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This book is intended for use in a rigorous introductory PhD level course in econometrics, or in a field course in econometric theory. It covers the measure-theoretical foundation of probability theory, the multivariate normal distribution with its application to classical linear regression analysis, various laws of large numbers, central limit theorems and related results for independent random variables as well as for stationary time series, with applications to asymptotic inference of M-estimators, and maximum likelihood theory. Some chapters have their own appendices containing the more advanced topics and/or difficult proofs. Moreover, there are three appendices with material that is supposed to be known. Appendix I contains a comprehensive review of linear algebra, including all the proofs. Appendix II reviews a variety of mathematical topics and concepts that are used throughout the main text, and Appendix III reviews complex analysis. Therefore, this book is uniquely self-contained.

An Introduction to Financial Mathematics

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Mathematics for Finance

Marek Capinski

2006-04-18

This textbook contains the fundamentals for an undergraduate course in mathematical finance aimed primarily at students of mathematics. Assuming only a basic knowledge of probability and calculus, the material is presented in a mathematically rigorous and complete way. The book covers the time value of money, including the time structure of interest rates, bonds and stock valuation; derivative securities (futures, options), modelling in discrete time, pricing and hedging, and many other core topics. With numerous examples, problems and exercises, this book is ideally suited for independent study.

An Undergraduate Introduction to Financial Mathematics

J Robert Buchanan

2012-07-13

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An introduction to financial mathematics and financial engineering for undergraduate students who have completed a three- or four-semester sequence of calculus courses. It introduces the theory of interest, discrete and continuous random variables and probability, stochastic processes, linear programming, the Fundamental Theorem of Finance, option pricing, hedging, and portfolio optimization. This third edition expands on the second by including a new chapter on the extensions of the Black-Scholes model of option pricing and a greater number of exercises at the end of each chapter. More background material and exercises added, with solutions provided to the other chapters, allowing the textbook to better stand alone as an introduction to financial mathematics. The reader progresses from a solid grounding in multivariable calculus through a derivation of the Black-Scholes equation, its solution, properties, and applications. The text attempts to be as self-contained as possible without relying on advanced mathematical and statistical topics. The material presented in this book will adequately prepare the reader for graduate-level study in mathematical finance.

An Introduction to Exotic Option Pricing-Peter Buchen 2012-02-03 In an easy-to-understand, nontechnical yet mathematically elegant manner, An Introduction to Exotic Option Pricing shows how to price exotic options, including complex ones, without performing complicated integrations or formally solving partial differential equations (PDEs). The author incorporates much of his own unpublished work, including ideas and techniques new to the general quantitative finance community. The first part of the text presents the necessary financial, mathematical, and statistical background, covering both standard and specialized topics. Using no-arbitrage concepts, the Black–Scholes model, and the fundamental theorem of asset pricing, the author develops such specialized methods as the principle of static replication, the Gaussian shift theorem, and the method of images. A key feature is the application of the Gaussian shift theorem and its multivariate extension to price exotic options without needing a single integration.

The second part focuses on applications to exotic option pricing, including dual-expiry, multi-asset rainbow, barrier, lookback, and Asian options. Pushing Black–Scholes option pricing to its limits, the author introduces a powerful formula for pricing a class of multi-asset, multiperiod derivatives. He gives full details of the calculations involved.
in pricing all of the exotic options. Taking an applied mathematics approach, this book illustrates how to use straightforward techniques to price a wide range of exotic options within the Black-Scholes framework. These methods can even be used as control variates in a Monte Carlo simulation of a stochastic volatility model.

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An Introduction to Financial Markets and Institutions-Maureen Burton 2015-03-04 Completely revised and updated to include the ongoing financial crisis and the Obama administration's programs to combat it, this is the best available introductory textbook for an undergraduate course on Financial Markets and Institutions. It provides balanced coverage of theories, policies, and institutions in a conversational style that avoids complex models and mathematics, making it a student-friendly text with many unique teaching features. Financial crises, global competition, deregulation, technological innovation, and growing government oversight have significantly changed financial markets and institutions. The new edition of this text is designed to capture the ongoing changes, and to present an analytical framework that enables students to understand and anticipate changes in the financial system and accompanying changes in markets and institutions. The text...
includes Learning Objectives and end-of-chapter Key Words and Questions, and an online Instructor's Manual is available to adopters. Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Financial Markets-Hansjoerg Albrecher 2013-06-28 Swaps, futures, options, structured instruments - a wide range of derivative products is traded in today's financial markets. Analyzing, pricing and managing such products often requires fairly sophisticated quantitative tools and methods. This book serves as an introduction to financial mathematics with special emphasis on aspects relevant in practice. In addition to numerous illustrative examples, algorithmic implementations are demonstrated using "Mathematica" and the software package "UnRisk" (available for both students and teachers). The content is organized in 15 chapters that can be treated as independent modules. In particular, the exposition is tailored for classroom use in a Bachelor or Master program course, as well as for practitioners who wish to further strengthen their quantitative background.


