Credit derivatives pricing based on Lévy field driven term structure

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Abstract

We use Lévy random fields to model the term structure of forward default intensity, which allows to describe the contagion risks. We consider the pricing of credit derivatives, notably of defaultable bonds. The main result is to prove the pricing kernel as the unique solution of a parabolic integro-differential equation by constructing a contractible operator and then considering the limit case for unbounded terminal condition under a suitably chosen probability measure. Finally, we illustrate the impact of contagious jump risks on the defaultable bond prices by numerical examples.

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1 Introduction

The term structure modelling in the interest rate and in the credit risk modelling has been widely adopted and extended since the original paper of Heath-Jarrow-Morton [14]. Notably, there have appeared many important papers (e.g. [1, 4, 8, 10]) incorporating jump diffusions to describe the family of bond prices or the forward curves as a generalization of the classical HJM model.

In the credit risk modelling, the conditional survival probability associated to the default time describes the term structure of default risks and is an important quantity for studying valuation of credit derivatives. Let τ be a nonnegative random variable defined on a complete probability space \((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})\) equipped with a filtration \(\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}\) satisfying the usual conditions. The conditional survival probability (CSP) is defined as \(S_t(\theta) = \mathbb{P}(\tau > \theta | \mathcal{F}_t), \ t, \theta \geq 0\). To describe the term structure of the CSP, we can use both the density and the intensity point of view. On the one hand, as in El Karoui et al [9], we assume that there exists a family of \(\mathcal{F}_t \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+)-\)measurable functions \((\omega, \theta) \rightarrow \alpha_t(\omega, \theta)\) such that the CSP has the following additive representation:

\[
S_t(\theta) = \int_\theta^\infty \alpha_t(v)dv.
\]

The family of random variables \(\alpha_t(\cdot)\) is called the conditional density of the default time \(\tau\) given \(\mathcal{F}_t\). On the other hand, similarly to the definition of forward rate, we can use the “intensity” point of view and the
following multiplicative representation:

$$S_t(\theta) = \exp \left( - \int_0^\theta \lambda_t(v)dv \right),$$

(1.2)

where the $F_t \otimes B(\mathbb{R}_+)$-measurable function $(\omega, \theta) \to \lambda_t(\omega, \theta)$ is called the forward intensity. It is equivalent to assume the existence of the density or the intensity for all positive $t$ and $\theta$. We have the relationship:

$$\alpha_t(\theta) = S_t(\theta)\lambda_t(\theta).$$

(1.3)

In the interest rate models, the time $\theta$ is always larger than $t$ and the forward rate has no economic interpretation for $\theta < t$. However, it is noted in [9] that to study what happens after a default event, the whole term structure of the conditional survival probability is needed, that is, for all positive $t$ and $\theta$. One typical example is a defaultable bond where the recovery payment is effectuated at a given maturity later than the economic default date.

In this paper, we consider the whole term structure modelling of CSP and the applications to the credit derivative pricing. In the credit risk models, the default contagion phenomenon is often modelled by positive jumps in the intensity process. We take this point into modelling consideration and propose a forward intensity driven by Lévy random fields. In the existing Lévy term structure models, in Filipović et al. [10], the authors consider forward curve evolutions as solutions of the infinite dimensional Musiela parametrization first-order hyperbolic stochastic differential equations driven by $n$-independent Lévy processes or driven by a Wiener process together with an independent Poisson measure. In [8], Eberlein and Raible present a class of bond price models that can be driven by a wide range of Lévy processes with finite exponential moments. This model was further applied to describe the defaultable Lévy term structure and explore ratings and restructuring of the defaultable market.

Motivated by those existing Lévy term structure models and the random field models which are widely used to model various stochastic dynamics (e.g. [1, 5, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16]), we suppose that the Lévy random field in our model is a combination of a kernel-correlated Gaussian field and an independent (central) Poisson random measure. The jump component described as Poisson measure is similar to that used in [10], but it is not necessary to assume the exponential integrability condition for the characteristic measure under our framework (see Section 2). The kernel-correlated Gaussian field is very flexible compared to the Gaussian components without kernel-correlation considered in [13, 15, 16]. Note that although we do not intend to consider the forward intensity under infinite dimensional framework as in [10], it has a close relationship between the (infinite dimensional) Wiener process and the kernel-correlated Gaussian field. Indeed, the kernel-correlated Gaussian field can produce a cylindrical Wiener process by establishing appropriate Hilbert spaces (see Proposition 2.5 in [7]). We deduce the dynamics of the CSP and the associated density in this setting. In particular, we emphasize on a martingale condition, which can be viewed as an analogue of the non-arbitrage condition in the classical HJM model.

For the pricing of credit derivatives, we follow the general framework in Bielecki and Rutkowski [3]. The global market information contains both the default information and the “default-free” market information represented by the filtration $\mathcal{F}$, which is obtained by a progressive enlargement of filtration. We are particularly interested in an economic default case, that is, the default does not lead to the total bankruptcy of the underlying firm and a partial recovery value is repaid at the maturity date of the bond in case of default prior to the maturity. To evaluate this “after-default” payment, we use the density approach in [9] and obtain that the key quantities for the pricing of a defaultable bond are two pricing kernels, one depending on the interest rate and the default density, and the other depending on additionally the recovery rate. We assume that both the short interest rate and the default density are modelled by the Lévy random field model and are correlated between them. For the recovery rate, we analyze firstly the simple case where the recovery rate is deterministic and then the random recovery case. We show that the pricing kernel is related to the solution
of a second-order parabolic integro-differential equation and we prove the existence and the uniqueness of the solution to the equation. The proof of the main theorem is inspired by a result of Garroni and Menaldi [12] where the terminal condition lies in a normed vector space. In our model, the terminal condition is unbounded and is then treated by considering the limit case. Furthermore, we need to choose an appropriate probability measure in order to decrease the dimension of variables in the pricing kernel.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. We present our model setting in Section 2 and give the martingale condition. We then analyze the dynamics of the CSP and the conditional density in Section 3. In Section 4, we discuss the pricing of credit derivatives and in particular the defaultable zero-coupon bond. The two sections 5 and 6 focus on the pricing kernels respectively for deterministic and random recovery rates, and contain the main results of the paper. Finally, we present some numerical illustrations in the last section 7.

2 Forward intensity driven by Lévy random field

In this paper, we adopt a random field point of view to model the forward intensity $\lambda_t(\theta)$ where both $t$ and $\theta$ are positive. We consider a Lévy random field on $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^d$ which is a combination of a Gaussian random field $Y^G$ and a compensated Poisson random measure $Y^P$ independent of $Y^G$. Here $\mathbb{R}^+$ denotes the time space and $\mathbb{R}^d$ is considered as a parameter space.

We assume that the covariance of the Gaussian random field $Y^G$ is given by a kernel measure $c$ on $\mathbb{R}^d$ which has a continuous and symmetric density on $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure and such that $c(\{0\}) > 0$. Namely for $(\phi_1, \phi_2) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^d)^2$,

$$\mathbb{E}[Y^G(\phi_1)Y^G(\phi_2)] = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \phi_1(t, \xi_1)\phi_2(t, \xi_2)c(\xi_1 - \xi_2)d\xi_1d\xi_2dt,$$

where by abuse of language $c(\xi_1 - \xi_2)d\xi_1d\xi_2$ denotes the measure on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ the inverse image of the measure $c$ by the mapping from $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ to $\mathbb{R}^d$ which sends $(\xi_1, \xi_2)$ to $\xi_1 - \xi_2$. The Gaussian random field $Y^G$ defines a worthy martingale measure (see [18, p.289] and [6, p.190]). Let $\mathbb{F}^G = (\mathcal{F}^G_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be the filtration satisfying the usual conditions which is generated by

$$\sigma(Y^G([0, u] \times A), u \leq t, A \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)), \quad t \geq 0,$$

where $\mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denotes the set of all bounded Borel subsets of $\mathbb{R}^d$. Let $\mathcal{P}^G$ be the predictable $\sigma$-algebra on $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+$ associated to $\mathbb{F}^G$ and $\Phi_c$ be the linear space of all $\mathcal{P}^G \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$-measurable functions $h$ such that

$$||h||_{c,T} := \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} h(t, \xi_1)h(t, \xi_2)c(\xi_1 - \xi_2)d\xi_1d\xi_2dt\right]^{1/2} < +\infty$$

for any $T > 0$. The stochastic integral $h \cdot Y^G$ is well defined for any $h \in \Phi_c$. When $c$ is the Dirac distribution concentrated on the origin, the stochastic integral:

$$B(t_0, \ldots, t_d) = Y^G([0, t_0] \times \cdots \times [0, t_d]), \quad (t_0, \ldots, t_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}_+$$

(2.1)

defines a $(d + 1)$-parameter Brownian sheet. If in particular $d = 0$, it becomes a standard Brownian motion.

