

1 Drift Derivation – The Strategy

To establish notation and the reasoning, let me start from the Libor-in-arrears case, and then move to the Libor-in-double-arrears case. When we agree on this we have all the ingredients we need.

Strategy:

1. Find a martingale, x , under measure \mathbb{T}_i , associated with numeraire P_{i+1} .
2. Choose a different measure, either \mathbb{T}_{i-k} , with $k = 1, 2$.
3. Construct Radon-Nikodym derivative, ζ_k , (the change of measure), corresponding to the two new measures.
4. Remember that ζ_k is just given by the ratio of the numeraires:

$$\frac{1}{1 + f_i} \text{ or } \frac{1}{1 + f_i} \frac{1}{1 + f_{i-1}}$$

for the two measures (I have set $\tau = 1$ to keep notation light).

5. Express ζ as

$$\frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} = qdB$$

6. Use the relationship

$$E_0^{\mathbb{T}_i} [x] = E_0^{\mathbb{T}_{i-k}} [x\zeta_k]$$

to find the drift of x under \mathbb{T}_{i-k} .

2 The Processes

I assume the following processes:

$$df_i = \mu_i dt + \sigma_i k_i dz_i \tag{1}$$

$$dk_i = [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] \tag{2}$$

where σ_i and η_i are $\sigma_i(f, t)$ and $\eta_i(k_i, t)$, respectively.

To keep notation light I have not shown the measure. However, under \mathbb{T}_i , k_i is a martingale ($\eta_i = 0$).

3 Libor in Arrears

I assume that the forward-rate drifts are unproblematic. I go straight to the volatility drift. The martingale under \mathbb{T}_i is k_i so, the find the drift of k_i under \mathbb{T}_{i-1} I need to consider $E_0^{\mathbb{T}_{i-1}}[k_i \zeta_1]$. To lighten notation I also drop the subscript on ζ .

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i \zeta) &= \zeta dk_i + k_i d\zeta + dk_i d\zeta = \\ \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] &+ k_i d\zeta + [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] d\zeta \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta &= \frac{1}{1 + f_i} \\ d\zeta &= \zeta q dB = \zeta q dz_i \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i \zeta) &= \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + k_i d\zeta + [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] d\zeta = \\ \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] &+ k_i \zeta q dz_i + [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] \zeta q dz_i = \\ \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] &+ k_i \zeta q dz_i + \nu \zeta q R_{ii} dt = \\ \zeta [\eta_i + \nu q R_{ii}] dt &+ k_i \zeta q dz_i \end{aligned}$$

Now I impose that $k_i \zeta$ is a martingale under \mathbb{T}_{i-1} :

$$\eta_i + \nu q R_{ii} = 0 \implies \eta_i = -\nu q R_{ii}$$

I only need the ‘volatility’ of ζ . This is obtained via Ito’s lemma on $y = y(f_i) = \frac{1}{1+f_i}$. Focussing just on the volatility term I get

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta q &= \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_i} \sigma_i k_i \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_i} &= -\frac{1}{(1 + f_i)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\zeta q = \frac{1}{1 + f_i} q = -\frac{1}{(1 + f_i)^2} \sigma_i k_i \implies q = -\frac{1}{1 + f_i} \sigma_i k_i$$

which gives

$$\eta_i = \frac{\sigma_i k_i \nu R_{ii}}{1 + f_i}$$

which coincides with Equation 4.89. wioth $R_{ii} = \rho_i$.

4 Twice-in-Arrears Case

Now the chosen measure is \mathbb{T}_{i-2} , and I want to impose that $k_i\zeta$ is a martingale under \mathbb{T}_{i-1} , with ζ now given by

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{1+f_i} \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}}$$

Everything proceeds as above:

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i\zeta) &= \zeta dk_i + k_i d\zeta + dk_i d\zeta = \\ &\zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + k_i d\zeta + [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] d\zeta \end{aligned}$$

However, we have to be a bit more careful with the term $d\zeta = \zeta qdB$. Previously, ζ was just a function of f_i , and therefore $dB = dz_i$. Now we have to use Ito's lemma and focus on the volatility part. Consider

$$y = y(f_i, f_{i-1}) = \frac{1}{1+f_i} \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} df_i &= \mu_i dt + \sigma_i k_i dz_i \\ df_{i-1} &= \mu_{i-1} dt + \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$dz_i dz_{i-1} = \rho_{i,i-1}$$

where now ρ is the correlation *among forward rates*. So

$$\zeta qdB = \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_i} \sigma_i k_i dz_i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1}$$

Proceeding as above I have

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i\zeta) &= \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + k_i d\zeta + [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] d\zeta = \\ &\zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + k_i \zeta qdB + [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] \zeta qdB = \\ &\zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + \\ &k_i \zeta qdB + \\ &[\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] \zeta qdB = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + \\ & k_i \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial f_i} \sigma_i k_i dz_i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1} \right) + \\ & [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial f_i} \sigma_i k_i dz_i + \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial f_i} \left[\frac{1}{1+f_i} \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \right] = -\frac{1}{(1+f_i)^2} \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} = -\zeta \frac{1}{1+f_i} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial f_{i-1}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial f_{i-1}} \left[\frac{1}{1+f_i} \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \right] = -\frac{1}{(1+f_{i-1})^2} \frac{1}{1+f_i} = -\zeta \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i \zeta) &= \\ & \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + \\ & -k_i \zeta \left(\frac{1}{1+f_i} \sigma_i k_i dz_i + \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1} \right) + \\ & [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] \zeta \left(\frac{1}{1+f_i} \sigma_i k_i dz_i + \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This gives me

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i \zeta) &= \\ & \zeta [\eta_i dt + \nu dw_i] + \\ & -k_i \zeta \left(\frac{1}{1+f_i} \sigma_i k_i dz_i + \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} dz_{i-1} \right) + \\ & \zeta \left(\frac{1}{1+f_i} \sigma_i k_i \nu R_{ii} + \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} \nu R_{i,i-1} \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging terms I get

$$\begin{aligned} d(k_i \zeta) &= \\ & \zeta \left[\eta_i + \frac{1}{1+f_i} \sigma_i k_i \nu R_{ii} + \frac{1}{1+f_{i-1}} \sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} \nu R_{i,i-1} \right] dt + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\eta_i = -\nu \left(\frac{\sigma_i k_i R_{ii}}{1+f_i} + \frac{\sigma_{i-1} k_{i-1} R_{i,i-1}}{1+f_{i-1}} \right)$$