

Cross Currency LIBOR Models: Backward vs. Forward Algorithm

(A Cross Currency Markov Functional Model)

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Interest Rates

Interest Rates (term structure)

Zero-Coupon Bond: Basic Objekt. Interest Rates are seen as derived quantities.

$$P(T_2) : [0, T_2] \times \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{stochastic process})$$

$$P(T_2; t) : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{random variable}):$$

Value of a guaranteed payment of 1 (unit currency) at time T_2 as seen in $t < T_2$.

Remark: $P(T_2; T_2) = 1$

Forward-Rate (aka LIBOR):

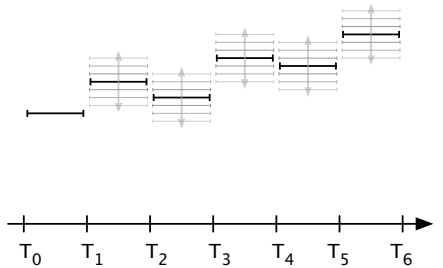
$$\frac{P(T_1)}{P(T_2)} =: (1 + L(T_1, T_2) \cdot (T_2 - T_1)).$$

$$L(T_1, T_2; t) : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{random variable}):$$

Interest rate of 1 invested in T_1 with payment in T_2 as seen in $t \leq T_1$.

Given $T_1 < T_2 < \dots < T_n$ we write $L_i := L(T_i, T_{i+1})$ for the *stochastic process* $t \mapsto L(T_i, T_{i+1}; t)$.

\Rightarrow *term structure*: Family of stochastic processes: $L_1, L_2, L_3, \dots, L_{n-1}$.



Interest Rate Curve (forward rates)

Modeling

Modeling (Itô stochastic process)

Underlying process is modeled as an Itô process:

E.g. lognormal processes for $L_i \rightarrow$ LIBOR Market Model:

$$dL_i(t) = L_i(t)\mu(t)dt + L_i(t)\sigma(t)dW_i,$$

Time discretization

Given $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < \dots$ use

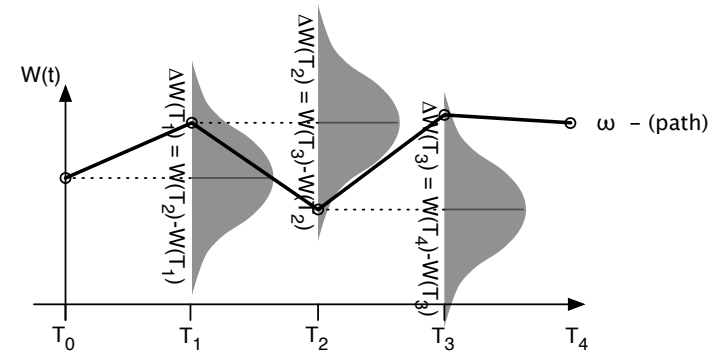
Euler Scheme:

$$L_i(t_{j+1}) = L_i(t_j) + \mu(t_i) \cdot L_i(t_j)\Delta t_i + \sigma(t_i) \cdot L_i(t_j) \cdot \underbrace{\Delta W_i}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sqrt{\Delta t_i})},$$

or

Euler Scheme of Log-Process:

$$L_i(t_{j+1}) = L_i(t_j) \cdot \exp\left(\left(\mu(t_i) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma(t_j)^2\right) \cdot \Delta t_i + \sigma(t_i) \cdot \underbrace{\Delta W_i}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sqrt{\Delta t_i})}\right),$$



Pricing

Modeling (Itô stochastic process)

Example: European option value: European option value is a known function of the underlying process(es) at some future time T_{n+1} :

$$V(T_{n+1}) = \max\left((L_n(T_n) - K) \cdot (T_{n+1} - T_n), 0\right) \quad \text{in } T_{n+1}.$$

