# Markets for Risk Management

#### Applications of Option Pricing Theory to Insurance

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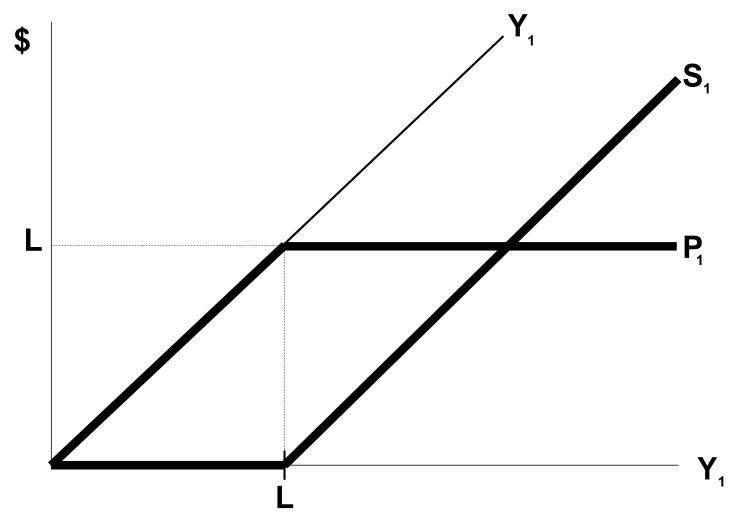
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# Economics of Limited Liability

- Assume a single period the insurer is formed at t=0, and cash flows are realized one period later (at t=1).
- $Y_0$ ,  $P_0$ , and  $S_0$  represent t=0 market values of assets, policyholder claims, and surplus, where  $Y_0 = S_0 + P_0$ .
- $Y_1, P_1$ , and  $S_1$  represent t=1 market values, where  $Y_1 = P_1 + S_1 = (S_0 + P_0)(1 + r_i), S_1$  $= Y_1 - P_1$ , and  $P_1 = L - Max[L - Y_1, 0].$

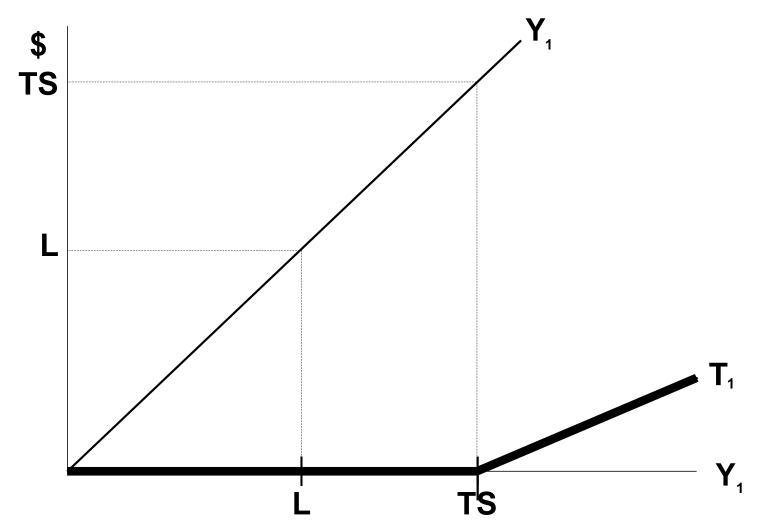
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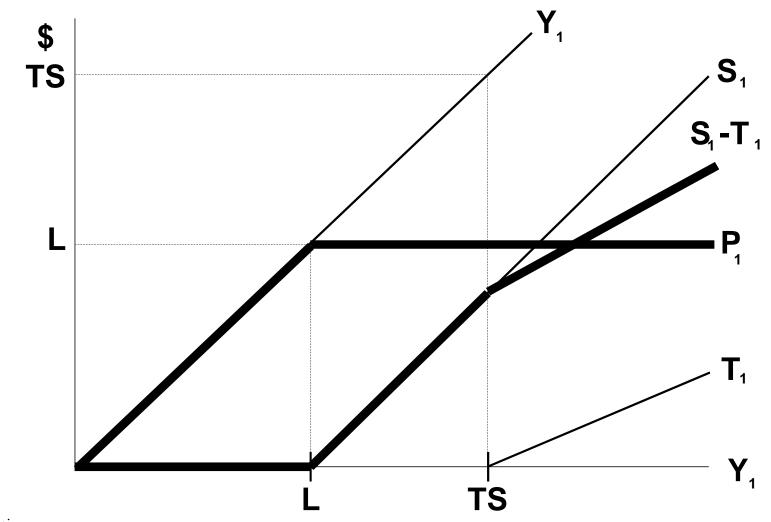
# Asymmetric Taxes

- Insurers pay taxes (at rate  $\tau$ ) on underwriting profits and the taxable portion ( $\theta$ ) of investment income; i.e.,  $T_1 = \tau[\theta(Y_1 - Y_0) + (P_0 - L)] = \tau[Y_1 - TS],$ where  $TS = L + S_0 + (1 - \theta)r_i(S_0 + P_0).$
- Furthermore, the government claims limited liability; therefore,  $T_1 = \tau Max[Y_1 TS, 0]$ .

### Asymmetric Taxes



## Limited Liability and Asymmetric Taxes



- Here, we provide an alternative derivation of the Black-Scholes-Merton call and put option pricing formulas using an *integration* rather than *differential equations* approach.
- The integration approach clarifies the economics and mathematics of option pricing theory and conveys a deeper and better *intuitive* understanding of option pricing theory and its applications using basic calculus and statistics.
- Comparative statics are also derived.

