

Compute

$$\int_0^T B(t) dB(t)$$

Step 1: Let

$$X_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} B_n(t_i) [B_n(t_{i+1}) - B_n(t_i)] \quad (1)$$

be a sequence of elementary functions. Notice that  $X_n(t)$  converges to  $B(t)$ .

Step 2: Now notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & B_n(t_i) [B_n(t_{i+1}) - B_n(t_i)] \\ &= B_n(t_{i+1}) \cdot B_n(t_i) - B_n(t_i)^2 + B_n(t_{i+1})^2 - B_n(t_{i+1})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [B_n(t_{i+1})^2 - B_n(t_i)^2 - (B_n(t_{i+1}) - B_n(t_i))^2] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Step 3: With (2) and (1), our integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T X_n(t) dB(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [B_n(t_{i+1})^2 - B_n(t_i)^2] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (B_n(t_{i+1}) - B_n(t_i))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Step 4: Since the first sum is a telescopic sum and the second sum converges in probability to  $T$  (bc quadratic variation of Brownian motion), we have

$$\int_0^T X_n(t) dB(t) = \frac{1}{2} B^2(T) - \cancel{\frac{1}{2} B^2(0)} - \frac{1}{2} T = \frac{1}{2} B^2(T) - \frac{1}{2} T \quad (4)$$

Hence, the integral converges in probability to

$$\boxed{\int_0^T B(t) dB(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T X_n(t) dB(t) = \frac{1}{2} B^2(T) - \frac{1}{2} T}$$