

# Symmetry Methods for Differential Equation

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# Merton's Equation

Passage in [Merton(1971)].

satisfying (5.40). From (5.28), the optimality equation for  $J$  is

$$0 = \frac{(1-\gamma)^2}{\gamma} \exp(-\rho t) \left( \frac{\exp(\rho t) J_W}{\beta} \right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} + J_t + \left[ \frac{(1-\gamma)\eta}{\beta} + rW \right] J_W - \frac{J_W^2}{J_{WW}} \frac{(\alpha-r)^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad (5.44)$$

subject to  $J(W, T) = 0$ .<sup>17</sup> The equations for the optimal consumption and portfolio

Solution of the above complicated-looking nonlinear PDE. Note that Merton did not mention HOW this was derived...

A solution<sup>18</sup> to (5.44) is

$$J(W, t) = \frac{\delta \beta^\gamma}{\gamma} \exp(-\rho t) \left( \frac{\delta \{1 - \exp[-(\rho - \gamma v)(T - t)/\delta]\}}{\rho - \gamma v} \right)^\delta \times \left( \frac{W}{\delta} + \frac{\eta}{\beta r} \{1 - \exp[-r(T - t)]\} \right)^\gamma \quad (5.47)$$

where  $\delta \equiv 1 - \gamma$  and  $v \equiv r + (\alpha - r)^2 / 2\delta\sigma^2$ .

By means of

$$\delta = 1 - \gamma, \quad \mu = r + \frac{(\alpha - r)^2}{2\delta\sigma^2},$$

the equation becomes

$$\frac{\delta^2 \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}}}{\gamma} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} J_W^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} + J_t + \left( \frac{\delta \eta}{\beta} + rW \right) J_W - \delta(\mu - r) \frac{J_W^2}{J_{WW}} = 0; \quad J(T, W) = 0.$$

The solution announced in [Merton(1971)] can be rearranged as

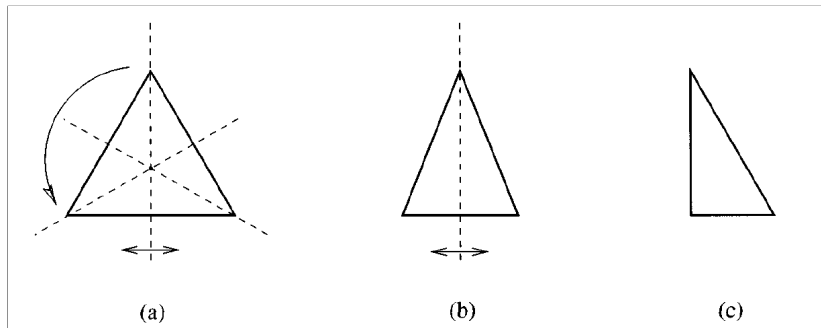
$$J(t, W) = \frac{\delta^{2\delta} \beta^\gamma}{\gamma} e^{-\rho t} \left( \frac{1 - e^{\frac{(\rho - \gamma\mu)(t-T)}{\delta}}}{\rho - \gamma\mu} \right)^\delta \left( W + \frac{\delta \eta}{\beta r} \left( 1 - e^{r(t-T)} \right) \right)^\gamma$$

We will show that, in fact,

$$J(t, W) = \frac{\delta^{2\delta} \beta^\gamma}{\gamma} e^{-\rho t} \left( \frac{1 - e^{\frac{(\rho - \gamma\mu)(t-T)}{\delta}}}{\rho - \gamma\mu} \right)^\delta \left( W + \frac{\delta \eta}{\beta r} + \text{const} \cdot e^{rt} \right)^\gamma$$

# Symmetries of Planar Objects

Symmetry: a transformation whose action leaves the object “unchanged”



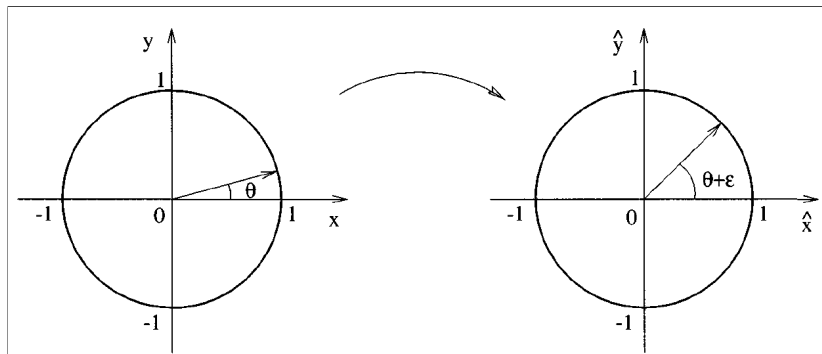
# Conditions for a Transformation to be a Symmetry

$$\Gamma : x \longmapsto \hat{x}(x)$$

- 1  $\Gamma$  preserves the structure.
- 2  $\Gamma$  is a diffeomorphism (a smooth invertible mapping whose inverse is smooth).
- 3  $\Gamma$  maps the object to itself.

