

Sheet of Formulas

1. **Cross Hedging spot with futures:** $S = \text{spot price}$, $F = \text{futures price}$. Optimal hedge ratio is

$$h = \rho \frac{\sigma_S}{\sigma_F}$$

with $\sigma_S = \text{std}(\Delta S)$, $\sigma_F = \text{std}(\Delta F)$, and $\rho = \text{corr}(\Delta S, \Delta F)$. Number of contracts is

$$N = h \frac{Q_A}{Q_F}$$

where $Q_A = \text{unit of underlying being hedged}$, and $Q_F = \text{units per future contract}$.

2. **Cross Hedging Stock Portfolios with an Index future:** $S = \text{spot price of a portfolio}$, $F = \text{future price on a stock index}$. Optimal hedge ratio is

$$h = \rho \frac{\sigma_S}{\sigma_F}$$

with $\sigma_S = \text{std}\left(\frac{\Delta S}{S}\right)$, $\sigma_F = \text{std}\left(\frac{\Delta F}{F}\right)$, and $\rho = \text{corr}\left(\frac{\Delta S}{S}, \frac{\Delta F}{F}\right)$. Number of contracts is

$$N = h \frac{V_A}{V_F}$$

where $V_A = \$\text{- value of portfolio being hedged}$, and $V_F = \$\text{- value of futures contract}$. **If the future is near to expiry, then**

$$N = \beta \frac{V_A}{V_F}$$

where $\beta = \text{cov}\left(\frac{\Delta S}{S}, \frac{\Delta I}{I}\right) / \text{var}\left(\frac{\Delta I}{I}\right)$ with $I = \text{level of the index}$.

3. **Interest Rate Conversion:** Given rate r_m with compounding m times per year, the continuously compounding rate is

$$r_c = m \times \ln \left(1 + \frac{r_m}{m} \right).$$

4. **Forward Rate:** let r_1 be the continuously compounded zero-rate with maturity at time T_1 , and r_2 be the continuously compounded zero-rate with maturity at time $T_2 > T_1$. The forward rate for from T_1 to T_2 is

$$f = \frac{r_2 T_2 - r_1 T_1}{T_2 - T_1}.$$

5. **Forward Rate Agreement (FRA):** a FRA with fixing date T_1 and terminal $T_2 > T_1$, will receive rate r_f equal to $(T_2 - T_1)$ -year LIBOR (e.g., 6-month LIBOR with $T_2 = T_1 + .5$) for time period $[T_1, T_2]$ (this rate realized at time T_1) and will pay fixed annual rate r_K . The net payment at time T_2 is

$$L(r_f - r_K)(T_2 - T_1),$$

where L is the principal. The valuation of this FRA is

$$V = B(0, T_2)L(f - r_K)(T_2 - T_1),$$

where $B(0, T_2)$ is the discount factor and f is the forward rate for $[T_1, T_2]$ computed from LIBOR rates.

6. **Futures:** A future on a stock is

$$F = S_0 e^{(r-g)T}$$

where S_0 is the spot price, r is the risk-free rate, g is the dividend yield, and T is the maturity. A future on a storable commodity satisfies

$$F \leq (S_0 + U)e^{rT}$$

where U is the present value of storage costs. Alternatively, $F \leq S_0 e^{(r+u)T}$ where u is the proportional rate for storage.

Contango: $S_0 < F$ (upward sloping)

Backwardation: $S_0 > F$ (downward sloping)

7. **Convexity Adjustment to Eurodollar Futures:**

$$\text{forward rate} = \text{future rate} - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} T_1 T_2$$

where T_1 is the maturity date of the future, T_2 is the maturity of the underlying interest rate, and σ is the volatility of short-term interest rate.

8. **Comparative Advantage:** when a credit market treats one type of borrower better than another. E.G., a AAA-rated company can borrow fixed at 4% and floating at LIBOR – 10bps, whereas a BBB-rated company can borrow fixed at 5% and floating at LIBOR + 30bps. BBB has comparative advantage in floating because they only see an increase of 40bps rather than 1%.

