

Pricing Snowball Notes with Hull-White Model

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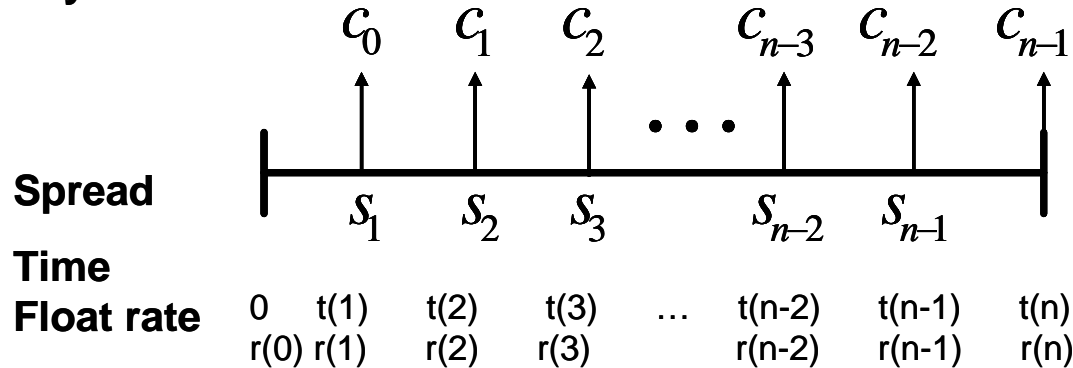
雪球型債券簡介

- General form for i-th quarter coupon is:
$$Coupon(i) = (Coupon(i-1) + Spread(i) - Floating\ rate(i))^+$$
- Inversing floating rate bond
- Coupons freeze at zero
- Path-depend coupons:

The more coupon rate in the past, snowball rolls more and more bigger. Oppositely, the less coupon rate before, the snowball will “melt away”.
- Delayed payment
- Callable contract

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Payment



- S_i : spread rate at time $t(i)$
- C_i : the coupon determined at time $t(i)$ and paid at $t(i+1)$
- $r(i)$: the floating interest rate from time $t(i)$ to time $t(i+1)$
- F : the face value paid at maturity date $t(n)$.
- By recursive formula, C_i without freeze at zero article is following

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_i &= (C_{i-1} + S_i - r_i) \\
 &= \left[(C_{i-2} + S_{i-1} - r_{i-1}) + S_i - r_i \right] \\
 &= \left[(C_{i-3} + S_{i-2} - r_{i-2}) + S_{i-1} + S_i - r_{i-1} - r_i \right] \\
 &= \left(C_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i S_j - \sum_{j=1}^i r_j \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

研究方法

- Christian Bender, Anastasia Kolodko, John Schoenmakers, 2005, *Iterating Snowballs and related path dependent callables in a multi-factor Libor model*
- Pricing snowball based on Libor market model with iterative method.
- Shortcoming: estimate too many parameters in Libor market model, algorithm is sophisticated.
- We use simple interest rate model, Hull-White short rate model and trinomial tree structure to solve complex snowball contract.

Hull-White Model

- $dr(t) = [\theta(t) - ar(t)]dt + \sigma dW(t)$
- Character: property of mean reversion, fit to today's term structure by $\theta(t)$
- Construct Hull-White trinomial by two stages:

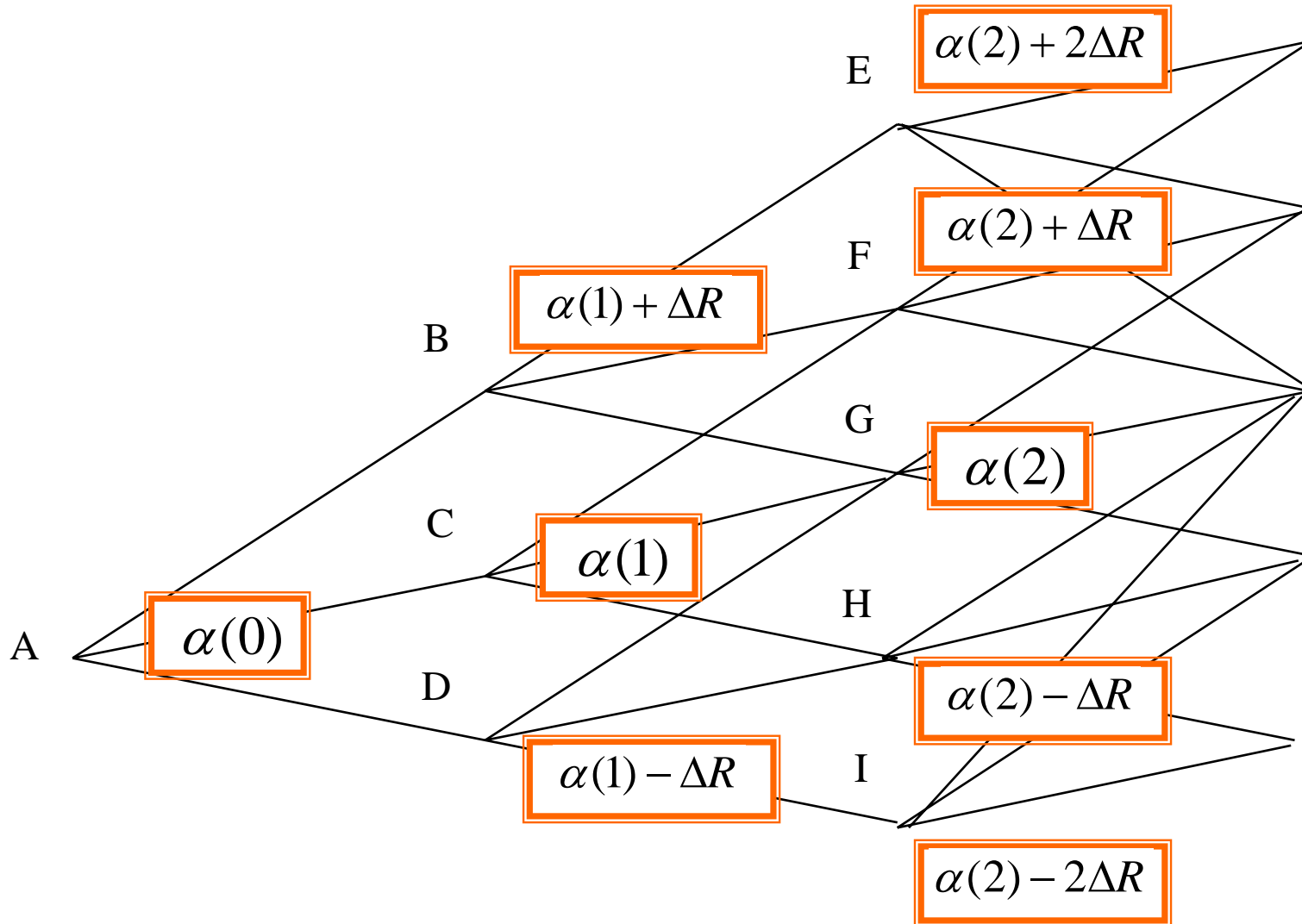
1. Preliminary Tree

$$dR^*(t) = -aR^*(t)dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

2. calibration with the real term structure

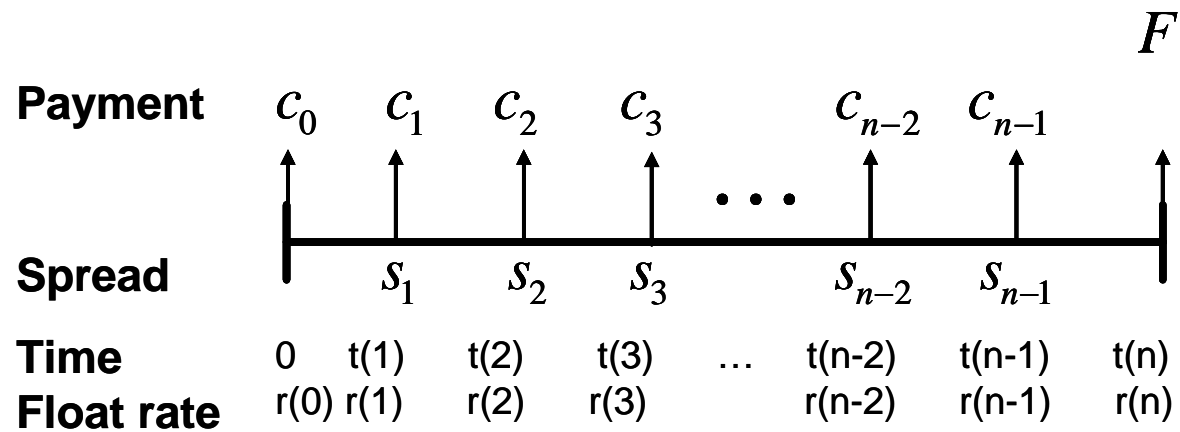
$$\alpha(t) = r(t) - R^*(t)$$

Hull-White trinomial tree



評價雪球型債券

- (未考慮freeze at zero):



$$\begin{aligned}
 C_i &= (C_{i-1} + S_i - r_i) \\
 &= \left[(C_{i-2} + S_{i-1} - r_{i-1}) + S_i - r_i \right] \\
 &= \left[(C_{i-3} + S_{i-2} - r_{i-2}) + S_{i-1} + S_i - r_{i-1} - r_i \right] = \dots \\
 &= \left(C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i S_k - \sum_{k=1}^i r_k \right) \xrightarrow[r_k = \alpha_k + f_{k,jk} \Delta R]{\text{by Hull-White tree}} \left(C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i S_k - \sum_{k=1}^i \alpha_k - \boxed{f \Delta R} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Constant Integer

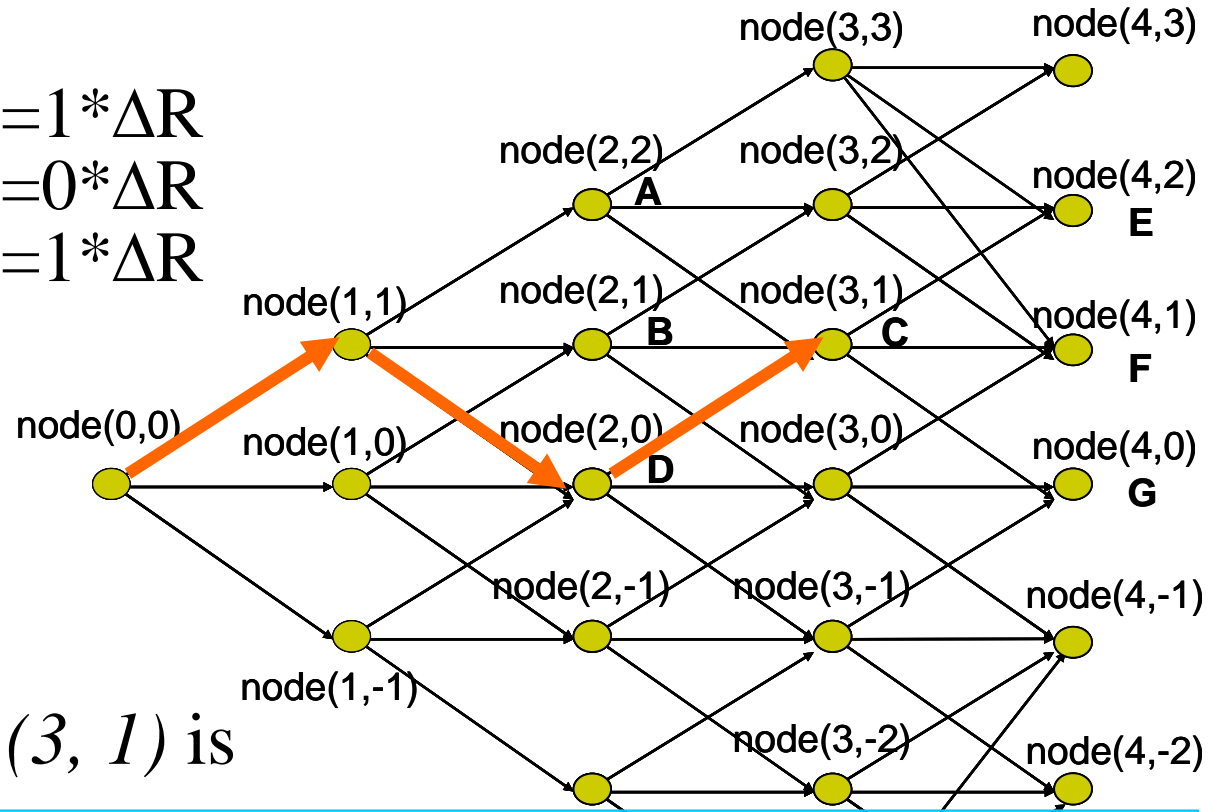
建立變數狀態

- Given a path { $node(0,0) \rightarrow node(1,1) \rightarrow node(2,0) \rightarrow node(3,1)$ }

