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Kolmogorov-Fokker-Planck Equations:
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Efficient Method for Barrier Option Evaluation

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Semi-Analytical method for the pricing of Barrier Options, under general dynamics.

In practice...

the extension of Boundary Element Method, introduced in the Engineering field in the 1970s, to **barrier option pricing**

here in a user-friendly way

Requirement:

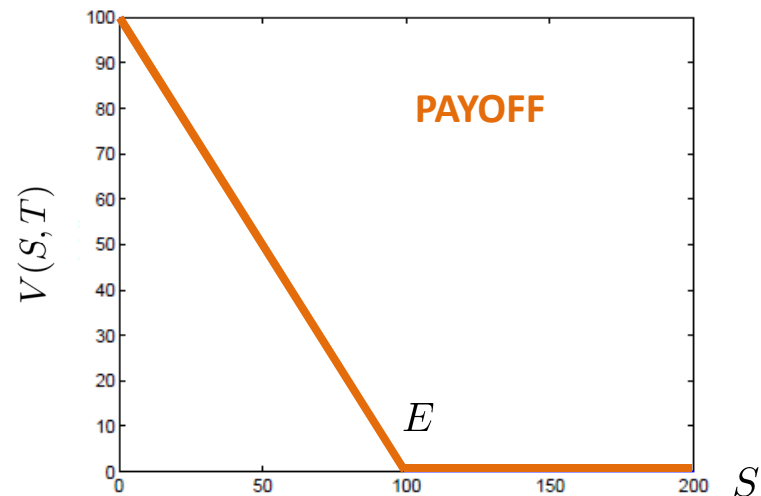
Knowledge of the **fundamental solution** (transition probability density function) related to the differential model problem associated to the vanilla option **at least in an approximated form**

- Black-Scholes model problem
- Foundations
- Numerical examples
- Straightforward application to hedging
- Extension to Heston model

The financial model problem: European barrier option pricing

A **European option** $V(S, t)$ is a contract which gives the buyer the right to sell (**put option**) or to buy (**call option**) an underlying asset S at a specified strike price E on a specified date (expiry) T

At **maturity** T , for **Put Option** with exercise (strike) price E :
if $S \leq E$, the holder can buy the underlying asset at S and exercise the right to sell it at E , thus the option's value is $E - S$.
On the contrary, if $S > E$, why sell something at a price E that is lower than its market price? Thus, if $S > E$, the option is not exercised and the holder receives zero.



The financial model problem: European barrier option pricing

a **knock-out barrier option** is an option whose price extinguishes when the underlying asset breaches a pre-set **barrier level**

For clarity, I will illustrate here only the case of a

European put up-and-out option

whose price extinguishes when the underlying asset breaches a pre-set **upper barrier level**

but the method is analogously applicable also to call option and other combinations of barriers too.

The mathematical model problem: European vanilla option

Under the simple **Black-Scholes paradigm**, still very common in use with **time dependent** parameters $\sigma(t), r(t), d(t)$

European vanilla option differential model problem

- $V(x, t)$ option price $x = \log(S) \in (-\infty, +\infty), t \in [0, T)$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - d\right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - rV = 0$$

- with **final condition** (payoff)

$$V(x, T) = \max(E - e^x, 0) \quad x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

- with **boundary conditions** on the asset

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} V(x, t) = Ee^{-\int_t^T r d\tau} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} V(x, t) = 0 \quad t \in [0, T)$$

S = underlying asset value

r = interest rate

d = dividend yield

σ = volatility

T = expiry

E = exercise price

For this problem the **analytical solution** is known

$$N[q] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^q e^{-y^2/2} dy \quad \text{normal cumulative distribution; } q = -\frac{\log(e^x/E) + \int_t^T (r - \delta + \sigma^2/2) d\tau}{\left(\int_t^T \sigma^2 d\tau\right)^{1/2}}$$

$$V(x, t) = Ee^{-\int_t^T r d\tau} N\left[q + \left(\int_t^T \sigma^2 d\tau\right)^{1/2}\right] - e^{x - \int_t^T d d\tau} N[q]$$

The mathematical model problem: European vanilla option

following the PDE theory,
the analytical solution can be written as the discounted expected value of the final payoff

$$V(x, t) = e^{-\int_t^T r d\tau} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} V(y, T) G(y, T; x, t) dy$$

where $V(y, T)$ is the payoff and

$G(y, \tau; x, t)$ is the **fundamental solution** of the forward PDE

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial y^2} - (r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} - \delta) \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} - rG = 0 & \tau > t \\ G(y, t, x, t) = \delta(x, y) \end{cases}$$

[A. Friedman, 1964-1975-1976]

The mathematical model problem: European put up-and-out option

$$S \in [0, S_u] \quad \text{and} \quad t \in [0, T]$$

Performing these classical **changes of variables**

$$V(S, t) = u(S, t) e^{-\int_t^T r(t') dt'} \quad S = e^x \quad \tau = T - t$$

and defining $r(t) = r(T - \tau) =: \bar{r}(\tau)$, $\sigma(t) = \sigma(T - \tau) =: \bar{\sigma}(\tau)$, and $d(t) = d(T - \tau) =: \bar{d}(\tau)$

European **put up-and-out** option differential model problem

- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \left(\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} - \bar{d} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad x \in \Omega = (-\infty, U), \tau \in (0, T]$

- **with initial condition**

$$u(x, 0) = \max(E - e^x, 0) =: u_0(x) \quad x \in \Omega$$

- **with boundary conditions on the asset**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} u(x, \tau) = E \quad u(U, \tau) = 0 \quad \tau \in [0, T]$$

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E = exercise price

U = log(**upper barrier**)

Is there a closed form solution?

