

STK-MAT3700

Mandatory assignment 1 of 1

Submission deadline

Thursday 14th OCTOBER 2021, 14:30 in Canvas (canvas.uio.no).

Instructions

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GOOD LUCK!

To pass the assignment you need a score of at least 50p. All questions have equal weight.

Problem 1. In this problem we review some of the concepts in Lectures 2 and 3.

1. (10p) What is better, monthly compounding at 7.4% or semi-annually compounding at 7.5%?
2. (10p) How much can you borrow if the annual interest rate is 5%, you can afford to pay NOK10000 each month and you want to clear the loan in 25 years?
3. (10p) Let C^E, P^E, C^A , and P^A denote prices of a European call option, a European put option, an American call option and an American put option, respectively. All of them with expiry time T and the same strike price K . Let $r \geq 0$ be the continuously compounded interest rate. Show that:

a) If

$$C^E - P^E - S(0) + Ke^{-rT} < 0,$$

then you can make a sure risk-less profit.

b) If

$$C^A - P^A - S(0) + Ke^{-rT} > 0,$$

then you can make a sure risk-less profit.

4. (10p) A call option with strike price of NOK60 costs NOK6. A put option with the same strike and expiration date costs NOK4. Construct a table that shows the profit from a straddle. For what range of stock prices would the straddle lead to a loss? You may assume that the interest rate is zero.

Problem 2. Consider a single-period market consisting of a probability space $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$, a probability measure $P(\omega) > 0, \omega \in \Omega$, a bank account with $B(0) = 1$, and $B(1) = 1$, and two risky assets, denoted by $S_1 = \{S_1(t)\}_{t=0,1}$ and $S_2 = \{S_2(t)\}_{t=0,1}$

$$S_1(0) = 7, \quad S_1(1, \omega) = \begin{cases} 9 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1 \\ 7 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2 \\ 4 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_3 \end{cases},$$

$$S_2(0) = 3, \quad S_2(1, \omega) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1 \\ 6 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2 \\ 3 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_3 \end{cases}.$$

In this market :

1. (10p) Define dominant trading strategy and arbitrage opportunity. How are these concepts related?

2. (10p) Define linear pricing measure and risk neutral pricing measure. How are these concepts related?
3. (10p) What is the law of one price? How is it related with the previous concepts of pricing measures?
4. (10p) Does this market contain dominant trading strategies? Does it contain arbitrage opportunities? Check if the following strategies are dominant and/or arbitrage opportunities

a) $H = (-6, 0, 2)^T$.

b) $H = (-10, 1, 1)^T$.

Note: Adapt the general definitions to this particular market with two risky assets and three possible states of the economy.

Problem 3. Consider a single-period market consisting of a probability space $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$, a probability measure $P(\omega) > 0, \omega \in \Omega$, a bank account with $B(0) = 1$, and $B(1) = 1 + r$, where $r \geq 0$ is a given interest rate, and one risky asset, denoted by $S_1 = \{S_1(t)\}_{t=0,1}$,

$$S_1(0) = 3, \quad S_1(1, \omega) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1 \\ 3 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2 \\ 2 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_3 \end{cases}.$$

1. (10p) Determine the risk-neutral probability measures. Is the market free of arbitrage? Discuss the result in terms of the possible values of r .
2. (10p) What is the definition of a complete market? Is the market complete? Determine (characterize) the attainable claims. Discuss the result in terms of the possible values of r .
3. (10p) Set $r = 1/6$. Consider the contingent claim $X = (4, 7/2, 4)^T$. Determine the arbitrage-free prices of X .
4. (10p) Set $r = 1/6$. Assume that in the market is introduced a new risky asset S_2 with $S_2(0) = \frac{6}{7}$. Give conditions on $S_2(1) = (S_2(1, \omega_1), S_2(1, \omega_2), S_2(1, \omega_3))^T$ such that the extended market is complete. Check if $S_2(1) = (3/2, 1/3, 1/4)^T$ completes the market and, if this is the case, give the unique risk neutral measure.

