

# Computational Finance

## Part II: Derivatives Pricing

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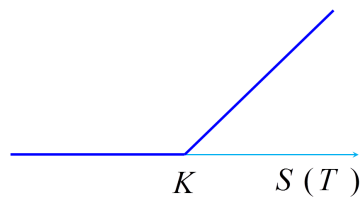
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## Derivatives Pricing

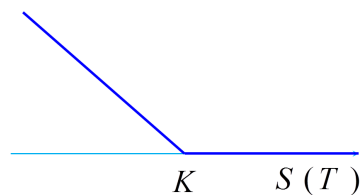
- Efficiency, no-arbitrage and fair price
- Example:
  - Price today  $S(0)$
  - $A$  and  $B$  enter into a *future* contract to sell/buy at price  $F$  at time  $T$
  - $A$  borrows  $S(0)$  from the bank, buys the asset and waits till  $T$
  - At time  $T$ ,  $A$  owes the bank  $S(0) \exp(rT)$  and has the asset to sell to  $B$ .
  - $F = S(0) \exp(rT)$ , else arbitrage opportunity

# Options

- Call: right to buy at price  $K$  at time  $T$



- Put: right to sell at price  $K$  at time  $T$



- Exercise of contract
  - European style: only at time  $T$
  - American style: any time in  $0 \rightarrow T$

- Example: Put-Call Parity

**K: strike price**

- Portfolio  $P_1$ : European Call + cash  $K \exp(-rT)$
- Portfolio  $P_2$ : European Put + one share of underlying stock
- Values at time  $t = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ll} P_1 & C + K \exp(-rT) \\ P_2 & P + S(0) \end{array}$$

- Value of portfolios at time  $t = T$

$$S(T) > K \quad \begin{array}{ll} P_1 & [S(T) - K] + K = S(T) \\ P_2 & 0 + S(T) = S(T) \end{array}$$

$$S(T) < K \quad \begin{array}{ll} P_1 & 0 + K = K \\ P_2 & [K - S(T)] + S(T) = K \end{array}$$

- Both portfolios having the same value at time  $t = T$  should also have the same value at  $t = 0$ .

$$C + K \exp(-rT) = P + S(0)$$

- Geometric Brownian motion for stock price

$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t)$$

$$\frac{dS(t)}{S(t)} = \mu dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

- Stochastic differential equation for the log of the process

$$F(S, t) = \log S(t)$$

- Ito's lemma tells us about increments  $dF$
- Terms needed to apply Ito's lemma

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial S} &= \frac{1}{S} \\ \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S^2} &= -\frac{1}{S^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}dF &= \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \mu S \frac{\partial F}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S^2} \right) dt + \sigma S \frac{\partial F}{\partial S} dW \\ &= \left( \mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) dt + \sigma dW\end{aligned}$$

$$\log S(t) = \log S(0) + \left( \mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) t + \sigma dW(t)$$

- $dW(t) = \epsilon \sqrt{t}$  where  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

$$\log S(t) \sim \mathcal{N} \left[ \log S(0) + \left( \mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) t, \sigma^2 t \right]$$

- Log of asset price has a normal distribution
- Also

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp \left( \left( \mu - \sigma^2/2 \right) t + \sigma \sqrt{t} \epsilon \right)$$

# Black-Scholes Model

- Model

$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t)$$

- Change in option price

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial S}dS + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}dt$$

- At maturity

$$F(S(T), T) = \max\{S(T) - K, 0\}$$

- Consider a portfolio

- Own  $\Delta$  stocks (long)
- One call option sold

$$\Pi = \Delta S - f(S, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}d\Pi &= \Delta dS - df \\&= \left(\Delta - \frac{\partial f}{\partial S}\right) dS - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\right) dt\end{aligned}$$

- Term in  $dS$  (stochastic) can be eliminated by choosing  $\Delta$

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial f}{\partial S}$$

- With this choice of  $\Delta$  (balance between short and long), the portfolio is riskless.
- $d\Pi = r\Pi dt$
- Eliminating  $d\Pi$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2}\right) dt &= r \left(f - S \frac{\partial f}{\partial S}\right) dt \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + rS \frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2} - rf &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Partial differential equation

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

- Boundary condition

- European Call:  $f(S, T) = \max\{S - K, 0\}$
- European Put:  $f(S, T) = \max\{K - S, 0\}$

- Black-Scholes

$$C = S_0 \mathcal{N}(d_1) - K \exp(-rT) \mathcal{N}(d_2)$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r - \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

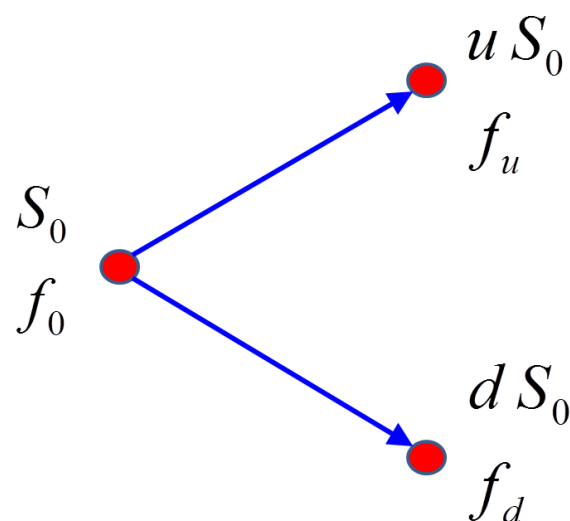
$$= d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp(-y^2/2) dy$$

