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Presentation Outline

- Options Pricing Models
- Volatility
 - Historical
 - Implied
 - Vega
- Put Call Parity



Option Pricing Models



Option Pricing Models

- Mathematical formulas that can be a useful tool in establishing a trading plan
- Can remove emotion from pricing
- Models do not make your investment decisions
- Option prices are subject to many unforeseen variables
 - In addition to pricing factors there is unpredictable ***supply and demand***



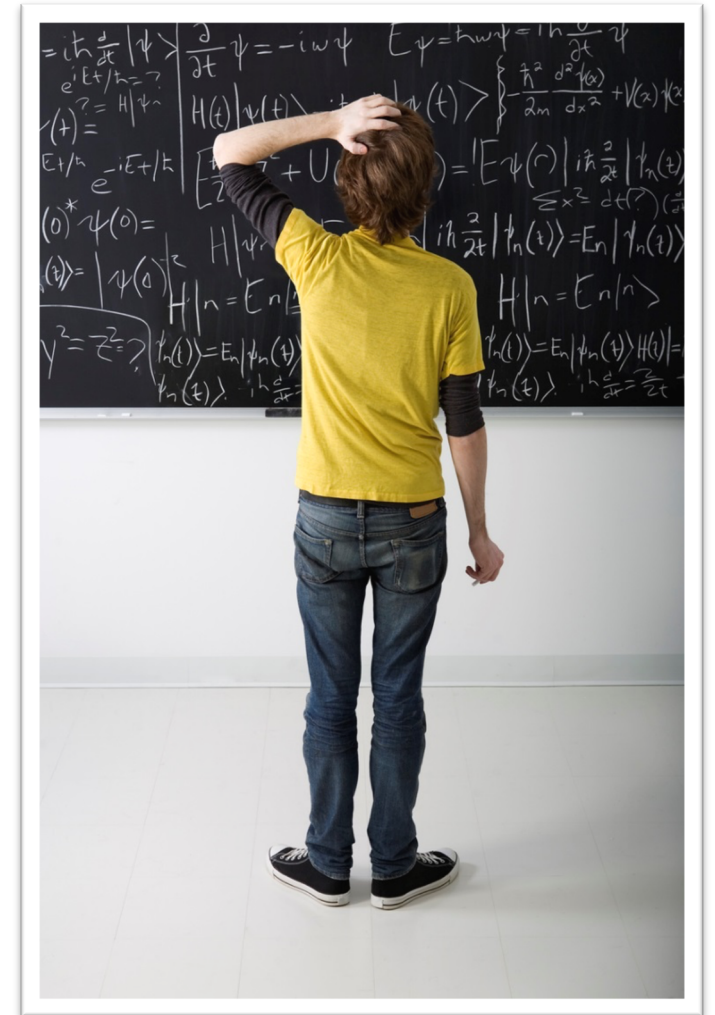
Option Pricing Models

- **Pricing Model Inputs**

- Stock price
- Strike price
- Volatility
- Time until expiration
- Cost of money (interest rates less dividends)

- **Output**

- Call and put premiums (theoretical values)



Black-Scholes Pricing Model

Black-Scholes (1973)

The value of a call option for a non-dividend-paying underlying stock in terms of the Black–Scholes parameters is:

$$C(S_t, t) = N(d_1)S_t - N(d_2)Ke^{-r(T-t)}$$
$$d_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \left[\ln\left(\frac{S_t}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t) \right]$$
$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}$$

The price of a corresponding put option based on [put–call parity](#) is:

$$P(S_t, t) = Ke^{-r(T-t)} - S_t + C(S_t, t)$$
$$= N(-d_2)Ke^{-r(T-t)} - N(-d_1)S_t$$

For both, as above:

- $N(\cdot)$ is the [cumulative distribution function](#) of the [standard normal distribution](#)
- $T - t$ is the time to maturity (expressed in years)
- S_t is the [spot price](#) of the underlying asset
- K is the [strike price](#)
- r is the [risk free rate](#) (annual rate, expressed in terms of [continuous compounding](#))
- σ is the [volatility](#) of returns of the underlying asset



Cox-Ross-Rubenstein Model

Binomial model:

- American-style options (regular equity contracts)
- Accounts for early exercise and dividends
- Cannot be priced lower than European contracts

Construction:

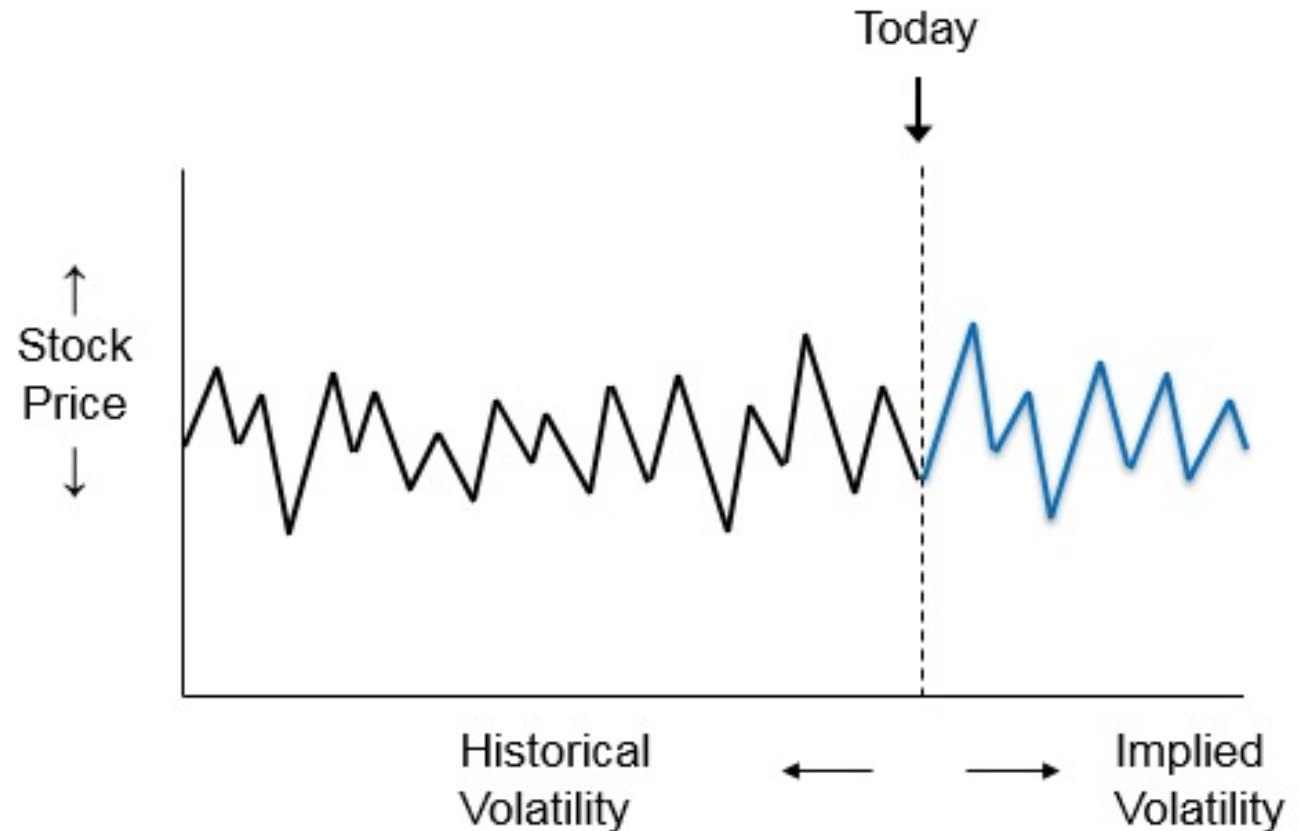
- Begins by identifying potential higher and lower stock prices from current level
- Calculates option values at each of these identified levels
- Discounts the calculated option values by risk free rate

