

Part II

Generic State Space Model

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- We consider a general framework with n state variables and m assets
- The state variables may include asset prices (in this case $X_i = Y_i$) such as
 - Bonds
 - Commodities
 - Money market account
 - Stocks
 - ...
- But they can also model non-tradable financial or economic factors, such as
 - Interest rates
 - Volatility
 - Expected rate of return
 - Inflation
 - GDP growth
 - ...
- The model is driven by k risk sources (Brownian motions).

- General continuous-time financial market model driven by Brownian motion:

Generic State Space Model

$$dX_t = \mu_X(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_X(t, X_t) dW_t$$
$$Y_t = \pi_Y(t, X_t).$$

- Notation:

W_t : k -dimensional standard Brownian motion

X_t : n -dimensional Markov process of state variables

Y_t : m -dimensional process of asset prices at time t

$\mu_X(t, X_t)$: vector of length n

$\sigma_X(t, X_t)$: matrix of size $n \times k$

$\pi_Y(t, X_t)$: vector of length m

t : time, measured in years

- Given the functions μ_X , σ_X , and π_Y , we can determine the asset dynamics dY on the basis of Itô's lemma.
- Fix a component $C = Y_i$ ("claim") for some $i = 1, \dots, m$ from the vector of asset prices $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_m)'$.
- Define the real function $\pi_C = \pi_{Y,i}$. Itô's lemma yields (see slide 31).

$$dC_t = \mu_C(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_C(t, X_t) dW_t$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_C &= \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \nabla \pi_C \cdot \mu_X + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(H_{\pi_C} \sigma_X \sigma_X' \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial x_i} \mu_{X,i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{\ell=1}^k \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \sigma_{X,i,\ell} \sigma_{X,j,\ell} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_C = \nabla \pi_C \sigma_X.$$

- Two assets: money market account M and stock S

$$\begin{aligned}dS_t &= S_t[\mu dt + \sigma dW_t] \\dM_t &= M_t r dt\end{aligned}$$

- This can be written in standard state space form by letting the state variable = asset prices be of dimension $n = m = 2$, with components S_t and M_t .
- There is only one source of uncertainty ($k = 1$).
- The vector functions μ_X , σ_X , and π_Y are given by

$$\mu_X(t, S_t, M_t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu S_t \\ r M_t \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_X(t, S_t, M_t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma S_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\pi_Y(t, S_t, M_t) = \begin{bmatrix} S_t \\ M_t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- A *Vasicek process* or *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process* is a process of the form

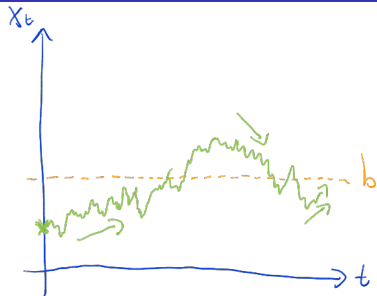
$$dX_t = a(b - X_t) dt + \sigma dW_t.$$

- Properties: X_t fluctuates around the mean-reversion level b . The parameter a determines the mean-reversion speed. We will see later on that this process is normally distributed.
- Vasicek processes are commonly used to model rates such as interest rates, inflation rates, exchange rates, (expected) growth rates, etc.
- The Vasicek process has the (dis-)advantage that it can take positive *and* negative values.
- A prominent alternative is the *Cox-Ingersoll-Ross process*

$$dX_t = a(b - X_t) dt + \sigma \sqrt{X_t} dW_t,$$

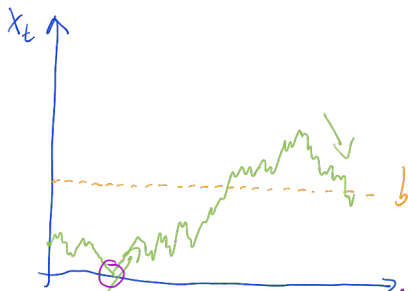
which can only take positive values, but has a very complicated distribution (non-central χ^2).

Stochastic Interest Rates: Vasicek / CIR Model



Vasicek:

$$dX_t = a(b - X_t)dt + \sigma dW_t$$



Cox-Ingersoll-Ross:

$$dX_t = a(b - X_t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{X_t}dW$$

no volatility anymore but a positive drift rate

- The short rate follows a Vasicek process:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dS_t &= \mu S_t dt + \sigma_S S_t dW_{1,t} && \rightarrow \text{GBM as in the BS-Model} \\
 dM_t &= r_t M_t dt && \rightarrow \text{stocklike interest} \\
 dr_t &= a(b - r_t) dt + \sigma_r d(\rho W_{1,t} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_{2,t}).
 \end{aligned}$$

- $n = 3$ state variables, S_t , M_t , r_t , along with $k = 2$ sources of risk, and $m = 2$ assets S_t , M_t . Vector/matrix functions:

$$\mu_X(t, S_t, M_t, r_t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu S_t \\ r_t M_t \\ a(b - r_t) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_X(t, S_t, M_t, r_t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_S S_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \sigma_r \rho & \sigma_r \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \pi_Y(t, S_t, M_t, r_t) = \begin{bmatrix} S_t \\ M_t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- If the asset i has a positive price, i.e., π_C maps to the positive real numbers, we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} dC_t &= \mu_C(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_C(t, X_t) dW_t \\ &= C_t [\tilde{\mu}_C(t, X_t) dt + \tilde{\sigma}_C(t, X_t) dW_t] \end{aligned}$$

with $\tilde{\mu}_C = \frac{\mu_C}{C}$, $\tilde{\sigma}_C = \frac{\sigma_C}{C}$.

