

# econ 202A; problem set 3; second half

I.a. Consider  $\text{Cov}(B_s, B_t)$ . By definition,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(B_s, B_t) &= \mathbb{E}[B_s B_t] - \mathbb{E}[B_s] \mathbb{E}[B_t]. \text{ From } B_t \sim N(0, t), \\ &= \mathbb{E}[B_s B_t] - \mathbb{E}[B_s](0). \text{ Note } B_t = B_s + (B_t - B_s), \\ &= \mathbb{E}[B_s (B_s + B_t - B_s)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[B_s^2 + B_s (B_t - B_s)]. \text{ Since } B_t \text{ is Brownian, } B_s \perp\!\!\!\perp B_t - B_s, \\ &= \mathbb{E}[B_s^2] + \mathbb{E}[B_s] \mathbb{E}[B_t - B_s]. \text{ From } B_s \sim N(0, s), \\ &= s \\ &= \min\{s, t\} \text{ since } 0 \leq s \leq t. \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

I.b. Let  $X_t = B_t^2$ . Then, by definition of variance,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[B_t^2] &= \text{Var}[B_t] + \mathbb{E}[B_t]^2. \text{ From } B_t \sim N(0, t), \\ &= t + 0 = t.\end{aligned}$$

I.c. Given  $X_t = B_{t+s} - B_s$  for  $s > 0$  &  $Y_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} B_{\lambda t}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{i. } x. X_0 &= B_s - B_s = 0; \text{ xx. } Y_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} B_0 = 0 \text{ since } \{B_t\}_{t \geq 0} \text{ is Brownian.} \\ \text{ii. } x. X_t: \mathbb{E}[X_t] &= \mathbb{E}[B_{t+s} - B_s] = 0 + 0 = 0 \text{ by } B_t \sim N(0, t) \& B_{t+s} \sim N(0, t+s), \\ \underline{\text{Var}[X_t]} &= \text{Var}[B_{t+s} - B_s]. \text{ From } B_t \sim N(0, t) \& B_{t+s} \sim N(0, t+s) \\ &= t+s-s = t.\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{X_t \sim N(0, t)}.$$

$$\text{xx. } Y_t: \mathbb{E}[Y_t] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \mathbb{E}[B_{\lambda t}] . \text{ From } B_{\lambda t} \sim (0, \lambda t), \\ = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[Y_t] &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)^2 \text{Var}[B_{\lambda t}]. \text{ From } B_{\lambda t} \sim (0, \lambda t), \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \lambda t = t \\ \Rightarrow \underline{Y_t \sim N(0, t)}.\end{aligned}$$

iii.  $x_t$ : Consider  $X_t - X_h$  for  $0 \leq h < t$ . By definition,

$$X_t - X_h = B_{t+s} - B_s - B_{h+s} + B_s$$

$= B_{t+s} - B_{h+s}$ . Since  $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  is Brownian,  $B_{t+s} \sim N(0, t+s)$   
 $\therefore B_{h+s} \sim N(0, h+s)$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t - X_h] = 0.$$

$$\text{Var}[X_t - X_h] = \text{Var}[B_{t+s}] - \text{Var}[B_{h+s}]$$

$$= t+s - h-s = t-h$$

Thus,  $X_t - X_h \sim N(0, t-h) \Leftrightarrow X_t$  satisfies stationarity.

xx.  $Y_t$ : Consider  $Y_t - Y_h$  for some  $0 \leq h < t$ . Similar to the above,

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t - Y_h] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E}[B_{\lambda t}] - \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E}[B_{\lambda h}] = 0 \text{ from } B_{\lambda s} \sim N(0, \lambda s).$$

$$\text{Var}[Y_t - Y_h] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{Var}[B_{\lambda t}] - \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{Var}[B_{\lambda h}] = t-h.$$

Thus,  $Y_t - Y_h \sim N(0, t-h) \Leftrightarrow Y_t$  satisfies stationarity.

iv. Let  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < t_4$ .

x.  $\underline{X_t}$ : By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X_{t_4} - X_{t_3}, X_{t_2} - X_{t_1}) &= \mathbb{P}(B_{t_4+s} - B_s - B_{t_3+s} + B_s, B_{t_2+s} - B_s - B_{t_1+s} + B_s) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(B_{t_4+s} - B_{t_3+s}, B_{t_2+s} - B_{t_1+s}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  is Brownian, it satisfies independent increments.

With  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < t_4$ ,

$$= \mathbb{P}(B_{t_4+s} - B_{t_3+s}) \mathbb{P}(B_{t_2+s} - B_{t_1+s}).$$

Thus,  $X_t$  satisfies independent increments.

xx.  $\underline{Y_t}$ :  $\mathbb{P}(Y_{t_4} - Y_{t_3}, Y_{t_2} - Y_{t_1}) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}(B_{\lambda t_4} - B_{\lambda t_3}), \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}(B_{\lambda t_2} - B_{\lambda t_1})\right)$ .

Similarly, from  $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  Brownian,

$$= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}(B_{\lambda t_4} - B_{\lambda t_3})\right) \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{s}}(B_{\lambda t_2} - B_{\lambda t_1})\right).$$

Thus,  $Y_t$  satisfies independent increments.

v. x.  $\underline{X_t}$ : Since  $X_t = B_{t+s} - B_s$  &  $B_t$  is Brownian,  $X_t$  is continuous, since both  $B_{t+s} - B_s$  are continuous.

xx.  $\underline{Y_t}$ : Since  $Y_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} B_{\lambda t}$  &  $B_t$  is Brownian,  $Y_t$  is continuous, since it just scales the continuous path  $B_{\lambda t}$ .

I.d. Given,

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sigma X_t dB_t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dX_t}{X_t} = \mu dt + \sigma dB_t . \text{ From } \frac{d\ln(X_t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{X_t} \cdot \frac{dX_t}{dt}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow d\ln(X_t) = \frac{dX_t}{X_t} . \text{ Then,}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow d\ln(X_t) = \mu dt + \sigma dB_t . \text{ By Ito's lemma,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\ln(X_t) &= [\ln X_t]' dB_t + \frac{1}{2} [\ln X_t]'' dt \\ &= \frac{1}{X_t} dB_t - \frac{1}{2} X_t^{-2} X_t^2 \sigma^2 dt \\ &= \frac{1}{X_t} [\sigma X_t dB_t + \mu X_t dt] - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow d\ln(X_t) = \sigma dB_t + (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2) dt$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int d\ln(X_t) = \int \sigma dB_t + \int (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2) dt$$

$$\ln(X_t) = \sigma B_t + (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2)t + C . \text{ Letting } t=0,$$
$$\ln X_0 = C .$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(X_t) = \sigma B_t + (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2)t + \ln X_0 . \text{ Exponentiating gives,}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_t = X_0 e^{(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2)t + \sigma B_t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_t = X_0 e^{\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t + \sigma B_t}$$

□

I.e. By definition,

$$|E[X_t]| = X_0 e^{(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t} |E[e^{\sigma B_t}]|. \text{ Since } B_t \sim N(0, t),$$

$$|E[e^{\sigma B_t}]| = e^{\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t} \text{ by MGF of } B_t .$$

$$= X_0 e^{(\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t)}$$

$$= X_0 e^{\mu t} .$$

□

I.f. Converting the differential equation to standard form gives,

$dX_t + \mu X_t dt = \sigma dB_t$ . Multiplying the integrating factor  $e^{\int \mu dt} = e^{\mu t}$  gives,

$e^{\mu t} dX_t + \mu e^{\mu t} X_t dt = \sigma e^{\mu t} dB_t$ . Integrating from 0-t gives,

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_0^t d(e^{\mu s} X_s) = \int_0^t \sigma e^{\mu s} dB_s$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^{\mu t} X_t - X_0 = \int_0^t \sigma e^{\mu s} dB_s$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_t = X_0 e^{-\mu t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\mu(t-s)} dB_s . \quad \square$$

