

1. (a)

By no-arbitrage pricing formula, we have:

$$0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (\pi(\bar{F}_{1u} - \bar{F}_0) + (1-\pi)(\bar{F}_{1d} - \bar{F}_0)) + \frac{\pi}{1+r} (\pi(0.94 - \bar{F}_{1u}) + (1-\pi)(0.90 - \bar{F}_{1u})) + \frac{1-\pi}{1+r} (\pi(0.90 - \bar{F}_{1d}) + (1-\pi)(0.86 - \bar{F}_{1d})) \quad ①$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (\pi(0.94 - \bar{F}_{1u}) + (1-\pi)(0.90 - \bar{F}_{1u})) \quad ②$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (\pi(0.90 - \bar{F}_{1d}) + (1-\pi)(0.86 - \bar{F}_{1d})) \quad ③$$

From ② & ③, respectively,

$$\bar{F}_{1u} = 0.94\pi + 0.90(1-\pi)$$

$$= 0.92$$

$$\bar{F}_{1d} = 0.90\pi + 0.86(1-\pi)$$

$$= 0.88$$

Plug them into ①, we get:

$$\pi(0.92 - \bar{F}_0) + (1-\pi)(0.88 - \bar{F}_0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{F}_0 = 0.92\pi + 0.88(1-\pi) = 0.90$$

The notional amount is:

$$1000 \cdot \bar{F}_0 = £900$$

The amount of contract is:

$$\frac{100,000}{1,000} = 100$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_0 - \bar{F}_{1u}) \times 1000$$

$$= 100 \times (0.90 - 0.92) \times 1000$$

$$= -100 \times 0.02 \times 1000$$

$$= -2000$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_0 - \bar{F}_{1d}) \times 1000$$

$$= 100 \times (0.90 - 0.88) \times 1000$$

$$= 2000$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_0 - \bar{F}_{1u})$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_{1u} - 0.94) \times 1000$$

$$= 100 \times (0.92 - 0.94) \times 1000$$

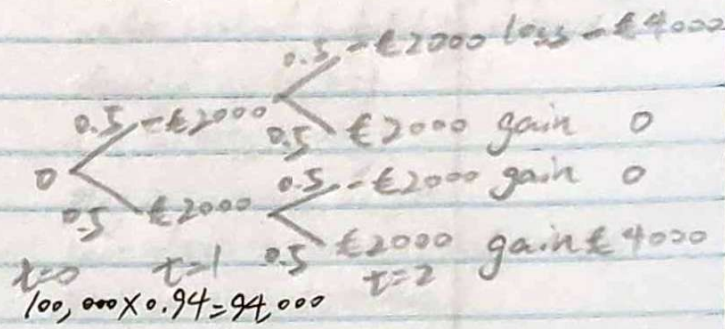
$$= -2000$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_{1d} - 0.90) \times 1000 = 2000$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_{1d} - 0.90) \times 1000 = -2000$$

$$100 \times (\bar{F}_{1d} - 0.86) \times 1000 = 2000$$

The evolution of the short position in 100 futures' cash stream:



$$100,000 \times 0.94 = 94,000$$

$$100,000 \times 0.90 = 90,000$$

$$100,000 \times 0.86 = 86,000$$

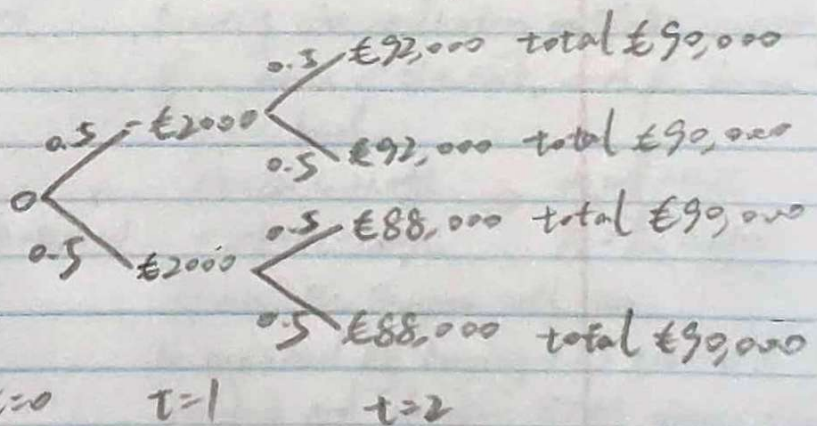
$$94,000 - 2000 = 92,000$$

$$90,000 + 2000 = 92,000$$

$$90,000 - 2000 = 88,000$$

$$86,000 + 2000 = 88,000$$

The producer's cash flow is:



b) By the no-arbitrage pricing formula,

we have:

$$0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (\lambda(0.92-X) + (1-\lambda)(0.88-X))$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda}{1+r} (\lambda(0.94-X) + (1-\lambda)(0.90-X))$$

$$+ \frac{1-\lambda}{1+r} (\lambda(0.90-X) + (1-\lambda)(0.86-X))$$

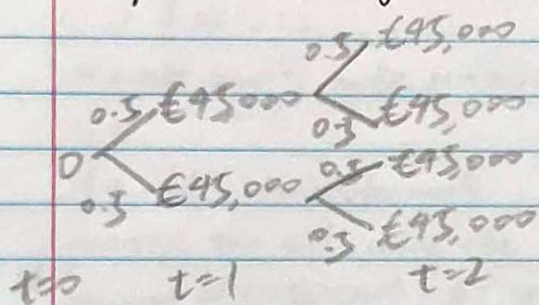
$$\Rightarrow X(1+\frac{1}{1+r}) = 0.88 + 0.04\lambda + \frac{1}{1+r}(0.86 + 0.08\lambda)$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \frac{1.005}{2.005} (0.88 + 0.04 + \frac{1}{1.005}(0.86 + 0.04))$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \pounds 0.90$$

$$5000 \cdot X = \pounds 45,000$$

The producer's cash flow:



$$c) q_1(0.92) = \frac{1}{1+r} (\lambda(0 + (1-\lambda)(K - 0.90 \times 1000))$$

$$= \frac{1-\lambda}{1+r} (K - 900)$$

$$= \frac{0.5}{1.005} \times 0 = \frac{0}{1.005}$$

$$\approx \pounds 4.98$$

$$q_1(0.88) = \frac{1}{1+r} (\lambda(K - 0.90 \times 1000) + (1-\lambda)(K - 0.86 \times 1000))$$

