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Mathematical Finance: QF

In-Tutorial exercises (for discussion on Tuesday, 12/12/2023)

In-Tutorial Exercise 1.

a) Let $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_4\}$ and $\mathscr{F} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. Further, let Q be a probability measure on (Ω, \mathscr{F}) for which we know

$$Q(\{\omega_1\}) = 0.2, Q(\{\omega_2\}) = 0.6 \text{ and } Q(\{\omega_3\}) = Q(\{\omega_4\}) = 0.1.$$

Calculate Q(A) of every element A in the domain of Q.

b) What can you infer from the previous exercise about the relationship between a probability measure on a discrete space and its probability mass function?

Now consider an one period market with price processes (S^0, S^1) given by the following tree.

$$\begin{pmatrix} S_0^0 \\ S_1^0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} S_1^0 \\ S_1^1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \omega \qquad P(\{\omega\}) \ Q(\{\omega\}) \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2.25 \\ 180 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \omega_1 \qquad 0.4 \qquad q_1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ 90 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 2.25 \\ 90 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \omega_2 \qquad 0.2 \qquad q_2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2.25 \\ 45 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \omega_1 \qquad 0.4 \qquad q_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- c) Give a characterisation of the set $\mathcal{M} = \{Q \mid Q \text{ EMM for } \hat{S}\}$ in \mathbb{R}^3 using part (b). Are there elements in \mathcal{M} with $q_3 = 0, q_3 = 1$ or $q_3 = 0.5$?
- d) Compute the upper and lower price of a put option $S_1^2 = (S_1^1 67.5)^+$.
- e) Find a cheapest superhedge for this option.