Optimal portfolio and consumption decisions under exchange rate and interest rate risks
A jump-diffusion approach[*]

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Abstract

This research develops a stochastic model of the consumer's decision making under an environment of risk and uncertainty. In the proposed model agents perceive that a mixed diffusion-jump process drives the exchange rate depreciation and a diffusion process governs the real interest rate, these processes are supposed to be correlated. We generalize the proposals from Giuliano and Turnovsky (2003), Grinols and Turnovsky (1993) and Merton (1969 and 1971) by including sudden and unexpected jumps in the stochastic dynamics of relevant variables in the intended model. We examine portfolio, consumption and wealth equilibrium dynamics under the optimal decisions. We also assess the effects on portfolio, consumption and welfare of sudden and permanent changes in the parameters determining the expectations of the exchange rate depreciation.

Keywords: portfolio choice, intertemporal consumer choice, consumer behavior.

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Decisiones de portafolio óptimo y consumo bajo riesgos de tipo de cambio y tasa de interés. Un enfoque de difusión con saltos

Resumen

Esta investigación desarrolla un modelo estocástico sobre las decisiones de los consumidores en un ambiente de riesgo e incertidumbre. En el modelo propuesto, los agentes perciben que la tasa de depreciación del tipo de cambio es conducida por un proceso de difusión con saltos y que la tasa de interés real es guiada por un proceso de difusión; se supone que estos procesos están correlacionados entre sí. Este trabajo generaliza las propuestas de Giuliano y Turnovsky (2003), Grinols y Turnovsky (1993) y Merton (1969 y 1971) a través de la inclusión de saltos repentinos e inesperados en la dinámica estocástica de las variables relevantes del modelo propuesto. Asimismo, se examina la dinámica de equilibrio del portafolio elegido, la demanda de consumo y la riqueza, en el equilibrio, asociados a las decisiones óptimas. Además, se evalúan los impactos que sobre el portafolio, el consumo y el bienestar tienen los cambios repentinos y permanentes en los parámetros que determinan las expectativas de la depreciación del tipo de cambio.

Palabras clave: selección de portafolio, selección intertemporal de consumo, conducta del consumidor.

Introduction

This paper develops a stochastic model of consumer's decision making in an environment of risk, emphasizing the role of uncertainty in the dynamics of both the depreciation rate and the real interest rate. It is assumed that 1) the exchange rate depreciation follows a mixed diffusion-jump process, and 2) the expected dynamics of the real interest rate is driven by a Brownian motion. These processes are supposed to be correlated; as stylized fact shows. This framework generalizes the proposals in Giuliano and Turnovsky (2003), Grinols and Turnovsky (1993), and Merton (1969) and (1971) by including sudden and unexpected jumps in the stochastic dynamics of relevant variables. By assuming logarithmic utility, we examine the equilibrium dynamics of portfolio, consumption and wealth in an environment of risk and uncertainty. We also study the effects on portfolio, consumption and economic welfare of once-and-for-all changes in the key parameters that determine the expected depreciation rate.

The financial literature has by now exhausted a class of deterministic models aimed at explaining the consumer's decision making under risk and uncertainty.

Most of the existing models ignore uncertainty, providing a very elaborate economic interpretation of why uncertainty does not need to be considered. Until fairly recently, no many attempts had been made to study consumers' portfolio decisions under exchange rate and interest rate risks; see for instance: Penati and Pennacchi (1989) and Svensson (1992).

The analytical framework is based on Venegas-Martínez (2001), (2005), (2006a), (2006b), (2006c), (2008) and (2009) and Merton (1969) y (1971). The proposed model, in which the exchange rate depreciation is driven by a mixed diffusion-jump process and the expected dynamics of the real exchange rate is modeled by a diffusion process (useful approximations to reality), is by itself capable of dealing with a range of interesting issues. Moreover, we analyze consumption and wealth equilibrium dynamics, and examine the effects on consumption and welfare of sudden changes in the expected depreciation of the exchange rate.

This research is organized as follows. In the next section, we work out a Ramsey-type, one-good, cash-in-advance, stochastic model where agents have expectations of devaluation driven by a mixed diffusion-jump process and the expected dynamics of the real interest rate is guided by a diffusion process. In section 3, we solve for the equilibrium dynamics, undertake the policy experiment, and examine the welfare implications. We also examine the dynamic behavior of portfolio, consumption and wealth, and address a number of exchange-rate policy issues. In section 4, we present conclusions, acknowledge limitations, and make suggestions for further research. Three appendices contain some technical details on the consumer's choice problem.