- Put-Call parity

$$P = K \exp(-rT) \mathcal{N}(-d_2) - S_0 \mathcal{N}(-d_1)$$

## Binomial Lattice



# Options Pricing on a Binomial Model

- Construct a portfolio:
  - A riskless bond, initial price  $B_0 = 1$  and future value  $B_1 = \exp(r\delta t)$
  - Underlying asset, initial value  $S_0$
  - Number of stocks  $\Delta$ , number of bonds  $\psi$
- Initial value of this portfolio

$$\Pi_0 = \Delta S_0 + \psi$$

- Future value depends on price movement up or down

$$\begin{cases} \Pi_u = \Delta S_0 u + \psi \exp(r\delta t) \\ \Pi_d = \Delta S_0 d + \psi \exp(r\delta t) \end{cases}$$

- We can solve for a portfolio that will replicate option payoff

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_0 u + \psi \exp(r\delta t) &= f_u \\ \Delta S_0 d + \psi \exp(r\delta t) &= f_d \end{aligned}$$

... and solve for  $\Delta$  and  $\psi$

- ... solving

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \frac{f_u - f_d}{S_0(u - d)} \\ \psi &= \exp(-r\delta t) \frac{uf_d - df_u}{u - d} \end{aligned}$$

- No arbitrage  $\implies$  initial value of this portfolio should be  $f_0$

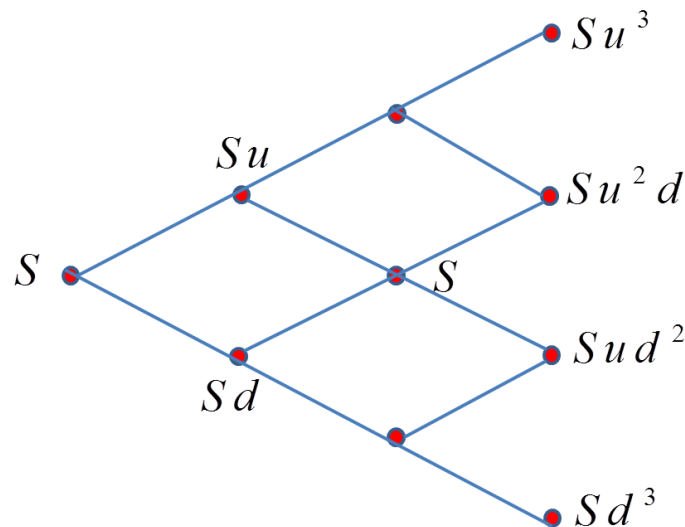
$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= \Delta S_0 + \psi \\ &= \frac{f_u - f_d}{(u - d)} + \exp(-r\delta t) \frac{uf_d - df_u}{u - d} \\ &= \exp(-r\delta t) \left\{ \frac{f_u}{u - d} + \frac{f_d}{u - d} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Defining probabilities

$$\pi_u = \frac{\exp(r\delta t) - d}{u - d} \text{ and } \pi_d = \frac{u - \exp(r\delta t)}{u - d}$$

option price interpreted as discounted expected value

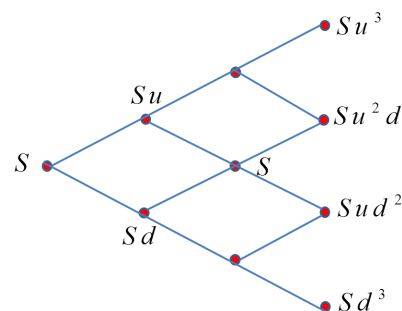
$$f_0 = \exp(-r\delta t) (\pi_u f_u + \pi_d f_d)$$



## Calibrating a Binomial Lattice

- When are these equivalent?

$$dS = r S dt + \sigma S dW$$



- Log normal distribution

$$\log(S_{t+\delta t}) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\left(r - \sigma^2/2\right), \sigma^2 \delta t\right)$$

- Mean and variance of log normal distribution

(log of the variable is normal, what is mean and variance of the variable?)

$$\begin{aligned} E[S_{t+\delta t}] &= \exp(r \delta t) \\ \text{Var}[S_{t+\delta t}] &= \exp(2r \delta t) (\exp(\sigma^2 \delta t) - 1) \end{aligned}$$

## Calibrating binomial lattice (cont'd)

- Mean for the lattice

$$E[S_{t+\delta t}] = puS_t + (1-p)dS_t$$

- Equating the means...

$$puS_t + (1-p)dS_t = \exp(r\delta t) S_t$$

$$p = \frac{\exp(r\delta t) - d}{u - d}$$

- Variance on the lattice

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[S_{t+\delta t}] &= E[S_{t+\delta t}^2] - E^2[S_{t+\delta t}] \\ &= S_t^2 (pu^2 + (1-p)d^2) - S_t^2 \exp(2r\delta t)\end{aligned}$$

... which from the dynamical model is...

$$\text{Var}[S_{t+\delta t}] = S_t^2 \exp(2r\delta t) (\exp(\sigma^2\delta t) - 1)$$

