

**UH Introduction to mathematical finance I, Exercise-5 (24.02.2016)**

In all the exercises we consider random variables defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  equipped with a probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  and a filtration  $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{N})$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$  for  $s \leq t$ .

Recall that a stochastic process  $(M_t : t \in \mathbb{N})$  is a  $(P, \mathbb{F})$ -martingale if  $M_t \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, P) \forall t \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $E_P(M_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = M_{t-1} \forall t \geq 1$ .

1. Let  $W_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  be a standard Gaussian random variable with  $E_P(W_1) = 0$  and  $E_P(W_1^2) = 1$ . Recall that  $E_P(\exp(\theta W_1)) = \exp(\theta^2/2)$ . Consider a market model  $(S_t, B_t : t \in \{0, 1\})$  where  $B_0 = S_0 = 1$ ,  $B_t = B_0(1+r)$ ,  $r > -1$  is deterministic.

and

$$S_1 = S_0 \exp(\sigma W_1 + \mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}).$$

Determine a risk neutral measure  $Q \sim P$  such that  $W_1$  is Gaussian also under  $Q$ .

Hint : try a measure  $Q^\theta$  with likelihood ratio (Radon-Nikodym derivative)  $\frac{dQ^\theta}{dP} = \zeta_1(\theta) = \exp(\theta W_1)$ , and show that with respect to  $Q^\theta$   $W_1$  is also Gaussian, and compute for which  $\theta$  value  $Q^\theta$  is risk-neutral.

2. Compute the set of arbitrage free prices for the european call and put options  $(S_1 - K)^+$  and  $(K - S_1)^+$ , and compute the cheapest superhedging strategy and the most expansive subhedging strategy.
3. On a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  equipped with a filtration  $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{N})$ ,  $\Delta W_t(\omega) t = 1, \dots, T$  standard Gaussian random variables and let  $W_t = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_t$ . Under  $P$   $S_t$  is Gaussian with  $E_P(S_t) = 0$  and variance  $E_P(S_t^2) = t$ . We assume that  $W_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable and  $\Delta W_t$  is  $P$ -independent from the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_{t-1}$ . Let  $(S_t, B_t : t \in \{0, 1\})$  be a market model where  $B_0 = S_0 = 1$ ,  $B_t = B_{t-1}(1+r_t)$ ,  $r_t > -1$  is deterministic,

and  $S_t = S_0 \exp(\sum_{u=1}^t \sigma_u \Delta W_u + \sum_{u=1}^t (\mu_u - \frac{\sigma_u^2}{2}))$

- (a) Construct a risk-neutral measure  $Q$  under which  $\Delta W_t$  are Gaussian with  $\Delta W_t$  is  $Q$ -independent from the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_{t-1}$ .

**Hint** Construct a likelihood process  $Z_t$  with product form, where  $Z_0 = 1$  and

$$Z_t = Z_1 \frac{Z_2}{Z_1} \frac{Z_t}{Z_{t-1}} = \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \times \dots \times \zeta_t,$$

such that  $Z_t(\omega) \geq 0$ ,  $E_P(Z_t) = 1$  and  $E_Q(S_T|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = S_t \frac{B_t}{B_T}$ . Use Bayes formula

$$E_Q(S_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = E_Q(S_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \frac{E_P(S_t Z_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1})}{E_P(Z_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1})}$$

- (b) What happens if  $\mu_t, \sigma_t, r_t$  are  $\mathbb{F}$ -predictable but not deterministic,  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $Q$  riskneutral also in this more general case?
- (c) Assuming that  $\forall t, \mu_t = \mu, \sigma_t = \sigma, r_t = r$  are deterministic constants, for  $t < T$ , use the riskneutral measure  $Q$  as a pricing measure and compute the corresponding arbitrage-free prices  $c_{\text{call}} \frac{B_t}{B_T} E_Q((S_T - K)^+|\mathcal{F}_t)$  ja  $c_{\text{put}} E_Q((K - S_T)^+|\mathcal{F}_t)$  for the european call- and put-options  $(S_T - K)^+$  ja  $(K - S_T)^+$  (Black and Scholes formulae). This market is incomplete, and these european options are not replicable, the arbitrage free prices are not unique, since the risk-neutral martingale measure is not unique.
4. Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_T$  binary random variables with  $P(Y_t = 1|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = 1 - P(Y_t = 0|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = p_t(\omega) \in (0, 1)$ . We assume that  $Y_t$  on  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable and  $p_t(\omega)$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{t-1}$ -measurable,  $\forall t = 1, \dots, T$ .

In the market model  $(B_t, S_t, X_t : t = 0, 1, \dots, T)$  the dynamics of these financial instruments is the following:  $B_0 = S_0 = X_0 = 1$ . and

$$B_t = B_{t-1}(1 + r_t), S_t = S_{t-1}(1 + u_t)^{Y_t}(1 + d_t)^{1-Y_t}, X_t = X_{t-1}(1 + d_t)^{Y_t}(1 + u_t)^{1-Y_t},$$

where  $-1 < d_t(\omega) < r_t(\omega) < u_t(\omega)$  are  $\mathbb{F}$ -predictable processes.

- (a) Compute a risk-neutral martingale measure for this market.

**Hint** Construct a likelihood process of product form.

- (b) Assuming that  $u_t = u, d_t = d, r_t = r, p_t = p$  where  $-1 < d_t < r_t < u_t$  and  $p \in (0, 1)$  are deterministic constants, for  $t \leq T$  compute the arbitrage free price  $c(\text{swap}) = \frac{B_t}{B_T} E_P((S_T - X_T)^+|\mathcal{F}_t)$  of the swap-option  $(S_T - X_T)^+$ .

5. Let  $(X_t : t \in \mathbb{N})$  independent and identically distributed random variables with  $P(X_t = 1) = 1 - P(X_t = -1) = p = 1/2$ , and  $S_t = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_t$ . For  $a < 0 < b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , consider the random time

$$\tau(\omega) = \inf\{t \in \mathbb{N} : S_t(\omega) \notin (a, b)\}.$$

- (a) Show that  $\tau(\omega)$  is a stopping time in the filtration  $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{N})$  jossa  $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(S_u : u \leq t) = \sigma(X_u : u \leq t)$ .
- (b) Show that  $S_t$  is a  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale and it is square integrable  $E(S_t^2) < \infty \forall t$ .
- (c) Show that the stopped process  $(S_{t \wedge \tau} : t \in \mathbb{N})$  is a martingale.
- (d) Show that  $P(\tau < \infty) = 1$ . Hint: you can use the second Borel Cantelli lemma.
- (e) Compute  $P(S_\tau = a)$  and  $P(S_\tau = b)$ . Hint: show that  $S_{t \wedge \tau}$
- (f) Show that the martingale  $S_t$  has  $\mathbb{F}$ -predictable variation  $\langle S \rangle_t = t$  which by definition means that

$$M_t := S_t^2 - t$$

is a  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale.

- (g) Show that  $E(\tau) < \infty$ . hint:  $(M_{t \wedge \tau} : t \in \mathbb{N})$  is a martingale, and we have the upper and lower bounds

$$0 \leq n \wedge \tau = S_{n \wedge \tau}^2 - M_{n \wedge \tau}, \text{ where } S_t^2 \leq \max\{a^2, b^2\} \forall t \quad (0.1)$$

use Fatou lemma for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- (h) Compute the expectation  $E(\tau)$ . Hint compute  $E(S_\tau^2)$ , and take the expectation in (0.1), and use monotone convergence theorem and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem.