

Black-Scholes Model

Solutions to Exercises

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Chapter 1

Exercise 1.1.

Show that the process

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp\left\{\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t + \sigma W(t)\right\}.$$

solves

$$dS(t) = \mu S(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW(t).$$

Solution.

Apply the Itô formula (see [SCF]) with $F(t, x) = S(0) \exp\{\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t + \sigma x\}$, $X(t) = W(t)$ (so $a(t) = 0$, $b(t) = 1$) to find the stochastic differential of the process $F(t, W(t)) = S(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} dS(t) &= F_t(t, W(t))dt + F_x(t, W(t))dW(t) + \frac{1}{2}F_{xx}(t, W(t))dt \\ &= \mu F(t, W(t)) + \sigma F(t, W(t)) \end{aligned}$$

since $F_t(t, x) = (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)F(t, x)$, $F_x(t, x) = \sigma F(t, x)$, $F_{xx}(t, x) = \sigma^2 F(t, x)$.

Exercise 1.2.

Find the probability that $S(2t) > 2S(t)$ for some $t > 0$.

Solution.

The inequality is equivalent to

$$\exp\{2\mu t - \sigma^2 t + \sigma W(2t)\} > 2 \exp\{\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t + \sigma W(t)\}$$

and after rearranging this becomes

$$\exp\{\sigma[W(2t) - W(t)]\} > \exp\{\ln 2 - \mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t\}$$

which is equivalent to

$$W(2t) - W(t) > \frac{1}{\sigma}[\ln 2 - \mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t].$$

Writing $W(2t) - W(t) = \sqrt{t}X$, where $X \sim N(0, 1)$, we can see that the probability of the above event is

$$1 - N\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}[\ln 2 - \mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t]\right),$$

where N is the standard normal cumulative distribution function.

Exercise 1.3.

Find the formula for the variance of the stock price: $\text{Var}(S(t))$.

Solution.

First we find the expectation

$$\mathbb{E}(S(t)) = S(0) \exp\{\mu t\}$$

using the formula $\mathbb{E}(e^X) = e^{\frac{1}{2}\text{Var}(X)}$ where X has normal distribution with zero expectation, and next we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(S(t) - S(0)e^{\mu t})^2 &= S^2(0)e^{2\mu t}\mathbb{E}(e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t + \sigma W(t)} - 1)^2 \\ &= S^2(0)e^{2\mu t}\mathbb{E}(e^{-\sigma^2 t + 2\sigma W(t)} - 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t + \sigma W(t)} + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(e^{-\sigma^2 t + 2\sigma W(t)}) &= e^{-\sigma^2 t} e^{2\sigma^2 t} = e^{\sigma^2 t} \\ \mathbb{E}(e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t + \sigma W(t)}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\text{Var}S(t) = S^2(0)e^{2\mu t}(e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1).$$

Exercise 1.4.

Consider an alternative model where the stock prices follow an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process: this is a solution of $dS_1(t) = \mu_1 S_1(t)dt + \sigma_1 dW(t)$ (see [SCF]). Find the probability that at a certain time $t_1 > 0$ we will have negative prices: i.e. compute $P(S_1(t_1) < 0)$. Illustrate the result numerically.

Solution.

The Itô formula gives the form of the solution

$$S_1(t) = S(0)e^{\mu_1 t} + \int_0^t \sigma_1 e^{\mu_1(t-s)} dW(s)$$

and

$$P(S_1(t) < 0) = P\left(\int_0^t \sigma_1 e^{\mu_1(t-s)} W(s) < -S(0)e^{\mu_1 t}\right).$$

The random variable $\int_0^t \sigma_1 e^{\mu_1(t-s)} W(s)$ has normal distribution with zero mean and variance

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \sigma_1^2 e^{2\mu_1(t-s)} ds &= \sigma_1^2 e^{2\mu_1 t} \int_0^t e^{-2\mu_1 s} ds \\ &= \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2\mu_1} (e^{2\mu_1 t} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

so

$$P(S_1(t) < 0) = N\left(-\frac{S(0)e^{\mu_1 t}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{2\mu_1}(e^{2\mu_1 t} - 1)}}\right)$$

With $S(0) = 100$, $\mu_1 = 10\%$, $\sigma_1 = 30$, (this parameter is related to prices, not returns), $t_1 = 1$ we obtain 0.000231481.

Exercise 1.5.

Allowing time-dependent but deterministic σ_1 in the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model, find its shape so that $\text{Var}(S(t)) = \text{Var}(S_1(t))$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(S_1(t)) &= \text{Var}\left(\int_0^t \sigma e^{\mu_1(t-s)} dW(s)\right) = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2\mu_1}(e^{2\mu_1 t} - 1), \\ \text{Var}S(t) &= S^2(0)e^{2\mu t}(e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1),\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\sigma_1^2 = \frac{2\mu_1 S^2(0)e^{2\mu t}(e^{\sigma^2 t} - 1)}{e^{2\mu_1 t} - 1}$$

Exercise 1.6.

Let L be a random variable representing the loss on some business activity. Value at Risk at confidence level $a\%$ is defined as $\nu = \inf\{x : P(L \leq x) \geq \frac{a}{100}\}$. Compute ν for $a = 5\%$, where L is the loss on the investment in a single share of stock purchased at $S(0) = 100$ and sold at $S(T)$ with $\mu = 10\%$, $\sigma = 40\%$, $T = 1$.

Solution.

The loss can be defined in a simplified way, setting $L = S(T) - S(0)$ and neglecting time value of money and lost opportunity in alternative investment, or by taking $L = S(T)e^{-\mu T} - S(0)$, where the discounting uses the average growth rate for stock (the risk-free rate would be inappropriate since the rate should reflect the risk). We use the latter approach. Now

$$\begin{aligned}P(L \leq x) &= P(S(T)e^{-\mu T} - S(0) \leq x) \\ &= P(S(0) \exp\left\{\frac{\sigma^2}{2}T + \sigma W(T)\right\} \leq x + S(0)) \\ &= P(W(T) \leq \frac{1}{\sigma}[\ln(\frac{x}{S(0)} + 1) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}T]) \\ &= N\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}[\ln(\frac{x}{S(0)} + 1) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}T]\right).\end{aligned}$$

Due to the monotonicity and continuity of the exponential function, ν is the solution to

$$\frac{a}{100} = N\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}[\ln(\frac{\nu}{S(0)} + 1) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}T]\right)$$

so

$$\nu = S(0)\left[\exp\left\{\sigma\sqrt{T}N^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{100}\right) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}T\right\} - 1\right]$$

and we obtain -43.89 for the given data. (Often loss is defined as the opposite difference so that it is positive when we lose the money and negative in case of profit.)

Chapter 2

Exercise 2.1.

Prove that, for $u < t$, $\mathbb{E}(\tilde{S}(t)|\mathcal{F}_u^S) = \tilde{S}(u) \exp\{(\mu - r)t\}$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\tilde{S}(t)|\mathcal{F}_u^S] \\
 &= S(0)\mathbb{E}[\exp\{(\mu - r)t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t + \sigma W(t)\}|\mathcal{F}_u^S] \\
 &= S(0) \exp\{(\mu - r)t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t\} \mathbb{E}[\exp\{\sigma[W(t) - W(u)]\} \exp\{\sigma W(u)\}|\mathcal{F}_u^S] \\
 &= S(0) \exp\{(\mu - r)t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t\} \exp\{\sigma W(u)\} \mathbb{E}[\exp\{\sigma[W(t) - W(u)]\}|\mathcal{F}_u^S] \\
 &\quad \text{(taking out what is known)} \\
 &= S(0) \exp\{(\mu - r)t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t\} \exp\{\sigma W(u)\} \mathbb{E}[\exp\{\sigma[W(t) - W(u)]\}] \quad \text{(by independence)} \\
 &= S(0) \exp\{(\mu - r)t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t\} \exp\{\sigma W(u)\} \exp\{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(t - u)\} \\
 &\quad \text{(computing the expectation)} \\
 &= S(0) \exp\{(\mu - r)u - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u + \sigma W(u)\} \exp\{(\mu - r)(t - u)\} \\
 &= \tilde{S}^\delta(u) \exp\{(\mu - r)t\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.2.

Consider the following strategy: $x(t) = \frac{V(0)}{S(0)}$ for $t \in [0, t_1]$, $x(t) = 2x(0)$ for $t \in [t_1, t_2]$ and $x(t_2) = 0$ with $V(0)$, $S(0)$ known, $0 < t_1 < t_2$ prescribed in advance (so all money is invested in stock at the beginning, then the number of shares is doubled at time t_1 with liquidation of the risky position at time t_2). Choose the process y so that the strategy is self-financing. Within the Black-Scholes model, with given μ , σ , r , what is the probability that $y(t_2) < 0$? Give a numerical example.

Solution.

Recall:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{A(t)} \left(e^{rt} [V(0) + \int_0^t x(u) d\tilde{S}(u)] - x(t)S(t) \right)$$

so for $t \in [0, t_1]$, we have $y(t) = 0$, since for such t the integral equals $\frac{V(0)}{S(0)}[\tilde{S}(t) - S(0)]$.

At time t_1 we have to borrow to finance the purchase of additional shares. Before the purchase $V(t_1) = x(0)S(t_1)$ and after $V(t_1) = x(t_1)S(t_1) + y(t_1)A(t_1) = 2x(0)S(t_1) + y(t_1)A(t_1)$ so to maintain the self-financing property we need $y(t_1) = -\frac{1}{A(t_1)}x(0)S(t_1)$.