Universal Pricing Theorem: Today's value $V(0)$ (the cost of replication) of a derivative is given by the expectation with respect to "some" measure \mathbb{Q}^N :

$$\frac{V(0)}{N(0)} = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V(T_n)}{N(T_n)} \right),$$

where N is some reference product (the so called Numéraire) and \mathbb{Q}^N is such that for all financial products the above holds (this characterizes \mathbb{Q}^N)

For the calculation of the expectation $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N}$ it is sufficient to know how the (drift of the) process looks like:

Definition (Martingal): A stochastic process M_t is called \mathbb{P} -Martingal, if

$$\text{i) } M_s = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}(M_t | \mathcal{F}_s) \quad \forall s \leq t \qquad \text{ii) } \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}(|M_t|) < \infty \quad \forall t$$

Martingal property for Itô processes: Let X denote an Itô stochastic process

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

with $\mathbb{E}\left(\left(\int_0^T \sigma_t^2 ds\right)^{1/2}\right) < \infty$. Then

$$X \text{ is a Martingal} \Leftrightarrow X \text{ has zero drift, i.e. } \mu(t) \equiv 0.$$

Example: Calculating the Drift for the **LIBOR Market Model**

Brace, Gatarek, Musiela; Miltersen, Sandmann, Sondermann; etc.

LIBOR Market Model

Model:

$$dL_i(t) = L_i(t)\mu_i(t)dt + L_i(t)\sigma_i(t)dW_i(t) \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

Choose some reference product:

E.g. the T_n Bond: $N(t) = P(T_n; t)$ Note: $P(T_n; T_i) = \prod_{k=i}^{n-1} (1 + \delta_k L_k)^{-1}$.

Remember Universal Pricing Theorem / Martingale Property:

$$\frac{V(0)}{N(0)} = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V(T_i)}{N(T_i)} \right),$$

To do:

What does the process L_i look like under the probability measure \mathbb{Q}^N ?
 \Leftrightarrow How does μ_i look like?

LIBOR Market Model: Derivation of the Drift under the Pricing Measure (1/3)

Choice of Numeraire: $N(t) = P(T_n; t)$ (T_n Bond).

Consider the N -relative Prices of *tradable assets*:

$$\frac{P(T_i)}{P(T_n)} = \prod_{k=i}^{n-1} \underbrace{\frac{P(T_k)}{P(T_{k+1})}}_{=1+\delta_k L_k} = \prod_{k=i}^{n-1} (1 + \delta_k L_k) \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1.$$

In an arbitrage free model N -relative prices are drift free in:

$$\text{Drift} \left[\frac{P(T_i)}{P(T_n)} \right] = \text{Drift} \left[\prod_{k=i}^{n-1} (1 + \delta_k L_k) \right] = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1 \text{ in } Q^{P(T_n)},$$

Product rule for Ito processes:

$$\begin{aligned} & d \left(\prod_{k=i}^{n-1} (1 + \delta_k L_k) \right) \\ &= \prod_{k=i}^{n-1} (1 + \delta_k L_k) \cdot \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\delta_j dL_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} + \sum_{\substack{l \geq j+1 \\ l \leq n-1}} \frac{\delta_j dL_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} \cdot \frac{\delta_l dL_l}{(1 + \delta_l L_l)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

LIBOR Market Model: Derivation of the Drift under the Pricing Measure (2/3)

From

$$\text{Drift}_{Q^{P(T_n)}} \left[\prod_{k=i}^{n-1} (1 + \delta_k L_k) \right] = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1$$

we find

$$\sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \text{Drift}_{Q^{P(T_n)}} \left[\frac{\delta_j dL_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} + \sum_{\substack{l \geq j+1 \\ l \leq n-1}} \frac{\delta_j dL_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} \cdot \frac{\delta_l dL_l}{(1 + \delta_l L_l)} \right] = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1$$

and thus

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LIBOR Market Model: Derivation of the Drift under the Pricing Measure (3/3)

