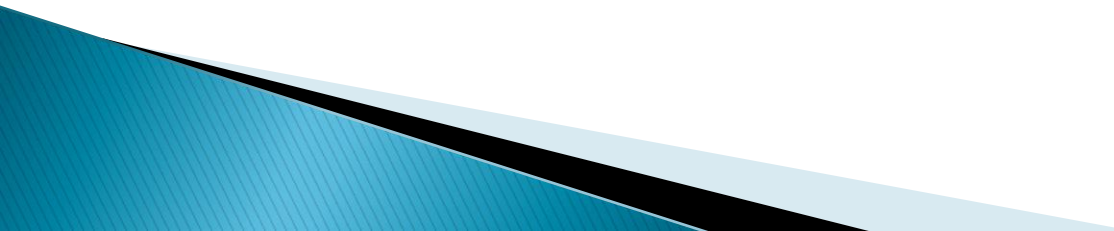


# Binomial Methods

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# Introduction

- ▶ Asset price model

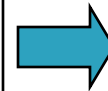
$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t), \quad S(0) = S_0$$

- ▶ Option price

- Black–Scholes PDE

$$\partial_t V + rS\partial_s V + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \partial_{ss} V = rV, \quad 0 < t < T$$

$$V(S, T) = \Lambda(S), \quad r : \text{riskless interest rate}, \quad \sigma : \text{volatility}$$



FDM, FEM

- Risk–neutral measure

$$V(s, t) = E[e^{-r(T-t)} \max(S(T) - E, 0) \mid S(t) = s]$$

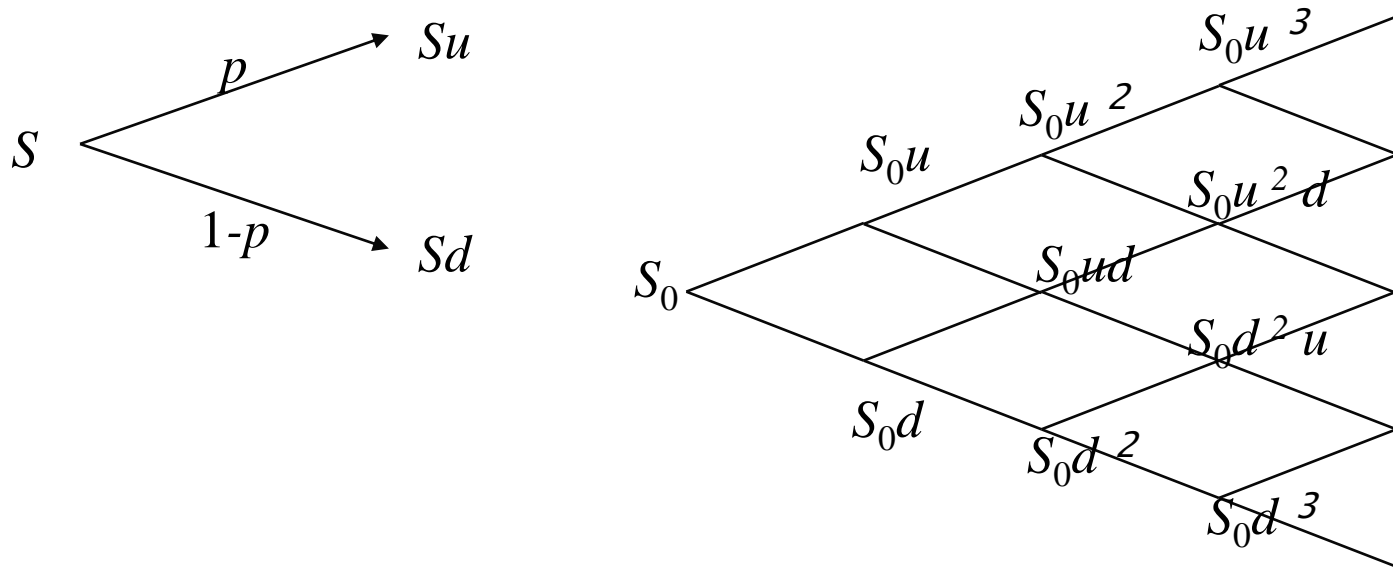
$$dS = rSdt + \sigma SdW(t)$$



Monte Carlo, Binomial Trees

# Binomial method

- ▶ Idea: Asset price moves either up or down.



$$S_n^i = S_0 d^{i-n} u^n, \quad 0 \leq n \leq i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq M$$

# Binomial method: multi-period

- ▶ Step1: Compute the asset price at  $t = M\Delta t = T$

$$S_n^M = S_0 d^{M-n} u^n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, M$$

