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In this article we propose a hybrid spatial finite difference / pseudospectral discretization for European option pricing problems under the Heston and Heston-Hull-White model. In direction of the underlying asset, where the payoff profile is non-smooth, we use a standard central second order finite difference scheme, whereas we use a Chebyshev collocation method in the other spatial dimensions. In the time domain we employ alternating direction implicit schemes to efficiently decompose the system matrix into simpler one dimensional problems. This approach allows to compute numerical solutions, which are second order accurate in time and exhibit spectral accuracy in the spatial domains except for the asset direction. The numerical experiments reveal that the proposed scheme outperforms the standard second finite difference scheme in terms of accuracy versus run-time and shows an unconditionally stable behavior.

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## 1 Introduction

The pricing of derivatives in financial engineering is in general based on modeling a stochastic differential equation (SDE) system, which describes the main factors driving equity markets. In the seminal paper by Black and Scholes (1973) the asset price is given by a stochastic diffusion process. More advanced models also incorporate additional risk factors, such as the asset's volatility and the risk-free interest rate. These models are able to capture the behavior, which we observe in financial markets, in a much more realistic way, e.g., they can reflect volatility smiles or model the impact of fluctuating interest rates. In this article we consider the Heston model (Heston (1993)) as a testbed for two factor models and the three dimensional Heston-Hull-White (HHW) model as a testbed for three factor models.

The Heston partial differential equation (PDE) is given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{2}s^2v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s^2} + \rho_{12}\sigma_1sv \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s \partial v} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} + rs \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + \kappa(\eta - v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} - ru, \quad (1)$$

for inverse time  $\tau \in [0, T]$ , asset  $s \in [0, \infty)$  and volatility  $v \in [0, \infty)$ . The risk-less interest rate is denoted by  $r$  and the volatility of the volatility by  $\sigma_1$ . The long-term mean of  $v$  is given by  $\eta$ , while  $\kappa$  denotes the mean reversion rate of  $v$ . The correlation between the asset and the volatility is given by  $\rho_{12}$ . At the maturity  $\tau = 0$  the option holder obtains the following payoff for an European put option

$$u(s, v, 0) = \max\{K - s, 0\},$$

where  $K$  is the strike price. In some simple cases the Heston model can be solved via closed-form analytical formulas, for example in the constant coefficient case for European options. However, for more complicated settings numerical techniques have to be applied. The Heston-Hull-White model is an extension of the Heston model, where the interest rate is assumed to follow a mean-reverting process. The option value is assumed to satisfy the PDE

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} = & \frac{1}{2}s^2v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_2^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} \\ & + \rho_{12}\sigma_1sv \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s\partial v} + \rho_{13}\sigma_2s\sqrt{v} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s\partial r} + \rho_{23}\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{v} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v\partial r} \\ & + rs \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + \kappa(\eta - v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} + a_r(b_r - r) \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} - ru, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for inverse time  $\tau \in [0, T]$ , asset  $s \in [0, \infty)$ , volatility  $v \in [0, \infty)$  and risk-free interest rate  $r \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . Compared to the Heston model, the HHW model has the following additional parameters: the volatility of the interest rate is  $\sigma_2$ ; the long-term mean of  $r$  is given by  $b_r$  and its mean reversion rate by  $a_r$ ; the correlation between  $s$  and  $r$  is denoted by  $\rho_{13}$  and between  $v$  and  $r$  by  $\rho_{23}$ . Similar to the payoff given above, the solution at expiry is

$$u(s, v, r, 0) = \max\{K - s, 0\}.$$

If two correlations are zero, semi-closed approximations exist and are given in in't Hout et al. (2007), Grzelak and Oosterlee (2011). But market data reveals that the assumption of two correlations being equal to zero is rather unrealistic. Therefore, numerical techniques are required to compute the option value.

In the literature several methods have been discussed to solve problems (1) and (2). The Heston model has been solved via second-order finite differences by Kluge (2002). In Kluge (2002), in't Hout and Foulon (2010) and Haentjens and in't Hout (2012) ADI time stepping has been used to efficiently deal with the mixed derivative term. High-order compact finite differences were proposed by Düring and Fournié (2012), Düring et al. (2014). These schemes exploit the structure of the governing PDE to derive a fourth order approximation on the compact stencil. Also methods with a higher spatial accuracy were discussed by various researchers: Linde et al. (2005) employed broad stencils to approximate the PDE for option pricing with one and two underlying assets with sixth order accuracy and spectral methods were used by Pindza et al. (2013). The main drawback of high order methods is that the theoretical rate of accuracy is rarely seen in practice due to the non-smooth nature of the solution or initial payoff profile, respectively. In Pooley et al. (2003) numerical techniques are discussed to recover a high rate of convergence, e.g., smoothing of the initial condition, concentrating grid points in the region of interest, etc. However, the discontinuity of the payoff profile for option pricing problems in general occurs in the direction of the underlying asset, while in direction of the other risk factors the solution is smooth. In this article we want to exploit this structure and propose a hybrid scheme, which uses a second order central finite difference approximation in direction where the

discontinuity occurs. In the other spatial dimensions we employ a high order Chebyshev spectral approximation.

The article is organized as follows: In section 2 we present the spatial discretization and give a brief introduction to Chebyshev collocation methods. In section 3 we discuss ADI time discretization and its stability properties for spectral spatial discretizations. Section 4 is devoted to the derivation of the hybrid scheme for the Heston and HHW model. In the last section we numerically test the proposed method in the time domain as well as in the spatial directions. Here, we are especially interested in its performance compared to a standard second order finite difference approximation and we therefore perform a thorough run-time analysis.

## 2 Spatial discretization

In this section we derive the spatial approximation in terms of a method of lines approach. Hence, we rewrite the PDEs (1) and (2) into a semi-discrete system

$$u'(t) = F(u(t)), \quad t > 0, \quad (3)$$

where  $F$  takes all spatial derivatives. The resulting system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) can then be solved by any suitable time discretization method.

### 2.1 Finite differences

The approximation of derivatives via finite differences is based on Taylor expansions under the assumption that the solution is sufficiently smooth. A symmetric approximation to the first and second derivative with an order of accuracy of two is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{x_i}^0 u_k &= \frac{1}{2h_i} (u_{k+1} - u_{k-1}) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} + \mathcal{O}(h_i^2), \\ \delta_{x_i}^2 u_k &= \frac{1}{h_i^2} (u_{k+1} - 2u_k + u_{k-1}) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} + \mathcal{O}(h_i^2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $k$  denotes the  $k$ -th grid node in coordinate direction  $i$ . This approximation of the first and second derivative can be written in matrix notation  $u' \approx D_{FD}u$ ,  $u'' \approx D_{FD}^2u$ , respectively.

### 2.2 Chebyshev interpolation and differentiation

In the smooth direction we propose a Chebyshev pseudospectral (CPS) collocation method to achieve highly accurate approximation with a low number of grid nodes. The approach can be summarized in two main steps: first the Chebyshev interpolant, which interpolates the data  $u_j$  at Chebyshev-Gauss-Lobatto points  $x_j = \cos \frac{\pi j}{N}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ , is computed. In a second step the interpolant is differentiated to obtain an estimate of the derivative of the data. Let the interpolant be given in Lagrange form

$$p_N(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N u_j l_j(x),$$

with

$$l_j(x) = \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq j}}^N \frac{x-x_i}{x_j-x_i}.$$

Then one can easily approximate the derivative at the grid nodes via

$$p'_N(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^N u_j l'_j(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^N d_{ij} u_j \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

This can be written in a more compact way in matrix notation  $u' \approx D_{SP}u$ , where  $D_{SP} = (d_{ij})_{i,j=0,\dots,N}$  is the Chebyshev differentiation matrix with  $d_{ij} = l'_j(x_i)$  for  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . The second derivative can be derived in an analogue way by differentiating twice to obtain  $D_{SP}^2 = (\tilde{d}_{ij})_{i,j=0,\dots,N}$ , with entries  $\tilde{d}_{ij} = l''_j(x_i)$  for  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . Explicit formulas for the entries of the matrices for Chebyshev-Gauss-Lobatto points can be found in Gottlieb et al. (1984), Canuto et al. (2006).

This global interpolation approach has the advantage, that it is highly accurate if  $u$  fulfills certain smoothness conditions. This allows to use significant less grid nodes compared to low order methods. In the following we cite two theorems regarding the accuracy of Chebyshev interpolation given by Gil et al. (2007):

**Theorem 3.12 in Gil et al. (2007)** *When a function  $u$  has  $m+1$  continuous derivatives on  $[-1, 1]$ , where  $m$  is a finite number, then  $|u(x) - p_N(x)| = \mathcal{O}(N^{-m})$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .*

**Theorem 3.13 in Gil et al. (2007)** *When a function  $u$  on  $x \in [-1, 1]$  can be extended to a function that is analytic inside an ellipse  $E_r$  defined by*

$$E_r = \{z : |z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}| = r\}, \quad r > 1,$$

*then  $|u(x) - p_N(x)| = \mathcal{O}(r^{-N})$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in [-1, 1]$ .*

Please note that similar estimates also hold for the derivatives. Thus, we can expect a geometric error decay if  $u$  is sufficiently smooth, analytic, respectively. But the spectral accuracy does not come for free: the differentiation matrices are densely filled, which makes it very costly to solve the systems arising while using implicit time stepping. If explicit schemes are employed, step size restrictions of  $\Delta_t = \mathcal{O}(N^{-2})$  for hyperbolic and  $\Delta_t = \mathcal{O}(N^{-4})$  for diffusion problems lead to a large computational effort. In comparison to second order central finite differences, which only have restrictions of the form  $\Delta_t = \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$ ,  $\Delta_t = \mathcal{O}(N^{-2})$ .

### 3 Alternating Direction Implicit (ADI) schemes

We consider the semi-discrete formulation (3)

$$u'(t) = F(u(t)), \quad t > 0,$$

supplied with suitable initial and boundary data and  $u$  depending only on the time  $t$ . The  $d$  dimensional spatial discretization  $F$  can be decomposed into

$$F(u(t)) = F_0(u(t)) + F_1(u(t)) + \dots + F_d(u(t)),$$

where  $F_0$  stems from all mixed derivatives and  $F_i$  from each unidirectional contribution of coordinate direction  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . With the help of ADI time stepping the equation system can be solved as a sequence of one dimensional problems, which significantly reduces the run-time compared to implicit Euler or Crank-Nicolson time marching. In the following we consider four well known ADI schemes.

