

CQF - Exam 2 2021/04/18

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0. Before we begin the quant finance - normal distribution random number generator

I'd define my own uniform (to generate normal) and normal distribution(s) random number generator using Box-Muller algo (for fun ^_^).

RANDU - uniform distribution (0,1) random number generator

Below is an implement of RANDU algo based on wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RANDU> (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RANDU>)

```
In [1]: 1 import numpy as np
2
3 class RANDOM(object):
4     _SOME_PRIMER_NUMBER = 66539
5     _MOD = 2.0**31
6
7     # takes a seed number as initial V or V zero from the wiki page
8     def __init__(self):
9         self.seed()
10        self.V = self.seed
11
12    def seed(self, seed=None):
13        if seed:
14            self.seed = seed
15        else:
16            import random
17            self.seed = random.randint(0, RANDOM._MOD)
18
19    # function to generate uniform(0,1) number
20    def uniform(self, seed=None):
21        self.V = (RANDOM._SOME_PRIMER_NUMBER*self.V) % RANDOM._MOD
22        return float(self.V)/RANDOM._MOD
```

Box Muller - define a normal distribution (mu, sigma) random number generator based on RANDU

reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marsaglia_polar_method (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marsaglia_polar_method)

```
In [2]: 1 # define RANDOM as its own parent to skip repeating definition of uniform method
2
3 class RANDOM(RANDOM):
4     def normal(self, mu=0.0, sigma=1.0):
5         while True:
6             U, V = 2*self.uniform()-1, 2*self.uniform()-1
7             R = U**2+V**2
8             if R<1: break
9
10        z0 = np.sqrt(-2.0*np.log(R)/R)*U
11        self.z1 = np.sqrt(-2.0*np.log(R)/R)*V
12
13        return mu+sigma*z0
```

Test normality

The following test (alpha = 0.001) uses scipy's normaltest function which has the *null hypothesis* that

H_0 : sample distribution comes from a normal distribution.

It is based on D'Agostino and Pearson's test that combines skew and kurtosis to produce an omnibus test of normality.

My own random normal distribution number generator works fine.

reference: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.stats.normaltest.html>
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```
In [3]: 1 from scipy import stats
2
3 N = 100000
4 alpha = 1e-3
5
6 rand = RANDOM()
7 random_numbers = [rand.normal() for i in range(N)]
8 k2, p = stats.normaltest(random_numbers)
9 print("p = {:.g}".format(p))
10
11 if p < alpha: # null hypothesis: x comes from a normal distribution
12     print("Test Result: The null hypothesis can be rejected")
13 else:
14     print("Test Result: The null hypothesis cannot be rejected")
```

p = 0.468883

Test Result: The null hypothesis cannot be rejected

1. Numerical Procedure of Binary Option MC simulation

1.1 Define a generic European binary option object

0. dX is iid normal random variables $N(0, dt)$ (which is generated by `RANDOM.normal` function), according to Euler-Maruyama method
1. Function `delta_S` is based on $dS = a(S, t)dt + b(S, t)dX$ where $a(S, t) = r * S$ and $b(S, t) = \sigma * S$ since it's risk neutral density
2. Rule to update S would be $S_t = S_{t-1} + dS$, where dS is from 1.

In [43]:

```

1  import numpy as np
2
3  class OptionType():
4      Call = 0
5      Put = 1
6
7  class BinaryOption(object):
8      def __init__(self, S, E, r, sigma, T, D=0, option_type=OptionType.Call):
9          """
10             parameters:
11                 S=underlying spot price
12                 E=strike price
13                 r=interest rate
14                 sigma=volatility
15                 T=time to expiry in year
16                 D=underlying dividend
17             """
18             self.S, self.E, self.r, self.sigma, self.T, self.D = S, E, r, sigma, T, D
19
20             if option_type not in (OptionType.Call, OptionType.Put):
21                 raise NotImplemented("Unknown option type")
22
23             self.option_type = option_type
24             # make a new copy of self.S for simulation, so mathly,  $S_t = S_{t-i} + \Delta S$ 
25             self.S_t = self.S
26             self.random = RANDOM()
27
28             # this is  $value * e^{(-rt)}$ 
29             def present_value(self, value, t):
30                 return value*np.exp(-self.r*t)
31
32             def _heaviside(self, x):
33                 return float(x>0) # return 1.0 or 0.0
34
35             def payoff(self):
36                 if self.option_type == OptionType.Put:
37                     return self._heaviside(self.E-self.S_t)
38                 elif self.option_type == OptionType.Call:
39                     return self._heaviside(self.S_t-self.E)
40
41             # weiner process with  $N(0, \sqrt{dt})$ 
42             def get_dX(self, mu, sigma):
43                 self.dX = self.random.normal(mu, sigma)
44                 return self.dX
45
46             # this is  $dS = a(S,t)dt + b(S,t)dX$ 
47             def get_delta_S(self, dt, mu=None, sigma=None):
48                 """parameters:
49                     mu: mean of the weiner process
50                     sigma: sigma of the weiner process
51                 """
52                 sigma = sigma if sigma else np.sqrt(dt)
53                 mu = mu if mu else 0
54                 self.delta_S = self.a()*dt + self.b()*self.get_dX(mu, sigma)
55
56                 return self.delta_S
57
58             #  $S_t = S_{t-1} + dS$ 
59             def update_S_t(self, dt):
60                 self.S_t = self.S_t + self.get_delta_S(dt)
61                 return self.S_t
62
63             #  $a=a(S,t)$  from  $dS = a(S,t)dt + b(S,t)dX$ 
64             def a(self):
65                 return self.r*self.S_t
66
67             #  $b=b(S,t)$  from  $dS = a(S,t)dt + b(S,t)dX$ 
68             def b(self):
69                 return self.sigma*self.S_t
70
71             def get_S_t(self):
72                 return self.S_t
73
74             # reset  $S_t$  to  $S_0$  which is initial underlying price
75             # to start a new
76             def clear_path(self):
77                 self.S_t = self.S

```

1.2 Monte Carlo engine