Numerical methods

- **Monte Carlo methods:** very simple and flexible, but also very slow to converge
- **Binomial/trinomial lattices:** relatively easy to implement, but not particularly efficient
- **Finite difference schemes:** easy to implement. However, standard high-order implementations fail to achieve true high-order accuracy, due to the non-smoothness of the options' payoffs
- **Finite element methods:** very accurate and fast and capable of handling discontinuous solutions; However, they are quite difficult to implement, especially if a high-degree polynomial basis is employed and have some troubles particularly in unbounded domains (as Finite Difference methods)

SABO Foundations

Semi-**A**nalytical method for the pricing of **B**arrier **O**ptions, under general dynamics.
based on **B**oundary **E**lement **M**ethod

Foundations:

- *Analytical* Integral Representation of PDE solution
- Boundary Integral Equation
- Numerical Resolution of the Boundary Integral Equation by Collocation Method
- *Numerical approximation* of the option price

Integral Representation Formula of the PDE Solution

following **PDE theory**...

$$\boxed{\text{PDE}} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \left(\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} - \bar{d}\right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau}(x, \tau) - \mathcal{L}[u](x, \tau) = 0 \quad x \in \Omega = (-\infty, U), \tau \in (0, T]$$

the related **transition probability density** (Green fundamental solution)

$$G(y, s, x, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \int_s^\tau \bar{\sigma}^2(v) dv}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\left[y - x - \int_s^\tau \left(\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} - \bar{d} \right) (v) dv \right]^2}{2 \int_s^\tau \bar{\sigma}^2(v) dv} \right\}, \quad \tau > s$$

for each $(x, \tau) \in \mathbb{R} \times [0, T)$, $G(y, s, x, \tau)$ solves

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Multiplying the **PDE** by G , integrating by parts (**Green's Theorem**)
and using **initial/boundary conditions**

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RF

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Boundary Integral Equation

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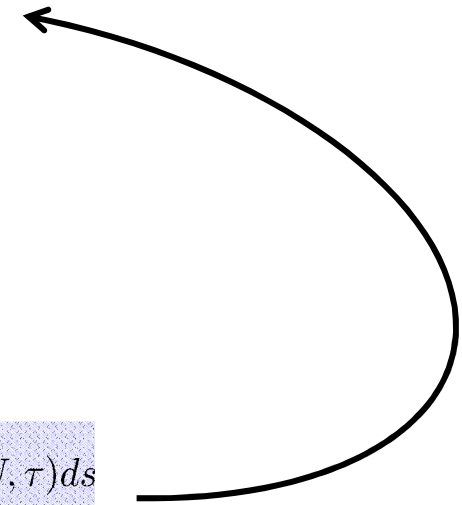
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Note! when $U \rightarrow +\infty$
the method reduces to the evaluation of the payoff expected value

Numerical Resolution of the Boundary Integral Equation

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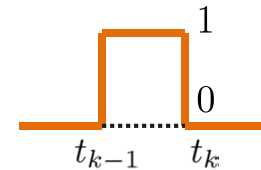
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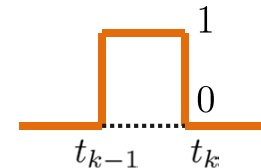
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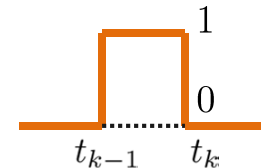
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Numerical Resolution of the Boundary Integral Equation

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$$j, k = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta t}, j \geq k$$

... here in a user-friendly way:

numerical integration is simply performed by adaptive quadrature functions of **Matlab**:

- **quad**
- and **quadgk** for weak singularity in matrix diagonal entries

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N.B.: if σ, r, δ are constant then

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approximation

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$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{\text{ceil}[\frac{\tau}{\Delta t}]} \alpha_k \int_{t_{k-1}}^{\min(t_k, \tau)} \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2(s)}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \int_s^{\tau} \bar{\sigma}^2(v) dv}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{[U - x - \int_s^{\tau} (\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} - \bar{d})(v) dv]^2}{2 \int_s^{\tau} \bar{\sigma}^2(v) dv} \right\} ds$$

$$\forall S \in (0, S_u), \forall t \in [t_0, T) \quad V(S, t) = u(\log(S), T - t) e^{-\int_t^T r(t') dt'}$$

Hedging

This numerical strategy is very useful and efficient also for hedging that needs computing **Greeks** because it is sufficient to evaluate the derivative of the RF

Δ - Hedging without computing the primary unknown V

- $$\Delta := \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} = \frac{1}{S} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\log(S), T - t) e^{-\int_t^T r(t') dt'}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, \tau) := \int_{-\infty}^U u_0(y) \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}(y, 0; x, \tau) dy + \int_0^\tau \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2(s)}{2} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}(U, s; x, \tau) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(U, s) ds$$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x}(y, s, x, \tau) = G(y, s, x, \tau) \frac{y - x - \int_s^\tau (\bar{r} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} - \bar{d})(v) dv}{\int_s^\tau \bar{\sigma}^2(v) dv}$$

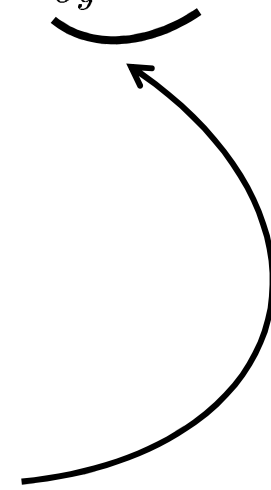
BOUNDARY INTEGRAL EQUATION

BIE

$$0 = u(U, \tau) := \int_{-\infty}^U u_0(y) G(y, 0; U, \tau) dy + \int_0^\tau \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2(s)}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(U, s) G(U, s; U, \tau) ds$$

for each $\tau \in (0, T]$

solve the equation... *numerically*



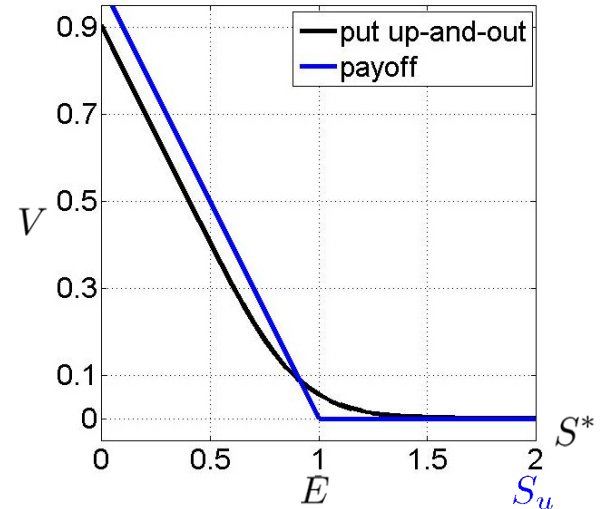
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[L.V. Ballestra – G. Pacelli, 2014]