- Applying Itô's lemma to determine log return:

$$\begin{aligned} d \log(C) &= C^{-1} dC + \frac{1}{2} (-C^{-2}) d[C] \\ &= \tilde{\mu}_C dt + \tilde{\sigma}_C dW_t - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\sigma}_C \tilde{\sigma}_C'}_{\text{Itô-term}} dt \end{aligned}$$

- Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \log(C_t) &= \log(C_0) + \int_0^t (\tilde{\mu}_C - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\sigma}_C \tilde{\sigma}_C') ds + \int_0^t \tilde{\sigma}_C dW_s \\ \implies C_t &= C_0 \exp \left(\int_0^t (\tilde{\mu}_C - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\sigma}_C \tilde{\sigma}_C') ds + \int_0^t \tilde{\sigma}_C dW_s \right) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Discrete time: $\phi_{t-1}' Y_t = \phi_t' Y_t \Rightarrow V_T = V_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{T-1} \phi_{t_i}' \Delta Y_{t_i+1}$

- ϕ_t is the vector of number of units of assets held at time t .
- Portfolio value generated by the *portfolio strategy* ϕ :

$$V_t = \phi_t' Y_t.$$

- A portfolio strategy ϕ is *self-financing* if portfolio rebalancing neither generates nor destroys money, i.e.,

$$dV_t = \phi_t' dY_t$$

or equivalently, $V_T = V_0 + \int_0^T \phi_t' dY_t$. This is the self-financing condition for continuous trading.

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- We consider our generic state space market model

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t &= \mu_X(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_X(t, X_t) dW_t \\ Y_t &= \pi_Y(t, X_t).\end{aligned}$$

- A natural question is whether there is an easy-to-check criterion on whether a market satisfies “nice” economic properties.
- Two fundamental economic properties are
 - absence of arbitrage (“no free profits without risk”)
 - completeness (“all risks are hedgeable”)
- Since the model is formulated in terms of the functions $\mu_X(t, X_t)$, $\sigma_X(t, X_t)$, and $\pi_Y(t, X_t)$, it should be possible to relate these conditions to these functions.

Definition (Arbitrage Opportunity)

- 1 A self-financing trading strategy ϕ is said to be an arbitrage opportunity if the value V generated by ϕ satisfies the following conditions:
 - Arb 1.) $V_0 = 0$ Zero net investment
 - Arb 2.) $\mathbb{P}(V_T \geq 0) = 1$ Riskless investment
 - Arb 3.) $\mathbb{P}(V_T > 0) > 0$ Chance of making profits
- 2 A market model is called free of arbitrage if no arbitrage opportunities exist.

“An arbitrage opportunity makes something out of nothing.”

- Asset prices are expressed in terms of a chosen currency (euro, dollar, ...). For theoretical purposes it is often useful to work with a *numéraire*, and to consider *relative* asset price processes (i.e., relative to the numéraire).
- A numéraire N_t is any *asset* (or more generally a self-financing portfolio) whose price is always *strictly positive*, i.e., it has a representation

$$dV = \phi' dY$$

$$dN_t = \mu_N(t, X_t)dt + \sigma_N(t, X_t)dW_t$$

$$\rightarrow = N_t[\tilde{\mu}_N(t, X_t)dt + \tilde{\sigma}_N(t, X_t)dW_t]$$

- A portfolio strategy ϕ_t is self-financing if and only if

▷ $d(V_t/N_t) = \phi'_t d(Y_t/N_t)$. The relative value process is then given by

Introduce Q_N s.t. $\frac{Y}{N}$ is a martingale

$$\frac{V_t}{N_t} = \frac{V_0}{N_0} + \int_0^t \phi'_s d\left(\frac{Y_s}{N_s}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{V_t}{N_t}$ is a martingale under Q_N as well.

- Given: joint process of asset prices $(Y_t)_{t \geq 0}$, and a numéraire $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$.

First Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing

The following are equivalent:

- 1 The market is free of arbitrage.
 - 2 There is a probability measure $\mathbb{Q}_N \sim \mathbb{P}$ such that $(Y_t/N_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a martingale under \mathbb{Q}_N .
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- The measure \mathbb{Q}_N is called an *equivalent martingale measure* (EMM) that corresponds to the numéraire N .
 - The direction (2) \implies (1) can be proven easily. However, it is a hard task to prove (1) \implies (2), because one has to construct an EMM (see Delbean and Schachermayer 2006, *The Mathematics of Arbitrage*).

Proof of the Easy Part

② \Rightarrow ① Let \mathbb{Q}_N be an EMN associated to a numeraire N .