- ▶ Step2: Compute the terminal payoffs

$$V_n^M = \Lambda(S_n^M) = \max(S_n^M - E, 0), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, M$$

- ▶ Step3: Backward expectation

$$V_n^M = e^{-r\Delta t} (p V_{n+1}^{i+1} + (1-p) V_n^{i+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, i, \quad i = M-1, \dots, 0$$

- ▶ Option price  $V_0^0$

# Parameters

- ▶ From the original model : 3 unknowns, 2 eqs

$$pSu + (1-p)Sd = Se^{r\Delta t}$$

$$pS^2u^2 + (1-p)S^2d^2 = S^2e^{2r\Delta t + \sigma^2\Delta t}$$

- Jarrow–Rudd approach

$$p = \frac{1}{2}, \quad u + d = 2e^{r\Delta t}, \quad u^2 + d^2 = 2e^{(2r+\sigma^2)\Delta t}$$



$$u = e^{r\Delta t} (1 + \sqrt{e^{\sigma^2\Delta t} - 1})$$

$$d = e^{r\Delta t} (1 - \sqrt{e^{\sigma^2\Delta t} - 1})$$

- Cox–Ross–Rubinstein(CRR) approach

$$ud = 1, \quad pu + (1-p)\frac{1}{u} = e^{r\Delta t}, \quad pu^2 + (1-p)\frac{1}{u^2} = e^{(2r+\sigma^2)\Delta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{e^{r\Delta t} - d}{u - d}, \quad u = e^{\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}, \quad d = e^{-\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}$$

# Parameters: general tree

- ▶ General tree with constant  $\nu$

$$ud = e^{2\nu\Delta t}, \quad u = e^{\nu\Delta t + \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}, \quad d = e^{\nu\Delta t - \sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{r - \nu}{\sigma} \right) \sqrt{\Delta t}$$

- ▶ CRR :  $\nu = 0$
- ▶ JR :  $\nu = r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$

