

1. (i)  $\mathbf{E}(S_{n+m} | S_n) = \mathbf{E}(S_n + X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m} | S_n) \stackrel{\text{CE1}}{=} \mathbf{E}(S_n | S_n) + \mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m} | S_n) \stackrel{\text{CE2, CE3}}{=} S_n + \mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m}) = S_n + m\mu.$
- (ii) Using CE2 and the hint,  $S_n = \mathbf{E}(X_1 + \cdots + X_n | S_n) = \sum_{k \leq n} \mathbf{E}(X_k | S_n) = n\mathbf{E}(X_1 | S_n)$ . Hence  $\mathbf{E}(X_1 | S_n) = S_n/n$ .
- (iii)  $\mathbf{E}(S_{n+m}^2 | S_n) = \mathbf{E}((S_n + X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m})^2 | S_n) = \mathbf{E}(S_n^2 | S_n) + 2\mathbf{E}(S_n(X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m}) | S_n) + \mathbf{E}((X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m})^2 | S_n) = S_n^2 + 2S_n\mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m}) + \mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} + \cdots + X_{n+m})^2 = S_n^2 + 2S_nm\mu + m\sigma^2 + m^2\mu^2 = (S_n + m\mu)^2 + m\sigma^2.$
- (iv)  $\mathbf{E}(S_m | S_n) = \sum_{k \leq m} \mathbf{E}(X_k | S_n) = \frac{m}{n} S_n$  from (ii).

2. (i)  $\mathbf{E}(N_{t+s} | \mathcal{F}_t) = \mathbf{E}(N_t + N_{t+s} - N_s | \mathcal{F}_t) \stackrel{\text{CE1}}{=} \mathbf{E}(N_t | \mathcal{F}_t) + \mathbf{E}(N_{t+s} - N_s | \mathcal{F}_t) \stackrel{\text{CE2, CE3}}{=} N_t + \mathbf{E}(N_{t+s} - N_s) = N_t + \lambda s.$

(ii)  $\mathbf{E}(N_{t+s}^2 | \mathcal{F}_t) = (N_t + \lambda s)^2 + \lambda s$  (the argument is basically the same as in solution to part (iii) in the previous problem, just recall that  $\mathbf{E} N_s = \text{Var}(N_s) = \lambda s$ ).

(iii)  $\mathbf{E}(N_s | \mathcal{F}_t) = N_s$ ,  $\mathbf{E}(N_s^2 | \mathcal{F}_t) = N_s^2$  by CE2, as  $N_s$  (and hence  $N_s^2$  as well) is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable.

(iv) We know that  $\mathbf{E}(N_s | N_t) =: \eta(N_s)$  is a function of  $N_t$ , with  $\eta(n) = \mathbf{E}(N_s | N_t = n)$ . From Example 2.5 we know that  $(N_s | N_t = n) \sim B_{n,s/t}$  (see also the proof of Theorem 5.2). Hence  $\eta(n) = sn/t$ , and so  $\mathbf{E}(N_s | N_t) = \frac{s}{t} N_t$ . Similarly, one can find that  $\mathbf{E}(N_s^2 | N_t) = \frac{s(t-s)}{t^2} N_t + \frac{s^2}{t^2} N_t^2$ .

3. (i)  $\{\tau \leq t\} = \Omega$  if  $m \leq t$  and  $= \emptyset$  if  $m > t$ . In either case, the set is an element of  $\mathcal{F}_t$ . This is an ST.

(ii)  $\{\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2 \leq t\} = \{\tau_1 \leq t\} \cup \{\tau_2 \leq t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  as each of the events in the union belongs to  $\mathcal{F}_t$ . Likewise,  $\{\tau_1 \vee \tau_2 \leq t\} = \{\tau_1 \leq t\} \cap \{\tau_2 \leq t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . This is an ST.

(iii)  $\{\tau > t\} = \bigcap_{k=0}^t \{X_{k+1}/X_k \leq 1\}$ , where the last event in the intersection does not need to belong to  $\mathcal{F}_t$  (as  $X_{t+1}$  is, generally speaking, not  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable). So  $\{\tau \leq t\} = \{\tau > t\}^c$  does not need to belong to  $\mathcal{F}_t$  as well, and hence  $\tau$  may not be an ST.

