

The continuity of path

Path properties of Brownian motion

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Fatou 's lemma

Let X_n be random variables satisfying $X_n \geq 0$ a.s for all n . Then we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(X_n)$$

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Holder continuous

A function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called Holder continuous of order α if there exists $M > 0$ s.t $|f(t) - f(s)| \leq M|t - s|^\alpha \forall s, t \in [0, 1]$.

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Let $\mathcal{D}_n = \{\frac{k}{2^n} : 0 \leq k \leq 2^n\}$ and $\mathcal{D} = \cup \mathcal{D}_n$.

Theorem

Let $\{X_t : t \in \mathcal{D}\}$ be real-valued process. If there exists $c_1, \varepsilon, p > 0$ s.t

$$\mathbb{E}(|X_t - X_s|^p) \leq c_1 |t - s|^{1+\varepsilon} \quad \forall s, t \in \mathcal{D}$$

Then

- 1 There exists c depending on c_1, ε, p s.t for $M > 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\sup_{s, t \in \mathcal{D}, s \neq t} \frac{|X_t - X_s|}{|t - s|^{\frac{\varepsilon}{4p}}} \geq M) \leq \frac{c}{M^p}$$

- 2 X_t is uniformly continuous on \mathcal{D} a.s.

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Theorem (Kolmogorov 's continuity theorem)

Let $\{X_t : t \in [0, 1]\}$ be a real-valued process. If there exists $c_1, \varepsilon, p > 0$ s.t

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Then there exists a version of the process X which has continuous paths.

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Theorem

With probability 1, the paths of Brownian motion are Holder continuous of order $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ on $[0, 1]$.

Theorem (Law of iterated logarithm)

Let W be a Brownian motion. We have

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|W_t|}{\sqrt{2t \log \log t}} = 1 \text{ a.s.}$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|W_t|}{\sqrt{2t \log \log \frac{1}{t}}} = 1 \text{ a.s.}$$

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With probability 1, the paths of Brownian motion are nowhere differentiable on $[0, 1]$.

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