#### Risk Neutral Valuation Relationship

- <u>Definition</u>: A risk-neutral valuation relationship (*RNVR*) exists if the relationship between the price of an derivative security (e.g., an option) and the price of its underlying asset does not depend upon investor risk preferences.
- Black-Scholes-Merton's (BSM's) *key* insight was that by dynamically hedging a long (short) call with a short (long) stock position, investors create riskless hedge portfolios which imply a specific type of *RNVR*.
  - Given this *RNVR*, for a given price of the underlying stock, there exists a unique value for the option that is implied by the *RNVR*.
- An alternative path to an *RNVR* involves imposing restrictions on investor preferences and asset price distributions; here, we focus our attention on the dynamic hedging path chosen by BSM.

• Black and Scholes assume that stock prices change continuously according to the Geometric Brownian Motion equation; i.e.,

$$dS = \mu S dt + \sigma S dz. \tag{1}$$

where  $dz = \varepsilon \sqrt{dt}$ ,  $\epsilon$  is a standard normal random variable, dS is the stock price change per dt time unit, S is the current stock price,  $\mu$  is the expected return, and  $\sigma$  represents volatility.

- At any given point in time, the value of the call option (C) depends upon the value of the underlying asset; i.e., C = C(S,t).
- Ito's Lemma justifies the use of a Taylor-series-like expansion for the differential *dC*:

$$dC = \frac{\partial C}{\partial t}dt + \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}dS + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2}dS^2.$$
 (2)

• Since  $dS^2 = S^2 \sigma^2 dt$ , substituting for  $dS^2$  in equation yields equation:

$$dC = \frac{\partial C}{\partial t}dt + \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}dS + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2}dt.$$
 (3)

• 
$$V = C(S, t) - \Delta_t S$$
, implying that  
 $dV = dC - \Delta_t dS = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2}\right) dt}_{\text{deterministic}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial S} - \Delta_t\right) dS}_{\text{stochastic}}.$ 
(4)

• If 
$$\partial C/\partial S = \Delta_t$$
, then

$$dV = dC - \Delta_t dS = \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2}\right) dt.$$
 (5)

• In order to prevent arbitrage, the hedge portfolio must earn the riskless rate of interest *r*; i.e.,

$$dV = rVdt.$$
 (6)

•  $\Delta_t = \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}$  implies that  $V = C - \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}S$ . Substituting  $C - \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}S$  in place of V on the right-hand side of equation (6) and equating this with the right-hand side of equation (5), we obtain:

$$r\left(C - S\frac{\partial C}{\partial S}\right)dt = \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2}\right)dt.$$
 (7)

#### The Black-Scholes-Merton RNVR

• Dividing both sides of equation (7) by *dt* and rearranging results in the Black-Scholes-Merton (non-stochastic) partial differential equation:

$$rC = \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2} + rS \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}.$$
 (8)

- Equation (8) shows that the valuation relationship between a call option and its underlying asset is *deterministic*.
  - Since risk preferences play no role in equation (8), this implies that the price of a call option can be calculated *as if* investors are *risk neutral*.
- Today's call option price (C) must satisfy equation (8), subject to the constraint (or "boundary condition") that  $C_t = Max[S_t X, 0]$ .

#### Solving the Black-Scholes-Merton RNVR for the option price

• Black-Scholes transform equation (8) into a heat transfer equation and employ a solution procedure from a textbook on applications of Fourier series to boundary value problems in engineering and physics, resulting in the following equation for the value of a European call option on a (non-dividend paying) stock:

$$C = SN(d_1) - Xe^{-rt}N(d_2),$$
(9)

where

$$\begin{split} d_1 &= \frac{\ln(S/X) + (r + .5\sigma^2)t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}};\\ d_2 &= d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t};\\ \sigma^2 &= \text{variance of underlying asset's rate of return; and}\\ N(z) &= \text{standard normal distribution function evaluated}\\ \text{at } z. \end{split}$$

• The value today (C) of a European call option that pays  $C_t = Max[S_t - X, 0]$  at date t is given by the following equation:

$$C = V(C_t) = V(Max[S_t - X, 0]).$$
 (10)

The valuation operator  $V(\cdot)$  determines the call option price by discounting the *risk neutral* expected value of the option's payoff at expiration  $(\hat{E}(C_t))$  at the riskless rate of interest:

$$C = e^{-rt} \hat{E}(C_t) = e^{-rt} \int_X^\infty (S_t - X) \hat{h}(S_t) dS_t,$$
 (11)

where  $\hat{h}(S_t)$  represents the risk neutral lognormal density function of  $S_t$ .

• We'll start by calculating the expected value of  $C_t$  ( $E(C_t)$ ), rather than its *risk neutral* expected value ( $\hat{E}(C_t)$ ):

$$E(C_t) = E[Max(S_t - X, 0)] = \int_X^\infty (S_t - X)h(S_t)dS_t,$$
 (12)

where  $h(S_t)$  represents  $S_t$ 's lognormal density function.

• Statistical Note: The main difference between the  $\hat{h}(S_t)$  and  $h(S_t)$  density functions is that the location parameter for  $h(S_t)$  is  $\mu t$ , whereas it is  $(r - .5\sigma^2)t$  for  $\hat{h}(S_t)$  This is conceptually similar to the relationship between the *actual* probability of an "up" move in the binomial model compared with the corresponding *risk neutral* probability of an "up" move.

