

Q1.

Let the following events:

H -> coin lands heads up

A -> 1st coin is chosen from the bag

B -> 2nd coin is chosen from the bag

C -> 3rd coin is chosen from the bag

We need to compute $P(A|H)$

$$\text{Bayes' formula: } P(A|H) = \frac{P(H|A) \times P(A)}{P(H)}$$

$P(A)$ = probability that 1st coin is chosen from the bag = $1/3$

Similarly, $P(B) = P(C) = 1/3$

$P(H|A)$ = probability that the 1st coin lands heads up = $100\% = 1$

Similarly, $P(H|B) = 50\% = 1/2$; $P(H|C) = 25\% = 1/4$

$P(H)$ = probability that the coin lands heads up => need to use law of total probability

$$P(H) = P(A) \times P(H|A) + P(B) \times P(H|B) + P(C) \times P(H|C) = 1/3 \times 1 + 1/3 \times 1/2 + 1/3 \times 1/4$$

$$\Rightarrow P(H) = 7/12$$

$$\text{So, } P(A|H) = \frac{P(H|A) \times P(A)}{P(H)} = \frac{1 \times 1/3}{7/12} = 4/7$$

Q2.

Decompose $100! = 2^a \times 5^b \times c$

Number of trailing zeros will be $\min(a, b) = b$ – since there are fewer 5s in $100!$ than 2s.

In $100!$ we have $\text{floor}(100/5) = 20$ factors which are divisible by 5 (add one 5 factor in the product decomposition). We also have $\text{floor}(100/25) = 4$ factors which are divisible by 5^2 (add two 5 factors in the product decomposition).

$$\text{So, } b = \text{floor}(100/5) + \text{floor}(100/25) = 20 + 4 = 24.$$

Q3.

(a)

$$f(r) = \sqrt{1+r} \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$$

$$\frac{df}{dr} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{(1+r)^{1/2}} \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dr}(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

1st order Maclaurin series expansion for $f(r) \Rightarrow$

$$f(r) \approx f(0) + \frac{df}{dr}(0) \times r \Rightarrow \sqrt{1+r} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} \times r$$

(b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x^2 + x} - x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}} - x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left[\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}} - 1 \right] =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}} - 1}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

Let $y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow$ when $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}} - 1}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+y} - 1}{y}$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{1+y} - 1 = 0$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} y = 0$$

Using L'Hopital rule $\left(\frac{0}{0}\right) \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+y} - 1}{y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\partial \sqrt{1+y} - 1}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial y}{\partial y}} =$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} (1+y)^{-1/2} = 1/2$$

Q4.

$$\min_b E[(Y - bX)^2]$$

$$\frac{\partial E[\dots]}{\partial b} = 0$$

$$2E[(Y - bX)(-X)] = 0$$

$$2E[-YX] + 2bE[XX] = 0$$

$$b = \frac{E[YX]}{E[XX]} = 1/2$$

Let $c = \text{slope of } X \text{ against } Y \Rightarrow c = \frac{E[YX]}{E[YY]}$ (similar calculation as above)

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - E^2[X] = 1 \text{ \& } E[X] = 0 \Rightarrow E[X^2] = 1$$

$$E[XX] = 1 \text{ \& } \frac{E[YX]}{E[XX]} = 1/2 \Rightarrow E[YX] = 1/2$$

$$\text{Var}[Y] = E[Y^2] - E^2[Y] = 1 \text{ \& } E[Y] = 0 \Rightarrow E[Y^2] = 1$$

$$c = \frac{E[YX]}{E[YY]} = \frac{1/2}{1} = 1/2$$

Q5.

(a) `print(x[-1])`

(b)

`x[0] = 1`

`x[1] = 1`

`for i = 3; i <= 100; i++`

`x[i] = x[i-1] + x[i-2]`

(c) Polymorphism is one of the 4 pillars of OOP. Through polymorphism, the methods which have the same signature can exhibit different behaviour in different classes (which are all linked together by inheritance). E.g. we have 3 classes: `option`, `call_option` and `put_option`. The implementation of the `calculate_payoff()` method below is an example of polymorphism:

`class option:`

`def calculate_payoff(S, K):`

`pass`

`class call_option(option):`

`def calculate_payoff(S,K):`

`return max(0, S-K)`

`class put_option(option):`

`def calculate_payoff(S,K):`

`return max(0, K-S)`

Q6.

