

Computational Finance

Exercises for participants of mathematical programmes

C-Exercise 16 (Black-Scholes formula)

Recall that for the fair price $C(t, S(t), r, \sigma, T, K)$ of a European call option with strike $K > 0$ and maturity $T > 0$ in the Black-Scholes model with parameters $r > 0$ (interest rate) and $\sigma > 0$ (volatility), given the stock price $S(t)$ at time $0 \leq t \leq T$, we have

$$C(t, S(t), r, \sigma, T, K) = S(t)\Phi(d_1) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2).$$

Here, Φ denotes the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution, and

$$d_1 := \frac{\log\left(\frac{S(t)}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, \quad d_2 := d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}.$$

For the position in the stock $\varphi_1(t, S(t), r, \sigma, T, K)$ of the hedge for the call, given the stock price $S(t)$ at time $0 \leq t \leq T$, we have $\varphi_1(t, S(t), r, \sigma, T, K) = \Phi(d_1)$.

Write a scilab function

```
[C, phi] = EuCall_BlackScholes (t, S_t, r, sigma, T, K)
```

that computes and returns the price and the hedge position for the passed parameters.

For $t = 0$, $r = 0.05$, $\sigma = 0.2$, $T = \frac{1}{12}$ and $K = 100$, plot φ_1 as function of $S(t)$ in the range $[80, \dots, 120]$.

Useful scilab commands: `cdfnor`, `log`, `sqrt`, `plot`

C-Exercise 17 (European option in the CRR model)

Write a scilab function

```
[V_0, phi_1] = EuOpt_BinMod (S_0, r, sigma, T, K, OptType, M)
```

that computes and returns an approximation to the initial price $V(S(0), 0)$ and the initial hedge $\varphi(1) = (\varphi_0(1), \varphi_1(1))$ of a European call or put option with strike $K > 0$ and maturity $T > 0$ in the Black-Scholes model with initial stock price $S_0 > 0$, interest rate $r > 0$ and volatility $\sigma > 0$. If `OptType` = 0, the quantities shall be computed for a call option, and if `OptType` = 1 for a put option. Use the binomial method as presented in the course with $M \in \mathbb{N}$ time steps.

Test your algorithm for a call option with

$$S(0) = 100, r = 0.05, \sigma = 0.2, T = 1, K = 100, M = 500.$$

Useful scilab commands: `exp`, `sqrt`, `max`, `for`, `if`, `elseif`

Hint: section 2.4 of the lecture notes

Please turn over.

C-Exercise 18 (American put option in the CRR model)

Write a scilab function

$$V_0 = \text{AmPut_BinMod}(S_0, r, \sigma, T, K, M)$$

that computes and returns an approximation to the price of an American put option with strike $K > 0$ and maturity $T > 0$ in the Black-Scholes model with initial stock price $S(0) > 0$, interest rate $r > 0$ and volatility $\sigma > 0$. Use the binomial method as presented in the course with $M \in \mathbb{N}$ time steps.

Test your algorithm with

$$S(0) = 100, r = 0.05, \sigma = 0.2, T = 1, K = 100, M = 500.$$

Useful scilab commands: `exp, sqrt, max, for`

Hint: section 2.4 of the lecture notes

T-Exercise 19 (Convergence of the CRR model to the Black-Scholes model)

For $M \in \mathbb{N}$, denote by $(S^M(t))_{t \in \{t_0, \dots, t_M\}}$ the stock price process in a binomial model with M timesteps for fixed parameters $S_0 > 0$, $r > 0$, $\sigma > 0$ and $T > 0$.

- (a) Show that $\log(S^M(t_M)) \xrightarrow{M \rightarrow \infty} Z$ in law relative to the martingale measure Q , where the random variable Z is normally distributed with mean $\log(S(0)) + (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T$ and variance $\sigma^2 T$.
- (b) Conclude that the initial prices of European put and call options with maturity T and strike $K > 0$ in the binomial model with M timesteps converge to the corresponding Black-Scholes prices as $M \rightarrow \infty$.

You can use without proof

Slutsky's Theorem: Let $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, $(B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be sequences of random variables such that $A_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} A$, $B_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} B$ in probability and $X_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} X$ in law. Then $A_n X_n + B_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} AX + B$ in law.

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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