• Next, we evaluate the integral given by equation (12) by rewriting it as the difference between two integrals:

$$E(C_t) = \int_X^{\infty} S_t h(S_t) dS_t - X \int_X^{\infty} h(S_t) dS_t = E_X(S_t) - X e^{-rt} [1 - H(X)].$$
(13)

• Next, we define the *t*-period lognormally distributed price ratio as  $R_t = S_t/S$ . Thus,  $S_t = S(R_t)$ , and we rewrite equation (13) as

$$E(C_t) = S \int_{X/S}^{\infty} R_t g(R_t) dR_t - X \int_{X/S}^{\infty} g(R_t) dR_t$$
  
=  $SE_{X/S}(R_t) - X[1 - G(X/S)],$  (14)

- Next, consider the partial expected value of the terminal stock price,  $SE_{X/S}(R_t)$ . Note that:
  - $R_t = e^{kt}$ , where k is the rate of return on the underlying asset per unit of time.
  - $\ln(R_t) = kt$  is normally distributed with density f(kt), mean  $\mu_k t$  and variance  $\sigma_k^2 t$ .
  - Since  $g(R_t) = (1/R_t)f(kt)$  and  $dR_t = e^{kt}tdk$ , it follows that  $R_tg(R_t)dR_t = e^{kt}f(kt)tdk$ ; thus,

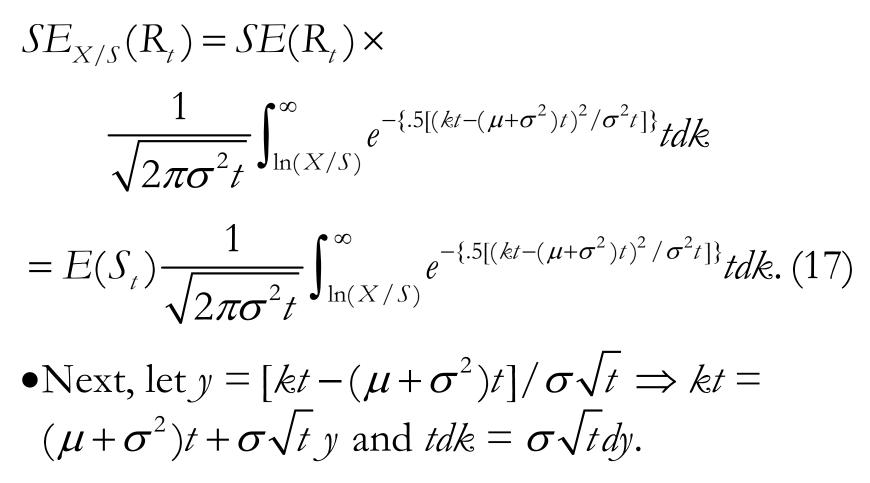
$$SE_{X/S}(R_t) = S \int_{\ln(X/S)}^{\infty} e^{kt} f(kt) t dk$$
  
=  $S \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 t}} \int_{\ln(X/S)}^{\infty} e^{kt} e^{-\{.5[(kt-\mu t)^2/\sigma^2 t]\}} t dk.$  (15)

#### Note that

$$e^{kt}e^{-\{.5[(kt-\mu t)^{2}/\sigma^{2}t]\}} = e^{-\{.5t[(k^{2}-2\mu k+\mu^{2}-2\sigma^{2}k)/\sigma^{2}]\}}$$
  
=  $e^{-\{.5t[(k^{2}-2\mu k+\mu^{2}-2\sigma^{2}k+\sigma^{4}-\sigma^{4})/\sigma^{2}]\}}$   
=  $e^{-\{.5t[((k-\mu-\sigma^{2})^{2}-\sigma^{4}-2\mu\sigma^{2})/\sigma^{2}]\}}$   
=  $e^{(\mu+.5\sigma^{2})t}e^{-\{.5[(kt-(\mu+\sigma^{2})t)^{2}/\sigma^{2}t]\}}.$ (16)

• In (16), 
$$e^{(\mu + .5\sigma^2)t} = E(R_t)!$$

•Therefore,



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•Thus, (18) follows:

$$SE_{X/S}(R_t) = E(S_t) \int_{\frac{\ln(X/S) - (\mu + \sigma^2)t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}}^{\infty} \left[e^{-.5y^2} / \sqrt{2\pi}\right] dy$$

$$= E(S_t) \int_{-\delta_1}^{\infty} n(y) dy = E(S_t) \int_{-\infty}^{\delta_1} n(y) dy$$
$$= E(S_t) N(\delta_1),$$

where  $N(\delta_1)$  is the standard normal distribution function evaluated at  $y = \delta_1$ .

•Next, consider  $X \int_{X/S}^{\infty} g(R_t) dR_t$  (see (14)). Since  $g(R_t) dR_t = f(kt) t dk$ , (19) obtains:  $X \int_{X/S}^{\infty} g(R_t) dR_t = X \int_{\ln(X/S)}^{\infty} f(kt) t dk$ (19)

$$= X \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{2}t}} \int_{\ln(X/S)}^{\infty} e^{-\{.5[(kt-\mu t)^{2}/\sigma^{2}t]\}} t dk.$$

• Let 
$$\chi = [kt - \mu t] / \sigma \sqrt{t} \Rightarrow kt = \mu t + \sigma \sqrt{t} \chi$$
 and  
 $tdk = \sigma \sqrt{t} d\chi \Rightarrow$  limit of integration is  
 $[\ln(X/S) - \mu t] / \sigma \sqrt{t} = -(\delta_1 - \sigma \sqrt{t}) = -\delta_2.$   
• Thus, (20) obtains:  
 $X \int_{X/S}^{\infty} g(R_t) dR_t$   
 $= X \int_{-\delta_2}^{\infty} [e^{-.5\chi^2} / \sqrt{2\pi}] d\chi$  (20)

$$= X \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(z) dz = X N(\delta_2).$$

