



Fixed Income and Risk Management

Interest Rate Models

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1-period binomial model

- Stock with price $S = \$60$ and one-period risk-free rate of $r = 20\%$
- Over next period stock price either falls to $\$30$ or rises to $\$90$

$$S = \$60 \begin{cases} S_u = \$90 \\ S_d = \$30 \end{cases}$$

- Call option with strike price $K = \$60$ pays either $\$0$ or $\$30$

$$C = ? \begin{cases} C_u = \$30 \\ C_d = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Buy $D = \frac{1}{2}$ share of stock and borrow $L = \$12.50$

$$\begin{aligned} \$60/2 - \$12.50 = \$17.50 & \begin{cases} S_u/2 - 1.2 \cdot \$12.5 = \$45 - \$15 = \$30 \\ S_d/2 - 1.2 \cdot \$12.5 = \$15 - \$15 = \$0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

1-period binomial model (cont)

- Portfolio replicates option payoff $\Rightarrow C = \$17.50$
- Solving for replicating portfolio
 - Buy Δ shares of stock and borrow L
 - If stock price rises to \$90, we want the portfolio to be worth
$$\$90 \times \Delta - 1.2 \times L = \$30$$
 - If stock price drops to \$30, we want the portfolio to be worth
$$\$30 \times \Delta - 1.2 \times L = \$0$$
 - $\Delta = 0.5$ and $L = \$12.50$ solve these two equations

1-period binomial model (cont)

- “Delta”

- Δ is chosen so that the value of the replicating portfolio ($\Delta \times S - L$) has the same sensitivity to S as the option price C

$$\Delta = \frac{dC}{dS} = \frac{\$30 - \$0}{\$90 - \$30} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- Δ is called the hedge ratio of “delta” of the option
- Delta-hedging an option is analogous to duration-hedging a bond

1-period binomial model (cont)

- Very important result

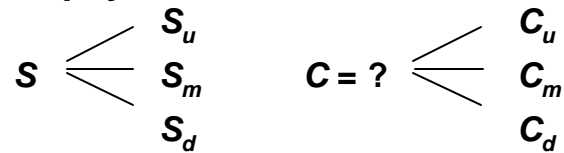
The option price does not depend on the probabilities of a stock price up-move or down-move

- Intuition

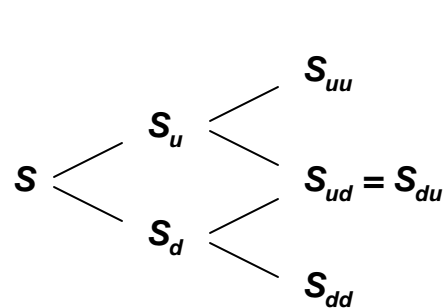
- If $C \neq \Delta \times S - L$, there exist an arbitrage opportunity
- Arbitrage opportunities deliver riskless profits
- Riskless profits cannot depend on probabilities
- Therefore, the option price cannot depend on probabilities

1-period binomial model (cont)

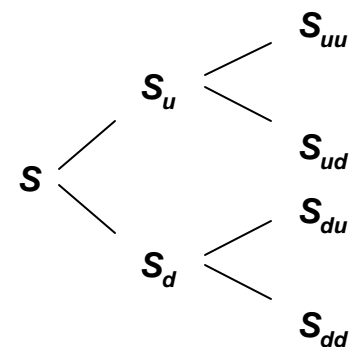
- Unfortunately, this simple replication argument does not work with 3 or more payoff states



- Rather than increase the number of payoff states per period, increase the number of binomial periods \Rightarrow binomial tree



Recombining



Non-recombining

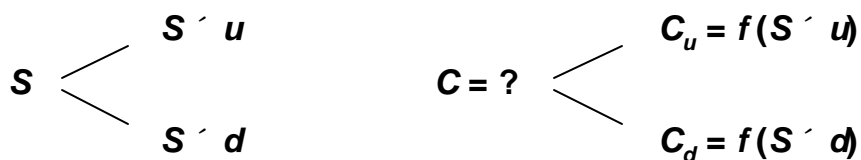
1-period binomial model (cont)

- Define

- $u = 1 + \text{return if stock price goes up}$
- $d = 1 + \text{return if stock price goes down}$
- $r = \text{per-period riskless rate (constant for now)}$
- $p = \text{probability of stock price up-move}$

- No arbitrage requires $d \leq 1 + r \leq u$

- Stock and option payoffs



1-period binomial model (cont)

- Payoff of portfolio of D shares and L dollars of borrowing

$$D S - L \begin{cases} D' S' u - L' (1+r) \\ D' S' d - L' (1+r) \end{cases}$$

- Replication requires

$$\Delta \times S \times u - L \times (1 + r) = C_u$$

$$\Delta \times S \times d - L \times (1 + r) = C_d$$

- Two equations in two unknowns (D and L) with solution

$$\Delta = \frac{C_u - C_d}{S \times (u - d)} \quad L = \frac{d \times C_u - u \times C_d}{(1 + r) \times (r - d)}$$

- Option price

$$C = \Delta \times S - L$$

Risk-neutral pricing (cont)

- Define

$$q = \frac{(1 + r) - d}{u - d} \quad (1 - q) = \frac{u - (1 + r)}{u - d}$$

- No-arbitrage condition $d \leq 1 + r \leq u$ implied $0 \leq q \leq 1$
- Rearrange option price

$$C = \Delta \times S - L$$

$$= \frac{C_u - C_d}{S \times (u - d)} \times S - \frac{d \times C_u - u \times C_d}{(1 + r) \times (u - d)}$$

...

$$= \frac{q \times C_u + (1 - q) \times C_d}{1 + r}$$

Risk-neutral pricing (cont)

- Interpretation of q

- Expected return on the stock

$$E \left[\frac{S_1}{S_0} \right] = \frac{p \times S \times u + (1 - p) \times S \times d}{S} = p \times u + (1 - p) \times d$$

- Suppose we were risk-neutral

$$E \left[\frac{S_1}{S_0} \right] = p \times u + (1 - p) \times d = (1 + r)$$

- Solving for p

$$p = \frac{(1 + r) - d}{u - d} = q$$

- Very, very important result

q is the probability which sets the expected return on the stock equal to the riskfree rate \mathbb{P} risk-neutral probability

Risk-neutral pricing (cont)

- Very, very, very important result

The option price equals its expected payoff discounted by the riskfree rate, where the expectation is formed using risk-neutral probabilities instead of real probabilities \mathbb{P} risk-neutral pricing

- Risk-neutral pricing extends to multiperiod binomial trees and applies to all derivatives which can be replicated

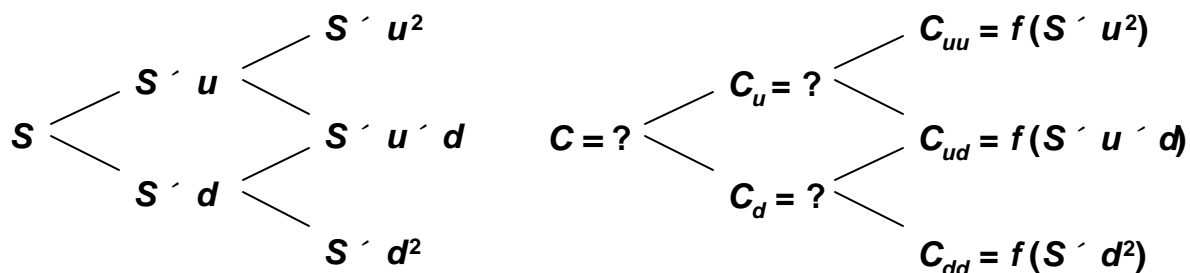
$$\text{Derivatives price} = PV_r \left[E^q [\text{payoff}] \right]$$

Risk-neutral pricing intuition

- **Step 1**
 - Derivatives are priced by no-arbitrage
 - No-arbitrage does not depend on risk preferences or probabilities
- **Step 2**
 - Imagine a world in which all security prices are the same as in the real world but everyone is risk-neutral (a “risk-neutral world”)
 - The expected return on any security equals the risk-free rate r
- **Step 3**
 - In the risk-neutral world, every security is priced as its expected payoff discounted by the risk-free rate, including derivatives
 - Expectations are taken wrt the risk-neutral probabilities q
- **Step 4**
 - Derivative prices must be the same in the risk-neutral and real worlds because there is only one no-arbitrage price

