

Stochastic Integrals (Wiener)

If f nice, deterministic

$$\int_0^t f(s)dB(s) = f(t)B(t) - f(0)B(0) - \int_0^t f'(s)B(s)ds$$

say $f(t) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\left(\int_0^t f(s)dB(s)\right)^2\right] &= E\left[\left(\int_0^t f'(s)B(s)ds\right)^2\right] \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^t f'(s_1)f'(s_2) \min(s_1, s_2)ds_1 ds_2 \\ &= - \int_0^t f'(s_2) \int_0^{s_2} f(s_1)ds_1 ds_2 \\ &= \int_0^t f^2(s)ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^t f(s)dB(s) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \int_0^t f^2(s)ds\right)$$

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Process

$$X_t = X_0 e^{-\alpha t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} dB_s$$

is the solution of the *Langevin equation*

$$dX_t = -\alpha X_t dt + \sigma dB_t$$

The stochastic differential equation always means its integrated version

$$X_t - X_0 = -\alpha \int_0^t X_s ds + \sigma(B_t - B_0)$$

To check it

$$\int_0^t X_s ds = \int_0^t X_0 e^{-\alpha s} ds + \sigma \int_0^t \int_0^s e^{-\alpha(s-u)} dB_u ds$$

so we need

$$\int_0^t X_0 e^{-\alpha s} ds + \sigma \int_0^t \int_0^s e^{-\alpha(s-u)} dB_u ds = -\alpha^{-1}(X_t - X_0 - \sigma(B_t - B_0))$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t X_0 e^{-\alpha s} ds + \sigma \int_0^t \int_0^s e^{-\alpha(s-u)} dB_u ds \\ &= -\alpha^{-1} X_0 (e^{-\alpha t} - 1) + \int_0^t \int_u^t e^{-\alpha(s-u)} ds dB_u \\ &= -\alpha^{-1} X_0 (e^{-\alpha t} - 1) - \alpha^{-1} \int_0^t (e^{-\alpha(t-u)} - 1) dB_u \\ &= -\alpha^{-1} (X_t - X_0 - \sigma(B_t - B_0)) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$X_t = X_0 e^{-\alpha t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} dB_s$$

solves

$$dX_t = -\alpha X_t dt + \sigma dB_t$$

Another way to check it

Call $F = \sigma dB$

$$dX = -\alpha X dt + F$$

$$de^{\alpha t} X = e^{\alpha t} F$$

$$e^{\alpha t} X_t - X_0 = \int_0^t e^{\alpha s} \sigma dB(s)$$

This only works because the equation is linear

$$X_t = X_0 e^{-\alpha t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} dB_s$$

If $X_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(m, V)$ indep of B_t , $t \geq 0 \Rightarrow X_t$ Gaussian process

$$m(t) = E[X_t] = m e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$c(s, t) = \text{Cov}(X_s, X_t) = \left[V + \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} (e^{2\alpha \min(t,s)} - 1) \right] e^{-\alpha(t+s)}$$

relaxation time = α^{-1}

$m = 0$, $V = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} \Rightarrow X_t$ stationary Gaussian $c(s, t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} e^{-\alpha(t-s)}$, $s < t$

we say $e^{-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2/\alpha}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\sigma^2/\alpha}}$ is *invariant measure* or *stationary measure*

$X_t, t \geq 0$ is Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process solving

$$dX_t = -\alpha X_t dt + \sigma dB_t \quad X_0 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}\right)$$

$Y_t = \int_0^t X_s ds$ "Physical" Brownian motion

Y_t Gaussian mean 0

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(Y_s, Y_t) &= \int_0^t \int_0^s \text{Cov}(X_u, X_v) du dv \\ &= \sigma^2 \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{e^{-\alpha|u-v|}}{2\alpha} du dv \\ &\rightarrow \min(t, s) \quad \text{as } \alpha \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } \sigma = \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^t B(s)dB(s)$$

Based on experience with Riemann integrals

$$\int_0^t B(s)dB(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor - 1} B(t_j^n) \left(B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) - B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \right)$$

for some choice of $t_j^n \in [\frac{j}{2^n}, \frac{j+1}{2^n}]$. Lets try two choices, the right and left endpoints.

$$L_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor - 1} B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \left(B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) - B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \right)$$

$$R_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor - 1} B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) \left(B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) - B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \right).$$

$$L_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor - 1} B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \left(B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) - B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \right)$$

$$R_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor - 1} B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) \left(B\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) - B\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \right).$$

$$R_t - L_t = t$$

$$R_t + L_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor - 1} \left(B^2\left(\frac{j+1}{2^n}\right) - B^2\left(\frac{j}{2^n}\right) \right) = B^2(t).$$

$$L_t = \frac{1}{2}([L_t + R_t] - [R_t - L_t]) = \frac{1}{2}(B^2(t) - t) \quad R_t = \frac{1}{2}(B^2(t) + t)$$

The choice of t_j^n matters! This is why Riemann told you to only integrate functions of bounded variation.