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- Substituting (18) and (20) into (14) yields (21): E(C<sub>t</sub>) = E(S<sub>t</sub>)N(δ<sub>1</sub>) - XN(δ<sub>1</sub> - σ√t). (21)
  Since C = e<sup>-rt</sup>Ê(C<sub>t</sub>) = e<sup>-rt</sup>Ê[Max(S<sub>t</sub> - X, 0)], we need to determine risk neutral values for E(S<sub>t</sub>) and δ<sub>1</sub>.
- •Since  $(\mu + .5\sigma^2)t = rt$  in a risk neutral economy,  $\hat{E}(S_t) = Se^{rt}; \ \hat{\delta}_1 = d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/X) + (r + .5\sigma^2)t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}.$

•Substituting (21) into (11) and simplifying yields the Black-Scholes call option pricing formula:

$$C = e^{-rt} \hat{E}(C_t)$$
  
=  $e^{-rt} \left[ Se^{rt} N(d_1) - XN(d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{t}) \right]$  (22)  
=  $SN(d_1) - Xe^{-rt} N(d_2).$ 

•The put option pricing formula follows directly from the put-call parity theorem:

$$P = C + Xe^{-rt} - S$$
  
=  $SN(d_1) - Xe^{-rt}N(d_2) + Xe^{-rt} - S$   
=  $Xe^{-rt} [1 - N(d_2)] - S[1 - N(d_1)]$   
=  $Xe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - SN(-d_1).$  (23)

- •What is the call option hedge ratio  $(\partial C/\partial S)$ ; aka "delta")?
- $\frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = N(d_1) + S(\frac{\partial N(d_1)}{\partial d_1})(\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial S}) Xe^{-rt}(\frac{\partial N(d_2)}{\partial d_2})(\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial S})$

$$= N(d_1) + Sn(d_1)(\partial d_1/\partial S) - Xe^{-rt}n(d_2)(\partial d_2/\partial S)$$
(24)

Substituting  $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{t}$ ,  $\partial d_2 / \partial S = \partial d_1 / \partial S$  and  $n(d_2) = n(d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{t})$ , (25) obtains:

$$\partial C/\partial S = N(d_1) + (\partial d_1/\partial S)[Sn(d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})]$$

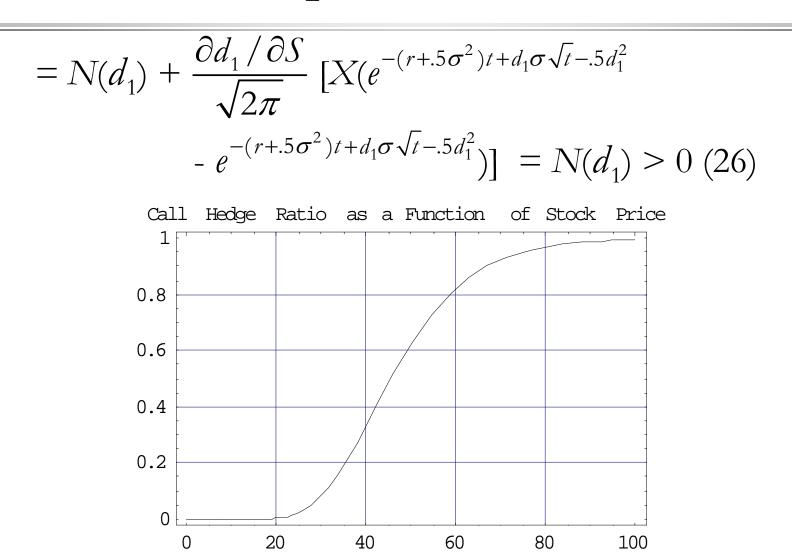
$$= N(d_1) + (\partial d_1 / \partial S) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ Se^{-.5d_1^2} - X e^{-rt} e^{-.5(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})^2} \right]$$
(25)

Since 
$$d_1 = [\ln(S/X) + (r + .5\sigma^2)t]/\sigma\sqrt{t}$$
,  $S = Xe^{d_1\sigma\sqrt{t}-(r+.5\sigma^2)t}$ . Substituting for *S* in (25)'s bracketed term yields:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = N(d_1) + \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial S} \left[ X e^{-.5d_1^2} e^{d_1 \sigma \sqrt{t} - (r + .5\sigma^2)t} - X e^{-rt} e^{-.5(d_1 - \sigma t^{.5})^2} \right] \right]$$

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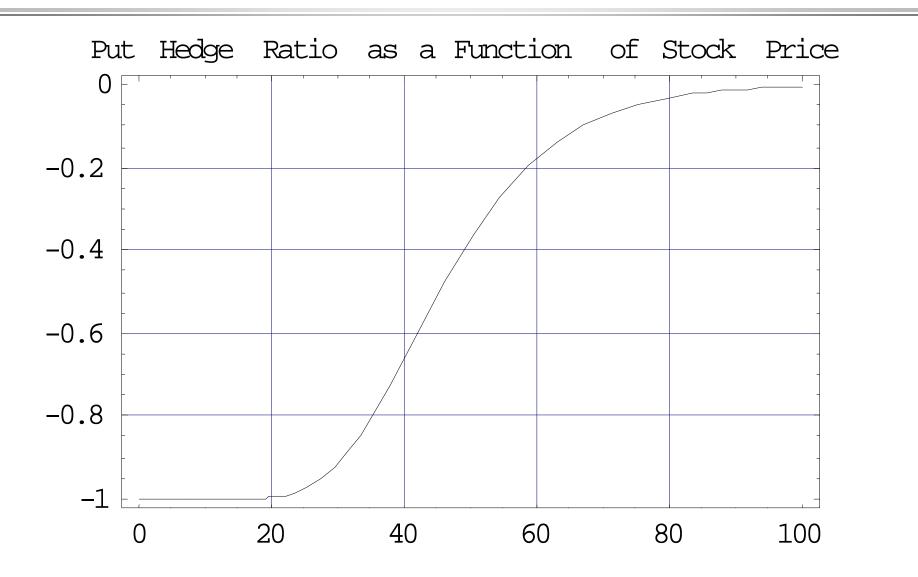
•What is the put option hedge ratio  $(\partial P/\partial S)$ ?

