# Assignment 3 - MH4514 Financial Mathematics

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#### Question 1.

**Solution.** Using the properties of covariance and Ito multiplication table, we can calculate the fraction as

$$\frac{Cov\left(\frac{dS_t}{S_t}, \frac{dM_t}{M_t}\right)}{Var\left[\frac{dM_t}{M_t}\right]} = \frac{Cov\left(rdt + \beta\left(\frac{dM_t}{M_t} - rdt\right) + \sigma_S dW_t, \frac{dM_t}{M_t}\right)}{Var\left[\frac{dM_t}{M_t}\right]}$$

$$= \frac{Cov\left(\beta\frac{dM_t}{M_t}, \frac{dM_t}{M_t}\right)}{Var\left[\frac{dM_t}{M_t}\right]} = \beta$$

#### Question 2.

**Solution.** By (1) and (2), observe that the evolution of  $(S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is given by

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = rdt + \beta \left(\frac{dM_t}{M_t} - rdt\right) + \sigma_S dW_t$$
$$= (r + \beta(\mu - r))dt + \beta \sigma_M dB_t + \sigma_S dW_t$$

Now, consider its volatility, by squaring both side we have

$$\left(\frac{dS_t}{S_t}\right)^2 = ((r + \beta(\mu - r))dt + \beta\sigma_M dB_t + \sigma_S dW_t)^2$$
$$= (\beta^2 \sigma_M^2 + \sigma_S^2) dt$$

Thus, we can think of  $(S_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  as a geometric Brownian motion with volatility  $\sqrt{\beta^2 \sigma_M^2 + \sigma_S^2}$ . Finally with the excess return  $\alpha$ , we can express its evolution as

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = (r + \alpha + \beta(\mu - r))dt + \sqrt{\beta^2 \sigma_M^2 + \sigma_S^2} dW_t$$
$$dS_t = (r + \alpha + \beta(\mu - r))S_t dt + \sqrt{\beta^2 \sigma_M^2 + \sigma_S^2} S_t dW_t$$

# Question 3.

**Solution.** Consider the equations (1), we have

$$\frac{dM_t}{M_t} = \mu dt + \sigma_M dB_t$$

$$= rdt + \sigma_M \left( dB_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma_M} dt \right)$$

$$= rdt + \sigma_M dB_t^* \qquad \left( \text{where} \quad dB_t^* = \left( dB_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma_M} dt \right) \right)$$

Next, we can rewrite (2) as

$$\frac{dS_t}{S_t} = rdt + \beta(M_t) \left(\frac{dM_t}{M_t} - rdt\right) + \sigma_S dW_t$$

$$= rdt + \beta(M_t)(rdt + \sigma_M dB_t^* - rdt) + \sigma_S dW_t$$

$$= rdt + \sigma_M \beta(M_t) dB_t^* + \sigma_S dW_t^* \qquad \text{(where } dW_t^* = dW_t)$$

Hence, by setting  $B_t^* = \left(B_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma_M}t\right)$  and  $W_t^* = W_t$  we have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dM_t}{M_t} &= rdt + \sigma_M dB_t^* \\ \frac{dS_t}{S_t} &= rdt + \sigma_M \beta(M_t) dB_t^* + \sigma_S dW_t^* \end{cases}$$

#### Question 4.

**Solution.** Consider the new probability measure  $\mathbb{P}^*$  defined on  $\mathcal{F}_T$  by

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}^*}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp\left\{-\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma_M}B_T - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma_M}\right)^2T\right\}$$

Setting

$$B_t^* = B_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma_M}t, \qquad W_t^* = W_t$$

then under  $\mathbb{P}^*$ , the processes  $(B_t^*)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  and  $(W_t^*)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  are two independent standard Brownian motions.

