

Assignment 9—solutions

Exercise 1

Let $W = (W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a 1-dimensional (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -Brownian motion.

- 1) Prove that for every polynomial p on \mathbb{R} , the stochastic integral $\int_0^\cdot p(W_s) dW_s$ is well defined. Moreover, show that it is also an (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -martingale.
- 2) Show that the process $X = (X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ given by $X_t := e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos(W_t)$, $t \geq 0$ is an (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -martingale.
- 3) Let W' be another (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -Brownian motion independent of W and ρ be an \mathbb{F} -adapted, measurable, process satisfying $|\rho| \leq 1$. Prove that the process B given by

$$B_t = \int_0^t \rho_s dW_s + \int_0^t \sqrt{1 - \rho_s^2} dW'_s$$

is an (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -Brownian motion. Moreover, compute $[B, W]$.

1) **By linearity, it suffices to check the claim for monomials of the form $p(x) = x^m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that $p(W)$ is (left-)continuous and adapted, and hence predictable and locally bounded. Therefore, $\int_0^\cdot p(W_s) dW_s$ is well-defined, and also a local martingale. Moreover, by Fubini's Theorem, for all $T \geq 0$,**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\left[\int_0^\cdot p(W_s) dW_s \right]_T \right] &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\int_0^T W_s^{2m} d[W]_s \right] = \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\int_0^T W_s^{2m} ds \right] \\ &= \int_0^T \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [W_s^{2m}] ds \\ &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [W_1^{2m}] \int_0^T s^m ds < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that $\int_0^\cdot p(W_s) dW_s$ is a true martingale.

2) **The function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(t, w) := e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos w$ is C^2 and $X_t = f(t, W_t)$. Moreover**

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, w) = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos w, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(t, w) = -e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin w, \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial w^2}(t, w) = -e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos w.$$

Since t (viewed as a process) is of finite variation, Itô's formula yields

$$dX_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, w) dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(t, w) dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial w^2}(t, w) d[W]_t = -e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin W_t dW_t,$$

so X is a local martingale. Since $\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_t| \leq e^{\frac{1}{2}T}$ for each $T \geq 0$, X is a martingale.

3) **Being adapted, left-continuous and bounded, ρ and $\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}$ are such that the corresponding stochastic integrals are well-defined. Moreover, for each $t \geq 0$, using bi-linearity of $[\cdot, \cdot]$ and the fact that $[W, W'] = 0$ due to independence of W and W'**

$$[B]_t = \left[\int_0^\cdot \rho_s dW_s \right]_t + \left[\int_0^\cdot \sqrt{1 - \rho_s^2} dW'_s \right]_t = \int_0^t \rho_s^2 ds + \int_0^t (1 - \rho_s^2) ds = t,$$

so Lévy's characterisation of Brownian motion yields that B is a Brownian motion. Finally

$$[B, W]_t = \int_0^t \rho_s d[W, W]_s = \int_0^t \rho_s ds.$$

Exercise 2

For any $M \in \mathcal{M}_{c,loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$, define $M_t^* := \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} |M_s|$, for $t \geq 0$. Prove that for any $t \geq 0$ and positive C, K , we have

$$\mathbb{P}[M_t^* > C] \leq \frac{4K}{C^2} + \mathbb{P}[[M]_t > K].$$

Recall that for a stopping time τ and a process $(M_t)_{t \geq 0}$ the stopped process is defined by $(M_t^\tau)_{t \geq 0} = (M_{\tau \wedge t})_{t \geq 0}$. For $K > 0$, we consider the stopping time $\sigma_K := \inf\{t > 0 : [M]_t > K\}$. Since $[M]$ is continuous, we have that $[M]_t \leq K$ for $t \leq \sigma_K$, and therefore

$$\mathbb{E}^\mathbb{P}[[M^{\sigma_K}]_\infty] = \mathbb{E}^\mathbb{P}[[M]_{\sigma_K}] \leq K.$$