2-period binomial model

- Stock and option payoffs

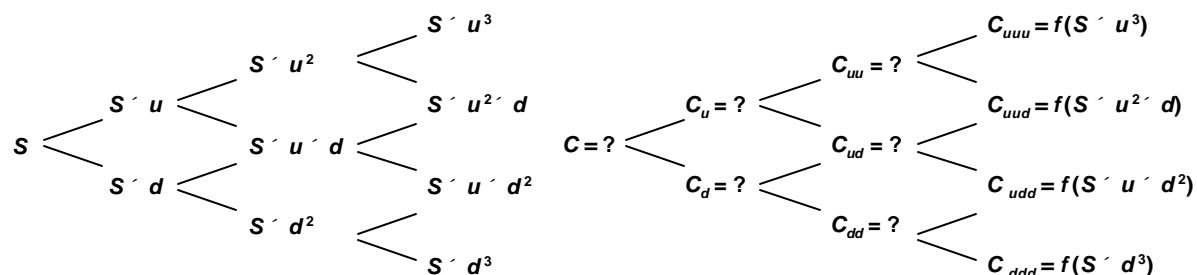


- By risk-neutral pricing

$$C = \frac{q^2 \times C_{uu} + 2 \times q \times (1 - q) \times C_{ud} + (1 - q)^2 \times C_{dd}}{(1 + r)^2}$$

3-period binomial model

- Stock and option payoffs



- By risk-neutral pricing

$$C = \frac{1}{(1+r)^3} \times \left[q^3 \times C_{uuu} + 3 \times q^2 \times (1-q) \times C_{uud} + \dots \right. \\ \left. 3 \times q \times (1-q)^2 \times C_{udd} + (1-q)^3 \times C_{ddd} \right]$$

Definitions

- An interest rate model describes the dynamics of either
 - 1-period spot rate
 - Instantaneous spot rate = t -year spot rate $r(t)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$
- Variation in spot rates is generated by either
 - One source of risk \Rightarrow single-factor models
 - Two or more sources of risk \Rightarrow multifactor models

Model uses

- **Characterize term structure of spot rates to price bonds**
- **Price interest rate and bond derivatives**
 - Exchange traded (e.g., Treasury bond or Eurodollar options)
 - OTC (e.g., caps, floors, collars, swaps, swaptions, exotics)
- **Price fixed income securities with embedded options**
 - Callable or puttable bonds
- **Compute price sensitivities to underlying risk factor(s)**
- **Describe risk-reward trade-off**

Model features

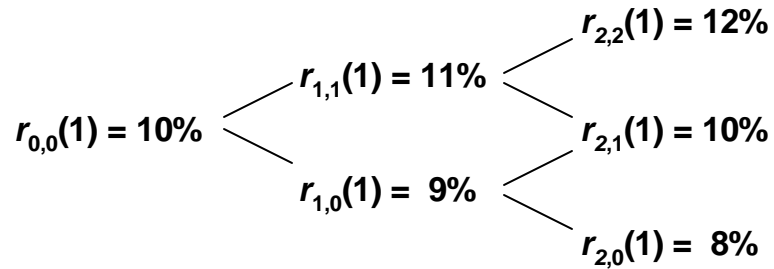
- **Interest rate models should be**
 - Arbitrage free = model prices agree with current market prices
 - Spot rate curve
 - Coupon yield curve
 - Interest rate and bond derivatives
 - Time-consistent = model implied behavior of spot rates and bond prices agree with their observed behavior
 - Mean reversion
 - Conditional heteroskedasticity
 - Term structure of volatility and correlation structure
- **Developing an interest rate model which is both arbitrage free and time consistent is the holy grail of fixed income research**

Model implementation

- **In practice, two model implementations**
 - Cross-sectional calibration
 - Calibrate model to match exactly all market prices of liquid securities on a single day
 - Used for pricing less liquid securities and derivatives
 - Arbitrage free but probably not time-consistent
 - Usually one or two factors
 - Time-series estimation
 - Estimate model using a long time-series of spot rates
 - Used for hedging and asset allocation
 - Time-consistent but not arbitrage free
 - Usually two and more factors

Spot rate tree

- 1-period spot rates (m -period compounded APR)



- Notation
 - $r_{i,j}(n)$ = n -period spot rate i periods in the future after j up-moves
 - Δt = length of a binomial step in units of years
- Set $\Delta t = 1/m$ and $m = 2$
- Assume $q_{i,j} = 0.5$ for all steps i and nodes j

Road-map

- Calculate step-by-step

- Implied spot rate curve $r_{0,0}(1), r_{0,0}(2), r_{0,0}(3)$
- Implied changes in the spot rate curve

$$r_{0,0}(1), r_{0,0}(2) \begin{cases} r_{1,1}(1), r_{1,1}(2) \\ r_{1,0}(1), r_{1,0}(2) \end{cases}$$

- Price 8% 1.5-yr coupon bond
- Price 1-yr European call option on 8% 1.5-yr coupon bond
- Price 1-yr American put option on 8% 1.5-yr coupon bond

1-period zero-coupon bond prices

- At time 0

$$P_{0,0}(1) = ? \begin{cases} P_{1,1}(0) = \$100 \\ P_{1,0}(0) = \$100 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{0,0}(1) &= \frac{q_{0,0} \times P_{1,1}(0) + (1 - q_{0,0}) \times P_{1,0}(0)}{(1 + r_{0,0}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}} \\ &= \frac{\$100}{(1 + 0.1/2)^1} = \$95.24 \end{aligned}$$

1-period zero-coupon bond prices (cont)

- At time 1

$$P_{1,1}(1) = \frac{q_{1,1} \times P_{2,2}(0) + (1 - q_{1,1}) \times P_{2,1}(0)}{(1 + r_{1,1}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}}$$

$$= \frac{\$100}{(1 + 0.11/2)^1} = \$94.79$$

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$$= \frac{\$100}{(1 + 0.09/2)^1} = \$95.69$$

1-period zero-coupon bond prices (cont)

- At time 2

$$P_{2,2}(1) = \frac{q_{2,2} \times P_{3,3}(0) + (1 - q_{2,2}) \times P_{3,2}(0)}{(1 + r_{2,2}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}}$$

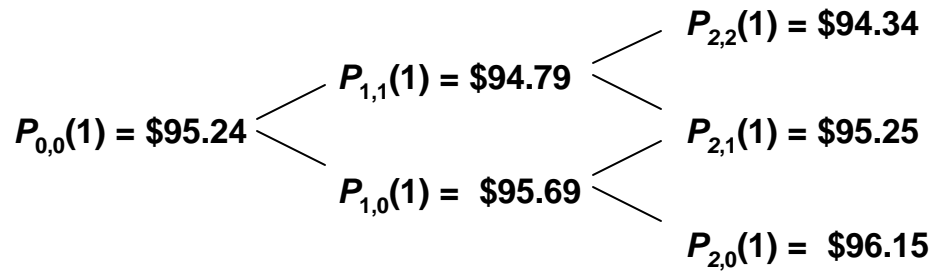
$$= \frac{\$100}{(1 + 0.12/2)^1} = \$94.34$$

$$P_{2,1}(1) = \frac{q_{2,1} \times P_{3,2}(0) + (1 - q_{2,1}) \times P_{3,1}(0)}{(1 + r_{2,1}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}} = \$95.24$$

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$$= \frac{\$100}{(1 + 0.08/2)^1} = \$96.15$$

1-period zero-coupon bond prices (cont)



2-period zero-coupon bond prices

- At time 0

$$P_{0,0}(2) = ? \begin{cases} P_{1,1}(1) = \$94.79 \\ P_{1,0}(1) = \$95.69 \end{cases}$$

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- Implied 2-period spot rate

$$P_{0,0}(2) = \frac{\$100}{(1 + r_{0,0}(2)/m)^{2 \times \Delta t \times m}} \Rightarrow r_{0,0}(2) = 9.9976\%$$

2-period zero-coupon bond prices (cont)

- At time 1

$$P_{1,1}(2) = \frac{q_{1,1} \times P_{2,2}(1) + (1 - q_{1,1}) \times P_{2,1}(1)}{(1 + r_{1,1}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \$94.34 + \frac{1}{2} \times \$95.24}{(1 + 0.11/2)^1} = \$89.85$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{1,1}(2) = 10.9976\%$$

