

11 Forward and Futures

Forward Interest rates

The forward interest rate between time $t-1$ and t satisfies:

$$(1+r_t)^t = (1+r_{t-1})^{t-1}(1+f_t)$$
$$f_t = \frac{B_{t-1}}{B_t} - 1 = \frac{(1+r_t)^t}{(1+r_{t-1})^{t-1}} - 1$$

Forward price

$$F_T = e^{(r-y)T} S_0$$

Swaps

The swap rate is a weighted average of forward rates:

$$r_s = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T B_t f_t}{\sum_{u=1}^T B_u} = \sum_{t=1}^T w_t f_t \text{ , with the weights } w_t = \frac{B_t}{\sum_{u=1}^T B_u}$$