*Douglas scheme (DO):*

$$\begin{cases} Y_0 &= u_n + \Delta_t F(u_n), \\ Y_i &= Y_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(Y_i) - F_i(u_n)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ u_{n+1} &= Y_d. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

*Craig-Sneyd scheme (CS):*

$$\begin{cases} Y_0 &= u_n + \Delta_t F(u_n), \\ Y_i &= Y_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(Y_i) - F_i(u_n)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ \tilde{Y}_0 &= Y_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_t (F_0(Y_d) - F_0(u_n)) \\ \tilde{Y}_i &= \tilde{Y}_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(\tilde{Y}_i) - F_i(u_n)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ u_{n+1} &= \tilde{Y}_d. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

*Modified Craig-Sneyd scheme (MCS):*

$$\begin{cases} Y_0 &= u_n + \Delta_t F(u_n), \\ Y_i &= Y_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(Y_i) - F_i(u_n)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ \hat{Y}_0 &= Y_0 + \theta \Delta_t (F_0(Y_d) - F_0(u_n)) \\ \tilde{Y}_0 &= \hat{Y}_0 + (\frac{1}{2} - \theta) \Delta_t (F(Y_d) - F(u_n)) \\ \tilde{Y}_i &= \tilde{Y}_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(\tilde{Y}_i) - F_i(u_n)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ u_{n+1} &= \tilde{Y}_d. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

*Hundsdorfer-Verwer scheme (HV):*

$$\begin{cases} Y_0 &= u_n + \Delta_t F(u_n), \\ Y_i &= Y_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(Y_i) - F_i(u_n)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ \tilde{Y}_0 &= Y_0 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_t (F(Y_d) - F(u_n)) \\ \tilde{Y}_i &= \tilde{Y}_{i-1} + \theta \Delta_t (F_i(\tilde{Y}_i) - F_i(Y_d)) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d \\ u_{n+1} &= \tilde{Y}_d, \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $\Delta_t$  is the step size in time,  $u_n \sim u(n\Delta_t)$  and  $\theta > 0$  is a real parameter. The Douglas method consists of one explicit Euler step and  $d$  one dimensional correction steps. The scheme exhibits order two in time if  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$  and order one otherwise. The (modified) Craig-Sneyd and the Hundsdorfer-Verwer scheme are extensions of the DO scheme, where a second explicit step and an additional sweep of correction steps are performed. The Craig-Sneyd scheme exhibits order two in time if  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$  independent of  $F_0$ , while the latter two schemes have order two for arbitrary choices of  $\theta$ . In general lower values for  $\theta$  lead to more accurate solutions, but might cause instabilities if chosen too small. Hence, the value has to be chosen very carefully. Hundsdorfer (1999), Lanser et al. (2001), in't Hout and Welfert (2007), in't Hout and Welfert (2009), in't Hout and Mishra (2011), in't Hout and Mishra (2013) spent much effort on the stability analysis in the von Neumann framework. They consider a general convection diffusion equation with frozen coefficients

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + c \cdot \nabla u,$$

with symmetric positive semi definite matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  and vector  $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_d)^\top$ . Let  $z_i = \Delta_t \lambda_i$ , where  $\lambda_i$  denotes the eigenvalue of the discretization operator  $F_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, d$ . In the following we consider  $d = 2$  and assume the condition

$$\operatorname{Re}(z_1) \leq 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(z_2) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |z_0| \leq 2\gamma \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(z_1)\operatorname{Re}(z_2)},$$

to hold for  $z_0, z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , where  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$  describes the relative size of the mixed derivative coefficient

$$|a_{ij}| \leq \gamma \sqrt{a_{ii}a_{jj}} \quad \text{for all } i \neq j.$$

Then, according to in't Hout and Welfert (2007) the DO and CS scheme are stable for  $\theta \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . in't Hout and Mishra (2011) derive the necessary condition  $\theta \geq \frac{2}{5}$ , if  $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\theta \geq \frac{5}{12}$ , if  $z_0, z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  for the MCS scheme with  $\gamma = 1$ . In practice the scheme has been successfully applied to two dimensional problems by in't Hout and Foulon (2010) with the parameter choice  $\theta = \frac{1}{3}$  under the condition that  $\gamma \leq 0.96$ . The HV scheme is unconditionally stable for  $\theta \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3}$  if  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  and no mixed derivatives are present, see Lanser et al. (2001). In numerical experiments by in't Hout and Foulon (2010) this parameter also led to a monotone error decay in the case of convection diffusion equations with mixed derivative terms. In the three dimensional case theoretical stability results are lacking in the literature. However, ADI schemes have been successfully applied to three dimensional problems by Haentjens and in't Hout (2012) using the  $\theta$  values derived for pure diffusion equations in in't Hout and Welfert (2009): DO  $\theta \geq \frac{2}{3}$ , CS  $\theta \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , MCS  $\theta \geq \max\{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{13}(2\gamma + 1)\}$ . For the HV scheme the bound derived for two dimensional convection-diffusion problems led to a stable behavior.

### 3.1 Stability considerations

In order to investigate the stability of the hybrid method we consider the general convection diffusion equation with fixed coefficients

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div}(A\nabla u) + c \cdot \nabla u \quad \text{on } \Omega = [0, 1] \times [-1, 1], \quad t > 0,$$

where  $A = (a_{ij})$  is a symmetric positive semi definite matrix and  $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_d)^\top$  the vector of convection coefficients. In the following we consider the two dimensional case  $d = 2$ . The spatial discretization of the hybrid scheme is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Fu = & a_{11}D_{FD}^2 \otimes I_{N_y}u + (a_{12} + a_{21})D_{FD} \otimes D_{SP}u + a_{22}I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP}^2u \\ & + c_1D_{FD} \otimes I_{N_y}u + c_2I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP}u, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_{N_x}, I_{N_y}$  denote the identity matrix of size  $N_x, N_y$ , respectively. Then we decompose the system via

$$\begin{aligned} F_0u &= (a_{12} + a_{21})D_{FD} \otimes D_{SP}u, \\ F_1u &= a_{11}D_{FD}^2 \otimes I_{N_y}u + c_1D_{FD} \otimes I_{N_y}u, \\ F_2u &= a_{22}I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP}^2u + c_2I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP}u. \end{aligned}$$

In a next step the ADI time discretization can be applied. For purposes of the stability investigations we rewrite methods (4) - (7) into one step form

$$u_{n+1} = Ru_n,$$

with iteration matrix  $R$ . The method is stable if  $\|R\| \leq 1$  holds. In the literature in't Hout and Welfert (2007), in 't Hout and Wyns (2016), Hendricks et al. (2016) it was shown that the iteration matrices are of the following form

$$R_{DO} = I + P^{-1}Z, \quad (8)$$

$$R_{CS} = I + P^{-1}Z + \frac{1}{2}P^{-1}Z_0P^{-1}Z, \quad (9)$$

$$R_{MCS} = I + P^{-1}Z + P^{-1}(\theta Z + (\frac{1}{2} - \theta)Z)P^{-1}Z, \quad (10)$$

$$R_{HV} = (I + P^{-1}Z)^2 - P^{-1}(I + \frac{1}{2}Z)P^{-1}Z, \quad (11)$$

with  $P = (I_{N_x} - \theta\Delta_t F_1)(I_{N_y} - \theta\Delta_t F_2)$ ,  $Z_0 = \Delta_t F_0$ ,  $Z = F_0 + \Delta_t F_1 + \Delta_t F_2$ . One crucial property for stability of the ADI schemes is that the eigenvalues of the operators  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  have negative real parts. For central second order finite differences this is clearly fulfilled, see in't Hout and Welfert (2007). In the case of Chebyshev spectral methods it was shown by Gottlieb and Lustman (1983) that the second derivative matrix has negative and distinct real valued eigenvalues, which are bounded by  $\mathcal{O}(N^4)$ . They prove this result for Dirichlet, Neumann and Robin boundary conditions. In Canuto et al. (2006) section 7.3.2 the eigenvalues of convection diffusion operators are analyzed for Dirichlet boundary conditions. Following their proof one directly observes that  $Re(\lambda) \leq -a_{22}\frac{\pi^2}{4}$  and the spectral radius is bounded by  $\mathcal{O}(N^4)$  due to the second derivative matrix. Numerical tests in Canuto et al. (2006) reveal that these bounds are sharp. In the case of convection diffusion problems with Neumann boundary conditions we numerically compute the eigenvalues of the generalized problem

$$Qu = \lambda Bu, \quad (12)$$

where  $Q$  is a  $(N_y + 1) \times (N_y + 1)$  matrix, which consists of the matrix  $D_{SP}^2 + D_{SP}$  at the inner nodes and the first and last row are identical to the first and last row of the differentiation matrix  $D_{SP}$  due to the homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions. The  $B$  matrix is identical to the identity matrix of size  $(N_y + 1) \times (N_y + 1)$  except for the first and last entry, which is set to zero. Figure 1 shows the eigenvalues of problem (12), which has been solved using the QZ algorithm provided by the Matlab routine `eig(.,.)`. One observes that the results for Dirichlet also hold for Neumann boundary conditions: except for one zero eigenvalue, all eigenvalues lie on the left-hand side of the complex plane and the spectral radius grows with  $\mathcal{O}(N^4)$ . The zero eigenvalue is associated with the eigenvector  $u = c \cdot (1, \dots, 1)^T$  for an arbitrary constant  $c$ . These results ensure the stability if no mixed derivatives are present. Since in financial engineering mixed derivative terms arise due to the correlation structure between assets and/or risk factors it is important to include them in our stability considerations. Thus, we numerically compute the eigenvalues of the problem

$$Ru = \lambda Bu \quad (13)$$

with  $R$  given by (8) - (11). If Dirichlet boundary conditions are applied, then  $R$  is of size  $N_x(N_y - 1) \times N_x(N_y - 1)$ . In the second coordinate direction, where the Chebyshev collocation method is used the first and last row as well as the first and last column are removed due to the boundary condition. The matrix  $B$  is the identity matrix of appropriate size. If a homogeneous Neumann boundary condition is used in the second coordinate direction, we proceed according to the problem (12) to construct the differentiation matrices, which are employed to compute  $P$ . This matrix stems from all implicitly treated terms in the ADI method. For the explicit parts, namely  $Z_0$  and  $Z$ , we proceed as follows: we compute the solution at the interior nodes and determine the boundary values in such a way that