At time t_2 we have $V(t_2) = 2x(0)S(t_2) - \frac{1}{A(t_1)}x(0)S(t_1)A(t_2)$ before liquidation and $V(t_2) = y(t_2)A(t_2)$ thereafter. Again, by the self-financing property,

$$y(t_2) = \frac{1}{A(t_2)}(2x(0)S(t_2) - \frac{1}{A(t_1)}x(0)S(t_1)A(t_2)).$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} P(y(t_2) < 0) &= P(2S(t_2)A(t_1) < S(t_1)A(t_2)) \\ &= P(2 \exp\{rt_1 + \mu t_2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t_2 + \sigma W(t_2)\} < \exp\{rt_2 + \mu t_1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t_1 + \sigma W(t_1)\}) \\ &= P([W(t_2) - W(t_1)] < \frac{1}{\sigma}[-\ln 2 + r(t_2 - t_1) + \mu(t_1 - t_2) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(t_1 - t_2)]) \\ &= N(\frac{1}{\sqrt{t_2 - t_1}\sigma}[-\ln 2 + r(t_2 - t_1) + \mu(t_1 - t_2) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(t_1 - t_2)]) \end{aligned}$$

For $t_2 = 2$, $t_1 = 1$, $\mu = 10\%$, $\sigma = 30\%$, $r = 5\%$ we find 0.24254258.

Exercise 2.3.

Design a version of this strategy with positive risk-free rate.

Solution. The strategy in question is that of Example 2.18 (p. 22).

The modifications are as follows: at time t_1 we have to find $x(t_1)$ so that $P(V(t_2) < 2) = p$. The bond position is

$$y(t_1) = \frac{1}{A(t_1)}[V(t_1) - x(t_1)S(t_1)]$$

and

$$P(V(t_2) < 2) = P(x(t_1)S(t_2) + \frac{A(t_2)}{A(t_1)}[V(t_1) - x(t_1)S(t_1)] < 2) = p$$

has to be solved for $x(t_1)$.

Exercise 2.4.

Prove that if the value process of an asset $B(t)$ satisfies the equation $dB(t) = g(t)B(t)dt$, where g is a stochastic process, then $g(t) = r$ a.s. for all $t \geq 0$.

Solution.

The money market account satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} dA(t) &= rA(t)dt, \\ A(0) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

We can assume without loss of generality that

$$B(0) = 1.$$

Take a strategy consisting of $x(t)$ units of security $B(t)$ and $y(t)$ units of the money market account $A(t)$ such that

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } B(t) > A(t) \\ 0 & \text{if } B(t) = A(t) \\ -1 & \text{if } B(t) < A(t) \end{cases}, \quad y(t) = -x(t)$$

The value of the strategy

$$\begin{aligned} V(t) &= x(t)B(t) + y(t)A(t) \\ &= \begin{cases} B(t) - A(t) & \text{if } B(t) > A(t) \\ 0 & \text{if } B(t) = A(t) \\ A(t) - B(t) & \text{if } B(t) < A(t) \end{cases} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

satisfies

$$\frac{dV(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (x(t)B(t) + y(t)A(t)) = x(t)\frac{d}{dt}B(t) + y(t)\frac{d}{dt}A(t)$$

a.e. with respect to $t \geq 0$, that is

$$dV(t) = x(t)dB(t) + y(t)dA(t).$$

Therefore, we have a self-financing strategy such that $V(0) = 0$ and $V(t) \geq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. By the no-arbitrage principle it follows that $V(t) = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. As a result, for almost all paths we have

$$B(t) = A(t) = e^{rt},$$

which forces $g(t) = r$ for all $t \geq 0$.

Exercise 2.5: Given a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ and an adapted process X with a.s. continuous paths. Show that the first hitting of a closed set in \mathbb{R} is an \mathcal{F}_t -stopping time.

Solution.

Suppose X is a process with a.s. continuous paths and $A \in \mathbb{R}$ is a closed set. Define the first hitting time of A by X as

$$\tau_A(\omega) = \inf\{t \leq T : X(t, \omega) \in A\}.$$

Consider a nested sequence of open neighbourhoods of A defined by

$$O_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \inf(|a - x| : a \in A) < \frac{1}{n}\},$$

and let τ_n define the first hitting time of O_n by A . We check that for any $t \leq T$ we have

$$\{\tau_n < t\} = \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}, 0 \leq r < t} \{X(r) \in O_n\}.$$

If $\{X(r) \in O_n \text{ for some rational } r < t, \text{ clearly } \inf\{s : X(s) \in O_n\} < t$. Conversely path-continuity of X ensures that if this infimum is less than t , then $X(r) \in O_n$ for some rational $r < t$. So we have shown that $\{\tau_n < t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$.

The decreasing sequence of stopping times $(\tau_n)_n$ satisfies $\tau_n < \tau_A$ for all n , so $\tau = \lim_n \tau_n \leq \tau_A$. We show that the stopping time τ must equal τ_A .

If $\tau = 0$ there is nothing to prove. On $\{\tau > 0\}$ we can find $k = k(\omega) > 1$ such that $\tau_n = 0$ for $n < k$ and $0 < \tau_n < \tau_{n+1} < \tau$, since $t \rightarrow X(t, \omega)$ is continuous for almost all ω , so that, as soon as $\tau_k(\omega) > 0$, the first hitting times of O_n for $n > k$ are a strictly increasing sequence strictly below τ , as the O_n are open and O_{n+1} is strictly contained in O_n . But $A = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} O_n$, and by continuity again, $X_{\tau_A} = \lim_n X_{\tau_n}$. As X_{τ_m} lies in the closure $\overline{O_m}$ of O_m , hence lies in O_n for $n < m$, letting $m \rightarrow \infty$ ensures that $X_{\tau_A} \in O_n$, which means that $\tau_A \leq \tau$, hence they are equal.

So we have shown that $\{\tau_A \leq t\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{\tau_n < t\}$ and the latter set is in \mathcal{F}_t , so τ_A is a stopping time.

Exercise 2.6.

Prove that if $f, g \in M^2$ and τ_1, τ_2 are stopping times such that $f(s, \omega) = g(s, \omega)$ whenever $\tau_1(\omega) \leq s < \tau_2(\omega)$, then for any $t_1 \leq t_2$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} g(s) dW(s)$$

for almost all ω satisfying $\tau_1(\omega) \leq t_1 \leq t_2 < \tau_2(\omega)$.

Solution.

Fix $t_1 \leq t_2$. By linearity we need only show that if $f(s, \omega) = 0$ on $\{(s, \omega) : \tau_1(\omega) \leq s \leq \tau_2(\omega)\}$ then $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s) = 0$ for $\{\omega : \tau_1(\omega) \leq t < \tau_2(\omega)\} = A_{12}(t)$. Note that $A_{12}(t) \in \mathcal{F}_t$, since $A_{12}(t) = \{\tau_1 \leq t\} \cap [\Omega \setminus \{\tau_2 \leq t\}] \in \mathcal{F}_t$.

Step 1. Suppose first that $f \in M^2$ is simple

$$f(t, \omega) = \xi_0(\omega) \mathbf{1}_{\{0\}}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^N \xi_k(\omega) \mathbf{1}_{(t_k, t_{k+1}]}(t).$$

For any particular ω , $\tau_1(\omega) \in (t_{m_1}, t_{m_1+1}]$, $\tau_2(\omega) \in (t_{m_2}, t_{m_2+1}]$ for some $m_1 \leq m_2$. For f to vanish on $\{(s, \omega) : \tau_1(\omega) \leq s \leq \tau_2(\omega)\}$, the coefficients $\xi_k(\omega)$ must be zero if $k \in [m_1, m_2]$. The stochastic integral is easily computed: let $t_1 \in (t_{n_1}, t_{n_1+1}]$, $t_2 \in (t_{n_2}, t_{n_2+1}]$ and by definition

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s) \right) (\omega) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_2-1} \xi_k(\omega) [W(t_{k+1}, \omega) - W(t_k, \omega)] + \xi_{n_2}(\omega) [W(t_2, \omega) - W(t_{n_2}, \omega)] \\ & \quad - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1-1} \xi_k(\omega) [W(t_{k+1}, \omega) - W(t_k, \omega)] + \xi_{n_1}(\omega) [W(t_1, \omega) - W(t_{n_1}, \omega)]. \end{aligned}$$

If $\tau_1(\omega) \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \tau_2(\omega)$, $\xi_k(\omega) = 0$ for $n_1 \leq k \leq n_2$ so the above sum vanishes.

Step 2: Take a bounded f and choose an increasing sequence of simple processes f_n converging to f in \mathcal{M}^2 . The difficulty in applying the first part of the proof lies in the fact that f_n do not have to vanish for $\tau_1(\omega) \leq t \leq \tau_2(\omega)$ even if f does. Hence we truncate f_n by forcing it to be zero for those t by writing

$$g_n(t, \omega) = f_n(t, \omega) \mathbf{1}_{A_{12}(t)}(t).$$

The idea is that this should mean no harm as f_n is going to zero anyway in this region, so we are just speeding this up a bit. For any t , the random variable $\mathbf{1}_{A_{12}(t)}(t)$ is 1 on $A_{12}(t)$ which belongs to \mathcal{F}_t . So g_n is an adapted simple process and Step 1 applies to give

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} g_n(s) dW(s) = 0 \text{ on } \{\tau_1 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \tau_2\}.$$

The convergence $f_n \rightarrow f$ in \mathcal{M}^2 implies that $f_n \mathbf{1}_{A_{12}(t)} \rightarrow f \mathbf{1}_{A_{12}(t)} = f$ in this space so

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} g_n(s) dW(s) \rightarrow \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s) \text{ in } L^2(\Omega),$$

thus a subsequence converges almost surely, hence $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s) = 0$ if $\{\tau_1 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \tau_2\}$ holds on a set Ω_t of full probability. Taking rational times q we get

$$\int_{t_1}^{q_k} f(s) dW(s) = 0 \text{ on } \bigcup_{q_k \in \mathbb{Q}, q_k \uparrow t_2} \Omega_{q_k},$$

which by continuity of stochastic integral extends to all $t \in [0, T]$.

