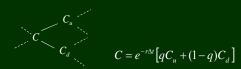


Backwards pricing

We need to know <u>volatility</u> σ of stock, and <u>riskfree rate</u> r, then we can build tree with <u>time steps</u> Δt :



- Set $u = e^{\sigma \sqrt{\Delta t}}$, $d = e^{-\sigma \sqrt{\Delta t}}$, $q = \frac{e^{r\Delta t} d}{u d}$
- Values at final time (maturity) are known: fill these in
- Work backwards through tree using





• Continue, until you reach starting node: this is option price!

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Three ways to calculate prices in Binomial Branch

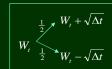
REPLICATE PRICE DEFLATE

RISKNEUTRALLY $\phi\begin{pmatrix} u \cdot S \\ d \cdot S \end{pmatrix} + \psi\begin{pmatrix} e^{r\Delta t} \\ e^{r\Delta t} \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} C_u \\ C_d \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} C_$

Riskneutral pricing / deflation method are a shortcut for replication-based pricing.

They are completely unfounded when replication is not possible (longevity risk, unhedgeable inflation risk).

Increasingly More Accurate Replication



Per timestep

$$S_u = S_t e^{(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(u - t) + \sigma(W_u - W_t)}$$

Where the Brownian motion process W (the 'random walk') satisfies:

- Starting value W(0) = 0
- W(t)-W(s) has N(0,t-s) distribution,
 so in particular: W(t) is Gaussian with mean zero and variance t
- W(t)-W(s) and W(v)-W(u) are independent when s < t < u < v

$$S_u = S_t e^{r(u-t)} \cdot \frac{Z_u}{Z_t}, \qquad Z_t = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t + \sigma W_t}$$

Z is Geometric Brownian Motion process: martingale (so mean constant: one).

Equity derivative: Unit-Linked Insurance Product

Revisit our earlier Unit-Linked Guarantee: assuming start price of stock and fund is 100 then we will receive

$$\max(S_T, S_0(1+g)^T) = \max(S_T, 108.24)$$

which we can rewrite as

$$max(S_T, 108.24) = S_T + max(0, 108.24 - S_T)$$

i.e. stock + Put with strike 108.24 or as

$$max(S_T, 108.24) = 108.24 + max(0, S_T - 108.24)$$

i.e. 108.24 cash at time 2 + Call with strike 108.24

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Equity derivative: Unit-Linked Insurance Product

Stock + Put with strike K=108.24 : has value at time zero

$$S_0 + P(S_0) = 100 + 7.43 = 107.43$$

108.24 cash at time 2 + Call witjh strike K=108.24 : has value at time zero

$$Ke^{-rT} + C(S_0) = 98.07 + 9.37 = 107.43$$

Binomial Tree gave 107.26 as good approximation, but this is of course a lot quicker....!

IMPORTANT: Can only use Black-Scholes formula for European Options!

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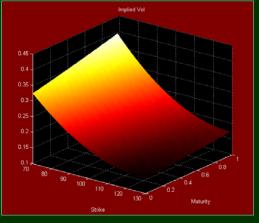
Equity derivatives in practice: Volatility varies over strikes!

Lognormal model for stock prices was result of repeated multiplication in a model in which there is one fixed volatility (percentage standard deviation per unit of time).

Option prices on the same stock but with different strikes are not consistent with the assumption of one fixed volatility per stock. Instead the Black-Scholes implied volatility is a function of the strike.

Theoretcial Problem:

If volatility is a property of the stock process, how can it vary with the strike of options?



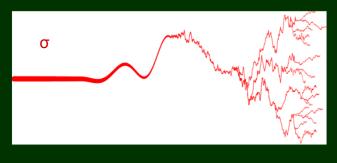
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Volatilty Skew or Smile

Solution:

We have to drop assumption of lognormal distribution, which corresponds to same standard deviation per time unit at all times and for all stock values.

Volatility is not constant but varies over time and may vary stochastically (due to dependence on stock values itself, or due to other stochastic factors)



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 $\Delta W_{t} = \sqrt{\Delta t} \cdot \varepsilon_{t}$

More complicated contracts

Closed-form formulas usually not possible or needed. Writing prices as expectations (with q-probabilities or H-deflators) opens possibility of Monte Carlo simulation based pricing.