An Introduction to Financial Markets-Paolo Brandimarte 2017-11-13 COVERS THE FUNDAMENTAL TOPICS IN MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS, AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR A THOROUGH STUDY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS This comprehensive yet accessible book introduces students to financial markets and delves into more advanced material at a steady pace while providing motivating examples, poignant remarks, counterexamples, ideological clashes, and intuitive traps throughout. Tempered by real-life cases and actual market structures, An Introduction to Financial Markets: A Quantitative Approach accentuates theory through quantitative modeling whenever and wherever necessary. It focuses on the lessons learned from timely subject matter such as the impact of the recent subprime mortgage storm, the collapse of LTCM, and the harsh criticism on risk management and innovative finance. The book also provides the necessary foundations in stochastic calculus and optimization, alongside financial modeling concepts that are illustrated with relevant and hands-on examples. An Introduction to Financial Markets: A Quantitative Approach starts with a complete overview of the subject matter. It then moves on to sections covering fixed in
assets, equity portfolios, derivatives, and advanced optimization models. This book’s balanced and broad view of the state-of-the-art in financial decision-making helps provide readers with all the background and modeling tools needed to make “honest money” and, in the process, to become a sound professional. Stresses that gut feelings are not always sufficient and that “critical thinking” and real world applications are appropriate when dealing with complex social systems involving multiple players with conflicting incentives Features a related website that contains a solution manual for end-of-chapter problems Written in a modular style for tailored classroom use Bridges a gap for business and engineering students who are familiar with the problems involved, but are less familiar with the methodologies needed to make smart decisions An Introduction to Financial Markets: A Quantitative Approach offers a balance between the need to illustrate mathematics in action and the need to understand the real life context. It is an ideal text for a first course in financial markets or investments for business, economic, statistics, engineering, decision science, and management science students. PAOLO BRANDIMARTE is Full Professor at the Department of Mathematical Sciences of Politecnico di Torino in Italy, where he teaches Business Analytics and Financial Engineering. He is the author of several publications, including more than ten books on the application of optimization and simulation to diverse areas such as production and supply chain management, telecommunications, and finance.

An Introduction to Options Trading – Frans de Weert 2011-02-15
Explaining the theory and practice of options from scratch, this book focuses on the practical side of options trading, and deals with hedging of options and how options traders earn money by doing so. Common terms in option theory are explained and readers are shown how they relate to profit. The book gives the necessary tools to deal with options in practice and it includes mathematical formulae to lift explanations from a superficial level. Throughout the book real-life examples will illustrate why investors use option structures to satisfy their needs.

Introduction to Derivatives – Reuters Limited, London, UK 1999-03-26
The Reuters Financial Training Series An Introduction to Derivatives A new concept in financial training, An Introduction to Derivatives guides novices through the often complex and challenging world of Derivatives. Full of definitions, concise descriptions, quizzes and examples, the book studies financial instruments - futures, options and swaps - from basic
concepts to applications in trading, hedging and arbitrage. Key features include: * Introductory sections defining terms and giving background to theories * Examples of transactions and futures contracts * Summaries and overviews at the end of each chapter recapitulating key points and definitions * Quick quiz questions and answers to reinforce learning * Further resources which point to other books, articles and internet tools to widen readers’ comprehension of derivatives and entrench their foundation in the subject. Each book in the series is supported by the Wiley-Reuters Financial Training web site (www.wiley-rft.reuters.com). This regularly updated site offers a range of screens taken directly from the Reuters terminal, information on professional exams, web links to key institutional finance web sites and much more. This book will be of particular interest to novice traders, investors and trainers in financial institutions looking for a key introductory text. By allowing readers to progress through the fundamentals and applications in a simulated trading environment at their own pace, the book will be an invaluable starting block for those new to the field of derivatives.

