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Implied Volatility

Option traders can never fully understand the dynamics behind pricing of stock options and stock option price movements without understanding what volatility and implied volatility are. Volatility can be calculated mathematically to arrive at an expectation of the amount of volatility in the underlying asset or market implied by current price data, hence the development of Implied Volatility. Implied volatility is the second most important price determinant of stock options other than the price of the stock itself.

Mathematically, the factors that affect implied volatility are the exercise price, the riskless rate of return, maturity date and the price of the option. These factors are taken into consideration in several option pricing models, including the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. Implied volatility is also the only variable that goes into a mathematical option pricing model.

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Implied Volatility Formula

This formula allows to work out the implied volatility that has already been factored into the price of an option.

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i+1} &= x_i - \frac{y_i - p}{v_i} \\ \text{until} & \left| \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{x_{i+1}} \right| \leq \, \mathcal{E}_i \, \text{ at which point } \, x_i \, \equiv \, \text{IVOL} \end{aligned}$$

Where:

xi = Volatility

vi = option's Vega at theoretical value yi

yi = option's theoretical value at volatility xi

p = option price

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Theoretical Price

This is a theoretical price of the option, which is used to analyze dependency of the option price on the following factors: changes in stock price, volatility. Option price expectations are calculated for selected expiration date.

TOS uses Bjerksund and Stensland option pricing model.

More information is available here:

http://www.global-derivatives.com/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=14

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Theoretical Price Formula

The Bjerksund-Stensland approximation assumes that the exercise is initiated to a corresponding 'flat' boundary, making use of a trigger price. This approximation is computational inexpensive and the method is fast.

For call options:

$$C = \alpha S^{\beta} - \alpha \phi \big(S,T,\beta,I,I\big) + \phi \big(S,T,1,I,I\big) - \phi \big(S,T,1,X,I\big) - X\phi \big(S,T,0,I,I\big) + X\phi \big(S,T,0,X,I\big)$$

Where:

$$\alpha = (I - X)I^{-\beta}$$

$$\beta = \left(0.5 - \frac{r - D}{\sigma^2}\right) + \sqrt{\left(\frac{r - D}{\sigma^2} - 0.5\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{r}{\sigma^2}\right)}$$

$$\phi(S,T,\gamma,H,I) = e^{\lambda} S^{\gamma} \left[N(d) - \left(\frac{I}{S}\right)^{*} N \left(d - \frac{2\ln\left(\frac{I}{S}\right)}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) \right]$$

$$\lambda = \left[y(r-D) - r + 0.5\gamma(\gamma - 1)\sigma^2 \right] T$$

$$d = -\frac{\ln(\frac{S}{H}) + (r-D + (\gamma - 0.5)\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{2(r-D)}{\sigma^2} + (2\gamma - 1)$$

$$\begin{split} I &= B_0 + (B_{\infty} - B_0)(1 - e^f) \\ f &= -(T(r - D) + 2\sigma\sqrt{T}) \bigg(\frac{B_0}{B_{\infty} - B_0}\bigg) \\ \\ B_{\infty} &= \frac{\beta}{\beta - 1} X \\ \\ B_0 &= \max \bigg(X, \bigg(\frac{r}{D}\bigg)X\bigg) \end{split}$$

For put options:

$$P(S, X, T, r, r - D, \sigma) = C(X, S, T, D, D - r, \sigma)$$

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Covered Return

The calculation of Covered return is based on the extrinsic value of the option, the price of the stock, and time to expiration. The reason we use extrinsic value in the calculation is that if you sell an in-the-money call, you would get a large credit because the call price is large. But most of that price is intrinsic value, which you wouldn't capture because you are offsetting that intrinsic amount with the stock trade. Using the extrinsic value lets you compare the return for out-of-the-money and in-the-money options. The highest covered returns are for the at-the-money options because extrinsic value is highest there.

Specifically, the calculation takes the extrinsic value, divides it by the price of the stock, multiplies it by 365 and divides it by the days to expiration.

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Covered Return Formula

Covered Return is calculated by the following formula:

Where:

Extrinsic - extrinsic value for selected option

Mark - Mark price of underlying stock

Days-till-expiration - quantity of days until selected option expiration date

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Extrinsic

Extrinsic Value, or sometimes known as the Premium Value or Time Value, of an option is the part of the price that is determined by factors other than the price of the underlying stock. This is what you are paying the seller of the option for the risk that the seller is undertaking for selling you the option contract. This "risk money" you are paying the seller is justified and determined by 4 main factors: Time to expiration, Interest Rates, Volatility and Dividends payable.

