

Part III

Contingent Claim Pricing

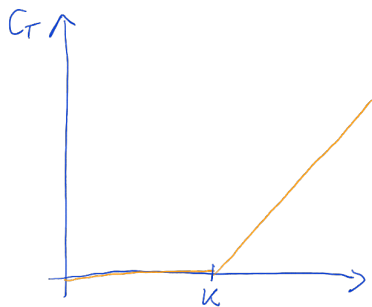
- This chapter studies examples for contingent claim pricing in several tangible specifications of the GSSM.

Option

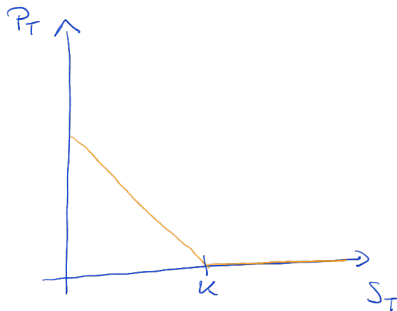
- 1 A European option is a contract between two counterparties, whereby the buyer (= holder) has the right to buy (= Call option) or to sell (= Put option) the underlying from/to the seller (= stillholder) for a predetermined strike price K at its maturity T .
 - 2 An American option has the feature that the option can be exercised *before* maturity, i.e., in $[0, T]$.
- Option profile at maturity T on a stock with price process S :

$$C_T = (S_T - K)^+ = \max\{S_T - K, 0\}$$

$$P_T = (K - S_T)^+ = \max\{K - S_T, 0\}$$



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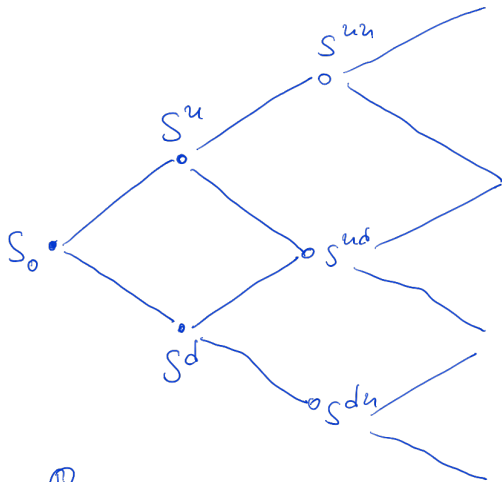
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- The Black-Scholes formula is probably the most famous formula in quantitative finance and the starting point of modern financial mathematics.
- Black and Scholes (1973) derive the formula by transforming the BSPDE to the heat equation, which has a well-known solution

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

s.t. $\pi_C(T, S_T) = \max(S_T - K, 0)$.

- Besides solving the BSPDE, the problem can be tackled by several approaches, e.g.,
 - Pricing under the EMM \mathbb{Q}
 - Pricing under \mathbb{P} using the SDF / numéraire portfolio
 - Taking the limit of a sequence of binomial models
 - Splitting the payoff into two parts and tackle them under two different measures
 - ...



$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{C_T}{e^{rT}} \right]$$

Binomial tree models
converge to the
BS model

- The European call option has payoff function

$$C_T = \max(S_T - K, 0) = 1_{\{S_T \geq K\}}(S_T - K).$$

- The price of the European put option with payoff $P_T = \max(K - S_T, 0)$ can be obtained from the put-call parity

$$P_t = C_t - S_t + Ke^{-r(T-t)}.$$

- We can decompose the call option into two options;
 - ① a long position in the *stock-or-nothing option* which has payoff $1_{\{S_T \geq K\}}S_T$
 - ② a short position in the *cash-or-nothing option* which has payoff $1_{\{S_T \geq K\}}K$.
- The price of the call option is determined if we know the prices of the stock-or-nothing option and the cash-or-nothing option.

