

# Know your Itô - When and Where?

In this document  $W_t$  represents a Brownian Motion. This summarises all the results developed in class for obtaining SDEs/differentials

## Itô multiplication table

$\times$	$dt$	$dW_t$
$dt$	$dt^2 = 0$	$dt dW_t = 0$
$dW_t$	$dW_t dt = 0$	$dW_t^2 = dt$

Itô I

$$F = F(W_t).$$

For example functions including  $W_t^n$ ;  $\exp(W_t)$ ;  $\log W_t$ ;  $W_t \cos W_t$

$$dF = \frac{dF}{dW_t} dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 F}{dW_t^2} dt.$$

## Itô II

$$F = F(t, W_t).$$

For example functions including  $W_t^n + t^2$ ;  $t \exp(W_t)$ ;  $\log W_t + \cos t W_t$

$$dF = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial W_t^2} \right) dt + \frac{\partial F}{\partial W_t} dW_t.$$

## Itô III

$F = F(S_t)$  where the process  $S_t$  satisfies the SDE

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

For example functions including  $S_t^n$ ;  $\exp(S_t)$ ;  $\log S_t$ ;  $S_t \sin S_t$

$$dF = \left( \mu S_t \frac{dF}{dS_t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S_t^2 \frac{d^2 F}{dS^2} \right) dt + \sigma S_t \frac{dF}{dS_t} dW_t.$$

## Itô IV

$F = F(t, S_t)$  where the process  $S_t$  satisfies the SDE

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

For example functions including  $t^3 + S_t^n$ ;  $\exp(tS_t)$ ;  $\exp(S_t) + \log tS_t$ ;  $t^2 S_t \sin S_t$

$$dF = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \mu S_t \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S_t^2 \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S_t^2} \right) dt + \sigma S_t \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_t} dW_t.$$

## Itô V

This is also a basic version of higher dimensional Itô for functions of the form  $F = F\left(t, S_t^{(1)}, S_t^{(2)}\right)$  where the process  $S_t^{(i)}$  for  $i = 1, 2$  satisfies the two-factor model

$$dS_t^{(i)} = \mu_i S_t^{(i)} dt + \sigma_i S_t^{(i)} dW_t^{(i)}; \quad i = 1, 2; \quad dW_1 dW_2 = \rho dt$$

for  $|\rho| < 1$ . It can be used for a function like  $F\left(t, S_t^{(1)}, S_t^{(2)}\right) = t^3 + \left(S_t^{(1)}\right)^2 + S_t^{(1)} \cos S_t^{(2)}$

$$dF =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \mu_1 S_t^{(1)} \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_t^{(1)}} + \mu_2 S_t^{(2)} \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_t^{(2)}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 S_t^{(1)^2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S_t^{(1)^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 S_t^{(2)^2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial S_t^{(2)^2}} \right) dt \\ & + \sigma_1 S_t^{(1)} \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_t^{(1)}} dW_t^{(1)} + \sigma_2 S_t^{(2)} \frac{\partial F}{\partial S_t^{(2)}} dW_t^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

# General Itô

Consider a process  $G_t$  satisfying the SDE

$$dG_t = A(G_t, t) dt + B(G_t, t) dW_t$$

for a general drift  $A(G_t, t)$  and diffusion  $B(G_t, t)$  respectively, and  $F = F(t, G_t)$ , then

$$dF = \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + A(G_t, t) \frac{\partial F}{\partial G_t} + \frac{1}{2} B^2(G_t, t) \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial G_t^2} \right) dt + B(G_t, t) \frac{\partial F}{\partial G_t} dW_t.$$

## Itô Product Rule

Let  $X_t, Y_t$  be two processes, where

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t &= a(t, X_t) dt + b(t, X_t) dW_t^{(1)}, \\dY_t &= c(t, Y_t) dt + d(t, Y_t) dW_t^{(2)}\end{aligned}$$

Two-dimensional form of Taylor with  $f(X_t, Y_t) = X_t Y_t$

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_t} dX_t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y_t} dY_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X_t^2} dX_t^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Y_t^2} dY_t^2 + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X_t \partial Y_t} dX_t dY_t$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial X_t} &= Y_t & \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y_t} &= X_t \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X_t^2} &= 0 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Y_t^2} &= 0 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X_t \partial Y_t} &= 1\end{aligned}$$

to give

$$d(X_t Y_t) = X_t dY_t + Y_t dX_t + dX_t dY_t.$$



## Itô Quotient Rule

By applying the earlier two-dimensional form of Taylor used in the product rule with  $f(X_t, Y_t) = \frac{X_t}{Y_t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_t} &= 1/Y_t & \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y_t} &= -X_t/Y_t^2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X_t^2} &= 0 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Y_t^2} &= 2X_t/Y_t^3 & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X_t \partial Y_t} &= -1/Y_t^2 \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$d\left(\frac{X_t}{Y_t}\right) = \frac{X_t}{Y_t} \left( \frac{dX_t}{X_t} - \frac{dY_t}{Y_t} - \frac{dX_t dY_t}{X_t Y_t} + \left(\frac{dY_t}{Y_t}\right)^2 \right)$$

# Stochastic Integration Formula I

$$\int_0^t \frac{dF}{dW_t} dW_t = F(W_t) - F(W_0) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{d^2 F}{dW_s^2} ds$$

**Example:**

$$\int_0^t W_t \sin W_t dW_t$$

## Stochastic Integration Formula II

$$\int_0^t \frac{\partial F}{\partial W_t} dW_t = F(t, W_t) - F(0, W_0) - \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial s} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial W_s^2} \right) ds$$

**Example:**

$$\int_0^t (tW_t + e^{W_t}) dW_t$$

## Itô Integral - definition

$$\int_0^T f(t, W_t) dW_t = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_i, W_i) (W_{i+1} - W_i),$$

where  $W_i \equiv W_{t_i}$