Step 3. For an arbitrary $f \in \mathcal{M}^2$ let $f_n(t, \omega) = f(t, \omega) \mathbf{1}_{\{|f(t, \omega)| \leq n\}}(\omega)$. Clearly $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise and by the dominated convergence theorem this convergence is also in the norm on \mathcal{M}^2 . By the Itô isometry and linearity it follows that $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f_n(s) dW(s) \rightarrow \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s)$ in $L^2(\Omega)$. But f_n is bounded, it is zero if $\{\tau_1 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \tau_2(\omega)\}$, so $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f_n(s) dW(s) = 0$ by Step 2, and consequently $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s) dW(s) = 0$.

Chapter 3

Exercise 3.1.

Find the representation of $M(t) = \left(\int_0^t g dW\right)^2 - \int_0^t g^2 ds$.

Solution.

Write $X(t) = \int_0^t g(s)dW(s)$, then $M(t) = \int_0^t 2g(s)X(s)dW(s)$ (with g deterministic).

Exercise 3.2.

Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_Q(\mathbf{1}_{\{S(T) \geq K\}}|\mathcal{F}_t) &= N(-d(t, S(t)) + \sigma\sqrt{T-t}), \\ \mathbb{E}_Q(S(T)\mathbf{1}_{\{S(T) \geq K\}}|\mathcal{F}_t) &= e^{r(T-t)}S(t)N(-d(t, S(t))).\end{aligned}$$

Solution.

By restricting to the set where $\{S(T) \geq K\}$ the call price can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}C(t) &= \mathbb{E}_Q(e^{-r(T-t)}(S(T) - K)^+|\mathcal{F}_t) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q(e^{-r(T-t)}(S(T) - K)\mathbf{1}_{\{S(T) \geq K\}}|\mathcal{F}_t) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q(e^{-r(T-t)}S(T)\mathbf{1}_{\{S(T) \geq K\}}|\mathcal{F}_t) - \mathbb{E}_Q(e^{-r(T-t)}K\mathbf{1}_{\{S(T) \geq K\}}|\mathcal{F}_t)\end{aligned}$$

and in our calculation we dealt separately with these two terms to obtain the claimed identities.

Exercise 3.3.

Find the prices for a call and a put, and the probabilities (both risk-neutral and physical) of these options being in the money, if $S(0) = 100$, $K = 110$, $T = 0.5$, $r = 5\%$, $\mu = 8\%$, $\sigma = 35\%$.

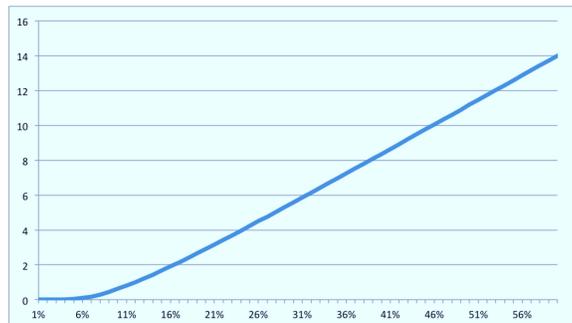
Solution.

The call price is 6.97167, while the put price is 14.2558. The risk-neutral probability is 0.4363, and the physical probability is 0.46027.

Exercise 3.4.

Sketch the graph of $\sigma \rightarrow C(T, K, r, S(0), \sigma)$

Solution.

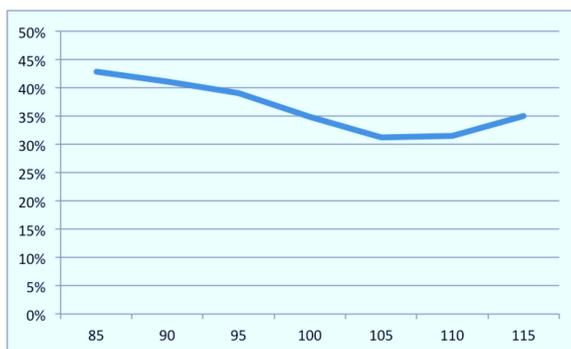


Exercise 3.5.

Sketch the graph of the function $k \mapsto \sigma(T, K, r, S(0), C)$ where $S(0) = 100$, $T = 0.5$, $r = 5\%$ and the prices are as below.

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|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| K | 85 | 90 | 95 | 100 | 105 | 110 | 115 |
| C | 21.59 | 18.3 | 14.67 | 10.97 | 7.74 | 6.01 | 5.46 |

Solution.



Exercise 3.6.

Consider the Bachelier model, i.e. assume $S(t) = S(0) + \mu t + \sigma W(t)$. Assume $r = 0$ and find a formula for the call price.

Solution.

From the Girsanov theorem we have $S(t) = S(0) + \sigma W_Q(t)$,

$$\begin{aligned} C(0) &= \mathbb{E}_Q((S(T) - K)^+) = \mathbb{E}_Q((S(0) + \sigma W_Q(T) - K)^+) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (S(0) + \sigma y \sqrt{T} - K)^+ e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Next $S(0) + \sigma y \sqrt{T} - K \geq 0$ if $y \geq \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{T}}(K - S(0)) =: d$ so

$$\begin{aligned} C(0) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_d^\infty (S(0) + \sigma y \sqrt{T} - K) e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy \\ &= (S(0) - K) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_d^\infty e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy + \frac{\sigma \sqrt{T}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_d^\infty y e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy \\ &= (S(0) - K) N(1 - d) + \frac{\sigma \sqrt{T}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{d^2}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.7.

Derive the version of the Black-Scholes PDE for the Bachelier model.

Solution.

We have to find u such that $C(t) = u(t, S(t))$, so (with $r = 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= \mathbb{E}_Q((S(T) - K)^+ | \mathcal{F}_t) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q((S(t) + \sigma[W_Q(T) - W_Q(t)] - K)^+ | \mathcal{F}_t) \\ &= \psi(S(t)) \end{aligned}$$

where (according to Lemma 3.13)

$$\psi(z) = \mathbb{E}_Q((z + \sigma[W_Q(T) - W_Q(t)] - K)^+).$$

We find the lower limit of integration, d , by solving

$$z + \sigma\sqrt{T-t}y - K \geq 0$$

to get

$$y \geq \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}(K - z) = d(t, z)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_d^\infty (z + \sigma\sqrt{T-t}y - K) e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy \\ &= (z - K)N(1 - d(t, z)) + \frac{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{d^2(t, z)}{2}} \\ &= u(t, z) \end{aligned}$$

We compute the partial derivatives to confirm that u satisfies the equation informally derived here along the lines of Chapter 1: $C(t) = u(t, S(t))$ is an Itô process, $dS = \mu dt + \sigma dW_Q$ and

$$\begin{aligned} dC(t) &= (u_t + \mu u_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u_{zz})dt + \sigma u_z dW. \\ dC(t) &= x\mu dt + x\sigma dW \end{aligned}$$

so that $x = u_z$ and the equation has the form

$$u_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u_{zz} = 0.$$

Exercise 3.8.

Give a detailed justification of the claims of Remark 3.26.

Remark 3.26 : The above considerations show a deep relationship between solutions to stochastic differential equations and solutions to partial differential equations. The main idea is best seen in a simple case, so consider a version of Lemma 3.23 with $S(t+u) = x + \sigma W(u)$, so that $S(t) = x$, to find that if u is a solution of

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u_{zz} &= 0, \quad s < T, \\ u(T, z) &= h(z). \end{aligned}$$

Then $u(t, x + \sigma W(T - t))$ is a martingale and

$$u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}(h(x + \sigma W(T - t))),$$

which is a particular case of the famous Feynman-Kac formula.

Solution.

If $u_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u_{zz} = 0$ then $u(s, x + \sigma W(s - t))$ is a martingale $s \in [t, T]$ (this is the correct formulation, rather than $u(t, x + \sigma W(T - t))$ as stated in the Remark).

Write $X(s) = u(s, x + \sigma W(s - t))$ and by the Itô formula

$$dX(s) = u_t ds + \sigma u_z dW(s) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u_{zz} ds$$

so

$$u(T, x + \sigma W(T - t)) = u(t, x) + \int_t^T \sigma u_z(s, x + \sigma W(s - t)) dW(s)$$

which is a martingale provided $u_x(t, x + \sigma W(T - t))$ is in \mathcal{M}^2 – this additional condition is required. Consequently, the expectation of the stochastic integral vanishes which implies

$$u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}(u(T, x + \sigma W(T - t))).$$

Exercise 3.9.

Show that the function defined by $u(t, z) = \mathbb{E}(h(z + \sigma W(T - t)))$ is sufficiently regular and solves $u_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u_{zz} = 0$, for $s < T$, with $u(T, z) = h(z)$.

Solution.

