

## Exercise 1:

**1. Stochastic volatility model.** (4 points) Consider an asset price model with constant interest rate  $r \geq 0$  and price dynamics of the form

$$dS_t = \mu_S S_t dt + \exp(V_t) S_t dW_{t,1}, \quad dV_t = \mu_V dt + \sigma_V dW_{t,2}$$

for independent Brownian motions  $W_1, W_2$ . Consider a change of measure with

$$\frac{dQ}{dP}|_{\mathcal{F}_T} = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^2 \int_0^T \theta_{s,i} dW_{s,i} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \|\theta_s\|^2 ds\right).$$

Give conditions on the process  $\theta$  such that  $Q$  is an equivalent martingale measure. Is  $Q$  unique?

For  $Q$  being a equivalent martingale measure the discounted asset price process  $\tilde{S} = \frac{S}{S_0}$  with  $S^0(t) = \int_0^t r_s ds$  has to be a martingale so  $\tilde{S}_0 = E_0^Q(\tilde{S})$ .

Conversely

- $\theta$  must be adapted so  $\theta_t$  has to be  $\mathcal{F}_t$  measurable for all  $t$
- $P\left(\frac{dQ}{dP} > 0\right) = 0$
- $E\left(\frac{dQ}{dP}\right) = 1$

## Exercise 2:

**2. Modelling foreign exchange** (6 points) Consider a model for the exchange rate between two countries  $f$  (foreign) and  $d$  (domestic), and denote by  $e_t$  the price in domestic currency of one unit of the foreign currency. Assume that the short rate in the two countries is constant and denote it by  $r^d$  respectively by  $r^f$ .  $B_t^d = e^{r^d t}$  ( $B_t^f = e^{r^f t}$ ) denote the price of the domestic (foreign) savings account. The exchange-rate dynamics under  $P$  is given by  $de_t = \mu e_t dt + \sigma e_t dW_t$ .

- a) Denote by  $Q^d$  the domestic martingale measure, that is the martingale measure that corresponds to the numeraire  $S^d$ . Show that under  $Q^d$  the drift of  $e_t$  is equal to  $r^d - r^f$ . Hint: consider the drift of the domestic asset  $e_t S_t^f$ .
- b) Compute the  $Q^d$ -dynamics for the inverse exchange rate  $1/e_t$ . Is  $Q^d$  also the appropriate martingale measure for a foreign investor who denominates in foreign currency and uses  $S_t^f$  as numeraire?
- c) Use the change-of numeraire technique to identify the martingale measure  $Q^f$  that corresponds to the numeraire  $e_t S_t^f$  (the foreign martingale measure) and compute the  $Q^f$  dynamics of  $1/e_t$ .

**Exercise 3:**

**3. Absence of arbitrage** (6 points) Consider asset price dynamics of the form

$$dS_{t,i} = \mu_i S_{t,i} dt + \sigma_i S_{t,i} dW_t, \quad i = 1, 2$$

(the two price processes are driven by the same Brownian motion). Assume that the numeraire is of the form  $S_{t,0} = e^{rt}$  for a constant  $r \geq 0$ .

- a) Show that the model is arbitrage-free if  $\frac{\mu_1 - r}{\sigma_1} = \frac{\mu_2 - r}{\sigma_2}$ .
- b) Assume that  $r = 0$  and that  $\frac{\mu_1}{\sigma_1} > \frac{\mu_2}{\sigma_2}$ . Show that in that case there is a selffinancing strategy  $\phi$  with value  $dV_t^\phi = c_t dt$  for some  $c_t > 0$  (and hence an arbitrage opportunity). (The restriction to the case  $r = 0$  serves to keep the example simple).