

Math 194: Homework 4, Problem 1

1. Consider a stock price process $S = (S_0, S_1, S_2)$ defined on $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_5\}$ by

$$S(\omega_1) = (8, 16, 32)$$

$$S(\omega_2) = (8, 16, 28)$$

$$S(\omega_3) = (8, 16, 10)$$

$$S(\omega_4) = (8, 4, 16)$$

$$S(\omega_5) = (8, 4, 4)$$

Note that this is not a binomial model. However, you can draw a tree to describe the possible paths followed by the stock price process. You should do this and then answer the following questions.

- (a) For $t = 0, 1, 2$, let $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma\{S_s : 0 \leq s \leq t\}$, the σ -algebra generated by the stock price process up to time t . The entire collection of σ -algebras $\{\mathcal{F}_t, t = 0, 1, 2\}$ is called a filtration. Each $\mathcal{F}_t$ is generated by a partition $\mathcal{P}_t$ of Ω . Determine what $\mathcal{P}_t$ is for $t = 0, 1, 2$. Write down the list of sets that constitute $\mathcal{F}_t$, for $t = 0, 1, 2$.
- (b) Let P be a probability measure defined on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_2)$ where $P(\{\omega_1\}) = 0.5$, $P(\{\omega_2\}) = 0.2$, $P(\{\omega_3\}) = 0.1$, $P(\{\omega_4\}) = 0.15$, $P(\{\omega_5\}) = 0.05$. Let E denote expectation under P . Determine the conditional expectations:

$$E[S_2|\mathcal{F}_1] = E[S_2|\mathcal{P}_1],$$

$$E[S_2|\mathcal{F}_0] = E[S_2|\mathcal{P}_0].$$