Denote the intensity measure of the compensated Poisson field $Y^P$ by $\nu(d\xi)dt$, $(t, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^d$, where $\nu$ is a $\sigma$-finite measure on $\mathbb{R}^d$. Let $\mathbb{F}^P = (\mathcal{F}^P_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be the filtration satisfying the usual conditions generated by

$$\sigma(Y^P([0, u] \times A), u \leq t, A \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)), \quad t \geq 0$$

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Theorem 2.1

We describe the forward intensity by using the Lévy random field as below:

\[ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g(t, \xi)|^2 \nu(d\xi)dt < +\infty \]

for any \( T > 0 \). The stochastic integral \( g \cdot Y^P \) is well defined for any \( g \in \Psi_\nu \).

Let \( \mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0} \) be the natural filtration generated by the Lévy random field, namely \( \mathbb{F} := \mathbb{F}^G \vee \mathbb{F}^P \).

We describe the forward intensity by using the Lévy random field as below:

\[ d\lambda_t(\theta) = \mu_t(\theta)dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi)Y^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_{t-}(\theta, \xi)Y^P(dt, d\xi), \]

(2.2)

where

1. \( \mu = (\mu_t(\theta); \quad (t, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2) \) is \( \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+) \)-measurable and \( \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[|\mu_t(\theta)|]dt < \infty \), where \( \mathcal{P} \) is the predictable \( \sigma \)-algebra on \( \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+ \) associated to the filtration \( \mathbb{F} \),

2. \( \sigma = (\sigma_t(\theta, \xi); \quad (t, \theta, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d) \) is \( \mathcal{P}^G \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d) \)-measurable and for any \( \theta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \), \( \sigma.(\theta, \cdot) \in \Phi_c \),

3. \( \gamma = (\gamma_t(\theta, \xi) \geq 0; \quad (t, \theta, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d) \) is \( \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d) \)-measurable and for any \( \theta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \), \( \gamma.(\theta, \cdot) \in \Psi_\nu \).

The equivalent integral form of (2.2) is given as

\[ \lambda_t(\theta) = \lambda_0(\theta) + \int_0^t \mu_s(\theta)ds + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_s(\theta, \xi)Y^G(ds, d\xi) + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_{s-}(\theta, \xi)Y^P(ds, d\xi) \]

(2.3)

where both stochastic integrals with respect to \( Y^G \) and \( Y^P \) are \( \mathbb{F} \)-martingales with mean zero, \( \lambda_0(\cdot) \) is a deterministic Borel function on \( \mathbb{R}_+ \).

The above model (2.2) can be viewed as an additive HJM model since it describes the whole term structure of the credit forward intensity which can be compared to the forward interest rate in a classical HJM model. We point out that, similar as in some classical interest rate models (such as the Vasicek model), the positivity condition for the forward intensity is difficult to hold in its general form (2.2). However, we will show by numerical simulations in Section 7 that by choosing suitable coefficients \( \mu, \sigma \) and \( \gamma \), the forward intensity can remain positive in most cases in practice.

There exists a relationship between the drift coefficient \( \mu \) and the diffusion coefficients \( \sigma \) and \( \gamma \) due to the fact that, for any \( \theta \geq 0 \), the conditional survival probability process \( (S_t(\theta) = \exp(-\int_0^t \lambda_t(v)dv), \quad t \geq 0) \) should be an \( \mathbb{F} \)-martingale. We call this relationship the martingale condition (MC). Let us introduce the following notation:

\[ I_\mu(t, \theta) := \int_0^\theta \mu_t(v)dv, \quad I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi) := \int_0^\theta \sigma_t(v, \xi)dv, \quad \text{and} \quad I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi) := \int_0^\theta \gamma_t(v, \xi)dv, \]

where \( (t, \theta, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \).

**Theorem 2.1** For all \( \theta \geq 0 \) and \( T > 0 \), one has

\[ \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[|I_\mu(t, \theta)|]dt < \infty, \quad I_\sigma(\cdot, \theta, \cdot) \in \Phi_c, \quad I_\gamma(\cdot, \theta, \cdot) \in \Psi_\nu, \quad \text{and} \quad e^{-I_\gamma(\cdot, \theta, \cdot)} - 1 \in \Psi_\nu, \]

(2.4)
Moreover, the process family \( (S_t(\theta) = \exp \left( - \int_0^t \lambda_t(v) \, dv \right), \ t \geq 0) \) is a family of \( \mathbb{F} \)-martingales if and only if the following condition is satisfied:

\[
\text{(MC)} \quad \forall \theta \geq 0, \quad \mu_t(\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi_2)c(\xi_1 - \xi_2) \, d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \\
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_t(\theta, \xi)(1 - e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)}) \nu(d\xi).
\]  \tag{2.5}

**Proof.** The proofs for the first three statements in (2.4) are similar. We only provide the details for the third one. For any \( T > 0 \), we have

\[
\int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E}[I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)]^2 \nu(d\xi) \, dt = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_0^\theta \gamma_t(v, \xi) \, dv \right|^2 \nu(d\xi) \, dt \\
= \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^\theta \gamma_t(v_1, \xi) \, dv_1 \int_0^\theta \gamma_t(v_2, \xi) \, dv_2 \right] \nu(d\xi) \, dt \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_0^\theta \int_0^\theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \left[ |\gamma_t(v_1, \xi)|^2 + |\gamma_t(v_2, \xi)|^2 \right] \nu(d\xi) \, dv_1 \, dv_2 \, dt \\
= \theta \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \left[ |\gamma_t(v, \xi)|^2 \right] \nu(d\xi) \, dt \, dv,
\]

which is finite since \( \gamma_r(v, \cdot) \in \Psi_r \) for any \( v \geq 0 \). For the last assertion in (2.4), note that \( \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) \geq 0 \) and thus

\[
\left| e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1 \right| \leq |I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)|,
\]

for all \( (t, \theta, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \).

We now prove that the condition (MC) is equivalent to the martingale condition for \( (S_t(\theta), \ t \geq 0) \). In fact

\[
\frac{dS_t(\theta)}{S_{t-}(\theta)} = -I_\mu(t, \theta) \, dt - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi) Y^G(dt, d\xi) \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi_1) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi_2)c(\xi_1 - \xi_2) \, d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \, dt \\
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1) Y^P(dt, d\xi) \\
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1 + I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)) \nu(d\xi) \, dt,
\]  \tag{2.6}

so the martingale condition of \( (S_t(\theta), \ t \geq 0) \) is thus equivalent to the following equality

\[
I_\mu(t, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi_1) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi_2)c(\xi_1 - \xi_2) \, d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \\
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1 + I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)) \nu(d\xi),
\]

which is equivalent to (MC).

\[\Box\]

**Remark 2.2** Consider the particular case where \( d = 0, c \) is the Dirac measure, and \( \nu = 0 \). The condition (MC) becomes

\[
\forall \theta \geq 0, \quad \mu_t(\theta) = \sigma_t(\theta) \int_0^\theta \sigma_t(v) \, dv.
\]
This corresponds to the non-arbitrage condition in the classical HJM model where the forward intensity is driven by a standard Brownian motion.

