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This model is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= rS_t dt + \sqrt{v_t} S_t dW_t^1, \\ dv_t &= k(\theta - v_t) dt + \sigma \sqrt{v_t} dW_t^2, \end{aligned}$$

where W^1 and W^2 are two correlated brownian motions with $\langle W^1, W^2 \rangle_t = \rho t$, and k , θ and σ are constants. In the case of a European call option, Heston guessed a solution of the form

$$C(S, v, t) = SP_1 - Ke^{-r(T-t)}P_2,$$

by analogy with the Black-Scholes formula. The first term in this formula is the present value of the spot price while the second term is the present value of the strike-price payment.

Using this model, Heston has given a closed form solution to the pricing of a European call option by the characteristic functions technique. For more details one can see [\[1\]](#)

References

- [1] S.L.HESTON. A closed-form solution for options with stochastic volatility with applications to bond and currency options. *Review of Financial Studies*, 6(2):327–343, 1993. [1](#)