Lecture 7: Options

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Options

- Options are a very useful set of instruments as they allow multiple distribution of returns
- To find the price of the option by **arbitrage**, we take as given the values of other securities, and in particular the price of the stock on which the option is written and an interest rate

Call Option

- European call option: Gives the right to buy an underlying security at a given price at a given date (maturity date).
- American call option: You can exercise your right to buy the underlying security at any point before, and on, the day of maturity.
- Let X denote strike price and the underlying security be a stock,
- Let S_T denote stock value on expiration day.
- Payoff (or value at T) is

$$C_T = \max(S_T - X, 0)$$

Put Option

- An European put option: Gives the right to sell an underlying security at a given price at a given date (maturity date).
- American put option: You can exercise your right to sell the underlying security at any point before, and on, the day of maturity
- Instead of buying you can sell (or write) options. The payoffs of writing options are the negative of buying the options.
- If the strike price X exceeds the final asset price S_T, i.e.,if $S_T < X$, this means that the put-option holder is able to sell the asset for a higher price than he/she would be able to in the market.
- In fact, in perfectly liquid markets, he/she would be able to purchase the asset for S_T and immediately sell it to the put writer for the strike price X.

Moneyness

- Moneyness. The moneyness of an option reflects whether an option would cause a positive, negative or zero payoff were to be exercised immediately. More precisely, at any time $t \in [0, T]$, an option is said to be:
  - (1) in-the-money – if there is strictly positive payoff if the option is exercised immediately;
  - (2) at-the-money– if there is zero payoff if exercised immediately;
  - (3) out-of-the money–if there is negative payoff if exercised immediately.

Put Option

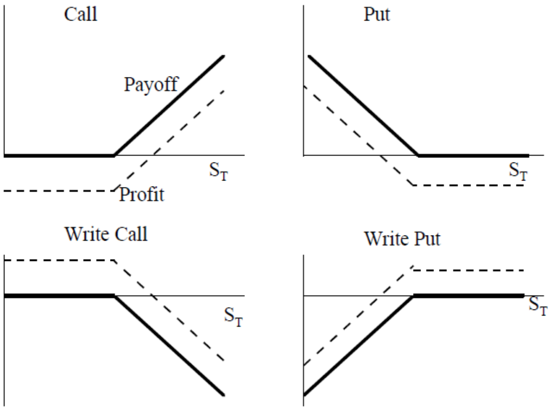
- The payoff is, thus,

$$P_T = \max(X - S_T, 0)$$

- Why are they useful?
- Example: Buying "Disaster Insurance": With the strategy of Buying Stock + Buying a Out of the Money Put Option. The price of this insurance is the price of the option.
- The writer of this put option most of the time (95% of the time) makes little profit (because it is very out of the money option), but with a very small probability (the disaster happens) and makes a large loss.

Payoff vs. Profit

- Payoff $\neq$ Profit. The profit is the difference between the payoff of the option, C_T, and its price, C.

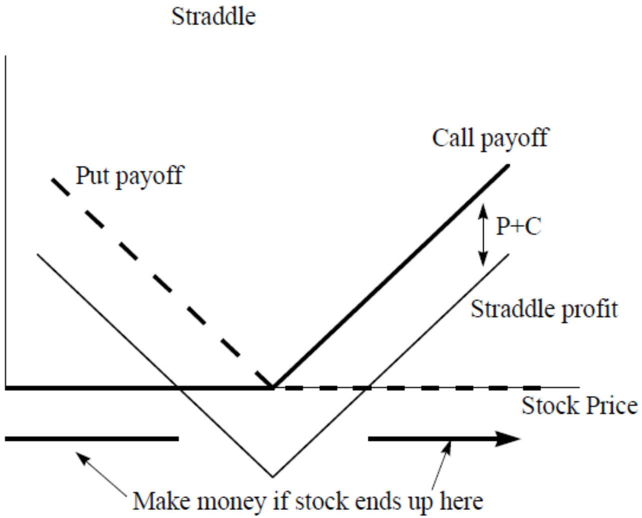


Price

- The call option is worth more the higher the underlying security price rises above the strike price
- The probability of that happening is higher the longer the horizon during which you can exercise it and the more volatile the underlying asset.
- Usefulness:
- Trading: Options are useful for individuals that do not have a lot of funds and know that the underlying asset is going to rise in value. Example: Suppose the underlying asset is worth 100 euros and the price of the call is 10 euros. If the underlying stock rises 10% you get a 10% profit when you buy the underlying asset directly. However, if instead you invest in the call option you get a 100% profit.
- Hedging, insurance, etc...