**Remark 2.3** There exist random field models in the literature. We make below some comparisons. The forward intensity model (2.2) can be extended to the following form:

$$d\lambda_t(\theta) = \mu_t(\theta)dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \zeta)Y^G(dt, d\zeta) + \int_{|\zeta|\leq 1} \gamma_{t-}(\theta, \zeta)Y^P(dt, d\zeta) + \int_{|\zeta| > 1} \hat{\gamma}_{t-}(\theta, \zeta)(Y^P(dt, d\zeta) + \nu(d\zeta)dt),$$

where $\sigma_t(\theta, \cdot) \in \Phi_c$, $\gamma_t(\theta, \cdot) \mathbb{I}_{|\cdot| \leq 1}$ and $\hat{\gamma}_t(\theta, \cdot) \mathbb{I}_{|\cdot| > 1} \in \Psi_\nu$, for each fixed $\theta \geq 0$. Under the model (2.7), the corresponding martingale condition (MC) will be changed accordingly. We next consider a special form of the predictable random field with separable variables:

$$\sigma_t(\theta, \zeta) = \overline{\sigma}_t(\theta)\overline{\phi}(\zeta), \quad \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) = \overline{\gamma}_t(\theta, \xi) = \langle \overline{\gamma}_t(\theta), \xi \rangle, \quad \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

where $(\overline{\sigma}_t(\theta); (t, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ is a real-valued predictable random field, $(\overline{\gamma}_t(\theta) = (\overline{\gamma}_1^t(\theta), \ldots, \overline{\gamma}_d^t(\theta)); (t, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ is a $\mathbb{R}_+^d$-valued predictable field and $\overline{\phi}(\zeta)$ is a deterministic measurable function on $\mathbb{R}^d$. In this case, the extended model (2.7) can be rewritten as

$$d\lambda_t(\theta) = (\mu_t(\theta) - a)dt + \sigma_t(\theta)Y^G(dt, \overline{\phi}(\ast)) + \langle \overline{\gamma}_t(\theta), dL_t \rangle,$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner-product on $\mathbb{R}^d$ and

$$dL_t = adt + \int_{|\xi|\leq 1} \xi Y^P(dt, d\xi) + \int_{|\xi| > 1} \xi (Y^P(dt, d\xi) + \nu(d\xi)dt)$$

is a non-Gaussian Lévy process if the characteristic measure $\nu$ is a Lévy measure. If $\overline{\phi} \equiv 1$, then $Y^G(\mathbb{I}_{[0,t]} \times \overline{\phi}(\ast))$ becomes a Brownian motion when the correlated-kernel is Dirac. Choose appropriate smooth function $\overline{\phi}$ as in the proof of Proposition 2.5 in [7], then $Y^G(\mathbb{I}_{[0,t]} \times \overline{\phi}(\ast))$ becomes a cylindrical Wiener process. Thus we recover the Lévy interest rate term structure models considered in [8, 10], if the Lévy measure $\nu$ satisfies the exponential integrability condition. We next give a comparison of our Lévy random field $Y^G + Y^P$ introduced previously in this section with existing Lévy fields in literature.

1. As in (2.1), the field $Y^G + Y^P$ can be reduced to a Brownian sheet in Walsh [18], when the kernel $c$ is Dirac and the characteristic measure $\nu = 0$ (hence $Y^P = 0$);

2. the field $Y^G + Y^P$ becomes a so-called “colored” space-time white noise model established by [5], when the kernel $c(\xi) = |\xi|^{-\alpha}$ with $0 < \alpha < d$ and $\nu = 0$;

3. the fractional space-time white noise (fractional in space and time in white) used in [17] corresponds to the field $Y^G + Y^P$ with the kernel $c(\xi) = \frac{h}{2(2h-1)}|\xi|^{2h-2}$ with $\frac{1}{2} < h < 1$, $d = 1$ and $\nu = 0$;

4. the Poisson sheet in [1] corresponds to the field $Y^G + Y^P + \nu(d\xi)dt$ with $c = 0$ and $\nu(\xi) = z\delta_1(d\xi)$ where $z > 0$ is single point and $\delta_1$ is the Dirac measure concentrated at $1$. The Gamma sheet in [1] is the field $Y^G + Y^P + \nu(d\xi)dt$ with $c = 0$ and $\nu(d\xi) = \frac{e^{-\xi}}{\xi} \mathbb{I}_{\xi > 0}(d\xi)$ where $d = 1$ and $z > 0$ is a single point.
3 Conditional survival probability and density

In this section, we concentrate on the family of conditional survival probability \((S_t(\theta), \ t \geq 0)\) and of conditional density \((\alpha_t(\theta), \ t \geq 0)\). We observe from the equality (2.6) that, under the condition (MC), the conditional survival probability admits the following dynamics:

\[
\frac{dS_t(\theta)}{S_{t-}(\theta)} = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi)Y^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1)Y^P(dt, d\xi),
\]  

(3.1)

where \(S_0(\theta) = \exp(-\int_0^\theta \lambda_0(v)dv)\). For \(\theta \geq 0\), we denote by \(M(\theta)\) the martingale defined as

\[
dM_t(\theta) = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi)Y^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1)Y^P(dt, d\xi), \quad M_0(\theta) = 0.
\]

(3.2)

With this notation, \(S(\theta)/S_0(\theta)\) is the Doléans-Dade exponential of the martingale \(M(\theta)\). Moreover, denote by \(m(\theta)\) the martingale defined by the dynamics:

\[
dm_t(\theta) = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi)Y^G(dt, d\xi) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)}Y^P(dt, d\xi), \quad m_0(\theta) = 0.
\]

(3.3)

Since \(\sigma\) and \(\gamma\) as defined in (2.2) satisfy the conditions (2) and (3), the following relation holds

\[
M_t(\theta) = \int_0^\theta m_t(u)du.
\]

We then consider the dynamics of the conditional density of default given in (1.1). Keep the martingale condition (MC) in mind. The dynamics of the density is derived by employing Itô’s formula to \(\alpha(\theta) = \lambda(\theta)S(\theta)\) for each positive \(\theta\) fixed as

\[
d\alpha_t(\theta) = \alpha_{t-}(\theta)dM_t(\theta) - S_{t-}(\theta)dm_t(\theta)
\]

(3.4)

or equivalently

\[
\frac{d\alpha_t(\theta)}{\alpha_{t-}(\theta)} = dM_t(\theta) - \frac{1}{\lambda_{t-}(\theta)}dm_t(\theta).
\]

An important property in the credit analysis is the immersion property, or the so called (H)-hypothesis, which means that an \(\mathbb{F}\)-martingale remains a \(\mathbb{G}\)-martingale. The (H)-hypothesis is satisfied if and only if \(S_t(\theta) = S_0(\theta)\) or equivalently \(\lambda_t(\theta) = \lambda_0(\theta)\) for any \(t \geq \theta\) (see Section 3.2 [9]). In the random field setting, by (2.3), this is equivalently to

\[
\int_\theta^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_s(\theta, \xi)Y^G(ds, d\xi) = \int_\theta^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_s(\theta, \xi)Y^P(ds, d\xi) = 0
\]

for \(t \geq \theta\), or equivalently

\[
\sigma_t(\theta, \xi) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) = 0 \quad \nu(d\xi)\text{-a.e.}
\]

Note that the martingale condition (MC) then implies that \(\mu_t(\theta) = 0\) for \(t \geq \theta\).

We recall that the \(\mathbb{F}\)-intensity process \(\lambda\) of the default time \(\tau\) coincides with the diagonal forward intensity, i.e. \(\lambda_t = \lambda_t(\tau)\). It is closely related to the Azéma supermartingale:

\[
S_t = S_t(\theta) = \mathbb{P}(\tau > t \mid \mathcal{F}_t).
\]
Proposition 3.1 Let \( M \) be the \( \mathbb{F} \)-martingale having the dynamics

\[
dM_t = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, t, \xi) Y^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( e^{-I_\gamma(t-t, \xi)} - 1 \right) Y^P(dt, d\xi).
\]

Then

\[
S_t = \exp\left(- \int_0^t \lambda_s ds \right) \mathcal{E}(M)_t,
\]

where \( \mathcal{E}(M) \) is the Doléans-Dade exponential of \( M \).