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$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \$95.24 + \frac{1}{2} \times \$96.15}{(1 + 0.09/2)^1} = \$91.58$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{1,0}(2) = 8.9976\%$$

3-period zero-coupon bond price

- At time 0

$$P_{0,0}(3) = ? \begin{cases} P_{1,1}(2) = \$89.85 \\ P_{1,0}(2) = \$91.58 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{0,0}(3) &= \frac{q_{0,0} \times P_{1,1}(2) + (1 - q_{0,0}) \times P_{1,0}(2)}{(1 + r_{0,0}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times \$89.85 + \frac{1}{2} \times \$91.58}{(1 + 0.1/2)^1} = \$86.39 \end{aligned}$$

- Implied 3-period spot rate

$$P_{0,0}(3) = \frac{\$100}{(1 + r_{0,0}(3)/m)^{3 \times \Delta t \times m}} \Rightarrow r_{0,0}(3) = 9.9937\%$$

Implied spot rate curve

- Current spot rate curve is slightly downward sloping

$$r_{0,0}(1) = 10.0000\%$$

$$r_{0,0}(2) = 9.9976\%$$

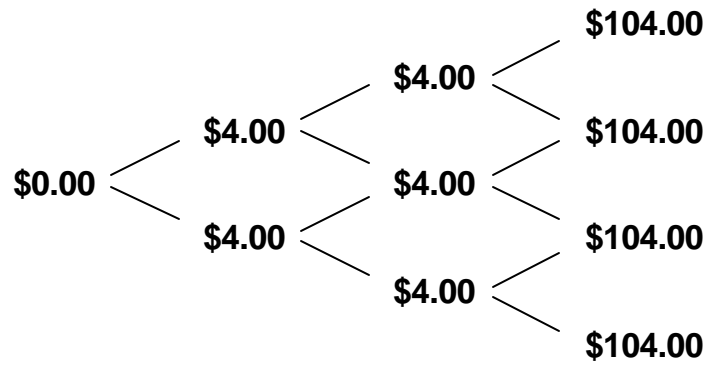
$$r_{0,0}(3) = 9.9937\%$$

- From one period to the next, the spot rate curve shifts in parallel

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
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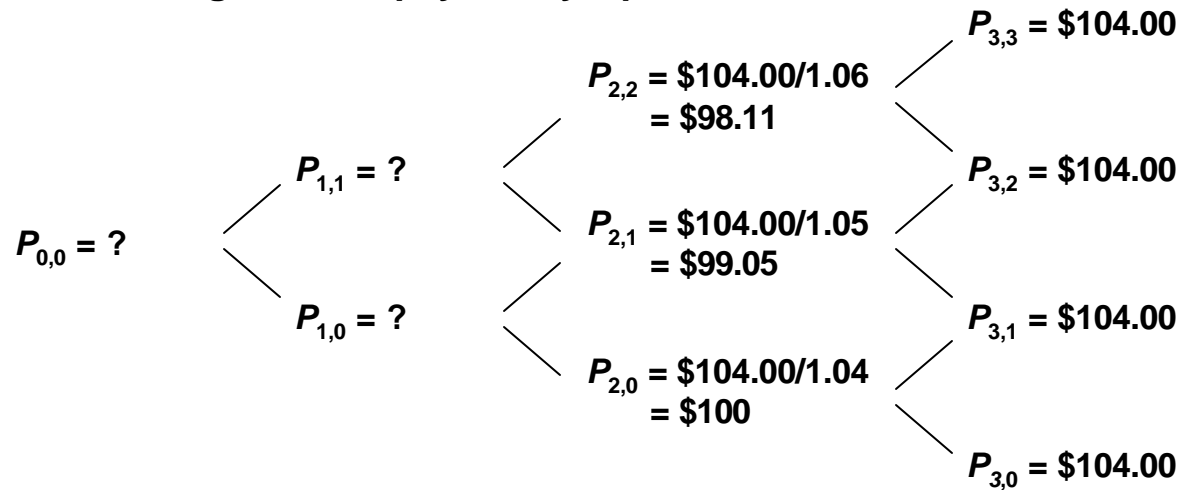
Coupon bond price

- 8% 1.5-year (3-period) coupon bond with cashflow



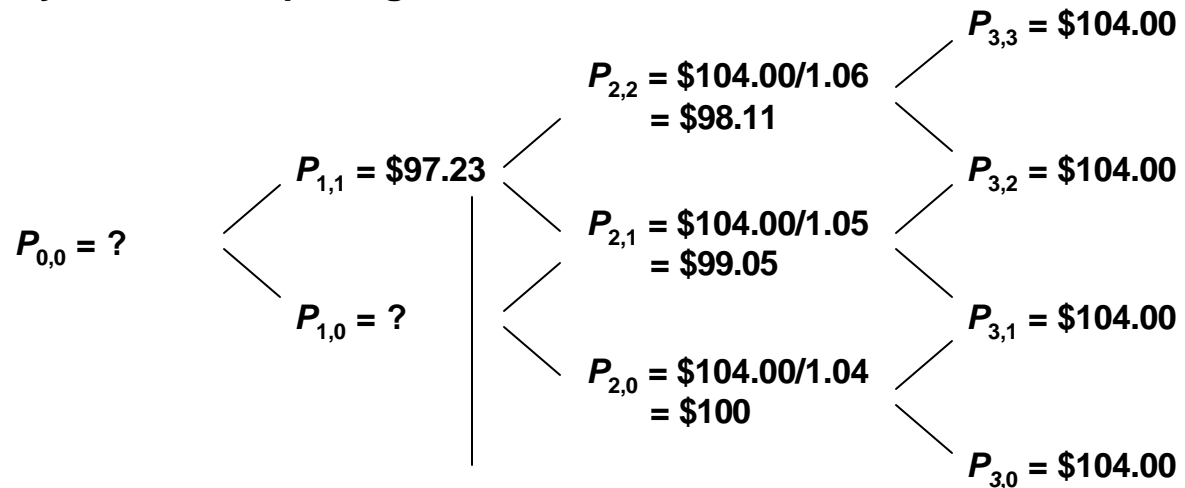
Coupon bond price (cont)

- Discounting terminal payoffs by 1 period



Coupon bond price (cont)

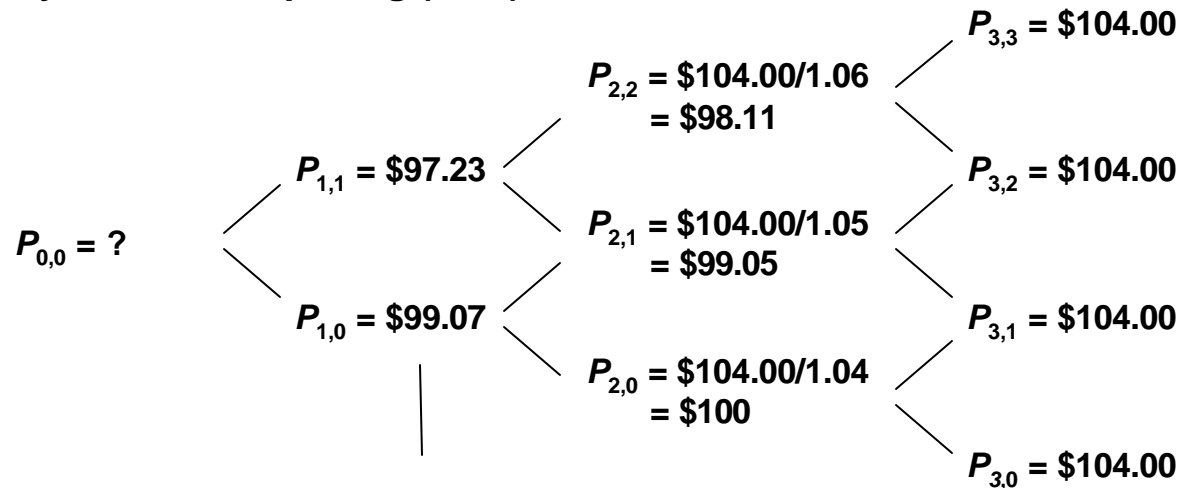
- By risk-neutral pricing



$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{1,1} &= \frac{c + q_{1,1} \times P_{2,2} + (1 - q_{1,1}) \times P_{2,1}}{(1 + r_{1,1}(1)/m)^{1 \times \Delta t \times m}} \\
 &= \frac{\$4.00 + \frac{1}{2} \times \$98.11 + \frac{1}{2} \times \$99.05}{1.055}
 \end{aligned}$$