Bet on volatility

- Straddle: Buy a put and call at the same strike price



Put-call parity

- The payoff of buying a call and selling a put with the same strike price is the same as buying the stock and shorting the strike price (borrow money)

$$C_T - P_T = max(S_T - X, 0) - max(X - S_T, 0) = S_T - X$$

  - if $S_T > X$ then $P_T = 0$ and $C_T - P_T = S_T - X$
  - if $X > S_T$ then $C_T = 0$ and $C_T - P_T = -(X - S_T)$

Put-call parity

- Because they generate the same payoff they must have the same price.
- Apply the pricing operator

$$E(m\bullet)$$

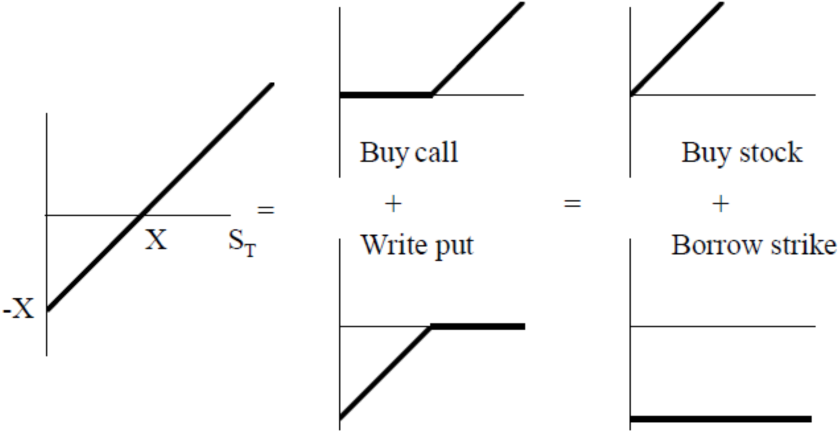
to both sides of the equation to get the prices

$$E(mC_T) - E(mP_T) = E(mS_T) - E(mX)$$

$$C - P = S - \frac{X}{R^f}$$

This equation is known as the **put-call parity**

Put-call parity

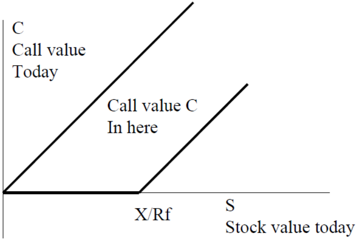


Arbitrage Bounds

- Would like to know the price C without information about the price P
- Arbitrage bounds:

$$\begin{aligned} C &> 0 \\ C &< S \\ C &> S - \frac{X}{R^f} \end{aligned}$$

- As time approaches maturity the value of the call moves within the bounds toward its value at maturity



Early Exercise

- Absence of arbitrage implies that you should never exercise an American call option on a stock that pays no dividends before the expiration date

$$C > S - \frac{X}{R^f}$$

- $S - X$ is what you get if you exercise now but the price of an European call is larger because
  - you can delay paying the strike,
  - and because exercising early loses the option value.
- From now on we concentrate on call options because of the Put-call parity and on European call options because when the underlying security does not pay dividends is never optimal to exercise early

Continuous time

- As we assume continuous trading: need to consider continuous time now instead of discrete time
- **Diffusion models** are a standard way to represent random variables in continuous time
- The ideas are analogous to discrete-time stochastic processes
- The basic building block of a diffusion model is a **Brownian motion** (or **Wiener process**), which is a real-valued continuous-time stochastic process

Brownian motion

- A **Brownian motion** is the natural generalization of a **random walk** in discrete time
- For a **random walk**

$$z_t - z_{t-1} = \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim N(0,1),\ E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_s) = 0,\ s \neq t$$

  in discrete time
- A **Brownian motion** z_t:

$$z_{t+\Delta} - z_t \sim N(0, \Delta)$$

As $E(\varepsilon_t \varepsilon_s) = 0$ in discrete time, increments to z for nonoverlapping intervals are also independent

$$cov(z_{t+\Delta} - z_t, z_{s+\Delta} - z_s) = 0$$

Brownian motion

- The variance of a random walk scales with time, so the standard deviation scales with the square root of time
- The variance scales with time