Volatility and Vega

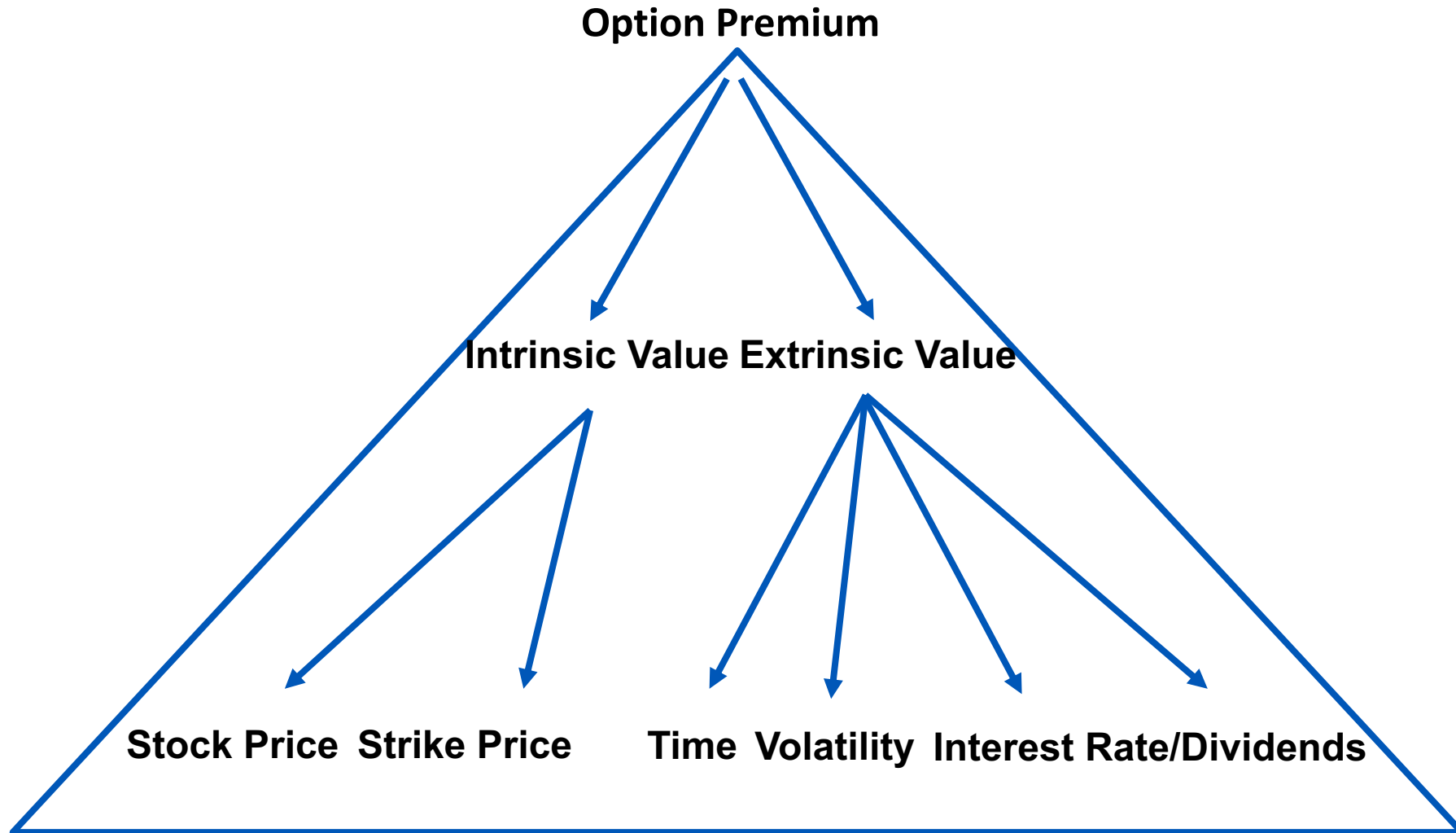
A low-angle shot of a person's legs and feet standing at a crosswalk on a paved road. The person is wearing light-colored khaki pants and dark blue sneakers with white soles. The crosswalk is marked with white painted lines on the asphalt. The background is a blurred road surface.

Historical vs Implied Volatility

- Historical represents past stock price fluctuation
- Implied is forward looking and only pertains to options







Option Premium



Vega: The Volatility Greek

K Vega: Option value's sensitivity to volatility

- Expected change in option value
 - With a 1%-point change in implied volatility (IV)
 - Expressed in decimal form (.080)
 - Represents cash amount per option
 - All other pricing factors constant
- Calls and puts both have positive Vega amounts
 - IV  option value  by Vega amount
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Vega

Vega in Action

Pre-Earnings

- Stock \$100
- 13-day expiry
- 50% IV

	105 Call
Value	\$1.85
Delta	.30
Gamma	.05
Theta	.15
Vega	.10
Rho	.01

Post-Earnings

- Stock \$105
- 3-day expiry
- 30% IV

	105 Call
Value	\$1.15
Delta	.50
Gamma	.15
Theta	.20
Vega	.05
Rho	.01

Even with a \$5 increase in share price, these calls lost value due to time decay and decreasing IV

Knowledge Check

With a 100-strike call, is Vega greater on a contract expiring in 5 days, 30 days, or 90 days? **90 days**

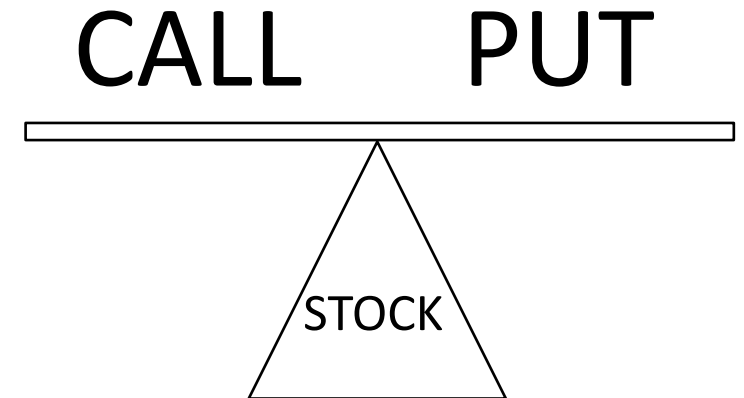
An investor puts on an Iron Condor trade. Do they have a long or short Vega position and will an increase in Vega help or hurt the trade? **Short/hurt**

