

# PDE methods for option pricing

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## Problem

[Summary]

**Data:** this text

**Result:** how to write algorithm with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X2e initialization;

**while** *not at end of this document* **do**

    read current;

**if** *understand* **then**

        go to next section;

        current section becomes this one;

**else**

        go back to the beginning of current section;

**end**

**end**

**Algorithm 1:** How to write algorithms

[Statement of the problem]

1. Compute the values of the European vanilla put for  $E^* = \$10$ ,  $r^* = 0.05/yr$ ,  $\sigma^* = 0.20/yr$  and with a six month expiry with and without Rannacher smoothing. Report the error as a function of  $\Delta S$  and  $\Delta \tau$ . Compute the greeks,  $\Delta$  and  $\Gamma$  and their errors. Propose and implement a technique to compute the  $v = \partial V / \partial \sigma$  and report on its performance. Test the effects of the outer boundary on the solution in the range  $[0, K]$ .

2. Redo the previous task for the European binary put. In particular, examine the solution for large  $\Delta \tau$  and no smoothing

[Mathematics Tools]

The BSM and boundary condition for European put option is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_t + \frac{\sigma^2 S^2}{2} V_{SS} + rSV_s - rV = 0 \\ V(0, t) = Ke^{-r(T-t)} \\ V(\infty, t) = 0 \\ V(S, T) = \max(K - S, 0) \end{array} \right.$$

- (1) We use backward Euler for a few  $n_i=2$  time steps  
(2) Use Crank-Nicolson after that: given second order accuracy

$$\text{combine : } \delta_t^+ V_j^n + L_h[\alpha V_j^{n+1} + (1 - \alpha)V_j^n] = 0$$

$\alpha = 1$  : Back Euler

$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  : Crank-Nicolson method

Crank-Nicolson method:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{f_{ij} - f_{i,j-1}}{\Delta t} + \frac{ri\Delta S}{2} + \left( \frac{f_{i+1,j-1} - f_{i-1,j-1}}{2\Delta S} + \frac{ri\Delta S}{2} \left( \frac{f_{i+1,j} - f_{i-1,j}}{2\Delta S} \right) + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\sigma^2 i^2 (\Delta S)^2}{4} \left( \frac{f_{i+1,j-1} - 2f_{i,j-1} + f_{i-1,j-1}}{(\Delta S)^2} \right) + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\sigma^2 i^2 (\Delta S)^2}{4} \left( \frac{f_{i+1,j} - 2f_{i,j} + f_{i-1,j}}{(\Delta S)^2} \right) \right) = \frac{r}{2} f_{i,j-1} + \frac{r}{2} f_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite the above equation as:

$$-\alpha_i f_{i-1,j-1} + (1 - \beta_i) f_{i,j-1} - \gamma_i f_{i+1,j-1} = \alpha_i f_{i-1,j} + (1 + \beta_i) f_{i,j} + \gamma_i f_{i+1,j}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= \frac{\Delta t}{4} (\sigma^2 i^2 - ri) \\ \beta_i &= -\frac{\Delta t}{2} (\sigma^2 i^2 + r) \\ \gamma_i &= \frac{\Delta t}{4} (\sigma^2 i^2 + ri) \end{aligned}$$