## (cont'd)

- Equating the two variances

$$S_t^2 \exp(2r\delta t) (\exp(\sigma^2\delta t) - 1) = S_t^2 (pu^2 + (1-p)d^2) - S_t^2 \exp(2r\delta t)$$

Which reduces to

$$\exp(2r\delta t + \sigma^2\delta t) = pu^2 + (1-p)d^2$$

Substitute for  $p$  and simplify

$$\exp(2r\delta t + \sigma^2\delta t) = (u + d) \exp(r\delta t) - 1$$

...and because  $u = 1/d$ ,

$$u^2 \exp(r\delta t) - u (1 + \exp(2r\delta t + \sigma^2\delta t)) + \exp(r\delta t) = 0$$

... a quadratic equation in  $u$ .



$$u = \frac{(1 + \exp(2r\delta t + \sigma^2\delta t)) + \sqrt{(1 + \exp(2r\delta t + \sigma^2\delta t))^2 - 4\exp(2r\delta t)}}{2\exp(r\delta t)}$$

Taylor series expansion of  $\exp(x)$

$$(1 + \exp(2r\delta t + \sigma^2\delta t))^2 - 4\exp(2r\delta t) \approx (2 + (2r + \sigma^2)\delta t)^2 - 4(1 + 2r\delta t) \approx 4\sigma^2\delta t$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &\approx \frac{2 + (2r + \sigma^2)\delta t + 2\sigma\sqrt{\delta t}}{2\exp(r\delta t)} \\ &\approx \left(1 + r\delta t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\delta t + \sigma\sqrt{\delta t}\right)(1 - r\delta t) \\ &\approx 1 + r\delta t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\delta t + \sigma\sqrt{\delta t} - r\delta t \\ &= 1 + \sigma\sqrt{\delta t} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\delta t \end{aligned}$$

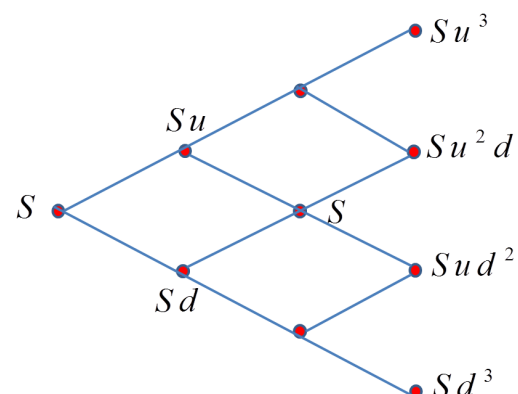
## Calibrating the Binomial Lattice (cont'd)

$$u = \exp(\sigma\sqrt{\delta t})$$

$$d = \exp(-\sigma\sqrt{\delta t})$$

$$p = \frac{\exp(r\delta t) - d}{u - d}$$

$$dS = rSdt + \sigma SdW$$



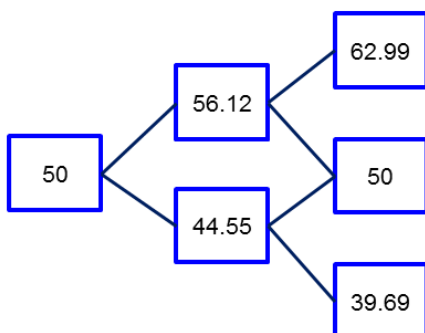
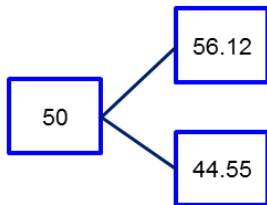
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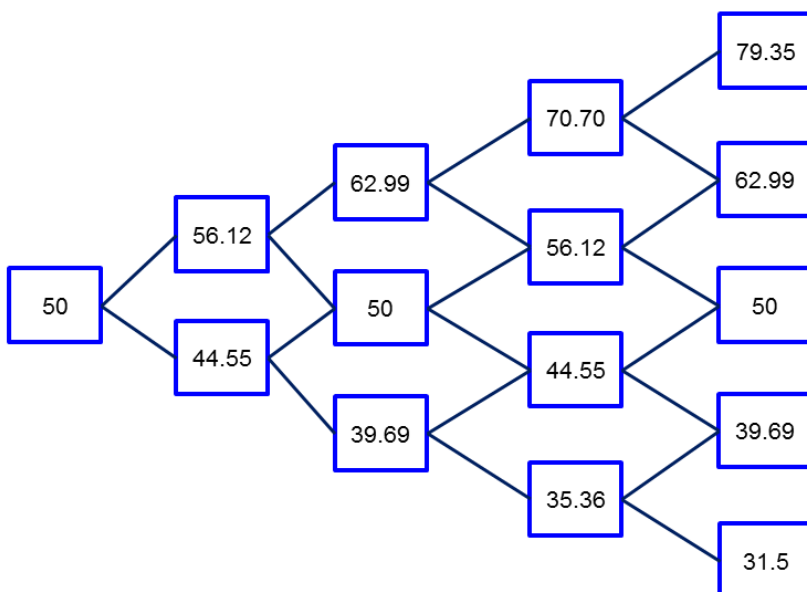
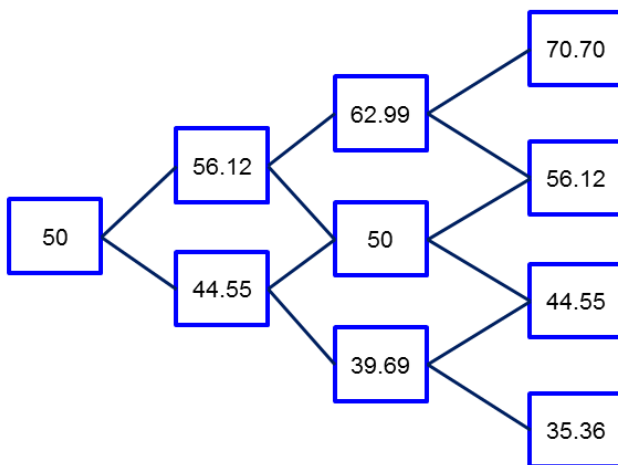
- European call option;  $S_0 = K = 50$ ;  $r = 0.1$ ;  $\sigma = 0.4$ ; maturity in five months.

