

1. GENERATORS/BACKWARD EQN

	$t \in \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{S} = \mathbb{N}$	$t \in \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{S} = \mathbb{N}$	$t \in \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{S} = \mathbb{R}$
$Lf(x) :=$	$\mathbf{E}[f(X_1) X_0 = x]$	$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{E}[f(X_{\Delta t}) X_0 = x] - f(x)}{\Delta t}$	
$L = ?$	$L_{i,j} = \mathbf{P}(i \rightarrow j)$	$L_{i,j} dt + \delta_{i,j} = \mathbf{P}\left(i \xrightarrow{\Delta t} j\right)$	$d\bar{X}_t = \bar{a}dt + \bar{b}d\bar{W}_t$
$\langle u_n, f_n \rangle$	$u_n^T f_n$	$L = \sum a_i \partial_{x_i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\bar{h} \bar{h}^T \right)_{ij} \partial_{x_i x_j}$	
$\langle u, f \rangle$	$\int u(x,t) f(x,t) dx$	$\sum \partial_{x_i} (a_i \cdot) + \frac{1}{2} \sum \partial_{x_i x_j} \left(\left(\bar{h} \bar{h}^T \right)_{ij} \cdot \right)$	

Fact 1. Let $f(x,t) = \mathbf{E}[V(X_T, T)|X_t = x]$. For $t = \mathbb{N}$: $f_{n-1} = Lf_n$. For $t = \mathbb{R}$: $\partial_t f + Lf = 0$

Proof. Write (by defn of L) $\mathbf{E}(f(X_{t+\Delta t}, t + \Delta t)|X_t = x) = f(x,t) + Lf(x,t)\Delta t + \partial_t f(x,t)\Delta t + o(\Delta t)$, and also notice that this is equal to $f(x,t)$ by the tower property. Gives $0 = Lf + \partial_t f$. You can also Taylor expand this to get the formula for L . \square

Same idea works for $f(x,t) = \mathbf{E}\left[\int_t^T V(X_s) ds\right]$ or $\mathbf{E}\left[\exp\left(\int_t^T V(X_s) ds\right)\right]$. When you use the tower property this time, instead of getting $f(x,t)$ you get $f(x,t) - \Delta t V(x) + O(\Delta t^2)$ or $f(x,t)(1 - \Delta t V(x) + O(\Delta t^2))$. Which lead to the backwards equations $-V = Lf + \partial_t f$ or $-Vf = Lf + \partial_t f$.

Fact 2. Let $u(x,t)$ the p.d.f (column vector). For $t = \mathbb{N}$: $u_{n-1} = L^* u_n$. For $t = \mathbb{R}$: $\partial_t u + L^* u = 0$

Proof. Hit the bck eqn with the correct inner product and use $\langle u, f \rangle = \mathbf{E}(V(T)) = \text{const.}$ Change L to L^* and move over in inner product. You can use integration by parts to calculate L^* . \square

2. SPECIAL EXAMPLES

Definition 3. (Strong vs Weak Sol'n) A weak sol'n to the SDE $dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dW_t$ is a process X_t that has $\mathbf{E}(\Delta X_t | \mathcal{F}_t) = a(X_t)\Delta t + O(\Delta t^2)$ and $\mathbf{E}((\Delta X_t)^2 | \mathcal{F}_t) = b(X_t)^2 \Delta t + O(\Delta t^2)$. A strong solution is a function g so that $X_t = g(W_t, t)$

Example 4. Brownian Martingales: $W_t, W_t^2 - t$, any derivative of $\exp(\theta W_t - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 t)$ at $\theta = 0$.

Fact 5. $\mathbf{E}(\exp(\theta Z)) = \exp(\theta\mu + \frac{1}{2}\theta\sigma^2)$ for $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ (Use the above martingales)

Example 6. 1. Let $\xi(s)$ be a deterministic function and $\theta(t) = \int_0^t \xi(s) ds$. Then $W_{\theta(t)} \sim \int_0^t \xi(s) dW_s$. 2. Brownian scaling: $B_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} W_{ct}$, and $B_t = tW_{\frac{1}{t}}$ still B.M.

Definition 7. OU process: $X_t = -\gamma X_t dt + \sigma dW_t$.

