

## Assignment #4

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**Problem 1**

Option to exchange the return of AMZN (Amazon stock) with the return of the SPX (S&P 500) index. Payoff:

$$\left( \frac{S_T^{SPX}}{S_0^{SPX}} - \frac{S_T^{AMZN}}{S_0^{AMZN}} \right)^+$$

Given info:

$$\begin{aligned} S_0^{SPX} &= 2921 \\ S_0^{AMZN} &= 1971 \\ \delta^{SPX} &= 1.8\% \\ \delta^{AMZN} &= 1.9\% \\ r &= 2.4\% \\ T &= 0.296 \end{aligned}$$

We followed the following three steps to get the initial option price (see also slide 15 Lecture 3):

1. Construct a set of undiscounted option prices for two assets ( $i = 1, 2$ ), using the implied vols and the other inputs.

$$C_{iT}(S_{iT}) = \exp(rT) * BS_{call}(S_{i0}, K_i, T, 0, r, \delta_i, \sigma_i)$$

2. Build the implied cdf  $\Phi_i^{implied}$  for each asset  $i = 1, 2$ , using the Breeden-Litzenberger formula (slide 4 Lecture 3).

$$\Phi(K_i, S_{i0}) = \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial K_i} + 1$$

with  $\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial K_i}$  computed numerically on the given data (using the function `np.diff()`).

3. Follow the Gaussian Copula algorithm in slide 14 to obtain a set of option prices.

We first draw  $(x_1 \ x_2)^T$  from a normal distribution with mean  $(0 \ 0)^T$ , marginal variances  $(1 \ 1)^T$  and covariance  $\rho = 0.5$ . Then we apply the cumulative probability function  $\Phi^{norm}$  on the vectors  $x_1, x_2$  to get the probabilities (as in slide 10 Lecture 3). Now we want a function that

maps these probabilities to the strikes that are given to us, for each of the two assets. In order to find this, we used the `interp1d()` class of the `scipy.interpolate` module (according to the documentation, “the `interp1d` class in `scipy.interpolate` is a convenient method to create a function based on fixed data points, which can be evaluated anywhere within the domain defined by the given data using linear interpolation”). This gave us the implied distribution. Now we just need to apply the formula on slide 14 to get the stock prices at maturity  $T$ :

$$S_{iT} = (\Phi_i^{implied})^{-1}(\Phi^{norm}(x_i))$$

4. All that’s left to do is apply the pay off function (given above) to these newly found maturity prices, then take the means of all of the 10,000 simulated payoffs and then finally discount them to today  $t = 0$  to get the current option price.

$$C_{i0} = \exp(-rT) \sum_{j=1}^{10000} payoff_j$$

The price of the option given by the Monte Carlo simulation is 0.057924. Please keep in mind that, considering it is a simulation, the result may slightly change every time we run the script.

The sample of 10000 points using the Gaussian copula method, which maps each marginal to the corresponding implied distribution, is shown in Figure 1.

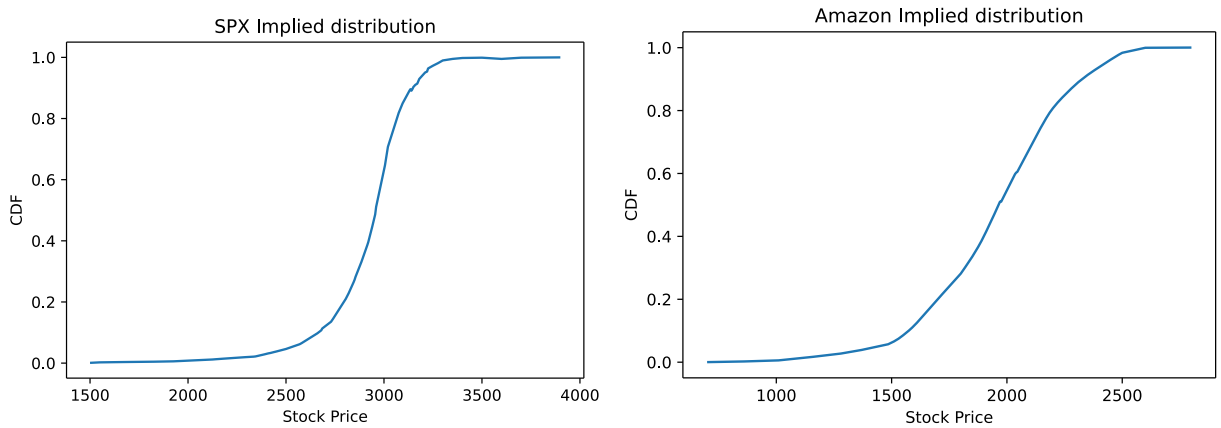


Figure 1: Implied distributions.

The standard error of the simulated payoffs (after 10,000 simulations) was found to be 0.00088178.