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 current underlying asset values
 $S_u = 2$ upper barrier $> E$

$$V(S^*, 0)$$



closed-form solution

[J.C. Hull, 2011]

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V(S, t) = Ee^{-r(T-t)} \mathcal{N}[y_1 + (1 - 2\lambda\sigma)\sqrt{T-t}] \\ \quad - Se^{-\delta(T-t)} \mathcal{N}[y_1 - 2\lambda\sigma\sqrt{T-t}] \\ \quad + Se^{-\delta(T-t)} (S_u/S)^{2\lambda} \mathcal{N}[-y_1] \\ \quad - Ee^{-r(T-t)} (S_u/S)^{2\lambda-2} \mathcal{N}[-y_1 + \sigma\sqrt{(T-t)}] \end{array} \right. \quad \text{if } S_u \leq E,$$

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$$\lambda = \frac{r - \delta + \sigma^2/2}{\sigma^2}; \quad y_1 = \frac{\log(S_u/S)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} + \lambda\sigma\sqrt{T-t}; \quad y = \frac{\log(S_u^2/(SE))}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} + \lambda\sigma\sqrt{T-t};$$

$P(S, t)$ is the value of the European put option without barriers

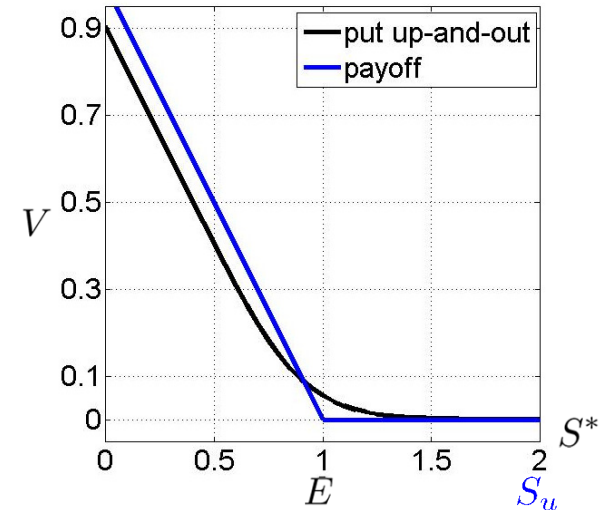
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FINITE DIFFERENCES

$\Delta t = \Delta x^2$ (implicit in time and centered in space)

Δx	Max Abs Err	Max Rel Err	CPU time
0.1	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{+0}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$ s
0.05	$9.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+0}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$ s
0.025	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-1}$ s
0.0125	$6.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{+0}$ s
0.00625	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$5.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5.8 \cdot 10^{+1}$ s
0.003125	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{+3}$ s

SABO

Δt	Max Abs Err	Max Rel Err	CPU time
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[C. Guardasoni - S. Sanfelici, *A boundary element approach to barrier option pricing in Black–Scholes framework*, International Journal of Computer Mathematics, 2016]

Numerical Example: test with constant parameters

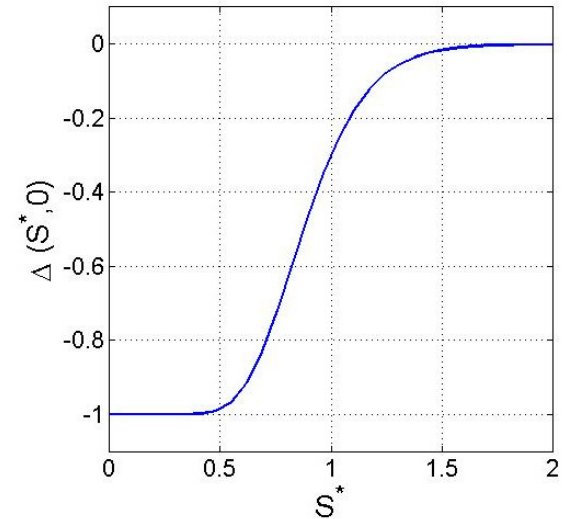
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$$\Delta(S^*, 0)$$



approximation by
2nd order CENTERED FINITE DIFFERENCE
 and closed formula option values

Δx	$S^*=1.9$	$S^*=1$
0.1	$-1.330647 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-3.068228 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.05	$-1.259514 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-3.015779 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.025	$-1.242075 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-3.002400 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.0125	$-1.237736 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.999038 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.00625	$-1.236653 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.998197 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.003125	$-1.236382 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.997986 \cdot 10^{-1}$

SABO

Δt	$S^*=1.9$	$S^*=1$
0.1	$-1.217824 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.997916 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.05	$-1.232680 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.997916 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.025	$-1.235895 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.997916 \cdot 10^{-1}$
0.0125	$-1.236180 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.997916 \cdot 10^{-1}$
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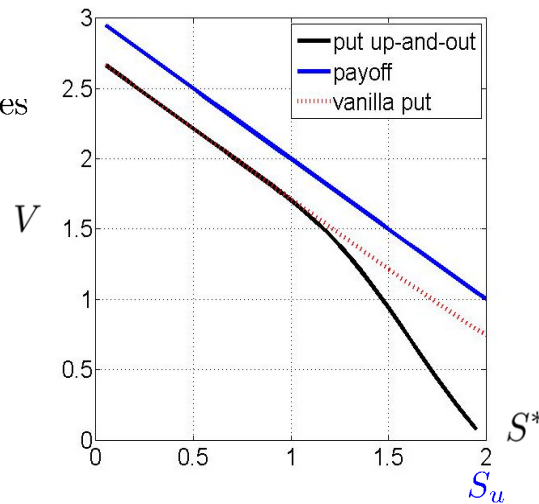
N.B.: in the case of constant parameters, we compare results with the closed formula for the greek.

