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The binomial model

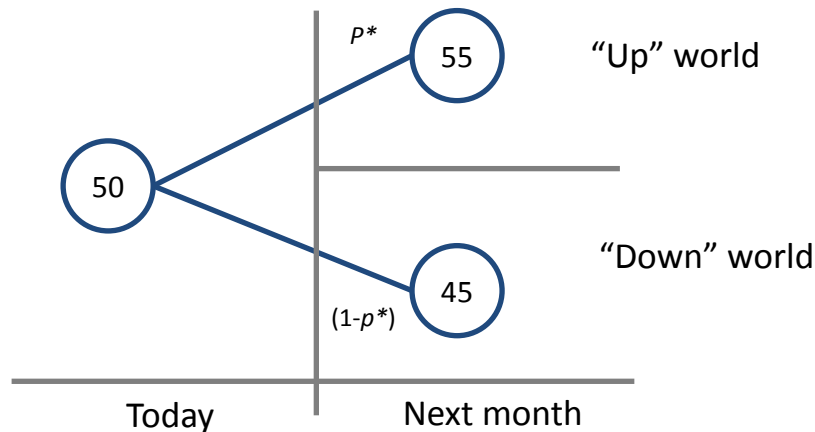
A risk neutral portfolio

Suppose we have a two period model of price dynamics represented by $t=0$ (today) and $t=M$ (Next month)

Also consider that there are only two possible states of the world: “up” and “down”

The probability of “up” occurring is p^* , and the probability of “down” occurring is $(1 - p^*)$

For instance, consider a stock with price equal to $S=50$ on $t=0$ and $S_{up}=55$ on $t=1$ and $S_{down}=45$ on $t=1$



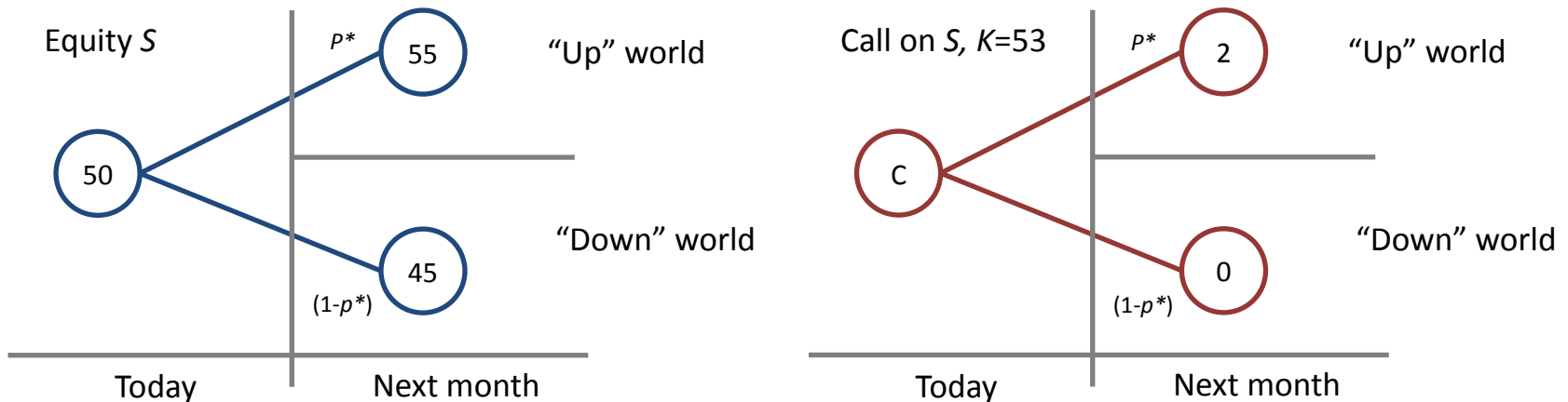


The binomial model

A risk neutral portfolio

Now suppose we have a call option on S with strike price 53 that matures in one month

The option payoff in the “up” and “down” worlds would be:



How can we calculate the price C of the option today?