# Object with Infinite Symmetries

$$\Gamma_{\varepsilon} : (x, y) \mapsto (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = (x \cos \varepsilon - y \sin \varepsilon, x \sin \varepsilon + y \cos \varepsilon)$$



(Example of an one-parameter Lie group)

# Symmetries of ODE

A diffeomorphism that maps the set of solutions of the DE to itself.  
ODE in mind:

$$y^{(n)} = \omega(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}), \quad y^{(k)} \equiv \frac{d^k y}{dx^k}$$

Diffeomorphism  $\Gamma$ :

$$\Gamma : (x, y) \longmapsto (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$$

Prolongation of  $\Gamma$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma : (x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) &\longmapsto (\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{y}', \dots, \hat{y}^{(n)}) \\ \hat{y}^{(k)} &\equiv \frac{d^k \hat{y}}{d\hat{x}^k} = \frac{D_x \hat{y}^{(k-1)}}{D_x \hat{x}}, \quad D_x = \partial_x + y' \partial_y + y'' \partial_{y'} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Symmetry Condition:

$$\hat{y}^{(n)} = \omega(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{y}', \dots, \hat{y}^{(n-1)}) \quad \text{as} \quad y^{(n)} = \omega(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$$



# Linearized Symmetry Condition

Lie's Ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x} &= x + \varepsilon \xi + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \\ \hat{y} &= y + \varepsilon \eta + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \\ \hat{y}^{(k)} &= y^{(k)} + \varepsilon \eta^{(k)} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)\end{aligned}$$

Substitute back and take  $\varepsilon$  terms:

$$\eta^{(k)} = \xi \omega_x + \eta \omega_y + \eta^{(1)} \omega_{y'} + \cdots + \eta^{(k-1)} \omega_{y^{(n-1)}}$$

Compute  $\eta^{(k)}$  recursively:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y}^{(1)} &= \frac{D_x \hat{y}}{D_x \hat{x}} = \frac{y' + \varepsilon D_x \eta + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)}{1 + \varepsilon D_x \xi + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)} = y' + \varepsilon (D_x \eta - y' D_x \xi) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \\ \eta^{(1)} &= D_x \eta - y' D_x \xi\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{y}^{(k)} = \frac{y^{(k)} + \varepsilon D_x \eta^{(k-1)} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)}{1 + \varepsilon D_x \xi + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)}$$

$$\eta^{(k)} = D_x \eta^{(k-1)} - y^{(k-1)} D_x \xi$$

$$\eta^{(1)} = \eta_x + (\eta_y - \xi_x) y' - \xi_y y'^2$$

$$\eta^{(2)} = \eta_{xx} + (2\eta_{xy} - \xi_{xx}) y' + (\eta_{yy} - 2\xi_{xy}) y'^2 - \xi_{yy} y'^3 + (\eta_y - 2\xi_x - 3\xi_y y') y''$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^{(3)} = & \eta_{xxx} + (3\eta_{xxy} - \xi_{xxx}) y' + 3(\eta_{xyy} - \xi_{xxy}) y'^2 + (\eta_{yyy} - 3\xi_{xyy}) y'^3 \\ & - \xi_{yyy} y'^4 + 3\{\eta_{xy} - 2\xi_{xx} + (\eta_{yy} - 3\xi_{xy}) y' - 2\xi_{yy} y'^2\} y'' \\ & - 3\xi_y y''^2 + (\eta_y - 3\xi_x - 4\xi_y y') y''' \end{aligned}$$

# Infinitesimal Generator of the Symmetry Group

Original:

$$X = \xi \partial_x + \eta \partial_y$$

Order  $k$  prolongation:

$$X^{(k)} = \xi \partial_x + \eta \partial_y + \eta^{(1)} \partial_{y'} + \cdots + \eta^{(k)} \partial_{y^{(k)}}$$