$$var(z_{t+k\Delta} - z_t) = k var(z_{t+\Delta} - z_t), \; k > 0$$

- The standard deviation is the "typical size" of a movement in a normally distributed random variable
- The "typical size" of $z_{t+\Delta} - z_t$ in time interval Δ is $\sqrt[2]{\Delta}$
- This means that $\frac{z_{t+\Delta} - z_t}{\Delta}$ has "typical size" $1/\sqrt[2]{\Delta}$
- Thus, the sample path of z_t is continuous but is not differentiable: moves infinitely fast (up and down)
- **Definition:** Differential dz_t is the forward difference

$$dz_t = \lim_{\Delta \searrow 0} (z_{t+\Delta} - z_t)$$

Brownian motion

- Can be represented as an integral

$$z_t = z_0 + \int_0^t dz_t$$

- **Define** dt as the smallest positive real number such that $dt^\alpha = 0$ if $\alpha > 1$.
- Properties of dz:

$$\begin{aligned} dz_t &\sim O\left(\sqrt[2]{dt}\right), \text{ the magnitude of } dz_t \text{ is of order } \sqrt[2]{dt} \\ E_t\left(dz_t\right) &= 0 \\ E_t\left(dz_t dt\right) &= dt E_t\left(dz_t\right) = 0, \; dt \text{ is a constant} \end{aligned}$$

Brownian motion

- Properties of dz:

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\begin{aligned}
var\left(dz_t\right) &= E_t\left[z_{t+\Delta} - z_t - E_t\left(z_{t+\Delta} - z_t\right)\right]^2 \\
&= E_t\left(z_{t+\Delta} - z_t\right)^2 - E_t\left[E_t\left(z_{t+\Delta} - z_t\right)\right]^2 \\
&= E_t\left(z_{t+\Delta} - z_t\right)^2 = E_t\left(dz_t^2\right) = dt
\end{aligned}
$$

  for any distribution with mean zero the expected value of the squared random variable is the same as the variance.

- **Observation**: notation $dz_t^2 = \left(dz_t\right)^2$

Brownian motion

- Additional properties of dz:

$$var(dz_t^2) = E\left(dz_t^4\right) - E^2\left(dz_t^2\right) = 3dt^2 - dt^2 = 0$$

fourth central moment of a normal is $3\sigma^2$ and dt^2 is 0

$$E_t\left(dz_t dt\right)^2 = dt^2 E_t\left(dz_t^2\right) = 0$$

$$var\left(dz_t dt\right) = E_t\left(dz_t dt\right)^2 - E^2\left(dz_t dt\right) = 0$$

$$dz_t^2 = dt, \text{ because the variance of } dz_t^2 \text{ is zero and } E_t\left(dz_t^2\right) = dt$$

$$dz_t dt = 0, \text{ because the variance of } dz_t dt \text{ is zero and } E_t\left(dz_t dt\right) = 0$$

Diffusion model

- Can construct more complicated time-series processes by adding drift and volatility terms to dz_t,

$$dx_t = \mu(\cdot)\,dt + \sigma(\cdot)\,dz_t$$

- Some examples:
  - Random walk with drift

$$dx_t = \mu dt + \sigma dz_t, \text{continuous time}$$

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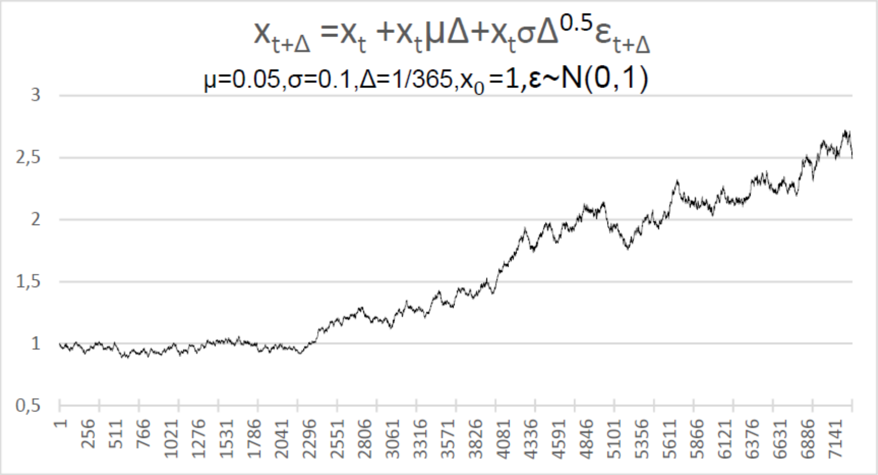
$$x_{t+1} - x_t = \mu + \sigma\varepsilon_{t+1}, \text{discrete time}$$

