

A note on a generalized Black-Scholes formula

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Consider the following model of asset pricing

$$\frac{dS}{S} = mdt + dY_t \quad (1)$$

where S_t is a stock price at time t , m is a known constant, process Y_t is defined by the following stochastic differential equation

$$dY_t = -bY_t dt + \sigma dW_t, \quad b \geq 0, \quad \sigma > 0, \quad Y_0 = 0. \quad (2)$$

Here W_t is a standard Brownian motion under the true probability measure P . Observe that process Y_t is a mean reverting Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process for $b > 0$, and it is a Wiener process with zero mean and standard deviation σ for $b = 0$. Therefore in the case of $b = 0$ (1) becomes the Black-Scholes model of asset pricing. We also assume that the risk free interest rate r is a constant.

Below we prove the following result.

Theorem

Assume (1) and (2) and denote by $C(S_t, t)$ the value of a standard European call option written on the stock S_t which does not pay the dividends. K is a strike price and T is the expiration date. Then the

price of the call option at time $t = 0$, $C_0 = C(S_0, 0)$, can be expressed as

$$C_0 = S_0 \exp\{(s_b^2 - \sigma^2 T)/2\} \Phi\left(\frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T + (s_b^2 - \sigma^2 T)}{s_b}\right) - K e^{-rT} \Phi\left(\frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r - \sigma^2/2)T}{s_b}\right), \quad b > 0 \quad (3)$$

where $s_b^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2b} \{1 - \exp(-2bT)\}$, and $\Phi(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^y \exp(-z^2/2) dz$.

Note: To see that formula (3) is a generalization of the Black Scholes formula presented in Black and Scholes(1973) note the following

$$s_b^2 - \sigma^2 T = -\sigma^2 T^2 b(1 + o(1)), \quad b \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently $s_b \rightarrow \sigma\sqrt{T}$ and $s_b^2 - \sigma^2 T \rightarrow 0$ when $b \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, when b converges to zero the RHS of (3) converges to

$$S_0 \Phi\left(\frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) - K e^{-rT} \Phi\left(\frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r - \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right).$$

Proof

Using Ito's lemma one can find the following solution to (1)

$$S(t) = S_0 \exp\left\{\left(m - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)t + Y_t\right\} \quad (4)$$

The solution to (2) has the following integral representation

$$Y_t = \sigma \int_0^t \exp\{-b(t-s)\} dW_s$$

(see, for example, Steele(2000), chapter 9).

Now we define the risk neutral probability measure Q . Let Q be chosen so that the process W_t^Q defined by

$$dW_t^Q = dW_t + \frac{m-r}{\sigma}(bt+1)dt, \quad (5)$$

is a Q -Brownian motion.

Define the following process

$$Z_t = \sigma \int_0^t \exp\{-b(t-s)\}dW_s^Q, \quad \text{with } Z_0 = 0. \quad (6)$$

Due to its definition and Ito's lemma Z_t satisfies the following stochastic differential equation

$$dZ_t = -bZ_t dt + \sigma dW_t^Q,$$

From (5) and (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t &= \sigma \int_0^t \exp\{-b(t-s)\}(dW_s + \frac{m-r}{\sigma}(bs+1)ds) \\ &= Y_t + (m-r) \int_0^t \exp\{-b(t-s)\}(bs+1)ds. \end{aligned}$$

Now it is easy to see that

$$Z_t = (m-r)t + Y_t \quad (7)$$

From (4) and (7) we find that

$$S(t) = S_0 \exp\{(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + Z_t\} \quad (8)$$

The last representation shows that S_t is a solution to the following stochastic differential equation

$$\frac{dS}{S} = rdt + dZ_t$$

Now we turn to the computation of C_0 . Due to the Feynman-Kac formula

$$C_0 = e^{-rT} E_Q[(S_T - K)_+]. \quad (9)$$

Since

$$Var_Q(Z_t) = E_Q Z_t^2 = \sigma^2 \int_0^t \exp\{-2b(t-s)\} ds = \frac{\sigma^2}{2b} [1 - \exp(-2bt)] = s_b^2,$$

we note that random variable Z_t is distributed normally with zero mean and variance s_b^2 . Therefore random variable $\xi = Z_T - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 T$ is also normally distributed with mean $-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$ and variance s_b^2 under Q measure.

Using above findings and (8) we can rewrite (9) as

$$\begin{aligned} e^{rT} C_0 &= E_Q[(S_0 e^{rT+\xi} - K)_+] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s_b}} [S_0 e^{rT} \int_{\log(K/S_0)-rT}^{\infty} \exp\{y - (y + \sigma^2 T/2)^2 / (2s_b^2)\} dy \\ &\quad - K \int_{\log(K/S_0)-rT}^{\infty} \exp\{-(y + \sigma^2 T/2)^2 / (2s_b^2)\} dy]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$e^{rT} C_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s_b}} [S_0 e^{rT} I_1 - K I_2], \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_A^{\infty} \exp\{y - (y + \alpha)^2 / (2s_b^2)\} dy \\ I_2 &= \int_A^{\infty} \exp\{-(y + \alpha)^2 / (2s_b^2)\} dy \end{aligned}$$

with

$$A = \log(K/S_0) - rT \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = \sigma^2 T/2. \quad (11)$$

After some algebraic rearrangements it is easy to see that

$$I_1 = (\sqrt{2\pi s_b}) \exp\{s_b^2/2 - \alpha\} \Phi\left(\frac{s_b^2 - A - \alpha}{s_b}\right) \quad (12)$$

and

$$I_2 = (\sqrt{2\pi s_b}) \Phi\left(-\frac{A + \alpha}{s_b}\right). \quad (13)$$

Now, taking into account (12) and (13), from (10) we have

$$e^{rT}C_0 = S_0 \exp(s_b^2/2 - \alpha) \Phi\left(\frac{s_b^2 - A - \alpha}{s_b}\right) - K \Phi\left(-\frac{A + \alpha}{s_b}\right). \quad (14)$$

Since from (11) one can see that $\left(\frac{s_b^2 - A - \alpha}{s_b}\right) = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T + (s_b^2 - \sigma^2 T)}{s_b}$ and $-\frac{A + \alpha}{s_b} = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r - \sigma^2/2)T}{s_b}$, the statement of the theorem immediately follows from (14). Q.E.D.

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