

1 Deriving the Black-Scholes Formula

1.1 Call Option

For a European call option, the potential cash-flows at time t will occur if $S_t > K$

1. Receive a stock worth S_t with probability $\Pr(S_t > K)$
2. Pay K with probability $\Pr(S_t > K)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{call payoff}) &= \Pr(S_t > K) [E(S_t \mid S_t > K) - K] \\ PV_0[E(\text{call payoff})] &= e^{-\alpha t} \Pr(S_t > K) [E(S_t \mid S_t > K) - K] \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Put Option

For a European put option, the potential cash-flows at time t will occur if $S_t < K$

1. Receive K with probability $\Pr(S_t < K)$
2. Pay (buy a stock worth) S_t with probability $\Pr(S_t < K)$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{put payoff}) &= \Pr(S_t < K) [K - E(S_t \mid S_t < K)] \\ PV_0[E(\text{put payoff})] &= e^{-\alpha t} \Pr(S_t < K) [K - E(S_t \mid S_t < K)] \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Lognormal Model

In order to develop the Black-Scholes formula, we need to know the following quantities

1. $\Pr(S_t > K)$
2. $E(S_t \mid S_t > K)$

Let A be the normally distributed random variable for the stock return.

$$\begin{aligned} S_t &= S_0 e^{At} \text{ where } A \sim N(\alpha, \sigma^2). \\ S_t/S_0 &\sim LN(m = (\alpha - \delta - 1/2\sigma^2)t, v = \sigma\sqrt{t}). \end{aligned}$$

These parameters are chosen s.t. $E(S_t/S_0) = e^{(\alpha-\delta)t}$ where $\alpha - \delta$ is the capital gains rate. We can see that this is true since $E(S_t/S_0) = e^{m+1/2v^2} = e^{(\alpha-\delta-1/2\sigma^2)t+1/2\sigma^2t} = e^{(\alpha-\delta)t}$

For $t = 1$ the volatility of the stock return equals to the volatility of $\ln(S_t/S_0)$ Otherwise, the volatility of $\ln(S_t/S_0)$ must be adjusted for time, so $v = \sigma\sqrt{t}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(S_t < K) &= \Pr(S_t/S_0 < K/S_0) \\ &= \Pr(\ln(S_t/S_0) < \ln(K/S_0))\end{aligned}$$

Since $\ln(S_t/S_0) \sim \text{Normal}(m, v^2)$, then $(\ln(S_t/S_0) - m)/v = Z \sim N(0, 1)$ where Z is the standard normal random variable. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(S_t < K) &= \Pr(Z < \frac{\ln(K/S_0) - m}{v}) \\ &= \Pr(Z < -d_2) \\ &= N(-d_2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } d_2 = \frac{\ln(S_0/K)+m}{v} = \frac{\ln(S_0/k)+(\alpha-\delta-1/2\sigma^2)}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}$$

Since $\Pr(S_t < K) = N(-d_2)$ then

$$\Pr(S_t > K) = N(d_2)$$

To find $E(S_t | S_t < K)$ we use the following formula

$$E(S_t | S_t < K) = \text{PE}(S_t | S_t < K) / \Pr(S_t < K)$$

where PE is the partial expectation from $S_t = 0$ to $S_t = K$. Note that

$$\text{PE}(S_t/S_0 | S_t/S_0 < K/S_0) = E(S_t/S_0)N((\ln(K/S_0) - m - v^2)/v)$$

We can calculate $\text{PE}(S_t | S_t/S_0 < K/S_0) = S_0 (\text{PE}(S_t/S_0 | S_t/S_0 < K/S_0))$. This simplifies as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PE}(S_t | S_t < K) &= \text{PE}(S_t | S_t/S_0 < K/S_0) \\ &= S_0(\text{PE}(S_t/S_0 | S_t/S_0 < K/S_0)) \\ &= S_0 E(S_t/S_0)N((\ln(K/S_0) - m - v^2)/v) \\ &= S_0 e^{m+1/2v^2} N((\ln(K/S_0) - (\alpha - \delta - 1/2\sigma^2)t - \sigma^2t)/(\sigma\sqrt{t})) \\ &= S_0 e^{(\alpha-\delta)t} N((\ln(K/S_0) - (\alpha - \delta + 1/2\sigma^2)t)/(\sigma\sqrt{t})) \\ &= S_0 e^{(\alpha-\delta)t} N(-d_1)\end{aligned}$$

where $d_1 = \frac{\ln(S_0/k) + (\alpha - \delta + 1/2\sigma^2)t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}$. Notice that $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t}$

Since $E(S_t) = PE(S_t | S_t > K) + PE(S_t | S_t < K)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} PE(S_t | S_t > K) &= E(S_t) - PE(S_t | S_t < K) \\ &= S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} - S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(-d_1) \\ &= S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} (1 - N(-d_1)) \\ &= S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(d_1) \end{aligned}$$

Which leads to the following formulas

$$\begin{aligned} E(S_t | S_t < K) &= (S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(-d_1)) / N(-d_2) \\ E(S_t | S_t > K) &= (S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(d_1)) / N(d_2) \end{aligned}$$

1.4 The Black-Scholes Formula

Substituting in the formulas derived above, we find that for a European call option

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{call payoff}) &= \Pr(S_t > K) [E(S_t | S_t > K) - K] \\ &= N(d_2) ((S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(d_1)) / N(d_2) - K) \\ &= S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(d_1) - K N(d_2) \\ PV_0[E(\text{call payoff})] &= e^{-\alpha t} (S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(d_1) - K N(d_2)) \\ &= S_0 e^{-\delta t} N(d_1) - K e^{-\alpha t} N(d_2) \end{aligned}$$

So, for a European call option,

$$C = S_0 e^{-\delta t} N(d_1) - K e^{-\alpha t} N(d_2) \quad (1.1)$$

Similarly, substituting in the formulas derived above, we find that, for a European put option

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{put payoff}) &= \Pr(S_t < K) [K - E(S_t | S_t < K)] \\ &= N(-d_2) (K - (S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(-d_1)) / N(-d_2)) \\ &= K N(-d_2) - S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(-d_1) \\ PV_0[E(\text{put payoff})] &= e^{-\alpha t} (K N(-d_2) - S_0 e^{(\alpha - \delta)t} N(-d_1)) \\ &= K e^{-\alpha t} N(-d_2) - S_0 e^{-\delta t} N(-d_1) \end{aligned}$$

So, for a European put option,

$$P = Ke^{-\alpha t}N(-d_2) - S_0e^{-\delta t}N(-d_1) \quad (1.2)$$