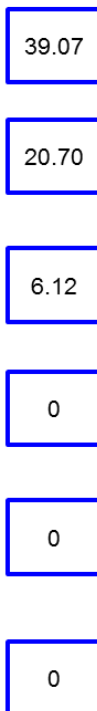
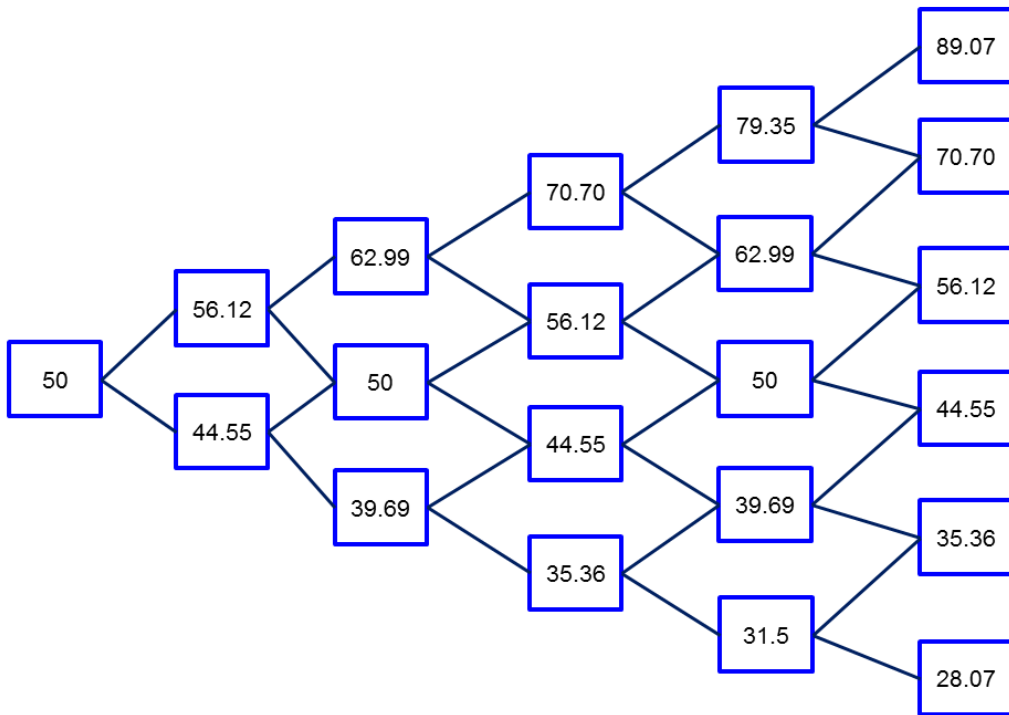
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>> call = blsprice(50, 50, 0.1, 5/12, 0.4)
call =
    6.1165
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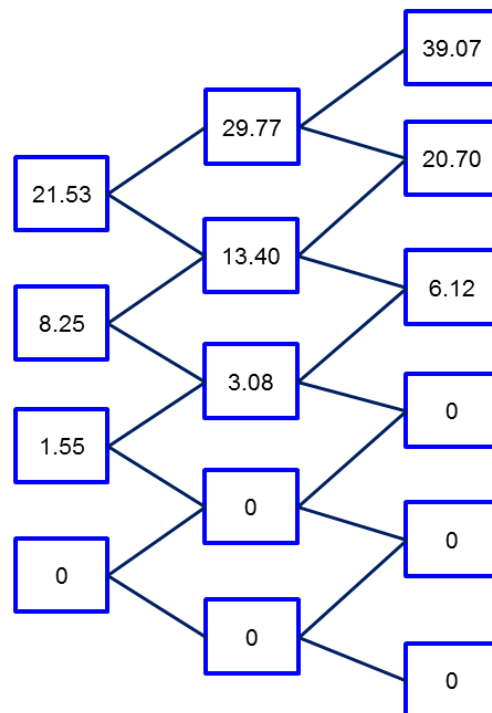
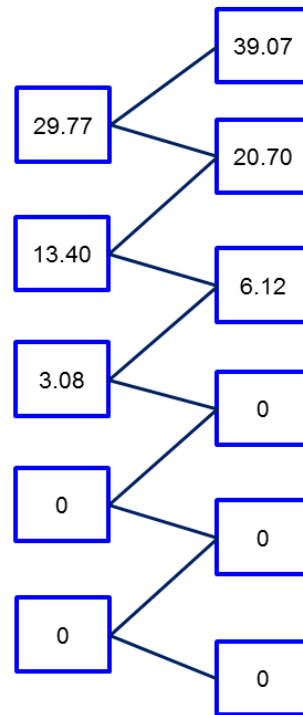
We can now build the lattice

