

## Level 9 Homework

### Group F: Finite Difference Methods (Introduction)

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#### a. Compile and run the Project

The project was appropriately set up and compiled to run with no errors.

#### b. Test the FD scheme

The project was run with Option Parameters for Batches 1, 2, 3 & 4. The outputs were saved to their respective Excel files.

- Batch 1 FDM Output.xlsx
- Batch 2 FDM Output.xlsx
- Batch 3 FDM Output.xlsx
- Batch 4 FDM Output.xlsx

Batch	FDM Put Price	True Price	Absolute Error
1	5.84207	5.84628	0.00421172
2	7.96321	7.96557	0.00235915
3	4.07128	4.07326	0.00197546
4	1.19586	1.24750	0.0516413

Table 1: Updated FDM Put Option Pricing Results and Error Analysis

#### Observations

- Comparing with data from previous exercises, the finite-difference method outperformed Monte Carlo on Batches 1, 2 & 3 by an order of magnitude.
- Output from batch 4 produced an inaccurate number 65535. This is due to the Explicit Euler method suffered from a severe approximation error.
- Using a very high value of  $N = 1,000,000$  produced expected results. This is stored in Batch 4 High N FDM Output.xlsx
- However, the absolute error is still higher than that of Batches 1, 2 & 3. Hence I would recommend the usage of a more stable method such as Crank-Nicholson or Implicit Euler.