Stochastic Methods + Lab

Session 8

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1. Implement a function

binomial_tree (payoff, n, u, d, rp, S0)

where payoff is the function returning the payoff of the option given the current stock price at maturity, n is the number of periods to simulate, u the relative upward change in stock price in one period, d the relative downward change in stock price in one period, rp the risk-free period interest rate, and S0 the initial stock price.

2. Test your code by pricing a European call option with strike price K = 0.9, risk-free interest rate r = 0.05, and maturity time T = 1 on a stock with initial stock price $S_0 = 1$ and annualized volatility $\sigma = 0.3$.

Use the calibration of the model explained in class, where

$$u = \frac{1}{d} = \exp\left(\sigma\sqrt{\frac{T}{n}}\right).$$