

# Introduction to Mathematical Finance

## Exercise sheet 1

**Exercise 1.1** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space and  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a random variable with  $X \geq 0$   $P$ -a.s.. Prove that  $E[X] = 0$  implies that  $X = 0$   $P$ -a.s..

**Exercise 1.2** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be the probability space with  $\Omega := \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} := 2^\Omega$  and  $P$  defined by  $P[\{\omega_1\}] := 0.5$  and  $P[\{\omega_3\}] := 0.2$ . Let  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the random variable defined by  $X(\omega_1) := 12$ ,  $X(\omega_2) := -4$  and  $X(\omega_3) := -8$  and  $\mathcal{G} := \{\emptyset, \{\omega_1\}, \{\omega_2, \omega_3\}, \Omega\}$  a sub- $\sigma$ -field of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

- What is  $P[\{\omega_2\}]$ ?
- Think of  $X$  as the price change over one week of a Facebook share. Give a verbal description of the set  $A := \{\omega_2, \omega_3\}$  in terms of  $X$ .
- Calculate the conditional expectation  $E[X | \mathcal{G}]$ .
- Find all probability measures  $Q$  that are equivalent to  $P$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  and satisfy

$$E_Q[X] = 4,$$

where  $E_Q[\cdot]$  denotes the expectation under  $Q$ .

### Exercise 1.3 Black Scholes closed formula

Let  $U_i$  iid  $\sim N(0, 1)$  and

$$S_n = e^{\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)n + \sigma \sum_{i=1}^n U_i}$$

for  $0 \leq n \leq N$ . Given the filtration  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(S_0, \dots, S_n)$ , show that

$$E[e^{-r(N-n)}(S_N - K)_+ | \mathcal{F}_n] = S_n N(d_1) - Ke^{-r(N-n)} N(d_2)$$

where  $N(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$ , is the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal variable.

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S_n}{K}\right) + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)\theta}{\sigma\sqrt{\theta}}$$
$$d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{\theta}$$

where  $\theta = N - n$ . This is the so-called Black Scholes formula for a call option. The price of an European call option at time  $n$  is  $Call(N - n, S_n, K, r, \sigma) = E[e^{-r(N-n)} f(S_N) | \mathcal{F}_n]$ , the payoff of a call option is  $f(S_N) = (S_N - K)_+$ .

**Exercise 1.4 Python - Black Scholes closed formula** Write the function that compute the Black Scholes closed formula of a call option where (maturity, spot, strike, rate, vol) =  $(N - n, S_n, K, r, \sigma)$ .

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1 from math import exp, log, sqrt
2 from scipy.stats import norm
3
4
5 def call_closed_formula(maturity, spot, strike, rate, vol):
6     # TODO: implement.
7     return 0
```