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Prereq in term.

- Basics of options covered in M339D.
- Binomial option pricing.
- Normal dist'n.
- Covariance formula.

- McDonald: "Derivatives Markets" (3rd ed)
- Berk / DeMarzo: "Corporate finance"

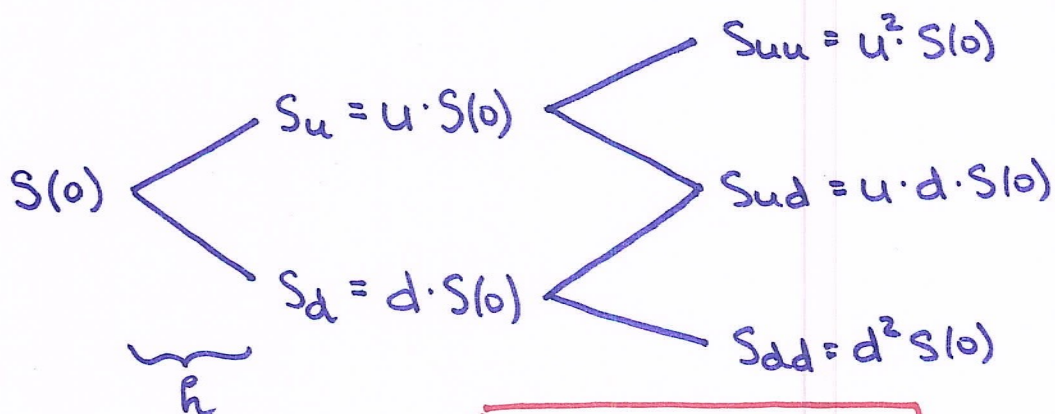
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Binomial asset pricing [review].

T ... time horizon

n ... the number of periods

\Rightarrow length of every period: $h = \frac{T}{n}$



No arbitrage if

$$d < e^{(r-s)h} < u$$

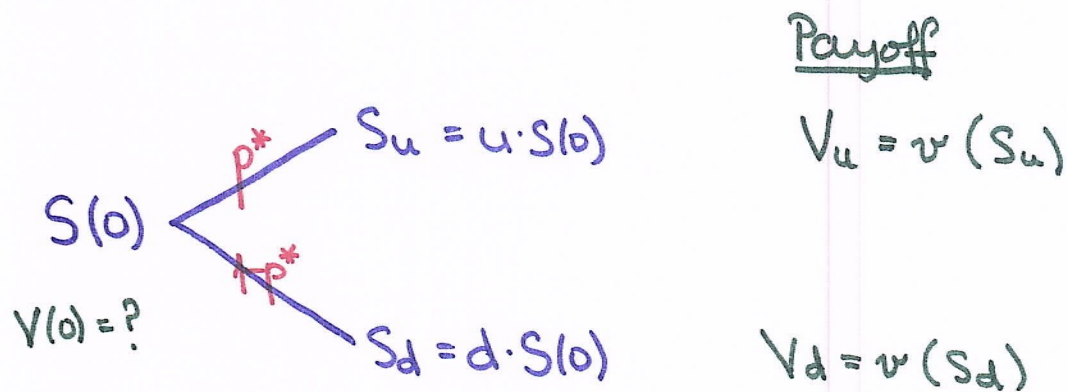
Forward Tree

σ ... VOLATILITY

Define:

$$u = e^{(r-s)h + \sigma\sqrt{h}}$$
$$d = e^{(r-s)h - \sigma\sqrt{h}}$$

Binomial option pricing: one period [review]



Pricing a European option w/ payoff f'n $v(\cdot)$

This option can be replicated w/ the portfolio w/

• $\Delta = e^{-sh} \cdot \frac{V_u - V_d}{S_u - S_d}$ shares of stock

and

• $B = e^{-rh} \cdot \frac{u \cdot V_d - d \cdot V_u}{u - d}$ @ the risk-free interest rate

$V(0) = \Delta \cdot S(0) + B = \dots = \uparrow e^{-rT} \cdot [p^* \cdot V_u + (1-p^*) \cdot V_d]$

RISK-NEUTRAL PRICE

w/ $p^* = \frac{e^{(r-s)h} - d}{u - d}$... the risk-neutral probability