Numerical Example: test with constant parameters

$E = 3$ exercise price
 $e^{x^*} = S^* = [0 : 0.05 : 2]$
 current underlying asset values

$S_u = 2$ upper barrier $< E$

$$V(S^*, 0)$$



SABO

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MONTE CARLO

$M = 50\,000$ is the initial sampling

$N_{\Delta t} = 100$ is the number of initial time interval decomposition

$(M, N_{\Delta t}) \cdot k$	<i>Max Abs Err</i>	<i>Max Rel Err</i>	<i>CPU time</i>
k=1	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{+0}$ s
k=2	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{+1}$ s
k=3	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$7.2 \cdot 10^{+1}$ s

piecewise constant volatility

$$S_u = 101 \quad t_0 = 0, T = 0.5 \quad S^* = 100 \quad r = 0.03, \quad d = 0.02,$$

$$\sigma(t) = \begin{cases} 0.0105 & t < 0.25 \\ 0.01147824 & 0.25 \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

$E = 101$

n	$V_{SABO}(100, 0)$	CPU time (s)
2	0.89178	$1.0 \cdot 10^{+0}$
3	0.89373	$2.0 \cdot 10^{+0}$
4	0.89419	$4.5 \cdot 10^{+0}$
5	0.89433	$1.3 \cdot 10^{+1}$
6	0.89436	$3.9 \cdot 10^{+1}$
7	0.89437	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+2}$

n	$V_{FD}(100, 0)$	CPU time (s)
0	0.89584	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-1}$
1	0.89474	$2.1 \cdot 10^{+0}$
2	0.89447	$3.4 \cdot 10^{+1}$
3	0.89440	$3.4 \cdot 10^{+2}$
4	0.89438	$3.4 \cdot 10^{+3}$

$$\Delta t_{SABO} = T/2^n$$

$E = 103$

n	$V_{SABO}(100, 0)$	CPU time (s)
2	1.08163	$1.0 \cdot 10^{+0}$
3	1.08634	$1.9 \cdot 10^{+0}$
4	1.08787	$4.5 \cdot 10^{+0}$
5	1.08828	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+1}$
6	1.08839	$3.7 \cdot 10^{+1}$
7	1.08842	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+2}$

n	$V_{FD}(100, 0)$	CPU time (s)
0	1.10233	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-1}$
1	1.09175	$2.4 \cdot 10^{+0}$
2	1.08926	$3.5 \cdot 10^{+1}$
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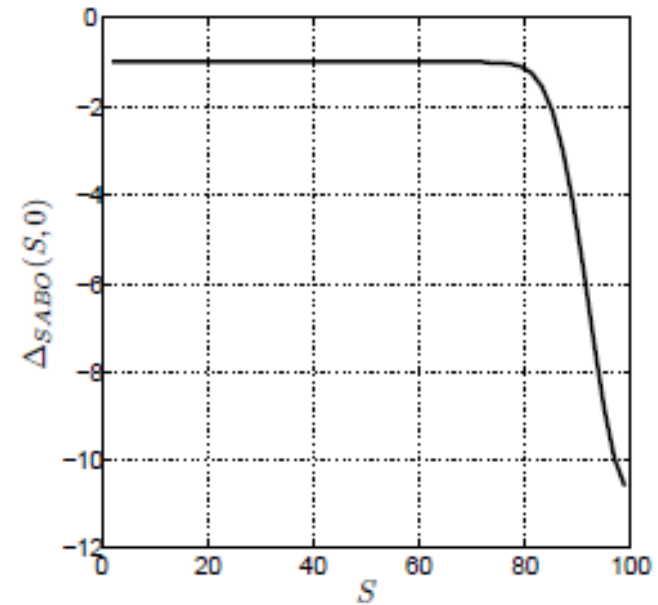
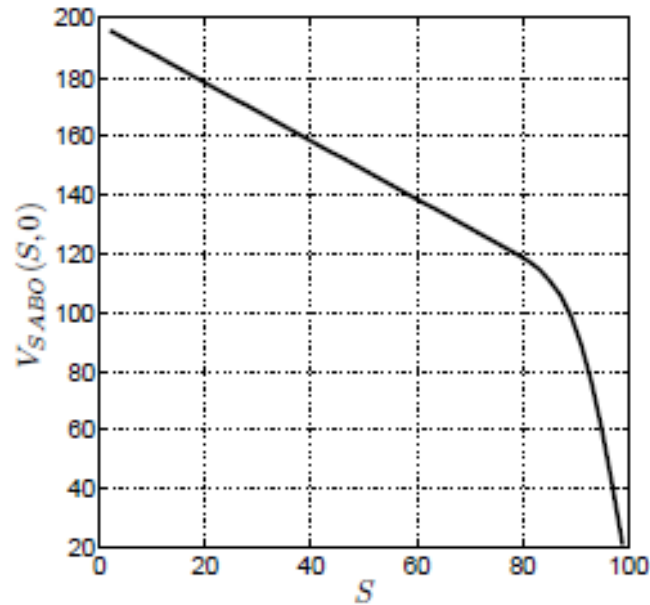
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$$E = 201 \quad \Delta t = 0.0625$$



