

# QuantLib Project 3: Add Greeks to binomial tree engines.

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## Introduction:

For this project we want to improve the calculation of some Greeks (Delta and Gamma). Currently QuantLib library uses in the file binomialengine.hpp a first step tree with two nodes to calculate Delta and a second step tree with 3 nodes to calculate Gamma.

So, we want to modify BinomialTree class to have at time  $t = 0$  (no step) 3 nodes. Thanks to that we will improve the calculation of Delta and Gamma in BinomialVanillaEngine class, by doing this calculation with a no step tree.

Moreover, we must consider 2 types of trees: equal jumps trees (case 1) and equal probabilities trees (case 2).

## Case 1: Equal jumps trees

We have in the case of equal jumps trees a probability  $p_{up}$  to up and  $p_{down}$  to down for each step. Obviously  $p_{up} + p_{down} = 1$ .

So, if the value of the underlying at time  $t = 0$  is  $S_0$ , after  $n_{step}$  steps with  $n_{up}$  up the value of the underlying is:

$$S_{n_{step}, n_{up}} = S_0 e^{(2n_{up} - n_{step})\Delta x}$$

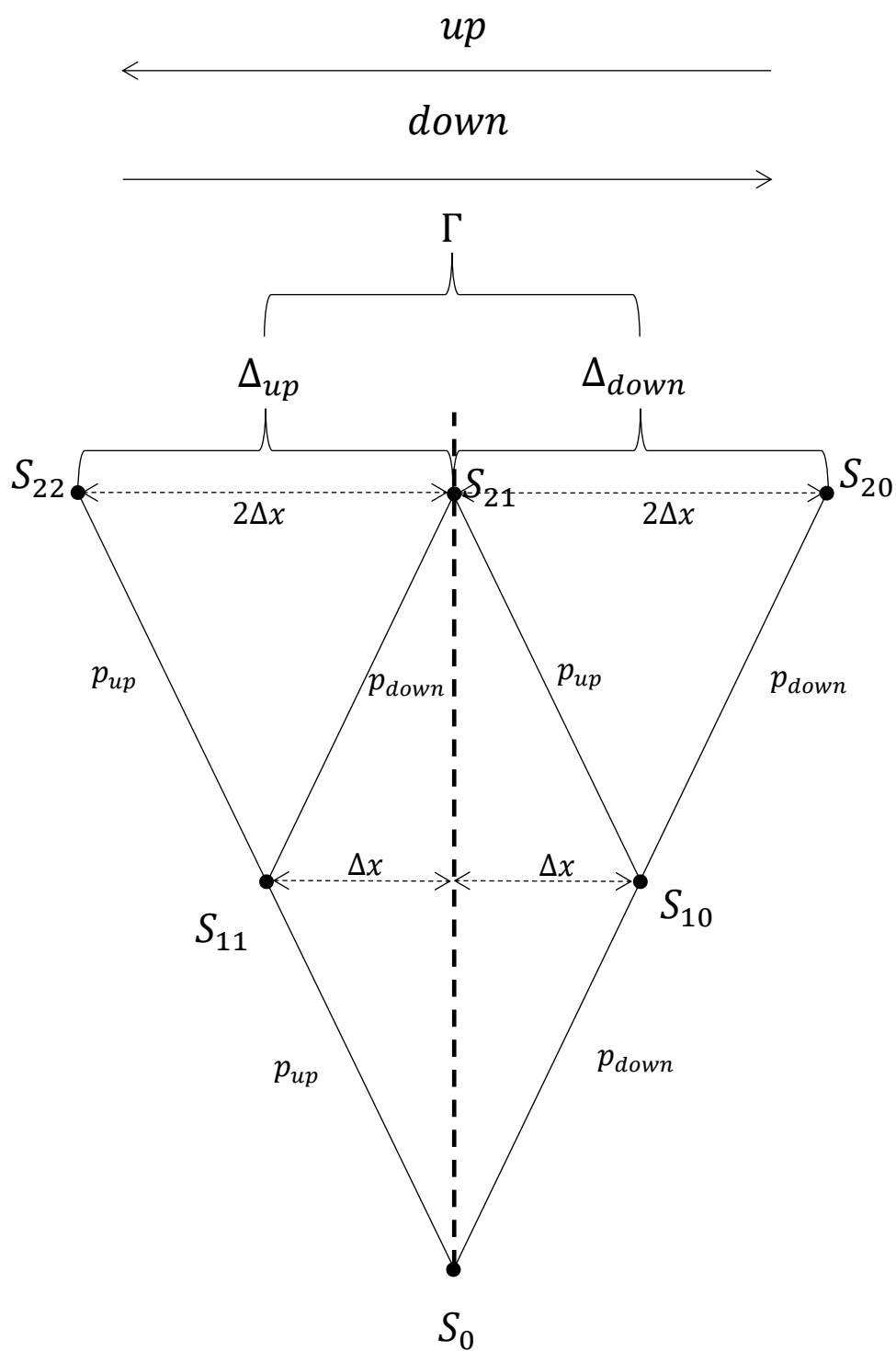


Figure 1: Equal jumps Tree.

We can notice that in an equal jumps tree  $S_0 = S_{21}$ .

So, we can add 2 steps in this tree and  $2\Delta t$  at maturity and consider that we start at step 2.

So, we will have a tree with the same number of steps and the same maturity and 3 points at time  $t = 0$ .