Simulate from t=0 to t=T=N Δ t (with H₀=1) $\varepsilon_i iid N(0,1)$

$$S_{t+\Delta t} = S_t (1 + \mu \Delta t + \sigma \Delta W_t)$$

$$B_{t+\Delta t} = B_t (1 + r\Delta t)$$

$$H_{t+\Delta t} = H_t (1 - r\Delta t - \lambda \Delta W_t)$$

Repeat M times and call simulated end values at t=T

$$(S_T^i, B_T^i, H_T^i), i = 1...M$$

then price of claim Φ equals approximately

$$C = E^{P}[\Phi(S_{T})H_{T}] \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \Phi(S_{T}^{i})H_{T}^{i}$$

Alternative

One can also directly start using riskneutral framework, then μ and H not needed.

Simulate from t=0 to t= $T=N\Delta t$

$$S_{t+\Delta t} = S_{t}(1 + \mu \Delta t + \sigma \Delta W_{t}^{Q})$$

$$S_{t+\Delta t} = S_{t}(1 + r\Delta t)$$

$$H_{t+\Delta t} = H_{t}(1 - r\Delta t - \lambda \Delta W_{t})$$

Repeat M times and call simulated end values at t=T

$$(S_T^i, B_T^i, H_T^i), i = 1...M$$

then price of claim Φ equals approximately

$$C = E^{\mathcal{Q}}[\Phi(S_T) \frac{B_0}{B_T}] \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \Phi(S_T^i) \frac{B_0}{B_T^i}$$

Alternative

For this simple model we do not need to simulate step-by-step but can calculate

$$C \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \Phi(S_T^i) H_T^i$$

Immediately using

$$\begin{split} S_T &= S_0 e^{(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T + \sigma W_T} \\ B_T &= B_0 e^{rT} \\ H_T &= H_0 e^{(-r - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2)T - \lambda W_T} \end{split}$$

But simulation scheme and payoffs can be very general, for example

$$\begin{split} S_{t+\Delta t} &= S_t (1 + \mu(t, S_t) \Delta t + \sigma(t, S_t) \Delta W_t) \\ B_{t+\Delta t} &= B_t (1 + r(t) \Delta t) \\ H_{t+\Delta t} &= H_t (1 - r(t) \Delta t - \lambda(t, S_t) \Delta W_t) \end{split} \qquad \Phi = \max(0, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{S_T}{S_{t_i}} - K)$$

Complete and Incomplete markets

We see that riskneutral pricing is a lot easier since the expected rate of return never enters our calculations.

However, these calculations are only meaningful if we know that contracts can be replicated.

If not, one should use original probabilities and the hedge will not be perfect so there is residual risk.

How that residual risk is priced cannot be inferred from market prices so other approach is needed. (Example: Cost-of-Capital, or Utility Indifference).

Review of Interest Rate Modelling

zero rate z(k) yearly rate between now (time zero) and time k

forward rate f(i,j) yearly rate between <u>future</u> times i and j

short rate r(i) yearly rate between time i and next time (i+1)

discount rate d(0,k) today's price of k-maturity zero-coupon bond

so

$$d(0, k) = \frac{1}{(1 + Z_k)^k} \qquad r_i = f_{i, i+1}$$

$$(1 + f_{i, j})^{j-i} = (1 + r_i)(1 + r_{i+1})\dots(1 + r_{j-1})$$

$$(1 + Z_k)^k = (1 + r_0)(1 + r_1)\dots(1 + r_{k-1})$$

$$d(0, i) = (1 + r_i)d(0, i + 1)$$

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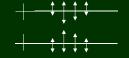
You (A) face interest payments which are <u>floating</u> (i.e. dependent on market rates which vary over time) As yet unknown Bank you would like known rates, <u>fixed</u> in advance A floating Outside Swap Party B(ank) swaps payments with party A B pays A floating rates (after period in which they occur!) A pays B fixed rate r ('swap rate', determined by B)

