

Derivatives and Structured Products

Session 2

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One Period Model

- We have shown that a **unique** **arbitrage free** price for an option can not be obtained using pure arbitrage arguments only
- We introduce here a **model** for the evolution of the underlying asset
- Let us first recall the notion of **arbitrage** which we will use throughout this discussion

Arbitrage

An arbitrage strategy requires **no** (positive) **initial investment**, never yields a negative terminal value and has a **strictly positive** expected terminal value

One Period Model

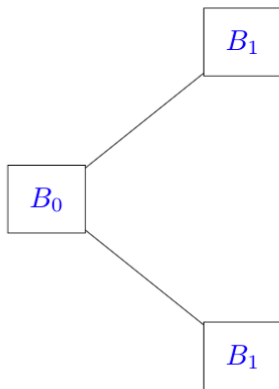
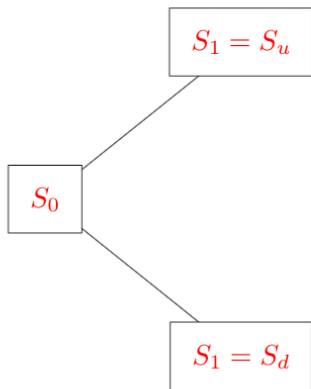
- The binomial market consists initially of **two** assets

a risky stock

a risk free bond

- Beginning of the period: time 0, end of the period: time 1
- The price of the **stock** at time 0 is S_0
- The price of the **bond** at time 0 is B_0
- The price of the **stock** at time 1 is a random variable $S_1 \in \{S_u, S_d\}$
- The price of the **bond** at time 1 is a non random number B_1

One Period Model



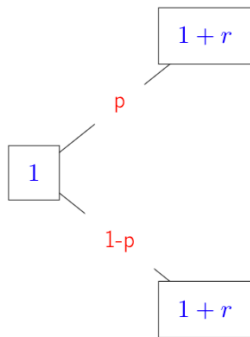
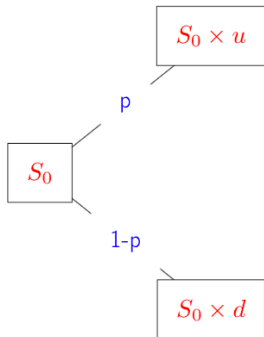
One Period Model

- Define the **risk free** interest rate as $1 + r = \frac{B_1}{B_0}$
- The **risky** return on the stock is $u = \frac{S_u}{S_0}$ or $d = \frac{S_d}{S_0}$
- To prevent **arbitrage** we need to assume

$$d < 1 + r < u$$

- Let us call p the probability of observing $S_1 = S_u$
- $1 - p$ defines the probability of observing $S_1 = S_d$
- We further normalize the model by setting $B_0 = 1$

One Period Model



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Replication

- Consider a **European Call** option written on the underlying asset **S** with exercise price **K** and maturity at date 1
- The **payoff** of the option is given by

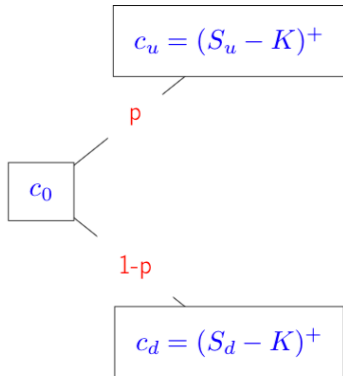
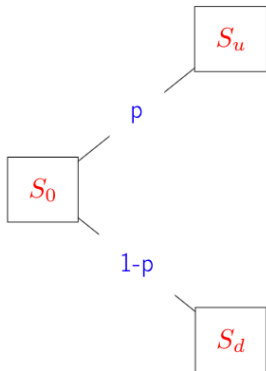
$$c_u = (S_u - K)^+$$

or

$$c_d = (S_d - K)^+$$

- We write **c_0** the price of the option at time 0
- While the payoff is **unambiguous**, what should be the price at time 0, such that there are **no arbitrage** opportunities ?