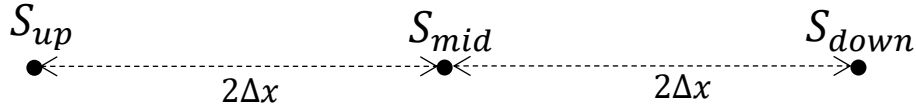


Figure 2: New tree at time  $t = 0$ .

After that, thanks to the method values of VanillaOption class we can calculate the payoff so the value of the option for each node. We can write them  $P_{up}, P_{mid}, P_{down}$ .

$$\Delta = \Delta_{up} = \frac{P_{up} - P_{mid}}{S_{up} - S_{mid}} = \frac{P_{up} - P_{mid}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\Delta_{down} = \frac{P_{mid} - P_{down}}{S_{mid} - S_{down}} = \frac{P_{mid} - P_{down}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\Delta_{up} - \Delta_{down}}{\frac{S_{up} - S_{down}}{2}} = \frac{\Delta_{up} - \Delta_{down}}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta = \frac{P_{up} - P_{mid}}{S_{up} - S_{mid}} \\ \Gamma = \frac{\Delta_{up} - \Delta_{down}}{\frac{S_{up} - S_{down}}{2}} \end{cases}$$

### Case 2: Equal probabilities trees

We have for an equal probabilities tree after  $n_{step}$  steps and  $n_{up}$  up:

$$S_{n_{step}, n_{up}} = S_0 e^{(2n_{up} - n_{step}) - up} e^{n_{step} \times dps}, \quad dps : \text{drift per step}$$

We can achieve the same method as in case 1. However, because of the drift per step coefficient  $S_0 \neq S_{21}$ .

So, we can create a new equal probabilities tree  $S'$ , with the same drift per step coefficient and such that  $S'_{21} = S_0$ .

Now we are looking for  $S'_0$ .

