

1. The call price  $C(K)$  is given in Example 13.3. It is obvious that  $C(K)$  is a piece-wise linear function of  $K$  with the following features:  $C(0) = S_0$ , the slope is equal to  $-1/(1+r)$  for  $K < dS_0$  (in that interval, both  $(\dots)^+ > 0$ ), to  $-p^*/(1+r) > -1/(1+r)$  for  $dS_0 < K < uS_0$  (in that interval, only the first of  $(\dots)^+$  is positive), to 0 for  $K > uS_0$ , where  $C(K) = 0$  (plot it yourself!).

The features common to all calls: (i)  $C(0) = S_0$  (zero strike price means one just receives the share at maturity, so the current price of such call should be equal to the current share price); (ii)  $C(K)$  is a decreasing function of  $K$  (the larger  $K$ , the smaller the payoff, so it should cost less); (iii)  $C(K) \rightarrow 0$  as  $K \rightarrow \infty$  (as the payoff then vanishes).

2. The payoff function is equal to the sum of those of the call and put, so, from (13.5) and (13.6), it is given by  $(s - K)^+ + (s - K)^- = |s - K|$ . You must be able to plot that function yourself!

3. (i) The payoff function is  $g(s) = (s - K_1)^+ - (s - K_2)^+$ . This is a piece-wise linear function with zero slope outside the interval  $[K_1, K_2]$ , such that  $g(0) = 0$  and  $g(\infty) = K_2 - K_1$ . Plot it.

(ii) The spread must be cheaper as its payoff is equal to that of the call for  $s \leq K_2$  and is strictly smaller than the call's for  $s > K_2$ .

(iii) Since  $S_0 = 5$ ,  $dS_0 = 4$  and  $uS_0 = 6$ , one has  $d = \frac{4}{5}$ ,  $u = \frac{6}{5}$  (NA as  $d < 1 + r = 1.1 < u$ ) and  $p^* = \frac{1+r-d}{u-d} = \frac{3}{4}$ . So, from the pricing formula (13.11), the spread price equals  $\frac{1}{1+r} [p^*g(6) + (1-p^*)g(4)] = \frac{1}{1.1} [\frac{3}{4} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4} \times 1] = \frac{35}{22} \approx 1.59$ .

(iv) One has  $\Delta = \frac{g(6)-g(4)}{6-4} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $b = \frac{1.2g(4)-0.8g(6)}{1.1 \times 0.4} = -\frac{10}{11}$ . Verifying replication:  $V_1(u) = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 - \frac{10}{11} \times 1.1 = 3 - 1 = 2$ ,  $V_1(d) = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 - \frac{10}{11} \times 1.1 = 2 - 1 = 1$ , which coincide with the values of  $g(6)$  and  $g(4)$ , respectively. OK!

4. (i) One has to verify (13.2). Here  $d = S_1(\omega_2)/S_0 = \frac{8}{9}$ ,  $u = S_1(\omega_1)/S_0 = \frac{4}{3} = \frac{12}{9}$ , so indeed  $d < 1 + r = \frac{10}{9} < u$ .

(ii) One has  $p^* = \frac{10/9 - 8/9}{12/9 - 8/9} = \frac{1}{2}$ , so that the claim value is  $X^* = \frac{1}{1+r} \mathbf{E}^* X = \frac{9}{10} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \times 7 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \right] = \frac{81}{20} = 4.05$ .

(iii) One has  $\Delta = \frac{7-2}{20/3 - 40/9} = \frac{9}{4} = 2.25$ ,  $b = \frac{(12/9) \times 2 - (8/9) \times 7}{(10/9) \times (4/9)} - \frac{36}{5} = -7.2$ , so that the replicating portfolio is  $(\Delta, b) = \left(\frac{9}{4}, -\frac{36}{5}\right)$ . Its time  $t = 0$  value is  $V_0 = \Delta S_0 + b = \frac{9}{4} \times 5 - \frac{36}{5} = \frac{81}{20}$ , which agrees with the result of part (ii). Its time  $t = 1$  values are:

$$V_1 = \Delta S_1 + b(1+r) = \begin{cases} \frac{9}{4} \times \frac{20}{3} - \frac{36}{5} \times \frac{10}{9} = 7 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1, \\ \frac{9}{4} \times \frac{40}{9} - \frac{36}{5} \times \frac{10}{9} = 2 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2, \end{cases} \quad \text{OK!}$$

5. (i) We computed the price in Example 13.4. Like the call price discussed in Problem 1, it is a piece-wise linear function, changing its slope value at the points  $dS_0$  and  $uS_0$ . Plot it. Alternatively, one can express the put price in terms of the call price using the put-call parity (13.15) and use the plot from Problem 1 (flip it upside down!).

(ii) Here  $d = \frac{3.6}{4} = 0.9$ ,  $u = \frac{4.6}{4} = 1.15$ , so that  $d < 1+r = 1.05 < u$ , this is an NA market, one can use the pricing formula with  $p^* = \frac{1.05-0.9}{1.15-0.9} = 0.6$  :  $P = \frac{1}{1.05} [0.6 \times (4.6 - 3.8)^- + 0.4 \times (3.6 - 3.8)^-] = \frac{8}{105} \approx 0.076$ .

(iii) From the put-call parity (13.15),  $C = S_0 + P - \frac{K}{1+r} = \frac{16}{35} \approx 0.457$ .