The terminal condition is obvious: plug $t = T$ into u . Next

$$\mathbb{E}(h(z + \sigma W(T - t))) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int h(z + \sigma\sqrt{T - t}y) e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy$$

Then change variables: $x = z + \sigma\sqrt{T - t}y$ and since $dx = \sigma\sqrt{T - t}dy$

$$\dots = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma\sqrt{T - t}} \int h(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2z\sqrt{T - t}}(x - z)^2} dx$$

which is smooth by results from elementary calculus (the dependence on t, z is taken out of h , which does not have to be smooth) and differentiation gives the equation.

Exercise 3.10.

Given an European call C and put P , both with strike K and expiry T , show that $\text{delta}_C - \text{delta}_P = 1$. Deduce that $\text{delta}_P = -N(-d_+)$ and that $\text{gamma}_P = \text{gamma}_C$.

Solution.

By call-put parity, $\text{delta}_{C-P} = 1$ and the result follows from the linearity of the delta operator. Since $\text{delta}_C = N(d_+)$, $\text{delta}_P = 1 - N(d_+) = N(-d_+)$. The relation for the gammas can be obtained immediately by differentiating the relation for the deltas.

Exercise 3.11.

Show that analogous calculations, with T replaced by the time to expiry $T - t$, and with $d_{\pm}(t)$ replacing d_{\pm} , apply to give the Greeks evaluated at time $t < T$.

Solution.

Routine differentiation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \text{delta}_C(t) &= N(d_+(t)), \\ \text{gamma}_C(t) &= \frac{1}{S\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}n(d_+(t)), \quad \text{where } n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \\ \text{theta}_C(t) &= -\frac{S\sigma}{2\sqrt{T-t}}n(d_+(t)) - rKe^{-r(T-t)}N(d_-(t)), \\ \text{vega}_C(t) &= S\sqrt{T-t}n(d_+(t)), \\ \text{rho}_C(t) &= (T-t)Ke^{-r(T-t)}N(d_-(t)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d_{\pm} = \frac{\ln \frac{S(0)}{K} + (r \pm \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}.$$

Exercise 3.12.

Verify that $\text{theta}_P = \text{theta}_C + rKe^{-r(T-t)}$, where C and P are a call and a put respectively, with the same strike K and expiry T . Deduce a formula for theta_P .

Solution.

By call-put parity, $\text{theta}_{C-P} = -rKe^{-r(T-t)}$ the result follows from the linearity of differentiation. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \text{theta}_P &= -\frac{S\sigma}{2\sqrt{T}}n(d_+) - rKe^{-rT}N(d_-) + rKe^{-rT} \\ &= -\frac{S\sigma}{2\sqrt{T}}n(d_+) + rKe^{-rT}N(-d_-). \end{aligned}$$

Chapter 4

Exercise 4.1.

Derive the equation satisfied by the futures price assuming that the interest rate is constant. Find the version in the risk-neutral world.

Solution.

If the interest rate is constant, the futures and forward prices coincide, the latter is given by $e^{r(T-t)}S(t) = X(t)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} dX(t) &= -re^{r(T-t)}S(t) + e^{r(T-t)}\mu S(t)dt + e^{r(T-t)}\sigma S(t)dW(t) \\ &= (\mu - r)X(t)dt + \sigma X(t)dW(t). \end{aligned}$$

In the risk-neutral world for S this reduces to $dX(t) = \sigma X(t)dW_Q(t)$ so X is a Q -martingale.

Exercise 4.2.

Derive a formula for the price of an option written on futures, assuming that the interest rate is constant.

Solution.

We have $S(t) = e^{-r(T-t)}X(t)$, so that by the Black-Scholes formula the call price is

$$C_S(t) = S(t)N(d_+(t, S(t))) - e^{-r(T-t)}KN(d_-(t, S(t)))$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_+(t, z) &= \frac{\ln(\frac{z}{K}) + (r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}; \\ d_-(t, z) &= d_+(t, z) - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the expression for $X(t)$ the call price on X is then

$$\begin{aligned} C_F(t) &= e^{-r(T-t)}X(t)N(d_+(t, S(t))) - e^{-r(T-t)}KN(d_-(t, S(t))) \\ &= e^{-r(T-t)}[X(t)d_1(t) - KN(d_2(t))]. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(t) &= \frac{\ln(\frac{X(t)}{K}) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} = \frac{\ln(\frac{S(t)e^{r(T-t)}}{K}) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \\ &= \frac{\ln(\frac{S(t)}{K}) + (r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} = d_+(t, S(t)), \text{ and} \\ d_2(t) &= d_1(t) - \sigma\sqrt{T-t} = d_-(t, S(t)). \end{aligned}$$

This is the *Black formula* for a call on futures in a constant interest rate model. A similar argument gives the put price from the BS-put-price for $S(t)$.

Exercise 4.3.

Construct an alternative proof of Proposition 4.2 by observing that the function v , defined by $v(t, z) = e^{\delta(T-t)}u(t, z)$, satisfies

$$v_t + \rho z v_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 z^2 v_{zz} = \rho v, \quad v(T, z) = (K - z)^+.$$

where $\rho = r - \delta$.

Solution.

We write $\rho = r - \delta$ and $v(\rho, t, z) = e^{\delta(T-t)}u(r, t, z)$, where, since $e^{-r(T-t)} = e^{-\delta(T-t)}e^{-\rho(T-t)}$ we obtain

$$v(\rho, t, z) = zN\left(\frac{\ln(\frac{z}{K}) + (\rho + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}\right) - e^{-\rho(T-t)}KN\left(\frac{\ln(\frac{z}{K}) + (\rho - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}\right).$$

By the previous chapter the function v satisfies the PDE

$$v_t + \rho z v_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 z^2 v_{zz} = \rho v$$

and the final condition remains, as before, $v(\rho, T, z) = (K - z)^+ = u(r, T, z)$ since $e^{\delta(T-T)} = 1$.

Since

$$v = e^{\delta(T-t)}u$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} v_t &= e^{\delta(T-t)}u_t - \delta e^{\delta(T-t)}u \\ v_z &= e^{\delta(T-t)}u_z \\ v_{zz} &= e^{\delta(T-t)}u_{zz} \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$e^{\delta(T-t)}u_t - \delta e^{\delta(T-t)}u + (r - \delta)ze^{\delta(T-t)}u_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 z^2 e^{\delta(T-t)}u_{zz} = (r - \delta)e^{\delta(T-t)}u$$

and so the function u satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + (r - \delta)zu_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 z^2 u_{zz} &= ru, \quad t < T, z > 0 \\ u(T, z) &= (z - K)^+ \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4.4.

Show that, with N_2 as in the bivariate normal distribution,

$$\begin{aligned} CC(0) &= S(0)N_2(d_+T_1, S^*), d_+(T_2, K_2); \rho) \\ &\quad - K_2e^{-rT_2}N_2(d_-T_1, S^*), d_-(T_2, K_2); \rho) \\ &\quad - K_1e^{-rT_1}N_1(d_-(T_1, S^*(T_1)), \end{aligned}$$

where $\rho = \sqrt{\frac{T_1}{T_2}}$ and S^* is the solution of the equation $u(T_1, z) = S(T_1)$.

Solution.

We have found that

$$\begin{aligned} CC(0) &= S(0) \int_{x_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T_1}}^{\infty} \int_{x_2 - \sigma\sqrt{T_2}}^{\infty} f_{X_1 X_2}(x, y) dx dy \\ &\quad - e^{-rT_2} K_2 \int_{x_1}^{\infty} \int_{x_2}^{\infty} f_{X_1 X_2}(x, y) dx dy \\ &\quad - e^{-rT_1} K_1 (1 - N(x_1)). \end{aligned}$$

First, recall that $f_{X_1, X_2}(x, y)$ remains unchanged when we replace x by $x' = -x$ and y by $y' = -y$, and therefore for any real a, b we find

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^{\infty} \int_b^{\infty} f_{X_1 X_2}(x, y) dx dy &= \int_{\{x \geq a\}} \int_{\{y \geq b\}} f_{X_1 X_2}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{\{x' \leq -a\}} \int_{\{y' \leq -b\}} f_{X_1 X_2}(x', y') dx' dy' \\ &= N_2(-a, -b; \rho). \end{aligned}$$

Apply this with $a = x_1, b = x_2$ to obtain $e^{-rT_2} K_2 N_2(-x_1, -x_2; \rho)$ for the second term above, and $a = x_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T_1}, b = x_2 - \sigma\sqrt{T_2}$ yields $S(0) N_2(-x_1 + \sigma\sqrt{T_1}, -x_2 + \sigma\sqrt{T_2}; \rho)$ for the first. The third term is simply $e^{-rT_1} K_1 N(-x_1)$ by the symmetry of the (univariate) standard normal distribution function N .

