

Rollover Risk and Capital Structure Covenants in Structured Finance Vehicles

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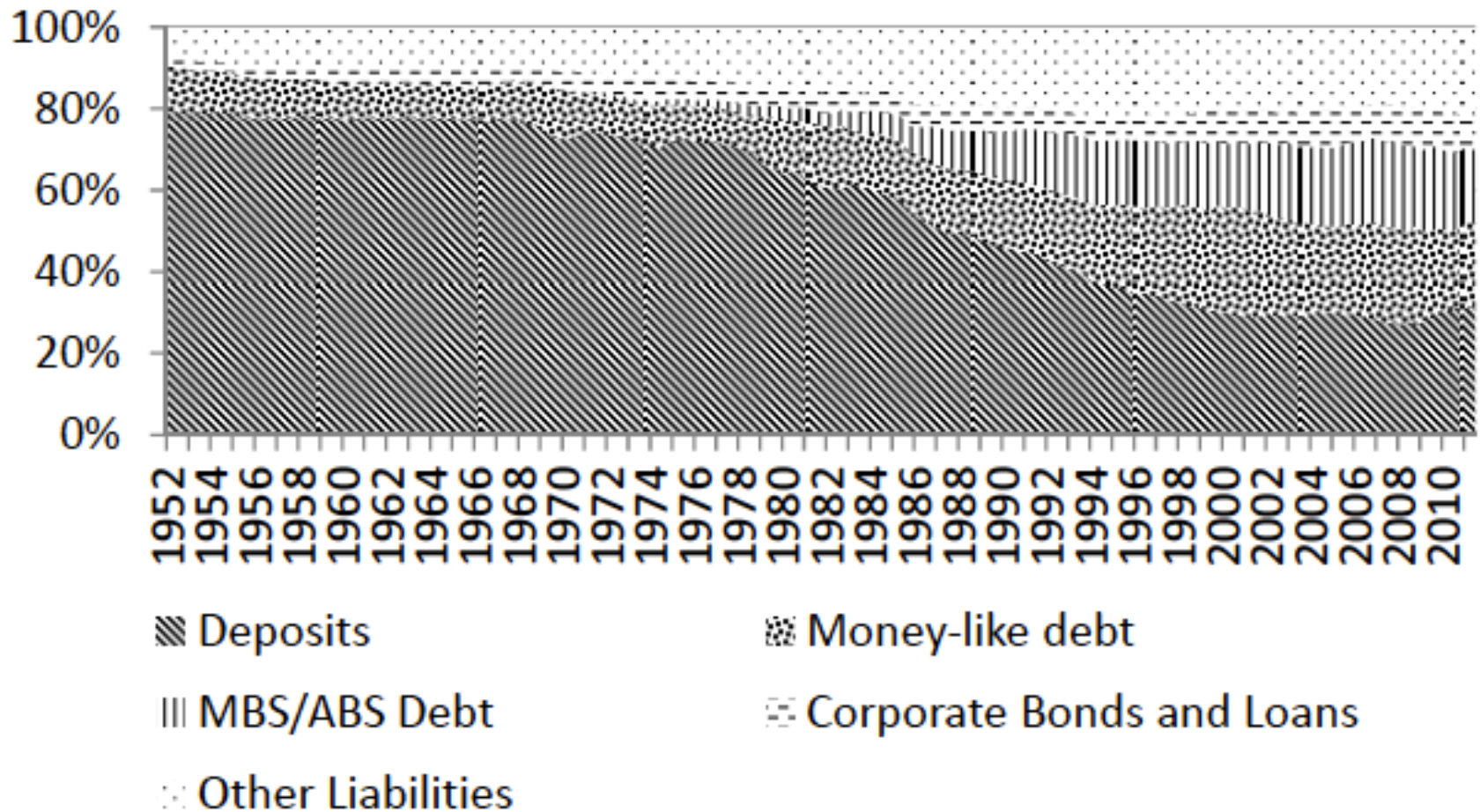
Big Picture

- The shadow banking system comprises leveraged vehicles characterized by high debt, with longer-term investments funded by shorter-term debt.
- These features interact to make funding risk and rollover risk particularly critical considerations in the risk management and design of a SPV.
- Our purpose is to study the inherent rollover risk in an SPV, and to explore its implications on the debt capacity and overall design of the vehicle.

What Is Structured Finance?

- A structured finance deal entails the pooling and tranching of assets into prioritized cash-flow claims
 - The asset pool may comprise a wide range of fixed income and credit assets, such as bonds, RMBS, CMBS, as well as other ABS collateralized by credit card loans, auto loans, home-equity loans, etc.
- This method allows a class of highly rated, low-risk claims, called the senior tranche, to be created from a pool of riskier assets (i.e., there is a subordinated equity tranche that bears first losses)
- In addition, the special purpose vehicle (SPV) outlines basic covenants pertaining to collateral quality, correlation, duration, liquidity, etc.
- Furthermore, roll dates of senior liabilities are staggered to prevent en-masse redemptions.

The Components of Safe Financial Debt



Excerpt from: Gorton, Lewellen, Metrick (2012), "The Safe-Asset Share"

Related Work

- Given their complexity and widespread importance, there is a growing body of work exploring the securitization and design of special purpose vehicles
 - DeMarzo and Duffie (1999): examine the role of information and liquidity costs inherent in selling tranches of a structured finance deal
 - DeMarzo (2005): demonstrates liquidity efficiencies to creating low-risk senior notes from the pooling and tranching of asset-backed securities
 - Coval, Jurek, and Stafford (2009a): argue that senior tranches are akin to economic catastrophe bonds, and offer lower compensation than investors should require
 - Coval, Jurek, and Stafford (2009b): demonstrate that small errors in correlation estimates of the collateral pool results in a large variation in actual riskiness of the senior tranches
 - Gennaioli, Shleifer, and Vishy (2013): argue that the shadow banking system can be welfare improving, but is vulnerable when investors ignore tail risks
- We explore a very different aspect of structured vehicle design: specifically, the adversarial game that arises among investors within the senior debt tranche.

Our Purpose

- Our purpose is to study the increasing risk that arises from staggering senior note holders across varying roll dates, and to explore its implications on the debt capacity and overall design of the SPV.
- We also intend to provide normative prescriptions as to the management of rollover risk in special purpose vehicles / structured deals.

Preview of Results

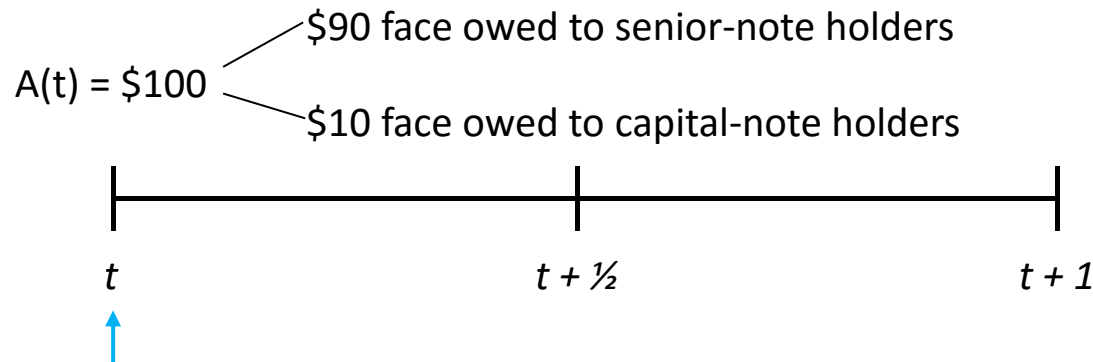
- Increasing the number of time tranches within the senior-debt class causes investors to adopt stricter rollover policies.
 - That is, investors increase the minimum acceptable asset-to-debt ratio at which they will roll over their capital as the number of time tranches increases.
 - As a result debt capacity of the SPV is reduced.
- A pre-designated leverage threshold on the SPV mitigates the increasing rollover risk arising from the varying roll dates within the senior-debt tranche.
 - This leverage threshold acts as a stop loss for investors, forcing partial liquidation of the SPV with pari passu distribution across all senior debt holders.
 - Thus, the SPV can remain diversified across roll dates while maintaining greater debt capacity.

Notation and Setting

- Value of the underlying asset pool is $A(t)$, supported by senior debt $B(t)$
- Initial size of the senior tranche is $B(0) = D_B$
- Senior debt is comprised of m time tranches
 - The time tranches are of equal size (D_B/m) and have the same time to maturity (T) at issuance.
 - However, the time tranches have staggered maturity dates, with rollovers occurring at evenly spaced intervals of T/m .
- Asset/Fire-sale discounts are denoted by δ
- H_m denotes a maturing senior-debt investor's rollover decision rule under m time tranches
 - i.e., the minimum $A(t)/B(t)$ ratio he requires to continue to roll over his investment

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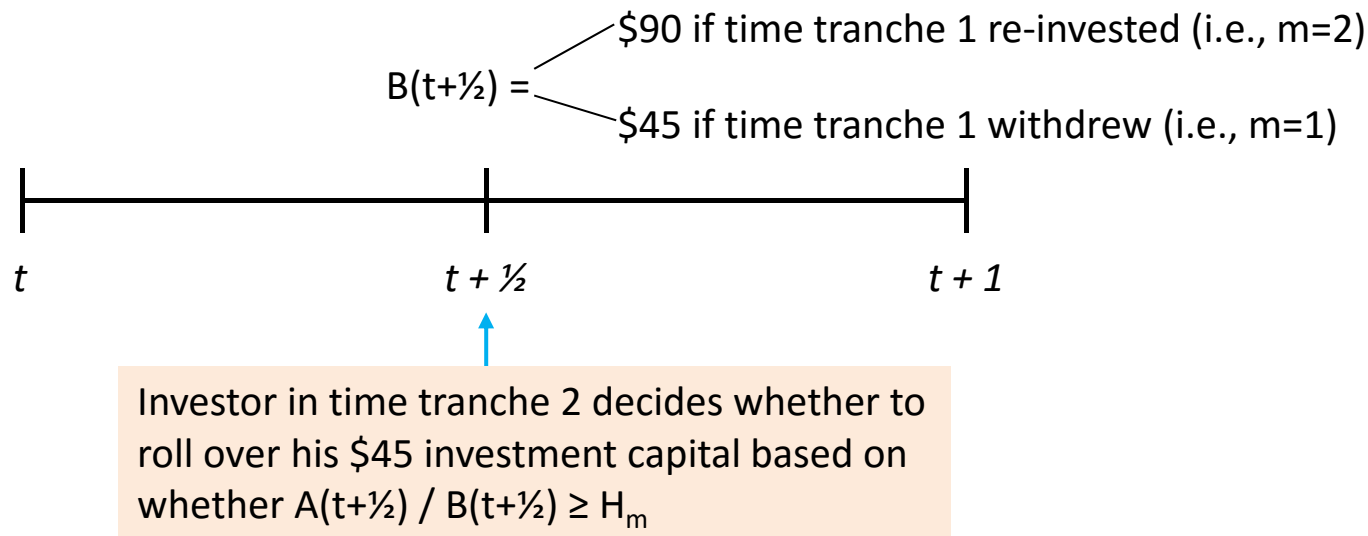
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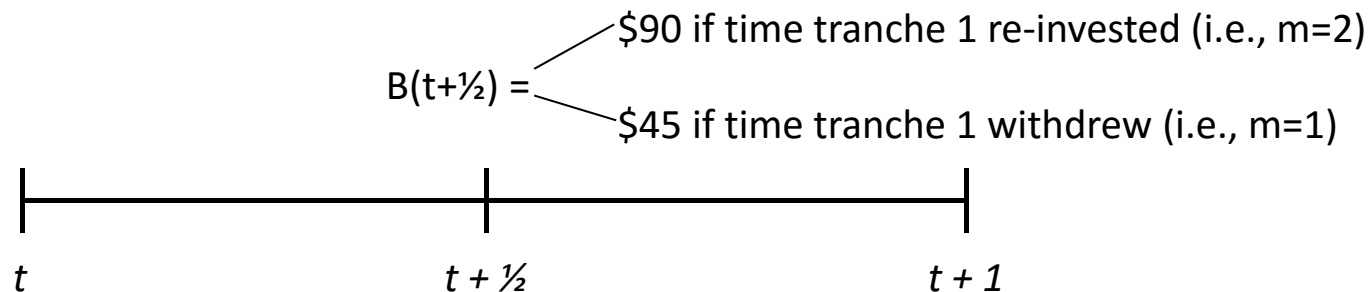
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Example: The Cost of Rollover Risk in a Two-Period Framework