Let assume that a self-financing trading strategy φ is an arbitrage opportunity

$$\underline{V_0^\varphi = 0}, \quad \mathbb{P}(V_T^\varphi \geq 0) = 1, \quad \mathbb{P}(V_T^\varphi > 0) > 0$$

$\frac{V}{N}$ is a \mathbb{Q}_N -martingale \Rightarrow $\frac{V^\varphi}{N}$ is a \mathbb{Q}_N -martingale as well

$$\mathbb{P}(V_T^\varphi \geq 0) = 1 \stackrel{\mathbb{P} \sim \mathbb{Q}}{\Leftrightarrow} \mathbb{Q}_N(V_T^\varphi \geq 0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_N\left(\frac{V_T^\varphi}{N_T} \geq 0\right) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{V_T^\varphi}{N_T} \geq 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

but $\frac{V^\varphi}{N}$ is a multiphase strategy at 0

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{V_T^\varphi}{N_T} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_T^\varphi}{N_T} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi$ cannot be an arbitrage strategy because
(Arb 3) is violated \square

Proposition (No Arbitrage Criterion)

The generic state space model

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= \mu_X(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_X(t, X_t) dW_t, & Y_t &= \pi_Y(t, X_t), \\ dY_t &= \mu_Y(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_Y(t, X_t) dW_t \end{aligned}$$

is free of arbitrage if and only if for all t and x there exists a scalar $r(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$ and a vector $\lambda(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that

$$\mu_Y(t, x) - r(t, x)\pi_Y(t, x) = \sigma_Y(t, x)\lambda(t, x).$$

Another way to write the equation above:

new system in $k+1$ variables \Rightarrow
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_Y & \pi_Y \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+1)}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ r \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}} = \underbrace{\mu_Y}_{\in \mathbb{R}^m}$$

*λ : market price of risk vector
 \hookrightarrow corresponds to λ in Girsanov's theorem*

- A *sufficient* condition for absence of arbitrage is that the matrix $[\sigma_Y(t, x) \quad \pi_Y(t, x)]$ is invertible for all t and x . Under this condition, the solution is moreover unique.
- The size of the matrix $[\sigma_Y(t, x) \quad \pi_Y(t, x)]$ is $m \times (k + 1)$, where m is the number of assets and k is the number of Brownian motions in the model. So, for the matrix to be invertible, we need

$$m = k + 1$$

(the number of assets exceeds the number of risk factors by one).

- If $m < k + 1$, typically absence of arbitrage holds, but the solution is not unique. If $m > k + 1$, then special conditions must be satisfied to prevent arbitrage.

Money Market Account I

- Notice that on every arbitrage-free market, there exists a short-term interest rate $r_t = r(t, X_t)$ (short rate).



$C_0 = M_0 E_0^Q \left[\frac{C_T}{M_T} \right] = E^Q \left[e^{-\int_0^T r_s ds} C_T \right]$

C_T/M_T is a martingale under $Q = Q_M$

- The natural numéraire (the one that is used if there is no specific reason to choose another one) is the *money market account* which is *locally risk-free* and defined by

$$dM_t = r_t M_t dt$$

Under the risk-neutral measure $Q \equiv Q_M$, all traded assets have a drift rate (exp rate of return) of r

- The money market account evolves according to

$$M_t = M_0 \exp \left(\int_0^t r_s ds \right)$$

- Oftentimes, M is already specified in the dynamics of Y .

- If the market is free of arbitrage, but M is *not* a component of Y , one can equip the market with a money market account by enlarging the price vector $\tilde{\pi}_Y = [\pi_Y \ M]'$.
- The extended market is free of arbitrage and pins down the term r in the NA criterion. The following equation is trivially satisfied:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_M & \pi_M \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \mu_M$$

- If the solution for r is unique (but not necessarily the solution for λ), one can indeed construct the money market account, i.e., construct a self-financing portfolio s.t. $\phi'Y = M$.
- **Moral:** Every arbitrage-free market can be equipped with an MMA such that the extended market is still free of arbitrage. Thus, the MMA can be used as a numéraire in any arbitrage-free market.

- The process $\lambda_t = \lambda(t, X_t)$ is called the *market price of risk*. $\lambda = \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}$
- Given the market price of risk, we can apply Girsanov's theorem and define the Girsanov kernel $d\theta_t = -\theta_t \lambda_t' dW_t$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_t = \mathcal{E}(\lambda)_t = \exp\left(-\int_0^t \lambda_s' dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \|\lambda_s\|^2 ds\right)$$

- Then the process $W^{\mathbb{Q}}$ with

$$\Rightarrow dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}} = \lambda_t dt + dW_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}_s^{\mathbb{Q}}\left[\frac{Y_t}{M_t}\right] = \frac{Y_s}{M_s}$$

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}\left[\frac{C_T}{M_T}\right] \cdot M_0 = C_0$$

is a k -dimensional Brownian motion under $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$.

- **Remark:** This measure $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}_M$ is an equivalent martingale measure corresponding to the money market account as numéraire (see slide 72), a so-called *risk-neutral probability measure*.
- **Remark:** Under \mathbb{Q} every traded asset has a drift rate of $r_t = r(t, X_t)$

- The condition for absence of arbitrage in the generic state space model can be written briefly as: there must exist $r = r(t, x)$ and $\lambda = \lambda(t, x)$ such that

$$\mu_Y - r\pi_Y = \sigma_Y \lambda.$$

- We will derive this from the *First Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing*. The following concepts will be used:
 - numéraire
 - money market account
 - equivalent martingale measure (EMM)

- Let \mathbb{Q}_N denote a probability measure defined by the RN process λ_N . \mathbb{Q}_N is an EMM if and only if the relative asset price process Y_t/N_t is a \mathbb{Q}_N -martingale, i.e., its drift rate under \mathbb{Q}_N is zero.
- The relative asset price process follows

$$d(Y/N) = \mu_{Y/N} dt + \sigma_{Y/N} dW.$$

- According to Girsanov's Theorem

$$d\widetilde{W}_t = \lambda_N(t, X_t) dt + dW_t$$

is a Brownian motion under \mathbb{Q}_N . Therefore,

$$d(Y/N) = \mu_{Y/N} dt + \sigma_{Y/N} (d\widetilde{W}_t - \lambda_N dt).$$

- Thus, Y/N is a \mathbb{Q}_N -martingale if and only if $\mu_{Y/N} = \sigma_{Y/N} \lambda_N$.