Let

P = price of bond

CF_t = bond cash flow at time t

y = YTM

T = bond maturity/term

C = convexity of bond

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{P \times (1+y)^2} \times \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\frac{CF_t}{(1+y)^t} \times (t^2 + t) \right]$$

Since interest rates at all tenors are currently 0% $\Rightarrow y = 0\%$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{P} \times \sum_{t=1}^T [CF_t \times (t^2 + t)]$$

Let $\tau \in [1, T]$ fixed

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial CF_\tau} = \frac{1}{P} \times (\tau^2 + \tau) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{need to fix the value of the CFs (otherwise, convexity increases w/ CF).}$$

Assume $\sum CF_t = X$ fixed

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{P} \times CF_\tau \times (2 \times \tau + 1) > 0 \Rightarrow \tau \in [1, T] \text{ and } C \uparrow \tau \Rightarrow \max C \text{ when } \tau = T \Rightarrow \text{the more CF we allocate towards maturity, the higher the convexity of the bond} \Rightarrow \text{allocate all CF at maturity} \Rightarrow \text{get a zero-coupon bond.}$$

$$\text{Optimal cash flow profile} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ X \end{pmatrix}$$

Q7.

Let $\text{Var}(A) = \text{variance}(A) \Rightarrow \text{volatility}(A) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(A)} = V \Rightarrow \text{Var}(A) = V^2$

Similarly $\text{Var}(B) = V^2$

Let $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{covariance between X \& Y}$

Let $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \text{correlation between X \& Y}$

$$\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab\text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(A - B) = \text{Var}(A) + \text{Var}(B) - 2\text{Cov}(A, B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V}{2} = V^2 + V^2 - 2\text{Cov}(A,B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(A,B) = V^2 - \frac{V}{4}$$

$$\text{Corr}(A,B) = \frac{\text{Cov}(A,B)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(A) \times \text{Var}(B)}} \Rightarrow \text{Corr}(A,B) = \frac{V^2 - \frac{V}{4}}{V \times V} = 1 - \frac{1}{4 \times V}$$

Q8.

Let a portfolio Π = Long underlying + Long put option (strike K_d) + Short call option (strike K_u).
This portfolio will have the same payoff as the main option (see below proof). By arbitrage, the main option will be equivalent to portfolio Π .

$$\Pi = S + P(K_d) - C(K_u)$$

Delta of main option = Delta of Portfolio

$$\Rightarrow \text{Delta of Portfolio} = \text{Delta of } S + \text{Delta of } P(K_d) - \text{Delta of } C(K_u)$$