(iv)  $\{\tau > t\} = \bigcap_{j=0}^t \{\sum_{k=0}^t X_k \leq X_t^2\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  as each of the events in the intersection  $\in \mathcal{F}_t$ . So  $\{\tau \leq t\} = \{\tau > t\}^c \in \mathcal{F}_t$  as well. This is an ST.

(v)  $\{\tau = t\} = \{X_t > 10\} \cap [\bigcap_{k=t+1}^{10} \{X_k \leq 10\}]$ . Here, generally speaking,  $[\dots] \notin \mathcal{F}_t$ , so  $\tau$  does not need to be an ST.

4. That  $\{X_t\}$  is adapted follows from the definition of CE. Integrability is obvious from CE4. The latter also implies the MG property, as for  $0 \leq s < t$ , one has  $\mathbf{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{E}(Y | \mathcal{F}_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbf{E}(Y | \mathcal{F}_s) = X_s$ .

5. As  $X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}$  are  $\mathcal{F}_{t_3}$ -measurable,  $\mathbf{E}(X_{t_2} - X_{t_1})(X_{t_4} - X_{t_3}) = \mathbf{E}((\dots) | \mathcal{F}_{t_3}) = \mathbf{E}[(X_{t_2} - X_{t_1})\mathbf{E}(X_{t_4} - X_{t_3} | \mathcal{F}_{t_3})] = 0$  since  $\mathbf{E}(X_{t_4} - X_{t_3} | \mathcal{F}_{t_3}) = \mathbf{E}(X_{t_4} | \mathcal{F}_{t_3}) - X_{t_3} = 0$ ,  $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  being an MG. Square integrability is needed to ensure that the expectation of the product exists (by Cauchy–Bunyakovskii's inequality).

6. The SP is clearly adapted. Integrability:  $\mathbf{E}|X_n| = \mathbf{E}|S_n^2 - n\sigma^2| \leq \mathbf{E}S_n^2 + n\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(S_n) + (\mathbf{E}S_n)^2 + n\sigma^2 = 2n\sigma^2 < \infty$ .

(i)  $\mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbf{E}((S_n + Y_{n+1})^2 - (n+1)\sigma^2 | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbf{E}(S_n^2 + 2S_n Y_{n+1} + Y_{n+1}^2 | \mathcal{F}_n) - (n+1)\sigma^2$ , where  $\mathbf{E}(S_n^2 | \mathcal{F}_n) = S_n^2$ ,  $\mathbf{E}(S_n Y_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) = S_n \mathbf{E}(Y_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) = S_n \mathbf{E}Y_{n+1} = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{E}(Y_{n+1}^2 | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbf{E}Y_{n+1}^2 = \sigma^2$ . So  $\mathbf{E}(X_n | \mathcal{F}_n) = S_n^2 - n\sigma^2 = X_n$ , that's an MG!

(ii) As all  $X_k = S_k^2 - k\sigma^2$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , are functions of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ , one has  $\mathcal{F}'_n \subset \mathcal{F}_n$ . Hence, using CE4,  $\mathbf{E}(X_n | \mathcal{F}'_n) = \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{E}(X_n | \mathcal{F}_n) | \mathcal{F}'_n] = \mathbf{E}(X_n | \mathcal{F}'_n) = X_n$  from (i). Done.

7. DIY. This is no different from the proof of Theorem 11.6 (use the fact the this is a process with independent increments and, for part (iii), the explicit form of the Poisson process' MGF).

8. (i) We know from Example 11.2 that  $\{S_n\}$  is an MG. By Theorem 11.2,  $0 = \mathbf{E}S_0 = \mathbf{E}S_\tau = a\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) + b\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = b) = (a-b)\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) + b$ , so that  $\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) = \frac{b}{b-a}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = b) = \frac{-a}{b-a}$ .

(ii) By Theorem 11.2 applied to the MG  $X_n := S_n^2 - n\sigma^2 \equiv S_n^2 - n$ , and the result of (i), one has  $0 = \mathbf{E} X_0 = \mathbf{E} X_\tau = \mathbf{E}(S_\tau^2 - \tau) = \frac{a^2 b}{b-a} + \frac{b^2(-a)}{b-a} - \mathbf{E} \tau = -ab - \mathbf{E} \tau$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{E} \tau = -ab$ .