Coupon bond price (cont)

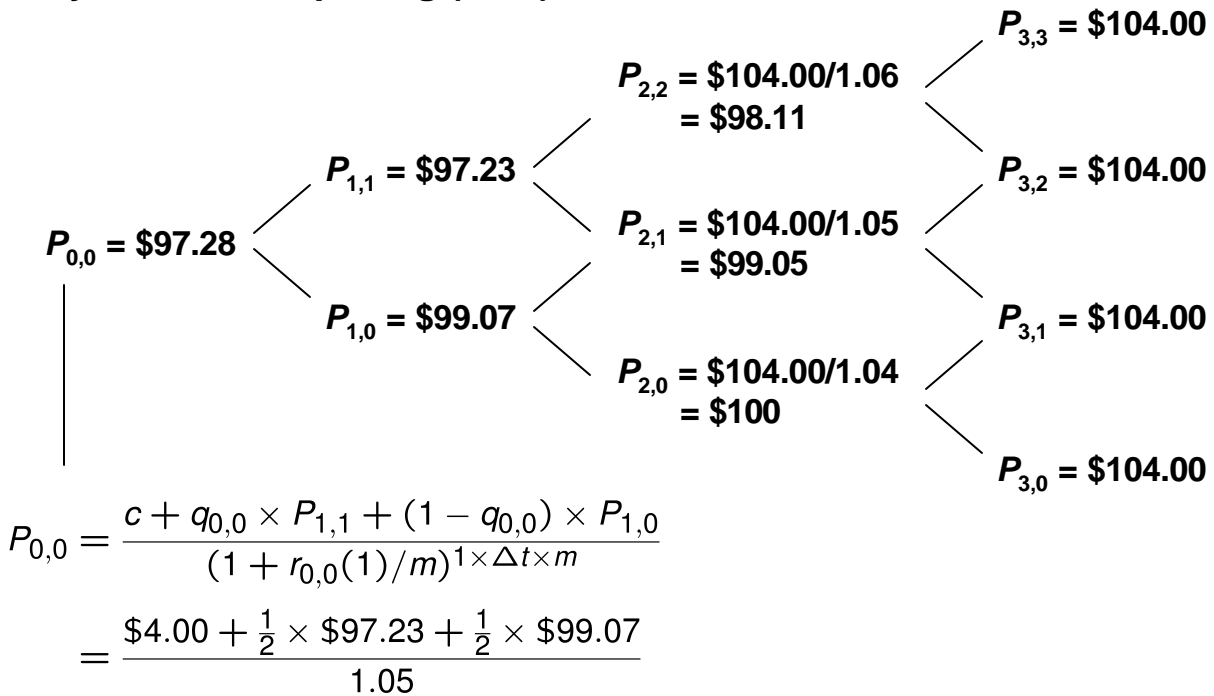
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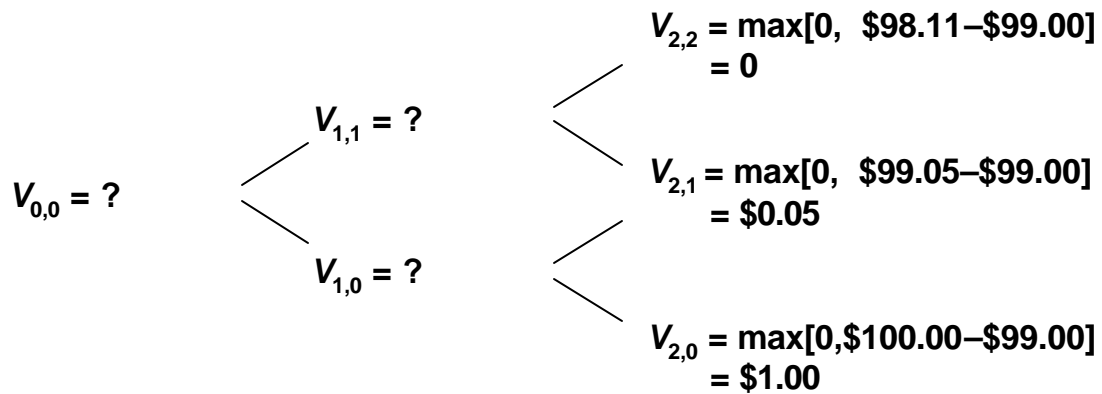
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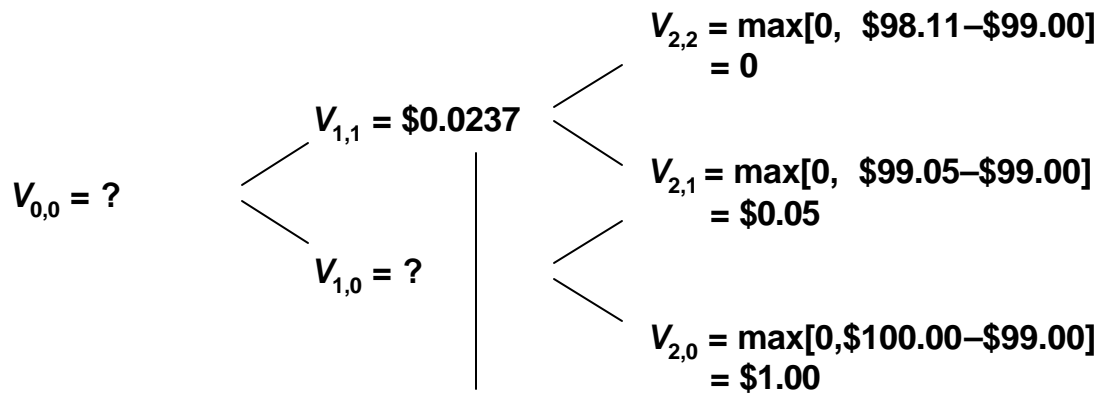
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- 1-yr European style call option on 8% 1.5-yr coupon bond with strike price $K = \$99.00$ pays $\max[0, P_{2,?} - K]$



