

Tutorial - Class Activity
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Question 1

1. Suppose that 1-year, 2-year and 3-year oil forward prices are \$20 per barrel, \$21 per barrel, and \$22 per barrel respectively. The annualized continuously compounded yield of the zero-coupon bonds for different maturities are given as follows:

Maturity (in year)	Annualized continuously compounded yield
1	5.83%
2	6.30%
3	6.77%

Consider a 3-year swap on oil with the swap price of \$20.9519 per barrel of oil and the notional amount of 1 barrel of oil. Suppose a dealer is paying the fixed price and receiving floating price in the swap contract.

- What position in oil forward contracts will hedge oil price risk in the dealer's position?
- What is the present value of the locked-in net cash inflows of the dealer at the inception of the swap contract?
- Just immediately after the inception of the swap contract all interest rates fall 50 basis points, what is the new present value of the locked-in cash inflows of the dealer?

Solution

- a) Since the dealer is paying fixed and receiving floating, she generates the cash-flows depicted in column 2. Suppose that the dealer enters into three short forward positions, one contract for each year of the active swap. Her payoffs are depicted in column 3, and the aggregate net cash inflow position is in column 4.

Year	Net Cash Inflow from Swap	Cash Inflow from Shorting Forwards	Net Cash Inflow Position
1	$S_1 - \$20.9519$	$\$20 - S_1$	-0.9519
2	$S_2 - \$20.9519$	$\$21 - S_2$	+0.0481
3	$S_3 - \$20.9519$	$\$22 - S_3$	+1.0481

- b) $PV(\text{net cash inflows}) = -0.9519e^{-(5.83\%)(1)} + 0.0481e^{-(6.30\%)(2)} + 1.0481e^{-(6.77\%)(3)} = -0.0001.$

Hence, the present value of the locked-in net cash inflows of the dealer at the inception of the swap contract is nearly zero.

c) If all interest rates fall 50 basis points just after the inception of the swap contract, we have

$$PV(\text{net cash inflows}) = -0.9519e^{-(5.33\%)(1)} + 0.0481e^{-(5.8\%)(2)} + 1.0481e^{-(6.27\%)(3)} = 0.0087.$$

Question 2

The table below describes 4 stocks:

Stock	Price	Dividend yield (u)
A	40	4%
B	50	0%
C	60	0%
D	75	2%

A 1-year European call option gives its owner the right to give up 1 share of Stock C and 1 share of Stock D in exchange for 1 share of Stock A and 2 shares of Stock B. The value of this call option is \$10.

Find the value of a 1-year European call option that gives its owners the right to give up 1 share of Stock A and 2 shares of Stock B in exchange for 1 share of Stock C and 1 share of Stock D.

Solution

Let's establish two portfolios. Portfolio X consists of 1 share of Stock A and 2 shares of Stock B. Portfolio Y consists of 1 share of Stock C and 1 share of Stock D.

The first call option described in the question has Portfolio X as its underlying asset:

$$C_{Eur}(X_t, Y_t, 1) = 10.$$

We can find the prepaid forward prices for both portfolios:

$$F_{t,T}^P(X_t) = 40e^{-0.04(1)} + 2(50) = 138.4316;$$

$$F_{t,T}^P(Y_t) = 60 + 75e^{-0.02(1)} = 133.5149.$$

We can now use put-call parity to find the value of the corresponding put option:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{Eur}(X_t, Y_t, 1) - P_{Eur}(X_t, Y_t, 1) &= F_{t,T}^P(X_t) - F_{t,T}^P(Y_t) \\ 10 - P_{Eur}(X_t, Y_t, 1) &= 138.4316 - 133.5149 \\ P_{Eur}(X_t, Y_t, 1) &= 5.0833. \end{aligned}$$

We can describe a put option as a call option by switching the underlying asset with the strike asset:

$$P_{Eur}(X_t, Y_t, 1) = C_{Eur}(Y_t, X_t, 1)$$

$$C_{Eur}(Y_t, X_t, 1) = 5.0833.$$

Therefore, the call option giving its owner the right to give up Portfolio X in exchange for Portfolio Y has a value of \$5.0833.