Which one is correct?

$$\int_0^t B dB = \frac{1}{2}(B^2(t) - t) \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}(B^2(t) + t) ?$$

Or something else??

eg. midpoint rule gives $\int_0^t B dB = \frac{1}{2}B^2(t)$ which looks reasonable

Not really a mathematical question. A **modeling** question

Of all choices two have some special properties:

$L_t = \int_0^t B(s)dB(s) = \frac{1}{2}(B^2(t) - t)$ is a martingale : **Itô integral**

Midpoint rule $\int_0^t B(s) \circ dB(s) = \frac{1}{2}B^2(t)$ looks like ordinary calculus : **Stratonovich integral**

We will *always* use the Itô integral and think of Stratonovich as a simple transformation of it which is sometimes useful in applications

(eg. Math finance: Itô, Math biology: Sometimes Stratonovich)

Definition: Progressively measurable

$\sigma(\mathbf{s}, \omega)$ is called *progressively measurable* if

- 1 i. $\sigma(\mathbf{s}, \omega)$ is $\mathcal{B}[0, \infty) \times \mathcal{F}$ measurable;
- 2 ii. For all $t \geq 0$, the map $[0, t] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $\sigma(\mathbf{s}, \omega)$ is $\mathcal{B}[0, t] \times \mathcal{F}_t$ measurable.

$\mathcal{B}[0, t]$ denotes the Borel σ -algebra on $[0, t]$.

Informally, $\sigma(\mathbf{s}, \omega)$ is *nonanticipating* = uses information about ω contained in \mathcal{F}_s .

Definition: Simple Functions

$\sigma(\mathbf{s}, \omega)$ is called *simple* if there exists a partition $0 \leq s_0 < s_1 < \dots$ of $[0, \infty)$ and bounded random variables $\sigma_j(\omega) \in \mathcal{F}_{s_j}$ such that $\sigma(\mathbf{s}, \omega) = \sigma_j(\omega)$ for $s_j \leq \mathbf{s} < s_{j+1}$.

Definition: Stochastic Integral for Simple Functions

Given such a $\sigma(s, \omega) = \sigma_j(\omega)$ for $s_j \leq s < s_{j+1}$, $\sigma_j(\omega) \in \mathcal{F}_{s_j}$ define

$$\int_0^t \sigma(s, \omega) dB(s) = \sum_{j=0}^{J(t)-1} \sigma_j(\omega) (B(s_{j+1}) - B(s_j)) + \sigma_{J(t)}(\omega) (B(t) - B(s_{J(t)}))$$

where $s_{J(t)} < t \leq s_{J(t)+1}$.

Basic properties

- 1 $\int_0^t (c_1 \sigma_1 + c_2 \sigma_2) dB = c_1 \int_0^t \sigma_1 dB + c_2 \int_0^t \sigma_2 dB.$
- 2 $\int_0^t \sigma dB$ is a continuous martingale

Proof.

Since $\sigma_j \in \mathcal{F}_{s_j}$, if $u \geq s_j$, $E[\sigma_j(B(s_{j+1}) - B(s_j)) | \mathcal{F}_u] = \sigma_j(B(u) - B(s_j))$
and if $u < s_j$, $E[\sigma_j(B(s_{j+1}) - B(s_j)) | \mathcal{F}_u] =$
 $E[E[\sigma_j(B(s_{j+1}) - B(s_j)) | \mathcal{F}_{s_j}] | \mathcal{F}_u] = 0.$ □

Basic properties

$$3 \quad E[(\int_0^t \sigma(s, \omega) dB(s))^2] = E[\int_0^t \sigma^2(s, \omega) ds]$$

Proof.