Structure of the economy

In order to derive solutions which are analytically tractable, the structure of the economy will be kept as simple as possible. Let us consider a small open stochastic economy with a representative infinitely lived investor in a world with a single perishable consumption good. The good is freely traded at a domestic price P_t, determined by the purchasing power parity condition, $P_t = P_t^* E_t$, where P_t^* is the dollar price of the good in the rest of world, and E_t is the nominal exchange rate. It will be assumed, from now on, that P_t^* is fixed and for simplicity equal to 1, which readily implies that the price level, P_t, is equal to the exchange rate, E_t. The initial value E_0 is supposed to be known.

The ongoing uncertainty about the dynamics of the expected rate of depreciation is driven by a mixed diffusion-jump process. In such a case, we suppose that the representative investor perceives that the expected inflation rate, dP_t/P_t, and thus the expected rate of depreciation, dE_t/E_t, is driven by a geometric Brownian motion with Poisson jumps:

$$\frac{dP_t}{P_t} = \frac{dE_t}{E_t} = \varepsilon \, dt + \sigma \, dz_t + \nu \, dq_t \tag{1}$$

where the drift ε is the mean expected rate of depreciation conditional on no jumps, σ is the instantaneous volatility of the expected rate of depreciation, v is the mean expected size of upward jumps in the exchange rate, and z_t is a standard Wiener process, that is, dz_t is a temporally independent normally distributed random variable with $E[dz_t] = 0$ and $Var[dz_t] = dt$. The number of devaluations per unit of time occurs according to a Poisson process q_t with intensity λ, so

$$\Pr\{\text{one unit jump during } dt\} = \Pr\{dq_t = 1\} = \lambda \, dt + o(dt), \tag{2}$$

whereas

$$\Pr\{\text{no jump during } dt\} = \Pr\{dq_t = 0\} = 1 - \lambda \, dt + o(dt). \tag{3}$$

We initially set $q_0 = 0$. Moreover, processes dz_t and dq_t are assumed to be correlated. Because of the specific interest of this paper in once-and-for-all changes in the rate of depreciation and in the intensity parameter, we assume that ε, σ, ν and λ are all positive constants. Investors will hold two real assets: real cash balances, $m_t = M_t/P_t$, where M_t is the nominal stock of money, and an international bond, b_t. Thus, the investor's real wealth, W_t, is defined by

$$W_t = m_t + b_t \tag{4}$$

where the initial wealth, W_0, is exogenously determined. Furthermore, we suppose that the rest of the world does not hold domestic currency (*i.e.,* the peso is not an asset for foreigners). The stochastic dynamics of the real rate of return on bonds evolves in accordance with

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$$dr_t = r_0 r_t dt + \sigma_0 r_t dx_t, \tag{5}$$

where the drift, r_0, is the mean rate of return, σ_0 is the instantaneous volatility of the expected rate of return, and x_t is a standard Wiener process; *i.e.,* dx_t is a temporally independent normally distributed random variable with $E[dx_t] = 0$ and $\text{Var}[dx_t] = dt$. Moreover, we suppose that dz_t and dx_t are correlated

$$dz_t dx_t = \frac{\text{Cov}(dx_t, dz_t)}{\sigma_0 \sigma} dt, \tag{6}$$

where $\text{Cov}(dx_t, dz_t)$ is the covariance between dx_t and dz_t. We will assume that disturbances in the return rate and the exchange rate are positively correlated, that is, $\text{Cov}(dx_t, dz_t) > 0$.

If capital is perfectly mobile, the real domestic interest rate, defined as $(dR_t / R_t) - (dE_t / E_t)$, must be equal to dr_t / r_t over any instant. Consequently, the expected nominal interest rate is given by

$$\frac{dR_t}{R_t} = i\, dt + \sigma\, dz_t + \sigma_0 dx_t + \nu\, dq_t, \tag{7}$$

where $i = r_0 + \varepsilon$, is the mean expected nominal interest rate conditional on no jumps.

