

Two step binomial model. —

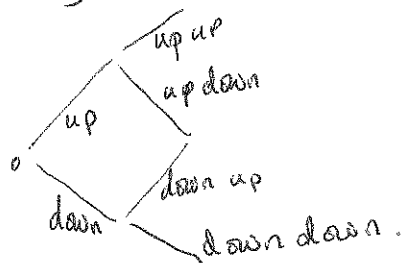
Consider binomial model where price of stock ~~increases or dec~~ takes one of two values at $t+1$ given price at time t .

That is for $t=0, 1$,
there is P_1, P_2 s.t

$$P\{S(t+1) = S(t)(1+m_1)\} = P_1$$

$$P\{S(t+1) = S(t)(1+m_2)\} = P_2$$

Pictorially we have



∴ outcome space is

$$\Omega = \{\omega_1 = uu, \omega_2 = ud, \omega_3 = du, \omega_4 = dd\}$$

If we limit info recovered upto time 1
we have

limited resolution → $\Omega_1 = \{\tilde{\omega}_1 = u, \tilde{\omega}_2 = d\}$

No resolution → $= \{(uu, ud), (du, dd)\}$

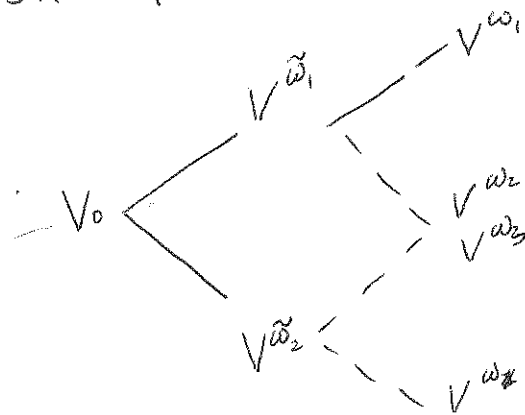
Info @ time $t=0$: $\Omega = \{(uu, ud, du, dd)\}$

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Consider an option on this model that has payoff V^{ω_i} in event $\omega_i \in \Omega$, the payoff is decided at time $T=2$.

Thus $V(t)$ is a random variable at time $t=0$ but is decided @ time $t=2$.

If we wish to price $V(t)$ notice



We could use the result from the 1 step case to find

$$V(t) = \frac{1}{1+r} E^*(V(t)) = \frac{1}{1+r} (P_1^* V^{\tilde{\omega}_1} + P_2^* V^{\tilde{\omega}_2})$$

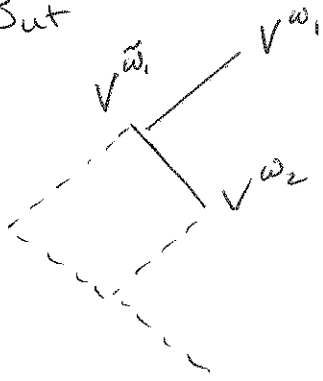
where:

$$P_1^* = \frac{1 - m_2}{m_1 - m_2}$$

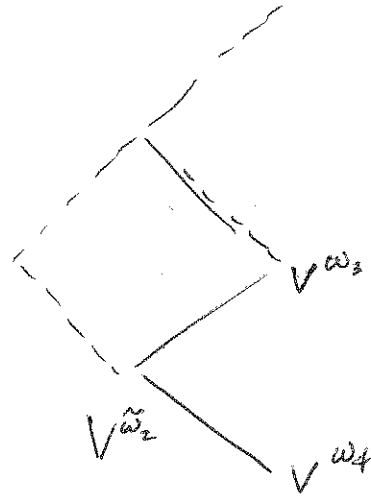
$$P_2^* = \frac{m_1 - 1}{m_1 - m_2}$$

Thus to find $V(\omega)$ we need only find $V^{\tilde{\omega}_i}$

But



and



that is, the second step is also just collections of sub 1 step systems.

$$\therefore V^{\tilde{\omega}_1} = \frac{1}{1+r} E^*(V(\omega) | \tilde{\omega}_1) = \frac{1}{1+r} (P_1^* V^{\omega_1} + P_2^* V^{\omega_2})$$

$$\text{and } V^{\tilde{\omega}_2} = \frac{1}{1+r} E^*(V(\omega) | \tilde{\omega}_2) = \frac{1}{1+r} (P_1^* V^{\omega_3} + P_2^* V^{\omega_4})$$

Thus we have,

$$V(\omega) = \frac{1}{1+r} (P_1^* V^{\tilde{\omega}_1} + P_2^* V^{\tilde{\omega}_2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} \left\{ P_1^{*2} V^{\omega_1} + P_1^* P_2^* V^{\omega_2} + P_2^* P_1^* V^{\omega_3} + P_2^{*2} V^{\omega_4} \right\}$$

Let us price a Euro option in concrete example -

Consider $S(0) = 80$.

$$r = .02, \quad m_1 = .04, \quad m_2 = .01$$

Euro call $T=2$, ~~strike~~ $X=83$.

