

7.15. Let  $B_t$  be 1-dimensional and define

$$F(\omega) = (B_T(\omega) - K)^+$$

where  $K > 0$ ,  $T > 0$  are constants.

By the Itô representation theorem (Theorem 4.3.3) we know that there exists  $\phi \in \mathcal{V}(0, T)$  such that

$$F(\omega) = E[F] + \int_0^T \phi(t, \omega) dB_t.$$

How do we find  $\phi$  explicitly? This problem is of interest in mathematical finance, where  $\phi$  may be regarded as the replicating portfolio for the contingent claim  $F$  (see Chapter 12). Using the Clark-Ocone formula (see Karatzas and Ocone (1991) or Øksendal (1996)) one can deduce that

$$\phi(t, \omega) = E[\mathcal{X}_{[K, \infty)}(B_T) | \mathcal{F}_t]; \quad t < T. \quad (7.5.3)$$

Use (7.5.3) and the Markov property of Brownian motion to prove that for  $t < T$  we have

$$\phi(t, \omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(T-t)}} \int_K^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{(x - B_t(\omega))^2}{2(T-t)}\right) dx. \quad (7.5.4)$$

Recall the Markov Property:

**Theorem 6.2.1** (Markov Property for Itô Diffusions). Let  $f: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a bounded Borel function. For  $t, h \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}^x[f(X_{t+h}) | \mathcal{F}_t^{(m)}]_{(\omega)} = \mathbb{E}^{X_t(\omega)}[f(X_h)] \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\mathbb{E}^x$  denotes the expected value w.r.t. the probability measure  $\mathbb{Q}^x$ , i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}^x[f(X_h)] = [f(X_h^x)]$  w.r.t. the probability measure  $\mathbb{P}^0$ .

Using it, for  $t < T$ , we have

$$\phi(t, \omega) = E[\mathcal{X}_{[K, \infty)}(B_T) | \mathcal{F}_t] = E^{B_t}[\mathcal{X}_{[K, \infty)}(B_{T-t})]$$

By the exercise 2.8.c.

$$E[f(B_t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} f(x) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2t}} dx$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E^{B_t}[\mathcal{X}_{[K, \infty)}(B_{T-t})] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(T-t)}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \mathcal{X}_{[K, \infty)}(x) \exp\left(-\frac{(x - B_t)^2}{2(T-t)}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(T-t)}} \int_K^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{(x - B_t)^2}{2(T-t)}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$