  - Geometric Brownian motion with drift

$$dx_t = x_t \mu dt + x_t \sigma dz_t$$

Can simulate a diffusion process by approximating it for a small time interval,



Price of stock

- Let P_t be the price of a generic stock at any moment in time that pays dividends at the rate $D_t dt$

The instantaneous return is

$$\frac{dP_t}{P_t} + \frac{D_t}{P_t} dt$$

Let the price be a geometric Brownian motion

$$\frac{dP_t}{P_t} = \mu_p dt + \sigma_p dz_t$$

The risk-free rate can be thought as the return on an asset that does not pay dividend and has the price

$$\frac{dP_t}{P_t} = r_t^f dt$$

Ito's Lemma

- Suppose we have a diffusion representation for one variable, say

$$dx_t = \mu\left(\cdot\right)dt + \sigma\left(\cdot\right)dz_t$$

- Define a new variable in terms of the old one,

$$y_t = f\left(x_t\right)$$

- What is the diffusion representation for y_t. **Ito's lemma** tells you how to get it
- Use a second-order Taylor expansion, and think of dz as $\sqrt[2]{dt}$; thus as $\Delta t \longrightarrow 0$, keep terms dz, dt , and $dz^2 = dt$, but terms $dt \times dz$, dt^2, and higher go to zero

Ito's Lemma

- Start with the second order Taylor expansion

$$dy = \frac{df}{dx}dx + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}dx^2$$

- Expanding the second term

$$dx^2 = [\mu dt + \sigma dz_t]^2 = \mu^2 dt^2 + \sigma^2 dz_t^2 + 2\mu\sigma dz_t dt = \sigma^2 dt$$

- Substituting for dx^2 and dx

$$\begin{aligned} dy &= \frac{df}{dx}\left[\mu dt + \sigma dz_t\right] + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}\sigma^2 dt \\ &= \left(\frac{df}{dx}\mu + \frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}\sigma^2\right) dt + \frac{df}{dx}\sigma dz_t \end{aligned}$$

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- The utility function in continuous time is

$$E_0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\delta t} u\left(c_t\right) dt$$

- Let P_t be the price of an asset that pays dividends D_t
- The price must satisfy

$$P_t e^{-\delta t} u'\left(c_t\right) = E_t \int_{s=0}^{\infty} D_{t+s} e^{-\delta(t+s)} u'\left(c_{t+s}\right) ds$$

In discrete time we have:

$$P_t = E_t \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} D_{t+s} \left[\frac{\beta^s u'\left(c_{t+s}\right)}{u'\left(c_t\right)} \right]$$

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- Define $\Lambda_t \equiv e^{-\delta t} u' (c_t)$ as the discount factor in continuous time. It follows that

$$P_t \Lambda_t = E_t \int_{s=0}^{\Delta} D_{t+s} \Lambda_{t+s} ds + E_t \int_{s=\Delta}^{\infty} D_{t+s} \Lambda_{t+s} ds$$

or

$$P_t \Lambda_t = E_t \int_{s=0}^{\Delta} D_{t+s} \Lambda_{t+s} ds + E_t \left[P_{t+\Delta} \Lambda_{t+\Delta} \right]$$

- For small Δ the integral above can be approximated by $D_t \Lambda_t \Delta$

$$P_t \Lambda_t \approx D_t \Lambda_t \Delta + E_t \left[P_{t+\Delta} \Lambda_{t+\Delta} \right]$$

or

$$0 \approx D_t \Lambda_t \Delta + E_t \left[P_{t+\Delta} \Lambda_{t+\Delta} - \Lambda_t P_t \right]$$

- For $\Delta \longrightarrow dt$

$$0 = D_t \Lambda_t dt + E_t \left[d \left(\Lambda_t P_t \right) \right]$$

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- Let

$$f\left(\Lambda_t P_t\right) = \Lambda_t P_t$$

where

$$d\Lambda_t = \mu_\Lambda dt + \sigma_\Lambda dz_t \text{ and } dP_t = \mu_P dt + \sigma_P dz_t$$