- Cash-or-nothing option, $C_T^m = 1_{\{S_T \geq K\}} K$ will be priced under \mathbb{Q} :

NDF

$$\frac{C_0^m}{M_0} = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\frac{C_T^m}{M_T} \right] = \frac{K}{M_T} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\{S_T \geq K\}}] = \frac{K}{M_T} \mathbb{Q}(S_T \geq K).$$

- Under \mathbb{Q} , the evolution of the stock price is given by

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

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

- Therefore:

$$S_T = S_0 \exp \left((r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T + \sigma\sqrt{T}Z \right), \quad Z \stackrel{\mathbb{Q}}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

$$\implies \mathbb{Q}(S_T \geq K) = \Phi(d_2), \quad d_2 = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}.$$

- Stock-or-nothing option, $C_T^s = 1_{\{S_T \geq K\}} S_T$:

NDPF: $\frac{C_0^s}{S_0} = E^{\mathbb{Q}_S} \left[\frac{C_T^s}{S_T} \right] = E^{\mathbb{Q}_S} [1_{\{S_T \geq K\}}] = \mathbb{Q}_S(S_T \geq K).$

- Under \mathbb{Q}_S , the evolution of the stock price is given by

$$dS_t = (r + \sigma^2)S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}_S}$$

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

- Therefore:

$$S_T = S_0 \exp \left((r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T + \sigma\sqrt{T}Z \right), \quad Z \stackrel{\mathbb{Q}_S}{\sim} N(0,1)$$

$$\implies \mathbb{Q}_S(S_T \geq K) = \Phi(d_1), \quad d_1 = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}.$$

$$C_0 = S_0 \mathbb{Q}^S(S_T \geq K) - DF \cdot K \cdot \tilde{\mathbb{Q}}(S_T \geq K)$$

- Putting everything together:

$$C_0 = C_0^S - C_0^m = S_0 \Phi(d_1) - e^{-rT} K \Phi(d_2).$$

- The price of the call option is equal to the current value of the stock times the probability under \mathbb{Q}_S that the option will end in the money, minus the current value of the strike times the probability under \mathbb{Q} that the option will end in the money.

Problem: Derive the \mathbb{Q}_S -Stock Dynamics

◦ $\frac{S}{S}$, $\frac{M}{S}$ need to be martingales under \mathbb{Q}_S

◦ \mathbb{P} : $dS = S[\mu dt + \sigma dW]$

\mathbb{Q} : $dS = S[r dt + \sigma dW^{\mathbb{Q}}]$

\mathbb{Q}^S : $dS = S[\mu^{\mathbb{Q}^S} dt + \sigma dW^{\mathbb{Q}^S}]$

◦ $d\left(\frac{M}{S}\right) = M d\left(\frac{1}{S}\right) + \frac{1}{S} dM + \underbrace{d\left[\frac{M}{S}\right]}_{=0}$

$d\left(\frac{1}{S}\right) \stackrel{It\ddot{o}}{=} -\frac{1}{S^2} dS + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{S^3} d[S]$

$= -\frac{1}{S^2} \cdot S \cdot \sigma [\mu^{\mathbb{Q}^S} dt + \sigma dW^{\mathbb{Q}^S}] + \frac{1}{S^3} \cdot S^2 \sigma^2 dt$

$= \frac{1}{S} [(-\mu^{\mathbb{Q}^S} + \sigma^2) dt - \sigma dW^{\mathbb{Q}^S}]$

Problem: Derive the \mathbb{Q}_S -Stock Dynamics

$$d\left(\frac{M}{S}\right) = \frac{M}{S} \left[(-\mu^{\mathbb{Q}_S} + \sigma^2)dt + \sigma dW^{\mathbb{Q}_S} + r dt \right]$$

