

# Computational Finance

Exercises for participants of **mathematical programmes**

**Remark:** As you have 2 weeks time to work on this exercise sheet, there are 4 exercises on this exercise sheet which yield a total of **16 points**!

## C-Exercise 20 (Model calibration to market prices)

Write a scilab function

```
sigma = BS_EuCall_Calibrate (S0, r, T, K, V, sigma0)
```

that calibrates the Black-Scholes model to given prices of European call options. I.e., for the initial stock price  $S(0)$ , interest rate  $r$ , a vector of maturities  $T$ , a vector of strikes  $K$  and a vector of corresponding option prices  $V$ , the routine shall determine the volatility parameter  $\sigma$  that “fits as well as possible”, where “fitting well” is to be understood in the sense of Formula (4.17). The parameter  $\sigma_0$  is the starting value for the optimization. Use the closed formula (3.23) to compute the prices of call options in the Black-Scholes model.

Test the function for  $S_0 = 12658$ ,  $r = 0$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 0.3$  and real price data of European call options on the german DAX index from 01.06.2017 provided in the file

```
Dax_CallPrices_Eurex20170601.csv
```

which is available on the OLAT.

*Hint:* Have a look at section 4.4 of the course and make yourself familiar with the Scilab command `leastsq`.

## C-Exercise 21 (Valuation of European options in the B-S model using Monte-Carlo)

Write a scilab function

```
[V0, c1, c2] = EuOption_BS_MC (S0, r, sigma, T, K, M, g)
```

that computes the initial price of a European option with payoff  $g(S_T)$  at maturity  $T$  in the Black-Scholes model and the asymptotic 95%-confidence interval  $[c_1, c_2]$  assuming finite variance of  $g(S_T)$  via the Monte-Carlo approach using  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  simulations. As an example consider the european put  $g(x) = (K - x)^+$  with strike price  $K = 100$ ,  $S_0 = 95$ ,  $r = 0.05$ ,  $\sigma = 0.2$  and  $T = 1$ .

*Hint:* The initial option price is of the form  $V(0) = E_Q(f(Z))$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  under  $Q$ . How does the function  $f$  look like?

*Useful scilab command:* `grand`

**C-Exercise 22 (Sampling from the Beta distribution by the acceptance/rejection method)**

The density of the Beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha_1 > 1$  and  $\alpha_2 > 1$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} x^{\alpha_1-1} (1-x)^{\alpha_2-1} \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(x),$$

where  $B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha_1-1} (1-x)^{\alpha_2-1} dx$  is the Beta function. Write a Scilab function

```
X = Sample_Beta_AR (alpha1, alpha2, N)
```

that generates and returns  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  independent samples from the Beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha_1 > 1$  and  $\alpha_2 > 1$  by means of the acceptance/rejection method. In your algorithm, you may sample only from the uniform distribution on  $[0, 1]$  using the function `rand`.

For  $\alpha_1 = 2$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 3$ , generate  $N = 2000$  samples, and plot them in a histogram.

*Useful Scilab commands:* `beta`, `rand`, `histplot`

**T-Exercise 23 (Simulation of mixed distributions)**

A distribution with cdf  $F$  is called a mixture if for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  there exist cdfs  $F_i$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\omega_i > 0$  real numbers with

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i = 1.$$

such that

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i F_i(x).$$

These distributions might for example be used to model demand behaviour in financial markets.

- a) For  $i = 1, \dots, m$  let  $X_j$  be random variables distributed according to  $F_j$  and  $Z$  an independent random variable with  $\mathbb{P}(Z = j) = \omega_j$ . Show that the cdf of

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{1}_{\{Z=i\}} X_i$$

is  $F$ .

- b) Show that for the  $j$ -th centered moment of  $X$  it holds that

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^j] = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} \omega_i (\mu_i - \mu)^{j-k} \mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu_i)^k]$$

where  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$  and  $\mu_i = \mathbb{E}[X_i]$ .

*Hint:* Binomial formula

Please save your solution of each C-Exercise in a file named `Exercise_##.sce`, where `##` denotes the number of the exercise. Please include your name(s) as comment in the beginning of the file.

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