The binomial model

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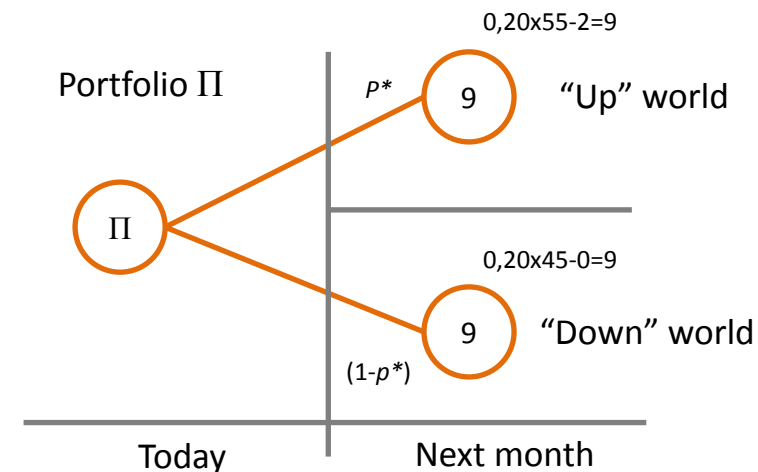
Can we build a portfolio so we have a portfolio that has the same value no matter the future state of the world?

Suppose you have a portfolio that is short 1 call and long Δ stocks

So we want find a quantity Δ that:

$$\Delta \times \underset{\text{"Up" world}}{55} - 1 \times \underset{\text{"Up" world}}{2} = \Delta \times \underset{\text{"Down" world}}{45} - 1 \times \underset{\text{"Down" world}}{0} \Rightarrow \Delta = 0,20$$

Hence portfolio P has the same value in all states of the world





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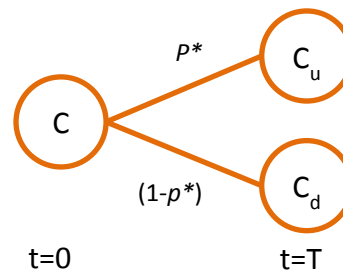
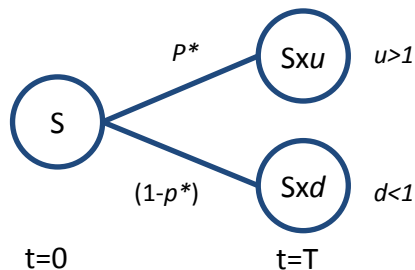
This is a riskless portfolio, as it has the same value no matter what happens to the world

We know from non-arbitrage theory that riskless portfolios must earn the risk-free interest rate

Suppose the annual interest rate is 20% cc, hence: $\Pi = 9 \times e^{-0.20 \times 1/12} = 8.85$

We know that $\Pi = \Delta \times S - C$, therefore $C = 0.2 \times 50 - 8.85 = 1.15$

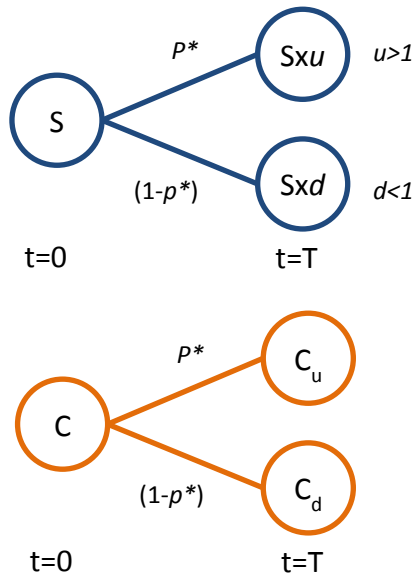
A general model





The binomial model

A general model



Algebraic solution

$$S \times u \times \Delta - C_u = S \times d \times \Delta - C_d$$

$$\Delta = \frac{C_u - C_d}{S \times u - S \times d}$$

The cost of setting up the portfolio Π has to be equal to the present value of its (riskless) payoff, hence

$$S \times \Delta - C = e^{-rT} (S \times u \times \Delta - C_u)$$

$$C = S \times \Delta - e^{-rT} (S \times u \times \Delta - C_u)$$

Making the appropriate substitutions, we have

$$C = e^{-rT} (p \times C_u + (1 - p) \times C_d) \text{ with } p = \frac{e^{rT} - d}{u - d}$$

Hence, the price of the option can be viewed as the present value of its expected future price considering the probability measure p

$$C_{t=0} = e^{-rT} \times E[C_{t=T}]$$

Can we match p^* with p ?