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial S} = -N(-d_1) + Xe^{-rt} (\partial N(-d_2)/\partial d_2)(\partial d_2/\partial S) - S(\partial N(-d_1)/\partial d_1)(\partial d_1/\partial S)$$

$$= -N(-d_1) - Xe^{-rt} n(-d_2)(\partial d_1/\partial S) + Sn(-d_1)(\partial d_1/\partial S)$$

$$= -N(-d_1) + (\partial d_1 / \partial S) [Sn(-d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(\sigma\sqrt{t} - d_1)]$$
(27)

Since 
$$Sn(-d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(\sigma\sqrt{t}-d_1) = Sn(d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t}) = 0, \partial P/\partial S = -N(-d_1) < 0.$$



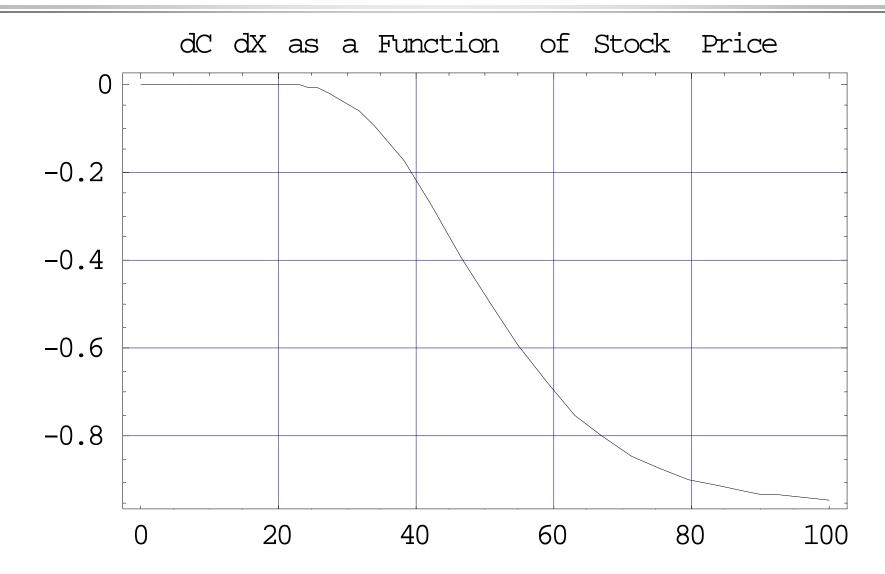
•Note that the call option delta is  $N(d_1)$ , whereas the put option delta  $-N(-d_1) = N(d_1)-1!$ 

Call Delta ( $N(d_1)$ )	Put Delta $(-N(-d_1))$
1	0
.8	2
.6	4
.4	6
.2	8
0	-1

• How about 
$$\partial C/\partial X$$
?  
 $\partial C/\partial X = -e^{-n}N(d_2) + S(\partial N(d_1)/\partial d_1)(\partial d_1/\partial X) - Xe^{-n}(\partial N(d_2)/\partial d_2)(\partial d_2/\partial X)$   
 $= -e^{-n}N(d_2) + Sn(d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial X} - Xe^{-n}n(d_2)\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial X}$  (28)  
Substituting  $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t}$ ,  $\partial d_2/\partial X = \partial d_1/\partial X$  and  $n(d_2) = n(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})$ , (29)' obtains:  
 $\partial C/\partial X = -e^{-n}N(d_2) + \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial X}[Sn(d_1) - Xe^{-n}n(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})]$   
 $= -e^{-n}N(d_2) < 0.$  (29)'

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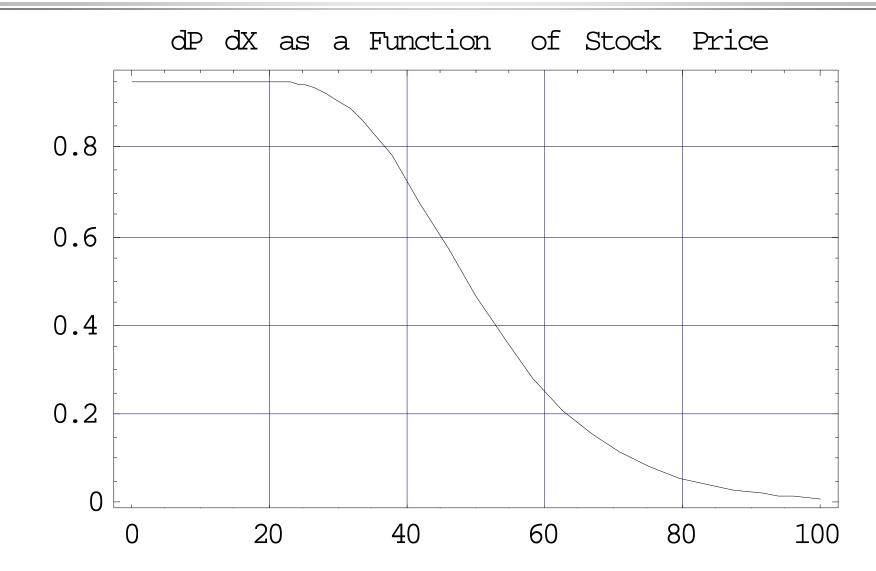
• How about  $\partial P / \partial X$ ?

