

1 Lognormal stock process with normal volatility process

The next model we consider is a lognormal stock process with a normal volatility process, given by

$$\begin{cases} dS = \mu S dt + \sigma S dW, & dW \sim N(0, dt), \\ d\sigma = a dt + b d\widetilde{W}, & d\widetilde{W} \sim N(0, dt). \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

$$d\widetilde{W} \sim N(0, dt). \quad (1.2)$$

Here a and b are constants. The stochastic parts dW and $d\widetilde{W}$ have correlation ρ , such that

$$\mathbb{E} [dW d\widetilde{W}] = \rho dt.$$

Applying Itô's formula (??) again, we get

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} dt + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} dS^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \sigma^2} d\sigma^2 + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S \partial \sigma} dS d\sigma + \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} dS + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} d\sigma. \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \sigma^2} + b\sigma S \rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S \partial \sigma} + \mu S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} + a \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} \right) dt \\ &+ \sigma S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} dW + b \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} d\widetilde{W}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

The next step is to construct a portfolio

$$\Pi = V - \Delta S - \Delta_1 V_1, \quad (1.4)$$

which contains the option $V(S, \sigma, t)$, a quantity $-\Delta$ of the stock S , and a quantity $-\Delta_1$ of another asset whose value V_1 depends on the volatility σ .

The change $d\Pi$ in this portfolio in a time dt is given by

$$d\Pi = dV - \Delta dS - \Delta_1 dV_1.$$

Also we know that $d\Pi = r\Pi dt = r(V - \Delta S - \Delta_1 V_1) dt$, such that we have

$$r(V - \Delta S - \Delta_1 V_1) dt = dV - \Delta dS - \Delta_1 dV_1.$$

To make the portfolio instantaneously risk-free, we must eliminate all terms with dW_t and $d\widetilde{W}_t$. So we choose

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - \Delta_1 \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial S}, \quad \text{and} \\ \Delta_1 &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} / \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \sigma} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Collecting all V -terms on the left-hand side and all V_1 -terms on the right-hand side, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \sigma^2} + b\sigma S \rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S \partial \sigma} + rS \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV}{\frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_1}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_1}{\partial \sigma^2} + b\sigma S \rho \frac{\partial^2 V_1}{\partial S \partial \sigma} + rS \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial S} - rV_1}{\frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \sigma}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

The left-hand side of equation (1.5) is a function of V only and the right-hand side is a function of V_1 only. The only way that this can be is for both sides to be equal to some function f of the independent variables S , σ and t . We deduce that

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2}b^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \sigma^2} + b\sigma S\rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S\partial\sigma} + rS \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV = -\left(a - \lambda b\sigma\right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma}, \quad (1.6)$$

where, without loss of generality, we have written the arbitrary function f of S , σ and t as $\left(a - \lambda b\sigma\right)$, where a and b are the constant drift and volatility from the SDE (1.2) for instantaneous variance.

So the price $V(S, \sigma, t)$ satisfies the following differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2}b^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \sigma^2} + b\sigma S\rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S\partial\sigma} + rS \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} + \left(a - \lambda b\sigma\right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} - rV = 0. \quad (1.7)$$

1.1 Scalings

Suppose that σ and b are small volatilities, and write

$$\Sigma = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon^\eta} \Leftrightarrow \sigma = \varepsilon^\eta \Sigma \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{b}{\varepsilon^\nu} \Leftrightarrow b = \varepsilon^\nu B. \quad (1.8)$$

Then the partial differential equation (1.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^\eta \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{3\eta} \Sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{2\nu-\eta} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Sigma^2} + \varepsilon^{\eta+\nu} \Sigma B S \rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S\partial\Sigma} + \varepsilon^\eta r S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} \\ + \left(a - \varepsilon^{\eta+\nu} \lambda B \Sigma\right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Sigma} - \varepsilon^\eta r V = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

Maximum balance gives

$$0 = 2\nu - \eta \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 2\nu = \eta \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \nu = 1, \quad \eta = 2, \quad (1.10)$$

such that equation (1.9) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^3 \Sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + \frac{1}{2}B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Sigma^2} + \varepsilon^3 \Sigma B S \rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S\partial\Sigma} + \varepsilon^2 r S \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} \\ + \left(a - \varepsilon^3 \lambda B \Sigma\right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Sigma} - \varepsilon^2 r V = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

1.2 Outer expansion

Expand $V_\varepsilon = V_0 + \varepsilon V_1 + \dots$, such that the $\mathcal{O}(1)$ equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{2}B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial \Sigma^2} + a \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \Sigma} = 0. \quad (1.12)$$

After integrating twice, we have

$$V_0(S, \Sigma, t) = -c_1(S, t) \frac{B^2}{2a} e^{-\frac{2a}{B^2}\Sigma} + c_2(S, t), \quad (1.13)$$

with terminal condition $V_0(S, \Sigma, T) = P(S) = \max(S - K, 0)$.