Solution Problem 1

1. The effective annual rate for the investment compounded monthly is given by

$$r_e = \left(1 + \frac{0.074}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 \simeq 0.7656,$$

and the effective annual rate for the investment compounded semi-annually is given by

$$r_e = \left(1 + \frac{0.075}{2}\right)^2 - 1 \simeq 0.7641.$$

As $0.7656 > 0.7641$, the monthly compounded investment is better.

2. From the point of view of the lender, the loan can be seen as an annuity with $25 \times 12 = 300$ payments of NOK10000 and with interest rate of $r = 0.05/12$. The total loan can be computed as the present value of the annuity, given by

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 10000 \times PA(0.05/12, 300) \\ &= 10000 \times \frac{1 - (1 + 0.05/12)^{-300}}{0.05/12} \\ &\simeq 1710600. \end{aligned}$$

3. To answer this question we will build risk-less strategies with positive profit.

a) Assume that

$$C^E - P^E - S(0) + Ke^{-rT} < 0.$$

At time 0

- Sell short one share for $S(0)$.
- Buy one call option for C^E .
- Write and sell one put option for P^E .
- Invest $S(0) - C^E + P^E$, (note that by assumption this quantity is positive), risk free at rate r .

The value of this portfolio is zero.

At time T :

- Close the money market position, collecting the amount

$$(S(0) - C^E + P^E) e^{rT}.$$

- Buy one share for K , either by:
 - exercising the call option if $S(T) > K$

- settling the short position in the put option if $S(T) \leq K$.
- Close the short selling position by returning the stock to the owner.

This will give a total profit of

$$(S(0) - C^E + P^E) e^{rT} - K > 0,$$

which is positive by assumption.

b) Assume that

$$C^A - P^A - S(0) + Ke^{-rT} > 0.$$

At time $t = 0$

- Sell a call, buy a put and buy a share, financing the transactions in the money market.

If the American call is exercised at $0 < t \leq T$:

- We get K for the share, closing the short call position.
- We close the money market position.
- We still have the put option which has a non negative value.

The final balance of this strategy is the value of the put at time t and the amount

$$\begin{aligned} K + (C^A - P^A - S(0)) e^{rt} &= (Ke^{-rt} + C^A - P^A - S(0)) e^{rt} \\ &\geq (Ke^{-rT} + C^A - P^A - S(0)) e^{rt} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

If the American call is not exercised:

- We sell the share for K , exercising the put option at time T .
- We close the money market position.

The final balance of this strategy gives us

$$K + (C^A - P^A - S(0)) e^{rT} > 0.$$

4. To make a straddle you buy a call option and a put option with the same strike K . The profit of the straddle as a function of the final price of the stock S_T is given by

$$P(S_T) = (S_T - K)^+ + (K - S_T)^+ - C^E(0) - P^E(0).$$

In this case, the table of profits is given by

S_T	Profit
$S_T < 60$	$50 - S_T$
$S_T > 60$	$S_T - 70$

If the final price of the stock lies in the interval $(50, 70)$ the strategy gives a loss.

Solution Problem 2

In the following definitions we take into account the particular instance of single-period market considered in this task. In particular, note that this market has only 2 risky securities. Moreover, $r \neq 0$ and the discounted price processes do not coincide with the price processes.

1. An **arbitrage opportunity** is a trading strategy $H = (H_0, H_1, H_2)^T$ such that its value process

$$V(t) = H_0 B(t) + H_1 S_1(t) + H_2 S_2(t), \quad t = 0, 1,$$

satisfies that $V(0) = 0$, $V(1, \omega) \geq 0$ for all $\omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$ and $\mathbb{E}[V(1)] > 0$.

A trading strategy H is **dominant** if there exists another trading strategy \hat{H} such that their value processes satisfy that $V(0) = \hat{V}(0)$ and $V(1, \omega) > \hat{V}(1, \omega)$ for all $\omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$.

If there exist dominant trading strategies then there exist arbitrage opportunities. However, the existence of arbitrage opportunities do not imply, in general, the existence of dominant trading strategies.

2. A **linear pricing measure** is a non-negative vector $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3)^T$ such that for every trading strategy H we have that

$$V^*(0) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \pi_k V^*(1, \omega_k),$$

where $V^* = \left\{ V^*(t) = \frac{V^*(t)}{B(t)} \right\}_{t=0,1}$ is the discounted value process associated to H .

