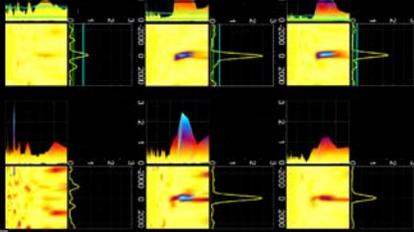


DFT methods on Gaussian Grids

for Fast Option Pricing

From Theory to Trading Desk



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A linear direct mapping from Fourier Space (Carr - Madan)

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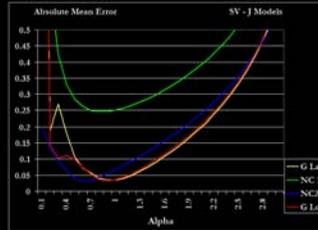
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Accuracy

Absolute Mean Error computed w.r.t.  $\alpha$  on an  $(\sigma, \tau)$  space



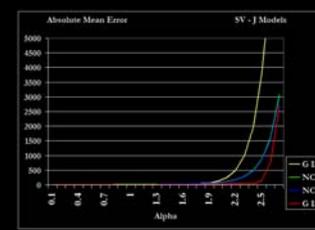
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FT Pricing Formulas

Stability

Absolute Mean Error computed w.r.t.  $\alpha$  on an Extended  $(\sigma, \tau)$  space



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DFT Convergence to FT

Given the General DFT

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DFT Convergence to FT

The Convergence Theorem (C Th)

$$F[f(x)](t_m) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X}{N} \omega(m)$$

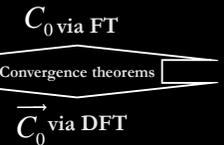
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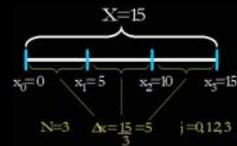
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Convergence Theorems for Uniform Grids

Condition 1

Uniform Discretization Grid



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Condition 2

N=M  
DFT specialized

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**Nyquist – Shannon Limit (N-S)**

$$\mathcal{F}[f(x)](t_n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X}{N} \omega(n)$$

$$\{t_n\}_{n=1, \dots, \frac{N}{2}} \quad \text{for } N \text{ even}$$

$$\{t_n\}_{n=1, \dots, \frac{N+1}{2}} \quad \text{for } N \text{ odd}$$

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**Uniform Discretization Grids for f**

- $f(v_{j-1}) = e^{-i(j-1)\eta[\ln S_j - b]} \psi_0((j-1)\eta)$
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1.

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$$C_0[\ln K]_u^- \approx \frac{e^{-\alpha[\ln S_j - b + i(\alpha-1)]}}{3b} \cdot \Re(\omega(u))$$

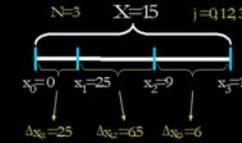
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**Non Uniform Discretization Grid**



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**Optimal choice of discretization points**



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**Gauss Laguerre**

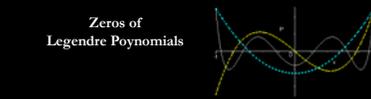


Condition 1

**Gaussian Grids**

**Optimal choice of discretization points**

**Gauss Lobatto**

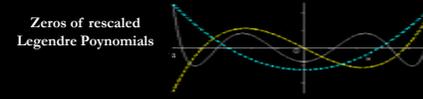


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Condition 2

**N ≠ M**



**General DFT**

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**Gaussian Grids for f**

- $f(v_{j-1}) = e^{i[1 + (\frac{2\pi}{X} - \ln S_j)]v_{j-1}} \psi_0(v_{j-1}) \frac{1}{L_{N-1}(v_{j-1})L'_N(v_{j-1})}$
- $f(\frac{1}{2}a(1 + v_{j-1})) = e^{i[1 + (\frac{2\pi}{X} - \ln S_j)]\frac{1}{2}a(1 + v_{j-1})} \psi_0(\frac{1}{2}a(1 + v_{j-1})) \frac{1}{[P_{N-1}(v_{j-1})]^2}$

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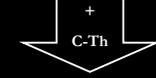


$$C_0([\ln K]_u^*) \approx -\Re \left[ \frac{e^{-\alpha(\ln S_j - \frac{2\pi}{X} - i(1+\alpha))}}{\pi} \frac{1}{N-1} \cdot \omega^*(u) \right]$$

2.

