

Lecture 23: Options Pricing

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QTM 385 Quantitative Finance

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Suggested reading: Investments Ch 21



Feedback from Google form

- I thought the R coding are super efficient in calculations, but I was wondering if we get a chance to learn the same thing in Python, as it is a widely used language nowadays.
- *Some Python sample code (calculation of duration and convexity (in `Duration_and_Convexity.ipynb`), calculation of summary statistics (in `Summary_Statistics.ipynb`) has been provided (credited to our TA, Hao).*



Options

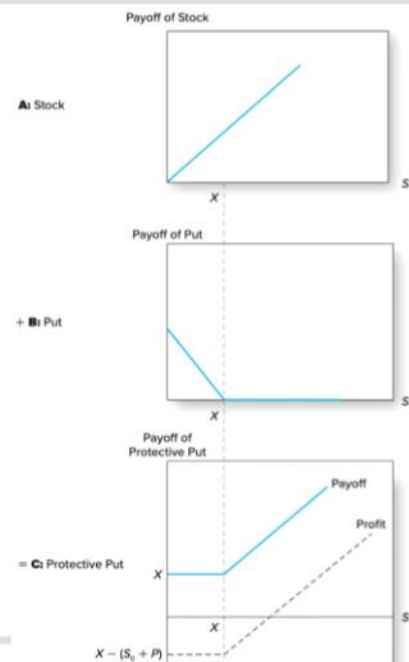
- **American option:** gives its holder the right to **purchase/sell** an asset for a specified price, called the exercise or strike price, *on or before* some specified **expiration date**
 - Most traded options in the United States
- **European option:** allows for **exercise** *only on* the **expiration date**
- **Call option:** gives its holder the right to **purchase** an asset for a specified price, called the exercise or strike price, *on or before (or only on)* some specified **expiration date**
- **Put option:** gives its holder the right to **sell** an asset for a specified price, called the exercise or strike price, *on or before (or only on)* some specified **expiration date**



Protective put

- **Protective put:** *Invest* in stock (stock price at time 0: S_0) and *purchase a put* option on the stock (cost P)
- Suppose the strike of the put is $X = \$100$
- At expiration, if $S_T = \$97$, then the put is worth $X - S_T = \$3$ and portfolio value is $S_T + (X - S_T) = \$97 + \$3 = \$100$
- If stock is worth $S_T = \$104$, the put is worth $\$0$. the portfolio value is $S_T + 0 = \$104$

	$S_T \leq X$	$S_T > X$
Stock	S_T	S_T
+ Put	$X - S_T$	0
Total	X	S_T



Call-plus-bills portfolio

- **Call-plus-bills portfolio:** purchase a *risk-free zero-coupon bond* with *face value X* and hold a *call* with exercise price X
- Suppose the strike of the call is $X = \$100$
- At expiration, if $S_T = \$97$, then the call is worth $\$0$ and portfolio value is $0 + X = \$100$
- If $S_T = \$104$, the call is worth $S_T - X = \$4$. the portfolio value is $X + (S_T - X) = \$100 + \$4 = \$104$

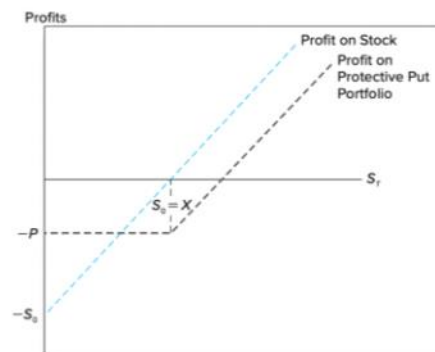
	$S_T \leq X$	$S_T > X$
Value of call option	0	$S_T - X$
Value of zero-coupon bond	X	X
Total	X	S_T



The put-call parity relationship

- **Protective put:** *invest in stock* and *purchase a put* with exercise price X
- **Call-plus-bills portfolio:** purchase a *risk-free zero-coupon bond* with *face value* X and hold a *call* with exercise price X
- Two portfolios have the *same payoff*: provide a *guaranteed minimum payoff* and *unlimited upside potential*
- Their *cost* should be the *same*

