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INT\_MAX: 2^32-1(it also relies on machine)
sys.maxint is only meaningful python2
In python 3: sys.maxsize is just this number: 2^63-1
(LLONG\_MAX in C++)

Python 3 has no limits for integers but it does not mean we should forget this!



#### It is important in programming!

It usually acts as ∞ in programming!

**Note:** it will cause a slow or even long computing because it may even cause a memory problem: it needs a large memory block.

Why does C++ have LL\_ONG\_MAX as its maximum integer but python and Java not? They can have arbitrary large numbers (decimals)?



## LAB 0: Try this in your computer (lpython)

- import sys
- 2 sys.maxsize
- sys.maxsize.bit\_length()
- 4 2\*\*63 sys.maxsize
- t=sys.maxsize\*\*10t.bit\_length()
- $_{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{D}}}$  M49=2\*\*74207281-1 # The 49th Mersenne number found in 2016
- M49.bit\_length()



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#### Q2: what are assumptions of BS model?

- 1 The stock pays no dividends
- 2 stock returns are normally distributed
- 3 Interest rates are constant and always known
- 4 There are no transaction costs (no commission)...
- © Options are only European options

Almost all these assumptions about assets do not match the real market situations. It leads to some inconsistency between BS model results and real world results.

## Q3: We said BS model assume **Options are only European options: what are European options?**

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + rS\frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2 S^2 - rf = 0$$

- ① A partial differential equation describes option price over time t
- $\ \ \, \ \ \,$   $\ \ \,$  (S; t) is a the price of a derivative (e.g. European option) at time t and its underlying asset price S
- ③ S: the current value of the underlying asset S
- ④ Sigma: the constant volatility (the standard deviation of stock returns)
- ⑤ r: riskless interest rate

Note: it is called BS model or BSM model sometimes for three people's work: F. Black Scholes and R. Merton



### How to 'understand' BS model?

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + rS\frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2S^2 - rf = 0$$
 Option price's change w.r.t. time 
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 Option price's change w.r.t. underlying asset price 
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All weighted changes w.r.t. time and underlying asset prices the product of interest rate and option price

Option: a right to buy/sell an asset (e.g. stock)

A financial derivative to allow holders to have the right to buy or sell an asset at a specified price and predetermined time.

The asset is also called underlying asset. It is usually a stock though not always



#### Call/put: right to buy/sell



A call option is the right to buy an asset with a specified price (strike price: K) at a pre-determined time T (expiration time or maturity time)

Payoff:  $\max\{S_T - K_j, 0\}$ :  $S_T$  Price at time T

A put option is the right to sell an asset with a specified price (strike price) at a pre-determined time (expiration time or maturity time)

Payoff:  $max\{K-S_T, 0\}: S_T$  Price at time T

Almost all big business use options to hedge their cost



#### Options prices from WSJ April 10, 2002

| OPTION/S | TRIKE | EXP | -CA<br>VOL | LL-<br>LAST | -Pt<br>VOL |      |
|----------|-------|-----|------------|-------------|------------|------|
| ACE Ltd  | 40    | Nov |            |             | 2500       | 2.80 |
| AOL TW   | 20    | May | 76         | 2.55        | 2129       | 0.85 |
| 21.85    | 22.50 | Apr | 1493       | 0.50        | 619        | 1.20 |
| 21.85    | 22.50 | Jul | 963        | 1.95        | 14110      | 255  |
| AmOnline | 25    | Apr | 983        | 0.05        | 12977      | 3.30 |
| 21.85    | 25    | May | 1196       | 0.45        | 220        | 3.60 |
| 21.85    | 25    | Jul | 1339       | 1           | 160        | 4.20 |
| 21.85    | 25    | Oct | 1706       | 1.65        | 14105      | 4.30 |
| 21.85    | 27.50 | Apr | 177        | 0.05        | 10097      | 5.80 |
| 21.85    | 27.50 | Oct | 1253       | 1.15        | 153        | 6.40 |
| AT&T Cda | 22.50 | 0ct |            |             | 2740       | 1.90 |
| AT&T     | 15    | Jul | 593        | 1.10        | 5500       | 1.10 |
| Abbt L   | 50    | Apr | 1231       | 2.95        | 605        | 0.30 |



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- If Google stock price was \$800 at that time, then he would exercise his call: he would earn \$50 (payoff)
- If half year later Google stock price was \$700, then he would not do anything. His call payoff is 0.



