

Question 1

The correct answers are:

(a) (3)

(b) (1)

(c) (3)

(d) (2)

(e) (2)

(f) (3)

(g) (1)

(h) (3)

Question 2

(a) **2 points**

Let Y be a martingale deflator (note that in particular $Y_T S_T$ is P -integrable). We want to construct an EMM Q . Therefore we define a new measure Q with Radon-Nikodym density

$$\frac{dQ}{dP} = \frac{Y_T \tilde{S}_T^0}{E_P[Y_T \tilde{S}_T^0]}$$

Observe that

- Q is a probability measure since $Q[\Omega] = E_Q[\mathbb{1}_\Omega] = E_P\left[\frac{dQ}{dP}\right] = 1$
- Q is equivalent to P since $\frac{dQ}{dP} > 0$ by the positiveness of the martingale deflator Y .

Remains to show that Q is a martingale measure. By Bayes formula,

$$E_Q\left[\frac{\tilde{S}_T^1}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right] = \frac{E_P[\tilde{S}_T^1 Y_T | \mathcal{F}_t]}{E_P[\tilde{S}_T^0 Y_T | \mathcal{F}_t]}$$

Since Y is a martingale deflator, the numerator is equal to $E_P[\tilde{S}_T^1 Y_T | \mathcal{F}_t] = \tilde{S}_t^1 Y_t$ and the denominator is equal to $E_P[\tilde{S}_T^0 Y_T | \mathcal{F}_t] = \tilde{S}_t^0 Y_t$. Simplifying by the non-negative Y_t gives

$$E_Q\left[\frac{\tilde{S}_T^1}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right] = \frac{\tilde{S}_t^1}{\tilde{S}_t^0}$$

and hence Q is a martingale measure (adaptedness of the discounted price process does not depend on the probability measure and integrability of $\frac{\tilde{S}_t^1}{\tilde{S}_t^0}$ under Q follows easily from the integrability of $Y_T \tilde{S}_T^1$ under \mathbb{P}).

Conversely, suppose that Q is an EMM. Let

$$Z_t = E_P\left[\frac{dQ}{dP} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right]$$

Note that by definition Z is a P -martingale. Moreover since Q is equivalent to P , the process Z is positive. Define

$$Y_t = \frac{Z_t}{\tilde{S}_t^0}$$

We now show that Y is a martingale deflator. First, note that Y is positive since Z and \tilde{S}^0 are both positive. Moreover the process Y satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} E_P\left[\tilde{S}_T^0 Y_T \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right] &= E_P[Z_T | \mathcal{F}_t] \\ &= Z_t \\ &= \tilde{S}_t^0 Y_t \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, $\tilde{S}_T^1 / \tilde{S}_T^0$ is Q -integrable (by the definition of martingale) and hence $\tilde{S}_T^1 Y_T$ is P -integrable. We can thus conclude using Bayes formula that

$$\begin{aligned} E_P\left[\tilde{S}_T^1 Y_T \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right] &= E_Q\left[\frac{\tilde{S}_T^1}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right] E_P\left[\tilde{S}_T^0 Y_T \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right] \\ &= \frac{\tilde{S}_t^1}{\tilde{S}_t^0} \tilde{S}_t^0 Y_t \\ &= \tilde{S}_t^1 Y_t \end{aligned}$$

so Y is a martingale deflator.

(b) **2 points**

Since the market is complete, there is no problem with integrability because Y_t is bounded for all $t \geq 0$. Adaptedness is clear by assumption. Remains to prove the supermartingale property.

Using our assumption that $\tilde{S}_{t+1}^0 \geq \tilde{S}_t^0$ for all $t \geq 0$, we have

$$Y_t \leq \frac{Y_t \tilde{S}_t^0}{\tilde{S}_s^0}$$

and hence using that Y is a martingale deflator, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_P[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] &\leq E_P \left[\frac{Y_t \tilde{S}_t^0}{\tilde{S}_s^0} | \mathcal{F}_s \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{S}_s^0} E_P[Y_t \tilde{S}_t^0 | \mathcal{F}_s] \\ &= \frac{Y_s \tilde{S}_s^0}{\tilde{S}_s^0} = Y_s \end{aligned}$$

Hence Y is a P -supermartingale.