- $A(0) = \$100$; $B(0) = \$95$; $T = 1$ year; $m = 1$ time tranche; $H_1 = 1.05$; $\delta = 5\%$
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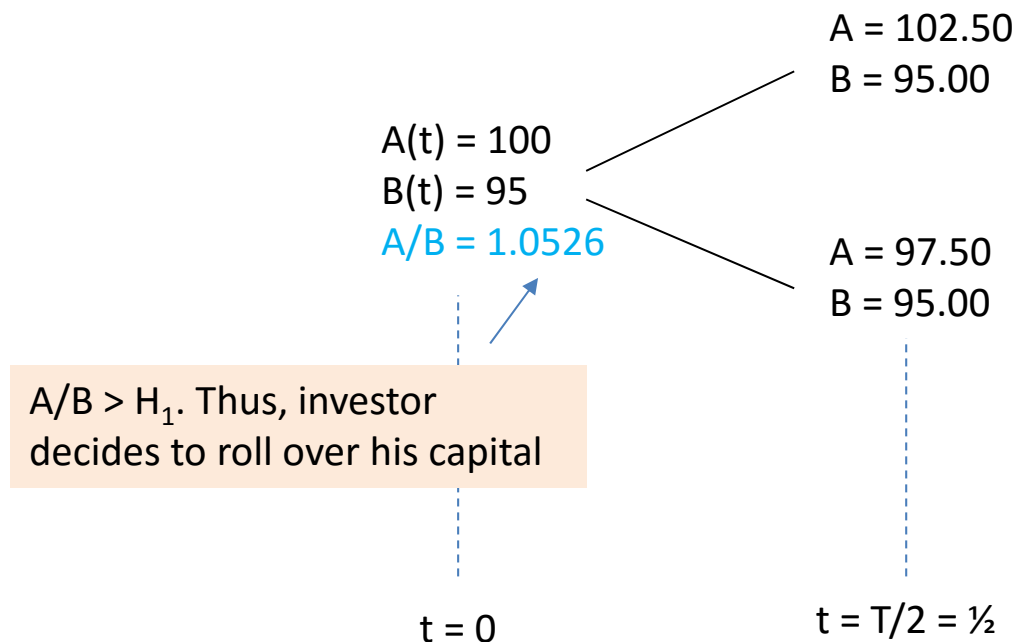
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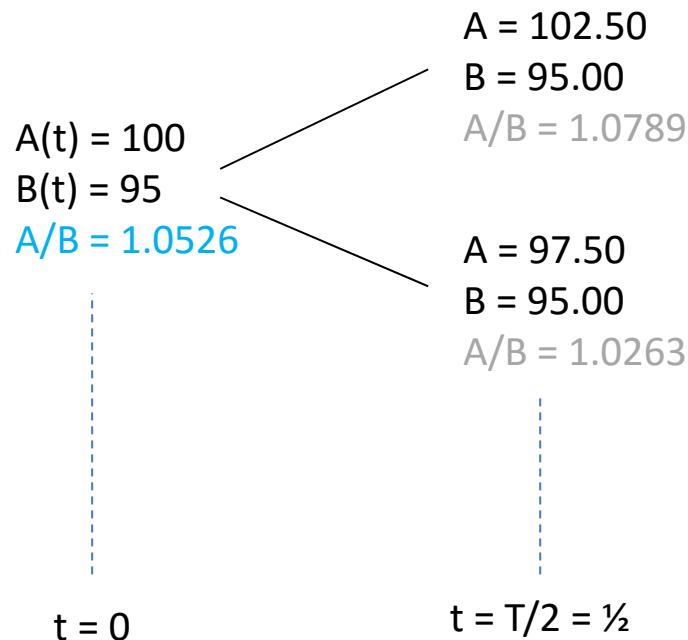
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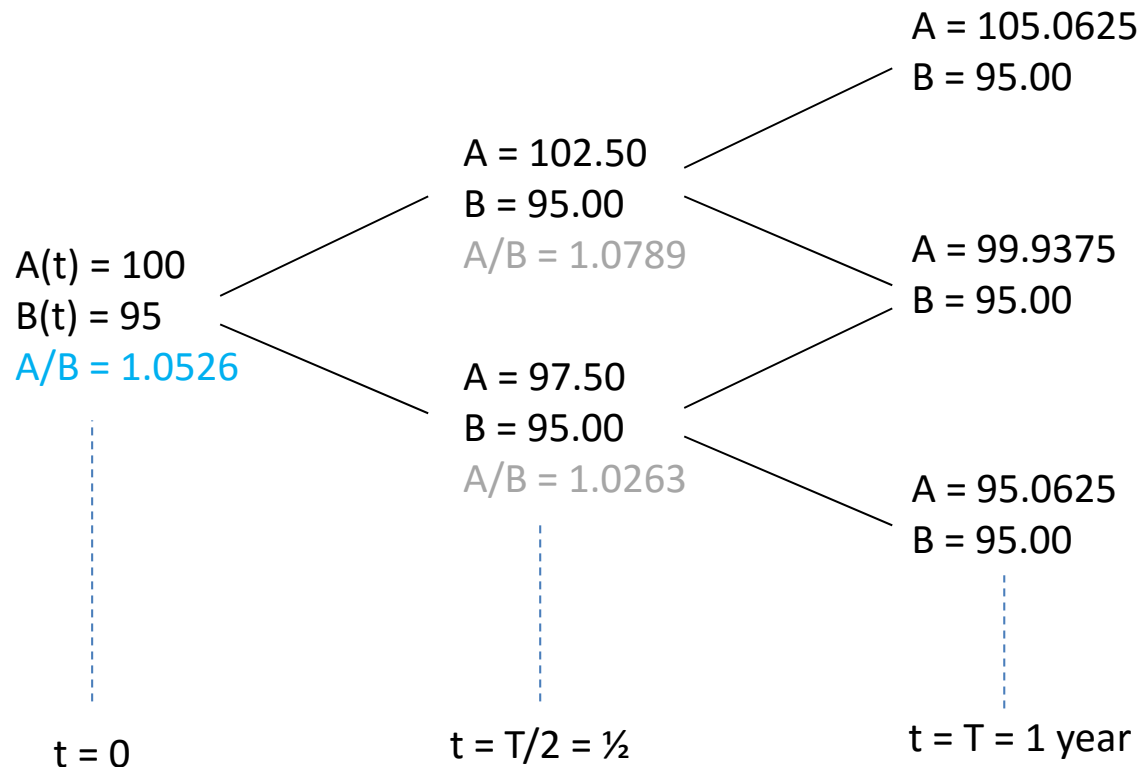
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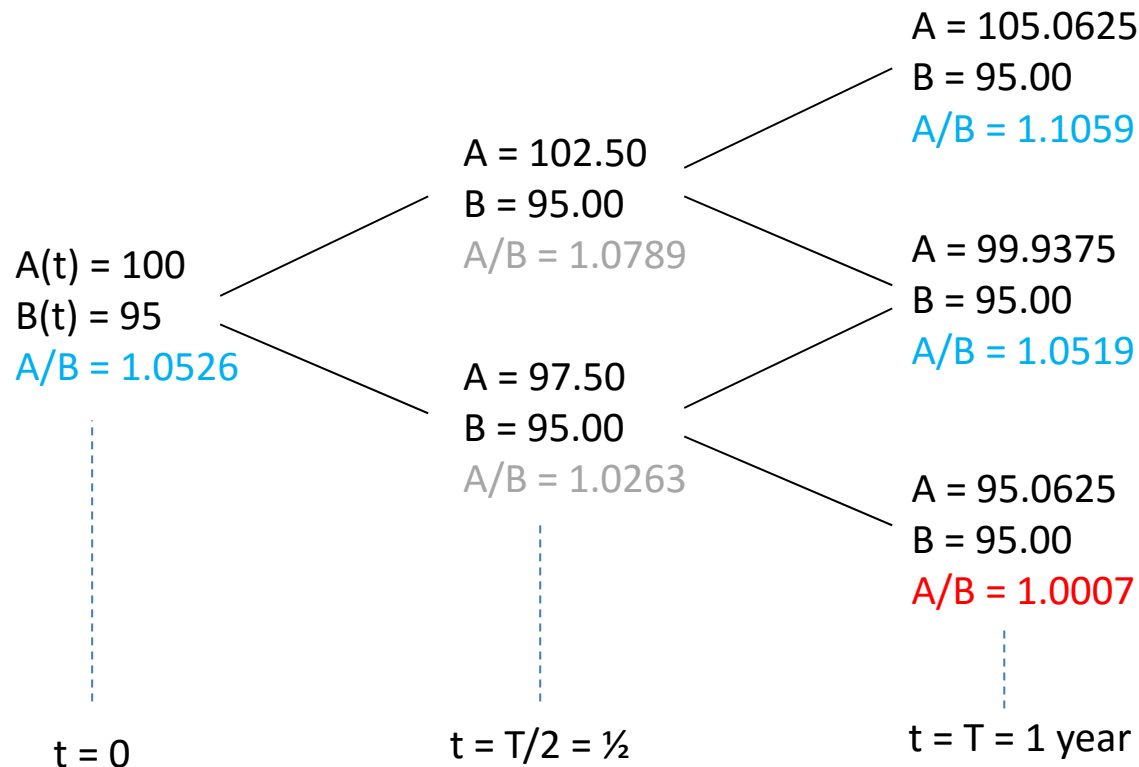
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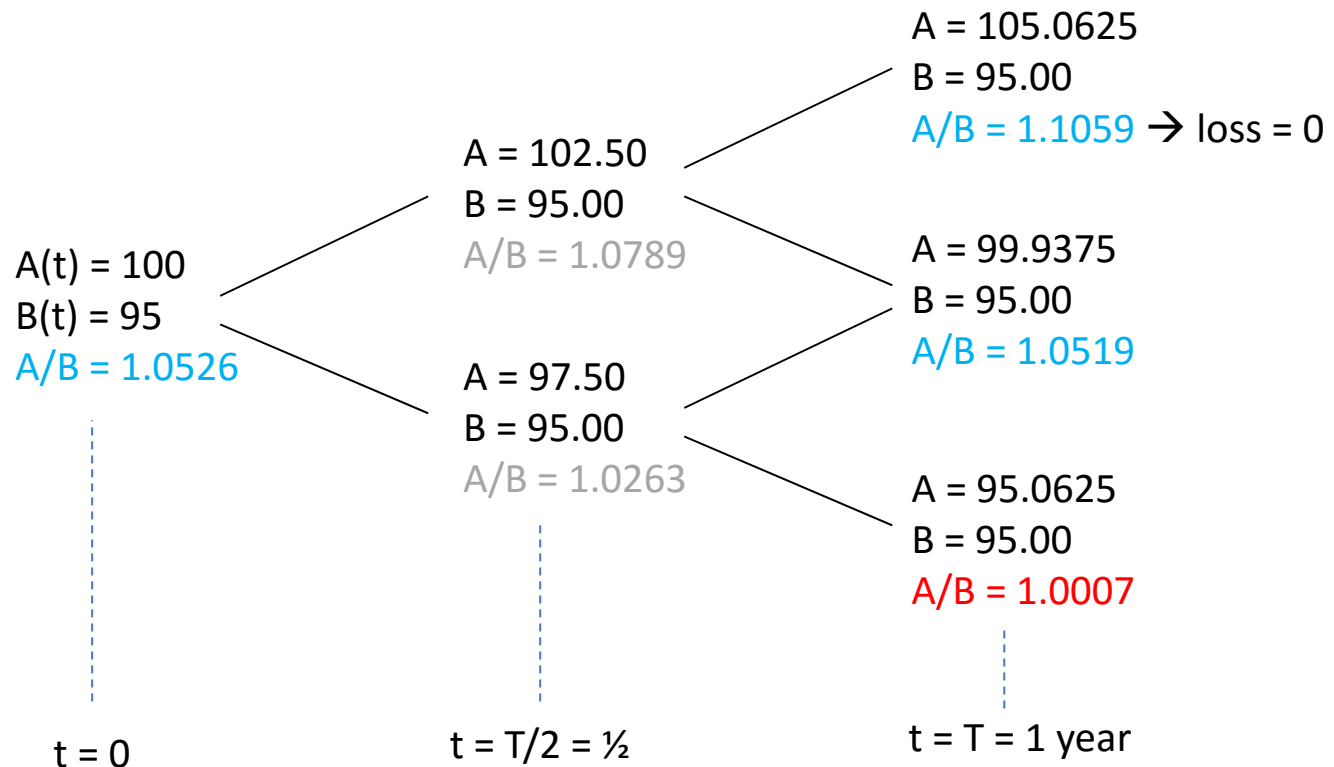
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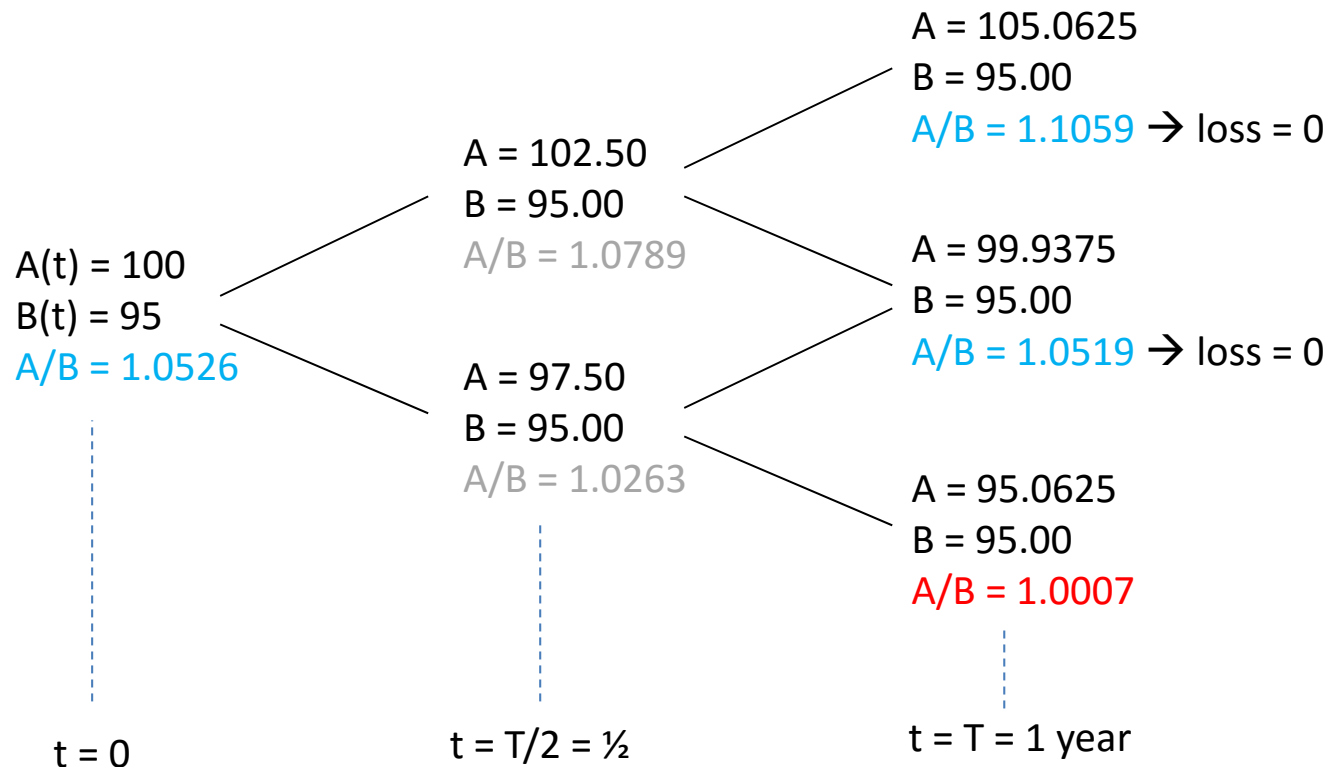
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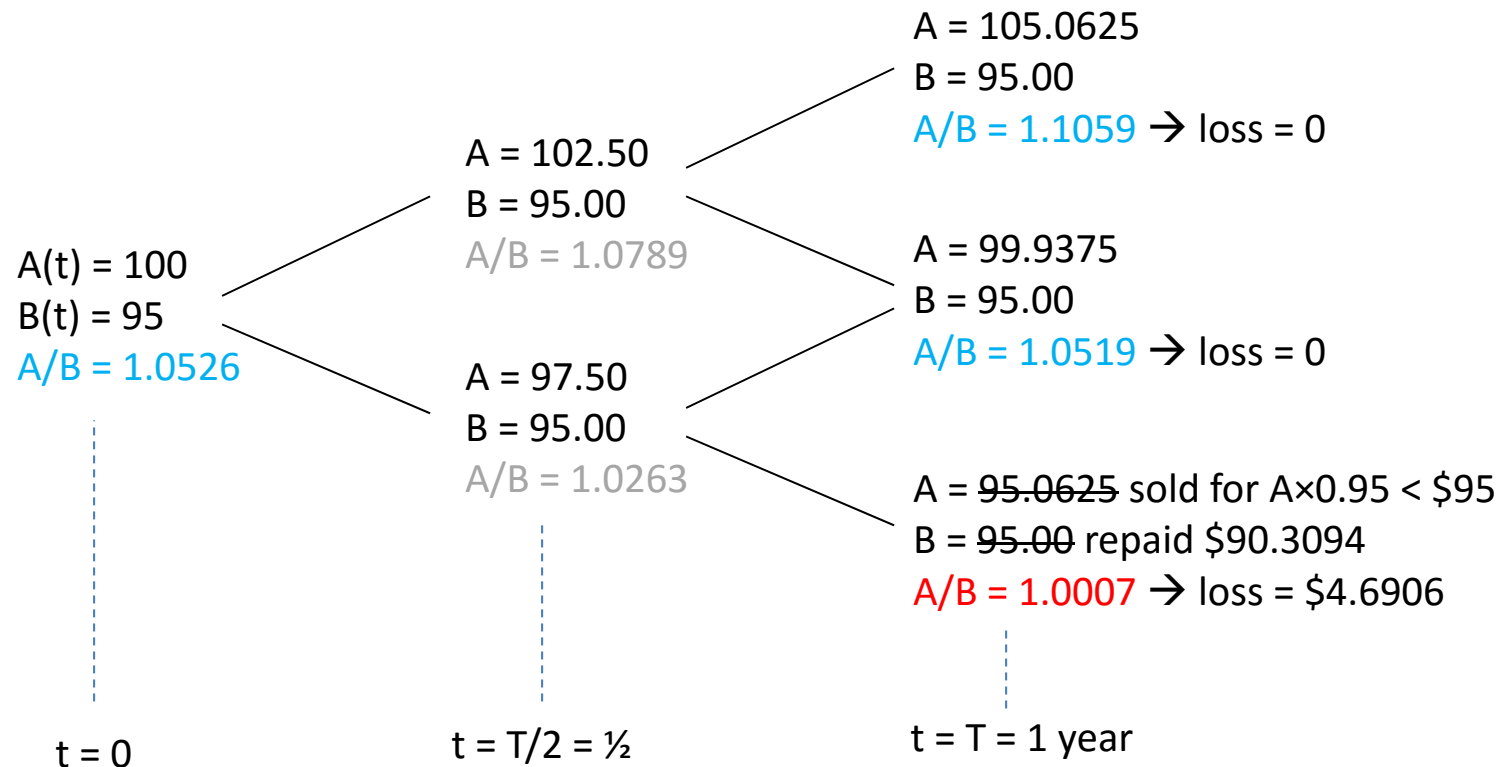
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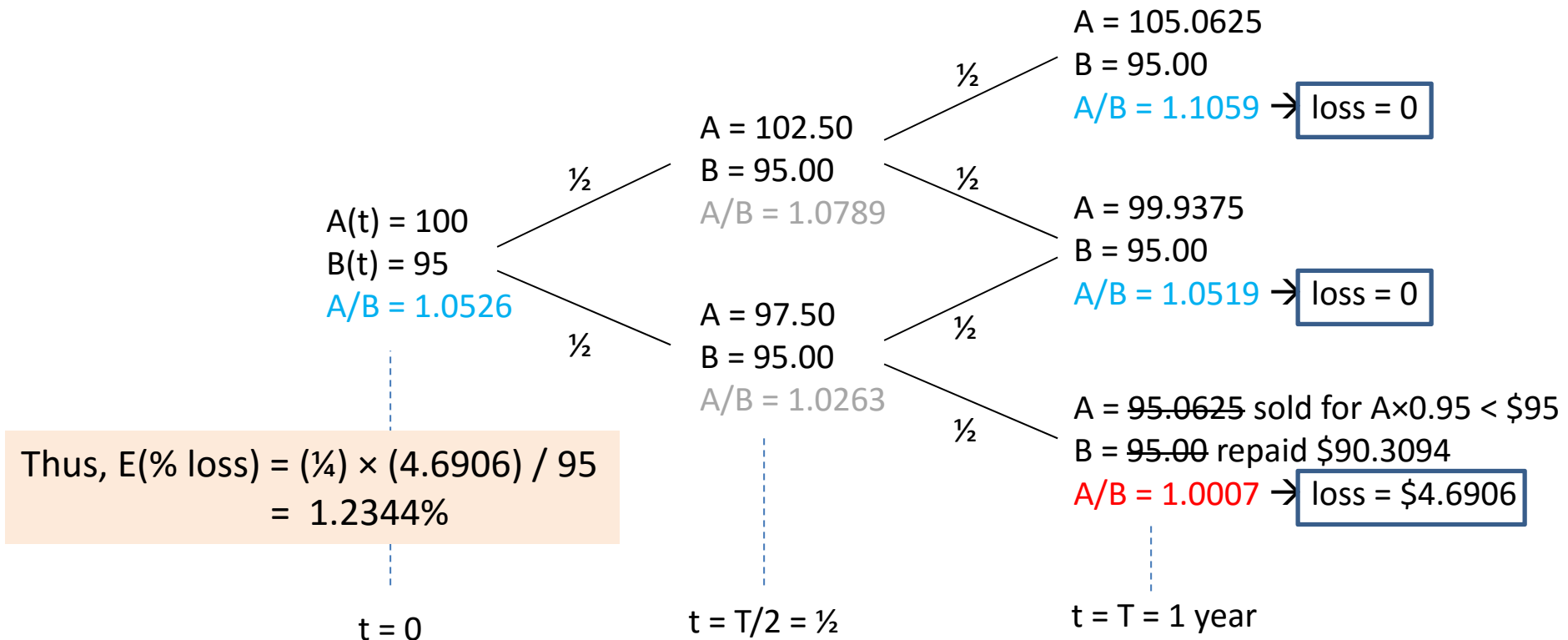
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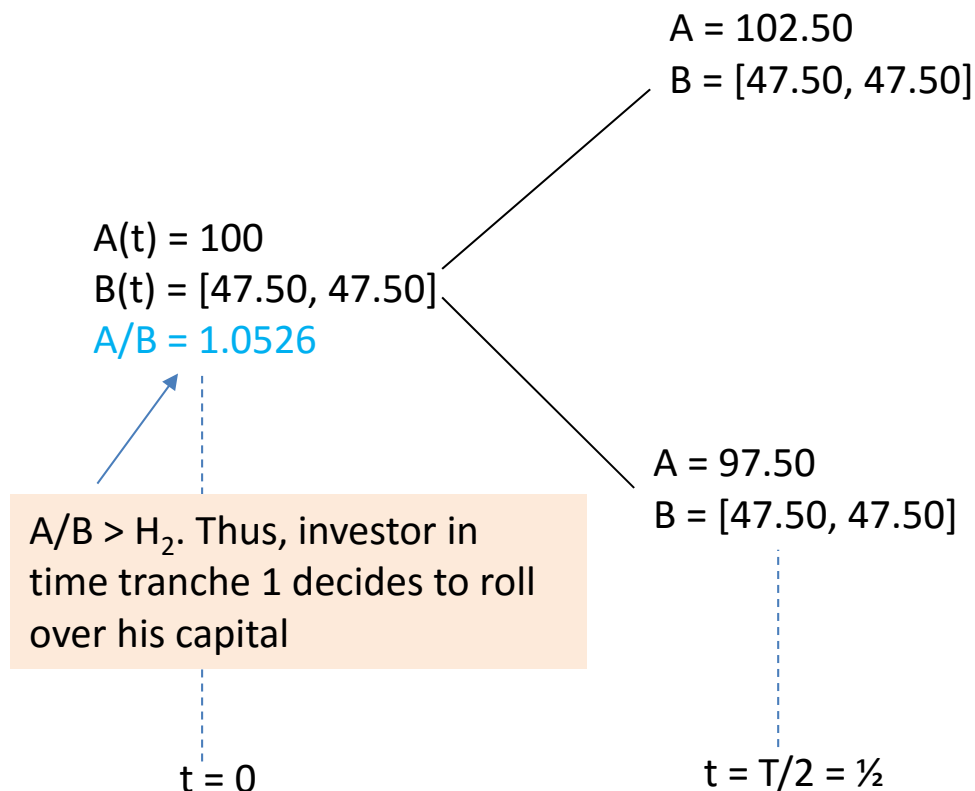
