

Module 3 Assignment

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This is a Computational Finance task on the use of the Monte Carlo scheme to price various **call** and **put** options.

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Task

Use the expected value of the discounted payoff under the risk-neutral density \mathbb{Q}

$$V(S, t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [\text{Payoff}(S_T)]$$

for the appropriate form of payoff, to consider:

1. Binary options
2. Lookback options: fixed and floating strike; discrete and continuous sampling.

In both cases use the **Euler-Maruyama** scheme for initially simulating the underlying stock price. As an initial example you may use the following set of sample data

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Today's stock price } S_0 &= 100 \\ \text{Strike } E &= 100 \\ \text{Time to expiry } (T - t) &= 1 \text{ year} \\ \text{volatility } \sigma &= 20\% \\ \text{constant risk-free interest rate } r &= 5\% \end{aligned}$$

This is an open ended exercise and marking will be based on initiative shown and willingness to experiment, but your completed assignment should centre on a short report (and **computer code** separately) to include:

- Outline of the numerical procedure used
- Results - appropriate tables, comparisons and error graphs (e.g. changing number of simulations).
- Any interesting observations and problems encountered.
- Conclusion and references

Do not include code as an appendix to the report, this should be in a separate file.