

Multi-dimensional Ito formula

Assume $dX_t^i = \mu_t^i dt + \sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_t^{ij} dW_t^j$, $i = 1, \dots, n$

where W^1, \dots, W^d are d independent Brownian motions.

On a matrix form:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} dX_t & = & \mu_t dt & + & \sigma_t dW_t \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ n \times 1 & & n \times 1 & & n \times d \quad d \times 1 \end{array}$$

Let $Z_t = f(t, X_t)$ where $f: [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $C^{1,2}$.

Theorem 4.19 (Ito's formula, multi-dim)

$$dZ_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dX_t^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dX_t^i dX_t^j$$

where $dW_t^i dW_t^j = 0$ if $i \neq j$

$$(dW_t^i)^2 = dt$$

$$(dt)^2 = dt dW_t^i = 0.$$

Alternatively,

$$dZ_t = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_t^i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n C_t^{ij} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) dt + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \sigma_t^i dW_t$$

where $C = \sigma \sigma^*$ and σ^i is the i th row of σ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indeed, } dX_t^i dX_t^j &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_t^{ik} dW_t^k \right) \left(\sum_{l=1}^d \sigma_t^{jl} dW_t^l \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_t^{ik} \sigma_t^{jl} \right) dt \\ &= (\sigma \sigma^*)^{ij} dt \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5.8 If $\begin{cases} dX_t = \alpha X_t dt + \sigma X_t dW_t \\ dY_t = \gamma Y_t dt + \delta Y_t dV_t \end{cases}$ \swarrow indep. BM's (2)

and $Z_t = X_t Y_t$, find dZ_t .

Solution: Ito's formula gives

$$\begin{aligned} dZ_t &= Y_t dX_t + X_t dY_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 dX_t dY_t \\ &= (\alpha + \gamma) Z_t dt + Z_t (\sigma dW_t + \delta dV_t) \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\bar{W}_t := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \delta^2}} (\sigma W_t + \delta V_t)$, \bar{W} is a BM (why?),
and $dZ_t = (\alpha + \gamma) Z_t dt + \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \delta^2} Z_t d\bar{W}_t$

Correlated Brownian motions

Let $\bar{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{W}^1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{W}^d \end{pmatrix}$ where $\bar{W}^1, \dots, \bar{W}^d$ are independent Brownian motions.

Consider $W = \delta \bar{W}$ where $\delta = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{11} & \dots & \delta_{1d} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \delta_{d1} & \dots & \delta_{dd} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \delta_d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } E[(W_t^i)^2] &= E\left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^d \delta_{ij} \bar{W}_t^j\right)^2\right] \\ &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^d \delta_{ij}^2\right) t = t \end{aligned}$$

so W^i is a Brownian motion.

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row vectors
with $\|\delta_i\| = 1$
 $\sqrt{\delta_{i1}^2 + \dots + \delta_{id}^2}$

Moreover,
$$dW_t^i dW_t^j = \left(\sum_{k=1}^d \delta_{ik} d\bar{W}_t^k \right) \left(\sum_{l=1}^d \delta_{jl} d\bar{W}_t^l \right) \quad (3)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^d \delta_{ik} \delta_{jk} dt = (\delta \delta^*)_{ij} dt$$

Def 4.20 W_t constructed above is a d-dimensional correlated Wiener process with correlation matrix $g = \delta \delta^*$.

Prop 4.21 (Ito's formula, correlated version)

If W_t is a correlated Wiener process as above, and $dX_t = \mu_t dt + \sigma_t dW_t$, then $Z_t = f(t, X_t)$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ n \times 1 & n \times 1 & n \times d & d \times 1 \end{matrix}$

satisfies
$$dZ_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dX_t^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dX_t^i dX_t^j$$

where $(dt)^2 = dt dW^i = 0$
 $dW^i dW^j = g_{ij} dt$

Ex: Given $\bar{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{W}^1 \\ \bar{W}^2 \end{pmatrix}$ (where \bar{W}^1, \bar{W}^2 are independent)
 construct $W = \begin{pmatrix} W^1 \\ W^2 \end{pmatrix}$ with correlation matrix $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_0 \\ \rho_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Note that $\delta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \rho_0 & \sqrt{1-\rho_0^2} \end{pmatrix}$ satisfies $\delta \delta^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_0 \\ \rho_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = g$.

Thus $W = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{W}^1 \\ \rho_0 \bar{W}^1 + \sqrt{1-\rho_0^2} \bar{W}^2 \end{pmatrix}$ is correlated Wiener process with correlation matrix g .

What other choices for δ are possible?