

Stochastic

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Chapter 1

Preliminaries

Definition 1.1. Consider a set X . An σ -algebra \mathcal{F} of subsets of X is a collection \mathcal{F} of subsets of X satisfying the following conditions:

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $B \in \mathcal{F}$, then its complement B^c is also in \mathcal{F}
- If B_1, B_2, \dots is a countable collection of sets in \mathcal{F} , then their union $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$ is also in \mathcal{F} .

1.1 Brownian Motion

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space. A stochastic process is a measurable function $X(t, \omega)$ defined on the product space $[0, \infty) \times \Omega$. In particular:

- For each t , $X(t, \cdot)$ is a random variable.
- For each ω , $X(\cdot, \omega)$ is a measurable function (called a sample path).

For convenience, the random variable $X(t, \cdot)$ will be written as $X(t)$ or X_t . Thus, a stochastic process $X(t, \omega)$ can also be expressed as $X(t)(\omega)$ or simply as $X(t)$ or X_t .

1.2 Definition of Brownian Motion

Definition 1.2. A stochastic process $B(t, \omega)$ is called a Brownian motion if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. $P(\{\omega : B(0, \omega) = 0\}) = 1$.

2. For any $0 \leq s < t$, the random variable $B(t) - B(s)$ is normally distributed with mean 0 and variance $t - s$, i.e., for any $a < b$,

$$P(a \leq B(t) - B(s) \leq b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} \int_a^b e^{-x^2/2(t-s)} dx.$$

3. $B(t, \omega)$ has independent increments, i.e., for any $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$, the random variables

$$B(t_1), B(t_2) - B(t_1), \dots, B(t_n) - B(t_{n-1})$$

are independent.

4. Almost all sample paths of $B(t, \omega)$ are continuous functions, i.e.,

$$P(\{\omega : B(\cdot, \omega) \text{ is continuous}\}) = 1$$

1.3 Simple Properties of Brownian Motion

Let $B(t)$ be a fixed Brownian motion. We give below some simple properties that follow directly from the definition of Brownian motion.

Proposition 1.1. *For any $t > 0$, $B(t)$ is normally distributed with mean 0 and variance t . For any $s, t \geq 0$, we have $\mathbb{E}[B(s)B(t)] = \min\{s, t\}$.*

Remark. Regarding Definition @ref(def:Brownian_Motion), it can be proved that condition (2) and $\mathbb{E}[B(s)B(t)] = \min\{s, t\}$ imply condition (3).

Proof. By condition (1), we have $B(t) = B(t) - B(0)$ and so the first assertion follows from condition (2). Without loss of generality, assume that $s < t$.

$$\mathbb{E}[B(s)B(t)] = \mathbb{E}[B(s)(B(t) - B(s)) + B(s)^2] = 0 + s = s$$

which is equal to $\min\{s, t\}$. □

Proposition 1.2 (Translation Invariance). *For a fixed $t_0 \geq 0$, the stochastic process $B(t) = B(t + t_0) - B(t_0)$ is also a Brownian motion.*

Proposition 1.3 (Scaling invariance). *For any real number $\lambda > 0$, the stochastic process $B(t) = \frac{B(\lambda t)}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$ is also a Brownian motion.*

1.4 Wiener Integral

Chapter 2

Introduction

2.1 Events and Probability

Definition 2.1. Let Ω be a non-empty set. A σ -field \mathcal{F} on Ω is a family of subsets of Ω such that:

- The empty set \emptyset belongs to \mathcal{F} ;
- If A belongs to \mathcal{F} , then so does the complement $\Omega \setminus A$;
- If A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of sets in \mathcal{F} , then their union $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots$ also belongs to \mathcal{F} .

Example 2.1. a

Definition 2.2. Let \mathcal{F} be a σ -field on Ω . A probability measure P is a function $P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

1. $P(\Omega) = 1$;
2. if A_1, A_2, \dots are pairwise disjoint sets (that is, $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$) belonging to \mathcal{F} , then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i);$$

- The triple (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is called a probability space.
- The sets belonging to \mathcal{F} are called events.
- An event A is said to occur almost surely (a.s.) whenever $P(A) = 1$.

Example 2.2. Let consider,

- $\Omega = [0, 1]$ with the

- σ -field $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}([0, 1])$ of Borel sets $B \subseteq [0, 1]$, and
- Lebesgue measure $P = \text{Leb}$ on $[0, 1]$.

Then (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is a probability space.

