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Option pricing is a very important issue nowadays. The use of probabilistic methods is required for risk neutral pricing. Here we apply the method of Siu et al. for two classes of GARCHs, viz., the FC-GARCH and the Mixture of GARCHs.

In both models we derive the risk neutral version of the model which is essential for pricing contracts, in two different cases, when the noise is normal as well as when it is shifted gamma.

We also performed simulations with both models and compared to the benchmark Black Scholes model, checked for the smile effect and made some sensibility analysis in the parameters.

## **Keywords**

Option Pricing. Change of measure. GARCH. FC-GARCH. Mixture of GARCHs. Conditional Esscher transform.

## **Resumo**

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O apreçamento de opções é um assunto muito importante nos dias de hoje. Métodos probabilísticos são necessários para fazer o apreçamento neutro ao risco. Usaremos o método de Siu et al. para duas classes de GARCHs, o FC-GARCH e a mistura de GARCHs

Em ambos os modelos nós encontramos a versão neutra ao risco do modelo que é necessária para a precificação de contratos, em dois diferentes casos, quando o ruído é normal e quando é shifted gamma.

Fizemos também simulações para ilustrar e comparamos os resultados com o valor de Black Scholes, verificamos a existência de smile e fizemos uma análise de sensibilidade nos parâmetros

## **Palavras-chave**

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