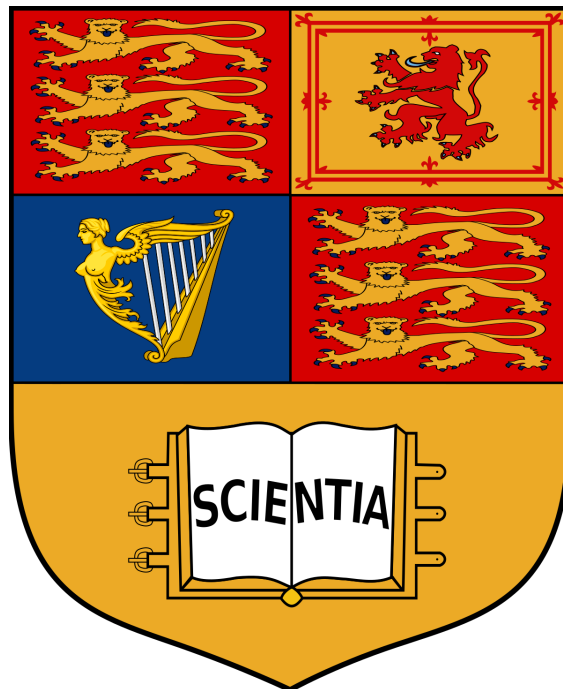


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1 What are Derivatives

1.1 Forward Contract

Definition 1 (Forward Contract). A **forward contract** is an agreement to buy or sell an asset at a certain future time for a certain price, paying a **forward price** at **expiry** of the contract.

Described by parameters A - the **asset** being bought or sold, K - the **strike price** and T - the **expiry date**. The value of the contract at time t is $P_T - K$, where P_T the market price of the asset at time T .

$$F_T = f(P_T), \quad \text{with } f(x) := x - K, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

1.2 The Binary Option

Definition 2 (Binary Option). A **binary option** is a contract that pays out a fixed amount if the price of the underlying asset is above a certain level at expiry, and nothing otherwise.

The **payoff** of a binary option is given by

$$f(P_T) = f(x) := 100 \cdot 1_{x \geq K}, \quad 1_{x \geq K} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P_T > K \\ 0 & \text{if } P_T \leq K \end{cases} \quad P\&L \text{ options} = \begin{cases} 100 \cdot A - AB_0 & \text{if } P_T > K \\ -AB_0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where B_0 the initial value, receiving payoff of \$100 for each contract held.

1.3 Speculation

Definition 3 (Speculation). **Speculation** is the act of trading in the hope of making a profit, but with the risk of making a loss.

Hedging is the act of trading to reduce risk.

2 How to price and hedge derivatives in one-period models

2.1 Pricing by replication

Principle 5. (Law of One Price)

If there are 2 possible investments which have, under all possible market outcomes, the same value at time T , then they must have the same value also at all previous times.

Principle 6. (Pricing via replication)

At any time $t \in [0, T]$, the derivative's price must equal the value of the replicating portfolio.

Remark 7. (Hedging = - Replicating)

2.2 Pricing a Binary Option

Assume in the market we can only

- Trade gold, or
- Borrow/deposit money from/into a bank

Over a short-time span can assume that interest rate $r = 0$.

We trade binary options with strike price $K = 59$ and expiry $T = 1$, and the current price of gold is $P_0 = 58$.

$$\underbrace{P_T(\omega)}_{\text{Price at maturity}} = \begin{cases} 61, & \text{if } \omega = g; \\ 56, & \text{if } \omega = b. \end{cases}, \quad \Omega = \{g, b\}, \quad \mathbb{P}(\{g\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{b\}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

With the payoff $B_T = 100 \cdot 1_{P_T \geq 59}$

$$B_T(\omega) = \begin{cases} 100, & \text{if } \omega = g; \\ 0, & \text{if } \omega = b. \end{cases}$$

Price now by replication

$$\underbrace{V_T}_{\text{wealth at maturity}} = V_T^{x,h} = x - h \cdot 58 + h \cdot P_T$$

where h the amount of gold bought initially at P_0 and $V_0 = x$ the initial wealth. Replicating if final wealth is the same as the payoff

$$\begin{cases} x + h \cdot (61 - 58) = 100 \\ x + h \cdot (56 - 58) = 0 \end{cases} \implies h = 20, x = 40$$

So we get the initial value of the binary option is $V_0 = 40$.

2.3 Model uncertainty

Definition 8 (Model uncertainty). *Model uncertainty is the uncertainty about the probability distribution of the future asset price.*

Introduce model risk - the risk that the model we use to price the derivative is not the correct one.

Remark 9 (Storage Costs). *In the real world, there are storage costs for holding the asset for some assets. e.g. gold, oil, etc. but not for others e.g. stocks, bonds, etc.*

Remark 10 (Choosing the right mode). *In the real world, we do not know the true model.*

We choose the model that best fits the data, and use it to price the derivative.

Remark 11 (Counter-party risk). *In the real world, there is counter-party risk - the risk that the other party in the contract will not be able to pay.*

2.4 What can be used as underlying

- Commodities
- Bonds
- Stocks
- Stock indices
- FX rates
- Other derivatives

2.5 The bank account and the bond

Assume that we can invest in contract - with value B_t at time t given by

1. $B_0 = 1$, by normalisation
2. If discrete time: $B_{t+1} = B_t(1 + R_t)$, where R_t the interest rate for period $(t, t + 1)$

$$B_t = B_0 \prod_{s=0}^{t-1} (1 + R_s)$$

if $R_t = r$ constant then, $B_t = B_0(1 + r)^t$

3. If continuous time: satisfy $dB_t = B_t R_t dt$, where R_t the instantaneous spot rate at t . Then $B_t = B_0 e^{\int_0^t R_s ds}$, if $R_t = r$ constant then $B_t = B_0 e^{rt}$

2.6 Justification of the law of one price

Remark 12 (Transaction costs and arbitrage). *In the real world, there are transaction costs. These costs may be higher than the price imbalance that we are trying to exploit - hence no arbitrage.*

2.7 The no-arbitrage principle

Definition 13 (Arbitrage). *Arbitrage is the act of making a profit without risk.*

Arbitrage opportunity is a trading strategy that has a positive initial value and zero probability of a loss. It is a portfolio L that starting with 0 initial capital, and final value V_T^L s.t $V_T^L \geq 0$ a.s., and $\mathbb{P}(V_T^L < 0) = 0, \mathbb{P}(V_T^L > 0) > 0$

- If there exists arbitrage, law of supply and demand would quickly disappear it.
- If the law of one price fails, then there exists arbitrage

Proposition 14. (Arbitrage and the Binomial model)

Given market with one risky asset S the stock and the bond. We assume that the interest rate is $r > -1$ and the stock price can only take two values at time T , $S_T = S_0u$ or $S_T = S_0d$ with $0 < d < 1 < u$. Then there is no arbitrage if and only if $d < 1 + r < u$.