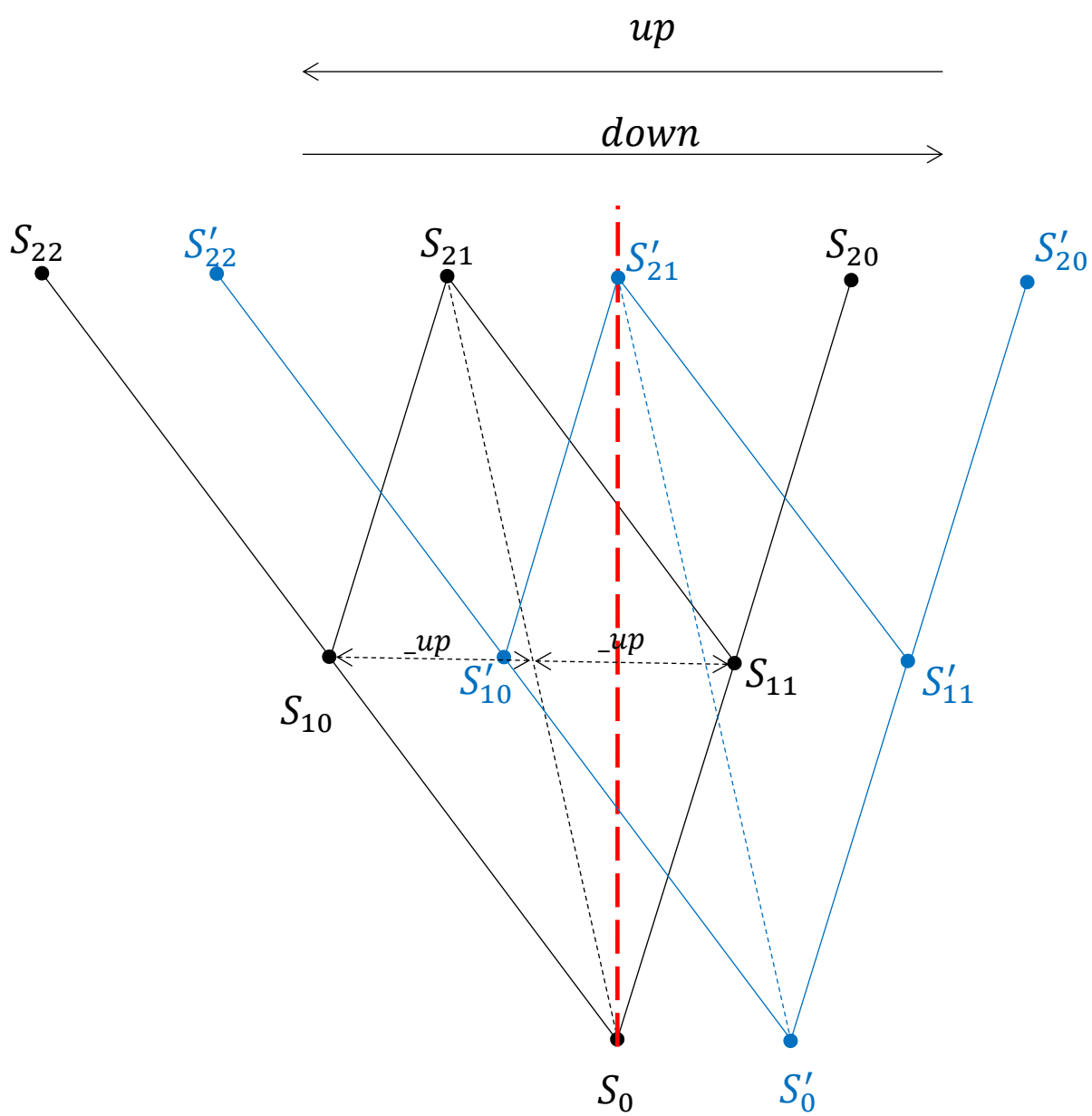


Figure 3: Equal probabilities Tree.

So  $S'_{21} = S'_0 e^{(2 \times 1 - 2) \cdot up} e^{2dps} = S'_0 e^{2dps} = S_0$  by construction of  $S'$ .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S'_0 = e^{-2dps} S_0}$$

If we consider now  $S'$  with two more step and  $2\Delta t$  longer maturity, we can proceed as in the case 1.

### Main modification:

We also modify the file main.cpp to create a put option and calculate Delta and Gamma with the current method, using the actual Binomial engine and using Black and Scholes formula. We will use Black and Scholes result to compare the results between the actual binomial engine and the binomial engine with the new method.

So, we obtain:

```
Option type = Put
Maturity = January 17th, 2020
Underlying price = 334
Strike = 300
Risk-free interest rate = 0.100000 %
Dividend yield = 0.000000 %
Volatility = 20.000000 %

Delta calculated with the actual Binomial engine: -0.260452
Gamma calculated with the actual Binomial engine: 0.00486343

Black & Scholes Delta: -0.260504
Black & Scholes Gamma: 0.00486061
mmeniche@pc-sc-498:~/Bureau/Cpp/IMT2018/project3$
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## Annex: main.cpp

