The Greeks of the Piterbarg option pricing framework

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ABSTRACT

In this paper the Greeks are derived in the Piterbarg option pricing framework, which derives the price of an option through three unique interest rates, and collateral payments. The different scenarios of collateral payments are discussed, and closed form solutions for the option prices are derived. The Greeks are found for each scenario and implemented.

1. Introduction

The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) emphasised the need for improved management of risk by financial institutions that sell options in over-the-counter markets. If a financial institution sells an option, there is risk involved and the financial institution usually hedges the exposure to reduce the risk. One of the methods available to hedge the position is by means of the Greeks.

The Greeks give the sensitivity of the price of an option to a change in underlying parameters on which the value of the option depends. They are also called the risk sensitivities, risk measures or hedge parameters. Therefore Greeks provide information with regards to hedging an option. The different Greeks that are used, measure different dimensions in the risk to an option position. In practice, appropriate management of the different Greeks provide acceptable risk levels.

Traditionally financial institutions use the Black-Scholes-Merton (BSM) model for option pricing. The Greeks are described in terms of partial derivatives of the option price function with respect to the parameters that the option price function depends on. For example, Delta which is the first partial derivative with respect to the underlying asset indicates the change in the option’s value given a change in the price of the underlying asset. This measure is used when a trading desk seeks to hedge out their market risk.

The BSM model relies on assumptions that the GFC exposed as oversimplified. One of these assumptions is the use of one interest rate, namely the risk-free rate.

Post the GFC, Piterbarg introduced an option pricing model which uses a regime of interest rates, and which reduces to the BSM model in a special case. In the Piterbarg framework, risk management by means of the Greeks, requires the extension of the Greeks to the Piterbarg model and an analysis of the Greeks. This is the objective of this paper.

2. BSM model

The Black-Scholes-Merton (BSM) option pricing model has been widely used to value European call and put options on non-dividend paying stocks. The option valuation depends on the price of the underlying S, the risk-free interest rate \( r \), the volatility \( \sigma \) of the underlying, maturity \( T \), and the strike price \( K \). Under various assumption, which include that the stock price \( S \) follows geometric Brownian motion with constant volatility \( \sigma \), and the risk-free rate \( r \) is constant, the BSM model is described by the following partial differential equation (PDE):

\[
\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + rS \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} = rV,
\]

where \( V \) is the price of a derivative which is contingent on \( S \) and time \( t \in [0, T] \).

For a European call and put option with strike \( K \), the BSM PDE has an explicit solution

\[
V = \alpha \left( \Phi \left( \frac{d_1}{\sqrt{T-t}} \right) - K e^{-r(T-t)} \Phi \left( \frac{d_2}{\sqrt{T-t}} \right) \right),
\]

Where

\[
d_1 = \frac{\ln \left( \frac{S}{K} \right) + \left( r + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) (T-t)}{\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \quad \text{and} \quad d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T-t}.
\]

\( \alpha = 1 \) for a call option and \( \alpha = -1 \) for a put option, and \( \Phi (x) \) is the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution. The Greeks, Delta, Gamma, Vega, Theta and Rho are respectively defined by

\[
\Delta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial S}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2}, \quad \nu = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma}, \quad \Theta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}.
\]
The Greeks are described in terms of partial derivatives of the option price $V$ with respect to the parameters $S$, $\sigma$, $t$, and $r$ that $V$ depends on. As the BSM PDE has a closed form solution, it is possible to calculate the Greeks from their explicitly descriptions.

The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) emphasised the improved management of risk by financial institutions. As the Greeks, which depend on the BSM model, are used as tools to manage risk, and the GFC exposed the shortcomings of the BSM model, there is a need to improve the Greeks. This is achieved by improving the BSM model and considering the Greeks for the improved model.

3. Piterbarg model

The Piterbarg framework \cite{10} implements three unique deterministic rates, namely the funding rate $r_F$ at which the derivative is funded, the collateral rate $r_C$ earned on the posted collateral, and the rate earned on a repurchase agreement $r_R$ to price a derivative. In general we have that $r_C \leq r_R \leq r_F$. The price, $V(t)$, at time $t$ of a derivative is given by

$$V(t) = E_Q \left[ e^{-\int_t^T r_R ds} V(T) \right] .$$

which, by applying the Feynman-Kac \cite{3} theorem, can be rewritten as

$$V(t) = E_Q \left[ e^{-\int_t^T r_R ds} V(T) \right] - E_Q \left[ \int_t^T e^{-\int_t^s r_R ds} \left( r_R - r_C(x) \right) \left( V(T) - \gamma_C(x) \right) dx \right] ,$$

where $\gamma_C(x)$ equals the collateral amount paid at time $s \in [t, T]$ and the expectation is taken under the measure at which the underlying asset grows at the rate $r_R$ earned on a repurchase agreement. This measure will be referred to as the QR measure, and it is the measure under which no arbitrage exists when entering the replicating portfolio into a repurchase agreement. Additionally, if we assume that all the individual rates are equal to the constant risk-free interest rate, then the Piterbarg framework collapses back to the Black-Scholes-Merton framework.