I.g.  $E[X_t]$ : By definition,

$$E[X_t] = E\left[\int_0^t B_s ds\right] = \int_0^t E[B_s] ds . \text{ Since } \{B_t\}_{t \geq 0} \text{ is Brownian, } B_t \sim N(0, t)$$

$$= 0.$$

$\text{Var}[X_t]$ : Note  $\text{Var}[X_t] = E[X_t^2] - \cancel{E[X_t]^2} 0$ , By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_t^2] &= E\left[\left(\int_0^t B_s ds\right)^2\right] = \int_0^t \int_0^t E[B_s B_r] ds dr . \text{ From part a,} \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^t \min\{s, r\} ds dr = 2 \int_0^t \int_0^r s ds dr \\ &\quad \text{From part a, } E[B_s B_r] = \text{Cov}(B_s, B_r) = \min\{s, r\} \\ &= 2 \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} r^2 dr = \frac{1}{3} r^3 \Big|_0^t = \frac{1}{3} t^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[X_t] = \frac{1}{3} t^3$$

$E[Y_t]$ : By definition,

$$E[Y_t] = \int_0^t E[B_s^2] ds. \quad \text{From } B_s \sim N(0, s),$$

$$= \int_0^t s ds = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \Big|_0^t = \frac{1}{2} t^2.$$

$\text{Var}[Y_t]$ : Note  $\text{Var}[Y_t] = E[(Y_t)^2] - [E[Y_t]]^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[Y_t] = E\left[\left(\int_0^t B_s^2 ds\right)^2\right] - \frac{1}{4} t^4$$

$$= E\left[\int_0^t \int_0^t B_s^2 B_r^2 ds dr\right] - \frac{1}{4} t^4$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_0^t (E[B_s^2 B_r^2]) ds dr - \frac{1}{4} t^4. \quad \text{Since } B_s, B_r \sim N,$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_0^t (E[B_s^2] E[B_r^2] + 2 E[B_s B_r]^2) ds dr - \frac{1}{4} t^4$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_0^t (sr + 2 \min\{s^2, r^2\}) ds dr - \frac{1}{4} t^4$$

$$= 2 \int_0^t \int_0^r (sr + 2s^2) ds dr - \frac{1}{4} t^4$$

$$= 2 \int_0^t (r\left[\frac{1}{2}r^2\right] + \frac{2}{3}r^3) dr - \frac{1}{4} t^4 = \frac{7}{3} \int_0^t r^3 dr - \frac{1}{4} t^4 \\ = \frac{7}{12} t^4 - \frac{3}{12} t^4$$

$$= \underline{\frac{1}{3} t^4}. \quad \square$$

2.a. Let  $T_1$  denote the amount of time the process spends in state 1. From class, the waiting time  $T_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . The pdf of  $T_1$  is given by,

$f_{T_1}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . Then, the expected value of  $T_1$  is,

$$\begin{aligned} E[T_1] &= \int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda t} t dt = \lambda \int_0^\infty t e^{-\lambda t} dt \\ &= \lambda \left[ -\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda t} t \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} dt \right] \\ &= \lambda \left[ 0 - 0 - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} [0 - 1] \right] \\ &= \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

$u = t$ ;  $du = dt$   
 $dv = e^{-\lambda t} dt$ ;  $v = -\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda t}$

$\therefore$  The expected time until the process switches to state 2 is  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ .  $\square$

2.b. In the long run, the flow out of state 1 is equal to the flow out of state 1, where the former is the probability of being in state 1 times the transition rate from 1 to 2 ; the latter is the contrapositive. Let  $\pi_i$  denote the probability of being in state  $i$ . Then,

$\pi_1 \lambda_1 = \pi_2 \lambda_2$  ;  $\pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1$  by definition of a probability measure

$$\Leftrightarrow \pi_2 = \pi_1 \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \quad ; \quad \Leftrightarrow \pi_1 + \pi_1 \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \right) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \pi_1 \left( \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_2} + \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \right) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \pi_1 = \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}}_{\text{Substituting into } \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1 \text{ gives,}}$$

$$\pi_2 = 1 - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}.$$

2.c. By definition,

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t | Y_0 = Y^1] = \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(Y_t = Y^1 | Y_0 = Y^1) Y^1}_{\pi_1} + \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(Y_t = Y^2 | Y_0 = Y^1) Y^2}_{\pi_2}$$