(c) **2 points**

Jensen's inequality and the martingale property of $Y\tilde{S}^1$ together imply

$$\begin{aligned} E_P[(Y_t \tilde{S}_t^1 - Y_t \tilde{K})^+ | \mathcal{F}_s] &\geq (E_P[Y_t \tilde{S}_t^1 - Y_t \tilde{K} | \mathcal{F}_s])^+ \\ &= (Y_s \tilde{S}_s^1 - \tilde{K} E_P[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s])^+ \\ &\geq (Y_s \tilde{S}_s^1 - Y_s \tilde{K})^+ \end{aligned}$$

where the supermartingale property of Y has been used in the last line.

(d) **1 point**

By no arbitrage, we know from lecture that the discounted initial price of the European Call option is

$$C(T, \tilde{K}) = E_Q \left[\frac{(\tilde{S}_T^1 - \tilde{K})^+}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \right]$$

Using the one-to-one correspondence between EMMs and martingale deflators given by

$$\frac{dQ}{dP} = \frac{Y_T \tilde{S}_T^0}{E_P[Y_T \tilde{S}_T^0]}$$

we conclude using Bayes formula that

$$\begin{aligned} C(T, \tilde{K}) &= \frac{E_P \left[Y_T (\tilde{S}_T^1 - \tilde{K})^+ \right]}{E_P \left[Y_T \tilde{S}_T^0 \right]} \\ &= \frac{E_P \left[Y_T (\tilde{S}_T^1 - \tilde{K})^+ \right]}{Y_0 \tilde{S}_0^0} \\ &= \frac{E_P \left[Y_T (\tilde{S}_T^1 - \tilde{K})^+ \right]}{\tilde{S}_0^0} \end{aligned}$$

The undiscounted initial price of the option is therefore

$$\tilde{C}(T, \tilde{K}) = \tilde{S}_0^0 C(T, \tilde{K}) = E_P \left[Y_T (\tilde{S}_T^1 - \tilde{K})^+ \right]$$

(e) **1 point**

That $\tilde{K} \rightarrow \tilde{C}(T, \tilde{K})$ is decreasing and convex is immediate from the same properties of $K \rightarrow (\tilde{S}_T^1 - K)^+$. That $T \rightarrow \tilde{C}(T, \tilde{K})$ is increasing is a consequence of the submartingale property of $Y(\tilde{S}^1 - K)^+$.

Question 3

(a) **3 points**

We use $\Omega = \{u, m, d\}^T$, and define the random variables $Y_k(\omega) = 1 + \omega_k$.

Begin by introducing the notation $I_k = \{u, m, d\}^k$ for the set of outcomes until time k and $J_k = \{u, m, d\}^{T-k}$ for the set of future outcomes. Then set $S^1 := \tilde{S}^1 / \tilde{S}^0$. By rewriting the martingale condition $S_k^1 = E_Q[S_{k+1}^1 | \mathcal{F}_k]$, we obtain

$$1 + r = E_Q[Y_{k+1} | \mathcal{F}_k] = \sum_{\omega^k \in I_k} E_Q[Y_{k+1} | \{\omega^k\} \times J_k] 1_{\{\omega^k\} \times J_k},$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots, T-1$. With the notation $Q[Y_{k+1} = 1 + v | \{\omega^k\} \times J_k] = q_{\omega^k}^v$, for $v \in \{u, m, d\}$ and $\omega^k \in I_k$, this condition reduces to

$$q_{\omega^k}^u u + q_{\omega^k}^m m + q_{\omega^k}^d d = r, \quad \forall \omega^k \in I_k,$$

because $q_{\omega^k}^u + q_{\omega^k}^m + q_{\omega^k}^d = 1$. In the case $k = 0$, we have

$$q_{\omega^0}^u u + q_{\omega^0}^m m + q_{\omega^0}^d d = r,$$

where $q_{\omega^0}^v = Q[Y_1 = 1 + v]$. The solution for all $k = 0, \dots, T$ are analogous to the one period case handled below.

