

Numerical Methods for Financial Derivatives

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Lecture 6: Fourier Series and the Fourier Transform

- The Fourier series representation of periodic functions.
- The Fourier transform of non-periodic functions is the limiting case of the Fourier series representation of periodic functions.
- Applying the Fourier transform and the Convolution theorem to solve heat equations.

Definition

A function $f(t)$ is periodic of period T if there is a number $T > 0$ such that $f(t + T) = f(t)$ for all t . If there is such a T then the smallest one for which the equation holds is called the fundamental period of the function f .

- Examples:

- $f(t) = \sin(t)$ is periodic of period 2π .
- $f(t) = \cos(t)$ is periodic of period 2π .
- $f(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$ is periodic of period 1.
- $f(t) = \cos(2\pi t)$ is periodic of period 1.
- $f(t) = \cos(4\pi t)$ is periodic of period $\frac{1}{2}$.
- $f(t) = \cos(2\pi t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4\pi t)$ is periodic of period 1 (see graph below)

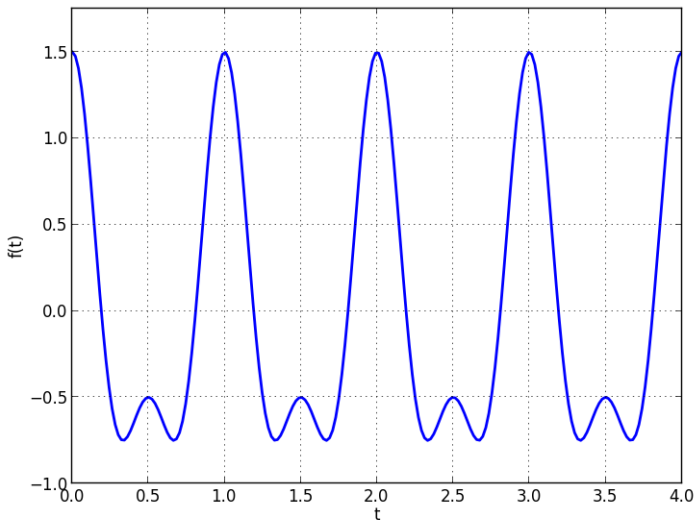


Figure 1: Periodic function $f(t) = \cos(2\pi t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4\pi t)$

Fourier Series as a approximation of Periodic Functions

- Suppose that $f(t)$ is a periodic function of period one and **square-integrable** in $t \in (t_0, t_0 + 1)$. Then this function can be approximated by

$$f(t) \approx f_N(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \sin(2\pi n t + \phi_n) \quad (1)$$

where $f_N(t)$ converges to $f(t)$ at almost every point as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

- $f_N(t)$ is a sum of N sinusoids or harmonics.
- Def: $f(t)$ is square-integrable for $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$ if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt < \infty$$

More Derivations

- Recall that $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\beta) \cos(\alpha) + \cos(\beta) \sin(\alpha)$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) \approx f_N(t) &= \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \sin(2\pi nt + \phi_n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N A_n [\sin(\phi_n) \cos(2\pi nt) + \cos(\phi_n) \sin(2\pi nt)] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(2\pi nt) + b_n \sin(2\pi nt)] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $a_n = A_n \sin(\phi_n)$ and $b_n = A_n \cos(\phi_n)$

- It is more common to write (2) as

$$f(t) \approx \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(2\pi nt) + b_n \sin(2\pi nt)] \quad (3)$$

where the harmonics have periods $1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots, 1/N$, respectively, or frequencies $1, 2, 3, \dots, N$.

We will use complex exponentials to represent the Fourier series of (3). To do so, we need the following:

$$e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t) \quad (4a)$$

$$e^{-it} = \cos(t) - i \sin(t) \quad (4b)$$

$$\cos(2\pi nt) = \frac{e^{2\pi int} + e^{-2\pi int}}{2} \quad (4c)$$

$$\sin(2\pi nt) = \frac{e^{2\pi int} - e^{-2\pi int}}{2} \quad (4d)$$

Fourier Series with Complex Exponentials

- Using the above trigonometric algebra, we can write

$$f(t) \approx \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(2\pi nt) + b_n \sin(2\pi nt)]$$

as

$$f(t) \approx \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n t} \quad (5)$$

where c_n are called Fourier coefficients.

- In this final form, c_n are complex numbers and satisfy:
 - $c_0 = \frac{a_0}{2}$
 - $c_{-n} = \bar{c}_n$, i.e. c_{-n} is a complex conjugate of c_n .
 - $c_0 = \bar{c}_0$
 - The magnitudes of c_{-n} and c_n are equals; i.e., $|c_{-n}| = |c_n|$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t) &\approx \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(2\pi n t) + b_n \sin(2\pi n t)] \\
 &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[a_n \left\{ \frac{e^{2\pi i n t} + e^{-2\pi i n t}}{2} \right\} + b_n \left\{ \frac{e^{2\pi i n t} - e^{-2\pi i n t}}{2i} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[a_n \left\{ \frac{e^{2\pi i n t} + e^{-2\pi i n t}}{2} \right\} + b_n \left\{ \frac{e^{2\pi i n t} - e^{-2\pi i n t}}{2i} \right\} \right] \\
 &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\left(\frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2} i \right) e^{2\pi i n t} + \left(\frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2} i \right) e^{-2\pi i n t} \right] \\
 &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n t} + \sum_{n=-N}^{-1} \bar{c}_n e^{2\pi i n t} \\
 &= \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n t}, \quad \text{with} \quad c_0 \equiv \frac{a_0}{2}, \quad c_{-n} = \bar{c}_n
 \end{aligned}$$