9. (i) The SP  $\{Z_n\}$  is clearly adapted to  $\mathbf{F}$ . Integrability follows from the bound  $|Z_n| \leq \max_{j \leq n} |X_j - X_{j-1}| \sum_{k \leq n} |Y_k| \leq \sum_{k \leq n} C_n$ . The MG property: using CE2,  $\mathbf{E}(Z_{n+1} - Z_n | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbf{E}(Y_{n+1}(X_{n+1} - X_n) | \mathcal{F}_n) = Y_{n+1} \mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} - X_n | \mathcal{F}_n) = 0$  as  $\{X_n\}$  is an MG.

(ii)  $Y_1 = 1$ , and for  $n > 1$ , one has  $Y_n = 2Y_{n-1}$  if  $X_{n-1} - X_{n-2} = -1$  (loss) and  $Y_n = 1$  if  $X_{n-1} - X_{n-2} = 1$  (win).

(iii) The RVs  $\xi_n := X_n - X_{n-1}$  are i.i.d.,  $\mathbf{P}(\xi_1 = \pm 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence one has  $\mathbf{P}(\tau = n) = \mathbf{P}(\xi_1 = \xi_2 = \dots = \xi_{n-1} = -1, \xi_n = 1) = 2^{-n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  (the geometric distribution). To find the expectation, either compute  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n 2^{-n}$  or, equivalently, first compute the GF  $g_\tau(z) = z/(2-z)$  of  $\tau$  (it's just the sum of a geometric series) and then take  $\mathbf{E} \tau = g'_\tau(1) = 2$ . The statement of Theorem 11.2 does not hold as  $0 = Z_0$ , but as your fortune at the time of your first win is always  $Z_\tau = 1$  (verify that!), one has  $\mathbf{E} Z_\tau = 1$ .

(iv)  $\mathbf{E}(Z_n; \tau > n) = \mathbf{E}(Z_n; \xi_1 = \xi_2 = \dots = \xi_n = -1) = -\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} 2^j \times 2^{-n} = -\frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} 2^{-n} = 2^{-n} - 1 \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Condition (11.11) is not satisfied.

10. (i) As no filtration is specified, we consider the natural one. Integrability follows from boundedness ( $0 < X_n \leq 2^{2n}$ ). Setting  $Y_n := S_n - S_{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , we have  $\mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbf{E}(2^{-S_n - Y_{n+1}} | \mathcal{F}_n) = 2^{-S_n} \mathbf{E}(2^{-Y_{n+1}} | \mathcal{F}_n) = X_n \mathbf{E} 2^{-Y_{n+1}} = X_n$  since  $\mathbf{E} 2^{-Y_{n+1}} = 2^{-1} \times \frac{6}{7} + 2^2 \times \frac{1}{7} = 1$ .

(ii) Note that  $\{X_n \leq 0.1\} = \{S_n \geq \log_2 10\} = \{S_n \geq 4\}$  (as  $S_n$  is integer-valued). Hence  $\tau = \min\{n \geq 0 : S_n \geq 4\} = \min\{n \geq 0 : S_n = 4\}$  as the RW  $\{S_n\}$  is skip-free, and so  $\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = 4) = 1$  (the RW  $\{S_n\}$  crosses any positive level w.p. 1 as it has positive trend:  $\mathbf{E} Y_1 = 1 \times \frac{6}{7} - 2 \times \frac{1}{7} = \frac{4}{7}$ .) By Theorem 11.2,  $0 = \mathbf{E} Z_0 = \mathbf{E} Z_\tau = \mathbf{E}(S_\tau - \frac{4}{7}\tau) = 4 - \frac{4}{7}\mathbf{E} \tau$ . Hence  $\mathbf{E} \tau = 7$ .

11. (i) Use the natural filtration. Integrability is obvious from boundedness. Set  $Y_n := S_n - S_{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . We have  $\mathbf{E}(X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbf{E}((q/p)^{S_n + Y_{n+1}} | \mathcal{F}_n) = (q/p)^{S_n} \mathbf{E}((q/p)^{Y_{n+1}} | \mathcal{F}_n) = X_n \mathbf{E}(q/p)^{Y_{n+1}} = X_n((q/p)^1 p + (q/p)^{-1} q) = X_n$ .

