

Financial Mathematics - Problem Sheet 2

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Answer 2. a)

When using a trading strategy $H := (H_0, H_1)$, this model has value process V and gains process G defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V &:= \{V_t : t = 0, 1\} \\ \text{where } V_t &:= H_0(1 + rt) + H_1 \cdot S_1(t) \\ &= H_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{9}\right) + H_1 \cdot S_1(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G &= H_0 r + H_1 \Delta S_1(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} H_0 + (S_1(t) - 15) H_1 \end{aligned}$$

Note that in this model $B_t = 1 + rt$ with $r = 1/9$. Thus the discounted value process V^* and discounted gains process G^* for this model are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V^* &:= \{V_t^* : t = 0, 1\} \\ \text{where } V_t^* &:= \frac{V_t}{B_t} \\ &= \frac{V_t}{1 + rt} = \frac{9V_t}{9 + t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G^* &:= \frac{G}{B_1} \\ &= \frac{G}{1 + r} = \frac{9G}{10} \end{aligned}$$

Answer 2. b)

For this model, the discounted price process S^* is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} S^* &:= \{S_1^*(t) : t = 0, 1\} \\ \text{where } S_1^*(t) &:= \frac{S_1(t)}{B_t} \\ &= \frac{S_1(t)}{1 + rt} = \frac{9S_1(t)}{9 + t} \end{aligned}$$

Define a probability measure \mathbb{Q} and let $q_i := \mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_i\})$ for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. Consider both sides of

the expression $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[S_1^*(1)] = S_1^*(0)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1^*(0) &= \frac{S_1(0)}{B_0} \\
 &= 15 \\
 \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[S_1^*(1)] &= \sum_{i=1}^3 q_i S^*(1)(\omega_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^3 q_i \frac{S(1)(\omega_i)}{B_1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+r} (20q_1 + (40/3)q_2 + 10q_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

For \mathbb{Q} to be a risk-neutral probability measure, the following must all hold

- i). $\mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_i\}) > 0 \ \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.
- ii). $\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_i\}) = 1$.
- iii). $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[S_1^*(1)] = S_1^*(0) \implies \frac{1}{1+r} (20q_1 + (40/3)q_2 + 10q_3) = 15$.

We can state, and find solutions to, the last two conditions as the following matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 20 & 40 & 10 \\ \hline 1+r & 3(1+r) & 1+r \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 15 \end{matrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 18 & 12 & 9 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 15 \end{matrix} \text{ by value of } r \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \\
 \implies \quad q_3 &= 1 - q_1 - q_2 \\
 \text{and} \quad q_2 &= 2 - 3q_1 \\
 \implies \quad q_3 &= 1 - q_1 - (2 - 3q_1) \\
 &= 2q_1 - 1 \\
 \implies \quad (q_1, q_2, q_3) &= (q_1, 2 - 3q_1, 2q_1 - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

In order for the first condition to be fulfilled we require each term to be in $[0, 1]$, thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_1 &\in [0, 1] \\
 q_2 = 2 - 3q_1 &\in [0, 1] \\
 \implies q_1 &\in [1/3, 2/3] \\
 q_3 = 2q_1 - 1 &\in [0, 1] \\
 \implies q_1 &\in [0, 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for the first condition to be true we must restrict q_1 to values in $[1/3, 2/3]$.

To summarise, \mathbb{Q} is a risk-neutral probability measure for this model if

$$\mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_1\}) = q_1 \quad \mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_2\}) = 2 - 3q_1 \quad \mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_3\}) = 2q_1 - 1 \quad \text{for any } q_1 \in [1/3, 2/3]$$

Answer 2. c)

Consider the following matrix A which summarises this market

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} B_1(\omega_1) & S_1(1)(\omega_1) \\ B_1(\omega_2) & S_1(1)(\omega_2) \\ B_1(\omega_3) & S_1(1)(\omega_3) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10/9 & 20 \\ 10/9 & 40/3 \\ 10/9 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix A only has two linearly-independent columns (ie $\text{rank}(A) = 2$), this means AH can only span \mathbb{R}^2 for any H . Thus, this market is not complete.

