

5050 HW 6
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Problem 1

Consider the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(t, x) + 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x)$$

with initial heat profile $u(0, x) = e^{-x^2}$ where we can solve this equation using a standard Brownian motion

$$u(t, x) = E[e^{-(x+\sigma B(t)+\mu t)^2}]$$

(a) Compute $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(az+b)^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz$

First we expand the squares in the exponent

$$e^{-(az+b)^2} e^{-z^2/2} = e^{-(\frac{z^2}{2} + a^2 z^2 + 2abz + b^2)}$$

Then completing the square

$$e^{-(\sqrt{a^2+1/2}x + \frac{ab}{\sqrt{a^2+1/2}})} e^{-(\frac{-a^2 b^2}{a^2+1/2} + b^2)}$$

where the first exponential is in the form of a normal variable and the second exponential is a constant

Therefore the integral is

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{b^2}{2a^2+1}}}{\sqrt{2a^2+1}}$$

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In [1]: # Code for Brownian Motion
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import math

def brownian(time, segments):
    # Construct time vector
    t = []
    for i in range(segments+1):
        t.append(time*i/segments)

    # Generate the random walk
    rw = [0]
    for i in range(segments):
        rw.append(np.random.normal(0,1)+rw[-1])

    # Scale the rw by 1 over the square root of N times the variance
    bm = np.array(rw)
    bm = bm/(math.sqrt(segments))*math.sqrt(time)

    # Return an array with [time,values]
    return [t,bm]
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Problem 2

Let $B(t)$ be standard Brownian motion and let $Y(t)$ be 1 for $0 \leq t < 2$ and $3B(2)$ for $t \geq 2$ prove that:

$$M(t) = \int_0^t Y(s)dB(s)$$

is a martingale

We can start by separating the stochastic integrals into two parts, before $t = 2$ and, at or after $t = 2$.

Then for both scenarios we need to show that the integral is a "fair game" for $0 \leq t < 2$,

$$M(t) = \int_0^t 1dB(s) = B(t) - B(0) = B(t)$$

and for $t \geq 2$

$$M(t) = \int_0^2 1dB(s) + \int_2^t 3B(2)dB(s) = B(2) + 3B(2)(B(t) - B(2))$$

Then we need to show $E[M(t)|\mathcal{F}_s] = M(s)$ for all $s < t$ which gives 3 cases: $s < t < 2$, $2 \leq s < t$ and, $s < 2 \leq t$

For the first case $E[M(t)|\mathcal{F}_s] = E[B(t)|\mathcal{F}_s] = E[B(t-s)] + B(s) = B(s)$

For the second $E[M(t)|\mathcal{F}_s] = 3B(2)E[B(t-s)] + B(s) = B(s)$

For the third case $E[M(t)|\mathcal{F}_s] = E[B(2) + 3B(2)(B(t) - B(2))|\mathcal{F}_s] = B(s)$

Therefore we can say $M(t)$ is a martingale.

Problem 3

Let $B(t)$ be standard Brownian Motion and consider the stochastic integral for $0 \leq t \leq 10$

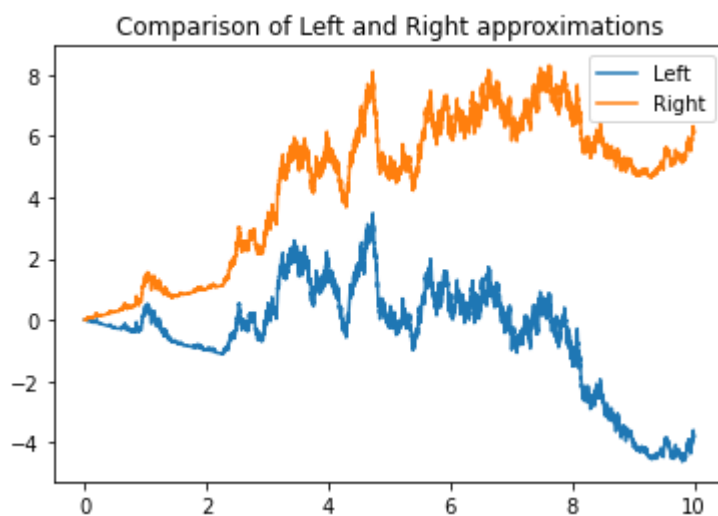
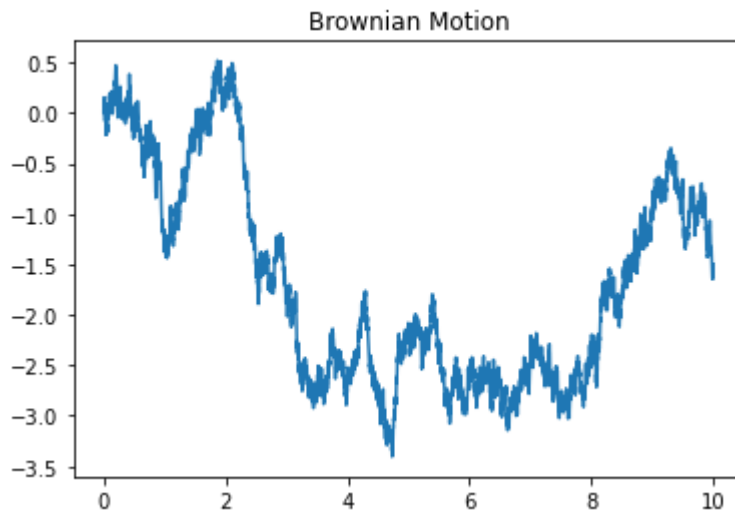
$$\int_0^t B(s)dB(s)$$