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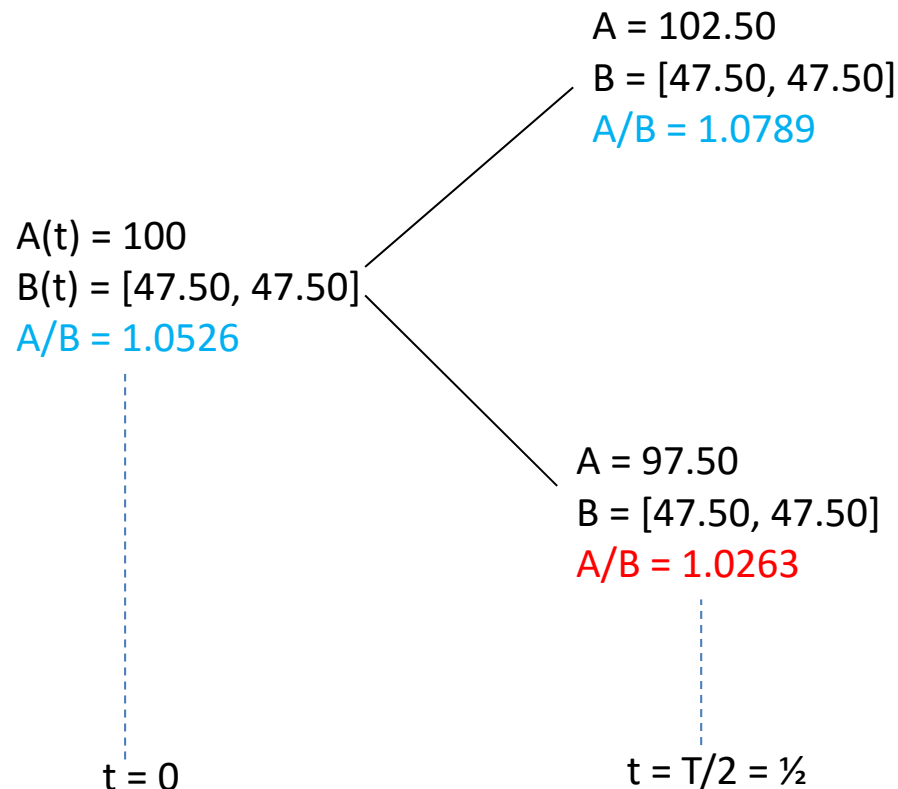
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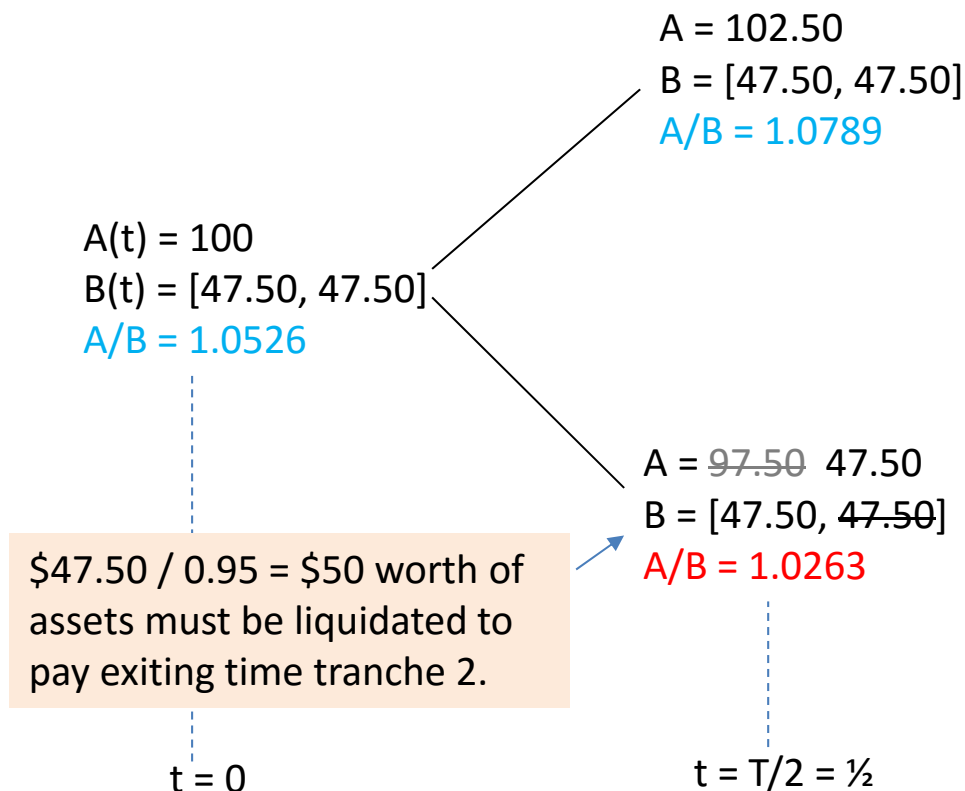
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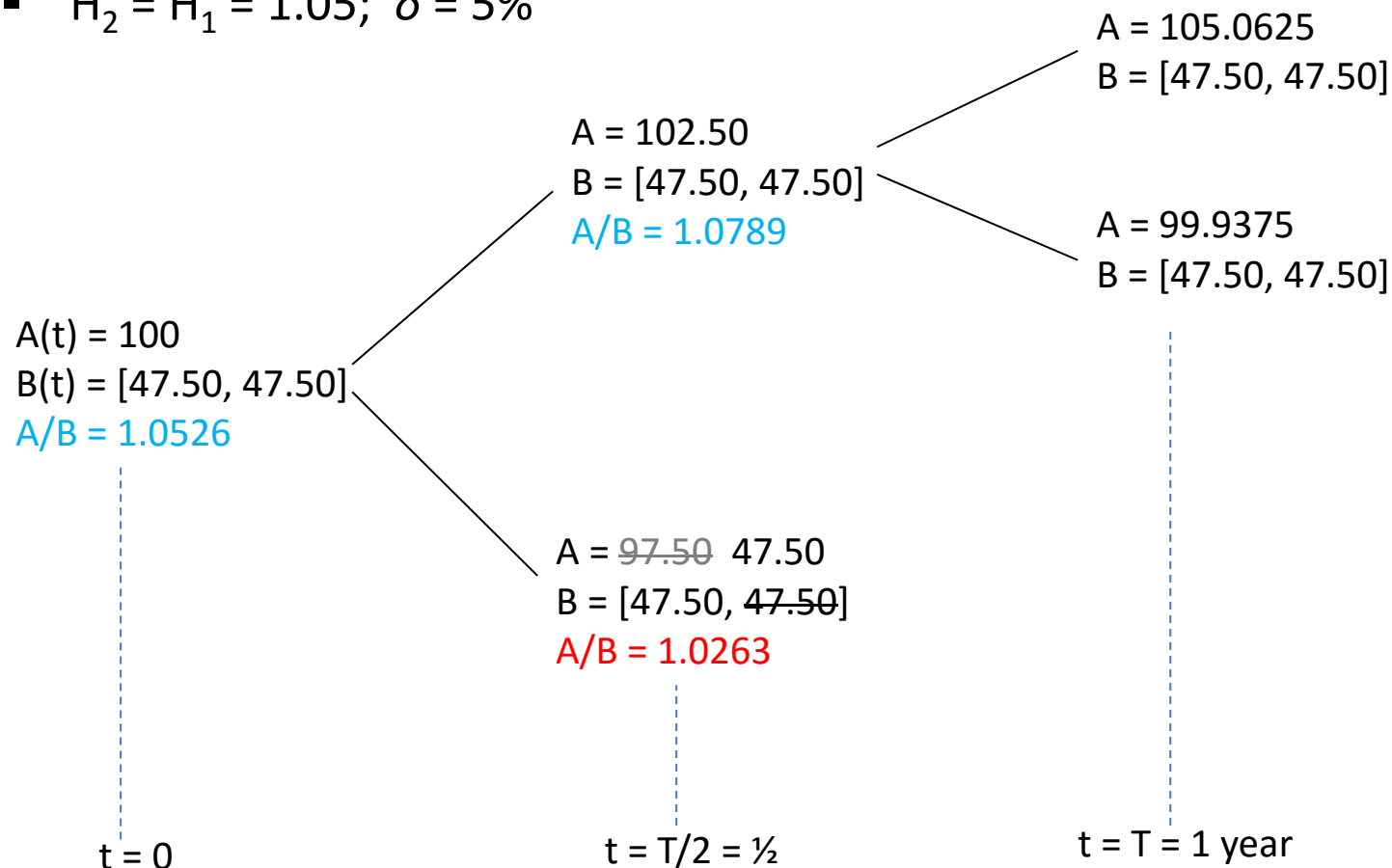
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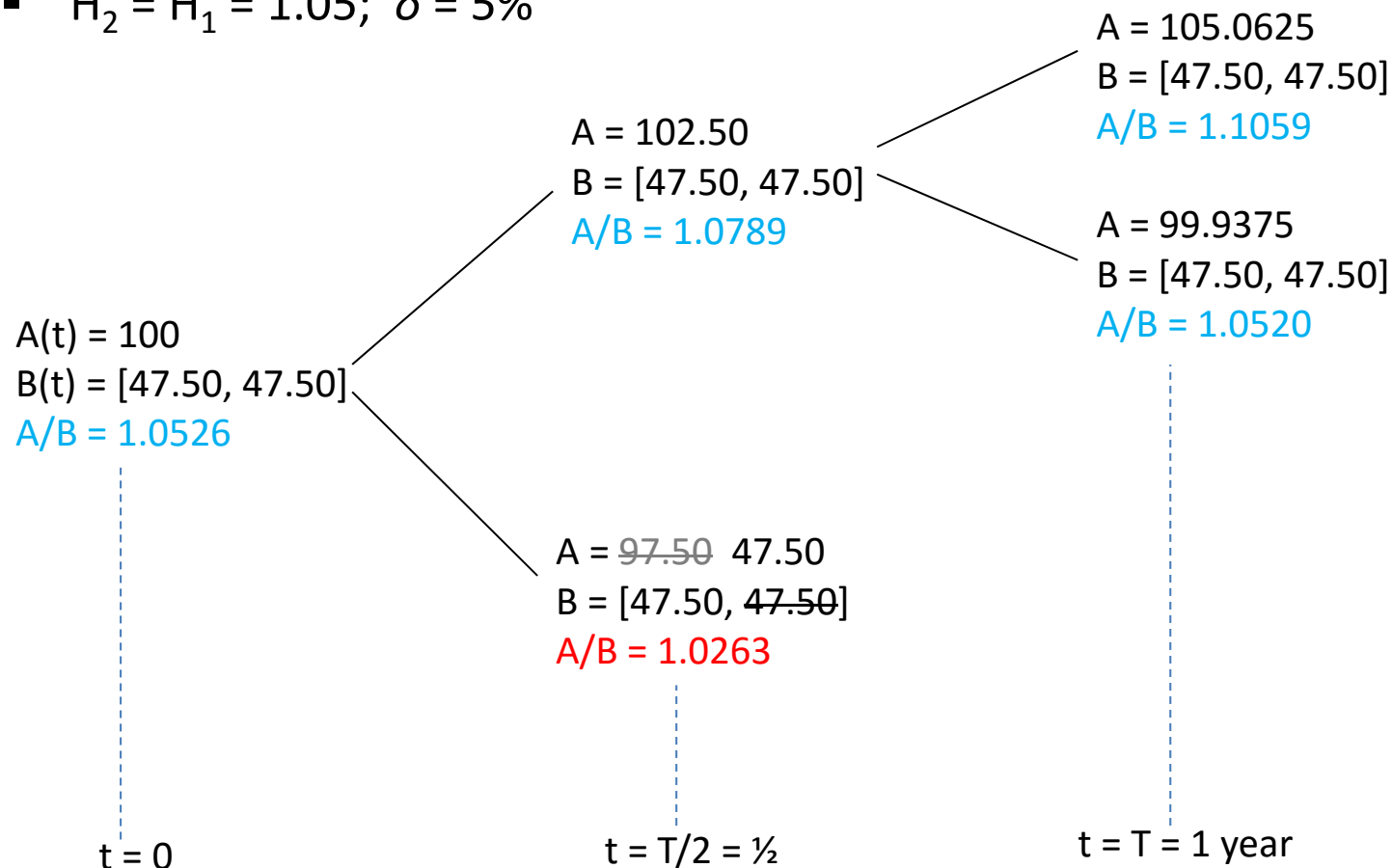
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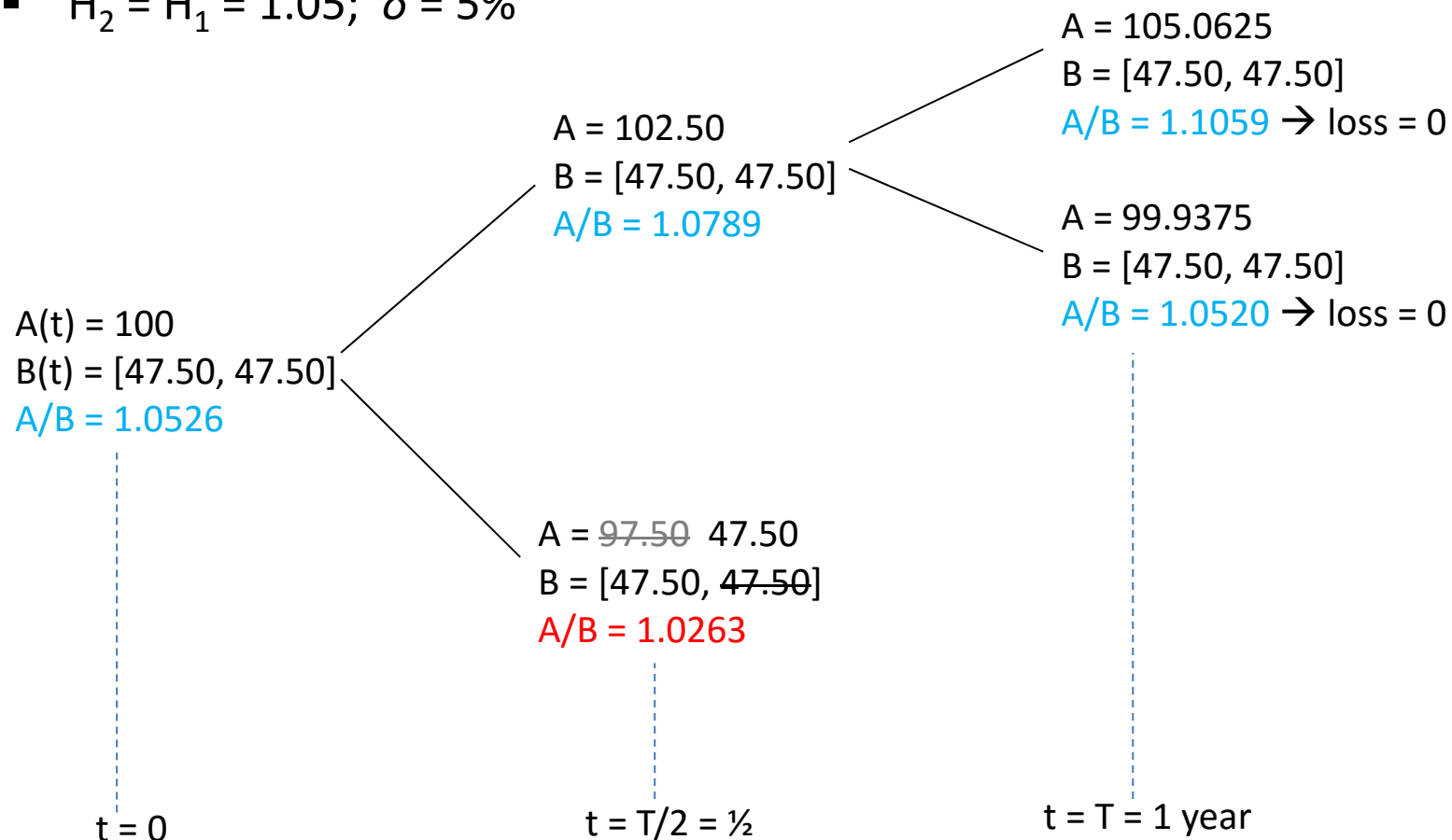
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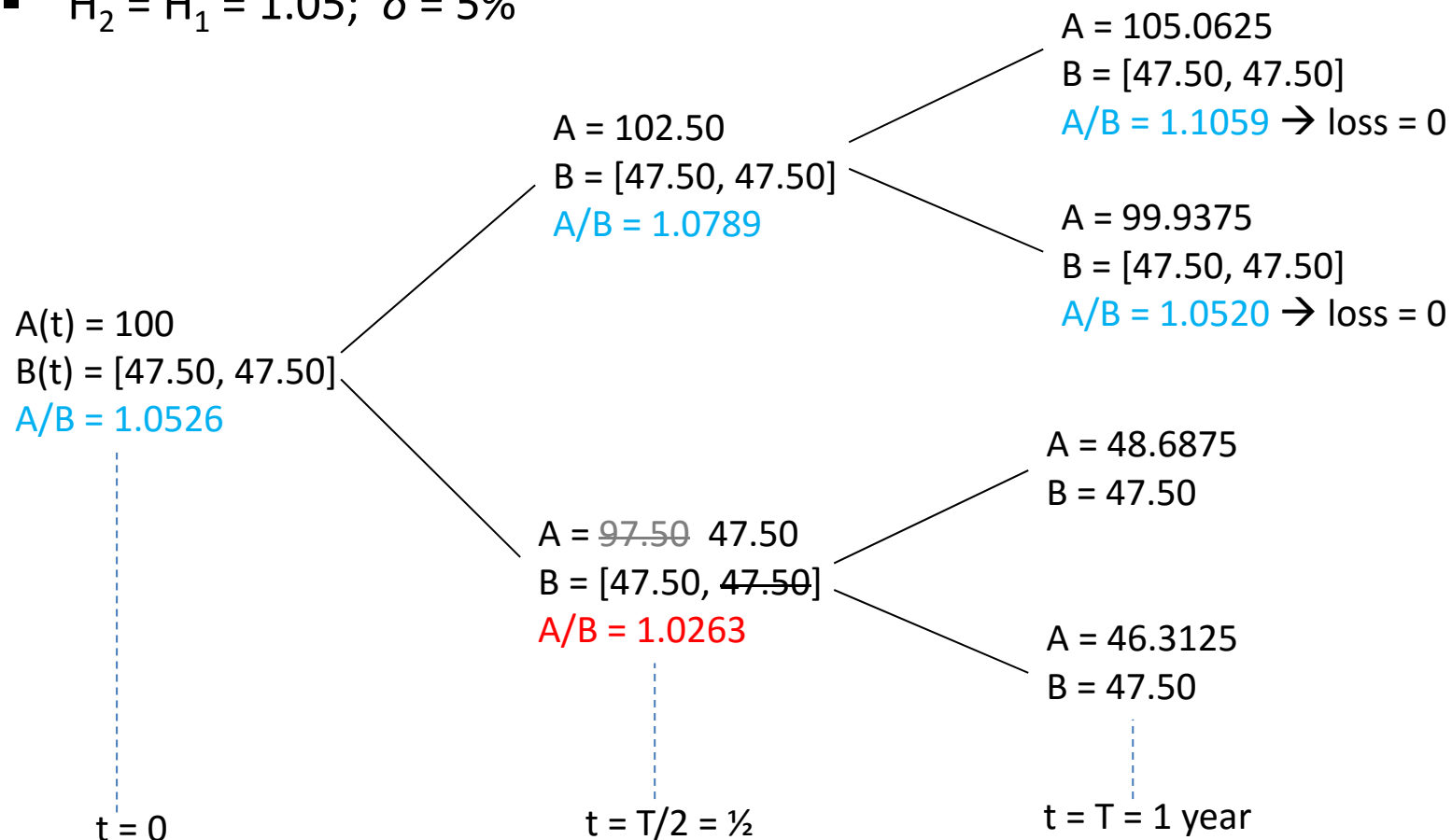
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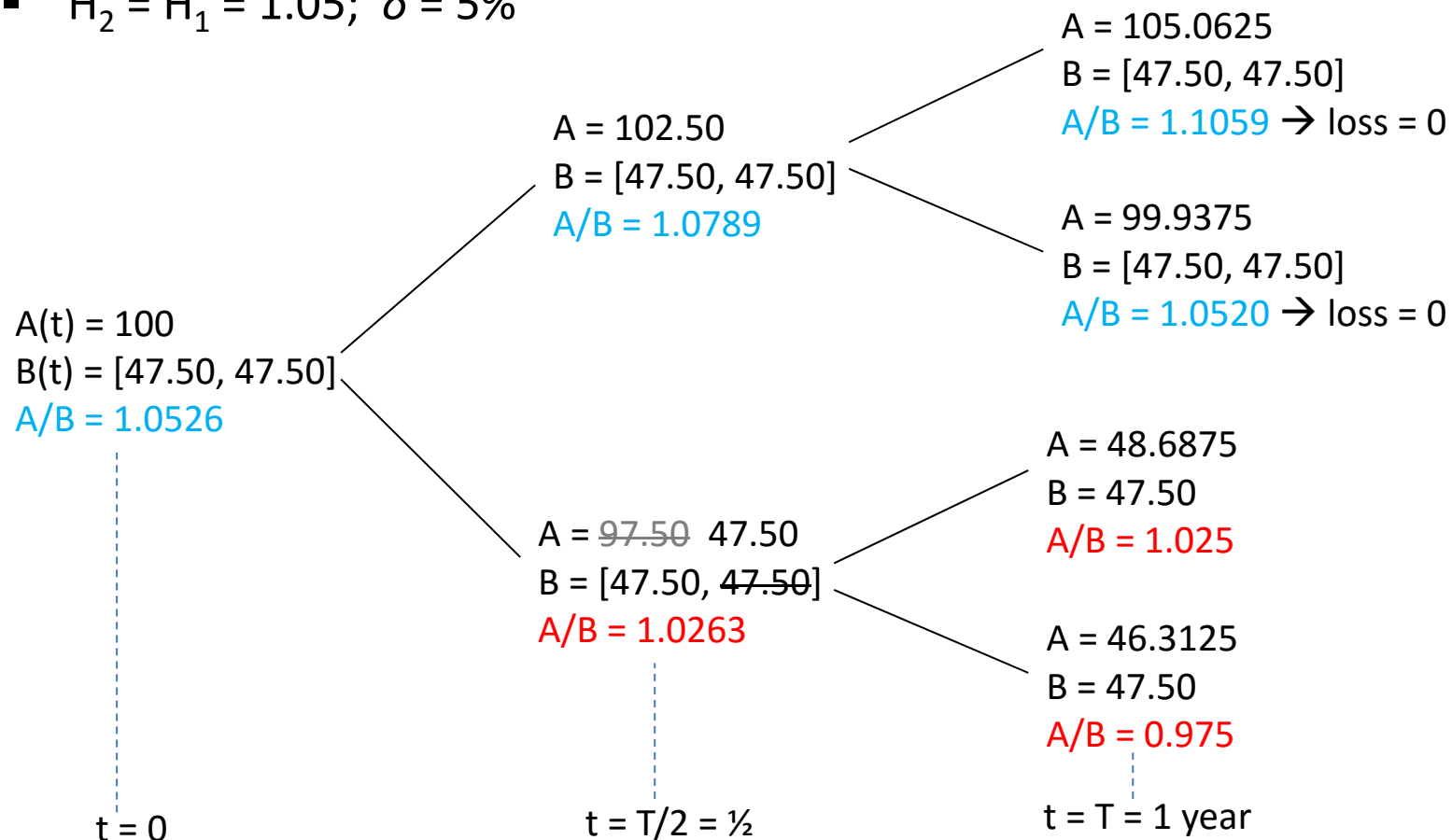
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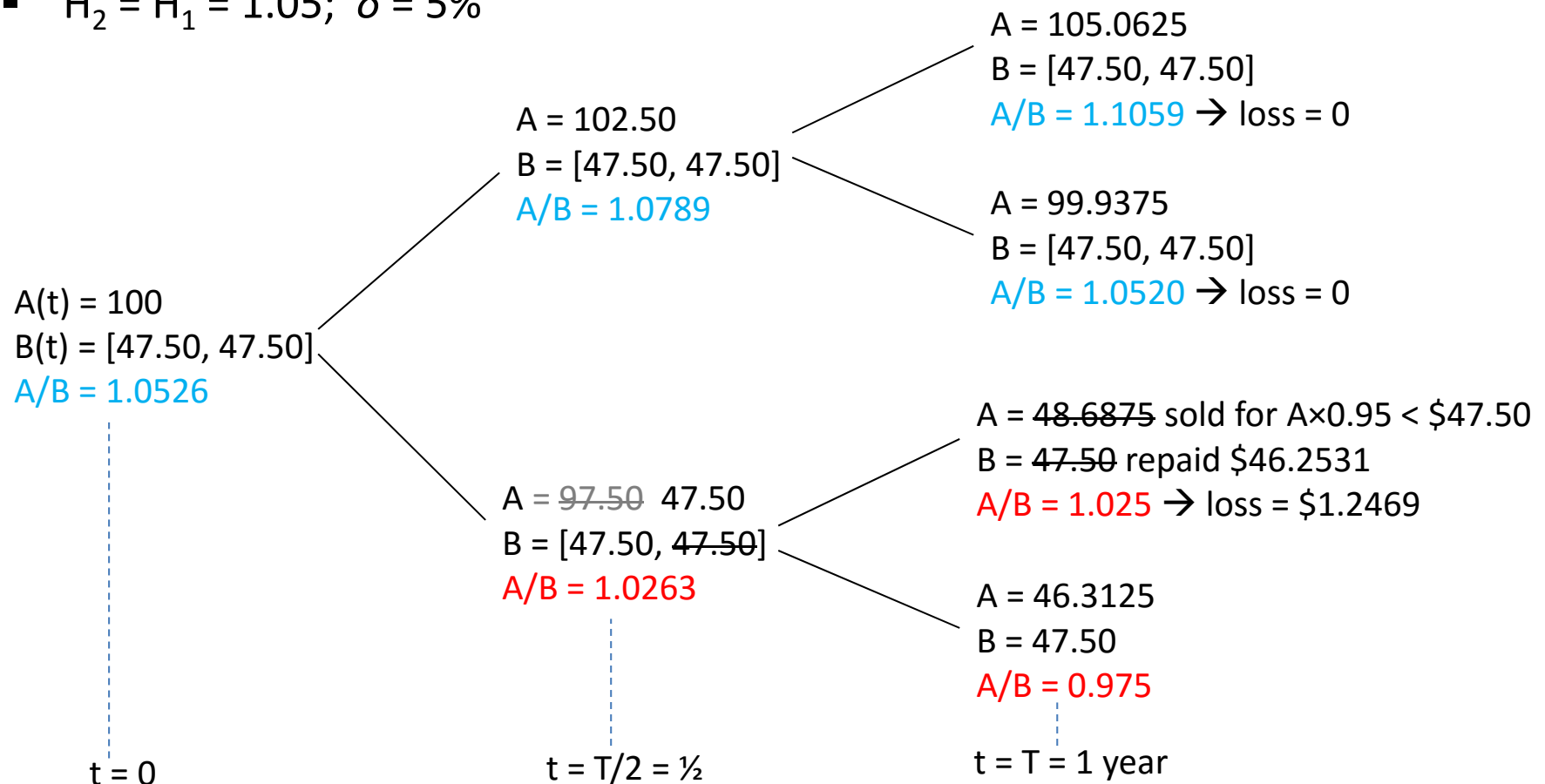
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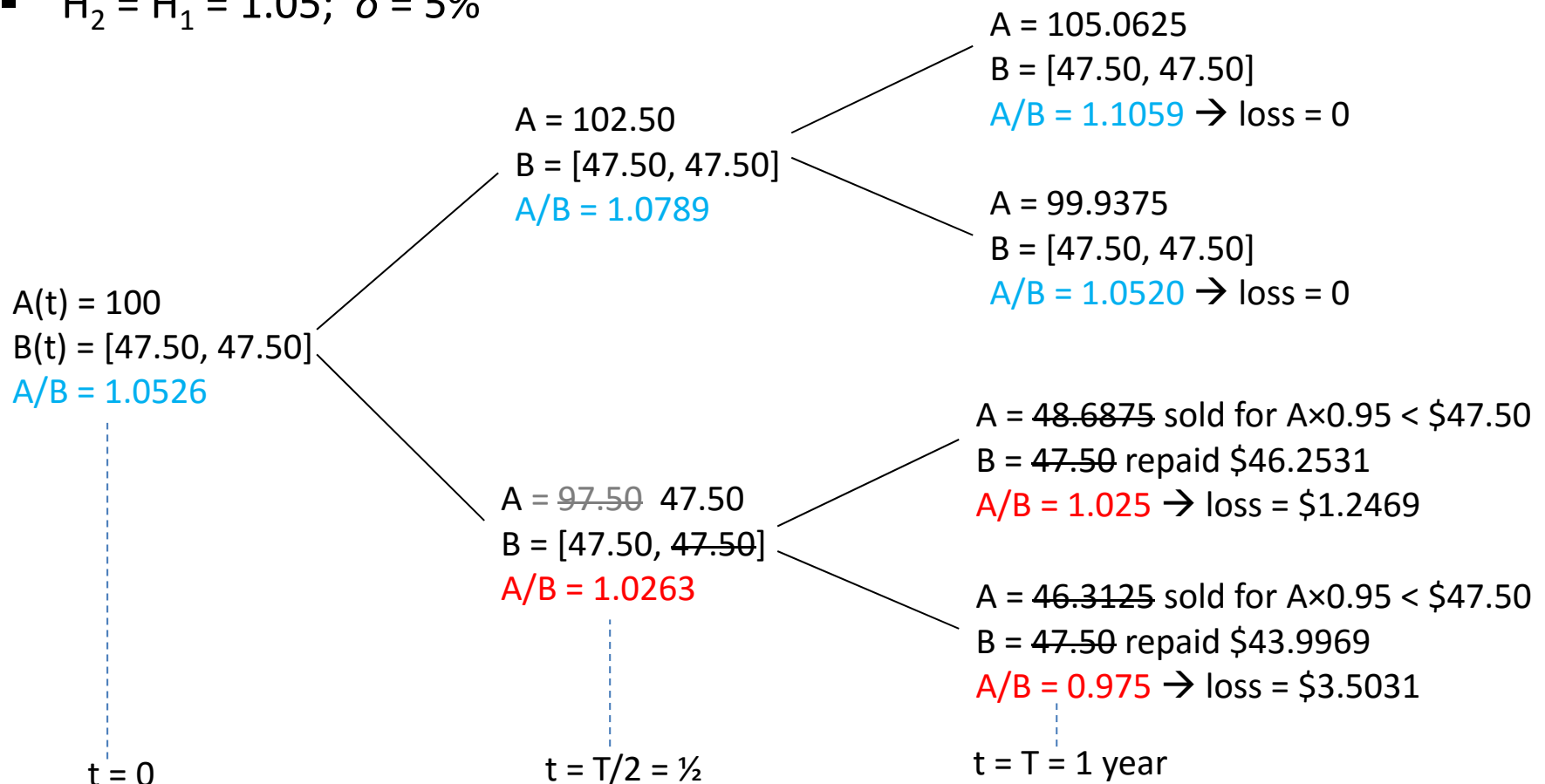
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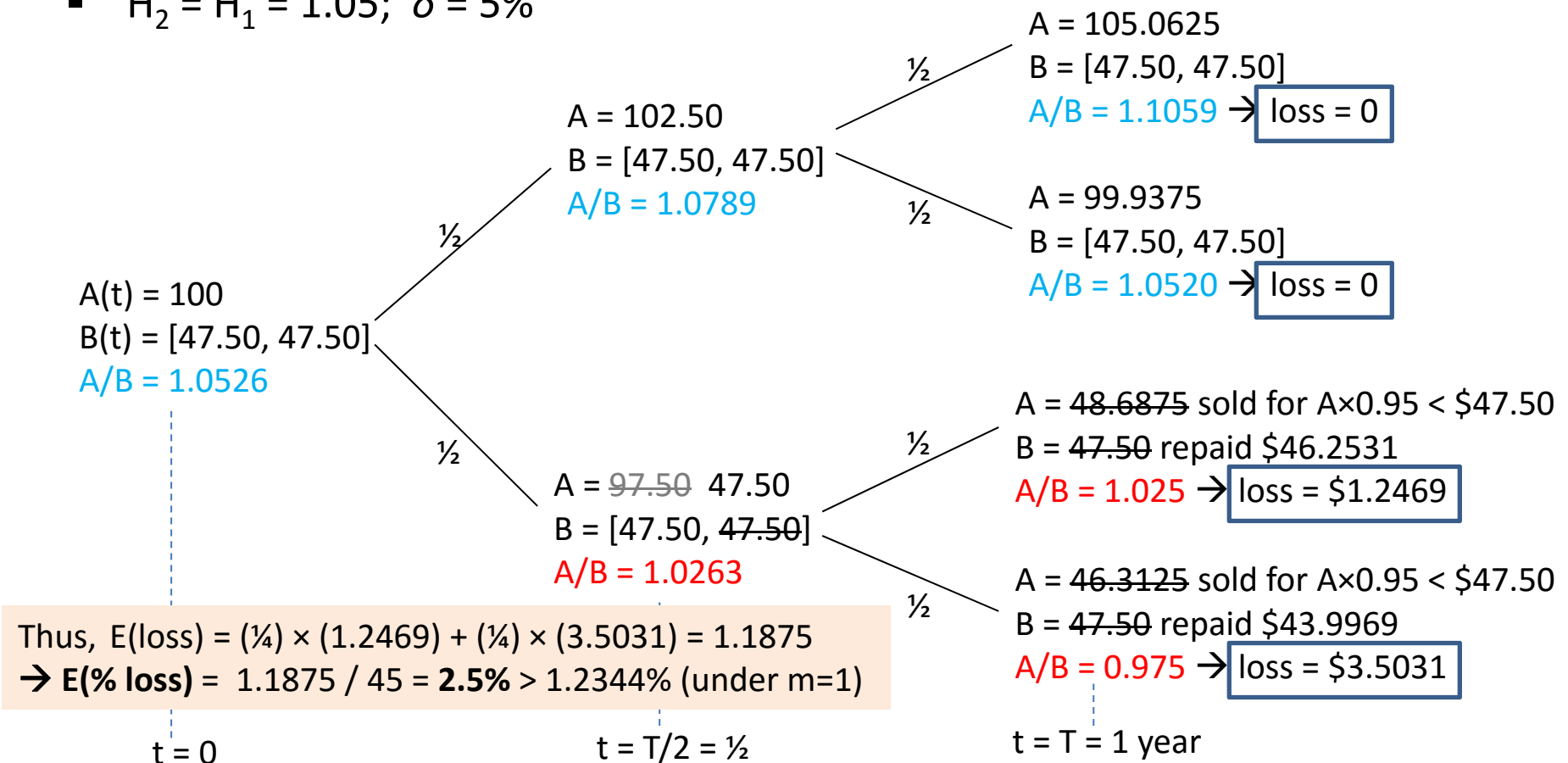
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Analyses

