

## FORWARD CONTRACT

concept: GIVEN SECURITY  $S$  worth  $S(t)$  at time  $t$

$$\text{for } t \in \mathbb{T}, \quad \mathbb{T} = \begin{cases} 0, 1, \dots, T \\ [0, T] \end{cases}$$

\* Assume  $S(0)$  is given +  $S(t): \Omega \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{0\}$

We write contract to purchase security at time  $T$   
for value  $F(0, T)$

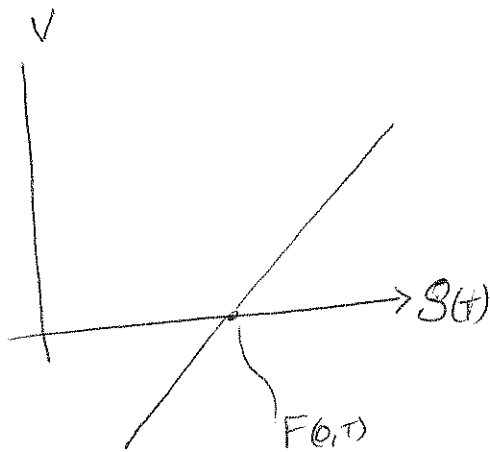
In general, a security  $S$  might involve transfers  
of money i.e. maintenance/dividend  
this is called cost of carry.

For now let us assume cost of carry = 0.

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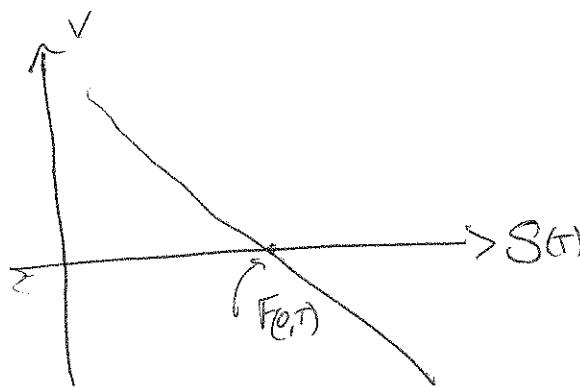
The value of the Future contract (payoff/liability)  
is the difference between the  
value of the security and the contracted exchange price.

If you hold the Future contract, the payoff is



$$V(t) = S(t) - F(0, T).$$

If you write the Future contract the payoff is inverted,



$$V(t) = F(0, T) - S(t).$$

To ~~to~~ determine the price the security should be traded at, we must include the time change of ~~the~~ money.

∴ Let  $A$  be a bond, with value  $A_t$  at time  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ .

Eg  $A_t = e^{rt}$ .

∴ Value of time 0\$ in time  $T$ \$ is  $\frac{A_T}{A_0}$ .

+ Value of time  $T$ \$ in time 0\$ is  $\frac{A_0}{A_T}$ .

Equivalently: discount factor  $\beta_T = \frac{A_0}{A_T}$ .

∴ PRICE TO EXCHANGE SECURITY FOR AT time T is

$$F(0,T) = S(0) \frac{1}{\beta_T} = S(0) \frac{A_T}{A_0}$$

Strategy to determine price:

Compare 1. Borrow to purchase stock + clear bond at time T. Short forward.

2. Short contract + invest. Long Forward.

First strategy

Suppose price of exchange offered is  $F > S(0) \frac{1}{\beta_T}$

Price of exchange is too high so we need to arrange to sell security @ time T.

Time  $t=0$ , ~~S~~ (i) Borrow  $S(0)$

(ii) Buy security for  $S(0)$ .

(iii) Short forward: Agree to sell at price  $F$  @ time T.

$$(\$ , S, F) = (-S(0), 1, -1) \leftarrow \text{portfolio.}$$

Time  $t=T$ . (i) Sell security for  $F$

(ii) close Bond, pay  $S(0) \frac{1}{\beta_T}$

$$V_T = F - S(0) \frac{1}{\beta_T} > 0 \quad \Downarrow \text{No arbitrage.}$$

$$\therefore F \leq S(0) \frac{1}{\beta_T}$$

Second case:

Suppose ~~the~~ price of exchange offered is  $F < S_0 \frac{1}{\beta_T}$ .

Price of exchange is too low

so we need to buy security @ this price.

Time  $t=0$

(i) Borrow security & sell it, get  $S_0$

(ii) Put  $S_0$  into bond

(iii) Enter into long Forward:

agree to buy at price  $F$  @ time  $T$ .

$$(\$, S, F) = (S_0, -1, 1)$$

Time  $t=T$ ,

~~(i) Buy security for~~

(i) Cash bond, get  $S_0 \frac{1}{\beta_T}$

(ii) Buy Bond For  $F$

(iii) Return security to owner.

$$V_T = S_0 \frac{1}{\beta_T} - F > 0 \quad \Downarrow \text{No Arbitrage.}$$

$$\therefore S_0 \frac{1}{\beta_T} \leq F$$

Recall notation:

$B(t, T) \equiv$  value of bond w/ (face value \$1 and maturity time  $T$ ) at time  $t < T$

Eg

$$\underline{\underline{B(t, T) = e^{-r(T-t)}}}; \quad B(0, T) = \beta_T = e^{-rT}$$

Similarly to pricing the  $F(0, T)$  exchange price

we can price  $F(t, T) \equiv$  ~~price~~ price (to exchange security at) at time  $T$  which is agreed to at time  $t$ .

- We find  $F(t, T) = \frac{S(t)}{B(t, T)}$ .

the purpose of allowing variable time  $t$ , is to consider security w/ cost of carry at given times.

② Buying selling ~~by~~ Forward agreement.

Value of Forward contract w/o dividend,

At time 0, no money is exchanged to enter into

long Forward: agreement to purchase security S  
@ time T for  $F(0,T) = S(0) \frac{1}{B(0,T)}$ .

Suppose we decide to ~~cancel~~ <sup>liquidate</sup> contract at time  $0 < t < T$ ,

What is our profit/loss?

At time  $t$  a second Forward contract may be created to ~~buy~~ exchange security

@ time T for value  $F(t,T) = S(t) \frac{1}{B(t,T)}$

∴ Value of holding contract is time  $t$  value of difference of the two Forward prices:

ie: value @ time  $t$  in time T dollars:

$$V(t) = F(t,T) - F(0,T)$$

Now correct to price in time  $t$  dollars

$$V(t) = B(t,T) (F(t,T) - F(0,T)) = S(t) - \frac{B(t,T)}{B(0,T)} S(0).$$

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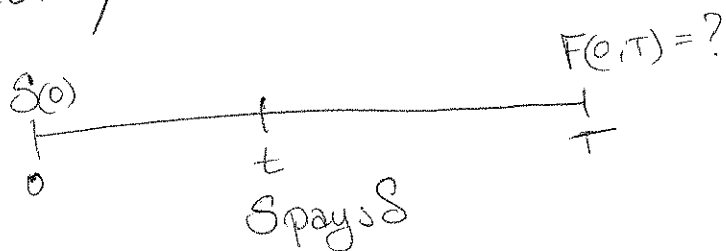
Notice  $V(t) = S(t) - e^{+tr} S(0)$  if  $r$  is constant, if  $r$  is not we have

$$V(t) = S(t) - \frac{e^{-r_t(F-t)}}{e^{-r_0 T}} S(0) = S(t) - e^{(r_0 - r_t)T + r_t t} S(0)$$

Forwards for security w/ dividend payments.

Note with dividends, it is more attractive to hold into security since then the holder receives dividend payment.

Let  $S$  be the dividend payment of Security at time  $t$ .