# Question 5.

**Solution.** From Question 4, we know under  $\mathbb{P}^*$ , the processes  $(B_t^*)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  and  $(W_t^*)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  are two independent standard Brownian motions. Using this, the discounted asset price processes  $(\tilde{S}_t, \tilde{M}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  can be shown as martingales.

$$\mathbb{E}^* \left[ M_t \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right] = e^{-rt} \mathbb{E}^* \left[ \int_0^t r M_u du + \sigma_M \int_0^t M_u dB_u^* \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right]$$
$$= e^{-rt} \mathbb{E}^* \left[ \int_0^t r M_u du \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right] = e^{-rt} e^{(t-k)r} M_k$$
$$= \tilde{M}_k$$

$$\mathbb{E}^* \left[ \tilde{S}_t \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right] = e^{-rt} \mathbb{E}^* \left[ \int_0^t r S_u du + \sigma_M \int_0^t \beta(M_u) S_u dB_u^* + \sigma_S \int_0^t S_u dW_u^* \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right]$$

$$= e^{-rt} \mathbb{E}^* \left[ \int_0^t r S_u du \middle| \mathcal{F}_k \right] = e^{-rt} e^{(t-k)r} S_k$$

$$= \tilde{S}_k$$

From Proposition 6.6, the probability measure  $\mathbb{P}^*$  is risk-neutral since the discounted risky asset price processes  $(\tilde{S}_t, \tilde{M}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  are multingales under  $\mathbb{P}^*$ .

Hence, by Theorem 6.8, the market based on the assets  $S_t$  and  $M_t$  is without arbitrage opportunities since it admits at least one equivalent risk-neutral probability measure  $\mathbb{P}^*$ .

#### Question 6.

**Solution.** By Ito's calculus we have

$$dV_t = \xi_t dS_t + S_t d\xi_t + d\xi_t dS_t$$
$$+ \zeta_t dM_t + M_t d\zeta_t + d\zeta_t dM_t$$
$$+ \eta_t dA_t + A_t d\eta_t + d\eta_t dA_t$$

Here, since we know  $S_t d\xi_t + M_t d\zeta_t + A_t d\eta_t = 0$  being true under the self-financing condition, and  $d\xi_t dS_t = d\zeta_t dM_t = d\eta_t dA_t = 0$ , we can rewrite  $dV_t$  as

$$dV_t = \xi_t dS_t + \zeta_t dM_t + \eta_t dA_t$$

### Question 7.

**Solution.** From Question 2 and the same derivation of Question 3 we have

$$\begin{cases} dM_t = rM_t dt + \sigma_M M_t dB_t^* \\ dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma_M \beta(M_t) S_t dB_t^* + \sigma_S S_t dW_t^* \end{cases}$$

Using the above system and Ito's formula<sup>1</sup>, we have<sup>2</sup>

$$df(t, S_t, M_t) = \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma_M^2 \beta^2(M_t) + \sigma_S^2 \right) S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_M^2 M_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \beta(M_t) \sigma_M^2 M_t S_t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \right\} dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dS_t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dM_t$$

Further expand  $dS_t$  and  $dM_t$  we have

$$df(t, S_t, M_t) = \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma_M^2 \beta^2(M_t) + \sigma_S^2 \right) S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_M^2 M_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \right. \\ + \beta(M_t) \sigma_M^2 M_t S_t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + r \left( S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + M_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \right\} dt \\ + \left( \sigma_M \beta(M_t) S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \sigma_M M_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dB_t^* + \sigma_S S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dW_t^*$$
 (7.1)

Using the self-financing condition of Question 6, we also can express  $df(t, S_t, M_t)$  as follows

$$df(t, S_t, M_t) = dV_t = \xi_t dS_t + \zeta_t dM_t + \eta_t dA_t$$

$$= \xi_t (rS_t dt + \sigma_M \beta(M_t) S_t dB_t^* + \sigma_S S_t dW_t^*) + \zeta_t (rM_t dt + \sigma_M M_t dB_t^*) + r\eta_t A_t dt$$

$$= rf(t, S_t, M_t) dt + (\sigma_M \beta(M_t) \xi_t S_t + \zeta_t \sigma_M M_t) dB_t^* + \sigma_S \xi_t S_t dW_t^*$$
(7.2)