2.8 Dependence of prices on probabilities

Definition 15 (Equivalent probabilities). *Say $\mathbb{P} \sim \mathbb{Q}$ are equivalent if they have the same null sets.*

2.9 Unspoken Modelling assumptions

Remark 16 (Linear dependence). *Given discrete time, and some model for the bonds and shares prices, with stochastic processes K, H represent the number of shares and bonds held between $(t, t+1)$, with H vector valued quantity $H = (H^1, \dots, H^m)$ with H^j the number of shares in the stock of type j of price S^j , then we take*

$$V_s^{(K,H)} := K_t B_s + H_t \cdot S_s, \quad \text{for } s = t, t+1$$

the value of portfolio (K, H) where $S = (S^1, \dots, S^m)$ the stock prices. Assume that $(K, H) \mapsto V^{(K,H)}$ is linear.

1. Anything behaves linearly only does so on first approximation
2. Linear models easy to work with, and often only ones that are solvable.

2.10 Prices of liquid and illiquid goods

Important to distinguish between illiquid markets and liquid ones; the latter those in which a good is traded a lot, by many possible participants - cannot use law of one price in illiquid markets. Options pricing deals with how to price illiquid derivatives based on a liquid underlying.

2.11 Modelling the underlying, not the derivative

2.12 Discounting and Numeraire

"A dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow."

Definition 17. (Nominal vs. Real value)

Look at value of W_t in terms of B the bond instead of a unit of currency.

$$\underbrace{\bar{W}_t}_{\text{real terms}} = \underbrace{W_t}_{\text{nominal terms}} / B_t$$

Given constants $B_0 = 1, B_1 = B_0(1+r) > 0, r > -1, S_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and the random vector $S_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$
 Consider portfolio (k, h) with value $V_s^{k,h} = kB_s + h \cdot S_s$ at time $s \in \{0, 1\}$, more interested in initial capital
 - look at (x, h) instead with $x = k + S_0 h$ the initial capital and h^j number of shares of stock S^j
 Value of (x, h) is

$$V_0^{x,h} = x, \quad V_1^{x,h} = x(1+r) + h \cdot (S_1 - S_0(1+r)), \quad (x, h) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m$$

Since $\bar{V}_t^{x,h} = V_t^{x,h}/B_t$ find that $\bar{V}_0^{x,h} = V_0^{x,h} = x$
 So our value in discounted terms becomes

$$\bar{V}_1^{x,h} = \frac{1}{1+r}(x(1+r) + h \cdot (S_1 - S_0(1+r))) = x + h \cdot \left(\frac{S_1}{1+r} - S_0 \right)$$

$$\bar{V}_t^{x,h} = x + h \cdot (\bar{S}_1 - \bar{S}_0), \quad t = 0, 1$$

In discounted terms the gains from trade between times 0, t given by

$$\bar{V}_t^{x,h} - \bar{V}_0^{x,h} = h \cdot (\bar{S}_1 - \bar{S}_0)$$

$$\text{Continuous case: } d\bar{V}_t^{x,h} = H_t \cdot d\bar{S}_t, \quad \bar{V}_t^{x,h} - \bar{V}_0^{x,h} = \int_0^t H_t \cdot d\bar{S}_t$$

Definition 20 (Numeraire). A numeraire is a portfolio L which has a strictly positive value a.s. and at all times, i.e.e s.t. $V_t^L > 0$ a.s. for all t

2.13 Finite Probability Spaces

Pretty straightforward stuff here

2.14 How to find arbitrage

Trading strategy $(x, h) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m$ is an arbitrage if $x = 0$ and

$$\mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_1^{0,h} \geq 0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_1^{0,h} = 0) < 1$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_1^{0,h} < 0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_1^{0,h} > 0) > 0$$

Since x taken to be zero, say 'h is an arbitrage'.

h is an arbitrage if $w^h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ corresponding to random variable $\bar{V}_1^{0,h} = h \cdot (\bar{S}_1 - \bar{S}_0)$, satisfies $w_i^h \geq 0, \forall i$ and $w^h \neq 0$

Denote W the vector space of discounted payoffs replicable at cost 0

$$W := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m h^j (\bar{S}_1^j - \bar{S}_0^j) : h \in \mathbb{R}^m \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ (\bar{S}_1^j - \bar{S}_0^j)_{j=1}^m \right\}$$

Find that

$$\text{The set of all arbitrage payoffs is } W \cap (\mathbb{R}_+^n \setminus \{0\})$$

No arbitrage iff $W \cap (\mathbb{R}_+^n \setminus \{0\}) = \{0\}$

The set of discounted payoffs replicable at cost x is $x + W = \{x + w : w \in W\}$, since $\bar{V}_1^{x,h} = x + \bar{V}_1^{0,h}$

2.15 The Fourier-Motzkin Algorithm

2.15.1 Simple linear equality

Given $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and a $m \times n$ matrix A with rows, a^1, \dots, a^m , to solve system $Ax = b$ write $x = (y, z)$ with $y = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, z := x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $a^i \cdot x = c^i \cdot y + d^i z$ for some $c^i \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, d^i \in \mathbb{R}$ rewriting the equations as

$$c^i \cdot y + d^i z = b_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

in the form $z = e^i \cdot y + f^i$ or in form $0 = e^i \cdot y + f^i$ for some $e^i \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, f^i \in \mathbb{R}$ to find the equivalent system

$$\begin{cases} z = e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{\neq} := \{i : d^i \neq 0\}; \\ 0 = e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{=} := \{i : d^i = 0\}. \end{cases}$$

$I_{\neq}, I_{=}$ disjoint subsets whose union is $\{1, \dots, m\}$.

$I_{\neq} = \emptyset$ iff the last system i.e $Ax = b$ doesn't involve variable z

In this case: take any y solving system $0 = e^i \cdot y + f^i, i \in I_{=}$ and any $z \in \mathbb{R}$

If instead $I_{\neq} \neq \emptyset$ then fix arbitrarily $i^* \in I_{\neq}$ then all and only the solutions (y, z) of above found by taking solution y of system

$$\begin{cases} e^i \cdot y + f^i = e^{i^*} \cdot y + f^{i^*}, & \text{for } i, j \in I_{\neq}; \\ 0 = e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{=}. \end{cases}$$

and taking $z = e^{i^*} \cdot y + f^{i^*}$

Above equation has no solution iff so does $Ax = b$

Iterating the above get sequence of linear systems $A^i x^i = b^i, i = n, n-1, \dots, 1$

Deleting the last variable, one at a time, till we get to $A^1 x^1 = b^1$ in the only variable $x^1 = x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$
 $A^1 x^1 = b^1$ has no solution \iff so does $Ax = b$

Can construct all solution of $Ax = b$ from solutions of $A^1 x^1 = b^1$ by back substitution.

