

MATH4210: Financial Mathematics Tutorial 10

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No Arbitrage Principle

A self-financing portfolio (what is the definition?) $(\Pi_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$, such that

$$\Pi_0 = 0, \mathbb{P}[\Pi_t \geq 0] = 1, \text{ and } \mathbb{P}[\Pi_t > 0] > 0$$

for any $t \in [0, T]$, then we say that Π is an arbitrage.

In the context of pricing theories, we always assume the no arbitrage principle: no such self-financing portfolio exists in the market. What happens if such arbitrage opportunities exist (take an example for stock price)?

S_t is the stock, $C(t)$ is the option price associated with S_t bank + S_t .

Π_t can replicated $C(T)$ s.t. $\forall t \in [t, T), \Pi_t \geq C(t)$
 $\Pi'(t)$: Buy $C(t)$ and short Π_t

Proposition (Law of One Price)

Cash flows

If two portfolios have the same (profit) at maturity time T , then for all prior times $t < T$, the price of the portfolio's must be equal.

Question

Show that the European put options with strike price K and maturity at time T satisfies $P_E(t, K) > Ke^{-r(T-t)} - S(t)$ for all $t < T$, where $S(t)$ is the stock price, r is the continuous compounded interest rate.

① Suppose that: $\exists t_0 < T$ s.t. $P_E(t_0) \leq Ke^{-r(T-t_0)} - S(t_0)$.

② Construct π : $\pi(t_0) = \underbrace{P_E(t_0)}_{\text{buy low}} - \underbrace{(Ke^{-r(T-t_0)} - S(t_0))}_{\text{sell high}}$.

long \checkmark $P_E(t_0)$, long \checkmark $S(t_0)$. short \checkmark $Ke^{-r(T-t_0)}$

$$\pi(t_0) \leq 0.$$

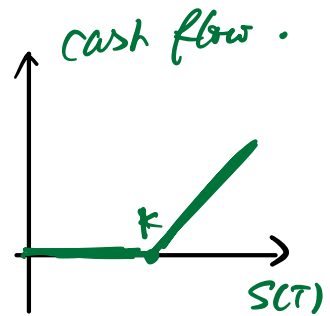
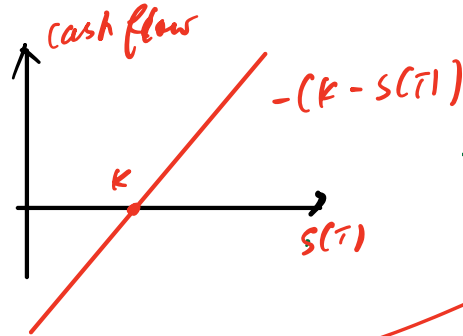
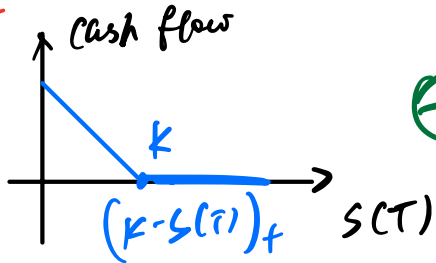
③. Show π is an arbitrage.

If we arrive T , then

$$\pi(T) = P_E(T) - (K - S(T))$$

Method 2

$$= (K - S(T))_+ - (K - S(T))$$



We can conclude that

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{P}[\pi(T) \geq 0] = 1 \\ \mathbb{P}[\pi(T) > 0] = \mathbb{P}[S(T) > K] > 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \pi$ can define an arbitrage, the contradiction holds.

Method 2 :

$$\pi(T) = (K - S(T))_+ - (K - S(T))$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } S(T) \leq K \\ S(T) - K & \text{if } S(T) > K. \end{cases}$$

$$\geq 0$$

Options

① Suppose $P_E(t_0, T_1) \geq P_E(t_0, T_2)$ for some $t_0 \leq T_1$.

② Construct $\pi(t_0) = P_E(t_0, T_2) - P_E(t_0, T_1)$ long $P_E(t_0, T_2)$, short $P_E(t_0, T_1)$.

③ Show π is an arbitrage strategy.

use last question's result.

Question $P_E(t, T) > 0$, and $C_E(t, T) > 0, \forall t < T$

Two vanilla put options are identical except for the maturity dates $T_1 < T_2$. If the interest rate is zero between T_1 and T_2 , then $P_E(t, T_1) < P_E(t, T_2)$ at any time $t \leq T_1$.

At $t = T_1$, then $\pi(T_1) = P_E(T_1, T_2) - P_E(T_1, T_1)$.

$$= P_E(T_1, T_2) - (K - S(T_1)) +$$

If $S(T_1) > K$: we don't exercise anything, $\pi(T_1) = P_E(T_1, T_2) > 0$

If $S(T_1) \leq K$, then $\pi(T_1) = P_E(T_1, T_2) - (K - S(T_1)) > K - S(T_1) - (K - S(T_1)) = 0$.

put - call parity.