Recall that $x_1 = \phi^{-1}(K_1)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= u(T_1, S(T_1)) = S(T_1) N(d_+(T_1, S(T_1))) \\ &\quad - K_2 e^{-r(T_2 - T_1)} N(d_-(T_1, S(T_1))). \end{aligned}$$

We write $S^*(T_1)$ for the solution of $u(T_1, S(T_1)) = K_1$, then x_1 solves the equation

$$S(0) \exp\left(\left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T_1 + \sigma\sqrt{T_1}x\right) = S^*(T_1),$$

so that

$$x_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S^*(T_1)}{S(0)}\right) - \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T_1}{\sigma\sqrt{T_1}},$$

which means that

$$-x_1 = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S(0)}{S^*(T_1)}\right) + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T_1}{\sigma\sqrt{T_1}} = d_-(T_1, S^*(T_1))$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} -x_2 &= -\frac{\ln\left(\frac{K_2}{S(0)}\right) - \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T_2}{\sigma\sqrt{T_2}} \\ &= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{S(0)}{K_2}\right) + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)T_2}{\sigma\sqrt{T_2}} = d_-(T_2, K_2). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $a_2 = -x_1$, $b_2 = -x_2$ and $a_1 = a_2 + \sigma\sqrt{T_1} = d_+(T_1, S^*(T_1))$ and $b_1 = b_2 + \sigma\sqrt{T_2} = d_+(T_2, K_2)$.

the formula for the call-on-call can be written, with $\rho = \sqrt{\frac{T_1}{T_2}}$ and $N_1 = N$, as

$$\begin{aligned} CC(0) &= S(0)N_2(a_1, b_1; \rho) - K_2e^{-rT_2}N_2(a_2, b_2; \rho) - K_1e^{-rT_1}N_1(a_2) \\ &= S(0)N_2(d_+T_1, S^*(T_1), d_+(T_2, K_2); \rho) \\ &\quad - K_2e^{-rT_2}N_2(d_-T_1, S^*(T_1), d_-(T_2, K_2); \rho) \\ &\quad - K_1e^{-rT_1}N_1(d_-(T_1, S^*(T_1))). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4.5.

Prove that the unique solution of

$$dS(t) = \mu(t)S(t)dt + \sigma(t)S(t)dW(t),$$

where the coefficients defined on $[0, T]$ are bounded and measurable, is of the form

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp\left\{\int_0^t [\mu(s) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(s)]ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s)dW(s)\right\}.$$

Solution.

A routine application of the Itô formula shows that $S(t)$ solves the equation. Uniqueness does not follow from the general uniqueness theorem proved for SDEs in section 5.2 of [SCF], despite the fact that the Lipschitz condition holds for linear equations, since random coefficients are not covered. We follow the proof given on pp 165-168 of [SCF] for constant coefficients.

Proof: Suppose S_1, S_2 are solutions, then

$$S_1(t) - S_2(t) = \int_0^t \mu(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]du + \int_0^t \sigma(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]dW(u)$$

and, since $(a + b)^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2$,

$$\begin{aligned} &(S_1(t) - S_2(t))^2 \\ &= \left(\int_0^t \mu(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]du + \int_0^t \sigma(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]dW(u) \right)^2 \\ &\leq 2 \left(\int_0^t \mu(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]du \right)^2 + 2 \left(\int_0^t \sigma(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]dW(u) \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Take the expectation on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(S_1(t) - S_2(t))^2 &\leq 2\mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t \mu(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]du \right)^2 \\ &\quad + 2\mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t \sigma(u)[S_1(u) - S_2(u)]dW(u) \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The Itô isometry gives

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t \sigma(u)(S_1(u) - S_2(u))dW(u) \right)^2 = \mathbb{E} \int_0^t \sigma^2(u)(S_1(u) - S_2(u))^2 du.$$

Next, exchange the order of integration in the integral on the right, which is legitimate, since we are working with a class of processes where Fubini's theorem applies. Thus if we set

$$f(t) = \mathbb{E}(S_1(t) - S_2(t))^2$$

the inequality in question takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &\leq 2 \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \{\mu(t)\} \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t [S_1(u) - S_2(u)] du \right)^2 + 2 \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \{\sigma^2(t)\} \int_0^t f(u) du \\ &= 2\mu \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t [S_1(u) - S_2(u)] du \right)^2 + 2\sigma^2 \int_0^t f(u) du \end{aligned}$$

say, so we can follow the rest of the proof (using the Gronwall Lemma (Lemma 5.4 in [SCF]) without change.

Exercise 4.6.

Show that

$$M(t) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t b^2(s) ds - \int_0^t b(s) dW(s)\right\}.$$

is a martingale.

Solution.

This process is called the exponential martingale. By the Itô formula with $F(x) = e^x$, $X(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t b^2(s) ds - \int_0^t b(s) dW(s)$, so that $dX(t) = -\frac{1}{2} b^2(t) dt - b(t) dW(t)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} dM(t) &= -F_x(X(t)) \frac{1}{2} b^2(t) dt - F_x(X(t)) b(t) dW(t) + \frac{1}{2} F_{xx}(X(t)) b^2(t) dt \\ &= -M(t) b(t) dW(t). \end{aligned}$$

The problem boils down to showing that $M \in \mathcal{M}^2$, since b is bounded and the same is true for the product. Since $\mu(t) - r = \sigma(t)b(t)$, b is deterministic (μ and σ are assumed deterministic) so $\int_0^T b(s) dW(s)$ is Gaussian and $\mathbb{E}(\exp\{\int_0^t b(s) dW(s)\}) = \exp\{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t b^2(s) ds\}$ which is square-integrable over $[0, T]$.

Exercise 4.7.

Prove that the discounted stock prices follow a martingale and

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp\left\{rt - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s) dW_Q(s)\right\}$$

where $W_Q(t) = W(t) + \int_0^t b(s)ds$, $\mu(t) - r = \sigma(t)b(t)$.

Solution.

The formula for the discounted prices is

$$\tilde{S}(t) = S(0) \exp\left\{-\int_0^t \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(s)ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s)dW_Q(s)\right\}$$

which is the familiar exponential martingale provided σ is sufficiently smooth. For instance, boundedness is sufficient (σ is assumed deterministic in this section). An alternative is the *Novikov* condition $\mathbb{E}[\exp(\int_0^T \sigma^2(s)ds)] < \infty$, the proof of which is beyond the scope of this text.

Exercise 4.8.

Find a PDE for the function $u(t, z)$ generating the option prices by the formula $H(t) = u(t, S(t))$ for $H = h(S(T))$ for time dependent volatility.

Solution.

This is a straightforward generalisation of the Black-Scholes setting, and we omit the details. The equation is

$$u_t(t, z) = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(t)z^2u_{zz}(t, z) - r(t)zu_x(t, z) + r(t)u(t, z) \quad \text{for } 0 < t < T, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Exercise 4.9.

Show that benchmarked pricing of plain vanilla options gives the well-known Black-Scholes formula.

Solution.

This is immediate since the argument deriving benchmarked prices was based on risk-neutral valuation, which leads to Black-Scholes formula. A direct argument is also possible. For $t = 0$, for call

$$\begin{aligned} C(0) &= \mathbb{E}(\exp(-aT - bW(T))(S(T) - K)^+) \\ &= \exp\left\{-rT - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\mu - r)^2T\right\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &\quad \int_d^\infty \exp\left\{-\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}y\sqrt{T}\right\} (S(0) \exp\{\mu T + \sigma y\sqrt{T}\} - K) \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}y^2\right\} dy \end{aligned}$$

and some elementary, though somewhat tedious, calculus gives the result.

Chapter 5

Exercise 5.1.

Examine the case where $P_{\text{UO}}(0) = P(0)$ (ordinary put).

Solution.

The ordinary put payoff is the limit of

$$P_{\text{UO}}(T) = (K - S(T))^+ \mathbf{1}_{\{\max_{t \in [0, T]} S(t) \leq L\}}$$

as $L \rightarrow \infty$. The ingredients of the pricing formula also converge

$$d_2 = \frac{\ln \frac{S(0)K}{L^2} - (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \rightarrow -\infty,$$

and

$$d_4 = \frac{\ln \frac{S(0)K}{L^2} - (r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2) T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \rightarrow -\infty$$

as $L \rightarrow \infty$, hence $N(d_2) \rightarrow 0$, $N(d_4) \rightarrow 0$. The factors $\left(\frac{L}{S(0)}\right)^{2\frac{r}{\sigma^2}-1}$ and $\left(\frac{L}{S(0)}\right)^{2\frac{r}{\sigma^2}+1}$ tend to infinity but slower than $N(d_2)$, $N(d_4)$ go to zero so in the limit the second and the fourth term in the formula for $P_{\text{UO}}(0)$ disappear and we end up with the ingredients of the Black-Scholes formula for $P(0)$.

Exercise 5.2.

Consider $S(0) = 100$, $K = 100$, $T = 0.25$, $r = 5\%$, $\sigma = 25\%$. Is it possible to find L so that $P_{\text{UO}}(0) = \frac{1}{2}P(0)$?

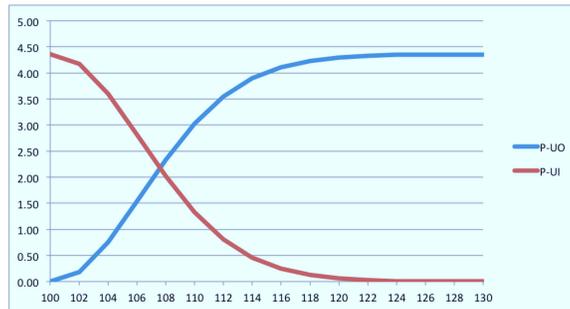
Solution.

Since $P_{\text{UO}}(0) = 0$ if $L = 100$ and converges to $P(0)$ as $L \rightarrow \infty$, this must be possible. For the given data we find $L = 107.59026$.

Exercise 5.3.

Sketch the graphs of $P_{\text{UO}}(0)$ and $P_{\text{UI}}(0)$ as functions of L .

Solution.



Exercise 5.4.

Compute the initial price of an up-and-in put option with price K and barrier L on a stock S .

Solution.

$$P_{\text{UO}}(0) + P_{\text{UI}}(0) = e^{-rT} \mathbb{E}_Q((K - S(T))^+).$$

Exercise 5.5.