From part b,

$$= \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} Y^1 + \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} Y^2}_{\pi_1}$$

3.a. By Ito's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned}
 df &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X^2} dt \\
 &= \alpha e^{\alpha t} X_t dt + e^{\alpha t} dX_t . \text{ From } dX_t = -\alpha X_t dt + \sigma dB_t , \\
 &= \cancel{\alpha e^{\alpha t} X_t dt} + e^{\alpha t} [-\cancel{\alpha X_t dt} + \sigma dB_t] \\
 &= e^{\alpha t} \sigma dB_t , \text{ as was to be shown. } \square
 \end{aligned}$$

3.b. By Ito's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned}
 dV_t &= \frac{\partial V(K_t)}{\partial K_t} dK_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V(K_t)}{\partial K^2} (dK_t)^2 . \text{ From } dK_t = (\nu - \delta) K_t dt + \sigma K_t dB_t / \\
 &= \partial_K V_t [(\nu - \delta) K_t dt + \sigma K_t dB_t] + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{KK} V_t \left[ (\nu - \delta)^2 K_t^2 dt^2 + \underbrace{2(\nu - \delta) K_t dt}_{=0} \underbrace{\sigma K_t dt \sigma K_t dB_t}_{=0 \text{ since } dt dB_t = 0} + \underbrace{\sigma^2 K_t^2 dB_t^2}_{=dt} \right] \\
 &= \partial_K V_t [(\nu - \delta) K_t dt + \sigma K_t dB_t] + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{KK} V_t [\sigma^2 K_t^2 dt] \\
 &= \underline{[(\nu - \delta) K_t \partial_K V_t + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma K_t)^2 \partial_{KK} V_t] dt + \sigma K_t dB_t \partial_K V_t} .
 \end{aligned}$$

3.c. By Itô's lemma,

$$dX_t = \frac{\delta X_t}{\delta t} dt + \frac{\delta X_t}{\delta B_t} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta^2 X_t}{\delta B_t^2} dt$$

(1)  $\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{\delta X_t}{\delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta^2 X_t}{\delta B_t^2} \right] dt = 0$  since  $dX_t = X_t dB_t$ . Then,

(2)  $\Rightarrow X_t = \frac{\delta X_t}{\delta B_t}$ , where (1) & (2) are the two conditions.

Consider  $f(t, x) = f(t, B_t) = e^{x - \frac{1}{2}t}$ ,

$$(1) -\frac{1}{2}e^{x - \frac{1}{2}t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{x - \frac{1}{2}t} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(2) X_t = e^{x - \frac{1}{2}t} = \frac{\delta X_t}{\delta B_t} \quad \checkmark$$

4.a. The generator is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}V(a_t, y_t) = & (r_a + y_t - c_t) \partial_a V(a_t, y_t) + \sigma (y - y_t) \partial_y V(a_t, y_t) \\ & + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{aa}^2 V(a_t, y_t) + \frac{\nu^2}{2} \partial_{yy}^2 V(a_t, y_t), \end{aligned}$$

based on slide 34 from lecture

4.b. The generator is given by,

$$\mathcal{A}V(k_t, a_t) = (\nu - \delta) k_t \partial_k V(k_t, A_t) + \lambda [V(k_t, A_t^-) - V(k_t, A_t)],$$

based on slide 34 from lecture

5.a. The HJB is given by,

$$\rho V(a, y) = \max_c \left\{ u(c) + (r_a + y - c) \partial_a V(a, y) + \sigma (\bar{y} - y_t) \partial_y V(a, y) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{yy} V(a, y) \right\}$$

based on slide 34 from lecture

5.b. The HJB is given by,

$$\rho V(a, y) = \max_c \left\{ u(c) + (r_a + y - c) \partial_a V(a, y) + \lambda [V(a, y^+) - V(a, y)] \right\}$$

based on slide 34 from lecture

5.c.  $V$  is not stationary since the parameter  $r$  varies over time. The HJB is given by,

$$\rho V(a, y, t) = \max_c \left\{ u(c) + [r_a + y - c] \partial_a V(a, y, t) + \lambda_+ V(a, y, t) + \lambda^- [V(a, y^+, t) - V(a, y^-, t)] \right\}$$