$$\text{Delta of } S = \frac{\partial S}{\partial S} = 1$$

$$\text{Delta of } P(K_d) = \frac{\partial P(K_d)}{\partial S} = N(d_1) - 1$$

$$\text{Delta of } C(K_u) = \frac{\partial C(K_u)}{\partial S} = N(d_1)$$

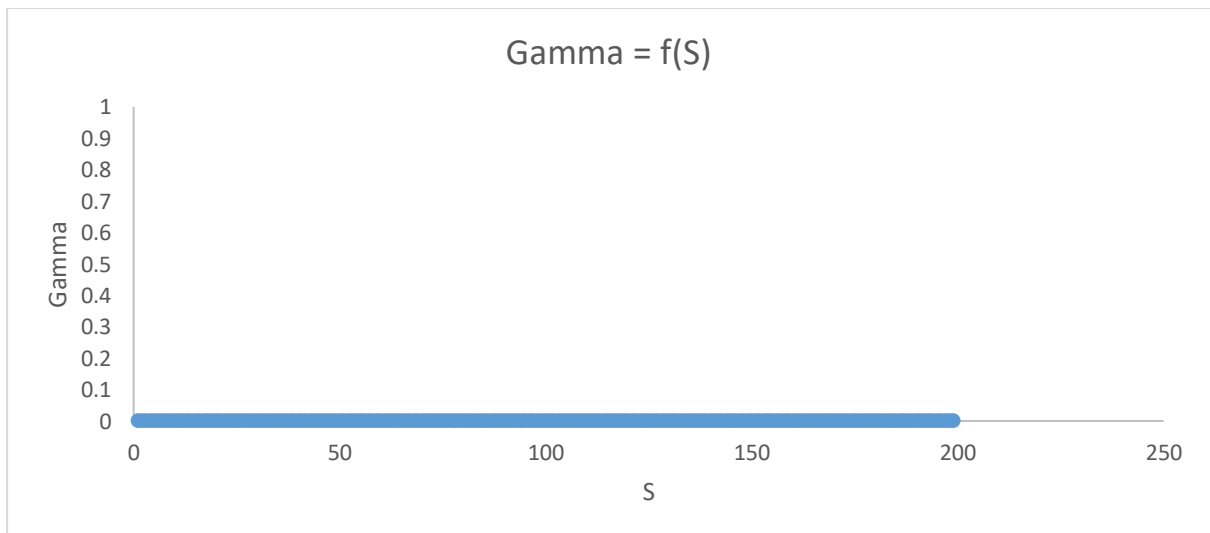
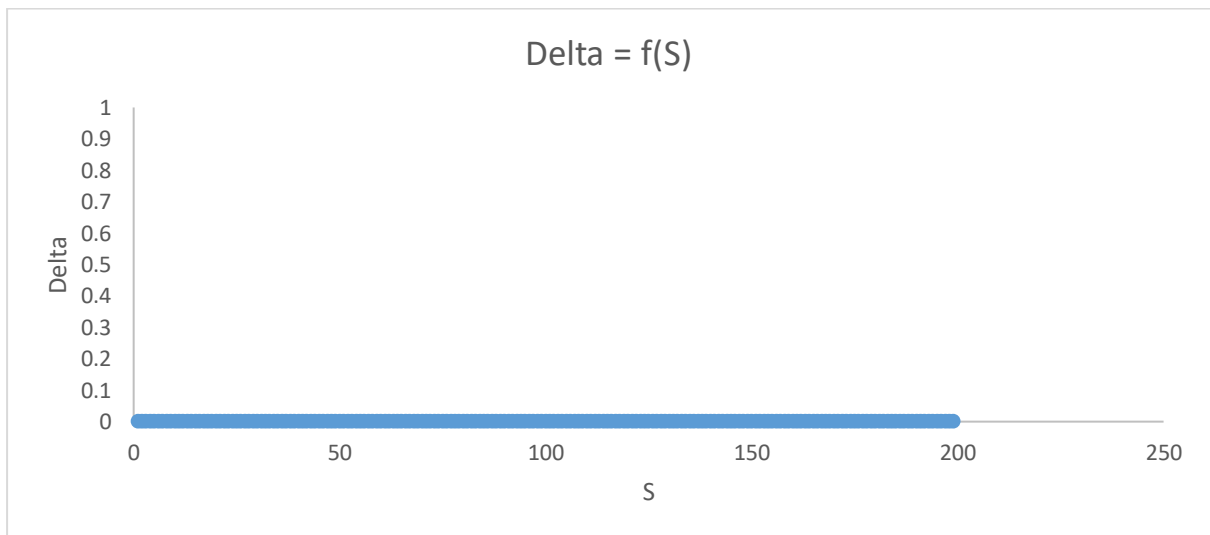
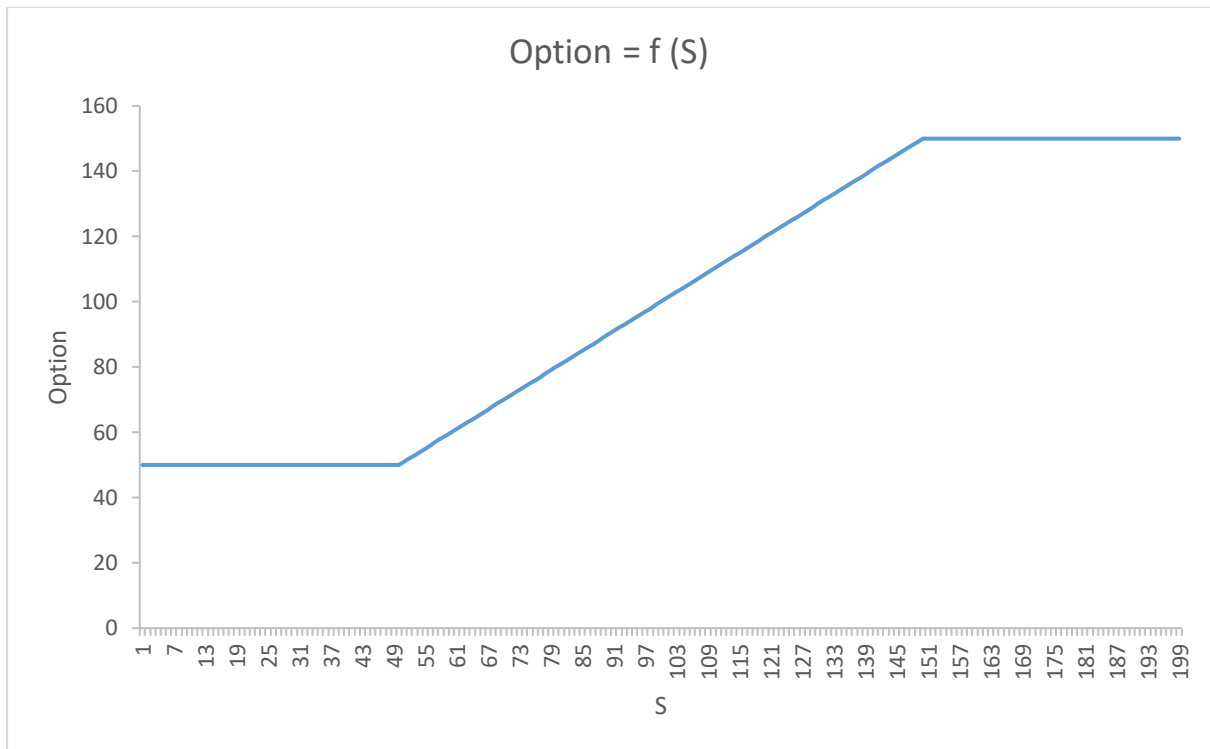
$$\Rightarrow \text{Delta of Portfolio} = 1 + N(d_1) - 1 - N(d_1) = 0$$