A probability measure Q on Ω is a **risk neutral pricing measure** if $Q(\omega) > 0$, $\omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_Q[S_1^*(1)] &= S_1^*(0), \\ \mathbb{E}_Q[S_2^*(1)] &= S_2^*(0), \end{aligned}$$

where $S_i^* = \left\{ S_i^*(t) = \frac{S_i(t)}{B(t)} \right\}_{t=0,1}$ for $i = 1, 2$ are the discounted price processes for the two risky assets. A risk neutral pricing measure is always a linear pricing measure. However, a linear pricing measure is a risk neutral measure if only if all its components are strictly positive, i. e., $\pi > 0$.

3. A market model satisfies **the law of one price** if there do not exist two trading strategies H and \hat{H} such that their value processes satisfy that $V(0) > \hat{V}(0)$ and $V(1, \omega) = \hat{V}(1, \omega)$, for all $\omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$. In general we can only say that if the law of one price does not hold then the market model does not have linear pricing measures nor risk neutral probability measures.

4. As $r = 0$, the prices and the discounted prices coincide. We try to find a risk neutral probability measure or a linear pricing measure for this market, that is, a probability measure $Q=(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)^T$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &= S_1(0) = \mathbb{E}_Q[S_1(1)] = 9Q_1 + 7Q_2 + 4Q_3, \\ 3 &= S_2(0) = \mathbb{E}_Q[S_2(1)] = 3Q_1 + 6Q_2 + 3Q_3, \\ 1 &= Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3. \end{aligned}$$

This system of equations has the unique solution

$$Q = \left(\frac{3}{5}, 0, \frac{2}{5}\right)^T.$$

As $Q_2 = 0$, Q is not a risk neutral probability measure but a linear pricing measure. Hence, by the First Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing we can ensure that the market contains arbitrage opportunities. The fact that Q is a linear pricing measure ensure that the market does not contain dominant trading strategies.

a) Let $H = (-6, 0, 2)^T$. By the previous subsection we know that H cannot be a dominant trading strategy. Let's check if H is an arbitrage opportunity. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} V(0) &= H_0B(0) + H_1S_1(0) + H_2S_2(0) \\ &= -6 \times 1 + 0 \times 7 + 2 \times 3 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V(1, \omega_1) &= H_0B(1) + H_1S_1(1, \omega_1) + H_2S_2(1, \omega_1) \\ &= -6 \times 1 + 0 \times 9 + 2 \times 3 = 0 \geq 0, \\ V(1, \omega_2) &= H_0B(1) + H_1S_1(1, \omega_2) + H_2S_2(1, \omega_2) \\ &= -6 \times 1 + 0 \times 7 + 2 \times 6 = 6 > 0, \\ V(1, \omega_3) &= H_0B(1) + H_1S_1(1, \omega_3) + H_2S_2(1, \omega_3) \\ &= -6 \times 1 + 0 \times 4 + 2 \times 3 = 0 \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_P[V(1)] &= 0 \times P(\omega_1) + 6 \times P(\omega_2) + 0 \times P(\omega_3) \\ &= 6 \times P(\omega_2) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, H is an arbitrage opportunity.

b) Let $H = (-10, 1, 1)$. By the previous subsection we know that H cannot be a dominant trading strategy. Let's check if H is an arbitrage opportunity. Although

$$\begin{aligned} V(0) &= H_0 B(0) + H_1 S_1(0) + H_2 S_2(0), \\ &= -10 \times 1 + 1 \times 7 + 1 \times 3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} V(1, \omega_3) &= H_0 B(1) + H_1 S_1(1, \omega_3) + H_2 S_2(1, \omega_3) \\ &= -10 \times 1 + 1 \times 4 + 1 \times 3 = -3 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore H cannot be an arbitrage opportunity.