(ii) Clearly, either  $S_\tau = a$  or  $S_\tau = b$ . Set  $r := q/p$ . By Theorem 11.2,  $1 = \mathbf{E} X_0 = \mathbf{E} X_\tau = r^a \mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) + r^b \mathbf{P}(S_\tau = b) = (r^a - r^b) \mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) + r^b$ , so that  $\mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) = 1 - \mathbf{P}(S_\tau = b) = (r^b - 1)/(r^b - r^a)$ .

Apply Theorem 11.2 to  $\{Z_n\}$ :  $0 = \mathbf{E} Z_0 = \mathbf{E} Z_\tau = \mathbf{E}(S_\tau - (p-q)\tau) = \mathbf{E} S_\tau - (2p-1)\mathbf{E} \tau = a \mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a) + b(1 - \mathbf{P}(S_\tau = a)) - (2p-1)\mathbf{E} \tau$ . Hence  $\mathbf{E} \tau = (b(1 - r^a) + a(r^b - 1))/[(2p-1)(r^b - r^a)]$ .

12. Suppose  $\omega \in \Omega$  is such that  $\{U_1(\omega), U_2(\omega), \dots\}$  is not everywhere dense in  $[0, 1]$ . That means that there exist points  $t_1 < t_2$  in  $[0, 1]$  s.t.  $U_j(\omega) \notin (t_1, t_2)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence, for the EDFs  $F_n^*$  corresponding to the samples consisting of the first  $n$  RVs  $U_j$ , one has  $F_n^*(t_1) = F_n^*(t_2)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . But that clearly contradicts (2.87) as the limiting DF is  $F(t) = t$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore the set of such  $\omega$ 's must have zero probability.

13. The RW  $X$  is normal as a linear transformation of a Gaussian vector, so one just needs to compute its mean and variance. Clearly,  $\mathbf{E}(2W_{t_1} - W_{t_2}) =$



$2\mathbf{E} W_{t_1} - \mathbf{E} W_{t_2} = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbf{E} X^2 = \mathbf{E} (2W_{t_1} - W_{t_2})^2 = 4\mathbf{E} W_{t_1}^2 - 4\mathbf{E} W_{t_1} W_{t_2} + \mathbf{E} W_{t_2}^2 = 4t_1 - 4(t_1 \wedge t_2) + t_2 = t_2$ . So  $2W_{t_1} - W_{t_2} \sim N(0, t_2)$ .

Alternatively, one may wish to use independence of the increments of the BM:  $X = 2W_{t_1} - W_{t_2} = W_{t_1} - (W_{t_2} - W_{t_1})$ , the summands on the right-hand side being independent with distributions  $N(0, t_2)$  and  $N(0, t_2 - t_1)$ , resp. Hence the same answer as above.

**14.** As in Problem 13,  $X$  will be normal with zero mean. One can compute  $\text{Var}(X)$  from the covariance function of the BM (cf. solution to Problem 13; DIY!) or using independence of increments and the following alternative representation for the RV:  $X = 2W_2 + (W_3 - W_2) + 2(W_4 - W_3) \sim N(0, 13)$ .

**15.** In the notation of (2.33), we have  $\mathbf{X} = (W_{t_1} - W_{t_0}, \dots, W_{t_n} - W_{t_{n-1}})$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = (W_{t_1}, \dots, W_{t_n})$ , and  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}A$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence  $\mathbf{g}^{-1}$  is also a linear transform,  $|J(\mathbf{g}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}))| = |\det A^{-1}| = |\det A|^{-1} = 1$ , and so

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{y}) = f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{g}^{-1}(\mathbf{y})) = \prod_{j=1}^n f_{W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}}}(x_j - x_{j-1}),$$

which is clearly the same as  $f_{t_1, \dots, t_k}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  (see (11.22)).

**16.** Cf. solution to the previous problem. The transformation matrix is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{t_1 - t_0} & \sqrt{t_1 - t_0} & \sqrt{t_1 - t_0} & \cdots & \sqrt{t_1 - t_0} \\ 0 & \sqrt{t_2 - t_1} & \sqrt{t_2 - t_1} & \cdots & \sqrt{t_2 - t_1} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{t_3 - t_2} & \cdots & \sqrt{t_3 - t_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sqrt{t_n - t_{n-1}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

For the arithmetic BM, multiply the matrix by  $\sigma$  (and don't forget that there can be a non-zero drift!).