	$S_T \leq X$	$S_T > X$
Value of call option	0	$S_T - X$
Value of zero-coupon bond	$\frac{X}{X}$	$\frac{X}{X}$
Total	X	S_T



The put-call parity relationship

- The cost of the protective put is $S_0 + P$
- The cost of the call-plus-bills is $C + X/(1 + r_f)^T$
- Their cost should be the same, so the **put-call parity theorem** states

$$C + \frac{X}{(1 + r_f)^T} = S_0 + P$$

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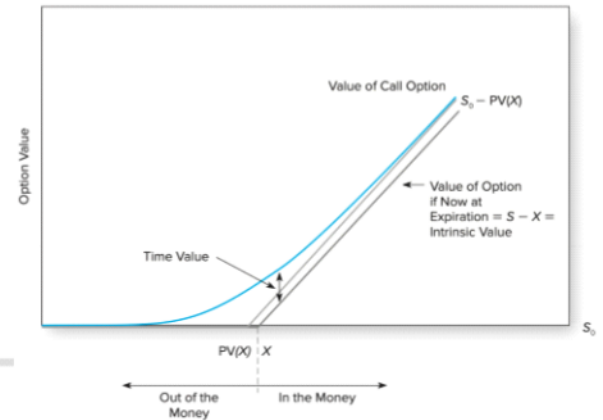
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- *Answer: Based on put-call parity theorem,*
 - $C + \frac{X}{(1+r_f)^T} = 17 + \frac{105}{1.05} = 117$
 - $S_0 + P = 110 + 5 = 115$
 - *We can buy a share of stock and put, and sell the call and risk-free one-year zero*



Option valuation

- **Intrinsic value:** $S_0 - X$ for the **in-the-money call** options
 - Intrinsic value is **zero** for **out-of-the-money** or **at-the-money** options
- Option's **time value:** difference between **option price** and **intrinsic value**
 - A type of **volatility value**
 - The stock price may rise above the exercise price of the call by expiration date
- **Adjusted intrinsic value:** $S_0 - PV(X)$
 - If you are virtually certain to exercise the option (at the expiration date), then present value of the option is $PV(X)$



Determinants of option values

- **Determinant 1: stock price S_0**
 - The value of the call **increases** with the **stock price**
 - Expected payoff increases with $S_0 - X$
- **Determinant 2: exercise price X**
 - The value of the call **decreases** with the **exercise price X**
- **Determinant 3: volatility of the stock price**
 - The value **increases** with the **volatility**

High-Volatility Scenario					
Stock price	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50
Option payoff	0	0	0	10	20
Low-Volatility Scenario					
Stock price	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40
Option payoff	0	0	0	5	10



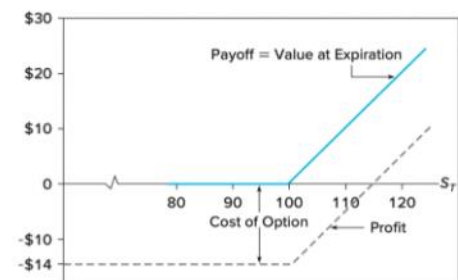
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- **Determinant 4: expiration date T**
 - Option value **increases** with **time to expiration**
 - More time for unexpected events, and present value of exercise price X is lower
- **Determinant 5: interest rate r_f**
 - Option value **increases** with **interest rate**
 - Present value of X is lower
- **Determinant 6: dividend payouts**
 - Option value **decreases** with the **dividend payouts**
 - The stock price S_T decreases with dividend payouts



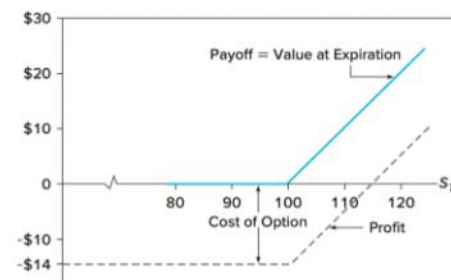
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Stock price S	Increases
Exercise price X	Decreases
Volatility σ	
Time to expiration T	
Interest rate r_f	
Dividend payouts	