2.15.2 System of linear inequalities

Generalise above to system of linear inequalities $Ax \geq b$

Rewriting our system instead as

$$\begin{cases} z \geq e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{>} : \{i : d^i > 0\}; \\ z \leq e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{<} : \{i : d^i < 0\}; \\ 0 \geq e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{=} : \{i : d^i = 0\}; \end{cases}$$

where $I_{<}, I_{>}, I_{=}$ disjoint sets whose union is $\{1, \dots, m\}$, with $I_{<} \cup I_{>} = \emptyset$ iff the last system does not involve variable z

In this case: take any y solving system $0 \geq e^i \cdot y + f^i, i \in I_{=}$ and any $z \in \mathbb{R}$

If instead $I_{<} \cup I_{>} \neq \emptyset$, if $I_{>} = \emptyset$ then $I_{<} \neq \emptyset$ and all and only solutions (y, z) of above found by taking solution y of system $0 \geq d_i + f_i \cdot y, i \in I_{=}$ if $I_{=} \neq \emptyset$ and taking any $z \leq \min_{i \in I_{<}} d_i + f_i \cdot y$

Analogously if $I_{<} = \emptyset$ then $I_{>} \neq \emptyset$ and take any y solving $0 \geq d_i + f_i \cdot y, i \in I_{=}$ if $I_{=} \neq \emptyset$, and any $z \geq \max_{i \in I_{>}} d_i + f_i \cdot y$ and find all and only solutions of the system .

In case where $I_{>}, I_{<}$ both non-empty, all and only solutions $x = (y, z)$ obtained by: taking solution y of system

$$\begin{cases} e^i \cdot y + f^i \geq e^j \cdot y + f^j, & \text{for } i \in I_{<}, j \in I_{>}; \\ 0 \geq e^i \cdot y + f^i, & \text{for } i \in I_{=}, \end{cases}$$

and then choose any

$$z \in \left[\max_{j \in I_{>}} e^j \cdot y + f^j, \min_{i \in I_{<}} e^i \cdot y + f^i \right].$$

Note conventions, $\sup \emptyset = -\infty, \inf \emptyset = \infty$

When $I_{>} = \emptyset$ or $I_{<} = \emptyset$ then system becomes $z \leq \min_{i \in I_{<}} d_i + f_i \cdot y, z \geq \max_{i \in I_{>}} d_i + f_i \cdot y$ respectively.

And if $I_{<} \cup I_{>} = \emptyset$ then we have $z \in \mathbb{R}$

(y, z) solves system iff y solves the rewritten system and z solves the above range.

Iterating this procedure get sequence of linear systems $A^i x^i \geq b^i, i = n, n-1, \dots, 1$

Where i^{th} system has variables $x^i = (x_1, \dots, x_i)$, starting from x^n and deleting until we get to $x^1 = x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$
 $A^1 x^1 \geq b^1$ has no solution \iff so does $Ax \geq b$

Can construct all solution of $Ax \geq b$ from solutions of $A^1 x^1 \geq b^1$ by back substitution.

2.16 Find arbitrage with the FM algorithm

Can find if a finite market has arbitrage, can use FM algorithm to check whether $W \cap \mathbb{R}_+^n = \{0\}$

2.17 The no-arbitrage and the domination principles

Principle 32 (Weak Domination Principle). *If there are 2 possible investments, and the first one has, under all possible market outcomes, a smaller value then hte second at time T, then this holds also at all previous times.*

Principle 33 (Pricing via super- and sub-replication). *At any time $t \in [0, T]$, the derivative's price must be smaller (resp. bigger) than the value of any super-replicating (resp. sub-replicating) portfolio.*

We can then define the price bounds for the derivative as the smallest (resp. biggest) initial capital of a super-replicating (resp. sub-replicating) portfolio.

$$u(X) := \inf \{V_0^U : V_T^U \geq X_T\}, \quad d(x) = \sup \{V_0^D : V_T^D \leq X_T\}$$

We also have trivially $V_T \geq X_T \iff \bar{V}_T \geq \bar{X}_T$ and $V_T \leq X_T \iff \underline{V}_T \leq \underline{X}_T$

$$u(X) = \inf \{V_0^U : \bar{V}_T^U \geq \bar{X}_T\}, \quad d(X) = \sup \{V_0^D : \bar{V}_T^D \leq \bar{X}_T\}$$

Principle 34 (Domination Principle). *Say that the Strict Domination Principle holds if, whenever there are two investments L, M such that*

1. *the first one has a value a.s. smaller than the second, i.e. $\mathbb{P}(\{V_t^L \leq V_t^M\}) = 1$*
2. *the first one has a value not a.s. equal to the second i.e. $\mathbb{P}(\{V_t^L \neq V_t^M\}) > 0$*

at time $t = T$, then necessarily items 1 and 2 hold at all previous times $t \in [0, T]$.

We will say that the Domination Principle holds if both the law of one price and the strict domination principle hold.

Remark 35. *When working in one-period models, items 1 and 2 in principle in principle 34 are just required to hold for $t = 0$. Since V_0 is known at time 0, it is a constant, so items 1 and 2 become more simply $V_0^L < V_0^M$*

Theorem 36. *In the linear one-period marker model, the following are equivalent:*

1. *The domination principle (34) holds*
2. *The strict domination principle holds*
3. *there exists no-arbitrage*

Theorem 38. *In the linear multi-period market model, the Weak Domination principle (32) holds if and only if there exist no uniform arbitrage.*

Moreover, the domination principle (34) implies the weak domination principle (32), which implies teh Law of one price, adn the two opposite implications do not hold.

2.18 No-arbitrage prices

Definition 39 (No-arbitrage price). $p \in \mathbb{R}$ is a fair price of X in the market (B, S) if the enlarged market (B, S, X) , composed of the original market plus the derivative X traded has price $X_0 = p$ at time 0, is also arbitrage-free.

Lemma 40. The infimum and supremum in the definition of $u(X)$ and $d(X)$ are achieved.

Proposition 42. In the arbitrage-free one-period market (B, S) , if a derivative X is

1. replicable, then its fair price X_0 is unique, it equals the initial value x of any replicating portfolio, and $u(X) = X_0 = d(X)$
2. not replicable, then the set of its fair prices is the open interval $(d(X), u(X))$

Definition 44. A market model (B, S) is called complete if any derivative X is replicable (in such a market); otherwise its called incomplete.

