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Levy martingale characterization

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**Theorem** (Levy's martingale characterisation). *Let  $W(t), t \geq 0$ , be a stochastic process and let  $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(W_s, s \leq t)$  be the filtration generated by it. Then  $W(t)$  is a Wiener process if and only if the following conditions hold:*

1.  $W(0) = 0$  almost surely;
2. The sample paths  $t \mapsto W(t)$  are continuous almost surely;
3.  $W(t)$  is a martingale with respect to the filtration  $\mathcal{F}_t$ ;
4.  $|W(t)|^2 - t$  is a martingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_t$ .