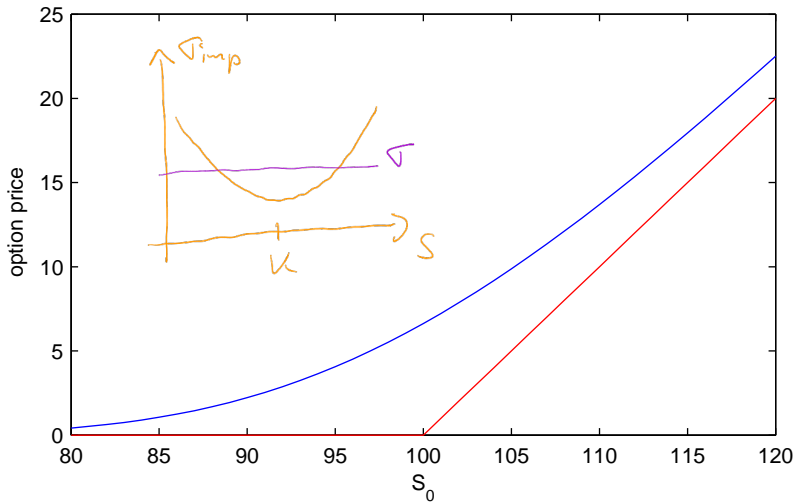
$$\Rightarrow -\mu^{\mathbb{Q}_S} + \sigma^2 + r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu^{\mathbb{Q}_S} = \sigma^2 + r}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\dot{S} = S \left[(r + \sigma^2)dt + \sigma dW^{\mathbb{Q}_S} \right]$$

Option Price versus Intrinsic Value

$r = 0.04$, $\sigma = 0.2$, $T = 0.5$, $K = 100$. In red: intrinsic value.



- Volatility, interest rate, expected return are assumed to be constant.
→ Volatility Smile
- Returns are assumed to be normally distributed. → Underestimation of extreme events.
- Model builds upon a complete market without frictions (no taxes, transaction costs, short-selling constraints, ...).
- Implied volatility \neq historical volatility
 - These caveats become visible if one investigates what volatilities are necessary to explain option prices by the Black-Scholes formula.
 - Implied volatility is not constant, but depends on K and T .
 - If the option is at-the-money, implied volatility is lowest (volatility smile).
- Some of these points can be tackled by adding non-traded state variables to the model.

- A *perpetual up-and-out down-and-in digital double barrier option* is a contract that is specified by
 - an underlying S_t (for instance a stock index)
 - a lower barrier L
 - an upper barrier U
 - a fixed payoff amount K .
- The contract pays the amount K when the stock price S_t reaches the lower barrier L , but only if the stock price has not reached the upper barrier first. (i.e., the contract “knocks out” when the stock price S_t reaches U .)
- As long as neither the lower nor the upper barrier has been reached, the contract stays alive.
- Therefore the time of expiry of the contract is random (determined in terms of the process S_t).



- Assume that the BS model holds for the stock price S_t . The Black-Scholes equation for the pricing function $\pi_C(t, S_t)$ is in general

$$\triangleright \cancel{\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t}(t, S)} + rS \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial S}(t, S) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial S^2}(t, S) = r\pi_C(t, S).$$

- Since π_C does not depend on t , this reduces to the ODE

$$rS \frac{d\pi_C}{dS}(S) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{d^2 \pi_C}{dS^2}(S) = r\pi_C(S).$$

- Boundary conditions for the up-and-out down-and-in option:

$$\boxed{\pi_C(U) = 0,} \quad \boxed{\pi_C(L) = K.}$$

$$\tilde{\pi}_C = S$$

- We have a linear homogeneous second-order ODE, so the general solution is a linear combination of two particular solutions.
- These solutions should be self-financing portfolios whose values depend only on S_t . One solution is S_t itself (obviously!), another is $S_t^{-\gamma}$ with $\gamma = 2r/\sigma^2$. *→ Substitute in to the ODE and check!*
- The solution is therefore given by

$$\pi_C(S_t) = c_1 S_t + c_2 S_t^{-\gamma}$$

where the constants c_1 and c_2 should be chosen such that

$$\pi_C(U) = c_1 U + c_2 U^{-\gamma} = 0, \quad \pi_C(L) = c_1 L + c_2 L^{-\gamma} = K.$$

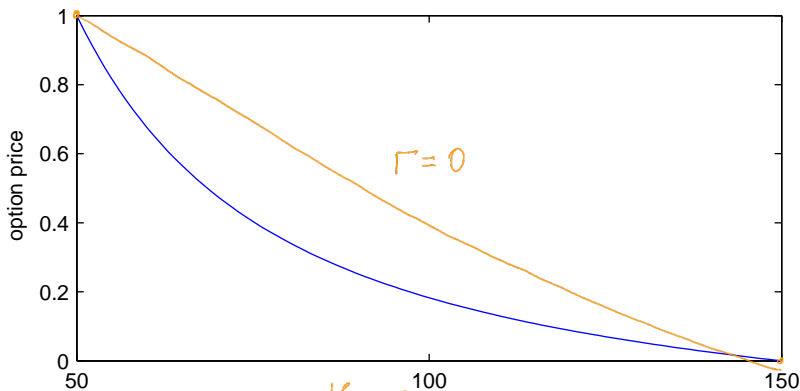
- This linear system has a unique solution.