Gamma of main Option = Gamma of Portfolio

$$\Rightarrow \text{Gamma of Portfolio} = \frac{\partial \text{Delta of Portfolio}}{\partial S} = 0$$

	S	0	K_d	K_u	+Inf
L	S	S	K_d	K_u	S
L	P(K_d)	$K_d - S$	0	0	0
S	C(K_u)	0	0	0	$K_u - S$
Portofolio		K_d	K_d	K_u	K_u

Graphs below:



Q9.

- a) Want high correlation: need to construct one of the series as a linear transformation of the other.

Want weak statistical significance of correlation: need to create 2 time series with small sample sizes (e.g. $n = 4$).

Python code:

```
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import random as rd  
  
from scipy.stats.stats import pearsonr  
  
n=4  
  
t = range(1,n)  
  
x = [rd.random() for m in t]  
  
y = [2*m + rd.random() for m in x]  
  
print("Correlation coefficient: " + str(pearsonr(x,y)[0]))  
  
print("p-value of correlation coefficient: " + str(pearsonr(x,y)[1]))  
  
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```

Results:

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Correlation coefficient: 0.8902377967351918  
p-value of correlation coefficient: 0.30107618297766015  
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- b) Want low & positive correlation: use Choleski decomposition of desired correlation matrix to construct the series based on a predefined correlation coefficient. Start off with 2 uncorrelated series $X = [X_1, X_2]$. Compute the Choleski decomposition based on the target correlation matrix $C = L * L^T$. Compute $Y = [Y_1, Y_2] = L * X$. Y_1 & Y_2 will have desired correlation coefficient.

Want strong statistical significance of correlation: need to create 2 time series with large sample sizes (e.g. $n = 4000$).

Python code:

```
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import random as rd  
  
from scipy.stats.stats import pearsonr  
  
import math  
  
import scipy as sp
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import numpy as np

n=4000

corr = 0.1

cov_matrix = np.array([[1,corr],[corr,1]])

cholesky_decomp_lower = sp.linalg.cholesky(cov_matrix, lower=True)

uncorrelated = np.random.standard_normal((2, n))

correlated = np.dot(cholesky_decomp_lower, uncorrelated)

X, Y = correlated

print("Correlation coefficient: " + str(pearsonr(X,Y)[0]))

print("p-value of correlation coefficient: " + str(pearsonr(X,Y)[1]))

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Results:

Correlation coefficient: 0.10054141739215479
p-value of correlation coefficient: 1.8540986646081107e-10

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Q10.

$$a+b+c = 1$$

$a \in S$ and $|S| = 21 \Rightarrow a$ can take 21 values

Fix $a = 100\% \Rightarrow b + c = 0\% \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \in \{(0\%, 0\%)\}$ (1 case)

Fix $a = 95\% \Rightarrow b + c = 5\% \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \in \{(0\%, 5\%), (5\%, 0\%)\}$ (2 cases)

Fix $a = 90\% \Rightarrow b + c = 10\% \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \in \{(0\%, 10\%), (5\%, 5\%), (10\%, 0\%)\}$ (3 cases)

Fix $a = 85\% \Rightarrow b + c = 15\% \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \in \{(0\%, 15\%), (5\%, 10\%), (10\%, 5\%), (15\%, 0\%)\}$ (4 cases)

By now we should see a pattern. Reducing a by 5% increases the number of (b, c) pairs by 1. Just one more for testing:

Fix $a = 80\% \Rightarrow b + c = 20\% \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \in \{(0\%, 20\%), (5\%, 15\%), (10\%, 10\%), (15\%, 5\%), (20\%, 0\%)\}$ (5 cases) q.e.d

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Fix $a = 0\% \Rightarrow b + c = 100\% \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \in \{(0\%, 100\%), (5\%, 95\%), \dots, (100\%, 0\%)\}$ (21 cases)

Total number of elements in the desired set: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 21 = 231$

Q11.

See code solution under LGIM Islands.

Requirements: Python 3.7+, PyCharm 2018.2.1+, numpy 1.19.1, pytest 6.0.1

Instructions:

- 1) Change the value of x in Main.py/ReadInputs()
- 2) Run Main.py
- 3) (Optional) Run UnitTests.py