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F22 ASSESSED COURSEWORK. 17.11.2017

Deadline 1.12.2017, 4pm.

In a three-period binomial model, the stock price goes up by a factor of u = 6/5 with probability $p \in (0, 1)$, or down by a factor of d = 5/6 with probability 1 - p. The initial stock price is 60. Neglect interest.

(i) Find the martingale probability p^* .

(ii) Price a European call option with expiry time T = 3 with strike K = 50.

(iii) Price the corresponding American option, and find the early-exercise and continuation regions.

(iv) Repeat (ii) and (iii) with K = 70.

(v) Comment on the difference between the K = 50 and 70 results.

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