

Explicit Calculations of the Greeks

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Proposition 7.6.1. ([1], pg. 68)

For the Black-Scholes model and for a payoff given by $h(x) \leq C(1 + |x|^\alpha)$ for some $C, \alpha > 0$. Then, the function P is given by

$$P(t, x) = \frac{e^{-r(T-t)}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(xe^{(r-\sigma^2/2)(T-t)+\sigma\sqrt{T-t}z}) e^{-z^2/2} dz.$$

In a European call option (with the strike price K), $P(t, x)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} P(t, x) &= \frac{e^{-r(T-t)}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(xe^{(r-\sigma^2/2)(T-t)+\sigma\sqrt{T-t}z} - K \right)^+ e^{-z^2/2} dz \\ &= \frac{e^{-r(T-t)}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{d_0(T-t, x)}^{\infty} \left(xe^{(r-\sigma^2/2)(T-t)+\sigma\sqrt{T-t}z} - K \right) e^{-z^2/2} dz. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Since the integrand in **Equation 1** vanishes if $z \leq d_0(T-t, x)$ with

$$d_0(t, x) := \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{t}} \left(-\ln(x/K) - (r - \sigma^2/2)t \right).$$

Based on ([1], pg. 67), if we set

$$\Phi(y) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-z^2/2} dz, \quad d_1(t, x) = -d_0(t, x) + \sigma\sqrt{t}, \quad d_2(t, x) = -d_0(t, x).$$

Then, one would obtain

$$P(t, x) = x\Phi(d_1(T-t, x)) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)). \quad (2)$$

Moreover, one can also obtain

$$H_t^1 = [\partial_x P](t, S_t) = \Phi(d_1(T-t, S_t)). \quad (3)$$

Lemma 1

If we set $\phi := \Phi'$, the relation between the density function ϕ at d_1 and d_2 is given by

$$x\phi(d_1(t, x)) = Ke^{-rt}\phi(d_2(t, x)). \quad (4)$$

Proof:

First, let us consider $d_2^2 - d_1^2$

$$\begin{aligned} d_2^2 - d_1^2 &= (d_2 - d_1)(d_2 + d_1) \\ &= (-\sigma\sqrt{t})(2d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t}) \\ &= (-\sigma\sqrt{t})\left(2\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}(\ln(x/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)t)\right) - \sigma\sqrt{t}\right) \\ &= -2\ln(x/K) - 2rt. \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of the density function $\phi(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-y^2/2}$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\phi(d_2)}{\phi(d_1)} &= e^{(d_1^2 - d_2^2)/2} \\ &= \frac{xe^{rt}}{K} \\ \implies x\phi(d_1(t, x)) &= Ke^{-rt}\phi(d_2(t, x)). \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 7.6.2. ([1], pg. 68)

Check these expressions, based on the definitions given in the previous section.

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(t, x) &= \frac{\phi(d_1(T-t, x))}{x\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, \\ \Theta(t, x) &= -\frac{x\phi(d_1(T-t, x))\sigma}{2\sqrt{T-t}} - rxe^{-r(T-t)}\phi(d_2(T-t, x)), \\ \rho(t, x) &= x(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)), \\ \text{Vega}(t, x) &= x\sqrt{T-t}\phi(d_1(T-t, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Let us calculate $\Gamma(t, x)$, $\Theta(t, x)$, $\rho(t, x)$, and $\text{Vega}(t, x)$ by using **Equation (2)**, **(3)**, and **Lemma 1**

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(t, x) &= [\partial_x^2 P](t, x) \\
&= \partial_x(\Phi(d_1(T-t, x))) \\
&= \frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial x} \phi(d_1(T-t, x)) \\
&= -\frac{\partial(d_0(T-t, x))}{\partial x} \phi(d_1(T-t, x)) \\
&= \frac{\phi(d_1(T-t, x))}{x\sigma\sqrt{T-t}},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta(t, x) &= [\partial_t P](t, x) \\
&= -\frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial(T-t)} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) - rKe^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&\quad + Ke^{-r(T-t)}\frac{\partial(d_2(T-t, x))}{\partial(T-t)}\phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&= -\frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial(T-t)} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) - rKe^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&\quad + x\left(\frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial(T-t)} - \frac{\sigma}{2\sqrt{T-t}}\right)\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) \quad (\text{by Lemma 1}) \\
&= -\frac{x\phi(d_1(T-t, x))\sigma}{2\sqrt{T-t}} - rKe^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho(t, x) &= [\partial_r P](t, x) \\
&= \frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial r} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) + K(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&\quad - Ke^{-r(T-t)}\frac{\partial(d_2(T-t, x))}{\partial r}\phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&= -\frac{\partial(d_0(T-t, x))}{\partial r} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) + K(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial(d_0(T-t, x))}{\partial r} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) \quad (\text{by Lemma 1}) \\
&= K(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}\Phi(d_2(T-t, x)),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Vega}(t, x) &= [\partial_\sigma P](t, x) \\
&= \frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial\sigma} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}\frac{\partial(d_2(T-t, x))}{\partial\sigma}\phi(d_2(T-t, x)) \\
&= \frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial r} x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) - \left(\frac{\partial(d_1(T-t, x))}{\partial r} - \sqrt{T-t}\right)x\phi(d_1(T-t, x)) \quad (\text{by Lemma 1}) \\
&= x\sqrt{T-t}\phi(d_1(T-t, x)).
\end{aligned}$$

References

- [1] Serge Richard. *Special Mathematics Lecture: Introduction to Stochastic Calculus*. 2023.