Stats 3520b Topics be covered for the week of 13 -17 January 2014

For this week, we aim to cover the following theories/concepts:

- 1. Analysis of pay-offs for options
- 2. The law of one price via an example
- 3. How derivatives are employed in hedging, speculation and arbitrage. Some examples will include
 - (a) Use of futures/forwards for hedging
 - (b) Hedging strategies using options
 - (c) Speculation using options
 - (d) Demonstration of arbitrage strategy
- 4. Futures options

Determination of forward and futures prices

- 5. Forward prices for a security that provides no income
- 6. Forward prices for a security that provides a known cash income
- 7. Forward prices for a security that provides a known dividend yield

- 8. Valuing forward contracts
- 9. Stock index futures
- 10. Forwards and futures contracts on currencies
- 11. Futures on commodities
- 12. The cost of carry