The price of a derivative in the Piterbarg framework depends on the collateral amount paid at each point in time. If the trade is fully collateralised, so that at every time point $s \in [t, T]$ the collateral amount is equal to the value of the derivative, then from equation (3.2) the price of the derivative is given by

$$V_{FC}(t) = E_{Q_0} \left[ e^{-\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} V(T) \right] .$$

(7)

If no collateral is paid throughout the lifetime of the derivative, such that $\gamma_C(s) = 0$, then from equation (3.1) the price of the derivative is given by

$$V_{ZZ}(t) = E_{Q_0} \left[ e^{-\int_t^T r_R ds} V(T) \right] .$$

(9)

Further, if we assume that at every point in time $s \in [t, T]$ we pay a fractional amount $\theta$ of the uncollateralised trade as collateral, such that

$$E_{Q_0} [\gamma_C(s)] = E_{Q_0} [\theta V_{ZZ}(s)] = E_{Q_0} [\theta e^{-\int_t^s r_C(x) ds} V(T) ] ,$$

(10)

then, from equation (3.1), the price of the derivative is given by

$$V_{PC}(t) = E_{Q_0} \left[ e^{-\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} V(T) \right] \left[ 1 + \theta \int_t^T e^{-\int_t^s r_C(x) ds} \left( r_R(s) - r_C(x) \right) dx \right] .$$

(11)

Form the above cases of collateral payments a closed form solution can be derived for the price of European options in the Piterbarg framework.

The purpose of this paper is to derive the closed form solution for the price of European option in the Piterbarg framework, and derive analytic solutions for the Greeks of the Piterbarg framework.

4. The closed form solution for the price of European options in the Piterbarg framework

The price of a zero collateral European call option in the Piterbarg framework is given by where $P(S_T)$ is the probability density function of the underlying asset $S$ at time $T$. The integral is split into two parts, namely

$$I_1 = \int_k^\infty S \rho dP(S_T),$$

$$I_2 = \int_k^\infty K \rho dP(S_T).$$

(12)

Using the fact that the asset price process is lognormally distributed, it follows that

$$I_1 = \int_k^\infty S \rho dP(S_T) = \int_k^\infty S \rho dF(S_T) = \int_k^\infty \frac{\ln \left( \frac{S}{K} \right) + \rho \frac{T - t}{\sigma^2} \left( X - \rho \right)}{\ln \left( \frac{S}{K} \right) + \rho \frac{T - t}{\sigma^2} \left( X - \rho \right)} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} dN, \hspace{1cm} (13)$$

where $N$ is the cumulative probability density function of a standard normal random variable, and

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln \left( \frac{S}{K} \right) + \rho \frac{T - t}{\sigma^2} \left( X - \rho \right)}{\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \hspace{1cm} (14)$$

Therefore the price of a zero collateral European call option in the Piterbarg framework is given by

$$V_{ZZ}(t) = e^{-\int_t^T r_R ds} \left( S_{t1} e^{\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} N(d_1) - K N(d_2) \right) .$$

(16)

where $d_1$ and $d_2$ are defined as above. The closed form solution of a zero collateral European put option is derived in a similar manner. The price of zero collateral European options in the Piterbarg framework can therefore be expressed as

$$\frac{\ln \left( \frac{S}{K} \right) + \rho \frac{T - t}{\sigma^2} \left( X - \rho \right)}{\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \hspace{1cm} (15)$$

$$V_{PC}(t) = \alpha e^{-\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} \left( S_{t1} e^{\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} N(d_1) - K N(d_2) \right) .$$

(17)

where $\alpha = 1$ for a call option, and $\alpha = 0$ for a put option. Analogously, the price of a fully collateralised European option in the Piterbarg framework is given by

$$V_{FC}(t) = \alpha e^{-\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} \left( S_{t1} e^{\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} N(d_1) - K N(d_2) \right) .$$