The binomial model

Risk neutral valuation

Risk neutral valuation assumes that people are indifferent to risk

Therefore, the expected return on all assets equals the risk-free interest rate

So, we can write $E[S_{t=T}] = S_{t=0} \times e^{r \times T}$

or simply $E[S_T] = S_0 e^{rT}$

In our case, we consider p to be risk neutral probabilities

The key variables of the model are then u , d and r .

Making $u = e^{\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}$ and $e^{-\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}$ allows us to match the volatility of the underlying S and is consistent with RNM

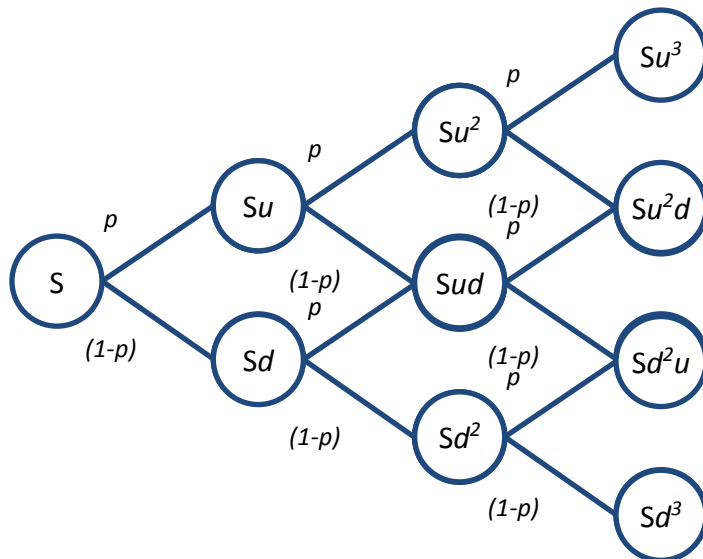


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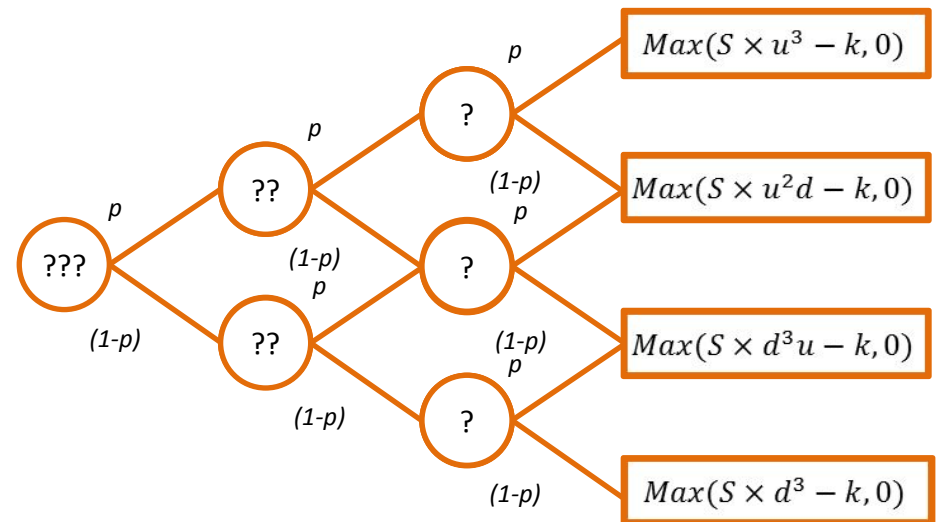
Pricing options with binomial trees

It is not difficult to notice that we can build recursive structures based on the binomial model

Hence, we can price options considering multiple periods, by working backwards.