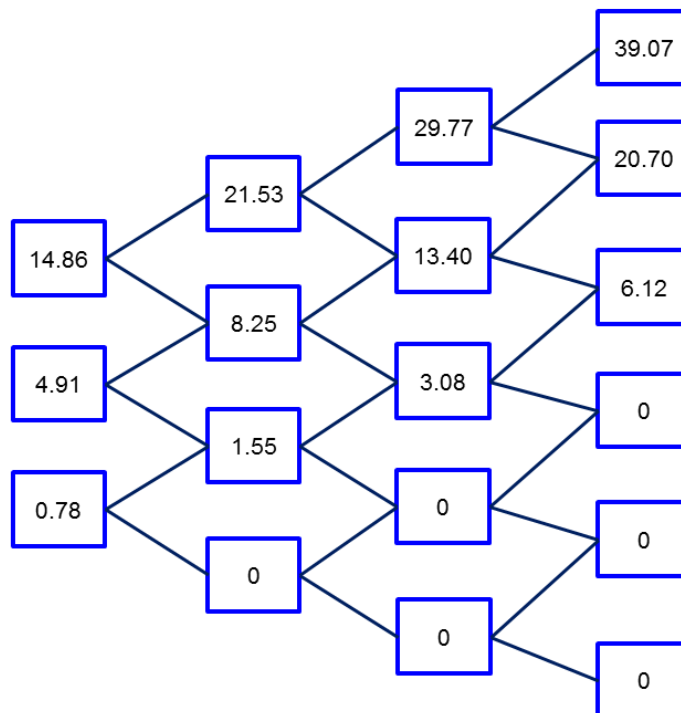
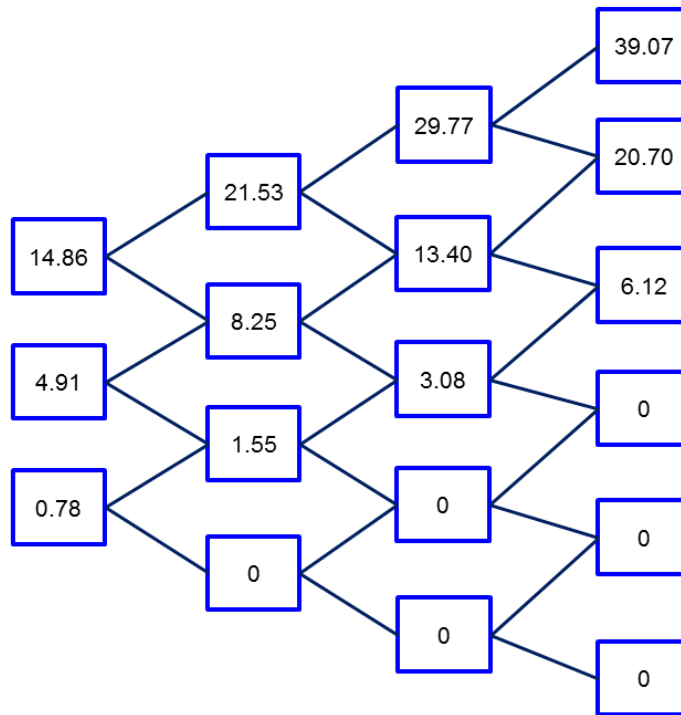
$\delta t$	$1/12$	0.0833
$u$	$\exp(\sigma\sqrt{t})$	1.1224
$d$	$1/u$	0.8909
$p$	$(\exp(r\delta t) - d) / (u - d)$	0.5073

