Computational Finance and its Object Oriented Implementation.

Exercise Handout 3

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Exercise 1

Write a JUnit test case called EnhancedValueTestWithLoop, possibly along the lines of EnhancedValueDoubleDifferentiableTest, with a method TestAdditionWithLoop. Here you test the class EnhancedValueDifferentiable we have seen last time by computing the derivative with respect to x of the function $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$, for n fixed: construct it as a for loop, then check that the value is nx and that the derivative is n, both up to a tolerance equal to the machine precision.

Exercise 2

This exercise (or some points of this exercise) may be done during the Tutorium

Write another JUnit test case that you now call StochasticAutomaticDifferentiationTest, whose goal is to test the implementation of the backward and forward Stochastic algorithmic differentiation in the Finmath library. We want to see how these approaches apply to objects of type RandomVariable, test the result they provide when computing the derivative of an operation and also test their performances. In particular, this test will be based on the classes net.finmath.montecarlo.automaticdifferentiation.backward.RandomVariableDifferentiableAD and

net.finmath.montecarlo.automaticdifferentiation.backward.RandomVariableDifferentiableAAD, both implementing the interface

net.finmath.montecarlo.automaticdifferentiation.RandomVariableDifferentiable.

Do the following:

- (a) Write a private method constructAndReturnRandomVariable() that returns a RandomVariable object, which wraps an array of doubles whose length is given by a field of the class and whose entries are random numbers, uniformly distributed between 0 and 2.
- (b) Call this method in order to construct two objects xValue and yValue of type RandomVariable, with such random entries. Create an object of type RandomVariableDifferentiableAAD, representing the random variable xValue, by typing RandomVariableDifferentiable xBackward = new RandomVariableDifferentiableAAD(new RandomVariableDifferentiableAAD(xValue)). Same thing for yValue, represented by an object RandomVariableDifferentiable yBackward. Do then the same for the forward differentiation, by creating the objects xForward and yForward. Have a look at how these objects are created in the respective classes.
- (c) Create a tree representing the operation $f(x,y) = e^{x^2+xy^2}$, first for the backward and then for forward case: for the backward case the leaves will be xBackward and yBackward, for the forward case xForward and yForward. The highest nodes of the trees will be called resultBackward and resultForward, respectively. Also create two fields Map<Long, RandomVariable> backwardGradient and Map<Long, RandomVariable> forwardGradient;¹
- (d) Write two private methods getBackwardGradient() and getForwardGradient(), which assign to backwardGradient and forwardGradient the gradient computed with the backward and with the forward method, respectively, and return a long representing the time needed for computing the gradient.
- (e) Write a method public void testRepeatedly(), where you call both the methods above 1000 times, and you count and print how many times getBackwardGradient() returned a time smaller than getForwardGradient(), and print the average time returned by both the methods.

¹Note that point 2 and point 3 can be done by coding outside any specific method

(f) Write two void methods testForwardDifferentiation() and testBackwardDifferentiation(), where you test the derivative computed with the forward and backward implementation, respectively. In particular, get the derivative of $f(x,y) = e^{x^2 + xy^2}$ with respect to x (you have to see which method of teh Finmath classes to use), print its average (it is a RandomVariable!) and check if all its realizations are equal (again, up to a very small tolerance) to the realizations of the RandomVariable object representing the analytic derivative.