

Sample IFM: Derivatives: Advanced

Advanced Derivatives Questions

- 1. Consider a European call option and a European put option on a nondividend-paying stock. You are given:
 - (i) The current price of the stock is 60.
 - (ii) The call option currently sells for 0.15 more than the put option.
 - (iii) Both the call option and put option will expire in 4 years. T=4
 - (iv) Both the call option and put option have a strike price of 70.

Calculate the continuously compounded risk-free interest rate.

- (A) 0.039
- (B) 0.049
- (C) 0.059

(E) 0.079

$$\frac{V_{c}(o) - V_{p}(o)}{||(ii)|} = \underbrace{F_{o,\tau}^{P}(s) - PV_{o,\tau}(K)}_{\text{II no div.}}$$
0.45 = 60 - 70e^{-r.4}

$$70e^{-4r} = 60-0.15 = 59.85$$
 /: 70
 $e^{-4r} = \frac{59.85}{70}$

$$-4r = ln\left(\frac{59.85}{70}\right)$$

$$= > r = \frac{1}{4} ln \left(\frac{70}{59.85} \right) = 0.03916$$

BEGINNING OF EXAMINATION ACTUARIAL MODELS – FINANCIAL ECONOMICS SEGMENT



- 1. On April 30, 2007, a common stock is priced at (52.00) You are given the following:
 - (i) Dividends of equal amounts will be paid on June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007.
 - (ii) A European call option on the stock with strike price of \$50.00 expiring in six months sells for \$4.50.

 V. (a) = 4.50
 - (iii) A European put option on the stock with strike price of \$50.00 expiring in six months sells for \$2.45.
 - (iv) The continuously compounded risk-free interest rate is 6%. (r=0.06)

Calculate the amount of each dividend.

(B) \$0.73
$$t_1 = \frac{2}{42} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{5}{42} \quad T = \frac{1}{2}$$

(E) \$1.45
$$\frac{V_{c}(o) - V_{p}(o)}{4.50} = F_{o,\tau}^{P}(s) - PV_{o,\tau}(K) \\ 50e^{-0.06(\sqrt{2})}$$

$$51 - D(e^{-0.06(\frac{1}{6})} + e^{-0.06(\frac{5}{12})})$$

$$D(e^{-0.01} + e^{-0.025}) = 52 - 50e^{-0.03} - 2.05 = 1.41772$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 0.71644$$

53. Sample IFM: Derivatives: Introductory

For each ton of a certain type of rice commodity, the four-year forward price is 300. A four-year 400-strike European call option costs 110.

The continuously compounded risk-free interest rate is 6.5%.

Calculate the cost of a four-year 400 strike European put option for this rice commodity.

(A) 10.00
(B) 32.89
(C) 118.42
(D) 187.11
(E) 210.00
Put Call Pavity:

$$V_{c}(o) - V_{p}(o) = F_{o,T}^{p} - PV_{o,T}(K)$$

 $V_{o}(o) - V_{p}(o) = PV_{o,T}(F_{o,T} - K) = -4\infty e^{-0.065(4)}$
 $V_{p}(o) = 440 + 4\infty e^{-0.065(4)} = \cdots = 487.44$

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Box spreads are used to guarantee a fixed cash flow in the future. Thus, they are purely a means of borrowing or lending money, and have no stock price risk.

Consider a box spread based on two distinct strike prices (K, L) that is used to lend money, so that there is a positive cost to this transaction up front, but a guaranteed positive payoff at expiration.

Determine which of the following sets of transactions is equivalent to this type of box spread.

- (A) A long position in a (K, L) bull spread using calls and a long position in a (K, L) bear spread using puts.
- (B) A long position in a (K, L) bull spread using calls and a short position in a (K, L) bear spread using puts.
- (C) A long position in a (K, L) bull spread using calls and a long position in a (K, L) bull spread using puts.
- (D) A short position in a (K, L) bull spread using calls and a short position in a (K, L) bear spread using puts.
- (E) A short position in a (K, L) bull spread using calls and a short position in a(K, L) bull spread using puts.

A synthetic forward is a replicating portfolio for a forward contract-

If we create our portfolio A using options w/ strike K=Fo,T, we get that the payoff of that portfolio equals

S(T)-Fo,T,

i.e., it's exactly equal to the payoff of a forward contract. However, we frequently say that for any strike K, portfolio A is a synthetic forward.

The PS index has the following characteristics:

- One share of the PS index currently sells for 1,000.
- The PS index does not pay dividends.



Sam wants to lock in the ability to buy this index in one year for a price of 1,025. He can do this by buying or selling European put and call options with a strike price of 1,025.

The annual effective rsk-free interest rate is 5%.

Determine which of the following gives the hedging strategy that will achieve Sam's objective and also gives the cost today of establishing this position.

- (A) Buy the put and sell the call, receive 23.81
- (B) Buy the put and sell the call, spend 23.81
- (C) Buy the put and sell the call, no cost
- (D) Buy the call and sell the put, receive 23.81
- (E) Buy the call and sell the put, spend 23.81

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The following relates to one share of XYZ stock:

- The current price is 100.
- The forward price for delivery in one year is 105.
- *P* is the expected price in one year

Determine which of the following statements about *P* is TRUE.

- (A) P < 100
- (B) P = 100
- (C) 100 < P < 105
- (D) P = 105
- (E) P > 105