Attention to the Proof

- In fact, there two ways to write the halfway result of the proof:

$$f(t) \approx \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\left(\frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2}i \right) e^{2\pi i n t} + \left(\frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2}i \right) e^{-2\pi i n t} \right]$$

- Convention 1: define $c_n \equiv \frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2}i$ and $\bar{c}_n \equiv \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2}i$, so that

$$f(t) \approx c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n t} + \sum_{n=-N}^{-1} \bar{c}_{-n} e^{2\pi i n t} = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n t}$$

- Convention 2: define $c_n \equiv \frac{a_n}{2} + \frac{b_n}{2}i$ and $\bar{c}_n \equiv \frac{a_n}{2} - \frac{b_n}{2}i$, so that

$$f(t) \approx \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=-N}^{-1} \bar{c}_{-n} e^{2\pi i n t} + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{-2\pi i n t} = \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{-2\pi i n t}$$

- We adopted the popular convention 1.

Fourier Coefficients

- How to derive Fourier coefficients c_n ? Here is a direct approach: Let's take the coefficient c_k for some fixed k . We can isolate it by multiplying both sides by $e^{-2\pi ikt}$:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-2\pi ikt} f(t) &= e^{-2\pi ikt} \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{2\pi int} \\ &= \dots + e^{-2\pi ikt} c_k e^{2\pi ikt} + \dots = \dots + c_k + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Thus,

$$c_k = e^{-2\pi ikt} f(t) - \sum_{n=-N, n \neq k}^N c_n e^{2\pi i(n-k)t}$$

- Integrate from $t = 0$ to 1 (any period of one will do): since $\int_0^1 e^{2\pi i(n-k)t} dt = 0$, we obtain

$$c_k = \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi ikt} f(t) dt \tag{6}$$

Summary: Fourier Series and Fourier Coefficients

Fourier series and coefficients

If we can write a period function $f(t)$ of period 1 as a (finite) Fourier series,

$$f(t) \approx \sum_{n=-N}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n t}, \quad \text{or} \quad f(t) \approx \sum_{n=-N}^N \hat{f}(n) e^{2\pi i n t}$$

then the Fourier coefficients are given by

$$c_n = \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi i n t} f(t) dt, \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{f}(n) = \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi i n t} f(t) dt, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

- The preceding results show the Fourier series representation and its corresponding Fourier coefficients for a periodic signal of period 1. In fact, **any interval of length 1** will do to calculate $\hat{f}(t)$:

$$\hat{f}(n) = \int_a^{a+1} e^{-2\pi i n t} f(t) dt$$

- The 0-th Fourier coefficient is the average value of the signal:

$$\hat{f}(0) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt$$

Period, Frequency, and Spectrum

- We will look at some examples and applications in a moment. First, we want to make a few more general observations about the Fourier series representation of $f(t)$:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{2\pi i n t}$$

- The period is 1, due to $f(t) = f(t + 1)$.
- The **set of frequencies** present in a given periodic signal is the **spectrum of the signal**. It's the frequencies, like $\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm \infty$, that make up the spectrum of $f(t)$, not the values of $\hat{f}(\pm 1), \hat{f}(\pm 2), \dots, \hat{f}(\pm \infty)$.
- Because of the symmetry relationship $\hat{f}(-n) = \overline{\hat{f}(n)}$.
- If the coefficients are all zero from some point on, say $\hat{f}(n) = 0$ for $|n| > N$, then it's common to say that the signal has no spectrum from that point, or that the spectrum of the signal is limited to the points between $-N$ and N . One also says in this case that the **bandwidth** is N (or maybe $2N$ depending to whom you're speaking) and that the signal is **bandlimited**.

- Some other terminologies:
 - The squared magnitudes of the coefficients $|\hat{f}(n)|^2$ can be identified as the **energy** of the (positive and negative) harmonics $e^{\pm 2\pi i n t}$.
 - The sequence of squared magnitudes $|\hat{f}(n)|^2$ is called the ***power spectrum*** or the ***energy spectrum***.

Rayleigh's Identity

The energy of $f(t)$ can be calculated from its Fourier coefficients:

$$\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \infty$$

This is known as **Rayleigh's identity**, or **Parseval's theorem**.

- Loosely speaking, the sum (or integral) of the square of a function is equal to the sum (or integral) of the square of its transform.

Complex Exponentials as an Orthonormal Basis

- We will present a proof for **Rayleigh's Identity** using the following relationships:

- Define a complex exponential

$$e_n(t) \equiv e^{2\pi i n t}$$

- Then its complex conjugate

$$\bar{e}_n(t) \equiv e^{-2\pi i n t}$$

- The complex exponentials are orthonormal:

$$\langle e_n, e_m \rangle = \int_0^1 e_n \bar{e}_m dt = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i (n-m)t} dt = \begin{cases} 1, & n = m \\ 0, & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

- What is the component of a function $f(t)$ “in the direction” $e_n(t)$? It is given by the inner product

$$\langle f, e_n \rangle = \int_0^1 f(t) \bar{e}_n dt = \hat{f}(n)$$

Proof for Rayleigh's Identity

- pf: Given $f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n) e^{2\pi i n t} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f(t), e_n \rangle e_n$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt &= \langle f, f \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f(t), e_n \rangle e_n, \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f(t), e_m \rangle e_m \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f(t), e_n \rangle \overline{\langle f(t), e_m \rangle} \langle e_n, e_m \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f(t), e_n \rangle \overline{\langle f(t), e_m \rangle} \delta_{nm} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle f(t), e_n \rangle \overline{\langle f(t), e_n \rangle} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\langle f(t), e_n \rangle|^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

How Big are the Fourier Coefficients?