Rate at $node(1,1) = 1 * \Delta R$

Rate at $node(2,0) = 0 * \Delta R$

Rate at $node(3,1) = 1 * \Delta R$



the coupon at $node(3,1)$ is

$$C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^3 (S_k - \alpha_k) - (1 + 0 + 1)\Delta R = C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^3 (S_k - \alpha_k) - 2\Delta R$$

考慮加入狀態變數後 計算複雜度分析

- 找出 f 的上下限

$$\text{Upper} \leq 1 + 2 + \dots + n - 1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

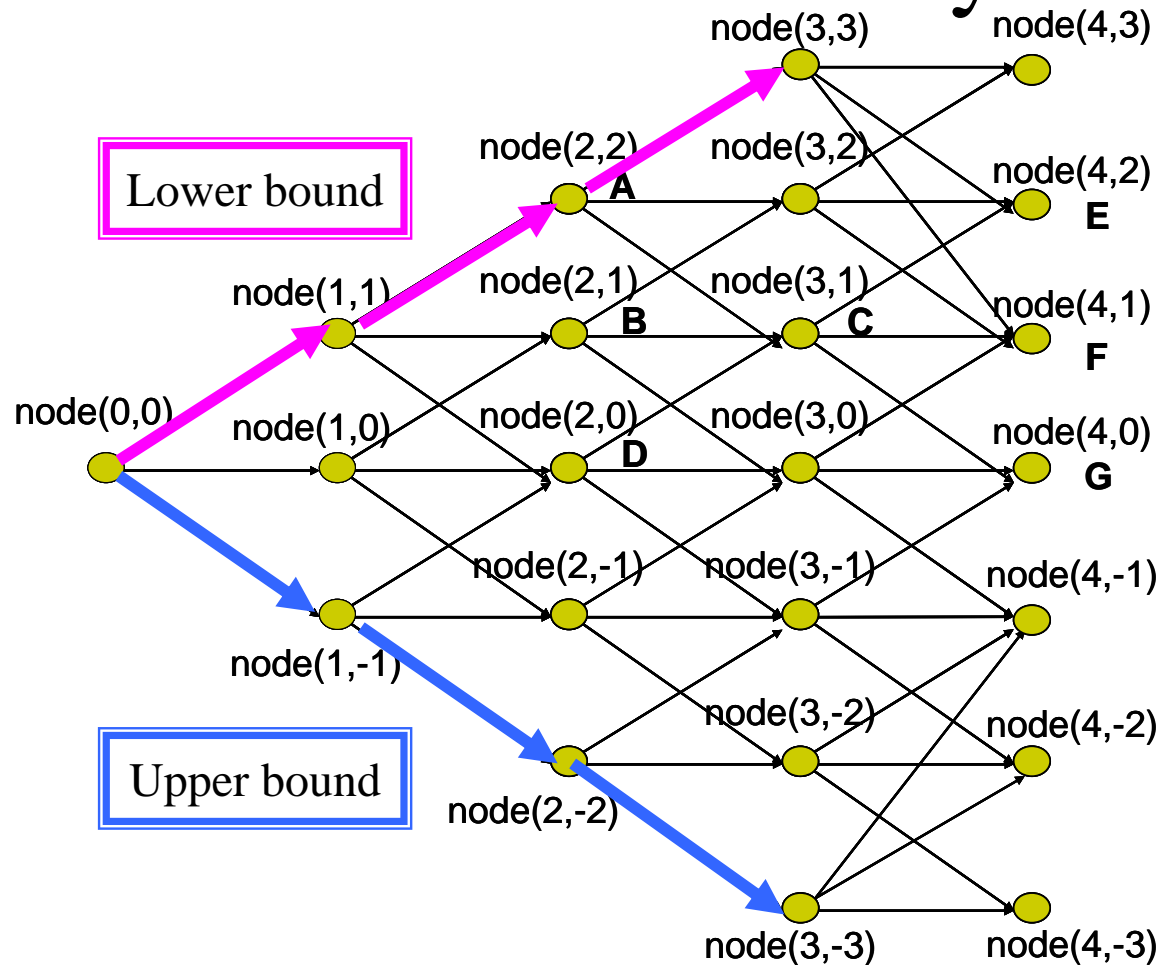
$$\text{Lower} \geq -1 - 2 - \dots - (n-1) = \frac{-n(n-1)}{2}$$

- 每個節點最多需 $n(n-1)+1$ 個狀態變數

- 樹的節點個數上限 = $1 + 3 + \dots + (2n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(2n+2)}{2}$

$$\frac{(n+1)(2n+2)}{2} \times (n \times (n-1) + 1) \Rightarrow O(n^4) \text{ 電腦可處理}$$

Hull-White Preliminary Tree



- The node (i, j) in the Hull-White preliminary tree means that at time $i\Delta t$, the rate is $j\Delta R$, where $\Delta R = \sigma\sqrt{3\Delta t}$

找出 f 的上下限

Example

- node A : $Sum(2, 2) = \{-3\}$
- node B : $Sum(2, 1) = \{-1, -2\}$
- node D : $Sum(2, 0) = \{1, 0, -1\}$

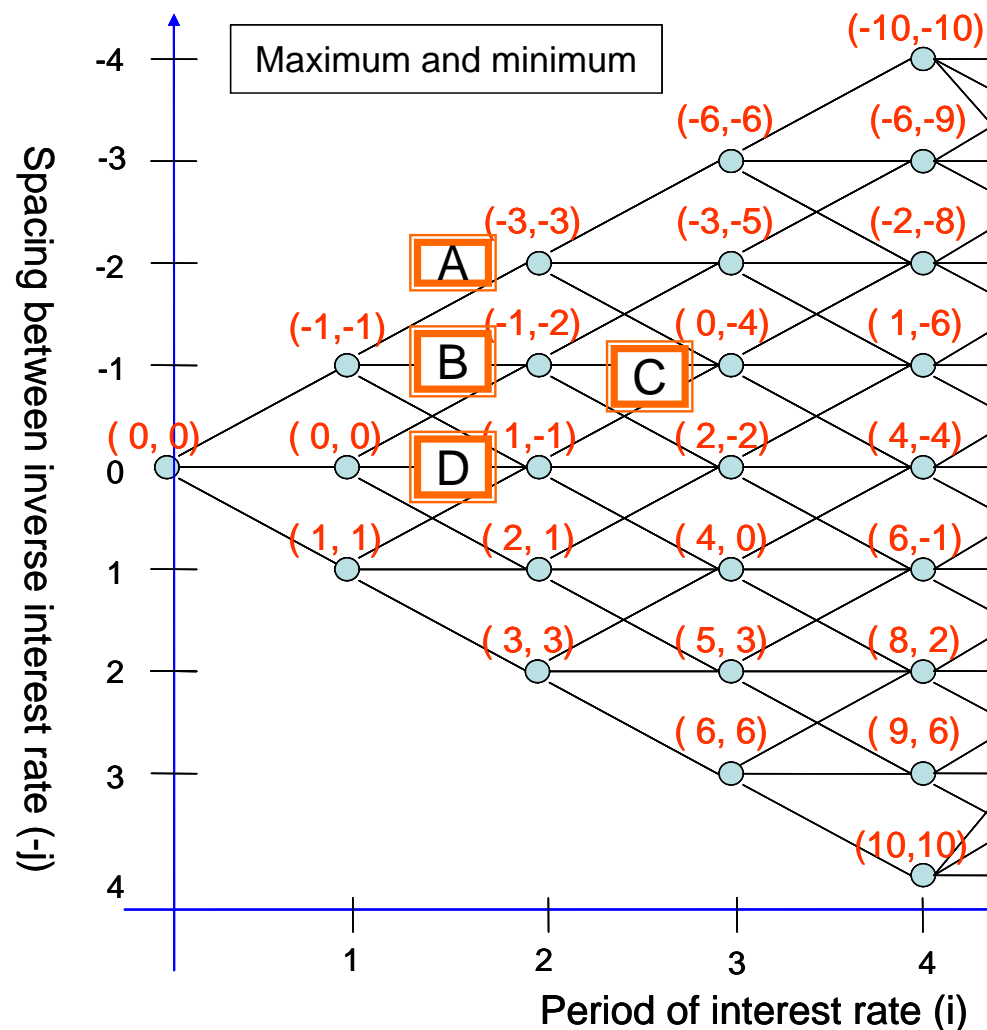
$$Min(Sum(2, j')) - 1 \leq x \leq Max(Sum(2, j')) - 1$$

where $x \in Sum(3, 1)$ $j' \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$\Rightarrow Min(Sum(2, 2)) - 1 \leq x \leq Max(Sum(2, 0)) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 \leq x \leq 0$$

$$\therefore Sum(3, 1) = \{0, -1, -2, -3, -4\}$$



$$C_{3,1} = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) - 0 * \Delta R, \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) - 1\Delta R, \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) - 2\Delta R, \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) - 3\Delta R, \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) - 4\Delta R \right\}$$

Freeze at zero 限制

- 本期的債券利率=上期債券利率+Inverse floater

- 當利率 <0 \rightarrow 債券利率重設為0

- 第 i 期利率可能無法寫成 $C_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i S_j - \sum_{j=1}^i \alpha_j - f \Delta R$

- Ex:

$$C_1 + S_2 - r_2 < 0 \rightarrow C_2 = (C_1 + S_2 - r_2)^+ = 0$$

$$C_3 = (S_3 - r_3)^+$$

- 處理方法:

- 拿掉 $C_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i S_j - \sum_{j=1}^i R_j - f \Delta R$ 中小於0的狀態

