

Stochastic Calculus 2013

Part 2

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Change of measure II

Example

Let $P = N(0, \sigma^2)$ and $Q = N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_Q[\Phi] &= \int \Phi(y) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\mu)^2} dy \\ &= \int \Phi(y) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}y^2} e^{\frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\mu y - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2)} dy \\ &= \mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi], \quad \text{if } Z(y) = e^{\frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\mu y - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2)}.\end{aligned}$$

Note:

- Q is the image of P under the transformation $x \mapsto x + \mu = y$;
- the density Z is strictly positive because is an exponential;
- the exponent of the density has a peculiar affine form;
- Try the bivariate case.

Change of measure I

Our probability model consist of

- A sample space Ω and σ -algebra \mathcal{F} ;
- A probability measure P on the measurable space (Ω, \mathcal{F}) ;
- A filtration $\mathcal{F}(t)$, $0 \leq t$, of the probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) ;
- A d -dimensional Brownian motion $W(t)$, $t \geq 0$, of the probability basis $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P, (\mathcal{F}(t)_{t \geq 0})$.

Theorem (Probability density)

Let Z be a positive random variable such that $\mathbb{E}(Z) = 1$.

1. $Q(A) = \mathbb{E}(Z\mathbf{1}_A)$, $A \in \mathcal{F}$, defines a probability measure on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) .
2. Z is uniquely determined by P and Q and is called the density of Q with respect to P , written as $Q = Z \cdot P$.
3. If Z is strictly positive, then $P = \frac{1}{Z} \cdot Q$.
4. $\mathbb{E}_Q[\Phi] = \mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi]$ if one of the expectation exists.

Change of measure III

Theorem (Conditional expectation)

Formula If $Q = Z \cdot P$, $\Phi \in L^1(Q)$ and \mathcal{G} is a sub- σ -algebra, then

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\Phi|\mathcal{G}] = \frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi|\mathcal{G}]}{\mathbb{E}_P[Z|\mathcal{G}]}$$

Sufficiency If the density Z is \mathcal{G} -measurable, then

$$\mathbb{E}_Q[\Phi|\mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}_P[\Phi|\mathcal{G}].$$

- The formula is a generalization of the conditioning formula for joint densities $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$.
- In the statistical model with likelihood $f(S(\omega); \theta)$ the conditional expectation with respect to the sufficient statistics S does not depend on θ .

Change of measure IV

Proof.

- The random variable $\frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi|\mathcal{G}]}{\mathbb{E}_P[Z|\mathcal{G}]}$ is well defined and \mathcal{G} -measurable.
- If G is bounded and \mathcal{G} -measurable,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_Q \left[\left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi|\mathcal{G}]}{\mathbb{E}_P[Z|\mathcal{G}]} \right) G \right] &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[Z \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi|\mathcal{G}]}{\mathbb{E}_P[Z|\mathcal{G}]} \right) G \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_P \left[\mathbb{E}_P[Z|\mathcal{G}] \frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi|\mathcal{G}]}{\mathbb{E}_P[Z|\mathcal{G}]} G \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_P[Z\Phi G] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q[\Phi G]\end{aligned}$$

□

Girsanov's theorem

Theorem

Let W be a Brownian motion and Θ a process such that

$$\mathbb{E}_P \left[\int_0^T \Theta^2(u) du \right], \mathbb{E}_P \left[\int_0^T \Theta^2(u) Z^2(u) du \right] < +\infty.$$

Define

$$Z(t) = \exp \left(- \int_0^t \Theta(u) dW(u) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \Theta^2(u) du \right).$$

Then:

1. $Z(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$ is martingale such that $\mathbb{E}_P[Z(T)] = 1$ and $\mathbb{Q}_T = Z(T) \cdot P$ is a probability.
2. The process $\widetilde{W}(t) = W(t) + \int_0^t \Theta(u) du$, $0 \leq t \leq T$ is a \mathbb{Q}_T -Brownian motion.

Proof. Use the Corollary and Lévy's theorem. □

Martingale measure

Theorem (Martingales under $Z \cdot P$)

Let $Z(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$, be a strictly positive martingale with $Z(0) = 1$. Then $\mathbb{E}_P[Z(T)] = 1$ and we can define $\mathbb{Q}_T = Z(T) \cdot P$. The adapted process $X(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$ is a \mathbb{Q}_T -martingale if, and only if, $Z(t)X(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$ is a P -martingale.