Proof. The Azéma supermartingale \( S \) has a multiplicative decomposition of the form \( S_t = L_t \exp\left(- \int_0^t \lambda_s ds \right) \) (see [9, Proposition 4.1]), where \( L \) is an \( \mathbb{F} \)-martingale having the following dynamics:

\[
dL_t = \exp\left(\int_0^t \lambda_s ds \right) d\tilde{L}_t,
\]

with

\[
\tilde{L}_t = - \int_0^t \alpha_t(u) - \alpha_u(u)du.
\]

By Proposition ??, together with (3.2) and (3.3), we arrive at

\[
d\tilde{L}_t = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^t A(t, \theta, \xi)d\theta Y^G(dt, d\xi) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^t B(t, \theta, \xi)d\theta Y^P(dt, d\xi),
\]

where

\[
A(t, \theta, \xi) = - \alpha_{t-}(\theta) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi) + S_{t-}(\theta) \sigma_t(\theta, \xi),
\]

\[
B(t, \theta, \xi) = \alpha_{t-}(\theta) (e^{-I_\gamma(t-t, \theta, \xi)} - 1) + S_{t-}(\theta) \gamma_{t-}(\theta, \xi) e^{-I_\gamma(t-t, \theta, \xi)}.
\]

By integration by part, we obtain

\[
- \int_0^t A(t, \theta, \xi)d\theta = -S_{t-}(t) I_\sigma(t, t, \xi),
\]

\[
- \int_0^t B(t, \theta, \xi)d\theta = S_{t-}(t) (e^{-I_\gamma(t-t, \xi)} - 1).
\]

Moreover, the Doob-Meyer decomposition of \( S \) is given by

\[
S_t = 1 + \tilde{L}_t - \int_0^t \alpha_u(u)du,
\]

which implies that

\[
\frac{dL_t}{L_{t-}} = \frac{d\tilde{L}_t}{S_{t-}} = \frac{dS_t}{S_{t-}} + \lambda_t dt.
\]

By the existence of the density, one has \( S_{t-} = S_{t-}(t) \). Hence the martingale \( L \) is the Doléans-Dade exponential of \( M \) and the assertion follows. \( \square \)
4 The pricing of defaultable bonds

In this section, we focus on the pricing of credit derivatives. In general, a credit sensitive contingent claim can be represented by a triplet \((C, G, R)\) (see Bielecki and Rutkowski [3]) where the \(\mathcal{F}_T\)-measurable random variable \(C_T\) represents the maturity payment if no default occurs before the maturity \(T\), and \(G\) is an \(\mathbb{F}\)-adapted continuous process of finite variation such that \(G_0 = 0\) and represents the coupon payment. Differently from the case where the default payment occurs at \(\tau\) immediately, we assume that in the economic default case, the default (or the recovery) payment takes place, after a period of legal proceedings, at the maturity date \(T\) later than the economic default date \(\tau\) and admits the form \(R_T(\tau)\) where \(R_T(\cdot)\) is \(\mathcal{F}_T \otimes B(\mathbb{R}_+)\)-measurable.

The global market information is described by the filtration \(\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathcal{G}_t = \mathcal{F}_t \vee \sigma(\tau \wedge t)\), which is made to satisfy the usual conditions. The value at time \(t \leq T\) of the contingent claim \((C, G, R)\) is given by the following \(\mathcal{G}_t\)-conditional expectation:

\[
V_t = \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ (C_T \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} + \int_t^T \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > u\}} e^{-\int_u^T r_s ds} dG_s + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq T\}} R_T(\tau) e^{-\int_0^T r_s ds} \Big| \mathcal{G}_t \right],
\]

where \(Q\) denotes a risk-neutral pricing probability measure and the interest rate \(r = (r_t; t \geq 0)\) is an \(\mathbb{F}\)-adapted process. The following result computes \(V_t\) using \(\mathcal{F}_t\)-conditional expectations. The first two terms result from [3] and the third one from [9]. With an abuse of notation, we denote in the following the \(\mathbb{F}\)-conditional density of \(\tau\) under the risk-neutral probability \(Q\) by \((\alpha_t(\cdot), t \geq 0)\). The general result on the density under a change of probability measure is given in [9, Theorem 6.1].

**Proposition 4.1** We suppose that the economic default time \(\tau\) admits a conditional density w.r.t. the filtration \(\mathcal{F}\), denoted by \(\alpha_t(\cdot)\) under the risk-neutral probability measure \(Q\). Then the value of the credit sensitive contingent claim \((C, G, R)\) is given by

\[
V_t = \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} \frac{B_t}{S_t} \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ (C_T S_T + \int_t^T R_T(u) \alpha_T(u) du) B_T^{-1} + \int_t^T S_u B_u^{-1} dG_u \Big| \mathcal{F}_t \right]
\]

\[
+ \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq t\}} B_t \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ R_T(\theta) \frac{\alpha_T(\theta)}{\alpha_t(\theta)} B_T^{-1} \Big| \mathcal{F}_t \right]_{\theta = \tau},
\]

where \(S_t = Q(\tau > t | \mathcal{F}_t) = \int_0^\infty \alpha_t(\theta) d\theta\) and \(B_t = \exp(\int_0^t r_s ds)\).

**Proof.** The \(\mathcal{G}_t\)-measurable random variable \(V_t\) can be decomposed in two parts \(V_t = \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} \bar{V}_t + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq t\}} \tilde{V}_t(\tau)\) where \(\bar{V}_t\) is \(\mathcal{F}_t\)-measurable and \(\tilde{V}_t(\cdot)\) is \(\mathcal{F}_t \otimes B(\mathbb{R}_+)\)-measurable. On the set \(\{\tau > t\}\), we use Jeulin-Yor’s lemma (see [3]) and the conditional density to obtain

\[
\bar{V}_t = \frac{1}{S_t} \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ (C_T \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > T\}} + \int_{t < \tau \leq T} R_T(\tau) e^{-\int_0^T r_s ds} + \int_t^T \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > u\}} e^{-\int_u^T r_s ds} dG_s \Big| \mathcal{F}_t \right]
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{S_t} \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ (C_T S_T + \int_t^T R_T(\theta) \alpha_T(\theta) d\theta) e^{-\int_0^T r_s ds} + \int_t^T S_u e^{-\int_u^T r_s ds} dG_s \Big| \mathcal{F}_t \right].
\]

On the set \(\{\tau \leq t\}\), by [9, Thm 3.1], we have

\[
\tilde{V}_t(\tau) = \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ R_T(\theta) \frac{\alpha_T(\theta)}{\alpha_t(\theta)} \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \Big| \mathcal{F}_t \right]_{\theta = \tau},
\]

which complete the proof. \(\square\)
We consider in particular a defaultable zero-coupon bond of maturity $T$ with $C = 1$ and $G = 0$. Its price at $t \leq T$ is given by

$$
P(t, T) = \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ (\mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > T\}} + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq T\}} R_T(\tau)) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right]. \quad (4.3)
$$

As a direct consequence of the previous proposition and the fact that $S_T = \int_T^\infty \alpha_T(\theta) d\theta$. We obtain the price

$$
P(t, T) = \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} \left[ \int_T^\infty K_1(t, \theta) d\theta + \int_t^T K_2(t, \theta) \frac{\alpha_t(\theta)}{S_t} d\theta \right] + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq t\}} K_2(t, \tau), \quad (4.4)
$$

where the two price kernels are given by

$$
K_1(t, \theta) = \frac{1}{S_t} \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ \alpha_T(\theta) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right], \quad (4.5)
$$

$$
K_2(t, \theta) = \frac{1}{\alpha_t(\theta)} \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ R_T(\theta) \alpha_T(\theta) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right]. \quad (4.6)
$$

Using the conditional density of $\tau$ under $Q$, the price (4.3) of the defaultable zero-coupon bond at time $t \leq T$ has the representation:

$$
P(t, T) = \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > t\}} \left[ \int_T^\infty K_1(t, \theta) d\theta + \int_t^T K_2(t, \theta) \frac{\alpha_t(\theta)}{S_t} d\theta \right] + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq t\}} K_2(t, \tau). \quad (4.7)
$$

We will identify the above price kernels (4.5) and (4.6) in the next two sections with different settings.

### 5 The first pricing kernel

In this section, we study in detail the pricing kernels (4.5) and (4.6) when the random interest rate is described as an extended Vasicek model. We suppose in this section the after-default recovery payment is deterministic. The case where the after-default recovery payment is random will be considered in the next section.

We model the instantaneous interest rate process $r = (r_t, t \geq 0)$ in the following extended Vasicek model under the risk-neutral pricing measure $Q$:

$$
dr_t = \kappa (\delta - r_t) dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_t(\xi) Y^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_t(\xi) Y^P(dt, d\xi), \quad (5.1)
$$

where $\kappa > 0$, $\delta > 0$, and $\rho(\cdot)$ and $\phi(\cdot)$ are deterministic functions, assumed to belong to $\Phi_\epsilon$ and $\Psi_\nu$ respectively. In the particular case where $d = 0$, $\phi_t(\xi) \equiv 0$ and the volatility function $\rho(\cdot) \equiv \rho > 0$ is constant, the interest rate $r$ satisfies the classical Brownian-driven Vasicek model:

$$
dr_t = \kappa (\delta - r_t) dt + \rho dW_t, \quad (5.2)
$$

where $W$ is a standard Brownian motion.

As an extension of the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck stochastic differential equation, the model (5.1) admits an explicit expression as follows:

$$
r_t = r_0 e^{-\kappa t} + \delta (1 - e^{-\kappa t}) + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\kappa (t-u)} \rho_u(\xi) Y^G(du, d\xi)
$$

$$
+ \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\kappa (t-u)} \phi_u(\xi) Y^P(du, d\xi), \quad (5.3)
$$

[10]
Assumption 5.2

(i) There exists \( \lambda > 0 \) such that the positivity condition of \( r \) in (5.3) is not always satisfied.

Next we compute the first pricing kernel in (4.5). We assume that the coefficient parameters \( (\mu, \sigma, \gamma) \) in the default density dynamics are deterministic.

For \( \theta \geq 0 \), we introduce the following integro-differential operator \( A_\theta \) acting on functions with three variables \( t, x \) and \( y \) which are differential in \( t \) and second-order differentiable in \( (x, y) \):

\[
A_\theta K(t, x, y) = \kappa(\tilde{\lambda}(\theta) - x) \frac{\partial K}{\partial x}(t, x, y) + a(t, \theta) \frac{\partial K}{\partial y}(t, x, y) + a_{11}(t) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial x^2}(t, x, y)
\]

\[
+ a_{22}(t, \theta) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial y^2}(t, x, y) + a_{12}(t, \theta) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial x \partial y}(t, x, y)
\]

\[
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[ K(t, x + \phi_t(\xi), y + \gamma_t(\theta, \xi)) - K(t, x, y) \right] \psi(d\xi),
\]

where

\[
\tilde{\lambda}(\theta) = \delta + \kappa^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \rho_t(\xi) I_x(t, \theta, \xi) c(\xi - \xi) d\xi d\xi + \kappa^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_t(\xi)(e^{-I_x(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1) \psi(d\xi),
\]

\[
a(t, \theta) = \mu(\theta) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi) c(\xi - \xi) d\xi d\xi - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_t(-\theta, \xi)(1 - e^{-I_x(t, \theta, \xi)}) \psi(d\xi),
\]

\[
a_{11}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \rho_t(\xi_1) \rho_t(\xi_2) c(\xi_1 - \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2,
\]

\[
a_{22}(t, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi_1) \sigma_t(\theta, \xi_2) c(\xi_1 - \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2,
\]

\[
a_{12}(t, \theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi_1) \rho_t(\xi_2) c(\xi_1 - \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2.
\]

Remark 5.1 Recall the martingale condition (MC) given by (2.5) which has been assumed throughout the paper. We have the coefficient \( a(t, \theta) = 0 \) for the partial derivative \( \frac{\partial K}{\partial y} \) under (MC).

The following technical assumptions are necessary for the main result. We fix \( \theta \geq 0 \).

Assumption 5.2 (1) There exists \( q \in (0, 1) \) such that

(i) the functions \( a_{11}(\cdot), a_{22}(\cdot, \theta) \) and \( a_{12}(\cdot, \theta) \) are \( \frac{q}{2} \)-Lipschitz on \([0, T]\),

(ii) there exists a Borel function \( J_q \) on \( \mathbb{R}^d \) (which could depend on \( \theta \)) such that

\[
\max \{ |\phi_t(\xi) - \phi_s(\xi)|, |\gamma_t(\theta, \xi) - \gamma_s(\theta, \xi)| \} \leq J_q(\xi)|t - s|^{q/2}
\]

and

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{J_q(\xi)^2}{1 + J_q(\xi)} \psi(d\xi) < \infty.
\]

(2) \( |\phi_t(\xi)| \) and \( |\gamma_t(\theta, \xi)| \) are uniformly bounded from above by a Borel function \( J_0(\xi) \) such that

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{J_0(\xi)^2}{1 + J_0(\xi)} \psi(d\xi) < +\infty.
\]
(3) There exists a constant $\beta(\theta) > 0$ such that, for any $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and any $t \in [0, T]$, one has
\[
a_{11}(t)x^2 + 2a_{12}(t, \theta)xy + a_{22}(t, \theta)y^2 \geq \beta(\theta)(x^2 + y^2).
\]

Then we have the main result of this section.

**Theorem 5.3** Let $\theta \geq 0$ be fixed. Under Assumption 5.2, the Cauchy problem
\[
\frac{\partial K}{\partial t}(t, x, y) - xK(t, x, y) + A_\theta K(t, x, y) = 0, \quad K(T, x, y) = y \tag{5.5}
\]
has a unique solution $\tilde{K}$, where the integro-differential operator $A_\theta$ is defined in (5.4). Moreover, the following equality holds
\[
\mathbb{E}_Q \left[ \alpha_T(\theta) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s \, ds \right) \right] = S_t(\theta)\tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)), \tag{5.6}
\]
where $S_t(\theta) = \mathbb{Q}(\tau > t|\mathcal{F}_t)$ is CSP and $\lambda_t(\theta)$ is the corresponding forward intensity under the pricing measure $\mathbb{Q}$.

**Proof.** Let $q$ be as in Assumption 5.2. For the first assertion, we shall actually prove that the Cauchy problem (5.5) with a terminal condition\footnote{The expression $C^q(\mathbb{R}^2)$ denotes the vector space of all bounded functions $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$ which are Hölder continuous of order $q$ (namely, such that $\|f\|_{\sup} + \|f\|_q < +\infty$), where $\|f\|_q := \sup_{z, w \in \mathbb{R}^2, z \neq w} \frac{|h(z) - h(w)|}{|z - w|^q}$.} $K(T, \cdot, \cdot) = \psi \in C^q(\mathbb{R}^2)$ has a unique solution in the Hölder space $C^{1+\frac{1}{2}, 2+q}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ by constructing a contractible operator. The case of (5.5) with unbounded terminal function $\varphi(t, x, y) = y$ will then be treated by taking limits. We recall that $C^{1+\frac{1}{2}, 2+q}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ denotes the vector subspace of $^2 C^{1, 2}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ of functions $f$ such that
\[
\|f\|_{1+\frac{1}{2}, 2+q} := \|f\|_{1, 2} + \sum_{1 \leq a + b + 2c \leq 2} \langle \partial_x^a \partial_y^b \psi_b \rangle_{t, \frac{1}{2}(q + a + b + 2c - 1)} + \sum_{a + b + 2c = 2} \langle \partial_x^a \partial_y^b \psi_b \rangle_{(x, y), q} < +\infty,
\]
where for any function $g : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ and any $\beta \in (0, 1)$,
\[
\langle g \rangle_t, \beta := \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \sup_{s \neq t} \frac{|g(s, z) - g(t, z)|}{|s - t|^\beta}, \quad \langle g \rangle_{(x, y), \beta} := \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sup_{z, w \in \mathbb{R}^2, z \neq w} \frac{|g(t, z) - g(t, w)|}{|z - w|^\beta}.
\]

The vector space $C^{1+\frac{1}{2}, 2+q}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ together with the norm $\| \cdot \|_{1+\frac{1}{2}, 2+q}$ form a Banach space.