Mathematics for Finance-Marek Capiński 2011-04-08 As with the first edition, Mathematics for Finance: An Introduction to Financial Engineering combines financial motivation with mathematical style. Assuming only basic knowledge of probability and calculus, it presents three major areas of mathematical finance, namely Option pricing based on the no-arbitrage principle in discrete and continuous time setting, Markowitz portfolio optimisation and Capital Asset Pricing Model, and basic stochastic interest rate models in discrete setting. From the reviews of the first edition: “This text is an excellent introduction to Mathematical Finance. Armed with a knowledge of basic calculus and probability a student can use this book to learn about derivatives, interest rates and their term structure and portfolio management.” (Zentralblatt MATH) “Given these basic tools, it is surprising how high a level of sophistication the authors achieve, covering such topics as arbitrage-free valuation, binomial trees, and risk-neutral valuation.” (www.riskbook.com) “The reviewer can only congratulate the authors with successful completion of a difficult task of writing a useful textbook on a traditionally hard topic.” (K. Borovkov, The Australian Mathematical Society Gazette, Vol. 31 (4), 2004)

Statistics of Financial Markets-Jürgen Franke 2015-02-02 Now in its fourth edition, this book offers a detailed yet concise introduction to the
growing field of statistical applications in finance. The reader will learn the basic methods of evaluating option contracts, analyzing financial time series, selecting portfolios and managing risks based on realistic assumptions about market behavior. The focus is both on the fundamentals of mathematical finance and financial time series analysis, and on applications to given problems concerning financial markets, thus making the book the ideal basis for lectures, seminars and crash courses on the topic. For this new edition the book has been updated and extensively revised and now includes several new aspects, e.g. new chapters on long memory models, copulae and CDO valuation. Practical exercises with solutions have also been added. Both R and Matlab Code, together with the data, can be downloaded from the book’s product page and www.quantlet.de

Stochastic Finance-Nicolas Privault 2013-12-20 Stochastic Finance: An Introduction with Market Examples presents an introduction to pricing and hedging in discrete and continuous time financial models without friction, emphasizing the complementarity of analytical and probabilistic methods. It demonstrates both the power and limitations of mathematical models in finance, covering the basics of finance and stochastic calculus, and builds up to special topics, such as options, derivatives, and credit default and jump processes. It details the techniques required to model the time evolution of risky assets. The book discusses a wide range of classical topics including Black–Scholes pricing, exotic and American options, term structure modeling and change of numéraire, as well as models with jumps. The author takes the approach adopted by mainstream mathematical finance in which the computation of fair prices is based on the absence of arbitrage hypothesis, therefore excluding riskless profit based on arbitrage opportunities and basic (buying low/selling high) trading. With 104 figures and simulations, along with about 20 examples based on actual market data, the book is targeted at the advanced undergraduate and graduate level, either as a course text or for self-study, in applied mathematics, financial engineering, and economics.

Introduction to Stochastic Calculus Applied to Finance, Second Edition-Damien Lamberton 2007-11-30 Since the publication of the first edition of this book, the area of mathematical finance has grown rapidly, with financial analysts using more sophisticated mathematical concepts, such as stochastic integration, to describe the behavior of markets and to
derive computing methods. Maintaining the lucid style of its popular predecessor, Introduction to Stochastic Calculus Applied to Finance, Second Edition incorporates some of these new techniques and concepts to provide an accessible, up-to-date initiation to the field. New to the Second Edition Complements on discrete models, including Rogers' approach to the fundamental theorem of asset pricing and super-replication in incomplete markets Discussions on local volatility, Dupire's formula, the change of numéraire techniques, forward measures, and the forward Libor model A new chapter on credit risk modeling An extension of the chapter on simulation with numerical experiments that illustrate variance reduction techniques and hedging strategies Additional exercises and problems Providing all of the necessary stochastic calculus theory, the authors cover many key finance topics, including martingales, arbitrage, option pricing, American and European options, the Black-Scholes model, optimal hedging, and the computer simulation of financial models. They succeed in producing a solid introduction to stochastic approaches used in the financial world.