In a complete model all derivatives have a unique price.

2.19 Linear programming, option pricing and arbitrage

Definition 45. A set $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ is called a polyhedron if it of the form

$$P := \{z \in \mathbb{R}^k : Az \geq b, \quad Cz \leq d, \quad Ez = f\}$$

where A, C, E are matrices and b, d, f are vectors. A linear optimisation problem (LP) is a problem of the form

$$\text{minimise/maximise } a \cdot z \text{ subject to } z \in P$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}, c, z$ are vectors and P is a polyhedron.

Polyhedra are closed, convex sets.

2.20 Solving LPs with the FM algorithm

Given a polyhedron $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and the LP

$$\inf c \cdot z \text{ subject to } z \in P$$

Want to find z^* such that $c \cdot z^* = y^*$ the infimum

z^* the optimiser, y^* the optimal value.

If optimiser exists, LP called *solvable*

To solve the LP, define the polyhedron

$$R = \{(y, z) : y = c \cdot z, z \in P\}$$

Use FM to compute projection $\pi_1^{n+1}(R)$ where $\pi_1^{n+1} = \pi_y$ defined on $\mathbb{R}_y^1 \times \mathbb{R}_z^n$

Theorem 47. $\inf \pi_1^{n+1}(R)$ equals the optimal value y^* of the LP, and z^* solves the LP if and only if $(y^*, z^*) \in R$

Corollary 48. A LP solvable iff its optimal value is finite.

2.21 How to price a derivative using the FM algorithm

2.22 How to find the optimisers of a LP using the FM algorithm

2.23 Foreign Currency

Describe the money market using 'the bond' and 'the stock'

If we are trading between two currencies, need to consider

$$B_0^d = 1, \quad B_0^f = 1, \quad B_0^d = 1 + r^d, \quad B_0^f = 1 + r^f$$

Where B^d the domestic bond, and B^f the foreign bond, each with their own interest rate > -1 .

Also required to specify between domestic and foreign assets each priced in their own currency.

A European stock has price (in €) S , so its price in £ is SE where $E := E_{\text{£}}^{\text{€}}$ - the cost of one € in £.

Conversely U a British stock its value UE' in €, where $E' := E_{\text{€}}^{\text{£}}$ - the cost of one £ in €.

Where obviously $E = \frac{1}{E'}$

A british investor may model the market as (B^d, S^d, EB^f, ES^f) where as a euro investor may model the market as $(B^d/E, S^d/E, B^f, S^f)$, with each using their respective bond as the numeraire.

Clear to see that the two models are equivalent, one is arbitrage free/complete iff the other is too.

2.24 Formulas for the binomial model

Consider the one-period binomial model (B, S) assume that $S_0d = S_1(T) < S_1(H) = S_0u$

Do not assume that $d < 1 + r < u$, (arbitrage free)

To price a derivative, try to replicate it, i.e find x, h such that

$$\bar{V}_1^{x,h}(H) = \bar{X}_1(H), \quad \bar{V}_1^{x,h}(T) = \bar{X}_1(T)$$

We have $\bar{V}_1^{x,h} = x + h(\bar{S}_1 - \bar{S}_0)$, this system of two equations in two unknowns has a unique solution.

We get the following delta-hedging formula

$$h = \frac{\bar{X}_1(H) - \bar{X}_1(T)}{\bar{S}_1(H) - \bar{S}_1(T)}$$

and the following formula for \tilde{p} the risk-neutral probability

$$\tilde{p} = \frac{1 + r - d}{u - d}$$

And the risk-neutral price

$$\bar{X}_0 = \tilde{p}\bar{X}_1(H) + (1 - \tilde{p})\bar{X}_1(T), \quad X_0 = \frac{1}{1 + r}E[X_1]$$

2.25 The Fundamental theorem of Asset Pricing

A probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$, if \mathbb{Q} another probability on (Ω, \mathcal{A})

Say \mathbb{Q} *absolutely continuous* with respect to \mathbb{P} , $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ if $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0 \implies \mathbb{Q}(A) = 0, \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$

If any null set of \mathbb{P} a null set of \mathbb{Q} say they are equivalent. $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$ if $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \gg \mathbb{P}$

If Ω finite and every singleton $\{w\}, w \in \Omega$ is measurable, then $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ iff $\mathbb{P}(\{w\}) = 0 \implies \mathbb{Q}(\{w\}) = 0$
If Ω finite and $\mathbb{P}(\{w\}) > 0, \forall w \in \Omega$ then any probability \mathbb{Q} satisfies $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$ iff $\mathbb{Q}(\{w\}) > 0, \forall w \in \Omega$

Proved earlier that the one-period binomial model arbitrage free iff there exists \mathbb{Q} on $\{H, T\}$ that is equivalent to \mathbb{P} and such that $\bar{S}_0 = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}\bar{S}_1$ holds

Definition 58. A probability \mathbb{Q} on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) is an \bar{S} -Martingale Measure, if $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ and

$$\bar{S}_1^j \in L^1(\mathbb{Q}), \quad \bar{S}_0^j = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{S}_1^j], \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, m \quad (53)$$

Denote

$$\mathcal{M}(\bar{S}) := \{\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P} : \text{eq. (53) holds}\}, \quad \mathbb{M}(\bar{S}) := \{\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P} : \text{eq. (53) holds}\}$$

We have the families of all EMM (Equivalent Martingale Measures) and MM (Martingale measure) for \bar{S} abbreviated as \mathcal{M}, \mathbb{M}

Remark 59 (MM in finite Ω). Any random variable defined on a finite Ω is integrable with respect to any probability; thus, if Ω is finite, the assumption $\bar{S}_1^j \in L^1(\mathbb{Q})$ automatically satisfied. Moreover, because of our assumption that $\mathbb{P}(\{w\}) > 0, \forall w \in \Omega, \mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ is satisfied by any probability \mathbb{Q} , and $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$ holds iff $\mathbb{Q}(\{w\}) > 0 \forall w \in \Omega$

Theorem 63 (1st Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing). Consider the linear one-period market model (B, S) . This model is free of arbitrage $\iff \mathcal{M}(\bar{S}) \neq \emptyset$

Theorem 64 (Separation Theorem). If $C, K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ are convex, C is closed and K is compact then there exists $z \in \mathbb{R}^n, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t

$$x \cdot z \leq a < b \leq y \cdot z, \quad \forall x \in C, \forall y \in K$$

In particular, if C is a vector space then $x \cdot z = 0, \forall x \in C$

Theorem 66. Consider the linear one-period model (B, S) and assume that Ω is finite. In this model there exists no uniform arbitrage $\iff \mathbb{M}(\bar{S}) \neq \emptyset$