Taylor expansion of $d\Lambda_t P_t$

$$\begin{aligned} d\Lambda_t P_t &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial \Lambda_t} d\Lambda_t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial P_t} dP_t + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \Lambda_t^2}\left(d\Lambda_t\right)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial P_t^2}\left(dP_t\right)^2 + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial P_t \partial \Lambda_t} dP_t d\Lambda_t + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \Lambda_t \partial P_t} d\Lambda_t dP_t \\ &\quad + \text{higher order terms} \end{aligned}$$

Replacing the derivatives and since higher order terms=0

$$d\Lambda_t P_t = \Lambda_t dP_t + P_t d\Lambda_t + d\Lambda_t dP_t$$

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- Replacing $d\Lambda_t P_t$ in the pricing equation and dividing by $\Lambda_t P_t$ get

$$0 = \frac{D_t}{P_t} dt + E_t \left[\frac{dP_t}{P_t} + \frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} + \frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} \frac{dP_t}{P_t} \right]$$

or

$$\frac{D_t}{P_t} dt + E_t \left[\frac{dP_t}{P_t} \right] = -E_t \left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} + \frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} \frac{dP_t}{P_t} \right]$$

For the risk free rate:

$$D_t = 0, \frac{dP_t}{P_t} = r_t^f dt$$

implying

$$\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} \frac{dP_t}{P_t} = 0,$$

Thus:

$$r_t^f dt = -E_t \left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} \right]$$

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- Replacing

$$r_t^f dt = -E_t\left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}\right]$$

in

$$\frac{D_t}{P_t}dt + E_t\left[\frac{dP_t}{P_t}\right] = -E_t\left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} + \frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}\frac{dP_t}{P_t}\right]$$

- get:

$$\frac{D_t}{P_t}dt + E_t\left[\frac{dP_t}{P_t}\right] = r_t^f dt - E_t\left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}\frac{dP_t}{P_t}\right]$$

which is the equivalent in discrete time to

$$E_t R_{t+1} = R_{t+1}^f - R_{t+1}^f cov_t\left(m_{t+1}, R_{t+1}\right)$$

Black-Scholes formula

- The Black–Scholes formula provides the price of an option
- We are going to use the discount factor approach to derive the formula
- The risk free bond price follows the process:

$$\frac{dB_t}{B_t} = rdt$$

- The stochastic discount factor follows the process:

$$\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} = -rdt - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} dz_t$$

- **Recall** that $\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}$ is a discount factor if it can price the bond and the stock

Black-Scholes formula

- Let S_t be the price of a stock that pays no dividends (alternatively can think that the dividend is already included in the drift: μ_S)
- We established that $\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}$ must satisfy the condition

$$E_t\left[\frac{dS_t}{S_t}\right] = -E_t\left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} + \frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}\frac{dS_t}{S_t}\right]$$

- Thus, for $\frac{d(\Lambda_t)}{\Lambda_t}$ to be a stochastic discount factor must satisfy

$$-rdt = E_t\left[\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t}\right]$$

$$E_t\left[\frac{dS_t}{S_t}\right] - rdt = -E_t\left[\frac{d\left(\Lambda_t\right)}{\Lambda_t}\frac{dS_t}{S_t}\right]$$

Exercise: Check that these 2 conditions are satisfied. Remember $E_t\left(dz_t\right) = 0$, $dz_t^2 = dt$, $dz_t dt = 0$ and $dt^\alpha = 0$, if $\alpha > 1$

Black-Scholes formula

- To find the value of

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\begin{aligned}
C_0 \Lambda_0 &= E_0 \Lambda_T \max(S_T - X, 0) \\
&= \int_0^\infty \Lambda_T \max(S_T - X, 0) df\left(\Lambda_T, S_T\right)
\end{aligned}
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- we need to find the values Λ_T and S_T
- we need the solution of the stochastic differential equation for Λ_t and S_t:

A little Math

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\begin{aligned}
d \ln S_t &= \frac{1}{S_t} dS_t - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{S_t^2} dS_t^2 \\
&= \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) dt + \sigma dz_t
\end{aligned}
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Black-Scholes formula

- Integrating

$$d \ln S_t = \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) dt + \sigma dz_t$$

from 0 to T gives

$$\int_0^T d \ln S_t = \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) \int_0^T dt + \sigma \int_0^T dz_t$$

$$\ln S_T = \ln S_0 + \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T + \sigma \left(z_T - z_0\right)$$

where $z_T - z_0$ is a normally distributed random variable with mean zero and variance T.