$$\int_0^t \sigma dB = \sum_j \sigma_j (B(s_{j+1} \wedge t) - B(s_j))$$

$$E[(\int_0^t \sigma dB)^2] = \sum_{i,j} E[\sigma_i \sigma_j (B(s_{i+1} \wedge t) - B(s_i))(B(s_{j+1} \wedge t) - B(s_j))]$$

$$i < j : E[E[\sigma_i \sigma_j (B(s_{i+1} \wedge t) - B(s_i))(B(s_{j+1} \wedge t) - B(s_j)) \mid \mathcal{F}_{s_j}]] = 0$$

$$i = j : E[\sigma_j^2 (B(s_{j+1} \wedge t) - B(s_j))^2] =$$

$$E[E[\sigma_j^2 (B(s_{j+1} \wedge t) - B(s_j))^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_{s_j}]] = E[\sigma_j^2] (s_{j+1} \wedge t - s_j)$$

$$E[(\int_0^t \sigma dB)^2] = \sum_j E[\sigma_j^2 (B(s_{j+1} \wedge t) - B(s_j))^2] = E[\int_0^t \sigma^2 ds]$$



Basic properties

4 $Z(t) = \exp\{\int_0^t \sigma dB - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sigma^2 ds\}$ is a continuous martingale

Proof.

Suppose $t \geq u \geq J(t)$. Then $E[e^{\int_0^t \sigma dB - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sigma^2 ds} | \mathcal{F}_u]$ can be written

$$e^{\sum_{j=0}^{J(t)-1} \sigma_j (B(s_{j+1}) - B(s_j)) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_j^2 (s_{j+1} - s_j)} E[e^{\sigma_{J(t)} (B(t) - B(s_{J(t)})) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{J(t)}^2 (t - s_{J(t)})} | \mathcal{F}_u].$$

The expectation is just 1, so we have that $E[Z(t) | \mathcal{F}_u] = Z(u)$ whenever $t \geq u \geq J(t)$. It follows by repeated conditioning that $E[Z(t) | \mathcal{F}_u] = Z(u)$ for any $u \leq t$. □

\mathcal{P} = set of progressively measurable functions

Lemma

For each $t > 0$, $\mathcal{P} = \text{Closure in } L^2([0, t] \times \Omega, dt \times dP)$ of simple functions

Proof

Suppose $\sigma \in \mathcal{P}$ and $E[\int_0^t \sigma^2(s, \omega) ds] < \infty$
we need to find a sequence σ_n of simple functions s.t.

$$E[\int_0^t (\sigma(s, \omega) - \sigma_n(s, \omega))^2 ds] \rightarrow 0.$$

We can assume that σ is bounded For if $\sigma_N = \sigma$ for $|\sigma| \leq N$ and 0 otherwise then $\sigma_N \rightarrow \sigma$ and $|\sigma_N - \sigma|^2 \leq 4|\sigma|^2$ so by the dominated convergence theorem $E[\int_0^t (\sigma - \sigma_N)^2 ds] \rightarrow 0$.

Proof.

Furthermore we can assume that σ is continuous in s

for if σ is bounded then $\sigma_h = h^{-1} \int_{t-h}^t \sigma ds$ are continuous progressively measurable and converge to σ as $h \rightarrow 0$. By the bounded convergence theorem

$$E\left[\int_0^t (\sigma - \sigma_h)^2 ds\right] \rightarrow 0$$

For σ continuous bounded and progressively measurable let

$$\sigma_n(s, \omega) = \sigma\left(\frac{\lfloor ns \rfloor}{n}, \omega\right)$$

These are progressively measurable, bounded and simple functions converging to σ and again by the bounded convergence theorem,

$$E\left[\int_0^t (\sigma - \sigma_n)^2 ds\right] \rightarrow 0$$

Theorem (Definition of the Itô Integral)

Let $\sigma(s, \omega)$ be progressively measurable and for each $t \geq 0$, $E[\int_0^t \sigma^2 ds] < \infty$. Let σ_n be simple functions with $E[\int_0^t (\sigma_n - \sigma)^2 ds] \rightarrow 0$ and set

$$X_n(t, \omega) = \int_0^t \sigma_n(s, \omega) dB(s).$$

Then

$$X(t, \omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(t, \omega)$$

exists uniformly in probability, i.e. for each $T > 0$ and $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_n(t, \omega) - X(t, \omega)| \geq \epsilon\right) = 0.$$

Furthermore the limit is independent of the choice of approximating sequence $\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma$. The limit $X(t, \omega)$ is the Itô integral

$$X(t) = \int_0^t \sigma(s) dB(s)$$

Proof.

