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Option Elasticity.

Def'n. For any portfolio w/ the value f'n $v(s, t)$, we define its portfolio elasticity as:

$$\Omega(s, t) := \frac{\Delta(s, t) \cdot s}{v(s, t)}$$

For a single option, the same quantity is called option elasticity.

Example. European Call.

Its B-S Price:

$$v_c(s, t) = s e^{-\delta(T-t)} N(d_1(s, t)) - K e^{-r(T-t)} N(d_2(s, t))$$
$$\Delta_c(s, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_c(s, t) = \frac{s \cdot \Delta_c(s, t)}{s \cdot \Delta_c(s, t) - K e^{-r(T-t)} N(d_2(s, t))} \geq 1$$

Example. European Put.

Its B-S Price:

$$v_p(s, t) = K e^{-r(T-t)} N(-d_2(s, t)) - s e^{-\delta(T-t)} N(-d_1(s, t))$$

$$\Delta_p(s, t) = -e^{-\delta(T-t)} N(-d_1(s, t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_p(s, t) = \frac{s \cdot \Delta_p(s, t)}{K e^{-r(T-t)} N(-d_2(s, t)) + \Delta_p(s, t) \cdot s} < 0$$

Use of option elasticity:

σ_S ... stock volatility

(in the B.S model: deterministic, constant)

We get the option volatility as :

$$\sigma_{\text{opt}}(s, t) = \sigma_S \cdot \left| \Omega_{\text{opt}}(s, t) \right|$$

not a constant

e.g., for a European call

$$\sigma_C(s, t) = \sigma_S \cdot \underbrace{\left| \Omega_C(s, t) \right|}_{\geq 1} \geq \sigma_S$$

20. Assume the Black-Scholes framework. Consider a stock, and a European call option and a European put option on the stock. The current stock price, call price, and put price are 45.00, 4.45, and 1.90 respectively.

Investor A purchases two calls and one put. Investor B purchases two calls and writes three puts.

The current elasticity of Investor A's portfolio is 5.0. The current delta of Investor B's portfolio is 3.4.

Calculate the current put-option elasticity.

- ⚡ (A) -0.55
(B) -1.15
(C) -8.64
(D) -13.03
(E) -27.24

$$\Omega_p(S(0), 0) = ?$$

$$\Omega_p(S(0), 0) = \frac{S(0) \cdot \Delta_p(S(0), 0)}{V_p(S(0), 0)}$$

by def'n

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25. Consider a chooser option (also known as an as-you-like-it option) on a nondividend-paying stock. At time 1, its holder will choose whether it becomes a European call option or a European put option, each of which will expire at time 3 with a strike price of \$100.

The chooser option price is \$20 at time $t = 0$.

The stock price is \$95 at time $t = 0$. Let $C(T)$ denote the price of a European call option at time $t = 0$ on the stock expiring at time T , $T > 0$, with a strike price of \$100.

You are given:

- (i) The risk-free interest rate is 0.
(ii) $C(1) = \$4$.

Determine $C(3)$.

- (A) \$ 9
(B) \$11
(C) \$13
(D) \$15
(E) \$17

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A:

$$v_A(s, t) = \underline{2 \cdot v_c(s, t) + v_p(s, t)}$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}$

$$\underline{\Delta_A(s, t) = 2 \cdot \Delta_c(s, t) + \Delta_p(s, t)}$$

At time 0:

$$\Delta_A(S(0), 0) = 2 \cdot \Delta_c(S(0), 0) + \Delta_p(S(0), 0)$$

$$\cancel{5} = \frac{(2 \cdot \Delta_c(S(0), 0) + \Delta_p(S(0), 0)) \cdot \cancel{45}^9}{2 \cdot (4.45) + 1.90}$$

$$2 \cdot \Delta_c(S(0), 0) + \boxed{\Delta_p(S(0), 0)} = \frac{10.80}{9} = 1.20 \quad (A)$$

B:

$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}$

$$v_B(s, t) = 2 \cdot v_c(s, t) - 3 v_p(s, t)$$

$$\Delta_B(s, t) = 2 \cdot \Delta_c(s, t) - 3 \Delta_p(s, t)$$

At time 0:

$$\underline{2 \cdot \Delta_c(S(0), 0) - 3 \Delta_p(S(0), 0) = 3.4} \quad (B)$$

$$(A) - (B): \quad 4 \cdot \Delta_p(S(0), 0) = 1.2 - 3.4 = -2.2$$

$$\underline{\Delta_p(S(0), 0) = -0.55}$$

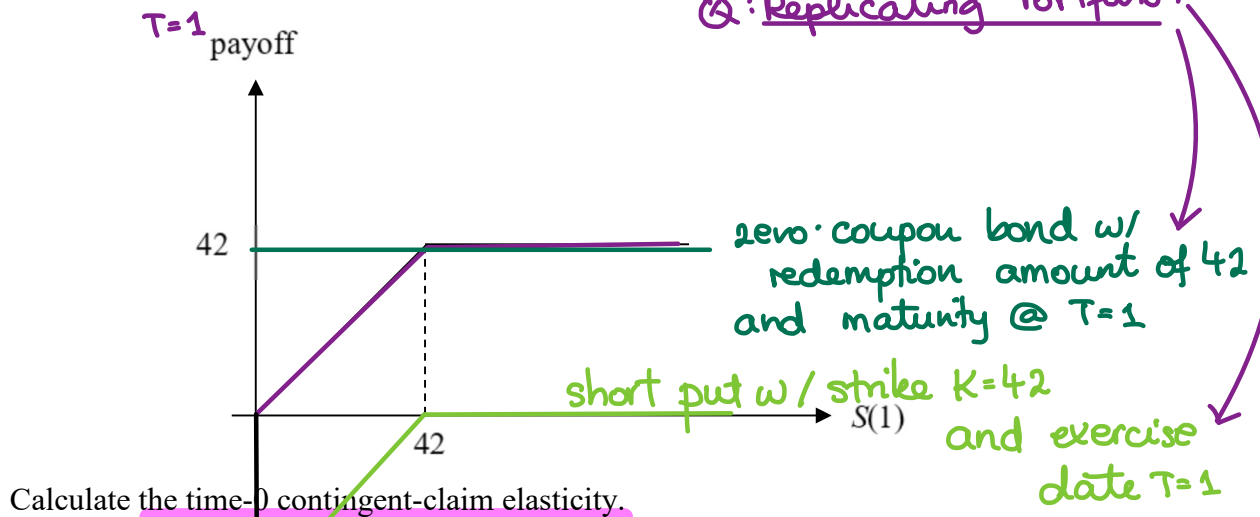
$$\Omega_p(S(0), 0) = \frac{\Delta_p(S(0), 0) \cdot S(0)}{v_p(S(0), 0)} = \frac{-0.55(45)}{1.90} = \underline{-13.027}$$



41. Assume the Black-Scholes framework. Consider a 1-year European contingent claim on a stock.

You are given:

- (i) The time-0 stock price is 45. $S(0) = 45$
- (ii) The stock's volatility is 25%. $\sigma = 0.25$
- (iii) The stock pays dividends continuously at a rate proportional to its price. The dividend yield is 3%. $\delta = 0.03$
- (iv) The continuously compounded risk-free interest rate is 7%. $r = 0.07$
- (v) The time-1 payoff of the contingent claim is as follows:



Calculate the time-0 contingent-claim elasticity.

- (A) 0.24
- (B) 0.29
- (C) 0.34
- (D) 0.39
- (E) 0.44