

Fig. 1. Simulated fBm with H = 0.50.



Fig. 2. Simulated fBm with H = 0.75.

long memory parameter H (i.e., the Hurst exponent). The fractional European put option price P_{fbs} is also determined by the standard put-call parity relation

$$P_{\rm fbs} = C_{\rm fbs} + ke^{-rt} - s$$

4. Simulation Study

In the section, we examine how the fractional European call option prices are evaluated in simulation studies.

Figures 1 and 2 are examples of fBm paths with H = 0.50 and H = 0.75, respectively. Simulations were performed using the dvfBm^{*1} package function circFBSM() in the R language. As noted above, H = 0.50 (Fig. 1) describes standard Brownian motion, while H = 0.75 (Fig. 2) describes a process with a long memory property. Generation of the fractional Brownian paths is detailed in Coeurrjolly (2000).



Fig. 3. Call option prices with H = 0.50 (current stock price s = 100; volatility $\sigma = 0.5$; risk-free interest rate r = 0.1).



Fig. 4. Call option prices with H = 0.75 (other parameters fixed as in Fig. 3).

Figures 3 and 4 show the European call option prices calculated by the fractional Black-Scholes formula introduced above. The Hurst parameters are set to H = 0.50 and H = 0.75 respectively, the current stock price s = 100, the volatility $\sigma = 0.5$, and the risk-free interest rate r = 0.1.

Since Figs. 3 and 4 are visually very similar, we clarify their differences in Figs. 5 and 6.

Figure 5 shows how the European call option prices differ between H = 0.50 and H = 0.75 with other parameters fixed at s = 100, $\sigma = 0.5$, and r = 0.1. According to this figure, the price difference is enhanced around the atthe-money (here denoted by the strike price k = 100), and widens as the time to maturity reduces. Figure 6 shows how the European call option prices as the Hurst exponent Hvaries from 0 to 1. Other parameters are fixed at s = 100, $\sigma = 0.5$, r = 0.1, and k = 100. From this figure, we observe that the difference greatly increases as the time to maturity reduces and the Hurst exponent H increases.

5. Empirical Study

In this section, we examine the long memory property of real financial data such as time series of stock prices, log-

^{*1} http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dvfBm/