```

In [192]: 1 from multiprocessing import Pool, Manager
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 plt.style.use('seaborn-whitegrid')
4
5 class MCEngine():
6     def __init__(self, option):
7         """parameters:
8             option: (European) option object being simulated on
9         """
10        self.option = option
11
12        # quick tool to visualize MC simulated paths
13        @staticmethod
14        def visualize_paths(paths, graph_size = (16,12)):
15            fig = plt.figure(figsize=graph_size)
16            ax = plt.axes()
17            x = np.linspace(0, len(paths[0]['path']), len(paths[0]['path']))
18
19            for result in results:
20                ax.plot(x, result['path'])
21            fig.show()
22
23        # quick tool to visualize MC errors
24        @staticmethod
25        def visualize_errors(errors, x = np.linspace(0, len(errors), len(errors)), graph_size = (16,12)):
26            fig = plt.figure(figsize=graph_size)
27            ax = plt.axes()
28            ax.plot(x, errors)
29            fig.show()
30
31        # simulate 1 path, return terminal value of options'S
32        def simulate_once(self, steps=1000, keep_path=False):
33            """parameters:
34                paths: collection of paths
35                steps: number of steps in a single simulation
36                keep_path: if keep simulation path for analysis
37            """
38            dt = self.option.T/steps
39            current_path = [ self.option.update_S_t(dt=dt) for _ in range(steps)]
40
41            if not keep_path:
42                current_path = [current_path[-1]]
43
44            payoff = self.option.payoff()
45            self.option.clear_path()
46            return {"path": current_path, "asset_terminal_price": current_path[-1], "option_payoff": payoff}
47
48        # simulate n times each with steps step (dt=T/steps)
49        def simulate_n_times(self, steps: int, n: int, keep_path: bool, terminal_price_only: bool = False):
50            """parameters:
51                steps: number of steps in a single simulation
52                keep_path: if keep simulation path for analysis
53                n: number of simulation
54                processes: number of processes to utilize
55                terminal_price_only: only keep terminal pricess of the underlying asset for speed up
56            """
57
58            if terminal_price_only:
59                return [self.simulate_once(steps=steps, keep_path=keep_path)['asset_terminal_price'] for _ in range(n)]
60            return [self.simulate_once(steps=steps, keep_path=keep_path) for _ in range(n)]

```

1.3 A Quick MC Simulation Trial - Call option with Initial Example Arguments

Today stock price $S = 100$

Strike $E = 100$

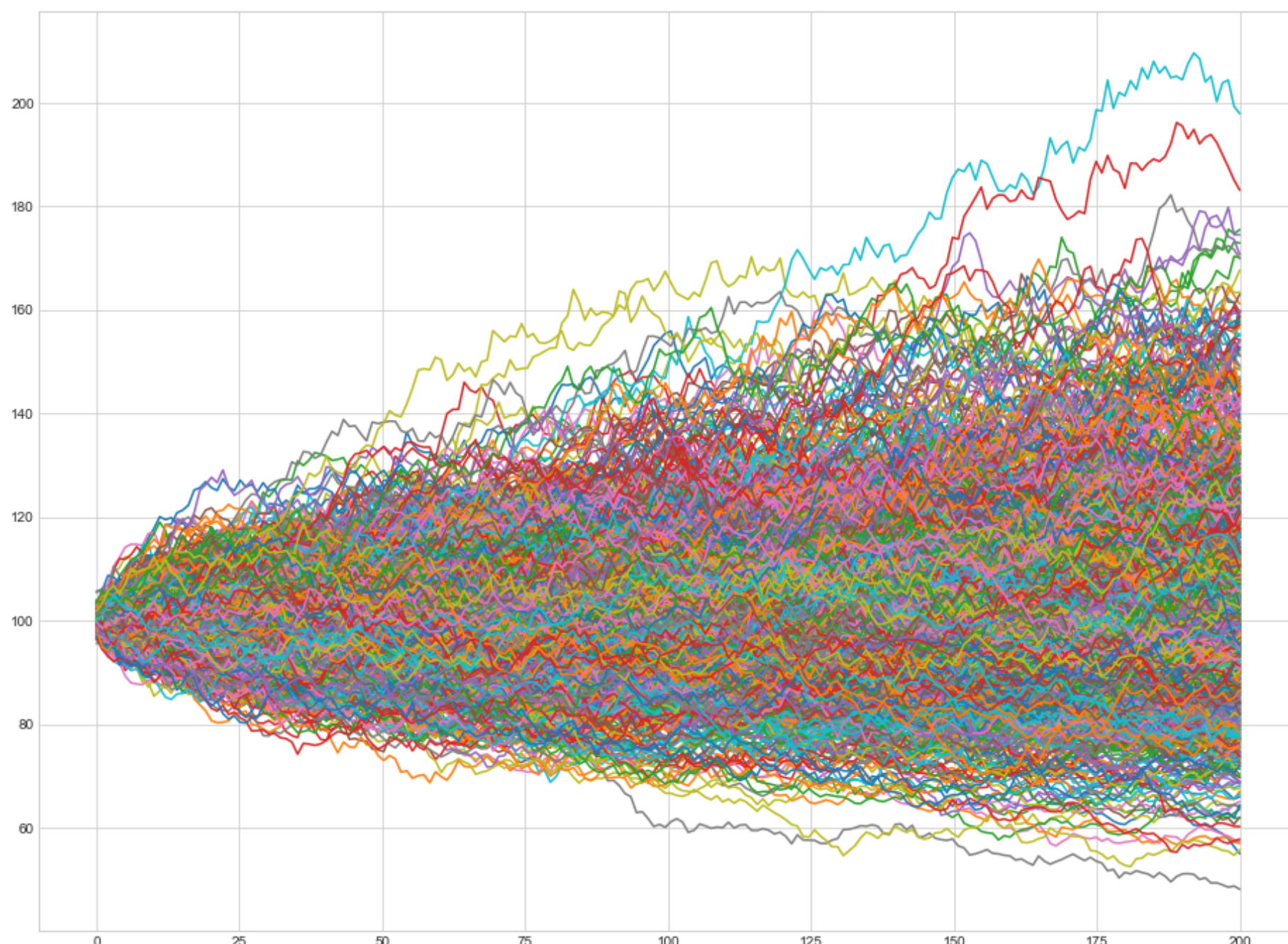
Time to expiry $T = 1$ year

volatility = 20%

interest rate $r = 5\%$

Below is visualizing 1000 times simulations each with 200 steps ($T = 1/200$) of underlying asset price (S) :