- Suppose that $f(t)$ is a square-integrable periodic function of period 1, and let

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n) e^{-2\pi i n t}$$

be its Fourier series. Rayleigh's identity says

$$\int_0^1 |f(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 < \infty$$

- In particular, the series $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2$ converges, and it follows that

$$|\hat{f}(n)|^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- This is a general result on convergent series from good old calculus days — if the series converges the general term must tend to zero.

What if the period is not 1?

Fourier series and coefficients as period is not 1

If $f(t)$ is a square-integrable periodic function of period $T \neq 1$, then

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{2\pi i n t / T}$$

and the Fourier coefficients are given by

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-2\pi i n t / T} f(t) dt$$

or

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_a^{T+a} e^{-2\pi i n t / T} f(t) dt$$

Time (Spatial) Domain vs. Signals in Frequency Domain

- We observe from this an important reciprocal relationship between
 - **the signal in the time (spatial) domain** (t is a generic variable) and
 - **the signal as displayed in the frequency domain** (i.e., in the spectrum).
- In the time domain the signal repeats after T seconds, while the points in the spectrum are $0, \pm 1/T, \pm 2/T, \dots$, which are spaced $1/T$ apart. (Of course for period $T = 1$ the spacing in the spectrum is also 1.)
- We will look such a reciprocal relationship based on the following examples.

Examples: Rectangle Functions

$$\Pi(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| < 1/2 \\ 0, & |t| \geq 1/2 \end{cases} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \Pi(t) e^{-2\pi i (\frac{n}{T})t} dt, \quad c_s = T c_n, \quad s = \frac{n}{T}$$

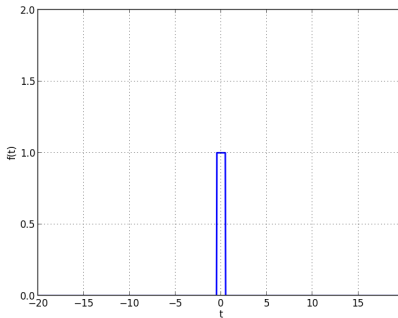


Figure 2: Rectangle Function (non-periodic)

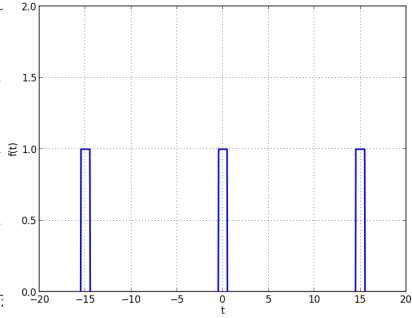


Figure 3: Rectangle Function of period $T = 15$

Example 1: Fourier Coefficients of Rectangle Function with Period 2

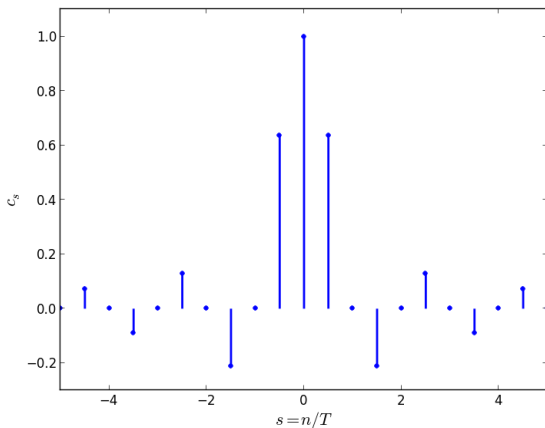


Figure 4: Fourier coefficients c_s of periodic rectangle function $\Pi(t)$ with period $T = 2$. Note: c_s is scaled up by T .

Example 2: Fourier Coefficients of Rectangle Function with Period 4

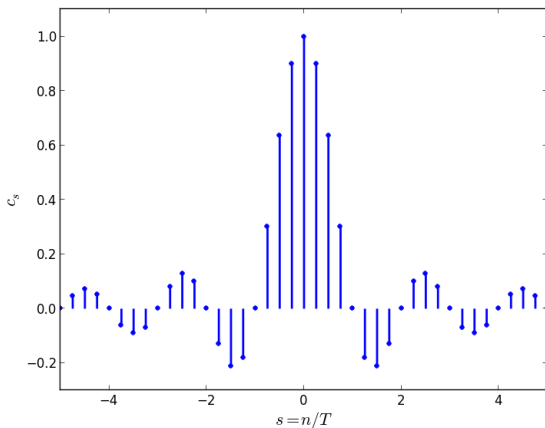


Figure 5: Fourier coefficients c_s of periodic rectangle function $\Pi(t)$ with period $T = 4$. Note: c_s is scaled up by T .

