

FE5208 Part II Assessment 2

Question 1 (HJM Model) The following is a model for forward rate evolution by parallel shifts with noises:

$$f(t, T) = g(T - t) + \int_0^t \sigma(s) dW_s,$$

where $g(\cdot)$ and $\sigma(\cdot)$ are functions of one variable. Please work out the following:

- (1) the conditions that functions $g(\cdot)$ and $\sigma(\cdot)$ should satisfy for $f(t, T)$ to be arbitrage free,
- (2) the dynamics of the short rate, and
- (3) the zero bond prices $P(0, T)$ for maturities T .

Question 2 (LFM under Spot-LIBOR-measure) Spot-LIBOR-measure is the probability measure Q^d that takes the discrete money account wealth

$$B_d(t) = \prod_{j=0}^{\beta(t)-1} (1 + \Delta t_j L_{T_j}^j) P(t, T_{\beta(t)})$$

as the numeraire. Suppose for every n , the forward LIBOR L_t^n is governed by the following driftless SDE:

$$dL_t^n = \sigma_n(t) L_t^n dW_t^{Q^{n+1}} \text{ under } Q^{n+1},$$

where Q^{n+1} is the forward measure that takes the zero coupon bond $P(1, T_{n+1})$ as the numeraire and $W_t^{Q^{n+1}}$ is a Brownian motion under Q^{n+1} . Using the change-of-drift theorem, prove that the dynamics of L_t^n is

$$dL_t^n = \sigma_n(t) L_t^n \sum_{j=\beta(t)}^n \frac{\Delta t_j \rho_{jn} \sigma_j(t) L_t^j}{1 + \Delta t_j L_t^j} dt + \sigma_n(t) L_t^n dW_t^n, \text{ under } Q^d,$$

where W_t^n is a Brownian motion under Q^d .