time-continuous volatility

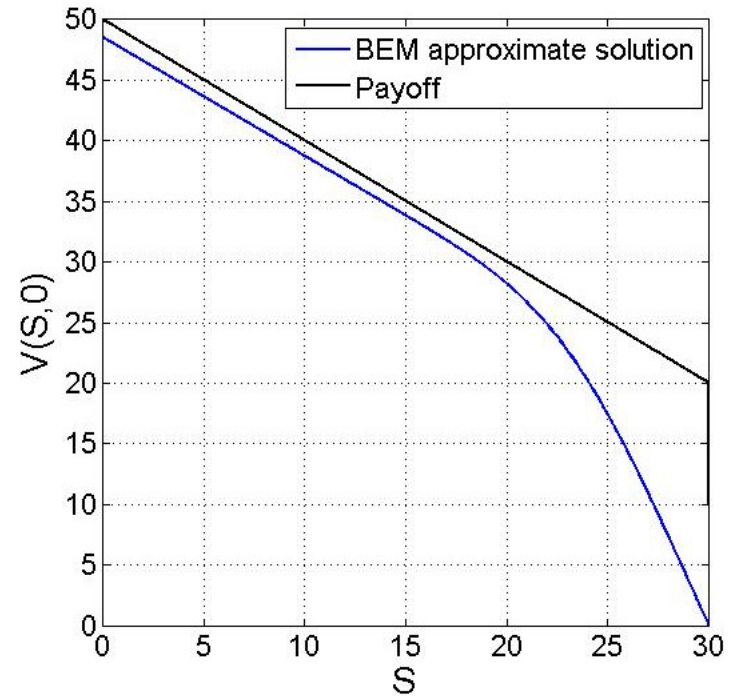
$$S_u = 30 \quad t_0 = 0, T = 1 \quad S^* = 29 \quad r = 0.03, \quad d = 0.02, \quad E = 50$$

$$\sigma^2(t) = 0.03 + 0.02(T - t)$$

$$\Delta t = T/2^n$$

SABO

n	$V(S^*, 0)$	CPU time
4	3.67754	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-0}$
5	3.68136	$1.0 \cdot 10^{+1}$
6	3.68235	$3.4 \cdot 10^{+1}$
7	3.68264	$1.2 \cdot 10^{+2}$



Numerical Example

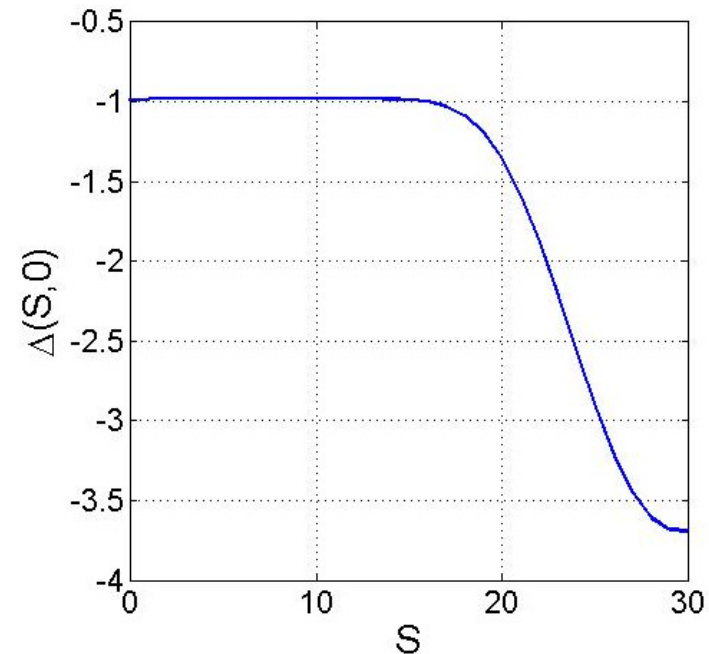
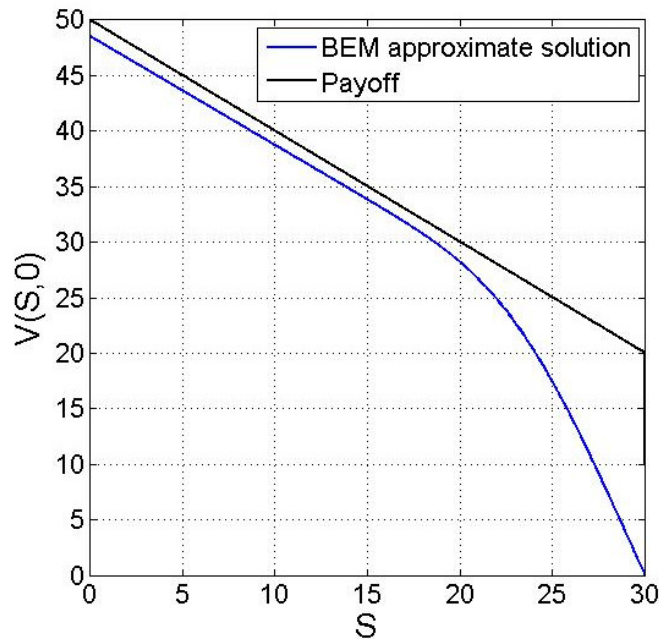
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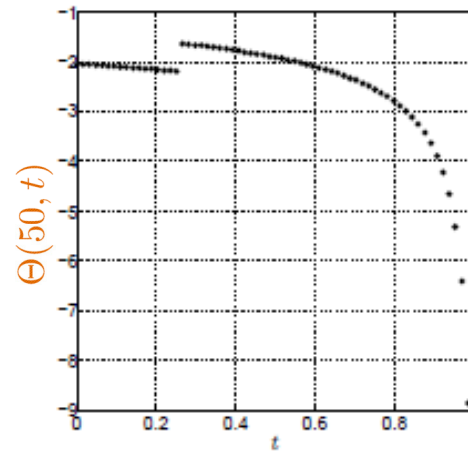
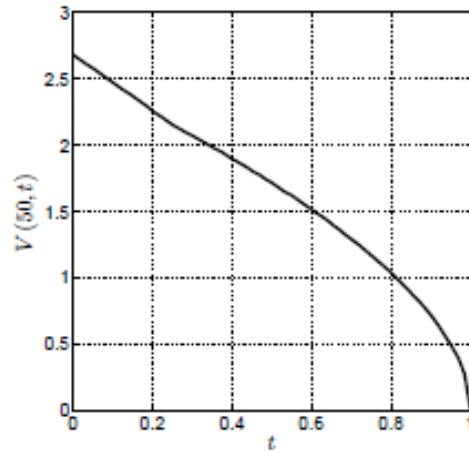
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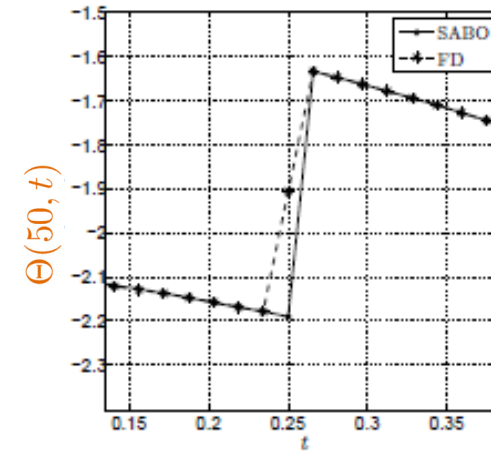
$$S_u = 101 \quad E = 50 \quad t_0 = 0, T = 1 \quad S^* = 50 \quad \sigma = 0.105, \quad d = 0.05,$$