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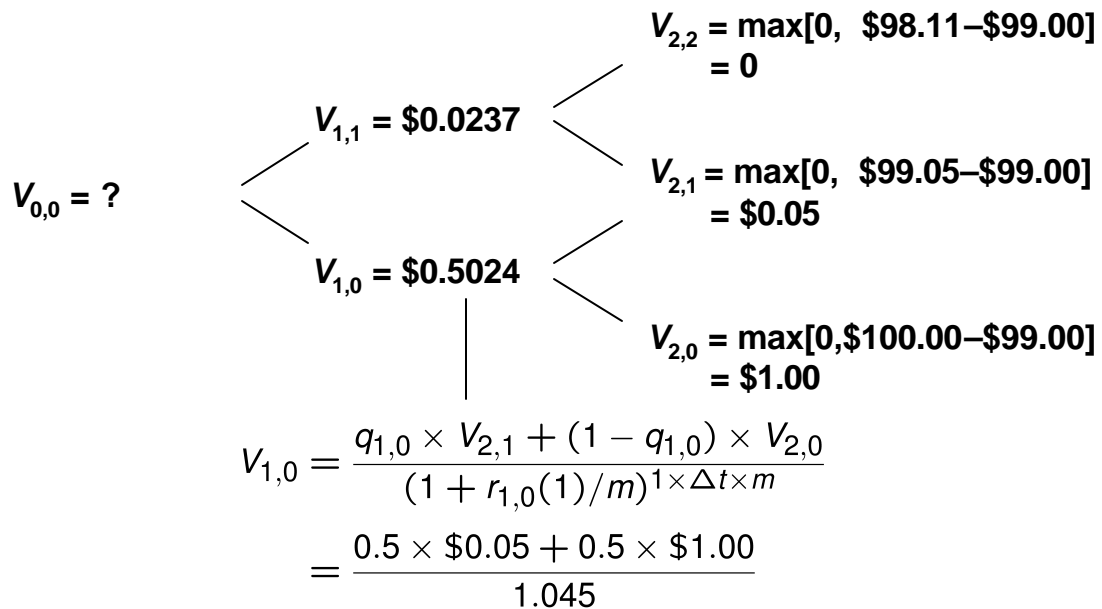
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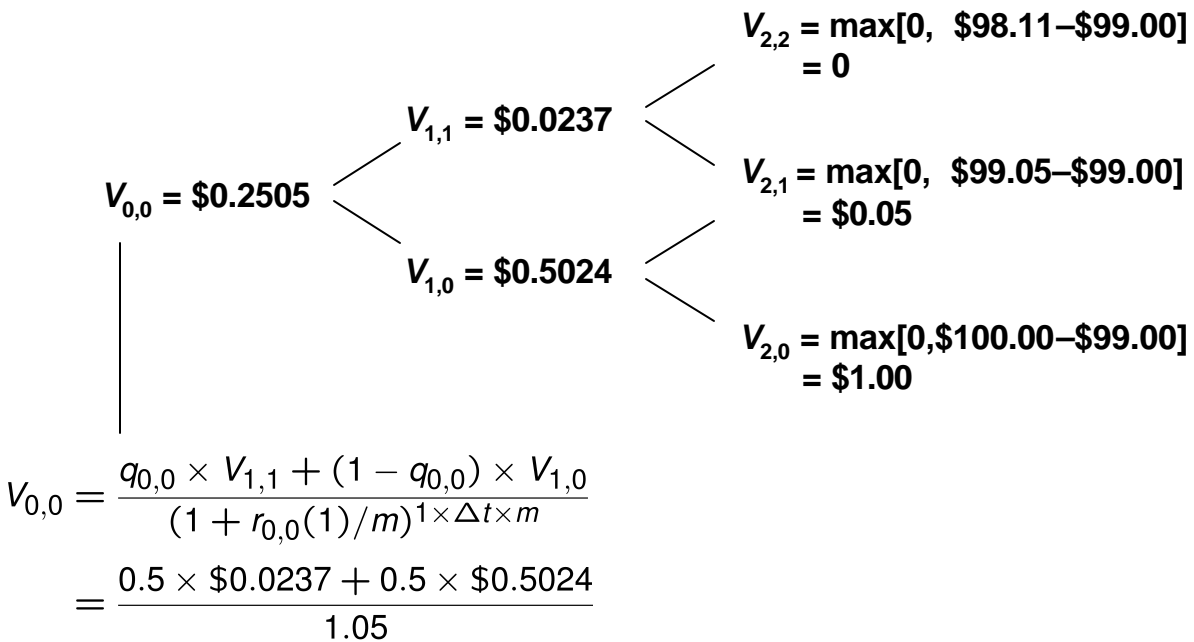
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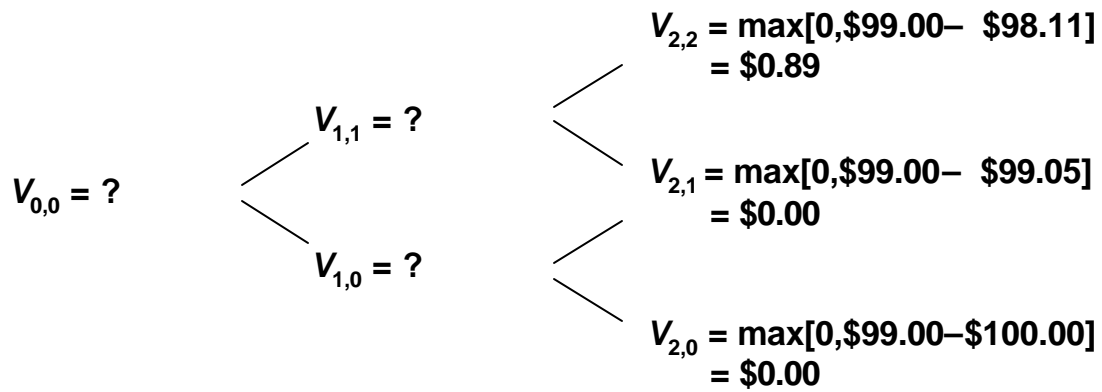
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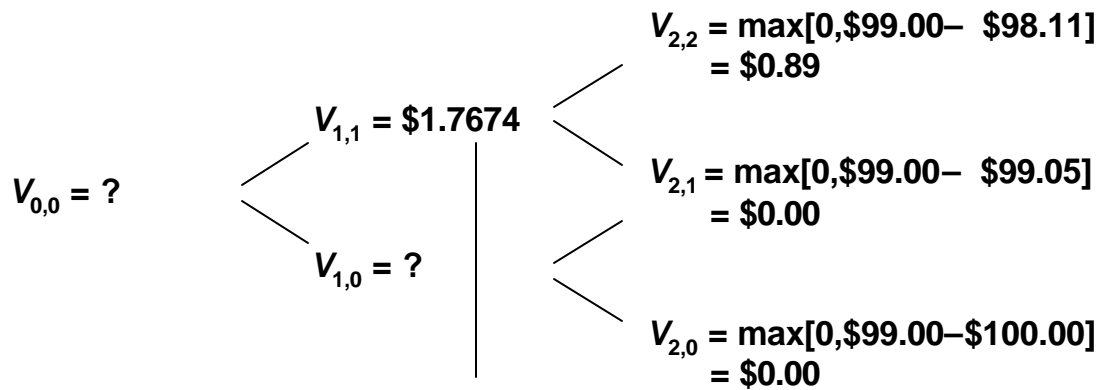
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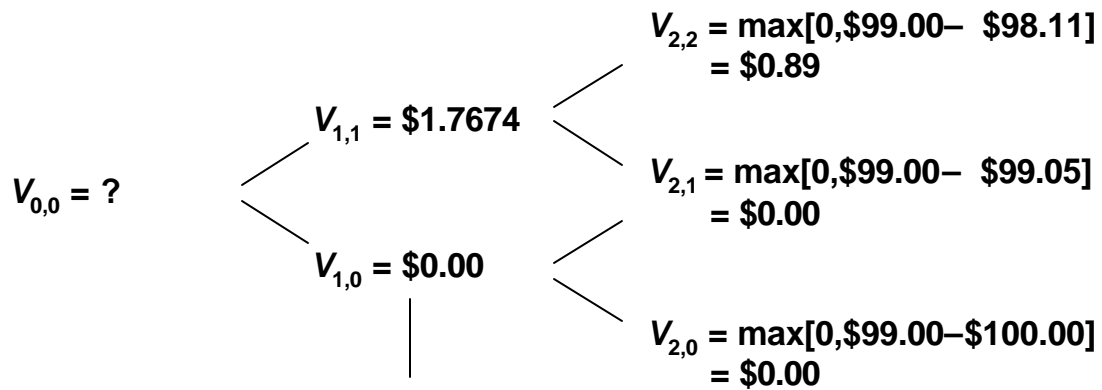
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 &= \max \left[\frac{0.5 \times \$0.89 + 0.5 \times \$0.00}{1.055}, \$99.00 - \$97.23 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

American put on coupon bond

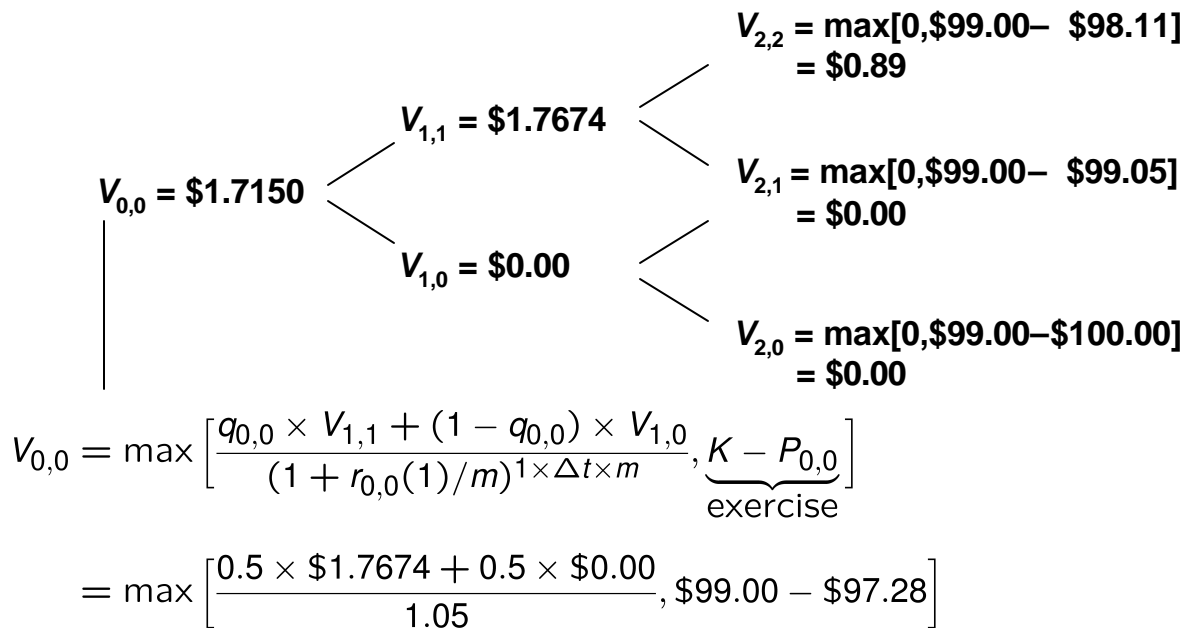
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 &= \max \left[\frac{0.5 \times \$0.00 + 0.5 \times \$0.00}{1.045}, \$99.00 - \$99.07 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

