

Computational Finance

Exercises for participants of the programme 'Quantitative Finance'

T-Exercise 08 (American put option in the CRR model)

- a) Let W be a standard Brownian motion. Represent the process $X(t) = tW(t)$ as an Itô-process, i.e. in the form

$$d(X(t)) = \dots dt + \dots dW(t)$$

- b) Represent the process

$$Y(t) = \frac{W(t)}{1+t}$$

as an Itô-process.

T-Exercise 09 (Exchange rates)

Assume that the exchange rate $D(t)$ of the US-Dollar in Euro at time $t > 0$ follows the equation

$$dD(t) = D(t)\mu dt + D(t)\sigma dW(t)$$

with $D(0) > 0$ and $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, the exchange rate of the Euro in US-Dollar at time $t > 0$ is given by $E(t) := \frac{1}{D(t)}$.

- a) Represent the process E as Itô process, i.e. in the form

$$dE(t) = \dots dt + \dots dW(t).$$

- b) Use the stochastic exponential to compute $D(t)$ and $E(t)$.

- c) Use your results from part a) or part b) to interpret the case $\mu = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$ economically.

C-Exercise 10 (Adaptive step size control for the binomial method)

We extend the algorithm of C-Exercise 06 by choosing the number of periods adaptively in the following way. All other parameters being fixed, we compute the fair price of the American put option for M and $2M$ periods, respectively. The corresponding prices are denoted by V_M and V_{2M} . If

$$\frac{|V_M - V_{2M}|}{V_M} < \varepsilon$$

for some fixed accuracy $\varepsilon > 0$, the algorithm accepts V_{2M} as option price and returns this value. In the other case, we double the number of periods and compute the relative deviation of V_{2M} and V_{4M} . If these values satisfy the above termination condition, the value V_{4M} is returned. If not, the number of periods is doubled until the termination condition is satisfied, and the corresponding value is returned. Implement this algorithm in a scilab function

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V0 = CRR_AmPut_Adapt (S_0, r, sigma, T, K, M, epsilon),
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and test it for

$$S(0) = 100, r = 0.03, \sigma = 0.24, T = 3/4, K = 95, M = 5, \varepsilon = 0.001.$$

Please save your solution of each C-Exercise in a file named `Exercise_##.sce`, where `##` denotes the number of the exercise. Please include your name(s) as comment in the beginning of the file.

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