

The fundamental theorem of asset pricing with and without transaction costs

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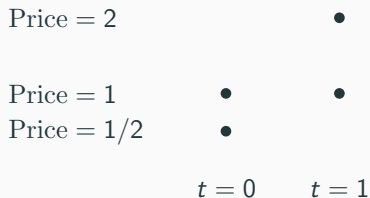
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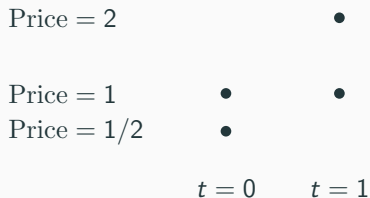
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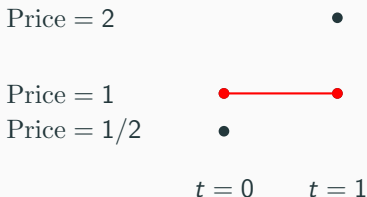


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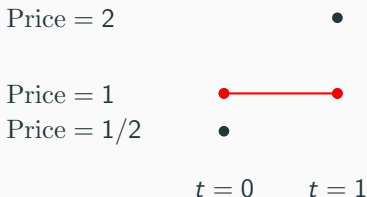


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- Aim can only be achieved approximately for $n \rightarrow \infty$. **Set of attainable portfolio positions is not closed in probability.**

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But, **continuous transitions** between zero and positive bid-ask spreads require an additional condition:

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Useful mathematical objects are **actual bid/ask prices**:

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- **Interpretation:** Assume you own 1 stock at some $t_0 \in [0, T]$ and want to maximize the worst-case reward. Just freeze the stock and sell it at price \underline{X}_{t_0} , dynamic strategies cannot do better.

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W.l.o.g. let \mathcal{F}_{t_0} be P -trivial. Assume **by contradiction** that $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $P(\varphi_T^0 \geq \underline{X}_{t_0} + \varepsilon) = 1$.

$$\tau := \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (\bar{S}_t \leq \underline{X}_{t_0} + 2\varepsilon/3 \text{ or } \varphi_t \leq 0)$$

$$\text{and } \underline{S}_u \leq \underline{X}_{t_0} + \varepsilon/3 \forall u \in (t_0, t)\}.$$

$$P(\varphi_T = 0, \sup_{u \in [t_0, T]} \underline{S}_u \leq \underline{X}_{t_0} + \varepsilon/3) > 0 \implies P(\tau < \infty) > 0$$

Bad prices before $\tau < \infty$ and at τ better buying price than ever τ

before. Switch from strategy 0 to strategy φ at $\tau \rightsquigarrow$ arbitrage. ζ



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Definition (Merge NUPBR with prospective version of NA^s)

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$$\left\{ \sup_{t \in [0, T]} V_t^{\text{cost}}(\varphi) : (\varphi^0, \varphi) \text{ 1-admissible} \right\} \text{ is bounded in } L^0,$$

and for every 1-admissible sequence $(\varphi^{0,n}, \varphi^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that φ^n are bounded and $(\varphi_T^{0,n}, \varphi_T^n) \rightarrow (C^0, C)$ a.s., where (C^0, C) is a maximal element, there exist forward convex combinations $(\lambda_{n,k})_{n \in \mathbb{N}, k=0, \dots, k_n}$, $k_n \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e., $\lambda_{n,k} \in \mathbb{R}_+$ & $\sum_{k=0}^{k_n} \lambda_{n,k} = 1$, s.t.

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Interpretation. Local tightening of the NUPBR^{PS} condition: The process V^{cost} values a purchased share at the higher ask price as long as it is in the portfolio. In the fictitious frictionless market, the position can even be liquidated at the ask price.

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- The name “FTAP” is justified because the sufficient conditions to obtain a CPS are fulfilled in the special case of a frictionless market with NFLVR (“allowable” version).
- The conditions are weaker than those in the literature.

- The proof is very technical and uses many standard methods in continuous time finance. But, the key idea is new.
- Under **Robust no free lunch with vanishing risk**, one argues that the trading volume of 1-admissible strategies cannot explode (“trading costs” cannot be compensated for with certainty by “trading gains”)

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- Consider a fixed (ω, t) with $\overline{X}_t(\omega) - \underline{X}_t(\omega) > 0$. We get an estimate for $|\varphi_t^n(\omega)|$ which does not depend on $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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