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial X} = e^{-rt} N(-d_2) + X e^{-rt} \left(\frac{\partial N(-d_2)}{\partial d_2} \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial X}\right)$$
$$- S\left(\frac{\partial N(-d_1)}{\partial d_1} \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial X}\right)$$

$$= e^{-rt}N(-d_2) - Xe^{-rt}n(-d_2)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial X} + Sn(-d_1)(\partial d_1/\partial X)$$
$$= e^{-rt}N(-d_2) + (\partial d_1/\partial X)[Sn(-d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(\sigma\sqrt{t}-d_1)]$$
$$= e^{-rt}N(-d_2) > 0.$$
(30)'

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• How about  $\partial C / \partial r$  (aka "rho")?

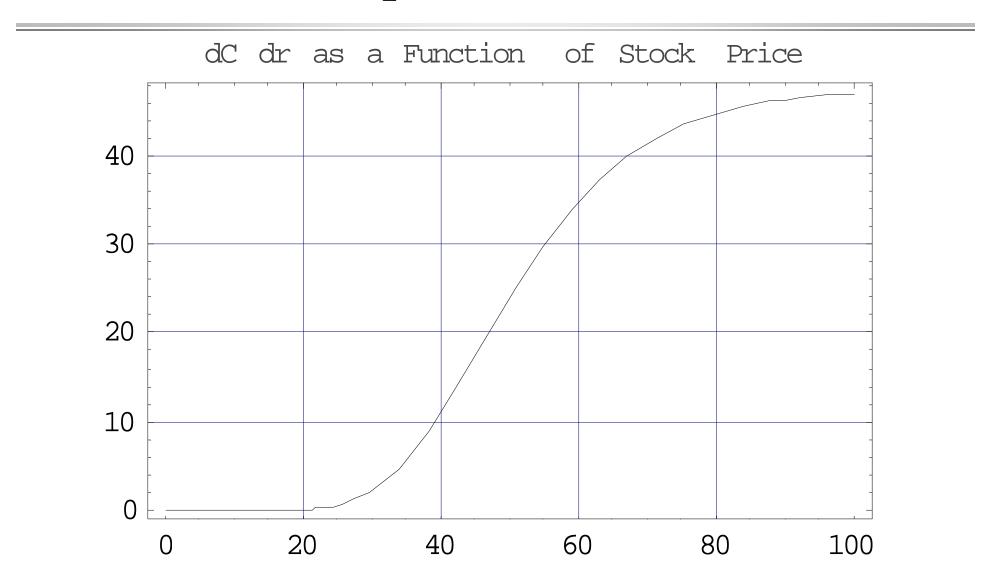
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial r} = tXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + S(\frac{\partial N(d_1)}{\partial d_1}\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r}) - Xe^{-rt}(\frac{\partial N(d_2)}{\partial d_2}\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial r})$$

$$= tXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + Sn(d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r} - Xe^{-rt}n(d_2)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r}$$

$$= tXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r}[Sn(d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})]$$

$$= tXe^{-rt}N(d_2) > 0.$$
(31)

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• How about  $\partial P/\partial r$ ?

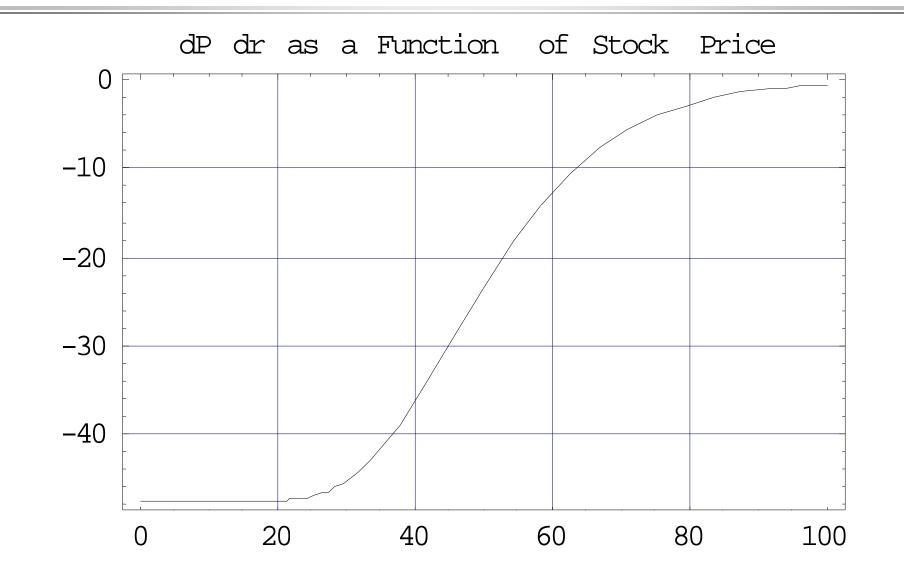
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = -tXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) + Xe^{-rt}\left(\frac{\partial N(-d_2)}{\partial d_2}\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial r}\right) - S\left(\frac{\partial N(-d_1)}{\partial d_1}\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r}\right)$$

$$= -tXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - Xe^{-rt}n(-d_2)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r} + Sn(-d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r}$$

$$= -tXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) + \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial r}[Sn(-d_1) - Xe^{-rt}n(\sigma\sqrt{t}-d_1)]$$

$$= -tXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) < 0.$$
(32)

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• How about  $\partial C / \partial t$  (aka "theta")?

