

# Girsanov's Theorem

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The power of action.

- ① Previously seen : change of measure

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  : probability space

$Z$  : nonnegative random variable, such that  $EZ=1$

- based on  $Z$  we create a new prob measure  $\tilde{P}$  st.

$$\tilde{P}(A) = E(1_A Z) = \int_A Z(\omega) dP(\omega)$$

- if  $X$  : random variable :  $\boxed{\tilde{E}(X) = E(ZX)}$   
(expectation under  $\tilde{P}$ )

- if moreover  $P(Z \geq 0) = 1$  :  $P \sim \tilde{P}$  and  $\boxed{E(X) = \tilde{E}\left(\frac{1}{Z} X\right)}$

$Z$  : Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $\tilde{P}$  w.r.t.  $P$

Notation :  $Z(\omega) = \frac{d\tilde{P}(\omega)}{dP(\omega)}$  or  $d\tilde{P}(\omega) = Z(\omega) dP(\omega)$

$$\frac{1}{Z(\omega)} d\tilde{P}(\omega) = dP(\omega)$$

- in particular if  $X \sim N(0,1)$  under  $P$  and

$$Z = \exp\{-\theta X - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2\} \quad \text{for some } \theta \in \mathbb{R} \quad (EZ=1)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = X + \theta \sim N(0,1) \text{ under } \tilde{P}$$

(that is :  $\tilde{E}Y=0$  ; while  $EY = EX + \theta = \theta$  )

- ② Now, we want to perform a similar change of measure in order to change the mean, but this time for a whole process rather than a single variable.

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$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  = prob. space ;  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$  = filtration  
 $0 \leq t \leq T$  : (T = fixed final time)

- suppose  $Z \geq 0$  a.s. such that  $EZ=1$

- define  $Z_t = E[Z | \mathcal{F}_t]$   $0 \leq t \leq T$ . (martingale) :  $Z_t(\omega) = \frac{d\tilde{P}(\omega)}{dP(\omega)} \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_t}$   
(Radon-Nikodym derivative process)

Bayes' formula : if  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable ; random variable

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{E}(Y | \mathcal{F}_s) = \frac{1}{Z_s} E[Z_t Y | \mathcal{F}_s] \quad s < t$$

- in particular , if  $s=0$  :  $\tilde{E}(Y) = E(Z_t Y)$

Girsanov's theorem (one dimension) on  $[0 \leq t \leq T]$

Let  $W_t$  be a Brownian Motion on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , and let  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$  be a filtration of this B.M. Let  $\theta_t$  be an adapted process.

$$\begin{cases} Z_t = \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \theta_u dW_u - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \theta_u^2 du \right\} \\ \tilde{W}_t = W_t + \int_0^t \theta_u du. \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{|c} \hline Z = \exp \left\{ - \theta X - \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 \right\} \\ Y = X + \theta \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Assume  $E \int_0^T \theta_u^2 Z_u^2 du < \infty$ .

Then  $EZ_T=1$  and  $\tilde{W}_t$  is Brownian Motion under  $\tilde{P}$ ,  
where  $\tilde{P}$  is defined as :  $d\tilde{P}(\omega) = Z_T(\omega) dP$ .

Proof :  $\tilde{W}_t = W_t + \int_0^t \theta_u du$   $\rightarrow$  let's investigate the properties of  $\tilde{W}_t$   
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Proof:  $\rightsquigarrow$  let's investigate the properties of  $\tilde{W}_t$

- $\tilde{W}_0 = 0$
- $\tilde{W}_t$  has continuous paths
- $\langle \tilde{W} \rangle_t = \langle W \rangle_t = t$  ( $\forall t$ )

(assume for the moment  
that  $EZ_T = 1$  so that  
the change of measure  
is well defined)

$$(d\tilde{W}_t \cdot d\tilde{W}_t = (dW_t + \theta_t dt) \cdot (dW_t + \theta_t dt) = \underbrace{dW_t \cdot dW_t}_{=dt} + \underbrace{2dt \cdot dW_t}_{=0} + \underbrace{dt \cdot dt}_{=0})$$

- $\tilde{W}_t$  is martingale under  $\tilde{P}$

- to check the martingale property under  $\tilde{P}$  notice that

$$\tilde{E}(\tilde{W}_t | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s) = \frac{1}{Z_s} E(Z_t \tilde{W}_t | \mathcal{F}_s) \quad (\text{Bayes formula}) = \tilde{W}_s$$

$$E(Z_t \tilde{W}_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = Z_s \tilde{W}_s$$

