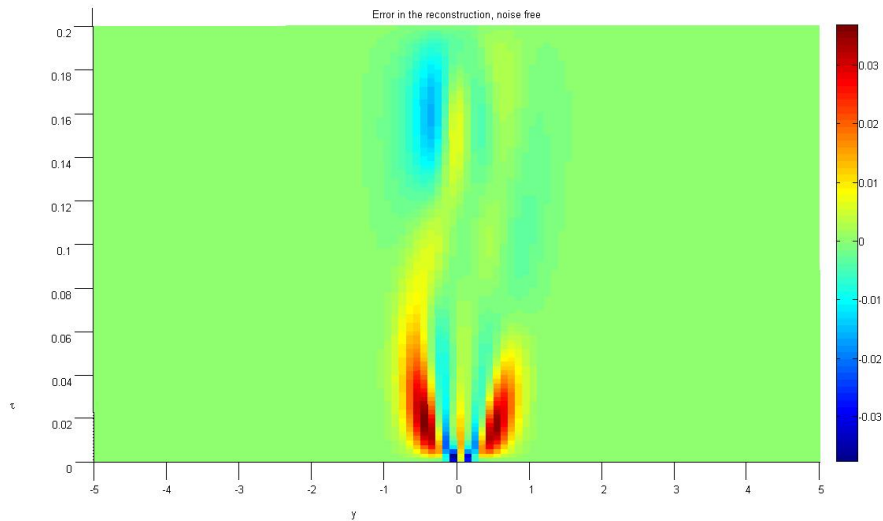
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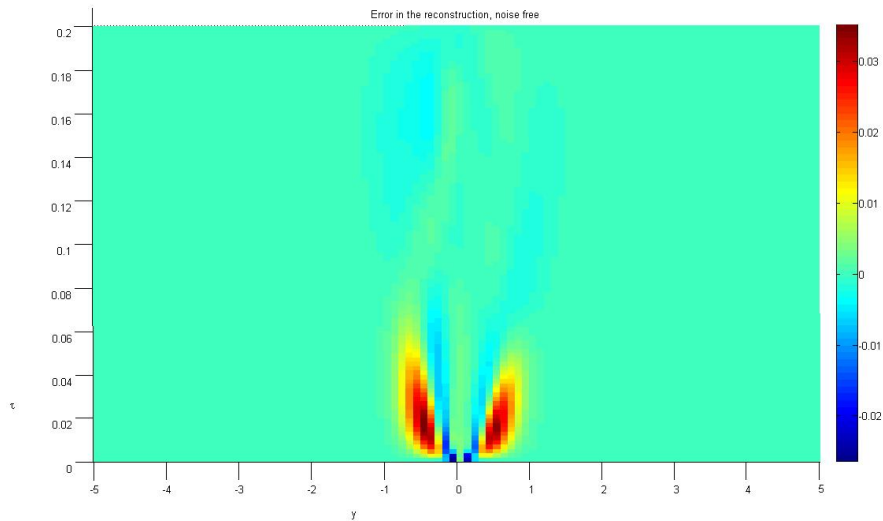


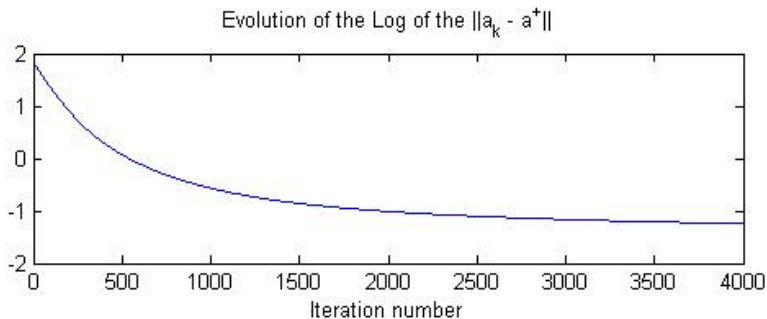
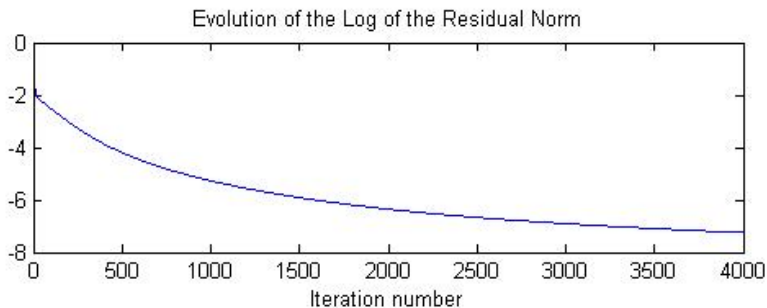
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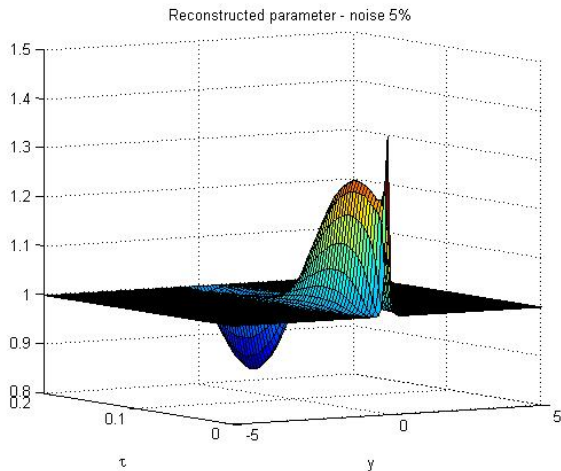


