

### 1. Properties of the Expected Value

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space. Prove the following assertions:

(a) For a random variable  $X \in L^0_+(\mathbb{P})$  the following are equivalent: (1)

- $X = 0$
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0$

(b) For a random variable  $X \in L^1(\mathbb{P})$  the following are equivalent: (2)

- $X = 0$
- $\mathbb{E}[X \mathbb{1}_A] = 0$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{F}$

Points for Question 1: 3

### 2. The Radon-Nikodym Derivative

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  be two probability measures on a measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . We write  $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$  if  $\mathbb{Q}(A) = 0$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 0$ . In this case one can show that there exists a non-negative function  $d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P} \in L^1(\mathbb{P})$  such that  $\mathbb{Q}(A) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[\mathbb{1}_A(d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P})]$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ . We call  $d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P}$  the Radon-Nikodym derivative of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with respect to  $\mathbb{P}$ . If  $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{P} \ll \mathbb{Q}$ , we denote this by  $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{P}$ . Now let  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  be two probability measures on a measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  such that  $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ .

(a) Show that  $d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P}$  is  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. unique. (1)

(b) Show that  $X \in L^1(\mathbb{Q})$  if and only if  $X(d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P}) \in L^1(\mathbb{P})$ . Show that in this case we have (2)

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[X] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}}[X(d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P})],$$

and that this equality also holds for every  $X \geq 0$ .

(c) Show that  $\mathbb{P} \ll \mathbb{Q}$  if and only if  $d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P} > 0$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.. Show that in this case we have  $d\mathbb{P}/d\mathbb{Q} = (d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P})^{-1}$ . (2)

Points for Question 2: 5

### 3. A First Example

Let  $\Omega = [90, 110] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$  be the Borel  $\sigma$ -field. We interpret  $\omega \in \Omega$  as the outcome of a risky asset. Consider a call option with strike  $K = 100$  given by

$$X(\omega) := (\omega - K)^+ := (\omega - K) \mathbb{1}_{[100, 110]}(\omega).$$

(a) Determine  $\sigma(X)$  and decide whether  $[90, 95] \in \sigma(X)$ . (2)

(b) Equip  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  with the normalized Lebesgue measure  $\mathbb{P} = \frac{1}{20}\lambda$ . Suppose you paid 2 Euro for the payoff  $X$ . How high is the probability that you make profit with this investment? (2)

Points for Question 3: 4

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