American put on coupon bond

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Callable Bond

- Suppose we want to price a 10% 5-yr coupon bond callable (by the issuer) at the end of year 3 at par
 - Step 1: Determine the price of the non-callable bond, P_{NCB}
 - Step 2: Determine the price of the call option on the non-callable bond with expiration after 3 years and strike price at par, O_{NCB}
 - Step 3: The price of the callable bond is

$$P_{\text{CB}} = P_{\text{NCB}} - O_{\text{NCB}}$$

- Intuition

- The bondholder grants the issuer an option to buy back the bond
- The value of this option must be subtracted from the price the bondholder pays the issuer for the non-callable bond

Putable Bond

- Suppose we want to price a 10% 5-yr coupon bond putable (by the bondholder to the issuer) at the end of year 3 at par
 - Step 1: Determine the price of the non-putable bond, P_{NPB}
 - Step 2: Determine the price of the put option on the non-putable bond with expiration after 3 years and strike price at par, O_{NPB}
 - Step 3: The price of the putable bond is

$$P_{\text{PB}} = P_{\text{NPB}} + O_{\text{NPB}}$$

- Intuition

- The bond issuer grants the holder an option to sell back the bond
- The value of this option must be added to the price the bondholder pays the issuer for the non-putable bond

Spot rate process

- Binomial trees are based on spot rate values $r_{i,j}(1)$ and risk-neutral probabilities $q_{i,j}$
- In single-factor models, these values are determined by a risk-neutral spot rate process of the form

$$r_{t+\Delta t}(1) - r_t(1) = \underbrace{\mu[r_t(1), t] \times \Delta t}_{\text{drift fct}} + \underbrace{\sigma[r_t(1), t] \times \sqrt{\Delta t}}_{\text{volatility fct}} \times \epsilon_t$$

with

$$\text{Mean}[\epsilon_t] = 0 \quad \text{Var}[\epsilon_t] = 1$$

such that

$$\text{Mean}[r_{t+\Delta t}(1) - r_t(1)] = \mu[r_t(1), t] \times \Delta t$$

$$\text{Var}[r_{t+\Delta t}(1) - r_t(1)] = \sigma[r_t(1), t]^2 \times \Delta t$$

Spot rate process (cont)

- In an N -factor models, these values are determined by a risk-neutral spot rate process of the form

$$r_t(1) = z_{1,t} + z_{2,t} + \cdots z_{N,t}$$

with

$$z_{i,t+\Delta t} - z_{i,t} = \underbrace{\mu_i[z_{1,t}, z_{2,t}, \cdots, z_{N,t}, t] \times \Delta t}_{\text{drift fct}} + \underbrace{\sigma_i[z_{1,t}, z_{2,t}, \cdots, z_{N,t}, t] \times \sqrt{\Delta t} \times \epsilon_{1,t}}_{\text{volatility fct}}$$

and

$$\text{Mean}[\epsilon_{i,t}] = 0 \quad \text{Var}[\epsilon_{i,t}] = 1$$

Drift function

- Case 1: Constant drift

$$r_{t+\Delta t} - r_t = \underbrace{\lambda}_{\text{drift fct}} \times \Delta t + \sigma \times \sqrt{t} \times \epsilon_t$$

with

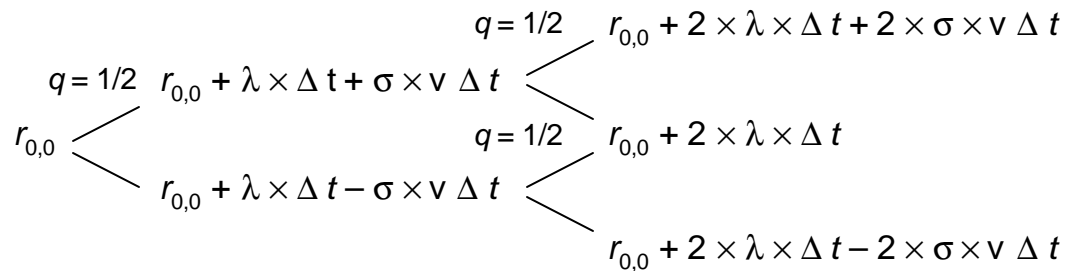
$$\epsilon_t \sim N[0, 1]$$

- Implied distribution of 1-period spot rates

$$r_{t+\Delta t} \sim N\left[\underbrace{r_t + \lambda \times \Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\sigma^2 \times \Delta t}_{\text{var}}\right]$$

Drift function (cont)

- Binomial tree representation



- Properties

- No mean reversion
- No heteroskedasticity
- Spot rates can become negative, but not if we model $\ln[r(1)]$
 - ⇒ “Rendleman-Bartter model”
- 2 parameters
- ⇒ fit only 2 spot rates

Drift function (cont)

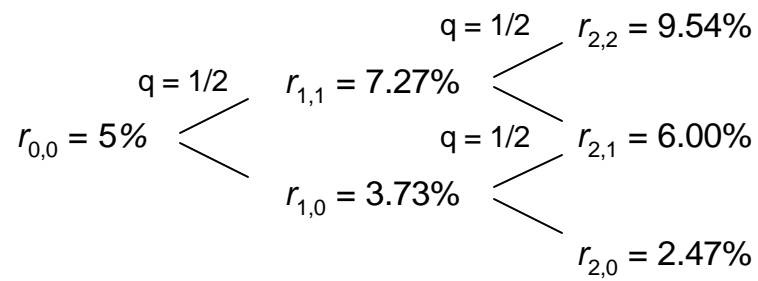
- Example

- $r_{0,0} = 5\%$

- $\lambda = 1\%$

- $\sigma = 2.5\%$

- $\Delta t = 1/m$ with $m = 2$



Drift function (cont)

- Case 2: Time-dependent drift

$$r_{t+\Delta t} - r_t = \underbrace{\lambda(t) \times \Delta t}_{\text{drift fct}} + \sigma \times \sqrt{t} \times \epsilon_t$$

with

$$\epsilon_t \sim N[0, 1]$$

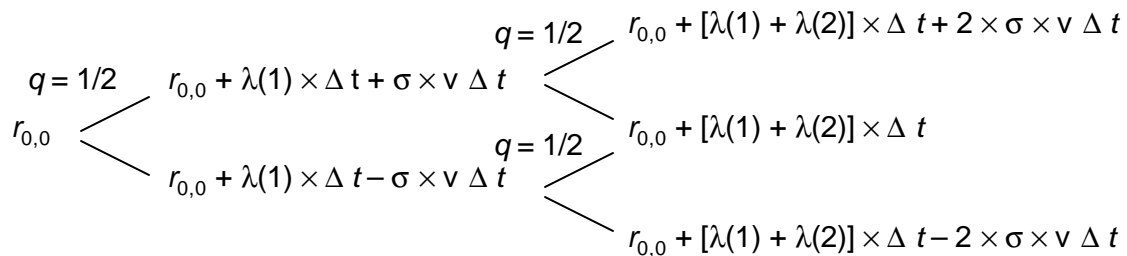
- Implied distribution of 1-period spot rates

$$r_{t+\Delta t} \sim N \left[\underbrace{r_t + \lambda(t) \times \Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\sigma^2 \times \Delta t}_{\text{var}} \right]$$

- Ho and Lee (1986, *J. of Finance*) \mathbb{P} “Ho-Lee model”

Drift function (cont)