Example 3: Fourier Coefficients of Rectangle Function with Period 16

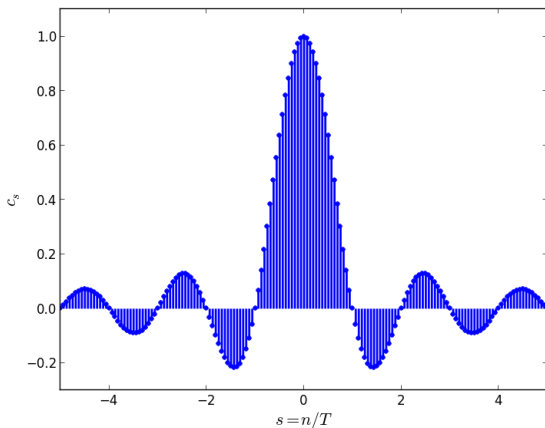


Figure 6: Fourier coefficients c_s of periodic rectangle function $\Pi(t)$ with period $T = 16$. Note: c_s is scaled up by T .

What We Observed from Examples?

- Given a period T function of $\Pi(t)$, the frequencies are $0, \pm\frac{1}{T}, \pm\frac{2}{T}, \dots$ that is, points in **the spectrum are spaced by $\frac{1}{T}$ apart**.
- As the signal in the time domain repeats with a longer delay (T increases), the spectrum is getting **more tightly packed**.
- That is, if T goes infinity, frequency $s = \frac{n}{T}$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$) becomes a **continuous variable**. But if T is infinitely large, then $\Pi(t)$ is a **non-periodic function**. From this perspective, we can derive the Fourier transform of a non-periodic function. In what follows we explain the nice perspective of letting a periodic function transition to a non-periodic function.

From Periodic to Non-Periodic

- Given $\Pi(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| < 1/2 \\ 0, & |t| \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$ with period T , the Fourier coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} e^{-2\pi i n t / T} \Pi(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-2\pi i n t / T} \cdot 1 dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \left[-\frac{1}{2\pi i n / T} e^{-2\pi i n t / T} \right]_{-1/2}^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2\pi i n} \left[e^{\pi i n / T} - e^{-\pi i n / T} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi n} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{T}\right) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

From Periodic to Non-Periodic (cont.)

- Scaled Fourier coefficients:

$$c_s = Tc_n = \frac{\sin(\pi n/T)}{\pi n/T} \rightarrow 1, \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

or using a scaled frequency $s = n/T$,

$$c_s = \frac{\sin(\pi s)}{\pi s} \equiv \text{sinc}(\pi s), \text{ with } \text{sinc}(0) = 1$$

- So, for a non-periodic function ($T \rightarrow \infty$), we define $c_s = \hat{\Pi}(s)$ and obtain

$$\hat{\Pi}(s) = T \times \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} e^{-2\pi i n t / T} \Pi(t) dt$$

or

$$\hat{\Pi}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s t} \Pi(t) dt, \quad s \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

- A Fourier transform is born!

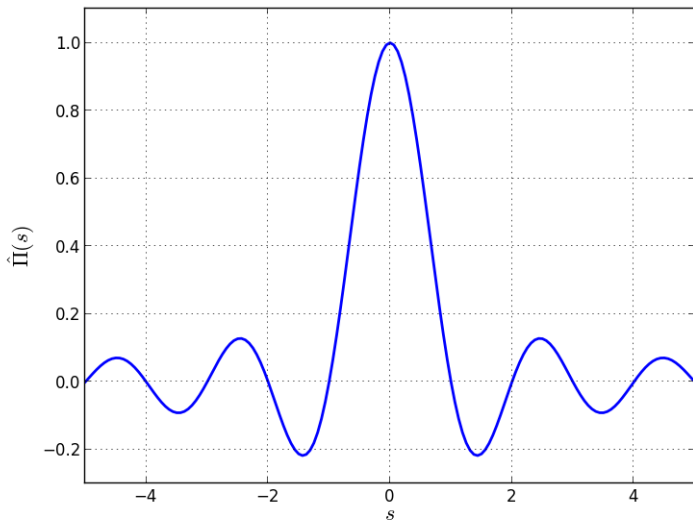


Figure 7: The Fourier transform of a non-periodic function $\Pi(t)$:
 $\hat{\Pi}(s) = \text{sinc}(s)$

The Fourier transform pair

Given a square-integrable function $f(t)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

- the Fourier transform of f is

$$\hat{f}(s) = \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s t} f(t) dt$$

- the inverse Fourier transform is

$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{f}(s)\}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i s t} \hat{f}(s) ds$$

where i is the imaginative unit that solves $i^2 = -1$.

Some Remarks on the Fourier Transform Pair

- $\hat{f}(s)$, the Fourier transform of $f(t)$, is a complex-valued function of $s \in \mathbb{R}$.
- If $f(t)$ is a real-valued function, as it most often is, $\hat{f}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt$ must be a real number, even though other values of the Fourier transform may be complex. Also, $f(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(s) ds$ is real.
- The spectrum of a periodic function is a discrete set of frequencies. By contrast, the Fourier transform of a non-periodic signal produces a continuous spectrum, or a continuum of frequencies.
- **Rayleigh's identity:**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(s)|^2 ds$$

where it says the energy in the time domain is equal to the energy in the frequency domain.

- Alternative notations:
 - $f(t) \rightleftharpoons \hat{f}(s); \quad f(t) \rightleftharpoons F(s); \quad f(t) \rightleftharpoons \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\}(s)$
 - $\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{f}(s)\}(t) = f(t)$

Alternative Expressions of Fourier Transforms

- Our definition of the Fourier transform is a standard one, but it's not the only one. The question is where to put the 2π .
- In general, the Fourier transform has alternative expressions:

$$\hat{f}(s) = \frac{1}{A} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iBst} f(t) dt$$

where the choices of A and B are summarized below,

- $A = \sqrt{2\pi}$, $B = \pm 1$
 - $A = 1$, $B = \pm 2\pi$
 - $A = 1$, $B = \pm 1$
- The definition we have chosen has $A = 1$ and $B = -2\pi$.