Prove that $P_{\text{UO}}(0) = u(0, S(0))$ where u solves

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + rzu_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 z^2 u_{zz} &= ru \\ u(T, z) &= (K - z)^+ \quad \text{for all } 0 < z \leq L, \\ u(t, L) &= 0 \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq t < T. \end{aligned}$$

Solution.

Writing

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(t, z) &= \frac{\ln \frac{K}{z} - (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, & d_2(t, z) &= \frac{\ln \frac{zK}{L^2} - (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, \\ d_3(t, z) &= \frac{\ln \frac{K}{z} - (r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, & d_4(t, z) &= \frac{\ln \frac{zK}{L^2} - (r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, z) &= e^{-r(T-t)} K \left[N(d_1(t, z)) - \left(\frac{L}{z}\right)^{2\frac{r}{\sigma^2}-1} N(d_2(t, z)) \right] \\ &\quad - z \left[N(d_3(t, z)) - \left(\frac{L}{z}\right)^{2\frac{r}{\sigma^2}+1} N(d_4(t, z)) \right], \end{aligned}$$

the problem boils down to checking that this function solves the PDE.

Exercise 5.6.

Prove that this strategy is admissible and replicates the payoff of Up-and-Out put.

Solution.

The proof for the vanilla options can be repeated. The choice of $x(t), y(t)$ guarantees that

$$V_{(x,y)}(t) = x(t)S(t) + y(t)A(t) = u(t, S(t)).$$

We know that $u(0, S(0)) = P_{\text{UO}}(0)$ and by the same token assuming that t is the initial price, $u(0, S(t)) = P_{\text{UO}}(t)$ arguing and in particular $V_{(x,y)}(T) = u(T, S(T)) = P_{\text{UO}}(T)$. The values are non-negative which implies the first condition for admissibility. Since $u(t, S(t)) = P_{\text{UO}}(t)$ and $\tilde{P}_{\text{UO}}(t) = \mathbb{E}_Q(\tilde{P}_{\text{UO}}(T) | \mathcal{F}_t)$ is a martingale, it follows that $\tilde{V}_{(x,y)}(t)$ is a martingale. The self-financing property of (x, y) follows from the relation (3.12) proved in Lemma 3.23

$$\begin{aligned} d\tilde{V}_{(x,y)}(t) &= d[e^{-rt}u(t, S(t))] \\ &= e^{-rt}\sigma S(t)u_z(t, S(t))dW_Q(t) \\ &= x(t)d\tilde{S}_t, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the self-financing property, as we saw in Proposition 2.9.

Exercise 5.7.

Show that the joint density of $(Y(T), M^Y(T))$ is given by

$$f^{Y, M^Y}(b, c) = \frac{2(2c - b)}{T\sqrt{T}} n\left(\frac{2c - b}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \exp\left(\nu b - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right).$$

Hence find the joint density of $(Z(T), M^Z(T))$, where $Z(t) = \sigma Y(t)$ on $[0, T]$ and use it to show that the premium of the lookback put is

$$P_L(0) = S(0)(N(-d) + e^{-rT}N(-d + \sqrt{T})) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2r}e^{-rT}[-N(d - \frac{2r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}) + e^{-rT}N(d)]$$

where

$$d = \frac{2r + \sigma^2}{2\sigma\sqrt{T}}.$$

Solution.

On page 115 ν was defined as $\nu = \frac{1}{\sigma}(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)$. We also know that $Y(t) = \nu t + W^Q(t)$ is a Wiener process under the equivalent probability R defined at (5.3), with $\frac{dR}{dQ}|_{\mathcal{F}(T)} = \exp(-\nu W^Q(T) - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T)$. So

$$F^{Y, M^Y}(b, c) = \mathbb{E}_Q[\mathbf{1}_A] = \mathbb{E}_R[e^{\nu Y(T) - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T} \mathbf{1}_A].$$

Now recall from the proof of Proposition 5.4 that for a standard Wiener process W the joint distribution of W and its maximum is given by

$$F(b, c) = N\left(\frac{b}{\sqrt{T}}\right) - N\left(\frac{b - 2c}{\sqrt{T}}\right),$$

and the joint density by $f(b, c) = \frac{2}{T}n'\left(\frac{b-2c}{\sqrt{T}}\right)$. For later reference, note that by definition of n we can also write this as

$$f(b, c) = \frac{2(2c - b)}{T\sqrt{T}} n\left(\frac{b - 2c}{\sqrt{T}}\right).$$

Applying this to W^Q under the probability R , employing the Fubini theorem and noting that

$$\int_0^c \frac{2}{T}n'\left(\frac{x-2y}{\sqrt{T}}\right)dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}\left[n\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{T}}\right) - n\left(\frac{x-2c}{\sqrt{T}}\right)\right],$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F^{Y, M^Y}(b, c) &= \int_0^c \left[\int_{-\infty}^b \exp\left(\nu x - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right) f(x, y) dx \right] dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^b \exp\left(\nu x - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right) \left(\int_0^c f(x, y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^b \exp\left(\nu x - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \left(n\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{T}}\right) - n\left(\frac{x-2c}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \right) dx \\ &= \exp\left(\nu b - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp(\nu z) \left[n\left(\frac{z+b}{\sqrt{T}}\right) - n\left(\frac{z+(b-2c)}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \right] dz. \end{aligned}$$

Now for any a ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp(\nu z) n\left(\frac{z+a}{\sqrt{T}}\right) dz &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp\left(\nu z - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{z+a}{T}\right)^2\right) dz \\
&= \exp\left(-\nu a + \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right) \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} n\left(\frac{z+a-\nu T}{\sqrt{T}}\right) dz \\
&= [\exp(-\nu a + \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T)] N\left(\frac{a-\nu T}{\sqrt{T}}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

(after adding and subtracting $\exp(-\nu a + \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T)$ and completing the square in the penultimate step).

Using this with $a = b$ and $a = b - 2c$ in the calculation of the joint distribution we have

$$\begin{aligned}
F^{Y, M^Y}(b, c) &= N\left(\frac{b-\nu T}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\
&\quad - \left\{ \exp(\nu b - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T) \exp(-\nu(b-2c) + \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T) \right\} N\left(\frac{b-2c-\nu T}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \\
&= N\left(\frac{b-\nu T}{\sqrt{T}}\right) - e^{2c\nu} N\left(\frac{b-2c-\nu T}{\sqrt{T}}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating with respect to b and c yields the desired density:

$$f^{Y, M^Y}(b, c) = \frac{2(2c-b)}{T\sqrt{T}} n\left(\frac{2c-b}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \exp\left(\nu b - \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 T\right).$$

We need to consider $Z(t) = \sigma Y(t) = (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma W^Q(t)$ and its maximum process M^Z , since the premium of the lookback option is

$$P_L(0) = e^{-rT} S(0) \mathbb{E}_Q[e^{M^Z(T)} - e^{rT}].$$

We need the joint density of $(Z(T), M^Z(T))$. This can be found from the above density for $(Y(T), M^Y(T))$, since $\sigma > 0$, so that (where we set $\zeta = r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$ to ease the notation)

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Z(T) < b, M^Z(T) < c) &= P\left(Y(T) < \frac{b}{\sigma}, M^Y(T) < \frac{c}{\sigma}\right) \\
&= N\left(\frac{b-\zeta T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{2c\zeta}{\sigma^2}\right) N\left(\frac{b-2c-\zeta T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Again we can find the density by differentiation:

$$f^{Z, M^Z}(b, c) = \frac{2(2c-b)}{\sigma T \sqrt{T}} n\left(\frac{2c-b}{\sqrt{T}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\zeta b - \frac{1}{2}\zeta^2 T}{\sigma^2}\right).$$

The density of the maximum M^Z is now found by integrating the joint density over b , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
f^{M^Z}(c) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^{Z, M^Z}(b, c) db \\
&= N\left(\frac{c-\zeta T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) - \frac{2\zeta}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(\frac{2\zeta c}{\sigma^2}\right) N\left(\frac{-c-\zeta T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{2\zeta c}{\sigma^2}\right) n\left(\frac{c+\zeta T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$P_L(0) = S(0)(e^{-rT} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^M(c)dc - 1)$$

which can be found by completing the square and integrating, so that, with $d = \frac{2r+\sigma^2}{2\sigma\sqrt{T}}$, we obtain

$$P_L(0) = S(0)[N(-d) + e^{-rT} N(-d + \sigma\sqrt{T}) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2r} e^{-rT} \{-N(d - \frac{2r}{\sigma}\sqrt{T}) + e^{-rT} N(d)\}].$$

Exercise 5.8.

Investigate numerically the distance between geometric and arithmetic averages of daily stock prices.

Solution.

For 100 daily steps, some prices simulated with $\mu = 10\%$, $\sigma = 30\%$, $A_{\text{geom}} = 107.5783$, $A_{\text{arithm}} = 107.809$

Exercise 5.9.

Compare the cost of a series of 10 calls for a single share to be exercised over next 10 weeks, with the cost of 10 Asian integral geometric average calls

Solution.

For $\mu = 10\%$, $\sigma = 30\%$, $S(0) = 100$, $K = 100$, the sum of prices of 10 calls to be exercised at $n/52$, $n = 1, \dots, 10$, is 46.0356. Single Asian integral geometric average call has price 0.8484.

Exercise 5.10.

Compare the cost of a series of 10 calls for a single share to be exercised over next 10 weeks, with the cost of 10 Asian discrete geometric average calls

Solution.

Here with $n = 10$, 10 Asian calls cost 39.4585

Chapter 6

Exercise 6.1.

Show that $aW_1 + bW_2$ is a Wiener process if and only if $a^2 + b^2 = 1$.