Recall that Leb is the unique measure defined on Borel sets such that

$$\text{Leb}[a, b] = b - a$$

for any interval $[a, b]$. (In fact, Leb can be extended to a larger σ -field, but we shall need Borel sets only.)

Exercise 2.1. Show that if A_1, A_2, \dots is an expanding sequence of events, that is

$$A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq A_3 \subseteq \dots$$

then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n).$$

Similarly, if A_1, A_2, \dots is a contracting sequence of events, that is,

$$A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$$

then

$$P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n).$$

Hint: Write $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots$ as the union of a sequence of disjoint events: start with A_1 , then add a disjoint set to obtain $A_1 \cup A_2$, then add a disjoint set again to obtain $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$, and so on. Now that you have a sequence of disjoint sets, you can use the definition of a probability measure. To deal with the product $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots$, write it as a union of some events with the aid of De Morgan's law.

Suppose that A_1, A_2, \dots is an expanding sequence of events. i.e:

$$A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$$

Now observe

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots = A_1 \cup (A_2 \setminus A_1) \cup (A_3 \setminus A_2) \cup \dots \quad (*)$$

Note that $A_1, (A_2 \setminus A_1), (A_3 \setminus A_2), \dots$ are pairwise disjoint. (Because this expanding sequence)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } S_n &:= P(A_1) + P(A_2 \setminus A_1) + \dots + P(A_n \setminus A_{n-1}) \\ &= \Pr(A_1 \cup (A_2 \setminus A_1) \cup (A_3 \setminus A_2) \cup \dots \cup (A_n \setminus A_{n-1})) \\ &= \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \\ &= \Pr(A_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(A_n) \quad \text{By } (*)$$

$$\Pr(A_1) + \Pr(A_2 \setminus A_1) + \dots = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(A_n) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By } (*) \\ \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) &= \Pr(A_1 \cup (A_2 \setminus A_1) \cup (A_3 \setminus A_2) \cup \dots) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(A_n) \quad (\text{By (1)}) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq A_3 \supseteq \dots$

~~$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n)$~~

By De-Morgan's Law

$$\Omega \setminus (A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = (\Omega \setminus A_1) \cup (\Omega \setminus A_2) \cup \dots \cup (\Omega \setminus A_n)$$

$$P(\Omega \setminus (A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n)) = P((\Omega \setminus A_1) \cup (\Omega \setminus A_2) \cup \dots \cup (\Omega \setminus A_n))$$

$$1 - \Pr(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(\Omega \setminus A_n) \quad (A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots)$$

$$1 - \Pr(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = 1 - \Pr(A_n)$$

$$\Pr(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \Pr(A_n)$$

~~$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = \Pr(A_n)$~~

Thus,

$$\Pr(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(A_n)$$

Lemma 2.1 (Borel-Cantelli). Let A_1, A_2, \dots be a sequence of events such that $P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots < \infty$ and let $B_n = A_n \cup A_{n+1} \cup \dots$. Then $P(B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots) = 0$.

Exercise 2.2. Prove the Borel-Cantelli lemma above.

Hint: B_1, B_2, \dots is a contracting sequence of events.

Let A_1, A_2, \dots be a sequence of events such that $P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots < \infty$ and let $B_n := A_n \cup A_{n+1} \cup \dots$. Observe that $B_1 \supseteq B_2 \supseteq B_3 \dots$

Using the previous result from exercise

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_1 \cap B_2 \cap \dots) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(B_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n \cup A_{n+1} \cup \dots) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (P(A_n) + P(A_{n+1}) + \dots) \quad (\text{sub additive property}) \end{aligned}$$

Given that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ is convergent. $\quad (*)$