Put Call Parity

A close-up photograph of a person's hands in a business suit. The person is holding a blue pen in their right hand and using their left hand to operate a silver calculator. The background is slightly blurred, showing a laptop and a pair of glasses on a desk. The overall scene suggests a professional or financial setting.

Put Call Parity

- **Put Call Parity** is a concept that describes the relationship between call and put prices at the same strike and expiration
 - Knowing value of call can imply value of put, and vice versa
- Holds prices of various financial instruments (incl. options) in check
 - Tighter bid/ask spreads
 - Minimal pricing irregularities



Put Call Parity

□ Put Call Parity Formula:

- Call Premium (C) – Put Premium (P) = Stock Price (S) – Bond (B)
- Bond = current price of bond whose maturity value is equal to the strike price

- Stock trading for \$102
- 100 strike call trading \$4.50
- 100 strike put trading \$2.00
- Bond price is \$99.50 (maturity value of \$100 at expiration)

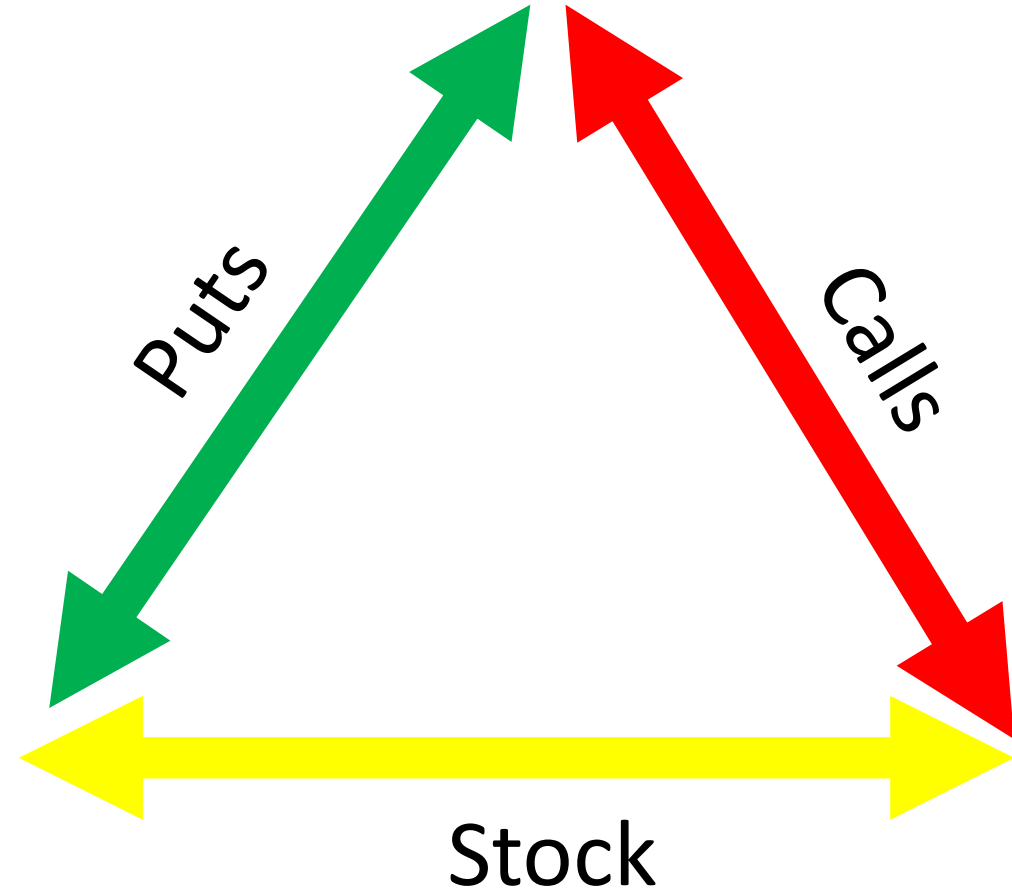
Investor A can buy Call and buy Bond for \$104.00

Investor B can buy Stock and buy Put for \$104.00

➤ **At expiration, payouts for Investor A and Investor B will be identical**

Put Call Parity

Synthetics: It's possible to recreate the P/L and risk profile of an option using a combination of other options and/or stock



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