

Theorem 0.0.1 (Girsanov theorem for continuous semimartingales). *Let $\tilde{\mathbb{P}} \sim \mathbb{P}$ be two equivalent probability measures on (Ω, \mathcal{F}_T) with Radon–Nikodym density η_T . We assume, in addition, that the Radon–Nikodym density process $\eta_t := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}(\eta_T | \mathcal{F}_t)$, $t \in [0, T]$ is continuous¹. Then any continuous real-valued \mathbb{P} -semimartingale X is a continuous $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$ -semimartingale. If the canonical decomposition of X under \mathbb{P} is $X = X_0 + M + A$ then its canonical decomposition under $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$ is $X = X_0 + \tilde{M} + \tilde{A}$ where*

$$\tilde{M}_t = M_t - \int_0^t \frac{1}{\eta_u} d\langle \eta, M \rangle_u = M_t - \langle \mathcal{L}(\eta), M \rangle_t$$

and

$$\tilde{A}_t = A_t + \int_0^t \frac{1}{\eta_u} d\langle \eta, M \rangle_u = A_t + \langle \mathcal{L}(\eta), M \rangle_t$$

In particular, X follows a local martingale under $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$ if and only if the process $\tilde{A} = A + \langle \mathcal{L}(\eta), M \rangle$ vanishes identically (Definition 5.2.1), that is, $A_t + \langle \mathcal{L}(\eta), M \rangle_t = 0$ for every $t \in [0, T]$.

The transform $\varphi : M \mapsto M - \langle \mathcal{L}(\eta), M \rangle$ is called **Girsanov transform**.

¹We know already that this holds if $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^W$ for some Brownian motion W , see Proof of Proposition 7.4.4.