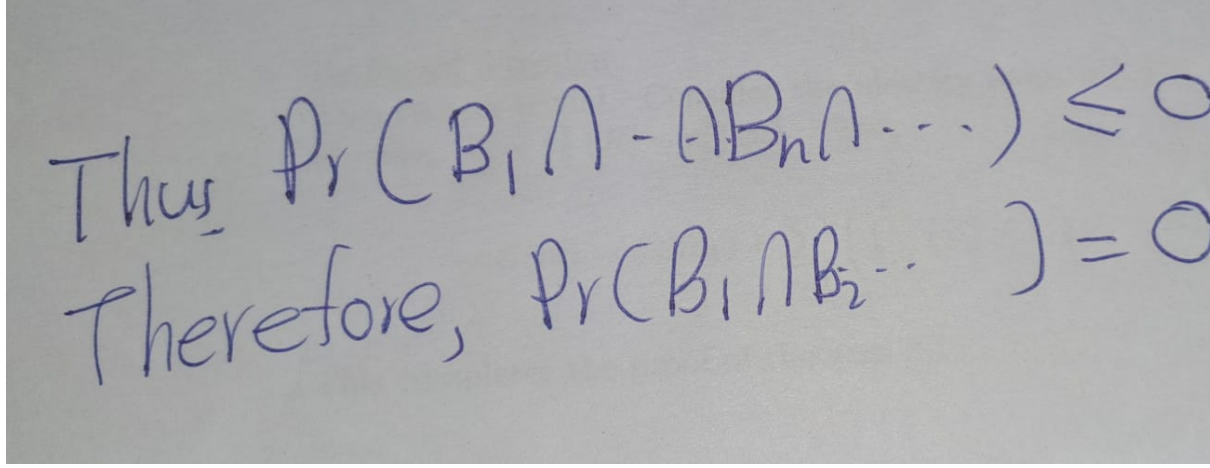
~~$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} P(A_j) < \infty$$~~

Most right hand side part in equation $(*)$ is often called tail of series.

~~If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is cgt then tail of cgt~~

We know that tail of cgt series tend to zero.

Thus right hand side of equation $(*)$ is 0



2.2 Random Variables

Definition 2.3. If \mathcal{F} is a σ -field on Ω , then a function $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be \mathcal{F} -**measurable** if

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B\} = X^{-1}(B)$$

for every Borel set $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.

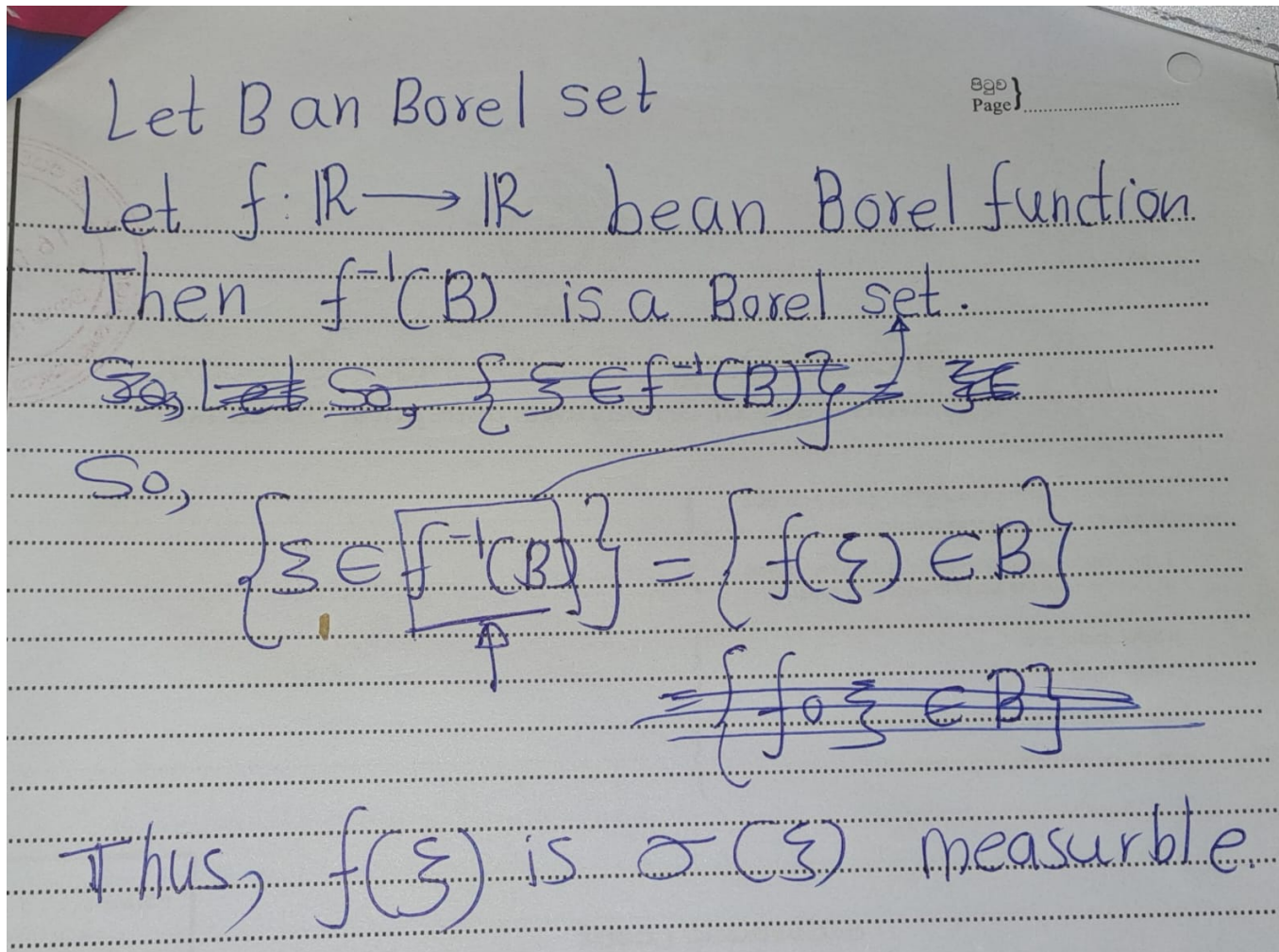
If (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is a probability space, then such a function X is called a **random variable**.

