

5.6. Solve the stochastic differential equation

$$dY_t = r dt + \alpha Y_t dB_t$$

where r, α are real constants, $B_t \in \mathbf{R}$.

(Hint: Multiply the equation by the 'integrating factor')

$$F_t = \exp\left(-\alpha B_t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 t\right).$$

By the exercise 4.3.

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

Then

$$d(F_t Y_t) = F_t dY_t + Y_t dF_t + dF_t \cdot dY_t \quad (1)$$

Since

$$dF_t = \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 F_t dt - \alpha F_t dB_t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 F_t dt$$

$$= F_t (\alpha^2 dt - \alpha dB_t) \quad (2)$$

Then

$$dF_t dY_t = F_t (\alpha^2 dt - \alpha dB_t)(r dt + \alpha Y_t dB_t)$$

$$= F_t (-\alpha^2 Y_t dt) \quad (3)$$

Now we can rewrite (1) as

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_t Y_t) &= F_t (r dt + \alpha Y_t dB_t) + Y_t F_t (\alpha^2 dt - \alpha dB_t) \\ &\quad + F_t (-\alpha^2 Y_t dt) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= r F_t dt + \alpha F_t Y_t dB_t + \alpha^2 F_t Y_t dt - \alpha F_t Y_t dB_t \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 F_t Y_t dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= r F_t dt$$

Therefore,

$$F_t Y_t = Y_0 + \int_0^t r F_s ds$$

$$\therefore Y_t = F_t^{-1} \left[Y_0 + \int_0^t r F_s ds \right]$$

$$= \exp(\alpha B_t - 1/2 \alpha^2 t) \left[Y_0 + r \int_0^t \exp(-\alpha B_s + 1/2 \alpha^2 s) ds \right]$$