

# Package ‘VarRedOpt’

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BS_Asian_geom	<i>Block Scholes for Geometric Asian Call Option</i>
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### Description

Function to calculate expected value of Geometric Asian Call Option via Block Scholes formula.

### Usage

```
BS_Asian_geom(K = 100, TimeToMat, d, ti, r = 0.05, sigma = 0.1, S0 = 100, ...)
```

### Arguments

K	Strike price.
TimeToMat	Time to maturity.
d	Dimension of input z matrix.
ti	Vector of control points.
r	Riskfree rate
sigma	Yearly volatility.
S0	Stock price at start.
...	ellipsis parameter. different parameters can be passed depending on the problem.

### Value

Expected value of Geometric Average Asian Call Option, vector of control points, interest rate and strike price as a list.

### Examples

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

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myq_asian	<i>Block Scholes for Geometric Asian Call Option</i>
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**Description**

Function to calculate expected value of Geometric Asian Call Option via Block Scholes formula.

**Usage**

```
myq_asian(zm, K = 100, ti = (1:3)/12, r = 0.05, sigma = 0.1, S0 = 100)
```

**Arguments**

zm	Input matrix with n row and d dimension.
K	Strike price.
ti	Vector of control points.
r	Riskfree rate.
sigma	Yearly volatility.
S0	Stock price at start.

**Value**

Returns 4 elements as a list. Asian Call Option Prices, Last Price of Asian Call Option, Expected Value of Asian Call Option, Product of the prices through time

**Examples**

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.IS,
q.is = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
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myq_euclidean	<i>Euclidean Distance</i>
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**Description**

Function to calculate euclidean distance between two vectors.

**Usage**

```
myq_euclidean(zm, point = c(1, 2, 1))
```

**Arguments**

zm	Input matrix of set of vectors.
point	Coordinates of the point to calculate distance to the input.

**Value**

Sum of the euclidean distance from point to set of vectors.

**Examples**

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer=myq_euclidean, point=c(1,1,1))
```

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sim.AV

*Function to apply Antithetic Variates Algorithm.*

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**Description**

Given matrix input with d dimension, this function runs simulation two times using positive and negative signed versions of the input matrix.

**Usage**

```
sim.AV(zm, q.av, ...)
```

**Arguments**

zm	A matrix with dimension d and length n.
q.av	q function that sim.AV function gets target vectors to apply variance reduction.
...	ellipsis parameter. different parameters can be passed depending on the problem.

**Value**

y target vector with theoretically lower variance with the same expected value as the initial y vector.

**Examples**

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.AV,
q.av = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.AV, q.av = sim.InnerCV,
q.cv = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

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sim.GeometricAvg      *An Outer Control Variate function for Asian Call Option.*

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### Description

# Applies geometric average asian call outer control variates algorithm to the simulation. Gets expected value for the control variate using BS\_Asian\_geom function if IS algorithm is within the framework, the length of the q.ga will be different. Checks if IS algorithm is within the framework and applies IS weight accordingly.

### Usage

```
sim.GeometricAvg(zm, q.ga, ...)
```

### Arguments

zm	A matrix with dimension d and length n.
q.ga	q function that sim.GeometricAvg function gets target vectors to apply variance reduction.
...	ellipsis parameter. different parameters can be passed depending on the problem.

### Value

Updates Y value which stored in list 'results' and returns the list 'results' with updated Y value.

### Examples

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.GeometricAvg,
q.ga = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)

sim.outer(n=1e3, d=1, q.outer = sim.AV, q.av = sim.GeometricAvg,
q.ga = myq_asian, K=90, ti=(1:1/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

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sim.InnerCV      *Function to apply Inner Control Variates Algorithm.*

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### Description

Given matrix input with d dimension, this function aims to reduce the variance by applying Inner Control Variates algorithm. It uses input columns and their squares as inner control variates and applies feature selection for these control variates.

**Usage**

```
sim.InnerCV(zm, q.cv, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**zm** A matrix with dimension  $d$  and length  $n$ .

**q.cv**  $q$  function that `sim.InnerCV` function gets target vectors to apply variance reduction.

**...** ellipsis parameter. different parameters can be passed depending on the problem.

**Value**

Updates  $Y$  value which stored in list 'results' and returns the list 'results' with updated  $Y$  value.

**Examples**

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.InnerCV,
q.cv = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)

sim.outer(n=1e6, d=6, q.outer = sim.AV, q.av = sim.InnerCV,
q.cv = myq_asian, K=105, ti=(1:6/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

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sim.IS

*Function to apply Importance Sampling Algorithm.*

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**Description**

Given matrix input with  $d$  dimension, this function applies Importance Sampling algorithm and it chooses the best value of the mean value of the importance density automatically. Performs better in rare event simulation. `sim.IS` checks the input size and returns elements accordingly. If the input value is a list of one element it only updates the simulated value with importance weight and returns that value. If the input value has a dimension bigger than 1, weight values are added separately as another input of the list.

**Usage**

```
sim.IS(zm, use_pilot_study = TRUE, muis = 1, sis = 1, q.is, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**zm** A matrix with dimension  $d$  and length  $n$ .

**use\_pilot\_study** TRUE if user wants to choose `muis` parameter automatically.

**muis** mean parameter of the importance density.

**sis** standard deviation parameter of the importance density.

q.is            q function that sim.IS function gets target vectors to apply variance reduction.  
 ...            ellipsis parameter. different parameters can be passed depending on the problem.

### Value

Weighted simulated values or weights and simulated values are added to input list depending on the initial input size.

### Examples

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.IS,
q.is = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

```
sim.outer(n=1e5, d=4, q.outer=sim.AV, q.av = sim.IS, q.is = myq_asian,
K=130, ti=(1:4/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
```

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sim.outer	<i>Main function for VarRedOpt simulation framework.</i>
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### Description

This function creates the z matrix which is an input matrix with given dimension value, d, and given length, n. Values are generated from standard normal distribution. After creating the z matrix, this function sends this input matrix to given simulation function. After simulation steps are completed, simulate.outer function gets the final simulated values and calculates expected value and variance. For instance, if myq\_asian and sim.AV functions are given in simulate.outer function as parameters, the input matrix will be sent to sim.AV function and sim.AV function will send input value to myq\_asian function twice with opposite signs and gets simulation results. After collecting these results it applies Antithetic Variates algorithm and finds the final simulation value and sends it back to the simulate.outer function.

### Usage

```
sim.outer(n, d, auto_repetition = 1, q.outer, ...)
```

### Arguments

n                Simulation length.  
 d                Simulation dimension.  
 auto\_repetition                Applies auto\_repetition of auto\_repetition = TRUE.  
 q.outer                Accepts the function name of the variance reduction / simulation algorithm.  
 ...                ellipsis parameter. different parameters can be passed depending on the problem.

**Value**

estimation mean, standard error, confidence interval metrics if `auto_repetition = TRUE`

**Examples**

```
sim.outer(n=1e3, d=3, q.outer = sim.AV,  
q.av = myq_asian, K=100, ti=(1:3/12), r=0.03, sigma=0.3, S0=100)
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