Symmetry Condition Rewrite:

$$X^{(n)} \left( y^{(n)} - \omega(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}) \right) = 0$$

# Determining Equations for Second-Order ODE

Given the second-order ode

$$y'' = \omega(x, y, y')$$

Assume the linearized symmetry condition and  $\eta^{(k)}$ ; substitute  $y''$  with  $\omega(x, y, y')$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{xx} + (2\eta_{xy} - \xi_{xx})y' + (\eta_{yy} - 2\xi_{xy})y'^2 - \xi_{yy}y'^3 + (\eta_y - 2\xi_x - 3\xi_y y')\omega \\ = \xi\omega_x + \eta\omega_y + \{\eta_x + (\eta_y - \xi_x)y' - \xi_y y'^2\}\omega_{y'}\end{aligned}$$

Although it looks intimidating, in fact it's rather easy to solve. Note that  $\eta, \xi$  are independent of  $y'$ , it can be further decoupled into PDEs, which are called “determining equations”. As an example, we try to solve

$$y'' = \frac{y'^2}{y} - y^2$$

Using the formula above,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{xx} + (2\eta_{xy} - \xi_{xx})y' + (\eta_{yy} - 2\xi_{xy})y'^2 - \xi_{yy}y'^3 + (\eta_y - 2\xi_x - 3\xi_y y') \left( \frac{y'^2}{y} - y^2 \right) \\ = \eta \left( -\frac{y'^2}{y^2} - 2y \right) + \{ \eta_x + (\eta_y - \xi_x)y' - \xi_y y'^2 \} \frac{2y'}{y} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing powers of  $y'$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{yy} + \frac{1}{y}\xi_y &= 0 \\ \eta_{yy} - 2\xi_{xy} - \frac{1}{y}\eta_y + \frac{1}{y^2}\eta &= 0 \\ 2\eta_{xy} - \xi_{xx} + 3y^2\xi_y - \frac{2}{y}\eta_x &= 0 \\ \eta_{xx} - y^2(\eta_y - 2\xi_x) + 2y\eta &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the first two equations we can readily get

$$\xi = A(x) \log |y| + B(x)$$

$$\eta = A'(x)y(\log |y|)^2 + C(x)y \log |y| + D(x)y$$

Substitute into the third equation, we have

$$3A''(x) \log |y| + 3A(x)y + 2C'(x) - B''(x) = 0$$

hence  $A(x) = 0$ ,  $B''(x) = 2C'(x)$ . Now the last equation becomes

$$C(x)y^2 \log |y| + C''(x)y \log |y| + (2B'(x) - C(x) + D(x))y^2 + D''(x)y = 0$$

which splits into

$$C(x) = 0, \quad D(x) = -2B'(x), \quad D''(x) = 0$$

We finally get

$$\xi = c_1 + c_2 x, \eta = -2c_2 y \implies X = c_1 X_1 + c_2 X_2, X_1 = \partial_x, X_2 = x\partial_x - 2y\partial_y$$

# Invariant Solution from Symmetry: Example I

The equation

$$y''' = -yy''$$

has two infinitesimal generator

$$X_1 = \partial_x, \quad X_2 = x\partial_x - y\partial_y.$$

Non-trivial closed form solution from  $X_2$ :

$$\frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{dy}{y} \implies y = \frac{c}{x}$$

# Invariant Solution from Symmetry: Example II

The equation

$$y''' = \frac{1}{y^3}$$

has two infinitesimal generator

$$X_1 = \partial_x, \quad X_2 = x\partial_x + \frac{3}{4}y\partial_y.$$

Non-trivial closed form solution from  $X_2$ :

$$\frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{dy}{\frac{3}{4}y} \implies y = cx^{\frac{3}{4}}$$

Substitute back, we have  $c = \pm \left(\frac{64}{15}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .



# Solving Merton's Equation: Goal

- 1 Construct infinitesimal generator of the form:

$$X = \eta_1(x_1, x_2, u_1)\partial x_1 + \eta_2(x_1, x_2, u_1)\partial x_2 + \Phi_1(x_1, x_2, u_1)\partial u_1$$

- 2 Derive invariant solution from the infinitesimal generator.

# Determining Equations of Merton's Equation

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial x_2} (\gamma - 1) e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma - 1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial x_2} (r - \alpha)^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_1}{\partial x_2^2} (r - \alpha)^2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} (\gamma - 1)^3 e^{\frac{2x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma - 1} - 2x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} (\gamma - 1)^3 e^{\frac{2x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma - 1} - 2x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$x_2 \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial x_2} \beta r - \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial x_2} \eta \gamma + \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial x_2} \eta + \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial x_1} \beta = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1^2} (r - \alpha)^4 = 0 \quad (7)$$

# Determining Equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} (r - \alpha)^4 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial x_2^2} (r - \alpha)^4 = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial x_2^3} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} (r - \alpha)^4 = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial x_2^3} \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} (r - \alpha)^4 = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\beta^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}-1} (\gamma - 1) \left\{ x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \beta r - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \eta \gamma + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \eta - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial u_1} \beta \right\} e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma-1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} (\gamma - 1)(2\gamma - 1)(r - \alpha)^2 e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma-1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} (\gamma - 2)(\gamma - 1)(r - \alpha)^2 e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma-1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (14)$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1^2} (\gamma - 1)^2 (r - \alpha)^2 e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma - 1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} (\gamma - 1)^2 (r - \alpha)^2 e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma - 1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial x_2^2} (\gamma - 1)^2 (r - \alpha)^2 e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma - 1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$(r - \alpha)^2 \left\{ x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \beta r - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \eta \gamma + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \eta - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial u_1} \beta \right\} = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$(r - \alpha)^2 \left\{ x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta r - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta \gamma + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_1} \beta \right\} = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$(r - \alpha)^2 \left\{ x_2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1^2} \beta r - \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1^2} \eta \gamma + \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1^2} \eta - \frac{\partial^2 \eta_2}{\partial u_1^2} \beta \right\} = 0 \quad (20)$$

# Determining Equations

$$\begin{aligned} & x_2^2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta^2 r^2 - 2x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta \eta \gamma r + 2x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta \eta r - x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta^2 r + x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_1} \beta^2 r \\ & + \eta_2 \beta^2 r + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta^2 \gamma^2 - 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta^2 \gamma + \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta \eta \gamma - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_1} \beta \eta \gamma \\ & + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta^2 - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta \eta + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_1} \beta \eta - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_1} \beta^2 = 0 \quad (21) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}-1} (\gamma-1) \left\{ \eta_1 \beta \rho + 2x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta \gamma r - x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta r - 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta \gamma^2 \right. \\ & + 3 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta \gamma - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta \gamma + \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_1} \beta \gamma \\ & \left. - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \eta + \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial u_1} \beta - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_1} \beta \right\} e^{\frac{x_1 \gamma \rho}{\gamma-1} - x_1 \rho} = 0 \quad (22) \end{aligned}$$

# Determining Equations

$$(r - \alpha)^2 \left\{ 2x_2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} \beta r \sigma^2 + 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \beta r \sigma^2 - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} \eta \gamma \sigma^2 \right. \\ \left. + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} \eta \sigma^2 - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_2}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} \beta \sigma^2 + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_1}{\partial u_1^2} \beta \sigma^2 \right. \\ \left. - 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \beta r^2 + 4 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \alpha \beta r - 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial u_1} \alpha^2 \beta \right\} = 0 \quad (23)$$

$$(r - \alpha)^2 \left\{ x_2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial x_2^2} \beta r \sigma^2 + 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta r \sigma^2 - \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial x_2^2} \eta \gamma \sigma^2 \right. \\ \left. + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_1}{\partial x_2^2} \eta \sigma^2 - \frac{\partial^2 \eta_2}{\partial x_2^2} \beta \sigma^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_1}{\partial u_1 \partial x_2} \beta \sigma^2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \beta r^2 + 2 \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \alpha \beta r - \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial x_2} \alpha^2 \beta \right\} = 0 \quad (24)$$

# Solving Determining Equations

- From (1)(2)(3)

$$\Phi_1(x_1, u_1)$$

- From (4)

$$\eta_1(x_1, x_2)$$

- From (5)(7)(8)(9)(10)(11)(13)(14)(15)(16)(17)

$$\eta_1(x_1)$$

- From (6)

$$\Phi_1(u_1)$$

- From (12)(18)(20)

$$\eta_2(x_1, x_2)$$

- From (19)

$$\eta_1 = \text{const} \equiv c_3$$

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- From (23)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_1}{\partial u_1^2} = 0 \implies \Phi(u_1) = c_1 u_1 + c_2$$