- Choose $N_t = M_t$ (money market account) and write $\lambda_M = \lambda$.
- From $dM_t = r_t M_t dt$ it follows that

$$d(M_t^{-1}) = -r_t M_t^{-1} dt.$$

- Therefore by the stochastic product rule,

$$d(Y/M) = Y d(M^{-1}) + M^{-1} dY = M^{-1}(dY - rY dt)$$

so that

$$\mu_{Y/M} = M^{-1}(\mu_Y - r\pi_Y), \quad \sigma_{Y/M} = M^{-1}\sigma_Y.$$

- Because M^{-1} is never zero, the condition $\mu_{Y/M} = \sigma_{Y/M}\lambda$ is equivalent to the *no-arbitrage criterion*

$$\mu_Y - r\pi_Y = \sigma_Y\lambda.$$

Example: Black-Scholes Model

- Asset dynamics

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t, \quad dM_t = rM_t dt.$$

- The no-arbitrage criterion $\mu_Y - r\pi_Y = \sigma_Y \lambda$ becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mu S \\ rM \end{bmatrix} - r \begin{bmatrix} S \\ M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma S \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \lambda$$

where the quantities that are to be determined are indicated in blue.

- There is a (unique) solution, i.e., the BS model is free of arbitrage (and complete):

$$r = r, \quad \lambda = \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}$$

- The \mathbb{Q} -Brownian motion $W^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is given by $W_t^{\mathbb{Q}} = \lambda t + W_t$. Hence, the dynamics under \mathbb{Q} are

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}}, \quad dM_t = rM_t dt.$$

Example: Model with Stochastic Interest Rates

- The short rate follows the Vasicek model:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dM_t &= r_t M_t dt & \Rightarrow & dM = r_t M_t dt \\
 dS_t &= \mu S_t dt + \sigma_S S_t dW_{1,t} & \Rightarrow & dS = r_t S_t dt + \sigma_S S_t dW_1 \\
 dr_t &= a(b - r_t) dt + \sigma_r d(\rho W_{1,t} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_{2,t}).
 \end{aligned}$$

- No-arbitrage criterion

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mu S \\
 rM
 \end{array}
 - r
 \begin{array}{c}
 S \\
 M
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{cc}
 \sigma_S S & 0 \\
 0 & 0
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \lambda_1 \\
 \lambda_2
 \end{array}$$

$$\mu S - r S = \sigma_S \lambda_1$$

λ_1 and r can be calculated as in BS-Model

- There is a (non-unique) solution. The model is free of arbitrage.
- The solution is non-unique because λ_2 is arbitrary. The quantities r and λ_1 are defined uniquely by absence of arbitrage.

$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ is not uniquely determined \Rightarrow prices are not unique

- (a) For a given numéraire N , derive the dynamics of Y/N .
- (b) Show how the result from (a) simplifies if one chooses $N = M$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(\frac{Y}{N}\right) &= d(Y \cdot N^{-1}) \\ &\stackrel{\text{It\^o}}{=} Y dN^{-1} + N^{-1} dY + d[Y, N^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

$$dN = N(\tilde{\mu}_N dt + \tilde{\sigma}_N dW)$$

$$dN^{-1} = -\frac{1}{N^2} dN + 2 \frac{1}{N^3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} d[N]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} (\tilde{\mu}_N dt + \tilde{\sigma}_N dW - \tilde{\sigma}_N' \tilde{\sigma}_N dt)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$f''(x) = 2 \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$d\left(\frac{Y}{N}\right) = -\frac{Y}{N} \left([\tilde{\mu}_N - \tilde{\sigma}_N' \tilde{\sigma}_N] dt + \tilde{\sigma}_N dW \right) \\ + \frac{1}{N} \left(\mu_Y dt + \sigma_Y dW \right) - \frac{1}{N} \tilde{\sigma}_N' \sigma_Y dt$$

If $Y_i > 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$

$$d\left(\frac{Y}{N}\right) = -\frac{Y}{N} \left((\tilde{\mu}_N - \tilde{\sigma}_N' \tilde{\sigma}_N) dt + \tilde{\sigma}_N dW - (\tilde{\mu}_Y + \tilde{\sigma}_N' \tilde{\sigma}_Y) dt - \tilde{\sigma}_Y dW \right)$$

(b) If $N = M$

$$\Rightarrow d\left(\frac{Y}{N}\right) = +\frac{Y}{N} \left(-r dt + \tilde{\mu}_Y dt + \tilde{\sigma}_Y dW \right)$$

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$$C_T = (S_T - K)^+$$

- Let an arbitrage-free model be given in the generic state space form

$$dX_t = \mu_X(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_X(t, X_t) dW_t,$$

$$dY_t = \mu_Y(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_Y(t, X_t) dW_t, \quad Y_t = \pi_Y(t, X_t)$$

s.t.

$$\mu_Y(t, X_t) - r(t, X_t)\pi_Y(t, X_t) = \sigma_Y(t, X_t)\lambda(t, X_t).$$

- Suppose now that a new asset is introduced, for instance a contract that will produce a state-dependent payoff at a given time $T > 0$. Pricing on the basis of absence of arbitrage means: the new asset should be priced such that no arbitrage is introduced.
- We want to turn this principle into a *pricing formula*.

