

**MFE5130 – Financial Derivatives**  
**First Term, 2019 – 20**

**Assignment 1**

**Due: 11:00pm, 9-October-2019**

Important notes:

1. The assignment must be submitted via Blackboard.
  2. All the chapters below stand for the textbook chapters.
  3. Total: 9 Problems (Full Mark: 90).
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Chapter 2:

Note: If the “effective annual interest rate” is  $r$ , a \$1 investment yields  $(1+r)^n$  after  $n$  years.

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14 (all the options in this problem have an expiration of 1 year.)

Chapter 3:

Note: If necessary, using the given information before Problem 3 to answer the following problems.

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14 (“the value of the position” means “the payoff of the position”)

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Additional Problem 1 (Trading Volume and OI).

Consider a certain forward contract in MFE exchange. There are three traders, A, B, and C. Over one day, the following trades occur:

A long, B short, 9 contracts.

B long, C short, 3 contracts.

C long, A short, 3 contracts.

A long, C short, 2 contracts.

What are accumulated trading volume and open interest just after the fourth trades?

Additional Problem 2

Assume that  $K_1 < K_2 < K_3$ . We know that a  $K_1$ – $K_2$ – $K_3$  butterfly spread is constructed by writing a  $K_2$ -strike straddle and long a strangle consisting of purchasing one  $K_1$ -strike put and one  $K_3$ -strike call. Suppose that the time to expiration of all the options in this butterfly are  $T$ .

Using the put-call parity, show that the profit of this butterfly spread at  $T$  is the same as the butterfly spread which is constructed by purchasing one  $K_1$ -strike call, selling two  $K_2$ -strike call and purchasing one  $K_3$ -strike call.