Black-Scholes Model Analytics

Model Dynamics:

The Black-Scholes model assumes the following SDE under the Risk-Neutral measure:

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

Where:

- \circ S_t is the underlying asset spot price
- \circ r is the zero-coupon rate
- \circ σ is the underlying asset volatility
- \circ W_t is a standard Brownian motion

This SDE admits a unique solution:

$$S_t = S_0 \times e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \times t + \sigma W_t}; \ \forall t \ge 0$$

Black-Scholes Vanilla Price:

Let us assume a Vanilla Call paying the following cash-flow at T>0: $MAX(S_T-K;0)$ Its price C_0 under the Risk-Neutral measure is: $e^{-rT}\times E[MAX(S_T-K;0)]$, where E[-] is the expectation operator

The expected value is analytically computed under Black-Scholes, and hence, the price C_0 :

$$C_0 = e^{-rT} (F_T N(d_1) - K N(d_2))$$

 $F_t = E(S_t) = S_0 \times e^{rt}$ (The underlying asset T-forward price)

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(F_T) + \frac{\sigma^2 T}{2}}{\sigma \sqrt{T}}$$

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

Using the Call-Put parity, the Vanilla Put price P_0 is:

$$P_0 = e^{-rT} (-F_T N(-d_1) + K N(-d_2))$$

Black-Scholes Digital Price:

Let us assume a Digital Call paying the following cash-flow at T>0: $1_{S_T>K}$ Its price C_0 under the Risk-Neutral measure is: $e^{-rT}\times E\big[1_{S_T>K}\big]=e^{-rT}\times P(S_T>K)$ The probability value is analytically computed under Black-Scholes, and hence, the price C_0 :

$$C_0 = e^{-rT}N(d_2)$$

Similarly, the Digital Put price P_0 is:

$$P_0 = e^{-rT}N(-d_2)$$

• Black-Scholes Asian Price: Moment matching method

Let us assume an Arithmetic Asian Call paying the following cash-flow at T > 0:

$$MAX \left(\sum_{t_i \in Fixing\ Dates} \alpha_{t_i} \times S_{t_i} - K ; \ 0 \right)$$

Where: $\left(lpha_{t_i}
ight)_i$ are the normalized weights

By approximating the arithmetic average with a log-normal distribution, Asian options can be priced via closed formulas in the Black-Scholes framework

Since:

$$m_{1} = E\left(\sum_{t_{i} \in Fixing \ Dates} \alpha_{t_{i}} \times S_{t_{i}}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{t_{i} \in Fixing \ Dates} \alpha_{t_{i}} E(S_{t_{i}})$$

$$= \sum_{t_{i} \in Fixing \ Dates} \alpha_{t_{i}} F_{t_{i}}$$

And:

$$\begin{split} m_2 &= E\left(\left(\sum_{t_i \in Fixing\ Dates} \alpha_{t_i} \times S_{t_i}\right)^2\right) \\ &= \sum_{t_i \in Fixing\ Dates} \alpha_{t_i}^2 E\left(\left(S_{t_i}\right)^2\right) + 2 \times \sum_{t_i < t_j} \alpha_{t_i} \alpha_{t_j} E\left(S_{t_i} S_{t_j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{t_i \in Fixing\ Dates} \alpha_{t_i}^2 F_{t_i}^2 e^{\sigma^2 t_i} + 2 \times \sum_{t_i < t_j} \alpha_{t_i} \alpha_{t_j} F_{t_i} F_{t_j} e^{\sigma^2 t_i} \\ &= \sum_{t_i \in Fixing\ Dates} \left[\alpha_{t_i} F_{t_i} e^{\sigma^2 t_i} \times \left(\alpha_{t_i} F_{t_i} + 2 \times \sum_{t_i < t_j} \alpha_{t_j} F_{t_j}\right)\right] \\ &= \sum_{t_i \in Fixing\ Dates} \left[\alpha_{t_i} F_{t_i} e^{\sigma^2 t_i} \times \left(2 \times \sum_{t_i \le t_j} \alpha_{t_i} F_{t_j} - \alpha_{t_i} F_{t_i}\right)\right] \end{split}$$

Then, Asian Black-Scholes price formula is similar to the Vanilla's one with:

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{m_1}{K}\right) + \frac{\ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}{2}}{\sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{m_2}}{K}\right)}{\sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}}$$

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sqrt{ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}$$

• Black-Scholes Basket Price: Moment matching method

Let us assume a Basket Call paying the following cash-flow at T > 0:

$$MAX \left(\sum_{i \in Bakset} \alpha_i \times S_T^i - K ; 0 \right)$$

Where: $(\alpha_i)_i$ are the normalized weights and $(S^i)_i$ are ho — Correlated

Under the Black-Scholes model: $S_t^i = S_0^i \times e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{2}\right) \times t + \sigma_i W_t^i}$, where: $d < W^i, W^j >_t = \rho_{i,j} dt$

By approximating the basket value with a log-normal distribution, Basket options can be priced via closed formulas in the Black-Scholes framework

Since:

$$m_1 = E\left(\sum_{i \in Bakset} \alpha_i \times S_T^i\right) = \sum_{i \in Bakset} \alpha_i \times E(S_T^i) = \sum_{i \in Bakset} \alpha_i \times F_T^i$$