- From (24)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta_2}{\partial x_2^2} = 0 \implies \eta_2(x_1, x_2) = f_1(x_1)x_2 + f_2(x_1)$$

- From (22)

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_1 \beta \rho - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta \gamma + \frac{\partial \Phi_1}{\partial u_1} \beta &= 0 \\ \implies c_3 \rho - f_1(x_1) \gamma + c_1 &= 0 \implies f_1(x_1) = \frac{c_1 + c_3 \rho}{\gamma}\end{aligned}$$



# Solving Determining Equations

From (21)

$$-x_2 \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta^2 r + \eta_2 \beta^2 r + \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta \eta \gamma - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_2} \beta \eta - \frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial x_1} \beta^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -x_2 \frac{c_1 + c_3 \rho}{\gamma} \beta^2 r + \left( \frac{c_1 + c_3 \rho}{\gamma} x_2 + f_2(x_1) \right) \beta^2 r \\ - \left( \frac{c_1 + c_3 \rho}{\gamma} \right) \beta \delta \eta - f'_2(x_1) \beta^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_2(x_1) \beta r - \left( \frac{c_1 + c_3 \rho}{\gamma} \right) \delta \eta - f'_2(x_1) \beta = 0$$

$$\implies f_2(x_1) = \left( c_4 - \frac{(c_1 + c_3 \rho) \delta \eta}{\gamma \beta r} \right) e^{x_1 r} + \frac{(c_1 + c_3 \rho) \delta \eta}{\gamma \beta r}$$

The infinitesimal generator is

$$X = c_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + (c_1 u_1 + c_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} + \left\{ \frac{c_1 + c_3 \rho}{\gamma} x_2 + \left( c_4 - \frac{(c_1 + c_3 \rho) \delta \eta}{\gamma \beta r} \right) e^{x_1 r} + \frac{(c_1 + c_3 \rho) \delta \eta}{\gamma \beta r} \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$$

$$A_1 = e^{x_1 r} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \quad A_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}$$

$$A_3 = \frac{\rho}{\gamma} \left( x_2 + \frac{\delta \eta}{\beta r} (1 - e^{x_1 r}) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}$$

$$A_4 = \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( x_2 + \frac{\delta \eta}{\beta r} (1 - e^{x_1 r}) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + u_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}$$

$$[A_1, A_2] = 0 \quad [A_1, A_3] = \left( \frac{\rho}{\gamma} - r \right) A_1 \quad [A_1, A_4] = \frac{1}{\gamma} A_1$$

$$[A_2, A_3] = 0 \quad [A_2, A_4] = A_2 \quad [A_3, A_4] = -\frac{\delta \eta}{\gamma \beta} A_1$$

# Computing the Invariant Solution of $A_4$

$$\frac{dx_2}{\frac{1}{\gamma} \left( x_2 + \frac{\delta\eta}{\beta r} (1 - e^{x_1 r}) \right)} = \frac{du_1}{u_1}$$

$$\gamma \frac{dx_2}{x_2 + \frac{\delta\eta}{\beta r} (1 - e^{x_1 r})} = \frac{du_1}{u_1}$$

$$\gamma \log \left( x_2 + \frac{\delta\eta}{\beta r} (1 - e^{x_1 r}) \right) = \log u_1 + g_0(x_1)$$

$$u_1 = g_1(x_1) \cdot \left( x_2 + \frac{\delta\eta}{\beta r} (1 - e^{x_1 r}) \right)^\gamma$$

# Solution of Merton's Equation: Completion

Let

$$\Psi(t, W) = W + \frac{\delta\eta}{\beta r} + \text{const} \cdot e^{rt}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = r \cdot \text{const} \cdot e^{rt}, \quad \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial W} = 1$$

