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## Homework to prepare for tomorrow

We specify below the basic elements of a financial market with T periods:

- A finite probability space  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_k\}$  with k elements.
- A probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  on  $\Omega$ , such that  $\mathbb{P}(\omega) > 0$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .
- A riskless asset (a saving account)  $S_t^0, t \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., N\}$  such that  $S_0^0 = 1$  with a constant interest rate r.
- A *d*-dimensional price process  $S_t$ ,  $t \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., N\}$  where  $S_t = (S_t^0, S_t^1, ..., S_t^d)$  and  $S_t^i$  stands for the price of the asset *i* at time *t*.
- 1. Consider the following model  $k = 3, d = 1, r = \frac{1}{9}$

n	$S_n^0$	$S_n^1$				
		$\omega_1$	$\omega_2$	$\omega_3$		
0	1	5	5	5		
1	10	20	40	30		
	9	3	9	9		

Question: Is this model arbitrage free ?

2. Consider now, the following model: given by  $k = 3, d = 2, r = \frac{1}{9}$  and the discounted price

n	$S_n^0$	$\widetilde{S}_n^1$			$\widetilde{S}_n^2$		
		$\omega_1$	$\omega_2$	$\omega_3$	$\omega_1$	$\omega_2$	$\omega_3$
0	1	5	5	5	10	10	10
1	$\frac{10}{9}$	6	6	3	12	8	8

**Question**: Is this model arbitrage free ?

3. Consider the following model  $\Omega := \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}$  and that the volatility is given by

$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} h & \text{if } \omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_2\} \\ l & \text{if } \omega \in \{\omega_3, \omega_4\} \end{cases}$$

where 0 < l < h < 1 and l stands for low volatility whereas h stands for high volatility. The stock price  $S_1$  is then modeled by:

$$S_1(\omega) = \begin{cases} S_0 (1+\sigma) & \text{if } \omega \in \{\omega_1, \omega_3\} \\ S_0 (1-\sigma) & \text{if } \omega \in \{\omega_2, \omega_4\} \end{cases}$$

where  $S_0$  denotes the initial stock price.

The riskless asset is model by  $S_0^0 = 1$  and  $S_1^0 = 1 + r$ . Question: Is this model arbitrage free ?