

Q1: Verify that  $Y_t = \sinh B_t$  satisfies the Itô SDE

$$dY_t = \frac{1}{2} Y_t dt + \sqrt{1 + Y_t^2} dB_t$$

• We first see that  $h(x, t) = \sinh x$ . Next we state Itô's lemma from thm 7.3.1

$$dY_t = \frac{d}{dt} h(x, t) \cdot dt + \frac{d}{dx} h(x, t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} h(x, t) d\overline{B_t^2}$$

We know from the quadratic variation of brownian motion that  $d\overline{B_t^2} = dt$  and the derivatives equal.

$$\frac{d}{dt} h(x, t) = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dx} h(x, t) = \cosh(x), \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} h(x, t) = \sinh(x)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} dY_t &= 0 dt + \cosh(B_t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \sinh(B_t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sinh(B_t) dt + \cosh(B_t) dB_t \end{aligned}$$

we find the inverse of  $Y_t = \sinh(B_t) \Rightarrow B_t = \operatorname{arcsinh}(Y_t)$

We insert

$$\begin{aligned} dY_t &= \frac{1}{2} \sinh(\operatorname{arcsinh}(Y_t)) dt + \cosh(\operatorname{arcsinh}(Y_t)) dB_t \\ &= \frac{1}{2} Y_t dt + \sqrt{1 + Y_t^2} dB_t \end{aligned}$$

Consider the Itô SDE governing  $\{X_t\}$ , the abundance of bacteria in a population

$$dX_t = X_t(1 - X_t)dt + \sigma X_t dB_t$$

Q2 Using Itô's lemma to perform a coordinate transformation: Identify a Lamperti transform  $h$ , i.e. find a transformed coordinate  $Y_t = h(X_t)$  such that the Itô equation for  $\{Y_t\}$  has additive noise. Write up this Itô's equation.

On page 157 we are given the Lamperti transformation as

$$h(x) = \int^x \frac{1}{g(v)} dv \quad (Y_t = h(X_t))$$

for a scalar SDE of the form

$$dX_t = f(X_t)dt + g(X_t)dB_t$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} h(x,t) = 0, \quad \frac{d}{dx} h(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}, \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} h(x) = -\frac{g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$$

Itô's lemma then yields

$$\begin{aligned} dY_t &= \frac{d}{dt} h(x,t)dt + \frac{d}{dx} h(x,t)dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} h(x,t)dX_t^2 \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{g(x)} (f(X_t)dt + g(X_t)dB_t) - \frac{1}{2} g'(X_t)dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{f(h^{-1}(Y_t))}{g(h^{-1}(Y_t))} - \frac{1}{2} g'(h^{-1}(Y_t)) \right] dt + dB_t \end{aligned}$$

We now see that for our case  $g(x) = \sigma x$  and  $f(x) = x(1-x)$  so

$$h(x) = \int^x \frac{1}{\sigma v} dv, \quad \frac{d}{dx} h(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma x}, \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} h(x) = -\frac{\sigma}{\sigma^2 x^2}$$

We get from maple that  $h^{-1}(Y_t) = \exp(Y_t \sigma)$ . We insert and get

$$dY_t = \left( \frac{1}{\sigma} - \frac{1}{\sigma} e^{Y_t \sigma} - \frac{\sigma}{2} \right) dt + dB_t$$



Consider the SDE

$$dX_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X_t dt + \sigma \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} dB_t \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition  $X_0 = x$ . Here  $X_t \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\{B_t: t \geq 0\}$  is two dimensional Brownian motion.

Q6 Verify that

$$E[X_t] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix} x, \quad \forall t$$

• We know Ito processes are martingale and hence (1) is martingale. It then follows that the expectation of  $X_t$  is just the solution to the deterministic part of (1), i.e.

$$\frac{d}{dt} X_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X_t \Rightarrow X_t = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

↑  
see solution of a  
linear ODE.

Q7 Write  $S_t = \|X_t\|^2$  as an Itô process and find  $E[S_t]$  as a function of  $t$ .

We are given the function  $h(X) = \|X_t\|^2 = (\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2})^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ .  
We use the multivariate Itô's lemma from thm 7.3.1 to find  $dS_t$ .

$$dY_t = \dot{h} dt + \left( \nabla h F_t + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} C_t^T H h C_t \right) dt + \nabla h C_t dB_t$$

We calculate

$$\dot{h} = 0, \quad \nabla h = 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad Hh = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X_t, \quad C_t = \sigma \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We insert

$$dS_t = \left( 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{bmatrix} \right) \right) dt$$

$$+ 2 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{bmatrix} dB_t \quad (dB_t = \begin{bmatrix} dB_1 \\ dB_2 \end{bmatrix}_t, \text{ it is given in Q6})$$

$$= 2\sigma^2 dt + 2\sigma (x_1 dB_1 + x_2 dB_2) \quad (1)$$

We know (1) is a martingale because it is a Itô process so

$$E[S_t] = \int 2\sigma^2 dt = 2\sigma^2 t$$



Q8 Pose and solve the differential Lyapunov equation governing the variance-covariance matrix of  $X_t$ .

The differential Lyapunov equation is given in eq 5.21 and again in ex 5.8. Here we state it again.

$$\dot{\Sigma}(t) = A\Sigma(t) + \Sigma(t)A^T + G G^T \quad (1)$$

with initial condition  $\Sigma(0) = Q = Q^T$ , governing the variance-covariance matrix of a linear system  $dX_t = AX_t dt + G dB_t$ .

We now must solve the system

$$AS + SA^T + GG^T = 0 \quad (2)$$

to solve (1) by

$$\Sigma(t) = S - e^{At} (S - Q) e^{A^T t}$$

We can use Sylvester's equation to solve (2)

$$AS + SA^T = -GG^T \Rightarrow (I \otimes A + A \otimes I) \text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(-GG^T)$$

We have  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $G = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{bmatrix}$  so we try to solve it with maple.

We though see that the determinant of  $(I \otimes A + A \otimes I)$  is 0 so the system is singular and can't be solved. The reason why the Sylvester approach does not work is that it relies on the system having a steady state and our does not. We hence must use a different approach. In the solution they guess it but we can also just realize that

$$\Sigma_t = E[X_t X_t^T] = E[\text{tr}(X_t X_t^T)] = \text{tr}(E[X_t X_t^T]) = \text{tr} \Sigma_t$$

We also know that  $E[S_t] - E[X_t X_t^T] = 2\sigma^2 t$  (from Q7)

and the off diagonal is zero so

$$\Sigma_t = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 t & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 t \end{bmatrix}$$