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Extrinsic Formula

Extrinsic is calculated by the following formula:

Extrinsic Value Of Put Option = Put Option Price - Intrinsic Value Of Put Option Extrinsic Value Of Call Option = Call Option Price - Intrinsic Value Of Call Option

Where:

Extrinsic - extrinsic value for selected option

OptionPrice - Mark price of underlying stock

Days-till-expiration - quantity of days until selected option expiration date

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Intrinsic

Intrinsic value of options is the value of its underlying stock that is built into the price of the option. In fact, options traders buy stock options for the sake of those options gaining intrinsic value (Long Call or Long Put options trading strategy).

When you buy call options, you do so because you want to to profit when the stock goes up. When the stock moves higher and higher, more and more of the stock's value gets built into the price of the option in the form of intrinsic value.

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Intrinsic Formula

Intrinsic is calculated by the following formula:

Intrinsic Value Of Put Option = Strike Option Price - Last Price Of Put Option Intrinsic Value Of Call Option = Last Price of Call Option - Strike Option Price

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Mark price of option is the average between option Bid and Ask price.

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Mark Price for Options Formula

Mark Price for Option = (Option's Bid Price + Option's Ask Price)/2

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Expected Price

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Expected Price

Each spread has its own price which depends on current spread BID/ASK values:

Where:

SIGNUM = 1 when order has positive quantity SIGNUM = -1 when order has negative quantity BID/ASK - bid and ask of the spread LEGS - number of legs of the spread

M = (BID + ASK) / 2

Each spread has its own DELTA.

Each underlying instrument has its own price, UP.

Each order has Order Price, OP.

Expected Underlying Price (EUP) will be calculated as follows:

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SIZZLE Index

SIZZLE Index computes the sum of the current volumes for all calls and all puts for a single stock or index and compare that sum with an average of the sums of the last 5 trading days. The result is a ratio that is a measure of the relative activity in a stock's options. The higher the ratio, the more active the options are. This is a "live" calculation, with the algorithm calculating a new ratio at fixed intervals throughout the trading day.

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Sizzle Index

Sizzle Index is calculated by the following formulas:

Call Sizzle Index = C0 * 5 / Sum(C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 + C5)

Put Sizzle Index = P0 * 5 / Sum(P1 + P2 + P3 + P4 + P5)

Sizzle Index = (C0 + P0) * 5 / Sum(C1 + P1 + C2 + P2 + C3 + P3 + C4 + P4 + C5 + P5)

Where:

C0 - sum of volumes of all Call options for current trading day

P0 - sum of volumes of all Put options for current trading day

C1, ..., C5 - sums of volumes of all Call options for last five trading days

P1, ..., P5 - sums of volumes of all Put options for last five trading days

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YIELD

This refers to the interest or dividends received from a security and is usually expressed annually as a percentage based on the investment's cost, its current market value or its face value.

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TOS-REQ-4311 **YIELD**

YIELD is calculated by the following formula:

YIELD=Sum (Div of the year) / LAST

Where:

Sum = Div*DivFreq

(DivFreq may be Q - so Div value should be multiplied by 4 etc.)

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PE(Price-Earnings Ratio)

PE is the valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings.

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PE (Price-Earnings Ratio)

PE is calculated by the following formula:

PE = Last Price / Earnings Per Share

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Put/Call Ratio

Put/Call Ratio is one of the two indicators directly derived from options trading, the other one being the VIX. Put/Call Ratio is used by options traders around the world as a contrarian indicator of market sentiment. As an indicator of market sentiment, Put/Call Ratio tells you when investors are in a bullish or bearish mood. Put/Call Ratio is arrived at by dividing the total amount of put options traded by the total amount of call options traded.

There are 2 main types of Put/Call Ratios: Total Equity Put/Call Ratio, Index Put/Call Ratio.

Equity Put/Call Ratio: There are 2 main types of Equity Put/Call Ratios; Total Equities Put/Call Ratio that measures the put/call ratio of all equities in the market and Individual Equity Put/Call Ratio that measures the put/call ratio of an individual stock. The most authoritative total equities put/call ratio in the United States is the Chicago Board Of Exchange Total Equities Put/Call Ratio. The CBOE Total Equities Put/Call Ratio divides the total volume of equity put options by the total volume of equity call options traded daily and serves as the broadest measure of market sentiment in the equity market. The CBOE total equities put call ratio is also what most options traders are referring to when talking about Put/Call Ratios.

Index Put/Call Ratio: Index Put/Call Ratios, also known as Composite Put/Call Ratios, are put call ratios calculated for component stocks in an index such as the OEX. Index put/call ratios are meant to be contrarian indicators for the underlying index but due to the amount of hedging done by portfolio managers and Market Makers in the index options resulting in a skew towards more put option buying than call option buying, Index Put/Call Options are not generally regarded by the options trading community as indicative of general investor sentiment.



Put/Call Ratio

Put/Call Ratio is calculated by the following formula:

Volume Of Put Options / Volume Of Call Options

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Market Capitalization

Market capitalization/capitalisation (aka market cap) is a value of a company, which is equal to multiplication of issued shares and mark price.