Let $I_{\theta}$ be the integro-differential operator defined as
\[
(I_{\theta}K)(t, x, y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[ K(t, x + \phi_t(\xi), y + \gamma_t(\theta, \xi)) - K(t, x, y) - \phi_t(\xi) \frac{\partial K}{\partial x} - \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) \frac{\partial K}{\partial y} \right] \nu(d\xi).
\]
\footnote{The expression $C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ denotes the vector space of all continuous functions $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^2$ such that $\|f\|_{1, 2} := \sum_{a + b + 2c \leq 2} \|\partial_x^a \partial_y^b f\|_{\sup} < +\infty$.}
For $K \in C^{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ and $\psi \in C^q(\mathbb{R}^2)$, let $\Theta_\psi(K)$ be the unique solution of the Cauchy problem

$$
\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} - xF + \tilde{A}_\theta(F) = I_\theta(K), \quad F(T, x, y) = \psi(x, y),
$$

(5.7)

where $\tilde{A}_\theta$ denotes the differential operator

$$
a_{11}(t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + a_{12}(t, \theta) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} + a_{22}(t, \theta) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \kappa(\delta_x(\theta) - x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + a(t, \theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.
$$

Denote by $C^{\frac{q}{2},q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ the vector space of functions $f$ on $[0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$
\|f\|_{\frac{q}{2},q} := \|f\|_{\sup} + \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2} \|f(\cdot, x, y)\|_{q} + \sup_{t \in [0,T]} \|f(t, \cdot, \cdot)\| < +\infty
$$

which is a Banach space with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\frac{q}{2},q}$. Since $K \in C^{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$, by the Assumption 5.2 (1.ii) and (2), we obtain that $I_\theta(K) \in C^{\frac{q}{2},q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ (see [12, Lemma II.1.5]). Therefore the existence and uniqueness of the solution $\Theta_\psi(K) \in C^{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ to (5.4) comes from the classical theory of parabolic partial differential equations (e.g. [11]). Moreover, the solution verifies the following Hölder estimate ([12, Theorem I.2.1])

$$
\|\Theta_\psi(K_1) - \Theta_\psi(K_2)\|_{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q} \leq C_1 \|I_\theta(K_1 - K_2)\|_{\frac{q}{2},q}
$$

(5.8)

which holds for all $K_1, K_2 \in C^{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ such that $K_1(T, \cdot, \cdot) = K_2(T, \cdot, \cdot) = \psi$, where $C_1$ is a constant independent of $\psi$.

For arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, the following estimate holds for any $K \in C^{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ (see [12, Lemma II.1.5])

$$
\|I_\theta(K)\|_{\frac{q}{2},q} \leq \varepsilon\|\nabla^2(x,y)K\|_{\frac{q}{2},q} + C(\varepsilon) \left( \|K\|_{\frac{q}{2},q} + \|\nabla(x,y)(K)\|_{\frac{q}{2},q} \right),
$$

(5.9)

where the constant $C(\varepsilon)$ only depends on $\varepsilon$. Denote by $C^q_\psi$ the subset of functions in $C^{1+\frac{q}{2},2+q}([0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ whose restriction on $\{T\} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ coincides with $\psi$. By choosing $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, we obtain from (5.8) and (5.9) that $\Theta_\psi$ is a contracting operator on the complete metric space $C^q_\psi$, provided that $T$ is sufficiently small. Hence for sufficiently small $T$, the operator $\Theta_\psi$ has a unique fixed point and therefore the Cauchy problem

$$
\frac{\partial K}{\partial t}(t, x, y) - xK(t, x, y) + A_\theta K(t, x, y) = 0, \quad K(T, x, y) = \psi(x, y)
$$

has a unique solution. For general $T$, it suffices to divide $[0,T]$ into a finite union of small intervals and resolve the Cauchy problem progressively.

For the terminal function $\varphi(x,y) = y$, we can take, for each integer $n \geq 1$, a function $\psi_n \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ which coincides with $\varphi$ on the ball $B_n$ of radius $n$ centered at $(0,0)$. For any $n \geq 1$, let $K_n$ be the unique solution of the equation (5.5) with terminal condition $K_n(T, x, y) = \psi_n(x, y)$. By a maximum principle for the equation (5.5) (see [12, Theorem II.2.15]), for $n \geq m$, $K_n$ coincides with $K_m$ on the ball $B_m$. By taking $\tilde{K} = K_n$ on $[0,T] \times B_n$, we obtain a global solution to the Cauchy problem (5.5). The uniqueness of $\tilde{K}$ also results from the maximum principle.

We now prove the second assertion that $\tilde{K}$ satisfies the equality (5.6). To this end, we compute the denominator of the pricing kernel (4.5) by introducing a change of probability measure:

$$
d \frac{dQ_\theta}{dQ} \bigg|_{\mathcal{F}_t} = \frac{S_t(\theta)}{S_0(\theta)},
$$

(5.10)
By Bayes’ formula and (1.3), we have
\[
\mathbb{E}_{Q}\left[ \alpha_T(\theta) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \right| \mathcal{F}_t] = S_t(\theta) \mathbb{E}_{Q^\theta}\left[ \lambda_T(\theta) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \right| \mathcal{F}_t].
\]
Note that, by Girsanov’s theorem (see [4, Theorem 3.3]), under the probability measure \( Q^\theta \),
\[
\tilde{Y}^G(dt, d\xi) := Y^G(dt, d\xi) + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi)c(\zeta - \xi) d\zeta \right) d\xi dt
\]
defines a Gaussian field with correlated kernel \( c \) on \( \mathbb{R}^d \), and
\[
\tilde{Y}^P(dt, d\xi) := Y^P(dt, d\xi) + (1 - e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)}) \nu(d\xi) dt
\]
defines a compensated Poisson random measure with predictable compensator \( e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} \nu(d\xi) dt \). Then the dynamics (5.1) of the interest rate \( r \) can be rewritten as
\[
dr_t = \kappa(\hat{\delta}_t(\theta) - r_t) dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_t(\xi) \tilde{Y}_t^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_t(\xi) \tilde{Y}_t^P(dt, d\xi),
\]
where
\[
\hat{\delta}_t(\theta) = \delta + \kappa^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_t(\xi) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi)c(\zeta - \xi) d\zeta d\xi + \kappa^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi_t(\xi)(e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)} - 1) \nu(d\xi),
\]
and the dynamics (2.2) of the forward intensity rate can be rewritten as
\[
d\lambda_t(\theta) = \hat{\mu}_t(\theta) dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi) \tilde{Y}_t^G(dt, d\xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_{t-}(\theta, \xi) \tilde{Y}_t^P(dt, d\xi)
\]
where
\[
\hat{\mu}_t(\theta) = \mu_t(\theta) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_t(\theta, \xi) I_\sigma(t, \theta, \xi)c(\zeta - \xi) d\zeta d\xi - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \gamma_{t-}(\theta, \xi)(1 - e^{-I_\gamma(t, \theta, \xi)}) \nu(d\xi).
\]
Note that the forward intensity process \( \lambda(\theta) \) is a \((Q^\theta, \mathcal{F})\)-martingale for each \( \theta \) fixed. Assume that
\[
\mathbb{E}_{Q^\theta}\left[ \lambda_T(\theta) \exp \left( -\int_t^T r_s ds \right) \right| \mathcal{F}_t] = K(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)),
\]
where the function \( K(t, x, y) \) is sufficiently regular. Then Itô’s formula applied to the \((Q^\theta, \mathcal{F})\)-martingale
\[
\exp \left( -\int_0^t r_s ds \right) K(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta))
\]
yields
\[
- r_t K(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + \frac{\partial K}{\partial t}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + \kappa(\hat{\delta}_t(\theta) - r_t) \frac{\partial K}{\partial x}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + \hat{\mu}_t(\theta) \frac{\partial K}{\partial y}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta))
\]
\[
+ a_{11}(t) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial x^2}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + a_{22}(t, \theta) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial y^2}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + a_{12}(t, \theta) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial x \partial y}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta))
\]
\[
+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[ K(t, r_t + \phi_t(\xi), \lambda_t(\theta) + \gamma_t(\theta, \xi)) - K(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta))
\right.
\]
\[
- \phi_t(\xi) \frac{\partial K}{\partial x}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) - \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) \frac{\partial K}{\partial y}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) \bigg] \nu(d\xi) = 0.
\]
Conversely, if $\tilde{K}$ is the solution to
\[
\frac{\partial K}{\partial t} - xK + A_\theta K = 0, \quad K(T, x, y) = y,
\]
then one has
\[
\mathbb{E}_Q \left[ \alpha_T(\theta) \exp \left( - \int_t^T r_s ds \right) \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right] = S_t(\theta) \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)).
\]
Thus we complete the proof of the theorem. \qed