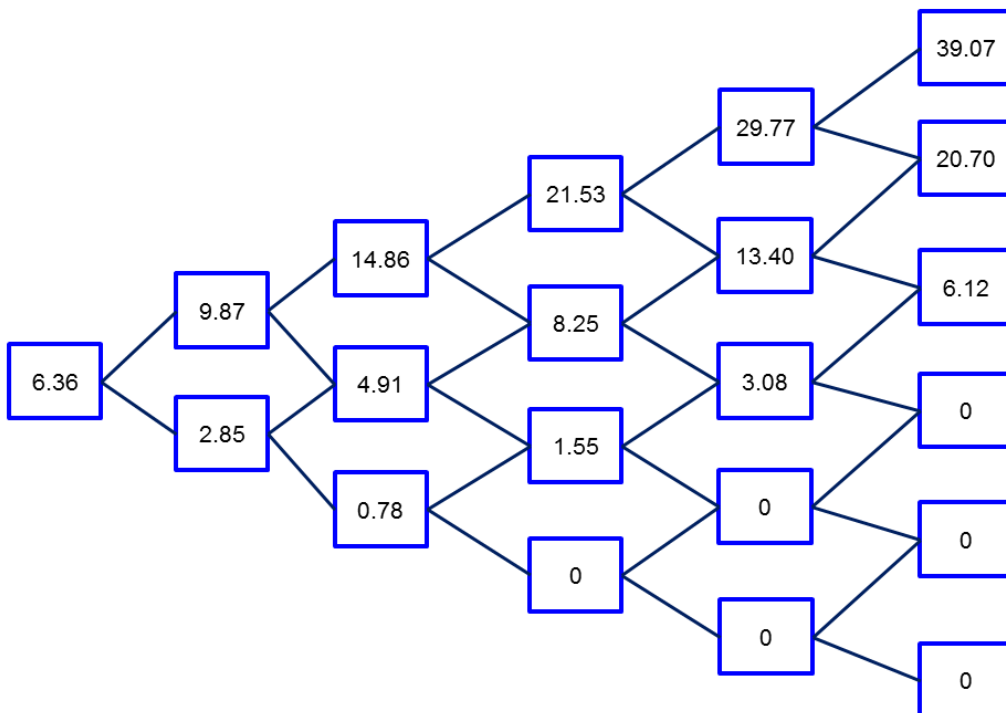
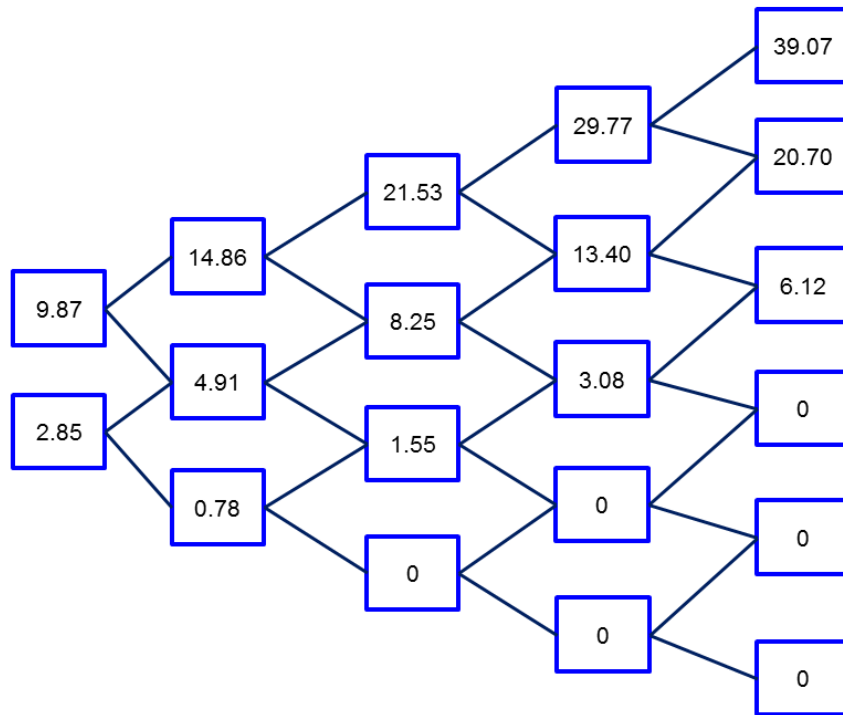














# Pricing European Call Option by Binomial Lattice

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function [price, lattice] = LatticeEurCall(S0,K,r,T,sigma,N)

deltaT = T/N;
u=exp(sigma * sqrt(deltaT));
d=1/u;
p=(exp(r*deltaT) - d)/(u-d);
lattice = zeros(N+1,N+1);

for i=0:N
    lattice(i+1,N+1)=max(0 , S0*(u^i)*(d^(N-i)) - K);
end

for j=N-1:-1:0
    for i=0:j
        lattice(i+1,j+1) = exp(-r*deltaT) * ...
            (p * lattice(i+2,j+2) + (1-p) * lattice(i+1,j+2));
    end
end

price = lattice(1,1);
```

# Pricing American Style Put Option

```
function price = AmPutLattice(S0,K,r,T,sigma,N)
deltaT = T/N;
u=exp(sigma * sqrt(deltaT));
d=1/u;
p=(exp(r*deltaT) - d)/(u-d);
discount = exp(-r*deltaT);
p_u = discount*p;
p_d = discount*(1-p);
SVals = zeros(2*N+1,1);
SVals(N+1) = S0;

[...]
```

## Pricing American Style Put Option (cont'd)

```
function price = AmPutLattice(S0,K,r,T,sigma,N)

[...]
```

```
for i=1:N
    SVals(N+1+i) = u*SVals(N+i);
    SVals(N+1-i) = d*SVals(N+2-i);
end
PVals = zeros(2*N+1,1);
for i=1:2:2*N+1
    PVals(i) = max(K-SVals(i),0);
end

[...]
```

## Pricing American Style Put Option (cont'd)

```
function price = AmPutLattice(S0,K,r,T,sigma,N)

[...]
```

```
for tau=1:N
    for i= (tau+1):2:(2*N+1-tau)
        hold = p_u*PVals(i+1) + p_d*PVals(i-1);
        PVals(i) = max(hold, K-SVals(i));
    end
end
price = PVals(N+1);
```

- Decisions at every point during backtracking

$$f_{i,j} = \max \{ K - S_{i,j}, \exp(-r\delta t) (p f_{i+1,j+1} + (1-p) f_{i,j+1}) \}$$

- We will look at inference as expectations...

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

- Consider the integral

$$I = \int_0^1 g(x) dx$$

- Think of this as computing the expected value  
( of a function of a uniform random variable):

$$E[g(U)], \text{ where } U \sim (0, 1)$$

- We approximate the integral by

$$\hat{I}_m = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m g(U_i)$$

- Where will we use this?
- European call option

$$f = \exp(-rT) E[f_T]$$

- $f_T$  is payoff at maturity  $T$ ; fair price is discounted expected payoff
- $f_T = \max\{0, S(0) \exp((r - \sigma^2/2)T + \sigma\sqrt{T}\epsilon) - K\}$

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```
% BlsMC1.m
function Price = BlsMC1(S0,K,r,T,sigma,NRepl)
nuT = (r - 0.5*sigma^2)*T;
siT = sigma * sqrt(T);
DiscPayoff = exp(-r*T)*max(0, S0*exp(nuT+siT*randn(NRepl,1))-K);
Price = mean(DiscPayoff);
```

