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this textbook provides an introduction to financial mathematics and financial engineering for undergraduate students who have completed a three or four semester sequence of calculus courses it introduces the theory of interest random variables and probability stochastic processes arbitrage option pricing hedging and portfolio optimization the student progresses from knowing only elementary calculus to understanding the derivation and solution of the black scholes partial differential equation and its solutions this is one of the few books on the subject of financial mathematics which is accessible to undergraduates having only a thorough grounding in elementary calculus it explains the subject matter without hand waving arguments and includes numerous examples every chapter concludes with a set of exercises which test the chapter s concepts and fill in details of derivations publisher s description

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of option pricing and a greater number of exercises at the end of each chapter more background material and exercises added with solutions provided to the other chapters allowing the textbook to better stand alone as an introduction to financial mathematics the reader progresses from a solid grounding in multivariable calculus through a derivation of the black scholes equation its solution properties and applications the text attempts to be as self contained as possible without relying on advanced mathematical and statistical topics the material presented in this book will adequately prepare the reader for graduate level study in mathematical finance

this book s primary objective is to educate aspiring finance professionals about mathematics and computation in the context of financial derivatives the authors offer a balance of traditional coverage and technology to fill the void between highly mathematical books and broad finance books the focus of this book is twofold to partner mathematics with corresponding intuition rather than diving so deeply into the mathematics that the material is inaccessible to many readers to build reader intuition understanding and confidence through three types of computer applications that help the reader understand the mathematics of the models unlike many books on financial derivatives requiring stochastic calculus this book presents the fundamental theories based on only undergraduate probability knowledge a key feature of this book is its focus on applying models in three programming languages r mathematica and excel each of the three approaches offers unique advantages the computer applications are carefully introduced and require little prior programming background the financial derivative models that are included in this book are virtually identical to those covered in the top financial professional certificate programs in finance the overlap of financial models between these programs and this book is broad and deep

the book has been tested and refined through years of classroom teaching experience with an abundance of examples problems and fully worked out solutions the text introduces the financial theory and relevant mathematical methods in a mathematically rigorous yet engaging way this textbook provides complete coverage of continuous time financial models that form the cornerstones of financial derivative pricing theory unlike similar texts in the field this one presents multiple problem solving approaches linking related comprehensive techniques for pricing different types of financial derivatives key features in depth coverage of continuous time theory and methodology numerous fully worked out examples and exercises in every chapter mathematically rigorous and consistent yet bridging various basic and more advanced concepts judicious balance of financial theory and mathematical methods guide to material this revision contains almost 150 pages worth of new material in all chapters a appendix on probability theory an expanded set of solved problems and additional exercises answers to all exercises this book is a comprehensive self contained and unified treatment of the main theory and application of mathematical methods behind modern day financial mathematics the text complements financial mathematics a comprehensive treatment in discrete time by the same authors also published by crc press

financial mathematics from discrete to continuous time is a study of the mathematical ideas and techniques that are important to the two main arms of the area of financial mathematics portfolio optimization and derivative valuation the text is authored for courses taken by advanced undergraduates mba or other students in quantitative finance programs the approach will be mathematically correct but informal sometimes omitting proofs of the more difficult results and stressing practical results and interpretation the text will not be dependent on any particular technology but it will be laced with examples requiring the numerical and graphical power of the machine the text illustrates simulation techniques to stand in for analytical techniques when the latter are impractical there will be an electronic version of the text that integrates mathematica functionality into the development making full use of the computational and simulation tools that this program provides prerequisites are good courses in mathematical probability acquaintance with statistical estimation and a grounding in matrix algebra the highlights of the text are a thorough presentation of the problem of portfolio optimization leading in a natural way to the capital

market theory dynamic programming and the optimal portfolio selection consumption problem through time an intuitive approach to brownian motion and stochastic integral models for continuous time problems the black scholes equation for simple european option values derived in several different ways a chapter on several types of exotic options material on the management of risk in several contexts

this textbook contains the fundamentals for an undergraduate course in mathematical finance aimed primarily at students of mathematics assuming only a basic knowledge of probability and calculus the material is presented in a mathematically rigorous and complete way the book covers the time value of money including the time structure of interest rates bonds and stock valuation derivative securities futures options modelling in discrete time pricing and hedging and many other core topics with numerous examples problems and exercises this book is ideally suited for independent study