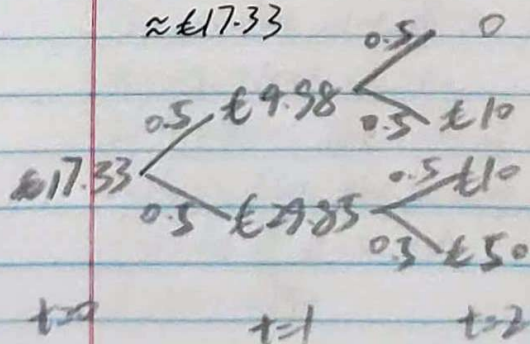
$$= \frac{1}{1+r} (\lambda \cdot 10 + (1-\lambda) \cdot 50)$$

$$= \frac{30}{1.005}$$

$$\approx \pounds 29.85$$

$$q_0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (\lambda \times 4.98 + (1-\lambda) \times 29.85)$$

$$\approx \pounds 17.33$$



2. (a) Not correct.

The investor shouldn't use historic probabilities to estimate the price.

There is no arbitrage only if pricing under neutral probability measure, denoted as $\{\pi, 1-\pi\}$.

$$q_0 = \frac{1}{1+r} (\lambda q_u + (1-\lambda) q_d)$$

plug in numbers, we get:

$$100 = \frac{1}{1.04} (120\pi + 80(1-\pi)) = \frac{1}{1.04} (40\pi + 80)$$

$$\Rightarrow 104 = 40\pi + 80 \Rightarrow 24 = 40\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi = 0.6$$

$$1-\pi = 0.4$$

b) If $q_u = \$120 > K = \90 , exercise the option, payoff is $\$120 - \$90 = \$30$.

If $q_d = \$80 < K = \90 , the investor won't exercise, the payoff is 0.

Denoting the replicating portfolio consisting of α_c shares of the stock, and β_c shares of the bond.

$$30 = 120\alpha_c + 1.04\beta_c \Rightarrow \alpha_c = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$0 = 80\alpha_c + 1.04\beta_c \Rightarrow \beta_c = \frac{-60}{1.04} \approx -57.69$$

Hence, the European call can be replicated by buying 0.75 shares of the stock and shorting 57.69 shares of bond.

The option price at $t=0$ is:

$$q_0 = \frac{3}{4} \times 100 - 57.69 = \$17.31$$

c) Suppose that $q_c < \$17.31$.

Consider a portfolio consisting of 1 share of option, $\alpha_c = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$ shares of stock, and buys 57.69 shares of bond.

The market value of the portfolio is:
 $q_c - 100d_c - p_c < 0$.

Suppose $q_u = \$120$, then investor exercise the call, gets \$130, and gets back $1.04 \times 57.69 = 60$ on the bond holding.

\therefore The investor ends up \$90 to get.

The investor uses the payment to buy $d_c = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$ shares of stock at \$120 and pays back the debt.

Since $\frac{3}{4} \times 120 = 90$, the net payoff on the portfolio is 0.

If $q_u = \$80$, the investor won't exercise the call, using the payment of $1.04 \times 57.69 = 60$ to buy $\frac{3}{4}$ shares of stock at \$80, paying back the debt.

Since $\frac{3}{4} \times 80 = 60$, the net payoff on the portfolio is 0.

Suppose now $q_c > \$17.31$.

Then at $t=0$, the investor shorts 1 call option, buys $\frac{3}{4}$ shares of the stock, and shorts 57.69 shares of bond.

The market value of the portfolio is: $-q_c + 100d_c + p_c < 0$.

If $q_u = \$120$, the value of the call is \$30, the investor sells $\frac{3}{4}$ shares of stock, get $\frac{3}{4} \times \$120 = \90 .

The investor returns \$30 for the call option, and pays back the debt on bond:

$$1.04 \times 57.69 = 60.$$

Since $\$90 + \$60 = \$150$, the net payoff is 0.

If $q_u = \$80$, the value of the call is 0, the investor sells $\frac{3}{4}$ shares of the stock, gets $\frac{3}{4} \times 80 = \60 .

The debt on the bond this investor needs to payback is $1.04 \times 57.69 = \$60$. The net payoff is 0.

Hence, there is arbitrage opportunity.

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The value of immediate exercise is
$$V_o(K) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } K \leq 100 \\ K - 100 & \text{if } K > 100. \end{cases}$$

If not exercised at $t=0$, it's equivalent to the European call with strike K and maturity date $t=1$.

The European put option will be exercised iff $q_u = \$80$.

The value of this European put option:

$$q_p(K) = \frac{1.2}{1.04} (K - q_u) = \frac{0.4}{1.04} (K - 80)$$

$$V_o(K) \geq q_p(K)$$

$$K - 90 \geq \frac{1.2}{1.04} (K - 80)$$

$$K - 100 \geq \frac{0.4}{1.04} (K - 80)$$

$$K \geq 112.5$$

The American put option will be exercised prematurely iff

$$120 > K \geq 112.5.$$