Replication



Replication

- portfolio V has Δ shares of the stock and β shares of the bond
- β shares of the bond = β \$ at the risk free rate
- The value of the portfolio at time 0 is given by

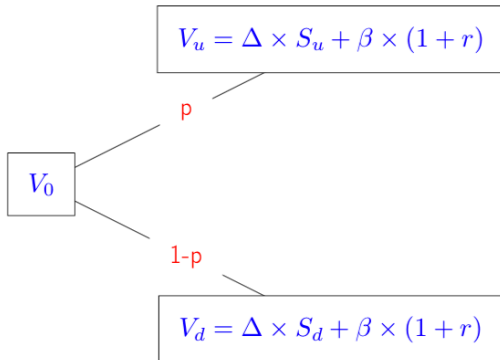
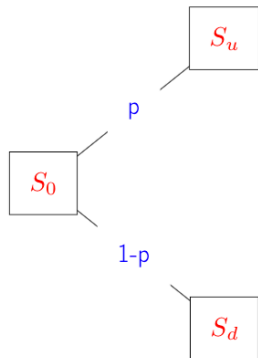
$$V_0 = \Delta \times S_0 + \beta$$

- The value of the portfolio at time 1 is given by

$$V_u = \Delta \times S_u + \beta \times (1 + r)$$

$$V_d = \Delta \times S_d + \beta \times (1 + r)$$

Replication



Replication

- Can we choose the portfolio **composition** such that its value at time 1 is **always** equal to the payoff of the option ?
- (Δ^*, β^*) must be such that

$$c_u = (S_u - K)^+ = \Delta^* \times S_u + \beta^* \times (1 + r)$$

$$c_d = (S_d - K)^+ = \Delta^* \times S_d + \beta^* \times (1 + r)$$

- The value of this portfolio **must be equal** to the price of the call to prevent **arbitrage** and thus

$$c_0 = \Delta^* \times S_0 + \beta^*$$

Replication

- Solving the previous linear system of equations yields

$$\Delta^* = \frac{c_u - c_d}{S_u - S_d}$$

$$\beta^* = \frac{S_u c_d - S_d c_u}{(S_u - S_d)(1+r)}$$

- The price of the European Call option at time 0 is given by

$$c_0 = \frac{c_u - c_d}{S_u - S_d} S_0 + \frac{S_u c_d - S_d c_u}{(S_u - S_d)(1+r)}$$

- We can generalize this result to any derivative with payoff (D_u, D_d)

$$D_0 = \frac{D_u - D_d}{S_u - S_d} S_0 + \frac{S_u D_d - S_d D_u}{(S_u - S_d)(1+r)}$$

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Risk Neutral Probability

- Collecting terms in D_u and terms in D_d

$$D_0 = \frac{1}{1+r} \left[\left(\frac{S_0(1+r)-S_d}{S_u-S_d} \right) D_u + \left(\frac{S_u-S_0(1+r)}{S_u-S_d} \right) D_d \right]$$

- $S_u = S_0 \times u$ and $S_d = S_0 \times d$ imply

$$D_0 = \frac{1}{1+r} \left[\left(\frac{(1+r)-d}{u-d} \right) D_u + \left(\frac{u-(1+r)}{u-d} \right) D_d \right]$$

- $\left(\frac{(1+r)-d}{u-d} \right) > 0$ and $\left(\frac{u-(1+r)}{u-d} \right) > 0$, and $\left(\frac{(1+r)-d}{u-d} \right) + \left(\frac{u-(1+r)}{u-d} \right) = 1$

Risk Neutral Probability

- Define $q := \frac{(1+r)-d}{u-d}$, we can then interpret the pricing equation as the **expectation** of the derivative's payoff, discounted at the **risk free** rate

$$D_0 = \frac{qD_u + (1-q)D_d}{1+r} := \frac{1}{1+r} E^Q[D_1]$$

- The probability measure q is referred to as a **risk neutral measure** or **martingale measure**
- Under this measure the **expected return** of any asset in the binomial model is the **risk free rate**

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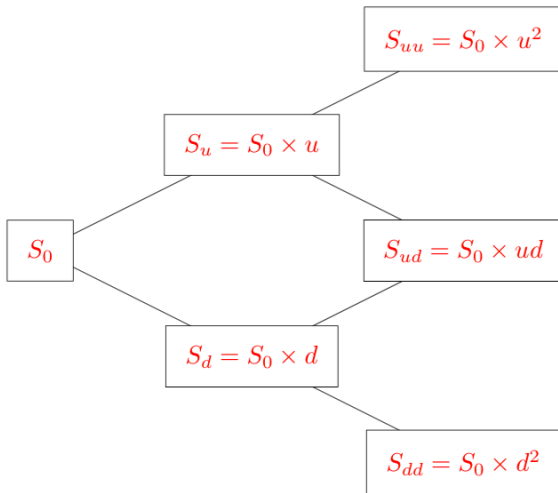
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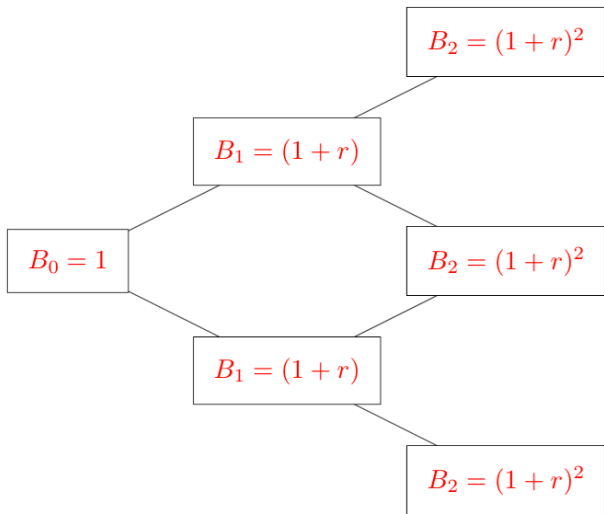
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Multi-period Model

