

Mathematical Foundations for Finance

Exercise sheet 14

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Exercise 14.1 We will now use the techniques that we have developed in the course in a slightly different setting. Consider a financial market $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) endowed with a filtration $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ satisfying the usual conditions. Let W^1 and W^2 be two (P, \mathbb{F}) -Brownian motions with (constant) correlation $\rho \in (-1, 1)^1$ and let the dynamics of \tilde{S}^0 and \tilde{S}^1 be described by the SDEs

$$\begin{aligned} d\tilde{S}_t^0 &= \tilde{S}_t^0 r_t dt, \\ dr_t &= \theta(\alpha - r_t) dt + \eta dW_t^1, \\ d\tilde{S}_t^1 &= \tilde{S}_t^1 (r_t dt + \sigma dW_t^2), \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma, \eta > 0$ and $\theta, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ as well as $\tilde{S}_0^0 = 1$, $\tilde{S}_0^1 > 0$ and $r_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ are all constant. This is the Black–Scholes model with stochastic interest rate.

- (a) By applying Itô's formula to some function $f \in C^2$ and the continuous semimartingale \tilde{S}^0 , show that the solution to the first SDE is given by

$$\tilde{S}_t^0 = \exp\left(\int_0^t r_s ds\right).$$

- (b) By applying Itô's formula to the function $f(x, t) = xe^{\theta t}$ and the continuous semimartingale $(r_t, t)_{t \geq 0}$, show that the solution to the second SDE is given by

$$r_t = r_0 e^{-\theta t} + \alpha(1 - e^{-\theta t}) + \eta e^{-\theta t} \int_0^t e^{\theta s} dW_s.$$

The solution to this SDE is called *Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process* and is an important process when it comes to interest rate modeling.

- (c) Show that the discounted price processes $S^0 := \tilde{S}^0 / \tilde{S}^0$ and $S^1 := \tilde{S}^1 / \tilde{S}^0$ are (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingales, i.e. the market $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ is arbitrage-free and we can use P as our pricing measure.

Exercise 14.2 Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space with a Brownian motion $W = (W_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$. Let $\mathbb{F} := \mathbb{F}^W$ be the (augmented) filtration generated by W . Consider the discounted price process $S = (S_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ with dynamics

$$dS_t = \sigma(t, S_t) dW_t, \quad S_0 > 0,$$

where $\sigma : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is a continuous and bounded function. One can show that S is well defined and P is the unique EMM for S . Let $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a fixed continuous and bounded

¹We say that two Brownian motions W^1 and W^2 on the same probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) endowed with a filtration $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ are *correlated with correlation* $\rho \in [-1, 1]$ if for $s \leq t$, the increments $W_t^1 - W_s^1$ and $W_t^2 - W_s^2$ are independent of \mathcal{F}_s and jointly normally distributed with $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$, where

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} t-s & \rho(t-s) \\ \rho(t-s) & t-s \end{pmatrix}.$$

function. We consider the partial differential equation (PDE)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}v(t, x) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(t, x)\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}v(t, x) = 0, & x \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}, \\ v(T, x) = h(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Suppose that there exists a $C^{1,2}$ solution $v : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of (1) with the additional property that

$$\left| \sigma(t, x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, x) \right| \leq C(1 + |x|), \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R},$$

for some constant $C > 0$. Show that $V_t^* := v(t, S_t)$, $t \in [0, T]$, is the price at time t of the discounted European contingent claim $h(S_T)$.

Exercise 14.3 The exam will contain two parts. Part I is a series of 8 multiple choice questions while part II consists of 4 open questions (2 discrete time and 2 continuous time problems). The goal of this exercise is to familiarize yourself with the type of multiple choice questions that were asked in part I of previous exams. For each of the following subquestions, there is **exactly one** correct answer. Please note that in part I of the exam, you do not need to explain your choice and for each correct answer you get 1 point, for each wrong answer you get -0.5 point, and for no answer you get 0 points. You get at least 0 points for the whole part I.