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = rXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + S(\frac{\partial N(d_1)}{\partial d_1}\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}) - Xe^{-rt}(\frac{\partial N(d_2)}{\partial d_2}\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t}) \quad (33)$$

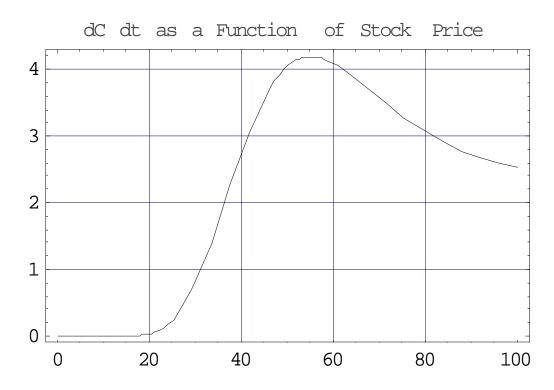
Substituting 
$$X = Se^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t}$$
 into (33),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} &= rXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + S[n(d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t} - e^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t - rt}n(d_2)\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t}] \\ &= rXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}e^{-.5d_1^2} - \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t}e^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t - rt - .5(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})^2}\right] \\ &= rXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}e^{-.5d_1^2} - \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t}e^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + rt - rt + .5\sigma^2 t - .5\sigma^2 t - .5d_1^2}\right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$= rXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + Sn(d_1)\left[\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t}\right] = rXe^{-rt}N(d_2) + Sn(d_1)\frac{.5\sigma}{\sqrt{t}}$$

Thus (as indicated in (34) above),  $\partial C / \partial t > 0$ .



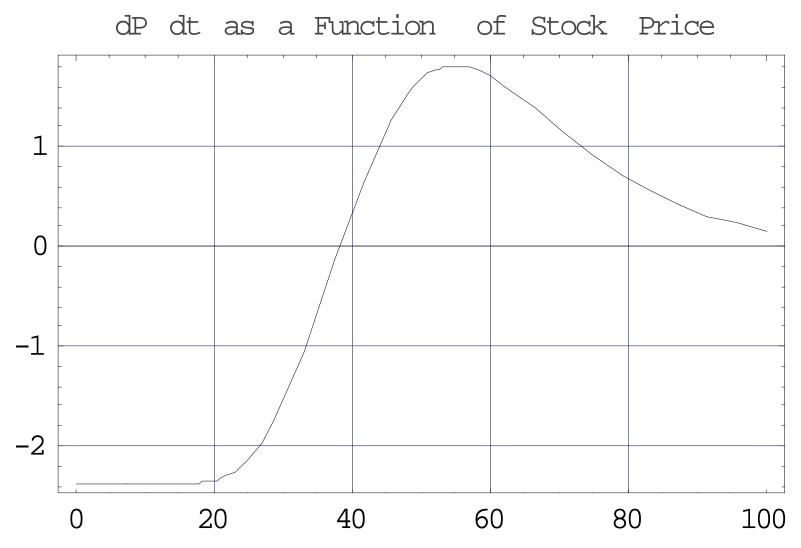
• How about  $\partial P/\partial t$ ? Consider equation (35):

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -rXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - Xe^{-rt}\left(\frac{\partial N(d_2)}{\partial d_2}\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t}\right) + S\left(\frac{\partial N(d_1)}{\partial d_1}\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}\right) (35)$$
Substituting  $X = Se^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t}$  into (35),
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -rXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - Se^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t - rt}n(d_2)\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t} + Sn(d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}$$

$$= -rXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + .5\sigma^2t - .5(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})^2}\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t} + Sn(d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}$$

$$= -rXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - Sn(d_1)\left[\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial t}\right] = -rXe^{-rt}N(-d_2) + Sn(d_1)\frac{.5\sigma}{\sqrt{t}}.$$

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• How about  $\partial C / \partial \sigma$  (aka "vega")?

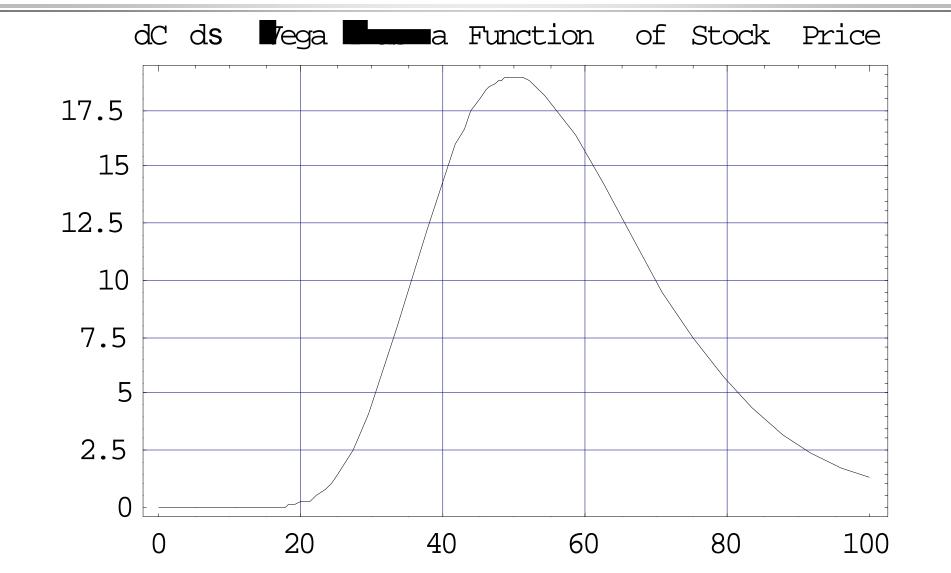
 $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = S \frac{\partial N(d_1)}{\partial d_1} \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - X e^{-rt} \frac{\partial N(d_2)}{\partial d_2} \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma}.$ Substituting  $\frac{\partial N(d_2)}{\partial d_2} = n(d_2), \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - \sqrt{t}$ , and X = $Se^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t}+(r+.5\sigma^2)t}$  into (36),  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = S \left| n(d_1) \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - e^{-d_1 \sigma \sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t - rt} n(d_2) \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} \right|$ 

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$$= Sn(d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - Se^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + (r+.5\sigma^2)t - rt}} \frac{e^{-.5(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - \sqrt{t}\right)$$
(37)  
Since  $e^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t} + rt + .5\sigma^2 t - rt - .5(d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{t})^2} = e^{-.5d_1^2}$ , equation (37) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = Sn(d_1) \left[ \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - \left( \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - \sqrt{t} \right) \right] = Sn(d_1)\sqrt{t} \quad (38)$$

Thus (as indicated in (38) above),  $\partial C / \partial \sigma > 0$ .