An Introduction to Equity Derivatives-Sebastien Bossu 2012-05-14
Everything you need to get a grip on the complex world of derivatives Written by the internationally respected academic/finance professional author team of Sebastien Bossu and Philipe Henrotte, An Introduction to Equity Derivatives is the fully updated and expanded second edition of the popular Finance and Derivatives. It covers all of the fundamentals of quantitative finance clearly and concisely without going into unnecessary technical detail. Designed for both new practitioners and students, it requires no prior background in finance and features twelve chapters of gradually increasing difficulty, beginning with basic principles of interest rate and discounting, and ending with advanced concepts in derivatives, volatility trading, and exotic products. Each chapter includes numerous illustrations and exercises accompanied by the relevant financial theory. Topics covered include present value, arbitrage pricing, portfolio theory, derivates pricing, delta-hedging, the Black-Scholes model, and more. An excellent resource for finance professionals and investors looking to acquire an understanding of financial derivatives theory and practice Completely revised and updated with new chapters, including coverage of cutting-edge concepts in volatility trading and exotic products An accompanying website is...
available which contains additional resources including powerpoint slides and spreadsheets. Visit www.introeqd.com for details.


Fundamentals of Financial Instruments-Sunil Parameswaran 2011-10-28 The essential guide to financial instruments, logically presented Fundamentals of Financial Instruments deals with the global financial markets and the instruments in which they trade. While most books on finance tend to be heavily mathematical, this book emphasizes the concepts in a logical, sequential fashion, introducing mathematical concepts only at the relevant times. As a result, the reader gains conceptual clarity reinforced by just the right level of technical detail to ensure a comprehensive exposure to the skills needed in the financial world. Establishes a strong foundation for understanding global markets Acts as an invaluable resource for those considering a career in the financial markets Offers an accessible yet in-depth treatise on modern financial instruments Presents a logical navigational path for a typical student of finance who is attempting to come to terms with the intricacies of the subject Covering the fundamentals of various types of assets in a single volume, Fundamentals of Financial Instruments is a compact yet comprehensive one-stop reference for students and professionals in finance and economics.

期权与期货市场基本原理-John C. Hull 2016 Option Valuation-Hugo D. Junghenn 2011-11-23 Option Valuation: A First Course in Financial Mathematics provides a straightforward introduction to the mathematics and models used in the valuation of financial derivatives. It examines the principles of option pricing in detail via standard binomial and stochastic calculus models. Developing the requisite mathematical background as needed, the text presents an introduction to probability theory and stochastic calculus suitable for undergraduate students in mathematics, economics, and finance.
first nine chapters of the book describe option valuation techniques in discrete time, focusing on the binomial model. The author shows how the binomial model offers a practical method for pricing options using relatively elementary mathematical tools. The binomial model also enables a clear, concrete exposition of fundamental principles of finance, such as arbitrage and hedging, without the distraction of complex mathematical constructs. The remaining chapters illustrate the theory in continuous time, with an emphasis on the more mathematically sophisticated Black-Scholes-Merton model. Largely self-contained, this classroom-tested text offers a sound introduction to applied probability through a mathematical finance perspective. Numerous examples and exercises help students gain expertise with financial calculus methods and increase their general mathematical sophistication. The exercises range from routine applications to spreadsheet projects to the pricing of a variety of complex financial instruments. Hints and solutions to odd-numbered problems are given in an appendix and a full solutions manual is available for qualifying instructors.

An Introduction to Western Financial Markets-Stephen Valdez
2015-12-30 Provides a introduction to the principal Western financial markets and institutions, particularly those in the USA, Europe and Japan. The book includes: commercial and investment banking, money and insurance, and options and futures. Second edition: "An Introduction to Global Financial Markets".

Introduction to the Economics and Mathematics of Financial Markets-Jakša Cvitanić 2004 An innovative textbook for use in advanced undergraduate and graduate courses; accessible to students in financial mathematics, financial engineering and economics. Introduction to the Economics and Mathematics of Financial Markets fills the longstanding need for an accessible yet serious textbook treatment of financial economics. The book provides a rigorous overview of the subject, while its flexible presentation makes it suitable for use with different levels of undergraduate and graduate students. Each chapter presents mathematical models of financial problems at three different degrees of sophistication: single-period, multi-period, and continuous-time. The single-period and multi-period models require only basic calculus and an introductory probability/statistics course, while an advanced undergraduate course in probability is helpful in understanding the continuous-time models. In this way, the material is given complete
coverage at different levels; the less advanced student can stop before the more sophisticated mathematics and still be able to grasp the general principles of financial economics. The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides an introduction to basic securities and financial market organization, the concept of interest rates, the main mathematical models, and quantitative ways to measure risks and rewards. The second part treats option pricing and hedging; here and throughout the book, the authors emphasize the Martingale or probabilistic approach. Finally, the third part examines equilibrium models--a subject often neglected by other texts in financial mathematics, but included here because of the qualitative insight it offers into the behavior of market participants and pricing.

