

Solutions to Final for Math 361
 Quantitative Methods for Fixed-Income Securities
 December 21, 2010

1.

a. The total money owed is

$$\begin{aligned} & 42000 \times (1.05 + 1.05^2 + 1.05^3) \\ &= 42000 \times \frac{1.05}{0.05} \times (1.05^3 - 1) \\ &= 139025.25 \end{aligned}$$

b. Solve the installment MP from

$$\begin{aligned} 139025.25 &= MP \times \sum_{i=1}^{60} (1 + 5\% / 12)^{-i} \\ &= MP \times \frac{1 - (1 + 5\% / 12)^{-60}}{5\% / 12} \end{aligned}$$

We obtain $MP=2623.58$

2. The hedge positions are

$$P_{10} = P_{20} \frac{D_{20}}{D_{10}} \beta_{10} = \$261678.07$$

$$P_{30} = P_{20} \frac{D_{20}}{D_{30}} \beta_{30} = \$706334.59$$

3. The risk-neutral probability is obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) &= \frac{1}{(1 + r(1))(1 + r(2))} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + r(1)} \left(q \frac{1}{1 + 6\%} + (1 - q) \frac{1}{1 + 4\%} \right) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $q=60\%$. The price of the option is

$$C = \frac{1}{1 + 5\%} (0.6 \times \$1,000,000 + 0.4 \times \$0) = \$571428.57$$

For hedging, we should long

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \frac{1000000 - 0}{1000 \times (\frac{1}{1+6\%} - \frac{1}{1+4\%})} \\ &= -55120 \end{aligned}$$

units of $P(2)$.

4. The day counts are listed below.

- Coupon dates: 11/21 & 5/21
- No. of days b/w 11/21 – 12/22: 31
- No. of days b/w 11/21 – 03/21: 120
- No. of days b/w 11/21 – 05/21: 181
- No. of days b/w 12/22 – 03/21: 89

The forward price is then given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{fwd} &= (P(0) + AI(0))\left(1 + \frac{d}{360}r\right) - AI(d) \\
 &= \left(104 + \frac{31}{181} \times 6 / 2\right)\left(1 + \frac{89}{360} \times 2.5\%\right) - \frac{120}{181} \times 6 / 2 \\
 &= 103.1708
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

5. We answer the question one by one.

5.1 The P&L for \$100 notional of bond is

$$\begin{aligned}
 P \& L &= (P(0) + AI(0))(1 + rd / 360) - (P(d) + AI(d)) \\
 &= \left(104 + 1 / 32 + \frac{31}{181} \times 6 / 2\right)(1 + 2.5\% / 360) - \left(104 + \frac{32}{181} \times 6 / 2\right) \\
 &= 0.0219355 \text{ millions} \\
 &= \$21935.5
 \end{aligned}$$

5.2 The carry is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Carry} &= P \& L - \text{Price Change} \\
 &= 21935.5 - (P(0) - P(d)) \\
 &= 21935.5 - \frac{1}{32} \times 1000000 \\
 &= -9315
 \end{aligned}$$

5.3 The breakeven price is

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(d) &= (P(0) + AI(0))(1 + rd / 360) - AI(d) \\
 &= \left(104 + 1 / 32 + \frac{31}{181} \times 6 / 2\right)(1 + 2.5\% / 360) - \frac{32}{181} \times 6 / 2 \\
 &= 104.0219
 \end{aligned}$$

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