Forward



Backwards



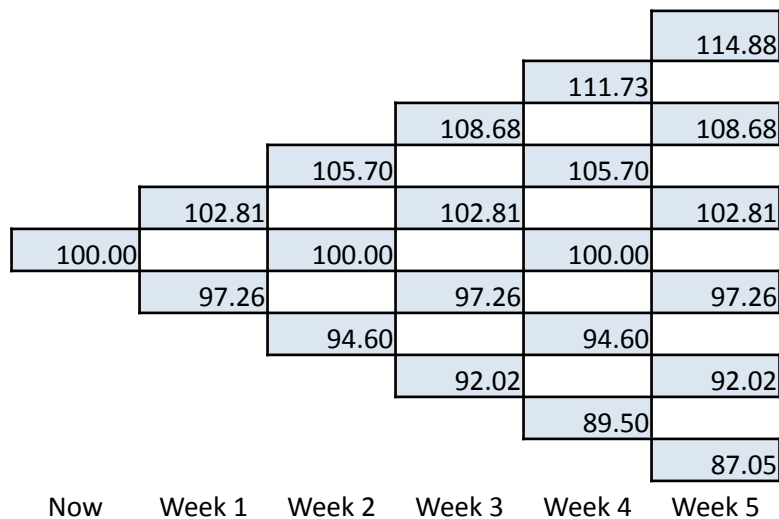
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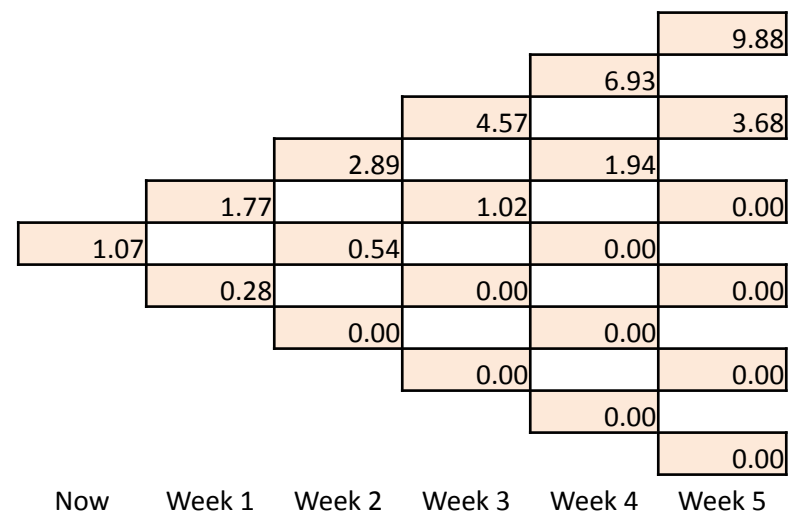
Consider, for instance, pricing a call option with strike price 105 that matures in 5 weeks

The current spot price is 100, interest rate is 10% and the volatility of the underlying is 20%

Hence, the binomial trees for the underlying asset and for the option are:



Forward



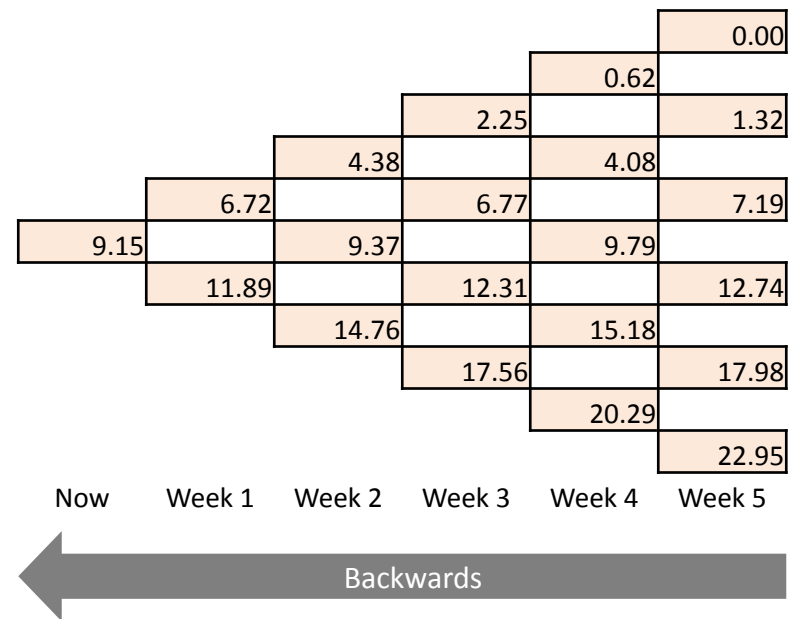
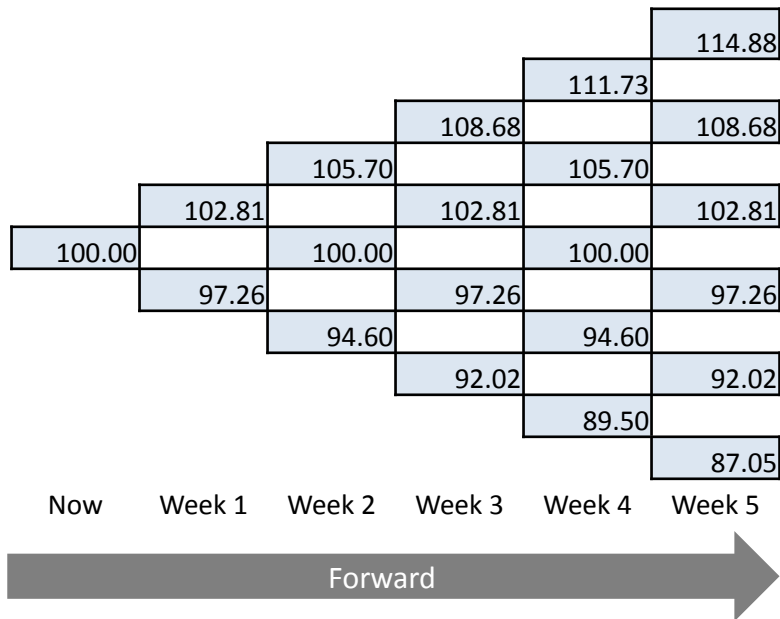
Backwards



