

Ex 1

On page 70 we are given the mean and covariance matrix of a finite dimensional brownian motion.

$$\bar{B} = (B_{t_1}, B_{t_2}, B_{t_3}, \dots, B_{t_n})$$

$$E[\bar{B}] = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$E[\bar{B}^T \bar{B}] = \text{Cov}[\bar{B}] = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_1 & \dots & t_1 \\ t_1 & t_2 & \dots & t_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_1 & t_2 & \dots & t_n \end{bmatrix}$$

this is also confirmed by the simulation.

Ex 4: Show that $\{B_t^2 - t\}$ is a martingale.

We define $Y_t = B_t^2 - t$ and now we want to show

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = Y_s \quad \text{for } s \leq t$$

c.f. s. 83 [in the text. not as thm, Def or lemma].

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] &= \mathbb{E}[B_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_s] - \mathbb{E}[t | \mathcal{F}_s] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[B_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_s] - t \quad (\text{because } t \text{ is a const.}) \end{aligned}$$

We now work with $\mathbb{E}[B_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_s]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[B_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_s] &= \mathbb{E}[(B_t - B_s) + B_s]^2 | \mathcal{F}_s \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(B_t - B_s)^2 | \mathcal{F}_s] + \mathbb{E}[B_s^2 | \mathcal{F}_s] + \mathbb{E}[2(B_t - B_s)B_s | \mathcal{F}_s] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(B_t - B_s)^2] + B_s^2 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

[Variance of the increment is by def $(t-s)$ because B_s is known under \mathcal{F}_s]

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = (t-s) + B_s^2 - t = B_s^2 - s = Y_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[2(B_t - B_s)B_s | \mathcal{F}_s] &= 2B_s \mathbb{E}[B_t - B_s | \mathcal{F}_s] \leftarrow (\text{Because } B_s \text{ is a constant under } \mathcal{F}_s, \text{ i.e. we know it under } \mathcal{F}_s) \\ &= 2B_s(0) \leftarrow (\text{Because we know } \mathbb{E}[B_t - B_s | \mathcal{F}_s] \text{ is an increment from } B_s \text{ to } B_t \text{ which in expectation is } 0.) \end{aligned}$$

Ex 5: (Ex 20 in the book) Let X be a random variable such that $E[X] < \infty$, and let $\{F_t: t \geq 0\}$ be a filtration. Show that the process $\{M_t: t \geq 0\}$ given by

$$M_t = E[X | \mathcal{F}_t]$$

is a martingale, wrt $\{\mathcal{F}_t: t \geq 0\}$.

By def 4.5.1. a martingale M_t is defined by the following 3 properties.

- 1) The process M_t is adapted to the filtration \mathcal{F}_t
- 2) For all times $t \geq 0$, $E[M_t] < \infty$
- 3) $E[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = M_s$, whenever $t \geq s \geq 0$.

We start with property 3). We have

$$E[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = E[E[X | \mathcal{F}_t] | \mathcal{F}_s] \quad t \geq s$$

from the def. of filtrations we know $\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$ and hence the law of iterated expectations hold ($E[X] = E[X | \mathcal{F}]$)

$$E[E[X | \mathcal{F}_t] | \mathcal{F}_s] = E[X | \mathcal{F}_s] = M_s$$

Now 2)

$$E[M_t] = E[E[X | \mathcal{F}_t]] = E[X] < \infty \quad (\text{use iterated expec and def of } X)$$

Lastly property 1) follows from how we defined M_t .

Hence M_t is a martingale.

Ex 6.11 (Ex 4.11) Show that if $\{M_t : t \geq 0\}$ is a martingale such that $E[|M_t|^2] < \infty$ for all t , then the increments $M_t - M_s$ and $M_v - M_u$

are uncorrelated whenever $0 \leq s \leq t \leq u \leq v$.

• We first see that given the filtration \mathcal{F}_t

$$\begin{aligned} E[M_v - M_u | \mathcal{F}_t] &= E[M_v | \mathcal{F}_t] - E[M_u | \mathcal{F}_t] \\ &= M_t - M_t \quad (\text{Martingale prop}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Next we can use tower property and get

$$\begin{aligned} E[(M_t - M_s)(M_v - M_u)] &= E[E[(M_t - M_s)(M_v - M_u) | \mathcal{F}_t]] \\ &= E[(M_t - M_s)E[M_v - M_u | \mathcal{F}_t]] \\ &= E[(M_t - M_s) \cdot 0] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Next, show that the variance of increments is additive:

$$V[M_u - M_s] = V[M_u - M_t] + V[M_t - M_s]$$

• Variance of the sum of two random variables is given by

$$V[X+Y] = V[X] + V[Y] + \text{Cov}[X, Y]$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} V[M_u - M_s] &= V[(M_u - M_t) + (M_t - M_s)] \\ &= V[M_u - M_t] + V[M_t - M_s] + \text{Cov}[M_u - M_t, M_t - M_s] \\ &= V[M_u - M_t] + V[M_t - M_s] \quad (\text{because } 0, \text{ c.f. first part of this exercise}) \end{aligned}$$

Show that the variance is increasing

• We let $0 \leq s \leq t$, then

$$V[M_t] = V[M_s] + V[M_t - M_s] \geq V[M_s]$$