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1 Introduction

In this report, we are asked to price a bond contract in which the holder has the option to choose between receiving the principle F or alternatively R underlying stocks with price S at time $t = T$.

We calculate the value of this option using the finite-difference method with a Crank-Nicolson Scheme. We then explore the effects of diting β and σ . Finally we explore the effect of i_{max}, j_{max} and S_{max} on the solution.

we then move on to valuing American options, and look at the effect of changing r on the American option value.

2 European Option

The market value of the European option with a continuous coupon is given by:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^{2\beta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \kappa(\theta(t) - S) \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV + Ce^{-\alpha t} = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $\theta(t)$ is

$$\theta(t) = (1 + \mu)X e^{\mu t}. \quad (2)$$

The boundary condition at $S = 0$ is:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \kappa\theta(t) \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV + Ce^{-\alpha t} = 0. \quad (3)$$

2.1 Large S limit

At very large S , the PDE simplifies slightly to

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \kappa(X - S) \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV + Ce^{-\alpha t} = 0. \quad (4)$$

In the case of large S , we can assume the solution to the equation is of the form

$$V(S, t) = SA(t) + B(t). \quad (5)$$

By substituting this in to equation 4, we can extract the form of A and B . Through this, we calculated

$$A(t) = Re^{(\kappa+r)(t-T)} \quad (6)$$

$$B(t) = XRe^{(\kappa+r)(t-T)} - \frac{C}{\alpha+r}e^{-\alpha t} + \frac{C}{\alpha+r}e^{-(\alpha+r)T} - XRe^{-rT} \quad (7)$$

2.2 S=0 Numerical Scheme

We can then use the finite difference method to estimate the partial derivatives, and allow us to use a matrix method to calculate them.

The partial derivatives for $S = 0$ are calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \frac{V_j^{i+1} - V_j^i}{\Delta t} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial S} = \frac{V_{j+1}^i - V_j^i}{\Delta S} \quad (9)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(V_j^{i+1} + V_j^i). \quad (10)$$

When these are substituted into the PDE at $S=0$, we get

$$\left(-\frac{1}{\Delta t} - \frac{\kappa\theta(t)}{\Delta S} - \frac{r}{2}\right)V_j^i + \frac{\kappa\theta(t)}{\Delta S}V_{j+1}^i = -\left(\frac{1}{\Delta t} - \frac{r}{2}\right)V_j^{i+1} - Ce^{-\alpha t} \quad (11)$$

Therefore, the numerical scheme is:

$$a_0 = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$b_0 = -\frac{1}{\Delta t} - \frac{\kappa\theta(t)}{\Delta S} - \frac{r}{2} \quad (13)$$

$$c_0 = \frac{\kappa\theta(t)}{\Delta S} \quad (14)$$

$$d_0 = -\left(\frac{1}{\Delta t} - \frac{r}{2}\right)V_j^{i+1} - Ce^{-\alpha t}. \quad (15)$$

2.3 Intermediate points numerical scheme

For the intermediate points, we can use a different set of approximations for the partial derivatives.

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \frac{V_j^{i+1} - V_j^i}{\Delta t} \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial S} = \frac{1}{4\Delta S} (V_{j+1}^i - V_{j-1}^i + V_{j+1}^{i+1} - V_{j-1}^{i+1}) \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} = \frac{1}{2\Delta S^2} (V_{j+1}^i - 2V_j^i + V_{j-1}^i + V_{j+1}^{i+1} - 2V_j^{i+1} + V_{j-1}^{i+1}) \quad (18)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} (V_j^{i+1} + V_j^i). \quad (19)$$

Using these estimates and putting them into the PDE, and then rearranging, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1}{4\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{1}{4\Delta S} \kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S) \right) V_{j-1}^i + \\ & \quad \left(\frac{-1}{\Delta t} - \frac{1}{\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{r}{2} \right) V_j^i + \\ & \quad \left(\frac{1}{4\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} + \frac{1}{4\Delta S} \kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S) \right) V_{j+1}^i = \\ & \quad - \left(\frac{1}{4\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{1}{4\Delta S} \kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S) \right) V_{j-1}^{i+1} - \\ & \quad \left(\frac{-1}{2\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{\Delta t} \right) V_j^{i+1} - \\ & \quad \left(\frac{1}{4\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} + \frac{1}{4\Delta S} \kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S) \right) V_{j+1}^{i+1} \\ & \quad - C e^{-\alpha t}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

We can again extract the numerical scheme from this

$$a_j = \frac{1}{4\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{1}{4\Delta S} \kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S) \quad (21)$$

$$b_j = \frac{-1}{\Delta t} - \frac{1}{\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{r}{2} \quad (22)$$

$$c_j = \frac{1}{4\Delta S^2} \sigma^2 (j\Delta S)^{2\beta} + \frac{1}{4\Delta S} \kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S) \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d_j = & -(\frac{1}{4\Delta S^2}\sigma^2(j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{1}{4\Delta S}\kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S))V_{j-1}^{i+1} - \\
& (\frac{-1}{2\Delta S^2}\sigma^2(j\Delta S)^{2\beta} - \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{\Delta t})V_j^{i+1} - \\
& (\frac{1}{4\Delta S^2}\sigma^2(j\Delta S)^{2\beta} + \frac{1}{4\Delta S}\kappa(\theta(t) - j\Delta S))V_{j+1}^{i+1} \\
& - Ce^{-\alpha t}. \quad (24)
\end{aligned}$$

2.4 Upper bound numerical scheme

For the upper bound $S = S_{max}$ we have found the analytical solution and from this we can calculate the upper bound.

$$a_{j_{max}} = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$b_{j_{max}} = 1 \quad (26)$$

$$c_{j_{max}} = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$d_j = A(t)S + B(t). \quad (28)$$

3 Appendix