```
1
2 #include "binomialtree.hpp"
3 #include "binomialengine.hpp"
4 #include <ql/methods/lattices/tree.hpp>
5
6 // Added dependencies for Option creation
7 #include <ql/qldefines.hpp>
8 #ifdef BOOST_MSVC
9 # include <ql/auto_link.hpp>
10 #endif
11 #include <ql/instruments/vanillaoption.hpp>
12 #include <ql/time/calendars/target.hpp>
13 #include <ql/utilities/dataformatters.hpp>
14
15 #include <ql/pricingengines/vanilla/analyticeuropeanengine.hpp>
16
17 #include <boost/timer.hpp>
18 #include <iomanip>
19 #include <iostream>
20
21 using namespace QuantLib;
22
23
24 int main() {
25
26     try {
27         // Option characteristics
28         boost::timer timer;
29         std::cout << std::endl;
30
31         // set up dates
32         Calendar calendar = TARGET();
33         Date todaysDate(15, Jan, 2019);
34         Date settlementDate(17, Jan, 2019);
35         Settings::instance().evaluationDate() = todaysDate;
36
37         // set up option characteristics
38         Option::Type type(Option::Put);
39         Real underlying = 334;
40         Real strike = 300;
41         Spread dividendYield = 0.00;
42         Rate riskFreeRate = 0.001;
43         Volatility volatility = 0.20;
44         Date maturity(17, Jan, 2020);
45         DayCounter dayCounter = Actual365Fixed();
46
47         //Retrieve option characteristics
48         std::cout << "Option type = " << type << std::endl;
49         std::cout << "Maturity = " << maturity << std::endl;
50         std::cout << "Underlying price = " << underlying << std::endl;
51         std::cout << "Strike = " << strike << std::endl;
52         std::cout << "Risk-free interest rate = " << io::rate(riskFreeRate)
53             << std::endl;
54         std::cout << "Dividend yield = " << io::rate(dividendYield)
55             << std::endl;
56         std::cout << "Volatility = " << io::volatility(volatility)
57             << std::endl;
58         std::cout << std::endl;
59         std::string method;
60         std::cout << std::endl ;
61
62         //Set up exercise
63         boost::shared_ptr<Exercise> europeanExercise(new EuropeanExercise(maturity));
64
65
66         // Market Data
67         Handle<Quote> underlyingH(boost::shared_ptr<Quote>(new
68             SimpleQuote(underlying)));
69
70         //Bootstrap the yield/dividend/vol curves
71
72         Handle<YieldTermStructure>
73         flatTermStructure(boost::shared_ptr<YieldTermStructure>(new
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72     FlatForward(settlementDate, riskFreeRate, dayCounter)));
73     Handle<YieldTermStructure>
74     flatDividendTS(boost::shared_ptr<YieldTermStructure>(new
75     FlatForward(settlementDate, dividendYield, dayCounter)));
76
77     Handle<BlackVolTermStructure>
78     flatVolTS(boost::shared_ptr<BlackVolTermStructure>(new
79     BlackConstantVol(settlementDate, calendar, volatility, dayCounter)));
80
81     // Pay off construction
82     boost::shared_ptr<StrikedTypePayoff> payoff(new PlainVanillaPayoff(type,
83     strike));
84
85     boost::shared_ptr<BlackScholesMertonProcess> bsmProcess(new
86     BlackScholesMertonProcess(underlyingH, flatDividendTS, flatTermStructure,
87     flatVolTS));
88
89     // Option Definition
90     VanillaOption europeanOption(payoff, europeanExercise);
91
92     // Pricing Engine
93     Size timeSteps = 801;
94     europeanOption.setPricingEngine(boost::shared_ptr<PricingEngine>(new
95     BinomialVanillaEngine_2<CoxRossRubinstein_2>(bsmProcess, timeSteps)));
96     //std::cout << europeanOption.NPV() << std::endl;
97
98     // Greeks calculated using the binomial tree
99     std::cout << "Delta calculated with the actual Binomial engine:
100     "<<europeanOption.delta() << std::endl;
101     std::cout << "Gamma calculated with the actual Binomial engine:
102     "<<europeanOption.gamma() << std::endl;
103
104     // Greeks calculated using the analytic B&S formula
105     method = "Black-Scholes";
106     europeanOption.setPricingEngine(boost::shared_ptr<PricingEngine>(
107     new AnalyticEuropeanEngine(bsmProcess)));
108     std::cout << std::endl;
109     std::cout << "Black & Scholes Delta: "<<europeanOption.delta() << std::endl;
110     std::cout << "Black & Scholes Gamma: "<<europeanOption.gamma() << std::endl;
111
112     return 0;
113
114 } catch (std::exception& e) {
115     std::cerr << e.what() << std::endl;
116     return 1;
117 } catch (...) {
118     std::cerr << "unknown error" << std::endl;
119     return 1;
120 }

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