- Thus we see the adversarial game that arises among senior debt investors in varying time tranches. Overall, the rollover decision rule (i.e., required A/B threshold) depends crucially on:
 - The credit quality of the underlying asset pool: σ
 - The time to maturity: T
 - The number of time tranches: m
- Similar results hold under a finer four-period asset tree (Section 2.2; Figures 4, 5, and 6)
- Let us now proceed to the generalized model using simulations for a continuous-time asset process →

Mean-Reverting Asset Process

- Since most SPVs were structured as pools of fixed-income securities, we employ a mean-reverting asset price process:

$$dA(t) = k[\theta - A(t)] dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

- Thus, $A(t + h) = A(t)e^{-kh} + \theta(1 - e^{-kh}) + \sigma \int_0^h e^{-k(h-s)} dW(s)$
- In our simulations, we set: $k = 0.5$; $\theta = A(0) = 100$; and $\sigma = \{5, 10\}$
- The number of simulation paths is 10,000, with time step $h = 1$ month

Rollover Decision Rule: H_m

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- We begin by solving for H_1 , finding the minimum $A(0)/D_B$ ratio such that:

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Loss upon failure to roll over

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Investors in time tranche 1 continue to use decision rule H_2 , with $T/2$ time left before their roll date

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Investors in time tranche 2 decline to roll over at time $t=T/2$ if $A(t) < D_B \times H_2$
Here, partial liquidation is undertaken to repay this exiting tranche.