6. (i) NA is equivalent to existence of  $p_j^* > 0$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^3 p_j^* = 1$ , such that  $S_0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (p_1^* d S_0 + p_2^* m S_0 + p_3^* u S_0)$  or, which is the same,  $p_1^* d + p_2^* m + p_3^* u = 1+r$ . Dividing both sides by  $p_1^* + p_3^* = 1 - p_2^*$ , we get

$$\underbrace{\frac{p_1^*}{p_1^* + p_3^*}}_{=:p} d + \underbrace{\frac{p_3^*}{p_1^* + p_3^*}}_{=1-p} u = \frac{1+r}{1-p_2^*} - \frac{p_2^*}{1-p_2^*} m.$$

Note that, for  $p_2^* > 0$  small enough, the right-hand side will be arbitrary close to  $1+r$ , and so will still lie in the interval  $(d, u)$ . Hence, according to our argument in the binomial case, there will exist a  $p \in (0, 1)$  such that  $pd + (1-p)u =$  the right-hand side of the displayed formula. This proves existence of the EMM  $(p_j^*)$ .

(ii) DIY. The set of all hedges is the intersection of the three half-planes in the  $(\Delta, b)$ -plane that are bounded (from below) by the straight lines given by the equations  $\Delta k S_0 + b(1+r) = X_k$ ,  $k = d, m, u$ . The perfect hedge would be the point at the intersection of these three lines, but they do not intersect at a common point (why?), so no perfect hedge exists.

7. (i) DIY.

(ii) NA holds iff there exists an EMM  $\mathbf{P}^*$ . That, in turn, is equivalent to having the point  $\mathbf{S}_0 = (S_0^1, S_0^2)$  inside the triangle  $\text{conv} \{\mathbf{S}_1(\omega_1), \mathbf{S}_1(\omega_2), \mathbf{S}_1(\omega_3)\}$ , which is the case (see the plot you made in part (i)).

(iii) Need to find  $p_j^*$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , such that  $\mathbf{S}_0 = \sum_{j=1}^3 p_j^* \mathbf{S}_1(\omega_j)$ , or,

component-wise,

$$\begin{cases} 4 = 6p_1^* + 4p_2^* + 2p_3^* \\ 5 = 6p_1^* + 4p_2^* + 7p_3^* \\ 1 = p_1^* + p_2^* + p_3^* \end{cases}$$

the last equation just meaning that the  $p_j^*$ 's form a probability distribution. The system has unique solution  $p_1^* = 0.2$ ,  $p_2^* = 0.6$ ,  $p_3^* = 0.2$ . Thus, the EMM is unique, so that the market is complete.

(iv) For the claim  $X := (S_1^1 - K)^+ = (S_1^1 - 5)^+$ , its arbitrage free price is given by  $X^* = \frac{1}{1+r} \mathbf{E}^* X = p_1^*(S_1^1(\omega_1) - 5)^+ + p_2^*(S_1^1(\omega_2) - 5)^+ + p_3^*(S_1^1(\omega_3) - 5)^+ = 0.2 \times (6 - 5)^+ + 0.6 \times (4 - 5)^+ + 0.2 \times (2 - 5)^+ = 0.2$ .

(v) Need to find  $(\Delta^1, \Delta^2, b)$  such that  $\Delta^1 S_1^1(\omega) + \Delta^2 S_1^2(\omega) + b(1+r) = X(\omega)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . That is, we have three equations (corresponding to the three possible states of the world):

$$\begin{cases} 6\Delta^1 + 6\Delta^2 + b = 1 \\ 4\Delta^1 + 4\Delta^2 + b = 0 \\ 2\Delta^1 + 7\Delta^2 + b = 0. \end{cases}$$

The system has unique solution  $(\Delta^1, \Delta^2, b) = (0.3, 0.2, -2)$ .

Yes, we do need stock 2 for replication, as the above strategy is the unique solution of the linear system equivalent to the replication condition.

8. (i) Diagrams: please DIY. The time  $t = 0$  put price is  $P = 66.56$ .

(ii) The replicating portfolio has the following form: at time  $t = 0$ , use  $(\Delta_1, b_1) = (-0.256, 168.96)$ ; at time  $t = 1$ , if  $S = 200$  then use  $(\Delta_2, b_2) = (-1, 288)$ , while if  $S = 700$  then use  $(\Delta_2, b_2) = (-\frac{4}{35}, 89.6)$ .

(iii) We simply have to verify that at time  $t = 1$  one has  $\Delta_1 S_1 + b_1(1+r) = \Delta_2 S_1 + b_2(1+r)$ , whatever the state of the world. This is so indeed, the common value being 160 if  $S_1 = 200$  and 32 if  $S_1 = 700$ .

(iv) Use the put-call parity.

9. Diagrams: please DIY. Here  $p^* = \frac{1-2/3}{4/3-2/3} = 0.5$ , the call payoff  $X = (S_4 - 120)^+$ . Working backwards, from the five possible payoff values (after four periods)  $(16 - 120)^+ = 0$ ,  $(32 - 120)^+ = 0$ ,  $(64 - 120)^+ = 0$ ,  $(128 - 120)^+ = 8$  and  $(256 - 120)^+ = 136$ , we find that the time  $t = 0$  call price is 10.5.

10. (i) The Black-Scholes formula gives  $C \approx 0.1184$ . (ii) The implied volatility is approx. 0.2594.

11. (i)  $C \approx 17.95$ ,  $P \approx 21.54$ . (ii)  $C \approx 1.46$ ,  $P \approx 11.09$ . Observe that both prices are close to 20 in (i), while the call is much cheaper in (ii), the put price being close to the value  $(S_0 - K)^- = 10$ . One can explain that by noting that, in the latter case, the time to maturity is small and so it is unlikely that the stock price will change much. If  $S_T$  is close to 100, the call is next to worthless (its price is positive as it is still possible that  $S_T > 110$ ), while the put value  $(S_T - K)^-$  is close to  $(100 - 110)^- = 10$ .