

Find $\log S_t$ for $S \sim \text{GBM}(S, \mu, \sigma^2)$, where $dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$, with $S_0 = S$.

Pf:

$$d \ln S_t = \frac{1}{S_t} dS_t - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{S_t^2} \cdot \sigma^2 \cdot S_t^2 \cdot dt$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad d \ln S_t = \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) dt + \sigma dW_t$$

Make integration for both two sides.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_0^t d \ln S_s = \int_0^t \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) ds + \int_0^t \sigma dW_s$$

$$\ln S_t - \ln S_0 = \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) t + \sigma W_t$$

$$\text{That is } \ln S_t = \ln S_0 + \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) \cdot t + \sigma W_t$$