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# **Black-Scholes Option Pricing and Neural Networks**

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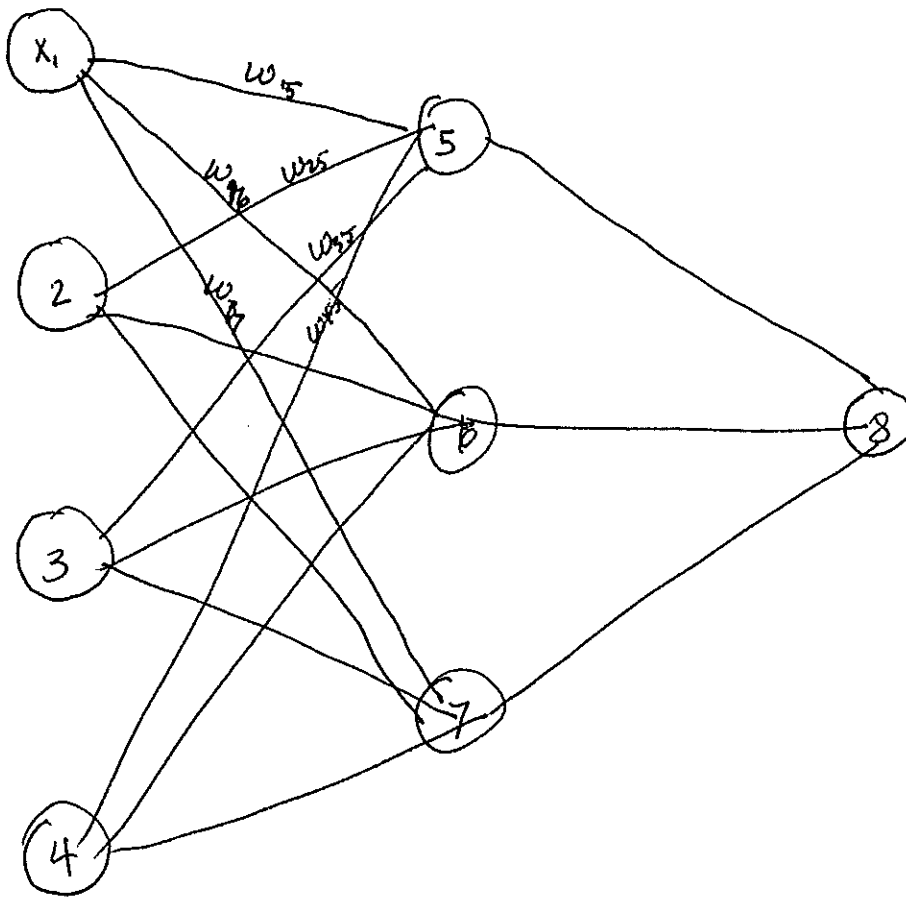
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# Neural network

the primary elements { neurons, processing elements  
connections with weights



learns from examples rather than being told rules or formulas

input layer      hidden layer } may be more than 1      Output layer

feedforward : ~~into~~ data flows in one direction

Supervised learning : answer available in training  
unsupervised learning - recognition problems, faces of criminals

backpropagation : an error signal is fed back through the network, altering weights as it goes

one node

$$\sum w_k \cdot O_j$$

$\uparrow$              $\uparrow$   
~~each~~ weight    output from node in previous layer

initial input scaled between 0 and 1.

Output goes to many nodes

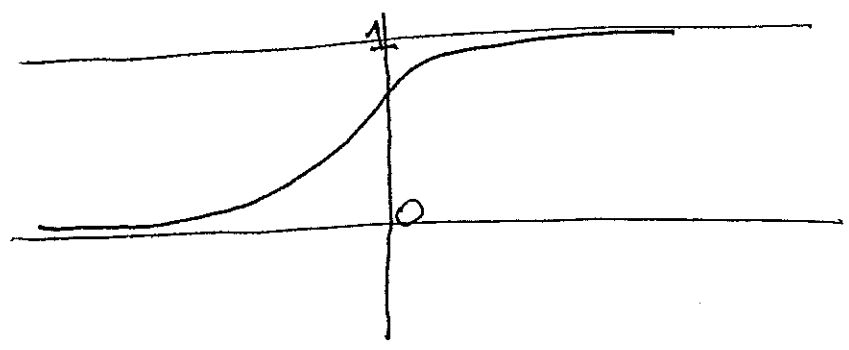
$$f(\Sigma)$$

$\uparrow$

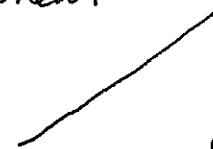
threshold activation function


the de facto standard is the sigmoidal or logistic fcn.


