

# Problem 1

1. Let  $\{W_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ , be a Brownian motion. Show that the process  $Y(t) = W^2(t) - t$  is a martingale.
2. Consider the process  $Z_t = \int_0^t W_u du$ ,  $t > 0$ 
  - b) Show that  $E[Z_T | \mathcal{F}_t] = Z_t + W_t(T - t)$  for any  $t < T$ .
  - b) Prove that the process  $M_t = Z_t - tW_t$  is a martingale.
3. Let  $\{W_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  be a Brownian motion and let  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ , be a filtration associated with this Brownian motion. Show that the process  $Y(t) = e^{-t^2} e^{W_t}$  is a martingale.
4. The process  $X(t) = |W(t)|$  is called *Brownian motion reflected at the origin*. Show that  $E[X(t)] = \sqrt{2t/\pi}$  and  $Var(X(t)) = t(1 - \frac{2}{\pi})$ .
5. Consider a symmetric random walk  $M_3 = \sum_{j=1}^3 X_j = \begin{cases} 1, \text{probability } p \\ -1, \text{probability } (1 - p) \end{cases}$ 
  - a) Compute the the variance  $Var(M_3)$  without assuming  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  and the quadratic variation  $[M, M]_3$ .
  - b) Show the variance and the quadratic variation are equal for  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ .
6. Brownian bridge. The process  $X_t = W_t - \frac{t}{T}W_T$  is called the Brownian bridge fixed at 0 and  $T$ .
  - a) Compute  $E[X_t]$  and  $Var(X_t)$ .
  - b) Let  $Y_t = X_t^2$ . Show that  $Y_0 = Y_T = 0$  and find  $E[Y_t]$  and  $Var(Y_t)$ .
7. Let  $W_t$  be a Brownian motion wrt. a filtration  $\mathcal{F}_t$ .
  - a) Evaluate  $Cov(W_t^2, W_s^2)$ , for  $0 < s \leq t$ .
  - b) Evaluate  $E[W_t^2 | \mathcal{F}_s]$  for  $0 < s \leq t$ .
8. Show that  $E[e^{W_s + W_u}] = e^{\frac{u+s}{2}} e^{\min\{u, s\}}$ .
9. Let  $s \leq t$ . Find the covariance of the two Brownian bridge processes  $X_t = W_t - \frac{t}{T}W_T$  and  $Y_s = W_s - \frac{s}{T}W_T$ .

## Problem 2 - Riemann-Stieltjes Integral

1. Solve the integral  $\int_0^t s dW(s)$ .
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3. Specify distribution of  $\int_0^1 s dW(s)$ , and calculate its expectation and variance.
4. Specify distribution of  $\int_0^1 (1-s) dW(s)$ , and calculate its expectation and variance.
5. Specify distribution of  $\int_0^1 dW(s)$ , and calculate its expectation and variance.
6. A standard Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process is given by

$$X_c(t) = e^{ct} \int_0^t e^{-cs} dW(s) \quad t \geq 0 \text{ and } X_c(0) = 0$$

- a) Use integration by parts to find an equivalent expression,  $X_c(t)$ .
- b) Find the distribution of  $X_c(t)$ .
7. Prove the integration by parts formula for Riemann-Stieltjes integrals.
8. Show that  $X_t = \int_0^t (2t-s) dW_s$  and  $Y_t = \int_0^t (3t-4s) dW_s$  are Gaussian processes with mean 0 and variance  $\frac{7}{3}t^3$ .

### Problem 3 - Itô Calculus Problems

1. Find the following differentials
  - a)  $d(e^{t+W_t^2})$ .
  - b)  $d(tW_t^2)$ .
  - c)  $d(\sqrt{W_t})$ .
2. Given the dynamics  $dX_t = \alpha X_t dt + \sigma X_t dW_t$  and the constant  $r$ , derive the following functions of  $X$  and  $t$ .
  - a)  $Y_t = e^{r(T-t)} X_t$ .
  - b)  $Y_t = X_t^{-1}$ .
  - c)  $Y_t = e^{X_t}$ .
3. Find the increment  $W_t^2 - W_0^2$ .
4. Suppose  $\{W_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  is a Brownian motion. Determine the stochastic differential equation satisfied by  $X_t = e^{\mu t + \sigma W_t}$ .
5. Given  $dS_t = \alpha S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$  find an expression of  $f(t, S) = \ln(S)$ . Assume that  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are constant.
6. Find the differential of a discounted stock price when we assume that the stock price is modelled by a Geometric Brownian motion, i.e.  $dS_t = \alpha S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$ .
7. Find the dynamics of the process  $Y(t, S_1, S_2) = \frac{S_1}{S_2}$  when
8. Find the dynamics of the process  $Y_t = \frac{S_t P_t}{B_t}$  given the dynamics
 
$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= \mu_S S_t dt + \sigma_S S_t dW_t^S \\ dP_t &= \mu_P P_t dt + \sigma_P P_t dW_t^P \\ dB_t &= r B_t dt \\ dW_t^S dW_t^P &= \alpha dt \end{aligned}$$
9. Let  $S_t = S_0 e^{(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma W_t}$  be a geometric Brownian motion.
  - a) Derive the stochastic differential equation satisfied by  $S_t$ .

- b) Let  $p$  be a positive constant. Compute  $d(S_t^p)$  (i.e. the differential to the power  $p$ ).
10. Consider the dynamics of two Itô processes :

$$\begin{aligned}dX_t &= \alpha_X X_t dt + \sigma_X X_t dW_t^X \\dY_t &= \alpha_Y Y_t dt + \sigma_Y Y_t dW_t^Y\end{aligned}$$

Where Brownian motions are  $W_t^X, W_t^Y$  are correlated with  $[W_t^X, W_t^Y] = \rho_{XY}t$ . Derive the stochastic differential equations for the following processes:

- a)  $U_t = X_t Y_t$ .  
b)  $V_t = X_t / Y_t$ .