

**P1:** Suppose that  $\Pi(t, S_t)$  is the arbitrage-free price of a derivative security on  $S_t$  with some terminal payoff  $\Pi(t, S_T) = \Phi(S_T)$  and  $r$  is the interest rate. Prove that under the probability measure  $Q$  we have that

$$d\Pi(t, S_t) = r\Pi(t, S_t)dt + \sigma_\Pi\Pi(t, S_t)dW_t$$

for an appropriate function  $\sigma_\Pi(t, S_t)$

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Under the measure  $Q$ ,  $S(t)$  would follow the dynamics:

$$dS(t) = rS(t)dt + \sigma S(t)dW_t$$

Then, for the derivative security and stock, the value process would be

$$dV(t) = V\left[\frac{\mu_\Pi d\Pi(t)}{\Pi} + \frac{\mu_S dS(t)}{S}\right]$$

We follow the procedure for deriving the PDE for Black-Scholes model in the lecture notes:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(t) &= F(t, S(t)) \\ d\Pi(t) &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}dt + \frac{\partial F}{\partial S}dS + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S^2}(dS)^2 \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial S}rS(t) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2 S^2\right]dt + \frac{\partial F}{\partial S}\sigma SdW_t \\ &= \alpha_\Pi Fdt + \sigma_\Pi FdW\end{aligned}$$

The value process can be re-written as

$$dV(t) = V[(\mu_\Pi\alpha_\Pi + \mu_S\alpha_S)dt + (\mu_\Pi\sigma_\Pi + \mu_S\sigma_S)dW]$$

For the arbitrage free condition. We have deterministic value process with an interest rate of  $r$ . Therefore, for the value process, we have the conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}- \mu_\Pi\sigma_\Pi + \mu_S\sigma_S &= 0 \\ - \mu_\Pi + \mu_S &= 1 \\ - \mu_\Pi\alpha_\Pi + \mu_S\alpha_S &= r\end{aligned}$$

Plug in expressions for  $F$ , we can arrive at a PDE for  $F$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial S}rS(t) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S^2}\sigma^2 S^2 = rF$$

since  $\Pi(t) = F(t, S(t))$ , we can conclude that  $\Pi$  indeed follows dynamics.

**P2:** Suppose that the stock market follows the dynamics

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t d\bar{W}_t$$

and the interest rate is constant and equal to  $r$ . Consider a "digital claim"

$$\Phi(S_T) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S_T > K \\ 0 & \text{if } S_T < K \end{cases}$$

where  $K > 0$ . Give a formula for the arbitrage-free price  $\Pi(t, S_t)$  of the digital claim at time  $t$  when the stock price is  $S_t$

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For the given dynamics, we assume  $S_t$  follows the dynamics

$$dS_t = r S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

Then, from Black-Scholes pricing

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(t, S_t) &= e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{E}^Q[\Phi(S_T) | S_t] \\ &= e^{-r(T-t)} \{P^Q[S_T > K | S_t] \times 1 + P^Q[S_T < K | S_t] \times 0\} \\ &= e^{-r(T-t)} P^Q[S_T > K | S_t] \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S_T$  is a geometric brownian motion. Then  $S_t$  itself is a log-normal random variable. The above probability can be solved by doing a proper integration with respect to the density function of log-normal random variables.

$$P^Q(S_T > K | S_t) = 1 - F_N\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}\left[\left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t) + \ln \frac{K}{S_t}\right]\right)$$

**P3:** Keep the same dynamics for the stock price and the same assumption on the interest rate as above. Give a formula for the arbitrage free price  $\Pi(t, S_t)$  of a put option with the payoff

$$\Phi(S_T) = \max\{0, K - S_T\}$$

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Similar to problem 2, this can be solved by finding the expectation of a function of a log-normal random variable.

$$\begin{aligned} S_T &= s_t e^{(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})(T-t) + \sigma(W_T - W_t)} \\ \Pi(t, S_t) &= e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{E}^Q[\Phi(S_T) | S_t = s] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we find the proper limit on  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{T-t}(W_T-W_t)}$ , which is a standard normal random variable.

$$S_T < K \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{T-t}}(W_T - W_t) < \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}[\ln \frac{K}{S_t} - (r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})(T-t)]$$

The above gave the bound for the integral. Now, we express  $\Phi$  using the standard normal variable in this interval.

$$\Phi = K - S_t e^{(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})(T-t) + \sigma\sqrt{T-t}z}$$

Then the pricing can be written as

$$\Pi(t, S_t) = e^{-r(T-t)} \int_{z \in A} \Phi(t, z) f(z) dz$$

Solution completed.