$\rightsquigarrow \tilde{W}_t$ : martingale under  $\tilde{P} \Leftrightarrow Z_t \tilde{W}_t$ : martingale under  $P$

$\rightsquigarrow$  using Ito lemma we can check

$$\bullet d(Z_t \tilde{W}_t) = Z_t d\tilde{W}_t + \tilde{W}_t dZ_t + d\tilde{W}_t \cdot dZ_t \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$\bullet Z_t = \exp \left\{ - \underbrace{\int_0^t \theta_u dW_u - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \theta_u^2 du}_{X_t} \right\} : f(x) = e^x : Z_t = f(X_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightsquigarrow dZ_t &= df(X_t) = e^{X_t} dX_t + \frac{1}{2} e^{X_t} d\langle X \rangle_t \\ &= Z_t \left( -\theta_t dW_t - \frac{1}{2} \theta_t^2 dt \right) + \frac{1}{2} Z_t \theta_t^2 dt \\ &= -Z_t \theta_t dW_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow d\tilde{W}_t \cdot dZ_t = (dW_t + \theta_t dt) \cdot (-Z_t \theta_t dW_t) = -Z_t \theta_t dt$$

$$\Rightarrow d(Z_t \tilde{W}_t) = Z_t \cdot d\tilde{W}_t + \tilde{W}_t \cdot dZ_t + d\tilde{W}_t \cdot dZ_t$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow d(Z_t \tilde{W}_t) &= Z_t d\tilde{W}_t + \tilde{W}_t dZ_t + d\tilde{W}_t dZ_t \\
&= Z_t (dW_t + \theta_t dt) + \tilde{W}_t (-Z_t \theta_t dW_t) - Z_t \theta_t dt \\
&= Z_t dW_t + Z_t \theta_t dt - \tilde{W}_t Z_t \theta_t dW_t - Z_t \theta_t dt \\
&= Z_t [1 - \tilde{W}_t \theta_t] dW_t \quad \text{is martingale under } P
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow Z_t \cdot \tilde{W}_t$  is martingale under  $P$

Conclusion:  $\tilde{W}_t$  is continuous martingale under  $\tilde{P}$  with

$d\langle \tilde{W} \rangle_t = dt$ , therefore  $\tilde{W}_t$  is Brownian Motion under  $\tilde{P}$  on the time interval  $[0, T]$

- the assumption  $E \int_0^T \theta_u^2 Z_u^2 du < \infty$  guarantees that the solution of the following SDE is a martingale

$$\left\{
\begin{array}{l}
dZ_t = -Z_t \theta_t dW_t \text{ or otherwise} \\
Z_t = 1 - \int_0^t Z_u \theta_u dW_u
\end{array}
\right. \quad Z_0 = 1$$

as this stochastic integral is well defined for  $\int_0^T Z_u^2 \theta_u^2 du < \infty$   
and as such is a **LOCAL MARTINGALE**

if moreover  $E \int_0^T Z_u^2 \theta_u^2 du < \infty \Rightarrow Z_t = \text{MARTINGALE}$   
**(square integrable)**

$$\boxed{E Z_T = 1}$$

Remark: The fact that  $Z$  is a martingale is essential for the Girsanov's theorem to work.

- Unless  $Z_t$  is a martingale the change of measure is not possible.

- Recall that for a change of measure you need the Radon-Nikodym derivative  $Z_T$  to satisfy  $\mathbb{E} Z_T = 1$

Theorem: Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale and define  $Z_t = \exp\{M_t - \frac{1}{2}\langle M \rangle_t\}$ .

If  $\mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}\langle M \rangle_t\right\}\right] < \infty$  for  $0 \leq t < \infty$ ,

then  $\mathbb{E} Z_t = 1$ ;  $0 \leq t < \infty$ .

Corollary [Novikov condition]

If  $\theta_t$  is an adapted process, satisfying

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}\int_0^T \theta_u^2 du\right\}\right] < \infty$$

Then  $Z_t = \exp\left\{-\int_0^t \theta_u dW_u - \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \theta_u^2 du\right\}$  is martingale!

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- Novikov's condition is a sufficient condition for the Girsanov's theorem, easier to check than

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^T \theta_u^2 Z_u^2 du\right) < \infty$$