$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



Some other choices:

linear 

step 

gaussian 

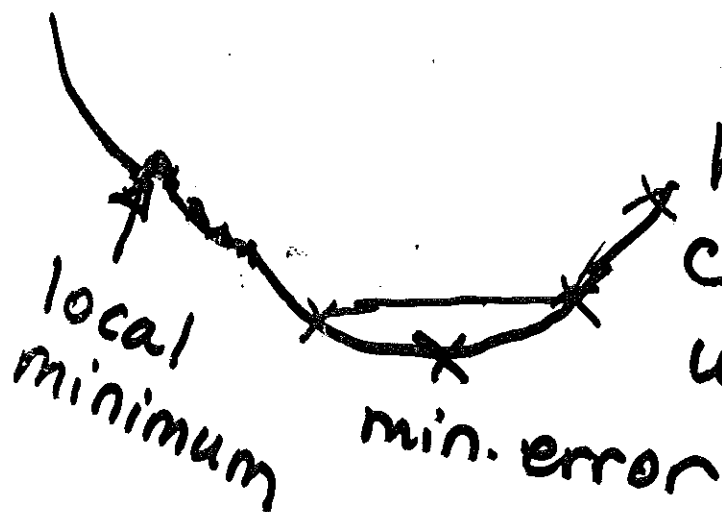
Weights are adjusted according to the generalized delta rule

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (d_i - o_i)^2}{N}$$

$$\Delta W_{ij} = \eta * -\delta E_i / \delta W_{ij}$$

or

$$W_{ij}(t+1) = W_{ij}(t) + \eta \delta_{p^i} p_j$$



learning rate  
how large the change is to any weight

too small:  
get stuck in local min

default learning rate = 1

What factors need to be adjusted?

inputs

number of layers

number of nodes per layer  
(input + output) / 2

too many nodes?

learning rate memorizes

how much weights change • 1 and down

• 1 default training tolerance

what is good?

$|actual - network| < tol.$

training set

1 year? 2 years?

has the relationship changed over time?

forecasting period

1 day

variety

border patterns !!

when do you retrain?

The network will be presented with a set of examples, and will try to "guess" the right answer.

If the answers are wrong then the weights are adjusted and the examples are fed through again.

This continues until the examples are below a minimum error you have specified. (training tolerance)

# Data Preparation

continuous-valued or binary  
Dow Jones ; months? Jan:1 Mar:3  
12 nodes

changes or actual amounts  
imaginary boundaries?

more than one output?

→ networks consider all examples, but  
only 1 at a time  
must add lags of some data  
enough examples