The binomial model

Pricing options with binomial trees

Pricing a similar put option with strike price 110 can be equally easy





The binomial model

Pricing options with binomial trees – some stylized facts

Very flexible and intuitive approach

Can be computationally intensive

Values converge as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

The model assumes that you are rebalancing your risk-free portfolio at every Δt

Distribution of future prices: binomial \rightarrow lognormal



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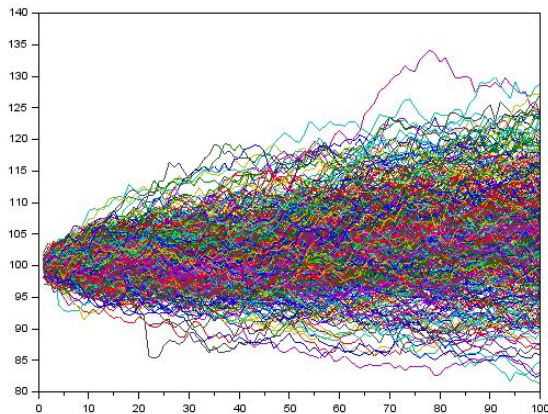
The Black Scholes model is a continuous time model, so we work in terms of dt , not Δt .

Asset prices are supposed to conform with the following stochastic process:

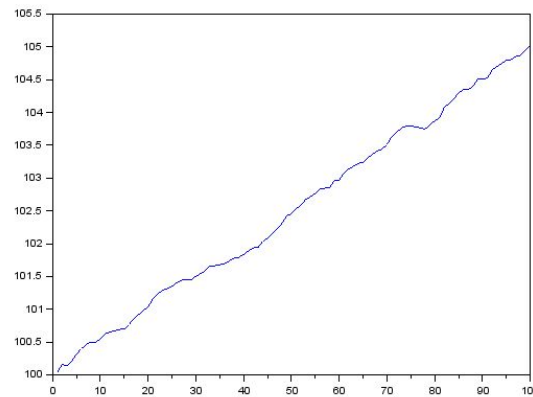
$$\frac{dS}{S} = \mu dt + \sigma dX \equiv dS = S\mu dt + S\sigma dX \text{ and } X \sim N(0,1)$$

Geometric brownian motion

Simulated process



Average





The Black Scholes model

The Black Scholes model

If we have a derivative (contingent instrument) f based on S , then, according to Ito's lemma:

$$df = \left(\frac{df}{dt} + \frac{df}{dS} \mu S + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{dS^2} \sigma^2 S^2 \right) dt + \frac{df}{dS} \sigma S dX$$

We then build a portfolio Π with $\frac{df}{dS}$ shares and -1 derivative, we have $\Delta \Pi = \left(-\frac{df}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{dS^2} \sigma^2 S^2 \right) \Delta t$

Because this portfolio does not contain dX , it should be riskless, or in other words, yield the risk-free rate, hence

$$\left(-\frac{df}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{dS^2} \sigma^2 S^2 \right) \Delta t = r \left(f - \frac{df}{dS} S \right) \Delta t$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} + rS \frac{df}{dS} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{dS^2} \sigma^2 S^2 = rf$$