When $T = 1$, we omit the dependence of q on k and therefore need to find q_i for $i \in \{u, m, d\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + r &= (1 + u)q_u + (1 + m)q_m + (1 + d)q_d, & (\text{Martingale property}) \\ 1 &= q_u + q_m + q_d, & (Q[\Omega] = 1) \\ q_i &\in (0, 1), \quad i \in \{u, m, d\}. & (Q \approx P) \end{aligned}$$

We parametrize this set by choosing $q_m = \lambda$. Using the two equations then yields

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= \frac{(r - d) - (m - d)\lambda}{u - d}, \\ q_d &= \frac{(u - r) - (u - m)\lambda}{u - d}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we just have to restrict λ according to the third condition. This amounts to choosing λ such that

$$\begin{aligned} q_m \in (0, 1) &\Leftrightarrow \lambda \in (0, 1), \\ q_u \in (0, 1) &\Leftrightarrow \lambda \in \left(\frac{r - u}{m - d}, \frac{r - d}{m - d} \right), \\ q_d \in (0, 1) &\Leftrightarrow \lambda \in \left(\frac{d - r}{u - m}, \frac{u - r}{u - m} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $u > m > d$ and $u > r > d$ this reduces to

$$\lambda \in \left(0, \min \left\{ \frac{r - d}{m - d}, \frac{u - r}{u - m} \right\} \right).$$

For the general case ($T \geq 1$) the same argument can be used to write the set of solutions, with the parameter λ_{ω^k} , as

$$(q_{\omega^k}^u, q_{\omega^k}^m, q_{\omega^k}^d) = \left(\frac{(r - d) - (m - d)\lambda_{\omega^k}}{u - d}, \lambda_{\omega^k}, \frac{(u - r) - (u - m)\lambda_{\omega^k}}{u - d} \right),$$

where

$$\lambda_{\omega^k} \in \left(0, \min \left\{ \frac{r - d}{m - d}, \frac{u - r}{u - m} \right\} \right).$$

For any sequence of $\lambda_{\omega^k}, \omega^k \in I_k$ for $k = 0, \dots, T-1$ as above, we get an (equivalent) martingale measure Q , namely

$$Q[\{\omega\}] = \prod_{k=1}^T q_{\omega^{k-1}}^{\omega^k},$$

where $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k, \dots, \omega_T) \in \Omega$ and $\omega^{k-1} = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{k-1}) \in I_{k-1}$ and $q_{\omega^{k-1}}^{\omega^k}$, as defined earlier, is the conditional probability under Q that Y_k takes the value $1 + \omega_k$, given that we are in the node ω^{k-1} at time $k-1$, for $k = 1, \dots, T$.

(b) **2 points**

Since $\tilde{S}_0^1 = 1$ is deterministic, \mathcal{F}_0 must be trivial, i.e. $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$. Therefore $\tilde{H} \in L_+^0(\mathcal{F}_T)$ can be replicated if and only if there exists an admissible self-financing trading strategy $\phi = (\tilde{V}_0, \vartheta_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$\tilde{V}_0(1+r) + \vartheta_1 \tilde{S}_1^1 = \tilde{H}$$

hold in every state of the world, which, using $\tilde{S}_0^1 = 1$, is equivalent to

$$\tilde{V}_0(1+r) + \vartheta_1 Y_1 = \tilde{H}$$

Writing \tilde{H}^u, \tilde{H}^m and \tilde{H}^d for the outcomes of the random variable \tilde{H} on the different market scenarios "up", "middle" and "down" respectively, the above vector equation leads to the following system of equations

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{V}_0(1+r) + \vartheta_1(1+u) = \tilde{H}^u \\ \tilde{V}_0(1+r) + \vartheta_1(1+m) = \tilde{H}^m \\ \tilde{V}_0(1+r) + \vartheta_1(1+d) = \tilde{H}^d \end{cases}$$

This system admits non-trivial solutions if and only if

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1+r & 1+u & \tilde{H}^u \\ 1+r & 1+m & \tilde{H}^m \\ 1+r & 1+d & \tilde{H}^d \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

(c) **2 points**

Since $\tilde{S}_0^1 = 1$ is deterministic, \mathcal{F}_0 must be trivial, i.e. $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ and thus our optimisation for $T = 1$ simplifies to an optimisation over $\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\min_{\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}} E \left[\left((\tilde{S}_1^1 - \tilde{K})^+ - (\vartheta \bullet \tilde{S}^1)_T \right)^2 \right]$$

which using $\tilde{S}_0^1 = 1$, is equivalent to

$$\min_{\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}} E \left[\left((Y_1 - 1)^+ - \vartheta(Y_1 - 1) \right)^2 \right]$$

Using the given values for u, m, d, p_u, p_m and p_d , the problem becomes

$$\min_{\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{2}{3}(0.5 - 0.5\vartheta)^2 + 0 + \frac{1}{6}(0.5\vartheta)^2$$

whose solution is given by $\vartheta^* = \frac{4}{5}$ and the minimal mean squared hedging error is $\frac{1}{30}$.