- We extend the binomial setting to a finer grid
- The concepts developed in the one-period model still hold
 1. It is possible to replicate the payoff of a derivative with a specific portfolio strategy
 2. The price of a derivative security is the expected value of the payoff discounted at the risk free rate under the risk neutral measure
- We still consider 2 assets, a bond B and a Stock S
- The bond yields a risk free return of $(1+r)$ per period
- The evolution of the stock is described by the following tree





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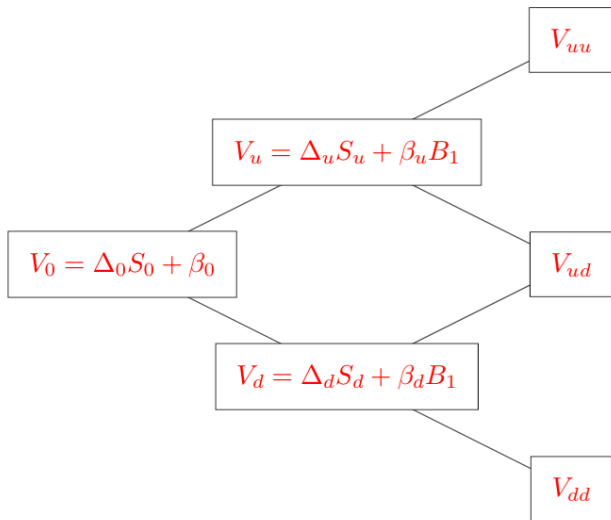
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Dynamic Replication

- A portfolio starting at time zero with (Δ_0, β_0) can be rearranged at any latter point in time
- We focus our attention on portfolios satisfying

$$(\Delta_{t+1} - \Delta_t)S_{t+1} + (\beta_{t+1} - \beta_t)B_{t+1} = 0$$

- We call these portfolio **self-financing**, as after time 0 they do not require any further cash inflow
- We solve the **replication problem** with a self-financing portfolio



Dynamic Replication

- Self-financing in this case means

$$\Delta_0 S_u + \beta_0 B_1 = \Delta_u S_u + \beta_u B_1$$

$$\Delta_0 S_d + \beta_0 B_1 = \Delta_d S_d + \beta_d B_1$$

- This set of conditions implies

$$(\Delta_u - \Delta_0)S_u + (\beta_u - \beta_0)B_1 = 0$$

$$(\Delta_d - \Delta_0)S_d + (\beta_d - \beta_0)B_1 = 0$$

Dynamic Replication

- We consider a **European** derivative with maturity at date 2
- The payoff is given by some function $D_2(S_2) \in \{D_{uu}, D_{ud}, D_{dd}\}$
- We solve the replication problem **backward**, starting from the terminal date

$$D_{uu} = \Delta_u S_{uu} + \beta_u B_2$$

$$D_{ud} = \Delta_u S_{ud} + \beta_u B_2 = \Delta_d S_{ud} + \beta_d B_2$$

$$D_{dd} = \Delta_d S_{dd} + \beta_d B_2$$

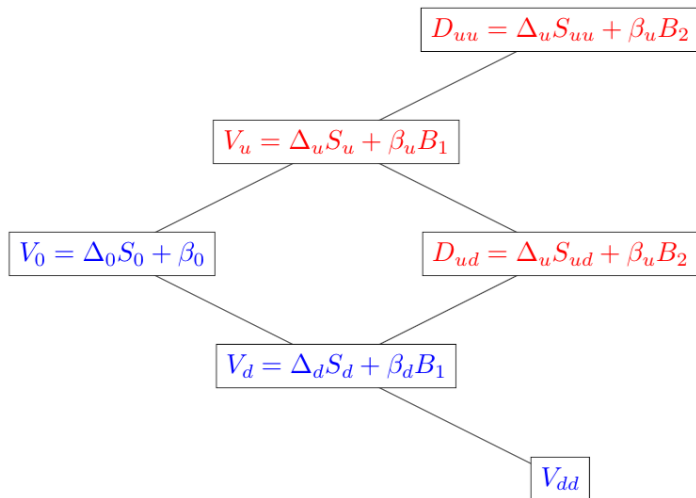
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$$D_{dd} = \Delta_d S_{dd} + \beta_d B_2$$



