

Black-Scholes-Merton Theory of Derivative Pricing and Hedging

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Derivative Contracts

- Derivatives, also called *contingent claims*, are contracts based on some underlying assets.
- A typical option is a contract that gives its holder the right, but not the obligation, to but one unit of a financial (underlying) asset for a predetermined *strike* (or *exercise*) *price K* by the *maturity* date *T*.

Option

- The type of option: the option to buy is called a *call* option; the option to sell is called a *put* option.
- The underlying asset: it can be a stock, bond, currency, etc.
- The expiration date: if the option can be exercised at any time before maturity, it is called an *American* option; if it can only be exercised at maturity, it is called a *European* option.
- The amount of an underlying asset to be purchased or sold.
- The price of an option is also called the *premium*.

European Options

- Let (S_t) denote the underlying risky asset such as a stock price.
- A European option is a contract to pay h(S_T) at a maturity time T, which is path independent.

Call and Put

- Call payoff: $h(S_T) = (S_T - K)^+ = max\{S_T - K, 0\}$
- That means if $S_T > K$, the holder will exercise the option to make a profit $S_T - K$ by buying the stock for the price K and selling it immediately at the market price S_T ; otherwise the option is not worthy to be exercised.
- Put payoff: $h(S_T) = (K - S_T)^+ = max\{K - S_T, 0\}$

American Options

- A holder of an American option can exercise the option at any time before maturity *T*.
- Let τ denote the time to exercise the option, which is a stopping time because up to time t ≤ T, the holder has the right to hold or exercise the option based on the information flow.
- Call payoff: $h(S_{\tau}) = (S_{\tau} - K)^{+} = max\{S_{\tau} - K, 0\}$
- Put payoff: $h(S_T) = (K - S_\tau)^+ = max\{K - S_\tau, 0\}$

Exotic Option

- Exotic options are those options for which their contracts are not of European or American style defined previously.
- Barrier options. Ex, for a down-and-out call option, $h(S_T) = (S_T K)^+ I_{\{inf_{t \le T} S_t > B\}}$
- Lookback options. Ex, $h = \left(S_T \inf_{t \le T} S_t\right)^+ = S_T \inf_{t \le T} S_t$
- Asian options. Ex, $h = \left(S_T \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T S_t dt\right)^+$

Underlying Risky Asset

• The stock price (S_t) is governed by the geometric Brownian motion under the *historical* filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathcal{P})$: $dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$

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$$S_0 = x$$

Replication of Trading Strategy

- A dynamic trading strategy is a pair (α_t, β_t) of adapted processes specifying the number of units held at time t of the stock (underlying risky asset) S_t and bond (riskless asset) e^{rt}, where r is the risk-free interest rate.
- At the maturity *T*, the value this portfolio will replicate the terminal payoff $h(S_T)$; namely $\alpha_T S_T + \beta_T e^{rT} = h(S_T)$.

Self-Financing Portfolio

- That is the variations of portfolio value are due only to the variations of the stock price and bond price.
- $d(\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt}) = \alpha_t dS_t + r\beta_t e^{rt} dt$
- In integral form $\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt} = \alpha_0 S_0 + \beta_0 + \int_0^t \alpha_s \, dS_s + \int_0^t \beta_s \, de^{rs}$, $0 \le t \le T$

Perfect Replication

Based on the arbitrage pricing theory, the fair price of a derivatives is equal to the value of its portfolio:

$$\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt} = P(t, S_t)$$

where P(t, x) denotes the option price at time tand stock price $S_t = x$.

Ito's Formula

• $(\alpha_t \mu S_t + \beta_t e^{rt})dt + \alpha_t \sigma S_t dW_t =$ $\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \mu S_t \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2}\right)dt + \sigma S_t \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}dW_t$

•
$$\alpha_t = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(t, S_t)$$

• $\beta_t = (P(t, S_t) - \alpha_t S_t) e^{-rt}$

Black-Scholes PDE

$$\mathcal{L}_{BS}P(t,x)=0$$

With the terminal condition P(T, x) = h(x), where the operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{BS} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + rx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - r$$

is define on the domain of $[0, T] \times (0, \infty)$.

Remarks

- The Black-Scholes PDE can be solved either by numerical PDE methods like finite difference methods or by Monte Carlo simulations.
- The dynamic trading strategy (α_t, β_t) is also called *hedging* strategy by emphasizing the elimination of risks.
- This strategy requires a holding number of risky asset $\alpha_t = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(t, S_t)$, which is called the *Delta* in financial engineering.