Solution Problem 3

1. We have that $S_1^*(0) = S_1(0) = 3$ and

$$S_1^*(1, \omega) = \begin{cases} 4(1+r)^{-1} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1 \\ 3(1+r)^{-1} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2 \\ 2(1+r)^{-1} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_3 \end{cases},$$

$$\Delta S_1^*(\omega) = \begin{cases} (1-3r)(1+r)^{-1} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1 \\ -3r(1+r)^{-1} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2 \\ -(1+3r)(1+r)^{-1} & \text{if } \omega = \omega_3 \end{cases}.$$

$Q = (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)^T$ is a risk neutral pricing measure if and only if Q is a probability measure and $\mathbb{E}_Q[\Delta S_1^*] = 0$, that is, the following equations are satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} (1-3r)Q_1 - 3rQ_2 - (1+3r)Q_3 &= 0, \\ Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 &= 0, \\ Q_1 > 0, Q_2 > 0, Q_3 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

These equations are equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3 &= 1 - Q_1 - Q_2, \\ 1 + 3r &= 2Q_1 + Q_2, \\ Q_1 > 0, Q_2 > 0, Q_3 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the second equation for Q_2 we get that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 &= 1 + 3r - 2Q_1, \\ Q_3 &= 1 - Q_1 - 1 - 3r + 2Q_1 = -3r + Q_1, \end{aligned}$$

and combining the previous expressions for Q_2 and Q_3 , the constraints $Q_2 > 0$ and $Q_3 > 0$ and the constraint Q_1 that $Q_1 < 1$ we get that, for $r \in [0, 1/3)$ the set of risk neutral probability measures $M(r)$ is given by

$$M(r) = \left\{ Q_\lambda = (\lambda, 1 + 3r - 2\lambda, -3r + \lambda)^T, \lambda \in \left(3r, \frac{1 + 3r}{2} \right) \right\}.$$

By the first fundamental theorem of asset pricing the market is arbitrage free iff the set of risk neutral pricing measures is non-empty. Hence, if $r \geq 1/3$ there are arbitrage opportunities because $M(r) = \emptyset$ and if $0 \leq r < 1/3$ then the market is arbitrage free because $M(r) \neq \emptyset$.

2. A single period market model is complete if any contingent claim X is attainable, that is, if for any contingent claim X there is a trading strategy H such that its value process at time 1 coincides with X , that is,

$$X = V(1) = H_0 B(1) + \sum_{n=1}^N H_n S_n(1).$$

The set of attainable claims $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3)^T$ is given by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= (1 + r) H_0 + 4H_1, \\ X_2 &= (1 + r) H_0 + 3H_1, \\ X_3 &= (1 + r) H_0 + 2H_1. \end{aligned}$$

From the first equation we get that $(1 + r) H_0 = X_1 - 4H_1$ and substituting in the second and third equation this expression for $(1 + r) H_0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_2 - X_1 &= -H_1, \\ X_3 - X_1 &= -2H_1, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$X_3 - 2X_2 + X_1 = 0. \tag{1}$$

Hence, the attainable claims are characterized by equation (1) which is an hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^3 . This implies that the market is not complete, regardless of the value of r .

Alternatively, if $r \in [0, 1/3)$ then $M(r) \neq \emptyset$ and, as we have shown in the previous section, there are infinitely many risk neutral pricing measures. Then, by the second fundamental theorem of asset pricing (SFTAP), it also follows that the market is incomplete. However, if $r \geq 1/3$ we cannot use the SFTAP to decide if the market is complete or not, because then $M(r) = \emptyset$ and the hypothesis in SFTAP does not hold.

3. If we set $r = 1/6$ we have that $B(1) = 7/6$ and

$$M(1/6) = \left\{ Q_\lambda = \left(\lambda, \frac{3}{2} - 2\lambda, \lambda - \frac{1}{2} \right)^T, \lambda \in (1/2, 3/4) \right\}.$$