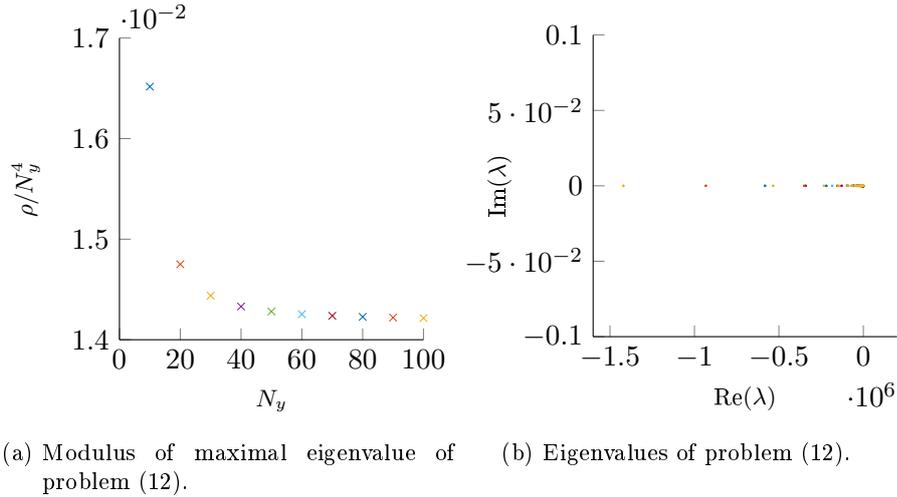


Figure 1: Neumann boundary conditions.

they satisfy the boundary condition by solving the system

$$d_{00}u_{k,0} + d_{0N_y}u_{k,N_y} = - \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} d_{0j}u_{kj}$$

$$d_{N_y0}u_{k,0} + d_{N_yN_y}u_{k,N_y} = - \sum_{j=1}^{N_y-1} d_{N_yj}u_{kj}$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N_x$ . Let  $\tilde{D}$  denote the matrix which forces the boundary nodes in the  $y$ -direction to fulfill the boundary condition according to the system above, then we can compute the matrix stemming from the explicit time-stepping via  $Z := \tilde{D}Z$  and  $Z_0 := \tilde{D}Z_0$ . Similar to problem (12) the matrix  $B$  is the identity matrix with zeros on the diagonal for each grid node lying on the boundary of  $y$ .

Let the diffusion coefficient matrix and the convection vector be given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $A$  is symmetric positive semi-definite with the largest possible relative size of the mixed derivative term ( $\gamma = 1$ ). This choice can be seen as a worst case scenario in terms of the stability since the evolution of the solution in one variable is completely determined by the variable in the other coordinate direction. The ratio between convection and diffusion is equal to one for this parameter choice. Further we let  $\Delta_t = 0.1$  for our numerical evaluations. The  $\theta$  value is chosen according to the values given in section 3 derived for finite difference schemes. Figures 2, 3 show the largest modulus of eigenvalue and the location of all eigenvalues in the complex plane of problem (13) with Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions. For an increasing number of grid nodes, the spectral radius for both problems approaches one from below. Thus, we expect a stable behavior of the hybrid scheme even for problems with large correlations. Please note, that one obtains similar results also for problems with strong convection dominance.

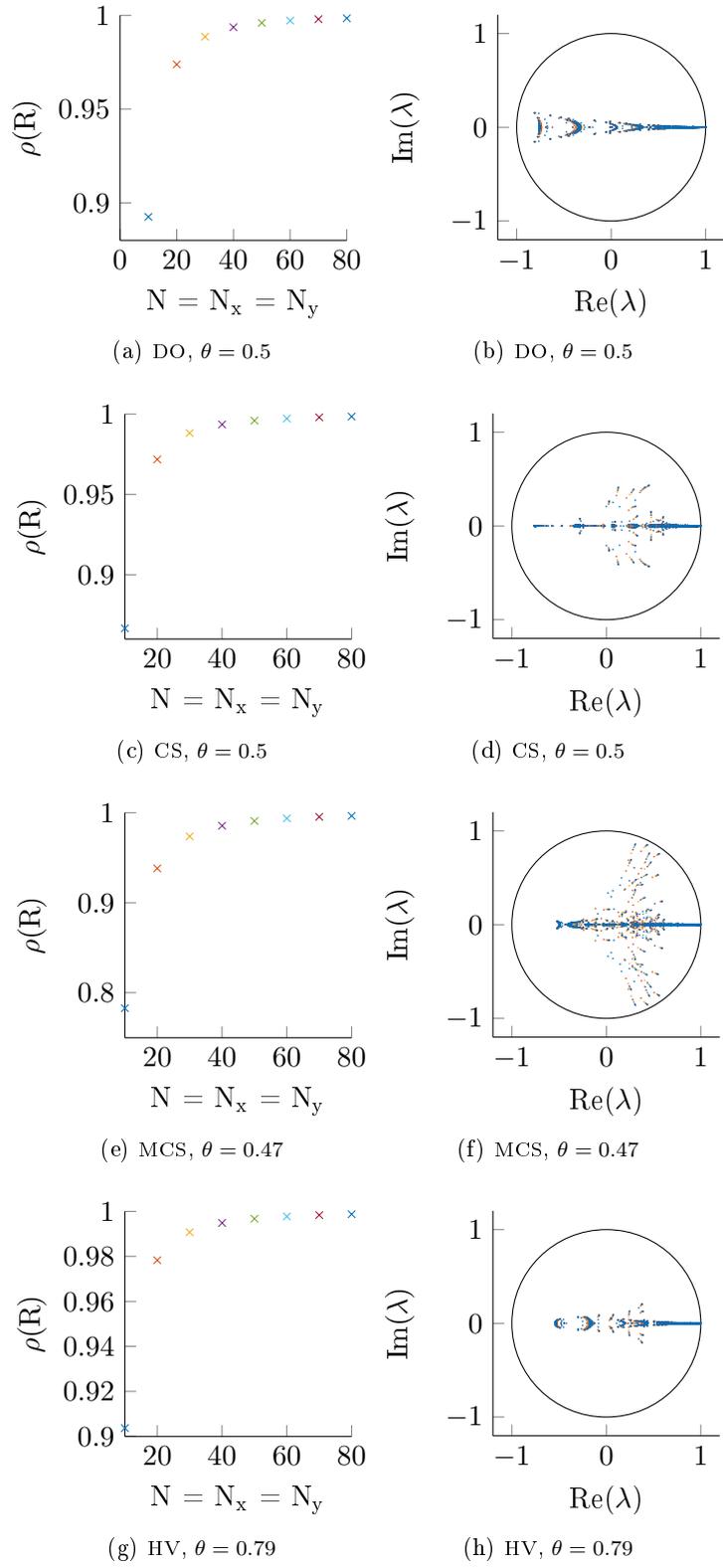


Figure 2: Dirichlet boundary conditions at  $\partial\Omega$

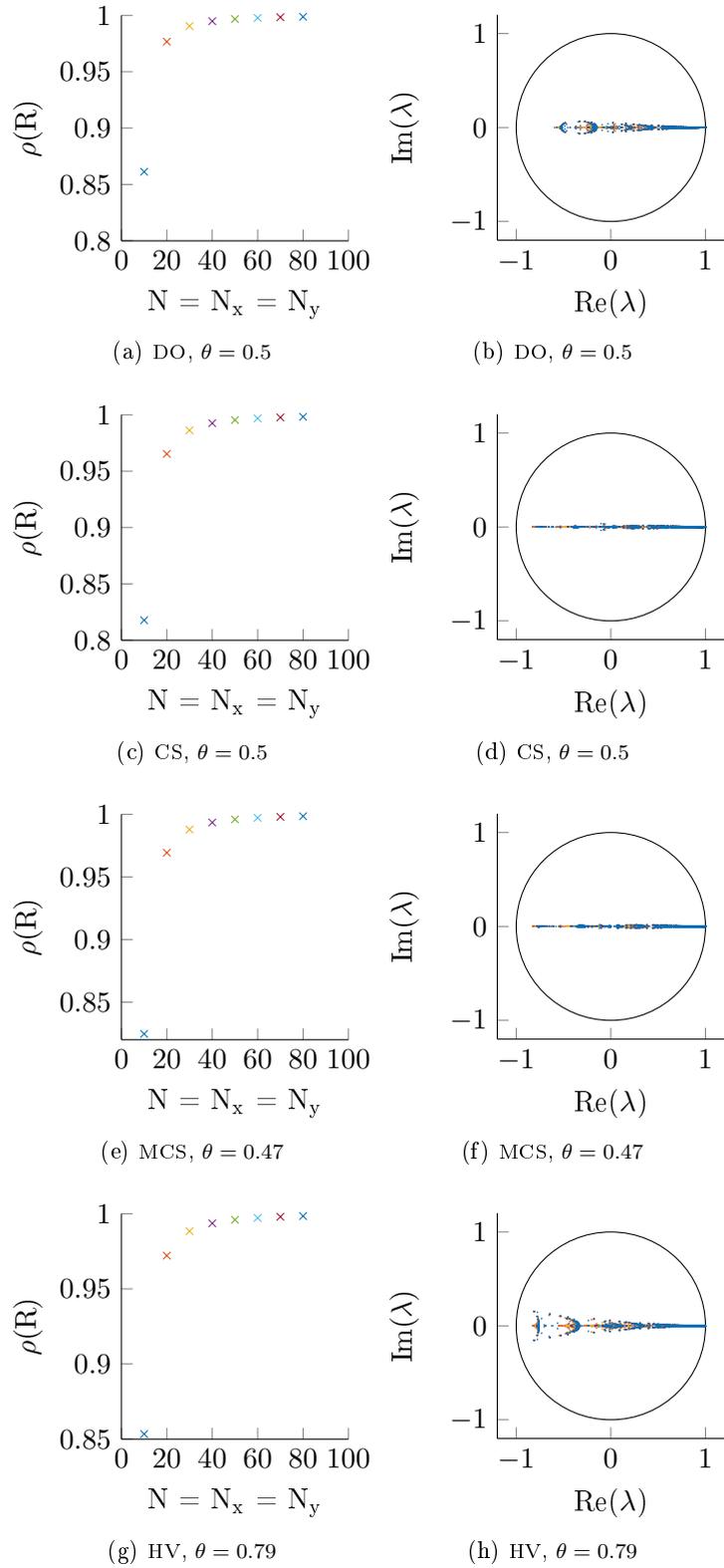


Figure 3: Neumann boundary conditions at the boundary in  $y$ -direction, Dirichlet in  $x$ .