Question 4

(a) **1 point**

The parameter \bar{r} is the mean of the limiting invariant distribution of $(r_t)_{t \geq 0}$ and can therefore be interpreted as long term mean. This is the mean level to which the process $(r_t)_{t \geq 0}$ reverts as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The speed of the mean reversion is characterised by the parameter $\lambda > 0$. Finally σ describes the volatility of the stochastic interest rate.

(b) **2 points**

Due to the similarity with the ordinary differential equation $\frac{y'}{y} = g \iff \log(y)' = g$, whose solution is given by $y(t) = C \exp(\int g(t) dt)$, one might try to apply Itô's formula to the function $f(x) = \log(x)$ and the positive continuous semimartingale \tilde{S}^0 . This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\tilde{S}_t^0) &= \log(\tilde{S}_0^0) + \int_0^t \frac{1}{\tilde{S}_s^0} d\tilde{S}_s^0 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(\tilde{S}_s^0)^2} d[\tilde{S}^0]_s \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{\tilde{S}_s^0} \tilde{S}_s^0 r_s ds = \int_0^t r_s ds, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that \tilde{S}^0 is of finite variation and therefore

$$[\tilde{S}^0]_t = \left[\int \tilde{S}^0 r ds \right]_t = \int_0^t (\tilde{S}_s^0)^2 r_s^2 d[s]_s = 0,$$

Taking the exponential on both sides, we get

$$\tilde{S}_t^0 = \exp\left(\int_0^t r_s ds\right).$$

(c) **2 points**

Since Q is an EMM, the discounted price process of the zero coupon bond must be a martingale under Q and therefore must satisfy

$$\frac{\tilde{P}_t^{(T)}}{e^{\int_0^t r_s ds}} = \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\tilde{P}_T^{(T)}}{e^{\int_0^T r_s ds}} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right]$$

Using that $\tilde{P}_T^{(T)} = 1$ we get

$$\tilde{P}_t^{(T)} = \mathbb{E}_Q \left[e^{-\int_t^T r_s ds} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right]$$

(d) **3 points**

Using Ito's lemma, we get that the undiscouted price dynamics satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} d\tilde{V}(t, r_t) &= \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t}(t, r_t) dt + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r}(t, r_t) dr_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t^2}(t, r_t) d\langle r \rangle_t \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t}(t, r_t) + \lambda(\bar{r} - r_t) \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t^2}(t, r_t) \right) dt + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t}(t, r_t) \sigma d\hat{W}_t \end{aligned}$$

Applying Ito once more with the semimartingale (\tilde{V}, \tilde{S}^0) and the C^2 function $f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$, we get the dynamics of the discounted price process $V = \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{S}^0}$:

$$\begin{aligned} dV(t, r_t) &= \frac{1}{\tilde{S}_0^t} d\tilde{V} - \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{S}_t^0} r_t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{S}_0^t} \left[d\tilde{V} - r_t \tilde{V} dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tilde{S}_0^t} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t}(t, r_t) + \lambda(\bar{r} - r_t) \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t^2}(t, r_t) - r_t \tilde{V}(t, r_t) \right) dt + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t}(t, r_t) \sigma d\hat{W}_t \right] \end{aligned}$$

The LHS is a Q -martingale by definition and the stochastic integral on the RHS defines a local Q -martingale. Therefore the finite variational part on the RHS is a local martingale starting at 0 and of finite variation and hence it must vanish. This gives

$$\int_0^t \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t}(s, r_s) + \lambda(\bar{r} - r_t) \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t^2}(s, r_s) - r_s \tilde{V}(s, r_s) \right) ds = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t}(t, r_t) + \lambda(\bar{r} - r_t) \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r}(t, r_t) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial r_t^2}(t, r_t) = r_t \tilde{V}$$

on $(0, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty)$ since the integral up to time t can vanish for all $t \geq 0$ if and only if the integrand vanishes on its support.

