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Black Scholes Delta Hedge in Imperfect Markets

How stock option market makers manage their risk

Call Options

- Financial contract
- Lets holder buy stock at ε 170 set price
- Option to buy not an obligation to buy



Market makers



Black Scholes model

Assumptions:

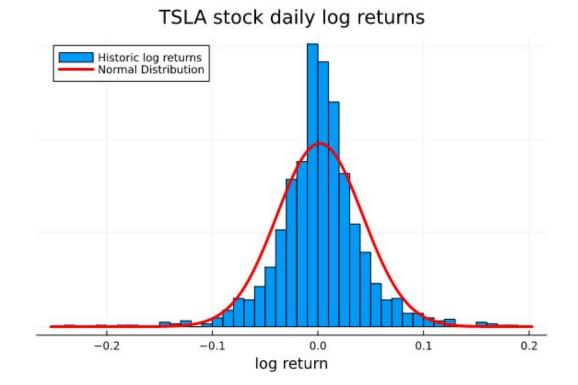
- No arbitrage opportunity
- Can borrow/ lend any amount at the risk-free interest rate
- No dividends
- Ability to buy and sell any amount (even fractional) of the stock
- No transaction costs
- Log normal-distributed stock returns

$$C(S_t, t) = pN(d_1) - se^{-rt}N(d_2)$$

where

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{p}{s}\right) + \left(r + \frac{v^2}{2}\right)t}{v\sqrt{t}}$$
$$d_2 = d_1 - v\sqrt{t}.$$

Log-normal returns?



Is Black Scholes delta hedge a viable hedging strategy given market 'imperfections'?

Methods

Bruno Julia package

Monte Carlo simulations

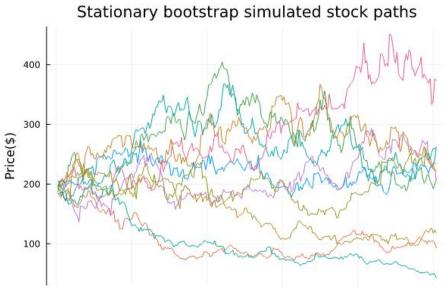
- Sample size: 50,000
- Geometric Brownian Motion
 Parametric
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- Stationary Bootstrap of historic returns
 Non-parametric



How are GBM and Stationary Bootstrap different?

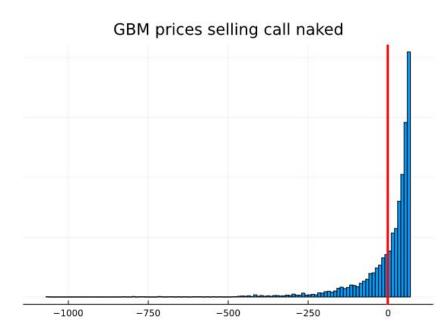




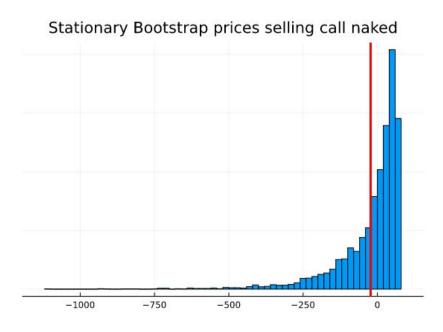


Naked Strategy (No hedging)

Mean: -0.977



Mean: -22.903



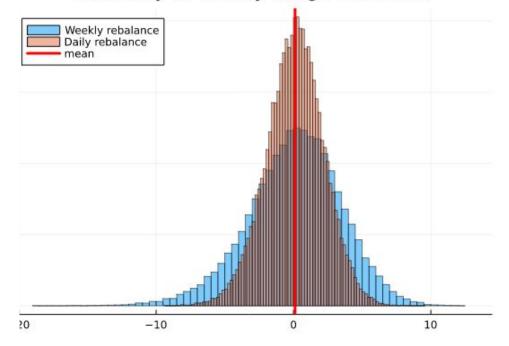
Geometric Brownian Motion (parametric model)

Weekly rebalance:

- mean = 0.094
- std = 3.389

Daily rebalance:

- mean = 0.115
- std = 2.1001



GBM Daily vs Weekly hedge rebalance

Stationary Bootstrap

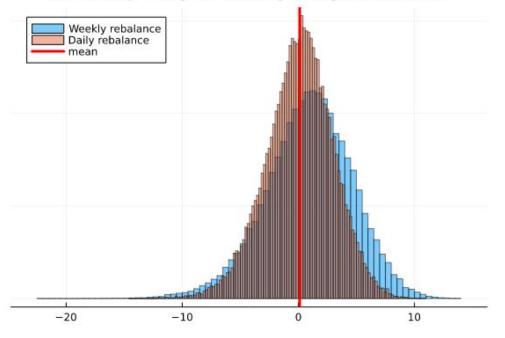
Weekly rebalance:

- mean = 0.903
- std = 3.759

Daily rebalance:

- mean = 0.114
- std = 2.891

Bootstrap Daily vs Weekly hedge rebalance



Conclusions

- Black Scholes delta hedging is a viable strategy for market makers
- Variance decreases as time between hedge decreases

Bruno.jl documentation



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