Definition 2.4. The σ -field $\sigma(X)$ **generated by a random variable** $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ consists of all sets of the form $\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in B\}$, where B is a Borel set in \mathbb{R} .

Definition 2.5. The σ -field $\sigma(\{X_i : i \in I\})$ generated by a family $\{X_i : i \in I\}$ of random variables is defined to be the smallest σ -field containing all events of the form $\{X_i \in B\}$, where B is a Borel set in \mathbb{R} and $i \in I$.

Exercise 2.3. We call $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a **Borel function** if the inverse image $f^{-1}(B)$ of any Borel set B in \mathbb{R} is a Borel set. Show that if f is a Borel function and X is a random variable, then the composition $f(X)$ is $\sigma(X)$ -measurable.

Hint: Consider the event $\{f(X) \in B\}$, where B is an arbitrary Borel set. Can this event be written as $\{X \in A\}$ for some Borel set A ?



Lemma 2.2 (Doob-Dynkin). Let X be a random variable. Then each $\sigma(X)$ -measurable random variable η can be written as

$$\eta = f(X)$$

for some Borel function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Omitted

□

Definition 2.6. Every random variable $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ gives rise to a probability measure

$$P_X(B) = P\{X \in B\}$$

on \mathbb{R} defined on the σ -field of Borel sets $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$. We call P_X the distribution of X . The function $F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ defined by

$$F_X(x) = P\{X \leq x\}$$

is called the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of X .

Exercise 2.4. Show that the distribution function F is non-decreasing, right-continuous, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_\xi(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F_\xi(x) = 1.$$

Hint: For example, to verify right-continuity show that $F_\xi(x_n) \rightarrow F_\xi(x)$ for any decreasing sequence x_n such that $x_n \rightarrow x$. You may find the results of Exercises useful.

• Non-decreasing

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x < y$. Thus,
 $\{\xi \leq x\} \subseteq \{\xi \leq y\}$ ——— ①

- Recall from the measure theory.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a measure space.

If $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ and $A \subseteq B$ then $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B)$.

Thus, $P(\xi \leq x) \leq P(\xi \leq y)$
 $F_\xi(x) \leq F_\xi(y).$

- Right continuity

Let $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an decreasing sequence and $x_n \rightarrow x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since, $\{x_n\}_n$ is decreasing sequence, $x_1 > x_2 > \dots$

Now observe that,

$$\{\xi \leq x_1\} \supseteq \{\xi \leq x_2\} \supseteq \dots$$

Observe that $(\{\xi \leq x_1\} \cap \{\xi \leq x_2\} \cap \dots) = \{\xi \leq x\}$

$$P(\underbrace{\{\xi \leq x_1\} \cap \{\xi \leq x_2\} \cap \dots}_{\{\xi \leq x\}}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\{\xi \leq x_n\}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\xi}(x_n)$$

$$P(\xi \leq x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\xi}(x_n)$$

$$F_{\xi}(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{\xi}(x_n)$$

Therefore, F_{ξ} is right continuous.

$$0 \quad n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty F_Z(n)$$

First observe that

$$\{Z < -1\} \supseteq \{Z < -2\} \supseteq \{Z < -3\} \supseteq \dots$$

Further $\phi = \{Z < -1\} \cap \{Z < -2\} \cap \{Z < -3\} \dots$

$$x \xrightarrow{\lim} -\infty F_Z(x) = n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty F_Z(-n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z \leq -n)$$

$$= \Pr(\{Z < -1\} \cap \{Z < -2\} \cap \dots)$$

$$= P(\phi)$$

$$= 0 \quad (\text{measure of empty set})$$

$$\bullet \quad n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty F_{\xi}(n)$$

