

# Further Stochastic Differential Equations and Stochastic Integration

$W_t$  is a Brownian Motion (Wiener Process) and  $dW_t$  or  $dW(t)$  is its increment.  $W_0 = 0$ .

1. The change in a share price  $S(t)$  satisfies

$$dS = A(S, t) dW_t + B(S, t) dt,$$

for some functions  $A$  and  $B$ . If  $f = f(S, t)$ , then Itô's lemma gives the following SDE

$$df = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + B \frac{\partial f}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} A^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial S^2} \right) dt + A \frac{\partial f}{\partial S} dW_t.$$

Can  $A$  and  $B$  be chosen so that a function  $g = g(S)$  has a change which has zero drift, but non-zero diffusion? State any appropriate conditions.

2. Show that  $F(W_t) = \arcsin(2aW_t + \sin F_0)$  is a solution of the SDE

$$dF = 2a^2 (\tan F) (\sec^2 F) dt + 2a (\sec F) dW_t,$$

Ignore this problem

where  $F_0$  and  $a$  is a constant. The following standard result may be used

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} ax = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1 - a^2 x^2}}$$

3. Show that

$$\int_0^t W_\tau \left(1 - e^{-W_\tau^2}\right) dW_\tau = \bar{F}(W_t) + \int_0^t G(W_\tau) d\tau.$$

where the functions  $\bar{F}$  and  $G$  should be determined.

4. Consider the process

$$d(\log y) = (\alpha - \beta \log y) dt + \delta dW_t.$$

The parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  are constant. Show that  $y$  satisfies

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \left( \alpha - \beta \log y + \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 \right) dt + \delta dW_t.$$

5. Show that

$$G_t = e^{t + ae^{W_t}}$$

is a solution of the stochastic differential equation

$$dG_t = G_t \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} (\ln G_t - t) + \frac{1}{2} (\ln G_t - t)^2 \right) dt + G_t (\ln G_t - t) dW_t,$$

where  $a$  is a constant.

6. A spot rate  $r_t$ , evolves according to the popular form

$$dr_t = u(r_t) dt + \nu r_t^\beta dW_t, \quad (*)$$

where  $\nu$  and  $\beta$  are constants. Suppose such a model has a **steady state transition probability density function**  $p_\infty(r)$  that satisfies the forward Fokker Planck Equation. Show that this implies the drift structure of  $(*)$  is given by

$$u(r_t) = \nu^2 \beta r_t^{2\beta-1} + \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 r_t^{2\beta} \frac{d}{dr} (\log p_\infty).$$