#### 4 Heston and Heston-Hull-White model

This section is devoted to the derivation of the hybrid FD/CPS discretization for the Heston and Heston-Hull-White PDE. In the direction of the underlying asset we propose a standard second order central finite difference approximation. Due to the discontinuity occurring in the first derivative of the initial condition for European options, we do not expect to receive a higher order than two without employing additional techniques such as smoothing, projection, etc. In order to be able to concentrate grid nodes in the region of interest, we apply a coordinate transformation of the form, given by Tavella and Randall (2000),

$$h_s(x) = (c_1 + \sinh^{-1}(\frac{K-x}{\alpha})) / (c_1 - c_2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \sinh^{-1}(\frac{s_{\min}-K}{\alpha}), \\ c_2 &= \sinh^{-1}(\frac{s_{\max}-K}{\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

The transformation maps  $[s_{\min}, s_{\max}]$  to  $[0, 1]$  and clusters grid points around the strike price  $K$ , which is the region of highest interest from a perspective of practitioners. Small  $\alpha$ -values lead to a highly non-uniform grid, while large values lead to a uniform distribution of grid nodes. In our numerical tests we use  $\alpha = K/4$ .

In the coordinate direction of the volatility and interest rate we first apply a linear transformation to map the finite interval  $[a, b]$  to  $[-1, 1]$  via

$$h_{j,1}(x) = \frac{2}{b-a}x + \frac{a+b}{a-b}$$

for  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $j \in \{v, r\}$ . In a second step we concentrate grid points similar to Tee and Trefethen (2006), Pindza et al. (2013) via

$$h_{j,2}(x) = e_j \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2}(x-1)\left(\sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{1-d_j}{e_j}\right) + \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{d_j+1}{e_j}\right)\right) + \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{1-d_j}{e_j}\right)\right) + d_j,$$

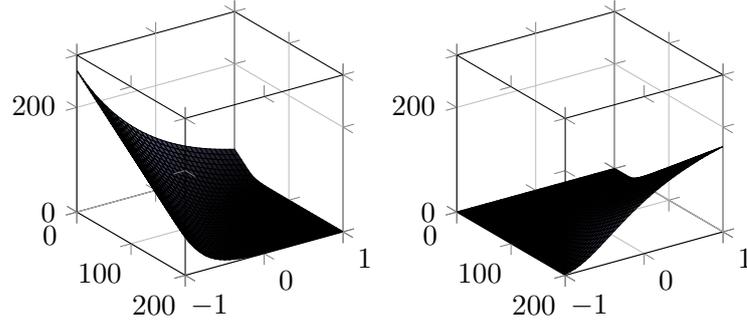
where the parameter  $d_j \in [-1, 1]$  determines the region of clustering and  $e_j > 0$  the degree of non-uniformity of the grid spacing for  $j \in \{v, r\}$ . The complete transformation is then given by the composition  $h_j = h_{j,2} \circ h_{j,1}$ . We denote the inverse of the transformations by  $g_s = h_s^{-1}$ ,  $g_j = h_j^{-1}$ , respectively. Numerical tests revealed that a clustering at the upper boundary of the domain and the choice  $e_1 = 10\sigma_1^2/(\kappa\eta)$  and  $e_2 = 10\sigma_2^2/(a_r b_r)$  yield good results.

The PDEs (1) and (2) transform to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{1}{2}s^2v \left[ h'_s(s)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + h''_s(s) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \rho_{12}\sigma_1svh'_s(s)h'_v(v) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2v \left[ h'_v(v)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + h''_v(v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] \\ &\quad + rsh'_s(s) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \kappa(\eta - v)h'_v(v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - ru \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{1}{2}s^2v \left[ h'_s(s)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + h''_s(s) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2v \left[ h'_v(v)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + h''_v(v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_2^2 \left[ h'_r(r)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} + h''_r(r) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right] \\ &\quad + \rho_{12}\sigma_1svh'_s(s)h'_v(v) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \rho_{13}\sigma_2s\sqrt{v}h'_s(s)h'_r(r) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial z} + \rho_{23}\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{v}h'_v(v)h'_r(r) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} \\ &\quad + rsh'_s(s) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \kappa(\eta - v)h'_v(v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + a_r(b_r - r)h'_r(r) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - ru, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$



(a) European put option at  $v = 0.125$  (b) European call option at  $v = 0.125$

Figure 4: Reference solution of the HHW model (computed with semi closed-form pricing formula).

where  $s = g_s(x)$ ,  $v = g_v(y)$  and  $r = g_r(z)$  with  $(x, y) \in \Omega = [0, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  and  $(x, y, z) \in \Omega = [0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^2$ . At the boundary we impose the following conditions for the European put option under the Heston

$$\begin{aligned} u(0, v, \tau) &= K e^{-rT}, \\ u(s_{\max}, v, \tau) &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(v_{\max}, s, \tau) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and under the HHW model

$$\begin{aligned} u(0, v, r, \tau) &= K e^{p(r, \tau)}, \\ u(s_{\max}, v, r, \tau) &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial v}(s, v_{\max}, r, \tau) &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(s, v, r_{\max}, \tau) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

with discounting factor

$$\begin{aligned} p(r, \tau) &= -\frac{r}{a_r} (1 - e^{-a_r \tau}) - \frac{1}{a_r} \int_{T-\tau}^T b_r (1 - e^{-a_r (T-s)}) ds \\ &+ \frac{\sigma_2^2}{2a_r^2} \left( \tau + \frac{2}{a_r} e^{-a_r \tau} - \frac{1}{2a_r} e^{-2a_r \tau} - \frac{3}{2a_r} \right). \end{aligned}$$

If the asset price is zero the option price is given by the discounted strike price. For sufficiently large  $s$  the probability that the put option ends up in-the-money tends to zero and therefore also the option value. In direction of the volatility we only imply a homogeneous Neumann boundary condition at  $v_{\max}$  as suggested by in't Hout and Foulon (2010). At the boundary in direction of the interest rate, we propose a homogeneous Neumann boundary condition at  $r_{\max}$ . One might argue that such a condition should be applied at both boundaries of  $r$  since  $\rho$  in the Black-Scholes pricing formula vanishes for extreme values of  $r$ , but the reference solution in Figure 4 indicates, that this does not hold for the HHW model.

The application of the spatial discretization of section 2 to (14), (15) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{Heston}(u) &= \frac{1}{2}s^2vh'_s(s)^2D_{FD_x}^2 \otimes I_{N_y}u + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2vh'_v(v)^2I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP_y}^2u \\
&\quad + \rho_{12}\sigma_1svh'_s(s)h'_v(v)D_{FD_x} \otimes D_{SP_y}u \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{1}{2}s^2vh''_s(s) + rsh'_s(s)\right]D_{FD_x} \otimes I_{N_y}u + \left[\frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2vh''_v(v) + \kappa(\eta - v)h'_v(v)\right]I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP_y}u \\
&\quad - ru
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{HHW}(u) &= \frac{1}{2}s^2vh'_s(s)^2D_{FD_x}^2 \otimes I_{N_y} \otimes I_{N_z}u + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2vh'_v(v)^2I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP_y}^2 \otimes I_{N_z}u \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_2^2h'_r(r)^2I_{N_x} \otimes I_{N_y} \otimes D_{SP_z}^2 \\
&\quad + \rho_{12}\sigma_1svh'_s(s)h'_v(v)D_{FD_x} \otimes D_{SP_y} \otimes I_{N_z}u + \rho_{13}\sigma_2s\sqrt{v}h'_s(s)h'_r(r)D_{FD_x} \otimes I_{N_y} \otimes D_{SP_z}u \\
&\quad + \rho_{23}\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{v}h'_v(v)h'_r(r)I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP_y} \otimes D_{SP_z}u \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{1}{2}s^2vh''_s(s) + rsh'_s(s)\right]D_{FD_x} \otimes I_{N_y} \otimes I_{N_z}u \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{1}{2}\sigma_1^2vh''_v(v) + \kappa(\eta - v)h'_v(v)\right]I_{N_x} \otimes D_{SP_y} \otimes I_{N_z}u \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{1}{2}\sigma_2^2h''_r(r) + a_r(b_r - r)h'_r(r)\right]I_{N_x} \otimes I_{N_y} \otimes D_{SP_z}u - ru.
\end{aligned}$$

The spatial discretization is now decomposed into one dimensional problems according to the ADI splitting:  $F_1$  takes all terms, which only stem from the  $x$  direction,  $F_2$  all terms from the  $y$ - and  $F_3$  all terms from the  $z$ -direction. The reaction term is distributed equally over the operators  $F_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . The mixed derivative terms are collected in  $F_0$ . The arising linear equation system can be solved with the help of a LU decomposition in the startup phase if the coefficients of the PDEs (1) and (2) do not depend on time. In each time step the major computational effort then consists of performing one forward and backward substitution for each leg of the ADI scheme.

In order to evaluate the performance of the scheme, we compare it to a scheme using second order finite differences in all coordinate directions given in the articles by in't Hout and Foulon (2010), Haentjens and in't Hout (2012), but with a transformed coordinate system instead of a non-uniform grid. The following transformation is employed in the benchmark method

$$h_j = \sinh^{-1}(d_j^{-1}(x - c_j)),$$

with the critical point  $c_j$  and the strength of smoothing determined by  $d_j$  for  $j \in \{v, r\}$ . According to in't Hout and Foulon (2010), Haentjens and in't Hout (2012) we use  $c_v = 0$ ,  $c_r = b_r$ ,  $d_v = v_{\max}/500$  and  $d_r = r_{\max}/500$ .

## 5 Numerical results

In this section we test the hybrid method and compare it to a standard second order finite difference discretization. In order to gain realistic performance results we consider four different scenarios given in Table 5. The parameters for the Heston model stem from in't Hout and Foulon (2010). The additional parameters for the Heston-Hull-White model have been taken from Spanderen (2011) in the case of scenario one and the parameters in the latter three scenarios are taken from Haentjens and in't Hout (2012).