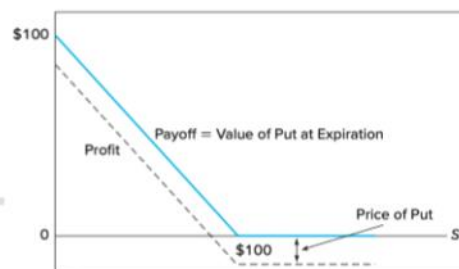
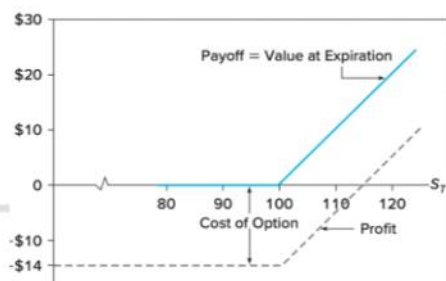
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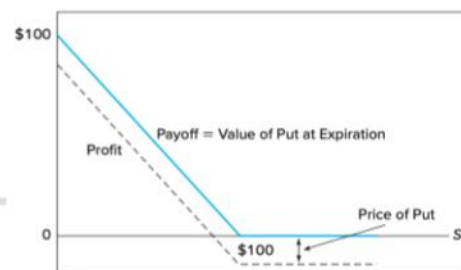
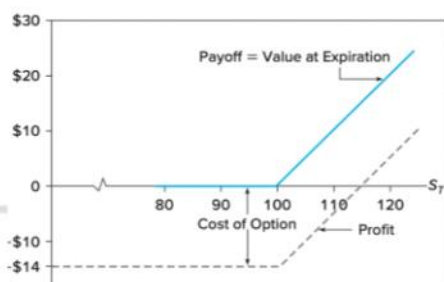
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Binomial option pricing

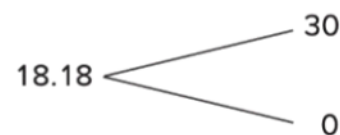
- We start with **two state option pricing**
- The stock sells at $S_0 = 100$. The price will either increase to 120 or decrease to 90
- Consider two portfolios
 - **Portfolio A**: buy three calls
 - **Portfolio B**: buy a share of stock and borrow \$81.82 at interest rate 10%
 - Two portfolios have the **same payoff**



Value of stock at year-end	\$90	\$120
– Repayment of loan with interest	<u>–90</u>	<u>–90</u>
Total	\$ 0	\$ 30

Price of the call

- Consider two portfolios
 - Portfolio A: buy three calls
 - Portfolio B: buy a share of stock and borrow \$81.82 at interest rate 10%
 - Two portfolios have the same payoff
- The current cost is $\$18.18 = \$100 - \$81.82$ of portfolio B
- We have
 - $3C = \$18.18$
 - $C = \$6.06$



Hedge ratio

- A portfolio with one share of stock and three call options written is perfectly hedged. Its year-end value is independent of ultimate stock price

Stock price	\$90	\$120
– Obligations from 3 calls written	<u>–0</u>	<u>–30</u>
Portfolio value	\$90	\$ 90

- The hedge ratio is one share of stock to three calls, or one-third
 - Interpretation: range of call value is 10, range of stock price is 30, ratio of range is 10/30



Hedge ratio

- More generally, the **hedge ratio** H for other two-state option problem is

$$H = \frac{C_u - C_d}{uS_0 - dS_0}$$

- C_u or C_d refers to the call option's value when the stock goes up or down
- uS_0 and dS_0 are the stock prices in two states



Option-pricing technique

- **Step 1:** Given possible end-of-year stock prices $uS_0 = \$120$ and $dS_0 = \$90$ and value of call option with exercise price $\$110$, $C_u = \$10$ or $C_d = 0$
- **Step 2:** Find the hedge ratio $H = \frac{C_u - C_d}{uS_0 - dS_0} = \frac{1}{3}$
- **Step 3:** find a portfolio made up of $\frac{1}{3}$ share of stock with one written call
 - This portfolio is a hedged portfolio with certainty payoff of $\$30$



Option-pricing technique

- Step 4: The present value of \$30 is $\frac{\$30}{1.1} = \27.27
- Step 5: Set the present value of the hedge position to the present value of the certainty payoff

$$\frac{1}{3}S_0 - C_0 = \$27.27$$

- Step 6: Solve the call's value

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{3}S_0 - \$27.27 = \$33.33 - \$27.27 = \$6.06$$

