

Q1. Black-Scholes option price model on a linear diffusion.

Recall the procedure we used in deriving the PDE of the option price function $C(s, t)$. In this problem, we consider the situation where the stock price $S(t)$ is governed by

$$dS = \mu dt + \sigma dW$$

Suppose we maintain a portfolio of $F(S(t), t)$ units of delta hedge of time t , at time t , over time period $[0, T]$. Write out the total gain over $[0, T]$.

Hint: In the calculation of total gain, the SDE is used only when we take care of the term $(dS)^2$. We only need to modify that part of the calculation.

Q2. Black-Scholes option price model on a linear diffusion.

We continue with the problem described in Q1.

- i) Based on the total gain over $[0, T]$, write out the FVP of $C(s, t)$.
- ii) Let $\tau \equiv T - t$ and $\Phi(s, \tau) \equiv C(s, T - \tau)$. Write out the IVP of $\Phi(s, \tau)$.

Q3. Boundary condition in the Black-Scholes option price model.

Recall that the SDE for the underlying stock price is

$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t), \quad \text{Ito interpretation} \quad (1)$$

and the FVP of the option price function $C(s, t)$ is

$$\begin{cases} C_t(s, t) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 s^2 C_{ss}(s, t) + r(sC_s(s, t) - C(s, t)) = 0 \\ C(s, t)|_{t=T} = \max(s - K, 0) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In Assignment 6, we showed that it takes forever for $S(t)$ to reach 0. That is, $S(t)$ naturally stays away from 0. Here we show that in IVP (2) we do not need to impose a condition on $C(s, t)$ at $s = 0$. We write the PDE in (2) in the conservation form.

$$C_t(s, t) + \frac{\partial J(s, t)}{\partial s} + a_0 C(s, t) = 0, \quad J(s, t) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 s^2 C_s + a_1 s C \right)$$

$J(s, t)$ naturally satisfies the condition $J(0, t) = 0$. No additional condition needed for $J(s, t)$ at $s = 0$. Find coefficients a_0 and a_1 .

Q4. Average reward of holding a call option.

Let $S(t)$ be the stock price at time t , governed by SDE (1). Consider the call option on the

stock with strike price K and expiry T . Let $u(s, t, T)$ be the average reward of holding the option at time T given that the stock price at time t is $S(t) = s$.

$$u(s, t, T) \equiv E\left(\max(S(T) - K, 0) \middle| S(t) = s\right) \quad (3)$$

The law of total expectation gives

$$\begin{aligned} u(s, t, T) &= E\left(E\left[\max(S(T) - K, 0) \middle| S(t + dt) = s + dS\right]\right) \\ &= E\left(u(s + dS, t + dt, T) \middle| S(t) = s\right) \end{aligned}$$

Expanding $u(s + dS, t + dt, T)$ and using the moments of dS calculated from SDE (1) to derive the PDE of $u(s, t, T)$.

Q5. Another philosophical idea for deriving the Black-Scholes option price model.

Consider the hypothetical situation where we have an ensemble of independent realizations of $S(t)$ so that we can buy $E(S(t))$. In SDE (1), taking the average gives

$$\frac{dE(S(t))}{dt} = \mu E(S(t)) \implies E(S(T)) = E(S(t))e^{\mu(T-t)}$$

Since the growth of $E(S(T))$ is risk-free, it must match the interest rate: $\boxed{\mu = r}$.

Consider the option on the stock with strike price K and expiry T . The cost of buying the option at time t when $S(t) = s$ is $C(s, t)$. The reward of holding the option at time T is $u(s, t, T)$ studied in Q4. Since the growth from $C(s, t)$ at time t to $u(s, t, T)$ at time T is risk-free, it must match the interest rate:

$$\boxed{C(s, t) = e^{-r(T-t)}u(s, t, T)} \quad (4)$$

Use the PDE of $u(s, t, T)$ obtained in Q4, $\mu = r$ and (9) to derive the PDE of $C(s, t)$.

Remark: This approach of deriving the governing PDE of the option price is called the risk-neutral pricing principle.

Q6. Stochastic evolution of stock price with jumps.

Consider the situation where the stock price increment $dS(t)$ has two parts: i) a geometric brownian motion (continuous in time), and ii) a Poisson jump process (discrete in time). Specifically with Ito interpretation, $S(t)$ is governed by

$$dS(t) = \underbrace{\mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t)}_{dS^{(1)}} + \underbrace{S(t)(J - 1)dN(t)}_{dS^{(2)}} \equiv dS^{(1)} + dS^{(2)} \quad (5)$$

In (5), $dN(t)$ is the increment of the Poisson jump process.

$$dN(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{prob} = 1 - \lambda dt + o(dt) \\ 1, & \text{prob} = \lambda dt + o(dt) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where λ is the the rate of arrival (of jumps). When $dN(t) = 1$, the stock price jumps from $S(t)$ to $S(t)J$ instantaneously where J is a random variable in $(0, +\infty)$, for example, $(\ln J) \sim N(\mu_J, \sigma_J^2)$. In model (5), $S(t)$, $dW(t)$, $dN(t)$ and J are independent. Let $f(s)$ be a smooth function. Based on (5) and (6), we have the results below.

