

Computer Problem set 4.

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Using a forward simulation of $(W_{t_i^n})$ we can simulate $(S_{t_i^n})$ thanks to the expression:

$$S_{t_i^n} = S_0 \exp\left(\left(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)t + \sigma W_{t_i^n}\right)$$

Let's compute the mean of S_t for a given $t \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(S_t) &= \mathbb{E}(S_0 \cdot \exp((\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t + \sigma W_t)) \\ &= S_0 \cdot \exp((\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t) \cdot \mathbb{E}(\exp(\sigma W_t))\end{aligned}$$

Since σW_t has a $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 t)$ distribution we can conclude by using Laplace's transformation that:

$$\mathbb{E}(S_t) = S_0 \cdot \exp(\mu t)$$

It is also interesting to compute the variance of S_t since the quality of our Monte-Carlo estimations of the mean of S_t depends on the size of the variance.

A similar calculation of the mean gives us the result: $\text{Var}(S_t) = S_0^2 \cdot e^{2\mu t} (e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1)$

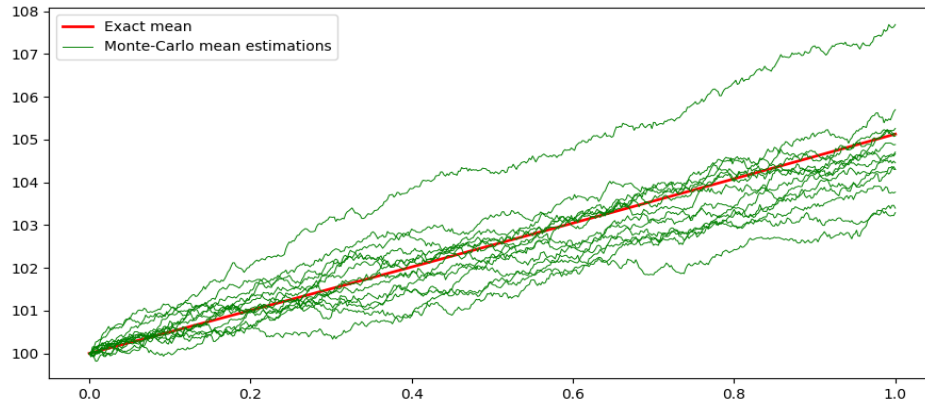


Figure 1: Estimations of mean of S_t

As we can predicted from the result $Var(S_t) = S_0^2 \cdot e^{2\mu t} (e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1)$ the quality of the estimation tend to get lower as time t becomes bigger.

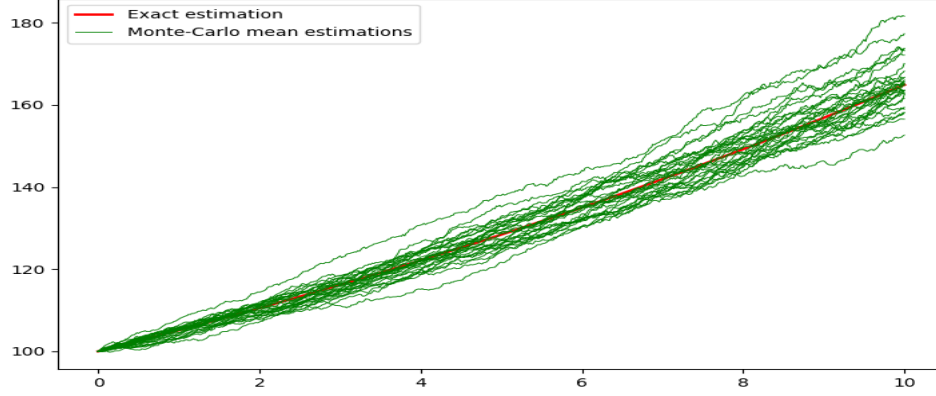


Figure 2: Estimations of mean of S_t

The value of the drift μ has a big impact on the mean of S_t since it's expression suggests an exponential variation in μt

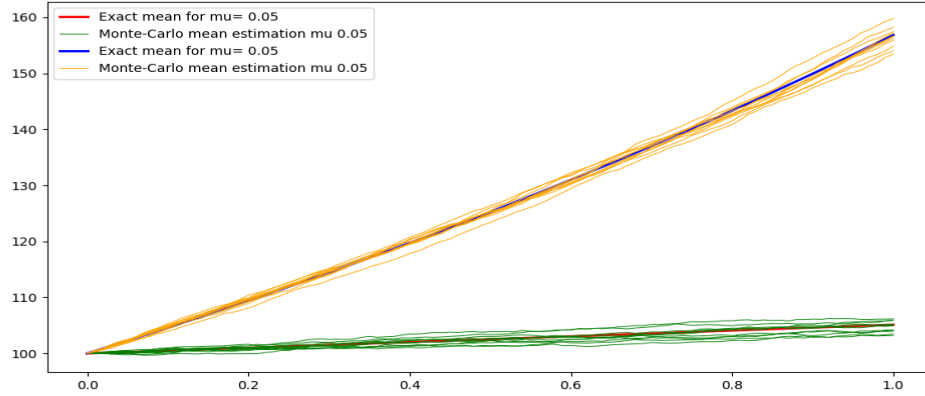


Figure 3: Estimations of mean of S_t

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In this question we simulate N copies of *Profit-loss* matrix $(PL_T^n(K))_{K \in K-list, n \in n-list}$ in order to compute the the mean and variance of $PL_T^n(K)$ for different values of n and K . This will allow us

to plot the mean and volatility surface of PL .

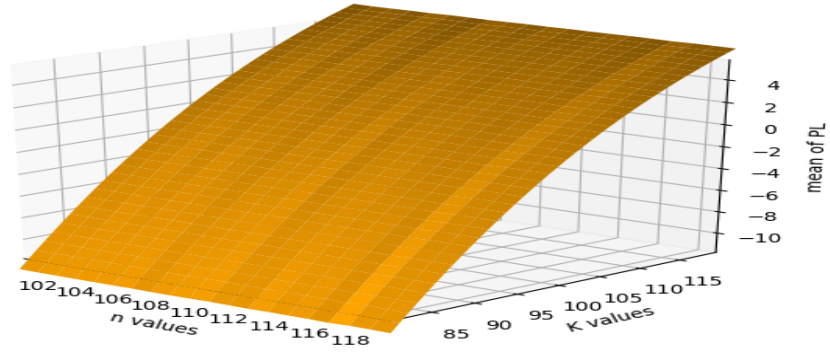


Figure 4: Estimations of volatilities of PL for different n and K values

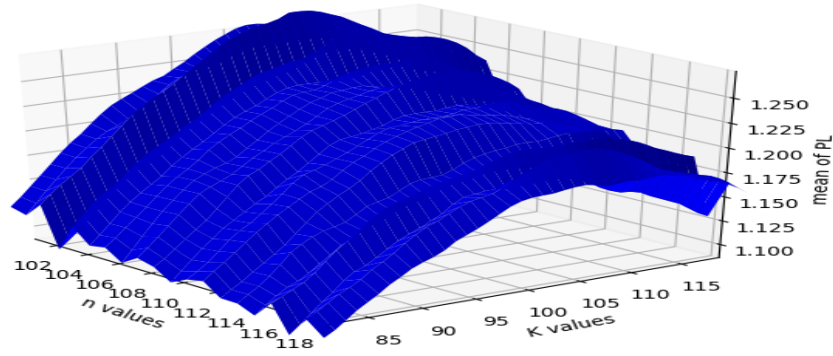


Figure 5: Estimations of mean of PL for different n and K values