Portfolio Theory
Homework 1

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As in this exercise we are looking at several stochastic processes and have to classify as predictable or just adapted, we will first show that the indicator function is adapted/predictable if the argument is adapted/predictable. This is true almost just by definition as the preimage is the following.

$$\mathbb{1}_A^{-1}(x) = \begin{cases} A \text{ if } x = 1 \\ \Omega \setminus A \text{ if } x = 0 \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

Where $A \in \mathcal{F}$ so does $\Omega \setminus A = A^C$. With this in mind, we can proceed on considering the following processes.

- $\varphi_t = \mathbb{1}_{\{S_t^{(1)} > S_{t-1}^{(1)}\}}$;

  ϕ_t is merely adapted as S_t is just adapted.

- $\varphi_1 = 1$ and $\varphi_t = \mathbb{1}_{\{S_{t-1}^{(1)} > S_{t-2}^{(1)}\}}$ for $t \geq 2$;

  ϕ_t is predictable as both process are $\mathcal{F}_t$ measurable, thus, ϕ_{t-1} is $\mathcal{F}_t$ measurable.

- $\varphi_t = \mathbb{1}_A \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\{t > t_0\}}$, where $t_0 \in \{0, \ldots, T\}$ and $A \in \mathcal{F}_{t_0}$;

  We can see that $\mathbb{1}_A$ and $\mathbb{1}_{t > t_0}$ are both deterministic functions, moreover, given that $A \in \mathcal{F}_0$, we have that for every $t \geq 1$, ϕ_t is F_{t+1} measurable, therefore the process is predictable.

- $\varphi_t = \mathbb{1}_{\{S_t^{(1)} > S_0^{(1)}\}}$;

  Again by looking at the argument of the argument of the indicator function, we see that S_t is merely adapted. It follows that ϕ_t is also just adapted...

- $\varphi_1 = 1$ and $\varphi_t = 2\varphi_{t-1}\mathbb{1}_{\{S_{t-1}^{(1)} < S_0^{(1)}\}}$ for $t \geq 2$.

  We can see that the argument of the indicator function is again predictable. We have to be careful about the ϕ_{t-1} component. However, using an induction argument, we can see that each ϕ_{t-1} is $\mathcal{F}_t$ measurable, making it predictable. It follows that ϕ_t is predictable as well.

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Proof. We will prove the statement with a series of double direction implications.

A strategy is self financing if and only if

$$W_t(\phi) = W_0(\phi) + G_t(\phi) = W_0(\phi) + (\phi \cdot X)_t$$

For every t. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_t^T S_t = \phi_0^T S_0 + \sum_i^t \phi_i^T (S_i - S_{i-1}) \\ \sum_i^t \phi_i^T S_i - \phi_{i-1}^T S_{i-1} = \sum_i^t \phi_i^T (S_i - S_{i-1}) \\ \sum_i^t (\phi_i^T + \phi_{i-1}^T) S_{i-1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

For every $t = 0, \ldots, T$. As it has to be true for all the t, by induction, we deduce that

$$(\phi_t^T - \phi_{t-t}^T) S_{t-1} = 0.$$

for all $t = 1, \ldots T$. In other words, given that it's true for $t = 1$ and by the inductive step

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i^2 (\phi_i^T + \phi_{i-1}^T) S_{i-1} &= (\phi_1^T + \phi_0^T) S_0 + (\phi_2^T + \phi_1^T) S_1 \\ &= (\phi_2^T + \phi_1^T) S_1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By diving both sides of the equation, we get that

$$(\phi_t^T - \phi_{t-t}^T) \widetilde{S}_{t-1} = 0. \tag{2}$$

Given that this is true for every t, again by induction argument, we conclude that

$$\widetilde{W}_t(\phi) = \widetilde{W}_0(\phi) + (\phi \cdot \widetilde{X})_t. \tag{3}$$

For every $t = 0, \ldots, 1$. □

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Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta W_t(\phi) &= \phi_t^T \Delta X_t \\ \iff \phi_t^T S_t - \phi_{t-1}^T S_{t-1} &= \phi_t S_t - \phi S_{t-1} \\ \iff \phi_{t-1}^T S_{t-1} &= \phi_t^T S_{t-1} \\ \iff \phi_t^T S_t &= \phi_{t+1}^T S_t \end{aligned}$$

where the last statement holds true as the previous ones are true for every $t = 0, \ldots, T$. $\square$