



Greek letters

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Refresher on the Black & Scholes' model



- Notations

- C = call premium
- P = put premium
- S = spot price of the underlying asset
- E = option's strike price
- τ = time to expiration of the option
- σ = volatility of the underlying asset
- r = risk free rate

- Black & Scholes formula: $C = S \cdot \Phi(d_1) - E e^{-r\tau} \Phi(d_2)$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{E}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \cdot \tau}{\sigma\sqrt{\tau}}, d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{\tau}, \Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

- Call-put parity: $P = C - S + E e^{-r\tau}$

Greek letters' formulas



- Delta
 - Sensitivity of the option's premium to a slight change in the spot price of the underlying asset
 - Delta of a call = $\frac{\delta C}{\delta S} = \Phi(d_1)$
 - Delta of a put = $\frac{\delta P}{\delta S} = \Phi(d_1) - 1 = -\Phi(-d_1)$
- Vega
 - Sensitivity of the option's premium to a slight change in the volatility of the underlying asset
 - Vega of a call = $\frac{\delta C}{\delta \sigma} = \text{Vega of a put} = \frac{\delta P}{\delta \sigma} = S \cdot f(d_1) \sqrt{\tau}$
- Rho
 - Sensitivity of the option's premium to a slight change in the risk-free rate
 - Rho of a call = $\frac{\delta C}{\delta r} = \tau E e^{-r\tau} \Phi(d_2)$
 - Rho of a put = $\frac{\delta P}{\delta r} = -\tau E e^{-r\tau} \Phi(-d_2)$
- Theta
 - Sensitivity of the option's premium to a slight change in the option's time to expiration
 - Theta of a call = $\frac{\delta C}{\delta \tau} = r E e^{-r\tau} \Phi(d_2) + S f(d_1) \frac{\sigma}{2\sqrt{\tau}}$
 - Theta of a put = $\frac{\delta P}{\delta \tau} = -r E e^{-r\tau} \Phi(-d_2) + S f(d_1) \frac{\sigma}{2\sqrt{\tau}}$

Numerical example

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| A α alpha | I ι iota | P ρ rho |
| B β beta | K κ kappa | Σ σ sigma |
| Γ γ gamma | Λ λ lambda | T τ tau |
| E ε epsilon | M μ mu | Υ υ upsilon |
| Δ δ delta | N ν nu | Φ φ phi |
| Z ζ zeta | Ξ ξ xi | X χ chi |
| H η eta | Ο ο omicron | Ψ ψ psi |
| Θ θ theta | Π π pi | Ω ω omega |

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| Spot price of the underlying asset : S | 120 | 121 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Strike price : E | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Valuation date : t' | 01/01/2019 | 01/01/2019 | 01/01/2019 | 02/01/2019 | 01/01/2019 |
| Expiration date : t'' | 01/11/2019 | 01/11/2019 | 01/11/2019 | 01/11/2019 | 01/11/2019 |
| Volatility : σ | 20% | 20% | 21% | 20% | 20% |
| Risk free rate in discrete time : r' | 6,00% | 6,00% | 6,00% | 6,00% | 7,07% |
| Time to expiration (in years) : t=(t''-t')/365 | 0,833 | 0,83 | 0,83 | 0,83 | 0,83 |
| Risk free rate in continuous time : r = ln(1+r') | 5,83% | 5,83% | 5,83% | 5,83% | 6,83% |
| $d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{E}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)\tau}{\sigma\sqrt{\tau}}$ | 1,36 | 1,40 | 1,30 | 1,36 | 1,40 |
| $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{\tau}$ | 1,17 | 1,22 | 1,11 | 1,17 | 1,22 |
| Φ(d1) | 0,9125 | 0,9195 | 0,9033 | 0,9126 | 0,9195 |
| Φ(d2) | 0,8797 | 0,8886 | 0,8662 | 0,8800 | 0,8886 |
| Call premium: C = S.Φ(d₁)-E.exp(-rt).Φ(d₂) | 25,69 | 26,61 | 25,87 | 25,67 | 26,39 |
| Put premium: P = C-S+E.exp(-rt) | 0,95 | 0,87 | 1,14 | 0,95 | 0,86 |
| Gap on call premium | | 0,92 | 0,18 | -0,02 | 0,70 |
| Gap on put premium | | -0,08 | 0,18 | 0,00 | -0,09 |
| $f(d_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{d_1^2}{2}}$ | 0,16 | 0,15 | 0,17 | 0,16 | 0,15 |

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| Delta | | | | |
| Call | | | | |
| Δ = Φ(d1) | 0,91 | 0,92 | | |
| Change in delta | | 0,01 | | |
| Put | | | | |
| Δ = -Φ(-d1) | -0,09 | -0,08 | | |
| Change in delta | | 0,01 | | |
| Vega: call and put | | | | |
| V for 100% = f(d ₁).S.√τ | 17,42 | | | |
| Véga for 1% = V / 100 | 0,17 | | | |
| Theta | | | Rhô | |
| Call | | | Call | |
| T for 1 year | 6,97 | | ρ for 100% | 69,80 |
| Théta for 1 day = / 365 | 0,02 | | Rhô for 1% = ρ /100 | 0,70 |
| Put | | | Put | |
| T for 1 year | 1,42 | | ρ for 100% | -9,54 |
| Théta for 1 day = / 365 | 0,00 | | Rhô for 1% = ρ /100 | -0,10 |