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Now, investors in time tranche 1 use decision rule H_1 , under a reduced portfolio size with asset-process parameters rescaled accordingly

$$\gamma = \frac{A(\frac{T}{2}) - \frac{B(0)/2}{1-\delta}}{A(\frac{T}{2})}$$

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- Then, using $\{H_1, H_2\}$, we proceed to solve for H_3 , and so on...

Table 1: SPV Structures and Expected Losses

- Initial senior debt is set to maximum capacity at $D_B = A(0)/H_m$ with $A(0) = \$100$ and $T = 1$ year
- The number of simulation paths is 10,000, with time step $h = 1$ month

Recov = 95%	m	Let $H_m = H_1$	Initial D_B	% prob loss	% E(loss)
	1	1.0680	93.6360	36.25%	1.00%
	2	1.0680	93.6360	30.94%	1.38%
	3	1.0680	93.6360	27.87%	1.75%
	4	1.0680	93.6360	24.93%	2.05%
	6	1.0680	93.6360	21.81%	2.64%

Recov = 98%	m	Let $H_m = H_1$	Initial D_B	% prob loss	% E(loss)
	1	1.0353	96.5939	36.26%	1.00%
	2	1.0353	96.5939	30.97%	1.38%
	3	1.0353	96.5939	44.24%	1.75%
	4	1.0353	96.5939	24.93%	2.05%
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	3	1.0680	93.6360	27.87%	1.75%
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	1	1.0353			
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Table 2: SPV Structures and Maximum Senior-Debt Capacity Under Varying Asset-Liquidation Discounts

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	1	1.0680	93.6360	36.25%	1.00%
	2	1.0756	92.9704	24.52%	1.00%
	3	1.0797	92.6228	18.91%	1.00%
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	6	1.0859	92.0915	19.06%	1.00%
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	1	1.0353	96.5939	36.26%	1.00%
	2	1.0427	95.9067	24.53%	1.00%
	3	1.0466	95.5449	18.91%	1.00%
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	1	1.0252	96.5939	36.26%	1.00%
	2	1.0352	95.9067	24.53%	1.00%
	3	1.0452	95.5449	18.91%	1.00%
	4	1.0552	95.3361	23.47%	1.00%
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To maintain the same ex-ante expected loss, investors must require greater A/B ratios to roll over their capital as m increases.

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Recov = 98%	m	Min H_m	Max D_B	% prob loss	% E(loss)
	1	1.0353	96.5	Accordingly, the debt capacity of the SPV decreases in the number of time tranches	
	2	1.0427	95.9		
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As expected, greater recovery rates allow for greater debt capacity, all else equal

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Recovery = 95%					
$\sigma = 5$	m	Min H_m	Max D_B	% prob loss	% E(loss)
	1	1.0680	93.6360	36.25%	1.00%
	2	1.0756	92.9704	24.52%	1.00%
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$\sigma = 10$	m	Min H_m	Max D_B	% prob loss	% E(loss)
	1	1.1265	88.7741	20.66%	1.00%
	2	1.1315	88.3755	14.36%	1.00%
	3	1.1371	87.9468	10.73%	1.00%
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	2	1.0534	94.9269	24.52%	1.00%
	3	1.0574	94.5705	35.05%	1.00%
	4	1.0597	94.3656	27.51%	1.00%
	6	1.0635	94.0314	34.74%	1.00%
$\sigma = 10$	m	Min H_m	Max D_B	% prob loss	% E(loss)
	1	1.1032	90.6432	20.67%	1.00%
	2	1.1082	90.2375	14.27%	1.00%
	3	1.1136	89.7968	10.17%	1.00%
	4	1.1164	89.5735	8.17%	1.00%
	6	1.1230	89.0455	29.03%	1.00%

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Mitigating Rollover Risk

- As we have now seen, losses to earlier investors compound as inherent losses due to asset risk interact with fire-sale losses incurred when later investors decline to roll over.
- This, in turn, prompts investors to require even higher rollover thresholds as the number of time tranches increases.
- To mitigate this risk, we propose an ex-ante leverage threshold on the SPV. That is, we propose a defined trigger whereby assets are partially liquidated and all senior investors are (partially) repaid in unison once the trigger is breached.

Example: Mitigating Rollover Risk via Capital Structure Covenants

- $A(0) = \$100$; $B(0) = \$95$; $T = 1$ year; $m = 1$ time tranche
- $H_1 = 1.05$; SPV threshold $K = 1.045$; $\delta = 5\%$
- Assets move $\pm 1.25\%$ each $\frac{1}{4}$ period

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Assets are liquidated to repay senior debt holders if at any time $A/B < K$

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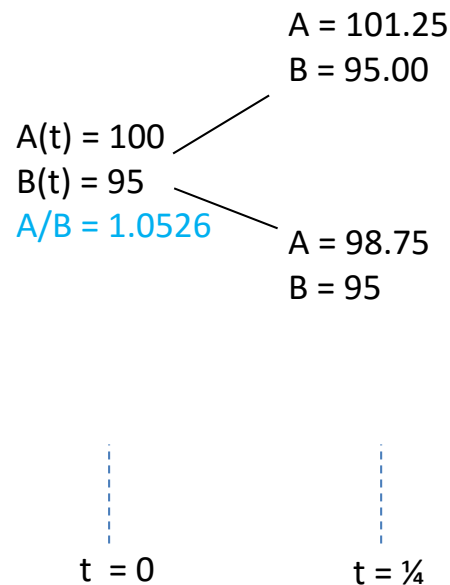
$$B(t) = 95$$

$$A/B = 1.0526$$

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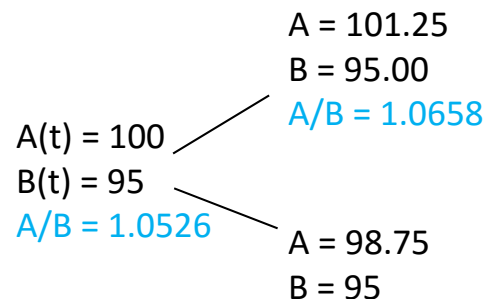
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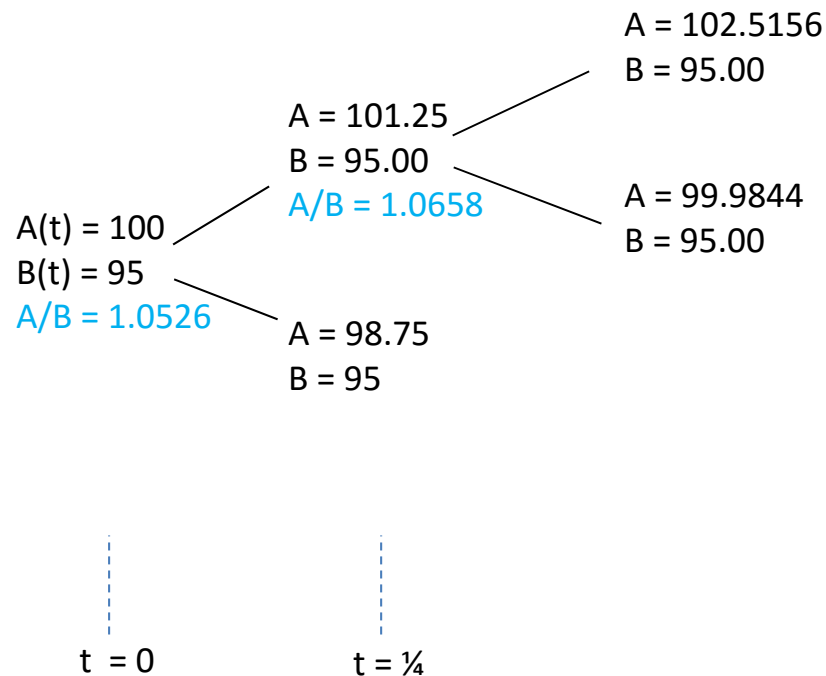