6.a. Observe,

$$n = \theta n + (1-\theta)n = Qk + Pb . \text{ Then,}$$

$$dn = d(Qk) + d(Pb) .$$

$$= [Qdk + kdQ + \underbrace{dkdQ}_{=0}] + [Pdb + bdP + \underbrace{dbdP}_{=0}] . \text{ From } Qdk + Pdb + dkt = Dkdt$$

$$= [Dkdt - Pdb - cdt + kdQ] + [Pdb + bdP] . \text{ From } dR = \frac{Ddt + dQ}{Q} \\ = \mu dt + \sigma dB,$$

$$= Dkdt - Pdb - cdt + k[Q(\mu dt + \sigma dB) - Ddt] + Pdb + bdP$$

$$= -cdt + Qk(\mu dt + \sigma dB) + bdP . \text{ From } \frac{dP}{P} = rdt ,$$

$$= -cdt + Qk(\mu dt + \sigma dB) + bPrdt . \text{ From } Qk = \theta n \Leftrightarrow Pb = (1-\theta)n ,$$

$$= -cdt + \theta n(\mu dt + \sigma dB) + (1-\theta)n rdt$$

$$= [c + \theta n\mu + nr - \theta nr]dt + \theta n \sigma dB$$

$$= [rn + \theta n(\mu - r) - c]dt + \theta n \sigma dB , \text{ as was to be shown. } \square$$

b. The HJB is given by,

$$\rho V(n) = \max_c \left\{ u(c) + [rn + \theta n(\mu - r) - c] \lambda_n V(n) + \frac{(\theta n \sigma)^2}{2} \lambda_{nn} V(n) \right\} .$$

It is useful to rewrite the household problem as a function of  $n$  since we reduce the dimensionality of the problem i.e., from  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  to just  $n$ . It is stationary since the parameters  $r, \theta, \mu, \rho$  are constant over time.

c. The F.O.C are given by,

$$i. \underline{c} : \frac{\partial p^V}{\partial c} = 0 \Leftrightarrow u'(c) = \underline{\partial_n V(n)}$$

$$ii. \underline{\varrho} : \frac{\partial p^V}{\partial \varrho} = 0 \Leftrightarrow n(\mu - r) \underline{\partial_n V(n)} = \underline{\theta(n\sigma)^2 \partial_{nn} V(n)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{\varrho} = -\frac{(\mu - r) \underline{\partial_n V(n)}}{n \sigma^2 \underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)}}$$

d. From part c,

$$i. \underline{\theta n \sigma dB} = -\frac{(\mu - r)}{\sigma} dB \frac{\underline{\partial_n V(n)}}{\underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)}} \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$ii. \left[ r_n - \left( \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} \right)^2 \frac{\underline{\partial_n V(n)}}{\underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)}} - c \right] dt \quad \left. \right\} \ln = i. + ii.$$

$$iii. u'(c) = \underline{\partial_n V(n)} \Leftrightarrow du'(c) = dn \cdot \underline{\partial_n V(n)}. \text{ Then,}$$

$$\rho V(n) = u(c) + [r_n + \theta n(\mu - r) - c] \underline{\partial_n V(n)} + \frac{(\theta n \sigma)^2}{2} \underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)}$$

$$( \Rightarrow \rho V(n) - [r_n + \theta n(\mu - r) - c] \underline{\partial_n V(n)} - \frac{(\theta n \sigma)^2}{2} \underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)} = u(c) )$$

$$( \Rightarrow \rho V(n) - \left[ r_n - \left( \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} \right)^2 \frac{\underline{\partial_n V(n)}}{\underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)}} - c \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma^2} \right) n \underline{\partial_{nn} V(n)} = u(c) )$$

