

Probability on Coin Toss Space

2.1

$$(i) \because \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in A} P(\omega) + \sum_{\omega \in A^c} P(\omega) = P(A) + P(A^c) = 1 \\ \therefore P(A^c) = 1 - P(A)$$

$$(ii) \because P(\cup_{n=1}^N A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n) - \sum_{j \neq k}^N P(A_k \cap A_j) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n)$$

The equality holds when $\sum_{j \neq k}^N P(A_k \cap A_j) = 0$

2.2

$$(i) S_3 = \begin{cases} 32, P = \frac{1}{8}; \\ 8, P = \frac{3}{8}; \\ 2, P = \frac{3}{8}; \\ \frac{1}{2}, P = \frac{1}{8} \end{cases} \quad (ii) \tilde{E}(S_1) = 5, \tilde{E}(S_2) = \frac{25}{4}, \tilde{E}(S_3) = \frac{125}{16}, \bar{\delta} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(iii) S_3 = \begin{cases} 32, P = \frac{8}{27}; \\ 8, P = \frac{4}{9}; \\ 2, P = \frac{2}{9}; \\ \frac{1}{2}, P = \frac{1}{27} \end{cases} \quad \tilde{E}(S_1) = 6, \tilde{E}(S_2) = 9, \tilde{E}(S_3) = \frac{27}{2}, \bar{\delta} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2.3 \forall n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, E_n(\phi(M_{n+1})) \geq \phi(E_n(M_{n+1})) = \phi(M_n)$$

$\therefore \phi(M_n)$ is a sub - martingale

2.4

$$(i) \because \forall n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, E_n(M_{n+1}) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{2} \times (-1) + M_n = M_n$$

$\therefore \{M\}_n$ is a martingale

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \forall n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, E_n(S_{n+1}) &= e^{\sigma M_n} \left(\frac{2}{e^{\sigma} + e^{-\sigma}} \right)^{n+1} E_n(e^{\sigma X_{n+1}}) \\ &= e^{\sigma M_n} \left(\frac{2}{e^{\sigma} + e^{-\sigma}} \right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{2} (e^{\sigma} + e^{-\sigma}) \right) = e^{\sigma M_n} \left(\frac{2}{e^{\sigma} + e^{-\sigma}} \right)^n = S_n \end{aligned}$$

2.5

$$\begin{aligned} (i) I_n &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_{j+1}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (M_{j+1}^2 - M_j^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (M_0^2 + M_n^2) - \frac{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2} M_n^2 - \frac{n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) E_n(f(I_{n+1})) &= E_n(f(I_n + M_n X_{n+1})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} f(I_n + M_n) + \frac{1}{2} f(I_n - M_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} f(I_n + \sqrt{2I_n + n}) + \frac{1}{2} f(I_n - \sqrt{2I_n + n}) = g(I_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$2.6 E_n(I_{n+1}) = I_n + \Delta_n(E_n(M_{n+1}) - M_n) = I_n$$

2.7 Denote V_n is the price of look back option at time n .

By design $\frac{V_n}{(1+r)^n}$ is a martingale but $\frac{V_{n+1}}{(1+r)^{n+1}}$ depends on

every step from time 0 to time n . So it is not Markov.

2.8

$$(i) \forall n \leq N, E_n(M_N) = E_n(M'_N) = M_n = M'_n$$

$$(ii) \tilde{E}_n \left(\frac{V_{n+1}}{(1+r)^{n+1}} \right) = \frac{\frac{1}{(1+r)}(\tilde{p}uV_n + \tilde{q}dV_n)}{(1+r)^n} = \frac{V_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

$$(iii) \tilde{E}_n \left(\frac{V'_{n+1}}{(1+r)^{n+1}} \right) = \tilde{E}_n \left(\tilde{E}_{n+1} \left(\frac{V_N}{(1+r)^N} \right) \right) = \frac{\tilde{E}_n \left(\frac{V_N}{(1+r)^{N-n}} \right)}{(1+r)^n} = \frac{V'_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

$$(iv) \because \frac{V'_N}{(1+r)^N} = \frac{\tilde{E}_N(V_N)}{(1+r)^N} = \frac{V_N}{(1+r)^N} \therefore \forall n: \frac{V'_n}{(1+r)^n} = \frac{V_n}{(1+r)^n} \text{ and so } V_n = V'_n$$