good distribution of examples  
not all up trends



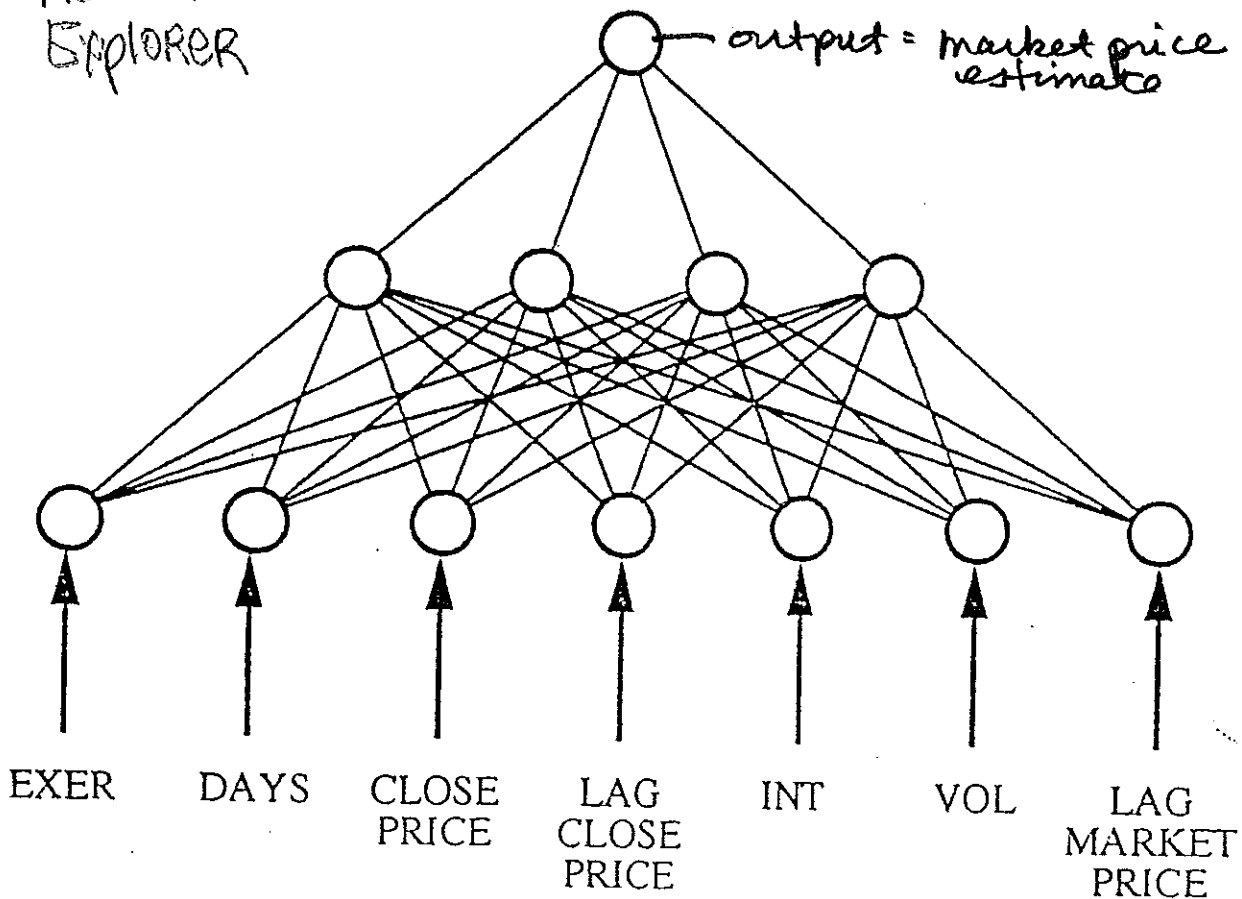
# Order to Follow

- ① prepare data: in Lotus 1-2-3
- ② construct training & randomize  
(testing  
forecasting sets)
- ③ decide on network structure + parameters  
#layers #nodes learning rate  
tolerance (Good?)
- ④ run, test, forecast
- ⑤ analyze + adapt  
more lags?  
more variables?  
more layers? more nodes?
- ⑥ similarity network?

our network: the 5 B-S variables plus  
two lagged variables

at first we tried: no lag variables  
all variables lagged  
2 lags we used had greatest  
correlation with output

Neuralworks  
EXPLORER



What data sets?