The contingent claim $X = (4, 7/2, 4)^T$ does not satisfy the equation (1). Therefore, the claim X is not attainable and there is an interval of arbitrage free prices $[V_-(X), V_+(X)]$, where $V_-(X)$ is the lower hedging price of X and $V_+(X)$ is the upper hedging price of X . Moreover, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} V_-(X) &= \inf_{Q \in M(1/6)} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{X}{B(1)} \right] \right\} = \frac{6}{7} \inf_{\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)} \{ \mathbb{E}_{Q_\lambda} [X] \} \\ &= \frac{6}{7} \inf_{\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)} \left\{ 4\lambda + \frac{7}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} - 2\lambda \right) + 4 \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{6}{7} \inf_{\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)} \left\{ \lambda + \frac{13}{4} \right\} = \frac{6}{7} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{13}{4} \right\} \\ &= \frac{45}{14} \simeq 3.2143 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V_+(X) &= \sup_{Q \in M(1/6)} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{X}{B(1)} \right] \right\} = \frac{6}{7} \sup_{\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)} \{ \mathbb{E}_{Q_\lambda} [X] \} \\ &= \frac{6}{7} \sup_{\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)} \left\{ \lambda + \frac{13}{4} \right\} = \frac{6}{7} \left\{ \frac{3}{4} + \frac{13}{4} \right\} \\ &= \frac{24}{7} \simeq 3.4286. \end{aligned}$$

4. Let $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3)^T$ be an arbitrary contingent claim. The enlarged payoff matrix is given by

$$S(1, \Omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{6} & 4 & S_2(1, \omega_1) \\ \frac{7}{6} & 3 & S_2(1, \omega_2) \\ \frac{7}{6} & 2 & S_2(1, \omega_3) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The enlarged market is complete iff $S(1, \Omega)H = X$ always have a solution. As this is a system with 3 equations and 3 unknowns, it has a solution iff

$$\det(S(1, \Omega)) \neq 0.$$

We have that

$$\det(S(1, \Omega)) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{7}{6} & 4 & S_2(1, \omega_1) \\ \frac{7}{6} & 3 & S_2(1, \omega_2) \\ \frac{7}{6} & 2 & S_2(1, \omega_3) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{7}{6} \{-S_2(1, \omega_1) + 2S_2(1, \omega_2) - S_2(1, \omega_3)\}.$$

Therefore, the market is complete iff

$$-S_2(1, \omega_1) + 2S_2(1, \omega_2) - S_2(1, \omega_3) \neq 0. \quad (2)$$

However, this condition may be fulfilled and still have a market with arbitrages. That is, a market with no risk neutral probability measures (actually, if there are risk neutral probability measures there can only be one, by the SFTAP). In order to ensure the existence of risk neutral probability measure for BOTH assets, we will find a subset of $M(1/6)$ such that their elements are still risk neutral probability measures in the extended market. That is, the set of $Q \in M(1/6)$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[S_2^*(1)] = S_2^*(0) = S_2(0) = 6/7,$$

This translates to the following equation

$$S_2(1, \omega_1)\lambda + S_2(1, \omega_2)\left(\frac{3}{2} - 2\lambda\right) + S_2(1, \omega_3)\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1,$$

with $\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)$. From this equation we get that

$$\lambda = \frac{1 - \frac{3}{2}S_2(1, \omega_2) + \frac{1}{2}S_2(1, \omega_3)}{S_2(1, \omega_1) - 2S_2(1, \omega_2) + S_2(1, \omega_3)}, \quad (3)$$

which combined with $\lambda \in (1/2, 3/4)$ yields the following inequalities that ensure that the set of risk neutral measures in the enlarged market is non-empty

$$2 - S_2(1, \omega_2) - S_2(1, \omega_1) > 0, \quad (4)$$

$$4 - 3S_2(1, \omega_1) - S_2(1, \omega_3) < 0. \quad (5)$$

The conditions given by equations (2), (4), (5) ensure that the enlarged market is arbitrage free and complete. It is straightforward to check that $S_2(1) = (2, 1, 1/2)^T$ satisfies the previous set of equations and equation (3) gives

$$\lambda = \frac{1 - \frac{3}{2}\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{2} - 2\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{15}{26},$$

and we can conclude that the unique risk neutral measure in the extended market is given by

$$Q = Q_{\frac{15}{26}} = \left(\frac{15}{26}, \frac{9}{26}, \frac{2}{26}\right)^T.$$

Note: The statement of the problem is misleading because it implies that if the market is complete then necessarily we must have a unique risk neutral measure. But it well may be that the set of risk neutral probability measures is empty. For instance, if $S_2(1) = (1, 2, 1)^T$ then the market is complete, because equation (2) is satisfied, but there are no risk neutral probability measures, because equations (4) and (5) are not satisfied.