

Finance II

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10.00-15.00

All notation should be clearly defined.
Arguments should be complete and careful.

1. Consider the following boundary value problem in the domain $[0, T] \times R$ for an unknown function $F(t, x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(t, x) + \mu(t, x) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(t, x) \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}(t, x) + F(t, x) k(t, x) &= 0, \\ F(T, x) &= \Phi(x). \end{aligned}$$

Here μ , σ , k and Φ are assumed to be known functions.

Derive a Feynman-Kač representation for this problem. In this formula it must be quite clear exactly at which points the various functions should be evaluated. In other words - if you suppress variables you must explain **very** clearly exactly what you mean. (20p)

If you think this problem is hard you may (with loss of 7 points) assume that $k = 0$.

2. Consider the standard Black-Scholes model

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= \alpha S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t, \\ dB_t &= r B_t dt. \end{aligned}$$

Derive the Black-Scholes partial differential equation for the price of a contract of the form $\Phi(S_T)$ (20p)

3. Consider two markets: a domestic market with short rate r_d , and a foreign market with short rate r_f . The exchange rate X is defined as the domestic price of one unit of the foreign currency.

We take as given the following dynamics (under the objective probability measure P)

$$dX = X\alpha_X dt + X\sigma_X dW, \tag{1}$$

$$dB_d = r_d B_d dt, \tag{2}$$

$$dB_f = r_f B_f dt, \tag{3}$$

where $r_d, r_f, \alpha_X, \sigma_X$ are deterministic constants, and W is a scalar Wiener process.

We want to price (in domestic terms) a European Call Option on one unit of the foreign currency, with strike price K and exercise date T . The contract Y is thus given by

$$Y = \max[X(T) - K, 0]$$

Derive an explicit pricing formula for the option. The standard Black-Scholes formula for stock options (see below) can be used without further motivation.(20p)

4. Consider a bond model under the objective probability measure P of the form

$$dp(t, T) = \mu(t, T)p(t, T)dt + p(t, T)\gamma(t, T)dW(t),$$

where W is a Wiener process. Now let Q denote a martingale measure for the bond market above, and consider a *consol bond*, i.e. a bond which forever gives you an income stream of 1 dollar per unit time. In other words: your income during an interval of the type $[t, t + dt]$ is given by $1 \cdot dt$. Denote the arbitrage free price of a consol by C_t , and derive the Q -dynamics of C(20p)

5. Consider a model with a stock price process S_t , and a corresponding cumulative dividend process D_t . The P -dynamics are given by

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

$$dD = \beta S dt + \gamma S dW$$

where α, σ, β and γ are given constants. Note that the same Wiener process W is driving both S and D .

Now assume that you start at time $t = 0$ with a wealth of S_0 , so you can buy exactly one unit of the stock. Consider the following portfolio strategy:

- The only asset you ever hold in your portfolio is the stock.
- All gains from the dividends are reinvested in the stock.
- The portfolio is self financing.

Now let h_t as denote the number of units of the stock t in the portfolio above, so in particular we have $h_0 = 1$. Derive an expression (as explicit as possible) for h_t (20p)

Black-Scholes formula:

$$F(t, s) = sN [d_1(t, s)] - e^{-r(T-t)}KN [d_2(t, s)].$$

Here N is the cumulative distribution function for the $N [0, 1]$ distribution and

$$d_1(t, s) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \left\{ \ln \left(\frac{s}{K} \right) + \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right) (T-t) \right\},$$

$$d_2(t, s) = d_1(t, s) - \sigma\sqrt{T-t}.$$