

4.5 Connection between Black-Scholes eq. and Formula

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$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + rS \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2} = rC$$

European call: $C(S, T) = \max(S - K, 0)$

bdry cond.: $C(0, t) = 0$

we do several changes of variables to reduce it to the heat eq.

$$C(S, t) = B(S, \tau) e^{-r\tau} K, \quad \tau = T - t$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{in terms of } B: -\frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} + rS \frac{\partial B}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial S^2} = 0$$

$$B(0, \tau) = 0, \quad B(S, 0) = \max\left(\frac{S}{K} - 1, 0\right)$$

to remove first derivative: $D(x, \tau) = B(S, \tau), \quad x = \frac{S}{K} e^{r\tau}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial D}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

to remove σ : $H(x, u) = D(x, \tau), \quad u = \sigma^2 \tau$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} + \frac{1}{2} x^2 \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

to remove x^2 -prefactor: $\Theta(z, u) = H(x, u), \quad z = \frac{u}{2} + \ln x$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad \text{heat equation}, \quad \Theta(z, 0) = \max(1 - e^{-z}, 0)$$

How to solve the heat eq.?

$$\text{inverse Fourier transform: } \theta(z, u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{-ikz} \hat{\theta}(k, u) dk$$

plug into eq.:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{-ikz} \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}(k, u)}{\partial u} dk = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{-ikz} \left(\frac{1}{2} (-ik)^2 \right) \hat{\theta}(k, u) dk$$

$$\text{solve } \frac{\partial \hat{\theta}(k, u)}{\partial u} = -\frac{k^2}{2} \hat{\theta}(k, u)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}(k, u) = e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}u} \hat{\theta}(k, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \theta(z, u) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{-ikz} e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}u} \hat{\theta}(k, 0) dk \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{iky} \theta(y, 0) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \left[\int e^{-ik(z-y)} e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}u} dk \right] \theta(y, 0) dy \\ &= \int dk e^{-\frac{u}{2} \left[k^2 + 2 \frac{ik(z-y)}{u} + \left(\frac{i(z-y)}{u} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{i(z-y)}{u} \right)^2 \right]} \\ &= \int dk e^{-\frac{u}{2} \left(k + i \frac{z-y}{u} \right)^2} e^{-\frac{(z-y)^2}{2u}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{(z-y)^2}{2u}} \underbrace{\int dk e^{-\frac{u}{2} k^2}}_{k = e \sqrt{\frac{2}{u}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{u}} \int dl e^{-e^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{u}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(z, u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u}} \int e^{-\frac{(z-y)^2}{2u}} \Theta(y, 0) dy$$

\Rightarrow with B-S initial cond. $\Theta(y, 0) = \max(1 - e^{-y}, 0)$ we get

$$\Theta(z, u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(z-y)^2}{2u}} (1 - e^{-y}) dy$$

substituting back our changes of variables we get B-S formula.