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 0.01 & t < 0.25 \\ 0.03 & 0.25 \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta t = 0.015625$$



$$\Delta t = \Delta x^2 \quad \Delta x = 0.125$$



$$\Theta(S, t) := \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}(S, t) = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau}(\log(S), T - t) e^{-\int_t^T \bar{r}(t') dt'} + V(S, t) r(t)$$

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[C. Guardasoni, ... CAIM]

Observations

Advantages :

- implicit satisfaction of asset infinity boundary conditions
- avoidance of discretization of asset- domain (dimensional reduction)
- high precision and stability
- direct evaluation of derivated functions (greeks)

Costs are due to:

- discretization in time
- numerical quadrature

Needs :

- Green fundamental solution in a closed or approximated form

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- **final condition (payoff)**
with E exercise price

$$V(x, v, T) = \max(e^x - E, 0) \quad x \in \Omega_x \quad v \in \Omega_v$$

boundary conditions

[E. Miglio-C. Sgarra (2011)]

- on the asset

$$V(\log(L), v, t) = 0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} V(x, v, t) = e^{x - \delta t} \quad t \in [0, T) \quad v \in \Omega_v$$

- on the variance

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} S(x, v, t) = e^x \quad S(x, 0, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} S_{BS}(t, e^x, B, \bar{\sigma}_n, \bar{r}_n) \quad x \in \Omega_x \quad t \in [0, T)$$

$S_{BS}(t, e^x, B, \bar{\sigma}_n, \bar{r}_n)$ Black-Scholes value with

variance $\bar{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{n\sigma^2}{t}$ and rate $\bar{r}_n = r - \delta + \lambda(1 - e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}) + n \frac{\mu + \sigma^2/2}{t}$

Numerical methods

Analytical solution only for Vanilla option [P.Carr, D.Madan (1999)]

NO ANALYTICAL SOLUTION

Finite Elements

Finite Differences

Monte Carlo

Shortcomings

- evaluation of the option over a wide subset of asset and variance values
- approximation of boundary conditions due to the truncation of the domain

Shortcoming

- slow convergence

representation formula

[C.Guardasoni, S.Sanfelici (2016)]

$$x \in \Omega_x = (\log(L), +\infty), v \in \Omega_v = (0, +\infty), t \in [0, T]$$

$$V(x, v, t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \left\{ \int_{\log(L)}^{+\infty} \int_{\Omega_v} V(y, w, T) G(x, y, v, w, t, T) dw dy + \right. \\ \left. - \int_t^T \int_{\Omega_v} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}(\log(L), w, \tau) e^{r(T-t)} \frac{w}{2} G(x, \log(L), v, w, t, \tau) dw d\tau \right\}$$

$G(x, y, v, w, t, \tau)$ is the joint transition probability density (or **fundamental solution**) that expresses the probability to move from (x, v) at time t to (y, w) at time τ

$$G(x, y, v, w, t, \tau) = p_{t \rightarrow \tau}(x \rightarrow y, v \rightarrow w) = p_{t \rightarrow \tau}(y - x, w | v) = p_{t \rightarrow \tau}(y - x | w, v) \tilde{p}_{t \rightarrow \tau}(v, w)$$

- $\tilde{p}_{t \rightarrow \tau}(v, w)$ is the transition density of the variance v conditioned on w [W. Feller (1951)]

$$\tilde{p}_{t \rightarrow \tau}(v, w) = \gamma e^{-\gamma(v e^{-\lambda(\tau-t)} + w)} \left(\frac{w}{v e^{-\lambda(\tau-t)}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2}} I_{\alpha-1}(2\sqrt{\gamma^2 v w e^{-\lambda(\tau-t)}})$$

$$\gamma = \frac{2\lambda}{(1 - e^{-\lambda(\tau-t)})\eta^2} \quad \alpha = \frac{2\lambda\bar{v}}{\eta^2}; \quad I \text{ is the modified Bessel function of the 1st kind (Feller condition } \lambda\bar{v} \geq \eta^2)$$

- with an inverse Fourier transform:

$$p_{t \rightarrow \tau}(y - x | w, v) = \mathcal{F}_\omega^{-1}[\hat{p}](y - x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{p}(\omega, v, w, t, \tau) e^{-i\omega(y-x)} d\omega$$

$$\hat{p}(\omega, v, w, t, \tau) = e^{i\omega \left\{ (r-d)(\tau-t) + \frac{\rho}{\eta} (w - v - \lambda\bar{v}(\tau-t)) \right\}} \phi \left[\omega \left(\frac{\lambda\rho}{\eta} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} i\omega^2 (1 - \rho^2) \right]$$

$\phi[\cdot] = \dots$ is the characteristic function of the integrated variance $\int_t^\tau v(s) ds$ given v_t and v_τ

[M. Broadie, O. Kaya (2006)]

- uniform decomposition of the time interval $[0, T]$ with time step

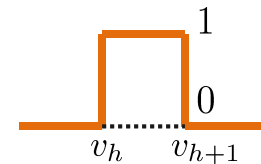
$$\Delta t = T/N_{\Delta t} : \quad t_j = j\Delta t \quad j = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta t}$$