Independence of μ

• By inspecting the Black-Scholes PDE, the rate of returns μ in (1) does not appear at all. This is a remarkable feature of the Black-Scholes theory that two investors may have completely different speculative view for the rate of returns of the risky asset, but they have to agree that the no-arbitrage price P of the derivative does not depend on μ .

Black-Scholes Formula

The price of a European call option admits a closed-form solution.

$$C_{BS}(t,x) = x\mathcal{N}(d_1) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}\mathcal{N}(d_2),$$

where

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(x/K) + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}$$
$$d_2 = d_1(t,x) - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}$$
$$\mathcal{N}(d) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^d e^{-u^2/2} du$$

Put-Call Parity

- $C_{BS}(t, S_t) P_{BS}(t, S_t) = S_t Ke^{-r(T-t)}$
- $\mathcal{L}_{BS}(\mathcal{C}_{BS} \mathcal{P}_{BS})(t, x) = 0$

with the terminal condition h(x) = x - K, admits a simple solution $(C_{BS} - P_{BS})(t, x) = x - Ke^{-r(T-t)}$

Parameter Estimation

• Within the Black-Scholes formula, there is only one non-observable parameter, namely the volatility σ .

1. the direct method: given a set of historical stock prices, one can use either (1) the approximation of the quadratic variation of log returns or (2) the maximum likelihood of log returns of estimate σ .

2. the implied method: given the quoted European call or put option prices, one can invert an "implied" volatility from each quoted option.

Change of Probability Measure

 By Girsanov's Theorem, one can construct a new probability measure \mathcal{P}^* which is equivalent to \mathcal{P} so that the drifted Brownian motion $\left(W_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}t\right)$ becomes a standard Brownian motion, denoted by (W_t^*) . $dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$ $= (\mu + r - \mu)S_t dt + \sigma S_t d\left(W_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}t\right)$ $= rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^*$

Remarks

1. the discounted stock price becomes a martingale under \mathcal{P}^* . This is because of $d(e^{-rt}S_t) = (e^{-rt}S_t)\sigma dW_t^*$.

2. the discounted value of portfolio becomes a martingale under $\mathcal{P}^*.$ This is because of

$$de^{-rt}(\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt}) = \alpha_t(e^{-rt} S_t)\sigma dW_t^*.$$

We call such probability measure \mathcal{P}^* as the riskneutral measure and the shifted drift $\frac{\mu-r}{\sigma}$ as the market price of risk.

Risk-Neutral Evaluation (I)

• The trading strategy must replicate the terminal payoff $h(S_T)$,

$$\alpha_T S_T + \beta_T e^{rT} = h(S_T).$$

- Since $(e^{-rt}(\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt}))$ is a martingale under \mathcal{P}^* , $e^{-rt}(\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt}) = \mathbb{E}^* \{ e^{-rT}(\alpha_T S_T + \beta_T e^{rT}) | \mathcal{F}_t \}$
- The value of the portfolio is equal to

$$\alpha_t S_t + \beta_t e^{rt} = \mathbb{E}^* \{ e^{-r(T-t)} h(S_T) | \mathcal{F}_t \}$$
$$= \mathbb{E}^* \{ e^{-r(T-t)} h(S_T) | S_t \}$$

by the Markov property of S_t .

Risk-Neutral Evaluation (II)

• Based on the definition of the fair price, the option price can be defined as a conditional expectation of the discounted payoff under the risk-neutral probability measure \mathcal{P}^* : $P(t, S_t) = \mathbb{E}^* \{ e^{-r(T-t)} h(S_T) | S_t \}.$

Derivation of The Black-Scholes Formula

$$S_T = S_t exp\left(\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T - t) + \sigma\sqrt{T - t}Z\right)$$

$$P(t, S_t) = \widetilde{\mathbb{E}}\left\{e^{-r(T-t)}\left(S_t exp\left(\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T - t) + \sigma\sqrt{T - t}Z\right) - K\right)^+\right\}$$

$$= \int e^{-r(T-t)}\left(S_t exp\left(\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T - t) + \sigma\sqrt{T - t}Z\right) - K\right)^+$$

$$-K\right)^+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-z^2/2} dz$$

$$= \cdots$$

$$= S_t \mathcal{N}(d_1) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}\mathcal{N}(d_2)$$