Solution.

Write $W(t) = aW_1 + bW_2$. If W is Wiener, it has mean 0, so that its variance is $\mathbb{E}(W^2(t)) = t$. By independence,

$$\mathbb{E}((aW_1 + bW_2)^2) = a^2\mathbb{E}(W_1^2(t)) + b^2\mathbb{E}(W_2^2(t)) = t(a^2 + b^2)$$

which implies that $a^2 + b^2 = 1$. Conversely, if $a^2 + b^2 = 1$, the fact that W is a Wiener process can be proved simply by checking that it satisfies Definition 2.4 in [SCF].

Exercise 6.2.

Prove carefully that $\mathcal{F}_t^{(W_1, W_2)} = \mathcal{F}_t^{(S_1, S_2)}$ if C is invertible.

Solution.

In this case we can invert the relation

$$S_i(t) = S_i(0) \exp\left\{\mu_i t - \frac{c_{i1}^2 + c_{i2}^2}{2}t + c_{i1}W_1(t) + c_{i2}W_2(t)\right\}$$

expressing $(W_1(t), W_2(t)) = f(S_1(t), S_2(t))$ where f is continuous (f depends on t). So the fields generated by the vectors $(W_1(t), W_2(t))$ and $(S_1(t), S_2(t))$ coincide for each t . This implies the claim since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_t^{(W_1, W_2)} &= \sigma\left(\bigcup_{s \leq t} \mathcal{F}_{(W_1(s), W_2(s))}\right), \\ \mathcal{F}_t^{(S_1, S_2)} &= \sigma\left(\bigcup_{s \leq t} \mathcal{F}_{(S_1(s), S_2(s))}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6.3.

Find the correlation coefficient for $W_1'(t)$ and $W_2'(t)$.

Solution.

We compute the covariance between $W_1'(t)$ and $W_2'(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Cov}\left(\frac{c_{11}}{\sqrt{c_{11}^2 + c_{12}^2}}W_1(t) + \frac{c_{12}}{\sqrt{c_{11}^2 + c_{12}^2}}W_2(t), \frac{c_{21}}{\sqrt{c_{21}^2 + c_{22}^2}}W_1(t) + \frac{c_{22}}{\sqrt{c_{21}^2 + c_{22}^2}}W_2(t)\right) \\ &= t\left(\frac{c_{11}}{\sqrt{c_{11}^2 + c_{12}^2}}\frac{c_{21}}{\sqrt{c_{21}^2 + c_{22}^2}} + \frac{c_{12}}{\sqrt{c_{11}^2 + c_{12}^2}}\frac{c_{22}}{\sqrt{c_{21}^2 + c_{22}^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and the correlation is

$$\frac{c_{11}c_{21} + c_{12}c_{22}}{\sqrt{c_{11}^2 + c_{12}^2}\sqrt{c_{21}^2 + c_{22}^2}}.$$

Exercise 6.4.

Suppose that W_1, W_2 are independent Wiener processes. Show that $\rho \in [-1, 1]$ is the correlation coefficient between the random variables $W_1(t)$ and $\rho W_1(t) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2(t)$ for any t .

Solution.

We compute the covariance: by bilinearity and independence

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cov}(W_1(t), \rho W_1(t) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2(t)) \\ &= \rho \text{Cov}(W_1(t), W_1(t)) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \text{Cov}(W_1(t), W_2(t)) \\ &= \rho t \end{aligned}$$

as claimed. An alternative (direct) argument: Since W_1, W_2 have mean 0,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(W_1(t), \rho W_1(t) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2(t)) &= \mathbb{E}[W_1(t) \{ \rho W_1(t) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2(t) \}] \\ &= \rho \mathbb{E}[W_1^2(t)] + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \mathbb{E}\{W_1(t) W_2(t)\} \\ &= \rho t \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathbb{E}[W_1^2(t)] = t$ and the second term is 0 by independence.

To find the correlation, note that, similarly,

$$\mathbb{E}\{[\rho W_1(t) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2(t)]^2\} = \rho^2 t + (1 - \rho^2)t = t,$$

so that

$$\text{Corr}(W_1(t), \rho W_1(t) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_2(t)) = \frac{\rho t}{\sqrt{t} \sqrt{t}} = \rho,$$

as claimed.

Alternatively one could use the result of the previous exercise.

Exercise 6.5.

Given $V(0)$ and $x_i(t)$, $i = 1, 2$, find $y(t)$ so that the strategy is self-financing.

Solution.

First we generalise the equivalent formulation of the self-financing property by means of the discounted wealth process. Namely, $(x_1(t), x_2(t), y(t))$ is self-financing if and only if

$$d\tilde{V}(t) = x_1(t) d\tilde{S}_1(t) + x_2(t) d\tilde{S}_2(t)$$

with the same proof as for one asset (Proposition 2.9). Then, following Corollary 2.10, we have

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{A(t)} \left(e^{rt} [V(0) + \int_0^t x_1(u) d\tilde{S}_1(u) + \int_0^t x_2(u) d\tilde{S}_2(u)] - x(t) S(t) \right).$$

Exercise 6.6.

Prove that if $x_1(t) = \frac{w_1 V(t)}{S_1(t)}$, $x_2(t) = \frac{w_2 V(t)}{S_2(t)}$ is self-financing then

$$dV(t) = [w_1 \mu_1 + w_2 \mu_2] V(t) dt + [w_1 \sigma_{11} + w_2 \sigma_{21}] V(t) dW_1(t) + [w_1 \sigma_{12} + w_2 \sigma_{22}] V(t) dW_2(t)$$

Solution.

Direct substitution of the differentials and cancellations give

$$\begin{aligned} dV(t) &= x_1(t) dS_1(t) + x_2(t) dS_2(t) + y(t) dA(t) \\ &= \frac{w_1 V(t)}{S_1(t)} [\mu_1 S_1(t) dt + c_{11} S_1(t) dW_1(t) + c_{12} S_1(t) dW_2(t)] \\ &\quad + \frac{w_2 V(t)}{S_2(t)} [\mu_2 S_2(t) dt + c_{21} S_2(t) dW_1(t) + c_{22} S_2(t) dW_2(t)] \\ &\quad + y(t) r A(t) dt \\ &= w_1 \mu_1 V(t) dt + w_2 \mu_2 V(t) dt \\ &\quad + c_{11} w_1 V(t) dW_1(t) + c_{21} w_2 V(t) dW_1(t) \\ &\quad + c_{12} w_1 V(t) dW_2(t) + c_{22} w_2 V(t) dW_2(t). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, inserting $w_i V(t) = x_i(t) S_i(t)$ gives the self-financing condition.

Note that since w_i are constant, the components of the strategy are Ito processes.

Exercise 6.7.

Prove that each discounted stock price process S_i ($i = 1, 2$) is a martingale with respect to Q (Hint: use independence and Proposition 6.1).

Solution.

Recall, that for $i = 1, 2$, for each $s \leq t$, we have $\mathbb{E}(W_i(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^{(W_1, W_2)}) = W_i(s)$, and $S_i(t) = S_i(0) \exp\{rt - \frac{c_{i1}^2 + c_{i2}^2}{2} t + c_{i1} W_1^Q(t) + c_{i2} W_2^Q(t)\}$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\tilde{S}_i(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^{(W_1, W_2)}) &= S_i(0) \mathbb{E}(e^{-\frac{1}{2} c_{i1}^2 t + c_{i1} W_1^Q(t)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} c_{i2}^2 t + c_{i2} W_2^Q(t)} | \mathcal{F}_s^{(W_1, W_2)}) \\ &= S_i(0) \mathbb{E}(e^{-\frac{1}{2} c_{i2}^2 t + c_{i2} W_2^Q(t)} | \mathcal{F}_s^{(W_1, W_2)}) \mathbb{E}(e^{-\frac{1}{2} c_{i1}^2 t + c_{i1} W_1^Q(t)} | \mathcal{F}_s^{(W_1, W_2)}) \\ &= S_i(0) e^{-\frac{1}{2} c_{i2}^2 s + c_{i2} W_2^Q(s)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} c_{i1}^2 s + c_{i1} W_1^Q(s)} \\ &= \tilde{S}_i(s). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6.8.

Show that under Q the process of discounted values of a strategy is a martingale.

Solution.

Since $d\tilde{V}(t) = x_1(t) d\tilde{S}_1(t) + x_2(t) d\tilde{S}_2(t)$ and $d\tilde{S}_1(t) = c_{i2} \tilde{S}_1(t) dW_1^Q(t) + c_{i2} \tilde{S}_1(t) dW_2^Q(t)$, the local martingale property follows but due to the form of the stock prices, these processes are square integrable so \tilde{V} is a martingale.

Exercise 6.9.

Prove that $M^Q(t)$ is not a martingale with respect to $\mathcal{F}_t^{(W_1, W_2)}$ and Q is not risk-neutral with respect to $\mathcal{F}_t^{(W_1, W_2)}$

Solution.

It seems that the claim in the book is incorrect as it stands. In fact,

$$M^Q(T) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mu - r)^2}{c_1^2 + c_2^2} T - (\mu - r) \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} W_1(t) + (\mu - r) \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} W_2(t)\right\}$$

is a martingale for the larger filtration, due to the independence of the Wiener processes. However, the risk -neutral property does not hold. Under Q the process $\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} t + W'(t)$, $\sigma = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$, is a Wiener process but this does not imply that the components are: $W'(t) = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} W_1(t) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} W_2(t)$ and neither $\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} t + \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} W_1(t)$ nor $\frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} t + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} W_2(t)$ are Wiener processes under Q .