```
In [110]: 1 import warnings
2 warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
3
4 option = BinaryOption(S=100, E=100, r=0.05, sigma=0.2, T=1, option_type=OptionType.Call)
5 mc_engine = MCEngine(option)
6 results = mc_engine.simulate_n_times(steps=200, n=1000, keep_path=True)
7 mc_engine.visualize_paths(results)
```



1.4 How to find the best number of simulations - Converge

inspired by: <https://quant.stackexchange.com/questions/21764/stopping-monte-carlo-simulation-once-certain-convergence-level-is-reached> (<https://quant.stackexchange.com/questions/21764/stopping-monte-carlo-simulation-once-certain-convergence-level-is-reached>), below is how it works briefly:

let $E(X) = \mu$ and $Var(X) = \sigma$. According to CLT, if we sample large enough size, the terminal value of underlying asset (S) would be normally distribution, so we have

$$P\left(\left|\frac{X_n - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}\right| > Z_p\right) \approx P(|Z| > Z_p) = p$$

In words, there is approximately a 1-p probability that the sample mean X_n is within $Z_p \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ units of the true mean μ . so we continue simulation until X_n is within $Z_p \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ (the error terms below in the code) $< \epsilon$, which is precision requirement.

Rules to update X_n and $Var(X)$ in each step:

1. $X_{n+1}^- = \bar{X}_n + \frac{X_{n+1} - \bar{X}_n}{n+1}$ (1)
2. $S_{n+1}^2 = (1 - \frac{1}{n})S_n^2 + (n+1)(X_{n+1}^- - \bar{X}_n)^2$ (2)

So the following is an implementation of this approach.

the mc engine here in this report would use epsilon arugment as the minimum accepted precision error ($\bar{X} - X$) for converge

```

In [211]: 1 import scipy.stats as st
2
3 class MCEngine(MCEngine):
4     def simulate_until_converge(self, steps, on, epsilon=0.01, alpha=0.05, minimal_n=1000, hard_limit=int(1e7), keep
5         """parameters:
6             steps: number of steps in a single simulation (dt=T/steps)
7             on: converge on either payoff of binary or terminal_price of underlying
8             epsilon: the min acceptable error term above
9             alpha: acceptance possibility
10            minimal_n: minimal number of simulation performed
11            hard_limit: max times of simulation to stop no matter if converges
12            keep_path: if keep simulation path for analysis
13
14            n: number of simulation
15            processes: number of processes to utilize
16
17        """
18        #  $X_n$  and  $S_{n^2}$  above
19        result = self.simulate_once(steps=steps, keep_path=keep_path)
20        Xn = result[on]
21        Varn = 0
22        Z = st.norm.ppf(1-alpha)
23        threshold = epsilon/Z
24        errors = []
25
26        for i in range(2, hard_limit):
27            result = self.simulate_once(steps=steps, keep_path=keep_path)
28            value = result[on]
29            new_Xn = Xn + (value - Xn)/(i) # formula (1) above
30            Varn = (1.0-1.0/(i))*Varn + (i-1)*np.square(new_Xn-Xn) # formula (2) above
31            Xn = new_Xn
32            error = np.sqrt(Varn/(i+1))
33            errors.append(error)
34
35            if error < threshold and i > minimal_n :
36                print(f"Stopped at the {i} iteration")
37                print(f"Expected value of {on} on binary {'PUT' if self.option.option_type ==1 else 'CALL'}: {Xn} wi
38                break
39            else:
40                print(f"Stopped at the hard limit iteration: {hard_limit}")
41                return Xn, errors
42
43        return Xn, errors

```

1.5 validation result of simulation

a. what's the terminal expected value of underlying asset at T when r=0.05, T=1, K=100 and S=100, Sigma=0.2 ?

Given that the underlying asset follows risk neutral density, the analytical terminal value of underlying asset (S_T) would be given by

$$S_T = S * e^{r*T} = 100 * e^{0.05*1} = 105.127$$

what's the expected terminal value of the underly given by our MC simulation? The following code shows the simulated result, when the minimal tolerance is 0.05, is 105.12

So the fact that analytical result is close to simulated one means my MCEngine would look fine (I think)!