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Market Capitalization

Market capitalization is calculated by the following formula:

Market Cap = Last Price * Shares

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Volatility Index

Calculated value, which forecasts expected volatility of the stock over the next 30 calendar days. For calculation of Volatility Index in the thinkorswim we use VIX (CBOE VOLATILITY INDEX) algorithm. Calculation is based on implied volatilities of the option series which will be expired in the near and next expiration dates.

FRONT Volatility

Calculated value, which forecasts expected volatility of the stock for the near expiration date. Calculation is based on implied volatilities of the option series which will be expired in the near expiration dates.

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FRONT Volatility

FRONT Volatility is calculated by the following formula:

FRONT Volatility = Implied Volatility of the options on the selected stock with near expiration date.



BACK Volatility

Calculated value, which forecasts expected volatility of the stock for the next expiration date. Calculation is based on implied volatilities of the option series which will be expired in the next expiration dates.

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BACK Volatility

BACK Volatility is calculated by the following formula:

BACK volatility = Implied Volatility of the options on the selected stock with **near next expiration date**.

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Volatility Difference

Calculated value which shows difference between FRONT Volatility and BACK Volatility.

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Volatility Difference

Volatility Difference is calculated by the following formula:

VOLATILITY DIFFERENCE = FRONT Volatility - BACK Volatility

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Weighted Back Volatility

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Weighted Back Volatility

Weighted Back Volatility is calculated by the following formula:

Weighted Back Volatility = sqrt((BACK_Volatility^2 * T2 - FRONT_Volatility^2 * T1) / (T2 - T1))

Where:

T1 is time to next expiration in years

T2 is time to second next expiration in years

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Front Expected Move

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Front Expected Move

Front Expected Move is calculated by the following formula:

Front Expected Move = expected_move(sqrt(T1) * FRONT_Volatility)

*expected_move(vol) = S * e ^ (vol ^ 2 / 2) * (2 * N(vol) - 1)

Where:

N(x) is Cumulative Normal Distribution function

S is the price of underlying stock

T1 is time to next expiration in years

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Back Expected Move

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Back Expected Move

Back Expected Move is calculated by the following formula:

Back Expected Move = expected_move(sqrt(T2) * BACK_Volatility)

*expected move(vol) = S * e ^ (vol ^ 2 / 2) * (2 * N(vol) - 1)

Where:

N(x) is Cumulative Normal Distribution function

S is the price of underlying stock

T2 is time to second next expiration in years

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Expected Move Difference

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Expected Move Difference

Expected Move Difference is calculated by the following formula:

Expected Move Difference = expected_move(sqrt(T2 - T1) * Weighted Back Vol ^ 2)

*expected_move(vol) = S * e ^ (vol ^ 2 / 2) * (2 * N(vol) - 1)

Where:

N(x) is Cumulative Normal Distribution function

S is the price of underlying stock

T1 is time to next expiration in years

T2 is time to second next expiration in years

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???? Market Maker Move is a measure of the expected magnitude of price movement based on market volatility. It helps to identify the implied move due to an event between now and the front month expiration

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Market Maker Move

Market Maker Move is calculated by the following formula:

Market Maker Move = expected_move(sqrt(T1 * (FRONT_Volatility ^ 2 - Weighted Back Vol ^ 2))

*expected move(vol) = S * e ^ (vol ^ 2 / 2) * (2 * N(vol) - 1)

Where:

N(x) is Cumulative Normal Distribution function

S is the price of underlying stock

T1 is time to next expiration in years

T2 is time to second next expiration in years

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VWAP (Volume Weighted Average Price)

A trading benchmark used especially in pension plans. VWAP is calculated by adding up the dollars traded for every transaction (price multiplied by number of shares traded) and then dividing by the total shares traded for the day. The theory is that if the price of a buy trade is lower than the VWAP, it is a good trade. The opposite is true if the price is higher than the VWAP.

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Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP)

VWAP is calculated by the following formula:

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Percent Change

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Percent Change

Percent Change is calculated by the following formula:

Percent Change = (Net Change/CLOSE)*100%

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Mark Price

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Mark Price

Mark Price is calculated by the following formula:

If BID and ASK are both NaN or zero, or inverted, then it is equal Last Price If LAST is between BID and ASK, then it is equal to Last Price If LAST is above ASK, then it is equal to ASK If LAST is below BID, then it is equal to BID

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Mark Change

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Mark Change

Mark Change is calculated by the following formula:

MarkChange = Mark - YesterdayMark

where:

Mark - current Mark price,

YesterdayMark - Close value from DB: Prices table

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Percent Mark Change

Percent Mark Change is calculated by the following formula:

%MarkChange = MarkChange / YesterdayMark

Net Change

The difference between the closing price of a security on the day's trading and the previous day's closing price. Net change can be positive or negative and is quoted in terms of dollars. This is what the newspaper stock tables quote.

