## 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  $\sigma$ : 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?