

Econ 780 HW Chapter 4
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Due:

1 Exercise 4.4

$dX_t = \alpha X_t dt + \sigma_t dW_t$ when $\alpha \in R + \sigma$ is adapted

find $E[X_t]$

$$\int X_t dt + \alpha \int X_t dt + \int \sigma_t dW_t$$

$$EX_t = \alpha \int E[X_t] dt$$

$$E[X_t] = \alpha \int_{s=0}^{s=t} m_s ds + m_s$$

$$M_t = \alpha \int_{s=0}^{s=t} m_s ds + m$$

$$M_t^* = \alpha M_t \rightarrow M_t = E^{\alpha t} + M_0$$

2 Exercise 4.5

$dX_t = \alpha X_t dt + \sigma_t dW_t$ and $U_t \geq 0$ with $P = 1$ for all $k > 0$ show that X is submartingale

$$E[X_t | F_S] \geq X_S \text{ with } S \leq t$$

$$X_t = \int_0^t \mu_t dt + \int_0^t \sigma_t dW_t + X_0$$

And for martingale: $dX_t = g_t dW_t$

$$E[X_t] = \int_0^t E(\mu_p) dp + X_0$$

$$= \int_0^t m_p dp + X_0 \text{ where } m_s \geq 0$$

$$\text{thus } E[X_t] - E[X_s] = \int_0^t m_p dp - \int_0^s m_p dp$$

$$= \int_s^t m_p dp \geq 0$$

Alternate proof:

$$X_t = \int_0^t \mu_t dt + \int_0^t dWp + X_0$$

$$X_t = \int_0^t \mu_t dt + \int_0^t dWp + X_S$$

$$E[X_t] = \int_s^t E[\mu_p] dp + 0 + E[X_S]$$

$$E[X_t] = \int_s^t m_p dp + E[X_S] \text{ where } m_p \geq 0$$

$$\text{but } E[X_t | F_S] = \int_s^t m_p dp + E[X_S | F_S]$$

$$= \int_s^t m_p dp + X_S \text{ which is then deterministic due to the filter}$$

$$\text{thus } E[X_t | F_S] \geq X_S$$

3 Exercise 4.6

Set $X_t = h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ The Wiener is given by:

$W_1(t), \dots, W_n(t)$ Apply Ito formula:

$$dX_t = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dW_i(t) dW_j(t) \right] + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(t)$$

Integrate both sides:

$$X_t = \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(t) + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dW_i(t) dW_j(t) \right]$$

$$X_t = \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left[\sum_{i \neq j}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dW_i(t) dW_j(t) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} dW_i(t)^2 \right]$$

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Let the middle term = A, we have:

$$X_t = \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(s) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} ds \right] + A$$

We have:

$$dW_i dW_j = \rho_{i,j} dt = 0$$

Since W_i and W_j are independent, $\rho_{i,j} = 0$.

Hence $A = 0$

Take expectation both sides, conditional on the filtration F_W .

$$E(X_t | F_S) = E \left[\int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(s) | F_S \right] + \frac{1}{2} E \int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} ds | F_S \right]$$

Implies:

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X_t | F_S) &= E \left[\int_0^s \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(s) | F_S \right] + \frac{1}{2} E \int_0^s \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} ds | F_S \right] \\
&\quad + E \left[\int_s^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(s) | F_S \right] + \frac{1}{2} E \int_s^t \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} ds | F_S \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Implies:

$$E(X_t | F_S) = X(S) + E \left[\int_s^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(s) | F_S \right] + \frac{1}{2} E \int_s^t \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} ds | F_S \right]$$

We have h is harmonic, so:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} = 0 \implies \frac{1}{2} E \int_s^t \left[\sum_{i=j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x_i^2} ds | F_S \right] = 0$$

Also:

$$E \left[\int_s^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i} dW_i(s) | F_S \right] = 0$$

Since it is an expectation of a stochastic integral.

Hence $E(X_t | F_S) = X(S)$. QED Similarly for h is a subharmonic function.