IDEA: NOTICE IN PREVIOUS PROOF, holding security would lead payment

$$\text{ie } F - S(0) \frac{1}{B_T} \underbrace{\{ + \text{dividend} \}}_{\text{dividend profit}} > 0 \quad \Downarrow$$

Shorting security requires paying dividend to owner, this payment is taken out of profit:

$$S(0) \frac{1}{B_T} - F - \underbrace{\{ \text{div} \}} > 0$$

∴ we expect  $F$  should decrease given dividend.



Pricing future on security w/ dividend, paying  $\delta$  @ time  $\tau$ .

Repeat strategies:

- Case 1: Time  $t=0$
- (i) Borrow  $S(0)$
  - (ii) Buy security
  - (iii) Short forward
  - (iv) Long forward to buy  $\delta$  worth of bond at time  $\tau$ .

For (iv): cost of bond w/ maturity @  $\tau$  paying  $\delta$  is  $\delta B(0, \tau)$  at time  $t=0$

Value at maturity  $T$  is then  $\frac{\delta B(0, \tau)}{B(0, T)}$ .

~~cash flows~~  $(\delta, S, F_B, F_S)$

$$= (-S(0), 1, \delta B(0, \tau), -1)$$

At time  $t = \tau$

- (i) Receive + cash dividend  $\delta$
- (ii) Buy bond for  $\delta$ .

At time  $t = T$ .

(i) cash bonds:  $-S(0) \frac{1}{B(0, T)} + \delta \frac{B(0, \tau)}{B(0, T)}$

(ii) Clear forward on security - sell & collect  $F$ .

Value at time  $T$ :

$$F - S(0) \frac{1}{B(0, T)} + \delta \frac{B(0, \tau)}{B(0, T)} \leq 0$$

No arbitrage.

## Case 2

- Time  $t=0$
- (i) Borrow Security & sell it for  $S_0$
  - (ii) Put  $S_0$  into bond.
  - (iii) Long forward
  - (iv) Borrow  $\delta B(0, \tau)$ 
    - (a) put into Bond w/ maturity  $\tau$  value  $\delta$
    - (b) amt borrowed has maturity  $T$   
we agree to pay  $\delta \frac{B(0, \tau)}{B(0, T)}$ .

$$(\Phi, S, F) = \left( \{S_0 - \delta B(0, \tau)\}_{0, T}, \{ \delta B(0, \tau) \}_{0, \tau}, -1, 1 \right)$$

- Time  $\tau$
- (i) Collect Bond value  $\delta$
  - (ii) pay owner of security  $\delta$ .

$$(\Phi, S, F) = \left( \{S_0 - \delta B(0, \tau)\}_{0, T}, -1, 1 \right)$$

## Time $T$

- (i) Collect  $\{S_0 - \delta B(0, \tau)\} \frac{1}{B(0, T)}$  in Bond
- (ii) Purchase security for  $F$ .
- (iii) Return security to owner.

Value

$$V_T = (S_0 - \delta B(0, \tau)) \frac{1}{B(0, T)} - F \leq 0$$

No arbitrage.

$$\therefore F = (S_0 - \delta B(0, \tau)) \frac{1}{B(0, T)}$$

∴ For Forward @ time  $t$   
 w/ maturity time  $T$   
 on security  $S$   
 which has dividend  
 payments  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$   
 at times  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$

has exchange price

$$F(t, T) = \left( S(t) - \sum_i B(t, \tau_i) \delta_i \right) \frac{1}{B(t, T)}$$

↑  
sum over  $i$  such  
that  $t < \tau_i < T$ .

~~Proof~~ Note, if 1 dividend  $(\delta, \tau)$ ,  
 & we take  $t \rightarrow \tau + \epsilon$  &  $T \rightarrow \tau$ .

~~$$F(t, T) = \left( S(t) - B(t, \tau) \delta \right) \frac{1}{B(t, T)}$$

$$= B(\tau) - \delta$$~~

∴

$$F(\tau - \epsilon, \tau + \epsilon) = \left( S(\tau - \epsilon) - B(\tau - \epsilon, \tau) \delta \right) \frac{1}{B(\tau - \epsilon, \tau + \epsilon)}$$

$$\underset{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}{\approx} S(\tau - 0) - \delta$$

∴ during dividend payments stock changes  
 by val of dividend: " $S(\tau + 0) = S(\tau - 0) - \delta$ ."

