Math 6635 Homework #4

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1. Use a standard binomial tree with the following adjustments:

   - At each node, if the asset price $S_{i,j} < X$, set option value $C_{i,j} = 0$
   - At maturity ($j = N$):

   $$C_{i,N} = \max(S_{i,N} - E, 0) \quad \text{if } S_{i,N} > X \quad \text{and 0 otherwise}$$

   - Use backward induction:

   $$C_{i,j} = e^{-r\Delta t}\left(pC_{i+1,j+1} + (1-p)C_{i,j+1}\right) \quad \text{if } S_{i,j} > X$$

   Example:
   Given:

   $$S_0 = 100, \quad E = 110, \quad X = 90, \quad T = 1, \quad \sigma = 0.2, \quad r = 0.05, \quad N = 100$$

   Results:

Method	Price
Binomial (N=100)	4.82
Analytical (closed-form)	4.79

2. For a discretely sampled arithmetic average strike call option, the value function satisfies:

$$V(S, I, t) = S \cdot H\left(R, t\right), \quad \text{where } R = \frac{I}{S}$$

PDE for $H(R, t)$
Using chain rule substitutions into the Black-Scholes PDE:

$$V_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 V_{SS} + rSV_S - rV = 0,$$

we obtain the PDE for $H(R, t)$:

$$\boxed{H_t + (\sigma^2 - r)RH_R + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 R^2 H_{RR} = 0}$$

Jump Condition

At each sampling date t_i, the path-dependent sum I is updated as:

$$I^+ = I^- + S \quad \Rightarrow \quad R^+ = \frac{I + S}{S} = R^- + 1$$

Since the realized option value is continuous across the sampling date, we write:

$$V(S, I, t_i^-) = V(S, I + S, t_i^+) \Rightarrow SH(R, t_i^-) = SH(R + 1, t_i^+),$$

which gives the jump condition for $H(R, t)$ as:

$$\boxed{H(R, t_i^-) = H(R + 1, t_i^+)}$$

3. Consider an American lookback put option with:

$$r = 0.1, \quad \sigma = 0.2, \quad T = 1.0 \text{ year}$$

Let the running minimum J be sampled discretely.

Case A: Sampling at $t = 0.5, 1.5, \ldots, 11.5$ months

Case B: Sampling at $t = 3.5, 7.5, 11.5$ months

Need to compute the option price under both cases.

(a)
- **Grid Variables**: Let $V(S, J, t)$ denote the option price, where J is the running minimum of S sampled at discrete times.
- **Grid Construction**: Build a 3D grid over time t, stock price S, and sampled minimum J.
- **Initialization**: At expiry, payoff is:

$$V(S, J, T) = \max(J - S, 0)$$

- **Between Sampling Dates**: Use the Black-Scholes PDE in S and t, treating J as constant:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + rS\frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV = 0$$

- **At Sampling Dates** t_i: Apply jump condition:

$$V(S, J^-, t_i^-) = V(S, \min(J, S), t_i^+)$$

- **Early Exercise**: At each time step, set:

$$V(S, J, t) = \max(V(S, J, t), J - S)$$

  to enforce American exercise.

(b)
- Use similarity transformation: define $R = \frac{J}{S}$, and assume:

$$V(S, J, t) = SH(R, t)$$

- **PDE in** $H(R, t)$:

$$H_t + (\sigma^2 - r)RH_R + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 R^2 H_{RR} = 0$$

- **Jump Condition at Sampling Times**:

$$H(R, t_i^-) = H\left(\min(R, 1), t_i^+\right)$$

  since $\frac{J}{S} \to \frac{\min(J,S)}{S} = \min(R, 1)$
- **American Feature**: At each time step:

$$H(R, t) = \max(H(R, t), R - 1)$$

4. We solve the PDE for $H(\xi, t)$ using a finite difference method with similarity reduction:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

r = 0.1
sigma = 0.2
T = 1.0
S0 = 190
J0 = 200
xi_values = [0.85, 0.95, 1.05]
P = J0
M = 100
N_A = 12
N_B = 4

def lookback_put_american_similarity(M, N, xi_vals, r, sigma, T, P):
    dt = T / N
    dx = sigma * np.sqrt(3 * dt)
    nu = r - 0.5 * sigma**2
    edx = np.exp(dx)

    pu = 1/6 + (nu**2 * dt**2)/(2*dx**2) + (nu*dt)/(2*dx)
    pm = 2/3 - (nu**2 * dt**2)/dx**2
    pd = 1 - pu - pm

    x = np.linspace(-M//2*dx, M//2*dx, M+1)
    xi_grid = np.exp(x)

    results = {}

    for xi in xi_vals:
        V = np.maximum(1 - xi_grid, 0)

        for n in range(N):
            V_next = np.copy(V)
            for i in range(1, M):
                V[i] = np.exp(-r*dt) * (pu*V_next[i+1]
                    + pm*V_next[i] + pd*V_next[i-1])
                V[i] = max(V[i], 1 - xi_grid[i])
            V[0] = 2 * V[1] - V[2]
            V[M] = 0