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4
$K$	100	100	100	100
$T$	1	1	3	0.25
$\sigma_1$	0.3	0.04	0.2928	0.5
$\rho_{12}$	-0.9	0.6	-0.7571	-0.1
$\kappa$	1.5	3	0.6067	2.5
$\eta$	0.04	0.12	0.0707	0.06
$r$	0.25	0.04	0.03	0.0507
$a_r$	0.00883	0.2	0.05	0.15
$b_r$	0.025	0.05	0.055	0.101
$\sigma_2$	0.00631	0.06	0.03	0.1
$\rho_{13}$	0	0	0	0
$\rho_{23}$	0	0	0	0

Figure 5: Scenarios for numerical tests.

We investigate both the accuracy in the time domain as well as the spatial error. Therefore, we compute

$$\text{err}(\Delta_t, N) = \max |u_{\text{ref}} - u_N^{\Delta_t}|,$$

where  $u_{\text{ref}}$  denotes the reference solution and  $u_N^{\Delta_t}$  its approximation on the discrete grid with time step  $\Delta_t$  and  $N = (N_x, N_y)$  and  $N = (N_x, N_y, N_z)$ , respectively, grid nodes in the spatial domain. The error is always computed at the final time slice. For the sake of simplicity and to streamline our notation we choose  $N_y = N_z$  in all numerical experiments and write  $N = (N_x, N_y)$  instead of  $N = (N_x, N_y, N_z)$ . The numerical solution is computed on a grid of size  $[0, 20K] \times [0, 1.5] \times [-0.5, 0.5]$  while the error is computed in the region of interest, which is defined as  $[0, 2K] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 0.125]$ . This choice ensures that the error due to the domain truncation in the asset direction and the error stemming from the homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions is negligible small and one does not observe any saturation effects in the numerical convergence plots. All computations have been performed on our test machine with a Intel<sup>®</sup> Core i5-4670 CPU and 20GB physical memory.

In our first numerical experiment we investigate the error decay for  $\Delta_t \rightarrow 0$ . Here the reference solution is given by a highly accurate numerical approximation  $u_{\text{ref}} := u_N^{2^{-13}}$  with  $N = (129, 33)$  nodes. The  $\theta$  value within the ADI procedure is always chosen according to the lowest possible value ensuring unconditional stability, given in section 3: Heston: DO  $\theta = 0.5$ , CS  $\theta = 0.5$ , MCS  $\theta = 0.34$ , HV  $\theta = 0.79$ , HHW: DO  $\theta = 0.67$ , CS  $\theta = 0.5$ , MCS  $\theta = 0.34$ , HV  $\theta = 0.79$ . Although these bounds have been derived for finite difference schemes in the von Neumann framework, the positive results of section 3.1 encourage that these are also valid for the Chebyshev spectral method. Figure 8 and 10 shows that the error decays monotonically both for the Heston and the HHW model. The DO scheme exhibits order one, while the error of the CS, MCS and HV scheme decreases with second order. If the time step  $\Delta_t$  is very large the schemes show an undesirable high error. Especially the DO and CS scheme suffer from a large error in all four test scenarios. In order to improve the results we employ a kind of Rannacher startup and perform four steps with  $\Delta/4$  and  $\theta = 1$  to damp high frequency errors, which arise due to the non-smooth initial condition. The Figures 9 and 11 show that the startup procedure is capable to smooth the error and thus leads to a much smaller error for large time steps.

For the experiments in the spatial domain we use the semi closed-form solution to the Heston and Heston-Hull-White PDE from Heston (1993), in't Hout et al. (2007). In the

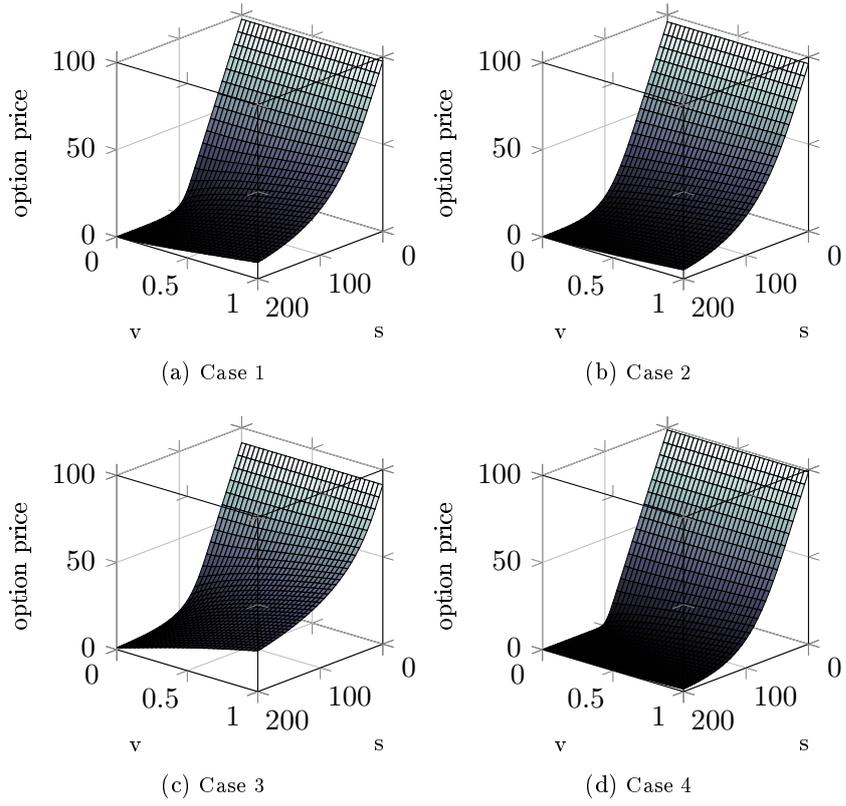


Figure 6: Heston model reference solution

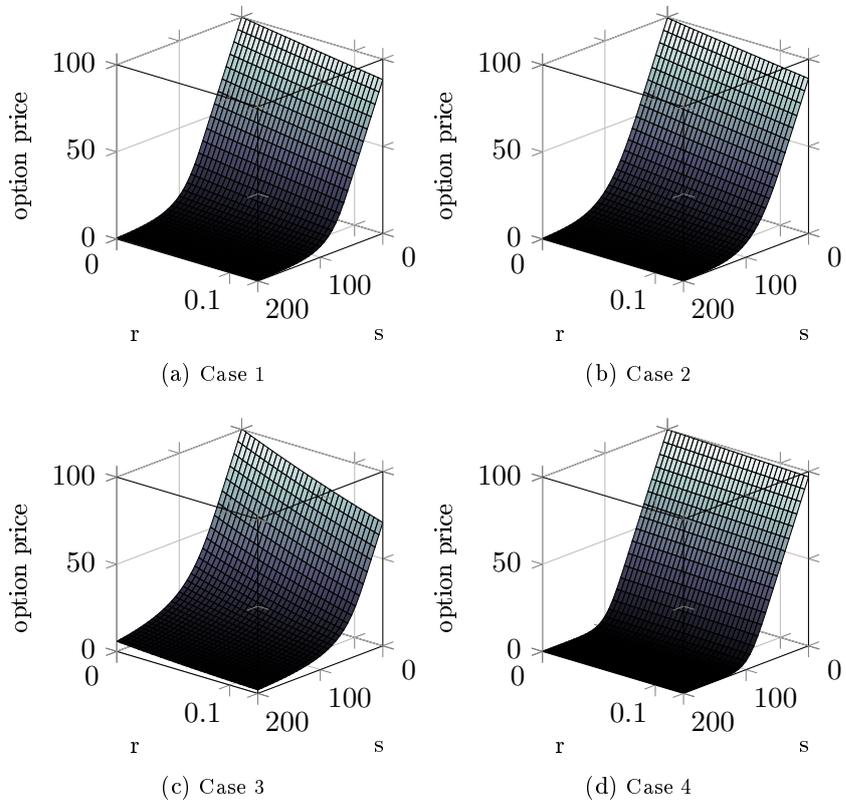


Figure 7: Heston-Hull-White model reference solution for fixed  $v = 0.125$ .

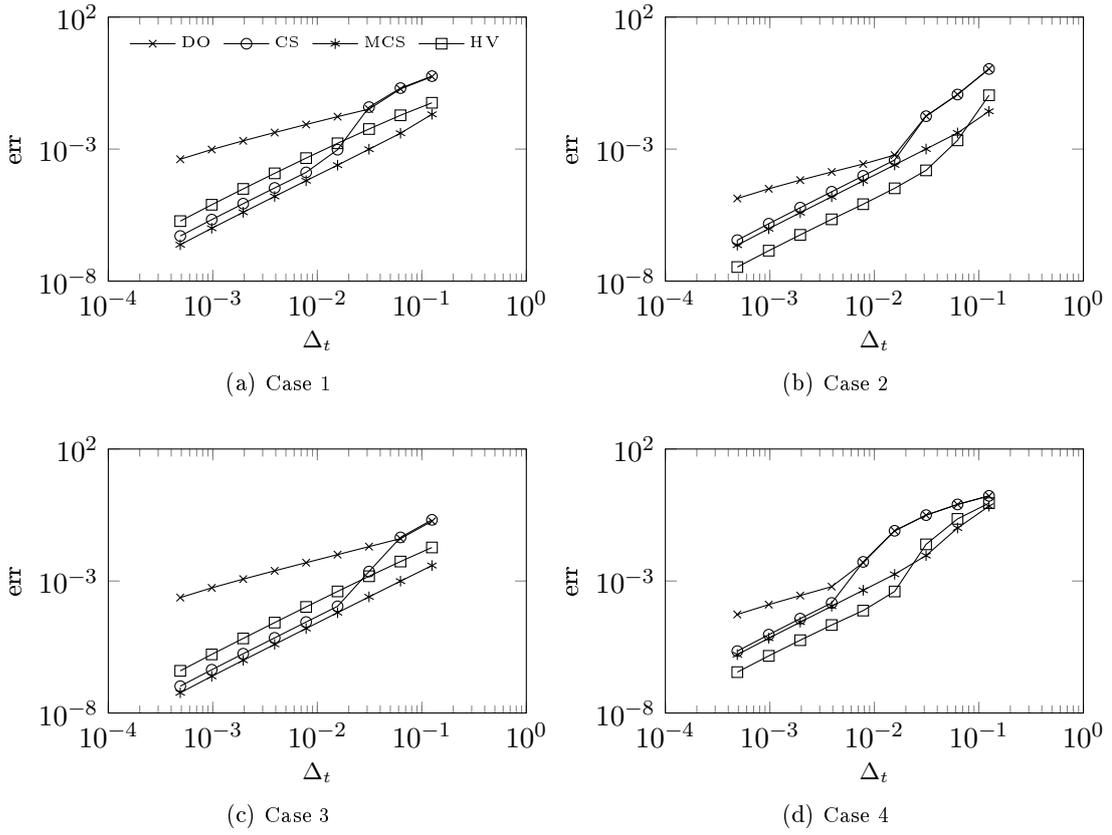


Figure 8: Heston: convergence in time. 129 grid points in  $S$ - and 33 in  $v$ -direction.