9. **European Put-Call parity:** $p + S_0 e^{-gT} = c + K e^{-rT}$.

10. **American put-call parity:** $S_0 - D - K \leq C - P \leq S_0 - K e^{-rT}$, where D is present value of dividends.

11. **Binomial Trees:** risk-neutral up probability,

$$p = \frac{e^{(r-g)\Delta t} - d}{u - d}.$$

For Cox-Ross-Rubenstein Model,

$$u = e^{\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}} \text{ and } d = e^{-\sigma\sqrt{\Delta t}}.$$

The value V for a derivative contract is

$$V = e^{-r\Delta t}(pV^u + (1 - p)V^d)$$

and the Delta is

$$\Delta = \frac{V^u - V^d}{S(u - d)}.$$

12. **Wiener Process (Brownian Motion):** a standard Wiener process is W_t such that

- a. $W_0 = 0$
- b. $W_t - W_s$ is normally distribution with mean zero and variance $|t - s|$
- c. W_t has independent increments.

13. **Ito's Lemma:** for $dS_t = \mu(t, S_t)dt + \sigma(t, S_t)dW_t$ with W_t a standard Wiener process,

$$df(t, S_t) = \left(f_t(t, S_t) + \frac{\sigma^2(t, S_t)}{2} f_{ss}(t, S_t) + \mu(t, S_t)f_s(t, S_t) \right) dt + \sigma(t, S_t)f_s(t, S_t)dW_t.$$

14. **Black-Scholes Formula:** the Black-Scholes price of a European call option is

$$c(t, s) = se^{-g(T-t)}N(d_1) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$$

where $d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{s}{K}\right) + \left(r - g + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}$ and $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}$. The European put option price is

$$p(t, s) = Ke^{-r(T-t)}N(-d_2) - se^{-g(T-t)}N(-d_1).$$

15. **Black's Formula:** for an option a European call option on a futures contract,

$$c(t, f) = e^{-r(T-t)}(fN(d_1) - KN(d_2)),$$

where f is the current future price, $d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{f}{K}\right) + \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}$ and $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}$.

16. **Black-Scholes Greeks:** for European call and put options on non-dividend paying stock,

- a. $\Delta = c_s = N(d_1)$ for call, $\Delta = p_s = -N(-d_1)$ for put,
- b. $\Gamma = c_{ss} = p_{ss} = N'(d_1)/(s\sigma\sqrt{T-t})$
- c. $\theta = c_t = \frac{-sN'(d_1)\sigma}{(2\sqrt{T-t})} - rKe^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$ for call, and $\theta = p_t = \frac{-sN'(d_1)\sigma}{(2\sqrt{T-t})} + rKe^{-r(T-t)}N(-d_2)$
- d. $vega = c_\sigma = p_\sigma = N'(d_1)s\sqrt{T-t}$
- e. $\rho = c_r = N(d_2)K(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}$ for call, and $\rho = p_r = -N(-d_2)K(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}$ for put.

17. **Bond Option Price:** the price of a call option on a bond is

$$c(t, F_B) = P(t, T)(F_B N(d_1) - KN(d_2))$$

where $P(t, T)$ is the discount factor, the forward bond price is $F_B = \frac{B(t) - I}{P(t, T)}$ where $B(t)$ is the current bond price and I is the present value of coupons paid during the life of the option,

$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{F_B}{K}\right) + \left(\frac{\sigma_B^2}{2}\right)(T-t)}{\sigma_B\sqrt{T-t}}$ and $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma_B\sqrt{T-t}$. The forward bond price volatility is

$$\sigma_B = Dy_t\sigma_y$$

where D is the underlying bond's modified duration, y_t is the forward yield, and σ_y is the volatility of y_t .