

# Mathematical Finance

## Exercise sheet 9

**Exercise 9.1** Let  $L$  be a Lévy process. Show that

- (a) The process  $\exp(L)$  is a martingale, if it is a sigma-martingale.
- (b) The process  $L$  is a martingale, if it is a sigma-martingale.

**Exercise 9.2** Let  $w \in C^2([0, \infty))$ . Assume that the law of  $S_T$  admits a density and show that

$$E[w(S_T)] = w(S_0) + \int_0^{S_0} w''(K)P(K)dK + \int_{S_0}^{\infty} w''(K)C(K)dK,$$

where  $S_0 = E[S_T]$ ,  $C(K) = E[(S_T - K)^+]$  and  $P(K) = E[(K - S_T)^+]$ .

**Exercise 9.3** Let

$$V_t = \text{ess sup}_{t \leq \tau \leq T} E[U_\tau | \mathcal{F}_t], \quad t \in [0, T], \quad (1)$$

with  $V_0 < \infty$  and  $U$  càdlàg with  $E[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |U_t|^p] < \infty$  for some  $p > 1$ . Show that

$$V_0 = \inf_{M \in \mathcal{H}_0^1} E[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (U_t - M_t)], \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_0^1 := \{M \in \mathcal{H}^1 : M_0 = 0\}$ .

**Exercise 9.4 (Python)** Assume Black-Scholes dynamics for  $S$ , say  $S_0 = 100$  and  $(r, \mu, \sigma, T) = (0.06, 0.0, 0.4, 0.5)$ , and that  $U$  in (1) represents the discounted exercise value for the put option on  $S$  with the strike price  $K = 100$ . Compute an upper bound for  $V_0$  by choosing  $M$  in (2) to be the (centered) value process of the corresponding European put option on  $S$  with the strike price  $K$  and the maturity  $T$ .