Finally the undiscounted value process must satisfy the boundary condition

$$\tilde{V}(T, r_T) = \tilde{P}_T^{(T)} = 1$$

(e) **3 BONUS points**

The idea is to take the partial derivatives of the ansatz and plug them back into the PDE obtained in the last question. To simplify the notations, we will write $\dot{R} := \frac{dR}{dt}$ and $\dot{Q} := \frac{dQ}{dt}$ for the derivatives of the functions R and Q with respect to t . An easy computation gives:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial t} = \tilde{V}(-r_t \dot{R} - \dot{Q}) \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{V}}{\partial r} = \tilde{V}R \\ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{V}}{\partial r^2} = \tilde{V}R^2 \end{cases}$$

Plugging back the above expressions into the pricing PDE yields

$$\tilde{V}(-r_t \dot{R} - \dot{Q}) + \lambda(\bar{r} - r_t) \tilde{V}R + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \tilde{V}R^2 = r_t \tilde{V}$$

which is equivalent to

$$r_t \tilde{V}(\dot{R} - \lambda R) + \tilde{V}(-\dot{Q} + \lambda \bar{r} R + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 R^2) = r_t \tilde{V} \quad (1)$$

Equation (1) has to hold on the full support of the function \tilde{V} , which is only possible if the coefficients of the terms in r_t on the LHS equals the coefficients in r_t on the RHS and similarly for the coefficients for the terms without r_t . This leads to the following system of ODEs:

$$\begin{cases} -\dot{R} - \lambda R = 1 \\ \dot{Q} = \lambda \bar{r} R + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 R^2 \end{cases}$$

The initial conditions are $R(0) = Q(0) = 0$ so that $\tilde{V}(T, r_T) = \exp(r_T R(T - T) + Q(T - T)) = 1$.

The equation for R can easily be solved via variation of constants method. Finally Q can be simply obtained by integrating the solution for R .

(a) **Solving homogeneous equation for R** Consider the homogeneous equation

$$-\dot{R} - \lambda R = 0$$

which is clearly equivalent to

$$\frac{\dot{R}}{R} = -\lambda$$

Integrating on both sides gives

$$\ln R(t) = -\lambda t + c_1$$

for some constant c_1 Taking the exponential, we find

$$R(t) = K \exp(-\lambda t)$$

for some constant K .

- (b) **Solving inhomogeneous equation for R (variation of constants)** Suppose that K is actually a function of time t to solve the inhomogeneous case. Using the solution for the homogeneous case, the inhomogeneous equation

$$-\dot{R} - \lambda R = 1$$

leads to the following ODE for K :

$$\dot{K} \exp(-\lambda t) = -1$$

whose solution is

$$K(t) = \frac{-\exp(\lambda t)}{\lambda} + c_2$$

for some constant c_2 . The solution to the inhomogeneous equation $-\dot{R} - \lambda R = 1$ is therefore

$$R(t) = \left(c_2 - \frac{\exp(\lambda t)}{\lambda} \right) \exp(-\lambda t)$$

Using the initial condition $R(0) = 0$ we found $c_2 = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ and therefore

$$R(t) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda t) - 1}{\lambda}$$

which is equivalent to

$$R(T-t) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda(T-t)) - 1}{\lambda}$$

- (c) **Solving ODE for Q** The solution of $\dot{Q} = \lambda \bar{r} R + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 R^2$ is obtained by integrating the RHS:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(T-t) &= Q(0) + \int_0^{T-t} \left(\lambda \bar{r} R(s) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 (R(s))^2 \right) ds \\ &= \int_0^{T-t} \left(\lambda \bar{r} R(s) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 (R(s))^2 \right) ds \\ &= \bar{r} \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda(T-t)} - \lambda(T-t)}{\lambda} + \frac{\sigma^2 (4e^{-\lambda(T-t)} - e^{-2\lambda(T-t)} + 2\lambda(T-t) - 3)}{4\lambda^3} \end{aligned}$$

where in the second equality we have used the initial condition $Q(0) = 0$ and in the last equality we have used the expression for $R(z)$ found previously and have evaluated the integral explicitly.