Again, we can determine <sup>Time</sup> value of Forward Contract:

Enter Forward at time 0  $F(0, T)$

then value at time  $t$  in time  $T$  dollars is

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(t) &= F(t, T) - F(0, T) && \leftarrow \text{say } B(t, \tau_i) = 0 \text{ for } t > \tau_i \\
 &= (S(t) - \sum_i B(t, \tau_i) \delta_i) \frac{1}{B(t, T)} \\
 &\quad - (S(0, T) - \sum B(0, \tau_i) \delta_i) \frac{1}{B(0, T)}
 \end{aligned}$$

~~$\frac{S(t)}{B(t, T)}$~~

$$V(t) = S(t) - S(0, T) \frac{B(t, T)}{B(0, T)} + \sum \delta_i \left( B(0, \tau_i) \frac{B(t, T)}{B(0, T)} - B(t, \tau_i) \right)$$

Suppose one were to agree to purchase a security  $S$  at future date  $T$  for a given price  $P$ . What should one pay for this at date of contract writing?

Again this is just difference of exchange values corrected back to time  $t=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V^{(T)}(0) &= V_P^{(T)}(0) - V_F^{(T)}(0) \\ &= \{-P + S(T)\} - \{S(T) - F(0,T)\} \\ &= F(0,T) - P \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V(0) &= B(0,T) \{F(0,T) - P\} \\ &= S(0) - B(0,T)P \end{aligned}$$

Eg  $S(0) = 100$   $r = 0.05$  Suppose you agree to purchase  $S$  at  $t=1$  for \$~~100~~ 90 today you should pay

$$V(0) = 100 - \frac{1}{1.05} 90$$

## Continuous dividend yields:

In some cases it is reasonable to assume  
Security pays dividend at rate of its value

∴ say  $m$  div payments per year,

∴ dividend payment at time  $t$  is,  $t \in \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\frac{r_S}{m} S(t)$$

If dividend is reinvested in stock:

then if  $x$  shares is owned previously  $x S(t)$  in stock

we have  $x \frac{r_S}{m} S(t)$  collected we buy stock

then we then have  $x \left(1 + \frac{r_S}{m}\right) S(t)$  in stocks

which is  $x \left(1 + \frac{r_S}{m}\right)$  shares.

∵ price of  $S$  does not change # of shares we purchase

∴ after 1 year: if we start with 1 share

we have  $\left(1 + \frac{r_S}{m}\right)^m$  shares at end of year.

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  we find we own  $e^{r_S}$  shares  
if money is continuously  
reinvested.

## Price Forward ~~for~~ w/ continuous dividends:

Time  $t=0$  \* Short ~~for~~ forward - promise to sell 1 share.

\* Borrow  $S_0 e^{-r_s T}$  buy  $e^{-r_s T}$  shares.

Time  $0 < t < T$  \* continuously reinvest - @ time  $T$  you have 1 share.

Time  $T$  \* Sell share for  $F$ .

\* Pay  $\frac{S_0 e^{-r_s T}}{B(0,T)}$  to clear loan.

$$\text{Finally: value } V_T = F - S_0 \frac{e^{-r_s T}}{B(0,T)} \leq 0 \quad \text{no arb.}$$

opposite:

Time  $t=0$  \* Long forward -

\* Short stock  $e^{-r_s T}$  shares.

Time  $0 < t < T$  \* continuously short stock to pay dividends, at ~~end of~~ time  $T$  1 stock is shorted.

Time  $T$ , \* Collect bond  $S_0 e^{-r_s T} \frac{1}{B(0,T)}$

\* Buy share/forward + return to owner

$$V_T = S_0 \frac{e^{-r_s T}}{B(0,T)} - F \leq 0$$