

App User Guide

This user guide is written for the users of the console interface of our program.

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Features

- Compute the European call option, the barrier option and the look-back price
- Compute the European call option, the barrier option and the look-back option greeks:
 - delta
 - gamma
 - vega
- Provide statistical informations on the random variables.

Installation

This app only works on Windows NT systems. We recommend using Windows 7 or any more recent Windows distribution.

Make sure you have the following files.

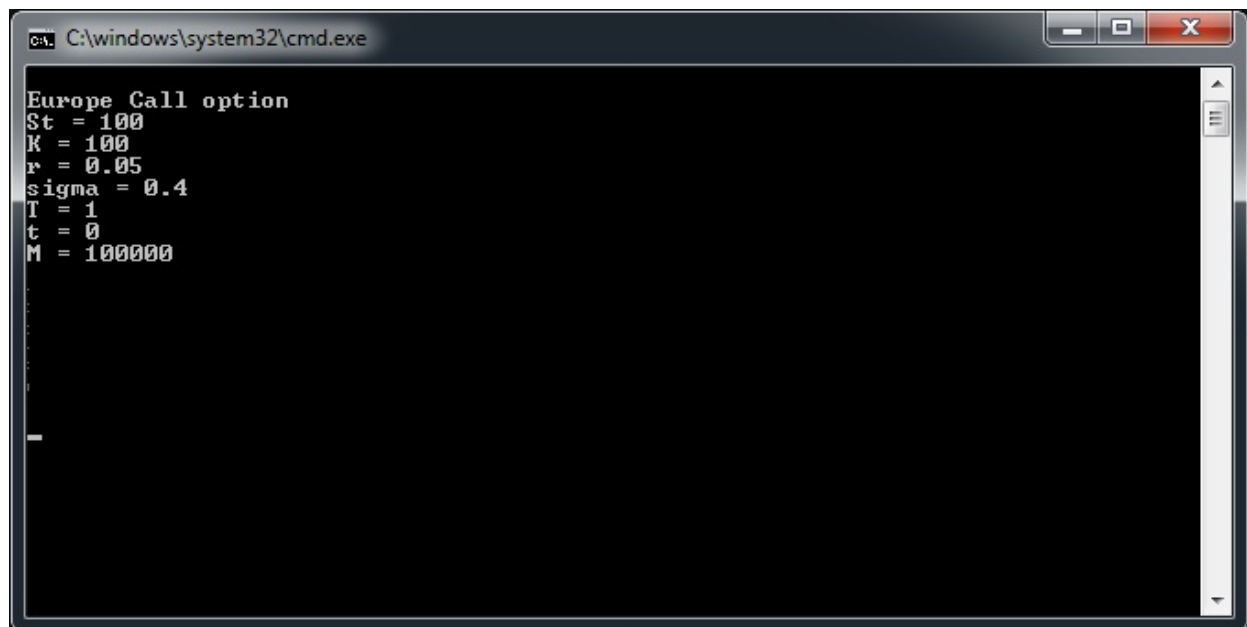
```
BarrierLookBackOptions.exe
```

Usage

Main Principles

To open the app, double-click on the `BarrierLookBackOptions.exe` file. A black window should appear.

You can type your instructions instructions directly in the window.



Working with the European option

The European call option is the default product. However, if you have to switch back to this product, enter the following command.

```
Europe_Call_option
```

The parameters are displayed on start-up. Here are the equivalences in plain language.

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Abbreviation	Plain language	Description
St	Initial stock value	The value of the stock at the initial time of the simulation.
K	Strike	The value above which the call will allow one to make profits.
r	Interest rate	The rate the bank will pay one for leaving money in the bank account.
sigma	Volatility	Volatility is one of the main measures for the simulation of the evolution of the stock price in the Black-Scholes model. It is usually given in percentage. In this program, type 0.04 for 4%.
T	Final simulation time / Maturity	The time at which the simulation stops. It is also the time at which the owner of the option will choose either to take or reject the contract.
t	Initial simulation time	The time at which St is recorded.
M	Number of Monte-Carlo simulations	The number of iterations in the Monte-Carlo method.

Changing parameters

To change the parameters, just type the abbreviation equated to the new value. If you want to change multiple parameters, you can simply type a comma between them.

Here is an example.

```
St=120,K=80
```

This command will simultaneously change St the initial stock value to 120 units and K the value of the strike to 80 units.

You can change as many parameters as you want. You can display at any time the current parameters using the following command.

```
show
```

Price

In order to get the price, please type the following command.

```
price
```

Additional details such as the methods used, the error and the computation time are provided.

Greeks

You can ask for the following Greeks : delta, gamma, vega.

```
delta
```

```
gamma
```

```
vega
```

Additional details such as the methods used, the error and the computation time are provided.

