

Financial Derivatives

(Black Scholes and Greeks)

Financial Engineering

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Option Pricing – Black-Scholes formula

Call option price at $t=0$

$$C(0) = S(0) N(d_1) - e^{-rT} K N(d_2)$$

$$\text{Where } d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S(0)}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}$$

$$\text{and } d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T}$$

Here, r – interest rate, σ – annual volatility

$S(0)$ – spot price, K – strike price, T – maturity time

Option Pricing – Black-Scholes formula

Call option price at time t

$$C(t) = S(t) N(d_1) - e^{-r(T-t)} K N(d_2)$$

$$\text{Where } d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S(t)}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{(T-t)}}$$

$$\text{and } d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{(T-t)}$$

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Greek Parameters

Note $N(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-x^2/2} dx$

$$N'(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2}$$

Delta –

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = N(d_1)$$

A position with a total delta equal to zero is said to be Delta Neutral.

Greek Parameters

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Theta – $\theta = -\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}$

Rate of change of security value with respect to time.

Gamma – $\gamma = \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2}$

This measures the sensitivity of Delta. A portfolio with high gamma needs to be rebalanced more often to maintain Delta neutrality.

Greek Parameters

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Vega – $\vartheta = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma}$

Vega is a unimodal function (first increasing, then decreasing, having single peak) of σ .

Rho – $\rho = \frac{\partial C}{\partial r}$

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