Fact 8. Has $X_T = X_0 e^{-\gamma T} + \mu(1 - e^{-\gamma T}) + \int_0^T \sigma e^{-\gamma(T-s)} dW_s$. by Ito isometry $\text{Cov}(X_s, X_t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\gamma} (e^{-\gamma(t-s)} - e^{-\gamma(t+s)})$. (To prove this apply Ito Lemma to $X_t e^{\gamma t}$)

Proposition 9. OU process has $X_t = K e^{-\gamma t} W_{\frac{\sigma}{2\gamma K^2} (e^{2\gamma t} - 1)} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\gamma}} e^{-\gamma t} W_{(e^{2\gamma t} - 1)}$.

Proof. Write $Y_t = a(t)W_{s(t)}$ where a, s are to be determined. Then Taylor expand $Y_{t+\Delta t} - Y_t$ to find that: $\mathbf{E}[Y_{t+\Delta t} - Y_t | \mathcal{F}_t] = a'(t)W_{s(t)}\Delta t = \frac{a'(t)}{a(t)} Y_t \Delta t$ and $\mathbf{E}[(Y_{t+\Delta t} - Y_t)^2 | \mathcal{F}_t] = a^2(t)s'(t)\Delta t$. Equating this to $-\gamma Y_t$ and σ give ODES for a, s which we can solve. (This method can be improved to $x_t = x_0 e^{-\gamma t} + \mu(1 - e^{-\gamma t}) + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\gamma}} e^{-\gamma t} W_{e^{2\gamma t} - 1}$) \square

Definition 10. Geometric Brownian Motion: $S_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$

Proposition 11. Has $S_t = s_0 \exp[\sigma W_t + (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t]$

Proof. Do Ito's lemma on $\log S_t$: $d \log S_t = 0dt + \frac{1}{S_t} dS_t - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{S_t^2} (dS_t)^2 = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 dt$. So then $\log S_t = (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma W_t + \log S_0$ is a sol'n. Can also be done with the exponential Ansatz $S_t = A_t e^{\sigma W_t}$. Can also find a change of variables in the backward equation which makes this work. \square

3. CONVERGENCE PROOFS

Lemma 12. (Borel Cantelli Lemma) $\sum \mathbf{E}(A_n) < \infty \Rightarrow \sum A_n < \infty$ almost surely $\Rightarrow A_n \rightarrow 0$ almost surely. Often useful to apply to A_n^2 .

Lemma 13. (Cauchy Shwarz Ineq) $\mathbf{E}(uv) \leq \mathbf{E}(u^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{E}(v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Examples: $\mathbf{E}(|\Delta W|) \leq \mathbf{E}(\Delta W^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{E}(\text{sgn}(W)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\Delta t)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = O(\Delta t^{\frac{1}{2}})$ and $\mathbf{E}(|\Delta W|^3) \leq \mathbf{E}(|\Delta W|) O(\Delta t^{\frac{3}{2}})$

Proposition 14. Ito Integral: $\int_0^t f_s dW_s = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{t < t_k} f_{t_k} (W_{t_{k+1}} - W_{t_k})$ converges almost surely. (Technical condition: need f_t to be adapted, and $\mathbf{E}((f_{t+\Delta t} - f_t)^2 | \mathcal{F}_t) = O(\Delta t)$)

Proof. Use $\Delta t = 2^{-m}$ and write k instead of t_k everywhere. Let $S_t^m = \sum_{t_k < t} f_k (W_{k+1} - W_k)$. Then, cutting Δt in half, we have: $S_t^{m+1} = \sum_{t_k < t} f_{k+\frac{1}{2}} (W_{k+1} - W_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) + f_k (W_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - W_k)$ and factoring gives:

$$S_t^{m+1} - S_t^m = \sum_{t < t_k} (f_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - f_k) (W_{k+1} - W_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) := \sum Y_k$$

Each Y_k has $\mathbf{E}(Y_k | \mathcal{F}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = (f_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - f_k) \mathbf{E}(W_{k+1} - W_{k+\frac{1}{2}} | \mathcal{F}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = 0$, and so for $j < k$ we have $\mathbf{E}(Y_j Y_k | \mathcal{F}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = Y_j \mathbf{E}(Y_k | \mathcal{F}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = 0$. Moreover, $\mathbf{E}(Y_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}) = (f_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - f_k)^2 \mathbf{E}\left(\left(W_{k+1} - W_{k+\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k+\frac{1}{2}}\right) = (f_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - f_k)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)$. Hence, $\mathbf{E}(Y_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_k) = \mathbf{E}((f_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - f_k)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) | \mathcal{F}_k) \leq C \Delta t^2$ by the assumption on f .

So then let $A_m = S_t^{m+1} - S_t^m$ and get $\mathbf{E}(A_m^2) = \sum_{t_k < t} \mathbf{E}(Y_k^2) + 2 \sum_{t_k < t_j < t} \mathbf{E}(Y_k Y_j) \leq \sum_{t_k < t} C \Delta t^2 + 0 = C t \Delta t$. Hence, $\sum \mathbf{E}(A_m) \leq \sum \mathbf{E}(A_m^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sum C \sqrt{t} (2^{-m/2}) < \infty$ so by Borel Canteli, $\sum A_m < \infty$ almost surely. But this shows that S_t^m is a Cauchy Sequence, so it has an almost sure limit! \square

Proposition 15. Quadratic Variation: $\sum_{t_k < T} f_t (W_{t_{k+1}} - W_{t_k})^2 \rightarrow \int_0^T f_t dt$ a.s. (Technically need: $\int \mathbf{E}(f_t^2) dt < \infty$)

Corollary 16. The same proof shows that for a diffusion process $dX_t = a(X_t, t)dt + b(X_t, t)dW_t$ has $\sum_{t_k < T} f_{t_k} (X_{t_{k+1}} - X_{t_k})^2 \rightarrow \int_0^T f_t b^2(X_t, t) dt$ a.s. The assumption on diffusion processes that $\mathbf{E}(\Delta X^4 | \mathcal{F}_t) = O(\Delta t^2)$ is needed! This shows that $[X]_t = \int_0^T b^2(X_t, t) dt$

Proof. Write: $A_m := \sum_{t_k < T} f_k [(W_{k+1} - W_k)^2 - \Delta t] := \sum Y_k$ Notice that $\mathbf{E}(Y_k | \mathcal{F}_k) = f_k \mathbf{E}((W_{k+1} - W_k)^2 - \Delta t | \mathcal{F}_k) = 0$ and so for $j < k$ we have $\mathbf{E}(Y_j Y_k | \mathcal{F}_k) = Y_j \mathbf{E}(Y_k | \mathcal{F}_k) = 0$. Moreover, $\mathbf{E}(Y_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_k) = f_k \mathbf{E}\left(\left((W_{k+1} - W_k)^2 - \Delta t\right)^2 | \mathcal{F}_k\right) = f_k \text{Var}\left((W_{k+1} - W_k)^2\right) = f_k (3\Delta t^2 - \Delta t^2) = 2f_k \Delta t^2$. Then: $\mathbf{E}(A_m^2) = \sum_k \mathbf{E}(f_k^2) 2\Delta t^2 + 0 = 2\Delta t \int \mathbf{E}(f_t^2) dt + o(\Delta t^2)$.

So since $\Delta t = 2^{-m}$ we see that $\sum \mathbf{E}(A_m^2)$ is a geometric series and by Borel Cantelli conclude that $A_m \rightarrow 0$ almost surely. \square

Proposition 17. *Ito Isometry: Let $X_t = \int_0^t f(W_s, s) dW_s$ and $Y_t = \int_0^t g(W_s, s) dW_s$ then $\mathbf{E}(X_t Y_t) = \int_0^t \mathbf{E}(f(W_s, s)g(W_s, s)) ds$.*

Proof. We approximate all the integrals by Riemann sums to see the result. Notice that $\mathbf{E}\left(\sum_{t_j < t} \sum_{t_k < t} f_j g_k \Delta W_j \Delta W_k\right) = \sum_{t_j < t} \mathbf{E}(f_j g_j \Delta W_j^2) + 2 \sum_{j < k} \mathbf{E}(f_j g_k \Delta W_j \Delta W_k) = \dots = \sum_{t_j < t} \mathbf{E}(f_j g_j \Delta t) + 0$ \square

