# Mathematics Behind the Options Calculator

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## 1 European Call

$$C = Se^{-qT}\Phi(d_1) - Ke^{-rT}\Phi(d_2)$$
$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(\frac{S}{K}) + (r - q + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$
$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T}$$

- C Option price
- S Spot price
- K Strike price
- q Dividend rate
- T Time to maturity
- r Risk-free rate
- $\sigma$  Volatility
- $\Phi$  Standard normal CDF
- $\phi$  Standard normal pdf

#### 1.1 Delta

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = e^{-qT} \Phi(d_1)$$

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = e^{-qT} \Phi(d_1) + Se^{-qT} \phi(d_1) \left(\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial S}\right) - Ke^{-rT} \phi(d_2) \left(\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial S}\right)$$

$$= e^{-qT} \Phi(d_1) + \underbrace{Se^{-qT} \phi(d_1) \frac{1}{S\sigma\sqrt{T}} - Ke^{-rT} \phi(d_2) \frac{1}{S\sigma\sqrt{T}}}_{=0}$$

$$\Delta = e^{-qT} \Phi(d_1)$$

#### 1.2 Gamma

$$\Gamma = \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2} = e^{-qT} (\phi(d_1) \frac{1}{S\sigma\sqrt{T}})$$

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### 1.3 Vega

$$\begin{split} \nu &= \frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = Se^{-qT}\phi(d_1)\sqrt{T} \\ \nu &= \frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = Se^{-qT}\phi(d_1)\left(\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma}\right) - Ke^{-rT}\phi(d_2)\left(\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma}\right) \\ \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma}\left(\frac{\ln(\frac{S}{K})}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} + \frac{T(r-q)}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T} \\ \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma}\left(\frac{\ln(\frac{S}{K})}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} + \frac{T(r-q)}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{T} \\ \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} &= \sqrt{T} \\ \text{these terms cancel} \\ \nu &= Se^{-qT}\phi(d_1)\sqrt{T} \end{split}$$

### 1.4 Theta

#### 1.5 Rho

# 2 European Put

$$P = Ke^{-rT} \Phi(-d_2) - Se^{-qT} \Phi(-d_1)$$

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- 2.1 Delta
- 2.2 Gamma
- 2.3 Vega
- 2.4 Theta
- 2.5 Rho

3 Binary Call (Cash-or-Nothing)

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4.1 Delta

## 4.2 Gamma

- 4.3 Vega
- 4.4 Theta
- 4.5 Rho

## 5 American Call

$$C^{A} = \sup_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}[0,T]} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-r\tau} \left( S_{\tau} - K \right)^{+} \right]$$

(equals the European call when q=0, since early exercise has no value).

### 5.1 Delta

- 5.2 Gamma
- 5.3 Vega
- 5.4 Theta
- 5.5 Rho

6 American Put

$$P^{A} = \sup_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}[0,T]} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-r\tau} \left( K - S_{\tau} \right)^{+} \right]$$

- 6.1 Delta
- 6.2 Gamma
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