Putting the above together,

$$\underline{\frac{du_c}{u_c}} = (\rho - r) dt - \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} dB$$

$$e. \text{ Given } V(n) = \frac{1}{1-r} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \left[ \rho - (1-r)r - \frac{1-r}{2r} \left( \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]}_{k} \right\}^{-r} n^{1-r}$$

Consider the HJB from part c,

$$\rho V(n) = \max_c \left\{ u(c) + [rn + \theta n(\mu-r) - c] \partial_n V(n) + \frac{\theta n \sigma^2}{2} \partial_{nn} V(n) \right\}.$$

i.  $\partial_n V(n) = k^{-r} n^{-r}$

ii.  $\partial_{nn} V(n) = -r k^{-r} n^{-r-1} = -\frac{r}{n} \partial_n V(n)$ . Assuming  $u(c) = \frac{c^{1-r}}{1-r}$ ,

iii.  $u'(c) = \partial_n V(n) = c^{-r} \Leftrightarrow c^{-r} = k^{-r} n^{-r} \Leftrightarrow c^* = kn$ .

iv.  $\theta = \frac{(\mu-r)\partial_n V(n)}{n\sigma^2 \partial_{nn} V(n)} = \frac{(\mu-r)}{n\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{n}{r} = \frac{\mu-r}{r\sigma^2}$ . Substituting into the HJB gives,

$$\rho V(n) = u(c^*) + \left\{ rn + \frac{\mu-r}{r\sigma^2} \cdot n(\mu-r) - c^* \right\} k^{-r} n^{-r} - \frac{(\mu-r)^2 n^2 \sigma^2}{2r^2 \sigma^4 k^2} \cancel{\frac{1}{n}} k^{-r} n^{-r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-r} k^{1-r} n^{1-r} + \left\{ rn + \frac{(\mu-r)^2}{r\sigma^2} \cancel{\mu(\mu-r)} - kn \right\} k^{-r} n^{-r} - \frac{(\mu-r)^2}{2r\sigma^2} k^{-r} n^{1-r}$$

$$= k^{-r} n^{1-r} \left[ \frac{k}{1-r} + r + \frac{(\mu-r)^2}{r\sigma^2} - k - \frac{(\mu-r)^2}{2r\sigma^2} \right]$$

$$= k^{-r} n^{1-r} \left[ \frac{k}{1-r} + r + \frac{(\mu-r)^2}{2r\sigma^2} - k \right]$$

$$= k^{-r} n^{1-r} \left[ \frac{r}{1-r} k + r + \frac{1}{2r} \frac{(\mu-r)^2}{\sigma^2} \right].$$

$$= k^{-r} n^{1-r} \left\{ \frac{1}{1-r} \left[ \rho - (1-r)r - \frac{1-r}{2r} \left( \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] + r + \frac{1}{2r} \left( \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$= k^{-r} n^{1-r} \left\{ \cancel{\frac{\rho}{1-r}} - \cancel{r} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2r} \left( \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma} \right)^2} + \cancel{r} + \cancel{\frac{1}{2r} \left( \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma} \right)^2} \right\}$$

$$= \rho \frac{1}{1-r} k^{-r} n^{1-r} = \rho V(n). \quad \square$$

f. From above,

$$c^*(n) = kn \quad \therefore \theta = \frac{\mu - r}{r\sigma^2} . \square$$

g. From parts e & f,

$$\underline{c^*(n)} = kn = \frac{1}{r} \left[ \rho - (1-r)r - \frac{1-r}{2r} \left( \frac{\mu-r}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] n. \text{ With } r=1,$$
$$= 1 [\rho - \theta - \theta] n = \underline{\rho n}.$$

$$\underline{\theta} = \frac{\mu - r}{r\sigma^2} = \frac{.06}{(.16)^2} \approx 2.34. \text{ In other words, the model}$$

suggests placing 234% of net worth into stocks i.e., borrowing money to invest — this number is very high. If  $n$  also captures human capital, then this number is less high in practice since numerical net worth is not the entirety of  $n$ .