

Formulae for prices and Greeks for European (vanilla) calls in a Black-Scholes world

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See [Black Scholes Greeks](#) for notation.

Payoff, see [MnBSCallPayoff](#)

$$Payoff = \max(S - K, 0)$$

Price (value), see [MnBSCallPrice](#)

$$Price = V = Se^{-q(T-t)}N(d_1) - Ke^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$$

Delta (sensitivity to underlying), see [MnBSCallDelta](#)

$$Delta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} = e^{-q(T-t)}N(d_1)$$

Gamma (sensitivity of delta to underlying), see [MnBSCallGamma](#)

$$Gamma = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} = \frac{e^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)}{S\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}$$

Speed (sensitivity of gamma to underlying), see [MnBSCallSpeed](#)

$$Speed = \frac{\partial^3 V}{\partial S^3} = -\frac{e^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)(d_1 + \sigma\sqrt{T-t})}{\sigma^2 S^2(T-t)}$$

Theta (sensitivity to time), see [MnBSCallTheta](#)

$$Theta = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = -\frac{\sigma Se^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)}{2\sqrt{T-t}} + qSe^{-q(T-t)}N(d_1) - rKe^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$$

Charm (sensitivity of delta to time), see [MnBSCallCharm](#)

$$Charm = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S \partial t} = qe^{-q(T-t)}N(d_1) + e^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1) \left(\frac{d_2}{2(T-t)} - \frac{r-q}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right)$$

Colour (sensitivity of gamma to time), see [MnBSCallColour](#)

$$Colour = \frac{\partial^3 V}{\partial S^2 \partial t} = \frac{e^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)}{S\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \left(q + \frac{1-d_1d_2}{2(T-t)} + \frac{d_1(r-q)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right)$$

Rho(interest) (sensitivity to interest rate), see [MnBSCallRhoInterest](#)

$$Rho(Interest) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = K(T-t)e^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$$

Rho(dividend) (sensitivity to dividend yield), see [MnBSCallRhoDividend](#)

$$Rho(Dividend) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial q} = -S(T-t)e^{-q(T-t)}N(d_1)$$

Vega (sensitivity to volatility), see [MnBSCallVega](#))*

$$Vega = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \sigma} = Se^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)\sqrt{T-t}$$

Vanna (sensitivity of delta to volatility), see [MnBSCallVanna](#)*

$$Vanna = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S \partial \sigma} = -\frac{d_2 e^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)}{\sigma}$$

Volga (or Vomma) (sensitivity of vega to volatility), see [MnBSCallVolga](#)*

$$Volga = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{d_1 d_2 S e^{-q(T-t)}N'(d_1)\sqrt{T-t}}{\sigma}$$

* Greeks like vega, vanna and Volga/vomma that involve partial differentials with respect to σ are in some sense 'invalid' in the context of Black-Scholes, since in its derivation we assume that σ is constant. We might interpret them as applying to a model in which σ was slightly variable but otherwise was close to constant for all S , t etc.. Vega, for example, would then measure the sensitivity to changes in the mean level of σ . For some types of derivatives, e.g. binary puts and calls, it can be difficult to interpret how these particular sensitivities should be understood.