This solution should also satisfy the following limits:¹

$$\lim_{\Sigma \rightarrow 0} V_0(S, \Sigma, t) = \max(S - K, 0) \cdot e^{-r(T-t)}, \quad (1.14)$$

and

$$\lim_{\Sigma \rightarrow \infty} V_0(S, \Sigma, t) = S, \quad (1.15)$$

which gives $c_2(S, t)$ and

$$c_1(S, t) = \frac{2a}{B^2} \left(c_2(S, t) - \max(S - K, 0) \cdot e^{-r(T-t)} \right) = \frac{2a}{B^2} \left(S - \max(S - K, 0) \cdot e^{-r(T-t)} \right).$$

The solution of the $\mathcal{O}(1)$ equation (1.12) thus becomes

$$V_0(S, \Sigma, t) = \left(\max(S - K, 0) \cdot e^{-r(T-t)} - S \right) e^{-\frac{2a}{B^2}\Sigma} + S. \quad (1.16)$$

The $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ equation is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_1}{\partial \Sigma^2} + a \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial \Sigma} = 0. \quad (1.17)$$

After integrating twice, again we have

$$V_1(S, \Sigma, t) = -c_3(S, t) \frac{B^2}{2a} e^{-\frac{2a}{B^2}\Sigma} + c_4(S, t). \quad (1.18)$$

Now the terminal condition is given by $V_1(S, \Sigma, T) = 0$.

Also we know that

$$\lim_{\Sigma \rightarrow 0} V_1 = 0, \quad (1.19)$$

and

$$\lim_{\Sigma \rightarrow \infty} V_1 = 0, \quad (1.20)$$

such that $c_4(S, t) = 0$ and $c_3(S, t) = 0$, and thus the solution of the $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ equation (1.17) is given by

$$V_1(S, \Sigma, t) = 0. \quad (1.21)$$

The $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$ equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial V_0}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \Sigma^2} + rS \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial S} + a \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial \Sigma} - rV_0 = 0. \quad (1.22)$$

Now that we know the $\mathcal{O}(1)$ solution V_0 , we can substitute it, such that the $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$ equation becomes²

$$\frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_2}{\partial \Sigma^2} + a \frac{\partial V_2}{\partial \Sigma} = \left(-2 \max(S - K, 0) e^{-r(T-t)} + S H(S - K) e^{-r(T-t)} - S \right) r e^{-\frac{2a}{B^2}\Sigma} + 1.$$

!SOLUTION: MAYBE NOT NECESSARY FOR OUTER EXPANSION?!

¹This can be explained by considering the case $\Sigma = 0$, which also causes $d\Sigma = 0$. The SDE now becomes $dS = \mu S dt$, which is deterministic, with terminal condition $V(S, T) = \max(S - K, 0)$. And when we take a look at the case $\Sigma \rightarrow \infty$ in the exact Black-Scholes solution, we get $V \rightarrow S$.

²Here $H(\cdot)$ is the **Heaviside function**.

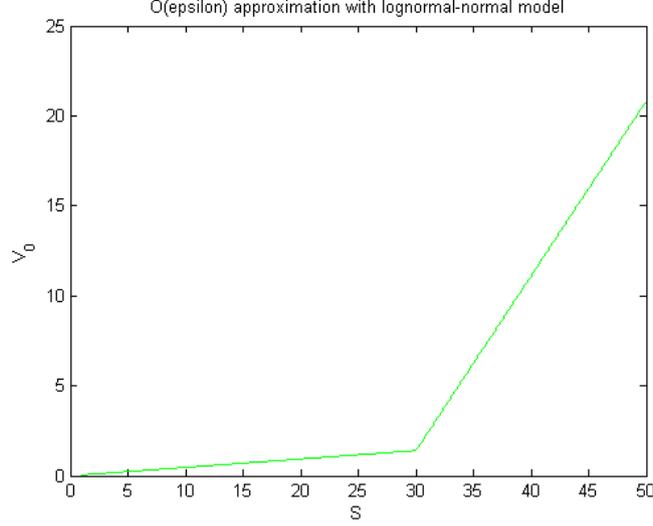


Figure 1: The $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ approximation $V_0 + \varepsilon V_1$.

1.3 Inner expansion

In order to create an interior boundary layer near $S = K$, we introduce a local variable

$$x = \frac{S - K}{\varepsilon^\alpha K}, \quad (1.23)$$

such that we can replace S by $K(1 + \varepsilon^\alpha x)$.