All AAPL (Apple stock) Options with expiration date 2016/01/15 Retrieved on June 14, 2015 from Yahoo! Finance by using Python's analytics package: Pandas

| Last  | Bid  | Ask   | Chg | PctChg  | Vol  | Open_Int | IV     | Root | Nonstanda Underlyin | gierlying_Pi | Quote_Time          |
|-------|------|-------|-----|---------|------|----------|--------|------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 97.55 | 2.10 | 94.30 |     | 0.00%   | 1    |          | 84.42% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
|       | 01   | 0.03  |     | 100.00% | 173  |          | 60.16% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 88.3  | 0.80 | 91.95 |     | 0.00%   | 809  |          | 87.70% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
|       | 01   | 0.04  |     | 0.00%   | 15   |          | 59.38% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
|       | 8.50 | 90.55 |     | 0.67%   | 1    |          | 85.99% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 0.02  | 00   | 0.04  |     | 0.00%   | 5    |          | 56.25% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 86.45 | 7.40 | 89.95 |     | 0.00%   | 5    |          | 64.26% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 0.02  | 00   | 0.04  |     | 0.00%   | 300  |          | 54.69% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
|       | 5.00 | 87.75 |     | 0.00%   | 2    |          | 82.62% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 0.03  | 00   | 0.04  |     | 0.00%   | 5    |          | 53.13% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 84.71 | 1.55 | 86.80 |     | 0.00%   | 100  |          | 90.11% | AAPL | O AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 0.04  | 00   | 0.05  |     | 0.00%   | 2    |          | 52.73% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 87.6  | 8.80 | 84.80 |     | 0.00%   | 1    |          | 75.78% | AAPL | O AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 0.03  | 00   | 0.04  |     | 0.00%   | 140  |          | 50.00% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 79.95 | 2.30 | 83.35 |     | 0.00%   | 1601 |          | 73.10% | AAPL | O AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 0.03  | 02   | 0.05  |     | -40.00% | 225  |          | 51.56% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |
| 82.79 | 0.95 | 82.15 | 0   | 0.00%   | 14   | 77       | 56.54% | AAPL | 0 AAPL              | 127.17       | 2015-06-14 16:00:00 |

| Strike Expiry | Type Symbol | 34.29 | 2016-01-15 call AAPI:160115C00034290 | 97.55 | 92.10 | 94.30 | 0.00 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |

### Two Basic types of options

**European options** – can be exercised only on exercise date (expiration time)

|        |            |      |                     | Last  | Bid   | Ask   | Chg  | PctChg  |
|--------|------------|------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| Strike | Expiry     | Type | Symbol              |       |       |       |      |         |
| 34.29  | 2016-01-15 | call | AAPL160115C00034290 | 97.55 | 92.10 | 94.30 | 0.00 | 0.00%   |
|        |            | put  | AAPL160115P00034290 | 0.02  | 0.01  | 0.03  | 0.01 | 100.00% |
| 35.71  | 2016-01-15 | call | AAPL160115C00035710 | 88.30 | 90.80 | 91.95 | 0.00 | 0.00%   |
|        |            | put  | AAPL160115P00035710 | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.04  | 0.00 | 0.00%   |
| 37.14  | 2016-01-15 | call | AAPL160115C00037140 | 90.70 | 88.50 | 90.55 | 0.60 | 0.67%   |

 $\label{eq:merican options} \mbox{-} \mbox{can be exercised any time until the exercise date}$ 



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  - Almost all stock implied volatilities (IV) are computed by using BS model in market!
- > We will use this model and machine learning ways to handle



## How to price options?

Each option has the basic parameters:

- 1. Type: buy or sell
- 2. Stock initial value
- 3. Strike price
- 4. Life: time-to-maturity:
- 5. Market interest rate
- 6. Stock return in the future
- 7. Dividend paid by stock
- 8. Transaction fee
- 9. Other future contracts' price

10. ...



How to value an European call option at time T?