The Black Scholes PDE



The Black Scholes model

The Black Scholes model

It can be shown that the closed-formula solution for the BSPDE for a call option is

$$c = S \times N(d1) - K \times e^{-rt} \times N(d2)$$

Also, the closed-formula solution for the BSPDE for a put option is

$$p = K \times e^{-rt} \times N(-d2) - S \times N(-d1)$$

Where

$$d1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}$$
$$d2 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{K}\right) + \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}} = d1 - \sigma\sqrt{t}$$

$N(\cdot)$ is the normal cumulative distribution



The Black Scholes model

The Black Scholes model

Consider our previous example of pricing a call option with strike price 105 that matures in 5 weeks

Again, the current spot price is 100, interest rate is 10% and the volatility of the underlying is 20%

In this case the price is 1.01 (compared to 1.07 from the binomial model)

In the put example ($K=110$) the price is 9.19 (compared to 9.15 from the binomial model)

Key difference: continuous time vs. discrete time



The Black Scholes model

Hedging and the Greeks

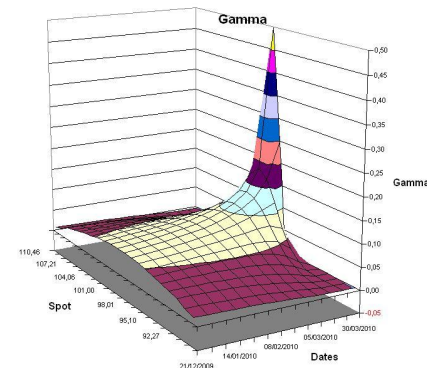
Delta $\Delta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}$ is the sensitivity to asset price.

Gamma $\Gamma = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial^2 S}$ is the sensitivity of delta to S

Theta $\Theta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$ is time rate of change of V

Vega $v = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma}$ is the sensitivity of V to sigma (volatility)

Rho $\rho = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$ is the sensitivity of V to the interest rate





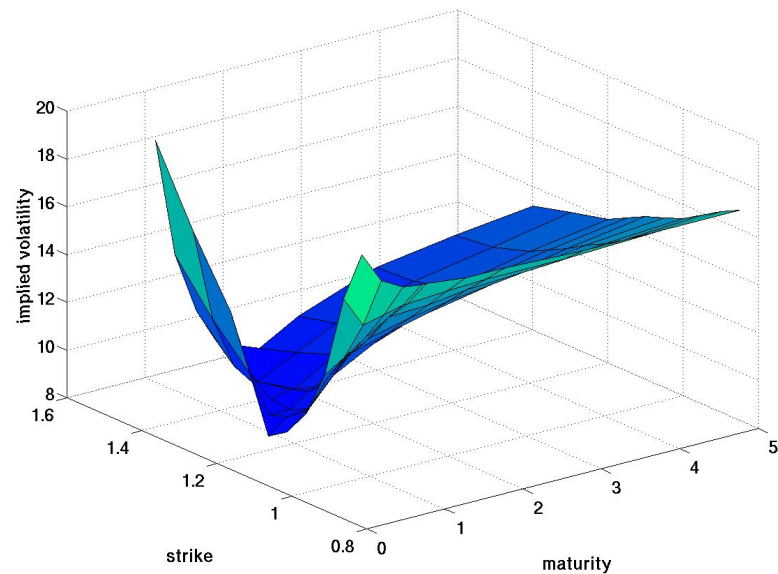
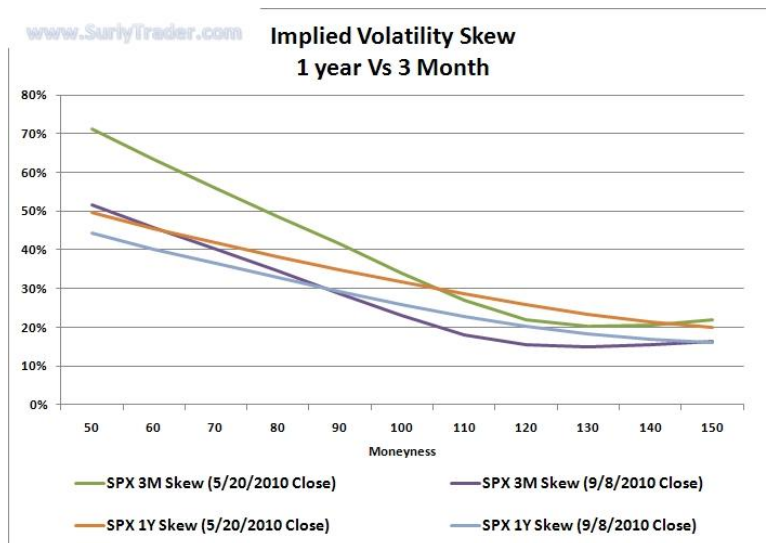
Black Scholes model