```

In [103]: 1 import time
2
3 option = BinaryOption(S=100, E=100, r=0.05, sigma=0.2, T=1, option_type=OptionType.Call)
4 mc_engine = MCEngine(option)
5
6 start = time.time()
7 results, errors = mc_engine.simulate_until_converge(steps=200, on = "asset_terminal_price", epsilon=0.05)
8 print(f"Time took: {time.time() - start} seconds")

```

Stopped at the 487797 iteration

Expected value of asset_terminal_price on binary CALL: 105.11123828202874 with deviation of 21.230612725108433

Time took: 898.1899645328522 seconds

b. what's the terminal expected value of binary PUT/CALL at T when r=0.05, T=1, Sigma=0.2, K=100 and S=100?

according to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_option#Cash-or-nothing_call (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_option#Cash-or-nothing_call).

The expected value of a binary CALL(C) and PUT(P) option at expiry T would be:

$$C = e^{-r*0} \Phi(d_2) = \Phi(d_2)$$

$$P = e^{-r*0} \Phi(-d_2) = \Phi(-d_2)$$

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

if we plug in $q=0$, $r=0.05$, $T=1$, $K=100$ and $S=100$,

$$C = \Phi(d_2) = \Phi(0.15) = 0.56$$

where $d_1 = \frac{\ln \frac{100}{100} + (0 - 0 + 0.2^2/2)*1}{0.2\sqrt{1}} = 0.35$, $d_2 = d_1 - 0.2 * \sqrt{1} = 0.15$

what's the expected terminal value of the binary CALL by our MC simulation? The following code shows that a CALL would be worth 0.5589998320758923 very close to analytical results!

```
In [104]: 1 import time
          2
          3 option = BinaryOption(S=100, E=100, r=0.05, sigma=0.2, T=1, option_type=OptionType.Call)
          4 mc_engine = MCEngine(option)
          5
          6 start = time.time()
          7 results, errors = mc_engine.simulate_until_converge(steps=200, on = "option_payoff", epsilon=0.001)
          8 print(f"Time took: {time.time() - start} seconds")
```

Stopped at the 666940 iteration

Expected value of option_payoff on binary CALL: 0.5590862746274167 with deviation of 0.49649653790399556

Time took: 1220.1717183589935 seconds

$$P = \Phi(d_2) = \Phi(-0.15) = 0.44$$

what's the expected terminal value of the binary PUT by our MC simulation? The following code shows a PUT's worth 0.44033631594261213, very close to analytical results!

