

Summary of last lecture

Primary objectives:

- ▶ Arbitrage: Definition and example ✓
- ▶ Duality and complementary slackness ✓
- ▶ Fundamental theorem of asset pricing ✓
- ▶ Arbitrage detection using linear programming

Scenario

- ▶ Portfolio of derivative securities (European call options) S^i , $i = 1, \dots, n$ of one security S is determined by vector (x_1, \dots, x_n)
- ▶ Payoff of portfolio is $\Psi^x(S_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Psi_i(S_1)x_i$, where $\Psi_i(S_1) = \max\{(S_1 - K_i), 0\}$, where K_i is strike price K_i (piecewise linear function with one breakpoint!)
- ▶ Cost of performing portfolio at time 0:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n S_0^i x_i.$$

Determine arbitrage possibility

- ▶ Negative cost of portfolio with nonnegative payoff (type A)
- ▶ Cost zero and positive payoff (type B)

Observation

Nonnegative payoff

Payoff is piecewise linear in S_1 with breakpoints K_1, \dots, K_n .

Payoff is nonnegative on $[0, \infty)$, if nonnegative at 0 and at all breakpoints and right-derivative at K_n is nonnegative (assume $K_1 < K_2 < \dots < K_n$).

Formally:

$$\Psi^x(0) \geq 0$$

$$\Psi^x(K_j) \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\Psi^x(K_n + 1) - \Psi^x(K_n) \geq 0.$$

Linear program

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n S_0^i x_i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \Psi_i(0) x_i \geq 0 \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \Psi_i(K_j) x_i \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, n \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n (\Psi_i(K_n + 1) - \Psi_i(K_n)) x_i \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

There is no type A arbitrage if and only if optimal objective value of LP is at least 0

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Suppose that there is no type A arbitrage. Then, there is no type B arbitrage if and only if the dual of LP has strictly feasible solution.

Constraint matrix

- ▶ $\Psi_i(K_j) = \max\{K_j - K_i, 0\}$
- ▶ Constraint matrix A of LP has the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} K_2 - K_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ K_3 - K_1 & K_3 - K_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ K_n - K_1 & K_n - K_2 & K_n - K_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem

Let $K_1 < K_2 < \cdots < K_n$ denote strike prices of European call options on the same underlying security with same maturity. There are no arbitrage opportunities if and only if prices S_0^i satisfy

1. $S_0^i > 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$
2. $S_0^i > S_0^{i+1}$, $i = 1, \dots, n-1$
3. $C(K_i) := S_0^i$ defined on $\{K_1, \dots, K_n\}$ is strictly convex function

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