Numerical Methods for Financial Mathematics.

Exercise Handout 13

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Exercise 1

This exercise might be done during the Tutorium

Write two classes implementing AbstractAssetMonteCarloProduct whose method

returns the Monte-Carlo approximation of the *Delta* of a European call option written on a Black-Scholes model represented by underlyingSimulation, by the Pathwise Differentiation Method and the Likelihood Ratio Method, respectively.

Compare the errors you get when approximating the *Delta* of the option using the two classes above and the one you have written for Exercise 1 Handout 12.

Hints: you can find a description of the Pathwise and Likelihood ratio methods from pages 530 and 537 of the script, respectively.

Above, I mentioned explicitly that now you have to take into consideration a Black-Scholes model. This is one of the major drawbacks of approximating the derivative with the Pathwise Differentiation and with the Likelihood Ratio methods: they are model dependent. So, writing the implementation of getValue, you should check that underlyingSimulation represents the simulation of a Black-Scholes model. For example, you can check if the object returned by letting call getModel() by underlyingSimulation (note: you might have to downcast it before doing that!) is of type BlackScholesModel.

Exercise 2

The Vega of a European call option is the option's price sensitivity with respect to changes in the volatility. Suppose that the option is written with respect to an underlying that follows a Black-Scholes model. Derive the calculation of the Vega of the European call option by using the Pathwise method described at page 530 of the script, just writing down the computations. In our case, θ is of course the volatility σ .