2.26 The Risk Neutral Pricing Formula

Corollary 67 (Risk-Neutral Pricing Formula). The set of arbitrage-free prices for an illiquid derivative with payoff X_1 in a one-period arbitrage-free market model (B, S) is

$$\mathcal{AFP}(X_1) = \{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] : \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{S}) \text{ and } \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] < \infty\}$$

Corollary 69 (Risk-Neutral Pricing Formula). If (B, S) a one-period market model with no uniform arbitrage, based on a finite probability space, the set of prices for an illiquid derivative with payoff X_1 for which the extended market (B, S, X) has no uniform arbitrage equals

$$\{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] : \mathbb{Q} \in \mathbb{M}(\bar{S}) \text{ and } \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] < \infty\}$$

Remark 70. It follows from Corollary 68 and Proposition 42 that the price bounds for X are given by

$$\begin{aligned} u(X) &= \sup\{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] : \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{S}), \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] < \infty\} \\ d(x) &= \inf\{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] : \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{S}), \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] < \infty\} \end{aligned}$$

sup and inf only attained if and only if X_1 replicable.

Corollary 73 (Characterisation of replicable derivatives). X_1 is replicable $\iff \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1]$ is constant across all $\mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}(\bar{S})$ s.t. $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{X}_1] < \infty$

Corollary 74. Let (B, S) be a market-model free of arbitrage. Then (B, S) is complete \iff the EMM is unique (i.e. $\mathcal{M}(\bar{S})$ a singleton)

2.27 Dividends

Stocks can issue dividends, and bonds coupons. Dividends generally paid every 3 months in the same amount. Paying out dividends decreases the value of the shares by the same amount.

Denote with $\underbrace{S}_{\text{ex/post-dividend}}$ the price of share just after the dividend D is paid, and $\underbrace{D}_{\text{cum-dividend}}$ the price of one share just before the dividend is paid. Then clearly

$$V = S + D, \quad S \geq 0, D \geq 0$$

Calculate the forward price F of a stock paying dividends in one-period model. F depends on D , forward contract pays $S_1 - F$ but does not depend on D , the stock does pay dividends

If we buy one share at cost S_0 , while borrowing $\frac{F+D}{1+r}$ from the bank, we replicate the payment of $S_1 - F$ of the forward contract, since the final wealth is

$$(S_1 + D) - (1+r) \left(\frac{F+D}{1+r} \right) = S_1 - F$$

Since the initial cost of such replicating strategy is $S_0 - \frac{F+D}{1+r}$, setting this to 0 shows that the forward price of S is $F = S_0(1+r) - D$

3 Multi-Period models

3.1 Measurability

Stochastic processes: a family $X = (X_t)_{t \in I}$, i.e. a function $I \ni t \mapsto X_t$ of random numbers or vectors defined on the same probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ indexed by set I

Say $X \leq Y$ mean that $X_t \leq Y_t$ for all $t \in I$

$$P(\{\omega : X_t(\omega) \leq Y_t(\omega) \forall t \in I\}) = 1 \quad P(\{\omega : X_t(\omega) \leq Y_t(\omega)\}) = 1, \quad \forall t \in I$$

Lemma 78 (Doob-Dynkin). *Suppose X, Y random vectors with n, k components, defined on measurable space Ω, \mathcal{A} , then the following are equivalent*

1. *There exists a Borel function $f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $X = f(Y)$*
2. *X is $\sigma(Y)$ -measurable, i.e. $\sigma(X) \subseteq \sigma(Y)$*

Lemma 79. *Given random vector X, Y on the same measurable space Ω, \mathcal{A} if Y only takes countably many values $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ then the t.f.a.e*

1. *There exists a function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $X = f(Y)$*
2. *X takes a constant value x_n on each set of the form $\{Y = y_n\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$*

Definition 80. *A family $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ of σ -algebras is called a filtration if $\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$ for all $s \leq t, s, t \in \mathbb{T}$*

Definition 81. *The stochastic process $X = (X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ is said to be adapted to the filtration $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ (or \mathcal{F} -adapted) if X_t is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable for all $t \in \mathbb{T}$*

The natural filtration generated by a process X is the smallest filtration \mathcal{F}^X to which X is adapted i.e. $\mathcal{F}_t^X = \sigma((X_u)_{u \leq t, u \in \mathbb{T}})$

3.2 Self-financing portfolios

At time t own $H_t^j \in \mathbb{R}$ units of j^{th} asset with price S_t^j and K_t units of the bond with price B_t

At time t the value of the portfolio is $K_t B_t + H_t \cdot S_t$

At time $t+1$ the value of the portfolio is $K_{t+1} B_{t+1} + H_{t+1} \cdot S_{t+1}$

At $t+1$ readjust the portfolio to K_{t+1} units of the bond and H_{t+1} units of the stock, between times $t+1, t+2$

Assume that these values are equal, i.e. the portfolio is self-financing

$$K_t B_{t+1} + H_t \cdot S_{t+1} = K_{t+1} B_{t+1} + H_{t+1} \cdot S_{t+1}, \quad t \in \mathbb{T}, t < T$$

Need to choose the values of variables K_t, H_t^1, \dots, H_t^m for each $t \in \mathbb{T}, t < T$ not all these random variables are free ones - they need to satisfy the T constraints of self-financing.

Can determine K_{t+1} via induction from K_t given $B > 0$ (see notes for clarification)

$$K_{t+1} = \frac{1}{B_{t+1}} (K_t B_{t+1} + (H_t - H_{t+1}) \cdot S_{t+1})$$

We have

$$V_{t_{i+1}} - V_{t_i} = K_{t_i} (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) + H_{t_i} (S_{t_{i+1}} - S_{t_i})$$

$$V_{t_k} - V_0 = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} H_{t_i} (S_{t_{i+1}} - S_{t_i}) + (V_{t_i} - H_{t_i} S_{t_i}) r$$

Which gives a simpler discounted version

$$\bar{V}_t^{x,H} = x + (H \cdot \bar{S})_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{T} \tag{66}$$

where we define the 'discrete-time stochastic integral' of H with respect to Y by

$$(H \cdot Y)_t = \sum_{s=0}^{t-1} H_s (Y_{s+1} - Y_s), \quad t \in \mathbb{T}$$

If we need to calculate K_t can do so using \bar{V}_t

$$K_t = \frac{1}{B_t} (V_t - H_t \cdot S_t) = \bar{V}_t - H_t \cdot \bar{S}_t$$

3.3 Arbitrage and arbitrage-free prices

Definition 82. An adapted process $(P_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ is an Arbitrage Free Price for the derivative with payoff X_T at maturity T in the arbitrage-free market model $(B_t, S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ if $P_t = X_T$ and the enlarged market $(B_t, S_t, P_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ is arbitrage-free.