- If there is an EMM \mathbb{Q}_N , for a given numéraire N_t , the relative price of *any* asset must be a martingale under \mathbb{Q}_N . By the martingale property, we therefore have:

Numéraire-dependent pricing formula

Let C_T denote the terminal payoff of a contingent claim that matures at time T . For every EMM \mathbb{Q}_N for a given numéraire N_t , an arbitrage-free price at time t is given by

$$\frac{C_t}{N_t} \text{ martingale under } \mathbb{Q}_N \quad C_t = N_t E_t^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right].$$

$$\Rightarrow E_t^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right] = \frac{C_t}{N_t}$$

- This can be used as a *pricing formula* for derivative contracts.
- **Crucial question:** When is the arbitrage-free price of the derivative unique?

- To have uniquely defined prices of derivatives, the equation

$$\mu_Y(t, x) - r(t, x)\pi_Y(t, x) = \sigma_Y(t, x)\lambda(t, x)$$

needs to have a *unique* solution $(r(t, x), \lambda(t, x))$. Then the corresponding EMM and the corresponding SDF are uniquely determined.

- One can show that the solution is unique if and only if the matrix $[\pi_Y \ \sigma_Y]$ has full column rank for all (t, x) .
 - Sufficient condition: the matrix $[\pi_Y \ \sigma_Y]$ is invertible (requires $m = k + 1$).
 - Necessary condition: $m \geq k + 1$
- In arbitrage-free markets with unique EMM \mathbb{Q}_N , the arbitrage-free price $C_t = N_t E_t^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right]$ is uniquely determined.
- We will see later on that uniqueness of the EMM corresponds to an important economic property: *market completeness*.

- The process C_t is defined by $C_t = N_t E_t^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right]$ *Add a derivative that satisfies the pricing equation does never lead to arbitrage opportunities*

where C_T is a given random variable.

- In applications, the terminal payoff of the derivative, C_T , is a function of the state vector at time T : $C_T = F(X_T)$.
- To ensure that no arbitrage is introduced by the price process C_t , we need to verify that the process $(C_t/N_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a martingale; i.e., the martingale property holds for *any* s and t with $s < t$, not just for t and T .
- This follows from the tower law of conditional expectations:

$$E_s^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left[\frac{C_t}{N_t} \right] = E_s^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left[E_t^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right] \right] = E_s^{\mathbb{Q}^N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right] = \frac{C_s}{N_s}.$$

Money Market Account as a Numéraire

- In principle, every self-financing portfolio which generates positive wealth can act as a numéraire.
- However, there are several commonly used choices:
 - Money market account
 - Stock
 - Numéraire portfolio
 - ...

$$dB_t = r_t B_t dt$$

$$B_t = B_0 e^{\int_0^t r_s ds}$$

- Using the money market account as a numéraire, the pricing formula becomes

$$B = M$$

$$C_t = B_t E_t^Q \left[\frac{C_T}{B_T} \right] = E_t^Q \left[C_T \frac{B_t}{B_T} \right] = E_t^Q \left[C_T e^{-\int_t^T r_s ds} \right]$$

- We refer to $Q = Q_M$ as the *risk-neutral pricing measure*. Under Q , the agent discounts at the risk-free rate and does not require a risk premium.
- Under Q every *traded asset* has an expected return of $r = r(t, X_t)$.

This property does not hold for non-tradeable state variables

- **Natural question:** Is there a numéraire N for which $\mathbb{Q}_N = \mathbb{P}$?
- In an arbitrage free market driven by Brownian motion, one can show that the answer is positive if one can solve the problem of maximizing expected log-utility from terminal wealth, i.e., if

$$\max_{\phi} \mathbb{E}[\log(V_T^{\phi})] < \infty$$

- The portfolio ρ that maximizes this optimization problem will be called the *log-optimal portfolio* or the *numéraire portfolio*.
- One can show that using the numéraire portfolio as numéraire N , the pricing formula becomes the *real-world pricing formula*

$$C_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[C_T \frac{V_t^{\rho}}{V_T^{\rho}} \right]$$

where the expectation is calculated under \mathbb{P} .

- Instead of exploiting an equivalent martingale measure, it is also very common to make use of a *stochastic discount factor* (SDF) or *pricing kernel*.
- A stochastic discount factor K is a positive adapted process with $K_0 = 1$ such that the process $(K_t Y_t)$ is a martingale under \mathbb{P} , i.e.,

$$C_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[C_T \frac{K_T}{K_t} \right] \quad \mathbb{E}_t [K_s Y_s] = K_t Y_t \quad K_t = \frac{1}{V_t^P}$$

- One can show that the existence of an EMM is equivalent to the existence of a SDF. Therefore, the FTAP can also be formulated in terms of the SDF:

First Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing

The following are equivalent:

- 1 The market is free of arbitrage.
- 2 There is a stochastic discount factor.

- The SDF is a positive adapted process, i.e., it can be written as (see slide 46)

$$dK_t = K_t [\tilde{\mu}_K dt + \tilde{\sigma}_K dW_t]$$
$$K_t = \exp \left(\int_0^t (\tilde{\mu}_K - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\sigma}_K \tilde{\sigma}_K') ds + \int_0^t \tilde{\sigma}_K dW_s \right)$$

- By definition of the SDF, the process $KM = (K_t M_t)_{t \geq 0}$ must be a martingale under \mathbb{P} . It follows from Itô's lemma that

$$d(KM)_t = K_t M_t [(r + \tilde{\mu}_K) dt + \tilde{\sigma}_K dW_t]$$

where $\tilde{\sigma}_K = -\lambda'$. The martingale property implies $\tilde{\mu}_K = -r$.

