

# Financial Mathematics

## Testing the Black-Scholes formula

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PRESENT  
FORMULA

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version zero of Black-Scholes

PRESENT FORMULA  
TIME NORMALIZED

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output:  $S_0[\Phi(d_+)] - [Ke^{-r_* T}][\Phi(d_-)]$

second version of Black-Scholes

NEUTRAL  
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forward price on stock  
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forward price on option

third version of Black-Scholes

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$T = 30/365$       **Assume:** Initial price = \$1/share.  
 $r = r_* T$        $S_0 = 1$   
 $\sigma = \sigma_* \sqrt{T}$        $K = 1$        $T = 30/365$

$$K = 1$$

$$K' = \frac{K}{e^r}$$

$$d_+ = \frac{\ln(S_0/K')}{\sigma} + \frac{r}{\sigma} \quad \text{vol} = 0.200002881086$$

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$$r = r_* T = 0.00259199999014$$

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The option is (bogus) "at the money".

Whenever  $S_0 = K$ ,  
 $\ln(S_0/K') = r$

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$\text{BISch}(T, \sigma_*, r_*, S_0, K) :=$

$$S_0 \left[ \Phi \left( \frac{[\ln(S_0/K)] + r_*T + \frac{\sigma_*\sqrt{T}}{2}}{\sigma_*\sqrt{T}} \right) \right] - [Ke^{-r_*T}] \left[ \Phi \left( \frac{[\ln(S_0/K)] + r_*T - \frac{\sigma_*\sqrt{T}}{2}}{\sigma_*\sqrt{T}} \right) \right]$$

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i.e., volatility, drift and risk-free rates are constant.

**Fiction:** Home mortgage interest rates stay  
constant over thirty year periods.

**Nevertheless:** They're useful, because ...  
they give a way of comparing mortgages.  
**dimensionless** Similar for Black-Scholes. 

Next subtopic: Volatility smiles and skews  
and volatility surfaces

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Fix  $T$ .

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look up  $V$ , compute  $\sigma_*$  and plot  $(K, \sigma_*)$ .

The result is called

the **volatility smile** or the **volatility skew**,  
depending on whether it's  
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