First observe that

$$\{\xi < 1\} \subseteq \{\xi < 2\} \subseteq \dots$$

$$\text{and } \{\xi < 1\} \cup \{\xi < 2\} \cup \dots = \Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty F_{\xi}(x) &= n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty F_{\xi}(n) \\ &= n \xrightarrow{\lim} \infty P(\xi < n) \\ &= P(\{\xi < 1\} \cup \{\xi < 2\} \cup \dots) \\ &= P(\Omega) \\ &= 1 - 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.7. If there is a Borel function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for any Borel set $B \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$P\{\xi \in B\} = \int_B f_{\xi}(x) dx,$$

then ξ is said to be a random variable with absolutely continuous distribution and f_{ξ} is called the **density** of ξ . If there is a (finite or infinite) sequence of

pairwise distinct real numbers x_1, x_2, \dots such that for any Borel set $B \subset \mathbb{R}$

$$P\{\xi \in B\} = \sum_{x_i \in B} P\{\xi = x_i\},$$

then ξ is said to have a discrete distribution with values x_1, x_2, \dots and mass $P\{\xi = x_i\}$ at x_i .

Exercise 2.5. Suppose that ξ has a continuous distribution with density f . Show that F is continuous at x .

Hint: Express $F(x)$ as an integral of f .

Suppose that ξ has a continuous distrib
with density f_ξ .

$$F_\xi(x) = P(\xi < x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_\xi(y) dy$$

Using the fundamental theorem of calculus.
 $F'_\xi(x) = f_\xi(x)$

Show that if ξ has discrete distribution with values x_1, x_2, \dots , then F_ξ is constant on each interval $(s, t]$ not containing any of the x_i 's and has jumps of size $P\{\xi = x_i\}$ at each x_i . Hint The increment $F_\xi(t) - F_\xi(s)$ is equal to the total mass of the ξ 's that belong to the interval (s, t) .

Suppose that ξ has a continuous distribution with density f_ξ .

$$F_\xi(x) = P(\xi < x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_\xi(y) dy$$

Using the fundamental theorem of calculus.

$$F'_\xi(x) = f_\xi(x)$$

Definition 2.8. The **joint distribution** of several random variables ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n is a probability measure P_{ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n} on \mathbb{R}^n such that

$$P_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n}(B) = P\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in B\}$$

for any Borel set B in \mathbb{R}^n . If there is a Borel function $f_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$P\{(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in B\} = \int_B f_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$$

for any Borel set B in \mathbb{R}^n , then f_{ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n} is called the **joint density** of ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n .

Definition 2.9. A random variable $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be **integrable** if

$$\int_{\Omega} |\xi| dP < \infty.$$

The integral

$$\mathbb{E}(\xi) = \int_{\Omega} \xi dP$$

exists and is called the expectation of ξ . The family of integrable random variables $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be denoted by L^1 or, in case of possible ambiguity, by $L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$.

Example 2.3. The **indicator function** 1_A of a set A is equal to 1 on A and 0 on the complement $\Omega \setminus A$ of A . i.e.:

$$1_A(a) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin A \end{cases}$$

For any event A ,

$$\mathbb{E}[1_A] = \int_{\Omega} 1_A dP = P(A)$$

we say that $\eta : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a step function if

$$\eta = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i 1_{A_i},$$

where η_1, \dots, η_n are real numbers and A_1, \dots, A_n are pairwise disjoint events. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[\eta] = \int_{\Omega} \eta dP = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i \int_{\Omega} 1_{A_i} dP = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i P(A_i)$$

Exercise 2.6. Show that for any Borel function $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h(X)$ is integrable,

$$\mathbb{E}(h(X)) = \int h(x) dP_X(x).$$

Hint: First verify the equality for step functions $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then for non-negative ones by approximating them by step functions, and finally for arbitrary Borel functions by splitting them into positive and negative parts

More to go ...

2.3 Conditional Probability and Independence

Definition 2.10. For any events $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $P(B) \neq 0$, the conditional probability of A given B is defined by

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Exercise 2.7. Prove the **total probability formula** for any event $A \in \mathcal{F}$ and any sequence of pairwise disjoint events $B_1, B_2, \dots \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots = \emptyset$ and $P(B_n) \neq 0$ for any n .