**17.** (i) Observing that  $2W_3 \sim N(0, 12)$  and  $(W_5 | 2W_3 = x) \sim N(x/2, 2)$  by independent increments, by the formula (2.80) for conditional densities,  $f_{(2W_3, W_5)}(x, y) = f_{W_5 | 2W_3}(y | x) f_{2W_3}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 2}} e^{-(y-x/2)^2/4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 12}} e^{-x^2/24} = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{6}} \exp\{-\frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{xy}{4} - \frac{5x^2}{48}\}$ .

(ii) Arguing as in (i), compute  $f_{(W_2, 2W_3)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \exp\{-\frac{y^2}{8} + \frac{xy}{2} - \frac{3x^2}{4}\}$ . Next note that, due to independent increments,  $(W_5 | (W_2, 2W_3)) = (x, y) \stackrel{d}{=} (W_5 | 2W_3 = y) \sim N(y/2, 2)$ , as in (i). Now use  $f_{(W_2, 2W_3, W_5)}(x, y, z) = f_{W_5 | (W_2, 2W_3)}(z | (x, y)) f_{(W_2, 2W_3)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 2}} e^{-(z-y/2)^2/4} f_{(W_2, 2W_3)}(x, y) =$

$$\frac{1}{s\tau\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{3x^2}{4} + \frac{xy}{2} - \frac{3y^2}{16} + \frac{yz}{4} - \frac{z^2}{4}\right\}.$$

18. Clearly,  $\mathbf{E}\widetilde{W}_t = 0$ . For  $0 < s < t$ , one has  $\mathbf{E}\widetilde{W}_s\widetilde{W}_t = s\mathbf{E}W_{1/s}W_{1/t} = s$  since  $\frac{1}{s} \wedge \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1}{t}$ . Since  $\{\widetilde{W}_t\}$  is a Gaussian process (indeed,  $(\widetilde{W}_{t_1}, \dots, \widetilde{W}_{t_n}) = (t_1 W_{1/t_1}, \dots, t_n W_{1/t_n})$  is just a linear transform of the Gaussian vector  $(W_{1/t_1}, \dots, W_{1/t_n})$ , and so is Gaussian itself), Theorem 11.4 yields the desired assertion.

19. Using the MG  $\{Y_t := W_t^2 - t\}_{t \geq 0} : 0 = \mathbf{E}Y_0 = \mathbf{E}Y_\tau = \mathbf{E}(W_\tau^2 - \tau) = \mathbf{E}(a + b\tau - \tau) = a - (1 - b)\mathbf{E}\tau$ . Hence  $\mathbf{E}\tau = \frac{a}{1-b}$ .

20. (i) Using the first MG:  $0 = \mathbf{E}W_0 = \mathbf{E}W_\tau = \mathbf{E}v_\tau = \mathbf{E}(2\tau - 4) = 2\mathbf{E}\tau - 4$ , so that  $\mathbf{E}\tau = 2$ .

(ii) Using the second MG  $\{Y_t := W_t^2 - t\}_{t \geq 0} : 0 = \mathbf{E}Y_0 = \mathbf{E}Y_\tau = \mathbf{E}(W_\tau^2 - \tau) = \mathbf{E}((2\tau - 4)^2 - \tau) = 4\mathbf{E}\tau^2 - 17\mathbf{E}\tau + 16 = 4\mathbf{E}\tau^2 - 18$ , so that  $\mathbf{E}\tau^2 = 4.5$ .

(iii) Using the third MG  $\{Z_t := e^{uW_t - u^2t/2}\}_{t \geq 0} : 1 = \mathbf{E}Z_0 = \mathbf{E}Z_\tau = \mathbf{E}e^{uW_\tau - u^2\tau/2} = \mathbf{E}e^{u(2\tau - 4) - u^2\tau/2} = \mathbf{E}e^{-4u - (u^2/2 - 2u)\tau} = e^{-4u} \mathbf{E}e^{-s\tau}$ , so that  $\mathbf{E}e^{-s\tau} = e^{4u}$  for  $s := u^2/2 - 2u$ . Solving for  $u$ :  $u = 2 \pm \sqrt{2(s+2)}$ ; choosing “-”

(why?), we obtain  $l_\tau(s) = \exp\{8 - 4\sqrt{2(s+2)}\}$ .

