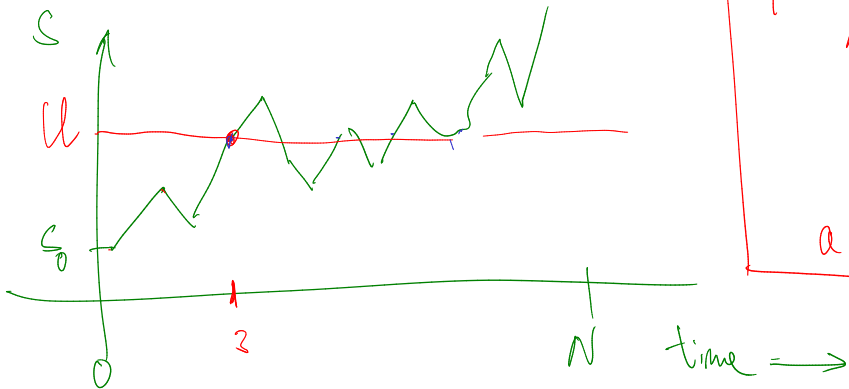


6.3. Options with random maturity. Consider the  $N$  period binomial model with  $0 < d < 1 + r < u$ .

Example 6.30 (Up-and-rebate option). Let  $A, U > 0$ . The up-and-rebate option pays the face value  $A$  at the first time the stock price exceeds  $U$  (up to maturity time  $N$ ), and nothing otherwise. Explicitly, let  $\tau = \min\{n \leq N \mid S_n \geq U\}$ , and let  $\sigma = \tau \wedge N$ . The up-and-rebate option pays  $A \mathbf{1}_{\tau \leq N}$  at the random time  $\sigma$ .

Remark 6.31. By convention  $\min \emptyset = \infty$ .



Up & rebate opt pays  
 $A \mathbf{1}_{\tau \leq N}$

at time  $\tau \wedge N$

$a \wedge b = \min \{a, b\}$   
 $a \vee b = \max \{a, b\}$

**Definition 6.32.** We say a random variable  $\tau$  is a stopping time if:

- (1)  $\tau: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, \dots, N\} \cup \{\infty\}$   
→ (2) For all  $n \leq N$ , the event  $\{\tau \leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ .

*Remark 6.33.* We say  $\tau$  is a finite stopping time if  $\tau < \infty$  almost surely.

*Remark 6.34.* The second condition above is equivalent to requiring  $\{\tau = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$  for all  $n$ .

$$\forall n \quad \underbrace{\{\tau \leq n\}} \in \mathcal{F}_n \iff \forall n \quad \underbrace{\{\tau = n\}} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

Question 6.35. Is  $\tau = 5$  a stopping time?

Question 6.36. Is the first time the stock price hits  $U$  a stopping time?

Question 6.37. Is the last time the stock price hits  $U$  a stopping time?

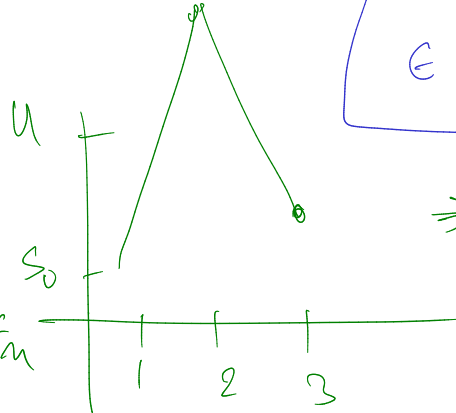
$N = 370$

$$\tau = \min \{ \underline{n} \mid S_n \geq U \}$$

$$\{\tau \leq n\} = \{ \cancel{S_n \geq U} \}$$

$$= \{S_0 \geq U\} \cup \{S_1 \geq U\} \\ \cup \dots \cup \{S_n \geq U\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

$$= \{ \max \{S_0, S_1, \dots, S_n\} \geq U \} \in \mathcal{F}_n$$



$$\text{yes: } \{\tau = n\} = \begin{cases} \Omega & n=5 \\ \emptyset & n \neq 5 \end{cases}$$