- 1. Initial stock price  $S_0 = 89.0$
- 2. Strike price of the European call option K = 100.0
- $_{3.}$  Time-to-maturity T = 0.5 year
- 4. Constant, riskless short rate r = 5%
- 5. Constant volatility  $\sigma = 20\%$  ((i.e., standard deviation of returns of the underlying property (e.g. stock))

#### BS model's answer: BS formula

Although most PDE equations don't have analytic solutions, BS model has its analytic solutions for European options

$$C = SN(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}N(d_2) \qquad \qquad \text{C and P are just call and put option price given by the model.}$$
 
$$P = Ke^{-rT}N(-d_2) - SN(-d_1) \qquad \qquad \text{Technically C} \rightarrow C(S,t) \; ;$$
 
$$P \rightarrow P(S,t)$$
 
$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \qquad \qquad \text{S: is the current price of the underlying asset (stock); K is the strike price}$$
 
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A cumulative distribution function for standard normal distribution:

$$N(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

Such an integration has no an analytic solution and must be done through numerical approaches. It is widely used in option pricing.

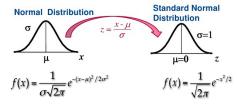
The classic method to conduct numerical integration is called Hart algorithm invented in 1968



## For CS undergraduate students only: what is a standard normal distribution?

A bunch of numbers that are subject to normal distribution but with zero mean and standard deviation 1

It is prototype of a normal distribution



For CS undergraduate students only: what's cumulative distribution function CDF?

The function to compute probability. The probability is an area under the CDF (curve)  $N(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{-t^2/2} dt$ CDF(an integration of pdf)
Not all integrations can have an analytic formulal  $\int_{y=0}^{y=0} \int_{y=0}^{y=0.05} \int_{y=0.05}^{y=0.05} e^{-(x-y)^2/2w^2} dt$ 

## Hart algorithm: three cases

 $\bullet$  Hart gave the following approximation for this cumulative distribution function (CDF) N(x)

$$N(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^{-t^2/2} \frac{A}{B}, \text{when } t < t_1 \\ e^{-t^2/2} \frac{1}{t_3 C} \text{when } t_1 \leq t \leq t_2 \\ 0, when t > t_2 \end{array} \right)$$

where t = |x| and  $t_1 = 7.07106781186547$ ,  $t_2 = 37$ ,  $t_3 = 2.506628274631$ 

How to compute A, B, C?



We only need to consider when x < 0 for convenience of computing. When x > 0, we use basic property of a normal distribution and get N(x) = 1 - N(x)  $\mathbf{A} = ((((((a_1t + a_2)t + a_3)t + a_4)t + a_5)t + a_6)t + a_7)$   $\mathbf{B} = (((((((b_1t + b_2)t + b_3)t + b_4)t + b_5)t + b_6)t + b_7)t + b_8)$   $\mathbf{c} = t + 1/(t + 2/(t + 3/(t + 4/(t + 0.65))))$ a and b are the following arrays  $a_1 = 0.0352624965998911$   $a_2 = 0.7003396443868$   $a_3 = 6.37396229353165$   $a_4 = 33.912866078333$   $a_5 = 112.0792921497871$   $a_6 = 221.213596169931$   $a_7 = 220.208687912376$   $b_1 = 0.0893383476483184$   $b_2 = 1.75566716318264$   $b_3 = 16.06417767207$   $b_1 = 6.7807322029461$   $b_5 = 906.564264776674$   $b_6 = 637.333633378831$   $b_7 = 793.26251519948$   $b_8 = 440.413735824752$ 

You will implement Hart's algorithm by python in your quiz (2)

| Two recent improvements on such CDF numerical approximation  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2005: West's work: Better approximations to cumulative normal functions,                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wilmott Magazine, May, pp. 70-76.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Code: http://www.finmod.co.za/research.htm   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010: Meyer's work: Recursive Numerical Evaluation of the Cumulative Bivariate Normal Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |

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Yes, there is one in the  $\underline{\text{stat class of scipy}}$  SciPy (a numerical computing library)

The standard normal distribution 's pdf: norm.pdf(x) = exp(-x\*\*2/2)/sqrt(2\*pi)