network performs better with more consistent range

So use split on data into 2 sets

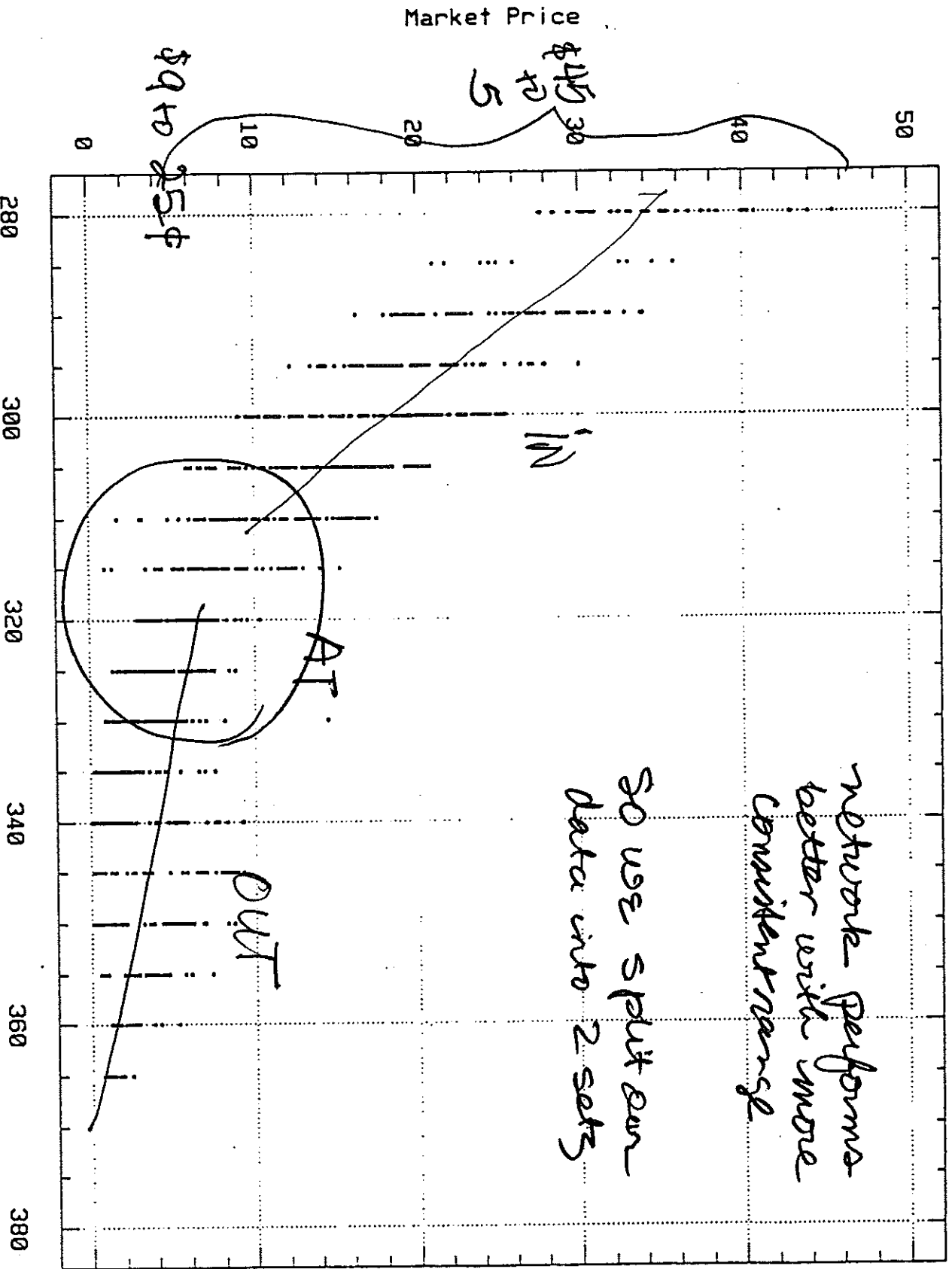


Table 5. In-the-money, paired samples comparison

*Better model for IN THE MONEY for this dataset*  
 Paired Samples Comparison with Black-Scholes

	Black-Scholes	Market Price	Differences
Mean	21.4778	21.58	-0.102209
Variance	104.888	101.118	1.41015
Std. deviation	10.2415	10.0557	1.1875

95% confidence intervals for differences:

Mean: (-0.253529, 0.0491108)  
 Variance: (1.18749, 1.70225)  
 Std. deviation: (1.08972, 1.3047)

*Accept null hyp*

Sample size N = 239

*reject null hyp of equal means*  
 Paired Samples Comparison with Neural Networks

	Network	Market Price	Differences
Mean	21.0799	21.5785	-0.498506
Variance	95.9599	100.656	1.78591
Std. deviation	9.79591	10.0328	1.33638

95% confidence intervals for differences:

Mean: (-0.668798, -0.328215)  
 Variance: (1.50392, 2.15585)  
 Std. deviation: (1.22634, 1.46828)

Sample size N = 239

*not surprising since bias tests indicated tendency of NN to consistently underestimate*

Null hyp of no difference in means is rejected at 05 level for both cases

Table 4. Out-of-the-money, paired samples comparison

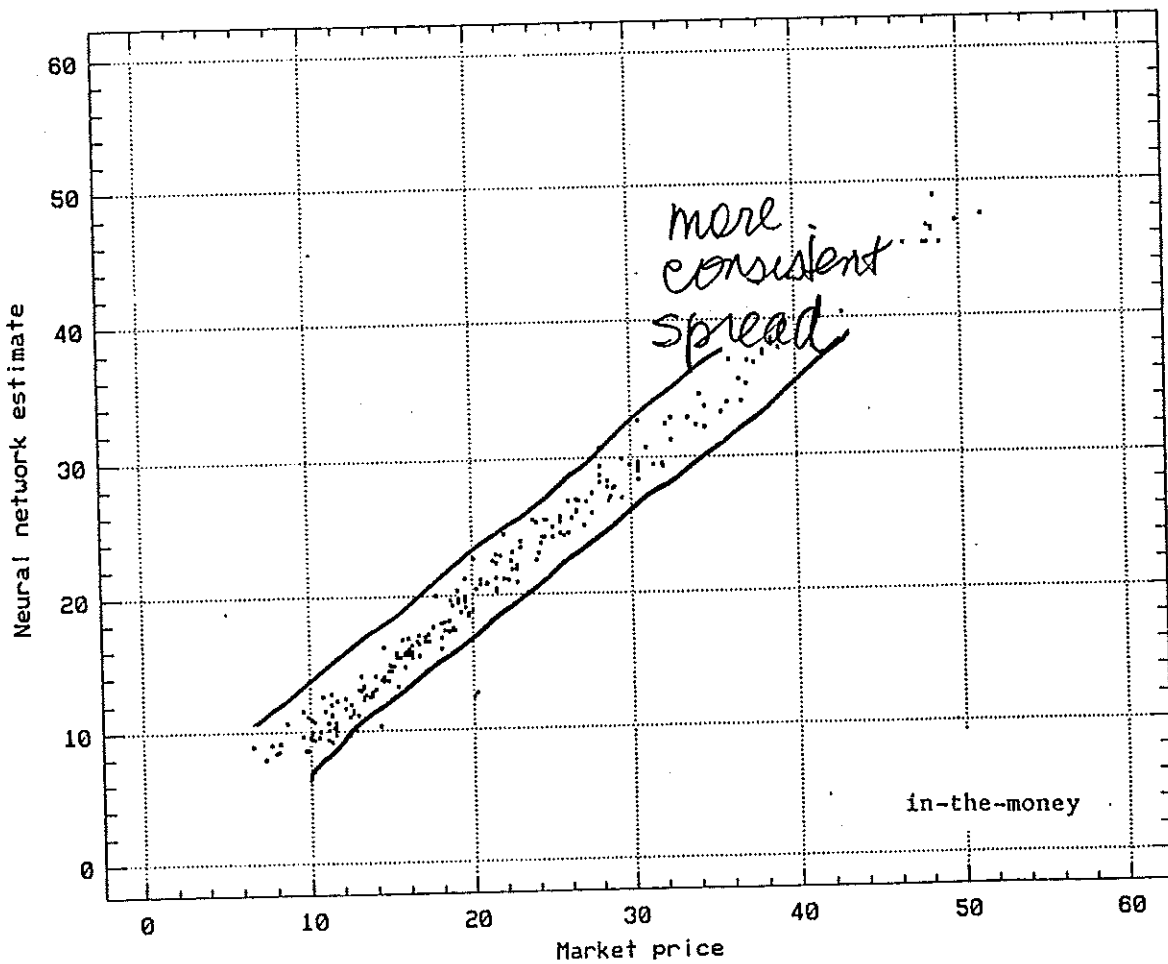
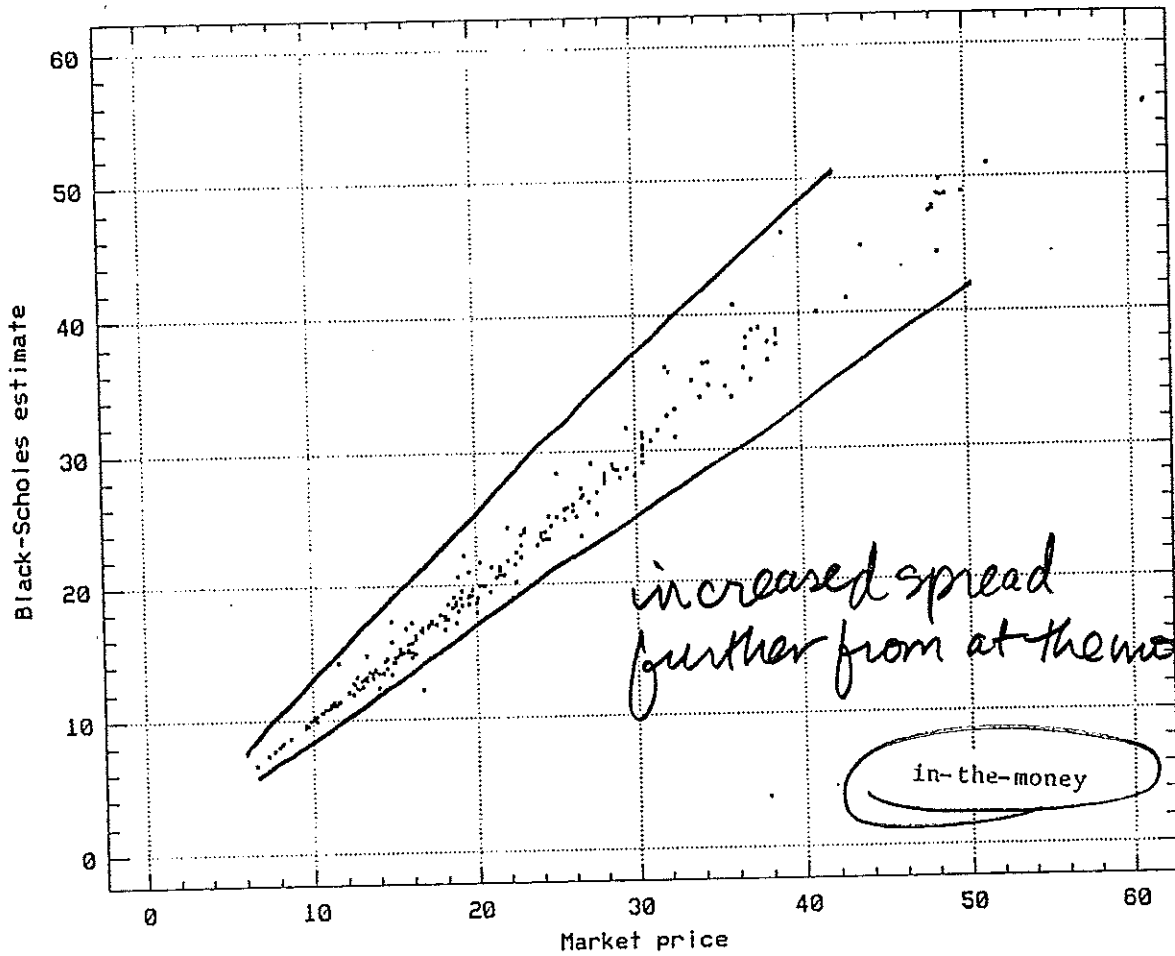
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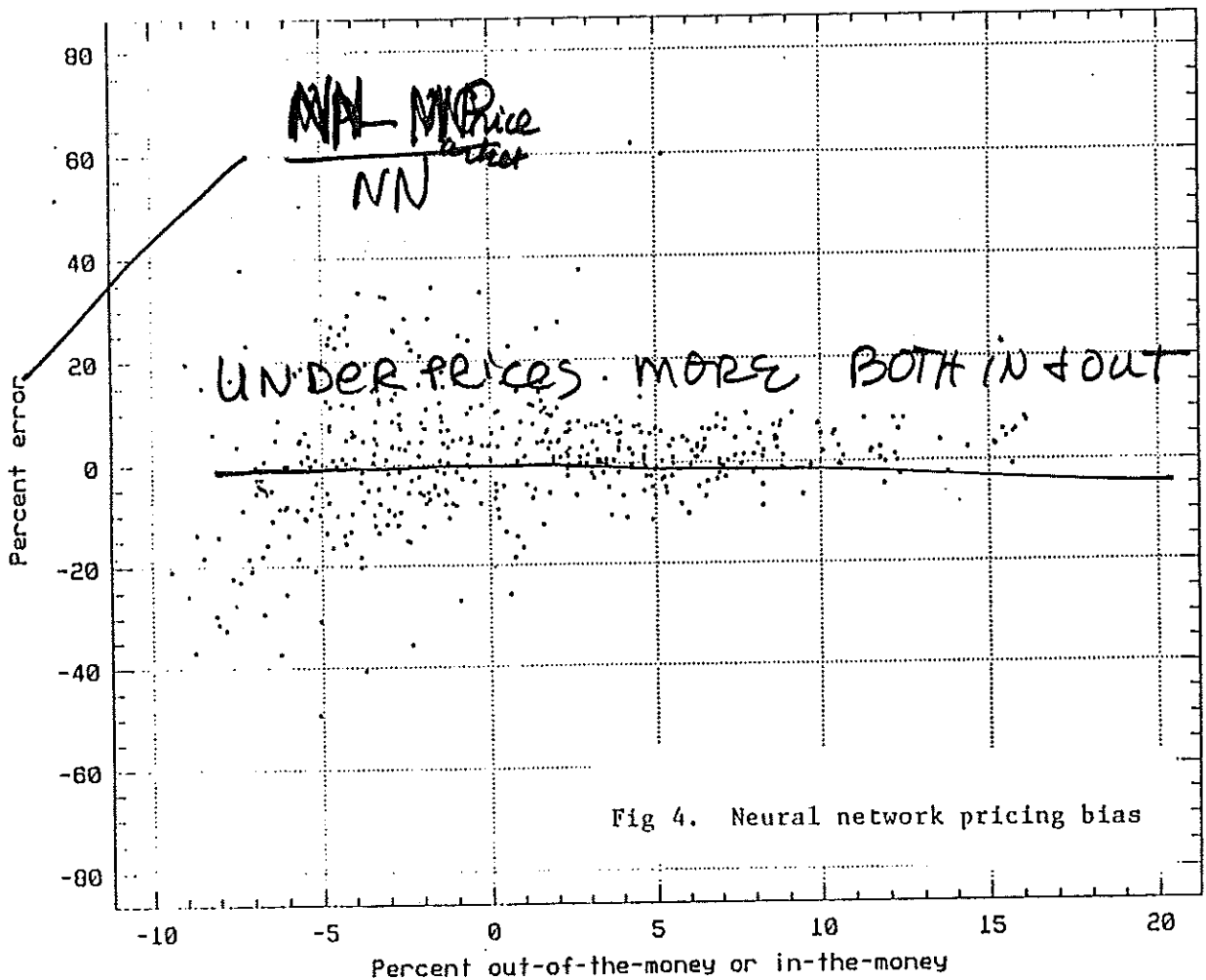
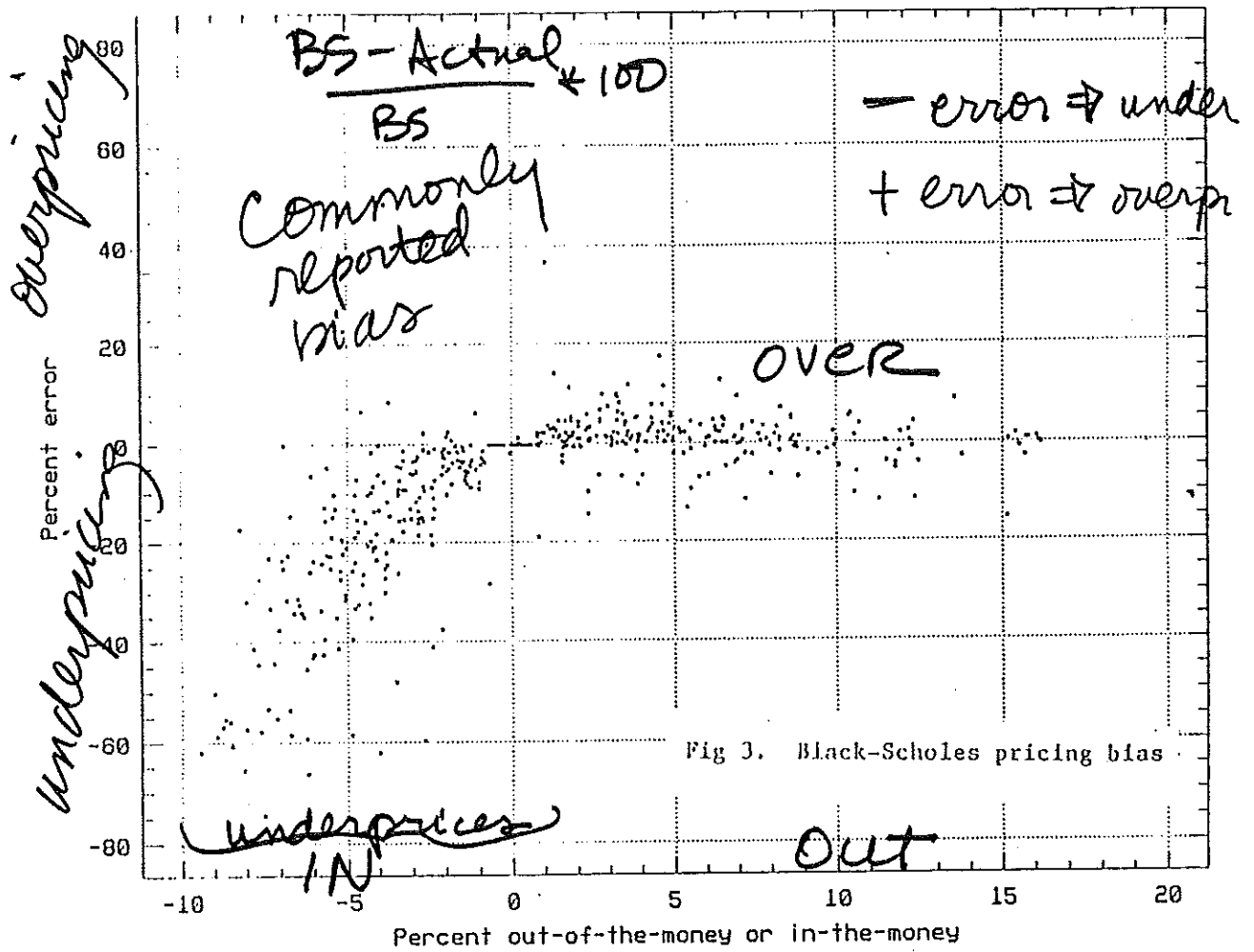
	Black-Scholes	Market Price	Differences
Mean	3.96412	3.45731	0.506807
Variance	5.88913	5.57354	0.72131
Std. deviation	2.42675	2.36084	0.8493
95% <u>confidence intervals</u> for differences:			
Mean:	(0.394979, 0.618635) ← overpricing		
Variance:	(0.604129, 0.876435)		
Std. deviation:	(0.777257, 0.936181)		
Sample size	N = 224		

Paired Samples Comparison with Neural Networks

	Network	Market Price	Differences
Mean	3.33894	3.45731	-0.118374
Variance	4.84811	5.57354	0.23783
Std. deviation	2.20184	2.36084	0.487678
95% <u>confidence intervals</u> for differences:			
Mean:	(-0.182587, -0.0541612) ← underpricing		
Variance:	(0.199193, 0.288978)		
Std. deviation:	(0.44631, 0.537566)		
Sample size	N = 224		

Std dev of differences is smaller in the new network





# Scatterplots of market price vs. B-S prices