- Putting everything together yields $\pi_C = c_1 S + c_2 S^{-\gamma}$

$$\gamma = \frac{2r}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\pi_C(t, S_t) = \frac{L^\gamma K}{U^{\gamma+1} - L^{\gamma+1}} (U^{\gamma+1} S_t^{-\gamma} - S_t).$$

$$r = 0.04, \sigma = 0.2, L = 50, U = 150, K = 1$$



$$\Gamma = 0 : \gamma = 0 : \pi_C = \frac{K}{u-L} (S_t u - S_t)$$

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- Modeling Stochastic Volatility by a CIR process

$$dM_t = M_t r dt$$

$$dS_t = S_t [\mu dt + \sqrt{\nu_t} dW_{1,t}]$$

$$d\nu_t = \kappa(\theta - \nu_t) dt + \sigma \sqrt{\nu_t} d(\rho W_{1,t} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W_{2,t})$$

$$W_1^{\mathbb{Q}} + \lambda_1 t$$

$$W_2^{\mathbb{Q}} + \lambda_2 t$$

- The model has five input parameters:

- ν_0 , the initial variance.
- θ , the mean-reversion variance of the stock price
- κ , the mean-reversion speed of the variance of the stock price
- ρ the correlation of the two Wiener processes.
- σ the volatility of the volatility, or 'vol of vol'

r : interest rate

- $n = 3$ state variables, $k = 2$ sources of risk, and $m = 2$ assets:

$$\mu_X = \begin{bmatrix} \mu S_t \\ r M_t \\ \kappa(\theta - \nu_t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_X = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\nu_t} S_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \sigma \rho \sqrt{\nu_t} & \sigma \sqrt{\nu_t} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \pi_Y = \begin{bmatrix} S_t \\ M_t \end{bmatrix}$$

- Under \mathbb{Q} , generated by $(\lambda_1 \lambda_2)$, the model evolves according to

$$dS_t = S_t [r dt + \sqrt{\nu_t} dW_{1,t}^{\mathbb{Q}}]$$

$$d\nu_t = \left[\kappa(\theta - \nu_t) - \underbrace{\lambda_{1,t} \sigma \rho \sqrt{\nu_t}}_{=(\mu-r)\sigma\rho} - \underbrace{\lambda_{2,t} \sigma \sqrt{\nu_t} \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \right] dt$$

$$+ \sigma \sqrt{\nu_t} d(\rho W_{1,t}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} W_{2,t}^{\mathbb{Q}})$$

- Heston (1993) chooses $\lambda_{2,t}$ such that the **drift adjustment** is proportional to ν_t , i.e., $\lambda \nu_t$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- Therefore, *still the linear structure*

$$d\nu_t = \left[\kappa(\theta - \nu_t) - \lambda \nu_t \right] dt + \sigma \sqrt{\nu_t} d(\rho W_{1,t}^{\mathbb{Q}} + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} W_{2,t}^{\mathbb{Q}})$$

and there is a closed-form solution for the call option price for every particular choice of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem: Set up the Pricing PDE

$$\frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial S} rS + \frac{\partial \pi_C}{\partial v} \kappa^Q (\theta^Q - v)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial S^2} S^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial v^2} \sigma^2 v$$

$$+ \frac{\partial^2 \pi_C}{\partial S \partial v} S \sqrt{v} \sigma \sqrt{v} \rho = r \pi_C$$