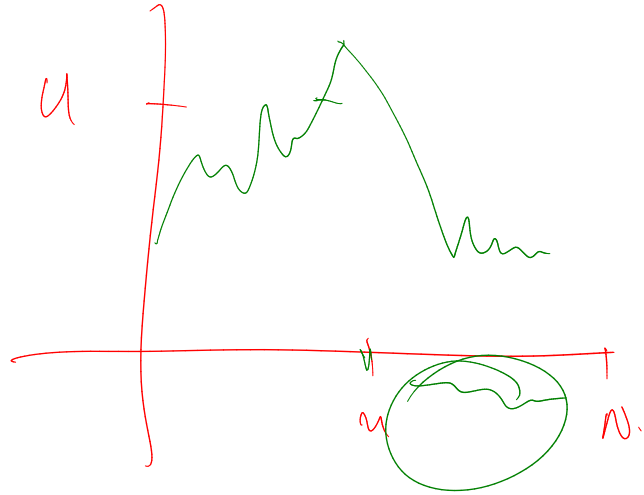
$\in \mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{F}_n \forall n.$

$$\Rightarrow \{\tau \leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n \\ \forall n$$

$\Rightarrow \tau$  is a stopping time.

Q:  $\tau =$  last time  $S_n$  crosses  $U$

NO!  $\{\tau \leq n\}$  involves knowing  
 $S_{n+1} \leq U$ ,  $S_{n+2} \leq U \dots$  etc.  
 $\notin \mathcal{F}_n.$



Question 6.38. If  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are stopping times, is  $\sigma \wedge \tau$  a stopping time? How about  $\sigma \vee \tau$ ? Yes (use ~~min~~ intuition.)

①  $\sigma \wedge \tau: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, \dots, n\} \cup \{\infty\}$  (Yes)

② NIS  $\{\sigma \wedge \tau \leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n \quad \forall n.$

Pf:  $\{\sigma \wedge \tau \leq n\} = \{\sigma \leq n\} \cup \{\tau \leq n\}$

$\{\omega \in \Omega \mid \sigma(\omega) \wedge \tau(\omega) \leq n\}$

$\cap$   
 $\mathcal{F}_n$

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( $\because \tau$  is a stopping time).

( $\because \sigma$  is a stopping time)

$\sigma, \tau$  is a stopping time

$\Rightarrow \sigma/2$  a stopping time

$\{\sigma/2 \leq n\} = \{\sigma \leq 2n\} \in \mathcal{F}_{2n}$  need not be in  $\mathcal{F}_n$ .

- Let  $G$  be an adapted process, and  $\sigma$  be a finite stopping time.
- Consider a derivative security that pays  $G_\sigma$  at the random time  $\sigma$ .
- Note  $G_\sigma = \sum_{n=0}^N G_n \mathbf{1}_{\sigma \geq n}$ .
- Let  $(X_0, (\Delta_n))$  be a self-financing portfolio, and  $X_n$  at time  $n$  be the wealth of this portfolio at time  $n$ .

$$G_\sigma = \sum_{n=0}^N \mathbf{1}_{\{\sigma \geq n\}} G_n$$

**Definition 6.39.** A self-financing portfolio with wealth process  $X$  is a replicating strategy if  $X_\sigma = G_\sigma$ .

**Theorem 6.40.** The security with payoff  $G_\sigma$  (at the stopping time  $\sigma$ ) can be replicated. The arbitrage free price is given by

$$X_n \mathbf{1}_{\{\sigma \geq n\}} = \frac{1}{D_n} \tilde{E}_n(D_\sigma G_\sigma \mathbf{1}_{\{\sigma \geq n\}})$$

*Remark 6.41.* The only thing required for the proof of Theorem 6.40 is the fact that  $X_n$  is the wealth of a self-financing portfolio if and only if  $D_n X_n$  is a  $\tilde{P}$  martingale.

$$G_\sigma(\omega) = G_{\sigma(\omega)}(\omega)$$

$X_0$  = initial wealth.

$\Delta_n$  = # shares of stock at time  $n$  held in the portfolio.

$(X_0, (\Delta_n))$   
in  
trad strat.

$X_n$  = wealth at time  $n$ .

(RNP formula:  
Payoff  $V_N$  at time  $N$   
the AFP at time  $n$   
 $= \frac{1}{D_n} \tilde{E}_n(D_N V_N)$ )