

Derivatives Pricing and Financial Modelling

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Tutorial 8: Solutions

1. See the MSc web page <http://www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~andrewc/msc> for an Excel spreadsheet which deals with this problem.

The model is:

$$P(t+1, T+t) = \begin{cases} u(T) \frac{P(t,t+T)}{P(t,t+1)} & \text{if up} \\ d(T) \frac{P(t,t+T)}{P(t,t+1)} & \text{if down} \end{cases}$$

Recombining tree implies that:

$$u(T) = \frac{1}{(1-\pi)k^{T-1} + \pi}$$

$$d(T) = \frac{k^{T-1}}{(1-\pi)k^{T-1} + \pi}$$

$$\text{where } \pi = Pr_Q(up) = \frac{1-d(2)}{u(2)-d(2)} = 0.8$$

$$\text{and } k = \frac{d(2)}{u(2)} = 0.950495$$

(a) Hence

T	2	3	4	5	6	7
$u(T)$	1.01	1.0197	1.0291	1.0382	1.0469	1.0554
$d(T)$	0.96	0.9212	0.8837	0.8474	0.8122	0.7783

(b) $\pi = 0.8$

(c)

$$P(0, 3) = 0.87$$

$$P(t, 3, i) = \text{Price at } t \text{ after } i \text{ down steps}$$

$$P(1, 3, 0) = u(3)P(0, 3)/P(0, 1) = 0.9241$$

$$P(1, 3, 1) = d(3)P(0, 3)/P(0, 1) = 0.8348$$

$$P(1, 2, 0) = u(2)P(0, 2)/P(0, 1) = 0.9679$$

$$P(1, 2, 1) = d(2)P(0, 2)/P(0, 1) = 0.92$$

$$\Rightarrow P(2, 3, 0) = u(2)P(1, 3, 0)/P(1, 2, 0) = 0.9643$$

$$P(2, 3, 1) = u(2)P(1, 3, 1)/P(1, 2, 1)$$

$$= d(2)P(1, 3, 0)/P(1, 2, 0) = 0.9165$$

$$P(2, 3, 2) = d(2)P(1, 3, 1)/P(1, 2, 1) = 0.8711$$

Cash accumulation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(t+1, i) &= \begin{cases} B(t, i)/P(t, t+1, i) & \text{after an up} \\ B(t, i-1)/P(t, t+1, i-1) & \text{after a down} \end{cases} \\
 \Rightarrow B(1, i) &= 1/0.96 \quad i = 0, 1 \\
 B(2, 0) &= 1/0.96 \times 0.9679 \\
 B(2, 1) &= \begin{cases} 1/0.96 \times 0.9679 & \text{if up-down} \\ 1/0.96 \times 0.92 & \text{if down-up} \end{cases} \\
 B(2, 2) &= 1/0.96 \times 0.92
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

outcome	Put payoff, $X = V(2)$	$B(2)$	Probability
up-up	0	1.0762	0.64
up-down	0.0435	1.0762	0.16
down-up	0.0435	1.1322	0.16
down-down	0.0889	1.1322	0.04

(d) Hence the price at time 0 is:

$$V(0, 0) = \sum_{\omega} \frac{X(\omega)}{B(2)(\omega)} Pr_Q(\{\omega\}) = 0.0158$$

Alternatively:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(1, 0) &= P(1, 2, 0) (\pi V(2, 0) + (1 - \pi)V(2, 1)) = 0.0084 \\
 V(1, 1) &= P(1, 2, 1) (\pi V(2, 1) + (1 - \pi)V(2, 2)) = 0.0484 \\
 V(0, 0) &= P(0, 1, 0) (\pi V(1, 0) + (1 - \pi)V(1, 1)) = 0.0157
 \end{aligned}$$

(e) i. At $(t, i) = (1, 0)$ hold an amount $a(1, 0)$ in cash plus $b(1, 0)$ units of $P(1, 3, 0)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{up} &\Rightarrow \frac{a(1, 0)}{P(1, 2, 0)} + b(1, 0)P(2, 3, 0) = 0 \\
 \text{down} &\Rightarrow \frac{a(1, 0)}{P(1, 2, 0)} + b(1, 0)P(2, 3, 1) = 0.0435 \\
 &\Rightarrow b(1, 0) = -0.9100 \\
 &\quad a(1, 0) = 0.8493 \\
 &\Rightarrow \text{Value at } (t, i) = (1, 0), V(1, 0) = a(1, 0) + b(1, 0)P(1, 3, 0) \\
 &\quad = 0.0084
 \end{aligned}$$