Working with the Barrier option

To use the barrier option, enter the following command.

```
Barrier_option
```

The parameters are displayed on start-up. Here are the equivalences in plain language.

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St	Initial stock value	The value of the stock at the initial time of the simulation.
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T	Final simulation time / Maturity	The time at which the simulation stops. It is also the time at which the owner of the option will choose either to take or reject the contract.
t	Initial simulation time	The time at which St is recorded.
L	Lower barrier	The value of the lower barrier.
U	Upper barrier <i>beta</i>	The value of the upper barrier. <i>Beta</i> : Note that these values are yet experimental, as the development was not focused on upper barriers.
M	Number of Monte-Carlo simulations	The number of iterations in the Monte-Carlo method.

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Here is an example.

```
St=120,K=80
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This command will simultaneously change `St` the initial stock value to `120` units and `K` the value of the strike to `80` units.

You can change as many parameters as you want. You can display at any time the current parameters using the following command.

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Working with the Look-back option

To use the look-back option, enter the following command.

Lookback_option

The parameters of the Look-back option displayed when switching to this product. Here are the equivalences in plain language.

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t	Initial simulation time	The time at which <code>St</code> is recorded.
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show
```

Price

In order to get the price, please type the following command.

```
price
```

Additional details such as the methods used, the error and the computation time are provided.

Greeks

You can ask for the look-back option delta, gamma, vega.

```
delta
```

```
gamma
```

```
vega
```

Additional details such as the methods used, the error and the computation time are provided.

Switching Random Generation

The generation method of the random variables is a key challenge, and the performance can

vary depending on the computer used. The user has the opportunity to choose between two (uniform) random number generation methods.

To select the linear congruential method, type the following command. This one is used by default.

```
linear_congruential
```

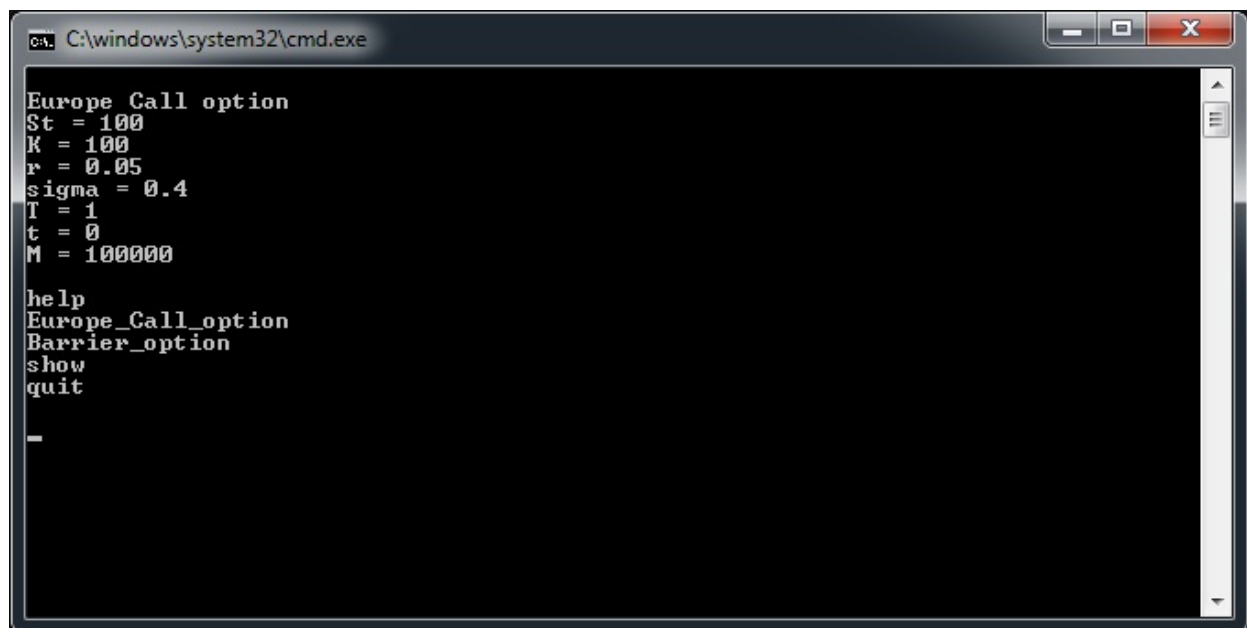
Some computers are more efficient using one of the system built-in functions, such as `mt19937`. To switch to this method, type the following command.

```
mt19937
```

Troubleshooting

At any time, you can type the following command in the terminal. A list of the instructions available will appear.

```
help
```



You can display at any time the current parameters using the following command.

```
show
```

To switch between different products, please type directly the name of the product. As an example, to switch to the barrier option, simply type the following instruction.

```
Barrier_ption
```

Closing the application

You can either type the following command,

```
quit
```

or simply close the window.