- The SDF combines the role of discounting at the short rate and the change of measure from \mathbb{P} to \mathbb{Q} .
- It follows that the numéraire portfolio and the pricing kernel are inversely related, i.e., $K_t = \frac{1}{V_t^p}$.

- A contract may generate payoffs (possibly uncertain) at multiple points in time.
- Such a contract can be viewed as a portfolio of options with individual payoff dates. The value of the portfolio is the sum of the values of its constituent parts.
- We get, for a contract with payoffs \hat{C}_{T_i} at times T_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$):

$$C_0 = N_0 \sum_{i=1}^n E^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{\hat{C}_{T_i}}{N_{T_i}} \right].$$

- In the special case of constant interest rates, we can take the money market account $M_t = e^{rt}$ as the numéraire; then

$$C_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-rT_i} E^{\mathbb{Q}} [\hat{C}_{T_i}].$$

- This shows that the NDPF can be seen as a generalized *net present value formula*.

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- So far, we have talked about no-arbitrage and uniqueness of arbitrage-free prices. We now turn to the natural question of whether we can hedge risks and replicate payoffs.
- Let an arbitrage-free model be given in the generic state space form

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t &= \mu_X(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_X(t, X_t) dW_t, \\dY_t &= \mu_Y(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_Y(t, X_t) dW_t, \quad Y_t = \pi_Y(t, X_t)\end{aligned}$$

s.t.

$$\mu_Y(t, X_t) - r(t, X_t)\pi_Y(t, X_t) = \sigma_Y(t, X_t)\lambda(t, X_t).$$

- If we want to price a claim, a natural question is whether this derivative can be replicated by a self-financing trading strategy ϕ .

Definition (Replication Strategy, Completeness)

Let $C_T = F(X_T)$ be the terminal payoff of a contingent claim.

- 1 A self-financing portfolio strategy ϕ is called a *replication strategy* or *hedging strategy* for C if

$$V_T^\phi = C_T$$

- 2 The claim is said to be *attainable* if there exists a replication strategy ϕ for this claim.
 - 3 A market is said to be complete if and only if every claim is attainable.
- A replication strategy is thus a portfolio whose value is, under all circumstances, equal to the value of a specified contingent claim.
 - Market completeness is a desirable property but typically not met in reality.

Lemma (Law of One Price)

Suppose the market is arbitrage-free.

- 1 For an attainable contingent claim C with hedging strategy ϕ ,

$$C_0 = V_0^\phi \quad C_T = V_T^\phi$$

is the unique arbitrage-free price, i.e., trading in the primary assets *and* the derivative does not lead to arbitrage opportunities.

- 2 If $V_T^\phi = V_T^\psi$ for trading strategies ϕ and ψ , then

$$V_0^\phi = V_0^\psi.$$

- The proof is trivial and does not rely on specific asset dynamics.

- We need an easy-to-check criterion when replication is possible.

Second Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing

For an arbitrage-free market, the following are equivalent:

- 1 The market is complete.
 - 2 For any given numéraire N , the corresponding EMM $\mathbb{Q}_N \sim \mathbb{P}$ is unique.
- We have already seen that for an arbitrage-free market, the EMM is unique if and only if the matrix $[\pi_Y(t, x) \sigma_Y(t, x)] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+1)}$ has full column rank for all (t, x) .
 - Consequently, if there are enough traded assets ($m > k + 1$ is necessary) in the model to determine prices uniquely, then they are also enough to make replication possible. And vice versa.

- Obviously, the Black Scholes model (see slides 42, 63) is complete since

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ [\pi_Y & \sigma_Y] = \begin{bmatrix} S_t & S_t \sigma \\ M_t & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

is invertible for every combination of S_t and $M_t > 0$. Besides, there was a unique solution for r and λ , which uniquely determines the change of measure.

⇒ Pricing by replication is always possible.

- The model with stochastic interest rates of the Vasicek type (see slides 45, 64) is incomplete ($m = k = 2$), and the EMM is not unique since there is no unique solution for λ_2 .

⇒ Pricing by replication is in general impossible.

However, the model can be completed by adding a bond that can be used to hedge interest rate risk (see Chapter 6).⁵

To replicate a payoff at time T given by $C_T = F(X_T)$, we follow a four-step procedure:

Step 1. Choose a numéraire N_t and determine the function

$$\pi_C(t, x) = \pi_N(t, x) E^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{F(X_T)}{\pi_N(T, X_T)} \mid X_t = x \right].$$

Step 2. Compute $\sigma_C(t, x) = \nabla \pi_C(t, x) \sigma_X(t, x)$. *140 (slide 41)*

Step 3. Solve for $\phi = \phi(t, x)$ from

$$[\sigma_C \ \pi_C] = \phi' [\sigma_Y \ \pi_Y].$$

Step 4. Start with initial capital $\pi_C(0, X_0)$, and rebalance your portfolio along the trading strategy $\phi_t = \phi(t, X_t)$.