Question

Suppose two put European options are identical except for the strike prices $0 < K_1 < K_2$, show that

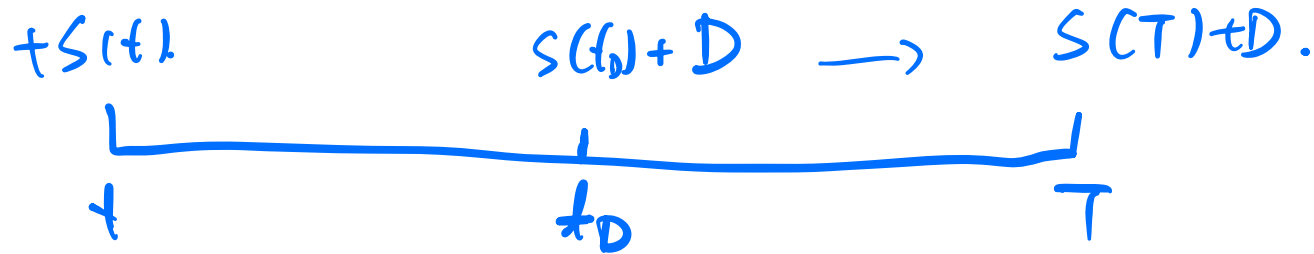
$$0 < C_E(t, K_1) - C_E(t, K_2) < (K_2 - K_1) e^{-r(T-t)}$$
$$0 < P_E(t, K_2) - P_E(t, K_1) < (K_2 - K_1) e^{-r(T-t)},$$

at any time t before maturity T .

① Suppose $P_E(t, K_2) - P_E(t, K_1) \leq 0$ for some $t < T$

Suppose $P_E(t, K_2) - P_E(t, K_1) \geq (K_2 - K_1) e^{-r(T-t)}$ for some $t < T$.

Options



Question (Put-Call Parity Relation with Dividend)

Prove the following. Assume that the value of the dividends of the stock paid during $[t, T]$ is a deterministic constant D at time $t_D \in (t, T]$. Let $S(t)$ be the stock price, r be the continuous compounding interest rate, $C_E(t, K)$ and $P_E(t, K)$ be the prices of European call and put option at time t with strike K and maturity T respectively. We have

$$C_E(t, K) - P_E(t, K) = S(t) - Ke^{-r(T-t)} - De^{-r(t_D-t)}$$

$$\pi_1(t) = C_E(t, K) - P_E(t, K) \quad \rightarrow \quad \pi_1(T) = C_E(T, K) - P_E(T, K) = S(T) - K$$

$$\pi_2(t) = S(t) - Ke^{-r(T-t)} - De^{-r(t_D-t)}$$

$$\rightarrow \pi_2(t_D) = S(t_D) - Ke^{-r(T-t_D)} - \cancel{D} + \cancel{D} = S(t_D) - Ke^{-r(T-t_D)} \Rightarrow \pi_2(T) = \pi_1(T)$$

Forward



Question

Under no arbitrage opportunity assumptions and assume the continuous compounded interest rate is r , if the stock pays no dividend, show that $F(t, T) = S(t)e^{r(T-t)}$ for $t \geq T$.

$\pi_1(t)$: long $F(t, T)$, long $F(t, T)e^{-r(T-t)}$

$\pi_2(t)$: long $S(t)$

$$\pi_1(T) = (S(T) - \cancel{F(t, T)}) + (\cancel{F(t, T) \cdot e^{-r(T-t)}}) \cdot \cancel{e^{r(T-t)}}$$

$$= S(T) = \pi_2(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall t \in [0, T], \pi_1(t) = \pi_2(t) \Rightarrow F(t, T)e^{-r(T-t)} = S(t)$$
$$\Rightarrow F(t, T) = S(t) \cdot e^{r(T-t)}$$

Forward

$$\pi_2(0) = S(0) : \text{long } S(0) \text{ at time } 0.$$

$$\pi_2(t) = S(t) + \cancel{d} S(t) = (1+d) S(t)$$

$$\pi_2(T) = (1+d) S(T)$$

Question

Suppose the stock pay a dividend $d \times S(t)$ at time t , where $0 < t < T$ and $0 < d < 1$, show its forward price $F(0, T) = \frac{1}{1+d} S(0) e^{rT}$.

$$\pi_1(0) : \text{long } (1+d) F(0, T), \text{ long } (1+d) F(0, T) e^{-rT}$$

$$\pi_1(T) = (1+d) (S(T) - \cancel{F(0, T)}) + (1+d) \cancel{F(0, T)}$$

$$= (1+d) S(T) = \pi_2(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(0) = \pi_2(0) \Rightarrow (1+d) \cdot F(0, T) e^{-rT} = S(0)$$
$$\Rightarrow F(0, T) = \frac{1}{1+d} \cdot S(0) \cdot e^{rT}$$