Finally plugging back the solutions for $R(T-t)$ and $Q(T-t)$ into our initial ansatz, we get the the solution to the pricing PDE is

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}(t, r_t) &= \exp(r_t R(T-t) + Q(T-t)) \\ &= \exp \left(r_t \frac{e^{-\lambda(T-t)} - 1}{\lambda} + \bar{r} \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda(T-t)} - \lambda(T-t)}{\lambda} + \frac{\sigma^2 (4e^{-\lambda(T-t)} - e^{-2\lambda(T-t)} + 2\lambda(T-t) - 3)}{4\lambda^3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Question 5

To price the contingent claims, we first need to find an EMM Q . To get find this measure, we first need to derive the dynamics of the discounted price process S^1 under P and then try to find a candidate Q under which S^1 can be expressed as a stochastic integral with respect to a Q -Brownian Motion and therefore is a Q -local martingale. To show that S^1 is actually a true Q -martingale, we solve the SDE for S^1 under Q and show explicitly that the solution defines a Q -martingale and therefore our candidate Q is indeed an EMM. Uniqueness of the EMM Q follows from Ito's representation theorem

Using Ito's formula with the semimartingale $(\tilde{S}^1, \tilde{S}^0)$ and the C^2 function $f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y}$ we get the P -dynamics of the discounted price process S^1 :

$$dS_t^1 = S_t^1 ((\mu - r)dt + \sigma dW_t) \quad (2)$$

To get a candidate EMM Q we rewrite (2) as

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t^1 &= S_t^1 ((\mu - r)dt + \sigma dW_t) \\ &= S_t^1 \sigma \left(\frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} dt + dW_t \right) \\ &= S_t^1 \sigma dW_t^* \end{aligned}$$

with $W^* = (W_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ defined by

$$W_t^* = W_t + \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma} t = W_t + \int_0^t \lambda ds \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T$$

where $\lambda = \frac{\mu - r}{\sigma}$ is the instantaneous market price of risk of S^1 . Girsanov theorem tells us that W^* is a Brownian motion under the probability measure Q^* given by

$$\frac{dQ^*}{dP} = \mathcal{E} \left(- \int \lambda dW \right)_T = \exp(-\lambda W_T - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 T)$$

By a general result on stochastic integration, the stochastic integral process

$$S_t^1 = S_0^1 + \int_0^t S_s^1 \sigma dW_s^*$$

is then a continuous Q -local martingale. It is even a Q -martingale since we get using a log transformation that the solution of $dS_t^1 = S_t^1 \sigma dW_t^*$ is given by

$$S_t^1 = S_0^1 \exp \left(\sigma W_t^* - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t \right)$$

which indeed defines a Q -martingale as W^* is a Q -Brownian motion.

Remark: the proof of existence and uniqueness of the EMM Q is not required, students are allowed to state the results from the lecture.

Let $H = \frac{\tilde{H}}{\tilde{S}_T^0}$ denote the discounted payoff. The no arbitrage discounted price of H is given by the Q -martingale $V^* = (V_t^*)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ defined as

$$V_t^* = \mathbb{E}_Q [H | \mathcal{F}_t] \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (3)$$

To find the initial replication price and the hedging strategy, we need to compute the above conditional expectation (3) for the particular value of H and express it as a function of current time t and current underlying price S_t^1 , i.e. find a function v such that $V_t^* = v(t, S_t^1)$ for all $0 \leq t \leq T$. If the function v is smooth enough (which is the case for the given payoffs), we can apply Ito's formula to get

$$v(t, S_t^1) = v(0, S_0^1) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1) dS_t^1 + \text{continuous FV process.}$$

Since the left-hand side and the stochastic integral on the right-hand side are local Q -martingales, the "continuous FV process" is a local Q -martingale as well and since it apparently is null at 0, it must be identically equal to 0. We thus immediately obtain that the hedging strategy as

$$\vartheta_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1)$$

i.e. as the spatial derivative of v , evaluated along the trajectories of S^1 . Note that ϑ represents the holdings in the risky asset \tilde{S}^1 . To find the holding ϕ_t in the numeraire \tilde{S}^0 , one simply solves the budget equation

$$\phi_t + \vartheta_t S_t^1 = V_t^* = v(t, S_t^1)$$

which gives

$$\phi_t = v(t, S_t^1) - \vartheta_t S_t^1$$

Finally, the initial discounted replication cost is given by $v(0, S_0^1)$.

