



Seminar 6 Stochastic Volatility Models

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Problem 1

Prove Tanaka's formula

$$|B_t| = \int_0^t \text{sign}(B_s) dB_s + L_t^a,$$

where L_t is adapted non-decreasing process.

Problem 2

Prove the following Bayes formula

$$\mathbb{E}_t^{P_1}(X) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_t^{P_2}\left(\frac{dP_1}{dP_2}X\right)}{\mathbb{E}_t^{P_2}\left(\frac{dP_1}{dP_2}\right)}$$

where $P_1 \sim P_2$ are equivalent measures, \mathbb{E}_t is conditional expectation wrt \mathcal{F}_t and X is a random variable.

Hint: show that

$$\mathbb{E}^{P_1}\left(\mathbb{E}_t^{P_1}(X)1_G\right) = \mathbb{E}^{P_2}\left(\mathbb{E}_t^{P_1}(X)\mathbb{E}_t^{P_2}\left(\frac{dP_1}{dP_2}\right)1_G\right),$$

for any $G \in \mathcal{F}_t$.

Problem 3

Using Bayes formula, show that $e^{rt}S_t^{-1}$ is a martingale with respect to $\tilde{P} = \frac{e^{-rTS_T}}{S_0}P$.

Problem 4

Show that in Heston model characteristic function $\varphi(t, x, u) := \mathbb{E}_{t,x,v}^P e^{iuX_T}$ satisfies the following PDE

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + \frac{v}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\sigma^2 v}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial v^2} + \rho \sigma v \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x \partial v} + \left(r - \frac{1}{2}v\right) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \kappa(\theta - v) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v} = 0, \\ \varphi(T, x, v, u) = e^{iux}. \end{cases}$$

Hint: use multi-dimensional Feynman-Kac formula.

Problem 5

Show that $C' = C$ and $D' = D$ (see lecture 8).