With

$$dL_j = L_j \mu_j dt + L_j \sigma_j dW_j \quad , \quad dL_j \cdot dL_l = L_j L_l \sigma_j(t) \sigma_l(t) \rho_{j,l} dt$$

the drift equation

$$\text{Drift}_{\mathbb{Q}^{P(T_n)}} \left[\frac{\delta_j dL_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} + \sum_{\substack{l \geq j+1 \\ l \leq n-1}} \frac{\delta_j dL_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} \cdot \frac{\delta_l dL_l}{(1 + \delta_l L_l)} \right] = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, n-1$$

becomes

$$\mu_j \frac{\delta_j L_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} + \sum_{\substack{l \geq j+1 \\ l \leq n-1}} \frac{\delta_j L_j}{(1 + \delta_j L_j)} \cdot \frac{\delta_l L_l}{(1 + \delta_l L_l)} \cdot \sigma_j(t) \sigma_l(t) \rho_{j,l} = 0.$$

Thus, under the *pricing measure* $\mathbb{Q}^{P(T_n)}$:

$$\mu_j = - \sum_{\substack{l \geq j+1 \\ l \leq n-1}} \frac{\delta_l L_l}{(1 + \delta_l L_l)} \cdot \sigma_j(t) \sigma_l(t) \rho_{j,l}$$

Conclusion:

$$dL_j = \sum_{j+1 \leq l \leq N-1} \frac{-\delta_l L_j L_l}{(1 + \delta_l L_l)} \cdot \sigma_j(t) \sigma_l(t) \rho_{j,l} dt + L_j \sigma_j(t) dW_j \quad ; \quad \text{where } \langle dW_i, dW_j \rangle = \rho_{i,j} dt$$

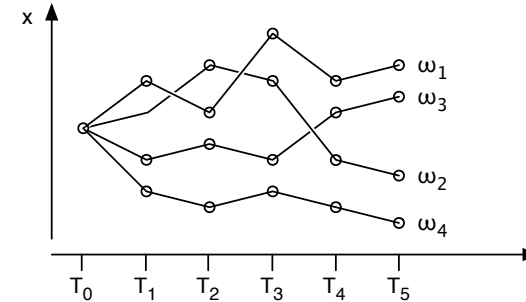
Free parameters (\rightarrow have to be fitted to market option prices):

$$\sigma_1(t), \dots, \sigma_{N-1}(t) \quad (\text{Volatility}) \quad , \quad \rho_{i,j} \quad (\text{Correlation})$$

Discretization & Implementation (I)

Monte-Carlo / Forward Algorithm

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Universal Pricing Theorem:

$$\frac{V(0)}{N(0)} = E^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V(T_n)}{N(T_n)} \right)$$

Assume V consists of finite number of payments

X_i paid in T_i , X_i is \mathcal{F}_{T_i} -measurable random variable, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Value

$$\text{Value of payment: } E^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{X_i}{N(T_i)} \right) \Rightarrow E^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V}{N} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n E^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{X_i}{N(T_i)} \right)$$

Monte-Carlo Simulation:

Sample space $\tilde{\Omega} = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m\}$, e.g. $m \approx 10000$

$$E^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{X_i}{N(T_i)} \right) \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\omega \in \tilde{\Omega}} \frac{X_i(\omega)}{N(T_i; \omega)}$$
$$\Rightarrow V(0) = N(0) \cdot E^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V}{N} \right) \approx N(0) \cdot \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\omega \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i(\omega)}{N(T_i; \omega)}$$

Example Product: Bermudan Option

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- [hold] - choose to exercise later, ie. an Bermudan Option with exercise dates $\{T_{i+1}, \dots, T_n\}$.

→ Option on option ... on option.

