

**Definition 0.0.1** (filtration,  $\mathcal{F}$ -adapted process, natural filtration).

- A **filtration**  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is an increasing family of  $\sigma$ -algebras, that is,  $\mathcal{F}_u \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$  for any  $0 \leq u \leq t \leq T$ .
- A stochastic process  $X = (X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is  **$\mathcal{F}$ -adapted** if for any  $t \in [0, T]$ , the random variable  $X_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable, i.e. for any  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , the event  $\{X_t \leq x\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  (Corollary 1.3.1).
- The **natural filtration** of  $X$  (or the filtration generated by  $X$ ) is defined as  $\mathcal{F}^X = (\mathcal{F}_t^X)_{t \in [0, T]}$  where  $\mathcal{F}_t^X = \sigma(X_u, u \leq t)$ . Any stochastic process  $X$  is, by definition, adapted to its natural filtration.