1. Let σ, τ be two stopping times with respect to \mathbb{F} . Then it is always true that
 - (a) $\tau \vee \sigma$ is not a stopping time.
 - (b) $\sigma + \tau$ is a stopping time.
 - (c) $(\tau - 1)^+$ is a stopping time.
2. Let Q^* be an equivalent martingale measure for S^1 . Then
 - (a) the unique price process of an attainable payoff is a Q^* -martingale.
 - (b) there is an admissible trading strategy whose gains process at time T is strictly positive with probability 1.
 - (c) the market is complete.
3. Let Q^* be the unique equivalent martingale measure for S^1 . Then it is always true that
 - (a) $Q^* \neq P$.
 - (b) $\lambda Q^* + (1 - \lambda)P \approx P$ for every $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.
 - (c) $\left(E \left[\frac{dP}{dQ^*} \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right] S_k^1 \right)_{k=0}^T$ is a (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
4. Consider a binomial model with $T = 5$, $r = 1/2$, $\tilde{S}_0^1 = 1$, and $\tilde{S}_k^1 = Y^k$, where $P[Y = 2] = 1/3$ and $P[Y = 1/2] = 2/3$. Consider the strategy $\varphi := (\varphi^0, \vartheta)$, where $\varphi^0 = (\varphi_k^0)_{k=0}^T$, $\vartheta = (\vartheta_k)_{k=0}^T$ with $\varphi_0^0 = \vartheta_0 = 0$ and

$$\varphi_k^0 := -\mathbb{1}_{\{k \leq 3\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta_k := \mathbb{1}_{\{k \leq 3\}},$$

for all $k = 1, \dots, T$. Which of the following assertions is true?

- (a) The market is arbitrage free and the strategy is not self-financing.
- (b) The market is not arbitrage free and the strategy is self-financing.
- (c) None of the previous answers is correct.

5. Let σ, τ be two stopping times with respect to \mathbb{F} . Then it is always true that
- the product $\sigma\tau$ is a stopping time.
 - the sum $\sigma + \tau$ is a stopping time.
 - the difference $\sigma - \tau$ is a stopping time.
6. Assume the market is arbitrage-free and complete. Then
- for every contingent claim H , the cost of replicating H is unique.
 - every self-financing portfolio is admissible.
 - every admissible portfolio is self-financing.
7. Suppose that P is a probability measure and S^1 is a (P, \mathcal{F}) -submartingale. Then S^1 is a (P, \mathcal{F}) -martingale if
- $S_0^1 \leq E_P[S_T^1]$.
 - $S_\sigma^1 \geq E_P[S_\tau^1 \mid \mathcal{F}_\sigma]$ for every pair of stopping times σ, τ satisfying $\sigma \leq \tau$.
 - the stochastic integral process $\varphi \cdot S^1$ is a (P, \mathcal{F}) -supermartingale for some predictable process φ .
8. Assume that the market is free of arbitrage. Then it is always true that
- the set of equivalent martingale measures contains at most one element.
 - the set of equivalent martingale measures contains exactly one element.
 - the set of equivalent martingale measures contains at least one element.
9. Let (S^0, S^1) be an arbitrage-free incomplete market. Which of the following statements is **not** true?
- The set of all equivalent martingale measures for S^1 is uncountably infinite.
 - There are multiple ways to assign a price process $V^H = (V_k^H)_{k=0,1,\dots,T}$ to an unattainable payoff $H \in L_+^0(\mathcal{F}_T)$, such that the market (S^0, S^1, V^H) is arbitrage-free.
 - We cannot replicate any payoff $H \in L_+^0(\mathcal{F}_T)$ by trading in S^0 and S^1 .
10. Let Q be an equivalent martingale measure for (S^0, S^1) . Then we always have that
- both $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ and (S^0, S^1) are free of arbitrage.
 - $E_Q[\tilde{S}_k^1 \mid \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] = \tilde{S}_{k-1}^1$ for all $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$.
 - $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ is a complete market.
11. Let $M = (M_k)_{k=0,1,\dots,T}$ be a local (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale. Then
- since we are in finite discrete time, M is even a true (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
 - there exists an \mathbb{F} -stopping time τ such that M^τ is a local (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
 - M is not integrable.
12. Let $Z = (Z_k)_{k=0,1,\dots,T}$ be the density process of $Q \approx P$ with respect to P . Then
- Z is a strictly positive (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
 - $\frac{1}{Z}$ is a (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
 - ZS^1 is a (Q, \mathbb{F}) -martingale if and only if S^1 is (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.