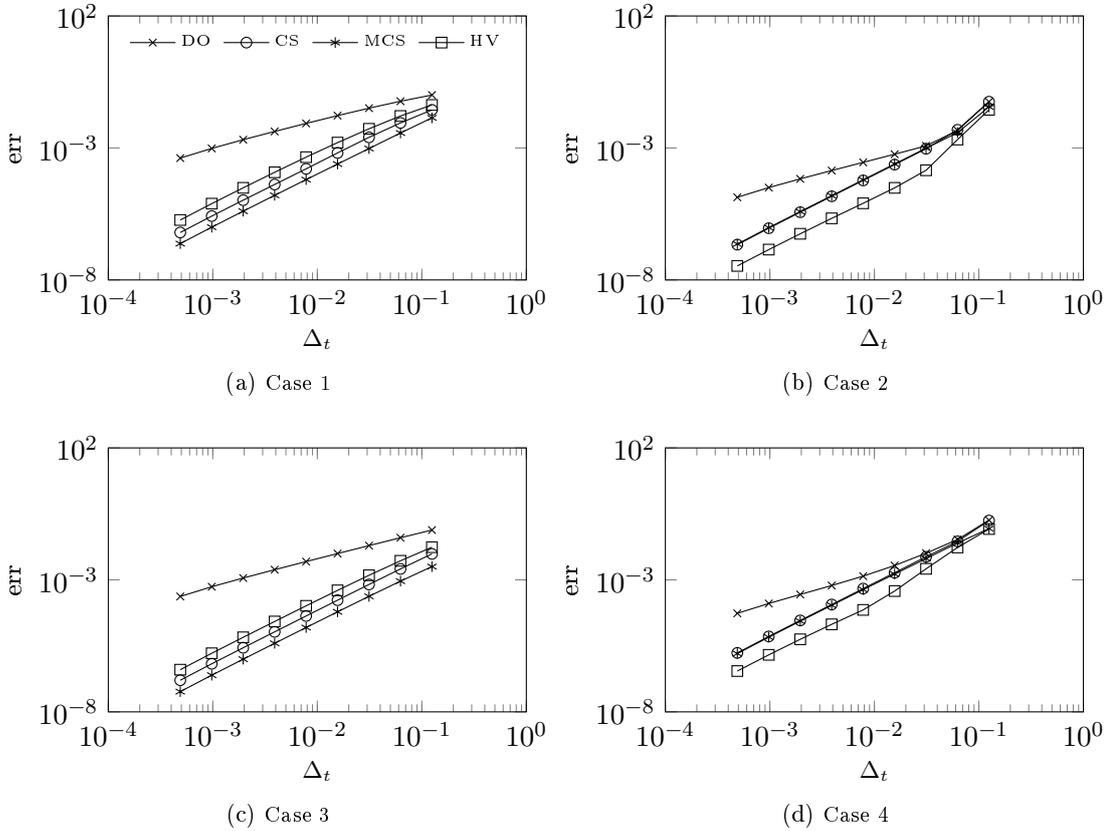


Figure 9: Heston: convergence in time with four initial steps using  $\theta = 1$ . 129 grid points in  $S$ - and 33 in  $v$ -direction.

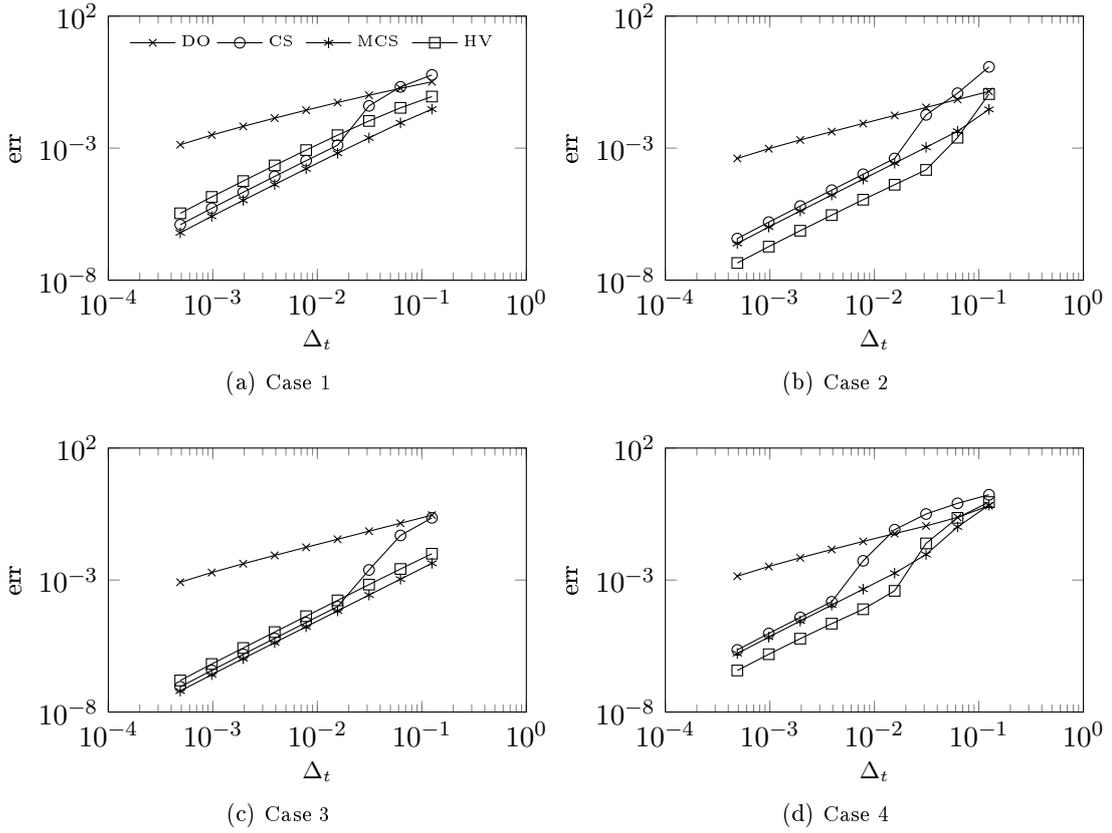


Figure 10: Heston-Hull-White: convergence in time. 129 grid points in  $S$ - and 33 in  $v$ - and  $r$ -direction .

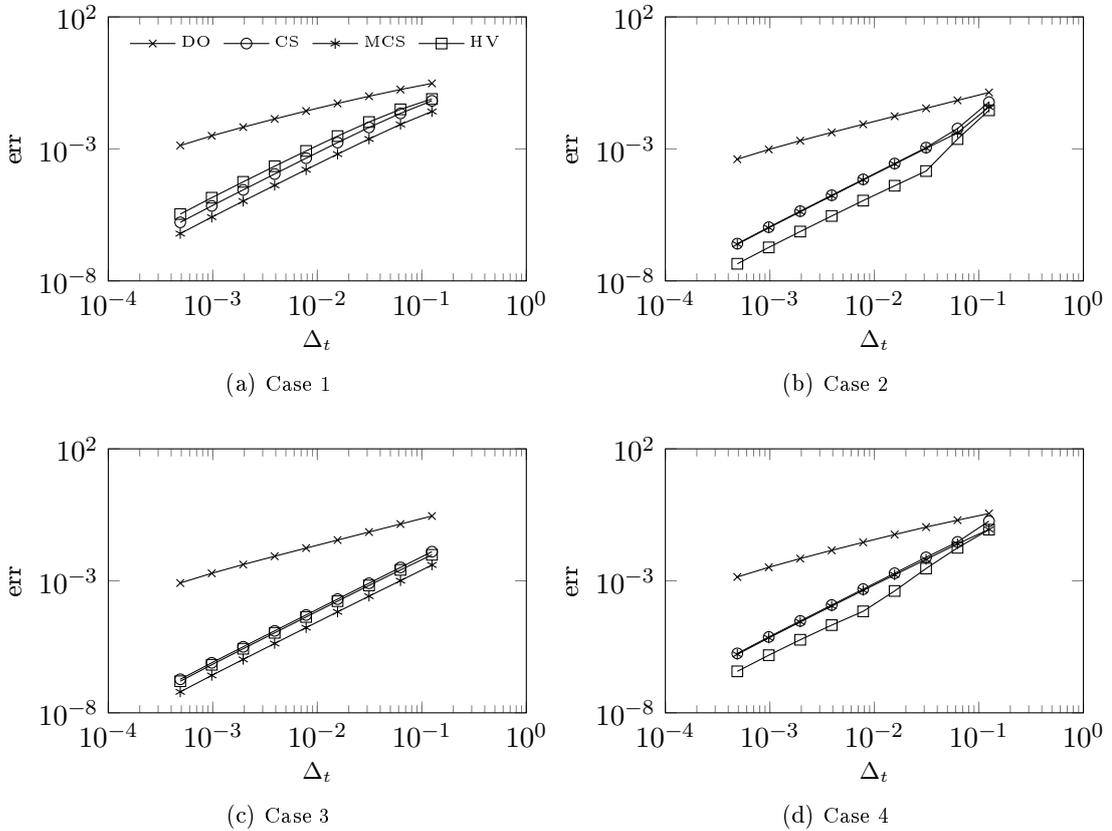


Figure 11: Heston-Hull-White: convergence in time with four initial steps using  $\theta = 1$ . 129 grid points in  $S$ - and 33 in  $v$ - and  $r$ -direction.