Basic Properties of the Fourier Transform

Assume $f(t)$, $g(t)$ are square-integrable functions on the real line.

Basic Properties

- **Linearity:** For any complex numbers α and β ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)\}(s) &= \mathcal{F}\{\alpha f(t)\}(s) + \mathcal{F}\{\beta g(t)\}(s) \\ &= \alpha \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\}(s) + \beta \mathcal{F}\{g(t)\}(s) \\ &= \alpha \hat{f}(s) + \beta \hat{g}(s)\end{aligned}$$

- **Shift:** For a shift in variable t (say, a delay in time) by a constant $b \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(t + b)\}(s) = e^{2\pi i s b} \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\}(s) = e^{2\pi i s b} \hat{f}(s)$$

- **Stretch:** For the scaling of t to at , $a > 0$ or $a < 0$,

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(at)\}(s) = \frac{1}{|a|} \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{|a|} \hat{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$$

Shift with $b > 0$ or $b < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{f(t+b)\}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s t} f(t+b) dt \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s (u-b)} f(u) du, \quad u = t+b, \quad du = dt \\&= e^{2\pi i s b} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s u} f(u) du = e^{2\pi i s b} \hat{f}(s)\end{aligned}$$

Proof for the Stretch Theorem

Stretch with $a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{f(at)\}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s t} f(at) dt \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s (\frac{u}{a})} f(u) \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) du, \quad u = at, \quad du = a dt \\&= \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i (\frac{s}{a}) u} f(u) du \\&= \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{F}\{f(u)\}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right) = \frac{1}{a} \hat{f}\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Stretch with $a < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{f(at)\}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s t} f(at) dt \\&= \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} e^{-2\pi i s (\frac{u}{a})} f(u) (\frac{1}{a}) du, \quad u = at, \quad du = a dt \\&= -\frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i (\frac{s}{a}) u} f(u) du \\&= -\frac{1}{a} \mathcal{F}\{f(u)\}(\frac{s}{a}) = -\frac{1}{a} \hat{f}(\frac{s}{a}),\end{aligned}$$

where $-\frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{|a|}$

The Fourier Transform of Standard Normal Density

- Standard normal density and its Fourier transform:

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \implies \hat{\phi}(s) = e^{-2\pi^2 s^2}$$

- Derivation of the Fourier transform $\hat{\phi}(x)$:

$$\hat{\phi}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

- First, taking the derivative of $\hat{\phi}$ w.r.t. s :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\phi}}{ds} &= 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (-ix) e^{-2\pi i s x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \\ &= 2\pi \int u dv \end{aligned}$$

where $u = e^{-2\pi i s x}$, $dv = \left(-\frac{ix}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$, and $v = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$.

- Second, obtaining the ODE:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\hat{\phi}}{ds} &= 2\pi \left(uv \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int v du \right) \\
 &= 2\pi \left(0 - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot (-2\pi i s) e^{-2\pi i s x} dx \right) \\
 &= -4\pi^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \\
 &= -4\pi^2 s \hat{\phi}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Solving the ODE $\frac{d\hat{\phi}}{ds} = -4\pi^2 s \hat{\phi}$ for:

$$\hat{\phi}(s) = \hat{\phi}(0) e^{-2\pi^2 s^2} = e^{-2\pi^2 s^2}$$

due to $\hat{\phi}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) dx = 1$.

The Fourier Transform of Normal Density

- Normal density and its Fourier transform:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \implies \hat{f}(s) = e^{-2\pi i s \mu - 2\pi^2 \sigma^2 s^2}$$

- Derivation of the Fourier transform:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s x} f(x) dx \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s (\sigma z + \mu)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz, \quad z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}, \quad dz = \frac{dx}{\sigma} \\&= e^{-2\pi i s \mu} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i (\sigma s) z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz}_{\hat{\phi}(\sigma s) = e^{-2\pi^2 (\sigma s)^2}} \\&= e^{-2\pi i s \mu - 2\pi^2 \sigma^2 s^2}\end{aligned}$$

The Fourier Transform of Derivatives of Functions

Derivatives

The Fourier transform of the 1th and n^{th} derivatives of function $f(t)$ with respect to t is

$$\mathcal{F}\{f'(t)\}(s) = 2\pi is \hat{f}(s)$$

$$\mathcal{F}\{f^{(n)}(t)\}(s) = (2\pi is)^n \hat{f}(s)$$

- With $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(s) e^{2\pi i s t} ds$, we have

$$f'(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi is \hat{f}(s) e^{2\pi i s t} ds$$

$$f^{(n)}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (2\pi is)^n \hat{f}(s) e^{2\pi i s t} ds$$

The Convolution Theorem

Definition

The convolution product of two functions $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) \equiv (f * g)(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t-x)g(x)dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)g(t-x)dx \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

*The Fourier transform of $(f * g)(t)$ is given by*

$$\mathcal{F}(f * g)(s) \equiv \hat{h}(s) = \hat{f}(s)\hat{g}(s)$$

Proof for the Convolution Theorem

- The product of the Fourier transforms of $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}f(s) \cdot \mathcal{F}g(s) &\equiv \hat{f}(s)\hat{g}(s) \\&= \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s t} f(t) dt \right) \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s x} g(x) dx \right) \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s (t+x)} f(t) g(x) dt dx \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s (t+x)} f(t) dt \right) g(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