the second edition of this successful and widely recognized textbook again focuses on discrete topics the author recognizes two distinct paths of study and careers of actuarial science and financial engineering this text can be very useful as a common core for both therefore there is substantial material in introduction to financial mathematics second edition on the theory of interest the first half of the book as well as the probabilistic background necessary for the study of portfolio optimization and derivative valuation the second half a course in multivariable calculus is not required the material in the first two chapters should go a long way toward helping students prepare for the financial mathematics fm actuarial exam also the discrete material will reveal how beneficial it is for the students to know more about loans in their personal financial lives the notable changes and updates to this edition are itemized in the preface but overall the presentation has been made more efficient one example is the chapter on discrete probability which is rather unique in its emphasis on giving the deterministic problems studied earlier a probabilistic context the section on markov chains which is not essential to the development has been scaled down sample spaces and probability measures random variables and distributions expectation conditional probability independence and estimation all follow optimal portfolio selection coverage is reorganized and the section on the practicalities of stock transactions has been revised market portfolio and capital market theory coverage is expanded new sections on swaps and value at risk have been added this book like the first edition was written so that the print edition could stand alone at times we simplify complicated algebraic expressions or solve systems of linear equations or numerically solve non linear equations also some attention is given to the use of computer simulation to approximate solutions to problems

as with the first edition mathematics for finance an introduction to financial engineering combines financial motivation with mathematical style assuming only basic knowledge of probability and calculus it presents three major areas of mathematical finance namely option pricing based on the no arbitrage principle in discrete and continuous time setting markowitz portfolio optimisation and capital asset pricing model and basic stochastic interest rate models in discrete setting from the reviews of the first edition this text is an excellent introduction to mathematical finance armed with a knowledge of basic calculus and probability a student can use this book to learn about derivatives interest rates and their term structure and portfolio management zentralblatt math given these basic tools it is surprising how high a level of sophistication the authors achieve covering such topics as arbitrage free valuation binomial trees and risk neutral valuation riskbook com the reviewer can only congratulate the authors with successful completion of a difficult task of writing a useful textbook on a traditionally hard topic k borovkov the australian mathematical society gazette vol 31 4 2004

anyone with an interest in learning about the mathematical modeling of prices of financial derivatives such as bonds futures and options can start with this book whereby the only mathematical prerequisite is multivariable calculus the necessary theory of interest statistical stochastic and differential equations are developed in their respective chapters with the goal of making this introductory text as self contained as possible in this edition the chapters on hedging portfolios and extensions of the black scholes model have

been expanded the chapter on optimizing portfolios has been completely re written to focus on the development of the capital asset pricing model the binomial model due to cox ross rubinstein has been enlarged into a standalone chapter illustrating the wide ranging utility of the binomial model for numerically estimating option prices there is a completely new chapter on the pricing of exotic options the appendix now features linear algebra with sufficient background material to support a more rigorous development of the arbitrage theorem the new edition has more than doubled the number of exercises compared to the previous edition and now contains over 700 exercises thus students completing the book will gain a deeper understanding of the development of modern financial mathematics

given the explosion of interest in mathematical methods for solving problems in finance and trading a great deal of research and development is taking place in universities large brokerage firms and in the supporting trading software industry mathematical advances have been made both analytically and numerically in finding practical solutions this book provides a comprehensive overview of existing and original material about what mathematics when allied with mathematica can do for finance sophisticated theories are presented systematically in a user friendly style and a powerful combination of mathematical rigor and mathematica programming three kinds of solution methods are emphasized symbolic numerical and monte carlo nowadays only good personal computers are required to handle the symbolic and numerical methods that are developed in this book key features no previous knowledge of mathematica programming is required the symbolic numeric data management and graphic capabilities of mathematica are fully utilized monte carlo solutions of scalar and multivariable sdes are developed and utilized heavily in discussing trading issues such as black scholes hedging black scholes and dupire pdes are solved symbolically and numerically fast numerical solutions to free boundary problems with details of their mathematica realizations are provided comprehensive study of optimal portfolio diversification including an original theory of optimal portfolio hedging under non log normal asset price dynamics is presented the book is designed for the academic community of instructors and students and most importantly will meet the everyday trading needs of quantitatively inclined professional and individual investors