Interest rate swaps: FORWARD Par Swap Rate

If we start swap at time m<n (i.e. payments at m+1, m+2, ..., n):

$$P_{rec} = P_{fix} - P_{float} = s \sum_{k=m+1}^{n} d_k - d_m + d_n$$

$$P_{pay} = -P_{fix} + P_{float} = P_{rec}$$



Fair forward swap rate ('the' swap rate) $\boldsymbol{s}_{m,n}$ between m and n is the value such that

$$P_{rec} = P_{pay} = 0$$

and it follows that this swap rate for n periods, s(m,n), is given by

$$s_{m,n} = \frac{d_m - d_n}{d_{m+1} + d_{m+2} + \ldots + d_n}$$

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Interest rate swaps: value after initial time

Can use Par Swap Rate to determine market value of swap contract: fixed rate s Current Par Swap Rate = s(m,n)

Only difference in fixed payments, hence:

$$P_{pay} = P_{pay} - P_{pay}^{PAR}$$

$$= P_{flo} - P_{fix} - (P_{flo}^{PAR} - P_{fix}^{PAR})$$

$$= P_{fix}^{PAR} - P_{fix}$$

$$= \left(s_{m,n} - s\right) \left(\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} d_k\right)$$

and of course

$$P_{rec} = -P_{pay}$$

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Swap Dynamics

Valuation after initial time makes us realize that swaprate itself changes over time since discount rates change over time.

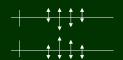
Therefore better to explicitly address this in our notation for forward fair swaprate

$$s_{m,n}(t) = \frac{d_m(t) - d_n(t)}{d_{m+1}(t) + d_{m+2}(t) + \dots + d_n(t)}$$

and value of swaps at different rates

$$P_{pay}(t) = \left(s_{m,n}(t) - s \left(\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} d_k(t)\right)\right)$$

$$P_{rec}(t) = -P_{pay}(t)$$



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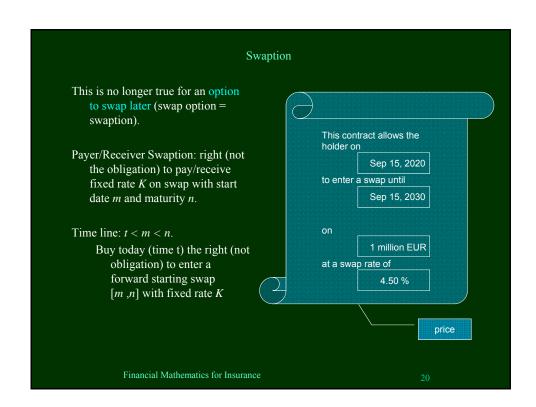
Valuation Structures

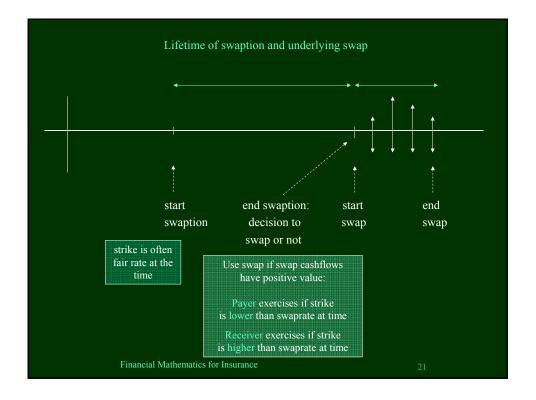
Forwards, futures, FRA's and swaps in interest rate market

- take away risk by <u>fixing</u> future interest rates or future prices of interest rate instruments
- and this is usually done in such a way that no cash exchange is needed when contract is made (zero initial costs)
- costless reduction of risk is possible since entering the contract protects against adverse market movements by giving up possible profits due to favourable market movements

Valuation of instruments ('fair price') is possible using today's term structure, since all cash flows in future and corresponding discount factors are known today.