Trading and Pricing Financial Derivatives-Patrick Boyle 2018-12-17
Trading and Pricing Financial Derivatives is an introduction to the world of futures, options, and swaps. Investors who are interested in deepening their knowledge of derivatives of all kinds will find this book to be an invaluable resource. The book is also useful in a very applied course on derivative trading. The authors delve into the history of options pricing; simple strategies of options trading; binomial tree valuation; Black-Scholes option valuation; option sensitivities; risk management and interest rate swaps in this immensely informative yet easy to comprehend work. Using their vast working experience in the financial markets at international investment banks and hedge funds since the late 1990s and teaching derivatives and investment courses at the Master's level, Patrick Boyle and Jesse McDougall put forth their knowledge and expertise in clearly explained concepts. This book does not presuppose advanced mathematical knowledge, though it is presented for completeness for those that may benefit from it, and is designed for a general audience, suitable for beginners through to those with intermediate knowledge of the subject.

Now in its fifth edition, this book offers a detailed yet concise introduction to the growing field of statistical applications in finance. The reader will learn the basic methods for evaluating option contracts, analyzing financial time series, selecting portfolios and managing risks based on realistic assumptions about market behavior. The focus is both on the fundamentals of mathematical finance and financial time series analysis, and on applications to specific problems concerning financial markets.
thus making the book the ideal basis for lectures, seminars and crash courses on the topic. All numerical calculations are transparent and reproducible using quantlets. For this new edition the book has been updated and extensively revised and now includes several new aspects such as neural networks, deep learning, and crypto-currencies. Both R and Matlab code, together with the data, can be downloaded from the book’s product page and the Quantlet platform. The Quantlet platform quantlet.de, quantlet.com, quantlet.org is an integrated QuantNet environment consisting of different types of statistics-related documents and program codes. Its goal is to promote reproducibility and offer a platform for sharing validated knowledge native to the social web. QuantNet and the corresponding Data-Driven Documents-based visualization allow readers to reproduce the tables, pictures and calculations inside this Springer book. “This book provides an excellent introduction to the tools from probability and statistics necessary to analyze financial data. Clearly written and accessible, it will be very useful to students and practitioners alike.” Yacine Ait-Sahalia, Otto Hack 1903 Professor of Finance and Economics, Princeton University Mathematical Models of Financial Derivatives-Yue-Kuen Kwok 2008-07-10 This second edition, now featuring new material, focuses on the valuation principles that are common to most derivative securities. A wide range of financial derivatives commonly traded in the equity and fixed income markets are analysed, emphasising aspects of pricing, hedging and practical usage. This second edition features additional emphasis on the discussion of Ito calculus and Girsanovs Theorem, and the risk-neutral measure and equivalent martingale pricing approach. A new chapter on credit risk models and pricing of credit derivatives has been added. Up-to-date research results are provided by many useful exercises. Stochastic Finance-Hans Föllmer 2008-12-19 This book is an introduction to financial mathematics. The first part of the book studies a simple one-period model which serves as a building block for later developments. Topics include the characterization of arbitrage-free markets, preferences on asset profiles, an introduction to equilibrium analysis, and monetary measures of risk. In the second part, the idea of dynamic hedging of contingent claims is developed in a multiperiod framework. Such models are typically incomplete: They involve intrinsic risks which cannot be hedged away completely. Topics include

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martingale measures, pricing formulas for derivatives, American options, superhedging, and hedging strategies with minimal shortfall risk. In addition to many corrections and improvements, this second edition contains several new sections, including a systematic discussion of law-invariant risk measures and of the connections between American options, superhedging, and dynamic risk measures.

Introduction to Derivative Financial Instruments, Chapter 8 - The Pricing of Options-Dimitris Chorafas 2008-03-13 This chapter comes from Derivative Financial Instruments, written by a renowned corporate financial advisor. This timely guide offers a comprehensive treatment of derivative financial instruments, fully covering bonds, interest swaps, options, futures, Forex, and more. The author explains the strategic use of derivatives, their place in portfolio management, hedging, and the importance of managing risk.

