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Delta-Gamma-Theta Approximation.

In our market model, we have:

- a risk-free asset, i.e., borrowing/lending money @ a ccrf ir r

and

- a risky asset, i.e., a continuous dividend paying stock w/ the price denoted by

$$\underbrace{\{S(t), t \geq 0\}}$$

stochastic process

Derivative securities w/ S as the underlying asset are also available (just EUROPEAN).

Assume that we model S using the Black-Scholes framework.

For any portfolio in this market model, we can look @ its value f'tion $v(\cdot, t)$

$$ds = S(t+dt) - S(t)$$
$$S(t+dt) = S(t)e^{(r-\delta-\frac{\sigma^2}{2}) \cdot dt + \sigma\sqrt{dt} \cdot Z}$$
$$Z \sim N(0,1)$$

$$v(s, t) \quad v(s+ds, t+dt)$$

Taylor-like expansion:

$$v(s+ds, t+dt) \approx v(s, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} v(s, t) ds + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} v(s, t) (ds)^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(s, t) dt$$

$\approx \Delta(s, t)$
 $\approx \Gamma(s, t)$
 $\approx \Theta(s, t)$

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$$\delta = 0$$

19. Assume that the Black-Scholes framework holds. The price of a nondividend-paying stock is \$30.00. The price of a put option on this stock is \$4.00.

$$S(0) = 30$$

$$v_p(S(0), 0) = 4$$

You are given:

(i) $\Delta = -0.28$

(ii) $\Gamma = 0.10$

Using the delta-gamma approximation, determine the price of the put option if the stock price changes to \$31.50.

$$S(dt) = 31.50$$

(A) \$3.40

(B) \$3.50

(C) \$3.60

(D) \$3.70

(E) \$3.80

END OF EXAMINATION

$$\begin{aligned} \text{answer} &= 4 + (-0.28)(1.50) + \frac{1}{2}(0.10)(1.5)^2 \\ &= 3.69 \end{aligned}$$

20. Assume that the Black-Scholes framework holds. Consider an option on a stock.

You are given the following information at time 0:

- (i) The stock price is $S(0)$, which is greater than 80. $S(0) > 80$
- (ii) The option price is 2.34. $v(S(0), 0) = 2.34$
- (iii) The option delta is -0.181. $\Delta(S(0), 0) = -0.181$
- (iv) The option gamma is 0.035. $\Gamma(S(0), 0) = 0.035$

$$S(dt) = 86.$$

The stock price changes to 86.00. Using the delta-gamma approximation, you find that the option price changes to 2.21.

$$v(S(dt), dt) = 2.21.$$

Determine $S(0)$.

By the $\Delta \cdot \Gamma$ approximation:

- (A) 84.80 : $ds = 1.20$ $v(S(dt), dt) = v(S(0), 0)$
 $+ \Delta(S(0), 0) ds$
- (B) 85.00 : $ds = 1$
 $+ \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(S(0), 0) (ds)^2$
- (C) 85.20 : $ds = 0.80$
 $2.21 = 2.34 + (-0.181) \cdot ds + \frac{1}{2} (0.035) (ds)^2$
- (D) 85.40 : $ds = 0.60$
- (E) 85.80 : $ds = 0.20$

Solve the quadratic.

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