2.9

$$(i) \because \tilde{P}(HH|H) = \frac{1+r_1(H)-1}{1.5-1} = \frac{1}{2}, \tilde{P}(TT|T) = \frac{4-(1+r_1(T))}{4-1} = \frac{5}{6},$$

$$\text{and } \because \tilde{P}(H) = \frac{1+r_0-\frac{1}{2}}{2-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\therefore \tilde{P}(HH) = \tilde{P}(HT) = \frac{1}{4}, \tilde{P}(HH) = \tilde{P}(HT) = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$\tilde{P}(TH) = \frac{1}{12}, \tilde{P}(TT) = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$(ii) V_1(H) = \frac{(5\tilde{P}(HH|H) + \tilde{P}(HT|H))}{1+r_1(H)} = \frac{12}{5}, V_1(T) = \frac{\tilde{P}(TH|T)}{1+r_1(T)} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{\tilde{P}(H)V_1(H) + \tilde{P}(T)V_1(T)}{1+r_0} = \frac{226}{225}$$

$$(iii) (1 + r_0)V_0 + \Delta_0(S_1 - (1 + r_0)S_0) = V_1, \text{ yields } \Delta_0 = \frac{103}{270}$$

$$(iv) (1 + r_1(H))V_1(H) + \Delta_1(S_2 - (1 + r_1(H))S_1(H)) = V_2(H),$$

which yields $\Delta_0 = 1$

2.10

$$(i) \tilde{E}_n \left(\frac{X_{n+1}}{(1+r)^{n+1}} \right) = \frac{X_n}{(1+r)^n} + \frac{\Delta_n S_n (E_n(Y) - (1+r))}{(1+r)^{n+1}},$$

If $\frac{X_n}{(1+r)^n}$ is a martingale then $E_n(Y) - (1+r) = 0$

\therefore risk – neutral measure makes it a martingale

(ii) To prevent arbitrage $V_n = X_n$ for $\forall n$, then risk – neutral pricing formula still applies.

$$(iii) \tilde{E}_n \left(\frac{S_{n+1}}{(1+r)^{n+1}} \right) = \frac{\tilde{E}_n(1-A_{n+1})S_n}{(1+r)^n} \therefore \frac{S_n}{(1+r)^n} \text{ is not a martingale}$$

$$\text{If } A \text{ is constant, } \tilde{E}_n \left(\frac{S_{n+1}}{(1-a)^{n+1}(1+r)^{n+1}} \right) = \frac{S_n}{(1-a)^n(1+r)^n},$$

which means $\frac{S_n}{(1-a)^n(1+r)^n}$ is a martingale

2.11

$$(i) (K - S_N)^+ + S_N - K = \begin{cases} S_N - K, & \text{if } S_N > K \\ 0, & \text{if } S_N \leq K \end{cases} = (S_N - K)^+ = C_N$$

$$(ii) E_n \left(\frac{C_N}{(1+r)^N} \right) = \frac{C_n}{(1+r)^n} = E \left(\frac{F_N + P_N}{(1+r)^N} \right) = \frac{F_n}{(1+r)^n} + \frac{P_n}{(1+r)^n} \therefore C_n = P_n + F_n$$

$$(iii) F_0 = E \left(\frac{F_N}{(1+r)^N} \right) = S_0 - \frac{K}{(1+r)^N}$$

$$(iv) \text{ At } N, S_N + (1+r)^N(F_0 - S_0) = S_N - K = F_N$$

$$(v) C_0 = P_0 + F_0 = P_0$$

$$(vi) \text{ No. } C_n = P_n + S_n - \frac{K}{(1+r)^{N-n}} \therefore \text{ only if } S_n = \frac{K}{(1+r)^{N-n}}, C_n = P_n$$

$$2.12 \text{ At } m, \text{ value } V_m = \max(P_m, C_m) = P_m + (S_m - \frac{K}{(1+r)^{N-m}})^+$$

$$(S_m - \frac{K}{(1+r)^{N-m}})^+ \text{ is the value of a call option with strike}$$

$$\frac{K}{(1+r)^{N-m}} \text{ with maturity } m.$$

2.13

$$(i) E_n(g(Y_{n+1}, S_{n+1})) = pg(Y_n + uS_n, uS_n) + qg(Y_n + dS_n, dS_n)$$

$$\text{let } f(Y_n, S_n) = pg(Y_n + uS_n, uS_n) + qg(Y_n + dS_n, dS_n),$$

\therefore the process is Markov.

$$(ii) v_N(s, y) = V_N = f \left(\frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N S_n \right) = f \left(\frac{y}{N+1} \right)$$

$$v_n(s, y) = \frac{\tilde{p}v_{n+1}(us, y + us) + \tilde{q}v_{n+1}(ds, y + ds)}{(1+r)}$$

2.14

$$(i) E_n(g(S_{n+1}, Y_{n+1}))$$

$$= \begin{cases} \tilde{p}g(uS_n, 0) + \tilde{q}g(dS_n, 0), & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq M \\ \tilde{p}g(uS_n, Y_n + uS_n) + \tilde{q}g(dS_n, Y_n + dS_n), & \text{if } M + 1 \leq n \leq N \end{cases}$$

\therefore It is Markov

$$(ii) v_n(S_n, Y_n) = \tilde{p}v_n(uS_n, Y_n + uS_n) + \tilde{q}v_n(dS_n, Y_n + dS_n)$$

$$v_n(S_n) = \tilde{p}g(uS_n) + \tilde{q}g(dS_n)$$

$$V_n = \begin{cases} v_n(S_n), & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq M \\ v_n(S_n, Y_n), & \text{if } M + 1 \leq n \leq N \end{cases}$$