More general normal distribution

norm.pdf(x, mu, sigma)

The corresponding CDF

norm.cdf(x, mu, sigma)

The CDF for standard normal distribution

norm.cdf(x, 0.0, 1.0)



#### What we need to code BS formula?

log, exp, sqrt functions from math module Stat module from Scipy

$$\begin{split} C &= SN(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}N(d_2) \\ P &= Ke^{-rT}N(-d_2) - SN(-d_1) \\ d_1 &= \frac{\ln(S/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \end{split}$$

 $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T}$ 



rom math import log, sqrt, exp rom scipy import stats

#### A formula should be always coded as a function

```
from math import log, sqrt, exp
from scipy import stats

def bs_call_value(S, K, T, r, sigma):
    d1 = (log(S/K) + (r + 0.5 * sigma ** 2) * T)/ ( sigma * sqrt(T))
    d2 = d1 - sigma * sqrt(T)

    N_d1 = stats.norm.cdf(d1, 0.0, 1.0)
    N_d2 = stats.norm.cdf(d2, 0.0, 1.0)
    call_price = (S * N_d1 - K* exp(-r * T)* N_d2)
    return call_price
```





| What does it mean? print("This Europen Call price is: \${: 20.16f}".format(call_price))                          |   |
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| What does it mean? print("This Europen Call price is: \${: 20.16f}".format(call_price))                          |   |
| Output the call price by following the format: 20.16f >> a float number with total 20 digits and 16 digits after |   |
| the point.   |   |
| Note: such a high precision is just for programming practice.  |   |
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| Q4: Can we use C style output format instead of '{}.format()' output format?                                     |   |
| <pre>print("This European Call price is: \$%20.16f" %call_price)</pre>   |   |
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Q4: Can we use C style output format instead of '{}.format()' output format?

print("This European Call price is: \$%20.16f" %call\_price)

You can, but such a C-style like (printf(...)) format output is an old style one.

#### **Not recommended!**



#### What are their differences?

Type it in your computer to find answers!

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PI is 3.14159265358979311599796346854418516
In [8]: print("PI is {:38.35f}".format(math.pi))
PI is 3.14159265358979311599796346854418516



## Lab 1: Write a bs\_put\_formula function(...), and test the following European put

S0 = 102.5 (initial stock price) K = 88.5 r = 0.03 T = 0.25 sigma= 0.3



This Europen Put price is: \$ 1.1196098062956548



### **Extensions of the BS model**

Merton did a lot work to extend the original BS model such that it is widely called BSM model. That 's why he also shared the Nobel prize with Scholes in 1997.

These extensions make such a model more practical in the market!



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + rS\frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2S^2 - rf = 0$$

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## Extension 1: considering dividend (BSM model)

Merton expanded the original BS model by adding dividend yield q in the original PDE in 1970s and got equation to price European options on a stock or stock index paying dividend yield q:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + (r-q)S\frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2S^2 - rf = 0$$

The original BS model is a special case of this model when q = 0:



This model (BSM model) has the following analytic solutions for an European options on a stock ot stock index paying dividend

$$C = Se^{-qT}N(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}N(d_2)$$

$$P = Ke^{-rT}N(-d_2) - Se^{-qT}N(-d_1)$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/K) + (r - q + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T}$$



#### **Extension 2: generalized BSM model)**

The BS-Merton model was further extended to a generalized BS-Merton model by adding a cost of carry rate b.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + bS \frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2} \sigma^2 S^2 - rf = 0$$

Obviously, BS-Merton model is a special case of this one by setting b = r - q.



The generalized BS-Merton has the following formulas to price European options on stocks, stocks paying dividend yield, and options on futures and currency.

$$C = Se^{(b-r)T}N(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}N(d_2)$$

$$P = Ke^{-rT}N(-d_2) - Se^{(b-r)T}N(-d_1)$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/K) + (b + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T}$$

You are going to code all these BS model extension formulas in homework 1!



BS model's extension to American options (beyond this class!)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + rS\frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2S^2 - rf \leq 0$$

It is an an inequality instead of an equation because the American option can be exercised at any time before the expiration date.



# BS model also brings another option pricing method: **Monte Carlo Simulation**

This is because BS model can give a closed form prediction for stock price at T time!