- Binomial tree representation



- Properties

- No heteroskedasticity
- Spot rates can become negative, but not if we model $\ln[r(1)]$
 - ⇒ “Salomon Brothers model”
- Arbitrarily many parameters
 - ⇒ fit term structure of spot rates but not necessarily spot rate volatilities (i.e., derivative prices)

Drift function (cont)

- **Case 3: Mean reversion**

$$r_{t+\Delta t} - r_t = \underbrace{\kappa \times [\theta - r_t(1)]}_{\text{drift fct}} \times \Delta t + \sigma \times \sqrt{t} \times \epsilon_t$$

with

$$\epsilon_t \sim N[0, 1]$$

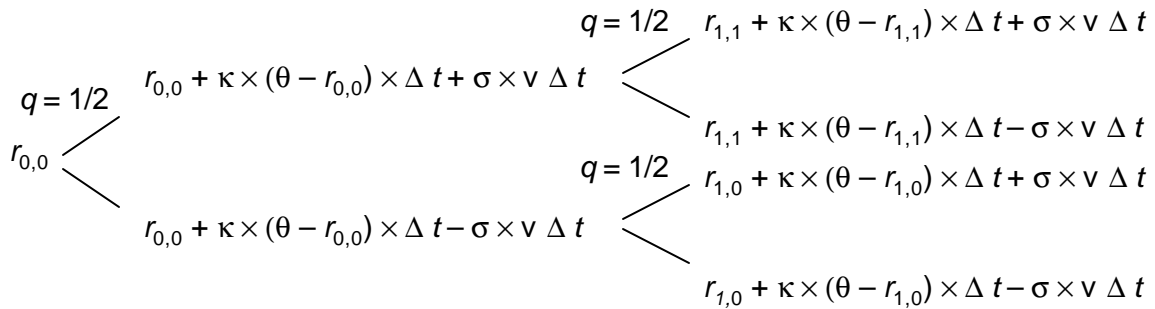
- **Implied distribution of 1-period spot rates**

$$r_{t+\Delta t} \sim N \left[\underbrace{r_t + \kappa \times [\theta - r_t(1)] \times \Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\sigma^2 \times \Delta t}_{\text{var}} \right]$$

- **Vasicek (1977, *J. of Financial Economics*)** \mathbb{P} “Vasicek model”

Drift function (cont)

- Binomial tree representation



- Properties

- Non-recombining, but can be fixed
- No heteroskedasticity
- Spot rates can become negative, but not if we model $\ln[r(1)]$
- 3 parameters
 - \Rightarrow fit only 3 spot rates

Drift function (cont)

- Example

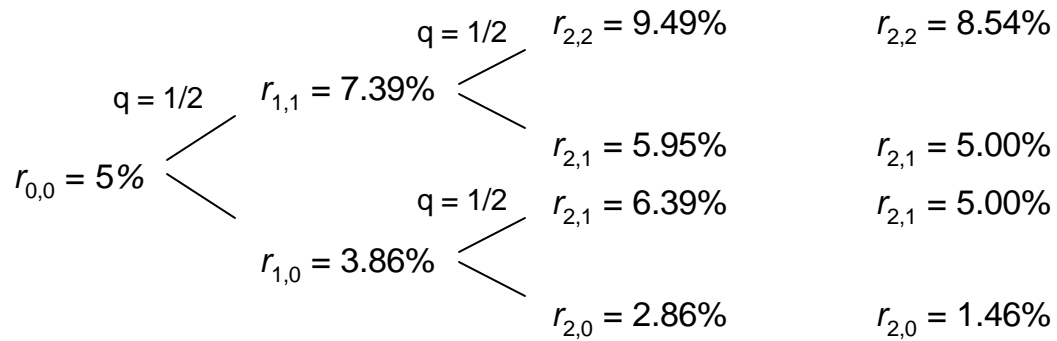
- $r_{0,0} = 5\%$

- $\theta = 10\%$

- $\kappa = 0.25$

- $\sigma = 2.5\%$

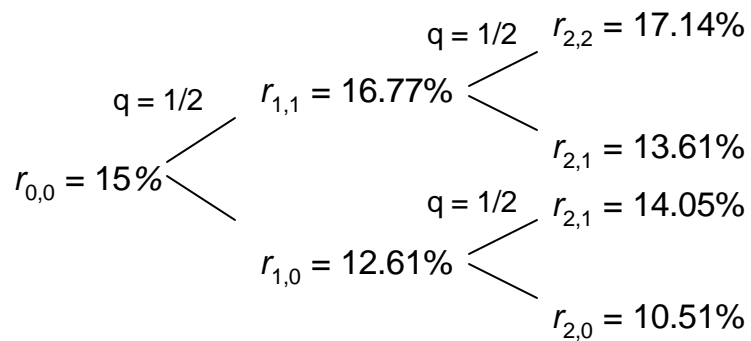
- $\Delta t = 1/m$ with $m = 2$



Drift function (cont)

- Example

- $r_{0,0} = 15\%$
- $\theta = 10\%$
- $\kappa = 0.25$
- $\sigma = 2.5\%$
- $\Delta t = 1/m$ with $m = 2$



With $\kappa = 0$

$$r_{2,2} = 18.54\%$$

$$r_{2,1} = 15.00\%$$

$$r_{2,1} = 15.00\%$$

$$r_{2,0} = 11.46\%$$

Volatility function

- Case 1: Square-root volatility

$$r_{t+\Delta t} - r_t = \lambda \times \Delta t + \underbrace{\sigma \times \sqrt{r_t}}_{\text{vol fct}} \times \sqrt{\Delta t} \times \epsilon_t$$

with

$$\epsilon_t \sim N[0, 1]$$

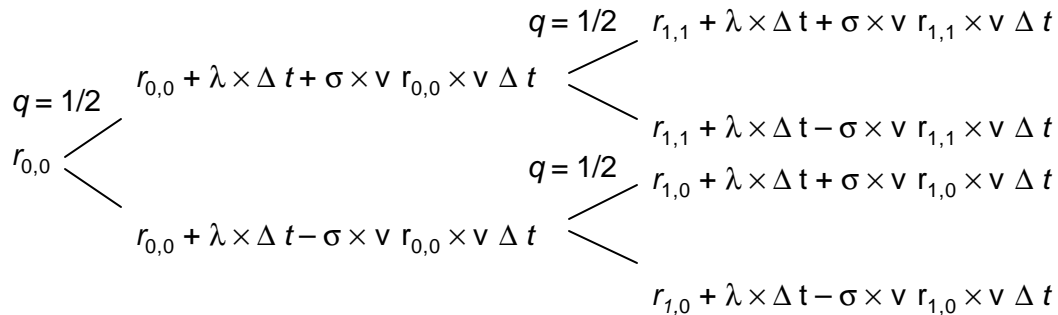
- Implied distribution of 1-period spot rates

$$r_{t+\Delta t} \sim N \left[\underbrace{r_t + \lambda \times \Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\sigma^2 \times r_t \times \Delta t}_{\text{var}} \right]$$

- Cox, Ingersoll, and Ross (1985, *Econometrics*) ≡ “CIR model”

Volatility function (cont)

- Binomial tree representation



- Properties

- Non-recombining, but can be fixed
- No mean-reversion, but can be fixed by using different drift function
- Spot rates can become negative, but not as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$
- 1 volatility parameter (and arbitrarily many drift parameters)
 - \Rightarrow fit term structures of spot rates but only 1 spot rate volatility

Volatility function (cont)

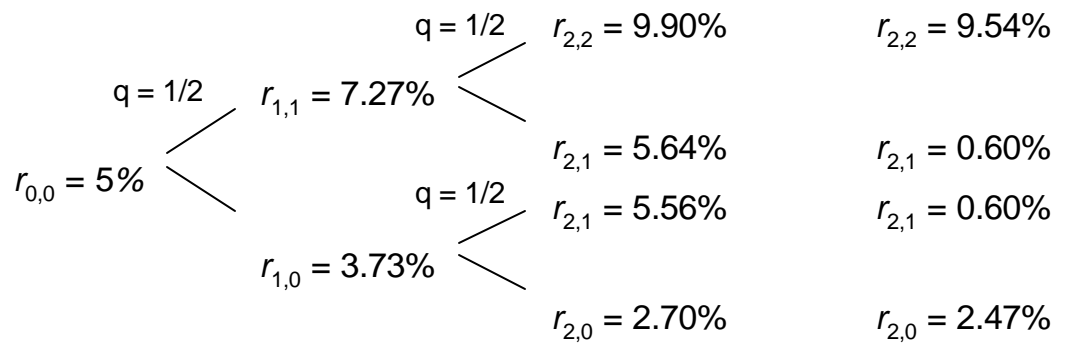
- Example

- $r_{0,0} = 5\%$

- $\lambda = 1\%$

- $\sigma = 11.18\% \Rightarrow \sigma \times \sqrt{r_{0,0}} = 2.5\%$

- $\Delta t = 1/m$ with $m = 2$



Volatility function (cont)