# Program: European put option

- ▶ An introduction to financial option valuation, D. J. Higham (chapter 16)
- ▶ MATLAB code

```
%%%%%%%%%%%% Problem and method parameters %%%%%%%%%%%%%%
S = 9; E = 10; T = 3; r = 0.06; sigma = 0.3; M = 100; dt = T/M; p = 0.5;
u = exp(sigma*sqrt(dt) + (r-0.5*sigma^2)*dt);
d = exp(-sigma*sqrt(dt) + (r-0.5*sigma^2)*dt);
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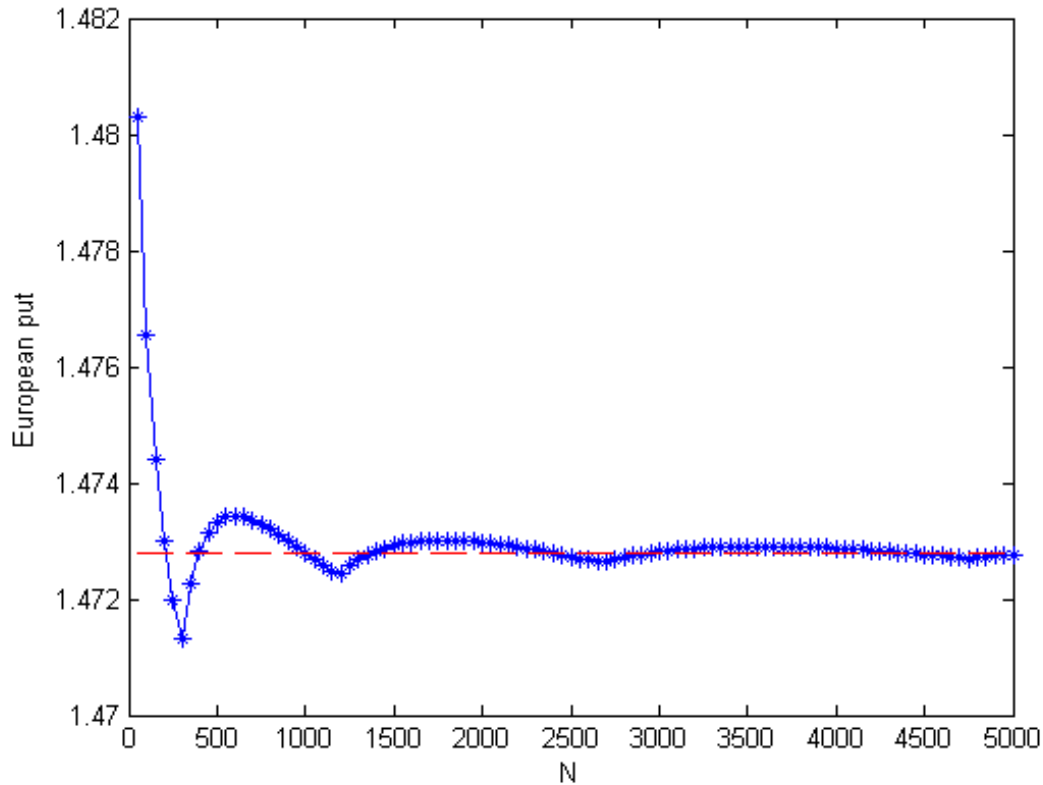
% Time T option values
W = max(E-S*d.^([M:-1:0]') .* u.^([0:M]'), 0);

% Work back to option value at time zero
for i = M:-1:1
    W = exp(-r*dt)*(p*W(2:i+1) + (1-p)*W(1:i));
end

disp('Option value is'), disp(W)
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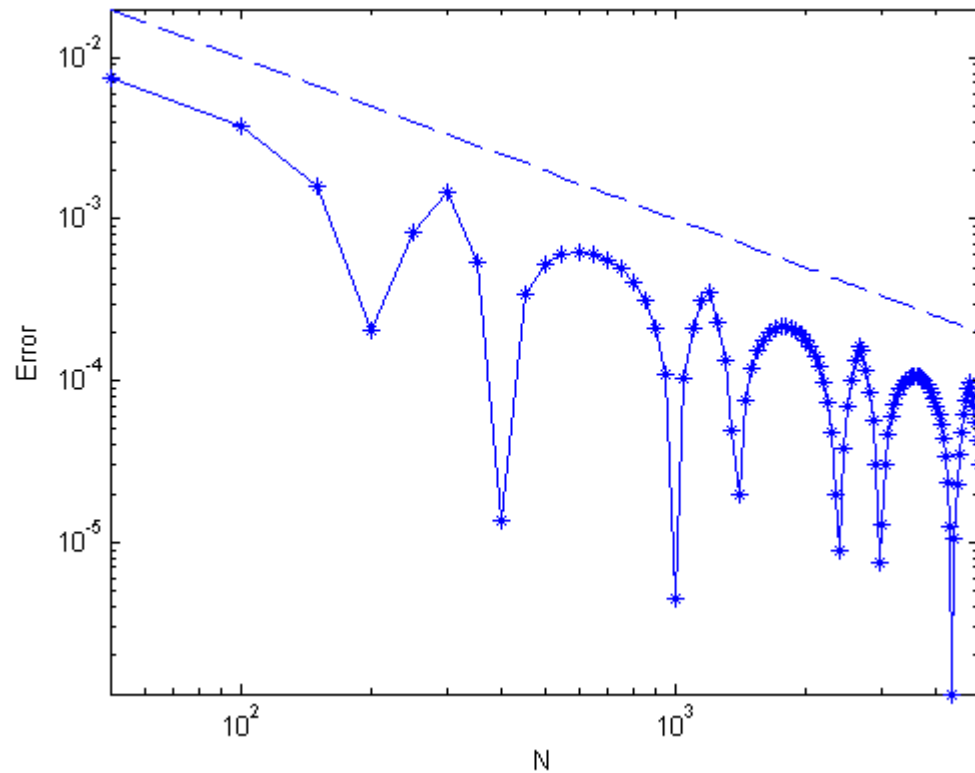


# Result: option value



M	Option Value
100	1.4766
200	1.4730
400	1.4728
BS	1.4728

# Result: computational error



M	Error
100	$3.8e-3$
200	$2.1e-4$
400	$1.8e-5$

# Greeks and convergence

- ▶ Finite difference approximation

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} \cong \frac{V_1^1 - V_0^1}{S_1^1 - S_0^1}$$

- ▶ Let the error  $e_M = |V_0^0 - C(S_0, 0)|$  with  $\Delta t = T / M$



There is a constant  $K$  such that  $e_M \leq \frac{K}{M}$

# American options

- ▶ American put: holder has the right to sell a prescribed asset at any time between the start date and a prescribed expiry date.
- ▶ Complementarity problem

$$\partial_t V + rS\partial_S V + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \partial_{SS} V - rV \leq 0, \quad 0 < t < T \quad (1)$$

$$V(S, t) \geq \Lambda(S(t)), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, S \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

For each  $S, t$  one of (1) and (2) is at equality

$$V(S, T) = \Lambda(S(T)), \quad S \geq 0$$

# Binomial method for American

- ▶ American put

$$P(0, S_0) = \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} E[e^{-r\tau} \max(E - S_\tau, 0)]$$

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

- ▶ Idea: choose the best of two possibilities

$$V_n^i = \max[\max(E - S_n^i, 0), e^{-r\Delta t} (pV_{n+1}^{i+1} + (1-p)V_n^{i+1})],$$

$$0 \leq n \leq i, \quad 0 \leq i \leq M-1$$

# Program : American put

- ▶ MATLAB code (Higham chapter 18)