At $(t, i) = (1, 1)$ hold $a(1, 1)$ cash plus $b(1, 1)$ units of $P(1, 3, 0)$. Then

$$\text{up} \Rightarrow \frac{a(1, 1)}{P(1, 2, 1)} + b(1, 1)P(2, 3, 1) = 0.0435$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{down} \Rightarrow \frac{a(1,1)}{P(1,2,1)} + b(1,1)P(2,3,2) &= 0.0880 \\
&\Rightarrow b(1,1) = -1 \\
&\quad a(1,1) = 0.8832 \\
\Rightarrow \text{Value at } (t,i) = (1,1), V(1,1) &= a(1,1) + b(1,1)P(1,3,1) \\
&= 0.0484
\end{aligned}$$

At time 0 hold $a(0,0)$ cash plus $b(0,0)$ units of $P(0,3)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{up} \Rightarrow \frac{a(0,0)}{P(0,1)} + b(0,0)P(1,3,0) &= V(1,0) \\
\text{down} \Rightarrow \frac{a(0,0)}{P(0,1)} + b(0,0)P(1,3,1) &= V(1,1) \\
&\Rightarrow b(0,0) = -0.4479 \\
&\quad a(0,0) = 0.4054 \\
\Rightarrow \text{Value at } (t,i) = (0,0), V(0,0) &= a(0,0) + b(0,0)P(0,3) \\
&= 0.0157
\end{aligned}$$

(This is slightly different to the previous solution due to rounding errors.)

ii. The prices of $P(t,6)$ in the tree are:

$$\begin{array}{r}
0.853891 \\
0.796115 \\
0.73 \quad 0.696951 \\
0.617625 \\
0.568855
\end{array}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
b(1,0) &= -0.27692 \\
a(1,0) &= 0.22887 \\
\Rightarrow V(1,0) &= 0.00841 \\
b(1,1) &= -0.35427 \\
a(1,1) &= 0.26714 \\
\Rightarrow V(1,1) &= 0.04833 \\
b(0,0) &= -0.22365 \\
a(0,0) &= 0.17900 \\
\Rightarrow V(0,0) &= 0.01574
\end{aligned}$$

Comment: the holdings in $P(t,6)$ are always closer to zero than those in $P(t,3)$. This is because the longer-dated bonds have more volatile prices.

2. (a) See the MSc web page <http://www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~andrewc/msc> for an Excel spreadsheet which deals with this problem.

$t =$	0	1	2	3	4
State j	$r(t, j)$				
0	0.06	0.065	0.07	0.075	0.08
1		0.055	0.06	0.065	0.07
2			0.05	0.055	0.06
3				0.045	0.05
4					0.04
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$P(t, 1, j)$					
0	0.941765	1			
1		1			
2					
3					
4					
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$P(t, 2, j)$					
0	0.887818	0.937067	1		
1		0.946485	1		
2			1		
3					
4					
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$P(t, 3, j)$					
0	0.837830	0.878985	0.932394	1	
1		0.896741	0.941765	1	
2			0.951229	1	
3				1	
4					
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$P(t, 4, j)$					
0	0.791495	0.825356	0.870238	0.927743	1
1		0.850492	0.887818	0.937067	1
2			0.905754	0.946485	1
3				0.955997	1
4					1

In the table prices are calculated using the backwards recursion formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t, T) &= P(t, t+1)E_Q[P(t+1, T) \mid \mathcal{F}_t] \\
 \text{e.g. } P(0, 2) &= P(0, 1)E_Q[\hat{p}P(1, 2, 0) + (1 - \hat{p})P(1, 2, 1)] \\
 &= e^{-0.06}(0.4 \times e^{-0.065} + 0.6 \times e^{-0.055}) \\
 &= 0.887818
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \rho_4(P(0,1) + P(0,2) + P(0,3) + P(0,4)) + P(0,4) \\ \Rightarrow \rho_4 &= 0.060281 \end{aligned}$$

(c) **Terminology:** *The rate $R_n = \exp(r_n) - 1$ would normally be what is called 12-month LIBOR in the market-place.*

Consider the following hedge for A:

- Enter into one swap contract receiving $R_n = \exp(r_n) - 1$ from B and paying R^* to B.
- At time 0 buy 1 unit of the par bond at a total cost of R^*/ρ_4 .
- At time 0 borrow cash of 1. The interest on the outstanding capital on the loan payable at the end of each year is at the rate of $R_n = \exp(r_n) - 1$ per annum. The loan will be fully repaid at time 4.
- At time 1 the net cashflow to A is 0: that is, R^* from the par bond minus R_1 to service the loan plus R_1 from B minus R^* payable to B. The capital outstanding on the loan is still 1.
- At time 2 the net cashflow to A is 0: that is, R^* from the par bond minus R_2 to service the loan plus R_2 from B minus R^* payable to B. The capital outstanding on the loan is still 1.
- At time 3 the net cashflow to A is 0: that is, R^* from the par bond minus R_3 to service the loan plus R_3 from B minus R^* payable to B. The capital outstanding on the loan is still 1.
- At time 4 the net cashflow to A is 0: that is, $1 + R^*$ from the par bond, minus R_4 to service the loan minus 1 to repay the loan, plus R_4 from B, minus R^* payable to B.
- There are no further cashflows.

Since the future cashflows are all 0 with certainty, the law of one price dictates that this portfolio must have zero value at time 0.

Thus the fair swap rate R^* to have zero value to A and B at time 0 is the 4-year par yield ρ_4 .

The above hedge but with $R^* = 0.06$ will leave A with surplus income of $\rho_4 - 0.06$ at times 1, 2, 3 and 4. Hence the value of the contract to A will be $(0.060281 - 0.06)(P(0,1) + P(0,2) + P(0,3) + P(0,4)) = 0.000972$.

(d) A will enter into the contract at time 1 if the 3-year par yield at time 1 is greater than R^* .

The value of the contract is then:

$$\max\{0, (\rho_4 - R^*) \sum_{s=2}^4 P(1, s)\} = \begin{cases} \max\{0, +0.016159\} = 0.016159 & \text{if up} \\ \max\{0, -0.012115\} = 0 & \text{if down} \end{cases}$$

The value of the contract at time 0 is:

$$V(0) = P(0, 1) (\hat{p} \times 0.016159 + (1 - \hat{p}) \times 0) = 0.006087$$

The swaption can never have a negative value as the option will only be exercised if there is a positive profit for A.

(e) The value at time 2 of the convertible bond is:

$$V(2, i) = \max\{1.06P(2, 4, i), P(2, 3, i)\} = \begin{cases} 0.932394 & i = 0 \\ 0.941765 & i = 1 \\ 0.960099 & i = 2 \text{ (conversion exercised)} \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} V(1, i) &= P(1, 2, i)(\hat{p}V(2, i) + (1 - \hat{p})V(2, i + 1)) \\ \Rightarrow V(1, 0) &= 0.878985 = P(1, 3, 0) \\ V(1, 1) &= 0.901778 > P(1, 3, 1) \\ V(0, 0) &= P(0, 1, 0)(\hat{p}V(1, 0) + (1 - \hat{p})V(1, 1)) \\ &= 0.840676 > P(0, 3) \end{aligned}$$

3. (a) From remark 3.2.1 and Corollary 3.2.2 we have:

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &= F(0, t, t + 1) - \log u(t + 1) - D_t \log k \\ \text{where } D_t &= \sum_{s=1}^t I_s \\ u(t + 1) &= \frac{1}{(1 - q)k^t + q} \\ k &< 1 \\ \text{Also } r(t) &= r(0) + \delta(2D_t - t) \text{ (the equilibrium model)} \\ \Rightarrow 2\delta &= -\log k \\ \Rightarrow k &= e^{-2\delta} \\ \Rightarrow F(0, t, t + 1) &= r(0) - \delta t + \log u(t + 1) \\ &= r(0) - \delta t - \log [(1 - q)e^{-2\delta t} + q] \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} F(0, t, t + 1) &= r(0)T - \delta \frac{1}{2}T(T - 1) + \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \log u(t + 1) \\ \Rightarrow P(0, T) &= \exp \left[- \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} F(0, t, t + 1) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[-r(0)T + \delta \frac{1}{2}T(T - 1) - \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \log u(t + 1) \right] \\ \text{or } P(t, T, r(t)) &= \exp \left[-r(t)(T - t) + \delta \frac{1}{2}(T - t)(T - t - 1) - \sum_{s=0}^{T-t-1} \log u(s + 1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Given T we can see that, trivially, the result is true for $t = T - 1$.
Suppose the result is true for $t = \tau + 1, \dots, T - 1$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(\tau, T, r(\tau)) \\
&= e^{-r(\tau)} [(1 - q)P(\tau + 1, T, r(\tau) + \delta) + qP(\tau + 1, T, r(\tau) - \delta)] \\
&= e^{-r(\tau)} \left[(1 - q) \exp \left(-(r(\tau) + \delta)(T - \tau - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \delta (T - \tau - 1)(T - \tau - 2) - \sum_{s=0}^{T-\tau-2} \log u(s + 1) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + q \exp \left(-(r(\tau) - \delta)(T - \tau - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \delta (T - \tau - 1)(T - \tau - 2) - \sum_{s=0}^{T-\tau-2} \log u(s + 1) \right) \right] \\
&= \exp \left[-r(\tau)(T - \tau) - \frac{1}{2} \delta (T - \tau)(T - \tau - 1) - \sum_{s=0}^{T-\tau-2} \log u(s + 1) \right] \\
&\quad \times \left\{ (1 - q)e^{-2\delta(T-\tau-1)} + q \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

But:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - q)e^{-2\delta(T-\tau-1)} + q &= (1 - q)k^{T-\tau-1} + q \\
&= \frac{1}{u(T - \tau)} \\
\Rightarrow P(\tau, T, r(\tau)) &= \exp \left[-r(\tau)(T - \tau) - \frac{1}{2} \delta (T - \tau)(T - \tau - 1) - \sum_{s=0}^{T-\tau-1} \log u(s + 1) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

So the result is true for $t = \tau$.

By induction the result is true for $t = T - 1, T - 2, \dots, 1, 0$: that is:

$$P(0, T) = \exp \left[-r(0)T + \delta \frac{1}{2} T(T - 1) - \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \log u(t + 1) \right]$$

Not used in 2001-2004.

4.

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_F(t) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} F(t, T-1, T) \\
 F(t, T-1, T) &= F(0, T-1, T) + \log \frac{u(T-t)}{u(T)} - D_t \log k \\
 \text{now } \log \frac{u(T-t)}{u(T)} &= \log \frac{(1-q)k^{T-1} + q}{(1-q)k^{T-t-1} + q} \\
 &\rightarrow \log \frac{q}{q} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

since $0 < k < 1$.

Hence $l_F(t) = l_F(0) - D_t \log k$.

Since $\log k < 0$ and D_t is increasing, $l_F(t)$ is increasing as required.

Not used in 2004.

5. Let $U_t = \sum_{s=1}^t I_s$ be the number of up steps in prices up to time t .

Notation: $P(t, T, U_t) = P(t, T)$ given U_t up steps.

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{d(2)}{u(2)} \\ \pi &= \frac{1 - d(2)}{u(2) - d(2)} \\ u(T) &= \frac{1}{(1 - \pi)k^{T-1} + \pi} \\ d(T) &= \frac{k^{T-1}}{(1 - \pi)k^{T-1} + \pi} \\ \frac{u(T)}{d(T)} &= k^{-(T-1)} \end{aligned}$$

Consider $t = 0$.

$$P(0, T) = \frac{P(0, T)}{P(0, 0)} \exp \left[- \sum_{s=1}^T \log \frac{d(s)}{d(s)} - (T - t)U_0 \right]$$

so the result is true for $t = 0$.

Suppose the result is true for $t > 0$.

We can write:

$$\begin{aligned} P(t+1, T, U_{t+1}) &= \begin{cases} u(T-t)P(t, T, U_t)/P(t, t+1, U_t) & \text{if up} \\ d(T-t)P(t, T, U_t)/P(t, t+1, U_t) & \text{if down} \end{cases} \\ &= d(T-t)k^{-(T-t-1)I_{t+1}}P(t, T, U_t)/P(t, t+1, U_t) \\ &= \frac{d(T-t)}{k^{(T-t-1)I_{t+1}}} \frac{\exp \left[- \sum_{s=t+1}^T \log \frac{d(s-t)}{d(s)} - (T-t)U_t \log k \right] \frac{P(0, T)}{P(0, t)}}{\exp \left[- \sum_{s=t+1}^{t+1} \log \frac{d(s-t)}{d(s)} - U_t \log k \right] \frac{P(0, t+1)}{P(0, t)}} \\ &= \frac{P(0, T)}{P(0, t+1)} \exp \left[\log d(T-t) - \sum_{t+1}^T \log d(s-t) + \sum_{s=t+1}^T \log d(s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \log d(t+1) + \log d(1) - (T-t-1)I_{t+1} \log k - (T-t-1)U_t \log k \right] \\ &= \frac{P(0, T)}{P(0, t+1)} \exp \left[- \sum_{s=t+2}^T \log \frac{d(s-t-1)}{d(s)} - (T-t-1)U_{t+1} \log k \right] \end{aligned}$$

as required.

So the result follows by induction.