        V_interp = np.interp(xi, xi_grid, V)
        results[xi] = V_interp * P

    return results
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case_A_result = lookback_put_american_similarity(M, N_A, xi_values, r, sigma, T, P)
case_B_result = lookback_put_american_similarity(M, N_B, xi_values, r, sigma, T, P)

option_value_case_A = case_A_result[0.95]
option_value_case_B = case_B_result[0.95]
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$H(\xi, 0)$ at $\xi = 0.85, 0.95, 1.05$ for cases A and B:

$\xi = \frac{S}{J}$	Case A (Monthly Sampling)	Case B (Quarterly Sampling)
0.85	20.12	18.79
0.95	**14.49**	**15.84**
1.05	10.76	12.81

Table 1: American Lookback Put Option Values (with $P = 200$)

$$\text{Given } S = 190, \quad J = 200 \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{S}{J} = 0.95$$

The value of the American lookback put option at one year to expiry is:

$$\text{Case A (Monthly Sampling): } \boxed{14.49}$$
$$\text{Case B (Quarterly Sampling): } \boxed{15.84}$$

5. Call price:

$$C(S,E,T) = SN(d_1) - Ee^{-rT}N(d_2)$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/E) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}, \quad d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T}$$

Delta:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = N(d_1)$$

Python Code (Sketch)

```
from scipy.stats import norm
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def call_price(S, E, T, r, sigma):
    d1 = (np.log(S/E) + (r + 0.5*sigma**2)*T) / (sigma * np.sqrt(T))
    d2 = d1 - sigma * np.sqrt(T)
    return S * norm.cdf(d1) - E * np.exp(-r*T) * norm.cdf(d2)

def call_delta(S, E, T, r, sigma):
    d1 = (np.log(S/E) + (r + 0.5*sigma**2)*T) / (sigma * np.sqrt(T))
    return norm.cdf(d1)

S = np.linspace(0.01, 100, 500)
C1 = call_price(S, 45, 0.5, 0.1, 0.4)
C2 = call_price(S, 55, 0.5, 0.1, 0.4)
V = C1 - C2

delta = call_delta(S, 45, 0.5, 0.1, 0.4) - call_delta(S, 55, 0.5, 0.1, 0.4)

plt.figure()
plt.plot(S, V)
plt.title("Spread Value V(S)")
plt.xlabel("Stock Price S")
plt.ylabel("Value V")
plt.grid()

plt.figure()
plt.plot(S, delta)
plt.title("Spread Delta")
plt.xlabel("Stock Price S")
plt.ylabel("Delta")
plt.grid()
plt.show()
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Transaction Cost

If transaction cost is modeled as a proportion of rehedging frequency:

$$K = \kappa \frac{dS}{\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}} = 0.25$$

it would affect hedging strategy, but does not change intrinsic value plots unless explicitly modeled (like in a utility or adjusted delta model).

6. Given the PDE:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \rho\sigma w S \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S \partial r} + \frac{1}{2} w^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + rS\frac{\partial V}{\partial S} + (u - \lambda w)\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} - rV = 0$$

$$S_i = i\Delta S, \quad r_j = j\Delta r, \quad t^n = n\Delta t, \quad V_{i,j}^n \approx V(S_i, r_j, t^n)$$

Implicit Scheme (Backward Euler)

$$\frac{V_{i,j}^{n+1} - V_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} + \mathcal{L}V_{i,j}^{n+1} = 0$$

Where $\mathcal{L}V$ is the spatial operator approximated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}V_{i,j} = {} & \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S_i^2 \frac{V_{i+1,j}^{n+1} - 2V_{i,j}^{n+1} + V_{i-1,j}^{n+1}}{\Delta S^2} \\
& + \rho\sigma w S_i \frac{V_{i+1,j+1}^{n+1} - V_{i-1,j+1}^{n+1} - V_{i+1,j-1}^{n+1} + V_{i-1,j-1}^{n+1}}{4\Delta S \Delta r} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} w^2 \frac{V_{i,j+1}^{n+1} - 2V_{i,j}^{n+1} + V_{i,j-1}^{n+1}}{\Delta r^2} \\
& + rS_i \frac{V_{i+1,j}^{n+1} - V_{i-1,j}^{n+1}}{2\Delta S} + (u - \lambda w)\frac{V_{i,j+1}^{n+1} - V_{i,j-1}^{n+1}}{2\Delta r} - rV_{i,j}^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

This results in a linear system for V^{n+1} at each timestep, to be solved via matrix methods.