

PROBLEMS (due Jan 27)

1. Let $B(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$ be Brownian motion. Show that

$$X(t) = B(1-t) - B(1)$$

is also Brownian motion.

2. (a) Let B_t , $t \geq 0$ be Brownian motion, f_1 and f_2 functions on $[0, 1]$ and let $X_i = \int_0^1 f_i(t) B_t dt$. Find the distribution of $X = (X_1, X_2)$.

(b) Compute the Fourier series of Brownian motion on $[0, 1]$, ie. if $a_n = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i n t} B_t dt$ compute all finite dimensional distributions of the sequence a_n .

3. If f is differentiable and non-random, define $X_t = \int_0^t f dB = f(t)B(t) - f(0)B(0) - \int_0^t f'(t)B(t)dt$.

(a) Prove that X_t is continuous.

(b) Compute $E[X_t]$ and $E[X_t^2]$.

4. Let $B(t)$, $t \geq 0$ be Brownian motion. Show that the density $f(t)$ of $B(t)$ satisfies the heat equation,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}.$$

5. Let $B_n(t)$ be the polygonalization of Brownian motion defined in the proof of continuity. Let $Y_n(t) = \frac{d}{dt} B_n(t)$

(a) Show that $Y_n(t)$ has no limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(b) Compute the mean $m_n(t) = E[Y_n(t)]$ and covariance $\rho_n(t-s) = E[Y_n(t)Y_n(s)]$.

(c) Compute the spectral density μ_n defined by $\rho_n(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda} d\mu_n(\lambda)$ and find the limit $\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n$.

(d) Explain why the mythical $Y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n$ is known as *white noise*.

6. A process X_t is said to be *stochastically continuous* at t_0 if for any $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} P(|X_t - X_{t_0}| > \epsilon) = 0.$$

Construct a process which is stochastically continuous at every point, but has discontinuities with probability one.

7. Let B_t , $t \geq 0$ be Brownian motion. For each n , let $t_i = i/n$, $i = 0, \dots, n$. For each $p > 0$ prove that there are real numbers α_p, C_p such that in probability

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\alpha_p} \sum_{i=0}^n |B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}|^p = C_p.$$