Theorem 83. In the linear multi-period market model $(B_t, S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ in eq. (66), the Domination principle holds \iff there exists no arbitrage

Theorem 84. There exists an arbitrage in the multi-period model $(B_t, S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ iff there exists a $s \in \mathbb{T}, s < T$ s.t there exists an arbitrage in the one-period model $(B_t, S_t)_{t=s, s+1}$

3.4 The multi-period binomial model

Define the N -period binomial model on the following filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}_p)$

1. $\Omega = \Omega_N = \{\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N) : \omega_i \in \{H, T\}\}$
2. $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ all subsets of Ω
3. $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_n)_{n=0}^N = \sigma((X_k)_{k < n})$

4. \mathbb{P}_p is the probability measure on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) defined by

$$\mathbb{P}_p(\{\omega\}) = p^k(1-p)^{N-k}, \quad \omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N) \in \Omega, \quad k = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}_{\{\omega_i=H\}}$$

for $p \in (0, 1)$

Notice that a process Y is adapted if, for each n , Y_n a function of $X_n := (X_k)_{k \leq n}$
Or equivalently if $Y_n(\omega)$ depends *only* on $\omega(n) = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)$ does not depend on $(\omega_{n+1}, \dots, \omega_N)$

On $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}_p)$ we build the binomial market model (B, S) by asking that

- The bond price process B given by

$$B_n = B_0 \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 + R_k)$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{T}$, where the interest rate process $R > -1$ is \mathcal{F} -adapted

- The price of underlying given by

$$S_{n+1}(\omega) = \begin{cases} (S_n U_n)(\omega), & \text{if } X_{n+1}(\omega) = H; \\ (S_n D_n)(\omega), & \text{if } X_{n+1}(\omega) = T. \end{cases}$$

where the up and down factors U_n, D_n are \mathcal{F} -adapted processes s.t. $0 < D < U$

Theorem 85. *The multi-period binomial model is arbitrage free $\iff D < 1 + R < U$*

3.6 Derivatives paying a cashflow

Consider derivatives that provide payoff P_t at any time $t = 0, 1, \dots, T$ where $T \in \mathbb{N}$ the expiry.

Process $P = (P_t)_{t=0, \dots, T}$ called the *cashflow* of derivative

Require it to be adapted to the filtration \mathcal{F} of the market model (B, S)

Can see a derivative with cashflow P seen as the sum over $n = 0, \dots, N$ of derivatives with payoff P_n at expiry n

Denote P_k^n value at time $k \leq n$ of derivative which only has payoff P_n at expiry n

And take H_k^n the number of shares one should hold at time k to replicate it.

Value of P_k^n only defined for $k \leq n$, since derivative has expiry n , and analogously H_k^n is defined only for $k \leq n - 1$

$$H_k = \sum_{n=k+1}^N H_k^n, \quad V_k = \sum_{n=k}^N D_k$$

3.7 Derivatives with random maturity

Definition 89. *A random variable with values in $I \cup \{\infty\}$ is called a random time.*

Definition 90. *A random time τ is called a stopping time if $\{\tau \leq t\}$ is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable for all $t \in I$*

3.8 Chooser options

American call option - gives right to exercise option and receive payment $(S_t - K)^+$, or instead wait for a later more preferable time.

Bermudan call option - right to choose stopping time τ at which receive payoff $(S_\tau - K)^+$, but only among those τ which take values in set D of possible exercise dates

3.9 American Options

Consider American option, which has payoff I_τ at time τ where τ is a stopping time, $\tau \leq T$ is chosen by the buyer.

I the intrinsic value of the derivative, τ the exercise date, and T the expiry of the option.

The buyer can exercise the option at any time $\tau \leq N$, only choosing $\tau(\omega) = t \leq N$ if $I_t(\omega) \geq 0$

If $I_t(\omega) < 0 \forall t$, he will choose $\tau = \infty$ and the option will expire worthless without being exercised, $I_\infty = 0$

3.10 Conditional probability and conditional Expectation

Theorem 97. $\mathbb{P}(\cdot | B) : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\mathbb{P}(A | B) := \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) / \mathbb{P}(B)$, for $A \in \mathcal{A}$
 $\mathbb{P}(\cdot | B)$ a probability on \mathcal{A} , and

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}(\cdot | B)}[X] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[X 1_B] / \mathbb{P}(B)$$

for any random variable $X \geq 0$, and thus for all X s.t. $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[|X| 1_B] < \infty$

Definition 98. An atom of a σ -algebra \mathcal{F} is a non-empty $A \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $B \subseteq A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ imply that either $B = \emptyset$ or $B = A$

The family of atoms of \mathcal{F} is denoted by $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F})$

Theorem 99. Assume \mathcal{F} is a finite σ -algebra on Ω , and denote with $A_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega)$ the intersection of all the $A \in \mathcal{F}$ which contains $\omega \in \Omega$

Then $A_{\mathcal{F}}$ is the smallest $A \in \mathcal{F}$ which contains ω . The family $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F})$ of atoms of \mathcal{F} is a finite partition of Ω , and

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F}) = \{A_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega) : \omega \in \Omega\}$$

so $A_{\mathcal{F}}(\omega)$ is the (only) atom of \mathcal{F} containing $\omega \in \Omega$. The function $\Pi \circ \sigma(\Pi)$, mapping finite partitions of Ω to finite σ -algebras on Ω , is a bijection and has inverse $\{\cdot\} \mapsto \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F})$; in particular, if $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(X)$ for some random variable X , which satisfies the below eq. (79), then $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{F}) = \{X = x_k\}_{k=1}^n$

$$P(\{X = x_k\}) > 0 \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, n, \quad \mathbb{P}\left(X \notin \bigcup_{k=1}^n \{x_k\}\right) = 0 \quad (79)$$

3.11 Properties of the conditional expectation

Theorem 100. For all $X \in L^1$ and σ -algebra $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ the net $(\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{H}])_{\mathcal{H} \in \mathbb{H}(\mathcal{G})}$ converges in L^1 . Its L^1 limit is called the conditional expectation of X given \mathcal{G} , denoted with $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$

Theorem 101. $Z := \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$ is \mathcal{G} -measurable and satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[ZW] = \mathbb{E}[XW] \text{ for all } \mathcal{G} - \text{measurable and bounded } W; \quad (83)$$

moreover, $Z = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$ is the unique \mathcal{G} -measurable random variable $Z \in L^1$ which satisfies eq. (83)