- Let $u = t + x$ in the inner integral. Then $t = u - x$, $dt = du$ and the limits are the same:

$$\mathcal{F}f(s) \cdot \mathcal{F}g(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s u} f(u - x) du \right) g(x) dx$$

- Switching the order of integration:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}f(s) \cdot \mathcal{F}g(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s u} f(u - x) g(x) du dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s u} f(u - x) g(x) dx du \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s u} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u - x) g(x) dx \right) du \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s u} h(u) du = \hat{h}(s) \equiv \mathcal{F}(f * g)(s) \end{aligned}$$

The heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < \tau < \tau^*$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$$

About Solving Heat Equation

- There are alternative ways to solve the heat equation:
 - Separation of variables:

$$u(x, \tau) = f(x)g(\tau)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow fg' = f''g \Rightarrow g'/g = f''/f$$

- Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} \right\} (s) = \mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2} \right\} (s)$$

- Fourier transform of functional derivatives
- Convolution theorem
- Use of the fact:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp[-x^2] dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Solving Heat Equation using Fourier Transform

- Given the time level τ , the Fourier transform of the heat equation is

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau}\right\}(s) = \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2}\right\}(s)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau}\right\}(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi isx} \frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} dx \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi isx} u(x, \tau) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \mathcal{F}\{u(x, \tau)\}(s) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \hat{u}(s, \tau)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2}\right\}(s) = (2\pi is)^2 \mathcal{F}\{u(x, \tau)\}(s) = -4\pi^2 s^2 \hat{u}(s, \tau)$$

Solving Heat Equation using Fourier Transform (2)

- Given frequency s , the Fourier transform of the heat equation is a first-order ordinary differential equation (ODE):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \hat{u}(s, \tau) + 4\pi^2 s^2 \hat{u}(s, \tau) = 0$$

- The solution to the ODE is

$$\hat{u}(s, \tau) = \hat{u}(s, 0)e^{-4\pi^2 s^2 \tau}$$

where $\hat{u}(s, 0)$ is the Fourier transform of the initial condition $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$; that is,

$$\hat{u}(s, 0) = \mathcal{F}\{u(x, 0)\}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s x} u(x, 0) dx$$

Solving Heat Equation using Fourier Transform (3)

- We have obtained $\hat{u}(s, \tau)$ as shown above. To find $u(x, \tau)$, we can apply the inverse Fourier transform:

$$u(x, \tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{u}(s, \tau)\}$$

- To do so, first, define

$$\hat{u}_1(s, \tau) = e^{-4\pi^2 s^2 \tau} = e^{-2\pi^2 (\sqrt{2\tau})^2 s^2}$$

$$\hat{u}_2(s, \tau) = \hat{u}(s, 0)$$

such that

$$\hat{u}(s, \tau) = \hat{u}_1(s, \tau) \hat{u}_2(s, \tau)$$

- From the convolution theorem, $\mathcal{F}(u_1 * u_2) = \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_2 = \hat{u}$, implying $u = u_1 * u_2$.

Solving Heat Equation using Fourier Transform (4)

- Next, derive u_1 and u_2 using the inverse Fourier transforms of \hat{u}_1 and \hat{u}_2 , respectively:

$$u_1(x, \tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{u}_1(s, \tau)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi isx} e^{-4\pi^2 s^2 \tau} ds$$

$$u_2(x, \tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{u}_2(s, \tau)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi isx} \hat{u}(s, 0) ds$$

- Now we can obtain u based on the convolution product of u_1 and u_2 :

$$u(x, \tau) = (u_1 * u_2)(x, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_1(x - y, \tau) u_2(y, \tau) dy$$

Solving Heat Equation using Fourier Transform (5)

- We recognize (can you?) that $\hat{u}_1(s, \tau) = e^{-2\pi^2(\sqrt{2\tau})^2 s^2}$ is the Fourier transform of the Gaussian,

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \text{with } \sigma = \sqrt{2\tau}$$

- Thus, using the Gaussian and $u_2(x, \tau) = u(x, 0)$, we have the final solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, \tau) &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} * u(x, 0) \right)(x, \tau) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right] \cdot u(y, 0) dy \end{aligned}$$

- It implies that the temperature of the rod at a point x at a time τ is some kind of averaged, smoothed version of the initial temperature $u(x, 0)$. That's convolution at work.

Check on Solution to $\frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2}$

- Solution: $u(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi\tau}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4\tau}\right] \cdot u(y, 0) dy$
- Verify initial condition: let $\tau \rightarrow 0$ (i.e., $\sigma \rightarrow 0$) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} u(x, \tau) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(y-x)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \right\} \cdot u(y, 0) dy \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow 0} f(y) \right\} \cdot u(y, 0) dy, \quad y \sim N(x, \sigma) \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(y-x) \cdot u(y, 0) dy, \quad y \sim N(x, \sigma) \\&= u(x, 0)\end{aligned}$$

where $\delta(\cdot)$ is Dirac delta function.

- Dirac Delta function $\delta(x - a)$ has the properties:

- $\delta(x - a) = \begin{cases} \infty, & x = a \in (-\infty, \infty) \\ 0, & x \neq a \end{cases}$

- $\int_{a-\varepsilon}^{a+\varepsilon} \delta(x - a) dx = 1, \quad \varepsilon \in (0, \infty)$

- $\int_{a-\varepsilon}^{a+\varepsilon} \delta(x - a) f(x) dx = f(a), \quad \varepsilon \in (0, \infty)$

- The Dirac delta function is not a function in the traditional sense.
- Loosely speaking, it is a function that is zero everywhere except at a point, where it is infinite, and the integral of any interval containing that one point has a value of 1.