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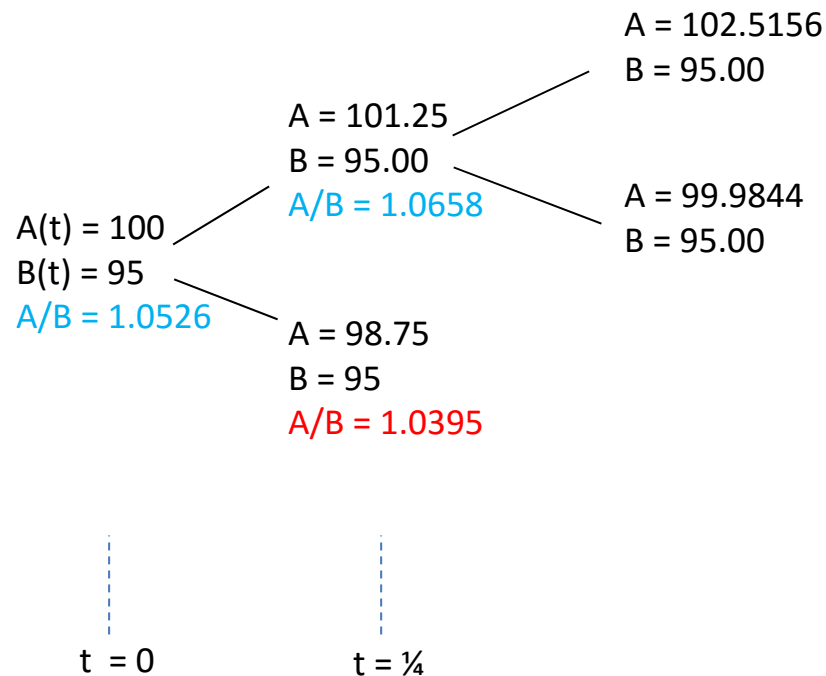
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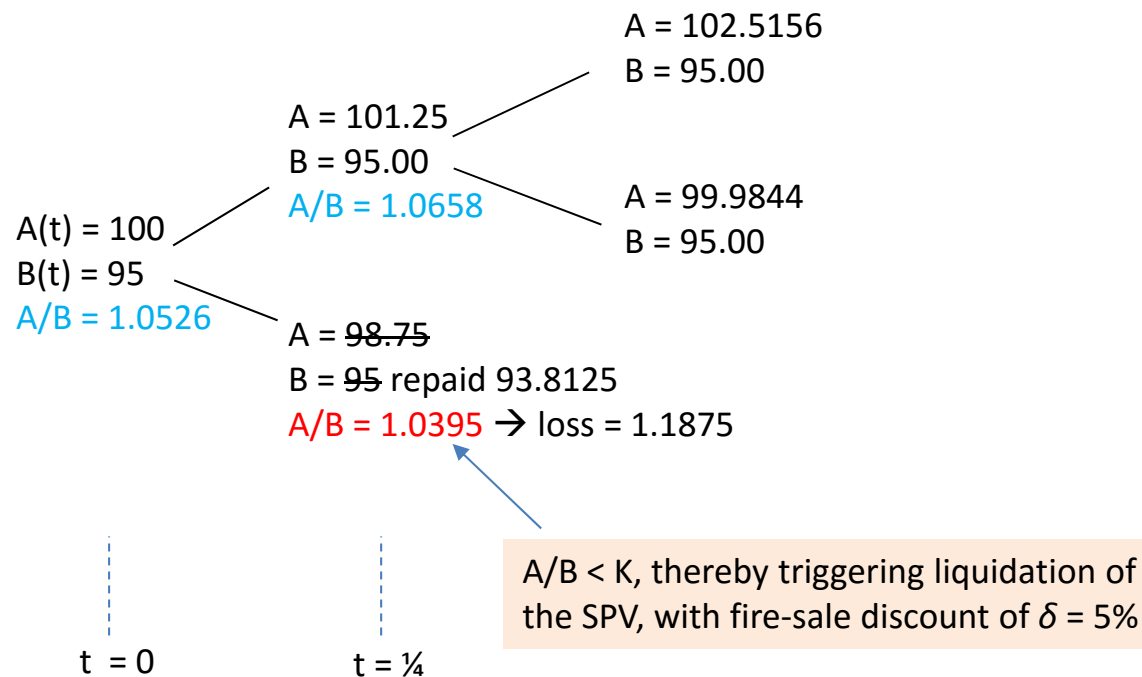
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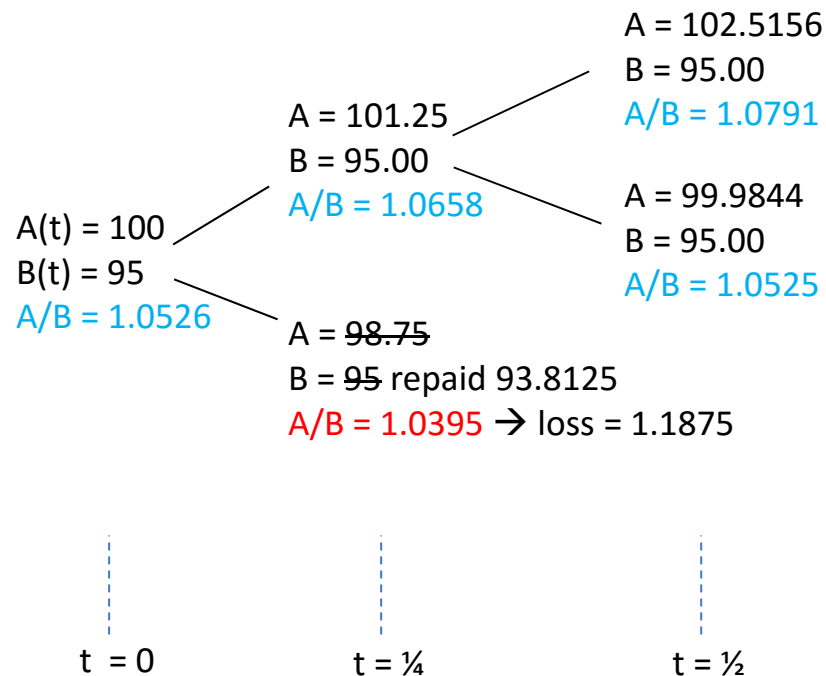
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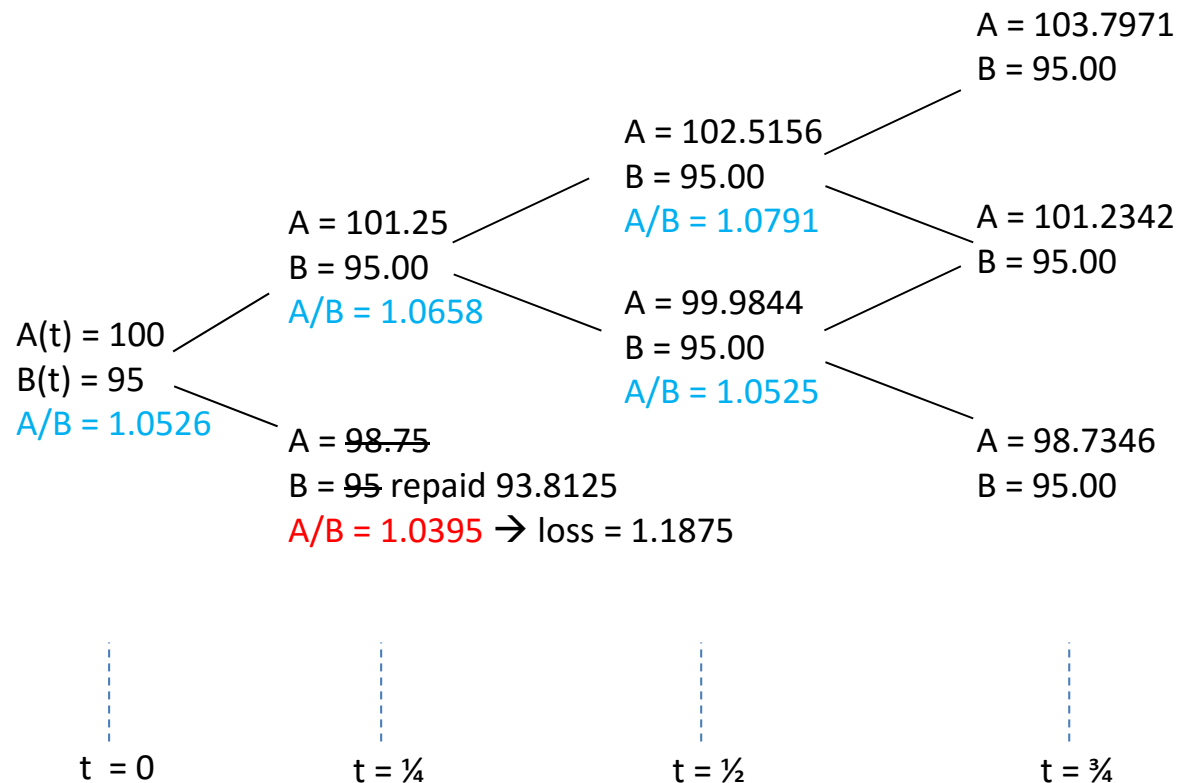
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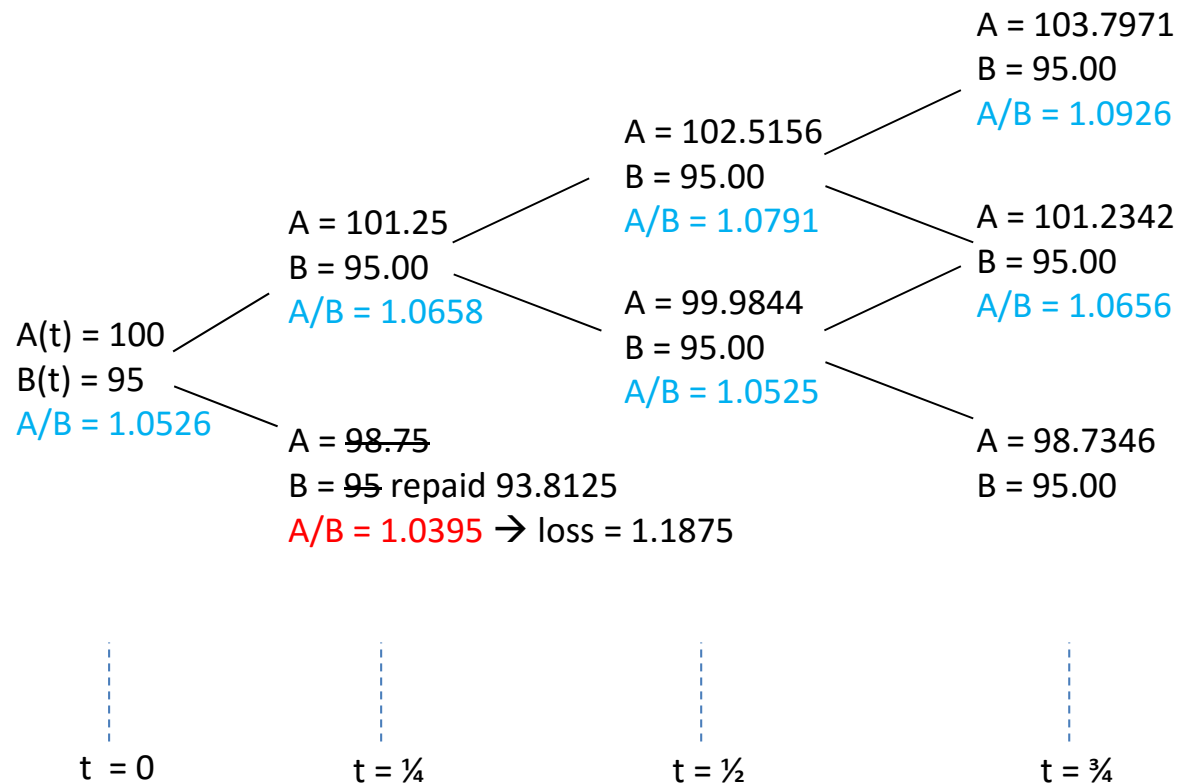
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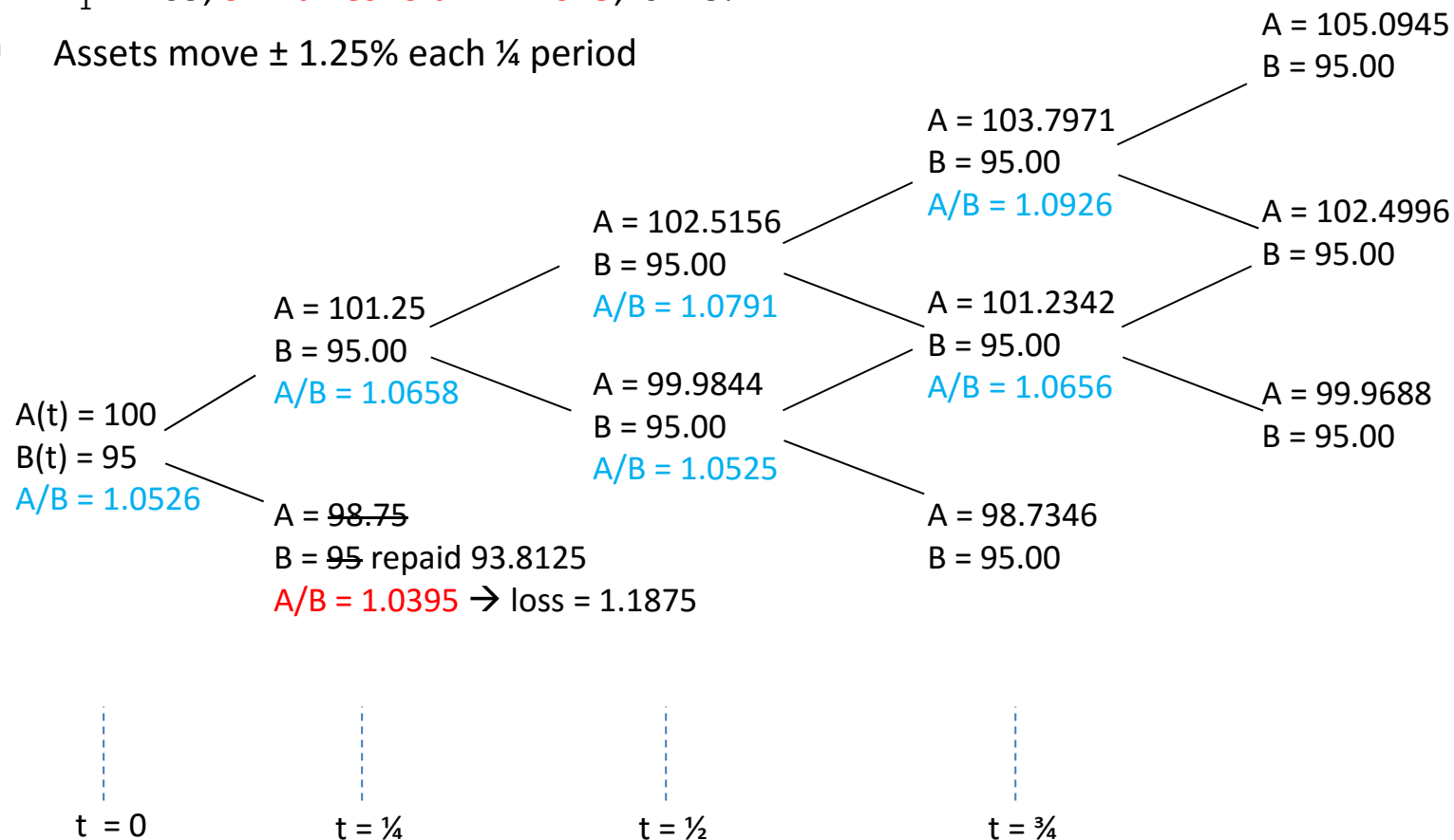
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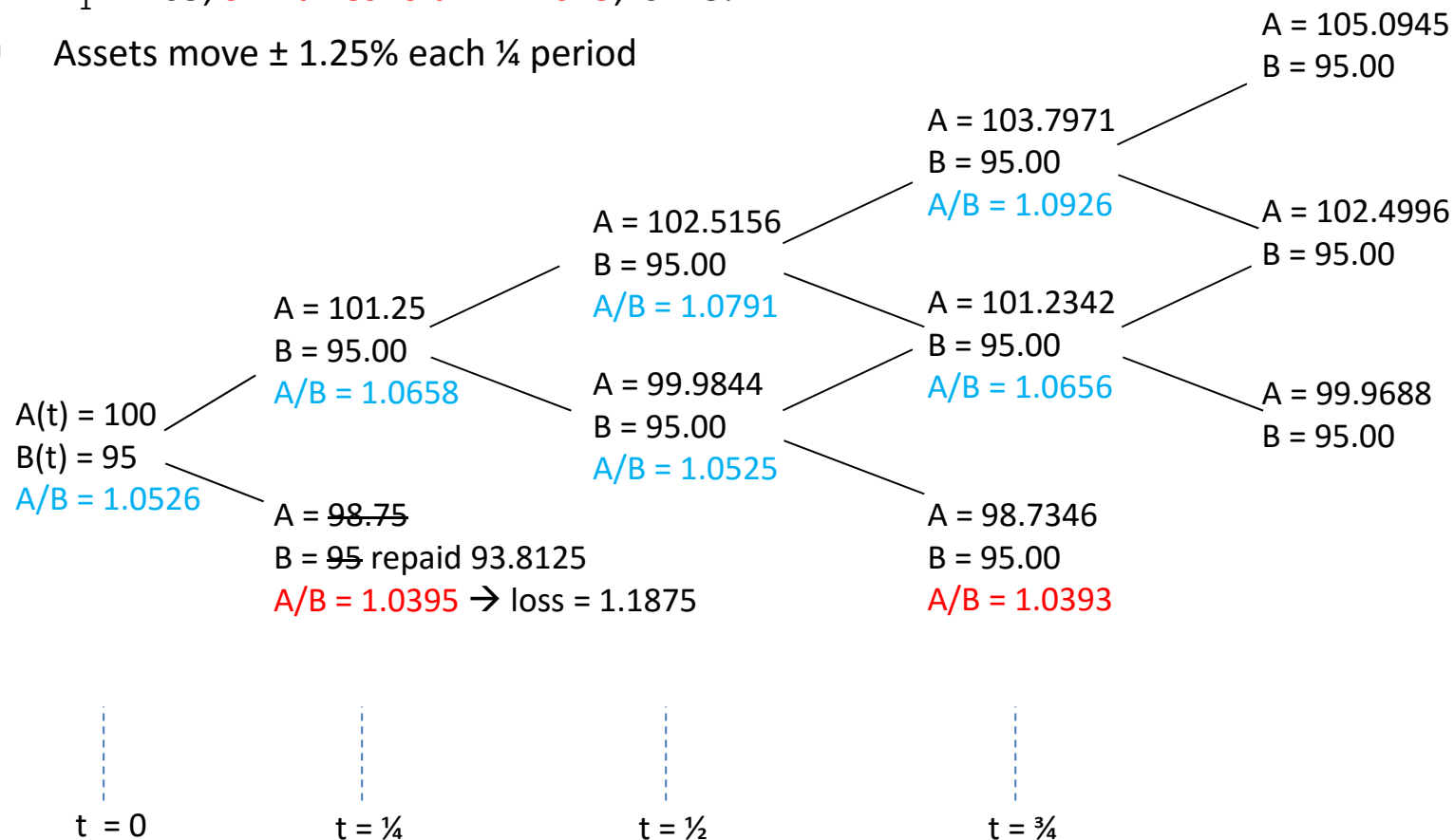
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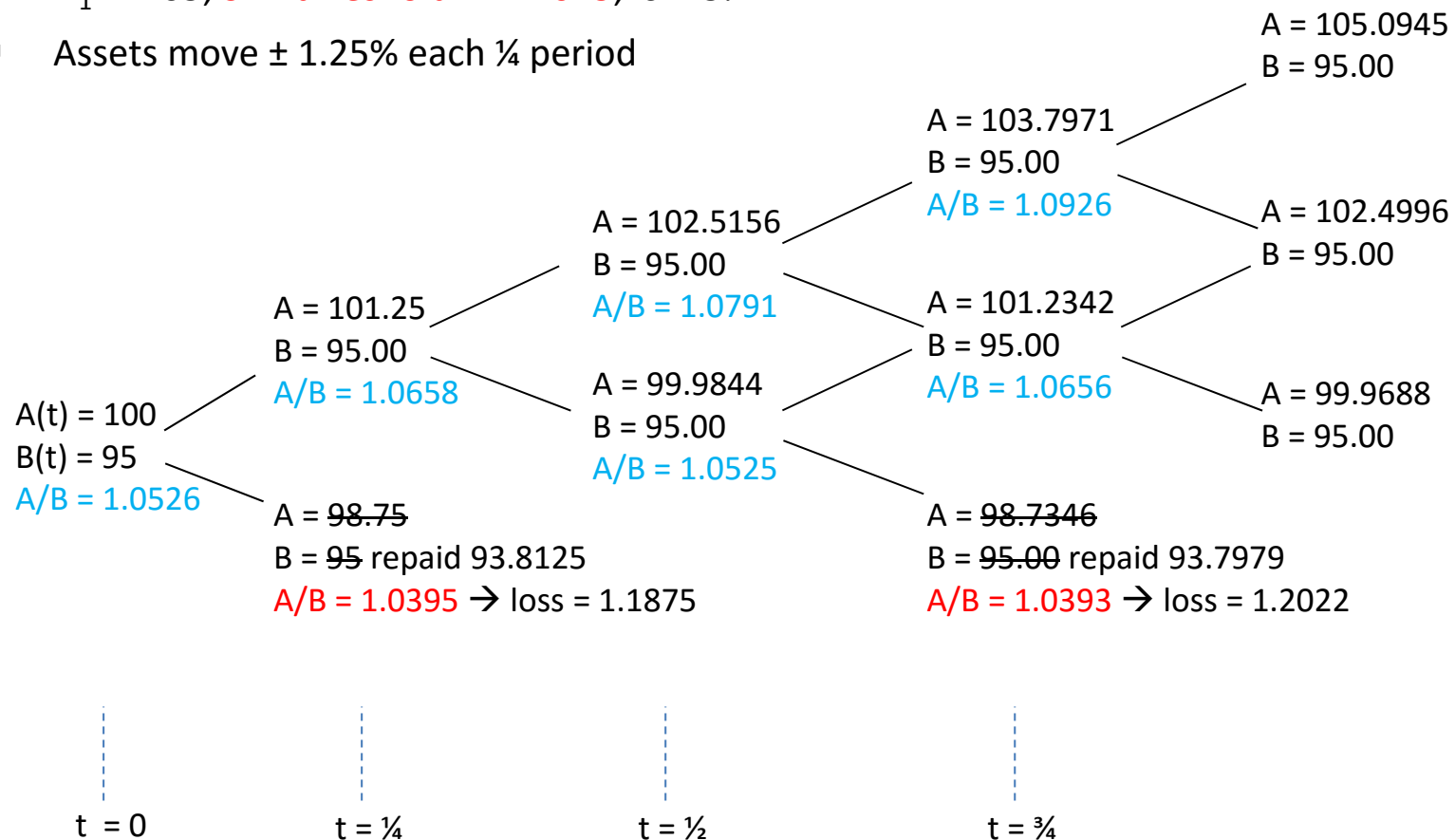
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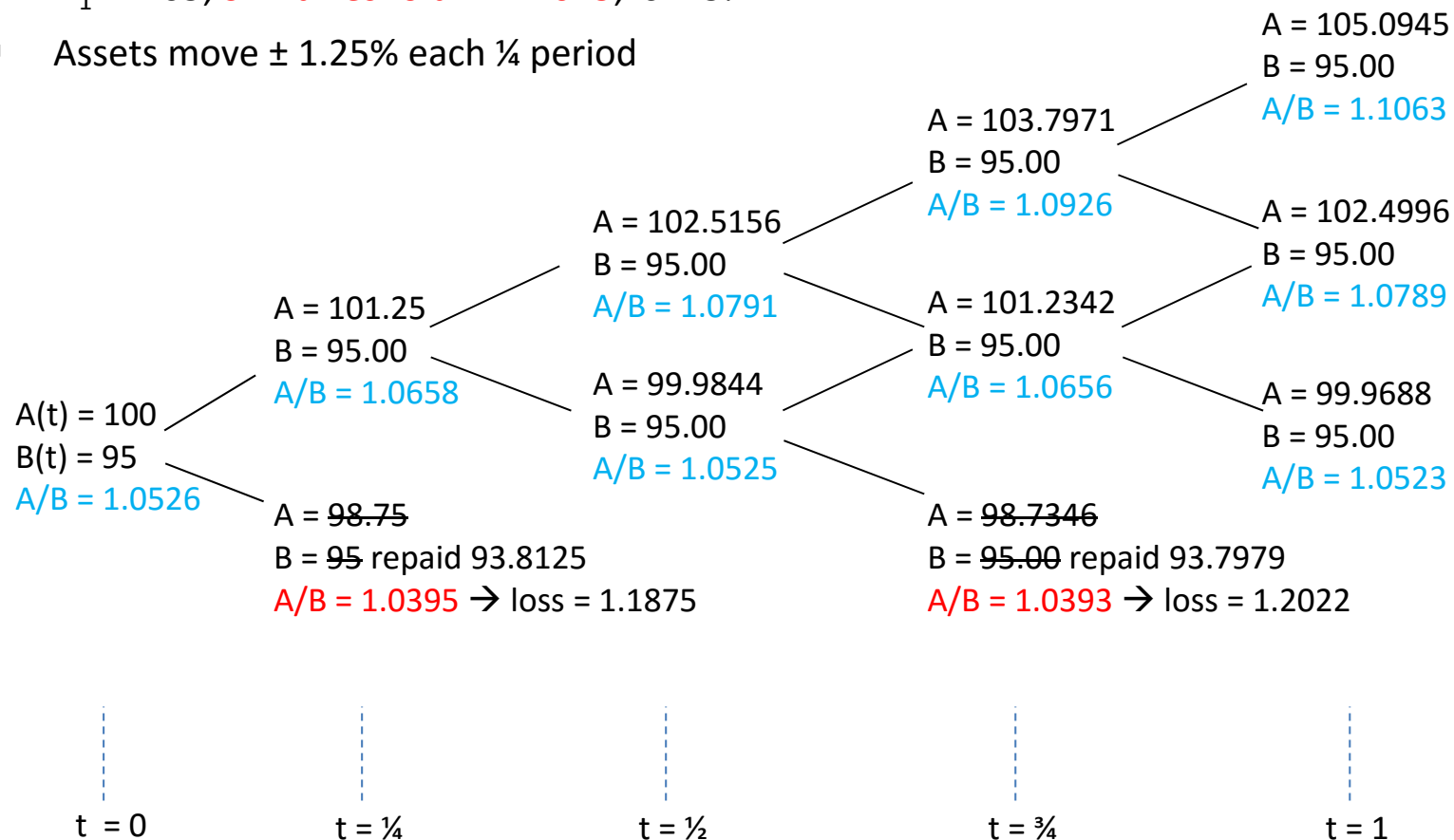
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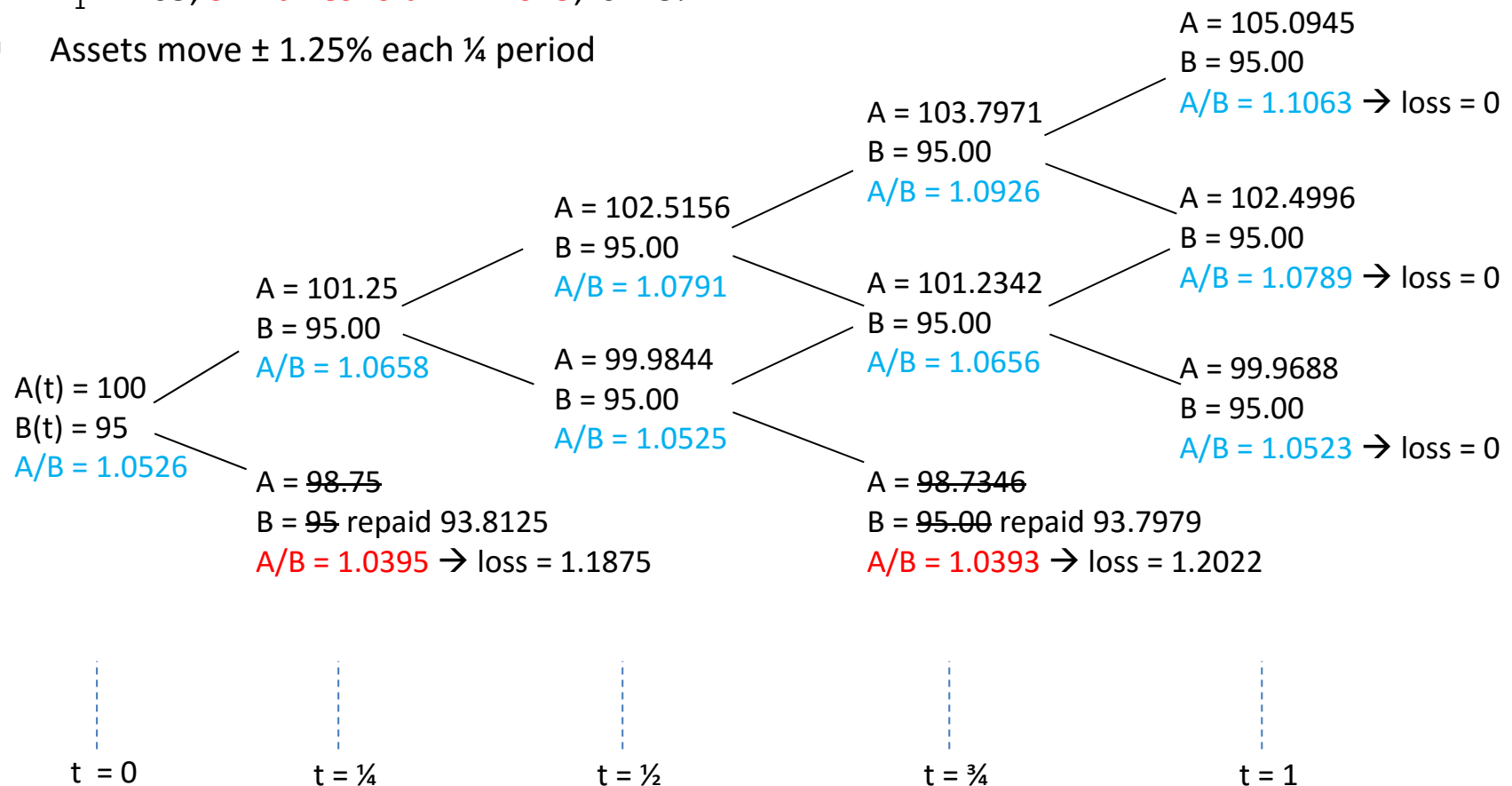
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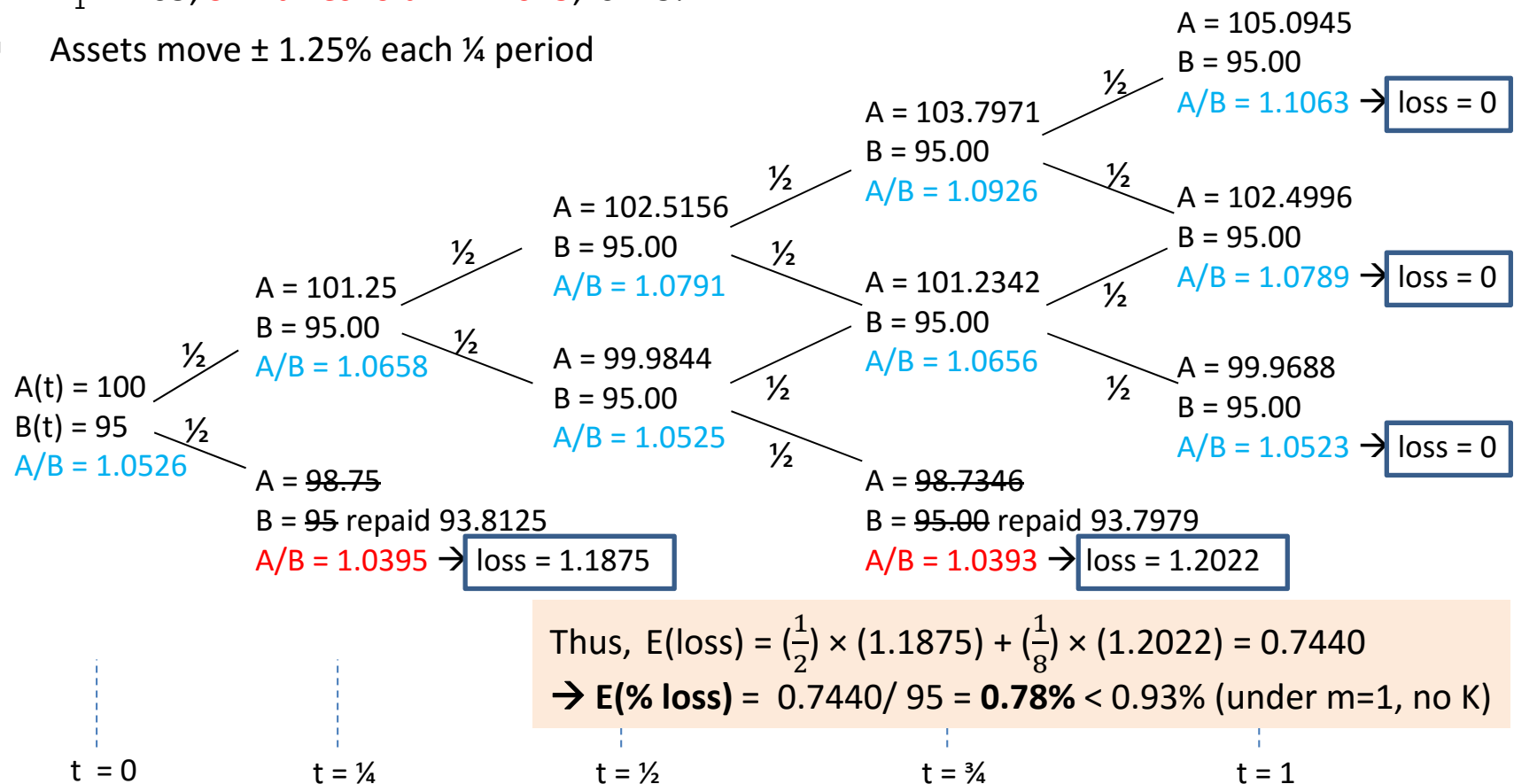