Properties of conditional expectation:

1. *Linearity:* $\mathbb{E}(X + Z | \mathcal{G}) = \mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] + \mathbb{E}[Z | \mathcal{G}]$
2. *Independence:* If X is independent of \mathcal{G} , then $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[X]$
 In particular, any constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $\mathbb{E}(c | \mathcal{G}) = c$, and if \mathcal{G} is the trivial σ -algebra $\{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ then any X satisfies $\mathbb{E}(X | \mathcal{G}) = \mathbb{E}(X)$
3. *Taking out what is known:* if X is \mathcal{G} -measurable then $\mathbb{E}(XZ | \mathcal{G}) = X\mathbb{E}(Z | \mathcal{G})$, and in particular $\mathbb{E}(X | \mathcal{G}) = X$
4. *Iterated conditioning:* if $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ a σ -algebra and $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ then $\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(X | \mathcal{H}) | \mathcal{G}) = \mathbb{E}(X | \mathcal{G})$; in particular $\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}(X | \mathcal{H})] = \mathbb{E}[X]$
5. *Jensen inequality:* if $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex then $\mathbb{E}[\phi(X) | \mathcal{G}] \geq \phi\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$

Theorem 102. Assume $X \in L^2(\mathcal{A})$. Then $\mathbb{E}[X \mid \mathcal{G}]$ is the unique C minimiser of $\mathbb{E}[(X - C)^2]$ across $C \in L^2(\mathcal{A})$.

Equivalently $\mathbb{E}[X \mid \mathcal{G}]$ is the unique $C \in L^2(\mathcal{A})$ s.t.

$$\mathbb{E}[(X - C)W] = 0 \text{ for all } W \in L^2(\mathcal{G})$$

Lemma 103. The set $L^2 = L^2(\mathbb{P})$ of random variables X s.t. $\mathbb{E}(X^2) < \infty$ is a vector space, and if $X, Y \in L^2(\mathbb{P})$ then $XY \in L^1(\mathbb{P})$

3.12 The RNPF in the multi-period binomial model

Compute up and down factors

$$U_n(\omega) := \frac{S_{n+1}((\omega(n), H))}{S_n(\omega(n))}, \quad D_n(\omega) := \frac{S_{n+1}((\omega(n), T))}{S_n(\omega(n))}$$

and define risk-neutral transition-probabilities \tilde{P}_n and $\tilde{Q}_n = 1 - \tilde{P}_n$ by asking that

$$\bar{S}_n(\omega(n)) = \tilde{P}_n(\omega(n))\bar{S}_{n+1}((\omega(n), H)) + \tilde{Q}_n(\omega(n))\bar{S}_{n+1}((\omega(n), T))$$

Solving to get

$$\tilde{P}_n(\omega) = \tilde{P}_n(\omega(n)) := \frac{(1 + R_n) - D_n(\omega(n))}{U_n - D_n}(\omega(n)), \quad n = 0, \dots, N - 1 \quad (86)$$

$$\tilde{Q}_n(\omega) = \tilde{Q}_n(\omega(n)) := \frac{U_n - (1 + R_n)}{U_n - D_n}(\omega(n)), \quad n = 0, \dots, N - 1 \quad (87)$$

Compute $V_n = V_n^{x, G}$

$$\bar{V}_n(\omega(n)) = \tilde{P}_n(\omega(n))\bar{V}_{n+1}((\omega(n), H)) + \tilde{Q}_n(\omega(n))\bar{V}_{n+1}((\omega(n), T)) \quad (88)$$

$$\bar{V}_n(\omega(n)) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{V}_{n+1} \mid \mathcal{F}_n] \quad (90)$$

$$\bar{V}_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{V}_{n+1} \mid \mathcal{F}_n] \quad (91)$$

Lemma 105. The map $\mathbb{Q} \mapsto \tilde{P}$ given by equation (89) is a bijection between

1. probabilities \mathbb{Q} on (Ω, \mathcal{A})
2. \mathcal{F} -adapted processes $\tilde{P} = (\tilde{P})_{n \leq N}$ on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) with values in $[0, 1]$

Moreover $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P} \iff 0 < \tilde{P} < 1$

3.13 The FTAP in the multi-period setting

As \tilde{P} is determined by eq. (85) which is eq. (88) with $V = S$, eq. (91) states that \mathbb{Q} satisfies

$$\bar{S}_n = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[\bar{S}_{n+1} \mid \mathcal{F}_n]$$

Definition 107. 1. An adapted process $Y = (Y_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ a martingale if $Y_t \in L^1(\mathbb{P})$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y_t \mid \mathcal{F}_s]$ for each $s \leq t, s, t \in \mathbb{T}$

2. A probability \mathbb{Q} on \mathcal{F} is a Martingale Measure if \bar{S} is a martingale on $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{Q})$
Say \bar{S} a \mathbb{Q} -martingale
Such \mathbb{Q} is an EMM if $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$. The set of EMM denoted by $\mathcal{M}(\bar{S})$

Theorem 108 (1st FTAP). A multi-period market $(B_t, S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ is arbitrage free $\iff \mathcal{M}(\bar{S}) \neq \emptyset$

Corollary 109. Let $(B_t, S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ be a multi-period market free of arbitrage. Then (B, S) is complete \iff the EMM is unique (i.e. $\mathcal{M}(\bar{S})$ is a singleton)

3.14 Permutation-invariant processes and recombinant trees

To find AFP $Y := (Y_n)_{n < N}$ for binomial model - work by backward induction. Setting $\bar{V}_n = \bar{V}_n^{x,G} := \bar{Y}_n$ and using the RNPF eq. (91) to compute $\bar{V}_n = \mathbb{E}^Q(\bar{V}_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n)$ and G_n for each $0 \leq n \leq N - 1$

Problem: amount of computation grows exponentially with n - as its proportional to the # of paths $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) = \#\{H, T\}^n = 2^n$

Solution - consider for (B, S) only those adapted processes W such that for each n , W_n takes the same value at the point $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)$ as at the point $(\sigma(\omega_1), \dots, \sigma(\omega_n))$, where σ any permutation of $\Omega_n = \{H, T\}^n$. Call such W *permutation-invariant*

If W is permutation-invariant W_n takes at most $n + 1$ possible values, as it is a function only of the number $k = 0, \dots, n$ of coin tosses which results in Heads. As the number of values of W_n grows linearly in n - instead of exponentially - the amount of computation is reduced.