(iv) By Theorem 11.2,  $0 = \mathbf{E}W_0 = \mathbf{E}W_\tau$ ,  $0 = \mathbf{E}Y_0 = \mathbf{E}Y_\tau = \mathbf{E}W_\tau^2 - \mathbf{E}\tau$ , so that  $\mathbf{E}W_\tau = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{E}W_\tau^2 = \mathbf{E}\tau = 2$ .

21. (i) Clearly,  $\mathbf{P}(W_\tau = a) = 1 - \mathbf{P}(W_\tau = b)$ , and, by Theorem 11.2 for the MG  $\{W_t\}$ , one has  $0 = \mathbf{E}W_0 = \mathbf{E}W_\tau = a\mathbf{P}(W_\tau = a) + b\mathbf{P}(W_\tau = b) = (a - b)\mathbf{P}(W_\tau = a) + b$ , so that  $\mathbf{P}(W_\tau = a) = \frac{b}{b-a}$ .

(ii)  $\mathbf{E}\tau = -ab$  (see (12.31)).

(iii) Using the third MG and Theorem 11.2, for any  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ , one has  $1 = \mathbf{E}Z_0 = \mathbf{E}Z_\tau = \mathbf{E}e^{uW_\tau - u^2\tau/2} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}(e^{uW_\tau - u^2\tau/2} | \tau) = \mathbf{E}(e^{-u^2\tau/2} \mathbf{E}(e^{uW_\tau} | \tau))$ . By symmetry,  $W_\tau = \pm a$  independently of  $\tau$ , with equal probabilities, so we obtain  $1 = \frac{1}{2}(e^{au} + e^{-au})\mathbf{E}e^{-u^2\tau/2}$ . Therefore  $l_\tau(s) = \mathbf{E}e^{-s\tau} = 1/\cosh(\sqrt{2sa})$ ,  $s \geq 0$ .

(iv) By the chain rule,  $l_\tau(s)' = \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{2sa})}{\cosh^2(\sqrt{2sa})} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2s}} \rightarrow a^2$  as  $s \rightarrow 0$ , which is the same answer as in (ii) in the case  $a = -b$ .

(v) DIY. Just keep differentiating.

22. One can assume w.l.o.g. that the simple processes have a common time partition  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T$ :  $f_t = X_k$  and  $g_t = Y_k$  for  $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k)$ , for some  $\mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}$ -measurable RVs  $X_k$  and  $Y_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}I_t(f)I_t(g) &= \mathbf{E} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k(W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}}) \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j(W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\mathbf{E}(X_k Y_k (W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}})^2)}_{=: A_k} + \sum_{j \neq k} \underbrace{\mathbf{E} X_k Y_j (W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}})(W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}})}_{=: B_{jk}}, \end{aligned}$$

where, by CE4,  $A_k = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}(X_k Y_k (W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}})^2 | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}) = \mathbf{E}(X_k Y_k \mathbf{E}((W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}})^2 | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}})) = \mathbf{E}X_k Y_k \mathbf{E}(W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}})^2 = (t_k - t_{k-1})\mathbf{E}X_k Y_k$ , whereas, for  $j < k$ ,  $B_{jk} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}(X_k Y_j (W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}})(W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}}) | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}) = \mathbf{E}(X_k Y_j (W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}}))$ .

$W_{t_{j-1}}) \mathbf{E}(W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}} | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}) = 0$  as the last CE is zero. Thus,  $\mathbf{E} I_t(f) I_t(g) = \sum_{k=1}^n (t_k - t_{k-1}) \mathbf{E} X_k Y_k = \int_0^t \mathbf{E} f_s g_s ds$ .

The identity is actually an immediate consequence of Itô's isometry (Theorem 11.7(iii)) and the following simple general fact: suppose  $L : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  is a linear mapping of one inner product space  $H_1$  into another ( $H_2$ ) such that, for any  $u \in H_1$  one has  $\|Lu\| = \|u\|$ . Then the inner products are also preserved: for any  $u, v \in H_1$ , one has  $(Lu, Lv) = (u, v)$ . To verify that, just compare the first expression with the last one in the following chain of equalities:  $\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2(u, v) = \|u + v\|^2 = \|L(u + v)\|^2 = \|Lu\|^2 + \|Lv\|^2 + 2(Lu, Lv) = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2(Lu, Lv)$ .

