

HW6 solution

Problem 1 (Analytical Problem, Optional). 3.8

Problem 2 (Analytical Problem). *In class, we argue that when t is small, we have $e^{(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t + \sigma W_t} \approx 1 + \mu t + \sigma W_t$. Show that the linear approximation of $\mathbb{E}[S_t|S_0]$ and $\text{Var}(S_t|S_0)$ would match the conditional expectation and variance of the approximation $1 + \mu t + \sigma W_t$.*

Problem 3 (Analytical Problem). *Verify the Black-Scholes formula for the put option by evaluating $\tilde{\mathbb{E}}[e^{-r(T-t)} \max(K - S_T, 0)|S_t]$ by integral.*

Problem 4 (Analytical Problem). *Show that Vega of the call option is $S_0 N'(d_+) \sqrt{T-t}$.*

Problem 5 (Coding Problem). *Denote X_t and $V(t, S_t)$ the portfolio and call option price at time t . Numerically verify that we can let $X_T = V_T$ through Delta hedging. Suppose the expiration date $T = 1$, strike price $K = 100$, interest rate $r = 0$, initial stock price $S_0 = 100$, and the stock price follows the geometric Brownian motion $S_t = S_0 e^{(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t + \sigma W_t}$, whereas W_t is the Brownian motion, $\mu = 0.08$ and $\sigma = 0.16$. By Delta hedging, if we let $\Delta(t, x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} V(t, x)$, where $V(t, x)$ is the Black-Scholes formula and then $dX_t = \Delta(t, S_t) dS_t$, then we have $X_T = V_T$. To verify, generate M sequence of stock prices. For each sequence, do the simulation as follows:*

- Generate S_0, \dots, S_n for M (e.g., $M=1000$) times for a large choice of n (e.g., $n = 2520$). For each sequence,
 - Simulate the geometric Brownian motion $S_i = S_0 e^{(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t_i + \sigma W_i}$
 - Correspondingly, generate the portfolio by $X_{i+1} = X_i + \Delta(t_i, S_i)(S_{i+1} - S_i)$
 - At the expiration date T , verify that $X_T \approx V_T$