By identification of the term in dt in (7.1) and (7.2) we get the PDE with the terminal condition:

$$\begin{cases} rf(t,x,y) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma_M^2 \beta^2(M_t) + \sigma_S^2 \right) x^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_M^2 y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \\ &+ \beta(M_t) \sigma_M^2 x y \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + r \left( x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$f(T,x,y) &= h(x,y)$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In the text book, P191, (5.5.7)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Here we omit the argument bracket of function  $f(t, S_t, M_t)$  for the sake of simplicity

# Question 8.

**Solution.** Similar to the way we derived the PDE, by identifying the coefficient on  $dB_t^*$  and  $dB_t^*$  in (7.1)-(7.2) we have system of equation

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_M \beta(M_t) S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \sigma_M M_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \sigma_M \beta(M_t) \xi_t S_t + \zeta_t \sigma_M M_t \\ \sigma_S S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \sigma_S \xi_t S_t \end{cases}$$

which gives a solution

$$\xi_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x, y), \qquad \zeta_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, x, y).$$

For  $\eta_t$ , from previous result and the definition of the portfolio price  $V_t$  we have

$$\eta_t A_t = V_t - \xi_t S_t - \zeta_t M_t$$

$$= f(t, x, y) - S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x, y) - M_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, x, y)$$

$$\eta_t = \frac{1}{A_0 e^{rt}} \left\{ f(t, x, y) - S_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x, y) - M_t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, x, y) \right\}$$

# Question 9.

**Solution.** From Question 7, with constant  $\beta$  and terminal condition of a call option payoff, we have PDE of

$$\begin{cases} rf(t,x,y) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2 \right) x^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_M^2 y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \\ &+ \beta \sigma_M^2 x y \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + r \left( x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$f(T,x,y) &= (x - K)^+$$

By change of variables with  $u(\tau, a, b) = e^{-rt} f\left(T - t, e^{x + \left(r - (\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2)/2\right)\tau}, e^{y + (r - \sigma_M^2/2)\tau}\right)$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial a^2} + \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial b^2} + \beta \sigma_M^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial a \partial b}$$

# Step 1

By change of variables with  $v(t, x, y) = e^{-rt} f(t, x, y)$ , such that  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = e^{-rt} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} - re^{-rt} f(t, x, y)$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2} x^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2} y^2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \beta \sigma_M^2 x y \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} + r \left( x \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

# Step 2

By change of variables with  $w(\tau, e^a, e^b) = v(T - t, x, y)$ , such that

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \to \frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial a}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \to \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial a^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{\partial w}{\partial a}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \to -\frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau}$$

we have

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial a^2} - \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial b^2} - \beta \sigma_M^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial a \partial b} \\ - \left( r - \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2} \right) \frac{\partial w}{\partial a} - \left( r - \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2} \right) \frac{\partial w}{\partial b} = 0 \end{split}$$

# Step 3

By change of variables with  $u(\tau, c, d) = w\left(\tau, x + \left(r - \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2}\right)\tau, y + \left(r - \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2}\right)\tau\right)$ , such that

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau} \to \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} + \left(r - \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2}\right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial c} + \left(r - \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2}\right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial d}, \qquad \frac{\partial w}{\partial a} \to \frac{\partial w}{\partial c}$$

we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\sigma_M^2 \beta^2 + \sigma_S^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial c^2} - \frac{\sigma_M^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial d^2} - \beta \sigma_M^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial c \partial d} = 0$$

Link 1

Link 2

Link 3

Link 4

Define function g(t, x, y) as the 2 dimensional Gaussian probability density function

$$g(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi t} exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2t}\right)$$

which solves the heat equation with initial condition

$$g(0,x,y) = h(\exp(\sigma x + \sigma y))$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \left(-\frac{1}{t} + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2t^2}\right)g(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}\right)$$

#### Question 10.

Solution.