**23.** One has  $Y_t = f(X_t)$  with  $f(x) = e^x$  (so that  $f'(x) = f''(x) = f(x)$ ) and  $dX_t = g_t dW_t - \frac{1}{2} g_t^2 dt$ . By Itô's formula,  $dY_t = f'(X_t) dX_t + \frac{1}{2} f''(X_t) (dX_t)^2 = f(X_t) (g_t dW_t - \frac{1}{2} g_t^2 dt) + \frac{1}{2} f(X_t) g_t^2 dt = f(X_t) g_t dW_t$ , showing that  $\{Y_t\}$  is an MG (Remark 11.3).

**24.** Here  $X_t = f(W_t)$  with  $f(x) = \cos x$ ,  $f'(x) = -\sin x$ ,  $f''(x) = -\cos x$ , and so Itô's formula yields  $dX_t = -\sin(W_t) dW_t - \frac{1}{2} \cos(W_t) dt$ .

**25.** (i) For  $f(x) = e^{-2x}$  one has  $f'(x) = -2f(x)$ ,  $f''(x) = 4f(x)$ , so by Itô's formula  $df(X_t) = -2f(X_t)(dt + dW_t) + \frac{1}{2} 4f(X_t)(dt + dW_t)^2 = -2f(X_t)dt - 2f(X_t)dW_t + 2f(X_t)dt = -2f(X_t)dW_t$ .

(ii) It is an MG indeed, using Remark 11.3.

**26.** (i) Clearly,  $c = S_0 = 5$  and  $S_t = f(t, W_t)$  with  $f(t, x) = 5e^{at+bx}$ , so that  $\partial_t f = af$ ,  $\partial_x f = bf$ ,  $\partial_{xx} f = b^2 f$ . So, by Itô's formula,  $dS_t = af(t, W_t)dt + \partial_x f(t, W_t)dW_t + \frac{1}{2} b^2 f(t, W_t)(dW_t)^2 = (a + \frac{b^2}{2})S_t dt + bS_t dW_t$ . Comparing that with the assumed SDE, we obtain that  $a + \frac{b^2}{2} = 0.2$ ,  $b = 1$ . So yes, the suspected form of  $S_t$  is correct, with  $a = -0.3$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $c = 5$ .

(ii) Either you apply Itô's formula to the verified representation  $X_t := 1/S_t = (5e^{-0.3t+W_t})^{-1} = 0.5e^{0.3t-W_t}$ , or you apply it directly to  $f(S_t) = 1/S_t$  using the assumed SDE. Using the latter approach, one has  $f'(x) = -x^{-2}$ ,  $f''(x) = 2x^{-3}$ , so that  $df(S_t) = -S_t^{-2}(0.2S_t dt + S_t dW_t) + \frac{1}{2} 2S_t^{-3}(dS_t)^2 = -0.2S_t^{-1}dt - S_t^{-1}dW_t + S_t^{-3}S_t^2 dt = 0.8X_t dt - X_t dW_t$ , QED.

**27.** (i) Here  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2}$ ,  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4} x^{-3/2}$ ,  $x > 0$ . So, by Itô's formula,  $dZ_t = \frac{1}{2} V_t^{-1/2}((1 - V_t)dt + 2\sqrt{V_t} dW_t) + \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{4} V_t^{-3/2})(2\sqrt{V_t})^2 dt = -\frac{1}{2} V^{1/2}(t)dt + dW_t = -\frac{1}{2} Z dt + dW_t$ , which is a special case of (11.46) (with  $\alpha = \sigma = 1$ ). Clearly,  $Z_0 = \sqrt{V_0} = 1$ .

(ii) Use the product rule of Itô's calculus (Theorem 11.10) with  $X_t = e^{-t/2}$ ,  $Y_t = 1 + \int_0^t e^{s/2} dW_s$ . As one the factors is smooth ( $dX_t = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-t/2} dt = -\frac{1}{2} X_t dt$ ), by Remark 11.2 this will be just the usual product rule:  $dZ_t = dX_t \cdot Y_t + X_t \cdot dY_t = -\frac{1}{2} X_t Y_t dt + X_t e^{-t/2} dW_t = -\frac{1}{2} Z_t dt + dW_t$ . Obviously,  $Z_0 = e^0 \left(1 + \int_0^0\right) = 1$ .