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import numpy as np
from scipy import integrate
from scipy.stats import norm, lognorm

# Parameters
stock_price = 100.0
strike_price = 95.0
risk_free_rate = 0.05
time_to_maturity = 0.5
volatility = 0.2
num_mc_simulations = int(1e6)
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## ▼ Black-Scholes formula

The BS formula for a call and put are:

$$C(S,K,r,T,\sigma) = SN(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}N(d_2)$$
 
$$P(S,K,r,T,\sigma) = Ke^{-rT}N(-d_2) - SN(-d_1)$$
 where

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \left[ \log\left(\frac{S}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)T \right]$$

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T}$$

Call option price (BS):9.8727 Put option price (BS):2.5272

## → Monte Carlo simulation

The arbitrage-free value of an option can be obtained through risk-neutral pricing approah:

$$C(S, K, r, T, \sigma) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-rT} (S_T - K)^+ \mid S \right]$$
$$P(S, K, r, T, \sigma) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-rT} (K - S_T)^+ \mid S \right]$$

Under the risk-neutral measure  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the underlying  $S_t$  grows at a risk-free rate r:

$$S_T = Se^{(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})T + \sigma W_T}$$

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def monte_carlo(S, K, r, T, sigma, option_type, num_simulations):
    # Generate random price paths
    drift = (r - 0.5 * sigma ** 2) * T
    diffusion = sigma * np.sqrt(T) * np.random.standard_normal(num_simulations)
   prices = S * np.exp(drift + diffusion)
   if option_type == 'call':
       payoffs = np.maximum(prices - K, 0)
    elif option_type == 'put':
       payoffs = np.maximum(K - prices, 0)
    dis_payoffs = np.exp(-r * T) * payoffs
    option_price = np.mean(dis_payoffs)
    # Calculate estimated standard error
   standard_error = np.sqrt(np.var(dis_payoffs) / num_simulations)
    return option price, standard error
call_MC, call_standard_error = monte_carlo(stock_price, strike_price, risk_free_rate,
                                 time_to_maturity, volatility, 'call',num_mc_simulations)
put_MC, put_standard_error = monte_carlo(stock_price, strike_price, risk_free_rate,
                                time_to_maturity, volatility, 'put',num_mc_simulations)
print(f'Call option price (MC):{call_MC:.4f}')
print(f'Estimated standard error:{call_standard_error:.8f}')
print(f'Put option price (MC):{put_MC:.4f}')
print(f'Estimated standard error:{put_standard_error:.8f}')
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Call option price (MC):9.8527 Estimated standard error:0.01125805

## ▼ Numerical integration

Notice that  $S_T \sim \text{Log-Normal}(\ (r-\frac{\sigma^2}{2})T,\ \sigma^2 T\ )$  under the risk-neutral measure  ${\bf Q}$ 

$$C(S,K,r,T,\sigma) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-rT} (S_T - K)^+ \mid S \right]$$

Call option price (int):9.8727 Put option price (int):2.5272

## Technical Note - $N(d_1)$ and $N(d_2)$

 $N(d_1)$  and  $N(d_2)$  are the risk-neutral probabilities of  $S_T > K$  under the stock and money market numeraires, respectively. To see this:

$$\begin{split} C(S,K,r,T,\sigma) &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-rT} (S_T - K)^+ \mid S \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-rT} S_{T} \mathbb{1}_{S_T > K} \mid S \right] - K e^{-rT} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{S_T > K} \mid S \right] \\ &= S \mathbb{E}^{\tilde{\mathbb{Q}}} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{S_T > K} \mid S \right] - K e^{-rT} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{S_T > K} \mid S \right] \\ &= S N(d_1) - K e^{-rT} N(d_2) \end{split}$$

where the measure  $\tilde{\mathbb{Q}}$  (in which  $S_t$  becomes the numeraire) is defined as:

$$\frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}}{d\mathbf{Q}} = \frac{S_T e^{r0}}{S e^{rT}}$$