The partial differential equation (1.11) now becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{3-2\alpha} \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \varepsilon^{3-\alpha} x^2 \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^3 x^2 \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Sigma^2} + \varepsilon^{3-\alpha} \Sigma B \rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial \Sigma} \\ + \varepsilon^3 \Sigma B \rho x \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial \Sigma} + \varepsilon^{2-\alpha} r \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \varepsilon^2 r x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + (a - \varepsilon^3 \lambda B \Sigma) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Sigma} - \varepsilon^2 r V = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Maximum balance gives $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}$, such that we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} x^2 \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^3 x^2 \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \Sigma^2} + \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} \Sigma B \rho \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial \Sigma} \\ + \varepsilon^3 \Sigma B \rho x \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x \partial \Sigma} + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} r \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \varepsilon^2 r x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + (a - \varepsilon^3 \lambda B \Sigma) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Sigma} - \varepsilon^2 r V = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we expand $V_\varepsilon = V_0 + \sqrt{\varepsilon} V_1 + \varepsilon V_2 + \dots$, the $\mathcal{O}(1)$ equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{2} \Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial \Sigma^2} + a \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \Sigma} = 0, \quad (1.24)$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$\lim_{\Sigma \rightarrow 0} V_0(x, \Sigma, t) = \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} \max(x, 0) e^{-r(T-t)}, \quad (1.25)$$

$$\lim_{\Sigma \rightarrow \infty} V_0(x, \Sigma, t) = K(1 + \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} x), \quad (1.26)$$

and terminal condition

$$V_0(x, \Sigma, T) = \varepsilon^{\frac{3}{2}} K \max(x, 0). \quad (1.27)$$

For notational reasons, we rewrite equation (1.24)

$$\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial \sigma^2} + a \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \sigma} = 0. \quad (1.28)$$

To solve this, we use separation of variables, writing

$$V_0 = X(x)Y(\sigma). \quad (1.29)$$

After substitution into equation (1.28), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 X''(x)Y(\sigma) + \frac{1}{2} B^2 X(x)Y''(\sigma) + aX(x)Y'(\sigma) = 0, \quad (1.30)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{B^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{Y''(\sigma)}{Y(\sigma)} - \frac{2a}{\sigma^2} \frac{Y'(\sigma)}{Y(\sigma)} = k. \quad (1.31)$$

So we have to solve the following two ODEs:

$$\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = k, \quad (1.32)$$

$$-\frac{B^2}{\sigma^2} \frac{Y''(\sigma)}{Y(\sigma)} - \frac{2a}{\sigma^2} \frac{Y'(\sigma)}{Y(\sigma)} = k. \quad (1.33)$$

The solution of the first ODE (1.32) for $X(x)$ is given by

$$X(x) = z_1 \sinh(\sqrt{k}x) + z_2 \cosh(\sqrt{k}x), \quad \text{with } z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.34)$$

The solution of the ODE for $Y(\sigma)$ can be found by constructing a power series in σ

$$Y(\sigma) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sigma^n, \quad (1.35)$$

First we rewrite the ODE (1.33) as

$$B^2 Y''(\sigma) + 2aY'(\sigma) + k\sigma^2 Y(\sigma) = 0, \quad (1.36)$$

which after substitution of the series (1.35) becomes

$$B^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)c_n \sigma^{n-2} + 2a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n c_n \sigma^{n-1} + k\sigma^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sigma^n = 0. \quad (1.37)$$

Now, changing coefficients so all powers are the same, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((n+2)B^2 c_{n+2} + 2a c_n) (n+1) \sigma^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} k c_{n-2} \sigma^n = 0. \quad (1.38)$$

For $n = 0$ and $n = 1$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} n = 0: \quad 2B^2c_2 + 2ac_0 &= 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{a}{B^2}c_0, \\ n = 1: \quad (6B^2c_3 + 4ac_1)\sigma &= 0 \Rightarrow c_3 = -\frac{2a}{3B^2}c_1, \end{aligned}$$

and for $n > 1$ we have the following recurrency relation:

$$(n+1)(n+2)B^2c_{n+2} + 2ac_n(n+1) + kc_{n-2} = 0 \Rightarrow c_{n+2} = -\frac{2a}{(n+2)B^2} - \frac{kc_{n-2}}{(n+1)(n+2)B^2}.$$

!BCs? GENERAL SOLUTION?!

The $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$ equation is given by

$$\frac{1}{2}\Sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2}B^2 \frac{\partial^2 V_1}{\partial \Sigma^2} + r \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial x} + a \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \Sigma} = 0. \quad (1.39)$$

!SOLUTION?!

1.4 Matching

References

A List of symbols

Greek symbols

- Γ : Second order derivative of the option price, one of the Greeks.
- γ : Parameter in the CEV model.
- Δ : First order derivative of the option price, one of the Greeks.
- δ : Dividend.
- ε : Stretching parameter.
- μ_t : Drift.
- σ_t : Volatility.

Latin symbols

- B_t : Bond price.
- K : Strike price.
- $N(\cdot)$: Standard normal cumulative distribution function, $N(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz$.
- $N(\mu, \sigma)$: Normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 .
- $n(\cdot)$: Standard normal probability density function, $n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$.
- $P(S)$: Payoff.
- r_t : Risk-free interest rate.
- S_t : Stock price.
- T : Expiry time.
- t : Time.
- V : General option price.
- V^{call} : Price of a call option.
- V^{put} : Price of a put option.
- W_t : Wiener Process.