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```
> S0=50; K=60; r=0.05; T=1; sigma=0.2;
> randn('state', 0);
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000)
ans =
1.2562
```

# Is this a good approach?

- Different answers on different runs

```
> S0=50; K=60; r=0.05; T=1; sigma=0.2;
> randn('state', 0);
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000)
ans =
    1.2562
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000)
ans =
    1.8783
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000)
ans =
    1.7864
```

- What if we had large number of samples?

```
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000000)
ans =
    1.6295
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000000)
ans =
    1.6164
> BlsMC1(S0, K, r, T, sigma, 1000000)
ans =
    1.6141
```

## Sampling: Inverse Transform

- Sample  $X$  from  $f(x)$ ; Cumulative distribution  $F(x)$

- Draw  $U \sim U(0,1)$
- Return  $X = F^{-1}(U)$

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X \leq x\} &= P\{F^{-1}(U) \leq x\} \\ &= P\{U \leq F(x)\} \\ &= F(x) \end{aligned}$$

- Example: Exponential distribution  $X \sim \exp(\mu)$

- Cumulative

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp(-\mu x)$$

- Inverse

$$x = -\frac{1}{\mu} \log(1 - U)$$

- Distributions of  $U$  and  $(1 - U)$  are the same  
Hence return:  $-\log(U)/\mu$

# Sampling: Acceptance-Rejection Method

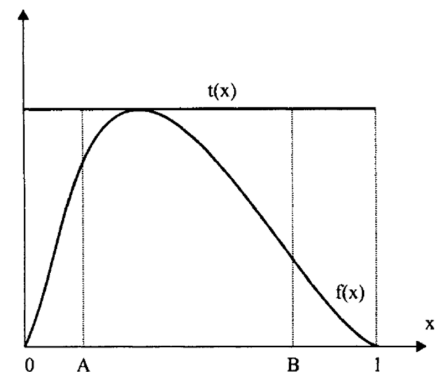
- Probability density function:  $f(x)$
- Consider a known function  $t(x)$ , such that

$$t(x) \geq f(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{I}$$

- $\mathcal{I}$  is the support for  $f$  (region in which it is defined)
- $t(x)$  is a probability density of normalized

$$r(x) = t(x)/c \quad c = \int_{\mathcal{I}} t(x) dx$$

- 1 Generate  $Y \sim r$
- 2 Generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$
- 3 If  $U \leq f(Y)/t(Y)$  return  $X = Y$   
Else go to 1



## Homework

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- $f(x) = 30(x^2 - 2x^3 + x^4), \quad x \in [0, 1]$
- Algorithm

- 1 Draw  $U_1$  and  $U_2$
- 2 If  $U_2 \leq 16(U_1^2 - 2U_1^3 + U_1^4)$   
accept  $X = U_1$   
Else  
go to 1

- Exercise:

- Draw the graph of  $f(x)$
- Simulate 1000 samples using above algorithm
- Draw a histogram to the same scale as  $f(x)$  – do they match? Is it better with 100000 samples?
- On average, how many trials were needed through the accept-reject loop for each sample?

# Variance Reduction

- Independent samples  $X_i$
- Sample mean (estimates mean  $\mu = E[X_i]$  from  $n$  samples)

$$\bar{X}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

- Sample variance

$$S^2(n) = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n [X_i - \bar{X}(n)]^2$$

- Error of the estimator

$$\begin{aligned} E[(\bar{X}(n) - \mu)^2] &= \text{Var}[\bar{X}(n)] \\ &= \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \times n \times \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \end{aligned}$$

- Two points:
  - More samples  $n$  reduces the variance in estimation
  - Variance reduction schemes can control  $\sigma^2$

## Variance reduction: Antithetic Sampling

- Pair of sequences

$$\begin{Bmatrix} X_1^{(1)} & X_1^{(2)} & \dots & X_1^n \\ X_2^{(1)} & X_2^{(2)} & \dots & X_2^n \end{Bmatrix}$$

- Columns (horizontally) are independent
- $X_1^{(i)}$  and  $X_2^{(i)}$  are dependent.
- Sample is a function of each pair:  $X^{(i)} = (X_1^{(i)} + X_2^{(i)}) / 2$
- Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\bar{X}(n)] &= \frac{1}{n} \text{Var}[X^{(i)}] \\ &= \frac{1}{4n} \{ \text{Var}(X_1^{(i)}) + \text{Var}(X_2^{(i)}) + 2 \text{Cov}(X_1^{(i)}, X_2^{(i)}) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \text{Var}(X) (1 + \rho) \end{aligned}$$

- Uniform random number  $\{U_k\}$  and  $\{1 - U_k\}$  as sequences.