Monte Carlo Simulation is an "efficient" way to estimate stock price and European options, though it requires a huge computing burden!

One of the most important algorithms in Finance.

Basic idea: simulate all possible results and calculate its expectation (mean) to approximate the "truth"



#### A little bit math background: root of the BSM model

In a small interval  $\triangle t$ , we want to model the return rate of a stock price S(t):

$$X(t) := \frac{S(t + \triangle t) - S(t)}{S(t)}$$

There are three assumptions:

- 1. X is subject to normal distribution \_\_\_ Just view this as interest rate
- 2. The E(X) is  $r \times \Delta t$ , where r is the expected return rate on the stock
- 3. The Var(X) is  $\sigma^2 \times \triangle t$ , where  $\sigma$  is the volatility of the stock price S(t)



## A little bit math background: Cont'd

So, it is easy to model the X as  $N(r \times \triangle t, \sigma^2 \times \triangle t)$ . When  $\triangle t \mapsto 0$ , we have the differential equation form

$$\frac{dS}{S} = rdt + (\sigma\sqrt{dt})$$

$$\frac{dS}{S}$$
 is from  $\frac{S(t+\triangle t)-S(t)}{S(t)}$  when  $\triangle t\mapsto 0$ 

X is also subject to the normal distribution, we have  $\frac{dS}{S}=rdt+\sigma dz$  , that is,

$$dS = rSdt + \sigma Sdz$$

Just remember this!

Here z is subject to standard Wiener process:  $dz = \epsilon(t)\sqrt{dt}$ 



## Wiener process: also called standard standard Brownian motion

Brownian motion: random walk at random step
It is used to describe stochastic movements such
as like stock price movement in market > random
walk!



## BSM starts from this stochastic differential equation:

$$dS = rSdt + \sigma Sdz$$

Small change in stock price has two parts:

- 1. rSdt (dt: very small time interval almost 0)
- a random walk times volatility and current price.



# BSM model gives an analytic solution for this equation:

The stock price at time T can be calculated as

$$S_T = S_0 \exp\left(\left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T + \sigma\sqrt{T}z\right)$$

where z is a standard normal distribution



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- Simulations: calculate the average of all payoffs and divided it by e^rT (r: interest rate)
  - ① e^rT: total asset increase in the time interval[0 T]



## **Q5:** How to generate random numbers?

Use numpy function:

random.seed()

To generate different sequence of random numbers  $\Rightarrow$  we need different seeds

random.standard\_normal(N)

Generate N number of random numbers under standard\_normal distribution



# Run the following codes to know more about random.standard\_normal(N) -0.80445830 0.32993155 -0.02548288 0.64432383 0.5950350 -0.10743730 -0.47993308 0.59503550 -0.46466753 -0.80611561 -0.18237734 0.10319289 0.13842199 0.79569237 1.27179528 from numpy import \* 2 random.seed(1000) 3 N=100000 z=random.standard\_normal(N) for i in range(0, 20): print("{:15.8f}".format(z[i])) def mc\_simluation\_eu\_call(s0, K, T, r, sigma, no\_trial): ### INPUT: ## s0 : initial stock price ## K : strike price ## T : time to maurity time ## r : riskless interest rate ## no\_trial: # simulation steps ## set seed will make random number sequence repeatable each time random.seed(1000) # 1000 seed states z = random.standard\_normal(no\_trial) ## Stock price at Time T ST = S0 \* exp((r - 0.5 \* sigma \*\* 2) \*T + sigma \* sqrt(T) \* z) ## Call payoff payOff = maximum(ST - K, 0) ## calculate expectation eu\_call\_price = exp(-r \* T) \* sum(payOff) / no\_trial return eu\_call\_price # An European call sample S0 = 89.0 K = 102.0 T = 0.5 r = 0.03 no\_trial = 1000000 # simulation steps $eu\_call\_price = mc\_simluation\_eu\_call(SO, K, T, r, sigma, no\_trial) ~\# \textit{MC simulation}$ print("\nThe European Call Price is \${:12.8f}\n".format(eu\_call\_price))

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| Note: there are different Monte Carlo simulation            |   |
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