Hint: $A = (A \cap B_1) \cup (A \cap B_2) \cup \dots$

Let $A \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $\{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of pairwise disjoint events with $B_n \in \mathcal{F} \ \forall n=1,2,\dots$ such that $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots = \Omega$ and $P(B_n) \neq 0$.

By defⁿ of conditional probability

$$P(A \cap B_n) = P(A|B_n) \cdot P(B_n) \quad \forall n=1,2,\dots$$

Note that $A = (A \cap B_1) \cup (A \cap B_2) \cup \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P((A \cap B_1) \cup (A \cap B_2) \cup (A \cap B_3) \cup \dots) \\ &= P(A \cap B_1) + P(A \cap B_2) + P(A \cap B_3) + \dots \\ &\quad \text{(countable additive)} \\ &= P(A|B_1) \cdot P(B_1) + P(A|B_2) \cdot P(B_2) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.11. Two events $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ are called **independent** if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B).$$

In general, we say that n events $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ are **independent** if for any indices $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$,

$$P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}) = P(A_{i_1})P(A_{i_2}) \dots P(A_{i_k}).$$

Exercise 2.8. Let $P(B) \neq 0$. Show that A and B are independent events if and only if

$$P(A | B) = P(A).$$

Hint: If $P(B) \neq 0$, then you can divide by it.

Let A, B are events. Let $P(B) \neq 0$.

A and B are independent $\Leftrightarrow P(A) \cdot P(B) = P(A \cap B)$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{P(A) \cdot P(B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

$P(A) = P(A|B)$

Definition 2.12. Two random variables ξ and η are called independent if for any Borel sets $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, the two events

$$\{\xi \in A\} \text{ and } \{\eta \in B\}$$

are independent.

We say that n random variables ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n are independent if for any Borel sets $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, the events

$$\{\xi_1 \in B_1\}, \{\xi_2 \in B_2\}, \dots, \{\xi_n \in B_n\}$$

are independent.

In general, a (finite or infinite) family of random variables is said to be independent if any finite number of random variables from this family are independent.

Proposition 2.1. If two integrable random variables $\xi, \eta : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are independent, then they are uncorrelated, i.e.,

$$E(\xi\eta) = E(\xi)E(\eta),$$

provided that the product $\xi\eta$ is also integrable.

If $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are independent integrable random variables, then

$$E(\xi_1\xi_2 \cdots \xi_n) = E(\xi_1)E(\xi_2) \cdots E(\xi_n),$$

provided that the product $\xi_1\xi_2 \cdots \xi_n$ is also integrable.

Definition 2.13. Two σ -fields \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H} contained in \mathcal{F} are called independent if any two events

$$A \in \mathcal{G} \text{ and } B \in \mathcal{H}$$

are independent.

Similarly, any finite number of σ -fields $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_n$ contained in \mathcal{F} are independent if any n events

$$A_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{G}_n$$

are independent.

In general, a (finite or infinite) family of σ -fields is said to be independent if any finite number of them are independent.

Exercise 2.9. Show that two random variables ξ and η are independent if and only if the σ -fields $\sigma(\xi)$ and $\sigma(\eta)$ generated by them are independent.

Hint: The events in $\sigma(\xi)$ and $\sigma(\eta)$ are of the form $\{\xi \in A\}$ and $\{\eta \in B\}$, where A and B are Borel sets.

Let ξ, η be random variables. Let A, B be Borel sets in \mathbb{R} . Further $\sigma(\xi)$ and $\sigma(\eta)$ have events are in the form $\{\xi \in A\}$ and $\{\eta \in B\}$

$\sigma(\xi)$ and $\sigma(\eta)$ are independent $\iff \{\xi \in A\}$ and $\{\eta \in B\}$ are independent (by defn 1.14 in the book)

$\iff \xi$ and η are independent (by defn 1.13 in the book)

Sometimes it is convenient to talk of independence for a combination of random variables and σ -fields.

Definition 2.14. We say that a random variable ξ is independent of a σ -field \mathcal{G} if the σ -fields

$$\sigma(\xi) \text{ and } \mathcal{G}$$

are independent. This can be extended to any (finite or infinite) family consisting of random variables or σ -fields or a combination of them both. Namely,

such a family is called independent if for any finite number of random variables ξ_1, \dots, ξ_m and σ -fields $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_n$ from this family, the σ -fields

$$\sigma(\xi_1), \dots, \sigma(\xi_m), \mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_n$$

are independent.

Chapter 3

Random Walk to Brownian Motion.

Slandered approach model stochastic dynamic in discrete time.

