

Some Useful Formulas

1. Forward Pricing and Value:

$$F_t = S_t e^{r(T-t)} = S_t(1+R); \quad V_t = (F_t - F_0)e^{-r(T-t)}, \quad (\text{long/buy position});$$

where r and R are the continuous and simple interest rates, respectively over time $[t, T]$. In general,

$$F_t = (S_t + C - Y)e^{r(T-t)} = (S_t + C - Y)(1+R),$$

where C is the PV of cost of carry and Y the value of convenience yield. For stocks or stock indices, $F_t = (S_t - D)e^{r(T-t)} = S_t e^{(r-d)(T-t)}$, where D is the PV of dividends and d the dividend yield rate.

2. Optimal Hedge Ratio:

$$h = -\rho_{SF} \frac{\sigma_S}{\sigma_F} = -\frac{\sigma_{SF}}{\sigma_F^2} = -\alpha_1 = -\beta,$$

where σ_S and σ_F are the stds, ρ_{SF} and σ_{SF} are the corr. and cov.; and β are slopes of

$$\text{price regression:} \quad \Delta_{S,t} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \Delta_{F,t} + \epsilon_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T,$$

$$\text{return regression:} \quad \tilde{R}_{pt} - r = \alpha + \beta(\tilde{R}_{S\&P500,t} - r) + \tilde{\epsilon}_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, T.$$

R^2 assesses the effectiveness of hedging; $N_F = -hN_S$ or $hN_S \times P/F = h \times \text{value of port/futures price}$ (N_F should be divided by contract size in practice, and be reduced if there is natural hedge).

3. Forward Rate and Yields:

$$(1+R_2)^2 = (1+R_1)(1+f_1); \quad \text{PV} = \frac{C}{1+y} + \frac{C}{(1+y)^2} + \dots + \frac{C}{(1+y)^T} + \frac{F}{(1+y)^T}.$$

4. Duration and Convexity:

$$\frac{dB}{B} \approx -D_m \times dy + \text{Convexity} \times (dy)^2,$$

i.e., % change of a bond's value is approximately the modified duration times yield change (1st-order accuracy), and $-D_m \times dy$ plus Convexity times yield change squared (2nd-order accuracy), where

$$D_m = \frac{D}{1+y}, \quad D = \left[\frac{1 \times C}{1+y} + \frac{2 \times C}{(1+y)^2} + \dots + \frac{n \times C}{(1+y)^n} + \frac{n \times F}{(1+y)^n} \right] / B.$$

5. Hedging Bonds by Duration :

$$h = \frac{P(D^* - D_F)}{D_F F}, \quad (D^* \text{ is the desired duration}).$$

6. Currency Forwards Pricing :

$$F_t = S_t e^{(r_d - r_f)(T-t)} = S_t \frac{1+R_d}{1+R_f}; \quad E(S_T) = F_t \approx S_t \frac{1+I_d}{1+I_f},$$

where r_d and r_f are the domestic and foreign risk-free interest rates (interest rate parity and PPP).

7. Put-Call Parity:

$$S + P = C + \text{PV}(X), \quad \text{PV}(X) = X e^{-rT} = X/(1+R).$$

8. Binomial Model:

$$S_u = (1+u)S, \quad S_d = (1+d)S; \quad p \times (1+u)S + (1-p) \times (1+d)S = (1+r)S$$

$$p = \frac{r-d}{u-d}; \quad C = \frac{pC_u + (1-p)C_d}{1+r}; \quad \Delta = \frac{C_u - C_d}{S(u-d)}, \quad B = \frac{(1+u)C_d - (1+d)C_u}{(u-d)(1+r)}.$$

9. Black-Scholes Formula:

$$C = S N(d_1) - X e^{-rT} N(d_2), \quad \text{Long Call} = \text{Long Underlying Asset} + \text{Borrowing (RePort)};$$

$$P = X e^{-rT} N(-d_2) - S N(-d_1); \quad d_1 = [\ln(S/X) + (r + \sigma^2/2)T] / \sqrt{\sigma^2 T}, \quad d_2 = d_1 - \sqrt{\sigma^2 T}.$$