$$\pi_C(T, S, v) = F(S, v) \stackrel{\text{e.g.}}{=} (S - K)^+$$

- **Crucial Question:** How do we determine the market price of risk?
- Calibration and estimation are two ways of determining parameters in a financial model. The difference is:
 - estimation uses methods of statistics/econometrics to infer parameter values from observed *historical* behavior of asset prices and other relevant quantities
 - calibration sets parameter values so as to generate a close match between derivative prices obtained from the model and prices observed *currently* in the market.
- Estimation comes with standard errors, significance tests, and so on; analogous quantities that may serve as warning signals are not produced by calibration.
- Estimation works with models that are written under \mathbb{P} (real-world measure); calibration can be applied to models that are written under \mathbb{Q}_N (martingale measure corresponding to a chosen numéraire).

- Estimation helps us to figure out the parameters under \mathbb{P}

$$dM_t = M_t r dt$$

$$dS_t = S_t [\mu dt + \sqrt{\nu_t} dW_{1,t}]$$

$$d\nu_t = \kappa(\theta - \nu_t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{\nu_t}d(\rho W_{1,t} + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}W_{2,t})$$

- However, for pricing purposes, we need the \mathbb{Q} -dynamics.
- **Idea:** *Calibrate* the relevant parameters under \mathbb{Q} (in particular λ) such that the model closely matches the prices of plain vanilla options.
- Use the calibrated parameters to determine arbitrage-free prices of more complicated products.

- Determine a closed-form solution for option prices that depends on the particular choice of the market price of risk, i.e., an expression

$$C(S_0, \nu_0, \Theta, K, T)$$

for a strike price K , time horizon T , and parameter set $\Theta = (\kappa, \theta, \sigma, \rho, \lambda)$.

- Observe market prices of options $C_1(K_1, T_1), \dots, C_N(K_N, T_N)$ for various combinations of K and T .
- Solve the following minimization problem for a set of weights w :

$$\Theta^* = \arg \min_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i [C(S_0, \Theta, K_i, T_i) - C_i(K_i, T_i)]^2$$

- This shows a potential conflict between estimation and calibration: time series information can be used to determine the parameters κ and σ in the model under \mathbb{Q} , and these values might differ from those obtained by calibration.

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examination.

- In the theory we assume that assets are self-financing, but, in reality, stocks often generate dividends, and commodities typically bring storage costs.
- Strategy: specify where the dividends go (or where the costs are financed from). In this way, the given asset becomes part of a self-financing portfolio. Then derive the distribution of the asset under a suitable EMM.
- To illustrate, suppose that S_t is the price at time t of a dividend-paying stock, and assume for convenience that dividend is paid continuously at a fixed rate, as a percentage of the stock price. We show two implementations of the strategy above.

- Usual BS model:

$$\begin{aligned}dS_t &= \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t \\dM_t &= rM_t dt\end{aligned}$$

but now suppose that the stock pays continuously a fixed-percentage dividend, i.e., the dividend received from one unit of the stock during the instantaneous interval from t to $t + dt$ is $qS_t dt$ where q is a constant.

- We can choose to re-invest the dividends into the stock. Let V_t be the value at time t of the portfolio that is created in this way. We have for small Δt :

$$V_{t+\Delta t} = V_t + \frac{V_t}{S_t} (S_{t+\Delta t} - S_t) + \frac{V_t}{S_t} q S_t \Delta t.$$

- In continuous time:

$$dV_t = \frac{V_t}{S_t} (dS_t + qS_t dt) = (\mu + q)V_t dt + \sigma V_t dW_t.$$

- The portfolio V_t is self-financing, so under \mathbb{Q} :

$$dV_t = rV_t dt + \sigma V_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

- From $dV_t = (V_t/S_t)(dS_t + qS_t dt)$ it follows that $dS_t = (S_t/V_t)(dV_t - qV_t dt)$.

- Therefore

$$dS_t = (r - q)S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

This allows us to price options that are stated in terms of S_t .

- Alternative approach: assume that the dividends are placed in a savings account A .
- We have for small time interval of length Δt :

$$A_{t+\Delta t} = A_t + rA_t\Delta t + qS_t\Delta t$$

so that $dA_t = (rA_t + qS_t) dt$.

