

QF620 Additional Examples

Session 8: Static Replication of European Payoffs

1 Examples

1. Suppose the stock price process follows the stochastic differential equation

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^*,$$

where W_t^* is a standard Brownian motion under the risk-neutral measure \mathbb{Q}^* associated with the risk-free bond B_t as numeraire, where $dB_t = rB_t dt$. We would like to value a contract which pays

$$S_T^n$$

on maturity date T , where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is a natural number. Derive a valuation formula for this contract.

2. Consider the same contract as above, determine how we can use static replication to value this contract payoff $h(S_T) = S_T^n$. We have access to the vanilla European call and put options market:

$$\int_0^F h(K) \frac{\partial^2 P(K)}{\partial K^2} dK + \int_F^\infty h(K) \frac{\partial^2 C(K)}{\partial K^2} dK$$

2 Suggested Solutions

1. Solving the stochastic differential equation for the stock price process, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^* \\ \Rightarrow S_T &= S_0 \exp \left[\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) T + \sigma W_T^* \right] \\ \Rightarrow S_T^n &= S_0^n \exp \left[n \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) T + n\sigma W_T^* \right] \end{aligned}$$

On maturity date T , the contract pays

$$V_T = S_T^n,$$

so using martingale valuation framework, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_0}{B_0} &= \mathbb{E}^* \left[\frac{V_T}{B_T} \right] \\ V_0 &= e^{-rT} \mathbb{E}^* \left[S_0^n e^{n \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) T + n\sigma W_T^*} \right] \\ &= e^{-rT} S_0^n e^{n \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) T} e^{\frac{n^2 \sigma^2 T}{2}} \\ &= S_0^n e^{(n-1)rT} e^{n(n-1) \frac{\sigma^2 T}{2}} \triangleleft \end{aligned}$$

2. The payoff is twice differentiable and is given by

$$h(S_T) = S_T^n, \quad h'(S_T) = nS_T^{n-1}, \quad h''(S_T) = n(n-1)S_T^{n-2}.$$

Using the Carr and Madan static replication formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &= e^{-rT} h(F) + \int_0^F h''(K) P(K) dK + \int_F^\infty h''(K) C(K) dK \\ &= e^{-rT} h(F) + \int_0^F h''(K) P(K) dK + \int_F^\infty h''(K) C(K) dK \\ &= e^{-rT} F_T^n + \int_0^F n(n-1) K^{n-2} P(K) dK + \int_F^\infty n(n-1) K^{n-2} C(K) dK \\ &= e^{-rT} S_0^n e^{nrT} + \int_0^F n(n-1) K^{n-2} P(K) dK + \int_F^\infty n(n-1) K^{n-2} C(K) dK \\ &= S_0^n e^{(n-1)rT} + \int_0^F n(n-1) K^{n-2} P(K) dK + \int_F^\infty n(n-1) K^{n-2} C(K) dK \triangleleft \end{aligned}$$