- 加入狀態 0^* \rightarrow 債券利率為0的Case

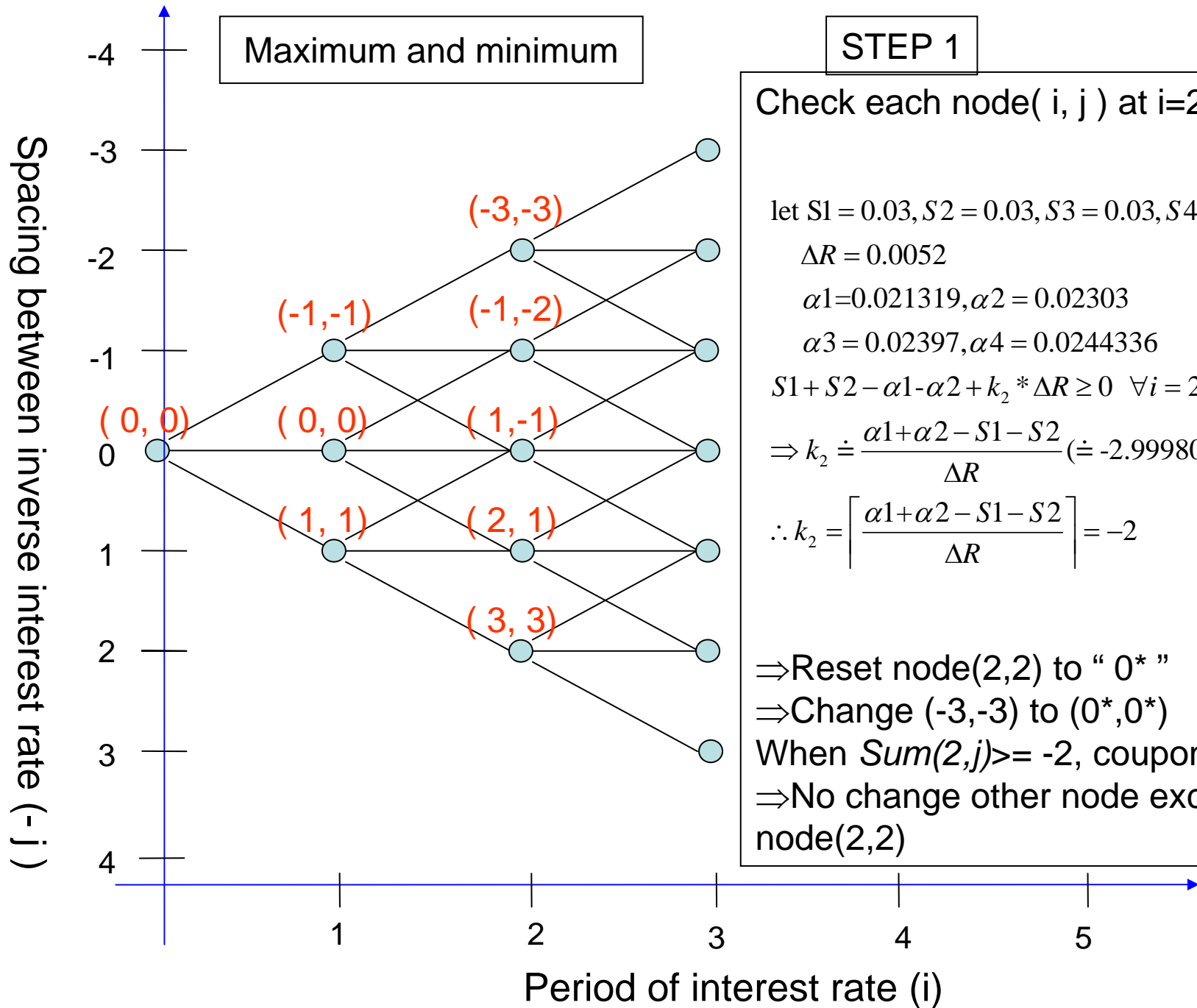
- 使用內插計算 0^* 所對應的價格

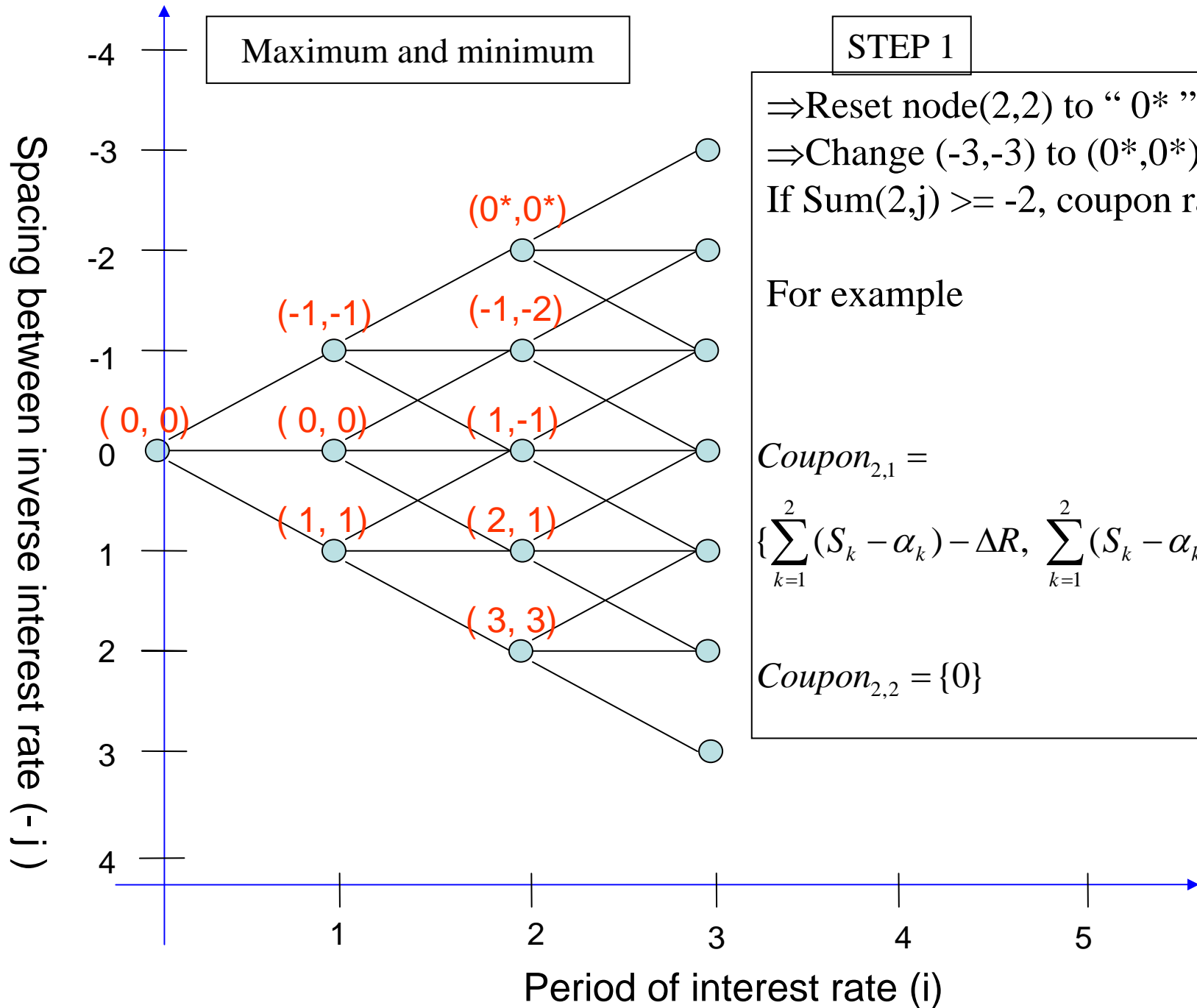
在Freeze at zero 限制下，找出 f 的上下限

- Suppose $C_0=0\%$
- Step 1: 拿掉小於0的狀態，加入狀態0*

$$\exists k_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) + k_i \Delta R \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k_i \geq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k)}{\Delta R}, \quad k_i = \left\lceil \frac{\sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k)}{\Delta R} \right\rceil$$





Maximum and minimum

STEP 1

=> Reset node(2,2) to "0*"
 => Change (-3,-3) to (0*,0*)
 If Sum(2,j) >= -2, coupon rate > 0

For example

$Coupon_{2,1} =$
 $\{ \sum_{k=1}^2 (S_k - \alpha_k) - \Delta R, \sum_{k=1}^2 (S_k - \alpha_k) - 2\Delta R \}$

$Coupon_{2,2} = \{0\}$

在Freeze at zero 限制下，找出 f 的上下限

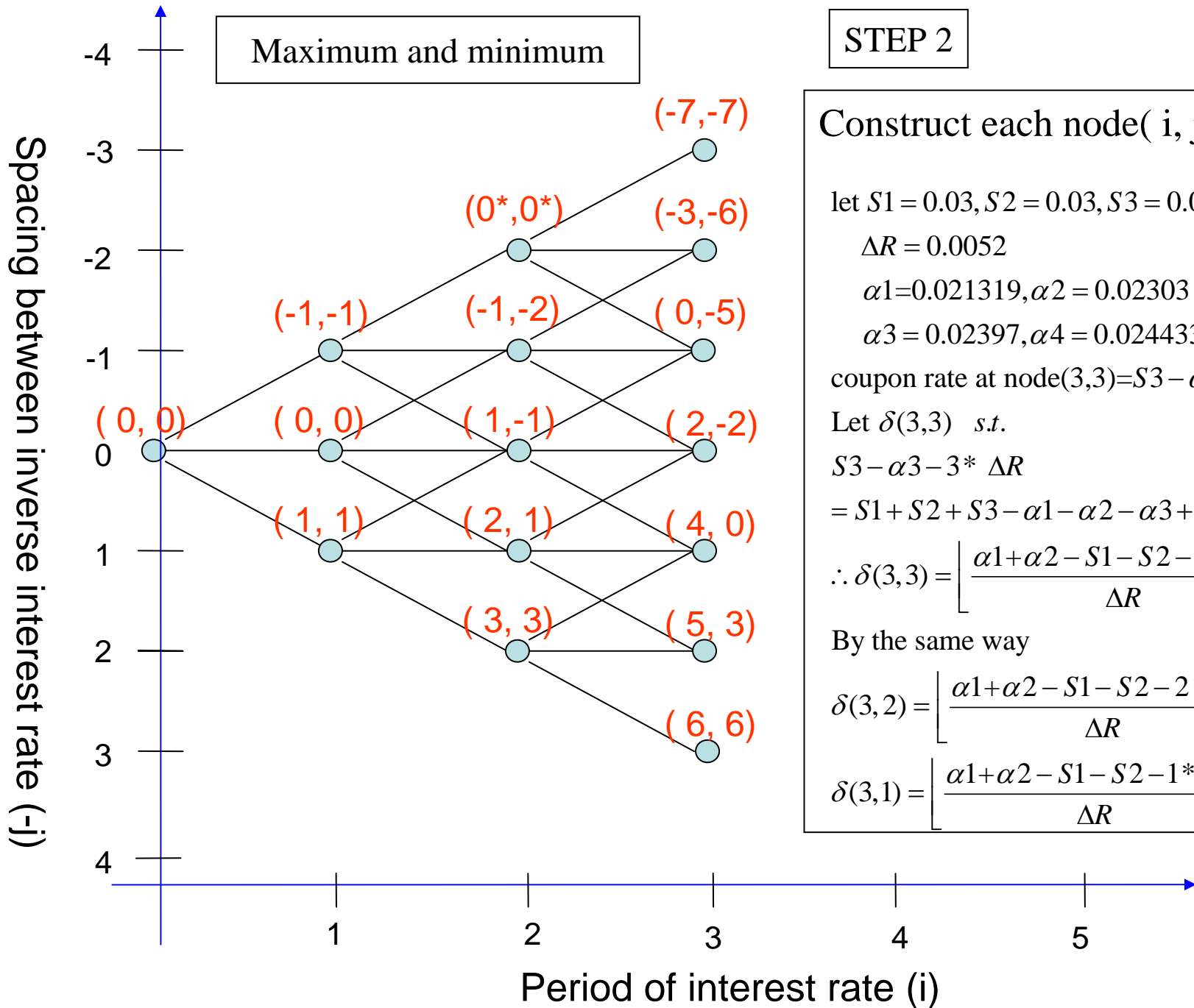
- Suppose $C_0=0\%$
- Step 2: 計算前一個node有 0^* 的狀態