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Swaptions

Exercise payer swaption at m if fixed rate you need to pay (K) is lower than the swaprate at that time s(m,n) so when s(m,n)>K
 Market value at swaption maturity date m (per unit notional):

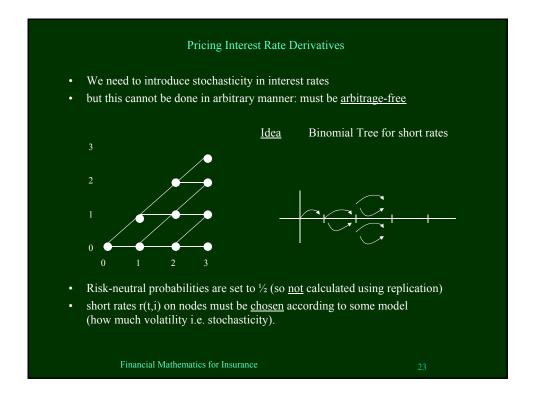
$$P_{payswptn,m} = \max \left\{ s_{m,n} - K, 0 \right\} \left(\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} d_k(m) \right)$$

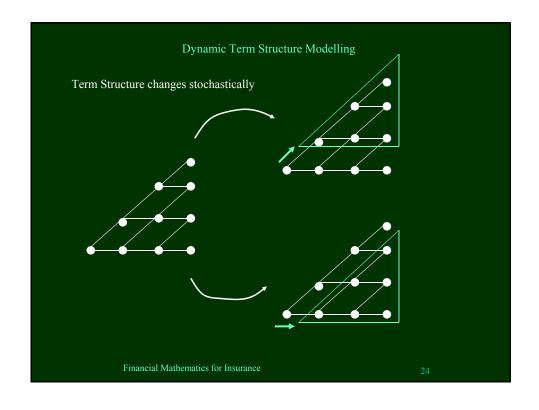
Exercise receiver swaption if fixed rate that you will receive (K) is higher than
the swaprate at that time s(m,n) so when s(m,n)<K
 Market value at swaption maturity date m (per unit notional):

$$P_{recswptn,m} = \max \left\{ K - s_{m,n}, 0 \right\} \left(\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} d_k(m) \right)$$

This gives value at maturity, but how can we determine price before that time?

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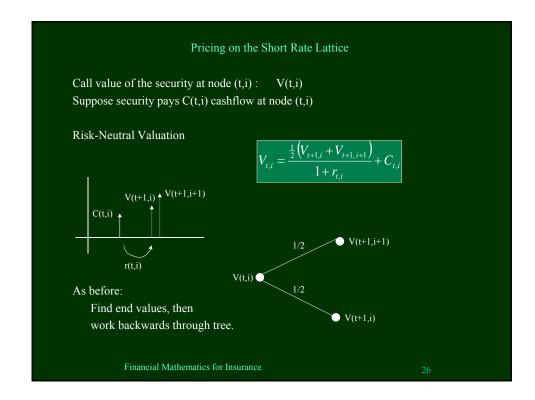


Issues in Short Rate Lattice Modelling

Main Questions

- How can we <u>price</u> an interest rate derivative on the tree?
- Is such a pricing method guaranteed <u>arbitrage-free</u>?
- How can we <u>find the current Term Structure</u> on this tree?
- How can we <u>fit</u> the current Term Structure in the design of the tree?

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Example: Short Rate Tree Excel Calculation: SmallShortTree.xls Financial Mathematics for Insurance

Other issues now resolved automatically:

Arbitrage-free?

Yes: future payoffs positive (i.e. i get something in future) then price today strictly positive (i.e. do not get it for free!)

Can we find Term Structure?

Yes: since we can price zero-coupon bonds with all maturities k, and then we have

$$P_k = (1+s_k)^{-k}$$
 \Rightarrow $s_k = (P_k)^{-1/k} - 1$

Can we fit Term Structure?

Yes: using Solver, but then we need simpler way to calculate all zero-coupon bond prices

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Elementary Prices

Revival of old trick:

Elementary Price Po(t,i) price of contract which pays 1 at node (t,i) and zero elsewhere

Po(k+1,s) will have value $\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1+r_{k,s-1}}$ and $\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1+r_{k,s}}$ at predecessor values

$$P_0(k+1,s) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}P_0(k,s-1)}{1+r_{k,s-1}} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}P_0(k,s)}{1+r_{k,s}}$$



$$P_0(0,0) = 1$$
, $P_0(k+1,0) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}P_0(k,0)}{1+r_{k,0}}$, $P_0(k+1,k+1) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}P_0(k,k)}{1+r_{k,k}}$