- uniform decomposition of the variance interval $[0, v_{\max}]$ with step

$$\Delta v = v_{\max}/N_{\Delta v} : \quad v_i = i\Delta v \quad i = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta v}$$

- approximation of the BIE unknown

$$q(\log(L), w, \tau) \approx \sum_{h=1}^{N_{\Delta v}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\Delta t}} \alpha_h^{(k)} \psi_h(w) \varphi_k(\tau)$$



with

$$\psi_h(w) = H[w - v_{h-1}] - H[w - v_h] \quad \text{for } h = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta v}$$

$$\varphi_k(\tau) = H[\tau - t_{k-1}] - H[\tau - t_k] \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta t}$$

- evaluation of BIE at the collocation nodes:

$$\bar{t}_j = \frac{t_j + t_{j-1}}{2} \quad j = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta t}$$

$$\bar{v}_i = \frac{v_i + v_{i-1}}{2} \quad i = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta v}$$

Attention!: the fundamental solution in this framework is known throughout a numerical inverse Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{A}\alpha = \mathcal{F}$$

- \mathcal{A} has an upper triangular Toeplitz structure $\ell = k - j$ $\ell = 0, \dots, N_{\Delta t}$
 $i, h = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta v}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{ih}^{(jk)} &= \int_{\max(\bar{t}_j, t_{k-1})}^{t_k} \int_{v_{h-1}}^{v_h} \frac{w}{2} G(\log(L), \log(L), \bar{v}_i, w, \bar{t}_j, \tau) dw d\tau = \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}^1 \int_{v_{h-1}}^{v_h} \frac{\Delta t}{4\pi} w \tilde{p}_{0 \rightarrow \Delta t(\ell - \frac{1}{2} + s)}(\bar{v}_i, w) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{p}(\omega, \bar{v}_i, w, 0, \Delta t(\ell - \frac{1}{2} + s)) d\omega dw ds =: \mathcal{A}_{ih}^{(\ell)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^{(0)} & \mathcal{A}^{(1)} & \dots & \mathcal{A}^{(N_{\Delta t}-2)} & \mathcal{A}^{(N_{\Delta t}-1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \mathcal{A}^{(0)} & \mathcal{A}^{(1)} & \mathcal{A}^{(2)} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \mathcal{A}^{(0)} & \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{A}^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(1)} \\ \alpha^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha^{(N_{\Delta t}-1)} \\ \alpha^{(N_{\Delta t})} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}^{(1)} \\ \mathcal{F}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}^{(N_{\Delta t}-1)} \\ \mathcal{F}^{(N_{\Delta t})} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)} \alpha^{(\ell)} = \mathcal{F}^{(\ell)} - \sum_{q=\ell+1}^{N_{\Delta t}} \mathcal{A}^{(q-\ell)} \alpha^{(q)}, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, N_{\Delta t}$$

- numerical quadrature rule for evaluation of inverse Fourier transform: Matlab adaptive quadrature
- numerical quadrature rule for evaluation of integrals: Gauss-Legendre quadrature rules

Numerical example: Heston model

L.Feng-V.Linetsky (2008)

$E = 100$ exercise price
 $r = 0.05$ interest rate
 $\delta = 0.02$ asset payout ratio
 $\rho = -0.5$ correlation between S and v
 $\eta = 0.1$ volatility of volatility
 $\lambda = 4$ speed of mean reversion
 $\bar{v} = 0.04$ long-run variance

$L = 110$ barrier

$$V(150, v^*, 0)$$

$e^{x^*} = S^*$ current underlying asset value
 $v^* = 0.01$ current variance
 $T = 1$ maturity

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$N_{\Delta t} = N_{\Delta v}$	$V(S^*, v^*, 0)$	CPU time
3	50.96	$2 \cdot 10^2$ s
6	50.98	$9 \cdot 10^2$ s
9	51.02	$2 \cdot 10^3$ s
12	51.01	$2 \cdot 10^4$ s
15	51.01	$4 \cdot 10^4$ s

sampling

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time discretization	$N_{\Delta t}$	$M = 10^4$			$M = 10^6$			$M = 10^8$		
		51.49	[50.95, 52.02]	$4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	51.24	[51.18, 51.29]	$4 \cdot 10^1$	51.25	[51.25, 51.26]	$4 \cdot 10^3$
	$2 N_{\Delta t}$	51.24	[50.71, 51.78]	$6 \cdot 10^{-1}$	51.19	[51.14, 51.25]	$6 \cdot 10^1$	51.19	[51.18, 51.19]	$7 \cdot 10^3$
	$4 N_{\Delta t}$	51.33	[50.79, 51.88]	$1 \cdot 10^0$	51.16	[51.10, 51.21]	$1 \cdot 10^2$	51.14	[51.13, 51.15]	$1 \cdot 10^4$
	$8 N_{\Delta t}$	51.35	[50.80, 51.89]	$2 \cdot 10^0$	51.13	[51.08, 51.18]	$2 \cdot 10^2$	51.11	[51.10, 51.11]	$2 \cdot 10^4$
	$16 N_{\Delta t}$	51.41	[50.88, 51.95]	$4 \cdot 10^0$	51.11	[51.05, 51.16]	$3 \cdot 10^2$	51.09	[51.08, 51.09]	$5 \cdot 10^4$
	$32 N_{\Delta t}$	50.97	[50.42, 51.52]	$8 \cdot 10^0$	51.08	[51.02, 51.13]	$1 \cdot 10^3$	51.07	[51.06, 51.07]	$7 \cdot 10^4$

Numerical example: Heston model

$$V(115, v^*, 0)$$

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$N_{\Delta t} = N_{\Delta v}$	$V(S^*, v^*, 0)$
3	8.04
6	8.06
9	8.31
12	8.29
15	8.30