(18)

Under the assumption of the partial collateral payments given in the previous section, and since Piterbarg's original work assumes that the interest rates are deterministic, the price of a partially collateralised European option is given by

$$V_{PC}(t) = \alpha e^{-\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} \left( S_{t1} e^{\int_t^T r_C(s) ds} N(d_1) - K N(d_2) \right) \times \left[ 1 + \theta \int_t^T e^{-\int_t^s r_C(x) ds} \left( r_R(s) - r_C(s) \right) dx \right] .$$

(19)

5. The Greeks of the Piterbarg option pricing model

The Greeks of the Piterbarg option pricing model are given below. The complete derivations can be found in the appendix. First the Greeks are stated for zero collateral options, followed by the Greeks of the fully collateralised options, and lastly by the Greeks of the general case.

5.1 Option Greeks:

Delta:

$$\Delta_{V_{ZZ}} = \alpha e^{-\int_0^T r_C(s) ds} \left( S e^{\int_0^T r_C(s) ds} N(d_1) \right) ,$$

$$\Delta_{V_{PC}} = \alpha e^{-\int_0^T r_C(s) ds} \left( S e^{\int_0^T r_C(s) ds} \left[ N(d_1) + \theta \int_0^T e^{-\int_0^s r_C(x) ds} \left( r_R(s) - r_C(x) \right) dx \right] \right) ,$$

$$\Delta_{V_{FC}} = \alpha e^{-\int_0^T r_C(s) ds} \left( S e^{\int_0^T r_C(s) ds} \left[ N(d_1) + \theta \int_0^T e^{-\int_0^s r_C(x) ds} \left( r_R(s) - r_C(x) \right) dx \right] \right) .$$

(20)

The delta of the Piterbarg option pricing framework gradually increases to either one or zero as the option reaches maturity, and measures the sensitivity of the option price with regards to the change of the underlying asset price. Unlike the Black-Scholes-Merton framework, the fully
The gamma measures the sensitivity of the delta with respect to changes in the underlying asset price. As the option reaches maturity, the gamma of the option will become greatest at the 'at-the-money' position of the underlying asset. The gamma can be used to correct the hedging position for the convexity of the position.

\[ \text{Vega:} \]

\[
\frac{\partial C}{\partial T} = -e^{-rC(T-t)} \sigma \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

\[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = e^{-rC(T-t)} \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

\[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial \rho} = -e^{-rC(T-t)} \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

The option vega is always positive regardless of whether the option is a put or a call.

\[ \text{Theta:} \]

\[
\frac{\partial C}{\partial T} = -e^{-rC(T-t)} \sigma \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

\[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma} = e^{-rC(T-t)} \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

\[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial \rho} = -e^{-rC(T-t)} \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

\[ \frac{\partial C}{\partial \rho} = -e^{-rC(T-t)} \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]

\[ \text{Rho rF:} \]

\[
\frac{\partial C}{\partial \rho} = -e^{-rC(T-t)} \sqrt{T-t} \sum_k \left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right)\left( \frac{a_k}{\sigma} \right) \int_0^T \left( r(T-t) \right) \sin(\omega) \, d\omega
\]
6. Derivation of the Greeks

The Greeks of the fully collateralised options and the zero collateral options are derived in an identical fashion, by replacing the funding rate $r_F$ of the zero collateral Greeks by the collateral rate $r_C$ of the fully collateralised Greeks. Therefore only the zero collateral option Greeks are derived, and the fully collateralised option Greeks can be found by replacing $r_F$ by $r_C$. First, a preliminary result which is needed in the derivation of the Greeks is introduced in the following lemma. Lemma 6.1. Given that

$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T - t}, \quad \text{where} \quad d_1 = \frac{\ln \left( \frac{S}{F_0} \right) + \left( r_C + r_R + r_F \right) (T-t)}{\sigma \sqrt{T-t}}.$$

the following result holds:

$$S_0 N'(\sigma_0) e^{r_F(T-t)} = K N'(\sigma_0).$$

Proof. 

$$N'(\sigma_0) = N'(\sigma_0 + \sigma \sqrt{T-t}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (x+\sigma \sqrt{T-t})^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2x \sigma \sqrt{T-t} + \sigma^2 (T-t)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} x^2} e^{2x \sigma \sqrt{T-t}} e^{-\sigma^2 (T-t)} = N'(\sigma_0) K^{-1} \sigma e^{r_F(T-t)}$$

which gives us the identity of

$$S_0 N'(\sigma_0) e^{r_F(T-t)} = K N'(\sigma_0).$$

Define:

$$\frac{\partial N'(\sigma_0)}{\partial \sigma} = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} e^{r_F(T-t)} \right) = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) e^{r_F(T-t)} \right) \right) = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) K N'(\sigma_0) \right) \right).$$

where we used the fact that $\sigma^2 = 1$, irrespective of whether the option is a put or a call.