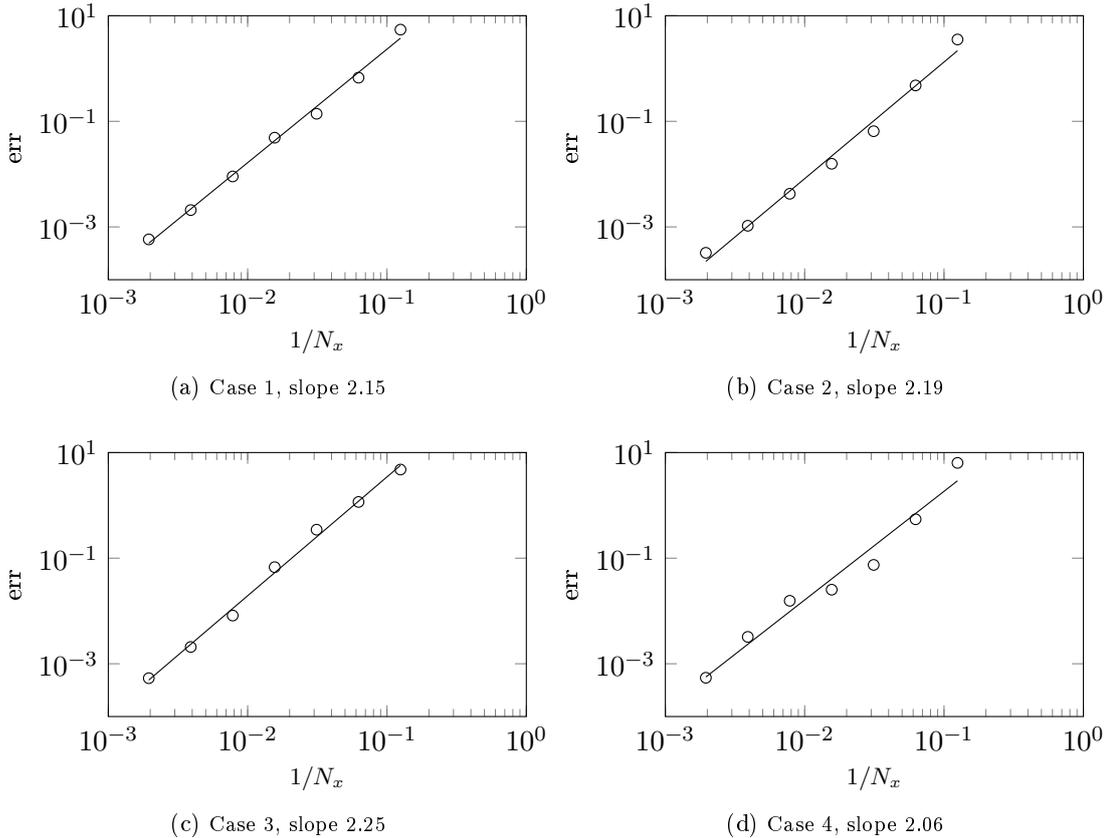


Figure 12: Heston: convergence in space with dominating stock direction error (hybrid CS ADI scheme).

case of the Heston-Hull-White model the pricing formula is available under the assumption that  $\rho_{13} = \rho_{23} = 0$ . Hence, we set these correlation values to zero in the following numerical experiments. It is well known that the complex logarithm in the pricing formula faces discontinuities and we therefore follow the approach by Kahl and Jäckel (2005) and apply a rotation count correction algorithm to both pricing formulas. The experiments are performed with the CS ADI scheme with  $\theta = 0.5$ . The other schemes have the same spatial discretization and thus lead to the same results except for roundoff errors.

Figures 12 and 13 show the convergence in the direction of the underlying asset. The grid parameters in the other directions have been chosen in such a way, that the error stemming from the first coordinate direction is dominant. In the time discretization we use  $\Delta_t = 10^{-3}$ . We observe an error decay with the desired order close to two.

In Figure 14 and 15 we compare the convergence of the spectral approximation to the second order finite difference approximation. The plots reveal that the spectral accuracy allows to use significantly less grid points than in the finite difference discretization to achieve the same accuracy, but at the cost of densely filled discretization matrices. Thus, it is of highest interest if the spectral accuracy can offset this drawback. Let  $N_{SP}$  denote the number of grid points in each direction of the Chebyshev discretization and  $N_{FD}$  the number of nodes for the finite difference scheme in direction  $v$  and/or  $r$ . Please note, that we neglect the influence of discretization of the asset direction in the following discussion. As it can be seen from Figure 18a) the computational effort of the ADI scheme for the Chebyshev and FD discretization for the Heston model grow with  $\mathcal{O}(N_{SP}^2)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(N_{FD})$ . Both approaches have the same run-time if  $N_{SP}^2 \approx 5N_{FD}$ . As mentioned before, the major

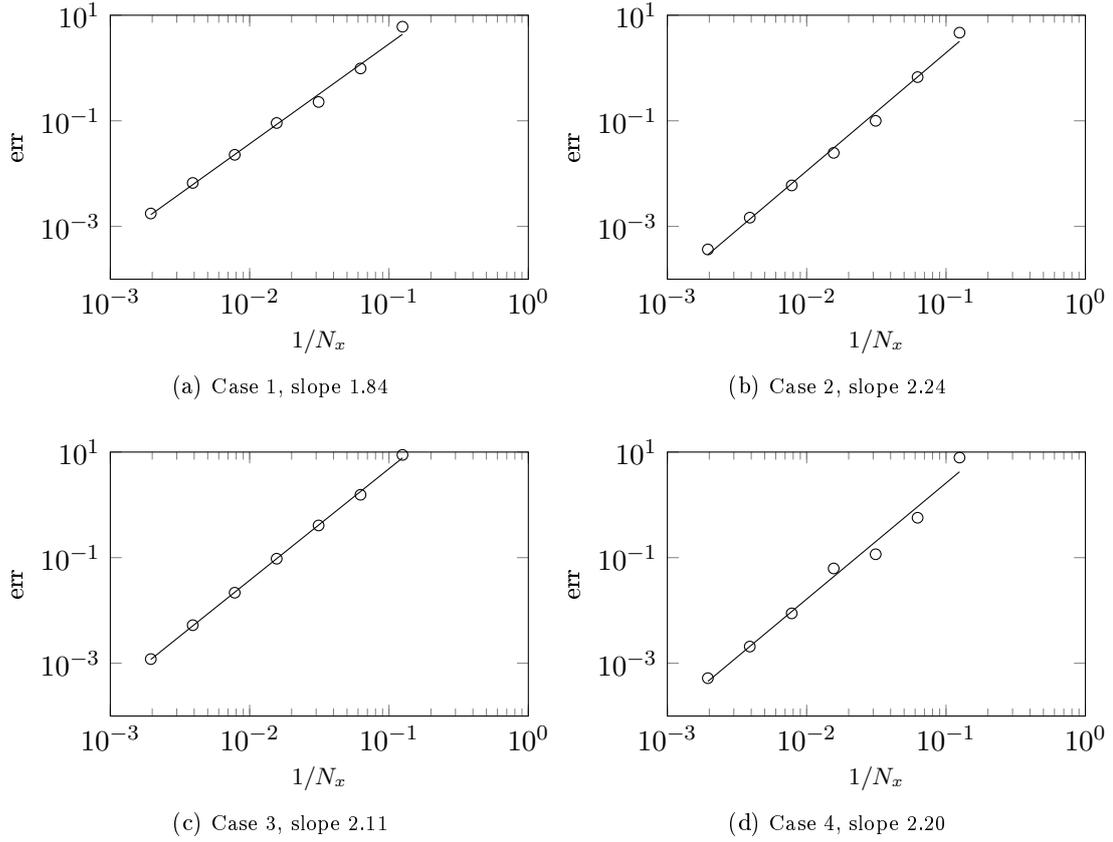


Figure 13: Heston-Hull-White: convergence in space with dominating stock direction error (hybrid CS ADI scheme).

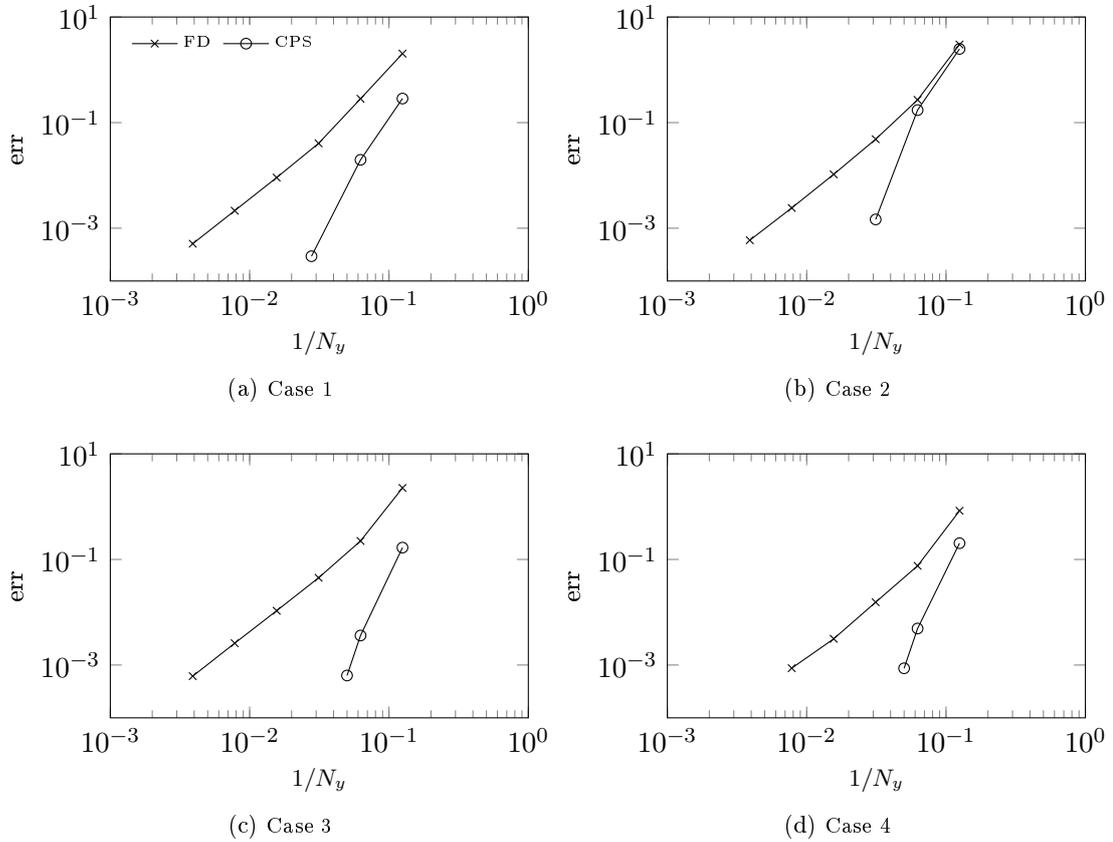


Figure 14: Heston: convergence in direction of volatility with 1025 grid nodes in direction of the asset and  $\Delta_t = 10^{-3}$ .