- Fourier transform of $\delta(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}\{\delta(x)\}(s) &\equiv \hat{\delta}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i s x} \delta(x) dx \\ &= e^{-2\pi i s x} \text{ at } x = 0 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- Inverse Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{\delta}(s)\}(x) = \delta(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i s x} \cdot 1 \cdot ds$$

Black-Scholes Equation for Vanilla Options

- Vanilla options $V(S_t, t)$:

$$\frac{\partial V(S, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V(S, t)}{\partial S^2} + (r - \delta)S \frac{\partial V(S, t)}{\partial S} - rV = 0,$$

$$0 < S < \infty, \quad 0 < t < T$$

- Reduction to heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2},$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < \tau < \frac{\sigma^2 T}{2}$$

Relations between BS and Heat Equations

- Variables:

$$S = Ke^x, \quad \tau = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T - t)$$

$$V(S, t) = Ke^{-\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta-1)x - [\frac{1}{4}(q_\delta-1)^2 + q]\tau} u(x, \tau)$$

$$q = \frac{2r}{\sigma^2}, \quad q_\delta = \frac{2(r - \delta)}{\sigma^2}$$

- Terminal condition for BS:

$$V(S, t = T) = \varepsilon(S - K)^+ = \max\{\varepsilon[S - K], 0\}, \quad \varepsilon \in \{1, -1\}$$

- Initial condition for heat equation:

$$u(x, \tau = 0) = \frac{\varepsilon(S - K)^+}{Ke^{-\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta-1)x}} = \max\{\varepsilon[e^{\frac{x}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{x}{2}(q_\delta-1)}], 0\}$$

- Solution to heat equation:

$$u(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi\tau}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4\tau}\right] \cdot u(y, 0) dy$$

- Plug in initial condition:

$$u(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi\tau}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4\tau}\right] \cdot \max\{\varepsilon[e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}(q_{\delta}+1)} - e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}(q_{\delta}-1)}], 0\} dy$$

Analytical solution to BS PDE (2)

- We have $e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta-1)} > 0$ iff $y > 0$ for all $q_\delta \in \mathbb{R}$. So, our call and put are

$$u_C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\tau}} \int_0^\infty \exp\left[-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4\tau}\right] \cdot [e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta-1)}] dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_P &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\tau}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp\left[-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4\tau}\right] \cdot (-1)[e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta-1)}] dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\tau}} \int_0^\infty \exp\left[-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4\tau}\right] \cdot (-1)[e^{\frac{-y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{-y}{2}(q_\delta-1)}] dy \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, u_C and u_P can be presented by

$$u(x, \tau) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{4\pi\tau}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{(x-\varepsilon y)^2}{4\tau}} \cdot [e^{\frac{\varepsilon y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{\varepsilon y}{2}(q_\delta-1)}] dy$$

Analytical solution to BS PDE (3)

European Call: $\varepsilon = 1$

- Changing variables with $z = \frac{y-x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}$, $dy = \sqrt{2\tau}dz$,
 $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta + 1)$ and $a_2 = \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)$, we can rewrite

$$u(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\tau}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4\tau}} [e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta-1)}] dy$$

as

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, \tau) &= \frac{\sqrt{2\tau}}{\sqrt{4\pi\tau}} \int_{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}}^\infty e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} [e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta+1)} - e^{\frac{y}{2}(q_\delta-1)}] dz \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}}^\infty e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} [e^{a_1(\sqrt{2\tau}z+x)} - e^{a_2(\sqrt{2\tau}z+x)}] dz \\ &= I_{a_1}(x, \tau) - I_{a_2}(x, \tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } I_{a_i}(x, \tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}}^\infty e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} e^{a_i(\sqrt{2\tau}z+x)} dz, \quad i = 1, 2$$

Analytical solution to BS PDE (3)

European Call: $\varepsilon = 1$

- :Change $I_a(a, \tau)$ to include standard normal distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}I_a(x, \tau) &= \frac{e^{ax}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z^2 - 2a\sqrt{2\tau}z)} dz \\&= e^{ax} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a\sqrt{2\tau})^2} \int_{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(z - a\sqrt{2\tau})^2} dz \\&= e^{ax} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a\sqrt{2\tau})^2} \int_{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} - a\sqrt{2\tau}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\zeta^2} d\zeta \\&= e^{ax} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a\sqrt{2\tau})^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + a\sqrt{2\tau}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\zeta^2} d\zeta \\&= e^{ax} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a\sqrt{2\tau})^2} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + a\sqrt{2\tau}\right)\end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the standard normal distribution, $\zeta = z - a\sqrt{2\tau}$,
 $d\zeta = dz$, and $\underline{z} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}}$ implies $\underline{\zeta} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} - a\sqrt{2\tau}$

Analytical solution to BS PDE (4)

European Call: $\varepsilon = 1$

- Solution for European call:

$$u_C(x, \tau) = e^{a_1 x} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a_1 \sqrt{2\tau})^2} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + a_1 \sqrt{2\tau}\right) - e^{a_2 x} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a_2 \sqrt{2\tau})^2} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + a_2 \sqrt{2\tau}\right)$$

- But for the price of European call or put, V and u are related by

$$V(S, t) = K e^{-\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)x - [\frac{1}{4}(q_\delta - 1)^2 + q]\tau} u(x, \tau)$$

- Using $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta + 1)$ and $a_2 = \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)$, collecting the exponential terms, and simply, we can obtain a simpler formula for $V_C(S, t)$, as shown next.