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Recov = 95%	SPV Threshold (K)	Min H_1	Max D_B	% E(loss)
$m = 1$	None	1.0680	93.6360	1.00%
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	1.050	1.0532	94.9515	1.00%
Recov = 98%	SPV Threshold (K)	Min H_1	Max D_B	% E(loss)
$m = 1$	None	1.0353	96.5939	1.00%
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When there is a leverage threshold in place, debtholders can relax their rollover decision rule.

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Accordingly the debt capacity of the SPV increases.

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Example: Mitigating Rollover Risk via Capital Structure Covenants

- $A(0) = \$100$; $B(0) = \$95$; $T = 1$ year; $m = 2$ time tranches
- $H_2 = H_1 = 1.05$; SPV threshold $K = 1.045$; $\delta = 5\%$
- Assets move $\pm 1.25\%$ each $\frac{1}{4}$ period

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Triggers partial liquidation of assets to repay $B/m = \$47.50$, distributed equally across all senior debt holders, if at any time $A/B < K$
-- i.e., each time tranche is re-paid \$23.75

Example: Mitigating Rollover Risk via Capital Structure Covenants

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- $H_2 = H_1 = 1.05$; **SPV threshold $K = 1.045$** ; $\delta = 5\%$
- Assets move $\pm 1.25\%$ each $\frac{1}{4}$ period

$$A(t) = 100$$

$$B(t) = [47.5, 47.5]$$

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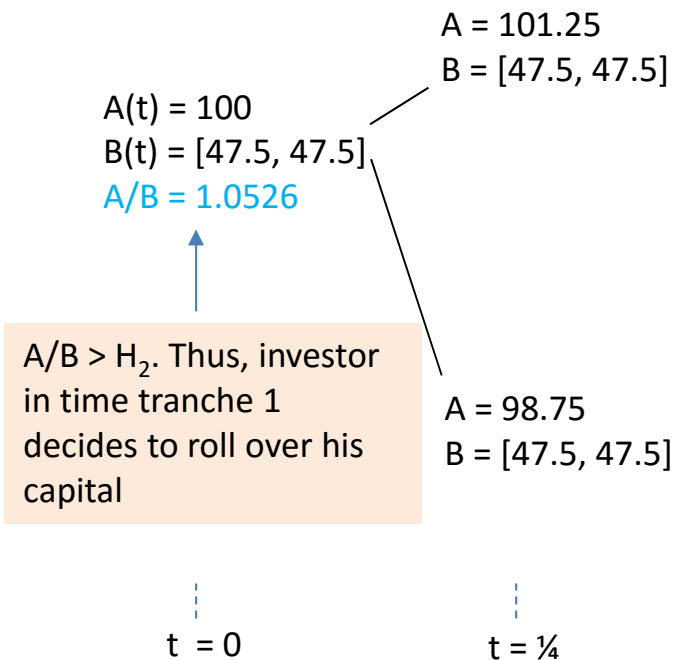