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$$C_0([\ln K]_u^*) \approx \Re \left[ \frac{e^{-\alpha(\ln S_j - \frac{2\pi}{X} - i(1+\alpha))}}{\pi} \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \cdot \omega^*(\frac{1}{2}a(1 + v_{j-1})) \right]$$

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$\vec{C}_t$  via DFT

Gauss  
NonUniform FFT

FFT Cooley – Tukey Algorithm

The DFT computational cost drops

from  $O(N^2)$  to  $O(N \log_2 N)$

Gaussian Gridding

Step 1

Gaussian Projection of the non uniformly sampled characteristic function on a oversampled uniform grid

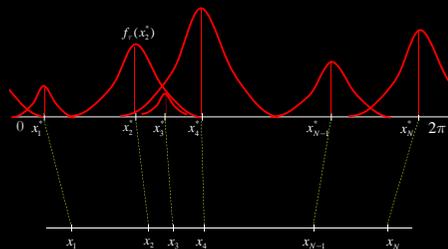
$$f_t(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(x_j) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x_j - k - 2i\pi)^2}{4\tau}}$$

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via FFT  
Give accurate prices **ONLY** Around the Nyquist Frequency



$\vec{C}_t$  via DFT

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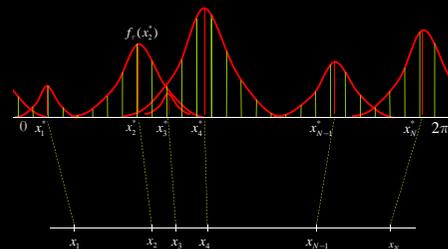
Fast Fourier Transform Algorithms

Cooley-Tukey DFT Characterization

$\omega_2^n(n) = f(x_n) + \theta \frac{d^{(n-1)}}{dx} f(x_{n=N/2})$  for  $n = 1, 2$   
Iterated Bottom – Up for N stages  
It gives the FFT Cooley – Tukey Algorithm

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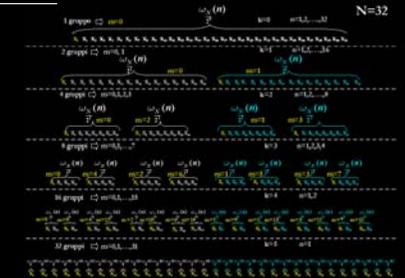
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Approx. **25%** of prices can be accepted



$\vec{C}_t$  via DFT

Newton-Cotes

Uniform FFT



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Gaussian Gridding

Step 2

FFT computation on the oversampled grid of the Fourier Coefficient of the reprojected characteristic function

$$F_t(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f_t(x) e^{-in(x-1)} dx$$

### Gaussian Gridding



Step 3

Elimination of frequencies greater than Nyquist – Shannon Limit

### Gaussian Gridding



Step 4

homothetic rescaling from Gaussian scale



$$\omega(n) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} e^{i\pi n^2} F_s(n)$$

### Computational Cost



The major computational cost of the Procedure is the FFT on the oversampled grid



Choosing the oversampling ratio

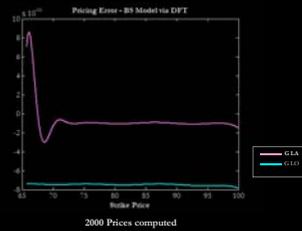
$$M_e = 2M$$



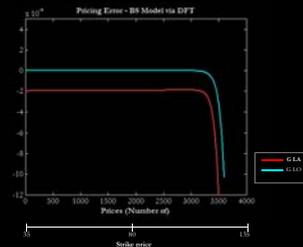
The total cost of the procedure is  $\approx 2M \log 2M$

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### ACCURACY



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The error of 90% of prices computed lies in the



$$10^{-3}$$

RANGE OF PRECISION

### SPEED



the NU – FFT is around 2 time slower than FFT

### SPEED



At very low time scales, the differences disappear

	NC2	G-LA	G-LLO
FFT	0.01 sec.	N/A	N/A
NU – FFT	0.02 sec.	0.0261 sec.	0.0301 sec.

Computation of 4000 prices on a Centrino 1600Mhz – 2gb RAM  
Mean Value over 1000 runs

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- NU – FFT allows the use of Gaussian Grids
- NU – FFT is indifferent to Nyquist – Shannon Limit
- NU – FFT is at least as accurate as FFT
- NU – FFT is more stable than FFT
- NU – FFT speed performances are indistinguishable from FFT's ones

**NU – FFT**  
is a natural candidate for operational use on trading desks