

# MFE230I Section 4

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# Forward and futures contracts

Main difference is that futures are exchange traded while forwards are bilateral agreements

	Future	Forward
Flexibility	standardized	more flexible
Trading	more liquid	unique
Settlement	marked-to-market	end of contract

- When interest rates correlated with the underlying asset price, then forward and futures prices are different!

- $f(t) = \frac{Z(t, T_2)}{Z(t, T_1)}$

- $F(t) = E^Q[F(T_1)]$

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$$f = \frac{Z(0, 4)}{Z(0, 2)} \times 100 = 90.78$$

$\nwarrow P_4$   
 $\nearrow P_2$

year	0	1	2
<u>F</u>	90.76	92.49	94.27
		89.03	90.71
			87.35

$$94.27 = Z(2, 4)$$

$$92.49 = 0.5 (94.27 + 90.71)$$

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3. We can also calculate forward delta by tree.

$$P_2(t), P_5(t)$$

$$\Delta \pi(2) = P_5(2) - f$$

$$PV_0(\pi(2)) = PV_0(P_5(2)) - PV_0(f)$$

$$= P_5(0) - f \cdot Z(0, 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{P_5(0)}{Z(0, 2)} = \frac{P_5(0)}{P_2(0)} \times 100$$

$t=1$

$$P_2(0) \begin{cases} P_2^u(1) \\ P_2^d(1) \end{cases} \quad P_5(0) \begin{cases} P_5^u(1) \\ P_5^d(1) \end{cases}$$

$$PV_1^u(\pi(2)) = PV_1^u(P_5(2)) - PV_1^u(f)$$

$$= P_5^u(1) - f \cdot Z^u(1, 2)$$

$$= \frac{P_5^u(1) - f \cdot P_2^u(1)}{100}$$

$$PV_1^d(\pi(2)) = P_5^d(1) - f \cdot P_2^d(1) / 100$$

$$\Delta = \frac{PV_1^u - PV_1^d}{\Delta y}$$



## Quality option

What is the futures price for a contract where the short side can deliver either the 4 or the 3 year bond (with 2 or 1 year remaining)? Computation similar as before:

- first construct futures prices at expiration (year 2),
- then take expectation under risk-neutral measure.

### Conversion factors

6%

- for 3 year bond (1 year remaining at expiration):

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{1.06} = 0.94$$

$$\frac{1+c}{1+y}$$

- for 4 year bond (2 year remaining at expiration):

$$C_4 = \frac{1}{1.06^2} = 0.89$$

$$\frac{c}{1+y} + \frac{c+1}{(1+y)^2}$$

# Pricing tree with conversion factors

3 year bond:

year	0	1	2
P	100.97	101.93	102.91 ✓
		100.01	100.95 ✓
			99.07

4 year bond:

year	0	1	2
P	92.52	99.92	105.92 ✓
		94.37	101.92
			98.15



## Futures price with quality option

Short party can choose which bond to deliver, thus in each state she pays

$$\min(Z(2, 3) - FC_3, Z(2, 4) - FC_4)$$

. This leads to

year	0	1	2
F	<u>100.74</u>	101.93 99.55	102.91 100.95 98.15

$$102.91 = \min \left( \frac{Z(2, 3)}{C_3}, \frac{Z(2, 4)}{C_4} \right) = \min \left( \frac{97.09}{0.94}, \frac{94.27}{0.89} \right)$$

$$101.93 = \frac{1}{2} (102.91 + 100.95)$$

$$(a) 100r, (t-1, t), t=1, 3, \dots$$

**Price**

$$P = \frac{100r}{1+r} + \frac{100r}{(1+r)^3} + \dots$$

$$P_{\text{even}} = \frac{100r}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{100r}{(1+r)^4} + \dots$$

$$P_{\text{even}} = \frac{P}{1+r}$$

$$P + P_{\text{even}} = 100$$

$$P + \frac{P}{1+r} = 100$$

$$P = 100 \times \frac{1+r}{2+r}$$

**Duration**

$$\Delta D_{\text{mac}} = - \frac{1+r}{P} \times \frac{dP}{dr} \quad \triangle r, y$$

$$\triangle P = \frac{100r}{1+y} + \left( 100 \frac{1+y}{2+y} - \frac{100y}{1+r} \right)$$

$$D_{\text{mac}} = - \frac{1+y}{P} \times \frac{dP}{dy} \Big|_{y=r}$$

(b)  $P, D \quad (P, D) \quad P, D$   
 $(a) + (b) = \text{Perpetuity } \$200, 5\%$

$$P_p = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{(1+r)^{2i-1}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow P_b = P_p - P_a$$



$$D_{mac,p} = \sum_{odd} \frac{10t}{(1+r)^t} / P$$

$$= - \frac{1+y}{P} \frac{dP}{dy}$$

(c & d)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_a}{P_p} \times D_a + \frac{P_b}{P_p} \times D_b = D_p$$