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We define quadratic variation of the random walk $\sum_{j=1}^i (S_j - S_{j-1})^2$

In the coin game $|S_j - S_{j-1}| = 1$

so the sum is i for coin prob

- Brownian motion. We define a game where we restrict time for n tosses.

Second the bet size isn't \$1 but

$$\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (S_i - S_{i-1})^2 = n \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{n}} \right)^2 = t$$

As n increases we do more & more

As $n \rightarrow \infty$ $E[S(t)] = 0$ and

a variance of $E[S(t)^2] = t$

For a population $\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu)^2}{N}$

Properties of brownian motion: Continuous, independent increments, martingale prop, quadratic variation:

$$[X]_T = \lim_{|II| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}})^2 = t$$

$$II = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T\}$$

$|II| \rightarrow 0$ partition becoming infinitely fine

Normality For $v > 0$ the increment

$B_{t+v} - B_t$ is normally distributed
with mean = 0 - Variance = v

$B_{t+v} - B_t \sim N(0, v)$
makes brownian motion a
gaussian process

We define stochastic integral by

$$W(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau) dX(\tau) =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t_{j-1}) (X(t_j) - X(t_{j-1}))$$

$$t_j = \frac{j t}{n}$$

$X(t)$ is our stochastic process

f is our function due to time

say f is how much of an asset

we hold $X(t)$ model fluctuations