- The portfolio $V_t := S_t + A_t$ is self-financing. So, under \mathbb{Q} ,

$$dV_t = rV_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

- From $dV_t = dS_t + dA_t$ it follows that $dS_t = dV_t - dA_t$.

- Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}dS_t &= rV_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}} - (rA_t + qS_t) dt \\ &= r(S_t + A_t) dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}} - (rA_t + qS_t) dt \\ &= (r - q)S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t^{\mathbb{Q}}.\end{aligned}$$

We find the same SDE for S_t under \mathbb{Q} as was found on the basis of the reinvestment strategy.

- The pricing formula for a call option written on S_t becomes

$$C_0 = e^{-qT} S_0(d_1) - e^{-rT} K(d_2)$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\log(S_0/K) + (r - q + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}}, \quad d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T}.$$

- Consider an extension of the generic state space model

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

by introducing an m -dimensional *dividend process* $D_t = D(t, X_t)$ representing the cumulative dividends of the m assets.

- dD_t represents the dividends at time t .
- The *gains process* is defined as

$$G_t = Y_t + D_t$$

- A process ϕ is called a self-financing trading strategy if

$$\begin{aligned}V_t &= \phi'_t Y_t, & dV_t &= \phi'_t dG_t \\ & & &= \phi'_t dY_t + \phi'_t dD_t\end{aligned}$$

- Given a pricing kernel K , we define the deflated price process by $Y^K = KY$.
- What is an appropriate definition for the deflated gains process?
 \implies With dividends, it does not make sense to define the deflated gains process by $G^K = KY + KD$, since it does not take the timing and reinvestment of the dividends into account.

- Instead, we define the deflated gains process G^K s.t. deflated wealth $V^K = KV^\phi$ generated by self-financing trading strategy ϕ equals wealth generated by this trading strategy and deflated prices and gains:
$$V^K = \phi'(KY), \quad dV^K = \phi'dG^K, \quad G^K \text{ is a } \mathbb{P}\text{-martingale}$$
- We already know $Y^K = KY$. What's about D^K ?

- **Easiest Formulation** (dividends are locally risk-free):

$$dD_t = \mu_D(t, X_t)dt$$

Then, the discounted dividends follow (check!):

$$dD_t^K = K_t \mu_D(t, X_t)dt$$

- **General Case** (dividends may be driven by systematic or idiosyncratic shocks):

$$dD_t = \mu_D(t, X_t)dt + \sigma_D(t, X_t)dW_t$$

Then, the discounted dividends follow (check!):

$$dD_t^K = [K_t \mu_D(t, X_t) + \sigma_K' \sigma_D]dt + K_t \sigma_D' dW_t$$

- Given: joint process of asset prices $(Y_t)_{t \geq 0}$, cumulative dividends $(D_t)_{t \geq 0}$
- The deflated gains process G^K is given by

$$dG^K = d(KY) + dD_t^K.$$

First Fundamental Theorem of Asset Pricing

The following are equivalent:

- 1 The market is free of arbitrage.
- 2 There is a positive adapted scalar process $(K_t)_{t \geq 0}$ such that the process $(G_t^K)_{t \geq 0}$ is a martingale under \mathbb{P} .

- By definition $K_0 = 1$, and $D_0 = 0$.
- FTAP with dividends implies:

$$G_t^K = \mathbb{E}_t[G_T^K] \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad Y_t = Y_t^K + D_t^K = \mathbb{E}_t[Y_T K_T + D_T^K],$$

in particular, $Y_0 = \mathbb{E}[Y_T K_T + D_T^K]$

- **Remark:** The FTAP works for other numéraire-measure-combinations as well. In particular, for $N_t = M_t$:

$$Y_t = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\frac{Y_T}{M_T} + \int_t^T \frac{1}{M_u} dD_u \right]$$

- If dividends follow the dynamics $dD_t = \mu_D(t, X_t) dt$, then

$$Y_t = \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[Y_T e^{-\int_t^T r_s ds} + \int_t^T e^{-\int_t^u r_s ds} \mu_D(u, X_u) du \right],$$

i.e., prices have a Feynman-Kac representation.