- To show the validity of the replication recipe, three conditions need to be demonstrated:
 - (i) the equation $[\sigma_C \ \pi_C] = \phi'[\sigma_Y \ \pi_Y]$ (where ϕ is the unknown) can be solved
 - (ii) the portfolio value generated by the trading strategy ϕ at time T is equal to $V_T^\phi = F(X_T)$.
 - (iii) the trading strategy $\phi_t = \phi(t, X_t)$ is self-financing
- These items will be discussed on the next slides.

- We already know that the process defined by $C_t = \pi_C(t, X_t)$ with

$$\pi_C(t, x) = \pi_N(t, x) \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{F(X_T)}{\pi_N(T, X_T)} \right]$$

is such that C_t/N_t is a martingale under \mathbb{Q}_N .

- This property is translated into state space terms as follows: let $r = r(t, x)$ and $\lambda = \lambda(t, x)$ be defined as the solution of the equation (NA criterion):

$$\mu_Y - r\pi_Y = \sigma_Y \lambda.$$

- Then we also have

$$\mu_C - r\pi_C = \sigma_C \lambda.$$

- Market completeness means that the EMM for any given numéraire is uniquely defined, i.e., the equation

$$\underbrace{\mu_Y}_{\in \mathbb{R}^m} = \underbrace{[\sigma_Y \quad \pi_Y]}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+1)}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ r \end{bmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}}$$

has a *unique* solution $[\lambda \ r]'$.

- In other words, the matrix $[\sigma_Y \ \pi_Y] = [\sigma_Y(t, x) \ \pi_Y(t, x)]$ has rank $k + 1$ for all t and x (its columns are linearly independent).
- Because row rank = column rank, this implies that the *rows* of the matrix span the $(k + 1)$ -dimensional space. This means that the equation

$$[\sigma_C \ \pi_C] = \phi' [\sigma_Y \ \pi_Y].$$

has a unique solution ϕ . So requirement (i) is indeed satisfied.

- Define the portfolio strategy $\phi_t = \phi(t, X_t)$. The corresponding portfolio value is $V_t = \phi'_t Y_t$. Because $\phi' \pi_Y = \pi_C$, this implies that $V_t = C_t$ for all t . In particular, $V_T = F(X_T)$ (requirement (ii)).
- Because $\phi' \pi_Y = \pi_C$ and $\phi' \sigma_Y = \sigma_C$, and because $\mu_Y = r\pi_Y + \sigma_Y \lambda$ as well as $\mu_C = r\pi_C + \sigma_C \lambda$, we have

$$\phi' \mu_Y = \phi' (r\pi_Y + \sigma_Y \lambda) = r\phi' \pi_Y + \phi' \sigma_Y \lambda = r\pi_C + \sigma_C \lambda = \mu_C.$$

- Therefore,

$$dV = \mu_C dt + \sigma_C dW = \phi' (\mu_Y dt + \sigma_Y dW) = \phi' dY$$

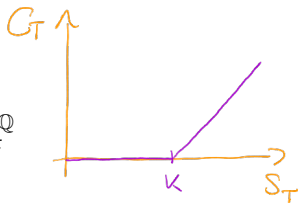
which shows that the proposed portfolio strategy is self-financing (requirement (iii)).

Example: Call Option in BS Model

- BS model under \mathbb{Q} (check!):

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

$$dM_t = rM_t dt.$$



- Payoff at time T : $\max(S_T - K, 0)$. $C_0 = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{C_T}{e^{rT}} \right]$
- Step 1: determine the pricing function:

Φ : cdf of $N(0,1)$
with

$$\pi_C(t, S_t) = S_t \Phi(d_1) - e^{-r(T-t)} K \Phi(d_2)$$

$\Phi(d_1) = \mathbb{Q}_S(S_T > K)$ stock is numerical

$\Phi(d_2) = \mathbb{Q}(S_T > K)$ MNA is numerical

$$d_{1,2} = \frac{\log(S_t/K) + (r \pm \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}$$

$\Phi(d_1)$ is the number of shares in the replicating portfolio

- Step 2: compute

$$\sigma_C(t, S_t) = \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial S_t}(t, S_t) \sigma S_t = \Phi(d_1) \sigma S_t.$$

- Step 3: solve for $\phi(t, S_t) = [\phi_S(t, S_t) \quad \phi_M(t, S_t)]$ from

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta C \\ \pi_C \end{bmatrix} = \phi' \begin{bmatrix} \Delta Y & \pi_Y \\ \sigma S_t & S_t \\ 0 & M_t \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$[\Phi(d_1) \sigma S_t \quad S_t \Phi(d_1) - e^{-r(T-t)} K \Phi(d_2)] = [\phi_S \quad \phi_M] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma S_t & S_t \\ 0 & M_t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- We find

$$\phi_S(t, S_t) = \Phi(d_1)$$

$$\phi_M(t, S_t) = -K \Phi(d_2)$$

- The “delta” of an option is the derivative of the option price with respect to the value of the underlying Y_i , i.e.,

$$\Delta_C = \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial Y_i} = \Phi(d_1)$$

- There could be several underlying assets (for instance in the case of an option written on the maximum of two stocks), and in that case there are also several deltas.
- In models driven by a single Brownian motion, if an option depends on a single underlying asset, then the number of units of the underlying asset that should be held in a replicating portfolio is given by the delta of the option (as in the example). The resulting strategy is called the *delta hedge*.
- Under certain conditions this also works in the case of multiple underlyings.