Hence, $M^{\sigma_K} \in \mathcal{M}_c^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$. We can therefore apply Tchebycheff's and Doob's inequality (and use that the constant in Doob's inequality for fixed $p > 1$, denoted by C_p , is equal to $(\frac{p}{p-1})^p$), obtaining that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[(M^{\sigma_K})_t^* > C] &\leq \frac{\mathbb{E}^\mathbb{P}[(M^{\sigma_K})_t^*]^2}{C^2} \leq \frac{4\mathbb{E}^\mathbb{P}[(M^{\sigma_K})_t^2]}{C^2} \\ &= \frac{4\mathbb{E}^\mathbb{P}[[M^{\sigma_K}]_t]}{C^2} \leq \frac{4K}{C^2}. \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the claim, we observe that

$$\{M_t^{\sigma_K} \neq M_t\} \subseteq \{\sigma_K < t\} = \{[M]_t > K\},$$

which finally implies that

$$\mathbb{P}[M_t^* > C] = \mathbb{P}[M_t^* > C, \sigma_K \geq t] + \mathbb{P}[M_t^* > C, \sigma_K < t] \leq \frac{4K}{C^2} + \mathbb{P}[[M]_t > K].$$

Exercise 3

Let $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Brownian motion defined on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Consider the SDE

$$dX_t = \left(\sqrt{1 + X_t^2} + \frac{1}{2}X_t \right) dt + \sqrt{1 + X_t^2} dB_t, \quad X_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (0.1)$$

- 1) Show that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the SDE defined in (0.1) has a unique strong solution.
- 2) Show that $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ defined by $X_t := \sinh(\operatorname{arcsinh} x + t + B_t)$ is the unique solution of (0.1).

1) We see that the SDE is of the form

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dB_t, \quad X_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

where

$$a(x) := \sqrt{1 + x^2} + \frac{x}{2}, \quad \text{and } b(x) := \sqrt{1 + x^2}.$$

We observe that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |b'(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} \right| \leq 1,$$

as well as

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |a'(x)| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \frac{3}{2}.$$

Thus, from the mean value theorem, we obtain for $K := \frac{5}{2}$ that $a(\cdot)$ and $b(\cdot)$ satisfy the Lipschitz condition

$$|a(y) - a(z)| + |b(y) - b(z)| \leq K|y - z|, \quad (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Moreover, we observe that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\left| \sqrt{1+x^2} + \frac{x}{2} \right| \leq \left| 1 + |x| + \frac{x}{2} \right| \leq \frac{3}{2}(1 + |x|), \quad \left| \sqrt{1+x^2} \right| \leq 1 + |x|.$$

Thus we get for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ the existence of a unique strong solution directly from the lecture notes.

2) We consider the function $f(x) := \operatorname{arsinh}(x) \in C^2$ (i.e. the inverse function of the hyperbolic sine). Thus, we obtain that

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}, \quad \text{and} \quad f''(x) = -\frac{x}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}}.$$

Thus, applying Itô's formula to $Y_t := f(X_t)$, we obtain that

$$dY_t = dt + dB_t, \quad Y_0 = \operatorname{arsinh}(x),$$

which implies that

$$X_t = \sinh(Y_t) = \sinh(\operatorname{arsinh}(x) + t + B_t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Exercise 4

Let B be a Brownian motion defined on some filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$ satisfying the usual conditions, and let us fix three constants $(a, b, \sigma) \in (0, +\infty)^3$, and an initial value $r_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. An Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process r satisfies the following SDE

$$r_t = r_0 + \int_0^t (a - br_s) ds + \sigma B_t, \quad t \geq 0.$$

1) Show that

$$r_s = e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} + \int_t^s e^{-b(s-u)} \sigma dB_u, \quad 0 \leq t \leq s.$$

2) Deduce that the \mathbb{P} -distribution of r_s knowing \mathcal{F}_t is Gaussian with mean

$$m(t, s) := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [r_s | \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}}] = e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b},$$

and variance

$$v(t, s) := \operatorname{Var}^{\mathbb{P}} [r_s | \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}}] = \sigma^2 \int_t^s e^{-2b(s-u)} du = \frac{\sigma^2}{2b} (1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}).$$

3) Prove the following stochastic Fubini theorem.