Consider now a Clower-type constraint of the form, $m_t \geq \alpha\, c_t$, where c_t is consumption and $\alpha > 0$ is the time that money must be held to finance consumption. Given that $i > 0$, the investor has incentive to hold only

$$m_t = \alpha\, c_t. \tag{8}$$

The stochastic rate of return of holding real cash balances, dR_M, is simply the percentage change in the inverse of the price level. By applying the generalized Itô's lemma for diffusion-jump processes to the inverse of the price level with (1) as

the underlying process (see Appendix III, formula (III.1), see also Lamberton and Lapeyre (1996)), we obtain:

$$dR_M = P_t d\left(\frac{1}{P_t}\right) = (-\varepsilon + \sigma^2)dt - \sigma\, dz_t + \left(\frac{1}{1+\nu} - 1\right)dq_t. \tag{9}$$

Investor's Portfolio Problem

The stochastic investor's wealth accumulation in terms of the portfolio shares,

$$\omega_t = m_t/W_t, \qquad \text{and} \qquad 1-\omega_t = b_t/W_t,$$

and consumption, c_t (the numeraire good), is determined by the following system of stochastic differential equations:

$$\frac{dW_t}{W_t} = \omega_t \frac{dQ_t}{Q_t} + (1-\omega_t)\frac{dr_t}{r_t} - \frac{c_t}{W_t}dt,$$

$$\frac{dQ_t}{Q_t} = (-\varepsilon + \sigma^2)dt - \sigma\, dz_t + \left(\frac{1}{1+\nu} - 1\right)dq_t, \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{c_t}{W_t} = \alpha^{-1}\omega_t,$$

where $Q_t = 1/P_t$ is the price of money in terms of goods. Observe that the portfolio optimal decision ω_t^*, which is associated with monetary real balances, is, in virtue of the cash-in-advance constraint, linked with consumption. Of course, the optimal complementary proportion $1-\omega_t^*$ is intended for holding bonds. To avoid unnecessary technical complications, we exclude the investor real wage from the analysis. By solving system (10) in terms of dW_t/W_t, we get

$$dW_t = W_t\left[(r_0 - \rho\,\omega_t)dt - \omega_t\,(\sigma\, dz_t + \sigma_0 dx_t) + \sigma_0 dx_t + \left(\frac{1+\nu\,(1-\omega_t)}{1+\nu} - 1\right)dq_t\right], \tag{11}$$

where ρ depends only on exogenous parameters. Our analysis will be only concerned with small values of the total volatility compared with the mean expected rate of depreciation in such a way that

$$\beta \equiv \varepsilon - \sigma^2 - \sigma_0^2 > 0. \tag{12}$$

The competitive, risk-averse investor derives utility from consumption, c_t, and wishes to maximize her/his overall discounted, Von Neumann-Morgenstern utility, at time $t = 0$, given by

$$V_0 = \mathrm{E}\left[\int_0^\infty \log(c_t)e^{-r_0 t}\mathrm{d}t \ \Big| \ F_0\right], \tag{13}$$

where F_0 is all available information at $t = 0$. In order to generate closed-form solutions, we have chosen the logarithmic utility function.

Comparative Statics

In maximizing (13) subject to the wealth constraint as given in (11), the first-order condition for an interior solution is (see Appendix I)

$$\frac{r_0}{\omega} - \frac{\lambda\nu}{1 + \nu(1-\omega)} = A + \omega B, \tag{14}$$

where A and B depend on parameters and on $\mathrm{Cov}(\mathrm{d}x_t,\mathrm{d}z_t) > 0$. We have not imposed any positivity constraint of the form $\omega_t \geq 0$, so unrestricted short sales are permitted. In what follows, without loss of generality, we will suppose that $\mathrm{Cov}(\mathrm{d}x_t,\mathrm{d}z_t)$ is bounded from above so that

$$0 < \mathrm{Cov}(\mathrm{d}x_t,\mathrm{d}z_t) < \beta. \tag{15}$$

From (15), we immediately find that $A > 0$. Observe that (14) is a cubic equation with one negative and two positive roots, and only one root satisfying $0 < \omega^* < 1$.