Volatility Surface

Volatility is not constant as in the BS model

Traders price options by the implied volatility seen in the market

Implied volatility is “the wrong number to put in the wrong (Black) formula to get the right price” R. Rebonato





The Black Scholes model

Dynamic Delta hedging

Delta $\Delta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}$ is the sensitivity to asset price ; if we set up $\Pi = V - \Delta S$ the portfolio is riskless ,in theory

“In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.” Yogi Berra

Factors to consider : time to maturity , level of at the moneyness, volatility , interest rates, dividends, liquidity pockets

In reality, the trader needs constantly rebalancing the delta over time to keep the portfolio “risk neutral”



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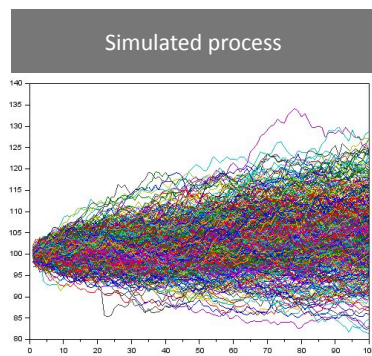
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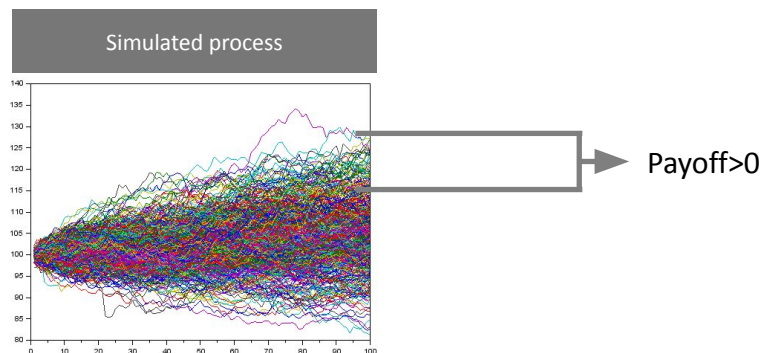
Monte Carlo pricing

Monte Carlo is a simulation technique

We simulate every possible path for the security price based on a pre-defined stochastic process



The price of a contingent claim is given by present value of the average of the potential payoffs



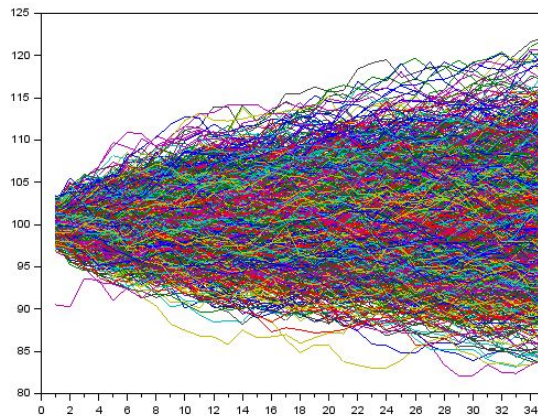


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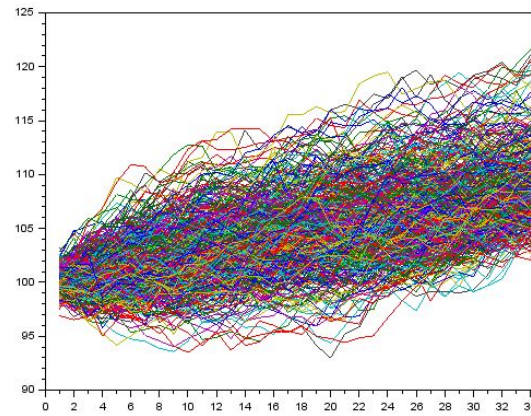
Monte Carlo is a simulation technique

Pricing our example (call option with strike price 105 that matures in 5 weeks) using 2000 simulations and 35 steps

Simulated process (2000 paths)



$S > K$ at T (510 paths)



