

MTH 9878, Spring 2016

Review

1. If $\tilde{W}(t) = W(t) - \int_0^t \theta(s) ds$, and if $\tilde{W}(t)$ is a Brownian motion under the measure Q , what is $\frac{dQ}{dP}$?
2. Prove that $D(t) = e^{\int_0^t \theta(s) dW(s) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \theta^2(s) ds}$ is a martingale under \mathbb{P} .
3. Prove that $D(t) = e^{\int_0^t \theta(s) dW(s) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \theta^2(s) ds}$ satisfies

$$dD(t) = \theta(t)D(t) dW(t).$$

4. What is a numeraire?
5. What is T -forward measure?
6. What is the numeraire that corresponds to swap measure?
7. What is a 7 year spot starting cap struck at 3%?
8. What is normal model?
9. What is a shifted log-normal model?
10. What is CEV model?
11. Prove that the price of call in the normal model is

$$\begin{aligned} P^{\text{call}}(T, K, F_0, \sigma) &= \mathcal{N}(0) B_n^{\text{call}}(T, K, F_0, \sigma), \quad \text{where} \\ B_n^{\text{call}}(T, K, F_0, \sigma) &= \sigma \sqrt{T} (d_+ N(d_+) + N'(d_-)), \\ d_{\pm} &= \pm \frac{F_0 - K}{\sigma \sqrt{T}}. \end{aligned}$$

12. Prove that

$$P^{\text{floor}} - P^{\text{cap}} = K \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_j P_0(0, T_j) - \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_j P_0(0, T_j) L_0(T_{j-1}, T_j).$$

13. Explain how to obtain the implied log-normal volatilities if we know the prices of call options for different strikes.
14. Define the SABR model.
15. (a) What is LIBOR in arrears?
(b) Prove that if $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{M})$ and $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{N})$ are two EMM-numeraire pairs then

$$\frac{dQ}{dP} = \frac{\mathcal{N}(T) \mathcal{M}(0)}{\mathcal{N}(0) \mathcal{M}(T)}.$$

(c) The present value of the LIBOR in arrears is

$$P = P_0(0, S) \cdot \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}_S} [L(S, T)].$$

Prove that this present value also satisfies the equation

$$P = P_0(0, T) \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}_T} \left[\frac{L(S, T)}{P(S, T)} \right].$$

16. Assume that S_5 and S_{10} are 5 and 10 years CMS rates. A call option on S_5 with strike K_5 has price P_5 . A call option on S_{10} with strike K_{10} has price P_{10} . Prove that the price P' of the call option on the spread $S_{10} - S_5$ with strike $K_{10} - K_5$ must satisfy $P' \geq P_{10} - P_5$.

17. (a) If the interest rate follows the Hull-White model,

$$dr(t) = \left(\frac{d\mu(t)}{dt} + \lambda (\mu(t) - r(t)) \right) dt + \sigma(t) dW(t).$$

prove that it can be expressed by

$$r(t) = r_0 e^{-\lambda t} + \mu(t) - \mu(0) e^{-\lambda t} + e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t \sigma(s) e^{\lambda s} dW(s).$$

(b) Determine the formulas for the expectation and variance for the interest rate.

(c) Why is Hull-White model considered mean-reverting?

18. (a) Explain why the LIBOR from FRAs and Eurodollar futures are given by the following two formulas

$$\begin{aligned} L_0^{\text{FRA}}(T_1, T_2) &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left(\frac{P_0(0, T_1)}{P_0(0, T_2)} - 1 \right) + B_0(T_1, T_2), \\ L_0^{\text{fut}}(T_1, T_2) &= \frac{1}{\delta} \left(\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}_0} \left[e^{\int_{T_1}^{T_2} r(u) du} \right] - 1 \right) + B_0(T_1, T_2). \end{aligned}$$

(b) Use the formulas

$$L_0^{\text{FRA}}(T_1, T_2) = \frac{1}{\delta} \left(e^{\int_{T_1}^{T_2} r_0(u) du} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{T_2} h_\lambda^2(T_2-u) \sigma^2(u) du} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{T_1} h_\lambda^2(T_1-u) \sigma^2(u) du} - 1 \right) + B_0(T_1, T_2),$$

$$r(u) = r_0(u) + \int_0^u e^{-\lambda(u-v)} \sigma(v) dW(v), \quad \text{and} \quad h_\lambda(z) = \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda z}}{\lambda}$$

to calculate the Eurodollar/FRA convexity correction.

19. What is LMM?

20. Why is the rate $L_j(t)$ killed at $t = T_j$?

21. Prove that the numeraire $B(t)$ for the spot measure can be represented as

$$B(t) = \frac{P(t, T_{\gamma(t)})}{\prod_{i=1}^{\gamma(t)} P(T_{i-1}, T_i)},$$

for certain number $\gamma(t)$. What is $\gamma(t)$?

22. (a) If $(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{N})$ and $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{M})$ are two associated measure-numeraire pairs and if the asset X satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} dX(t) &= \Delta^{\mathbb{P}}(t) dt + C(t) dW^{\mathbb{P}}(t) \\ dX(t) &= \Delta^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) dt + C(t) dW^{\mathbb{Q}}(t), \end{aligned}$$

prove that

$$\Delta^{\mathbb{Q}}(t) - \Delta^{\mathbb{P}}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left[X, \log \frac{\mathcal{M}}{\mathcal{N}} \right] (t).$$

- (b) Prove that if $j > k$ then the Libor rate L_j satisfies the following equation under the EMM corresponding to the numeraire $P(\cdot, T_{k+1})$:

$$dL_j = C_j(t) \cdot \sum_{i=k+1}^j \frac{\rho_{ij} \delta_i C_i(t)}{1 + \delta_i F_i(t)} dt + C_j(t) dW_j(t).$$

23. Assume that a random number generator produces a random variable X with uniform $[0, 1]$ distribution. Using only this random variable X , create a random variable with normal $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution for given μ and σ .
24. Assume that $\vec{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_d)$ is a d -dimensional vector of normal random variables whose covariance matrix has the Cholesky decomposition $\rho = LL^T$. What formula can be used to express \vec{Z} in terms of a vector $\vec{\xi} = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_d)$ of independent standard normal random variables?
25. Explain what are Euler and Milstein schemes for solving stochastic differential equations.
26. What is a callable swap?
27. What is a Bermudan swaption?
28. Give an example of a callable swap and explain how it can be expressed as a portfolio of a vanilla swap and a Bermudan swaption.
29. Which swap rate is higher: The swap rate of a vanilla swap or that of a callable swap?
30. How is a function approximated using Hermite polynomials?
31. If $h_k(x)$ are normalized Hermite polynomials, calculate

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (h_1(x) + h_3(x)) \cdot (h_2(x) + h_3(x) + h_4(x)) \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx.$$

32. Assume that c_k are coefficients of the function $f(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_j)$ in the Fourier expansion with respect to the basis formed by Hermite polynomials. Explain how the functions $(c_k)_{k=1}^{\kappa}$ can be approximately calculated by minimizing the functional

$$\zeta(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{\kappa}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(f(X_{1:j}^i) - \sum_{k=0}^{\kappa} c_k h_k(X_j^i) \right)^2.$$