

Review answers

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Question 1: Which of the following concerning the Monte Carlo method is true?

- ☐ Pricing American options using FDM is easier than with MC.
- ☒ The FDM schemes used to discretise SDEs can give biased results.
- ☐ It is not possible to price barrier options using the MC method.
- ☒ The Monte Carlo (MC) is less efficient than FDM.
- ☒ Computing option sensitivities with MC is feasible (but not efficient).

Question 2: Which of the following concerning FDM is true?

- ☐ There are no constraints on the step sizes in space and time with explicit FDM.
- ☒ They replace partial derivatives by divided difference approximations.
- ☐ Explicit FDM require the solution of a matrix system at each time level.
- ☒ Divided differences can have first-order or second-order accuracy.
- ☒ There are no constraints on the step sizes in space and time with implicit FDM.

Question 3: Which of the following statements concerning the Black Scholes formula is true?

- ☒ Put-call parity relates put and call option prices.
- ☐ There is a closed solution for options with early exercise.
- ☐ The Black Scholes formula is valid for non-constant volatility.
- ☒ There are exact solutions for option sensitivities for the Black Scholes model.
- ☒ There is a closed solution for plain options.
- ☒ The Black Scholes use the Gaussian cumulative distribution function (cdf).
- ☐ The Black Scholes use the Gaussian probability density (pdf) function.

☒ Perpetual American options have a closed solution.

Question 4: Which of the following concerning the Explicit Euler method is true?

- ☒ The Crank Nicolson method is unconditionally stable and second-order accurate.
- ☒ EE is first order accurate in the time direction.
- ☐ The Explicit Euler (EE) method is unconditionally stable.
- ☒ Oscillations occur with EE if the mesh time step is not of the same order as the square of the mesh size in space.

Question 5: Which of the following concerning the Binomial Method \ar{lo method is true?

- ☒ The Binomial Method (BM) can be used to price American options.
- ☐ BM cannot be used for two-factor models.
- ☒ BM is less flexible than FDM.
- ☒ BM can give 'zigzag' and oscillatory solutions.

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