13. Let $\varphi = (\varphi^0, \vartheta)$ be an arbitrage strategy for $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$. Then
- $G_k(\vartheta) \geq 0$ P -a.s. for all $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, T\}$.
 - $V(\varphi) = \varphi_0^0 + G(\vartheta)$ P -a.s.
 - $V_0(\varphi) > 0$ P -a.s.
14. Which of the following conditions does **not** imply that $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ is arbitrage-free?
- The set of EMMs for (S^0, S^1) is non-empty.
 - S^1 is a (Q, \mathbb{F}) -martingale for some probability measure $Q \approx P$.
 - There exists an EMM for $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$.
15. Which of the following statements is true?
- Let $D > 0$ be an integrable random variable on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . Then $\frac{D}{E[D]}$ is the density (Radon–Nikodým derivative) of some probability measure $Q \approx P$.
 - Every bounded (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale is P -a.s. constant.
 - There exists no (P, \mathbb{F}) -submartingale which is also a (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
16. Let $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ follow the binomial model. Then
- $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ is arbitrage-free and complete.
 - $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ is complete, provided that it is arbitrage-free.
 - $(\tilde{S}^0, \tilde{S}^1)$ is arbitrage-free.
17. Let M be a local (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale and A be a process of finite variation. Then
- $[M, A] = 0$ P -a.s.
 - $[M, A] = 0$ P -a.s. if and only if both M and A are continuous.
 - $[M, A] = 0$ P -a.s. if A is continuous.
18. Let $Z = (Z_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ for some $T \in (0, \infty)$ be the density process of $Q \approx P$ on \mathcal{F}_T with respect to P . Which of the following is true?
- $Z = Z_0 \mathcal{E}(L)$ for some continuous local (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale $L = (L_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$.
 - $Z = Z_0 \mathcal{E}(L)$ for some local (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale $L = (L_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$.
 - $Z = Z_0 \mathcal{E}(L)$ for some local (Q, \mathbb{F}) -martingale $L = (L_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$.
19. Which of the following statements about W is **not** true?
- P -a.a. paths of W have infinite 1-variation.
 - W is a (P, \mathbb{F}) -semimartingale.
 - W is the unique continuous process with zero mean and normally distributed increments.
20. Let X be a (P, \mathbb{F}) -semimartingale and let $Q \stackrel{loc}{\approx} P$. Then
- $f(X)$ is a (Q, \mathbb{F}) -semimartingale for any C^∞ -function f .
 - X is a (Q, \mathbb{F}) -martingale.
 - $f(X)$ is a (P, \mathbb{F}) -semimartingale for any measurable function f .
21. The set of attainable payoffs:

- (a) is closed under addition.
 (b) is closed under scalar multiplication.
 (c) consists of integrable random variables.
22. Consider a financial market in finite discrete time. Which assumption about the market justifies the formula $\Delta C_{k+1} = \Delta \varphi_{k+1}^0 + \Delta \vartheta_{k+1} S_{k+1}^1$?
- (a) The investor is small.
 (b) Trading strategies are unrestricted.
 (c) None of the above.
23. Suppose S^1 is a submartingale. Then:
- (a) The market is arbitrage-free.
 (b) For ϑ admissible, $\vartheta \cdot S^1$ is a submartingale.
 (c) $(S^1 - 1)^+ - \frac{1}{2}(S^1 - 1)^-$ is a submartingale.
24. Let X, Y be semimartingales. Then:
- (a) XY is a martingale, if X and Y are martingales.
 (b) XY is a martingale, if X is a martingale and Y has finite variation.
 (c) XY has finite variation, if X and Y have finite variation.
25. Which of the following is a stopping time?
- (a) $\tau = \sup\{t \geq 0 : W_t \geq t\}$
 (b) $\tau = \inf\{t \geq 1 : \int_1^t \text{sgn}(W_{s-1}) dW_s > 2\}$, where $\text{sgn}(z) = \mathbb{1}_{z>0} - \mathbb{1}_{z<0}$.
 (c) $\tau = \inf\{t \geq 0 : W_{t^2} \geq 1\}$
26. Let $Q \approx P$. Then:
- (a) If X is a P -submartingale, it is a Q -submartingale.
 (b) If X is a continuous P -martingale, then $X^2 - [X]$ is a continuous local Q -martingale.
 (c) $[W]_t = t$ holds Q -almost surely.
27. In the Black-Scholes model, let $f(\tilde{S}_T)$ be a payoff, for a smooth function f . What is the PDE associated with its value process $\tilde{v}(t, \tilde{S}_t)$?
- (a)
- $$0 = \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + r\tilde{x} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \tilde{x}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} - r\tilde{v}, \quad \tilde{v}(T, \tilde{x}) = f(\tilde{x})$$
- (b)
- $$0 = -\frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + r\tilde{x} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \tilde{x}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} - r\tilde{v}, \quad \tilde{v}(T, \tilde{x}) = f(\tilde{x})$$
- (c)
- $$f = -\frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + r\tilde{x} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \tilde{x}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} - r\tilde{v}, \quad \tilde{v}(T, \tilde{x}) = 0$$
28. Which of the following statements is **not** true about the binomial model?
- (1) The market is complete if it is arbitrage-free.
 (2) Every strategy is admissible.

- (3) Every strategy is self-financing.
29. Let M be an adapted process. Which of the following does **not** imply that M is a martingale?
- (1) M is a supermartingale such that $E[M_k]$ is an increasing sequence.
 - (2) For each $k = 1, \dots, T$, $E[M_k - M_{k-1} \mid \mathcal{F}_{k-1}] = 0$.
 - (3) M is a bounded local martingale.
30. Let M be a local (P, \mathbb{F}) -martingale and A be a process of finite variation. Then
- (1) $H \bullet M$ is a martingale, if H is bounded and predictable.
 - (2) $H \bullet A$ has finite variation, if H is locally bounded and predictable.
 - (3) $H \bullet M$ is a martingale, if M is a martingale and H is locally bounded and predictable.
31. Which of the following equations has a unique solution $Z = (Z_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$?
- (1) $dZ_t = Z_t(3dt + dW_t)$
 - (2) $[Z]_t = t$, for Z a continuous local martingale with $Z_0 = 0$.
 - (3) $Z_t = \int_0^t (2 + \cos(Z_s)) dW_s$
32. Suppose that $Q \approx P$ with density $\frac{dQ}{dP} = \exp(W_t - t/2)$. Which of the following is **not** true?
- (1) $W_t^2 - t$ is a Q -martingale.
 - (2) $\exp(W_t - 3t/2)$ is a Q -martingale.
 - (3) $f(W_t)$ is a (Q, \mathbb{F}) -semimartingale, for $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$.
33. Consider the Black-Scholes model. Then:
- (1) The price of a European put option increases, if the strike is decreased.
 - (2) The price of a European put option increases, if the interest rate is increased.
 - (3) None of the above.