Let η_i be an random variable on a conman probability space. We often Ω, \mathcal{F}, P assume that i.i.d. This case η_i is called white noise, otherwise coloured noise. Now we have definite dynamics. It will be given as discrete time dynamical systems recursively by some non linear function. We define,

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + \phi_{n+1}(X_n, \eta_{n+1}) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.1)$$

where $\phi_n : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ are measurable. Further, if X_0 and η_0 are all independent then X_n is called **Markov Chain**.

Now let η_i be i.i.d and defined a random walk

$$S_n := \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i \quad (3.2)$$

$$S_{(n+1)} := S_n + \eta_{(n+1)} \quad (3.3)$$

We can rewrite (3.1) as

$$X_{n+1} - X_n = \phi_{n+1}(X_n, S_{n+1} - S_n) \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

This equation is called *Stochastic difference equations*.

AIM: Develop a continuous time analogous.

Question What to use an continuous time replacement of the random walks?

Definition 3.1. Let I be index set ($I = \mathbb{N}$ or $I = \mathbb{R}^+$). A collection of random varibels $(X_t)_{t \in I}$ on (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) is called staocastic process.

We need I to be a just totally ordered set for convention of time. If it is not an totally ordered set it is not a stochastic process but a random field.

Now we need a notation of a filtration.

Definition 3.2. Le \mathcal{F}_t be non-decreasing sequece of sub sigma alghbers of \mathcal{F} (i.e. $\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$ for all $s \geq t, s, t \in I$), then $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in I}$ is called a filtration.

Last we need the notation adaptness.

Definition 3.3. A stocstic process X_t is called adapted to filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_t$ if $X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t$. i.e: X_t is measurable

Theorem 3.1 (Central Limit Theorem). *Let $Y_{n_i} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ (be collection of random variables), $1 \leq i \leq n < \infty$ be identical distributed and square intergable random variable on (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) such that $Y_{n_1}, Y_{n_2}, \dots, Y_{n_n}$ are independent for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then*

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{n_i} - \mathbb{E}[Y_i] \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} N(0, C) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

, where $N(0, C)$ is multivarible noremal distribution with covarice matrix

$$Y_{k,l} = Cov[Y_{n_i}^{(k)} - Y_{n_i}^{(l)}]$$

and $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}}$ means “distribution is convergent” to “

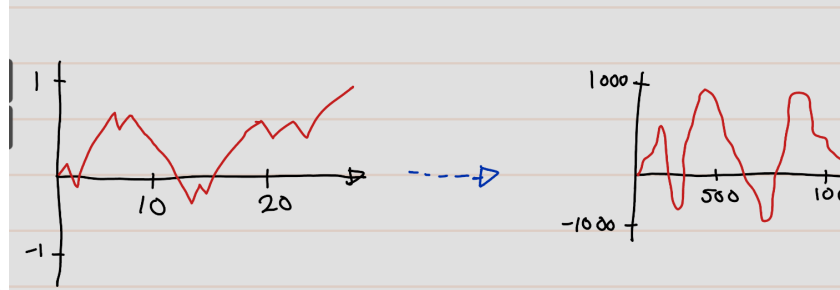
Proof. Omitted

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We consider the random walk

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i$$

with $\eta_i \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ and normalized. (i.e. $\mathbb{E}[\eta_i] = 0, Var[\eta_i] = 1$)



Plotting (Linear Interpolation)

This gives an idea about the existance of a scaling limit. Now a question might be rising.

Question: What is right rescaling?

That is we try to define a rescaled random walk S_t^m (Here superscript m is for mesh size), $(t = 0, \frac{1}{m}, \frac{2}{m}, \dots)$ with step-size $\frac{1}{m}$

$$S_{\frac{k}{m}}^{(m)} = c_m S_k$$

Here $here c_m$ is rescaling constant. It is difficult to correct c_m , because unless it decay so fast at the end you convert to zero or blow up whole thing and goes to infinity.

For $t = \frac{k}{m}$ we have

$$Var[S_t^{(m)}] = c_m^2$$

Chapter 4

Conditional Expectation

4.1 Conditioning on an Event

The first and simplest case to consider is that of the conditional expectation $\mathbf{E}(\xi|B)$ of a random variable ξ given an event B .

Definition 4.1. For any integrable random variable ξ and any event $B \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $P(B) \neq 0$, the conditional expectation of ξ given B is defined by

$$E(\xi | B) = \frac{1}{P(B)} \int_B \xi dP.$$

Example 4.1. Three coins, 10p, 20p, and 50p are tossed. The values of those coins that land heads up are added to work out the total amount ξ . What is the expected total amount ξ given that two coins have landed heads up?