Analytical solution to BS PDE (5)

European Call: $\varepsilon = 1$

- Simplify the exponential terms:

$$Ke^{-\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta-1)x - [\frac{1}{4}(q_\delta-1)^2 + q]\tau} \cdot e^{a_1x} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a_1\sqrt{2\tau})^2} = Ke^{x+(q_\delta-q)\tau}$$

$$Ke^{-\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta-1)x - [\frac{1}{4}(q_\delta-1)^2 + q]\tau} \cdot e^{a_2x} e^{\frac{1}{2}(a_2\sqrt{2\tau})^2} = Ke^{-q\tau}$$

- These simplifications makes $V_C(S, t)$ reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} V_C(S, t) = & Ke^{x+(q_\delta-q)\tau} \cdot \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta + 1)\sqrt{2\tau}\right) \\ & - Ke^{-q\tau} \cdot \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)\sqrt{2\tau}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- Lastly, we need to return x to S and τ to t .

Analytical solution to BS PDE (6)

European Call: $\varepsilon = 1$

- Recall

$$x = \ln\left(\frac{S}{K}\right), \quad \tau = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t), \quad q = \frac{2r}{\sigma^2}, \quad q_\delta = \frac{2(r-\delta)}{\sigma^2}$$

- Thus, in the formula of $V_C(S, t)$, we obtain the following substitutions:

$$e^{x+(q_\delta-q)\tau} = \frac{S}{K}e^{-\delta(T-t)}, \quad e^{-q\tau} = e^{-r(T-t)}$$

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta + 1)\sqrt{2\tau} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{K}\right) + (r - \delta + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \equiv d_1$$

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2\tau}} + \frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)\sqrt{2\tau} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S}{K}\right) + (r - \delta - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \equiv d_2$$

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}$$

Analytical solution to BS PDE (7)

European Call: $\varepsilon = 1$

- Using the above substitutions, we obtain the closed-form solution for European call:

$$V_C(S, t) == Se^{-\delta(T-t)} \cdot \Phi(d_1) - Ke^{-r(T-t)} \cdot \Phi(d_2)$$

- Using the same procedure, we can obtain the closed-form solution for European put:

$$V_P(S, t) == -Se^{-\delta(T-t)} \cdot \Phi(-d_1) + Ke^{-r(T-t)} \cdot \Phi(-d_2)$$

- Alternatively, we can obtain $V_P(S, t)$ by the put-call parity:

$$V_P + Se^{-\delta(T-t)} = V_C + Ke^{-r(T-t)}$$

Appendix

Step 1: Remove variable S from the coefficients

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + (r - \delta)S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV = 0 \quad (7)$$

Let

$$S = Ke^x$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} + S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}, \text{ and (7) reduces to}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right) + (r - \delta) \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - rV &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \left(r - \delta - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - rV &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Appendix

Step 2: Change Coefficient of second-order Term to One

Rearranging (8),

$$\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} - rV + (r - \delta - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

Dividing each side by $\sigma^2/2$ yields

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} - (\frac{2r}{\sigma^2})V + (\frac{2(r - \delta)}{\sigma^2} - 1)\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -(\frac{2}{\sigma^2})\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} - qV + (q_\delta - 1)\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -(\frac{2}{\sigma^2})\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \quad (9)$$

where

$$q = \frac{2r}{\sigma^2},$$

$$q_\delta = \frac{2(r - \delta)}{\sigma^2}$$

Appendix

Step 3: Re-scale the Time Variable

Let

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T - t)$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{2}{\sigma^2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

and (9) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} - qV + (q_\delta - 1)\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tau} \quad (10)$$

Appendix

Step 4: Transformation of V into u

Assuming α and β are constant and letting

$$V(S, t) = Ke^{\alpha x + \beta \tau} u(x, \tau)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} &= \alpha V + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} &= \alpha \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \alpha \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial \tau} &= \beta V + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau}\end{aligned}$$

Substitutions from (10) yields

$$\left(\alpha \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \alpha \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right) - qV + (q_\delta - 1)\left(\alpha V + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \beta V + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau}$$

$$\left(\alpha \frac{y}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \alpha \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right) - qu + (q_\delta - 1)\left(\alpha u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \beta u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} \quad (11)$$

Appendix

Step 5: Find alpha and beta to finish up

Replacing $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$ with $\alpha V + \frac{V}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ in (11) and rearranging terms to obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} = [-(q_\delta - 1) - 2\alpha] \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + [q + \alpha(q_\delta - 1) - \alpha^2 + \beta]u$$

Thus, the heat equation obtains

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} = 0$$

if

$$-(q_\delta - 1) - 2\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)$$

$$q + \alpha(q_\delta - 1) - \alpha^2 + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -\left[\frac{1}{4}(q_\delta - 1)^2 + q\right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} = 0$$

where

$$V(S, t) = Ke^{-\frac{1}{2}(q_\delta - 1)x - [\frac{1}{4}(q_\delta - 1)^2 + q]\tau} u(x, \tau)$$

$$S = Ke^x, \quad \tau = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T - t)$$

$$q = \frac{2r}{\sigma^2},$$

$$q_\delta = \frac{2(r - \delta)}{\sigma^2}$$