We have now the first important results: a once-and-for-all increase in the rate of depreciation, which results in an increase in the future opportunity cost of purchasing goods, leads to a permanent decrease in the proportion of wealth devoted to future consumption. It is enough to differentiate (14) to obtain

$$\frac{\partial \omega^*}{\partial \varepsilon} = -\left[\frac{r}{(\omega^*)^2} + \frac{\lambda \nu^2}{[1 + \nu (1 - \omega^*)]^2} + B \right]^{-1} < 0.$$

Another relevant result is the response of the equilibrium share of real monetary balances, ω^*, to once-and-for-all changes in the intensity parameter, λ. A once-and-for-all increase in the expected number of devaluations per unit of time causes an increase in the future opportunity cost of purchasing goods. This, in turn, permanently decreases the proportion of wealth set aside for future consumption. By differentiating (14), we get

$$\frac{\partial \omega^*}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\nu}{1 + \nu (1 - \omega^*)} \left(\frac{\partial \omega^*}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) < 0.$$

Thus, the elasticity of the depreciation rate satisfies:

$$\frac{\dfrac{\partial \omega^*}{\partial \varepsilon}}{\dfrac{\partial \omega^*}{\partial \lambda}} > \ 1. \tag{16}$$

In other words, portfolio shares are more responsive to changes in the mean expected depreciation rate than to changes in the expected number of devaluations.

Welfare implications

We assess now the magnitudes of the impacts on welfare of once-and-for-all changes in the mean expected rate of depreciation and in the probability of devaluation. As usual, the welfare criterion, **W**, of the representative investor is the maximized utility starting from the initial real wealth, W_0. Therefore, economic welfare is given by (see Appendix I, formula (I.3))

$$\mathbf{W}(\varepsilon, \lambda; W_0) \equiv I(W_0, 0) = \frac{1}{r_o}\Big[1 + \log(W_0) + \log(\alpha^{-1}\omega^*)\Big]$$

$$-\frac{1}{r_0^2}\left[A\omega^* + \frac{1}{2}\Big[(\omega^*)^2 B + \sigma_0^2\Big] - \lambda \, \log\left(\frac{1+\nu\,(1-\omega^*)}{1+\nu}\right)\right]. \tag{17}$$

A routine exercise of comparative statics leads to:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{r_0^2}\log\left(\frac{1+\nu\,(1-\omega^*)}{1+\nu}\right) < 0, \tag{18}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \varepsilon} = -\frac{\omega^*}{r_0^2} < 0, \tag{19}$$

As it might be expected, welfare behaves as a decreasing function of both the mean expected rate of depreciation.

Money in utility index

The cash-in-advance assumption is somewhat restrictive in the sense that money is only seen as medium of exchange. We ease this assumption by including currency directly in the utility function because of its liquidity services. In such a case, the stochastic wealth accumulation in terms of the portfolio shares and consumption becomes

$$\mathrm{d}W_t = W_t\left[(r_0 - \phi\,\omega_t)\mathrm{d}t - \omega_t\,(\sigma\,\mathrm{d}z_t + \sigma_0\mathrm{d}x_t) + \left(\frac{1+\nu\,(1-\omega_t)}{1+\nu} - 1\right)\mathrm{d}q_t\right] \tag{20}$$

$$-c_t\mathrm{d}t,$$

where ϕ depends on exogenous parameters. The expected utility at time $t = 0$, V_0, now takes the form:

$$V_0 = \mathrm{E}_0\left[\int_0^\infty \left[\theta \log(c_t) + \log(m_t)\right]e^{-r_0 t}\mathrm{d}t \,\bigg|\, F_0\right]. \qquad (21)$$

We have chosen again the logarithmic utility function to generate closed-form solutions.

The first order conditions for an interior solution to the problem of maximizing (21) subject to (20) are given by (see Appendix II)

$$c_t = \frac{\theta\, r_0}{1+\theta} W_t \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{r_0}{(1+\theta)\omega} - \frac{\lambda\nu}{1+\nu\,(1-\omega)} = D + \omega\, B, \qquad (22)$$

where D and B are taken as in section 2. The second equation above is similar to that of (14), except for the factor $1/(1+\theta)$ that now appears in the first term of the left-hand side of (22).

Concluding remarks

We have presented a stochastic model of exchange rate and interest rate risks. Specifically, it was assumed that agents have expectations of the exchange rate depreciation driven by a mixed diffusion-jump process and a diffusion process guides the real interest rate. By using a logarithmic utility, we have derived explicit solutions and examined the dynamic implications of uncertainty. Our analytical framework, in which the expectations of devaluation are driven by a combination of Brownian motion with a Poisson process and the real interest rate is guided by a Brownian motion, provides new elements to understand the consumer behavior.