Accordingly the pricing kernels (4.5) and (4.6) are given by
\[
K_1(t, \theta) = \frac{S_t(\theta)}{S_t} \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) \quad (5.11)
\]
\[
K_2(t, \theta) = \frac{S_t(\theta)}{\alpha_t(\theta)} R_T(\theta) \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) \quad (5.12)
\]
where $t \leq T$ and $\theta \geq 0$. By (4.7), we obtain immediately the pricing formula for the defaultable zero-coupon bond.

**Remark 5.4** Concerning the pricing kernel at the left side of the equality (5.6), one possible alternative way is to solve it directly by using the dynamics of the density $\alpha_t(\theta)$. However, in view of (3.4), the corresponding solution $K(t, r_t, S_t(\theta), \lambda_t(\theta))$ will include three variables apart from time variable. The main advantage of the change of probability method (5.10) is that we obtain the solution function in the form $K(t, r_t, S_t(\theta), \lambda_t(\theta)) = S_t(\theta)\tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta))$. This indeed decreases the dimension of variables for our pricing kernel function and is important in the numerical computation.

**Remark 5.5** If the interest rate $r$ is independent of the forward intensity, hence independent of the density, then the computation of the pricing kernels is easier. Denote by $B(t, T)$ the price of the standard zero-coupon bond, i.e. $B(t, T) = \mathbb{E}_Q[\exp(-\int_t^T r_s ds)\mid \mathcal{F}_t]$. Recall that we have assumed the recovery rate deterministic in this section. Then
\[
K_1(t, \theta) = \frac{\alpha_t(\theta)B(t, T)}{S_t}, \quad K_2(t, \theta) = R_T(\theta)B(t, T)
\]
which implies that the time-$t$ value (4.7) of defaultable zero-coupon bond has the following representation:
\[
\frac{P(t, T)}{B(t, T)} = \mathbb{1}_{\{r > t\}} \left( 1 - \int_t^T (1 - R_T(\theta))\alpha_t(\theta)d\theta \right) + \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau \leq t\}}R_T(\tau). \quad (5.13)
\]
This quantity serves to measure the default risk including both the default probability and the loss given default. We also notice in (5.13) that the recovery corresponds to a “recovery of face value” since it can be written as the quotient between the defaultable bond and an equivalent default-free bond.

**Remark 5.6** The zero coupon price $B(t, T) := \mathbb{E}_Q \left[ \exp \left( - \int_t^T r_s ds \right) \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right]$ can be given in the form $K(t, r_t)$ where $K(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the unique solution to the following integro-differential equation:
\[
-xK + \frac{\partial K}{\partial t} + \kappa(\delta - x)\frac{\partial K}{\partial x} + a_{11}(t)\frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial x^2} + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \left[ K(t, x + \phi_t(\xi)) - K(t, x) - \phi_t(\xi)\frac{\partial K}{\partial x}(t, x) \right] \nu(d\xi) = 0
\]
with the terminal condition $K(T, x) = 1$. If there is no jumps in $r_t$, i.e., $\phi_t(\xi) \equiv 0$, then the above equation becomes

$$-xK + \frac{\partial K}{\partial t} + \kappa(\delta - x) \frac{\partial K}{\partial x} + a_{11}(t) \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial x^2} = 0.$$ 

Its unique solution is

$$\hat{K}(t, x) = \exp \left[ \frac{1 - e^{-\kappa(T-t)}}{\kappa}(\delta - x) - \delta(T - t) + \int_t^T a_{11}(u) \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\kappa(T-u)}}{\kappa^2} \right)^2 du \right],$$

where $a_{11}(t)$ is given in (5.4). Thus we obtain the following equality $B(t, T) = \hat{K}(t, r_t)$, which is similar to the classical case.

## 6 Random recovery rate and the second pricing kernel

In this section, we consider the general case for the pricing kernel (4.6), where the after-default recovery payment is random as an extension to the previous section.

Bakshi et al. [2] assumed that the recovery rate is related to the underlying intensity as the following form: $R_t = w_0 + w_1 e^{-\lambda_t}$, $w_0, w_1 \geq 0, w_0 + w_1 \leq 1$ and $\lambda$ is the intensity process of default. In a similar manner, we assume that $R_T(\theta)$ is of the form:

$$R_T(\theta) = w_0 + w_1 e^{-f(\lambda_T(\theta))}, \quad \theta \geq 0,$$

where $\lambda_T(\theta)$ is the forward intensity implied by (1.2) under the pricing measure $\mathbb{Q}$, $w_0, w_1$ satisfy the same condition as above and $f$ is a non-negative function which is locally Hölder continuous of positive order.

**Proposition 6.1** Let $\theta \geq 0$ be fixed. Under the Assumption 5.2, the pricing kernel (4.6) is given by

$$K_2(t, \theta) = \frac{w_0}{\lambda_t(\theta)} \hat{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + \frac{w_1}{\lambda_t(\theta)} \bar{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)),$$

where $\hat{K}$ and $\bar{K}$ are respectively solutions to the partial integro-differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial K}{\partial t}(t, x, y) - xK(t, x, y) + A_\theta K(t, x, y) = 0$$

under the terminal conditions $\hat{K}(T, x, y) = y$ and $\bar{K}(T, x, y) = ye^{-f(y)}$.

**Proof.** Similarly to Theorem 5.5, the equation (6.3) with the terminal condition $K(T, x, y) = ye^{-f(y)}$ admits a unique solution $\bar{K}$. Moreover, by a change of probability measure we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_\mathbb{Q} \left[ \alpha_T(\theta)e^{-f(\lambda_T(\theta))} \exp \left( - \int_t^T r_s ds \right) \left| \mathcal{F}_t \right. \right] = S_t(\theta) \hat{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)).$$

Hence the formula (6.2) follows from the following relation (see (4.5), (4.6) and (6.1)):

$$K_2(t, \theta) = \frac{w_0}{\alpha_t(\theta)}K_1(t, \theta) + \frac{w_1}{\alpha_t(\theta)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \alpha_T(\theta)e^{-f(\lambda_T(\theta))} \exp \left( - \int_t^T r_s ds \right) \left| \mathcal{F}_t \right. \right],$$

where $K_1(t, \theta)$ is the first price kernel (4.5). 

\[\square\]
Corollary 6.2 Under the Assumption 5.2, the price of the defaultable zero-coupon bond is given by

\[
P(t, T) = \mathbb{I}_{\{\tau > t\}} \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{S_t(\theta)}{S_t} \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) \, d\theta + \int_t^T \frac{S_t(\theta)}{S_t} \left( w_0 \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) + w_1 \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\theta)) \right) \, d\theta \right] + \mathbb{I}_{\{\tau \leq t\}} \frac{1}{\lambda_t(\tau)} \left[ w_0 \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\tau)) + w_1 \tilde{K}(t, r_t, \lambda_t(\tau)) \right],
\]

where \( \tilde{K} \) and \( \tilde{K} \) are given in Proposition 6.1 respectively.