Vega:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) e^{r_F(T-t)} \right) \right) = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) K N'(\sigma_0) \right) \right).$$

Since $\sigma_0 = d_2 - \alpha \sqrt{T-t}$, we have that

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial \sigma} = -\alpha \sqrt{T-t}.$$

Further more, the partial derivative of $\sigma_0$ with respect to $\sigma$ is given by

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial \sigma} = -\alpha \sqrt{T-t} = \sigma_0 \sqrt{T-t}.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial N'(\sigma_0)}{\partial \sigma} = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) K N'(\sigma_0) \right) \right) = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) K N'(\sigma_0) \right) \right) = -e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) K N'(\sigma_0) \right) \right).$$

Using the result from Lemma 6.1 and the fact that $\sigma^2 = 1$, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} = e^{-\sigma \sqrt{T-t}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left( S_0 N'(\sigma_0) K N'(\sigma_0) \right) \right).$$

In Piterbarg’s framework the repurchase plays an important role, since the measure in which the derivative is priced is the QrR measure at which the underlying asset drifts at the repurchase rate, which means that the returns of the underlying asset in the QrR measure are equal to the repurchase rate. This means that an increase in the repurchase rate will increase the future expected value of the asset, which in turn increases the expected call option payoff. Therefore rho with respect to the repurchase rate is positive for call options.

Under the assumption that the interest rate function given by \( r_F \) (and similarly for \( r_C \) and \( r_R \)) is continuous and the partial derivative of the function with respect to time exists, the following identity holds:

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int r_F(s) \, ds \right) = -r_F(t) \tag{34}
\]

**Proof:**

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int r_F(s) \, ds \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^t r_F(s) \, ds \right) = \int_0^t \frac{d}{dt} r_F(s) \, ds + r_F(t) = -r_F(t) \tag{35}
\]

Additionally we have that

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} V \right) = -
\]

Factorising and using the result from Lemma 6.1 as well as the identity above, we can rewrite Theta as

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} V \right) = -e^{\int r_F(s) \, ds} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} V \right) \right) + e^{\int r_F(s) \, ds} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} V \right) \right) \tag{36}
\]

**Rho r_F:**

\[
\frac{\partial V}{\partial r_F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int r_F(s) \, ds \right) = -r_F(t) \tag{37}
\]

**Rho r_C:**

\[
\frac{\partial V}{\partial r_C} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int r_C(s) \, ds \right) = -r_C(t) \tag{38}
\]

**Rho r_R:**

\[
\frac{\partial V}{\partial r_R} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int r_R(s) \, ds \right) = -r_R(t) \tag{39}
\]

The Greeks of the partially collateralised options are identical to the zero collateral case with the addition of multiplying the term

\[
\left( 1 + \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds \right) \tag{40}
\]

since the additional term is not a function of the partial derivatives of those Greeks. Theta, rho with respect to the funding rate \( r_F \) and with respect to the collateral rate \( r_C \) will be derived since the additional term given above is a function of these variables.

**Theta:**

To derive theta for the partially collateralised option the chain rule is implemented by noting that the option price is equal to the zero collateral option price multiplied the term

\[
\left( 1 + \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds \right) \tag{41}
\]

The partial derivative of the additional term with respect to time is given by

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( 1 + \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds \tag{42}
\]

In conjunction with the chain rule, we obtain the desired result.

**Rho r_F:**

The derivation uses similar arguments as the derivation of theta for the partially collateralised options. We use the chain rule and the fact that

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial r_F} \left( 1 + \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds = -\theta_{r_C}(t) - \theta_{r_F}(t) \tag{43}
\]

to obtain the desired result.

**Rho r_C:**

The derivation uses similar arguments as the derivation of rho with respect to the funding rate \( r_F \) for the partially collateralised options. We use the chain rule and the fact that

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial r_C} \left( 1 + \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^T \theta_{r_F}(s) - \theta_{r_C}(s) \, ds = -\theta_{r_C}(t) - \theta_{r_F}(t) \tag{44}
\]

to obtain the desired result.

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