Proposition 18. *Ito Lemma: If $f(x, t)$ is a smooth function, then $df(W_t, t) = (\partial_t f(W_t, t) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx} f(W_t, t)) dt + (\partial_x f(W_t, t)) dW_t$ in then sense that if you integrate this expression, the random variable on the LHS and RHS are a.s. equal. (Technical conditions: need f is 3 times differentiable with bounded third derivatives)*

Proof. After integrating the LHS is $f(W_b, b) - f(W_a, a)$. Write this as a telescoping sum using time steps of size Δt , so that we need to consider $\sum \Delta f$. As in the proof of the existence of Ito integrals, we consider each Δf individually first, then we show that the series of sums is Cauchy with Borel Cantelli. Taylor expand each Δf we have $f(W_{t+\Delta t}, t+\Delta t) - f(W_t, t) = \Delta t \partial_t f(W_t, t) + \Delta W_t \partial_x f(W_t, t) + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta W_t)^2 \partial_{xx} f(W_t, t) + O(\Delta t^2) + O(\Delta t |\Delta W_t|) + O(\Delta W_t^3)$ (The bounded-ness of the third derivatives is needed to controll the last three error terms here) By the tricks with C-S inequality, all the error terms are at least $O(\Delta t^{\frac{3}{2}})$ and so after summing, they are still neglible. The terms $\Delta t \partial_t f(W_t, t)$ and $\Delta W_t \partial_x f(W_t, t)$ when are $\int \partial_t f(W_t, t) dt$ and $\int \partial_x f(W_t, t) dW_t$. The term $\frac{1}{2} (\Delta W_t)^2 \partial_{xx} f(W_t, t)$ when summed converges to $\int \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx} f(W_t, t) dt$ by the QUADRATIC VARIATION for Brownian motion proposition. \square

4. MULTIDIMENSIONAL FORMULA

If \vec{X} is a vector diffusion process with $dX_{i,t} = a_{i,t} dt + \sum_{j=1}^n h_{ij,t} dW_{j,t}$. Then the Ito formula is:

$$\begin{aligned} df(X_t, t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} dX_{j,t} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} dX_{j,t} dX_{k,t} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \sum_j a_{j,t} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k,p} h_{jp,t} h_{kp,t} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} \right) dt + \sum_{j,p} h_{jp,t} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} dW_{p,t} \end{aligned}$$

5. MAXIMUM OF BM / STOPPING TIMES

Proposition 19. *Let $B(t)$ be a Brownian motion starting at $B(0) = 0$ and let τ_a be the first time $B(t)$ hits a . Then $\mathbf{P}(\tau_a < t) = 2\mathbf{P}(B(t) > a)$*

Proof. $\mathbf{P}(B(t) > a) = \mathbf{P}(B(t) > a | \tau_a > t) \mathbf{P}(\tau_a > t) + \mathbf{P}(B(t) > a | \tau_a < t) \mathbf{P}(\tau_a < t) = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}(\tau_1 < t)$ \square

Fact 20. $\mathbf{E}(X_\tau) = \mathbf{E}(X_0) \iff \mathbf{E}(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_{\min(\tau, n)}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}(X_{\min(\tau, n)})$; $\mathbf{P}(\tau < \infty) = 1$ and $\mathbf{E}(|X_\tau|) < \infty$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}(X_n \mathbf{1}_{\tau > n}) = 0$, then $\mathbf{E}(X_\tau) = \mathbf{E}(X_0)$.

Proposition 21. *To get $\mathbf{E}(\tau)$ for reasonable stopping times τ use the martingales like W_t or $W_t^2 - t$ and the Doob optional stopping time theorem. Example: Say $W(0) = 0$ and let $\tau = \tau_a \wedge \tau_{-b}$ be the first time it exists the interval $[-b, a]$ (here $a, b > 0$). Then $\mathbf{P}(\tau = \tau_a) = \frac{b}{a+b}$, $\mathbf{P}(\tau = \tau_{-b}) = \frac{a}{a+b}$ and $\mathbf{E}(\tau) = ab$*

