

**10.6 (a)** The Itô formula dictates

$$\begin{aligned} d \ln S_1(t) &= \left(0.1 - \frac{1}{2}0.04\right) dt + 0.2dB_1(t) \\ &= 0.08dt + 0.2dB_1(t) \\ d \ln S_2(t) &= \left(0.15 - \frac{1}{2}0.16\right) dt + 0.4dB_2(t) \\ &= 0.07dt + 0.4dB_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

**(b)** Writing the above in integral form we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ln S_1(8) &= \ln S_1(0) + 0.08 \times 8 + 0.2 (B_1(8) - B_1(0)) \\ \ln S_2(10) &= \ln S_2(0) + 0.07 \times 10 + 0.4 (B_2(10) - B_2(0)) \end{aligned}$$

**(c)** Thus

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 [\ln S_1(8)] &= 0.64 \\ E_0 [\ln S_2(10)] &= 0.7 \\ \text{Var}_0 (\ln S_1(8)) &= 0.04 \times 8 = 0.32 \\ \text{Var}_0 (\ln S_2(10)) &= 0.16 \times 10 = 1.6 \end{aligned}$$

**(d)** Since  $\ln S_1(8)$  and  $\ln S_2(10)$  are jointly normal, their difference will be normal. The mean and variance of the resulting distribution are

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 [\ln S_1(8) - \ln S_2(10)] &= 0.64 - 0.7 = -0.06 \\ \text{Var}_0 (\ln S_1(8) - \ln S_2(10)) &= \text{Var}_0 (\ln S_1(8)) + \text{Var}_0 (\ln S_2(10)) \\ &\quad - 2\text{Cov}_0 (\ln S_1(8), \ln S_2(10)) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The covariance will take into account the contemporaneous correlation between the Brownian shocks,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}_0 (\ln S_1(8), \ln S_2(10)) &= 0.2 \times 0.4 \times \text{Cov}_0 (B_1(8) - B_1(0), B_2(10) - B_2(0)) \\ &= 0.08\text{Cov}_0 (B_1(8) - B_1(0), B_2(8) - B_2(0)) \\ &\quad + 0.08\text{Cov}_0 (B_1(8) - B_1(0), B_2(10) - B_2(8)) \\ &= 0.08 \times 0.6 \times \\ &\quad \sqrt{\text{Var}_0 (B_1(8) - B_1(0))} \sqrt{\text{Var}_0 (B_2(8) - B_2(0))} \\ &= 0.08 \times 0.6 \times 8 = 0.384 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Substituting (2) into (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ln S_1(8) - \ln S_2(10) | \mathcal{F}_0 &\sim N(-0.06, 0.32 + 1.6 - 2 \times 0.384) \\ &\sim N(-0.06, 1.152). \end{aligned}$$

**(e)** We want to calculate

$$P\left(\frac{S_1(8)}{S_2(10)} \geq 2\right)$$

and this is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\ln \frac{S_1(8)}{S_2(10)} \geq \ln 2\right) &= P(\ln S_1(8) - \ln S_2(10) \geq \ln 2) \\ &= P\left(\frac{\ln S_1(8) - \ln S_2(10) + 0.06}{\sqrt{1.152}} \geq \frac{\ln 2 + 0.06}{\sqrt{1.152}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln 2 + 0.06}{\sqrt{1.152}}\right) = 0.241. \end{aligned}$$

(f) Similarly, we wish to find  $R_{1\%}$  such that

$$0.01 = P(S_1(8)/S_2(10) \leq R_{1\%}).$$

We proceed by taking logarithms on both sides of the inequality and normalizing to obtain a standard normal variable on the left-hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.01 &= P(\ln(S_1(8)/S_2(10)) \leq \ln R_{1\%}) \\ &= P\left(\frac{\ln(S_1(8)/S_2(10)) + 0.06}{\sqrt{1.152}} \leq \frac{\ln R_{1\%} + 0.06}{\sqrt{1.152}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

It becomes clear that  $(\ln R_{1\%} + 0.06)/\sqrt{1.152}$  equals the 1% quantile of a standard normal distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\ln R_{1\%} + 0.06}{\sqrt{1.152}} &= -2.326 \\ \ln R_{1\%} &= -2.326 \times \sqrt{1.152} - 0.06 = -2.557 \\ R_{1\%} &= e^{-2.557} = 0.078. \end{aligned}$$