

# Black Scholes PDE Derivation

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SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
(* set directory where source files are located *)
SetOptions[EvaluationNotebook[], (* load the StyleSheet *)
  StyleDefinitions -> Get["NTGStylesheet2.nb"]];
Get["NTGUtilityFunctions.m"]; (* Load utilities package *)
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## Classic derivation of the Black-Scholes PDE

The following derivation is sufficiently simple that *Mathematica* is not really warranted. It can be performed in a few minutes with pen and paper.

Nonetheless, it is worthwhile to illustrate the *Mathematica* techniques involved since this derivation of this PDE is the template other financially relevant partial differential equations for which considerably more symbolic manipulation is required.

Assume that  $S$  follows a drifted geometric Brownian motion stochastic process

$$\text{sde}[S] = dS/S == \mu dt + \sigma dz$$

$$\frac{dS}{S} == dt \mu + dz \sigma$$

We seek to develop a partial differential equation for the contingent claim  $F(S, t)$ . Start by developing a power series expansion for  $F$ .

**w1[1] = F[S, t] == Series[F[S, t], {S, S0, 2}, {t, t0, 1}] // Normal**

$$F[S, t] == F[S0, t0] + (t - t0) F^{(0,1)}[S0, t0] + (S - S0) (F^{(1,0)}[S0, t0] + (t - t0) F^{(1,1)}[S0, t0]) + (S - S0)^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} F^{(2,0)}[S0, t0] + \frac{1}{2} (t - t0) F^{(2,1)}[S0, t0] \right)$$

Introduce some simplifying variables. The last replacement is made to convert the equation into an expression. Then operations can be performed on a single expression, as opposed to performing identical operations on the expressions on both sides an equation.

**w1[2] =**

**w1[1] /. {F[S, t] → dF + F[S0, t0], S → dS + S0, t → dt + t0} /. Equal → Subtract**

$$dF - dt F^{(0,1)}[S0, t0] - dS (F^{(1,0)}[S0, t0] + dt F^{(1,1)}[S0, t0]) - dS^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} F^{(2,0)}[S0, t0] + \frac{1}{2} dt F^{(2,1)}[S0, t0] \right)$$

**w1[3] = w1[2] /. Solve[sde[S], dS][[1, 1]]**

$$dF - dt F^{(0,1)}[S0, t0] - S (dt \mu + dz \sigma) (F^{(1,0)}[S0, t0] + dt F^{(1,1)}[S0, t0]) - S^2 (dt \mu + dz \sigma)^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} F^{(2,0)}[S0, t0] + \frac{1}{2} dt F^{(2,1)}[S0, t0] \right)$$

Introduce the diffusive ordering consistent with Ito. Here  $\epsilon \ll 1$

**w1[4] = w1[3] /. dt → ε dt /. dz → ε<sup>1/2</sup> dz /. S0 → S /. t0 → t**

$$dF - dt \epsilon F^{(0,1)}[S, t] - S (dt \epsilon \mu + dz \sqrt{\epsilon} \sigma) (F^{(1,0)}[S, t] + dt \epsilon F^{(1,1)}[S, t]) - S^2 (dt \epsilon \mu + dz \sqrt{\epsilon} \sigma)^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} F^{(2,0)}[S, t] + \frac{1}{2} dt \epsilon F^{(2,1)}[S, t] \right)$$

Introduce the Ito ordering and truncate the expansion

**w1[5] = ExpandAll[w1[4]] /. ε<sup>n\_/; n>1</sup> → 0 /. ε → 1 /. dz<sup>2</sup> → dt**

$$dF - dt F^{(0,1)}[S, t] - dt S \mu F^{(1,0)}[S, t] - dz S \sigma F^{(1,0)}[S, t] - \frac{1}{2} dt S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t]$$

Form a hedge portfolio by adding an amount  $\Delta$  of the underlier  $P = F + \Delta S$ . The rate of change of this portfolio under the same ordering is

