

The Binomial No-Arbitrage Pricing Model

1.1 If $X_0 = 0, X_1 = \Delta_0(S_1 - (1 + r)S_0)$

$\therefore X_1 \geq 0$ if $\frac{S_1}{S_0} \geq (1 + r)$ and $X_1 < 0$ if $\frac{S_1}{S_0} < (1 + r)$

$\therefore u > (1 + r) > d$ and this precludes arbitrage

1.2 X_1 is either $3\Delta_0 + 1.5\Gamma_0$ for H or $-(3\Delta_0 + 1.5\Gamma_0)$ for T

$\therefore P(T) > 0$ and $P(H) > 0$

\therefore If $P(X_1 > 0) > 0$ then $P(X_1 < 0) > 0$

1.3 Equivalent to underlying stock unless its price goes negative

$\therefore S_0 = V_0$

1.4 $\therefore X_{n+1}(T) = (1 + r)X_n + \Delta_n(S_{n+1}(T) - (1 + r)S_n)$

$$= (1 + r)V_n + \frac{V_{n+1}(H) - V_{n+1}(T)}{(u - d)S_n} (dS_n(T) - (1 + r)S_n)$$

$$= (\tilde{p}V_{n+1}(H) + \tilde{q}V_{n+1}(T)) - \tilde{p}(V_{n+1}(H) - V_{n+1}(T))$$

$$= V_{n+1}(T)$$

1.5 $X_2(HH) = (1 + r)X_1(H) + \Delta_1(H)(S_2(HH) - (1 + r)S_1(H))$

$$= 1.25 \times 2.24 + \frac{3.2 - 2.4}{16 - 4} \times (16 - 1.25 \times 8)$$

$$= 3.2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
X_2(HT) &= (1+r)X_1(H) + \Delta_1(H)(S_2(HT) - (1+r)S_1(H)) \\
&= 1.25 \times 2.24 + \frac{3.2 - 2.4}{16 - 4} \times (4 - 1.25 \times 8) \\
&= 2.4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
X_3(HTH) &= (1+r)X_2(HT) + \Delta_2(HT)(S_3(HTH) - (1+r)S_2(HT)) \\
&= 1.25 \times 2.4 + \frac{-6}{8 - 2} \times (8 - 1.25 \times 4) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
X_3(HTT) &= (1+r)X_2(HT) + \Delta_2(HT)(S_3(HTT) - (1+r)S_2(HT)) \\
&= 1.25 \times 2.4 + \frac{-6}{8 - 2} \times (2 - 1.25 \times 4) \\
&= 6
\end{aligned}$$

1.6 To earn 25% interest, X_0 and Δ_0 must satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+r)X_0 + \Delta_0(S_1 - S_0(1+r)) + (S_1 - K)^+ &= 1.25V_0, \\
\because (S_1 - K)^+ &= 3 \text{ when } S_1 = uS_0 \text{ and } (S_1 - K)^+ = 0 \text{ when } S_1 = dS_0, \\
\therefore X_0 &= 0 \text{ and } \Delta_0 = -0.5.
\end{aligned}$$

This means we should short sell 0.5 share of stock.

When $S_1 = 2S_0$, we earn 3 from the option but loss 1.5 from short selling the stock; when $S_1 = \frac{1}{2}S_0$, we earn nothing from the option but gain 1.5 from short selling stock. Both yield 1.5 return.

1.7 To earn 25% interest, X_0 and Δ_0 must satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+r)X_0 + \Delta_0(S_1 - S_0(1+r)) + V_1 &= 1.25V_0, \\
\because V_1 &= 2.24 \text{ when } S_1 = uS_0 \text{ and } V_1 = 1.2 \text{ when } S_1 = dS_0,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore X_0 = 0 \text{ and } \Delta_0 = -\frac{13}{75}.$$

Then move to $t = 1$ to obtain X_1 and Δ_1 :

$$(1+r)X_1 + \Delta_0(S_2 - S_1(1+r)) + V_2 = 1.25^2 V_0$$

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Then move to $t = 1$:

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$$(i) v_n(s, y) = \frac{2}{5} (v(2s, y + 2s) + v\left(\frac{s}{2}, y + \frac{s}{2}\right))$$

$$(ii) v_3(32, 60) = 11, v_3(8, 36) = 5, v_3(8, 24) = 2,$$

$$v_3(8, 18) = v_3(2, 18) = \frac{1}{2}, v_3(2, 12) = v_3(2, 9) = v_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{15}{2}\right) = 0;$$

$$v_2(16, 28) = \frac{v_3(32, 60) + v_3(8, 36)}{2(1+r)} = \frac{32}{5},$$

$$v_2(4, 16) = \frac{v_3(8, 24) + v_3(2, 18)}{2(1+r)} = 1,$$

$$v_2(4, 10) = \frac{v_3(8, 18) + v_3(2, 12)}{2(1+r)} = \frac{1}{5},$$

$$v_2(1, 7) = \frac{v_3(2, 9) + v_3\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{15}{2}\right)}{2(1+r)} = 0;$$

$$v_1(8, 12) = \frac{v_2(16, 28) + v_2(4, 16)}{2(1+r)} = \frac{74}{25},$$

$$v_1(2, 6) = \frac{v_2(4, 10) + v_2(1, 7)}{2(1+r)} = \frac{2}{25};$$

$$v_0(4, 4) = \frac{v_1(8, 12) + v_1(2, 6)}{2(1+r)} = \frac{152}{125} = 1.216$$

(iii)

$$\text{From } \begin{cases} (1+r)(v_n(s, y) - \delta_n(s, y)s) + u\delta_n(s, y)s = v_{n+1}(us, y + us) \\ (1+r)(v_n(s, y) - \delta_n(s, y)s) + d\delta_n(s, y)s = v_{n+1}(ds, y + ds) \end{cases}$$

$$\delta_n(s, y) = \frac{v_{n+1}(2s, y + 2s) - v_{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{2}s, y + \frac{1}{2}s\right)}{\frac{3}{2}s}$$

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(i) For every combination $\omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_{N-1}$:

$$\begin{cases} (1+r_{N-1})V_{N-1} + \Delta_{N-1}(u_{N-1}S_{N-1} - (1+r_{N-1})S_{N-1}) = V_N(H) \\ (1+r_{N-1})V_{N-1} + \Delta_{N-1}(d_{N-1}S_{N-1} - (1+r_{N-1})S_{N-1}) = V_N(T) \end{cases}$$

Choose risk neutral probabilities and yield:

$$V_{N-1} = \tilde{p}V_N(H) + \tilde{q}V_N(T), \text{ where } \tilde{p} = \frac{(1+r_{N-1}) - d_{N-1}}{u_{N-1} - d_{N-1}}, \tilde{q} = 1 - \tilde{p}$$

Then move to every combination $\omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_{N-2}$: ...

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$$V_0 = \tilde{p}V_1(H) + \tilde{q}V_1(T), \text{ where } \tilde{p} = \frac{(1+r_0) - d_0}{u_0 - d_0} \text{ and } \tilde{q} = 1 - \tilde{p}$$

$$(ii) \text{ From (i), } \Delta_n = \frac{V_{n+1}(H) - V_{n+1}(T)}{(u_{n+1} - d_{n+1})S_n}$$

$$(iii) \because u = 1 + \frac{10}{s}, d = 1 - \frac{10}{s}, 1 + r = 1 \therefore \tilde{p} = \tilde{q} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$V_0 = 9.375$$