

FE RM

- Security pricing, Portfolio selection, Risk management

- Defn No-Arbitrage

For a contract : pay p @ $t = 0$, receive c_k @ $t = k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ (c_k can be negative)

* Weak No-Arbitrage : $c_k \geq 0 \forall k \implies p \geq 0$

* Strong No-Arbitrage : $c_k \geq 0 \forall k$ and $c_\ell > 0$ for some $\ell \implies p > 0$

- Simple vs Compound interest

$A(1 + nr)$ vs $A(1 + r)^n$

Continuous compounding : $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A(1 + \frac{r}{k})^{kn} = A \cdot e^{rn}$

Bond : for half-year bonds, yield to maturity λ (= rate at which price P = PV of coupon payments) follows

$$P = \frac{F}{(1 + \lambda/2)^{2T}} + \sum_{k=1}^{2T} \frac{c}{(1 + \lambda/2)^k}$$

Lower quality \rightarrow lower price \rightarrow higher λ (YTM) - crude measure however

- Thm **Linear Pricing** : if price of CF c_a is p_a and price of CF c_b is p_b , then price of CF that pays $c = c_a + c_b$ must be $p_a + p_b$
- Floating interest rate : break down a floating r bond into simpler CFs by constructing a deterministic CF

Price of contract that pays $r_{k-1}F$ at time k

Goal: Construct a portfolio that has a **deterministic** cash flow

- The price of a deterministic cash flow at time $t = 0$ is given by the NPV

| | $t = 0$ | $t = k - 1$ | $t = k$ |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Buy contract | $-p_k$ | | $r_{k-1}F$ |
| Borrow α over $[0, k-1]$ | α | $-\alpha(1 + r_0)^{k-1}$ | |
| Borrow $\alpha(1 + r_0)^{k-1}$ over $[k-1, k]$ | | $\alpha(1 + r_0)^{k-1}$ | $-\alpha(1 + r_0)^{k-1}(1 + r_{k-1})$ |
| Lend α from $[0, k]$ | $-\alpha$ | | $\alpha(1 + r_0)^k$ |

Cash flow at time k

$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= r_{k-1}F - \alpha(1 + r_0)^{k-1}(1 + r_{k-1}) + \alpha(1 + r_0)^k \\ &= \underbrace{(F - \alpha(1 + r_0)^{k-1})r_{k-1}}_{\text{random}} + \underbrace{\alpha r_0(1 + r_0)^{k-1}}_{\text{deterministic}} \end{aligned}$$

Set $\alpha = \frac{F}{(1 + r_0)^{(k-1)}}$. Then the random term is 0.

Net cash flow is now deterministic ... $c_k = \alpha r_0(1 + r_0)^{k-1} = F r_0$

Thus, the price of the portfolio above is $= p_k - \alpha + \alpha = \frac{F \cdot r_0}{(1 + r_0)^k}$

$$\implies P_f = \frac{F}{(1 + r_0)^n} + \sum_{k=1}^n p_k = \dots = F$$

Price of floating rate bond is always the face value!

- Term structure of r , i.e. depends on duration

Spot rates s_t = interest rate for a loan maturing in t years

A in year $t \rightarrow PV = \frac{A}{(1+s_t)^t}$

Discount rate $d(0, t) = \frac{1}{(1+s_t)^t}$

Forward rate f_{uv} = interest rate quoted today for lending from year u to v ($v \geq u$)

$$(1 + s_v)^v = (1 + s_u)^u \cdot (1 + f_{uv})^{v-u} \implies f_{uv} = \left(\frac{(1 + s_v)^v}{(1 + s_u)^u} \right)^{\frac{1}{v-u}} - 1$$

Relation b/w spot and forward rates

$$(1 + s_t)^t = \prod_{k=0}^{t-1} (1 + f_{k,k+1})$$

- Defn Forward Contract : gives the buyer the right and obligation to purchase a specified amount of an asset, at a specified time T , at a specified price F (called the forward price) set at time $t = 0$

f_t = value/price at time t of a long position in the forward contract

Value at time T : $f_T = S_T - F$ where S_T is price of asset at T

Forward price F is set s.t. at $t = 0$ value/price $f_0 = 0$

Portfolio: Buy contract, **short sell the underlying and lend S_0 up to time T**

| Cash flow | $t = 0$ | $t = T$ |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Buy contract | $f_0 = 0$ | $f_T = S_T - F$ |
| Short sell asset | | $-S_T$ |
| and buy back at time T | $+S_0$ | $S_0/d(0, T)$ |
| Lend S_0 up to T | $-S_0$ | |
| Net cash flow | 0 | $S_0/d(0, T) - F$ |

The portfolio has a deterministic cash flow at time T and the cost = 0.

$$0 = \left(\frac{S_0}{d(0, T)} - F \right) d(0, T) \implies F = \frac{S_0}{d(0, T)}$$

$F > S_0$ due to cost of carry

- $f_t = (F_t - F_0) \cdot d(t, T)$

- Defn Swap : contracts that transform one kind of cash flow into another

Leverage strength

→ Pricing interest rate swaps (fixed rate vs floating - based on LIBOR)

CFs at $t = 1, \dots, T$

A (long) receives Nr_{t-1} , pays NX ; B (short) receives NX , pays Nr_{t-1} where X is the fixed rate.

Set value of swap $V_A = N(1 - d(0, T)) - NX \sum_{t=1}^T d(0, t) = 0$ gives:

$$X = \frac{1 - d(0, T)}{\sum_{t=1}^T d(0, t)}$$

- Futures

Need Martingale pricing formalism

Deterministic r : forward price = futures price

At maturity, futures price F_T = price of underlying S_T

- Defn European call/put option : gives the buyer the right but not the obligation to purchase/sell 1 unit of underlying at specified price K (strike price) at a specified time T (expiration).

Defn American call/put option : gives ... right but not obligation to purchase/sell 1 unit ... at **any time until** a specified T (expiration).

- EU call option payoff = $\max\{S_T - K, 0\}$, i.e. nonlinear

Intrinsic value of a EU call option at time $t \leq T$ = $\max\{S_t - K, 0\}$

→ in the money if $S_t > K$; at the money if $S_t = K$; out of the money if $S_t < K$

- Notation

Price of EU call/put with strike K and expiration T : $c_E(t; K, T)$ and $p_E(t; K, T)$

Price of American call/put with strike K and expiration T : $c_A(t; K, T)$ and $p_A(t; K, T)$

European put-call parity at time t for non-dividend paying stock : $p_E(t; K, T) + S_t = c_E(t; K, T) + K \cdot d(t, T)$

With dividend (PV of all dividend until maturity = D), $p_E(t; K, T) + S_t - D = c_E(t; K, T) + K \cdot d(t, T)$

- Never optimal to exercise an American call on a non-dividend paying stock early!

Since $c_A(t; K, T) \geq c_E(t; K, T) \geq \max\{S_t - Kd(t, T), 0\} > \max\{S_t - K, 0\}$

Not always true for put options.

- Options Pricing

Assume stock price dynamics in Binomial (each step Bernoulli(p) goes up by u portion or down by d with $ud = 1$)

Assume a risk-free asset (or cash account) is available, i.e. \$1 becomes $(1 + r)^t$ after t periods

Utility function $u(\cdot)$ should be monotonic and concave, e.g. \log