

Exercise 1

Consider a continuous, adapted stochastic process $X = (X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ with dynamics

$$dX_t = rX_t dt + \sigma X_t dW_t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where $r, \sigma > 0$ and $W = (W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a Brownian motion. Suppose you want to price a down-and-out call option with underlying X , maturity $T > 0$, strike K and lower barrier B_u .

We have seen that the dynamics of $X = (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ can be approximated by N time steps of a Binomial model with parameters

$$u = e^{\sigma\sqrt{T/N}}, \quad d = 1/u, \quad \rho = e^{r\sqrt{T/N}},$$

for N large enough.

In a similar way as in

```
binomialmodel.optionvaluation.americanOptionPriceConvergence,
```

check if the valuation of a down-and-out option performed with the code you wrote to solve Exercise 1 of Handout 1, or the one you can find in

```
binomialmodel.optionvaluation.knockOutOption,
```

approximates well the analytic one for large N .

Exercise 2

Consider the market where you have zero interest rate $\rho = 0$, and where the risky asset $\bar{S} = (\bar{S}_t)_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$ is defined by

$$\bar{S}_t = \log(S_t),$$

where $S = (S_t)_{t=0,1,\dots,T}$ is the binomial model described in the script, i.e.,

$$S_t = S_0 \cdot Y_1 \cdots Y_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

where Y_t can take the two values d, u with $0 < d < 1 < u$, for any $t = 1, \dots, T$, and $(Y_t)_{t=1,\dots,T}$ are i.i.d. and such that Y_{t+1} is independent of \mathcal{F}_t .

In Exercise 2 of Handout 1 you had to find the risk neutral probability Q of such a market, i.e., the probability

$$q = Q(Y_t = u)$$

such that \bar{S} is a martingale under Q .

Implement now such a model in Python, similarly to what has been done in the classes of

```
binomialmodel.creationandcalibration.
```

If you like, you can just focus on the `binomialModelSmart` implementation. In particular, do the following:

- Check that \bar{S} is indeed a martingale under the measure Q you found.
- Print the evolution of the probability $Q(\bar{S}_j > \bar{S}_0) = Q(S_j > S_0)$. Compare it with the one we had found under the martingale measure for S . What do you note?