Let B be the event two coins landed two
 i.e. $B := \{HHT, HTH, THH\}$ (H-head T-

Need to calculate $E(\xi|B)$.

$$P(HHT) = P(HTH) = P(THH) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

$$P(B) = P(HHT) + P(HTH) + P(THH) = 3/8$$

Further, $\xi(HHT) = 10 + 20 = 30$

$$\xi(HTH) = 10 + 50 = 60$$

$$\xi(THH) = 20 + 50 = 70$$

Then by above defⁿ

$$E(\xi|B) = \frac{1}{P(B)} \int_B \xi dP.$$

$$= \frac{1}{(3/8)} \left(\frac{30}{8} + \frac{60}{8} + \frac{70}{8} \right)$$

$$= \frac{160}{3} //$$

Exercise 4.1. Show that $E(\xi \mid D) = E(\xi)$.

Hint: The definition of $E(\xi)$ involves an integral and so does the definition of $E(\xi \mid D)$. How are these integrals related?

Handwritten derivation showing the relationship between conditional expectation and unconditional expectation:

$$E(\xi \mid \Omega) = \frac{1}{P(\Omega)} \left(\int_{\Omega} \xi dP \right) = E(\xi)$$

Note that $P(\Omega) = 1$ and $\int_{\Omega} \xi dP = E(\xi)$ (defn 1.9 in book)

Exercise 4.2. Show that if

$$\mathbf{1}_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \omega \in A \\ 0 & \text{for } \omega \notin A \end{cases}$$

(the indicator function of A), then

$$E(\mathbf{1}_A \mid B) = P(A \mid B),$$

where

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

is the conditional probability of A given B .

Hint: Write $\int_B \mathbf{1}_A dP$ as $P(A \cap B)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(I_A | B) &= \frac{1}{P(B)} \cdot \int_B I_A \, dP \\
 &= \frac{1}{P(B)} \cdot \int_{A \cap B} 1 \, dP + \int_{A^c \cap B} 0 \, dP \\
 &= \frac{1}{P(B)} \cdot (A \cap B) = P(A | B)
 \end{aligned}$$

4.2 Conditioning on a Discrete Random Variable

The next step towards the general definition of conditional expectation involves conditioning by a discrete random variable η with possible values y_1, y_2, \dots such that $P\{\eta = y_n\} \neq 0$ for each n . Finding out the value of η amounts to finding out which of the events $\{\eta = y_n\}$ has occurred or not. Conditioning by η should therefore be the same as conditioning by the events $\{\eta = y_n\}$. Because we do not know in advance which of these events will occur, we need to consider all possibilities, involving a sequence of conditional expectations

$$E(\xi | \{\eta = y_1\}), E(\xi | \{\eta = y_2\}), \dots$$

A convenient way of doing this is to construct a new discrete random variable constant and equal to $E(\xi | \{\eta = y_n\})$ on each of the sets $\{\eta = y_n\}$. This leads us to the next definition.

Definition 4.2. Let ξ be an integrable random variable and let η be a discrete random variable as above. Then the conditional expectation of ξ given η is

defined to be a random variable $E(\xi \mid \eta)$ such that

$$E(\xi \mid \eta)(\omega) = E(\xi \mid \{\eta = y_n\}) \text{ if } \eta(\omega) = y_n$$

for any $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Chapter 5

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5.1 Integrals

First we review the definitions of the Riemann integral in calculus and the Riemann–Stieltjes integral in advanced calculus.

5.1.1 Riemann Integral

Let f be a bounded function defined on a finite closed interval $[a, b]$. Then f is called *Riemann integrable* if the following limit exists.

$$x \tag{5.1}$$

5.2 Random Walks

Consider a random walk starting at 0 with jumps h and $-h$ equally likely at times $\delta, 2\delta, \dots$, where $h, \delta > 0$. More precisely, let $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with

$$P(X_j = h) = P(X_j = -h) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Let $Y_{\delta,h}(0) = 0$

$$Y_{\delta,h}(n\delta) = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

For $t > 0$ define $Y_{\delta,h}(t)$ by linearization: (i.e: For $n\delta < t < (n+1)\delta$, define

$$Y_{\delta,h}(t) = \frac{(n+1)\delta - t}{\delta} Y_{\delta,h}(n\delta) + \frac{t - n\delta}{\delta} Y_{\delta,h}((n+1)\delta).$$