Lemma 0.1. *Let b and σ be two \mathbb{R} -valued measurable and \mathbb{F} -adapted processes such that for any $t \geq 0$*

$$\int_0^t (|b_s| + |\sigma_s|^2) ds < +\infty.$$

We have for any $t \geq 0$

$$\int_0^t b_s \left(\int_0^s \sigma_u dB_u \right) ds = \left(\int_0^t \sigma_u dB_u \right) \left(\int_0^t b_s ds \right) - \int_0^t \sigma_u \left(\int_0^u b_s ds \right) dB_u.$$

Deduce from this that

$$\int_t^s r_u du = \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b} (s-t) + \sigma \int_t^s \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-u)}}{b} dB_u,$$

and that the distribution of $\int_t^s r_u du$, conditionally on \mathcal{F}_t , is Gaussian with

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\int_t^s r_u du \middle| \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}} \right] = \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b} (s-t),$$

and

$$\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\int_t^s r_u du \middle| \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}} \right] = \frac{\sigma^2}{b^2} \left(s-t - \frac{2(1 - e^{-b(s-t)})}{b} + \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b} \right).$$

- 4) Finally, prove that the joint distribution, knowing \mathcal{F}_t , of the vector $(r_s, \int_t^s r_u du)$ is still Gaussian with mean given by the vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \\ \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b} (s-t) \end{pmatrix},$$

and covariance matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sigma^2}{2b} (1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}) & \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b^2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b^2} \right) \\ \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b^2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b^2} \right) & \frac{\sigma^2}{b^2} \left(s-t - \frac{2(1 - e^{-b(s-t)})}{b} + \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b} \right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 1) If we define the process X by $X_t := e^{bt} r_t$, for any $t \geq 0$, Itô's formula shows that it satisfies

$$X_t = r_0 + \int_0^t e^{bs} a ds + \int_0^t \sigma e^{bs} dB_s, \quad t \geq 0.$$

This implies that for any $s \geq t \geq 0$

$$X_s - X_t = a \int_t^s e^{bu} du + \sigma \int_t^s e^{bu} dB_u,$$

and replacing X_s and X_t by their values

$$r_s = e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} + \int_t^s e^{-b(s-u)} \sigma dB_u.$$

- 2) Hence, r_s , given $\mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}}$, is given as a deterministic function, plus a stochastic integral of a deterministic function. We know by the lecture notes that the distribution of such a stochastic integral is Gaussian. We then have

$$m(t, s) := \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} [r_s | \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}}] = e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b},$$

and

$$v(t, s) := \text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}} [r_s | \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}}] = \sigma^2 \int_t^s e^{-2b(s-u)} du = \frac{\sigma^2}{2b} (1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}).$$

- 3) We apply Itô's formula for products to obtain

$$\left(\int_0^t \sigma_u dB_u \right) \left(\int_0^t b_s ds \right) = \int_0^t \sigma_u \left(\int_0^u b_s ds \right) dB_u + \int_0^t b_s \left(\int_0^s \sigma_u dB_u \right) ds,$$

from which the result is immediate.

We deduce then that

$$\int_t^s r_u du = \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b}(s-t) + \sigma \int_t^s \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-u)}}{b} dB_u.$$

and in particular that the distribution of $\int_t^s r_u du$, conditionally on \mathcal{F}_t , is Gaussian with

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\int_t^s r_u du \middle| \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}} \right] = \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b}(s-t),$$

and

$$\text{Var}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\int_t^s r_u du \middle| \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}} \right] = \frac{\sigma^2}{b^2} \left(s-t - \frac{2(1 - e^{-b(s-t)})}{b} + \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b} \right).$$

