

4.11. Use Itô's formula (for example in the form of Exercise 4.3) to prove that the following stochastic processes are $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$ -martingales:

- a) $X_t = e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos B_t \quad (B_t \in \mathbf{R})$
- b) $X_t = e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin B_t \quad (B_t \in \mathbf{R})$
- c) $X_t = (B_t + t) \exp(-B_t - \frac{1}{2}t) \quad (B_t \in \mathbf{R}).$

a) Let $X_t = g(t, B_t)$ where $g(t, x) = e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos x$. Then

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos x; \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = -e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin x; \quad \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} = -e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos x$$

By Itô's formula,

$$dX_t = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos B_t dt - e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin B_t dB_t - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos B_t dt$$

Hence,

$$X_t = - \int_0^t e^{\frac{1}{2}s} \sin B_s dB_s$$

Therefore, X_t is an \mathcal{F}_t -martingale, since it is an Itô's Integral.

b) Let $X_t = g(t, B_t)$, where $g(t, x) = e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin x$. By Itô's formula,

$$dX_t = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin B_t dt + e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos B_t dB_t - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin B_t dt$$

Thus,

$$X_t = \int_0^t e^{\frac{1}{2}s} \cos B_s dB_s \quad \text{is an } \mathcal{F}_t\text{-martingale}$$

c) Let $g(t, x) = (x+t)e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t}$. Then, $X_t = g(t, B_t)$ and

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} - \frac{(x+t)}{2} e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} (2-x-t)$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} - (x+t) e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} = e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} (1-x-t)$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} = -e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} - e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} + (x+t) e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} = e^{-x-\frac{1}{2}t} (x+t-2)$$

By Itô's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= \frac{1}{2} e^{-B_t-\frac{1}{2}t} (2-B_t-t) dt + e^{-B_t-\frac{1}{2}t} (1-B_t-t) dB_t \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} e^{-B_t-\frac{1}{2}t} (B_t+t-2) dt \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$X_t = \int_0^t e^{-B_s-\frac{1}{2}s} (1-B_s-s) dB_s$$

is an \mathcal{F}_t -martingale. □