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Abstract.

In this paper we address the pricing of double barrier options. To derive the density function of the first-hit times of the barriers, we analytically invert the Laplace transform by contour integration. With these barrier densities, we derive pricing formulæfor new types of barrier options: knock-out barrier options which pay a rebate when either one of the barriers is hit. Furthermore we discuss more complicated types of barrier options like double knock-in options.

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