Value of Bermudan Option according to optimal exercise

$$V_{\{T_i, \dots, T_n\}}(T_i) = \max\{U(T_i), V_{\{T_{i+1}, \dots, T_n\}}(T_i)\},$$

where

$$V_{\{T_{i+1}, \dots, T_n\}}(T_i) = N(T_i) \cdot \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V_{\{T_{i+1}, \dots, T_n\}}(T_{i+1})}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{T_i} \right)$$

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Requires calculation of conditional expectation at some future time

Example Product:

Bermudan Power Reverse Dual Currency

Bermudan Option

Underlying:

$$\max(\min(\frac{FX(t)}{FX(0)} \cdot A\% - B\%), \text{cap}), \text{floor}) - L(t)$$

where $A\%$, $B\%$, cap, floor are constants.

Product: A Bermudan Option on the above.

Requires:

- Cross Currency Model
 - Depends on FX rate
 - Depends on Interest Rates
- Estimator for Conditional Expectation
 - Bermudan Option

Cross Currency LIBOR Market Model

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Model Framework:

Dynamic under \mathbb{Q}^N (with Numéraire (reference product) $N(T_i) := \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (1 + L_j(T_j) \cdot \delta_j)$):

$$dL_j(t) = L_j(t) \cdot \mu_j(t) dt + L_j(t) \cdot \sigma_j(t) dW_j \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

$$dFX(t) = FX(t) \cdot \mu^{FX}(t) dt + FX \cdot \sigma^{FX}(t) dW^{FX}$$

$$d\tilde{L}_j(t) = \tilde{L}_j(t) \cdot \tilde{\mu}_j(t) dt + \tilde{L}_j(t) \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_j(t) d\tilde{W}_j \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

where $(\beta(t) := \max\{i \mid T_i \leq t\})$

$$\mu_j(t) = \sum_{\beta(t) \leq l \leq j} \frac{L_l \delta_l}{(1 + L_l \delta_l)} \cdot \sigma_j(t) \sigma_l(t) \rho_{j,l} \quad \int_{T_i}^{T_{i+1}} \mu^{FX}(t) dt = \log \left(\frac{1 + L_i(T_i) \delta_i}{1 + \tilde{L}_i(T_i) \delta_i} \right)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_j(t) = \sum_{\beta(t) \leq l \leq j} \frac{\tilde{L}_l \delta_l}{(1 + \tilde{L}_l \delta_l)} \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_j(t) \tilde{\sigma}_l(t) \rho_{j,l} - \tilde{\sigma}_j(t) \sigma^{FX}(t) \rho_{j,FX}(t)$$

Free parameters:

- Rich volatility structure possible: $\sigma_1(t), \dots, \sigma_{N-1}(t), \sigma^{FX}(t), \tilde{\sigma}_1(t), \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_{N-1}(t)$
- Rich correlation structure possible:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{i,j}(t) dt &= \langle dW_i, dW_j \rangle, & \rho_{i,\tilde{j}}(t) dt &= \langle dW_i, dW_{\tilde{j}} \rangle, & \text{inter currency} \\ \rho_{i,FX}(t) dt &= \langle dW_i, dW^{FX} \rangle, & \rho_{i,FX}(t) dt &= \langle dW_i, dW^{FX} \rangle & \text{currency to FX} \\ \rho_{i,\tilde{j}}(t) dt &= \langle dW_i, dW_{\tilde{j}} \rangle, & & & \text{cross currency} \end{aligned}$$

To do: Calibrate the model, the choose free model parameters such that given/known option prices are reproduced
 → **inverse problem** (not always trivial)

Cross Currency LIBOR Market Model

- **Characteristics**

- Rich correlation and volatility structure:
best for correlation sensitive products
- Markovian only in high dimensions:
Monte-Carlo Simulation seems natural. Lattice Implementation not trivial.
- Needs extensions to calibrate smile-surface (ie. to calibrate to more than one interest rate option per maturity)

Discretization & Implementation (2)

Lattice / Backward Algorithm

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Universal Pricing Theorem:

$$\frac{V(T_i)}{N(T_i)} = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{V(T_{i+1})}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{T_i} \right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad V(T_i) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(V(T_{i+1}) \cdot \frac{N(T_i)}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{T_i} \right)$$