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In [6]: # Code for part a
b = brownian(10,10000)
# b outputs a pair of arrays [time][values]
plt.plot(b[0],b[1])
plt.title("Brownian Motion")
plt.show()

# Numerically compute  $B(s)dB(s)$ 
left = [0]
right = [0]
for i in range(len(b[0])-1):
    left.append(b[1][i]*(b[1][i+1]-b[1][i])+left[-1])
    right.append(b[1][i+1]*(b[1][i+1]-b[1][i])+right[-1])
plt.plot(b[0],left)
plt.plot(b[0],right)
plt.title("Comparison of Left and Right approximations")
plt.legend(["Left", "Right"])
plt.show()

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(b)

Which approximation is correct

The left approximation is correct because it is a martingale (stays near zero)

whereas the right approximation tends to drift off.

This is a stochastic integral of progressively measurable function which should be a martingale

(c)

Calculate the integral analytically

We start by applying the Ito formula

$$f(B(t)) = f(B(0)) + \int_0^t f'(B(s))dB(s) + 1/2 \int_0^t f''(B(s))ds$$

with $f = x^2$

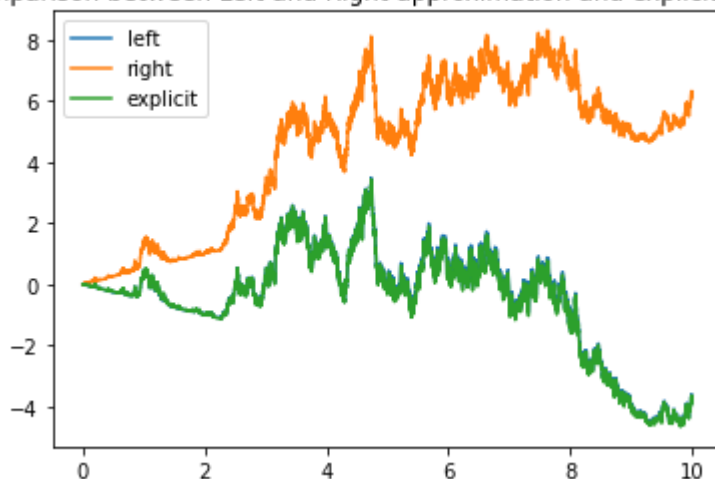
$$B(t)^2 = B(0)^2 + 2 \int_0^t B(s)dB(s) + \int_0^t ds$$

then by rearrangement we get

$$\int_0^t B(s)dB(s) = \frac{B(t)^2 - t}{2}$$

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In [7]: # Code for part d
explicit = []
for i in range(len(b[0])):
    explicit.append((b[1][i]**2-b[0][i])/2)
plt.plot(b[0],left)
plt.plot(b[0],right)
plt.plot(b[0],explicit)
plt.legend(["left","right","explicit"])
plt.title("Comparison between Left and Right approximation and explicit formula")
plt.show()
print("The explicit formula matches up almost perfectly with the left approximation")
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Comparison between Left and Right approximation and explicit formula



The explicit formula matches up almost perfectly with the left approximation as suggested by the answer to b

In []: