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Abstract

The goal of the project is to solve the Black Scholes PDE. In this document, we develop the mathematics needed to implement a C++ code to solve the PDE.

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1 Introduction

The price of a European option satisfies the Black Scholes equation

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(s,t) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 s^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s^2}(s,t) + rs \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s,t) - rf(s,t)$$

with the final condition f(s,T) = V(s) where V(s) is the payout.

Applying the variable change x = log(s) yields:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(x,t) = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x,t) + (\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 - r)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x,t) + rf(x,t)$$

with the final condition $f(x,T) = V(x) = V(e^s)$.

A common method to solve this PDE is to use finite differences to approximate the derivatives and then solve the equation on a discrete mesh.

When developping the different formula, we will have to set boundaries conditions for the points on the border of the mesh. We will develop two possible solutions to set these conditions:

- Dirichlet method (part 2)
- Neumann method (part 3)

2 Dirichlet

 $\forall n \in [1, N], \forall i \in [1, x_{max}],$

$$f_i^n = f(t_n, x_i) \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{f_i^{n+1} - f_i^n}{dt} = \theta L_i^n + (1 - \theta) L_i^{n+1}$$
 (2)

Let $A_1^{(1-\theta)}, B_-^{(1-\theta)}, B_+^{(1-\theta)}, A_2^{\theta}, B_-^{\theta}$ and B_+^{θ} take the following values :

$$A_{1}^{(1-\theta)} = \frac{1}{dt} - \frac{\sigma^{2}}{dx^{2}} (1 - \theta) - r(1 - \theta)$$

$$B_{-}^{(1-\theta)} = \frac{\sigma^{2}}{2dx^{2}} (1 - \theta) - (\frac{\sigma^{2}}{2} - r)(1 - \theta) \frac{1}{2dx}$$

$$B_{+}^{(1-\theta)} = \frac{\sigma^{2}}{2dx^{2}} (1 - \theta) + (\frac{\sigma^{2}}{2} - r)(1 - \theta) \frac{1}{2dx}$$

$$A_{2}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{dt} + \frac{\theta\sigma^{2}}{dx^{2}} + r\theta$$

$$B_{-}^{\theta} = -\theta \frac{\sigma^{2}}{2dx^{2}} + (\frac{\sigma^{2}}{2} - r)\theta \frac{1}{2dx}$$

$$B_{+}^{\theta} = -\theta \frac{\sigma^{2}}{2dx^{2}} - (\frac{\sigma^{2}}{2} - r)\theta \frac{1}{2dx}$$

$$(3)$$

Then we obtain:

$$f_i^{n+1} A_1^{(1-\theta)} + f_{i+1}^{n+1} B_-^{(1-\theta)} + f_{i-1}^{n+1} B_+^{(1-\theta)} = f_i^n A_2^{\theta} - f_{i+1}^n B_-^{\theta} - f_{i-1}^n B_+^{\theta}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

The previous formula gives us the following matrix system:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
B_{+}^{(1-\theta)} & A_{1}^{(1-\theta)} & B_{-}^{(1-\theta)} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & B_{+}^{(1-\theta)} & A_{1}^{(1-\theta)} & B_{-}^{(1-\theta)} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
f_{0}^{n+1} \\
f_{1}^{n+1} \\
\vdots \\
f_{max}^{n+1}
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}
e^{rdt} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
-B_{+}^{\theta} & A_{2}^{\theta} & -B_{-}^{\theta} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -B_{+}^{\theta} & A_{2}^{\theta} & -B_{-}^{\theta} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & e^{rdt}
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
f_{0}^{n} \\
f_{1}^{n} \\
\vdots \\
f_{x_{max}-1}^{n} \\
f_{r}^{n}
\end{pmatrix}$$
(5)

3 Neumann

 $\forall n \in [1, N], \forall i \in [1, x_{max}],$

$$\frac{df}{dx}(t_n, x_0) = k_1 \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}(t_n, x_0) = \frac{f_1^n - f_0^n}{dx} \Leftrightarrow f_0^n = f_1^n - k_1 dx \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}(t_n, x_{max}) = k_2 \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dx}(t_n, x_{0}) = \frac{f_{x_{max}}^n - f_{x_{max}-1}^n}{dx} \Leftrightarrow f_{x_{max}}^n = f_{x_{max}-1}^n + k_2 dx \tag{9}$$

Using the same formula

$$f_i^{n+1} A_1^{(1-\theta)} + f_{i+1}^{n+1} B_-^{(1-\theta)} + f_{i-1}^{n+1} B_+^{(1-\theta)} = f_i^n A_2^{\theta} - f_{i+1}^n B_-^{\theta} - f_{i-1}^n B_+^{\theta}$$
(10)

Taking the left part of the equation 10, and using equation 7 we have:

$$f_i^{n+1} A_1^{(1-\theta)} + f_{i+1}^{n+1} B_-^{(1-\theta)} + f_{i-1}^{n+1} B_+^{(1-\theta)} = f_1^n A_2^{\theta} - f_2^n B_-^{\theta} - (f_1^n - k_1 dx) B_+^{\theta}$$
(11)

$$= f_1^n (A_2^{\theta} - B_+^{\theta}) - f_2^n B_-^{\theta} + k_1 B_+^{\theta} dx \tag{12}$$

Taking the right part of the equation 10, and using equation 9 we have:

$$f_i^n A_2^{\theta} - f_{i+1}^n B_-^{\theta} - f_{i-1}^n B_+^{\theta} = f_{x_{max}-1}^n A_2^{\theta} - f_{x_{max}}^n B_-^{\theta} - f_{x_{max}-2}^n B_+^{\theta}$$

$$\tag{13}$$

$$= f_{x_{max}-1}^{n} (A_2^{\theta} - B_{-}^{\theta}) - k_2 B_{-}^{\theta} dx - f_{x_{max}-2}^{n} B_{+}^{\theta}$$
 (14)

The previous formulas give us the following matrix system: