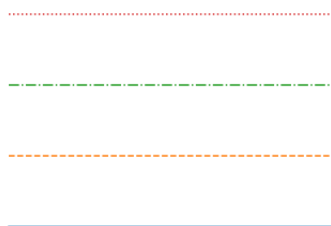


Computational Finance and FinTech – Exercises 3

Exercise 1. Write a program that plots lines of different line styles. The output should look something like this:



Exercise 2. In this exercise we consider the pricing of a European call option in the Black-Scholes model. “European” in this context means that the option can be exercised only at maturity. A call option with strike K gives the owner the right, but not the obligation to purchase a share of stock for a price of K . Hence, the payoff of the call option at maturity T is

$$C_{K,T} = \max(S_T - K, 0),$$

where S_T is the stock price at maturity.

The Black-Scholes model assumes that a stock’s log-returns are normally distributed. In this model the price of a call option at time $t = 0$ with current stock price S_0 is given by the *Black-Scholes formula*:

$$C(0, S_0) = S_0 N(d_+) - e^{-rT} K N(d_-),$$

with

$$d_{\pm} = \frac{\ln(S_0/K) + (r \pm \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}},$$

where $N(x)$ is the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution.

The parameters are K : strike price, T : maturity, r : risk-free interest rate and σ : volatility.

- (a) Write a function that calculates the Black-Scholes price of a European call option on a stock with price process $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$.
- (b) Generate a plot that shows both the option payoff (as a function of S_T) and the Black-Scholes price (as a function of the stock price S_0) at maturity T . The parameters are $K = 100$, $\sigma = 20\%$, $T = 1$, $r = 1\%$.

(Hint: Use `from scipy.stats import norm` to access the normal distribution function.)

Exercise 3. Load the data from `tr_eikon_eod_data.csv`. Create a data frame with log-returns and a data frame with discrete returns. Calculate the correlations of the log-returns with the discrete returns. Plot the respective returns in scatter plots. What can you conclude about daily returns?