```
% Initial computations
```

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dpowers = d.^([M:-1:0]');
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upowers = u.^([0:M]');
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% Time T option values
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W = max(E-S*dpowers.*upowers,0);
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% Work back to option value at time zero
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for i = M:-1:1
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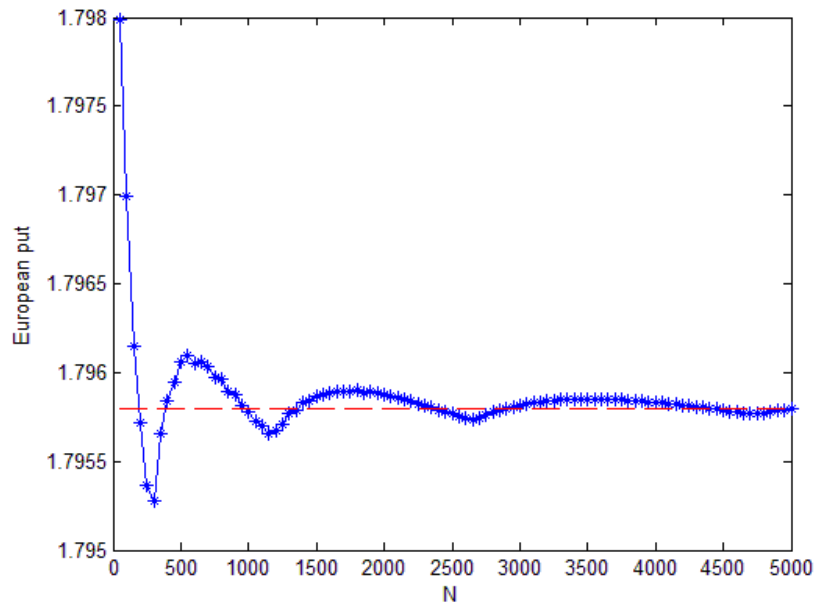
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    Si = S*dpowers(M-i+2:M+1).*upowers(1:i);
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    W = max(max(E-Si,0),...
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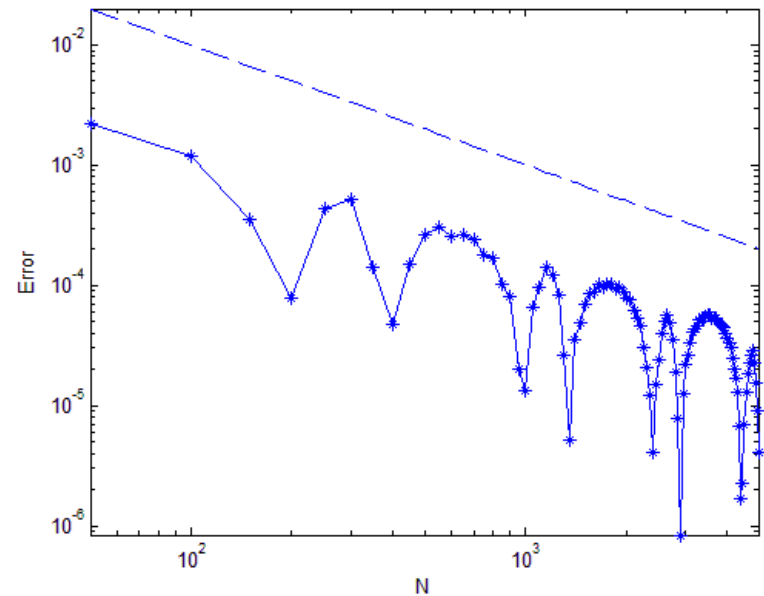
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            exp(-r*dt)*(p*W(2:i+1)+(1-p)*W(1:i)));
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end
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# Result : American put



Approx. Value with  $M=5000$   
 $= 1.7958$



# Exercises

1. Compute the ratio  $(V_1^1 - V_0^1)/(S_1^1 - S_0^1)$  and explain why this can be regarded as an approximation to the time-zero delta.
2. Modify the program to compute the value of other exotic options, such as digital, barrier options.
3. Consider a case that a constant dividend yield  $D_0$  paid on the underlying. Modify the parameters  $(u, d, p)$  for this case.



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