## Lecture 12

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(1) Black-Scholes Model
(2) Black-Scholes Equation


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Value before explration at time $t$