Several of the obtained results throughout this research deserve further attention and discussion. For example, it is observed from Equation (9) that the returns of real money balances for low levels of volatility in prices may lead to a negative trend due to inflation. Nonetheless, this trend can be reversed for higher levels of volatility, since fluctuations in prices, although large, can be upward (inflation) or down (deflation); and in the last case the trend can be positively modified. With

respect to equation (10), after replacing the optimal proportion of wealth allocated for holding real balances (which, on the basis of equation (14), is maintained constant by the agent to manage future uncertainty), it is concluded that consumption should be always proportional to wealth. When the level of volatility remains constant, the above result is similar to that found in Modigliani (1971) in the following sense: a risk-averse agent (with logarithmic utility) to deal with future uncertainty should continue the strategy of maintaining its consumption proportional to his/her wealth. On the other hand, if a consumer-investor makes decisions on portfolio and consumption in a deterministic environment and has access to both bonds (free of default risk) and real balances, then the agent can determine his/her optimal consumption path. Whereas in the stochastic case, the consumption path cannot be determined because consumption becomes a random variable; a situation closer to reality. Finally, we have that an increase in the probability of a jump in the exchange rate and a rise in the average expected rate of depreciation may lead to a reduction in the economic welfare of the agents, that is, their levels of satisfaction will be lessened; the same arguments and considerations apply when money is included in the utility function (according to equation (22)).

It is worthwhile mentioning that the results obtained strongly depend on the assumption of logarithmic utility, which is a limit case of the family of constant relative risk aversion utility function. The extension of our stochastic analysis to such a family does not provide closed-form solutions, and result might be only obtained via numerical methods. More work is needed in the above aspect.

Finally, we believe that more research should be undertaken in this stochastic framework to include government transfers and a stochastic budget constraint for the government (in a full general equilibrium), and to extend the analysis to include both non-tradable and durable goods. Needless to say, further work is required in this regard.

Appendix I

The Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation for the stochastic optimal control problem of maximizing (13) subject to (11) is

$$
\max_{\omega} H \equiv \max_{\omega} \left\{ \log(\alpha^{-1} W_t \omega_t) e^{-r_0 t} + I_W(W_t, t) W_t (r_0 - \rho \omega_t) + I_t(W_t, t) \right.
$$
$$
+ \frac{1}{2} I_{WW}(W_t, t) W_t^2 \left[\omega_t^2 \sigma^2 + (1 - \omega_t)^2 \sigma_0^2 - 2\omega_t(1 - \omega_t) \, \mathrm{Cov}(dx_t, dz_t) \right]
$$
$$
\left. + \lambda \left[I\left(W_t \left(\frac{1 + \nu\,(1 - \omega_t)}{1 + \nu} \right), t \right) - I(W_t, t) \right] \right\} = 0,
\tag{I.1}
$$

where

$$
I(W_t, t) = \max_{\omega} E_t \int_t^{\infty} \log(\alpha^{-1} W_t \omega_t) e^{-r_0 s} ds
$$

is the agent's indirect utility function and $I_W(W_t, t)$ is the co-state variable. The first-order condition for an interior solution is:

$$
H_{\omega} = 0.
\tag{I.2}
$$

Given the exponential time discounting in (13), we postulate $I(W_t, t)$ in a time-separable form as

$$
I(W_t, t) = e^{-r_0 t} \left[\delta_1 \log(W_t) + \delta_0 \right],
\tag{I.3}
$$

where δ_0 and δ_1 are to be determined from (I.1). Substituting (I.3) into (I.1), and then computing the first-order conditions in (I.2), we find that $\omega_t \equiv \omega$ is time invariant and

$$
\frac{1}{\delta_1 \omega} - \frac{\lambda \nu}{1 + \nu\,(1 - \omega)} = A + \omega B.
\tag{I.4}
$$

Coefficients δ_0 and δ_1 are determined from (I.1). Thus, $\delta_1 = r_0^{-1}$ and

$$\delta_0 = \frac{1}{r_0}\Big[1 + \log(\alpha^{-1}\omega^*)\Big] - \frac{1}{r_0^2}\bigg[A\omega^* + \frac{1}{2}\Big[(\omega^*)^2 B + \sigma_0^2\Big] - \lambda \log\bigg(\frac{1 + \nu(1 - \omega^*)}{1 + \nu}\bigg)\bigg].$$

Equation (I.4) is cubic with one negative and two positive roots, and only one root satisfying $0 < \omega^* < 1$, as sketched in Fig. 1. There is also a transversality condition,

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} I(W_t, t) = 0,$$

that is also satisfied.