Assume V (and $\frac{N(T_i)}{N(T_{i+1})}$) solely depend on some underlying process L (e.g. an interest rate), i.e.

$$V(T_i) = V(T_i, L(T_i))$$

Expectation conditioned to state variable L

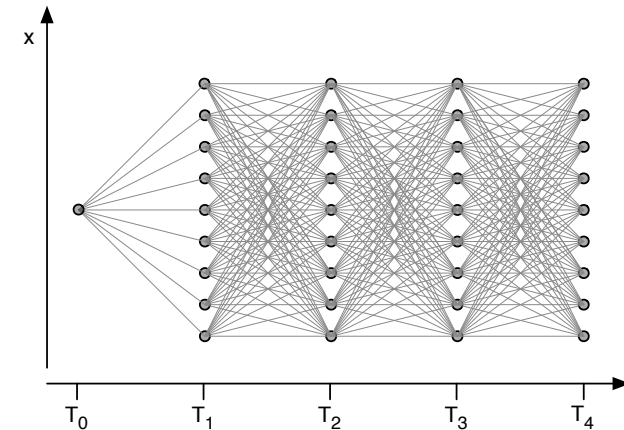
$$V(T_i, L^*) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(V(T_{i+1}, L(T_{i+1})) \cdot \frac{N(T_i)}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid L(T_i) = L^* \right)$$

Lattice Method:

Sample state space

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(V(T_{i+1}, L(T_{i+1})) \cdot \frac{N(T_i)}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid L(T_i) = L^* \right) \\ & \approx \sum_k V(T_{i+1}, L_k) \cdot \frac{N(T_i)}{N(T_{i+1})} \cdot q_{i,k} \end{aligned}$$

where $q_{i,k}$ denotes the (discrete state) transition probability $L^* \rightarrow L_k$ from T_i to T_{i+1} .



Cross Currency Markov Functional Model

Lattice / Backward Algorithm

Paper available on the web:

Fries, Christian P.; Rott, Marius G.:

“Cross Currency and Hybrid Markov Functional Models (2004)”

Cross Currency Markov Functional Model

Markov Functional Modeling:

The financial quantities are functions of *some* underlying markov process.

Given driving Markov processes:

$$\begin{aligned}dx &= \sigma_x(t)dW_1 \\dy &= \mu(t, x, y, z)dt + \sigma_y(t)dW_2 \\dz &= \sigma_z(t)dW_3\end{aligned}$$

Postulate

- The (*domestic*) LIBOR $L(T_k) = L_k(T_k)$ (seen upon its maturity) is a (deterministic) function of $x(T_k)$: $L_k(T_k) = L(T_k, x(T_k))$.
 - The FX rate $FX(T_k)$ is a deterministic function of $y(T_k)$ only.
 - The (*foreign*) LIBOR $\tilde{L}(T_k) = \tilde{L}_k(T_k)$ (seen upon its maturity) is a (deterministic) function of $z(T_k)$.
- ⇒ This *forces* a cross-currency LIBOR model onto a computational feasible (3D) lattice (backward algorithm possible).

Markov Functional Model

Markov Functional Modeling:

The financial quantities are functions of *some* underlying markov process.

1-D (single currency) LIBOR Markov functional model:

Driving Process

$$dx = \sigma_x(t)dW_1$$

LIBOR functional

$$L_k(T_k) = L(T_k, x(T_k))$$

Where is the pricing measure? What is the Numéraire?

The approach is reversed here: We choose $N(t) := P(T_n; t)$ – the T_n -Bond – as Numéraire.

Then: We postulate that the driving processes are given under the pricing measure \mathbb{Q}^N and define the Numéraire process

$$\frac{P(T_{i+1}; T_i)}{N(T_i)} := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{1}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{T_i} \right) \Rightarrow N(T_i) := \frac{1}{(1 + L(T_k)\Delta T_i) \cdot \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(\frac{1}{N(T_{i+1})} \mid \mathcal{F}_{T_i} \right)}$$

→ The numéraire is defined (via backward induction) as a functional of x too.