**w1[6] = dP == dF + Δ dS /. Solve[sde[S], dS][[1, 1]] /. dt → ε dt /. dz → ε<sup>1/2</sup> dz /. ε<sup>n\_/; n>1</sup> → 0 /. ε → 1**

$$dP == dF + S \Delta (dt \mu + dz \sigma)$$

In detail

$$w1[7] = w1[6] /. \text{Solve}[w1[5] == 0, dF][[1, 1]]$$

$$dP = S \Delta (dt \mu + dz \sigma) + \frac{1}{2} (2 dt F^{(0,1)}[S, t] + 2 dt S \mu F^{(1,0)}[S, t] + 2 dz S \sigma F^{(1,0)}[S, t] + dt S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t])$$

or

$$w1[8] = w1[7][[1]] == \text{Collect}[\text{ExpandAll}[w1[7][[2]]], \{dt, dz\}]$$

$$dP = dz (S \Delta \sigma + S \sigma F^{(1,0)}[S, t]) + dt \left( S \Delta \mu + F^{(0,1)}[S, t] + S \mu F^{(1,0)}[S, t] + \frac{1}{2} S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t] \right)$$

We see that the stochastic risk of this portfolio can be removed by choosing  $\alpha$  such that the term multiplying  $dz$  vanishes

$$w1[9] = \text{Solve}[\text{Coefficient}[w1[8][[2]], dz] == 0, \Delta][[1, 1]]$$

$$\Delta \rightarrow -F^{(1,0)}[S, t]$$

Then the hedge portfolio is

$$w1[10] = w1[8] /. w1[9]$$

$$dP = dt \left( F^{(0,1)}[S, t] + \frac{1}{2} S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t] \right)$$

Notice the remarkable feature that this expression does not depend on the drift  $\mu$ . The assumption is then made that the portfolio should grow according to the risk free interest rate. The contingent claim  $F$  grows at rate  $r$ , but the stock hedge must be adjusted for the dividend yield.

$$w1[11] = dP == (r F[S, t] + (r - q) \Delta S) dt$$

$$dP = dt ((-q + r) S \Delta + r F[S, t])$$

or

$$w1[12] = w1[11] /. w1[9]$$

$$dP = dt (r F[S, t] - (-q + r) S F^{(1,0)}[S, t])$$

Combining these two expressions for  $dP$

$$w1[13] = w1[10] /. (w1[12] /. \text{Equal} \rightarrow \text{Rule})$$

$$dt (r F[S, t] - (-q + r) S F^{(1,0)}[S, t]) = dt \left( F^{(0,1)}[S, t] + \frac{1}{2} S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t] \right)$$

or

w1[14] = w1[13] /. Equal → Subtract /. dt → 1

$$r F[S, t] - F^{(0,1)}[S, t] - (-q + r) S F^{(1,0)}[S, t] - \frac{1}{2} S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t]$$

Let's reverse the sign and form an equation.

w1[15] = -w1[14] == 0

$$-r F[S, t] + F^{(0,1)}[S, t] + (-q + r) S F^{(1,0)}[S, t] + \frac{1}{2} S^2 \sigma^2 F^{(2,0)}[S, t] == 0$$

Introduce a subscript notation for the partial derivatives

w1[16] =

w1[15] /. {F<sup>(0,1)</sup>[S, t] → F<sub>t</sub>[S, t], F<sup>(1,0)</sup>[S, t] → F<sub>S</sub>[S, t], F<sup>(2,0)</sup>[S, t] → F<sub>SS</sub>[S, t]}

$$-r F[S, t] + (-q + r) S F_S[S, t] + \frac{1}{2} S^2 \sigma^2 F_{SS}[S, t] + F_t[S, t] == 0$$

and we have the classical Black Scholes PDE. This can be display in more standard mathematical notation

w1[16] // PhysicsForm

$$S(r - q) F_S(S, t) - r F(S, t) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 F_{SS}(S, t) + F_t(S, t) = 0$$