$X_n(t) - X_m(t) = \int_0^t (\sigma_n - \sigma_m) dB$ is a continuous martingale so by Doob's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_n(t) - X_m(t)| \geq \epsilon\right) &\leq \epsilon^{-2} E[(X_n - X_m)^2(T)] \\ &= \epsilon^{-2} E\left[\int_0^T (\sigma_n - \sigma_m)^2 ds\right] \end{aligned}$$

So $X_n - X_m$ is uniformly Cauchy in probability and therefore there exists a progressively measurable X with

$$P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X(t, \omega) - X_n(t, \omega)| \geq \epsilon\right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \epsilon > 0$$

If $\sigma'_n \xrightarrow{L^2} \sigma$ and $X'_n = \int_0^t \sigma'_n dB$, $P(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_n - X'_n| \geq \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ so that X_n and X'_n have the same limit. \square

Basic properties of the Itô Integral

- 1 $\int_0^t (c_1 \sigma_1 + c_2 \sigma_2) dB = c_1 \int_0^t \sigma_1 dB + c_2 \int_0^t \sigma_2 dB.$
- 2 $\int_0^t \sigma dB$ is a continuous martingale.
- 3 $E[(\int_0^t \sigma(s, \omega) dB(s))^2] = E[\int_0^t \sigma^2(s, \omega) ds].$
- 4 If $|\sigma| \leq C$ then $Z(t) = \exp\{\int_0^t \sigma dB - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sigma^2 ds\}$ is a continuous martingale

proof

- 1 By construction
- 2 Continuity follows from the construction. To prove the limit is a martingale we have $E[X_n(t) | \mathcal{F}_s] = X_n(s)$ and $X_n \rightarrow X$ in L^2 , therefore in L^1 as well. The L^1 limit of a martingale is a martingale.
- 3 $X_n^2(t) - \int_0^t \sigma_n^2(s) ds$ is a martingale $\xrightarrow{L^1} X^2(t) - \int_0^t \sigma^2(s) ds$
- 4 $Z_n(t) = \exp\{\int_0^t \sigma_n dB - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sigma_n^2 ds\}$ is a martingale so it suffices to show that $Z_n(t)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ is a uniformly integrable family.

Proof.

to show that $Z_n(t) = \exp\{\int_0^t \sigma_n dB - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sigma_n^2 ds\}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ is a uniformly integrable family, it is enough to show that there is some fixed $C < \infty$ for which $E[(Z_N(t))^2] \leq C$.

$$\begin{aligned} E[(Z_N(t))^2] &= E[\exp\{2 \int_0^t \sigma_n dB - \int_0^t \sigma_n^2 ds\}] \\ &\leq e^{Ct} E[\exp\{2 \int_0^t \sigma_n dB - \frac{4}{2} \int_0^t \sigma_n^2 ds\}] \\ &= e^{Ct} \end{aligned}$$



A *stochastic integral* is an expression of the form

$$X(t, \omega) = \int_0^t \sigma(s, \omega) dB(s) + \int_0^t b(s, \omega) ds + X_0$$

where σ and b are progressively measurable with $E[\int_0^t \sigma^2(s, \omega) ds] < \infty$ and $\int_0^t |b(s, \omega)| ds < \infty$ for all $t \geq 0$, and $X_0 \in \mathcal{F}_0$ is the starting point

The stochastic differential

$$dX = \sigma dB + bdt$$

is shorthand for the same thing

For example the integral formula $\int_0^t B(s) dB(s) = \frac{1}{2}(B^2(t) - t)$ can be written in differential notation as

$$dB^2 = 2BdB + dt$$

What happens if $B^2(t)$ is replaced by a more general function $f(B(t))$?

Itô's Lemma

Let $f(x)$ be twice continuously differentiable. Then

$$df(B) = f'(B)dB + \frac{1}{2}f''(B)dt$$

Proof

First of all we can assume without loss of generality that f , f' and f'' are all uniformly bounded, for if we can establish the lemma in the uniformly bounded case, we can approximate f by f_n so that all the corresponding derivatives are bounded and converge to those of f uniformly on compact sets.