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Net Change

Net Change for quotes is calculated by the following formula:

Net Change = Last Price - Close Price

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Return on Capital

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TOS-**REQ-4420**

Return on Capital

Return on Capital is calculated by the following formula:

ROC = MarkPrice * DV / -BPEffect * 365/ days to expiration

Where:

MarkPrice is a mark price of the spread

BPEffect is calculated using T-Reg rules assuming Margin account selling corresponding spread MaxRisk = difference between StrikePrice and MarkPrice

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Return on Risk

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Return on Risk

Return on Risk is calculated by the following formula:

ROR = MarkPrice / MaxRisk * 365/ days to expiration

Where:

MarkPrice is a mark price of the spread MaxRisk = difference between StrikePrice and MarkPrice

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Strength Meter Indicator

The Strength Meter helps to gauge how a stock is trending. The foundation of the Strength Meter is derived from a stock's three-week trend:

• Stocks moving up 10% or more (during that period) are given a Green or Trending Up rating.

- Stocks moving down 10% or more during that period are given a Red or Trending Down rating.
- Stocks moving less than 9% during that period are given a Yellow or Range Bound rating.

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TOS-REQ-10468

Strength Meter Indicator

OCT_2010 (2010-10-23)

Strength Meter indicator's value is calculated by the following formula:

3Wk_Price_Change_Percent = (Last Price - Close_Price _3Wk_Back)/Close_Price_3Wk_Back

Strength Meter = Uptrend, if 3Wk_Price_Change_Percent > 0.1

Strength Meter = Downtrend, if 3Wk_Price_Change_Percent < -0.1

Strength Meter = Range Bound, if -0.1 <= 3Wk_Price_Change_Percent <= 0.1

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Quote Trend Indicator

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Quote Trend indicator

178 (FEB_2011) (2011-02-05)

Each bar in the Quote Trend shall denote bid, ask or both values according to the following rules:

If either the bid or the ask price is up and the other price remains unchanged, a GREEN bar is added.

If either the bid or the ask price is down and the other price remains unchanged, a RED bar is added.

If the bid price is up and the ask price is down, the top half of the bar is RED and the bottom half is GREEN.

If the bid price is down and the ask price is up, the top half of the bar is GREEN, and the bottom half is RED.

If both the bid and ask prices are up, a bright GREEN bar is added.

If both the bid and ask prices are down, a bright RED bar is added.

The following colors shall be used for Quote Trend Indicator representation in black Look and Feel scheme of the application

Border and background - 0x000000
Red - 0xA80000

Bright Red - 0xFF0000

Green - 0x006F00 Bright Green - 0x00DD00

The following colors shall be used for Quote Trend Indicator representation in white and metal Look and Feel schemes of the application

Border and background - 0xEDEDD Red - 0xDC7676 Bright Red - 0xCC0000 Green - 0x78B676 Bright Green - 0x038000

See trend_indicator_metrics.png and trend_indicator_overview.png attachment for details.

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Historical Volatility Formula

Historical Volatility is the realized volatility of a financial instrument over a given time period. Generally, this measure is calculated by determining the average deviation from the average price of a financial instrument in the given time period. Standard deviation is the most common but not the only way to calculate historical volatility.

Historical Volatility is also known as "statistical volatility".

Historical Volatility is often used in all types of risk valuations. Stocks with a high historical volatility usually require a higher risk tolerance.

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Historical Volatility Formula

Condor Release (2011-12-17)

System shall calculate Historical Volatility for non-optionable instrument on the period of 20 days by the following formula:

HV = StDev (In(close/close [1]), 20) * sqrt (trading_days_in_a_year),

Where:
trading_days_in_a_year is often taken as 252.

Appendix A: Terminology/Glossary/Definitions list

Implied Volatility - A measure of the volatility of the underlying stock, it is determined by using prices currently existing in the market at the time, rather than using historical data on the price changes of the underlying stock.

Theoretical Price - The value generated by a mathematical model given certain prior assumptions about the terms of the option, the characteristics of the underlying contract, and prevailing interest rates. contract, and prevailing interest rates.

Covered Return - The value gives you an annualized percent, return on buying stock and selling a call, or selling stock and selling a put.

Extrinsic - The difference between an option's price and the intrinsic value.

Intrinsic - For call options, this is the difference between the underlying stock's price and the strike price. For put options, it is the difference between the strike price and the underlying stock's price. In the case of both puts and calls, if the respective difference value is negative, the intrinsic value is given as zero.

YIELD - The income return on an investment.

Put Call Ratio - The ratio of the number of open put options against the number of open call options. The higher the resulting number, the more put options are bought or shorted on the underlying asset.