Proof. Have a linear equation with two unknowns for $p_a = \mathbf{P}(\tau = \tau_a)$ and $p_b = \mathbf{P}(\tau = \tau_b)$: $p_a + p_b = 1 = \mathbf{E}(W_\tau) = \mathbf{E}(W_\tau | \tau = \tau_a) p_a + \mathbf{E}(W_\tau | \tau = \tau_{-b}) p_b = ap_a - bp_b$. Solving gives $p_a = \frac{b}{a+b}$, $p_b = \frac{a}{a+b}$. Now using the martingale $W_t^2 - t$, $\mathbf{E}(\tau) = b^2 p_b + a^2 p_a = ab$. \square

Fact 22. *Let W_t be a Brownian motion, $M_t = \sup_{s < t} W_s$ The joint density is: $\rho(M_T = b, B_T = a) = \frac{2(2b-a)}{\sqrt{2\pi T^{\frac{3}{2}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{(2b-a)^2}{2T}\right)$ for $b > a$ and $b > 0$. (density is 0 otherwise)*

6. GREEN'S FUNCTION FOR THE HEAT EQN

The sol'n for the heat equation can be seen by remembering the formula for adding random variables (this is a convolution $\rho(X_t = \cdot) = G(\cdot, t-s) * \rho(X_s = \cdot)$)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(X_t = x) &= \int \rho(X_t - X_s = x-y) \rho(X_s = y) dy \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2(t-s)}\right) \rho(X_s = y) dy \end{aligned}$$

7. BACKWARD EQUATION FOR STOPPING TIMES

The function $f(x, t) = \mathbf{E}(V(X_T) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > T\}} | \tau > t, X_t = x)$ satisfies the backward equation.

Example 23. Find $\mathbf{P}(\tau_0 > t)$ for a Brownian motion starting at $X_0 = 1$.

Proof. Choose $V \equiv 1$ in the backward equation to get the PDE $\partial_t f + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx} f = 0$ with boundary condition $f(x, T) = 1$ for $x > 0$. and $f(0, t) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, T]$. On this domain we can solve it with the method of images by doing an odd extension of f . Do a change of variable $s = T - t$ to get $\partial_s f = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx} f$ has a sol'n $f(s, x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2s}\right) dy - \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2s}\right) dy$ so $f(t, x) = N\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{T-t}}\right) - N\left(\frac{-x}{\sqrt{T-t}}\right)$ where $N(z) = \mathbf{P}(Z \leq z)$ for Z a standard normal. \square

Example 24. The p.d.f. for X_t starting at X_0 conditioned on $\tau_0 > t$ is $\frac{1}{\mathbf{P}(\tau > t)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} (\exp(-(x-x_0)^2/2t))$

Proof. Use boundary condition $u(0, t) = 0$ and method of images to get the p.d.f. for Brownian motion killed at $x = 0$. Then divide by $\mathbf{P}(\tau > t)$ to normalize it. \square

8. GIRSANOV FORMULA

Proposition 25. *Let P, Q be measures on path space so that: $P : dX_t = 0 + dW_t Q : dX_t = a_t dt + dW_t$*

Then $\frac{dQ}{dP} = L$ exists and $L = \exp\left(\int_0^T a_t dX_t - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T a_t^2 dt\right)$

Proof. Write the (approximate) density function for a path: $u_P(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C \prod \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - x_{i+1})^2}{2b_i^2 \Delta t}\right)$; $C \prod \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - x_{i+1} - a_i \Delta t)^2}{2b_i^2 \Delta t}\right)$ So the ratio is:

$$\begin{aligned} L(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= u_Q(x_1, \dots, x_n) / u_P(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} a_i^2 \Delta t + a_i (x_i - x_{i+1})\right) \rightarrow \exp\left(\int_0^T \frac{a_t}{b_t} dX_t - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \frac{a_t^2}{b_t^2} dt\right) \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition 26. *For $P : dX_t = 0 + b_t dW_t Q : dX_t = a_t dt + b_t dW_t$ then $\frac{dQ}{dP} = L$ exists and $L = \exp\left(\int_0^T \frac{a_t}{b_t} dW_t - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \frac{a_t^2}{b_t^2} dt\right)$*

Proof. First factor out a b_t to get $dX = b_t (\mu_t dt + dW_t)$. Then set $\mu_t = \frac{a_t}{b_t}$ to get the result. \square