Dynamic Replication

- We **already** have the solution to this problem !
- It is identical to the one period replication
- We therefore obtain

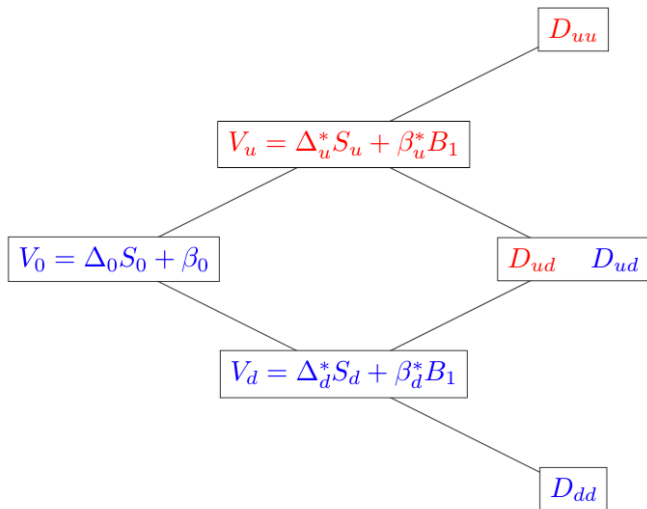
$$\Delta_u^* = \frac{D_{uu} - D_{ud}}{S_{uu} - S_{ud}}$$

$$\beta_u^* = \frac{S_{uu}D_{ud} - S_{ud}D_{uu}}{(S_{uu} - S_{ud})B_2}$$

- Similarly we can obtain (Δ_d^*, β_d^*) such that

$$D_{ud} = \Delta_d S_{ud} + \beta_d B_2$$

$$D_{dd} = \Delta_d S_{dd} + \beta_d B_2$$



Dynamic Replication

- Obtaining the price of the derivative at time 0 is similar to the one period problem of replicating a derivative with payoff given by

$$D_u = V_u^* = \Delta_u^* S_u + \beta_u^* B_1$$

$$D_d = V_d^* = \Delta_d^* S_u + \beta_d^* B_1$$

- This in turns implies that

$$\Delta_0^* = \frac{V_u^* - V_d^*}{S_u - S_d}$$

$$\beta_0^* = \frac{S_u V_d^* - S_d V_u^*}{(S_u - S_d) B_1}$$

- This solves the replication problem for **any European derivative**

$$D_0 = V_0^* = \Delta_0^* S_0 + \beta_0^*$$

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Risk Neutral Probability

- We can also interpret the pricing equation as an **expectation**
- Consider the value of the replicating at the node S_u

$$V_u^* = \Delta_u^* S_u + \beta_u^* * B_1$$

- Given (Δ_u^*, β_u^*) we can define $q := \frac{1+r-d}{u-d}$ (as in the one period model)

$$V_u^* = \frac{1}{1+r} [qV_{uu} + (1-q)V_{ud}] = \frac{1}{1+r} E^Q [V_2 | S_1 = S_u]$$

Risk Neutral Probability

- Similarly we obtain

$$V_d^* = \frac{1}{1+r} [qV_{ud} + (1-q)V_{dd}] = \frac{1}{1+r} E^Q [V_2 | S_1 = S_d]$$

- Finally at time 0 we get

$$V_0^* = \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} E^Q [V_2]$$

- The price of a derivative security is the **expected value** of the payoff under the risk neutral measure **discounted** at the **risk free** rate

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Elements in Probability

- The binomial model is a **simple** model which will be used as a basis to develop **finite probability spaces**
- **Probability space:** A (finite) probability space is defined by a finite sample space Ω and a probability measure \mathbb{P} , i.e. a function assigning a number in $[0, 1]$ to each element $\omega \in \Omega$ such that

$$\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \mathbb{P}(\omega) = 1$$

- **Event:** An event is a subset of Ω , the probability of the event A is defined as

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \sum_{\omega \in A} \mathbb{P}(\omega)$$