Hedging with One Stock

•
$$d(e^{-rt}P(t,S_t)) =$$

 $e^{-rt}\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + rS_t \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - rP\right)(t,S_t)dt +$
 $e^{-rt}\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(t,S_t)\sigma S_t dW_t^*$

•
$$e^{-rT}P(T, S_T) =$$

 $P(0, S_0) + \int_0^T e^{-rt} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(t, S_t) \sigma S_t dW_t^*$

• $P(0, S_0) = \mathbb{E}^*[e^{-rT}h(S_T)|S_0]$

Martingale Representation Theorem

• Theorem Let $W_t, 0 \le t \le T$ be a Brownian motion on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \le t \le T}, \mathcal{P})$ and the filtration is generated by this Brownian motion. Let $M_t, 0 \le t \le T$ be a martingale with respect to this filtration. Then there is an adapted process $\Gamma_u, 0 \le u \le T$, such that

$$M_t = M_0 + \int_0^t \Gamma_u \, dW_u, 0 \le t \le T$$

• Γ_u is typically related to the hedging strategy associated with a trading martingale M_t . This theorem only guarantees the existence condition of the hedging strategy. One can use Ito formula to compute Γ explicitly.

Arbitrage

- An arbitrage is a way of trading so that one starts with zero capital and at some later time T is sure not to have lost money and furthermore has a positive probability of having made money
- **Definition** An arbitrage is a portfolio value process V_t satisfying $V_0 = 0$ and also satisfying for some time T > 0 $\mathcal{P}\{V_T \ge 0\} = 1, \mathcal{P}\{V_T > 0\} > 0$

Fundamental Theorems of Asset Pricing

- First Theorem If a market model has a riskneutral probability measure, then it does not admit arbitrage.
- **Definition** A market model is complete if every derivative security can be hedged.
- Second Theorem Consider a market model that has a risk-neutral probability measure. The model is complete if and only if the riskneutral probability measure is unique.

Forward Contract

- Definition A forward contract is an agreement to pay a specified delivery price L at a delivery date T for the asset price S_t at time t. The T-forward price For_S(t,T) of this asset, is the value of K that makes the forward contract have no-arbitrage price zero at time t.
- **Theorem** *The T-forward price is*

$$For_{S}(t,T) = \frac{S_{t}}{B(t,T)},$$

where the price of a zero-coupon is

$$B(r,T) = \frac{1}{D_t} \mathbb{E}^* \left\{ e^{-\int_t^T r_u du} 1 | r_t \right\}$$

Futures

• **Definition** The futures price of an asset whose value at time T is S_T is given by the formula $Fut_S(t,T) = \mathbb{E}^*\{S_T | \mathcal{F}_t\}, 0 \le t \le T$

A long position in the futures contract is an agreement to receive as a cash flow the changes in the futures price during the time the position is held. A short position in the futures contract receives the opposite cash flow.

Forward-Futures Spread

• When the (instantaneous) interest-rate r_t is random, the *forward-futures spread* is defined by

$$For_{S}(0,T) - Fut_{S}(0,T) = \frac{S_{0}}{\mathbb{E}^{*}D_{T}} - \mathbb{E}^{*}S_{T}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}^{*}D_{T}} (\mathbb{E}^{*}\{D_{T}S_{T}\} - \mathbb{E}^{*}D_{T}\mathbb{E}^{*}S_{T})$$
$$= \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}^{*}D_{T}} Cov^{*}(D_{T},S_{T})$$

where $Cov^*(D_T, S_T)$ denotes the covariance of D_T and S_T under the risk-neutral probability measure.

Appendix: Girsanov Theorem

Let (W_t) be a standard Brownian motion under a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \le t \le T}, \mathcal{P})$. Let θ_t be an adapted process. Define

$$Z_t = exp\left(-\int_0^t \theta_s \, dW_s - \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \theta_s^2 \, ds\right)$$
$$W_t^* = W_t + \int_0^t \theta_s \, ds$$

and assume that

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\int_0^T \theta_s^2 Z_s^2 \, ds < \infty\right\}$$

Set $Z = Z_T$. Then $\mathbb{E}Z = 1$ and under the probability measure $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ defined by $\frac{d\tilde{\mathcal{P}}}{d\mathcal{P}} = Z_T$, the process $W_t^*, 0 \le t \le T$, is a Brownian motion.