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- Compute μ_C and σ_C (Itô's lemma): *slide 41*

$$\triangleright \mu_C = \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \nabla \pi_C \cdot \mu_X + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(H_{\pi_C} \sigma_X \sigma_X' \right)$$

$$\triangleright \sigma_C = \nabla \pi_C \sigma_X \quad \mu_Y - r \pi_Y = \nabla_Y \lambda$$

- The equation $\mu_C - r\pi_C = \sigma_C \lambda$ becomes:

$$\nabla_C \lambda = \nabla \pi_C \cdot \nabla_X \lambda$$

Pricing PDE

$$\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \nabla \pi_C \cdot \underbrace{(\mu_X - \sigma_X \lambda)}_{=\mu_X^{QN}} + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(H_{\pi_C} \sigma_X \sigma_X' \right) = r\pi_C, \quad \pi_C(T, x) = F(x)$$

drift rate of the state variables under Q (N=M)

- This is a *partial differential equation* for the pricing function π_C .
- Notice that the *boundary condition* $\pi_C(T, x) = F(x)$ determines the type of the derivative.

- In a model without any non-traded state variables, i.e., $Y = X$, $\pi_Y = x$, the NA condition becomes

$$\mu_X - \sigma_X \lambda = r x$$

- The PDE collapses to

If all state variables are tradable, then all drift rates equal r under \mathbb{Q}

$$\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + r \nabla \pi_C \cdot x + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(H_{\pi_C} \sigma_X \sigma_X' \right) = r \pi_C$$

- The drift term of the spatial first-order derivatives is r , which is the drift term of traded assets under \mathbb{Q} .
- The PDE may be solved analytically or numerically (finite-difference methods – generalization of tree methods).
- The PDE can also be derived using the Feynman-Kac Theorem: a mathematical statement that connects the theory of partial differential equations to conditional expectations.

Theorem (Feynman-Kac)

Consider the following parabolic partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \nabla \pi_C \cdot \mu_X^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(H_{\pi_C} \sigma_X(t, x) \sigma_X(t, x)' \right) + f(t, x) = r(t, x) \pi_C$$

subject to the terminal condition $\pi_C(T, x) = F(x)$. Then, the solution can be written as a conditional expectation

$$\pi_C(t, x) = \mathbb{E}_{t,x}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\int_t^T e^{-\int_t^s r(\tau, X_\tau) d\tau} f(s, X_s) ds + e^{-\int_t^T r(\tau, X_\tau) d\tau} F(X_T) \right]$$

under \mathbb{Q} such that X is an Itô process driven by the equation

$$dX = \mu_X^{\mathbb{Q}}(t, X) dt + \sigma_X(t, X) dW^{\mathbb{Q}},$$

with $W^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is a Brownian motion under \mathbb{Q} .

- Under \mathbb{Q} , the dynamics are

$$\begin{aligned}dS_t &= rS_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \\dM_t &= rM_t dt.\end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, the BSPDE for a derivative with terminal payoff $F(S_T)$ reads

$$\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial S} rS + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial S^2} S^2 \sigma^2 = r \pi_C$$

$$\text{s.t. } \pi_C(T, S_T) = F(S_T)$$

- In their original paper Black and Scholes (1973), derived this formula using a different approach and made two mistakes which cancel each other out. Merton (1973) corrected these mistakes and came up with the same PDE.
- The PDE can be transformed to the so-called *heat equation*, which is commonly used in physics and has a well-known solution.

Example: Pricing PDE with Stoch. Interest Rates

λ_2 is not unique

- Under \mathbb{Q} , the dynamics are

$$dM_t = r_t M_t dt$$

$$dS_t = r_t S_t dt + \sigma_S S_t dW_{1,t}^{\mathbb{Q}}$$

$$dr_t = a^{\mathbb{Q}}(b^{\mathbb{Q}} - r_t) dt + \sigma_r d(\rho W_{1,t}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_{2,t}^{\mathbb{Q}}).$$

- Notice that the risk-neutral measure is not uniquely determined since the market price of risk $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2)$ is not unique.
- Therefore, the pricing PDE for a derivative with payoff $F(r_T, S_T)$ reads

$$r \pi_C = \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial S} S r + \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial r} a^{\mathbb{Q}}(b^{\mathbb{Q}} - r) + \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial M} r M$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial S^2} S^2 \sigma_S^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial r^2} \sigma_r^2 + \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial r \partial S} \rho \sigma_r \sigma_S S$$

s.t. $\pi_C(T, r_T, S_T) = F(r_T, S_T)$

- Generic State Space Model:

$$dX_t = \mu_X(t, X_t) dt + \sigma_X(t, X_t) dW_t, \quad Y_t = \pi_Y(t, X_t)$$

- No-arbitrage condition (from FTAP 1):

$$\exists (r, \lambda) : \quad \mu_Y - r\pi_Y = \sigma_Y \lambda$$

- Numéraire-dependent pricing formula:

$$\frac{C_t}{N_t} = E_t^{\mathbb{Q}_N} \left[\frac{C_T}{N_T} \right]$$

$$N=M: C_t = E_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[e^{-r(T-t)} C_T \right]$$

- Replication recipe (from FTAP 2) if $\text{rk}(\sigma_Y \pi_Y) = k + 1$:

$$[\sigma_C \quad \pi_C] = \phi' [\sigma_Y \quad \pi_Y]$$

- Pricing via PDE:

$$\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \nabla \pi_C \cdot (\mu_X - \sigma_X \lambda) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(H_{\pi_C} \sigma_X \sigma_X' \right) = r \pi_C, \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_C(t, X_t) \\ = F(X_T) \end{aligned}$$