

SDE (chapter 6 [Shreve, Vol. II])

[Feynman-Kac] Consider the SDE.

$$dX(t) = \beta(t, X(t)) dt + \gamma(t, X(t)) dW(t).$$

Define $g(t, x) = \mathbb{E}(h(X(T)) | t, x)$ for some function h .

Then $g(t, x)$ satisfies

$$g_t + \beta \cdot g_x + \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 g_{xx} = 0$$

with $g(T, x) = h(x)$

[Discounted Feynman-Kac]

Define $f(t, x) = \mathbb{E}(e^{-r(T-t)} h(X(T)) | t, x)$ for some h ,

Then $f(t, x)$ satisfies

$$f_t + \beta f_x + \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 f_{xx} - rf = 0 \quad (*)$$

with $f(T, x) = h(x)$

[Outline of proof]

Consider $d(e^{-rt} f)$ by Itô's formula,

and set $dt \rightarrow 0$.

[example]. Let $h(S(T))$ be the payoff of a derivative security,
whose underlying asset is GBM.

$$dS = \alpha S dt + \sigma S dW$$

$$= rS dt + \sigma S d\tilde{W} \quad \text{for } \tilde{W} \text{ under a risk-neutral probability measure } \tilde{P}$$

$$\text{Now, } V(t) = \tilde{\mathbb{E}}(e^{-r(T-t)} h(S(T)) | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(t)) \quad \text{by martingale}$$

Then V satisfies (*):

$$V_t + rX V_x + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 X^2 f_{xx} - rf$$

(we plug in $\beta = rX$, $\gamma = \sigma X$ for the result)

This coincides with the Black-Scholes-Merton Equation.