It thus remains to find the function v for the four different payoffs of the exercise. For all subquestions, we will use that the undiscounted terminal price \tilde{S}_T^1 can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}_T^1 &= e^{rT} S_T^1 \\ &= e^{rT} S_t^1 \exp\left(\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T - t)\right) \end{aligned}$$

in terms of the Q -Brownian motion W^* .

(a) **4 points**

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^* &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{(\tilde{S}_T^1)^p}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left(e^{rT} S_t^1 \exp\left(\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T - t)\right) \right)^p}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= e^{rT(p-1)} (S_t^1)^p \exp\left(-\frac{p\sigma^2(T-t)}{2}\right) \mathbb{E}_Q \left[e^{p\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*)} \right] \\ &= (S_t^1)^p \exp\left((p-1)\left(r + p\frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)(T-t)\right) \exp((p-1)t) \\ &= (S_t^1)^p \exp\left((p-1)\left(rT + p\frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t)\right)\right) \\ &= (\tilde{S}_t^1)^p e^{-rtp} \exp\left((p-1)\left(rT + p\frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t)\right)\right) \\ &= v(t, S_t^1) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$v(t, x) = x^p \exp\left((p-1)\left(rT + p\frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t)\right)\right)$$

By the above arguments, the hedging strategy is fully characterised by

$$\vartheta_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1) = p(S_t^1)^{p-1} \exp\left((p-1)\left(rT + p\frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t)\right)\right)$$

and $V_0^* = v(0, S_0^1) = (S_0^1)^p \exp\left((p-1)\left(rT + p\frac{\sigma^2}{2}T\right)\right)$.

(b) **4 points**

Similarly we get

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^* &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{(\log(\tilde{S}_T^1))^2}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left(\log \left(e^{rT} S_t^1 \exp \left(\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right) \right) \right)^2}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left(rT + \log S_t^1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right)^2 + 2 \left(rT + \log S_t^1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right) \sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*) + \sigma^2(W_T^* - W_t^*)^2}{e^{rT}} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= e^{-rT} \left(\left(\log S_t^1 + rT - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right)^2 + \sigma^2(T-t) \right) \\ &= v(t, S_t^1) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$v(t, x) = e^{-rT} \left(\left(\log x + rT - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right)^2 + \sigma^2(T-t) \right)$$

By the above arguments, the hedging strategy is fully characterised by

$$\vartheta_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1) = \frac{2e^{-rT} \left(\log S_t^1 + rT - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right)}{S_t^1}$$

$$\text{and } V_0^* = v(0, S_0^1) = e^{-rT} \left(\left(\log S_0^1 + rT - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}T \right)^2 + \sigma^2T \right).$$

(c) **4 points**

We start by showing the hint. Let $F(c, m) := E \left[\left(e^{-c/2 + \sqrt{c}X} - m \right)^+ \right]$ where $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ is a standard normal random variable, and c and m are positive constants. A simple computation using the density of X yields

$$\begin{aligned} F(c, m) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(e^{-c/2 + \sqrt{c}x} - m \right)^+ \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2}}^{\infty} \left(e^{-c/2 + \sqrt{c}x} - m \right) \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2}}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-c/2 + \sqrt{c}x - x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx - m \int_{\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2}}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2}} \frac{e^{-s^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} ds - m \int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2}} \frac{e^{-s^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} ds \\ &= \Phi \left(-\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2} \right) - m \Phi \left(-\frac{\log m}{\sqrt{c}} - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The discounted time t value of the European call option is

$$\begin{aligned}
V_t^* &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left(\tilde{S}_T^1 - \tilde{K} \right)^+}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left(e^{rT} S_t^1 \exp \left(\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right) - \tilde{K} \right)^+}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
&= S_t^1 \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\left(\exp \left(\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right) - \frac{\tilde{K}}{e^{rT} S_t^1} \right)^+ \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
&= S_t^1 F(c, m) \\
&= v(t, S_t^1)
\end{aligned}$$

