

**Definition 0.0.1** (continuous semimartingale). A real-valued, continuous,  $\mathcal{F}$ -adapted process  $X$  is called a (real-valued) **continuous semimartingale** if it admits a (canonical) decomposition

$$X_t = X_0 + M_t + A_t, \quad \forall t \in [0, T],$$

where  $X_0$ ,  $M$  and  $A$  satisfy:

- (i)  $X_0$  is an  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable random variable.
- (ii)  $M$  is a continuous local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$ .
- (iii)  $A$  is a continuous process whose almost all sample paths are of finite variation on the interval  $[0, T]$  with  $A_0 = 0$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}^c(\mathbb{P})$  the class of all real-valued continuous semimartingales on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . A continuous semimartingale is a continuous local martingale if and only if the process  $A$  in its canonical decomposition  $X = X_0 + M + A$  vanishes, that is, is indistinguishable from the null process.