Let  $J(t, W) = g(t)\Psi(t, W)^\gamma$ , then

$$J_W = g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1}$$

$$J_{WW} = g \gamma (\gamma - 1) \Psi^{\gamma-2}$$

$$J_t = g' \Psi^\gamma + g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1} r \cdot \text{const} \cdot e^{rt}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{\delta\eta}{\beta} + rW\right) J_W &= r(\Psi - \text{const} \cdot e^{rt}) \cdot g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1} \\
&= r g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1} (\Psi - \text{const} \cdot e^{rt}) \\
&= r g \gamma \Psi^\gamma - g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1} r \cdot \text{const} \cdot e^{rt}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{J_W^2}{J_{WW}} = \frac{(g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1})^2}{g \gamma (\gamma - 1) \Psi^{\gamma-2}} = -g \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \Psi^\gamma$$

$$\frac{\delta^2 \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}}}{\gamma} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} J_W^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} = \frac{\delta^2 \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}}}{\gamma} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} (g \gamma \Psi^{\gamma-1})^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} = \delta^2 \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\delta}} \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} g^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} \Psi^\gamma$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\delta^2 \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}}}{\gamma} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} J_W^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} + J_t + \left(\frac{\delta\eta}{\beta} + rW\right) J_W - \delta(\mu - r) \frac{J_W^2}{J_{WW}} \\
&= \delta^2 \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\delta}} \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} g^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} \Psi^\gamma e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} + g' \Psi^\gamma + r g \gamma \Psi^\gamma + \gamma(\mu - r) g \Psi^\gamma \\
&= \Psi^\gamma \left\{ \delta^2 \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\delta}} \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} g^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} + g' + \gamma \mu g \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$g' + \gamma \mu g = -\delta^2 \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\delta}} \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}} e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta} t} g^{-\frac{\gamma}{\delta}}$$

## Bernoulli equation

$$f' + \varphi f = \xi f^k.$$

Let  $z = f^{1-k}$ , then  $z' = (1-k)f^{-k}f'$ . The original equation can be written as  $(1-k)f^{-k}f' + (1-k)\varphi f^{-k}f = (1-k)\xi$ , so  $z' + (1-k)\varphi z = (1-k)\xi$ , a linear ode with solution

$$z = e^{-\int(1-k)\varphi} \int (1-k)\xi e^{\int(1-k)\varphi} + \text{const} \cdot e^{-\int(1-k)\varphi}$$

and  $f = z^{\frac{1}{1-k}}$ .

$$k = -\frac{\gamma}{\delta}; 1-k = \frac{1}{\delta}$$

$$(1-k)\varphi = \frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}$$

$$(1-k)\xi = -\frac{1}{\delta}\delta^2\gamma^{-\frac{1}{\delta}}\beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}}e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t} \equiv -\frac{1}{\delta}\chi e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t}$$

$$e^{\int (1-k)\varphi} = e^{\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= e^{-\int (1-k)\varphi} \int (1-k)\xi e^{\int (1-k)\varphi} + \text{const} \cdot e^{-\int (1-k)\varphi} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t} \int -\frac{1}{\delta} \chi e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t} \cdot e^{\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t} dt + \text{const} \cdot e^{-\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t} \cdot \frac{\chi}{\delta} \cdot \frac{\delta}{\rho - \gamma\mu} e^{-\frac{\rho - \gamma\mu}{\delta}t} + \text{const} \cdot e^{-\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t} \\ &= \frac{\chi e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t}}{\rho - \gamma\mu} + \text{const} \cdot e^{-\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}t} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = z(T) = \frac{\chi e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}T}}{\rho - \gamma\mu} + \text{const} \cdot e^{-\frac{\gamma\mu}{\delta}T} \implies \text{const} = -\frac{\chi e^{-\frac{\rho - \gamma\mu}{\delta}T}}{\rho - \gamma\mu}$$

$$z(t) = \frac{\chi e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t} \left( 1 - e^{\frac{(\rho - \gamma\mu)(t-T)}{\delta}} \right)}{\rho - \gamma\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g(t) &= \left( \frac{\chi e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t} \left( 1 - e^{\frac{(\rho-\gamma\mu)(t-T)}{\delta}} \right)}{\rho - \gamma\mu} \right)^{\delta} \\
&= (\delta^2 \gamma^{-\frac{1}{\delta}} \beta^{\frac{\gamma}{\delta}})^{\delta} \left( e^{-\frac{\rho}{\delta}t} \right)^{\delta} \left( \frac{1 - e^{\frac{(\rho-\gamma\mu)(t-T)}{\delta}}}{\rho - \gamma\mu} \right)^{\delta} \\
&= \frac{\delta^{2\delta} \beta^{\gamma}}{\gamma} e^{-\rho t} \left( \frac{1 - e^{\frac{(\rho-\gamma\mu)(t-T)}{\delta}}}{\rho - \gamma\mu} \right)^{\delta}
\end{aligned}$$





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