Appendix II

The Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation for the stochastic optimal control problem of maximizing (21) subject to (20) is

$$
\begin{aligned}
\max_{c,\omega} H \equiv \max_{c,\omega} \bigg\{ &\theta\Big[\log(c_t) + \log(W_t \omega_t)\Big] e^{-\eta t} \\
&+ I_W(W_t, t)W_t(r_0 - \phi\omega_t) - I_W(W_t, t)c_t \\
&+ I_t(W_t, t) + \frac{1}{2}I_{WW}(W_t, t)W_t^2 \\
&\times\Big[\omega_t^2\sigma^2 + (1-\omega_t)^2\sigma_0^2 - 2\omega_t(1-\omega_t)\,\mathrm{Cov}(dx_t, dz_t)\Big] \\
&+ \lambda\bigg[I\bigg(W_t\bigg(\frac{1 + \nu(1-\omega_t)}{1+\nu}\bigg), t\bigg) - I(W_t, t)\bigg]\bigg\} = 0.
\end{aligned}
\tag{II.1}
$$

The first-order conditions for an interior solution are given by:

$$H_c = 0 \qquad \text{and} \qquad H_\omega = 0. \tag{II.2}$$

We postulate $I(W_t, t) = e^{-r_0 t}[\delta_1 \log(W_t) + \delta_0]$, where δ_0 and δ_1 are to be determined from (II.l). Substituting $I(W_t, t)$ into (II.l), and then computing the first-order conditions in (II.2), we find that $\omega_t \equiv \omega$ is time invariant,

$$c_t = \frac{\theta W_t}{\delta_1} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{1}{\delta_1 \omega} - \frac{\lambda \nu}{1 + \nu(1-\omega)} = D + \omega B, \qquad \text{(II.3)}$$

Coefficients δ_0 and δ_1 are determined from (II.1). Thus,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\delta_0 = \frac{1}{r_0}&\left[1 + \theta \log\left(\frac{\theta r_0}{1+\theta} \right) + \log(\omega^*) \right] \\
&- \frac{1+\theta}{r_0^2}\left[D\omega^* + \frac{1}{2}\left[(\omega^*)^2 B + \sigma_0^2 \right] - \lambda \log\left(\frac{1 + \nu(1-\omega^*)}{1+\nu} \right) \right].
\end{aligned}
\qquad \text{(II.4)}
$$

The second equation in (II.3) has the same properties as those in (I.4).

Appendix III

The generalized Itô's lemma for mixed diffusion-jump processes can be enunciated as follows: Given the homogeneous linear stochastic differential equation:

$$dy_t = y_t(\mu \, dt + \sigma_1 dz_{1t} + \sigma_2 dz_{2t} + \theta \, dq_t)$$

and $g(y_t)$ twice continuously differentiable, then the "stochastic" differential of $g(y_t)$ is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
dg(y_t) = &\left\{ g_y(y_t)\mu \, y_t + \frac{1}{2}g_{yy}(y_t)\left[\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\text{Cov}(dz_{1t}, dz_{2t}) \right] y_t^2 \right\} dt \\
&+ g_y(y_t)\left[\sigma_1 dz_{1t} + \sigma_2 dz_{2t} \right] y_t + \left[g(y_t)(1+\theta) - g(y_t) \right] dq_t.
\end{aligned}
\qquad \text{(III.1)}
$$

Equation (9) follows from a simple application of (III.l). The solution to the homogeneous linear stochastic differential equation:

$$\mathrm{d}y_t = y_t(\mu\, \mathrm{d}t + \sigma_1 \mathrm{d}z_{1t} + \sigma_2 \mathrm{d}z_{2t} + \theta\, \mathrm{d}q_t)$$

is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_t = y_o \exp\Bigg\{ &\left[\mu - \frac{1}{2}\left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\mathrm{Cov}(\mathrm{d}z_{1t}, \mathrm{d}z_{2t}) \right) \right] t \\
&+ \sigma_1 \int_0^t \mathrm{d}z_{1u} + \sigma_2 \int_0^t \mathrm{d}z_{2u} + \log(1+\theta) \int_0^t \mathrm{d}q_u \Bigg\}.
\end{aligned}
\tag{III.2}
$$

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