Financial Mathematics-Suresh Chandra 2013 FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS: An Introduction attempts to provide an introductory text on Financial Mathematics to cater to the needs of students at various universities/ institutes in India and abroad. Apart from presenting two Nobel Prize winning theories of Black, Scholes and Merton for option pricing and Mean-Variance approach of Markowitz for portfolio optimization, the text also includes now standard topics of interest rate and interest rate derivatives. Certain interesting and useful topics e.g., Optimal Trading Strategies, Credit Scoring Models and Portfolio Credit Risk Management, which are normally not covered in a text of this kind, are also included here. A significant portion of the book is devoted to the study of Stochastics of Finance which is very much needed to understand basic concepts related to pricing of derivatives. A special care is taken to evolve a balanced approach between "precise mathematical presentation" and "economic/physical interpretations." A distinctive feature of the book is also to provide applications of MATLAB Financial Toolbox for class room teaching. KEY FEATURES: * A simple class room teaching style of presentation which attempts to provide an optimal trade-off between "precise mathematical presentation" and "economic/physical interpretations." * Numerous small illustrative examples throughout the book with end chapter exercises for practice. * Inclusion of certain special topics in Finance, e.g., Optimal Trading Strategies, Credit Scoring Models, and Portfolio Credit Risk Management. * A section on Summary and Additional Notes to provide
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* Glossary of commonly used financial terms

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Derivatives Essentials-Aron Gottesman 2016-07-12 A clear, practical guide to working effectively with derivative securities products

Derivatives Essentials is an accessible, yet detailed guide to derivative securities. With an emphasis on mechanisms over formulas, this book promotes a greater understanding of the topic in a straightforward manner, using plain-English explanations. Mathematics are included, but the focus is on comprehension and the issues that matter most to practitioners—including the rights and obligations, terms and conventions, opportunities and exposures, trading, motivation, sensitivities, pricing, and valuation of each product. Coverage includes forwards, futures, options, swaps, and related products and trading strategies, with practical examples that demonstrate each concept in action. The companion website provides Excel files that illustrate pricing, valuation, sensitivities, and strategies discussed in the book, and practice and assessment questions for each chapter allow you to reinforce your learning and gauge the depth of your understanding.

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An Introduction to Options and Futures-Don M. Chance 1991

Derivative Pricing in Discrete Time-Nigel J. Cutland 2012-09-07
Derivatives are financial entities whose value is derived from the value of other more concrete assets such as stocks and commodities. They are an important ingredient of modern financial markets. This book provides an introduction to the mathematical modelling of real world financial markets and the rational pricing of derivatives, which is part of the theory that not only underpins modern financial practice but is a thriving area of mathematical research. The central theme is the question of how to find a fair price for a derivative; defined to be a price at which it is not possible for any trader to make a risk free profit by trading in the derivative. To keep the mathematics as simple as possible, while explaining the basic principles, only discrete time models with a finite number of possible future scenarios are considered. The theory examines the simplest possible financial model having only one time step, where many of the fundamental ideas occur, and are easily understood. Proceeding slowly, the theory progresses to more realistic models with several stocks and multiple time steps, and includes a comprehensive treatment of incomplete models. The emphasis throughout is on clarity combined with full rigour. The later chapters deal with more advanced topics, including how the discrete time theory is related to the famous continuous time Black-Scholes theory, and a uniquely thorough treatment of American options. The book assumes no prior knowledge of financial markets, and the mathematical prerequisites are limited to elementary linear algebra and probability. This makes it accessible to undergraduates in mathematics as well as students of other disciplines with a mathematical component. It includes numerous worked examples and exercises, making it suitable for self-study.