```
In [210]: 1 option = BinaryOption(S=100, E=100, r=0.05, sigma=0.2, T=1, option_type=OptionType.Put)
          2 mc_engine = MCEngine(option)
          3
          4 start = time.time()
          5 results, errors = mc_engine.simulate_until_converge(steps=200, on = "option_payoff", epsilon=0.003)
          6 print(f"Time took: {time.time() - start} seconds")
```

Stopped at the 74168 iteration

Expected value of option_payoff on binary PUT: 0.44273810807895714 with deviation of 0.496710253300277

Time took: 129.00511765480042 seconds

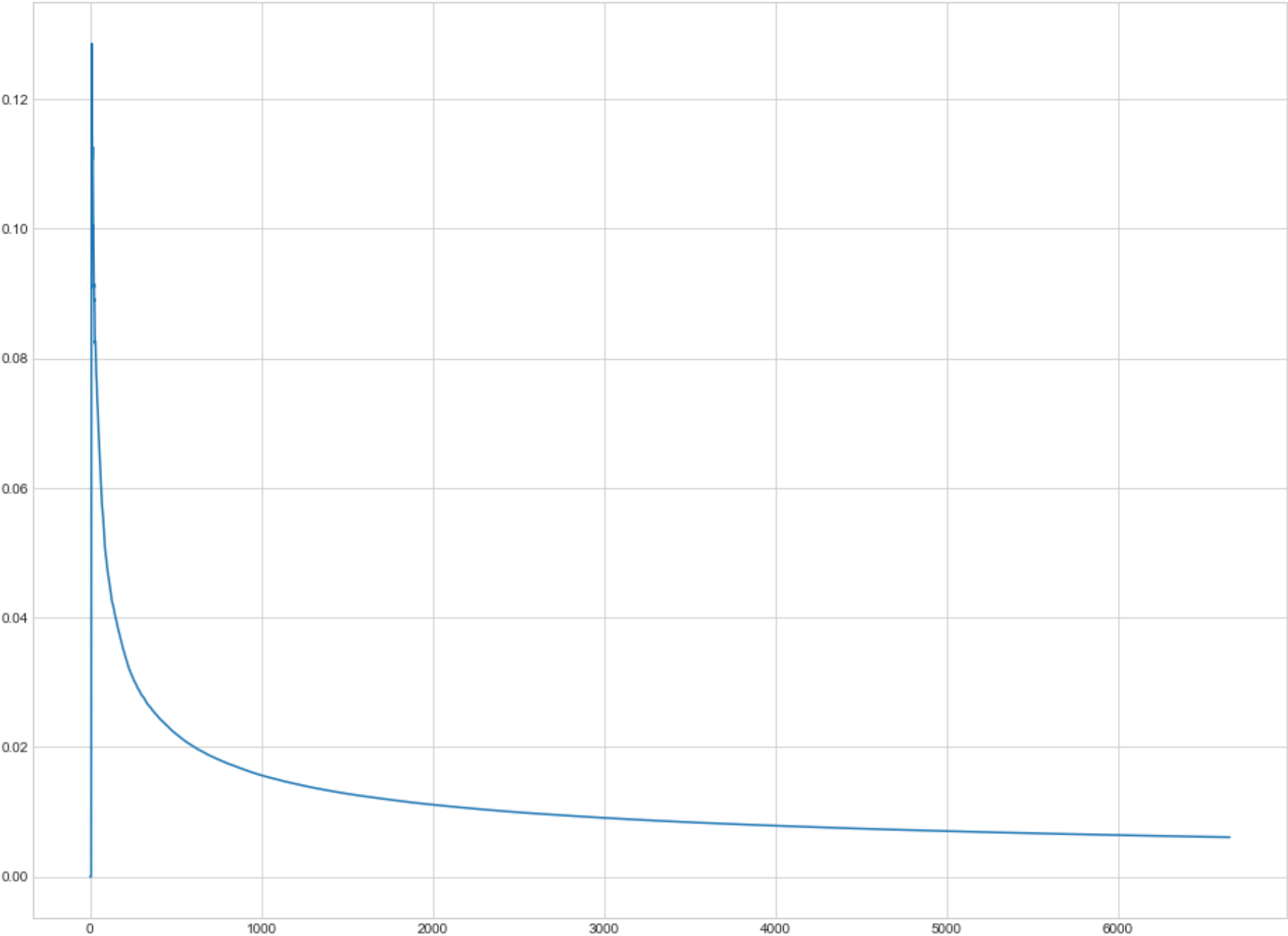
2. Results/Conclusions

2.0 how does the simulation converge (number of simulation versus (true value - expected value))

the following graph shows the number of simulation versus $(\bar{X}_n - X_n)$, like when $(\bar{X}_n - X_n)$ is smaller than accepted epsilon in the `simulate_until_converge()` simulation is gonna stop, as we could see $(\bar{X}_n - X_n)$ rapidly drops after an initial spike, but as the simulation proceeds it becomes very hard for $(\bar{X}_n - X_n)$ to get smaller actually. Tried to explore so numerical tricks (primarily https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Control_variates (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Control_variates)) to reduce the variance hence making the converge more quickly, but couldn't figure out a good controlled quantity so give it up.

In [174]:

1 mc_engine.visualize_errors(errors)

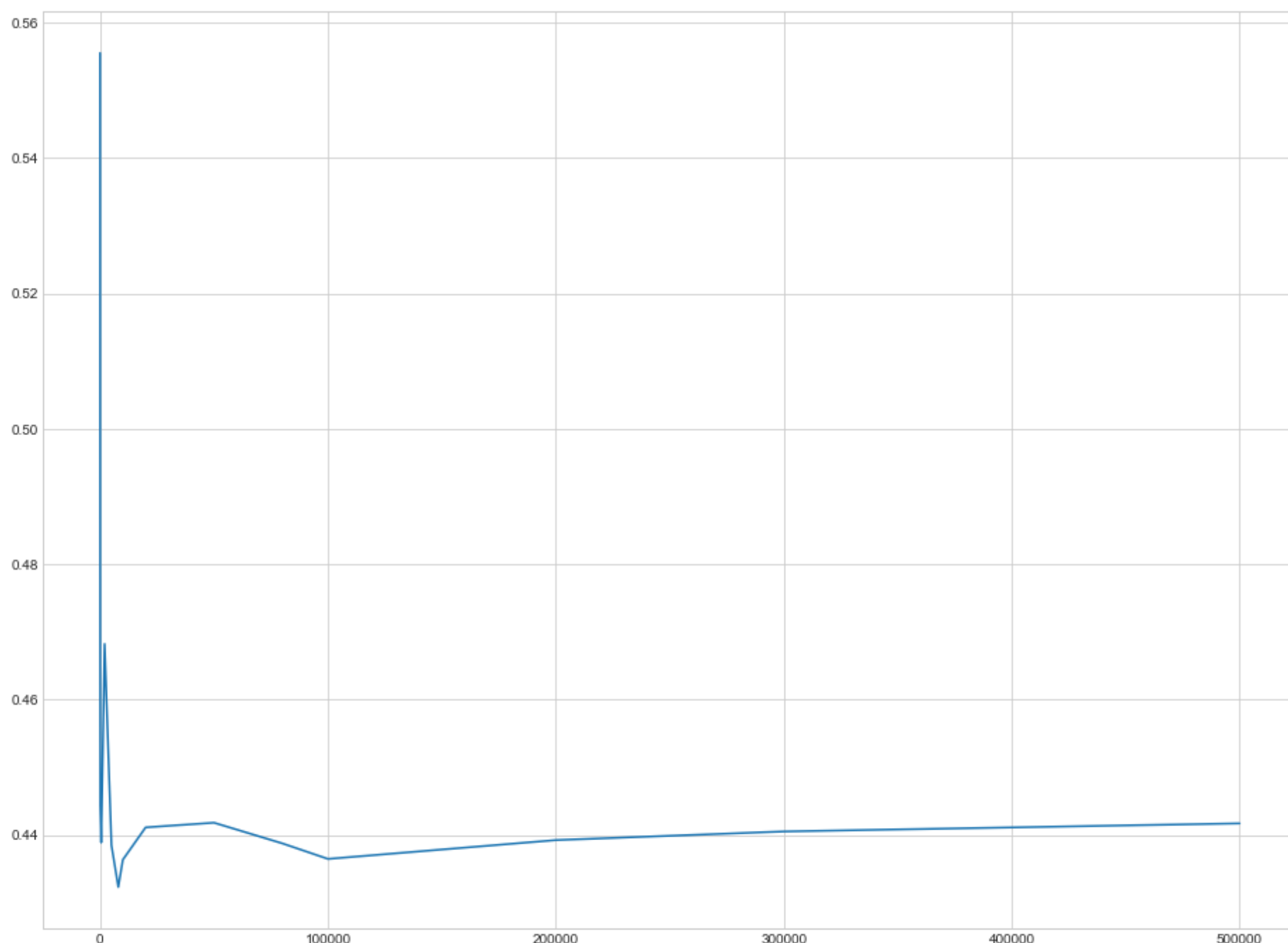


2.1 error graphs

below is the relationship between number of simulation and simulated binary PUT option payoff when S = 100, E=100, r=0.05, volatility = 20%, T=1. So it kinda follows the same pattern as converge graph from section 2.0, which declines rapidly initially, but becomes really hard to reach to theoretical value as the number of simulations goes up.