The Universal Pricing Theorem holds *per definition*:

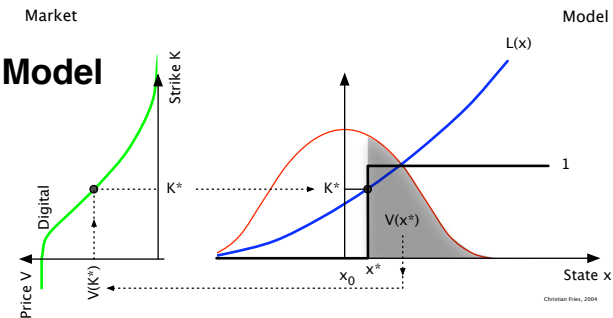
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Cross Currency Markov Functional Model: Calibration of (domestic) LIBOR Fct'al

Calibration of the (domestic) LIBOR Markov Functional Model

Degrees of Freedom:

- The functional $\xi \mapsto L_i(\xi)$.
- The volatility $\sigma(t)$ of the driving process $x(t)$



Calibration (e.g.) means: The model should reproduce *all* European Options on L_i , i.e. all Product V with

$$V(K; T_{n+1}) = \max\left((L_n(T_n) - K) \cdot (T_{n+1} - T_n), 0\right) \quad \text{in } T_{n+1}.$$

Calibration to continuous family of European Options on L_i (Caplet smile) can be obtained (almost) explicitly from market prices:

Lemma (Breeden & Litzenberger, etc.): For the probability distribution ϕ_{L_i} of L under the measure \mathbb{Q}^N , $N = P(T_{n+1})$ we have

$$\underbrace{\int_0^K \phi_{L_i}(\kappa) d\kappa}_{\text{model distribution}} = \underbrace{N(0) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial K} V(K; T_{n+1})}_{\text{market price}}$$

\Rightarrow Determination of the functional $\xi \mapsto L_i(\xi)$ can be done through a simple inversion (numerically feasible 1D root finding).

Cross Currency Markov Functional Model: Calibration of FX Functional

Calibration of the FX Functional

Degrees of Freedom:

- The functional $\eta \mapsto FX(\eta)$.
- The volatility $\sigma_y(t)$ of the driving process $y(t)$ – $dy = \mu(t, x, y, z)dt + \sigma_y(t)dW_2$

Calibration (e.g.) means: The model should reproduce *all* European FX Options, i.e. all Product V with

$$V(K; T_n) = \max((FX(T_n) - K), 0).$$

1. Drift of the underlying process y

Example: Choose the functional as $FX(\eta) = \exp(a \cdot \eta)$ → log-normal model for the FX.

Then the drift $\mu(t, x, y, z)$ has to fulfill

$$\mu(T_i, \xi, \eta) \Delta T_i = \frac{1}{a} \log \left(\frac{1 + L_i(\xi) \Delta T_i}{1 + \tilde{L}_i(\eta) \Delta T_i} \right) - \frac{a \cdot \sigma_y(T_i)}{2} \Delta T_i$$

(Note: Same drift adjustment as for the cross currency LIBOR Market Model).

Conclusion

- **Cross Currency MF Model has: Efficient Calibration (fitting the model to the market)**

- Calibrate to a one parameter family of domestic interest rate option per maturity (e.g. full caplet smile calibration)
- Calibrate to a one parameter family of foreign interest rate option per maturity (e.g. full caplet smile calibration)
- Calibrate to “some” (a least one ;-) FX options per maturity

- **Cross Currency MF Model needs:**

- **A fast algorithm for conditional expectation**

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left(f(x(T_{i+1}), y(T_{i+1}), z(T_{i+1})) \mid (x(T_i), y(T_i), z(T_i)) = (x^*, y^*, z^*) \right)$$

Consider: Tree, PDE, Full Numerical Integration, Fourier or Wavelet Methods