$A/B > H_2$. Thus, investor
in time tranche 1
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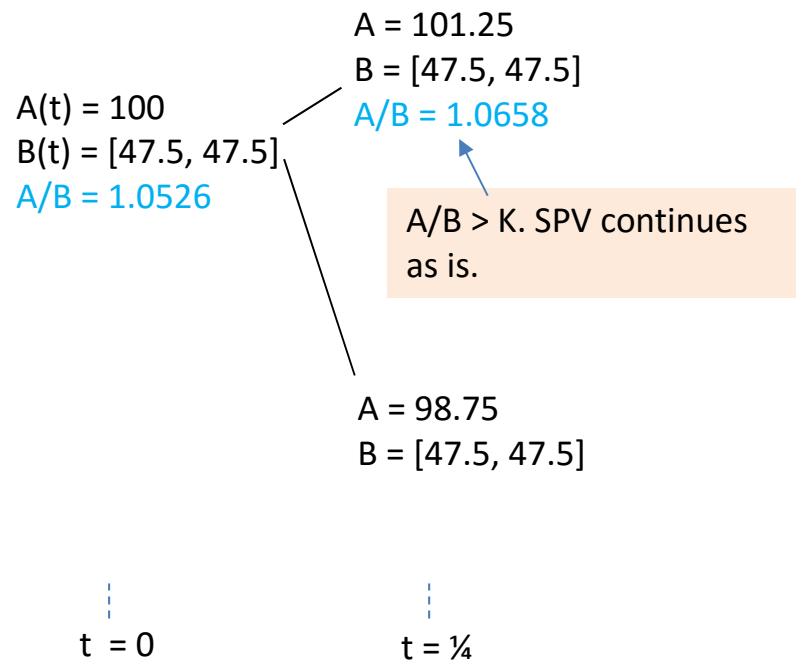
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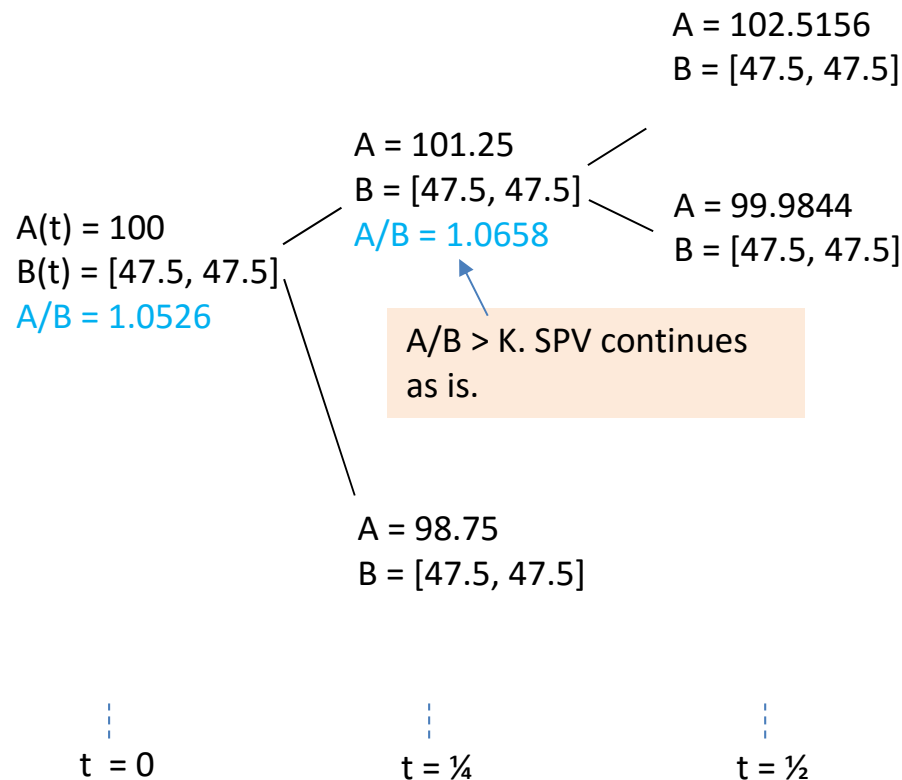
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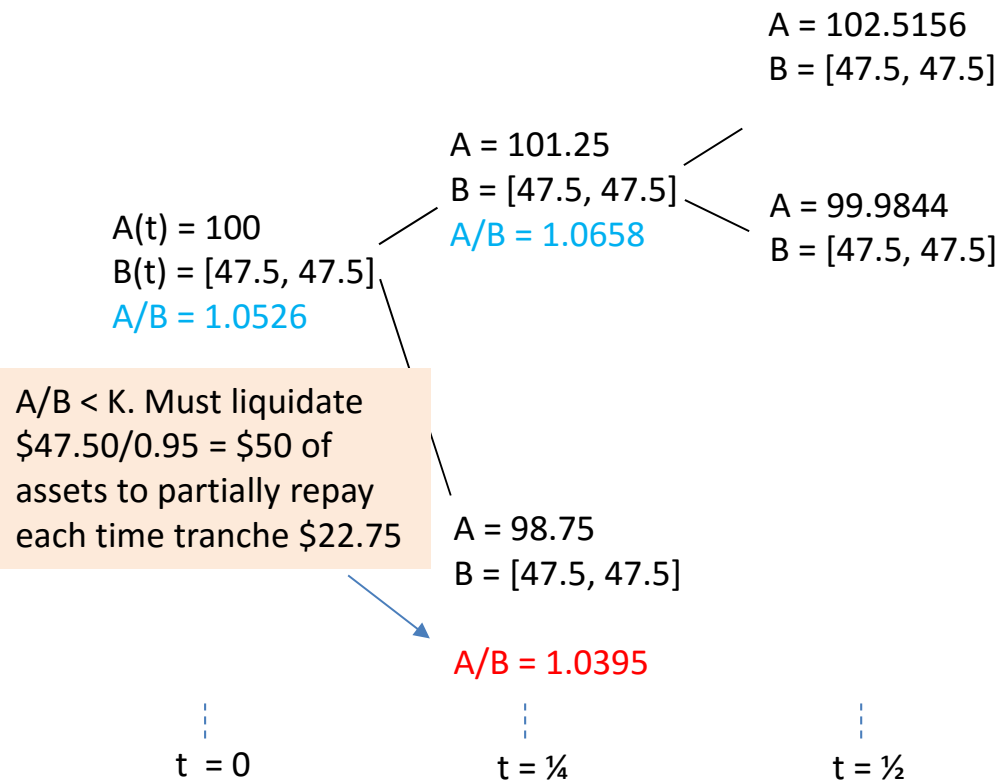
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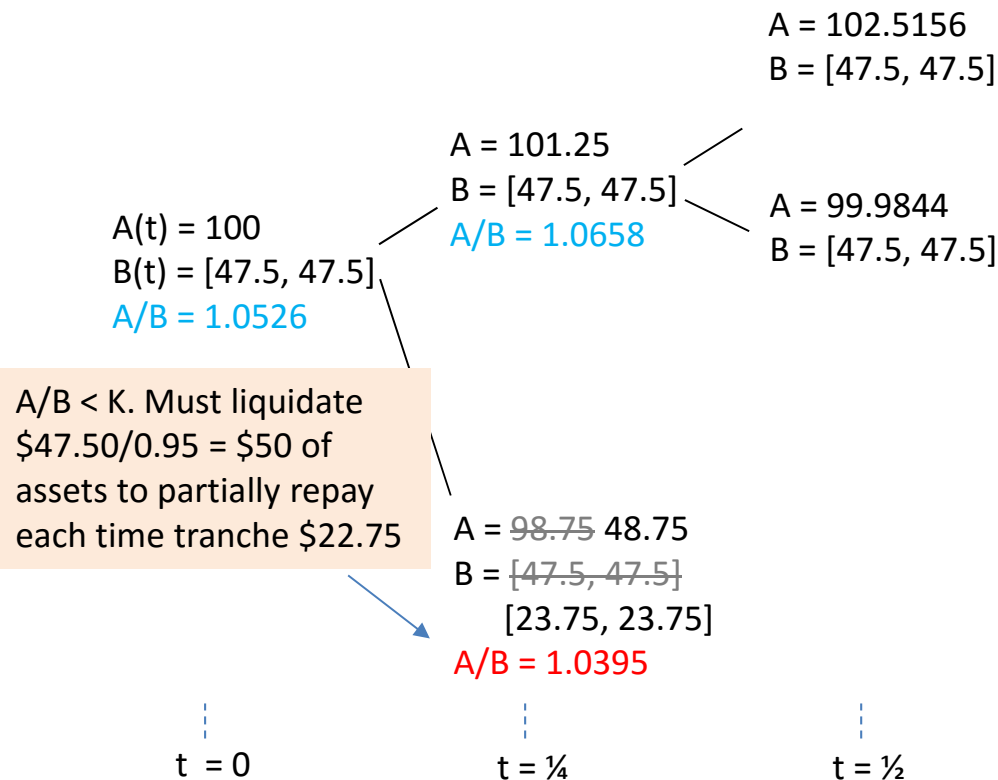
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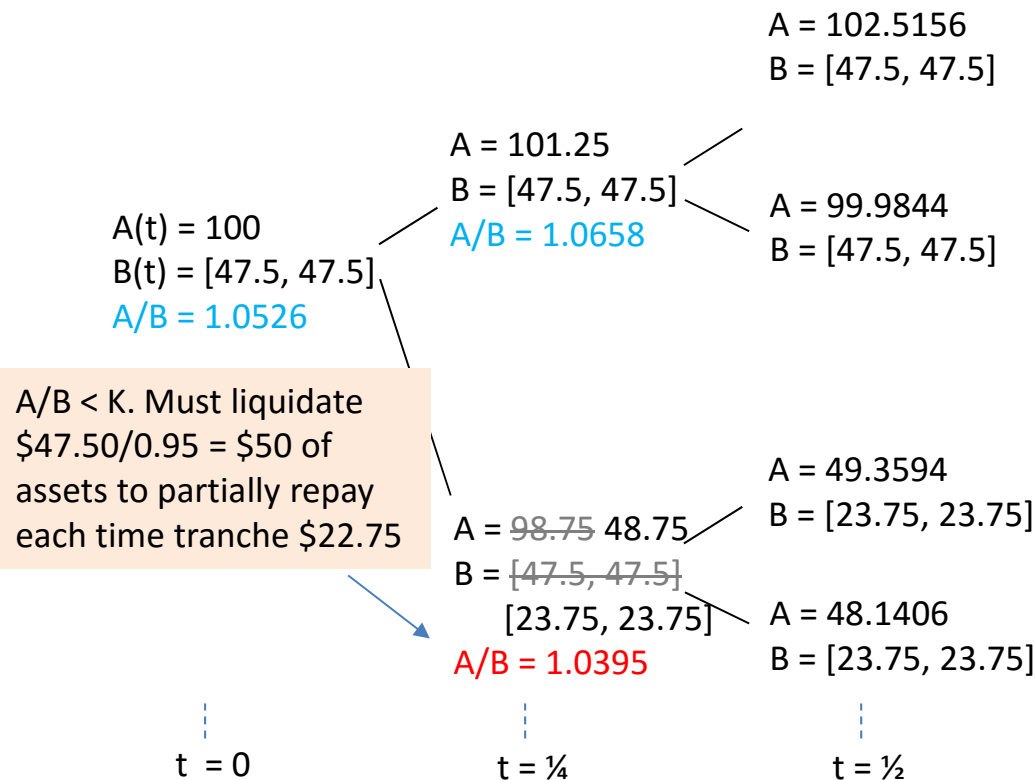
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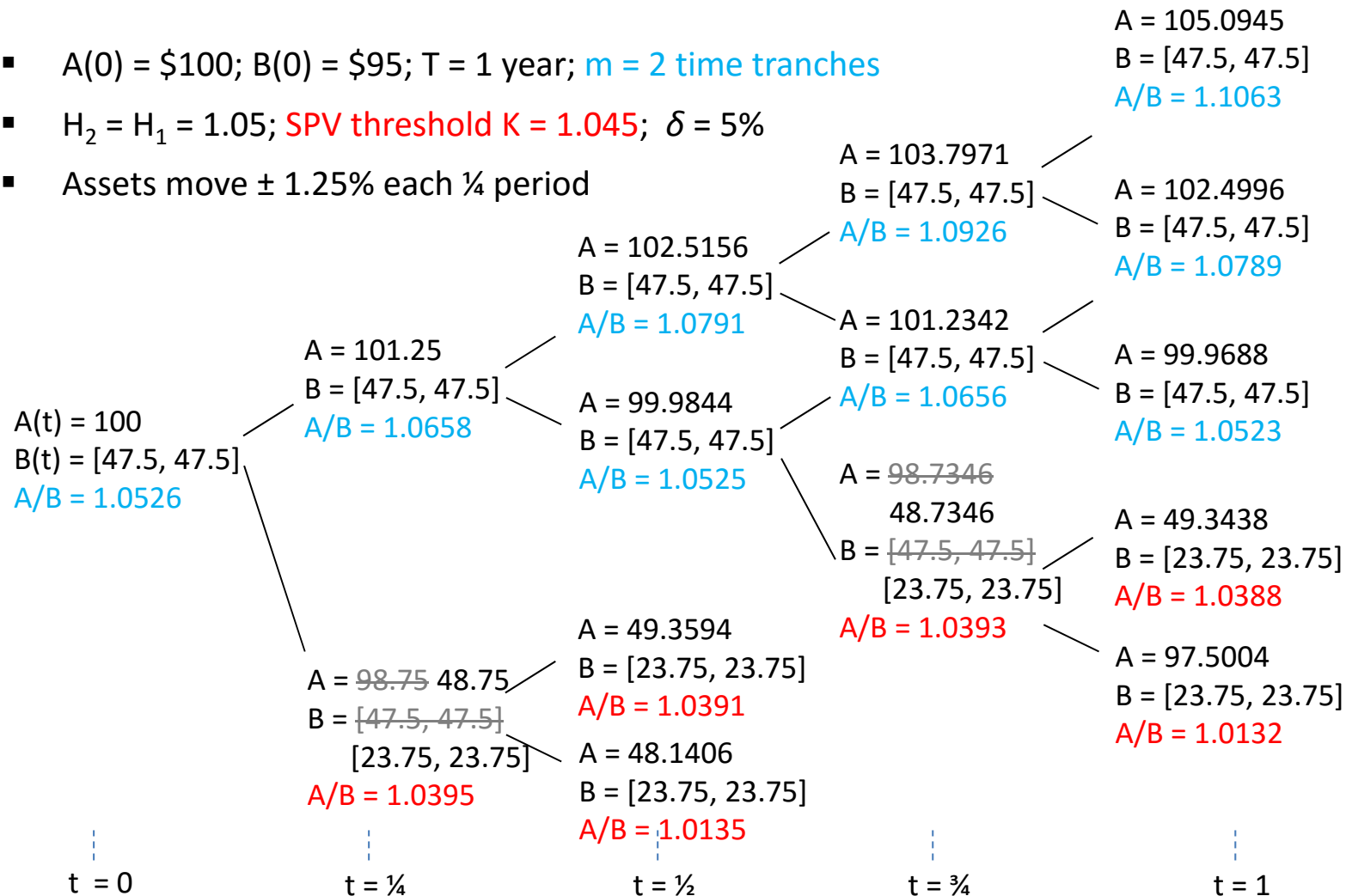
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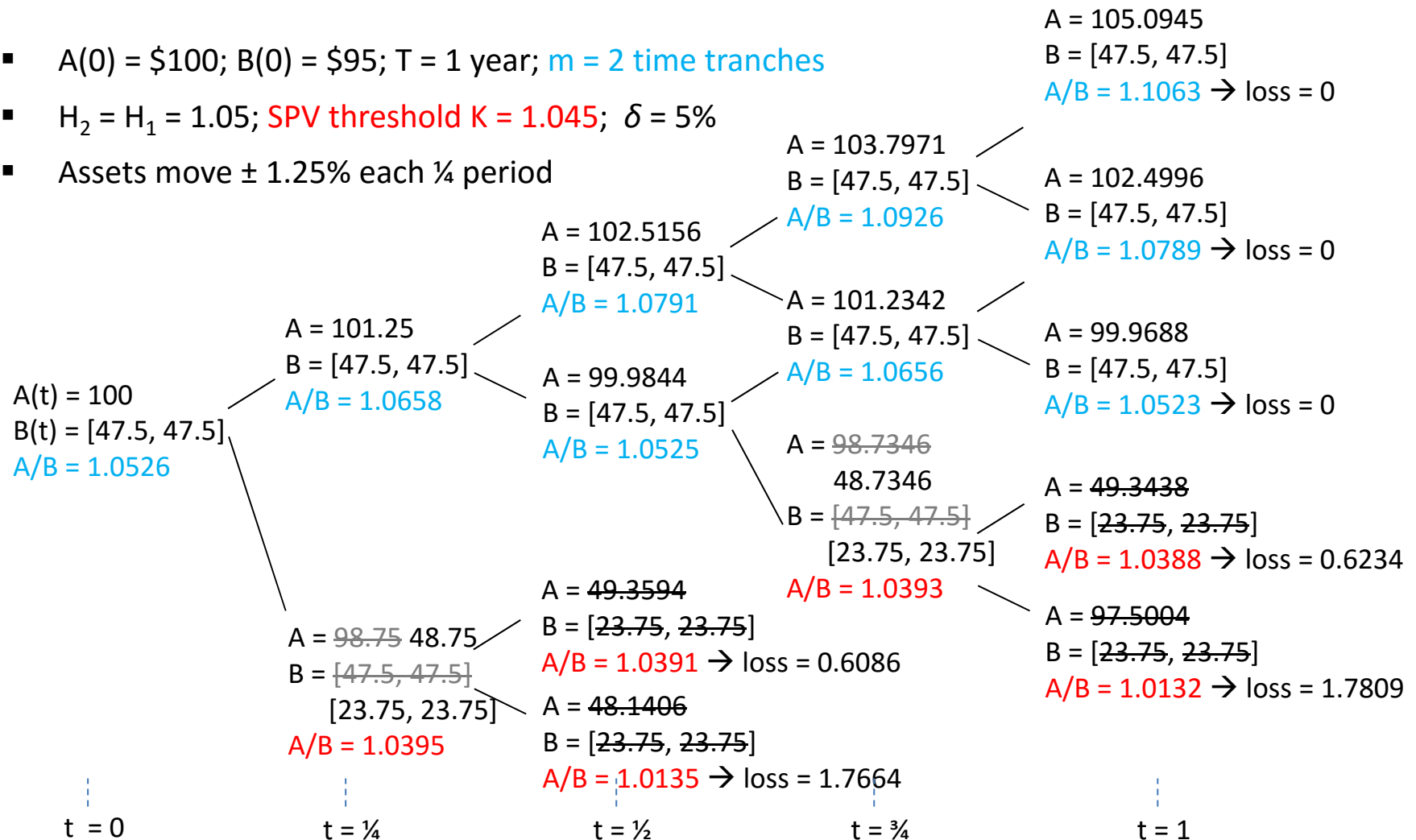
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$A = 105.0945$

$B = [47.5, 47.5]$

$A/B = 1.1063 \rightarrow \text{loss} = 0$

$A = 103.7971$

$B = [47.5, 47.5]$

$A/B = 1.0926$

$A = 102.4996$

$B = [47.5, 47.5]$

$A/B = 1.089 \rightarrow \text{loss} = 0$

Thus, $E(\text{loss}) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \times (0.6086) + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \times (1.7664) + \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \times (0.6234) + \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \times (1.7809)$

$\rightarrow E(\% \text{ loss}) = 0.7440 / 95 = \mathbf{0.78\%}$ (same as under $m=1$, with same $K=1.045$)

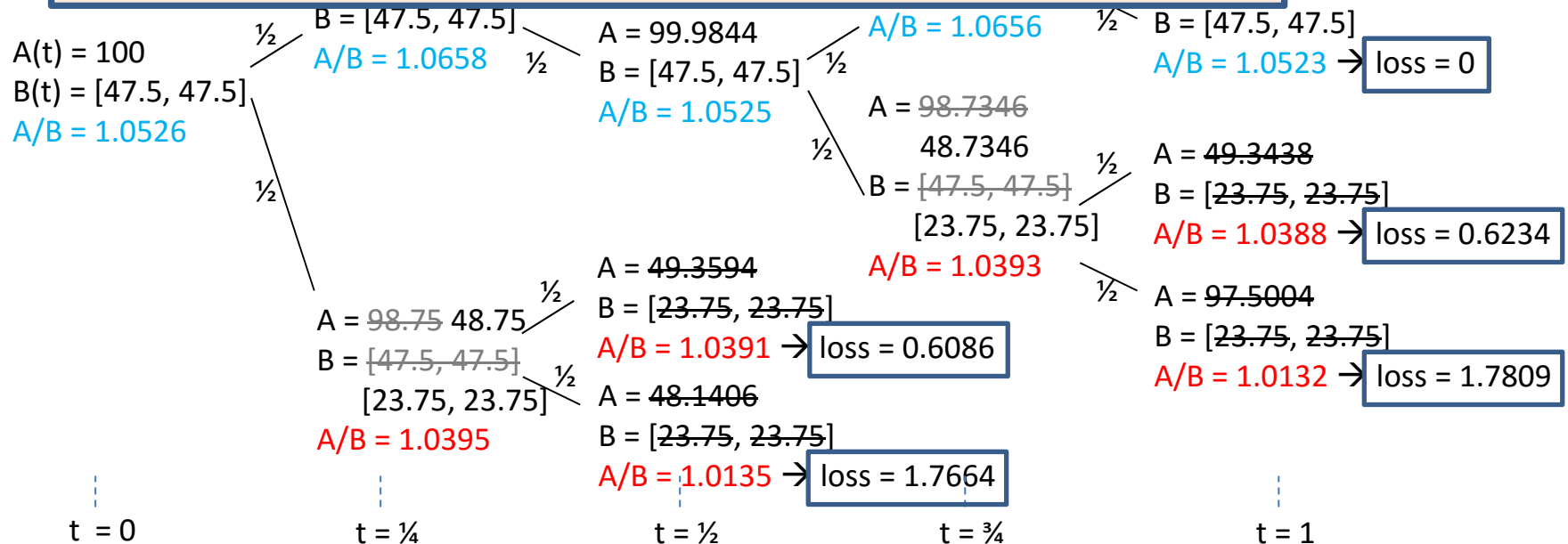


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- Initial senior debt is set to maximum capacity at $D_B = A(0)/H_2$ with $A(0) = \$100$ and $T = 1$ year
- The number of simulation paths is 10,000, with time step $h = 1$ month

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	None	1.0680	1.0756	92.9704	1.00%
	1.000	1.0680	1.0756	92.9704	0.51%
	1.025	1.0680	1.0756	92.9704	0.29%
	1.000	1.0680	1.0680	93.6356	0.62%
Recov = 98%	SPV Threshold (K)	H_1	H_2	Initial D_B	% E(loss)
	None	1.0353	1.0427	95.9067	1.00%
	1.000	1.0353	1.0427	95.9067	0.22%
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With a leverage threshold in place, investors under $m = 2$ time tranches can relax their rollover decision rule.

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Table 6: Enhancing Senior-Debt Capacity via an Ex-Ante SPV Threshold Covenant: The Case of $m = 3$ Time Tranches

- Initial senior debt is set to maximum capacity at $D_B = A(0)/H_3$ with $A(0) = \$100$ and $T = 1$ year
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Recov = 95%	SPV Threshold (K)	H_1	H_2	H_3	Initial D_B	% E(loss)
	None	1.0680	1.0756	1.0797	92.6228	1.00%
	1.000	1.0680	1.0756	1.0797	92.6228	0.82%
	1.025	1.0680	1.0756	1.0797	92.6228	0.57%
	1.000	1.0680	1.0680	1.0680	93.6356	0.41%

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	None	1.0353	1.0427	1.0466	95.5449	1.00%
	1.000	1.0353	1.0427	1.0466	95.5449	0.11%
	1.025	1.0353	1.0427	1.0466	95.5449	0.03%
	1.000	1.0353	1.0353	1.0353	96.5941	0.13%

We make similar observations when senior debt is divided across $m = 3$ time tranches.

Concluding Remarks

- Overall, we provide normative prescriptions as to the management of rollover risk in special purpose vehicles / structured deals.
- Interestingly, instead of providing safety, staggered roll dates across senior investors can accelerate the chances of failure and increase the expected losses to senior-note holders.
- Furthermore, expected losses and the rollover decision rule are sensitive to the collateral pool volatility and anticipated recovery rates.
- We recommend a method that, when carefully calibrated, can mitigate the rollover risk inherent in a structure with staggered roll dates across senior debt investors.

Thank you.