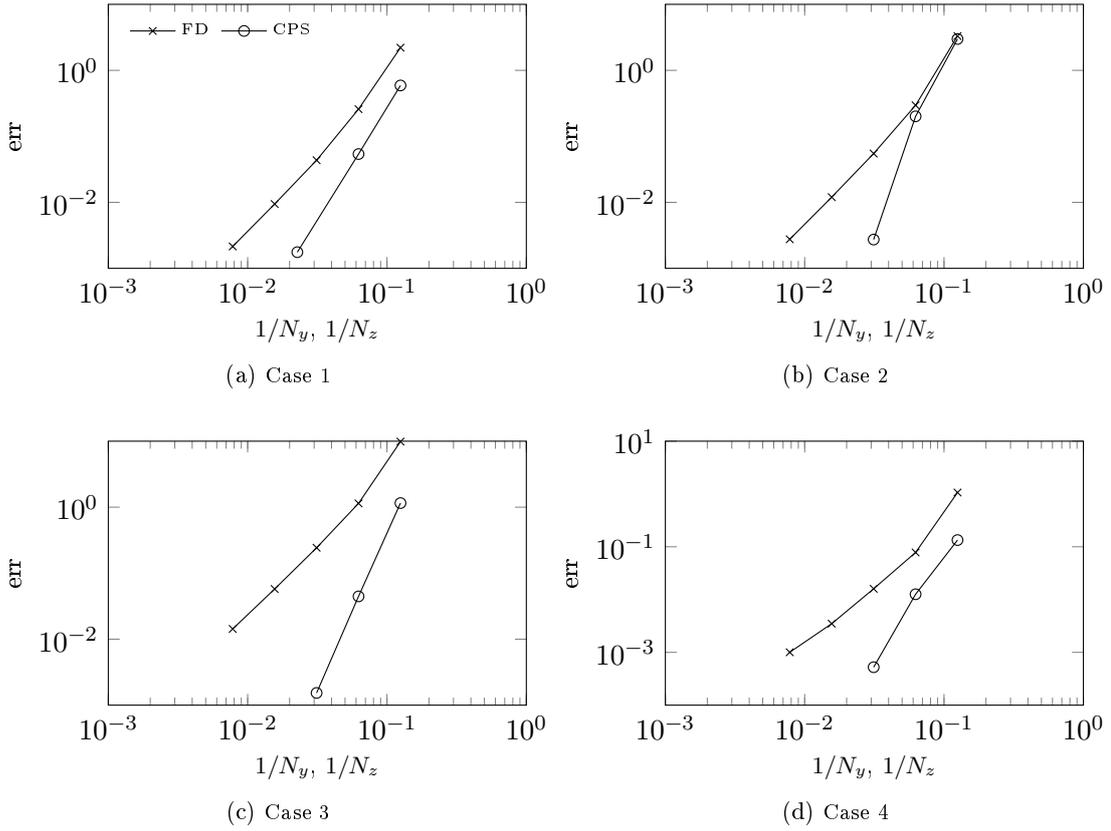


Figure 15: Heston-Hull-White: convergence in direction of volatility/interest rate with 513 grid nodes in direction of the asset and  $\Delta_t = 10^{-3}$ .

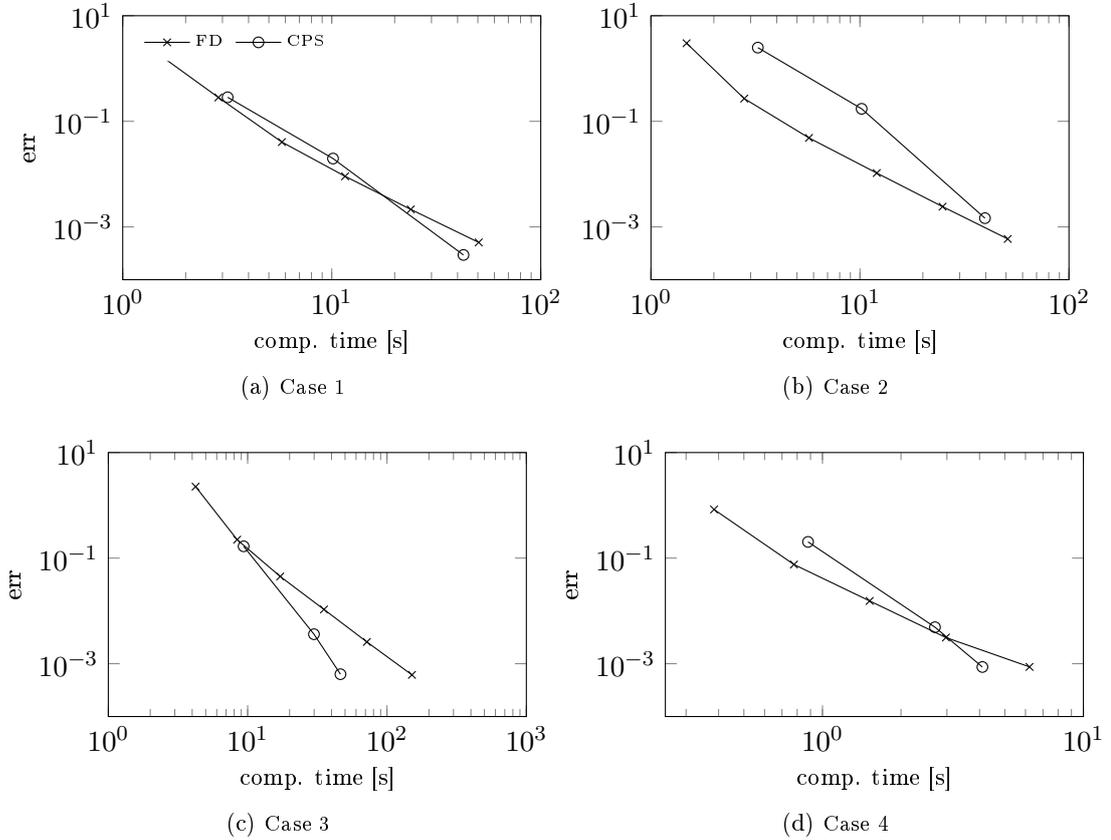


Figure 16: Heston: accuracy versus computation time in direction of volatility with 1025 grid nodes in direction of the asset and  $\Delta_t = 10^{-3}$ .



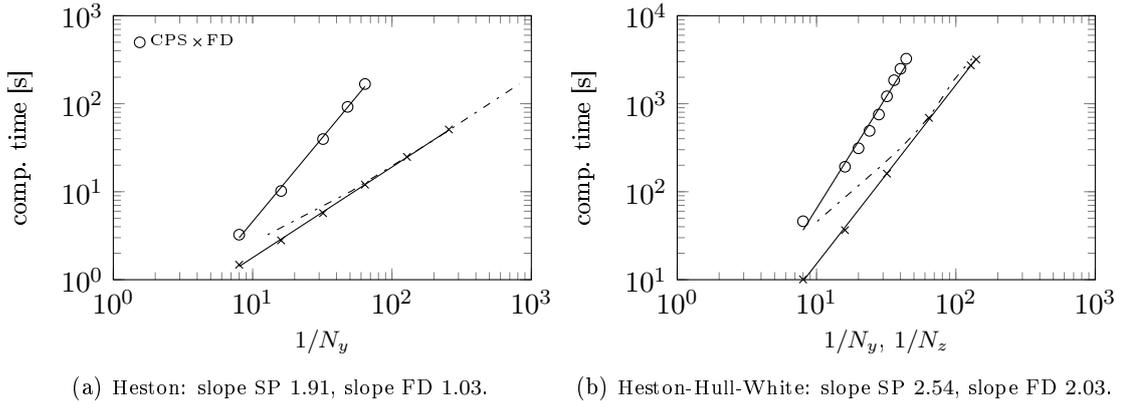


Figure 18: Heston and HHW run-time scaling for growing number of grid nodes in  $v$  and  $r$  direction with fixed number of grid nodes in the asset direction (Heston:  $N_x = 1025$ , correlation  $\neq 0$ , HHW:  $N_x = 513$ , all correlations  $\neq 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z}$  via FFT differentiation) and 1000 time steps. The dotted line shows the shifted Chebyshev run-time curve:  $N_{SP}^{d/(d-1)} 1/5^{1/(d-1)}$  for  $d = 2, d = 3$  respectively.

Figure 16 and 17 show the accuracy versus computation time. The hybrid method is able to outperform the FD method in the majority of the test scenarios - only in case two of the Heston model, the FD method yields more accurate result. In the three dimensional case of the HHW model the spectral discretization achieves a higher accuracy than the FD scheme even for small run-times in test cases 1,3,4 and even in case 2 the method is able to beat its benchmark in the high accuracy region. These results can be explained by the argumentation given above. The geometric error decay of the Chebyshev approximation in combination with ADI time stepping shows its strength if highly accurate results for higher dimensional problems are desired. Here, the fast convergence compensates the disadvantage of full discretization matrices and the second order FD discretization is clearly outperformed.

## 6 Conclusion

In this article we have introduced a hybrid FD / CSP method for two and three factor models. As a testbed we have considered the Heston and HHW PDEs. The numerical eigenvalue analysis in the case of Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions indicated that the spatial approximation in combination with ADI time marching is unconditionally stable if  $\theta$  fulfills the bounds, which were derived for FD schemes in the von Neumann framework. The error of the two and three dimensional method decayed monotonically in all numerical test cases with the desired order of convergence. Thus, the usage of spectral methods has no negative impact on the stability properties of the ADI method. The undesirable large error for small time steps could successfully be removed by a variant of Rannacher time stepping with four initial steps with  $\Delta_t/4$  and  $\theta = 1$ . In the spatial domain we compared the hybrid FD/ CSP method to a pure FD method. Although the discretization matrices are full in the spectral case, the computational effort could be decreased by decomposing the arising linear system into a sequence of one dimensional problems. The effort for both approaches turned out to be approximately equivalent if  $\mathcal{O}(N_{SP}^{d/(d-1)}) = \mathcal{O}(N_{FD})$  holds. Thus, the difference in the computational complexity between the CSP and FD method becomes smaller if the number of spatial dimensions grows. This theoretical results could be validated in numerical experiments and especially

in the three dimensional case the hybrid method showed a significant better performance.

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