7 Numerical illustrations

In this section, we illustrate our previous results by numerical examples. We are particularly interested in the contagion phenomenon. More precisely, we shall analyze in detail the the jump part in the default density dynamics and its impact on the defaultable bond pricing.

In the numerical example, we consider the dynamics of the default density described by (3.4) and we let the martingale \( m(\theta) \) be given by

\[
dm_t(\theta) = -\sigma_t(\theta) dW_t + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \gamma_t(\theta) \xi e^{-\xi} \int_0^\theta \gamma_t(\theta) \xi e^{-\xi} \, d\nu Y^\theta (dt, d\xi), \quad m_0(\theta) = 0, \tag{7.1}
\]

with \( W = (W_t; t \geq 0) \) being a standard Brownian motion independent of the Poisson measure \( Y^\theta \). Compared with (3.3), the corrected kernel \( c \) of the Gaussian field \( Y^G \) is the Dirac measure and \( d = 1 \), the volatility coefficient \( \sigma_t(\theta, \xi) = \sigma_t(\theta) \) does not depend on \( \xi \) and the jump amplitude coefficient is given by \( \gamma_t(\theta, \xi) = \gamma_t(\theta) \xi \mathbb{1}_{\{\xi > 0\}} \) where \( \gamma_t(\theta) > 0 \). Recall in addition that \( M_t(\theta) = \int_0^\theta m_t(u) \, du \) and

\[
d\alpha_t(\theta) = \alpha_t(\theta) \, dM_t(\theta) - S_t(\theta) \, dm_t(\theta).
\]

To illustrate the impact of the jump part on the defaultable bond price \( P(t, T) \) given by (4.7), we first consider the case when the martingale \( m(\theta) \) has no jumps, i.e., \( \gamma = 0 \). We then include the jump part in the density dynamics. We use the initial default density given by \( \alpha_0(\theta) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \theta} \) with \( \lambda \) being a positive constant.

In the coming tests, we suppose that \( \sigma_t(\theta) \) and \( \gamma_t(\theta) \) are deterministic and we use the following forms of the coefficients and the characteristic measure in (7.1),

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_t(\theta) &= \sigma (\theta - t)^+, \quad \sigma > 0, \\
\gamma_t(\theta) &= b (\theta - t)^+, \quad b > 0, \\
\nu(d\xi) &= \frac{\zeta}{\varpi} e^{-\xi/\varpi} \mathbb{1}_{\{\xi > 0\}} \, d\xi, \quad \zeta > 0, \quad \varpi > 0.
\end{align*}
\]

We assume that both the recovery rate \( R \in [0, 1] \) and the interest rate \( r \) are constants and define \( B(t, T) = e^{-r(T-t)} \) for \( 0 \leq t \leq T \). By Remark 5.5, the defaultable bond price \( P(t, T) \) given by (4.7) admits an explicit form. Since the quotient \( P(t, T)/B(t, T) \) equals the constant \( R \) on the set \( \{ \tau \leq t \} \) in this case, we only study the pre-default part on \( \{ \tau > t \} \) in (5.13), which is denoted by \( P(t, T) \) henceforth and is given by

\[
P(t, T) = B(t, T) \left( 1 - (1 - R) \frac{\int_t^T \alpha_t(\theta) \, d\theta}{\int_t^\infty \alpha_t(\theta) \, d\theta} \right). \tag{7.2}
\]

The main task is then to approximate the integral \( \int_t^\infty \alpha_t(\theta) \, d\theta \) by a finite sum \( \sum_{i=t/\Delta+1}^{N/\Delta} \Delta \ast \alpha_t(i \ast \Delta) \). Here we choose \( \Delta = 1/100 \) and \( N = 10/\lambda \). We perform \( 10^4 \) experiments to compute the \( \mathcal{F}_t \)-measurable
random variable $P(t, T)$. In each experiment, we first generate the underlying Brownian motion and the central compound Poisson process. Then for each $\theta \in \{i\Delta; i = 1, 2, \ldots, N/\Delta\}$, we compute $\alpha_t(\theta)$ on $\{t_i = i\Delta t; i = 1, 2, \ldots, t/\Delta t\}$ with $\Delta t = 1/100$.

The preferred parameter values are as follows:

\[ t = 0.5, \quad T = 1, \quad r = 0.05, \quad R = 0.4, \quad b = 1, \quad \zeta = 10, \quad \lambda = 0.1. \]

Figure 1: $\alpha_t(\theta)$ versus $\theta$ with $t = 1/2$.

By making numerical experiments with typical set of parameters, most sample paths of the forward intensity process $\alpha_t(\theta)$ is positive, the occurrence of negative values for $\alpha_t(\theta)$ is a rare event with very small probability (similarly to the case in the Vasicek model for interest rate), see Figure 1. Figure 2 plots the kernel estimations of the densities of $P(t, T)$ given by

\[ f_P(x) := \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} f_h(x - P_i(t, T)), \quad (7.3) \]

where $P_i(t, T)$ is the price obtained in the $i$-th experiment, $f_h(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi h}} \exp \left( -\frac{x^2}{2h^2} \right)$, and $h = 1.06s_k^{1/5}$ is the bandwidth, with $s_k$ being the sample standard deviation. From Figure 2, we find that the existence of the jump risk will increases the decentrality of the price. The right tail of the price distribution becomes fatter and fatter as the mean jump size $\varpi$ increasing.

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Figure 2: The (normal) kernel estimations of the price densities for $\varpi = 0, 0.0002, 0.0006, 0.001, 0.002$ and $\sigma = 0.001$.

Figure 3: $P_e(0.5, 1) := \mathbb{E}[P(0.5, 1)]$ as a function of $\varpi$ with $\lambda = 0.01, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3$ and $\sigma = 0.001$.

Figure 3 shows the mean of the price $P_e(0.5, 1) := \mathbb{E}[P(0.5, 1)]$ as a function of $\varpi$ for different values of $\lambda$. We observe that the defaultable bond price is a decreasing function of the intensity $\lambda$, and also of the mean jump size $\varpi$. Hence, when there is larger default risk of the underlying asset itself (with larger $\lambda$), the corresponding bond price is smaller. Furthermore, when there is more significant counterparty risks, that...
is, when there is a larger contagious jump in the density (larger $\varpi$), then the bond price will also decrease. Both observations correspond to the reality on the market.

Figure 4 shows the mean of the price $P_c(t,1) := E[P(t,1)]$ as a function of $t$. It is noted that the numerical illustration of the quantity $P(t,T)/B(t,T)$ discussed in Remark 5.5 is very similar to that of $P(t,T)$, since $B(t,T)$ here is a deterministic function $B(t,T) = e^{-r(T-t)}$ which is close to 1. We observe similar results as in the previous test: the counterparty jump risks in the density will decrease the bond prices. 

Figure 4: $P_c(t,1) := E[P(t,1)]$ as a function of $t$. Right hand side is the relative price $P_c(t,1) := E[P(t,1)]/B(t,1)$.

In the last graph, we show the quoted bond price at the initial time $t = 0$ as a function of the maturity time $T$ for different values of intensities. Again we observe that the bond price is decreasing when there is larger default risks and for long term bonds.

Figure 5: $P(0,T)$ as a function of $T$.

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