

Exam 2 (Module 3)

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Instructions: This is a mini project on the use of the Monte Carlo scheme to price exotic options to be completed using Python. C++ is also allowed, but Excel/VBA is not permitted. As this is the half way point of the CQF, this assessment is designed for delegates to show independence and maturity in interpretation of a slightly open ended problem. It will test

- finding and understanding the relevant lectures, Python labs and tutorials in module 3; as well as the Python primer.
- ability to experiment and demonstrate initiative in mathematical and numerical methods.
- willingness to work outside narrow instruction that are typical of maths based tests/exams.

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Task

Use the expected value of the discounted payoff under the risk-neutral density \mathbb{Q}

$$V(S, t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\text{Payoff}(S_T)]$$

for the appropriate form of payoff, to consider **Asian** and **lookback** options.

Use the **Euler-Maruyama** (only) scheme for initially simulating the underlying stock price. As an initial example you may use the following set of sample data

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Today's stock price } S_0 &= 100 \\ \text{Strike } E &= 100 \\ \text{Time to expiry } (T - t) &= 1 \text{ year} \\ \text{volatility } \sigma &= 20\% \\ \text{constant risk-free interest rate } r &= 5\% \end{aligned}$$

Then vary the data to see the affect on the option price. Your completed assignment should centre on a report to include:

| | Mark Scheme |
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| Outline of the finance problem and numerical procedure used | 20% |
| Results - appropriate tables and comparisons | 35% |
| Any interesting observations and problems encountered | 25% |
| Conclusion | 15% |
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For a Python Jupyter Notebook, a detailed notebook will become the complete report (write-up, code, results).

Score key

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| 60-65 | Pass |
| 66-70 | Good |
| 71-79 | Very Good |
| 80-89 | Excellent |
| 90-95 | Outstanding |
| 96+ | Exceptional |

Note: An assessment of this form differs from mathematical exercises that can attract full marks. The key above is provided for this reason.