Find the value of call at expiry.

$$V^{\omega_1} = V^{uu} = (80(1.04)^2 - 83)^+ = \underline{3.5}$$

$$V^{\omega_2} = V^{ud} = (80(1.04)(1.01) - 83)^+ = \underline{1.03}$$

$$V^{\omega_2} = V^{\omega_3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$V^{\omega_4} = (80(1.01)^2 - 83)^+ = 0$$

$$P_1^* = \frac{.02 - .01}{.04 - .01} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P_2^* = \frac{.04 - .02}{.04 - .01} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Value at $t=0$:

$$V(0) = \frac{1}{(1.02)^2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 3.5 + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(1.03) + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(0) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1.02)^2} \left\{ \frac{7}{18} + .46 \right\} = .814$$

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Consider an Asian Call option allowing us to purchase security for $X = 82$ and sell it for average price,

$$V(t) = \max\left(0, \frac{S(t) - 82}{2} - X\right)$$

Again find value @ expiry.

$$V^{w_1} = \left(\frac{80(1.04)^2 + 80(1.04)}{2} - 82\right)^+ = 2.86$$

$$V^{w_2} = \left(\frac{80(1.04)(1.01) + 80(1.04)}{2} - 82\right)^+ = 1.62$$

$$V^{w_3} = \left(\frac{80(1.01)(1.04) + 80(1.01)}{2} - 82\right)^+ = .42$$

$$V^{w_4} = \left(\frac{80(1.01)^2 + 80(1.01)}{2} - 82\right)^+ = 0$$

Value @ $t=0$,

$$V(0) = \frac{1}{(1.02)^2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 2.86 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) 1.62 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) .42 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 0 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1.02)^2} \{ .32 + .36 + .09 \} = .74$$

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Although we have priced the two step model,
it is instructive to consider forming a portfolio
over two steps that replicates value of an option $V^{\omega}(\omega)$.

Let $H^{\omega_1}, H^{\tilde{\omega}_1}$ be value of option under event $\omega_1, \tilde{\omega}_1$.

~~From~~ from step 1 model we have,

$$x_0 S(\omega) = \frac{V^{\tilde{\omega}_1} - V^{\tilde{\omega}_2}}{m_1 - m_2} \equiv \text{amt to invest in stock}$$

$$y_0 = \text{Amt to invest in bond} = \frac{1}{1+r} \left(\frac{V^{\tilde{\omega}_2}(1+m_1) - V^{\tilde{\omega}_2}(1+m_2)}{m_1 - m_2} \right) //$$

time 0 portfolio (x_0, y_0)

We need portfolio increase $\tilde{\omega}_1$ & $\tilde{\omega}_2$.

$$\tilde{\omega}_1: x_1^{\tilde{\omega}_1} S(\omega)(1+m_1) = \frac{V^{\omega_1} - V^{\omega_2}}{m_1 - m_2}$$

$$y_1^{\tilde{\omega}_1} = \frac{1}{1+r} \left(\frac{V^{\omega_2}(1+m_1) - V^{\omega_1}(1+m_2)}{m_1 - m_2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_2: x_1^{\tilde{\omega}_2} S(\omega)(1+m_2) = \frac{V^{\omega_3} - V^{\omega_4}}{m_1 - m_2}$$

$$y_1^{\tilde{\omega}_2} = \frac{1}{1+r} \left(\frac{V^{\omega_4}(1+m_1) - V^{\omega_3}(1+m_2)}{m_1 - m_2} \right)$$

To check that these portfolios properly price option we need to check that the portfolio at time 1 finances the reallocation of portfolio.

that is check that

$$x_0 S_0(1+m_1) + y_0(1+r) = x_1 \tilde{\omega}_1 S_0(1+m_1) + y_1 \tilde{\omega}_1$$

$$\frac{V^{\tilde{\omega}_1} - V^{\tilde{\omega}_2}}{m_1 - m_2}(1+m_1) + \left(\frac{V^{\tilde{\omega}_2}(1+m_1) - V^{\tilde{\omega}_1}(1+m_2)}{m_1 - m_2} \right) = \frac{V^{\omega_1} - V^{\omega_2}}{m_1 - m_2} + \frac{1}{1+r} \left(\frac{V^{\omega_2}(1+m_1) + V^{\omega_1}(1+r)}{m_1 - m_2} \right)$$

$V^{\tilde{\omega}_i}$ are defined on page 3.

Similar eq. under event $\tilde{\omega}_2$.

This requirement ensures that the portfolio at the end of time step $0 \rightarrow 1$ can purchase the portfolio at the beginning of time step $1 \rightarrow 2$.

In the portfolio discussed above we have

self financing, that is,

to ~~make~~ obtain portfolio (x^w, y^w)

described on each step we do not have to add or subtract funds ~~when~~ at any time step.

The portfolio also has the property that it is predictable that is

at every time step the holding decisions are determined by the available information

(when choosing portfolio at

beginning of $1 \rightarrow 2$ timestep

we do not use outcome of $1 \rightarrow 2$ step only \tilde{w}_0)

Finally the portfolio is admissible since

it always has ~~positive~~ non negative value $V(t) \geq 0$.