- Thus, $\ln S_T$ is conditionally (on the information at date 0) normal with mean $\ln S_0 + \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T$ and variance $\sigma^2 T$.

Black-Scholes formula

- The solutions can be written as

$$\ln S_T = \ln S_0 + \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T + \sigma \sqrt[2]{T}\varepsilon$$

$$\ln \Lambda_T = \ln \Lambda_0 - \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) T - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\sqrt[2]{T}\varepsilon$$

where

$$\varepsilon = \frac{z_T - z_0}{\sqrt[2]{T}} \sim N(0,1)$$

Recall

$$\frac{d\Lambda_t}{\Lambda_t} = -rdt - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}dz_t$$

Black-Scholes formula

- Now we can do the integral:

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\begin{aligned}
C_0 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\Lambda_T}{\Lambda_0} \max(S_T - X, 0) df\left(\Lambda_T, S_T\right) \\
&= \int_{S_T = X}^\infty \frac{\Lambda_T}{\Lambda_0} (S_T - X) df\left(\Lambda_T, S_T\right) \\
&= \int_{S_T = X}^\infty \frac{\Lambda_T\left(\varepsilon\right)}{\Lambda_0} \left(S_T\left(\varepsilon\right) - X\right) f\left(\varepsilon\right) d\varepsilon
\end{aligned}
$$

  where f is the density of ε

- We know the joint distribution of the terminal stock price S_T and discount factor Λ_T on the right hand side, so we have all the information we need to calculate this integral.

Black-Scholes formula

Start by breaking up the integral into two terms

$$C_0 = \int_{S_T=X}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda_T(\varepsilon)}{\Lambda_0} S_T(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon - X \int_{S_T=X}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda_T(\varepsilon)}{\Lambda_0} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

use

$$\frac{S_T}{S_0} = e^{\left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T + \sigma\sqrt{T}\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{\Lambda_T}{\Lambda_0} = e^{-\left(r + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)T - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\varepsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= S_0 \int_X^{\infty} e^{-\left(r + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)T - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\varepsilon} e^{\left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T + \sigma\sqrt{T}\varepsilon} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon \\ &\quad - X \int_X^{\infty} e^{-\left(r + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)T - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\varepsilon} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Black-Scholes formula

- or

$$C_0 = S_0 \int_X^\infty e^{\left(\mu - r - \frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)\right)T + \left(\sigma - \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)\sqrt{T}\varepsilon} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$
$$- X \int_X^\infty e^{-\left(r + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)T - \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\varepsilon} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

Now we add up the formula for $f(\varepsilon)$

$$f(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2}$$

$$C_0 = \frac{S_0}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_X^\infty e^{\left[\mu - r - \frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)\right]T + \left(\sigma - \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)\sqrt{T}\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2} d\varepsilon$$
$$- \frac{X}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_X^\infty e^{-\left(r + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)T - \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2} d\varepsilon$$

Black-Scholes formula

- or

$$C_0 = \frac{S_0}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_X^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\varepsilon - \left(\sigma - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\right)\sqrt{T}\right)^2} d\varepsilon$$
$$- \frac{X}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-rT} \int_X^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\varepsilon + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\right)^2} d\varepsilon$$

- Notice that the integrals have the form of a normal distribution with nonzero mean and variance 1.
- **Recall:** $x \sim N\left(\widetilde{\mu}, \widetilde{\sigma}^2\right)$ if

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\widetilde{\sigma}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x-\widetilde{\mu})^2}{\widetilde{\sigma}^2}}$$

Black-Scholes formula

- The lower bound X can be expressed in terms of ε

$$\ln X = \ln S_T = \ln S_0 + \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T + \sigma\sqrt{T}\varepsilon$$

implies

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\ln X - \ln S_0 - \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

- The integrals can be expressed using the cumulative standard normal, Φ

$$\Phi\left(a - \mu\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{a} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2}} dx$$

- where $\Phi\left(\cdot\right)$ is the area under the left tail of the standard normal distribution.