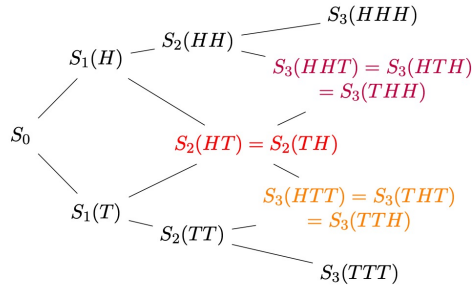


Figure 1: Recombinant tree

Suppose (B, S) is permutation invariant. If the value \bar{Y}_n of a derivative at time N depended just on (B_N, S_N) , i.e. $\bar{Y}_n = f_N(B_N, S_N)$, then we would only need to keep track of the $N + 1$ values of (B_N, S_N) to compute \bar{Y}_n

For a general derivative we have $\bar{Y}_n = f_N((B_k, S_k)_{k \leq N})$, we would still only need to keep track of $\sum_{k=0}^n (k + 1) = \frac{1}{2}(N + 1)(N + 2) \sim N^2$ values - which is much less than 2^N

3.15 Independence

Definition 110. Given a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$, we say two events $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ are independent if $\mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$

Definition 111. Given probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ say finitely many events $F_i \in \mathcal{A}, i \in J = \{i_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are \mathbb{P} -independent if we have

$$\mathbb{P}(G_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap G_{i_n}) = \prod_{j=1}^n \mathbb{P}(G_{i_j})$$

For any $G_{i_j} \in \{F_{i_j}, F_{i_j}^c\}, j = 1, \dots, n$

Definition 113. Given probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, an arbitrary collection of events $G_i \in \mathcal{A}, i \in I$ are independent if $\{G_i\}_{i \in J}$ are independent for every finite $J \subseteq I$

Arbitrary collection $\{\mathcal{G}_i\}_{i \in I}$ of sub- σ -algebras of \mathcal{A} are independent if for every choice of sets $G_i \in \mathcal{G}_i, i \in I$, the sets $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$ are independent

An arbitrary collection of random vectors $X_i : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k_i}, i \in I$ are independent if the σ -algebras $\{\sigma(X_i)\}_{i \in I}$ are independent

Theorem 114. Given random vectors $X_j : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k_j}, j = 1, \dots, n$ the following are equivalent:

1. $(X_j)_j$ are independent

2.

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{k=1}^n f_j(X_j) \right] = \prod_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[f_j(X_j)] \quad (97)$$

holds for any bounded and Borel functions $f_j : \mathbb{R}^{k_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, j = 1, \dots, n$ of the form $f_j(x) = \exp(i \cdot t_j \cdot x), t_j \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j}$

3. eq. (97) holds for any functions $f_j : \mathbb{R}^{k_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, j = 1, \dots, n$ of the form $f_j(x) = \exp(i \cdot t_j \cdot x), t_j \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j}$

Remark 115. 1. if X_j has values in \mathbb{R}^+ for each j and eq. (97) holds for every f_j of the form $f_j(x) = \exp(t_j x), t_j \in \mathbb{R}$, or

2. if each X_j has values in a bounded set B_j ($\mathbb{P}(X_j \notin B_j) = 0$) and eq. (97) holds for every f_j which is a polynomial

Then the $(X_j)_j$ are independent

Remark 116. For $\mathbb{T} = \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$ or $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{N}$

1. $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{T}}$ are independent

2. For every $J, K \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ s.t. $J \cap K = \emptyset$ the two random vectors $Y := (X_i)_{i \in J}$ and $Z := (X_i)_{i \in K}$ are independent

3. For every $k \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{0\}$, the two random vectors $X(k-1) := (X_i)_{i=0}^{k-1}$ and X_k are independent

Theorem 117. Given two σ -algebras $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$, the following are equivalent:

1. \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} are \mathbb{P} -independent

2. for all $B \in \mathcal{B}$ the random variable $\mathbb{P}(B | \mathcal{C})$ is constant

3. for every \mathcal{B} -measurable $Y \in L^1(\mathbb{P})$, the random variable $\mathbb{E}(Y | \mathcal{C})$ is constant

and in this case $\mathbb{P}(B | \mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{P}(B)$, and $\mathbb{E}[Y | \mathcal{C}] = \mathbb{E}[Y]$

Theorem 118. If two random variables X, Y take finitely many values $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n, \{y_j\}_{j=1}^m$ then X, Y independent iff, for each i, j the two sets $\{X = x_i\}, \{Y = y_j\}$ are independent

Remark 119. If \mathcal{B} finite, if $\mathbb{P}(B | \mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{P}(B)$ holds for every atom of \mathcal{B} then it holds for every finite union of atoms, i.e. for every $B \in \mathcal{B}$; moreover if $\mathbb{P}(B | \mathcal{C}) = \mathbb{P}(B)$ then

$$\mathbb{P}(B^c | \mathcal{C}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(B | \mathcal{C}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(B^c)$$

Thus, a random variable X which only takes 2 values x_1, x_2 is independent of a σ -algebra \mathcal{G} iff $\mathbb{P}(X = x_1 | \mathcal{G})$ is constant

Remark 120. Combining remarks 116 + 119.

Follows that random variables $(X_i)_{i=1}^N$ with values in $\{H, T\}$ are \mathbb{P} -independent iff, for every $k \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{k+1} = H | \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)) \quad \text{is constant}$$

Remark 121. WARNING: if X, Y, Z are pairwise independent, then not necessarily X, Y, Z are independent

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Definition 122. An adapted process $X = (X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ on a filtered prob. space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is Markov if

$$\forall f \text{ Borel-measurable}, \forall s \leq t, s, t \in \mathbb{T}, \quad \mathbb{E}(f(X_t) \mid \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_t) \mid X_s)$$

Lemma 124 (Independence Lemma). If X a \mathbb{R}^k -valued, and Y a \mathbb{R}^n -valued random vector on $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$, $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{A}$ a σ -algebra, X is \mathcal{G} -measurable and Y is independent of \mathcal{G} , $f : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a Borel function, then

$$\mathbb{E}(f(X, Y) \mid \mathcal{G}) = g(x) \quad \text{for} \quad g(x) = \mathbb{E}(f(x, Y)), \quad g : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Corollary 126. If a \mathcal{F} -adapted process W satisfies $W_{k+1} = f_k(W_k, X_{k+1})$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, where f_k is some Borel function and X_{k+1} is independent of \mathcal{F}_k , then W is Markov and $\mathbb{E}(f(W_{k+1}) \mid \mathcal{F}_k) = g(W_k)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, where

$$g(\omega) := \mathbb{E}[f(f(\omega, X_{k+1}))]$$

4 Continuous Time models

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