with $c = \sigma^2(T-t)$ and $m = \frac{\tilde{K}}{e^{rT} S_t^1} = \frac{K}{S_t^1}$ where we defined the discounted strike $K = \frac{\tilde{K}}{e^{rT}}$ and the function v by

$$\begin{aligned}
v(t, S_t^1) &= S_t^1 F(c, m) \\
&= S_t^1 \left[\Phi \left(-\frac{\log \left(\frac{K}{S_t^1} \right) + \frac{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}{2}}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right) - \frac{K}{S_t^1} \Phi \left(-\frac{\log \left(\frac{K}{S_t^1} \right) - \frac{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}{2}}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right) \right] \\
&= S_t^1 \Phi \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{S_t^1}{K} \right) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right) - K \Phi \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{S_t^1}{K} \right) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

By the above arguments, the hedging strategy is fully characterised by

$$\vartheta_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1) = \Phi \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{S_t^1}{K} \right) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right)$$

and

$$V_0^* = v(0, S_0^1) = S_0^1 \Phi \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{S_0^1}{K} \right) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \right) - K \Phi \left(\frac{\log \left(\frac{S_0^1}{K} \right) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \right)$$

We have used the hint to compute the partial derivative $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1)$.

(d) **4 points**

As suggested by the hint, we derive the dynamics of $(S_t^1)^2$ and relate the bonus question to pricing of a standard European call option (part c)). Note that under P , the undiscounted price process is given by

$$\tilde{S}_t^1 = \tilde{S}_0^1 \exp \left(\left(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) t + \sigma W_t \right)$$

Therefore the squared undiscounted price satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
(\tilde{S}_t^1)^2 &= (\tilde{S}_0^1)^2 \exp \left((2\mu - \sigma^2) t + 2\sigma W_t \right) \\
&= (\tilde{S}_0^1)^2 \exp \left(\left(\bar{\mu} - \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2} \right) t + \bar{\sigma} W_t \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{\mu} = 2\mu - \sigma^2$ and $\bar{\sigma} = 2\sigma$. Therefore $(S_t^1)^2$ is again a geometric Brownian motion but with new drift $\bar{\mu} = 2\mu - \sigma^2$ and new diffusion $\bar{\sigma} = 2\sigma$. This is very helpful as it guarantees that we can use a similar argument to question c).

Using the relation between W and W^* , we directly get that the undiscounted squared asset price satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{S}_T^1)^2 &= (\tilde{S}_0^1)^2 \exp((2r - \sigma^2)T + 2\sigma W_T^*) \\ &= e^{2rT} (S_t^1)^2 \exp(-\sigma^2(T-t) + 2\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*)) \end{aligned}$$

The discounted time t value of the European call option is

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^* &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left((\tilde{S}_T^1)^2 - \tilde{K} \right)^+}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Q \left[\frac{\left(e^{2rT} (S_t^1)^2 \exp(-\sigma^2(T-t) + 2\sigma(W_T^* - W_t^*)) - \tilde{K} \right)^+}{\tilde{S}_T^0} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\ &= e^{rT + \sigma^2(T-t)} (S_t^1)^2 F(c, m) \\ &= v(t, S_t^1) \end{aligned}$$

with $c = 4\sigma^2(T-t)$ and $m = \frac{\tilde{K}}{e^{2rT}(S_t^1)^2 e^{\sigma^2(T-t)}} = \frac{K}{e^{rT + \sigma^2(T-t)}(S_t^1)^2}$ where we defined the discounted strike $K = \frac{\tilde{K}}{e^{rT}}$ and the function v by

$$\begin{aligned} v(t, S_t^1) &= e^{rT + \sigma^2(T-t)} (S_t^1)^2 F(c, m) \\ &= e^{rT + \sigma^2(T-t)} (S_t^1)^2 \Phi \left(\frac{rT + 3\sigma^2(T-t) + \log \left(\frac{(S_t^1)^2}{K} \right)}{4\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right) - K \Phi \left(\frac{rT - \sigma^2(T-t) + \log \left(\frac{(S_t^1)^2}{K} \right)}{4\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We therefore have that the hedging strategy is fully characterized by

$$\vartheta_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v(t, S_t^1)$$

and

$$V_0^* = v(0, S_0^1)$$

Due to time constraints, the students are not required to explicitly evaluate the delta hedge.