And:

$$m_2 = E\left(\left(\sum_{i \in Bakset} \alpha_i \times S_T^i\right)^2\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i \in Bakset} \sum_{j \in Bakset} \alpha_i \times \alpha_j \times E(S_T^i S_T^j)$$

$$= \sum_{i \in Bakset} \sum_{j \in Bakset} \alpha_i \alpha_j F_T^i F_T^j e^{\sigma_i \sigma_j \rho_{i,j} T}$$

Then, Basket Black-Scholes price formula is similar to the Vanilla's one with:

$$d_1 = \frac{ln\left(\frac{m_1}{K}\right) + \frac{ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}{2}}{\sqrt{ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}} = \frac{ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{m_2}}{K}\right)}{\sqrt{ln\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1^2}\right)}}$$

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sqrt{ln\left(\frac{m_2}{{m_1}^2}\right)}$$

• Black-Scholes Spread Price: Kirk's approximation & Margrabe's formula

Let us assume a Spread Call paying the following cash-flow at T>0: $MAX(S_T^1-S_T^2-K;0)$ This payoff can also be written as: $MAX\left(S_T^1-S_T^{2^{Adj}};0\right)$, where: $S_T^{2^{Adj}}=S_T^2+K$ In this case, under the absence of arbitrages assumption: $S_t^{2^{Adj}}=S_t^2+Ke^{-r(T-t)}$

As a consequence:

$$\begin{split} dS_t^{2Adj} &= dS_t^2 + rKe^{-r(T-t)}dt \\ &= r\left(S_t + Ke^{-r(T-t)}\right)dt + \sigma_2S_t^2dW_t^2 \\ &= rS_t^{2Adj}dt + \sigma_2^{Adj}(t)S_t^{2Adj}dW_t^2 \end{split}$$

Where:
$$\sigma_2^{Adj}(t) = \frac{S_t^2}{S_t^2 + Ke^{-r(T-t)}} \sigma_2$$

The Kirk's approximation stands on freezing the $\sigma_2^{Adj}(t)$ at t=0

Therefore, $S_t^{2^{Adj}}$ will become a geometric Brownian motion:

$$dS_t^{2^{Adj}} = rS_t^{2^{Adj}}dt + \sigma_2^{Adj}S_t^{2^{Adj}}dW_t^2$$

Where:

$$\sigma_2^{Adj} = \frac{S_0^2}{S_0^2 + Ke^{-rT}} \sigma_2$$

Finally, the Margrabe's formula gives the following price C_0 :

$$C_0 = S_0^1 N(d_1) - (S_0^2 + Ke^{-rT}) N(d_2)$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^{Adj^2} - 2\sigma_1 \sigma_2^{Adj} \rho_{1,2}}$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S_0^1}{S_0^2 + Ke^{-rT}}\right) + \sigma^2 T/2}{\sigma \sqrt{T}}$$

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

Similarly, the Spread Put price P_0 is: $C_0 = -S_0^1 N(-d_1) + (S_0^2 + Ke^{-rT}) N(-d_2)$

• Monte-Carlo Simulation:

- Single Asset:

The Black-Scholes spot price solution is directly used for simulations:

$$S_{n+1} = S_n \times e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \times (t_{n+1} - t_n) + \sigma(W_{n+1} - W_n)}$$

Where: $(W_{n+1} - W_n)$ follows a normal distribution $N(\mu = 0, \sigma = \sqrt{t_{n+1} - t_n})$

Therefore:

$$S_{n+1} = S_n \times e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \times (t_{n+1} - t_n) + \sigma\sqrt{t_{n+1} - t_n}G_{n+1}}$$

Where: G_{n+1} follows a normal distribution $N(\mu = 0, \sigma = 1)$

Multi Asset:

Let us assume $N \rho$ — Correlated assets. Under the Black-Scholes model:

$$S_t^i = S_0 \times e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma_i^2}{2}\right) \times t + \sigma W_t^i}; \ \forall t \ge 0 \ \forall i \in [1, N]$$

Where: $d < W^i$, $W^j >_t = \rho_{i,j} dt$

The Cholesky decomposition of the correlation matrix $\rho=\left(\rho_{i,j}\right)_{1\leq i,j\leq N}$ is used to simulate the N assets independently. To do so, the correlation matrix must be positive-definite, and hence, the values $\rho_{i,j}$ must be within the following interval: $]-\frac{1}{N-1}$, 1[

Therefore, a new vector of independent standard Brownian motions $(B_i)_{1 \le i \le N}$ is implied such as: $W_t = LB_t$, where: L is the Cholesky lower triangular matrix $(\rho = LL^T)$

Consequently:
$$S_t^i = S_0 \times e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2}\right) \times t + \sigma L_i B_t}$$
; $\forall t \geq 0 \ \forall i \in [1, N]$

Where: L_i is the i^{th} line of L

Finally:
$$S_{n+1}^i=S_n^i imes e^{\left(r-rac{\sigma_i^2}{2}
ight) imes(t_{n+1}-t_n)+\sigma_i\sqrt{t_{n+1}-t_n}L_iG_{n+1}}$$

Where: G_{n+1} is an N — Vector of independent normal distributions $N(\mu=0,\sigma=1)$