4) Concerning the joint distribution, we have for any $(\lambda, \rho) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[e^{i\lambda r_s + i\rho \int_t^s r_u du} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}} \right] &= \exp \left(i\lambda \left(e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \right) + i\rho \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b}(s-t) \right) \right) \\ &\quad \times \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(i\sigma \int_t^s \frac{\rho + (\lambda b - \rho)e^{-b(s-u)}}{b} dB_u \right) \middle| \mathcal{F}_t^{B, \mathbb{P}} \right] \\ &= \exp \left(i\lambda \left(e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \right) + i\rho \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b}(s-t) \right) \right) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left(-\frac{\sigma^2}{2b^2} \int_t^s (\rho + (\lambda b - \rho)e^{-b(s-u)})^2 du \right) \\ &= \exp \left(i\lambda \left(e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \right) + i\rho \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b}(s-t) \right) \right) \\ &\quad \times \exp \left(-\frac{\sigma^2}{2b^2} \left(\rho^2(s-t) + 2\rho(\lambda b - \rho) \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} + (\lambda b - \rho)^2 \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b} \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is the characteristic function of bi-dimensional Gaussian random variable with mean given by the vector

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} e^{-b(s-t)} r_t + a \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \\ \frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b} \left(r_t - \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{a}{b}(s-t) \end{array} \right),$$

and covariance matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{\sigma^2}{2b} (1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}) & \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b^2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b^2} \right) \\ \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1 - e^{-b(s-t)}}{b^2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b^2} \right) & \frac{\sigma^2}{b^2} \left(s-t - \frac{2(1 - e^{-b(s-t)})}{b} + \frac{1 - e^{-2b(s-t)}}{2b} \right) \end{array} \right).$$

Exercise 5

Let $W = (W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Brownian motion defined on some filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$ satisfying the usual conditions. Assume that the filtration \mathbb{F} is generated by the Brownian motion W . Consider the Tanaka SDE

$$dX_t = \text{sgn}(X_t) dW_t, \quad X_0 = 0,$$

where $\text{sgn}(x)$ denotes the sign function, i.e., $\text{sgn}(x) := 1$ if $x > 0$, and $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$ if $x \leq 0$.

1) Show that the Tanaka SDE has no strong solution.

Hint:

- Assume there exists a strong solution and derive a contradiction.
- You can use the following result (Tanaka's formula): let X be a continuous semimartingale. There exists a continuous, non-decreasing adapted process $(L_t)_{t \geq 0}$ such that

$$|X_t| - |X_0| = \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dX_s + L_t, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Moreover, it can be shown that L is $\mathbb{F}^{|X|}$ -adapted.

2) Show that the SDE admits a weak solution.

1) **By contradiction, suppose that X has a strong solution. Since X is \mathbb{F} adapted we have $\mathbb{F}^X \subseteq \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}^W$. Moreover, since $\operatorname{sgn}(X)$ is adapted and left-continuous, X is a continuous local (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -martingale null at 0 with**

$$[X]_t = \int_0^t (\operatorname{sgn}(X_s))^2 d[W]_t = t.$$

Therefore, by Lévy's theorem, X is even an (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) -Brownian motion. By definition, we have

$$W_t = \int_0^t (\operatorname{sgn}(X_s))^2 dW_s = \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dX_s.$$

Using Tanaka's formula we see that W is adapted to $\mathbb{F}^{|X|}$. Hence, we have $\mathbb{F}^X \subseteq \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}^W \subseteq \mathbb{F}^{|X|}$ which is clearly a contradiction.

2) **To find a weak solution let \mathbb{Q} be the Wiener measure on the path space $\Omega = C[0, \infty)$ and X be the coordinate process such that X is an $(\mathbb{F}^X, \mathbb{Q})$ -Brownian motion. Moreover, let \mathbb{F} be the (augmented) canonical filtration and define W as**

$$W := \int_0^\cdot \operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dX_s.$$

As before, using Lévy's theorem W is an (\mathbb{F}, \mathbb{Q}) -Brownian motion. Therefore

$$\operatorname{sgn}(X_t) dW_t = (\operatorname{sgn}(X_t))^2 dX_t = dX_t.$$