```
In [ ]: 1 option = BinaryOption(S=100, E=100, r=0.05, sigma=0.2, T=1, option_type=OptionType.Put)
2 mc_engine = MCEngine(option)
3
4 n_simulations = [10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 8000, 10000, 20000, 50000, 80000, 100000, 200000, 300000, 500000]
5
6 expected_payoffs = []
7 for n_simulation in n_simulations:
8     expected_payoffs.append(mc_engine.simulate_until_converge(steps=200, on = "option_payoff", hard_limit= n_simulation))
```

```
In [194]: 1 mc_engine.visualize_errors(expected_payoffs, x=n_simulations)
```



2.2 A naive option valuation surface (S, E, Sigma versus expected terminal values)

below is a naive limited valuation surface, with asset prices and strike as 50 to 150 (10 increment), volatility 5% to 30% (5% increment) and Time to expiry 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 years, and I'm going to plot a few graphs based on this.

```
In [ ]: 1 call_option_prices = dict()
2 put_option_prices = dict()
3
4 for s in range(50, 180, 5):
5     for e in range(50, 180, 5):
6         for sigma in range(5, 60, 2):
7             for t in [0.5, 1.0, 1.5]:
8                 option = BinaryOption(S=s, E=e, r=0.05, sigma=sigma*0.01, T=t, option_type=OptionType.Call)
9                 mc_engine = MCEngine(option)
10                results, errors = mc_engine.simulate_until_converge(steps=200, on = "option_payoff", epsilon=0.002)
11                call_option_prices[(s, e, sigma*0.01, t)] = results
12                put_option_prices[(s, e, sigma*0.01, t)] = 1-results
```

And this is a quick look at the data:

In [402]:

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 call = pd.DataFrame(call_option_prices.values(), columns=['expected_terminal_call_value'])
3 call.index= call_option_prices.keys()
4 put = pd.DataFrame(put_option_prices.values(), columns=['expected_terminal_put_value'])
5 put.index= put_option_prices.keys()
6 valuation_surface = call.merge(put, left_index=True, right_index=True)
7 valuation_surface.index.names = ['asset_price', 'strike', 'volatility','expiry']
8 valuation_surface['moneyness'] = valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('asset_price') - valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('strike')
9 valuation_surface.sort_index(inplace=True)
10 valuation_surface
```

asset_price	strike	volatility	expiry			
			0.5	0.755918	0.244082	0
			0.05 1.0	0.835920	0.164080	0
50	50		1.5	0.883519	0.116481	0
			0.5	0.625211	0.374789	0
			0.10 1.0	0.671997	0.328003	0
...
155	100	0.20	1.5	0.974264	0.025736	55
160	100	0.20	1.5	0.978578	0.021422	60
165	100	0.20	1.5	0.990301	0.009699	65
170	100	0.20	1.5	0.991410	0.008590	70
175	100	0.20	1.5	0.992231	0.007769	75

1557 rows x 7 columns

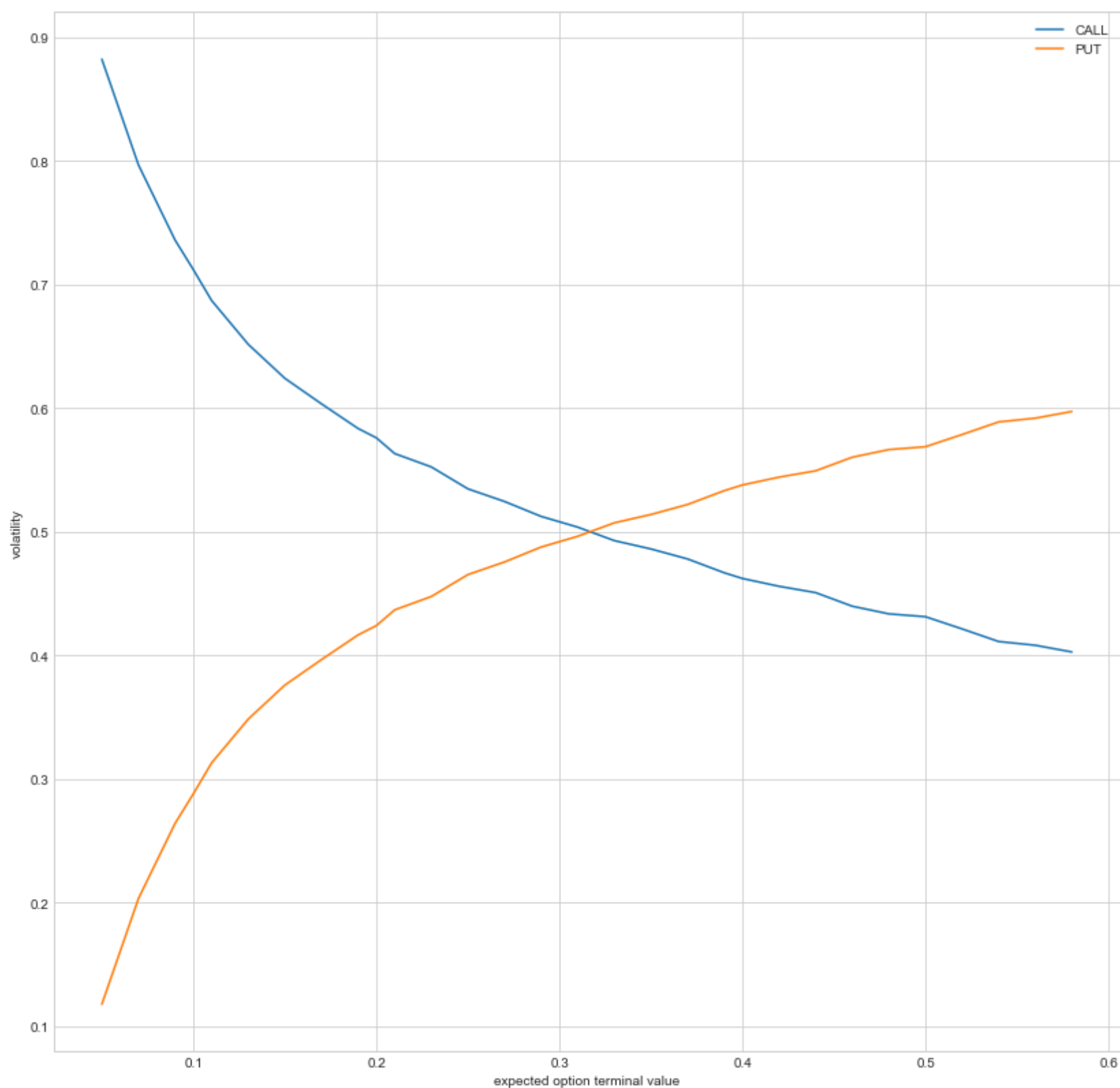
volatility vs expected terminal option value:

below is a plot of volatility vs expected terminal option value when expiry is 1.5 and r=0.05:

```

In [403]: 1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
4
5 # get expiry=1.5 data
6 x = valuation_surface[(valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('expiry') == 1.5) &
7                       (valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('strike') == 100) &
8                       (valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('asset_price') == 100)]
9
10 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,14))
11 ax = plt.axes()
12 ax.plot(x['expected_terminal_call_value'].index.get_level_values('volatility'), x['expected_terminal_call_value'])
13 ax.plot(x['expected_terminal_call_value'].index.get_level_values('volatility'), x['expected_terminal_put_value'])
14 ax.plot(title = 'volatility vs expected terminal option value')
15 ax.set_xlabel("expected option terminal value")
16 ax.set_ylabel("volatility")
17 ax.legend(["CALL", "PUT"])
18 fig.show()

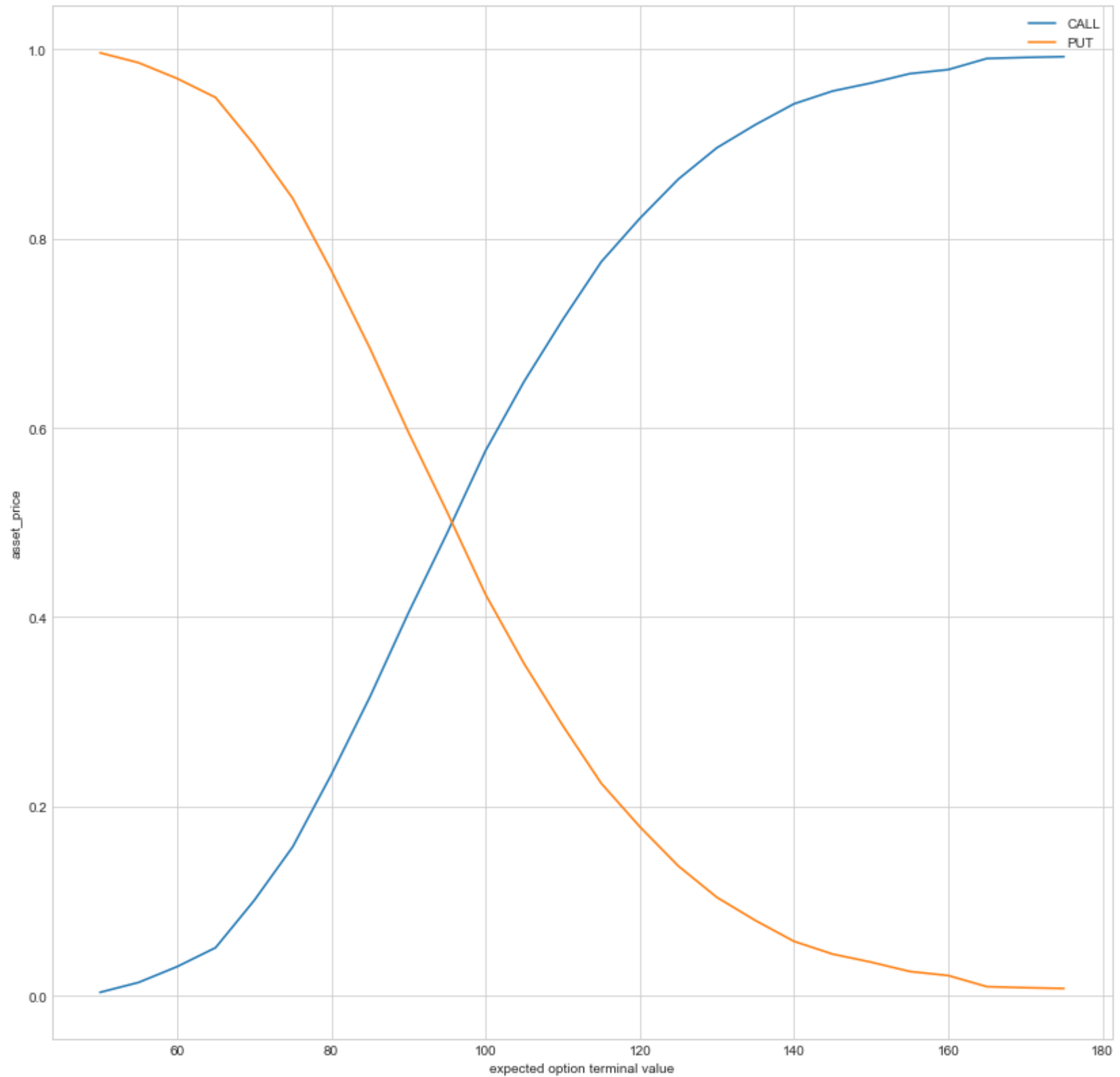
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underlying asset price(moneyness) vs expected terminal option value:

below is a plot of underlying asset price vs terminal option value when expiry is 1.5 and $r=0.05$:

```
In [399]: 1 x = valuation_surface[(valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('expiry') == 1.5) &
2             (valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('strike') == 100) &
3             (valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('volatility') == 0.2)]
4
5 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,14))
6 ax = plt.axes()
7 ax.plot(x['expected_terminal_call_value'].index.get_level_values('asset_price'), x['expected_terminal_call_value'])
8 ax.plot(x['expected_terminal_put_value'].index.get_level_values('asset_price'), x['expected_terminal_put_value'])
9 ax.plot(title = 'volatility vs expected terminal option value')
10 ax.set_ylabel("expected option terminal value")
11 ax.set_xlabel("asset_price")
12 ax.legend(["CALL", "PUT"])
13 fig.show()
```



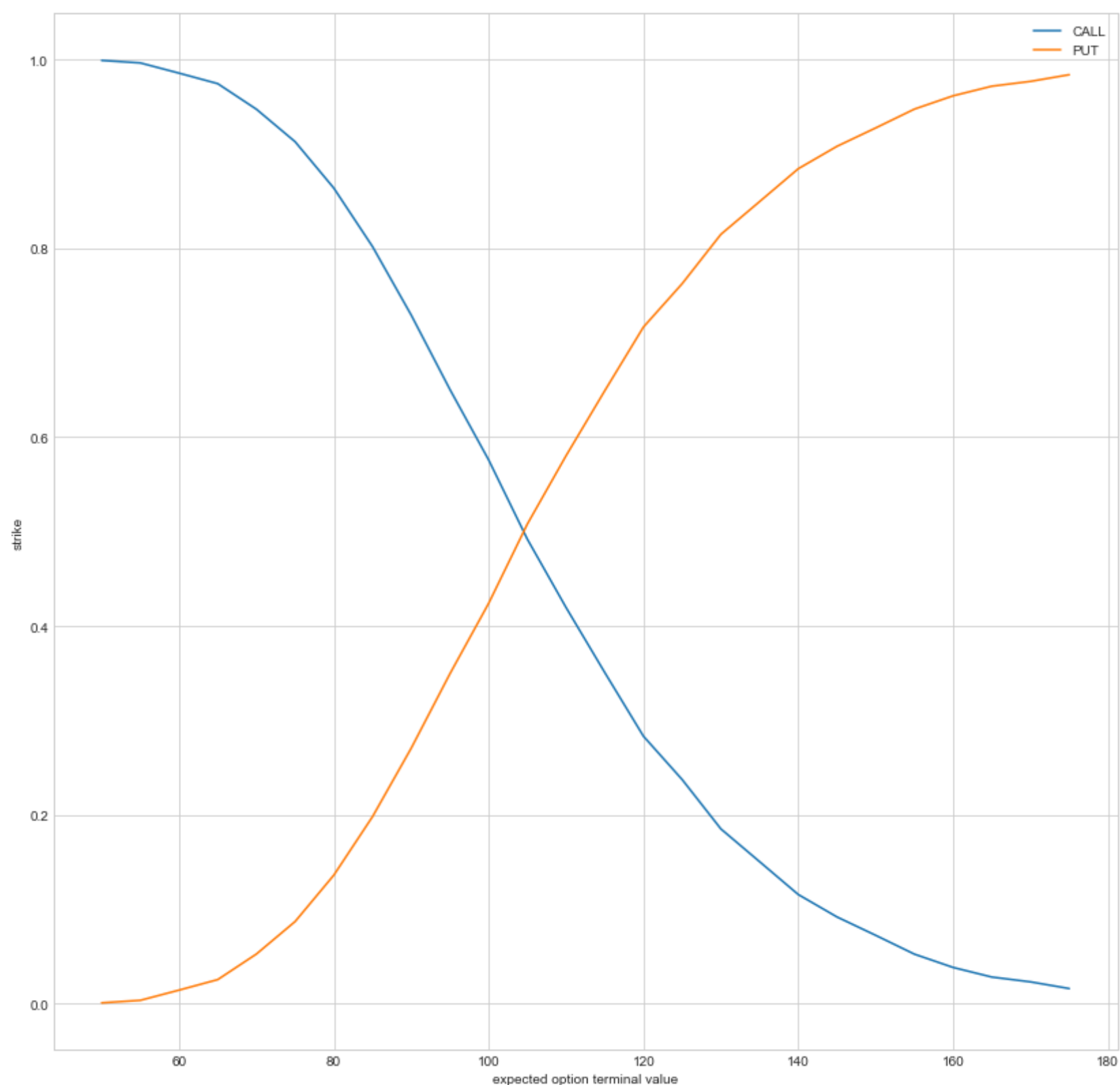
strike price vs expected terminal option value:

below is a plot of underlying asset price vs terminal option value when expiry is 1.5 and $r=0.05$:

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In [392]: 1 x = valuation_surface[(valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('expiry') == 1.5) &
2         (valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('asset_price') == 100) &
3         (valuation_surface.index.get_level_values('volatility') == 0.2)]
4
5 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(14,14))
6 ax = plt.axes()
7 ax.plot(x['expected_terminal_call_value'].index.get_level_values('strike'), x['expected_terminal_call_value'])
8 ax.plot(x['expected_terminal_call_value'].index.get_level_values('strike'), x['expected_terminal_put_value'])
9 ax.plot(title = 'volatility vs expected terminal option value')
10 ax.set_ylabel("expected option terminal value")
11 ax.set_xlabel("strike")
12 ax.legend(["CALL", "PUT"])
13 fig.show()

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