Black-Scholes formula

- because Φ is symmetric around zero

$$\Phi\left(a-\mu\right)=1-\Phi\left(\mu-a\right)$$

$$\Phi\left(\mu-a\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int_{a}^{\infty}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2}}dx$$

Black-Scholes formula

- Substituting in

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\begin{aligned}
C_0 &= \frac{S_0}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_X^\infty e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\varepsilon-\left(\sigma-\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\right)\sqrt{T}\right)^2} d\varepsilon \\
&\quad -\frac{X}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-rT} \int_X^\infty e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\varepsilon+\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\right)^2} d\varepsilon
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
C_0 &= S_0 \Phi\left(-\frac{\ln X - \ln S_0 - \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} + \left(\sigma - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\right)\sqrt{T}\right) \\
&\quad - X e^{-rT} \Phi\left(-\frac{\ln X - \ln S_0 - \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Simplifying, we get the Black-Scholes formula

$$
C_0 = S_0 \Phi\left(\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) - X e^{-rT} \Phi\left(\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right)
$$

Black-Scholes formula

- We repeat the formula again here:

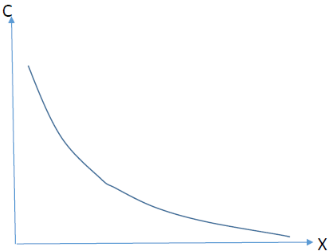
$$C_0 = S_0 \Phi \left(\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \right) - Xe^{-rT} \Phi \left(\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \right)$$

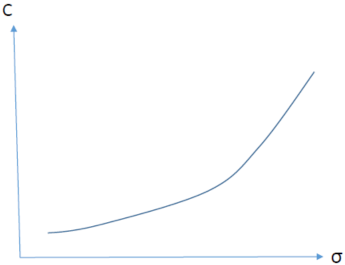
- The price is a function:
  - S_0 (stock price)
  - r (risk free rate)
  - X (strike price)
  - T (time to expiration date)
  - σ (volatility of the underlying stock)

Black-Scholes formula

$$C_0 = S_0 \Phi\left(\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) - Xe^{-rT}\Phi\left(\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right)$$

- This formula is useful to assess how the price of the option changes when the variables in the r.h.s. of the equation change





Black-Scholes formula

- The price is a monotonic increasing function of the σ
- This formula is often used to solve for σ (once C_0 is known). The σ is the **implied volatility**
- Typically options are quoted in units of sigma

Exercise:

Determine the price of an European call option with $S_0 = 50$ euros, $r = 4\%$, $X = 48$ euros, $T = 60$ days and $\sigma = 30\%$. What is the price of an European put option on the same stock, with the same exercise price and time to maturity?

$$\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} = \frac{\ln \frac{50}{48} + \left(0.04 + \frac{1}{2}(0.3)^2\right) \frac{60}{365}}{0.3\sqrt{\frac{60}{365}}} = 0.450\,49$$

$$\frac{\ln \frac{S_0}{X} + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} = \frac{\ln \frac{50}{48} + \left(0.04 - \frac{1}{2}(0.3)^2\right) \frac{60}{365}}{0.3\sqrt{\frac{60}{365}}} = 0.328\,86$$

$$\Phi\left(0.450\,49\right) = 0.67382$$

Black-Scholes formula

In Excel the command to get the cumulative normal is "=NORM.S.DIST(0,45049;TRUE)"

$$\Phi\left(0.328\,86\right) = 0.62886$$

$$C_0 = 50\left(0.67382\right) - 48e^{-0.04\frac{60}{365}}\left(0.62886\right) = 3.7035$$

To compute the put price must use the put-call parity formula

$$C_0 - P_0 = S_0 - \frac{X}{R^f}$$

$$P_0 = C_0 + \frac{X}{R^f} - S_0$$

$$P_0 = 3.7035 + 48e^{-0.04\frac{60}{365}} - 50 = 1.3889$$

Spanning

- Given contingent prices can get discount factors, contingent claims and risk neutral probabilities

Proposition: The second derivative of the call option price with respect to the exercise price gives a stochastic discount factor.
Proof: We can construct a contingent claim. Consider the strategy of buying 2 call options, one with strike price $X - \varepsilon$ and another with strike price $X + \varepsilon$, and selling 2 call options with strike price X. The payoff of that portfolio (known as butterfly) is