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this book is an elementary introduction to the basic concepts of financial mathematics with a central focus on discrete models and an aim to demonstrate simple but widely used financial derivatives for managing market risks only a basic knowledge of probability real analysis ordinary differential equations linear algebra and some common sense are required to understand the concepts considered in this book financial mathematics is an application of advanced mathematical and statistical methods to financial management and markets with a main objective of quantifying and hedging risks since the book aims to present the basics of financial mathematics to the reader only essential elements of probability and stochastic analysis are given to explain ideas concerning derivative pricing and hedging to keep the reader intrigued and motivated the book has a sandwich structure probability and stochastics are given in situ where mathematics can be readily illustrated by application to finance the first part of the book introduces one of the main principles in finance no arbitrage pricing it also introduces main financial instruments such as forward and futures contracts bonds and swaps and options the second part deals with pricing and hedging of european and american type options in the discrete time setting in addition the concept of complete and incomplete markets is discussed elementary probability is briefly revised and discrete time discrete space stochastic processes used in financial modelling are considered the third part introduces the wiener process ito integrals and stochastic differential equations but its main focus is the famous black scholes formula for pricing european options some guidance

for further study within this exciting and rapidly changing field is given in the concluding chapter there are approximately 100 exercises interspersed throughout the book and solutions for most problems are provided in the appendices

this second edition presents an applied approach to financial mathematics and provides an overview of existing and original material sophisticated theories are presented systematically in a user friendly style which promotes a powerful combination of mathematical rigor and mathematica programming three kinds of solution methods are emphasized symbolic numerical and monte carlo this new comprehensive study guide presents several additional financial problems that can be directly applied in the field i e integral pde dupire equations inverse problems 3 d numerical pricing equations obstacle problems optimal portfolio problem for momentum markets the book is intended for instructors and graduate students interested in financial mathematics as well as mathematically inclined investors and traders who rely on cash stocks and stock options on a regular basis

introduction to financial mathematics option valuation second edition is a well rounded primer to the mathematics and models used in the valuation of financial derivatives the book consists of fifteen chapters the first ten of which develop option valuation techniques in discrete time the last five describing the theory in continuous time the first half of the textbook develops basic finance and probability the author then treats the binomial model as the primary example of discrete time option valuation the final part of the textbook examines the black scholes model the book is written to provide a straightforward account of the principles of option pricing and examines these principles in detail using standard discrete and stochastic calculus models additionally the second edition has new exercises and examples and includes many tables and graphs generated by over 30 ms excel vba modules available on the author s webpage home gwu edu hdj

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this book follows a conversational approach in five dozen stories that provide an insight into the colorful world of financial mathematics and financial markets in a relaxed accessible and entertaining form the authors present various topics such as returns real interest rates present values arbitrage replication options swaps the black scholes formula and many more the readers will learn how to discover analyze and deal with the many financial mathematical decisions the daily routine constantly demands the book covers a wide field in terms of scope and thematic diversity numerous stories are inspired by the fields of deterministic financial mathematics option valuation portfolio optimization and actuarial mathematics the book also contains a collection of basic concepts and formulas of financial mathematics and of probability theory thus also readers new to the subject will be provided with all the necessary information to verify the calculations

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a user friendly presentation of the essential concepts and tools for calculating real costs and profits in personal finance understanding the mathematics of personal finance explains how mathematics a simple calculator and basic computer spreadsheets can be used to break down and understand even the most complex loan structures in an easy to follow style the book clearly explains the workings of basic financial calculations captures the concepts behind loans and interest in a step by step manner and details how these steps can be implemented for practical purposes rather than simply providing investment and borrowing strategies the author successfully equips readers with the skills needed to make accurate and effective decisions in all aspects of personal finance ventures including mortgages annuities life insurance and credit card debt the book begins with a primer on mathematics covering the basics of arithmetic operations and notations and proceeds to explore the concepts of interest simple interest and compound interest subsequent chapters illustrate the application of these concepts to common types of personal finance exchanges including loan amortization and savings mortgages reverse mortgages and viatical settlements prepayment penalties credit cards the book provides readers with the tools needed to calculate real costs and profits using various financial instruments mathematically inclined readers will enjoy the inclusion of mathematical derivations but these sections are visually distinct from the text and can be skipped without the loss of content or complete understanding of the material in addition references to online calculators and instructions for building the calculations involved in a spreadsheet are provided furthermore a related site features additional problem sets the spreadsheet calculators that are referenced and used throughout the book and links to various other financial calculators understanding the mathematics of personal finance is an excellent book for finance courses at the undergraduate level it is also an essential reference for individuals who are interested in learning how to make effective financial decisions in their everyday lives

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