CPU time

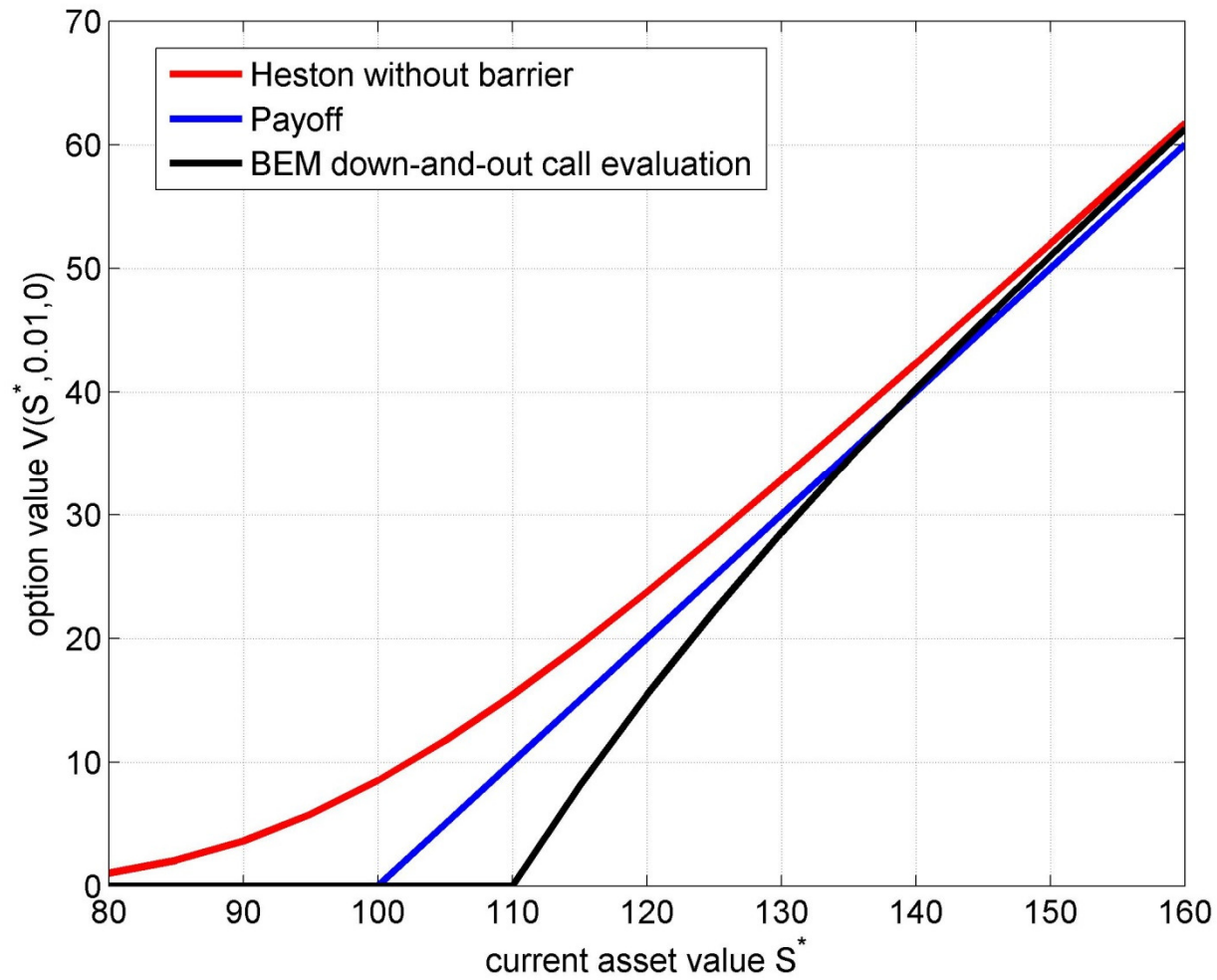
BEM, $S = 115$		postprocessing	
$N_{\Delta t} = N_{\Delta v}$	Times	$N_{\Delta t} = N_{\Delta v}$	Times
3	1.5E+02 s	3	3.8E+01 s
6	7.5E+02 s	6	1.4E+02 s
9	3.4E+03 s	9	3.1E+02 s
12	3.7E+03 s	12	3.9E+02 s
15	6.2E+03 s	15	6.1E+02 s

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sampling

time discretization	$M = 10^4$			$M = 10^6$			$M = 10^8$		
	Mean	CI	SE	Mean	CI	SE	Mean	CI	SE
$N_{\Delta t} = 100$	9.86	[9.51,10.21]	$4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	9.72	[9.69,9.76]	$4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	9.74	[9.73,9.74]	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$2 N_{\Delta t}$	9.22	[8.88,9.57]	$7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	9.33	[9.30,9.37]	$7 \cdot 10^{-1}$	9.33	[9.32,9.33]	$6 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$4 N_{\Delta t}$	8.99	[8.64,9.33]	$1 \cdot 10^0$	9.04	[9.00,9.07]	$1 \cdot 10^2$	9.03	[9.03,9.04]	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$8 N_{\Delta t}$	8.81	[8.46,9.15]	$2 \cdot 10^0$	8.82	[8.79,8.86]	$2 \cdot 10^2$	8.83	[8.83, 8.83]	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$16 N_{\Delta t}$	8.54	[8.20,8.88]	$4 \cdot 10^0$	8.68	[8.65,8.71]	$4 \cdot 10^2$	8.68	[8.68, 8.68]	$4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$32 N_{\Delta t}$				8.58	[8.54,8.61]	$8 \cdot 10^2$			
$64 N_{\Delta t}$				8.53	[8.49,8.56]	$2 \cdot 10^3$			
$128 N_{\Delta t}$				8.50	[8.46,8.53]	$3 \cdot 10^3$			
$256 N_{\Delta t}$				8.43	[8.40,8.47]	$7 \cdot 10^3$			
$512 N_{\Delta t}$				8.39	[8.36,8.43]	$1 \cdot 10^4$			

Numerical example: Heston model



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Perspective

- **Extension to Asian barrier options with geometric mean**

- ... **with arithmetic mean**

Thank you for the attention!

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