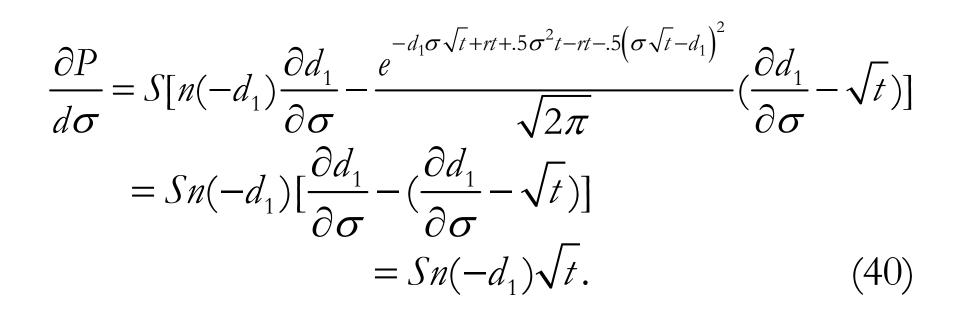


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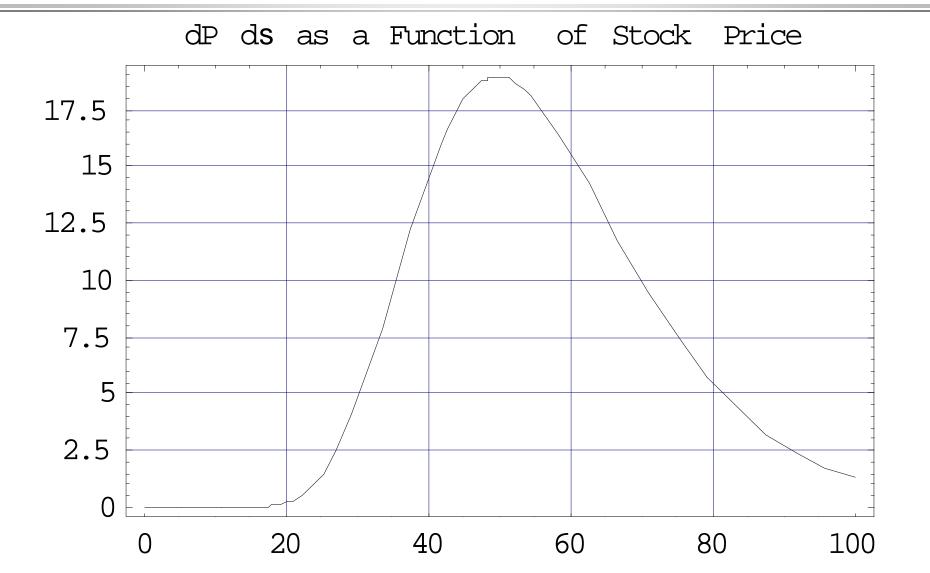
• How about  $\partial P/\partial \sigma$ ?

 $\frac{\partial P}{\partial \sigma} = X e^{-rt} \frac{\partial N(-d_2)}{\partial d_2} \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} - S \frac{\partial N(-d_1)}{\partial d_1} \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma}$  $= -Xe^{-rt}n(\sigma\sqrt{t}-d_1)\frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} + Sn(-d_1)\frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma}.$ (39)Substituting  $-d_2 = \sigma \sqrt{t} - d_1, \frac{\partial d_2}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\partial d_1}{\partial \sigma} - \sqrt{t}$ , and X = $Se^{-d_1\sigma\sqrt{t}+(r+.5\sigma^2)t}$  into (39) yields:

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Thus (as indicated in (40) above),  $\partial P/\partial \sigma > 0$ .



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Derivative	Call Option	Put Option
	$\frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = N(d_1) > 0$	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial S} = -N(-d_1) < 0$
$\frac{\partial C}{\partial K}$ and $\frac{\partial P}{\partial K}$	$\frac{\partial C}{\partial K} = -e^{-rt}N(d_2) < 0$	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial K} = e^{-rt} N(-d_2) > 0$
$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C}{\partial r} & \text{and } \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \\ (rho) \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{\partial C}{\partial r} = tKe^{-rt}N(d_2) > 0$	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = -tKe^{-rt}N(-d_2) < 0$
$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}$ and $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$	$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = rKe^{-rt}N(d_2) + Sn(d_1)\frac{.5\sigma}{\sqrt{t}} > 0$	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -rKe^{-rt}N(-d_2) + Sn(d_1)\frac{.5\sigma_k}{\sqrt{t}} \stackrel{?}{<>} 0$
theta	$-\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -rKe^{-rt}N(d_2) - Sn(d_1)\frac{.5\sigma}{\sqrt{t}} < 0$	$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = rKe^{-rt}N(-d_2) - Sn(d_1)\frac{.5\sigma_k}{\sqrt{t}} \stackrel{?}{<>} 0$
$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} \text{and } \frac{\partial P}{\partial \sigma}$ $(vega)$	$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = Sn(d_1)\sqrt{t} > 0$	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \sigma} = Sn(-d_1)\sqrt{t} > 0$