



Subject: Pricing Derivatives and Markets

SYLLABUS

Topic 1. Financial derivatives

- 1.1. Definitions, typologies, trading
- 1.2. Financial derivatives market
- 1.3. Financial strategies using derivatives

Tematica 2. Financial arbitrage and financial derivatives valuation

- 2.1. No Arbitrage Opportunities principle (NAO)
- 2.2. No Arbitrage Opportunities theorem
- 2.3. Usual financial arbitrage relation
- 2.4. Futures and forward pricing

Tematica 3. Stochastic calculus in financial derivatives pricing

- 3.1. Brownian motion
- 3.2. Martingale
- 3.3. Stochastic integrals: Wiener and Ito
- 3.4. Ito's stochastic processes
- 3.5. Ito's lemma
- 3.6. Change of probability. Girsanov theorem

Tematica 4. Black-Scholes model of European option pricing

- 4.1. Non-paying dividend option pricing (Black-Scholes)
- 4.2. Paying dividend option pricing (Merton)
- 4.3. Futures option pricing (Black)
- 4.4. Currency option pricing (Garman-Kohlhagen) and Siegel's paradox
- 4.5. Black-Scholes price's sensitivity indicators
- 4.6. Numerical procedure for using Black-Scholes in practice

Tematica 5. Static and dynamic hedging strategies

- 5.1. Delta neutral portfolios
- 5.2. Gamma neutral portfolios
- 5.3. Vega neutral portfolios
- 5.4. Risk neutral portfolios simultaneously

Tematica 6. Credit risk (Merton model)

- 6.1. Real options
- 6.2. Firm valuation with the Black-Scholes model
- 6.3. Probability to default

Tematica 7. Cox-Ross-Rubinstein model of European and American options pricing

- 7.1. Binomial process or binomial tree of price evolution
- 7.2. No risk portfolio method
- 7.3. Risk neutral valuation method
- 7.4. Applications on other underlying assets

Tematica 8. Fixed income assets pricing

- 8.1. Pricing methodology of zero-coupon bonds
- 8.2. Merton model
- 8.3. Vasicek model
- 8.4. Cox-Ingersoll-Ross model

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