Let $s = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = t$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(B(t)) - f(B(s)) &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [f(B(t_{j+1})) - f(B(t_j))] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f'(B(t_j))(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2} f''(B(\xi_j))(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2, \end{aligned}$$

$\xi_j \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$

Let the width of the partition go to zero. By definition of the stochastic integral

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f'(B(t_j))(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j)) \rightarrow \int_s^t f' dB.$$

Finally we want to show that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f''(B(\xi_j))(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 \rightarrow \int_s^t f''(B(u))dB(u)$$

It's a lot like the computation of the quadratic variation.

Suppose we had $f''(B(t_j))$ inside instead of $f''(B(\xi_j))$

$$\begin{aligned} & E \left[\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f''(B(t_j)) \left[(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 - (t_{j+1} - t_j) \right] \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} E [f''(B(t_i))X_i f''(B(t_j))X_j] \quad X_j = (B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 - (t_{j+1} - t_j) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $i < j$

$$\begin{aligned} E [f''(B(t_i))X_i f''(B(t_j))X_j] &= E [E [f''(B(t_i))X_i f''(B(t_j))X_j \mid \mathcal{F}(t_j)]] \\ &= E [f''(B(t_i))X_i f''(B(t_j))E [X_j \mid \mathcal{F}(t_j)]] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & E \left[\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f''(B(t_j)) \left[(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 - (t_{j+1} - t_j) \right] \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} E \left[(f''(B(t_j)))^2 \left[(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 - (t_{j+1} - t_j) \right]^2 \right] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f''(B(t_j)) (B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 \xrightarrow{L^2} \int_s^t f''(B(u)) du$$

We still have to show $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |f''(B(\xi_j)) - f''(B(t_j))|(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2 \rightarrow 0$
Taking expectation we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} E[|f''(B(\xi_j)) - f''(B(t_j))|(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^2] \\ & \leq \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sqrt{E[(f''(B(\xi_j)) - f''(B(t_j)))^2]} \sqrt{E[(B(t_{j+1}) - B(t_j))^4]} \\ & = C \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sqrt{E[(f''(B(\xi_j)) - f''(B(t_j)))^2]} (t_{j+1} - t_j) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

by continuity

So we have proved that

$$f(B(t)) - f(B(s)) = \int_s^t f'(B(u))dB(u) + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t f''(B(u))du$$

which is Itô's formula.

- 1 In differential notation Itô's formula reads

$$df(B) = f'(B)dB + \frac{1}{2}f''(B)dt.$$

The Taylor series is $df(B) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(B)(dB)^n$. In normal calculus we would have $(dB)^n = 0$ if $n \geq 2$, but because of the finite quadratic variation of Brownian paths we have $(dB)^2 = dt$, while still $(dB)^n = 0$ if $n \geq 3$.

- 2 If the function f depends on t as well as $B(t)$, the formula is

$$df(t, B(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, B(t))dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, B(t))dB(t) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t, B(t))dt.$$

The proof is about the same as the special case above.

Local time

f continuous function on \mathbb{R}_+

$$L_t(x) = \int_0^t \delta_x(f(s)) ds = \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} (2\epsilon)^{-1} |\{0 \leq s \leq t : |f(s) - x| \leq \epsilon\}|$$

$$\int_0^t 1_A(f(s)) ds = \int_A L_t(x) dx$$

$f \in C^1$ $L_t(x) = \sum_{s_j \in [0, t]: f(s_j) = x} |f'(s_j)|^{-1}$ discontinuous in t
Itô's lemma applied to $|B_t - x|$ gives

Tanaka's formula for Brownian Local Time

$$L_t(x) = |B_t - x| - |B_0 - x| - \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(B_s - x) dB_s$$

In particular, $L_t(x)$ continuous in t a.s.

But $|x|$ not bounded, so no fair!!!

Proof.

$$f'_\epsilon(x) = (2\epsilon)^{-1} 1_{[-\epsilon, \epsilon]}$$

Itô

$$(2\epsilon)^{-1} |\{0 \leq s \leq t : |B_s| \leq \epsilon\}| = f_\epsilon(B_t) - f_\epsilon(B_0) - \int_0^t f'_\epsilon(B_s) dB_s$$

$$\epsilon \downarrow 0$$

$$L_t(x) = |B_t - x| - |B_0 - x| - \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(B_s - x) dB_s$$