In this case the price of the call is 1.00 (compared to 1.01 from BS and 1.07 from the binomial model)

In the put example the price is 9.12 (compared to 9.19 from BS and 9.14 from the binomial model)



Monte Carlo pricing

MC main advantage

It's a very flexible approach, can calculate prices for exotic products

Drawbacks with MC

Slow convergence

Computationally expensive if multi -period or non- recombinant

Stability of the Greeks



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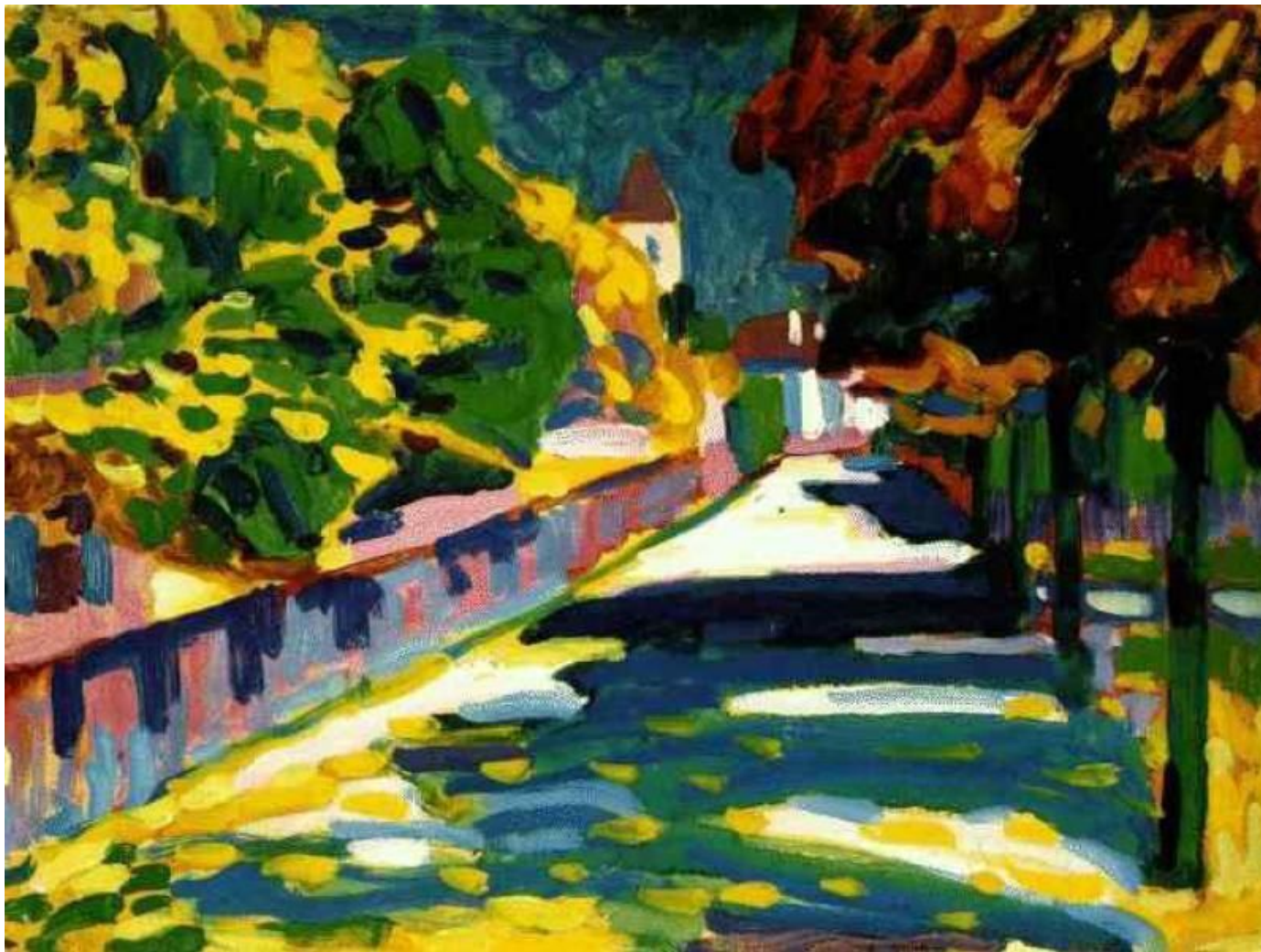
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