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_T}[X(t) - X(s) | \mathcal{F}(s)] &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z(T)(X(t) - X(s)) | \mathcal{F}(s)]}{\mathbb{E}_P[Z(T) | \mathcal{F}(s)]} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_P[Z(t)X(t) | \mathcal{F}(s)] - Z(s)X(s)}{Z(s)}\end{aligned}$$

The LHS is zero if, and only if, the RHS's numerator is zero. □

Corollary

If $dX = \Delta dW + \Theta ds$ and $dZ = \Sigma dW$, then

$$d(X_t Z_t) = X_t \Sigma_t dW_t + Z_t \Delta_t dW_t + Z_t \Theta_t dt + \Delta_t \circ \Sigma_t dt$$

and the condition becomes $Z\Theta + \Delta \circ \Sigma = 0$.

Stock under Risk-neutral measure I

- Let the stock value process be

$$dS(t) = \alpha(t)S(t)dt + \sigma(t)S(t)dW(t)$$

- If $S(0)$ is a constant and $\alpha(t)$ is a deterministic function, then $\mathbb{E}(S(t)) = S(0)e^{\int_0^t \alpha(u)du}$, so that $\alpha(t)$ is the rate of return of the mean.
- If $S(0)$ is random and $\alpha(t)$ is a process, and $\widetilde{S}(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \alpha(u)du} S(t)$,

$$\begin{aligned}d\widetilde{S}(t) &= -\alpha(t)\widetilde{S}(t)dt + \alpha(t)\widetilde{S}(t)dt + \sigma(t)\widetilde{S}(t)dW(t) \\ &= \sigma(t)\widetilde{S}(t)dW(t),\end{aligned}$$

so that $\mathbb{E} \left(e^{-\int_0^t \alpha(u)du} S(t) \right) = \mathbb{E}(S(0))$, then $\alpha(t)$ is the mean rate of return.

Stock under Risk-neutral measure II

- By the Ito formula we obtain

$$d(\tilde{S}(t))^2 = 2\tilde{S}(t)d\tilde{S}(t) + \sigma^2(t)\tilde{S}^2(t)dt,$$

hence $\mathbb{E}(\tilde{S}^2(t)) = S^2(0) + \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t \sigma^2(u)\tilde{S}^2(u)du\right)$. The process $\sigma(t)$ is the *volatility*.

- The closed form solution of the Ito equation is

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp\left(\int_0^t \sigma(s)dW(s) + \int_0^t \left(\alpha(s) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(s)\right) ds\right),$$

hence the process is positive.

- Define the *discount process*

$$D(t) = e^{-\int_0^t R(s)ds},$$

whose differential is $dD(t) = -R(t)D(t)dt$.

Stock under Risk-neutral measure IV

- Let us apply Girsanov's theorem to the process

$$\tilde{W}(t) = \int_0^t \Theta(s)ds + W(t).$$

The exponential martingale $Z(t) = e^{W(t) - \frac{1}{2}\Theta^2(s)ds}$ produces a new probability $\mathbb{Q} = Z(T) \cdot \mathbb{P}$ under which $\tilde{W}(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$ is a Brownian motion, and the discounted stock price

$$D(t)S(t) = S(0) + \int_0^t \sigma(u)D(u)S(u)d\tilde{W}(u)$$

is a martingale.

- The undiscounted stock price, as a function of \tilde{W} is

$$dS(t) = R(t)S(t)dt + \sigma(t)S(t)d\tilde{W}(t),$$

whose mean return rate is R .

Stock under Risk-neutral measure III

- The *discounted stock price* is

$$D(t)S(t) = S(0) \exp\left(\int_0^t \sigma(s)dW(s) + \int_0^t \left(\alpha(s) - R(s) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(s)\right) ds\right),$$

whose differential is

$$\begin{aligned} dD(t)S(t) &= (\alpha(t) - R(t))D(t)S(t)dt + \sigma(t)D(t)S(t)dW(t) \\ &= \sigma(t)D(t)S(t)(\Theta(t)dt + dW(t)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Theta(t) = \frac{\alpha(t) - R(t)}{\sigma(t)}$$

is the *market price of risk*.