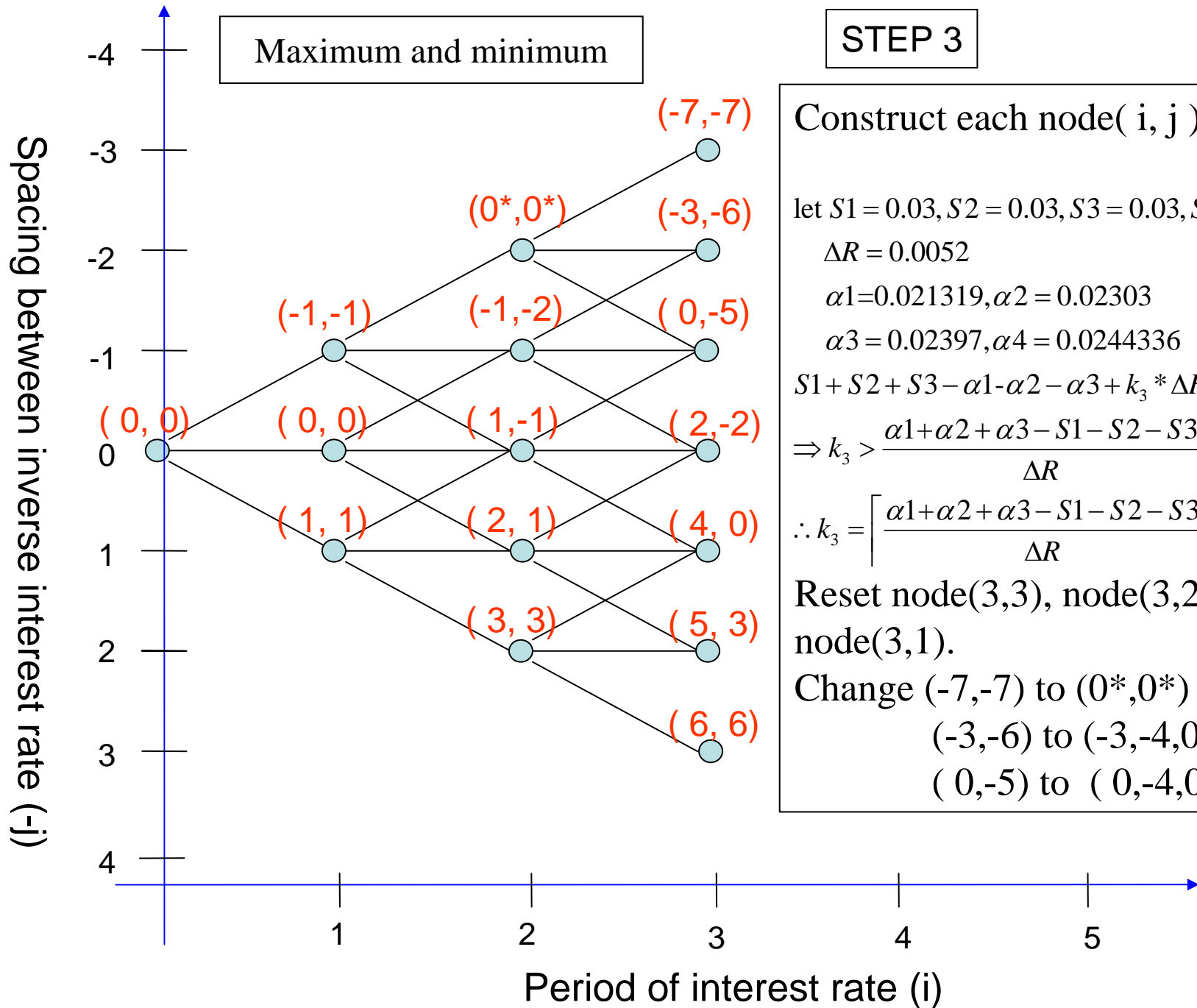
$$\exists \delta_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } \sum_{k=1}^i (S_k - \alpha_k) + \delta_{i,j} \Delta R \approx z_{i,j}$$

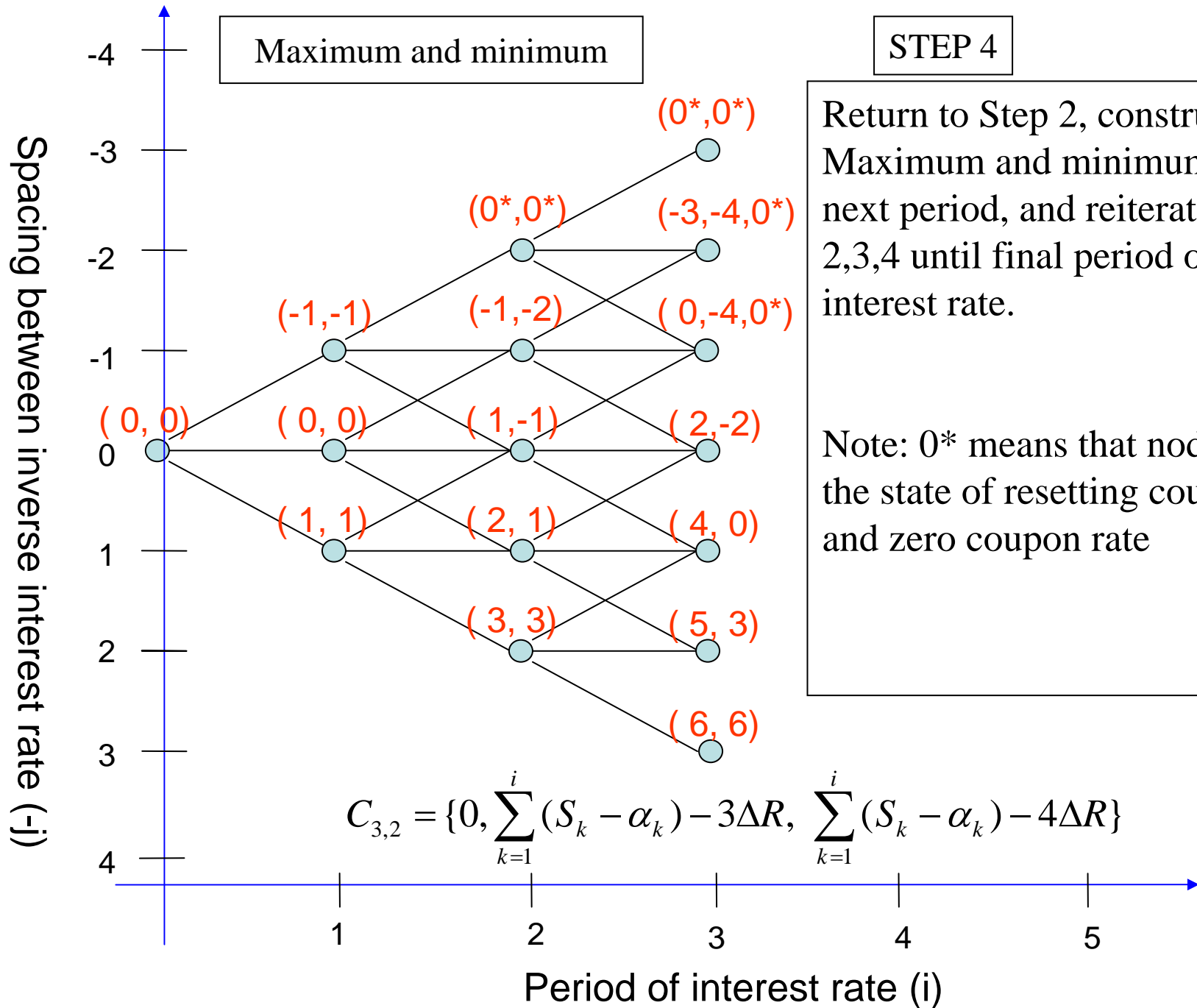
$$\text{where } z_{i,j} = S_i - (\alpha_i + f_{i,j}) = (S_i - \alpha_i) - j\Delta R$$

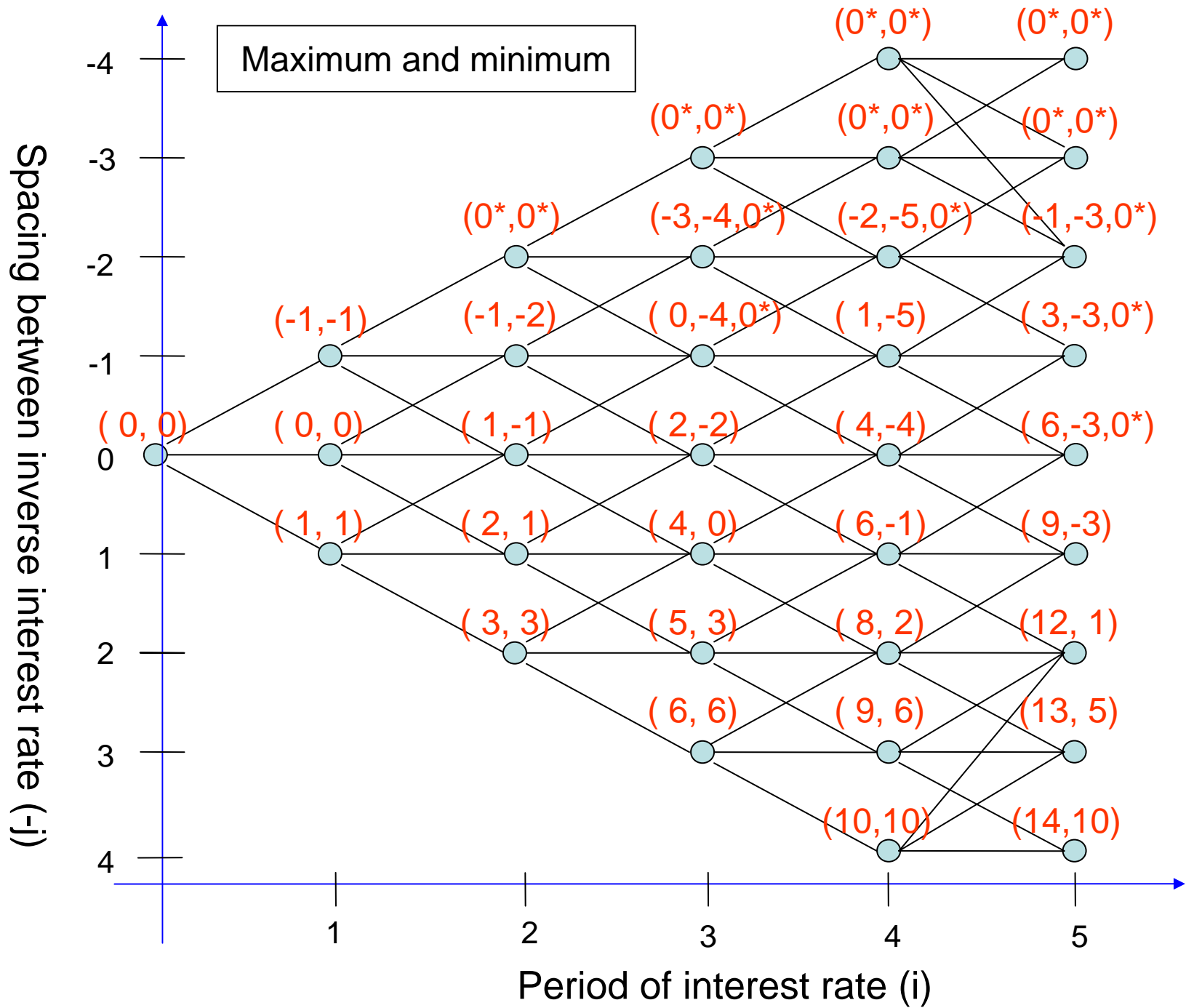
$$\Rightarrow \delta_{i,j} = \left\lfloor -\left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (S_k - \alpha_k) + j\Delta R}{\Delta R}\right) \right\rfloor$$