Elements in Probability

- In the context of the binomial model with 3 periods an event is a combination of **stock price movements**

$$\Omega = \{uuu, uud, udu, udd, duu, dud, ddu, ddd\}$$

- **Random Variable:** A random variable is an application

$$X(\omega) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- Binomial model : $S_2(\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \{S_{uu}, S_{ud}, S_{dd}\}$ is a random variable
- Payoff of a derivative $D(S_T)$ is also a random variable
- A **distribution** assigns a probability to the occurrence of each of the possible values of the random variable

Elements in Probability

- Changing the **probability measure** does not change the random variable, it changes its **distribution** (c.f. risk neutral)
- **Expectation**: The expectation of a random variable X is defined as

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X(\omega) \mathbb{P}(\omega)$$

- The **expectation** of a random variable **depends** on the choice of a probability measure

$$\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X(\omega) \mathbb{P}(\omega) \neq \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X(\omega) \tilde{\mathbb{P}}(\omega)$$

$$\text{if } \tilde{\mathbb{P}}(\omega) \neq \mathbb{P}(\omega)$$

Properties of Expectation

- Note that expectation are linear $\mathbb{E}[aX] = a\mathbb{E}[X]$
- Let $f(x) = ax + b$ for some constant a and b then

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] = f(\mathbb{E}[X])$$

- For a convex functions $\phi(x)$

$$\mathbb{E}[\phi(X)] \geq \phi(\mathbb{E}[X])$$

- This is **Jensen's Inequality**

Elements in Probability

- We can **condition** an expectation on the information available at some time n , we will denote $\mathbb{E}_n[X]$ this conditional expectation
- The following properties are important

1. Linearity

$$\mathbb{E}_n[aX] = a\mathbb{E}_n[X]$$

2. if at time n , X is known then

$$\mathbb{E}_n[XY] = X\mathbb{E}_n[Y]$$

3. for $m \geq n$ we have

$$\mathbb{E}_n[\mathbb{E}_m[X]] = \mathbb{E}_n[X]$$

4. Jensen's inequality holds for conditional expectation

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Martingales

- Consider the N -period binomial model
- A sequences of random variable $M_0, M_1, M_2 \dots M_N$ is a stochastic process
- If each M_n depends only on the first n movements, we call this process **adapted** and it verifies

$$\mathbb{E}_n[M_n] = M_n$$

- If each M_n depends only on the first $n - 1$ movements, we call this process **predictable** and it verifies

$$\mathbb{E}_n[M_{n+1}] = M_{n+1}$$

Martingales

- If $M_n = \mathbb{E}_n[M_{n+1}]$ then M_n is a martingale
- If $M_n \leq \mathbb{E}_n[M_{n+1}]$ then M_n is a submartingale
- If $M_n \geq \mathbb{E}_n[M_{n+1}]$ then M_n is a supermartingale

Martingales

- From iterated expectations, we obtain that

$$M_n = \mathbb{E}_n[M_m] \quad m \geq n$$

- Under the risk neutral measure $q = \frac{1+r-d}{u-d}$,

$$\mathbb{E}^Q \left[\frac{S_m}{(1+r)^m} \right] = \frac{S_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

discounted stock prices are martingales

Martingales

- A self-financing portfolio $V_n = \Delta_n S_n + \gamma_n B_n$ is such that

$$(\Delta_{n+1} - \Delta_n)S_{n+1} + (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n)B_{n+1} = 0$$

- Under the risk neutral measure $q = \frac{1+r-d}{u-d}$,

$$\mathbb{E}^Q \left[\frac{V_m}{(1+r)^m} \right] = \frac{V_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

self financing portfolios are martingales

Martingales

- From our previous discussion on replication
- Given a derivative payoff D_N , we can choose a self financing portfolio $(\Delta_{N-1}, \gamma_{N-1})$ at date $N - 1$ such that $V_N = D_N \quad \mathbb{P} - a.s.$
- Solving the problem backward we obtain a portfolio $V_0 = \Delta_0 S_0 + \gamma_0$ which allows to **replicate** the payoff of the derivative D_N **with certainty**
- Under the risk neutral measure all **self financing** portfolios are **martingales** and we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}^Q \left[\frac{V_N}{(1+r)^N} \right] = \mathbb{E}^Q \left[\frac{D_N}{(1+r)^N} \right] = \frac{V_0}{(1+r)^0} = V_0$$

Martingales

- This is the **Risk Neutral** valuation formula
- A fundamental result which will apply in much more complicated setting (Continuous time models for instance)
- Note that it implies the following theorem

Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing

If there exists a risk neutral measure, there can be no arbitrage in the binomial model