In [1]:

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy import stats
from scipy import interpolate
```

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In [2]:

```
S0_1 = 2921 #SPX
S0_2 = 1971 #AMZN
delta_1 = 0.018
delta_2 = 0.019
r = 0.024
T = 0.296
rho = 0.5 # for monte-carlo
num_sim = 10000 # number of simulations
```

In [3]:

```
data = pd.read_excel("Impvols_SPX_AMZN.xlsx", usecols=[0,1,4,5], header=1).drop(0).reset_index(drop=True).\
        rename(axis=1,mapper={"amzn implied vols": "amzn_implied_vols",
                              "spx implied vols": "spx_implied_vols"})
data.head()
```

Out[3]:

	spx_strikes	spx_implied_vols	amzn_strikes	amzn_implied_vols
0	1500.0	0.460000	700.0	0.610300
1	1525.0	0.451075	710.0	0.603335
2	1550.0	0.443954	720.0	0.596944
3	1575.0	0.437649	730.0	0.591072
4	1600.0	0.431531	740.0	0.585658

In [4]:

```
np.size(data.spx_strikes.dropna())
```

Out[4]:

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In [5]:

```
def price_call(S, K, T, t, r, delta, sigma):
    d1 = 1/(sigma*np.sqrt(T-t))*np.log(S*np.exp(r*(T-t))/K) + sigma*np.sqrt(T-t)/2
    d2 = 1/(sigma*np.sqrt(T-t))*np.log(S*np.exp(r*(T-t))/K) - sigma*np.sqrt(T-t)/2
    return S*np.exp(-delta*(T-t))*stats.norm.cdf(d1) - np.exp(-r*(T-t))*K*stats.norm.cdf(d2)
```

In [6]:

```
# pricing with Gaussian Copula
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```
# 1. Construct a set of undiscounted call prices for two assets separately, using implied vols and other params
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```
# SPX
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```
K_1 = data.spx_strikes.dropna()
sig_1 = data.spx_implied_vols.dropna()
C_1 = np.exp(r*T)*price_call(S0_1, K_1, T, 0, r, delta_1, sig_1)
```

```
# AMZN
```

```
K_2 = data.amzn_strikes.dropna()
sig_2 = data.amzn_implied_vols.dropna()
C_2 = np.exp(r*T)*price_call(S0_2, K_2, T, 0, r, delta_2, sig_2)
```

```
In [7]:
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```
C_1.head()
```

```
Out[7]:
```

```
0    1426.799697
1    1401.821894
2    1376.868922
3    1351.930835
4    1327.000177
Name: spx_strikes, dtype: float64
```

```
In [8]:
```

```
C_2.head()
```

```
Out[8]:
```

```
0    1274.014155
1    1264.016259
2    1254.019397
3    1244.023569
4    1234.028777
Name: amzn_strikes, dtype: float64
```

```
In [10]:
```

```
# 2. Build the implied cdf  $\Phi$  implied for each asset  $i = 1, 2$ , using the Breeden-Litzenberger formula (slide 1).
```

```
cdf_1 = np.diff(C_1)/np.diff(K_1) + 1 # slide 4, implied dist of SPX
cdf_2 = np.diff(C_2)/np.diff(K_2) + 1 # implied dist of AMZN
```

```
In [11]:
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```
plt.plot(K_1[:-1], cdf_1)
plt.title("SPX Implied distribution", size=13)
plt.xlabel("Stock Price")
plt.ylabel("CDF")
plt.show()
```

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In [12]:
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```
plt.plot(K_2[:-1], cdf_2)
plt.title("Amazon Implied distribution", size=13)
plt.xlabel("Stock Price")
plt.ylabel("CDF")
plt.show()
```

In [13]:

```
# 3. Follow the algorithm in slide 14 to obtain a set of option prices.

mu = np.array([0, 0])
cov = np.array([[1, rho], [rho, 1]])
X = np.random.multivariate_normal(mu, cov, size=num_sim)
x1 = stats.norm.cdf(X[:, 0])
x2 = stats.norm.cdf(X[:, 1])

# inverse sampling
imp_cdf_1 = interpolate.interpld(cdf_1, K_1[:-1], fill_value="extrapolate")
imp_cdf_2 = interpolate.interpld(cdf_2, K_2[:-1], fill_value="extrapolate")

inv_1 = lambda x: imp_cdf_1(x) - x1 # find the root x=S_T such that imp_cdf_1(S_T) = X_1 = normcdf(X)
inv_2 = lambda x: imp_cdf_2(x) - x2

S1T = inv_1(x1)
S2T = inv_2(x2)

# NOTE: the above could also be reduced to the following two lines:
#S1_T = interpolate.interpld(cdf_1, K_1[:-1], fill_value="extrapolate")(x1)
#S2_T = interpolate.interpld(cdf_2, K_2[:-1], fill_value="extrapolate")(x2)
```

In [14]:

```
# payoffs simulated
payoffs = np.maximum(S1T/S0_1 - S2T/S0_2, np.zeros(num_sim))
```

In [15]:

```
payoffs
```

Out[15]:

```
array([0.          , 0.1226685 , 0.18981123, ..., 0.          , 0.          ,
       0.22087689])
```

In [22]:

```
price_today = np.exp(-r*T)*np.mean(payoffs)
```

In [23]:

```
price_today
```

Out[23]:

```
0.05792404384753558
```

In [24]:

```
stats.sem(payoffs) ## standard error of the mean
```

Out[24]:

```
0.0008817792140348615
```

In [28]:

```
np.std(payoffs, ddof=1) ## standard deviation
```

Out[28]:

```
0.0910145870799132
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