Under this model, a contingent claim X can have any value for two of its three dimensions, but the value of the third dimension has to fulfil a specific relationship with the other two in order for X to be attainable. This dependency is defined in the requirement that $\exists H \in \mathbb{R}^2$ st $AH = X$ for X to be attainable

Answer 3. a)

When using a trading strategy $H := (H_0, H_1, H_2)$, this model has value process V and gains process G defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V &:= \{V_t : t = 0, 1\} \\ \text{where } V_t &:= H_0(1 + rt) + H_1 \cdot S_1(t) \\ &= H_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{9}\right) + H_1 \cdot S_1(t) + H_2 \cdot S_2(t) \\ G &= H_0r + H_1\Delta S_1(t) + H_2\Delta S_2(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{9}H_0 + (S_1(t) - 15)H_1 + (S_2(t) - 30)H_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that in this model $B_t = 1 + rt$ with $r = 1/9$. Thus the discounted value process V^* and discounted gains process G^* for this model are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V^* &:= \{V_t^* : t = 0, 1\} \\ \text{where } V_t^* &:= \frac{V_t}{B_t} \\ &= \frac{V_t}{1 + rt} = \frac{9V_t}{9 + t} \\ G^* &:= \frac{G}{B_1} \\ &= \frac{G}{1 + r} = \frac{9G}{10} \end{aligned}$$

Answer 3. b)

For this model, the discounted price processes S_1^* and S_2^* are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} S_1^*(t) &:= \frac{S_1(t)}{B_t} = \frac{S_1(t)}{1 + rt} \\ S_2^*(t) &:= \frac{S_2(t)}{B_t} = \frac{S_2(t)}{1 + rt} \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathbb{Q} be a probability measure and define $q_i := \mathbb{Q}(\{\omega_i\})$ for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. For \mathbb{Q} to be a risk-neutral probability measure, the following must all hold

- i). $q_i > 0 \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.
- ii). $q_1 + q_2 + q_3 = 1$.

$$\text{iii). } \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[S_1^*(1)] = S_1^*(0) \implies \frac{1}{1+r} (20q_1 + 20q_2 + (40/3)q_3) = 15.$$

$$\text{iv). } \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[S_2^*(1)] = S_2^*(0) \implies \frac{1}{1+r} (40q_1 + (80/3)q_2 + (80/3)q_3) = 30.$$

We can express the last three equations in the following matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 20 & 20 & 40 & 15 \\ \frac{1}{1+r} & \frac{1}{1+r} & \frac{40}{3(1+r)} & 15 \\ 40 & 80 & 80 & 30 \\ \frac{1}{1+r} & \frac{80}{3(1+r)} & \frac{80}{3(1+r)} & 30 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 18 & 18 & 12 & 15 \\ 36 & 24 & 24 & 30 \end{array} \right) \text{ by value of } r \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 & -3 \\ 12 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This shows there is a unique solution to this system of equations $(q_1, q_2, q_3) = (0, 1/2, 1/2)$, but this violates the first condition for \mathbb{Q} to be a risk-neutral probability measure. Thus, there are no risk-neutral probability measures for this model.

Answer 3. c)

Consider generic $X, H \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and define matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$, which summarise this model, as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} B_1(\omega_1) & S_1(1)(\omega_1) & S_2(1)(\omega_1) \\ B_1(\omega_2) & S_1(1)(\omega_2) & S_2(1)(\omega_2) \\ B_1(\omega_3) & S_1(1)(\omega_3) & S_2(1)(\omega_3) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+r & 20 & 40 \\ 1+r & 20 & 80/3 \\ 1+r & 40/3 & 80/3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10/9 & 20 & 40 \\ 10/9 & 20 & 80/3 \\ 10/9 & 40/3 & 80/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The strategy H attains contingent claim X if $AH = X$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} H &= A^{-1}X \\ \begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \\ H_3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -9/5 & 0 & 27/10 \\ 0 & 3/20 & -3/20 \\ 3/40 & -3/40 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (9/10)(3X_3 - 2X_1) \\ (3/20)(X_2 - X_3) \\ (3/40)(X_1 - X_2) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This gives a formula for what trading strategy H to use in order to have a portfolio of value of (X_1, X_2, X_3) at time $t = 1$.