

Submission Deadline: October 25, 2024, 22:00 hrs

**For the background material, refer to Glasserman (Chapter 3, Sections 3.1 & 3.2)**

1. Generate 10 sample paths for the standard Brownian Motion in the time interval  $[0, 5]$  using the recursion

$$W(t_{i+1}) = W(t_i) + \sqrt{t_{i+1} - t_i} \cdot Z_{i+1},$$

with 5000 generated values for each of the paths. Plot all the sample paths in a single figure. Also estimate  $E[W(2.5)]$  and  $E[W(5)]$  from the 10 paths that you have generated.

2. Repeat the above exercise with the following Brownian motions ( $BM(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ) discretization

$$X(t_{i+1}) = X(t_i) + \mu(t_{i+1} - t_i) + \sigma\sqrt{t_{i+1} - t_i} \cdot Z_{i+1}.$$

Take  $X(0) = 5$  and the following sets of values: (a)  $\mu = 0.09$  and  $\sigma = 0.5$ ; (b)  $\mu = 0.9$  and  $\sigma = 0.25$ ; and (c)  $\mu = 0.9$  and  $\sigma = 0.05$ .

3. The Euler approximated recursion with time dependent  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  is given by

$$Y(t_{i+1}) = Y(t_i) + \mu(t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_i) + \sigma(t_i)\sqrt{t_{i+1} - t_i} \cdot Z_{i+1}.$$

Repeat the above exercise by taking

$$Y(0) = 5, \mu(t) = 0.0325 - 0.05t, \sigma(t) = 0.012 + 0.0138t - 0.00125t^2.$$

4. Let us simulate a geometric Brownian motion (GBM), which is the most fundamental model for the value of a financial asset. As with the case of a BM, we have a simple recursive procedure to simulate a GBM at  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T$  as:

$$S(t_{i+1}) = S(t_i) \exp \left( \left[ \mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right] (t_{i+1} - t_i) + \sigma\sqrt{t_{i+1} - t_i} \cdot Z_{i+1} \right), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1,$$

where  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  are independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  variates. In the interval  $[0, 5]$ , taking both positive and negative values for  $\mu$  and for at least two different values of  $\sigma^2$ , simulate and plot at least 10 sample paths of the GBM (taking sufficiently large number of sample points, say 5000 values, for each path). Also, by generating a large number of sample paths, compare the actual and simulated distributions of  $S(5)$ .

Now, taking  $S(0) = 5, \mu = 0.06, \sigma = 0.3$ , first simulate  $S(1)$  by taking  $n = 50$  steps to reach time 1 (i.e., with time intervals of length 0.02). Then, compute the expectation of  $S(1)$  (i.e.,  $E(S(1))$ ) by simulating  $N$  values of  $S(1)$ . By varying values for  $N$  from 1 to 1000, plot the values of  $E(S(1))$  as a curve. Simulate and plot 5 such curves ( $N$  in the  $x$ -axis and  $E(S(1))$  in the  $y$ -axis).

Put all your observations in the report.