Derivative Securities and Difference Methods-You-lan Zhu 2013-07-04
This book is mainly devoted to finite difference numerical methods for solving partial differential equations (PDEs) models of pricing a wide variety of financial derivative securities. With this objective, the book is divided into two main parts. In the first part, after an introduction concerning the basics on derivative securities, the authors explain how to establish the adequate PDE boundary value problems for different sets of derivative products (vanilla and exotic options, and interest rate derivatives). For many option problems, the analytic solutions are also derived with details. The second part is devoted to explaining and analyzing the application of finite differences techniques to the financial...
models stated in the first part of the book. For this, the authors recall some basics on finite difference methods, initial boundary value problems, and (having in view financial products with early exercise feature) linear complementarity and free boundary problems. In each chapter, the techniques related to these mathematical and numerical subjects are applied to a wide variety of financial products. This is a textbook for graduate students following a mathematical finance program as well as a valuable reference for those researchers working in numerical methods in financial derivatives. For this new edition, the book has been updated throughout with many new problems added. More details about numerical methods for some options, for example, Asian options with discrete sampling, are provided and the proof of solution-uniqueness of derivative security problems and the complete stability analysis of numerical methods for two-dimensional problems are added. Review of first edition: "...the book is highly well designed and structured as a textbook for graduate students following a mathematical finance program, which includes Black-Scholes dynamic hedging methodology to price financial derivatives. Also, it is a very valuable reference for those researchers working in numerical methods in financial derivatives, either with a more financial or mathematical background." -- MATHEMATICAL REVIEWS

Statistics and Finance-David Ruppert 2004-03-30 This textbook emphasizes the applications of statistics and probability to finance. It reviews the basics and advanced topics are introduced, including behavioral finance. The book serves as a text in courses, and those in the finance industry can use it for self-study.

Numerical Solution of Stochastic Differential Equations with Jumps in Finance-Eckhard Platen 2010-07-23 In financial and actuarial modeling and other areas of application, stochastic differential equations with jumps have been employed to describe the dynamics of various state variables. The numerical solution of such equations is more complex than that of those only driven by Wiener processes, described in Kloeden & Platen: Numerical Solution of Stochastic Differential Equations (1992). The present monograph builds on the above-mentioned work and provides an introduction to stochastic differential equations with jumps, in both theory and application, emphasizing the numerical methods needed to solve such equations. It presents many new results on higher-order methods for scenario and Monte Carlo simulation, including...
implicit, predictor corrector, extrapolation, Markov chain and variance reduction methods, stressing the importance of their numerical stability. Furthermore, it includes chapters on exact simulation, estimation and filtering. Besides serving as a basic text on quantitative methods, it offers ready access to a large number of potential research problems in an area that is widely applicable and rapidly expanding. Finance is chosen as the area of application because much of the recent research on stochastic numerical methods has been driven by challenges in quantitative finance. Moreover, the volume introduces readers to the modern benchmark approach that provides a general framework for modeling in finance and insurance beyond the standard risk-neutral approach. It requires undergraduate background in mathematical or quantitative methods, is accessible to a broad readership, including those who are only seeking numerical recipes, and includes exercises that help the reader develop a deeper understanding of the underlying mathematics.

An Introduction to Computational Finance by M. U?ur 2009 Although there are several publications on similar subjects, this book mainly focuses on pricing of options and bridges the gap between Mathematical Finance and Numerical Methodologies. The author collects the key contributions of several monographs and selected literature, values and displays their importance, and composes them here to create a work which has its own characteristics in content and style. This invaluable book provides working Matlab codes not only to implement the algorithms presented in the text, but also to help readers code their own pricing algorithms in their preferred programming languages. Availability of the codes under an Internet site is also offered by the author. Not only does this book serve as a textbook in related undergraduate or graduate courses, but it can also be used by those who wish to implement or learn pricing algorithms by themselves. The basic methods of option pricing are presented in a self-contained and unified manner, and will hopefully help readers improve their mathematical and computational backgrounds for more advanced topics.

Errata

Introduction to the Mathematics of Finance by Ruth J. Williams 2006 The modern subject of mathematical finance has undergone considerable
development, both in theory and practice, since the seminal work of Black and Scholes appeared a third of a century ago. This book is intended as an introduction to some elements of the theory that will enable students and researchers to go on to read more advanced texts and research papers. The book begins with the development of the basic ideas of hedging and pricing of European and American derivatives in the discrete (i.e., discrete time and discrete state) setting of binomial tree models. Then a general discrete finite market model is introduced, and the fundamental theorems of asset pricing are proved in this setting. Tools from probability such as conditional expectation, filtration, (super)martingale, equivalent martingale measure, and martingale representation are all used first in this simple discrete framework. This provides a bridge to the continuous (time and state) setting, which requires the additional concepts of Brownian motion and stochastic calculus. The simplest model in the continuous setting is the famous Black-Scholes model, for which pricing and hedging of European and American derivatives are developed. The book concludes with a description of the fundamental theorems for a continuous market model that generalizes the simple Black-Scholes model in several directions.
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