

4.13. Let  $dX_t = u(t, \omega)dt + dB_t$  ( $u \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $B_t \in \mathbf{R}$ ) be an Itô process and assume for simplicity that  $u$  is bounded. Then from Exercise 4.12 we know that unless  $u = 0$  the process  $X_t$  is not an  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -martingale. However, it turns out that we can construct an  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -martingale from  $X_t$  by multiplying by a suitable exponential martingale. More precisely, define

$$Y_t = X_t M_t$$

where

$$M_t = \exp \left( - \int_0^t u(r, \omega) dB_r - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t u^2(r, \omega) dr \right).$$

Use Itô's formula to prove that

$Y_t$  is an  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -martingale.

Let

$$Z_+ := - \int_0^+ u(r, \omega) dB_r - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^+ u^2(r, \omega) dr$$

i.e.

$$dZ_+ = -u(t, \omega)dB_+ - \frac{1}{2}u^2(t, \omega)dt \quad (1)$$

With this, it is possible to write  $M_+ = e^{Z_+}$  and apply Itô's formula:

$$dM_+ = \frac{\partial M_+}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial M_+}{\partial Z_+} dZ_+ + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 M_+}{\partial Z_+^2} (dZ_+)^2$$

$$= e^{Z_+} dZ_+ + \frac{1}{2} e^{Z_+} (dZ_+)^2 \quad (2)$$

Expanding  $(dZ_+)^2$ ,

$$(dZ_+)^2 = \left( u(t, \omega)dB_+ - \frac{1}{2}u^2(t, \omega)dt \right)^2 = u^2 dt$$

Hence,

$$dM_+ = e^{Z_+} dZ_+ + \frac{1}{2} e^{Z_+} u^2 dt = M_+ \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 dt + dZ_+ \right) \quad (3)$$

Let  $X_t, Y_t$  be Itô processes in  $\mathbf{R}$ . Prove that

$$d(X_t Y_t) = X_t dY_t + Y_t dX_t + dX_t \cdot dY_t.$$

Deduce the following general *integration by parts* formula

$$\int_0^t X_s dY_s = X_t Y_t - X_0 Y_0 - \int_0^t Y_s dX_s - \int_0^t dX_s \cdot dY_s.$$

Now, by Integration by Parts,

$$d(X_t M_t) = X_t dM_t + M_t dX_t + dX_t dM_t \quad (4)$$

Since

$$\bullet \quad X_t dM_t \stackrel{(3)}{=} X_t M_t \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 dt + dZ_t \right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} X_t M_t (-u(t, \omega) dB_t)$$

$$\bullet \quad M_t dX_t = M_t (u dt + dB_t)$$

$$\bullet \quad dX_t dM_t \stackrel{(3)}{=} (u dt + dB_t) M_t \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 dt + dZ_t \right)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} M_t (u dt + dB_t) (-u(t, \omega) dB_t)$$

$$= -u M_t dt$$

We have that (4) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} d(X_t M_t) &= X_t M_t (-u(t, \omega) dB_t) + M_t (u dt + dB_t) - u M_t dt \\ &= -u_t X_t M_t dB_t + M_t dB_t = M_t (1 - u_t X_t) dB_t \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t M_s (1 - u_s X_s) dB_s \quad \text{is a martingale.}$$