Exercise 6.10.

The random variable $H = W_1(T)$ is not replicable since $x(T)S(T) + y(T)A(T)$ is not $\mathcal{F}_T^{W_1}$ -measurable.

Solution.

The random variable $S(T)$ involves $W_2(T)$ which is not $\mathcal{F}_T^{W_1}$ -measurable.

Exercise 6.11.

(Corrected formulation; the printed version has t as the variable of integration and as the upper limit of integration.)

Prove that the processes

$$S_i(t) = S_i(0) \exp\left\{\int_0^t \mu_i(s) ds - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,l=1}^d \int_0^t \sigma_{ij}(s) \sigma_{lj}(s) ds + \sum_{j=1}^d \int_0^t \sigma_{ij}(s) dW_j(s)\right\}$$

solve (6.3), where $i = 1, \dots, d$.

Solution.

For fixed i the one-dimensional Ito formula does the trick with

$$X(t) = X_i(t) = \int_0^t \mu_i(s) ds - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,l=1}^d \int_0^t \sigma_{ij}(s) \sigma_{lj}(s) ds + \sum_{j=1}^d \int_0^t \sigma_{ij}(s) dW_j(s)$$

and $F(t, x) = e^x$.

Exercise 6.12.

Prove that $[X, Y](t) = \int_0^t b_X(s) b_Y(s) ds$.

Solution.

This follows from the parallelogram identity

$$[X, Y](t) = \frac{1}{4}[X + Y, X + Y](t) - \frac{1}{4}[X - Y, X - Y](t)$$

and the fact that $[X, X](t) = \int_0^t b_X^2(s) ds$, since on the right we have

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_0^t (b_X + b_Y)^2(s) ds - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t (b_X - b_Y)^2(s) ds$$

and a bit of algebra does the trick.

Exercise 6.13.

Prove that $X(t)Y(t) - [X, Y](t)$ is a martingale.

Solution.

Using $ab = \frac{1}{4}(a+b)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(a-b)^2$ and $[X, Y](t) = \frac{1}{4}[X + Y, X + Y](t) - \frac{1}{4}[X - Y, X - Y](t)$ we find that the process takes the form

$$\frac{1}{4}(X(t) + Y(t))^2 - \frac{1}{4}(X(t) - Y(t))^2 - \frac{1}{4}[X + Y, X + Y](t) + \frac{1}{4}[X - Y, X - Y](t)$$

which is the sum of two martingales.

Exercise 6.14.

(Corrected formulation: in the printed version b_{21} and b_{12} were interchanged in error)

Prove the following formula: $[Y_1, Y_2](t) = \int_0^t (b_{11}(s)b_{12}(s) + b_{21}(s)b_{22}(s)) ds$, where $Y_k(t) = \int_0^t b_{1k}(s)dW_1(s) + \int_0^t b_{2k}(s)dW_2(s)$.

Solution.

Inserting we have

$$[Y_1, Y_2](t) = \left[\int_0^t b_{11}(s)dW_1(s) + \int_0^t b_{21}(s)dW_2(s), \int_0^t b_{12}(s)dW_1(s) + \int_0^t b_{22}(s)dW_2(s) \right](t)$$

so that we get four terms on the right, with

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\int_0^t b_{11}(s)dW_1(s), \int_0^t b_{12}(s)dW_1(s) \right](t) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\int_0^t [b_{11}(s) + b_{12}(s)]dW_1(s), \int_0^t [b_{11}(s) + b_{12}(s)]dW_1(s) \right](t) \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{4} \left[\int_0^t [b_{11}(s) - b_{12}(s)]dW_1(s), \int_0^t [b_{11}(s) - b_{12}(s)]dW_1(s) \right](t) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t [b_{11}(s) + b_{12}(s)]^2 ds - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t [b_{11}(s) - b_{12}(s)]^2 ds \\ &= \int_0^t (b_{11}(s)b_{12}(s) + b_{21}(s)b_{22}(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

and the same for the term with W_2 , so it remains to show that

$$\left[\int_0^t b_{21}(s) dW_2(s), \int_0^t b_{12}(s) dW_1(s) \right](t) = 0.$$

One can show that the expectation of the square is zero by approximating the stochastic integral. The square of approximating sums will involve terms of the form

$$\mathbb{E}(b_{21}(t_i)[W_1(t_{i+1}) - W_1(t_i)]b_{21}(t_j)[W_1(t_{j+1}) - W_1(t_j)]b_{12}(t_k)[W_2(t_{k+1}) - W_1(t_k)]b_{12}(t_n)[W_1(t_{n+1}) - W_1(t_n)]).$$

A number of cases have to be considered. The extreme case is $i = j = k = n$ and conditioning on \mathcal{F}_{t_i} and using the independence of W_1 and W_2 , we can estimate such a term with $(t_{i+1} - t_i)^2$ and the sum can be shown to go to zero. If $i = j < k = n$ then we condition upon \mathcal{F}_{t_k} and get

$$(t_{k+1} - t_k)\mathbb{E}(b_{21}^2(t_i)[W_1(t_{i+1}) - W_1(t_i)]^2 b_{12}^2(t_k)).$$

The sum of random variables under expectation is finite since the b 's are bounded and the Wiener process has finite quadratic variation. The remaining cases are easier to handle with the expectation being simply zero at the other extreme, when $i < j < k < n$.

Exercise 6.15.

Verify the uniqueness of Itô process characteristics, i.e. prove that $X_1 = X_2$ implies $a_1 = a_2$, $b_{11} = b_{21}$, $b_{12} = b_{22}$ by applying the Itô formula to find the form of $(X_1(t) - X_2(t))^2$

Solution.

On the one hand, we write $X(t) = (X_1(t) - X_2(t))^2$ and apply the Ito formula: $F(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2)^2$, $F_{x_1} = 2(x_1 - x_2)$, $F_{x_2} = -2(x_1 - x_2)$, $F_{x_1 x_1} = 2$, $F_{x_1 x_2} = F_{x_2 x_1} = -2$, $F_{x_2 x_2} = 2$, and

$$\begin{aligned} dX(t) &= 2X(t)[a_1(t) - a_2(t)]dt \\ &\quad + 2X(t)[b_{11}(t) - b_{21}(t)]dW_1(t) + 2X(t)[b_{12}(t) - b_{22}(t)]dW_2(t) \\ &\quad + [b_{11}^2(t) - b_{11}(t)b_{21}(t) + b_{21}^2(t)]dt + [b_{12}^2(t) - b_{12}(t)b_{22}(t) + b_{22}^2(t)]dt \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, $X(t) = 0$ so $dX(t) = 0$ and by the uniqueness of Ito decomposition we confirm our claim.

Exercise 6.16.

This is identical to Exercise 6.11

Solution. As in Exercise 6.11

Exercise 6.17.

Prove that

$$dS_i(t) = rS_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij}(t)S_i(t)dW_j^Q(t), \quad i = 1, \dots, d.$$

Solution.

Since $W_i^Q(t) = \int_0^t \theta_i(s)ds + W_i(t)$, we have $dW_i^Q(t) = \theta_i(t)dt + dW_i(t)$ so

$$\begin{aligned} & rS_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij}(t)S_i(t)dW_j^Q(t) \\ = & rS_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij}(t)S_i(t)\theta_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij}(t)S_i(t)dW_i(t) \\ = & rS_i(t)dt + [\mu_i(t) - r]S_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij}(t)S_i(t)dW_i(t) \\ = & \mu_i(t)S_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij}(t)S_i(t)dW_i(t) \end{aligned}$$

which is the same as $dS_i(t)$.

Exercise 6.18.

Derive the equation for the process $Y(t) = \frac{S_2(t)}{S_1(t)}$ and find the explicit formula for the exchange option.

Solution.

We use the Ito formula with

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{x_2}{x_1}, \\ F_{x_1}(x_1, x_2) &= -\frac{x_2}{x_1^2}, \quad F_{x_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_1}, \\ F_{x_1x_1}(x_1, x_2) &= 2\frac{x_2}{x_1^3}, \quad F_{x_1x_2}(x_1, x_2) = -\frac{1}{x_1^2}, \quad F_{x_2x_2}(x_1, x_2) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and employing (we assume constant coefficients for simplicity)

$$dS_i(t) = \mu_i S_i(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d c_{ij} S_i(t)dW_j(t), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} dY(t) &= Y(t)[- \mu_1 + \mu_2]dt \\ &\quad Y(t)[-c_{11} + c_{21}]dW_1(t) \\ &\quad Y(t)[-c_{12} + c_{22}]dW_2(t) \\ &\quad + Y(t)[c_{11}^2 - c_{11}c_{21} + c_{12}^2 - c_{12}c_{22}]dt \\ &= \mu_Y Y(t)dt + Y(t)\sigma_1 dW_1 + Y(t)\sigma_2 dW_2(t), \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Now introducing a single Wiener process

$$W'(t) = \frac{\sigma_1}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} W_1(t) + \frac{\sigma_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} W_2(t)$$

we have

$$dY(t) = \mu_Y Y(t) + \sigma Y(t) dW'(t)$$

where $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$. Since $H(0) = S_1(0) \mathbb{E}_{Q_f}(\max\{1 - Y(T), 0\})$, we can use the Black-Scholes formula having identified the volatility of Y : we insert the initial value is $\frac{S_2(0)}{S_1(0)}$, the strike $K = 1$, and volatility $\sigma = \sqrt{(c_{21} - c_{11})^2 + (c_{22} - c_{12})^2}$.