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Example: Elementary Prices

Excel Calculation: ElementaryPrices.xls

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Matching the Term Structure

Choose model to assign short rates r(k,s) where model may depend on unknown parameters

Examples:

Ho-Lee Model

$$a_2 + 2b_2$$

$$r_{k,s} = a_k + b_k s$$

$$a_1 + b_1 \qquad a_2 + b_2$$

$$a_{2}(e^{b_{2}})$$

 $r_{k,s} = a_k e^{b_k s}$

$$a_1e^{b_1}$$
 $a_2e^{b_2}$

$$r_{k,s} = a_k e^{-s}$$

$$a_0 \quad a_1 \qquad a_2$$

- Then calculate short rates (Term Structure) using elementary prices
- Use Solver to find correct values for a(k) and b(k) to match short rates to the values that you want.

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Ho-Lee Model

Excel Calculation: HoLeeTree.xls

So we can now fit a Term Structure and we know how to price bonds.

Can we now price Interest rate Derivatives?

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Pricing

Pricing Bond

- Fill in payoff tree with coupons & final values at all columns
- Make second tree, fill in final payoffs and use backward formula (or directly apply elementary prices)

Pricing European option on Bonds

- Fill in payoff tree at column which represents maturity of option (for example: max{0,Bondprice-Strike} or something similar)
- Use backward formula (or directly apply elementary prices)

Excel Calculation: BondOption.xls

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Pricing

Pricing Bond Forward

- Fill in payoff tree at maturity of forward M = value bond at maturity M
- Use backward formula (or directly apply elementary prices) to find value of contract at time zero
- You will not pay at time zero (forward contract costs zero!) but at time M, so discount forward to time M (multiply by $(1+s_M)^M$)

Pricing Bond Future

- Fill in final values of bond at maturity of option
- Working backwards: future price at node F then expected value in coming period is $\frac{1}{2}(F_{up}-F)+\frac{1}{2}(F_{down}-F)$ discounted, and this should be zero so we must have $F=\frac{1}{2}(F_{up}+F_{down})$
- So work backwards through tree, taking averages without discounting

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Future and Forward Price Calculations

Future and Forward price can be shown to be equal when interest rates are nonstochastic, and Term Structure dynamics followed expectations hypothesis.

This is no longer true when rates are stochastic.

Future involves cashflows before maturity: interest rate levels influence a future contract, but not a forward contract!

Excel Calculation: BondForward.xls

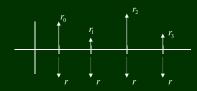
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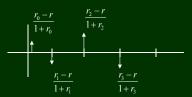
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Vanilla Swap Pricing

Pricing a Vanilla Swap

 Swap pays short rate <u>after</u> period where short rate applied, so need transformation to one period earlier





- Put these payoff values in tree at every node
- Create second tree for valuation, using backwards formula (or elementary prices).

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Swaption Pricing

Pricing a Swaption

- Take the swaptree we just derived, with the value of the swap at
- Create a second tree with payoff of swaption at maturity, and then work backwards (or use elementary prices)

Excel Calculation: SmallSwapTree.xls

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Stochastic Dynamics for Swap Rates

Can we (as for equity) take a limit and arrive at a lognormal distribution? Possible for short rate, but this does NOT make swaprates lognormal.

Often in practice: simplest continuous time model for whatever rate:

Black's Model (1976)

Fundamental Assumptions: (today = time t)

- European Call Option on underlying V (Bond price, future, swap rate)
- Underlying has lognormal distribution at maturity T, with a standard deviation of $\ln V$ equal to $\sigma \sqrt{T-t}$
- Discount rate for option's matuirty are taken non-stochastic (even though interest rates are ...)

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Black Formula

Call Option price according to Black model

$$C = d_T(t) \left[F \ N(\widetilde{d}_1) - K \ N(\widetilde{d}_2) \right]$$

$$\widetilde{d}_1 = \frac{\ln(F/K) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, \qquad \widetilde{d}_2 = \widetilde{d}_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}$$

- T Time to maturity of option
- F Forward price for V of a contract with maturity T
- K Strike price of option
- d Riskfree discount rates
- σ volatility (see previous slide)

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