- Case 2: Time-Dependent volatility

$$r_{t+\Delta t} - r_t = \lambda \times \Delta t + \underbrace{\sigma(t)}_{\text{vol fct}} \times \sqrt{t} \times \epsilon_t$$

with

$$\epsilon_t \sim N[0, 1]$$

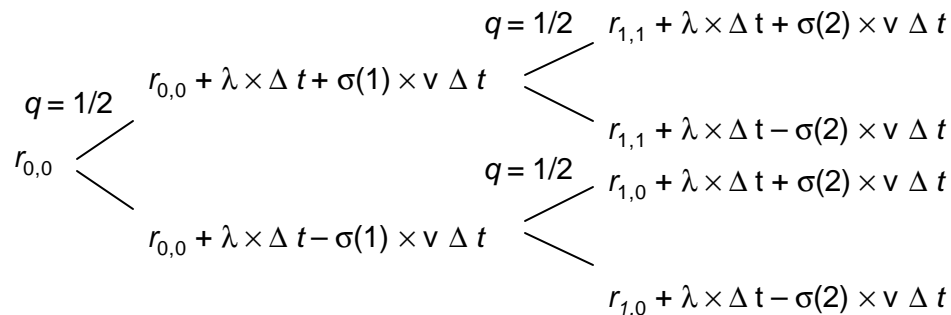
- Implied distribution of 1-period spot rates

$$r_{t+\Delta t} \sim N \left[\underbrace{r_t + \lambda \times \Delta t}_{\text{mean}}, \underbrace{\sigma(t)^2 \times \Delta t}_{\text{var}} \right]$$

- Hull and White (1993, *J. of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*)
 ☞ “Hull-White model”

Volatility function (cont)

- Binomial tree representation



- Properties

- Non-recombining, but can be fixed
- No mean-reversion, but can be fixed by using different drift function
- Spot rates can become negative, but not if we model $\ln[r(1)]$
 - ⇒ “Black-Karasinski model” and “Black-Derman-Toy model”
- Arbitrarily many volatility and drift parameters
 - ⇒ fit term structures of spot rates and volatilities

Calibration

- **To calibrate parameters of a factor model to bonds prices**
 - Step 1: Pick arbitrary parameter values
 - Step 2: Calculate implied 1 -period spot rate tree
 - Step 3: Calculate model prices for liquid securities
 - Step 4: Calculate model pricing errors given market prices
 - Step 5: Use solver to find parameter values which minimize the sum of squared pricing errors

Constant drift example

- Step 1: Pick arbitrary parameter values

Parameters

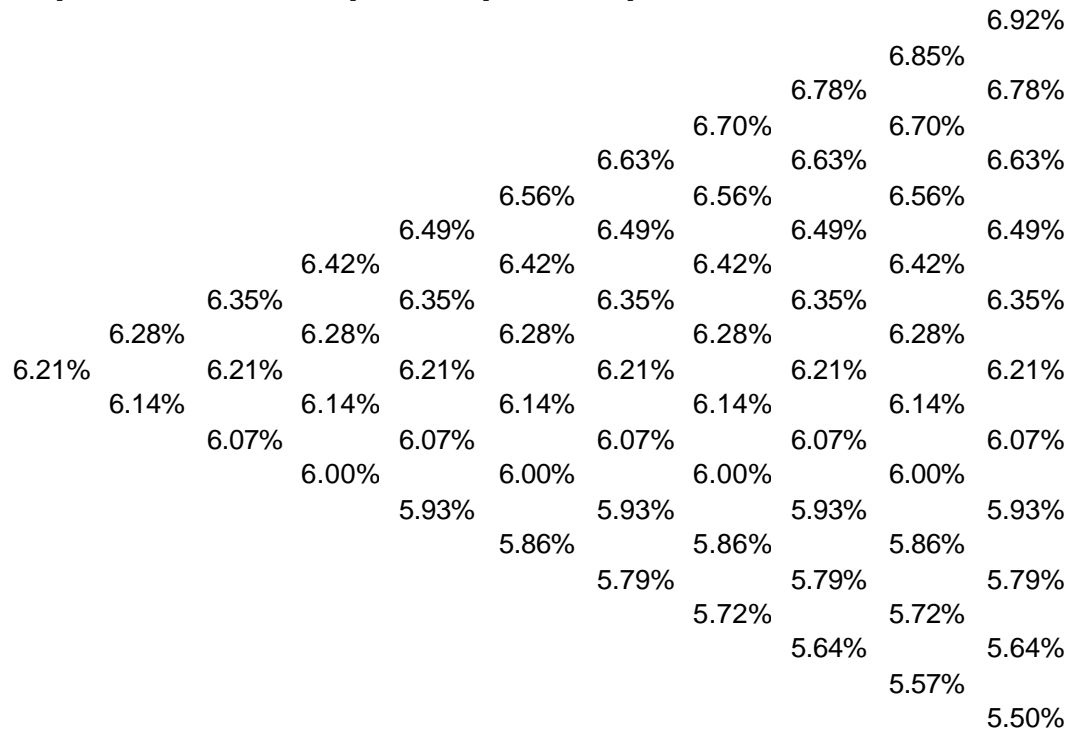
?	0.00%
s	0.10%

Observed 1-period spot rate

r(1)	6.21%
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Constant drift example (cont)

- **Step 2: Calculate implied 1-period spot rate tree**



Constant drift example (cont)

- Step 3: Calculate model prices for liquid securities

– E.g., for a 2.5-yr STRIPS

					\$ 100.00
				\$ 96.86	
			\$ 93.87		\$ 100.00
		\$ 91.05		\$ 96.92	
	\$ 88.37		\$ 94.00		\$ 100.00
\$ 85.82		\$ 91.23		\$ 96.99	
	\$ 88.61		\$ 94.13		\$ 100.00
		\$ 91.42		\$ 97.06	
			\$ 94.26		\$ 100.00
				\$ 97.12	
					\$ 100.00

Constant drift example (cont)

- Step 3: Calculate model prices for liquid securities (cont)

Parameters		Model implied	
		Periods	spot rate
?	0.00%	0.5	6.21%
s	0.10%	1.0	6.21%
		1.5	6.21%
		2.0	6.21%
Observed 1-period spot rate		2.5	6.21%
		3.0	6.21%
r(1)	6.21%	3.5	6.21%
		4.0	6.21%
		4.5	6.21%
		5.0	6.21%

Constant drift example (cont)

- Step 4: Use solver

Parameters			Model implied	Observed	Pricing
		Periods	spot rate	spot rate	error
?	0.00%	0.5	6.21%	6.21%	0.00%
s	0.10%	1.0	6.21%	6.41%	0.20%
		1.5	6.21%	6.48%	0.27%
		2.0	6.21%	6.56%	0.35%
Observed 1-period spot rate		2.5	6.21%	6.62%	0.41%
r(1)	6.21%	3.0	6.21%	6.71%	0.50%
		3.5	6.21%	6.80%	0.59%
		4.0	6.21%	6.87%	0.66%
		4.5	6.21%	6.92%	0.71%
		5.0	6.21%	6.97%	0.76%

Minimize sum of squared
errors by choice of
parameters

Sum of squared errors 0.0002521

Constant drift example (cont)

- Solution

Parameters		Periods	Model implied spot rate	Observed spot rate	Pricing error
?	0.57%	0.5	6.21%	6.21%	0.00%
s	3.63%	1.0	6.34%	6.41%	0.07%
		1.5	6.45%	6.48%	0.03%
		2.0	6.56%	6.56%	0.00%
Observed 1-period spot rate		2.5	6.65%	6.62%	-0.03%
		3.0	6.73%	6.71%	-0.02%
r(1)	6.21%	3.5	6.81%	6.80%	-0.01%
		4.0	6.87%	6.87%	0.00%
		4.5	6.92%	6.92%	0.00%
		5.0	6.96%	6.97%	0.01%

Sum of squared errors 7.882E-07