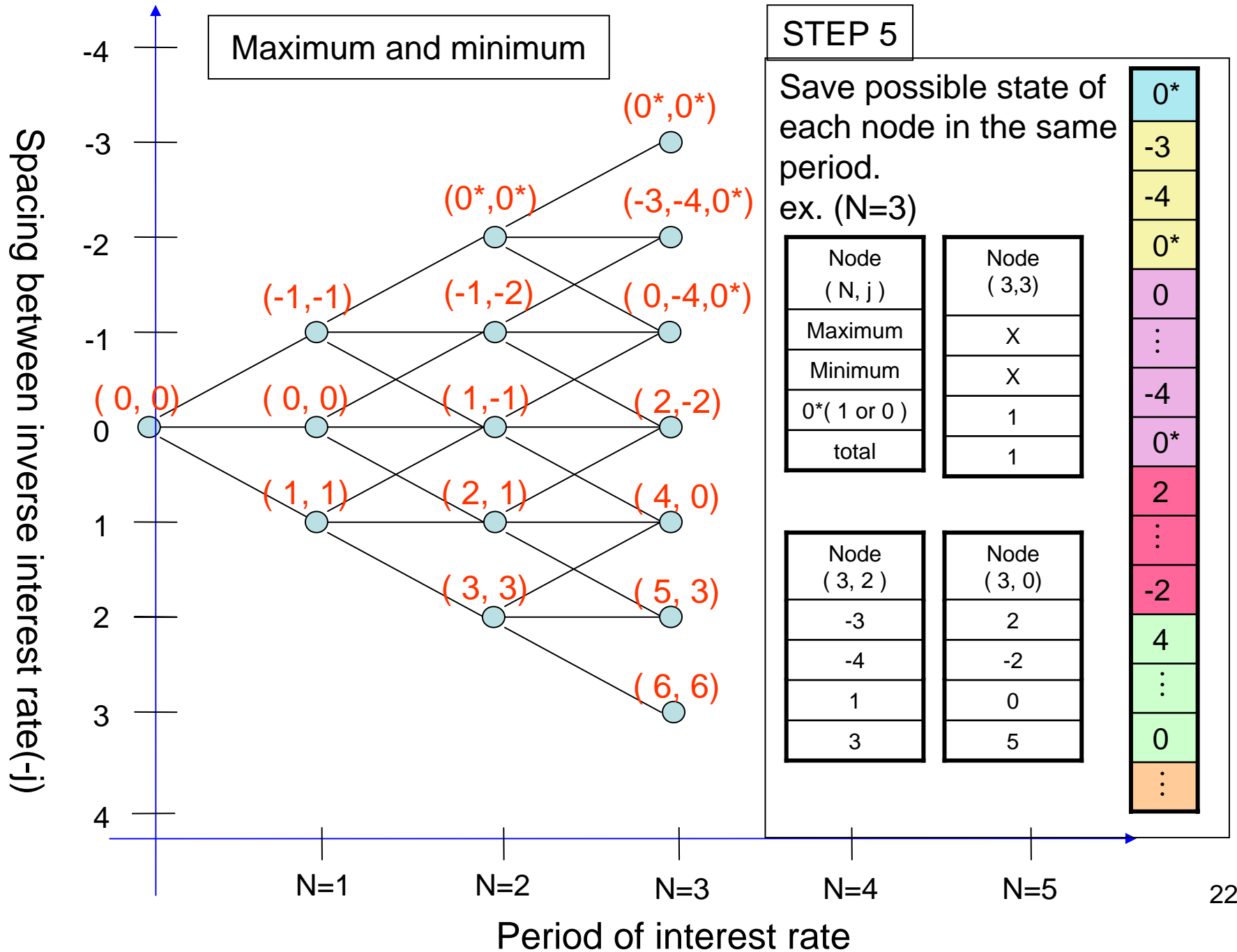
- 使重設的利率也可寫成 $\left(C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^i S_k - \sum_{k=1}^i \alpha_k - f\Delta R\right)$ 的形式
取下高斯 \Rightarrow 為了利用內插法計算債券價值











計算snowball債券價值

$B(i, j, \text{Sum}(a))$ means bond value at *node* (i, j) with $\text{Sum}(i, j)=a$.

Example 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum}(a_u) &= \text{Sum}(-4) - j_u \\ &= -4 - 2 = -6 < k_4 \end{aligned}$$

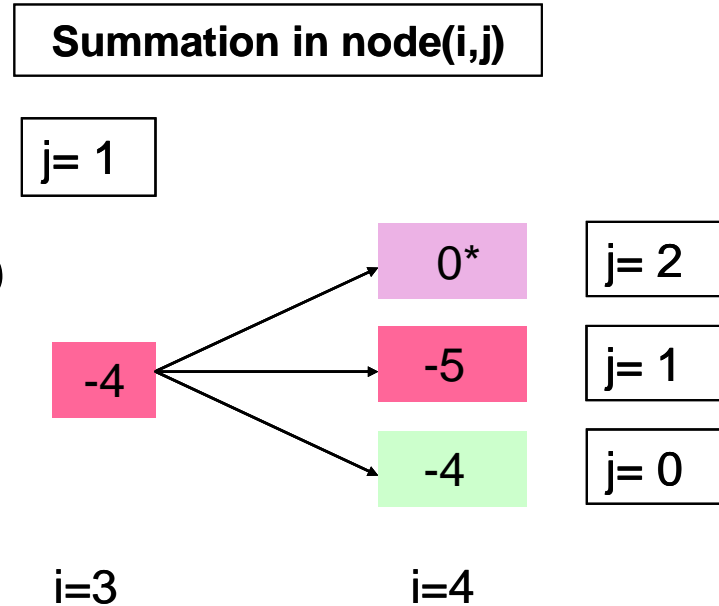
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum}(a_m) &= \text{Sum}(-4) - j_m \\ &= -4 - 1 = -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum}(a_d) &= \text{Sum}(-4) - j_d \\ &= -4 - 0 = -4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Sum}(a_u) = \text{Sum}(0^*)$$

$$\text{Sum}(a_m) = \text{Sum}(-5)$$

$$\text{Sum}(a_d) = \text{Sum}(-4)$$



$$D(3,1, \text{Sum}(-4))$$

$$= (P_u B(4, 2, \text{Sum}(0^*)) + P_m B(4, 1, \text{Sum}(-5)) + P_d B(4, 0, \text{Sum}(-4))) * \frac{1}{1 + (\alpha_3 + 1 * \Delta R) * (t_4 - t_3)}$$

$$B(3,1, \text{Sum}(-4)) = \{ \min(D(3,1, \text{Sum}(-4)), 1) + C; \forall C \in \{C_{2,j^*} : \text{Sum}(2, j^*) - 1 = -4, j^* = 0, 1, 2\} \}$$

用線性插補法求snowball價值(1)

Example 2

- Actual coupon rate $\chi_{i,j}$ fixed at node $(4, j')$, $j'=\{1,2,3\}$ is following:

$$\chi_{i,j} = \max(S_i - (\alpha_i + f_{i,j}\Delta R), 0)$$

$$\text{let } S1 = 0.03, S2 = 0.03, S3 = 0.03, S4 = 0.03$$

$$\Delta R = 0.0052$$

$$\alpha1 = 0.021319, \alpha2 = 0.02325$$

$$\alpha3 = 0.02397, \alpha4 = 0.0244336$$

$$\chi_{4,3} = \max(S_4 - \alpha_4 - 3\Delta R, 0) = 0$$

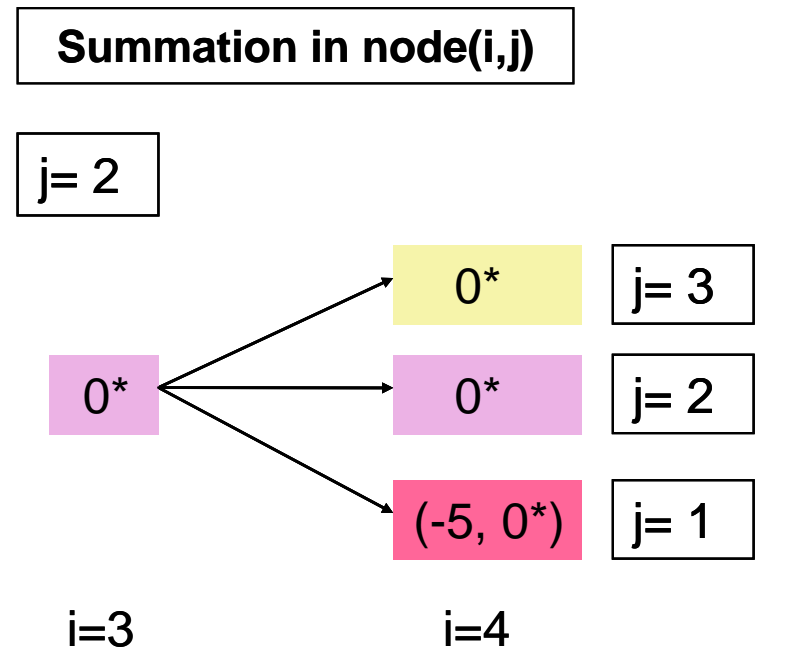
$$\chi_{4,2} = \max(S_4 - \alpha_4 - 2\Delta R, 0) = 0$$

$$\chi_{4,1} = \max(S_4 - \alpha_4 - 1\Delta R, 0) = 0.0003664$$

$$\text{Let } k'' \text{ s.t. } S4 - \alpha4 - 1 * \Delta R = \sum_{k=1}^4 (S_k - \alpha_k) + k'' * \Delta R$$

$$k'' = -5.169423077$$

$$\therefore \text{Actual coupon rate } \chi_{4,1} \in (C_{4,1,Sum(-5)}, C_{4,1,Sum(0^*)})$$

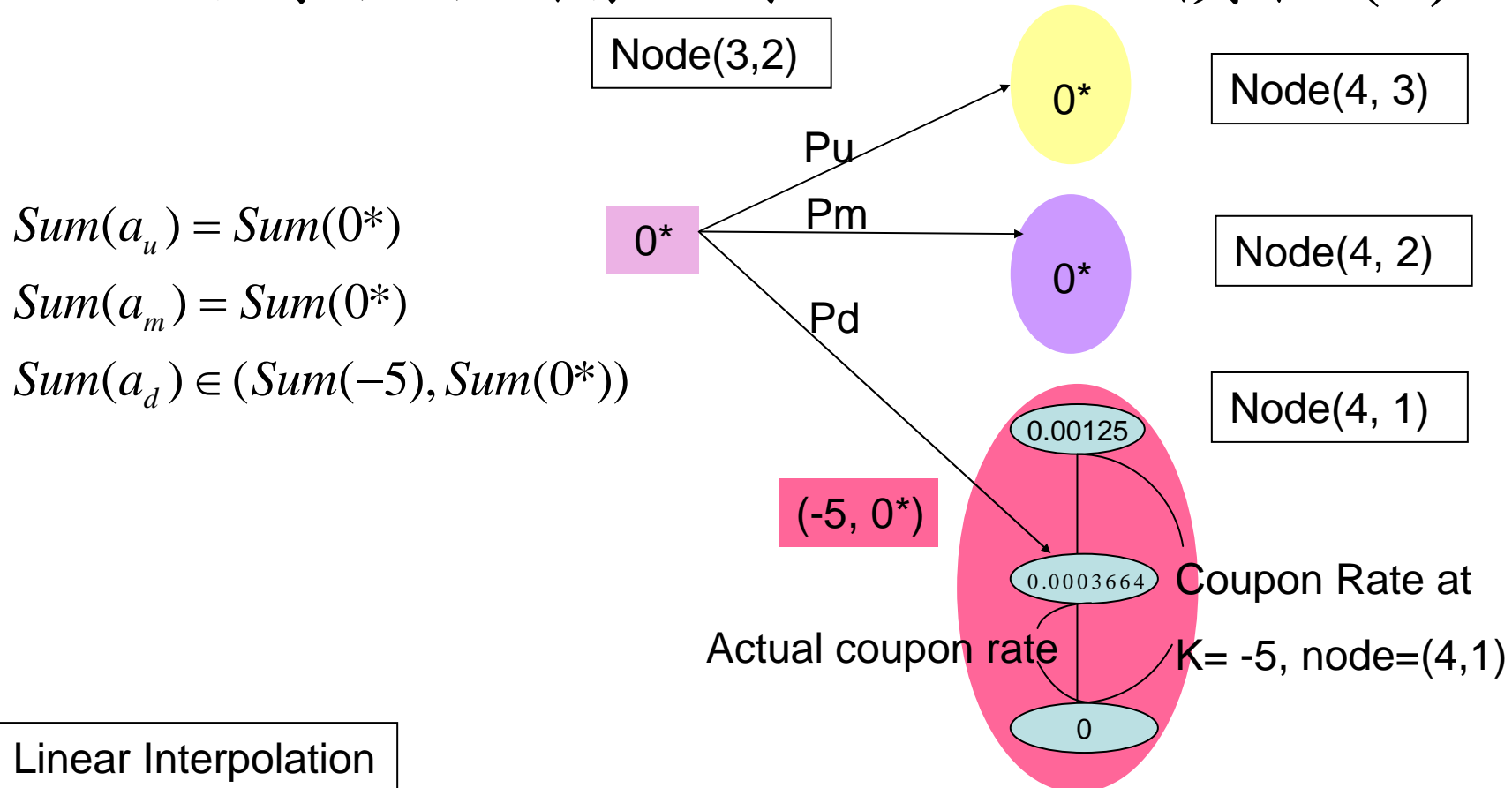


$$Sum(a_u) = Sum(0^*)$$

$$Sum(a_m) = Sum(0^*)$$

$$Sum(a_d) \in (Sum(-5), Sum(0^*))$$

用線性插補法求snowball價值(2)