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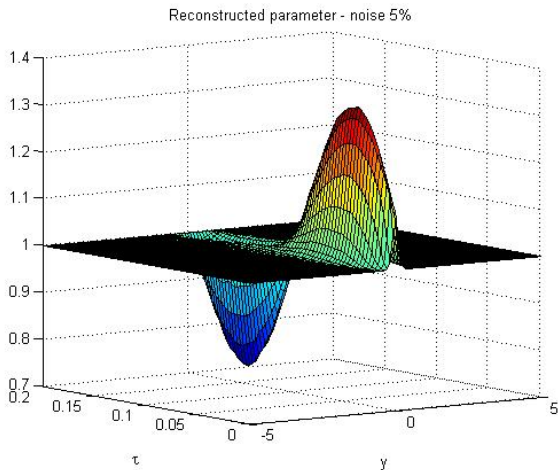




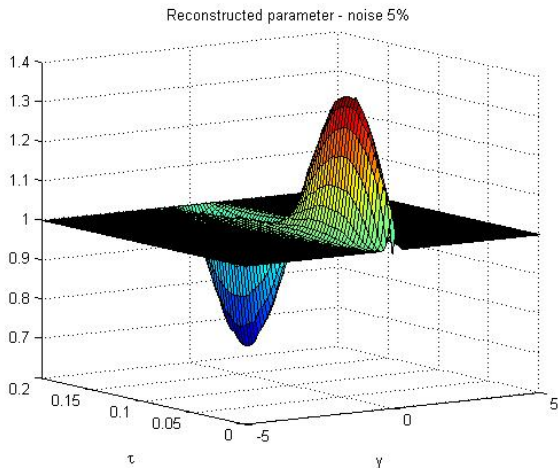
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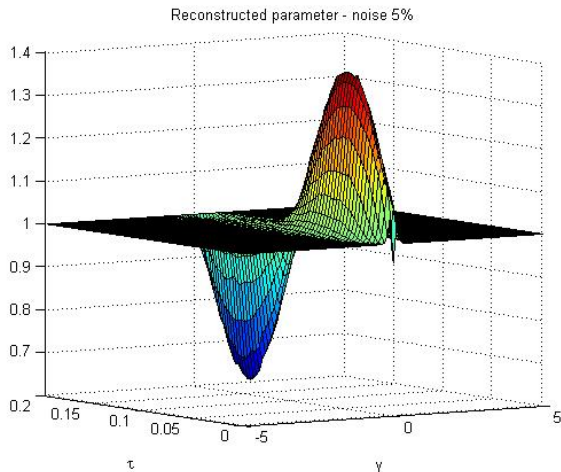
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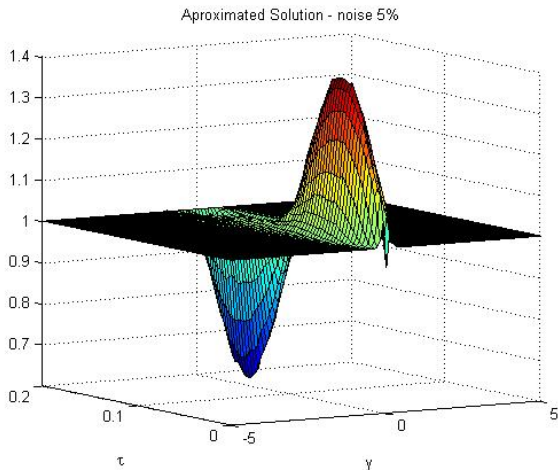
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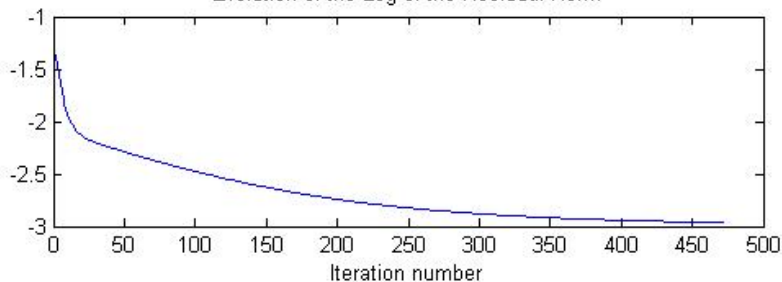
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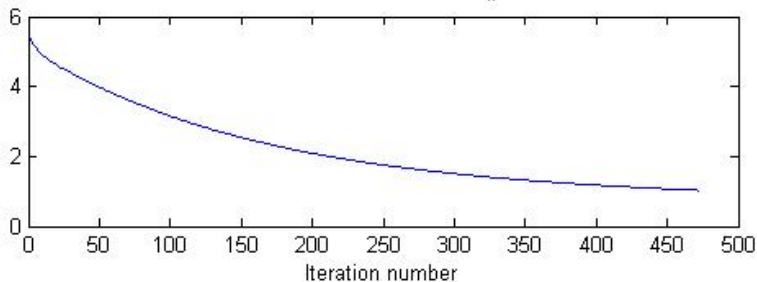
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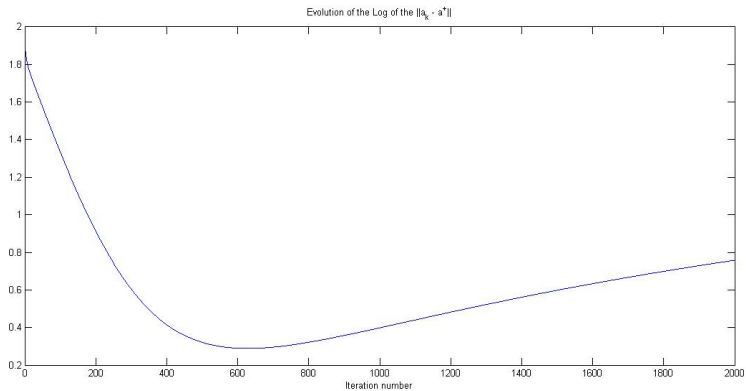
Evolution of the Log of the Residual Norm



Evolution of the Log of the  $\|a_k - a^*\|$

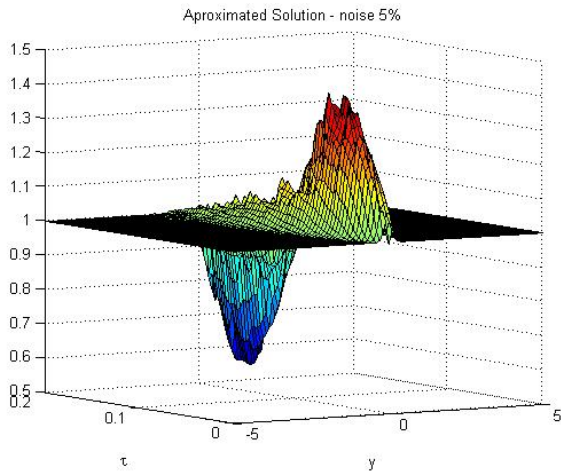






# Numerical Examples 2 - 5% noise level - 2000 iterations

Too many!!!



# Conclusions

- The problem of volatility surface calibration is a classical and fundamental one in Quantitative Finance
- Unifying framework for the regularization that makes use of tools from Inverse Problem theory and Convex Analysis.
- Establishing convergence and convergence-rate results.
- Obtain convergence of the regularized solution with respect to the noise level in  $L^1(\Omega)$
- The connection with exponential families opens the door to recent works on entropy-based estimation methods.
- The connection with convex risk measures required the use of techniques from Malliavin calculus.
- Implemented a Landweber type calibration algorithm.



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