- 1) $dS^{(1)}$ and $dS^{(2)}$ are independent.
- 2) $E\left(dS^{(1)} \middle| S(t)=s\right) = \mu s dt + o(dt)$ and $E\left((dS^{(1)})^2 \middle| S(t)=s\right) = \sigma^2 s^2 dt + o(dt)$
- 3) $\Pr(dS^{(2)}=0) = 1 - \lambda dt + o(dt)$ and $\Pr(dS^{(2)} \neq 0) = \lambda dt + o(dt)$
- 4) $\left(s + dS \middle| S(t)=s, dS^{(2)} \neq 0\right) = \left(sJ + dS^{(1)} \middle| S(t)=s\right)$ and
- 5) $E\left(f(s + dS) \middle| S(t)=s, dS^{(2)} \neq 0\right) = E\left(f(sJ + dS^{(1)}) \middle| S(t)=s\right)$

$$= E\left(f(sJ) + f'(sJ)dS^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}f''(sJ)(dS^{(1)})^2 + o(dt) \middle| S(t)=s\right)$$

$$= E(f(sJ)) + E(f'(sJ))\mu s dt + \frac{1}{2}E(f''(sJ))\sigma^2 s^2 dt + o(dt) = E(f(sJ)) + O(dt)$$

where $E(f(sJ)) = \int_0^{+\infty} f(sq)\rho_J(q)dq$ depends on functions $\{f(\bullet)\}$ and $\{\rho_J(\bullet)\}$.

Use these results to show

- i) $E\left(f(s + dS) \middle| S(t)=s, dS^{(2)}=0\right) = f(s) + f'(s)\mu s dt + \frac{1}{2}f''(s)\sigma^2 s^2 dt + o(dt)$.
- ii) $E\left(f(s + dS) \middle| S(t)=s\right) = f(s) + [f'(s)\mu s + \frac{1}{2}f''(s)\sigma^2 s^2]dt + \lambda[E(f(sJ)) - f(s)]dt + o(dt)$.

Q7. Average reward of a call option in the case of stock price evolution with jumps.

We continue with the problem described in Q6. Let $S(t)$ be the stock price at time t , governed by SDE (5) with Poisson jump process (6). Consider the call option on the stock with strike price K and expiry T . Let $u(s, t, T)$ be the average reward of holding the option at time T given that the stock price at time t is $S(t) = s$.

$$u(s, t, T) \equiv E\left(\max(S(T) - K, 0) \middle| S(t) = s\right) \quad (7)$$

The law of total expectation gives

$$\begin{aligned} u(s, t, T) &= E\left(E\left[\max(S(T) - K, 0) \middle| S(t + dt) = s + dS\right]\right) \\ &= E\left(u(s + dS, t + dt, T) \middle| S(t) = s\right) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

First, apply the results of Q6 to calculate the average with respect to dS on the RHS of (8). Then expand in dt . Derive the governing PIDE (Partial Integro-Differential Equation) of $u(s, t, T)$, which is given below.

$$u_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 s^2 u_{ss}(s, t) + \mu s u_s + \lambda[E(u(sJ, t)) - u(s, t)] = 0$$

where $E(u(sJ, t)) = \int_0^{+\infty} u(sq, t)\rho_J(q)dq$.

Q8. Option price model in the case of stock price evolution with jumps.

We continue with the problem described in Q6. Let $S(t)$ be the stock price at time t , governed by SDE (5) with Poisson jump process (6). Consider the hypothetical situation where we have an ensemble of independent realizations of $S(t)$ so that we can buy $E(S(t))$. In SDE (5), taking the average and using that $S(t)$, $dW(t)$, $dN(t)$ and J are independent, we get

$$\begin{aligned} dE(S(t)) &= \mu E(S(t))dt + E(S(t))(E(J) - 1)E(dN(t)), & E(dN(t)) &= \lambda dt \\ \implies \frac{dE(S(t))}{dt} &= (\mu + \lambda(E(J) - 1))E(S(t)) \\ \implies E(S(T)) &= E(S(t))e^{(\mu + \lambda(E(J) - 1))(T-t)} \end{aligned}$$

Since the growth of $E(S(T))$ is risk-free, it must match the interest rate:

$$\mu + \lambda(E(J) - 1) = r \implies \boxed{\mu = r - \lambda(E(J) - 1)}$$

Consider the option on the stock with strike price K and expiry T . The cost of buying the option at time t when $S(t) = s$ is $C(s, t)$. The reward of holding the option at time T is $u(s, t, T)$ studied in Q7. Since the growth from $C(s, t)$ at time t to $u(s, t, T)$ at time T is risk-free, it must match the interest rate:

$$\boxed{C(s, t) = e^{-r(T-t)}u(s, t, T)} \tag{9}$$

Use the PIDE of $u(s, t, T)$ obtained in Q7, $\mu = r - \lambda(E(J) - 1)$ and (9) to derive the governing PIDE of option price function $C(s, t)$, which is given below.

$$\boxed{C_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 s^2 C_{ss} + rsC_s - rC + \lambda[E(C(sJ, t)) - C(s, t) - (E(J) - 1)sC_s] = 0}$$

Remark: This approach of deriving the governing PIDE of the option price is called **the risk-neutral pricing principle**. In the case of stock price evolution with jumps, there is more than one version of “related” risk-neutral evolution (called risk-neutral measure). For example, the two versions below are risk-neutral.

$$\begin{aligned} dS(t) &= [r - \lambda(E(J) - 1)]S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t) + S(t)(J - 1)dN(t), \\ dS(t) &= rS(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t) + S(t)(\tilde{J} - 1)dN(t) \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{J} is a modified version (measure) of random variable J such that $E(\tilde{J}) = 1$.