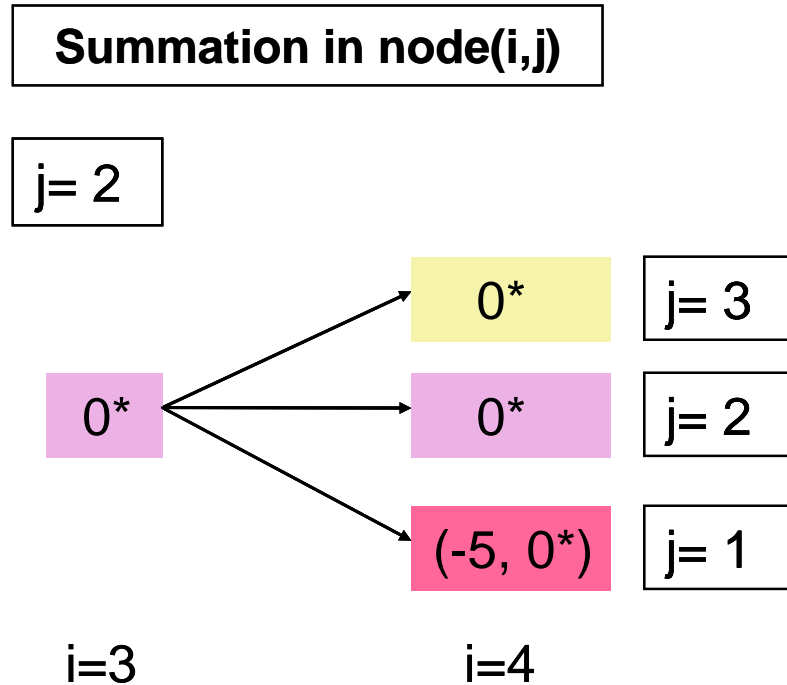


Linear Interpolation

Actual discounted bond value from node(4,1) is calculated by interpolation method :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & C_{4,1,Sum(-5)} : \text{Actual coupon at node(4,1)} \\
 & = [B(4,1, Sum(-5)) - B(4,1, Sum(0^*))] : [\text{Actual bond value at node(4,1)} - B(4,1, Sum(0^*))] \\
 & \therefore \text{Actual bond value at node(4,1)} \\
 & = \frac{\text{Actual reset coupon at node(4,1)} * [B(4,1, Sum(-5)) - B(4,1, Sum(0^*))]}{C_{4,1,Sum(-5)}} + B(4,1, Sum(0^*))
 \end{aligned}$$

用線性內插法求snowball價值(3)



$$D(3, 2, Sum(0^*)) = (P_u B(4, 3, Sum(0^*)) + P_m B(4, 2, Sum(0^*)))$$

$$+ P_d * \text{Actual bond value}(4, 1) * \frac{1}{1 + (\alpha_3 + 2 * \Delta R) * (t_4 - t_3)}$$

$$B(3, 2, Sum(0^*)) = \{ \min(D(3, 2, Sum(0^*)), 1) + C; \forall C \in \{C_{2, j^*} : Sum(2, j^*) - 2 = 0^*, j^* = 1, 2\} \}$$

敏感度分析

- A snowball note issued by Bank SinoPac which the contract could be redeemed with par value after the third year.
- $C_{n,i}$: coupon rate at i quarter of n year.
- FR : the fixing rate of 90 days CP; if $i-1=0$, $C_{n,i-1} = C_{n-1}$, 4 for $n=1 \dots 10$, $i=1 \dots 4$.

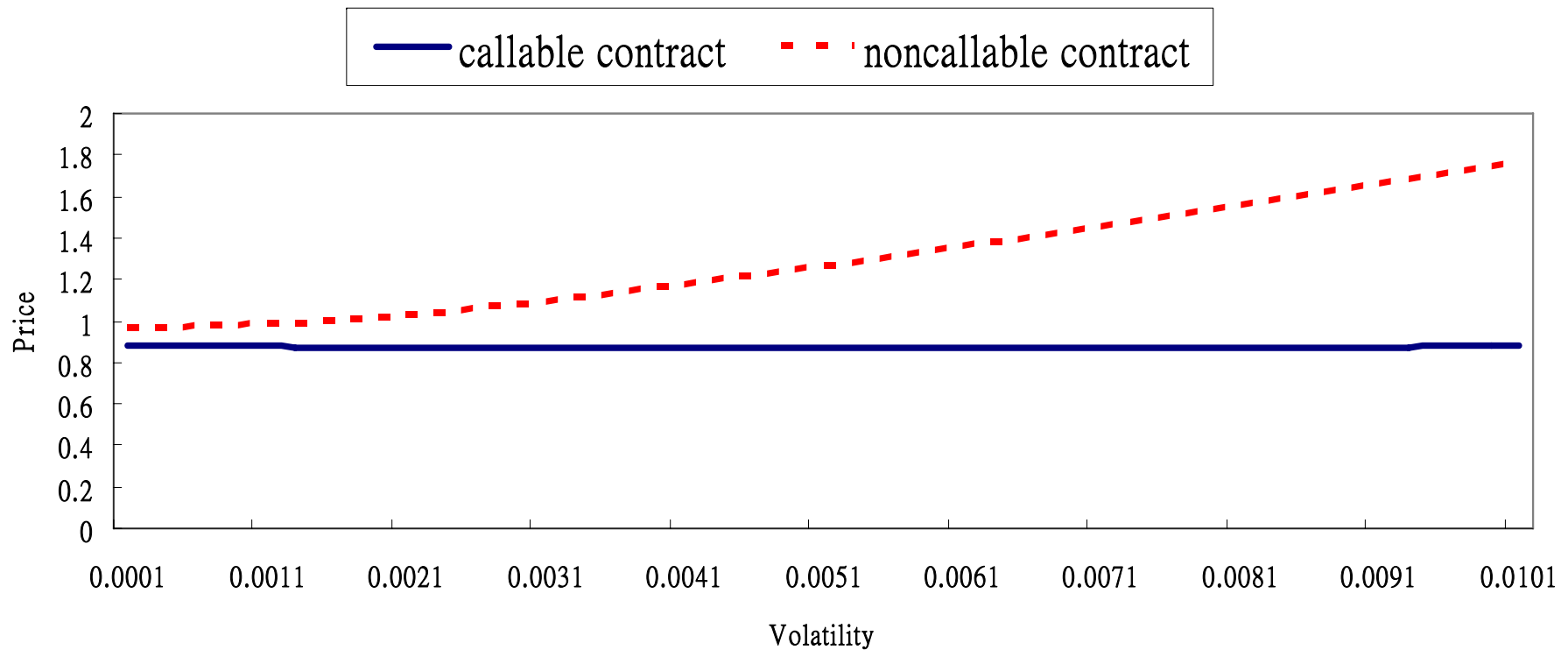
Year	Coupon rate ($C_{n,i}$)
1	$C_{1,i}=3\%$, $i=1,2,3,4$
2	$C_{2,i}=C_{2,i-1}+1.40\%-FR_{2,i}$
3	$C_{3,i}=C_{3,i-1}+1.65\%-FR_{3,i}$
4	$C_{4,i}=C_{4,i-1}+1.90\%-FR_{4,i}$
5	$C_{5,i}=C_{5,i-1}+2.15\%-FR_{5,i}$
6	$C_{6,i}=C_{6,i-1}+2.40\%-FR_{6,i}$
7	$C_{7,i}=C_{7,i-1}+2.65\%-FR_{7,i}$
8	$C_{8,i}=C_{8,i-1}+2.90\%-FR_{8,i}$
9	$C_{9,i}=C_{9,i-1}+3.15\%-FR_{9,i}$
10	$C_{10,i}=C_{10,i-1}+3.40\%-FR_{10,i}$

敏感度分析(1)

Price vs. Volatility

$$Coupon(i) = (Coupon(i-1) + Spread(i) - Floating\ rate(i))^+$$

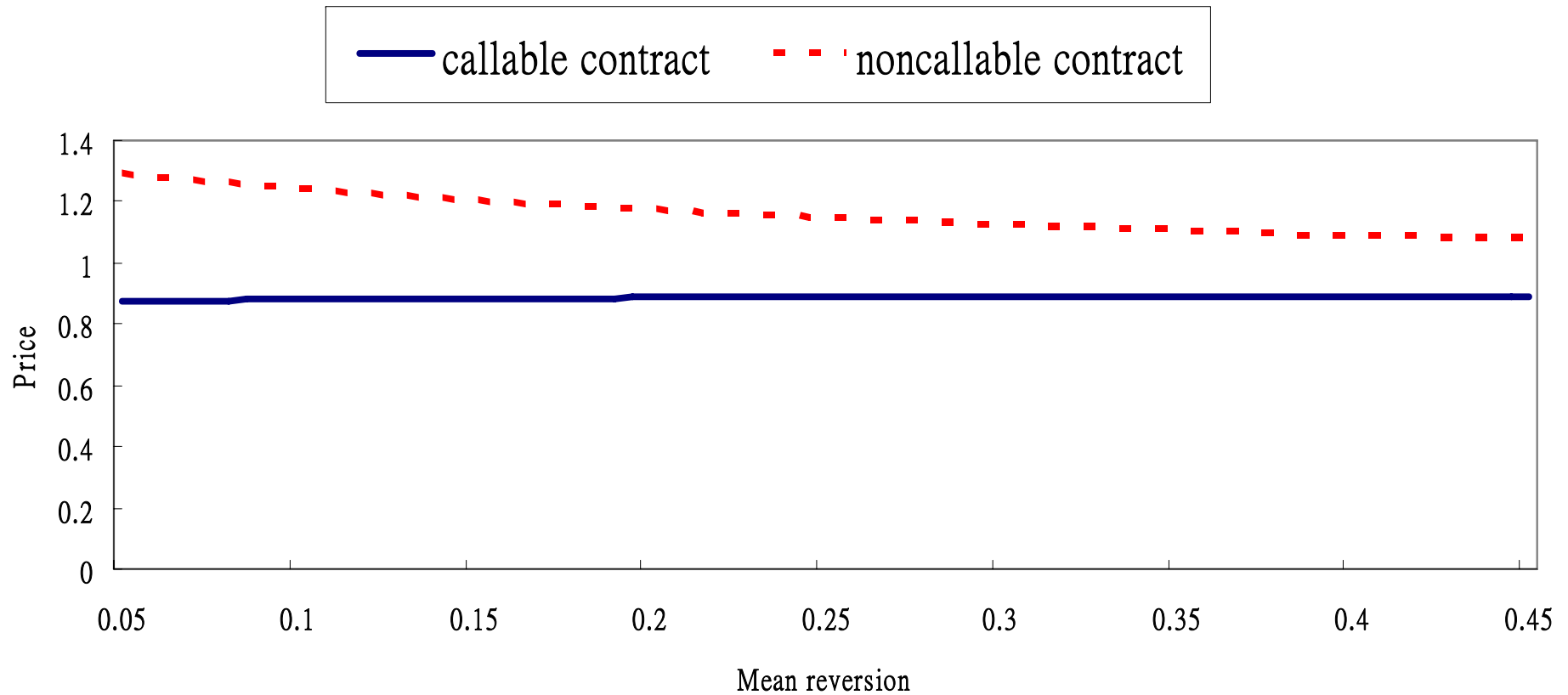
Snowball Price vs. Volatility of Hull-White Model



敏感度分析(2)