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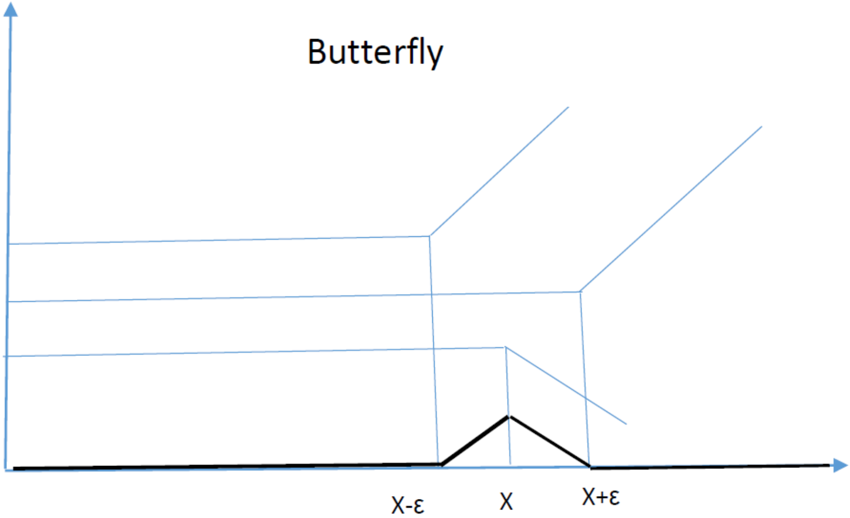

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As $\varepsilon \searrow 0$ we are creating a contingent claim.
The payoff of the contingent claim is the area of the triangle ε^2.
The cost of this portfolio is

$$C\left(X-\varepsilon\right)-2C\left(X\varepsilon\right)+C\left(X+\varepsilon\right)$$

But this is $\varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial X^2}$. Recall that $f''\left(x\right)=\lim_{\varepsilon\longrightarrow 0}\frac{f'\left(x+\varepsilon\right)-f'\left(x\right)}{\varepsilon}$ and $f'\left(x\right)=\lim_{\varepsilon\longrightarrow 0}\frac{f\left(x\right)-f\left(x-\varepsilon\right)}{\varepsilon}$. Thus, $f''\left(x\right)=\lim_{\varepsilon\longrightarrow 0}\frac{\frac{f\left(x+\varepsilon\right)-f\left(x\right)}{\varepsilon}-\frac{f\left(x\right)-f\left(x-\varepsilon\right)}{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon}$.

Spanning

Thus, if we buy $\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}$ we get a payoff of 1 if the $S_T = X$ and a payoff zero for any other value of S_T.
Conclusion: The price of this contingent claim is $\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial X^2}$.

- Once we have contingent claims we can price any payoff that is a function of S_T, $x(S_T)$
- The price of a portfolio with payments $x(S_T)$ is

$$P = \int_{S_T} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial X^2}(X = S_T)\, x(S_T)\, dS_T$$

Spanning

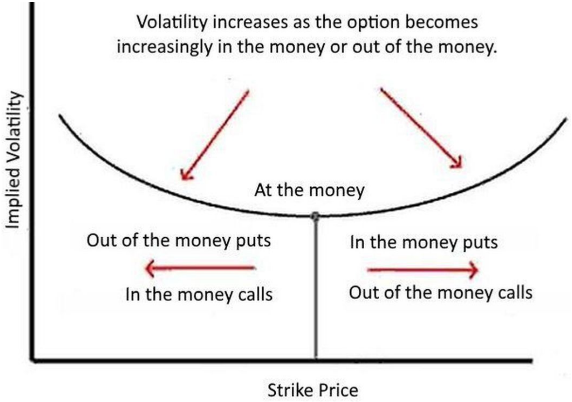
- Discount factor $m_{S_T} = \frac{\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial X^2}(X = S_T)}{f(S_T)}$
- Risk neutral probabilities $p_{S_T} = (1 + r)^T \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial X^2}(X = S_T)$

$$P = \frac{E^p(x(S_T))}{(1 + r)^T}$$

Data

- Are actual prices equal to the ones predicted by the Black-Scholes formula?
- When options with the same maturity T, same S, but different X, are graphed for implied volatility the tendency is for that graph to show a **smile**.
- The smile shows that the options that are furthest in- or out-of-the-money have the highest implied volatility.
- Options with the lowest implied volatility have strike prices at- or near-the-money.
- The Black-Scholes model predicts that the implied volatility curve is flat when plotted against varying strike prices

Data



- This means that calls near the money have a lower price than the others
- Solution: Consider that the underlying asset price follows a distribution with fatter tails