```
function [Price, CI] = BlsMC2(S0,K,r,T,sigma,NRepl)
nuT = (r - 0.5*sigma^2)*T;
siT = sigma * sqrt(T);
DiscPayoff = exp(-r*T)*max(0, S0*exp(nuT+siT*randn(NRepl,1))-K);
[Price, VarPrice, CI] = normfit(DiscPayoff);
```

```
function [Price, CI] = BlsMCAV(S0,K,r,T,sigma,NPairs)
nuT = (r - 0.5*sigma^2)*T;
siT = sigma * sqrt(T);
Veps = randn(NPairs,1);
Payoff1 = max( 0 , S0*exp(nuT+siT*Veps) - K);
Payoff2 = max( 0 , S0*exp(nuT+siT*(-Veps)) - K);
DiscPayoff = exp(-r*T) * 0.5 * (Payoff1+Payoff2);
[Price, VarPrice, CI] = normfit(DiscPayoff);
```

## Homework

Test the two functions: `BlsMC` and `BlsMCAV`

(Brandimarte, p248)

```
> randn('state', 0)
> [Price, CI] = BlsMC2(50,50,0.05,1,0.4,200000)
Price=
    9.0843
CI =
    9.0154
    9.1532
\pause
> (CI(2)-CI(1))/Price
ans =
    0.0152
\pause
> randn('state', 0)
> [Price, CI] = BlsMCAV(50,50,0.05,1,0.4,200000)
Price=
    9.0553
CI =
    8.9987
    9.1118
\pause
> (CI(2)-CI(1))/Price
ans =
```

# Assignment 3

- We have seen three tools for pricing options
  - Closed form Black-Scholes
  - Binomial lattice
  - Monte Carlo
- How well can the relationship between asset price and option price be approximated?

Hutchinson *et al.* (1994) "A nonparametric approach to pricing and hedging derivative securities via learning networks", *Journal of Finance* **49**(3): 851

$$\mathbf{x} = [S/X \quad (T - t)]^T$$
$$c = \sum_{j=1}^J \lambda_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0$$

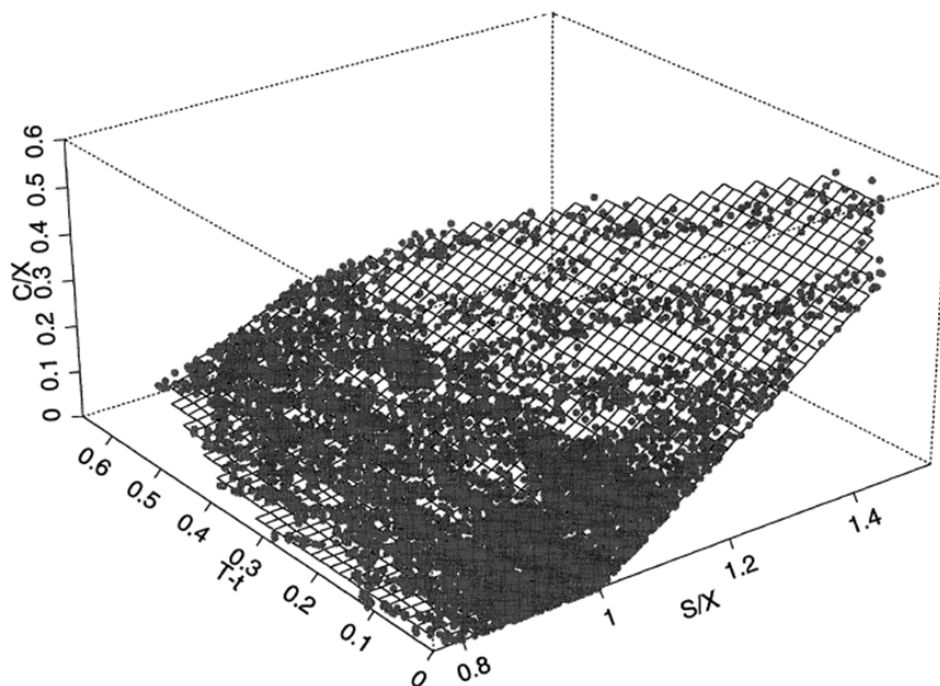


Figure 4. Simulated call option prices normalized by strike price and plotted versus



$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{C/X} = & -0.06 \sqrt{\left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 1.35 \\ T - t - 0.45 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 59.79 & -0.03 \\ -0.03 & 10.24 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 1.35 \\ T - t - 0.45 \end{array} \right] + 2.55} \\
& - 0.03 \sqrt{\left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 1.18 \\ T - t - 0.24 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 59.79 & -0.03 \\ -0.03 & 10.24 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 1.18 \\ T - t - 0.24 \end{array} \right] + 1.97} \\
& + 0.03 \sqrt{\left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 0.98 \\ T - t + 0.20 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 59.79 & -0.03 \\ -0.03 & 10.24 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 0.98 \\ T - t + 0.20 \end{array} \right] + 0.00} \\
& + 0.10 \sqrt{\left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 1.05 \\ T - t + 0.10 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 59.79 & -0.03 \\ -0.03 & 10.24 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} S/X - 1.05 \\ T - t + 0.10 \end{array} \right] + 1.62} \\
& + 0.14S/X - 0.24(T - t) - 0.01.
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$