

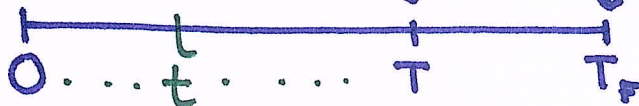
Options on Futures

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Calls/Puts on Futures Contracts

expiration
date T

delivery
date T_F



Always: $T \leq T_F$

It's possible to have $T = T_F$
(in particular, if the option is American).

If the option is exercised @ time t :

• IF it's a call, then the owner of the call:

- * takes a long position in the underlying futures contract
- * gets $(F_{t, T_F} - K)_+$

• IF it's a put, then the owner of the put:

- * takes a short position in the underlying futures contract
- * gets $(K - F_{t, T_F})_+$

Focus on a pair of a European call & put

- on the same futures contract
- w/ strike K , and
- w/ exercise date T

Build the following portfolio:

- LONG futures call
- WRITTEN futures put

⇒ The portfolio's payoff is

$$(F_{T,T_F} - K)_+ - (K - F_{T,T_F})_+ =$$

$$= \begin{cases} F_{T,T_F} - K & \text{if } F_{T,T_F} \geq K \\ -K + F_{T,T_F} & \text{if } F_{T,T_F} < K \end{cases}$$

$$= F_{T,T_F} - K$$

w/ a LONG position in the futures contract.

Temporarily, focus on futures on market indices.

In this case: Futures prices = forward prices

$$\Rightarrow F_{T, T_F}(S) = S(T) e^{(r-s)(T_F-T)}$$

constant: can be interpreted
as a number of shares

\Rightarrow The time-0 cost of the above # of shares to be delivered @ time T is

$$\begin{aligned} F_{0, T}^P(S) \cdot e^{(r-s)(T_F-T)} &= \\ &= S(0) e^{-s \cdot T} e^{(r-s)(T_F-T)} \\ &= \underbrace{S(0) e^{-s \cdot T} e^{(r-s) \cdot T_F}}_{F_{0, T_F}(S)} \cdot e^{-r \cdot T} \cdot \cancel{e^{s \cdot T}} \\ &= F_{0, T_F}(S) \cdot e^{-r \cdot T} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow In this case:

$$V_C(0) - V_P(0) = \underbrace{F_{0, T_F}(S)}_{\text{wavy underline}} \cdot e^{-r \cdot T} - K e^{-r \cdot T}$$

We will generalize the above to all futures contracts. We get the put-call parity

$$V_C(0) - V_P(0) = e^{-r \cdot T} (F_{0, T_F} - K)$$

Recall the "vanilla" put-call parity for options on cont. div. paying stocks:

$$\begin{aligned}V_c(0) - V_p(0) &= F_{0,T}^P(S) - PV_{0,T}(K) \\ &= \underline{S(0)} e^{-\delta \cdot T} - K e^{-r \cdot T}\end{aligned}$$

Analogy: futures contracts \leftrightarrow cont. dividend stocks
 $\textcircled{r} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \delta$

Note: Call & Put are @ the money
 \Leftrightarrow

$$V_c(0) = V_p(0)$$

Option on Currencies.

- underlying asset... foreign currency (FC)
- asset price ... the EXCHANGE RATE:
 $x(t), t \geq 0$ (from FC to DC)

- r_D ... ccrfir for DC
- r_F ... ccrfir for FC

Prepaid forward



Prepaid Forward:

$$F_{0,T}^P(x)$$

1 unit of FC

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Outright

Purchase: buy $e^{-r_F \cdot T}$ units

1 unit of FC

Cost: $x(0)e^{-r_F \cdot T}$

$$\Rightarrow F_{0,T}^P(x) = x(0)e^{-r_F \cdot T} \dots \text{DC-denominated}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{0,T}(x) = x(0)e^{(r_D - r_F) \cdot T}$$

Recall: continuous dividend-paying stocks

$$F_{0,T}^P(S) = S(0)e^{-\delta \cdot T}$$

$$F_{0,T}(S) = S(0)e^{(r - \delta) \cdot T}$$

Analogy: exchange rate \leftrightarrow cont. dividend stocks

$$r_F \leftrightarrow \delta$$

$$r_D \leftrightarrow r$$

For European calls & put

w/ the same strike K & exercise date T :

Payoffs: $V_c(T) = (x(T) - K)_+$

and $V_p(T) = (K - x(T))_+$

Goal: Put-call Parity for currency options.

Build: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{long call} \\ \cdot \text{written put} \end{array} \right.$

\Rightarrow Payoff of the portfolio is $x(T) - K$.

$\Rightarrow V_c(0) - V_p(0) = x(0)e^{-r_f \cdot T} - Ke^{-r_b \cdot T}$

Put-Call Parity