Price vs. Mean Reversion

Snowball Price vs. Mean Reversion

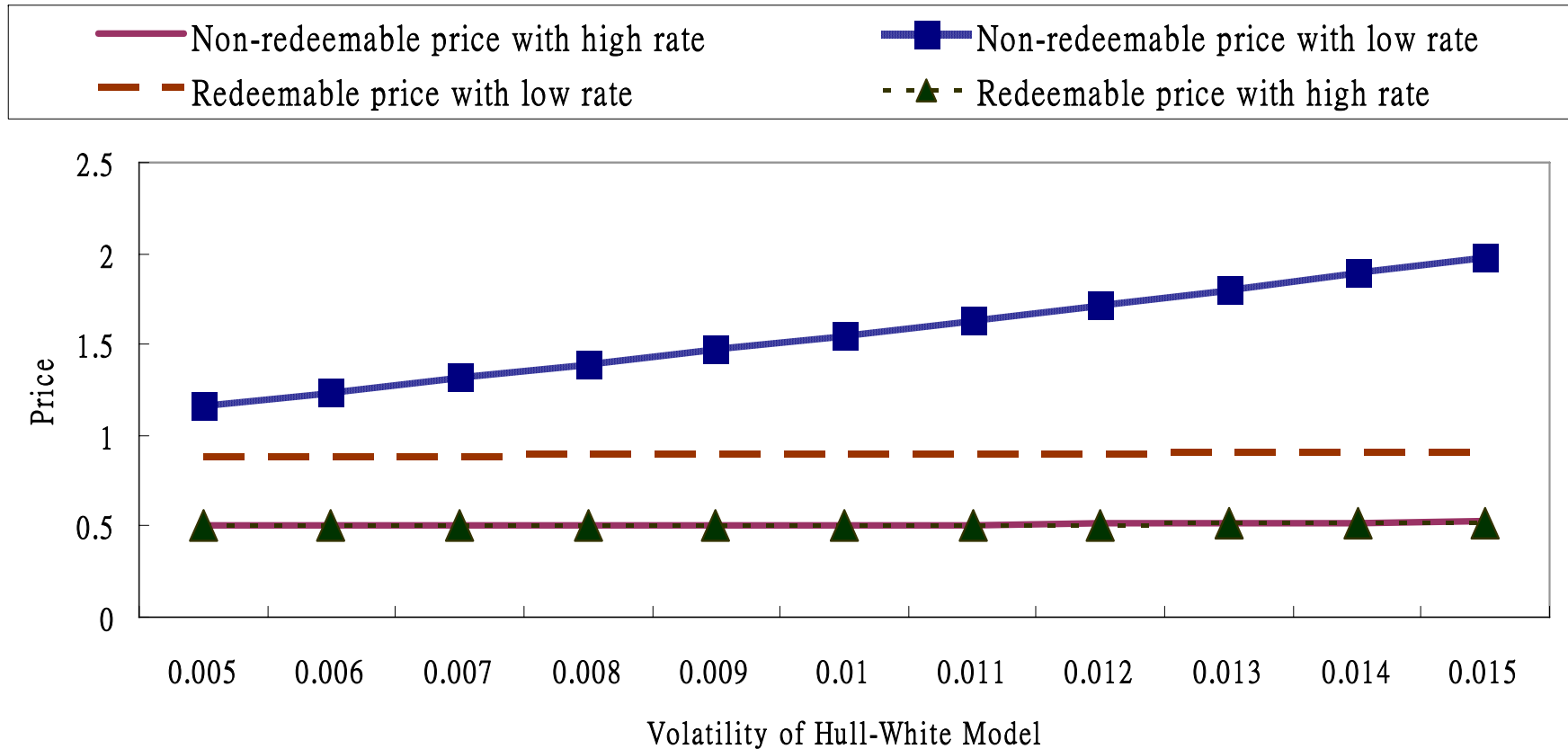


敏感度分析(3)

Price vs. Market Rates

$$Coupon(i) = (Coupon(i-1) + Spread(i) - Floating\ rate(i))^+$$

Snowball Notes with Mean Reversion 0.1 vs. Zero Curve



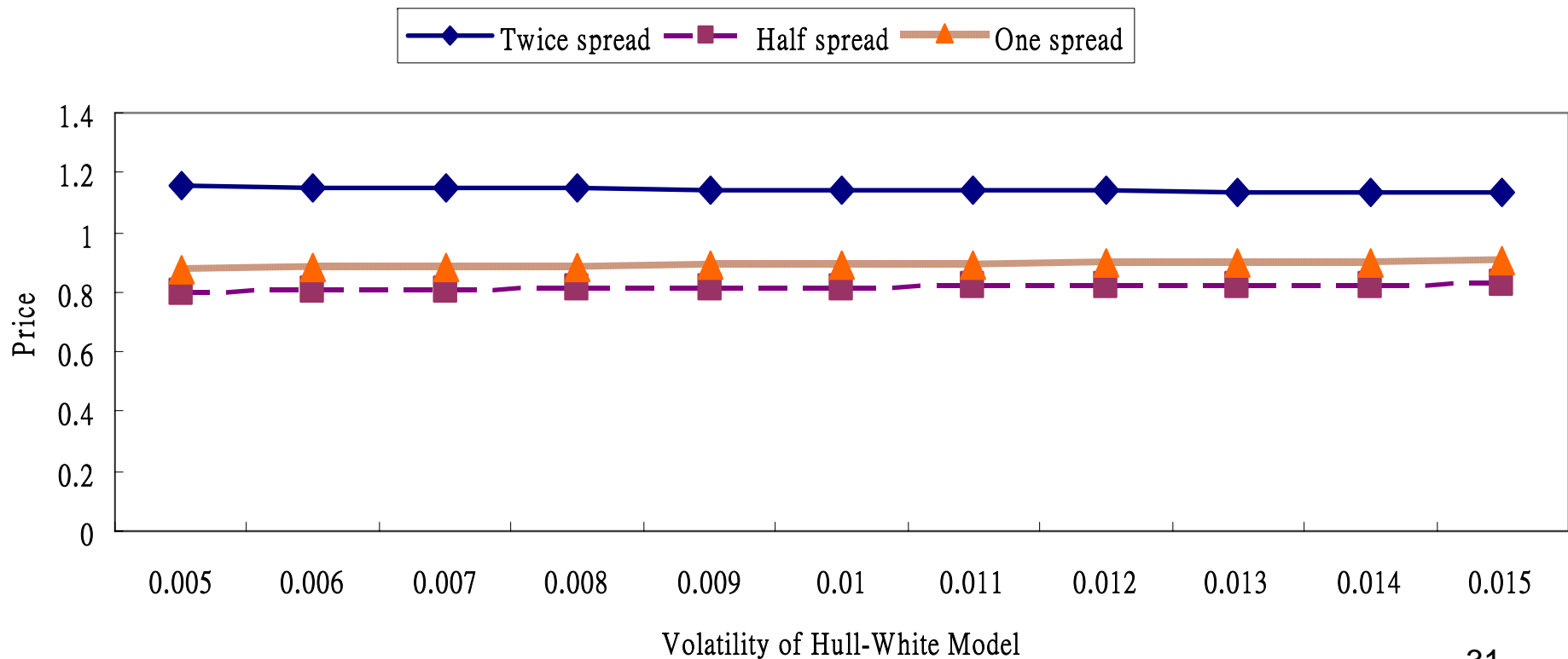
敏感度分析(4)

Redeemable Snowball Price vs. Spread Article

$$Coupon(i) = (Coupon(i-1) + Spread(i) - Floating\ rate(i))^+$$

Snowball with Redemption Article vs. Spread

Face Value = \$1

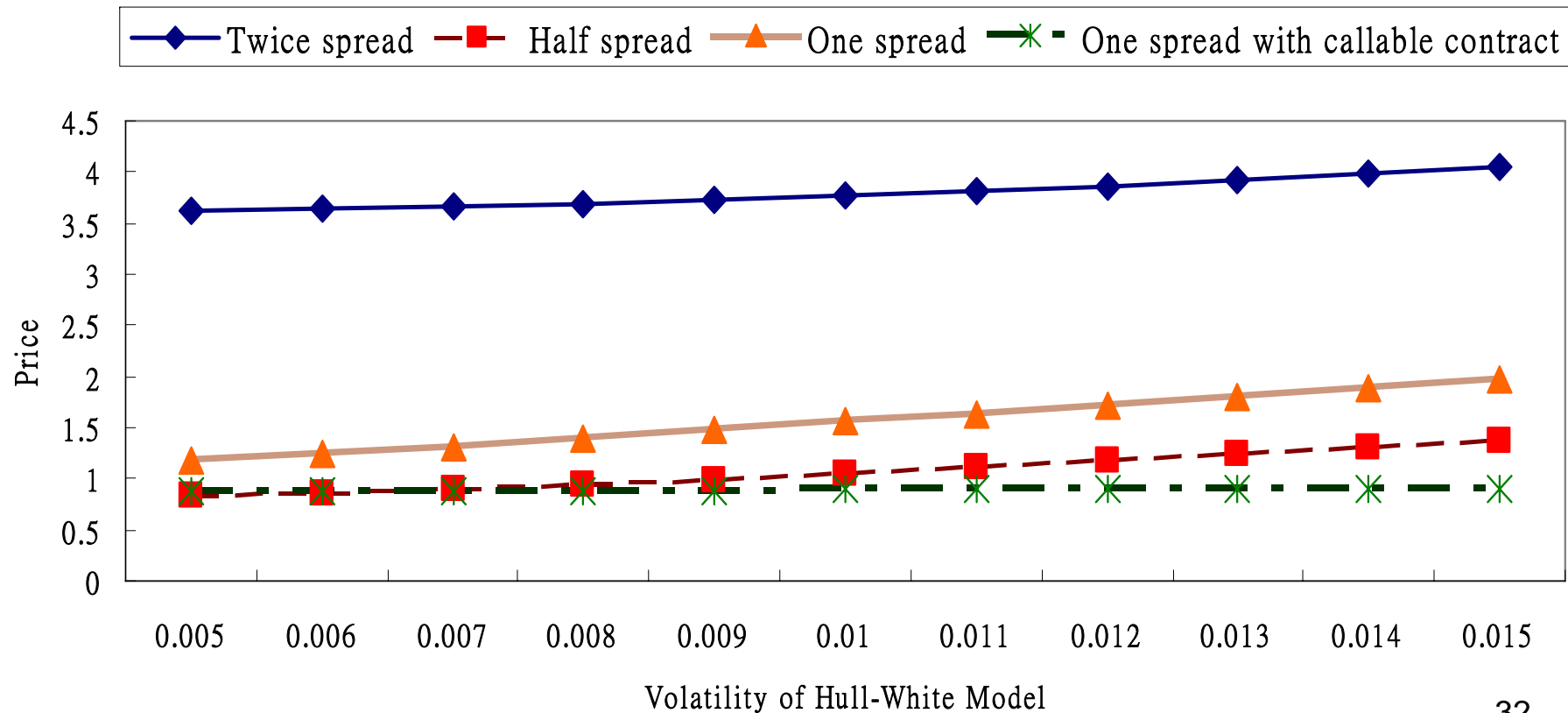


Non-redeemable Snowball Price vs. Spread

Article

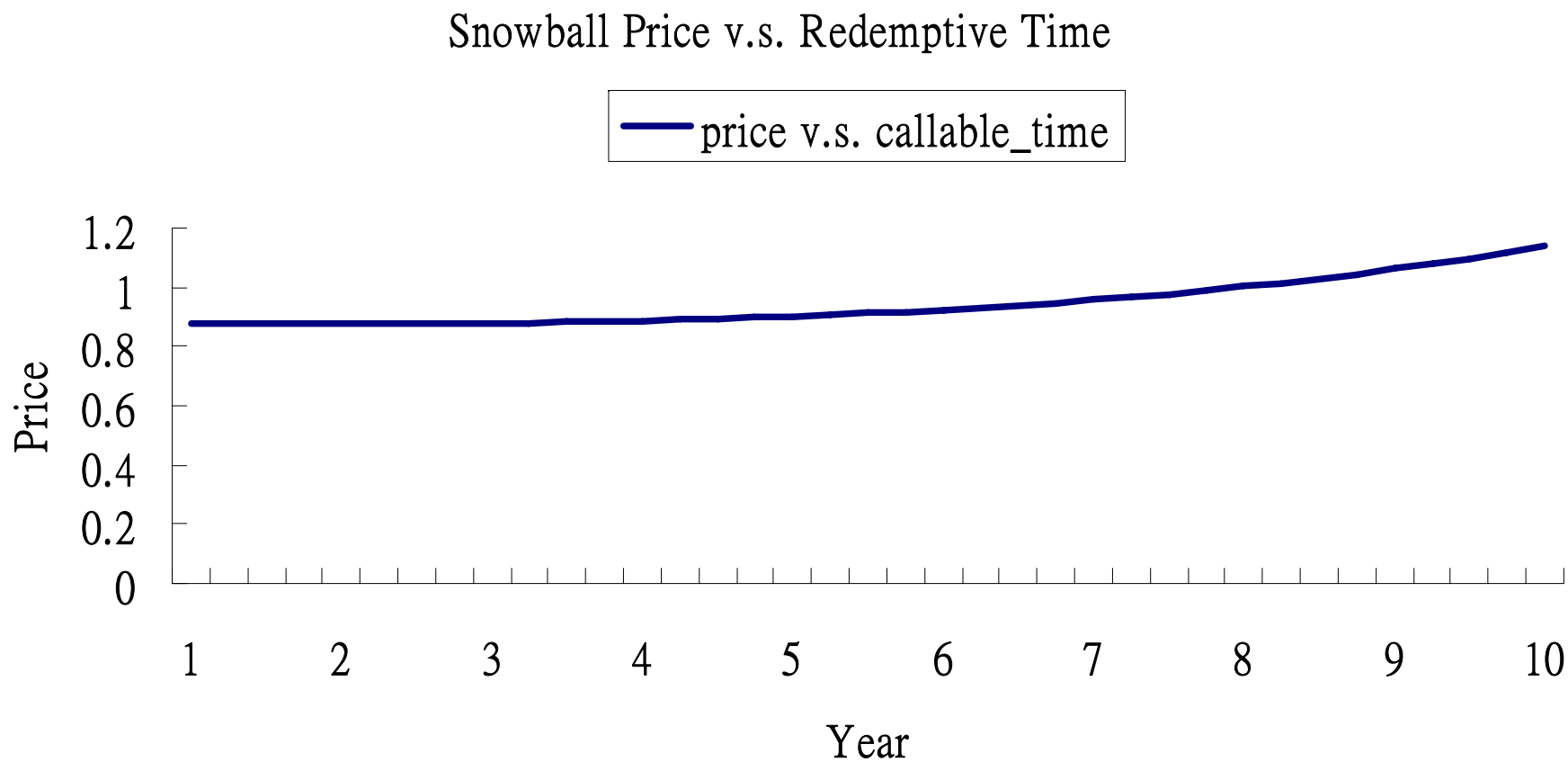
$$Coupon(i) = (Coupon(i - 1) + Spread(i) - Floating\ rate(i))^+$$

Snowball without Redemption Article vs. Spread
Face value = \$1



敏感度分析(5)

Snowball Price vs. Redemptive Time



實證結果

- Zero rates data from CHINA BILLS FINANCE CORPORATION (中華票券)

quarter year	1	2	3	4
1	1.4610%	1.5160%	1.5900%	1.6505%
2	1.7115%	1.7497%	1.7880%	1.8264%
3	1.8649%	1.8905%	1.9162%	1.9420%
4	1.9678%	1.9898%	2.0118%	2.0339%
5	2.0561%	2.0730%	2.0900%	2.1070%
6	2.1241%	2.1466%	2.1691%	2.1918%
7	2.2145%	2.2372%	2.2601%	2.2830%
8	2.3059%	2.3230%	2.3401%	2.3572%
9	2.3744%	2.3917%	2.4090%	2.4264%
10	2.4439%	2.4614%	2.4790%	2.4966%

估計Hull-White model參數

- Mean reversion and volatility are constants in Hull-White model.
- Use cap price to calibrate parameters.
- A popular goodness-of-fit measure is

$$SSE = \min_{a, \sigma} \sum_k \sum_{i=1}^n (U_{ik} - V_{ik})^2$$

$$k \in \{1.5\%, 2.5\%, 3.5\%, 4.5\% \}$$

where U_i is the market price calculated by Black's equation and V_i is the price given by the Hull-White model.

Cap is a portfolio of interest rate options of caplet

T_r : Total life of cap

K_{R_cap} : Cap rate

Δk : Period time, $\Delta k = t_{k+1} - t_k$

L : Principal

r_k : Interest rate for period between time t_k and t_{k+1}

F_t : Forward rate for period between time t_k and t_{k+1}

$$\text{Caplet} = L\Delta k \max(r_k - K_{R_cap}, 0)$$

- Caplet present value by Black's equation

$$L\Delta k P(0, t_{k+1}) [F_k N(d_1) - K_{R_cap} N(d_2)]$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln[F_k / K_{R_cap}] + \sigma_k^2 t_k / 2}{\sigma_k \sqrt{t_k}} \quad d_2 = d_1 - \sigma_k \sqrt{t_k}$$

Cap is a portfolio of bond options

- Interest rate cap could be characterized as a portfolio of put options on zero-coupon bond.
- Caplet as a put options on zero-coupon bond:

$$(1 + K_{R_cap} \Delta k) \max(K_{cap} - S, 0)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1 + r_k \Delta k} \quad K_{cap} = \frac{1}{1 + K_{R_cap} \Delta k}$$

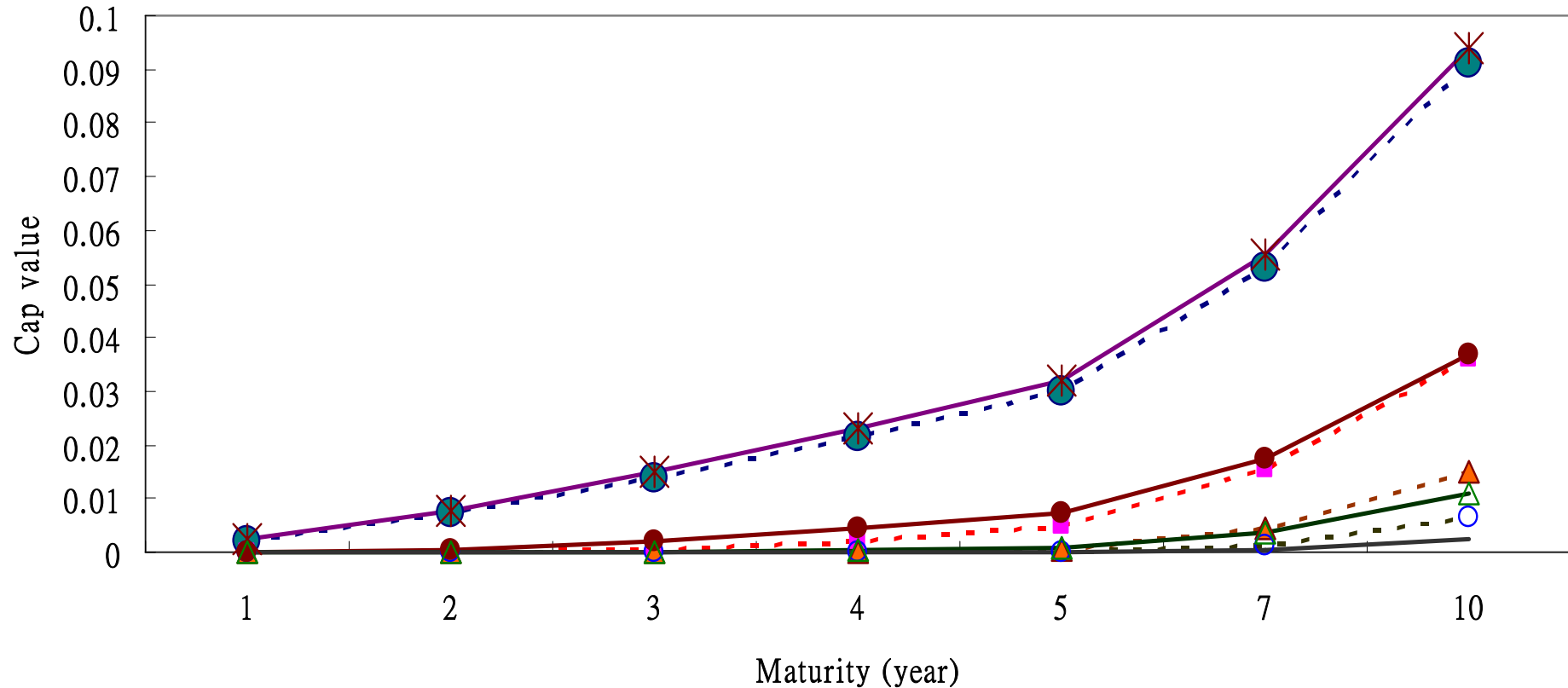
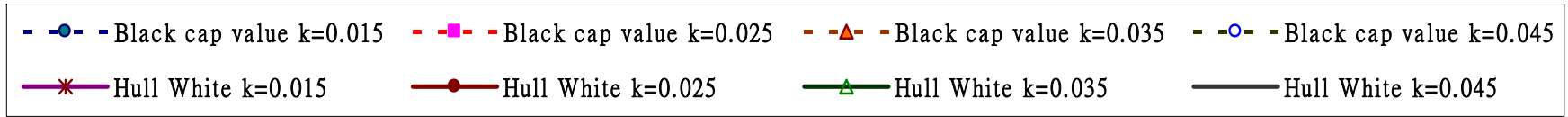
- put option by Hull-White model :

$$KP(0, T)N(-h + \sigma_p) - LP(0, s)N(-h)$$

$$h = \frac{1}{\sigma_p} \ln \frac{LP(0, s)}{KP(0, T)} + \frac{\sigma_p}{2} \quad \sigma_p = \frac{\sigma}{a} [1 - e^{-a(s-T)}] \sqrt{\frac{1 - e^{-2aT}}{2a}}$$

Estimate mean reversion and Hull-Whit vol. with dofferent strike price (k)

(a, sigma)=(0.014485, 0.004596)



optimal estimated parameters : mean reversion= 0.014485, volatility= 0.004596

The minimum summation of square error (SSE) = 7.80133e-005

評價 Snowball Notes

Par value = Market price = \$1

Year	Coupon rate (C _{n,i})	
1	C _{1,i} =3%, i=1,2,3,4	Non-redeemable snowball price
2	C _{2,i} =C _{2,i-1} +1.40%-FR _{2,i}	
3	C _{3,i} =C _{3,i-1} +1.65%-FR _{3,i}	
4	C _{4,i} =C _{4,i-1} +1.90%-FR _{4,i}	
5	C _{5,i} =C _{5,i-1} +2.15%-FR _{5,i}	Redeemable snowball price
6	C _{6,i} =C _{6,i-1} +2.40%-FR _{6,i}	
7	C _{7,i} =C _{7,i-1} +2.65%-FR _{7,i}	Option value for redemptive article
8	C _{8,i} =C _{8,i-1} +2.90%-FR _{8,i}	
9	C _{9,i} =C _{9,i-1} +3.15%-FR _{9,i}	
10	C _{10,i} =C _{10,i-1} +3.40%-FR _{10,i}	
		1.13901
		0.880214
		0.258796

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- Snowball Notes is an inverse floating rate bond with freeze at zero and redemptive articles.
- Contribution: Provide an innovative polynomial-time pricing algorithm based on simple term structure model, Hull-White short rate model, to price snowball notes.
- Sensitivity analysis: Snowball price has negative relation to mean reversion and market rate, and positive relation to volatility, spreads and redemptive time.
- Issuers can effectively hedge by redemptive articles.

Thanks for your listening !