

Continuous time-reversal

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Let $(\mathbf{B}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ a d -dimensional Brownian motion associated with the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$, We define the process $(\mathbf{X}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ such that for any $t \in [0, T]$

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{X}_0 + \int_0^t b(s, \mathbf{X}_s) ds + \mathbf{B}_t$$

In short, we write $d\mathbf{X}_t = b(t, \mathbf{X}_t) dt + d\mathbf{B}_t$. We assume that $b \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$ and is bounded. The goal of this exercise is to show the time-reversal formula in continuous-time. More precisely, define $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]} = (\mathbf{X}_{T-t})_{t \in [0, T]}$. We are going to show that

$$d\mathbf{Y}_t = \{-b(T-t, \mathbf{Y}_t) + \nabla \log p_{T-t}(\mathbf{Y}_t)\} dt + d\mathbf{B}_t$$

In particular, we are going to show that for any $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$, $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale where for any $t \in [0, T]$

$$\mathbf{M}_t^f = f(\mathbf{Y}_t) - f(\mathbf{Y}_0) - \int_0^t \left\{ \langle -b(T-s, \mathbf{Y}_s) + \nabla \log p_{T-s}(\mathbf{Y}_s), \nabla f(\mathbf{Y}_s) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(\mathbf{Y}_s) \right\} ds,$$

where p_t is the density of the distribution of \mathbf{X}_t (w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure) which is assumed to exist. We recall that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale if

1. Finite expectation: for any $t \in [0, T]$, $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{M}_t^f\|] < +\infty$,
2. Conditional expectation ¹ for any $s, t \in [0, T]$ with $s \leq t$, $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{M}_t^f \mid \mathbf{Y}_s] = \mathbf{M}_s^f$

The fact that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale is equivalent to the fact that $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a weak solution to (1).

Remark: in what follows we assume that $(t, x) \mapsto \|\nabla \log p_t(x)\|$ has at most linear growth ² and $(t, x) \mapsto p_t(x) \in C^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$. In addition, we assume that $s, t, x_s, x_t \mapsto p_{t|s}(x_t \mid x_s) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ and is bounded, where $\mathbb{A} = \{(s, t) : s, t \in [0, T], t \geq s\}$. In addition, we have assume that for any $s, t \in \mathbb{A}$ and $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^d, x_s \mapsto \|\nabla_{x_s} \log p_{t|s}(x_t \mid x_s)\|$ has at most linear growth.

We recall the Itô formula. For any $\varphi \in C^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ such that $\|\nabla \log \varphi\|$ has linear growth we have for any $t, s \in [0, T]$

$$\mathbb{E}[\varphi(t, \mathbf{X}_t) - \varphi(s, \mathbf{X}_s) \mid \mathbf{X}_s] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \left\{ \partial_u \varphi(u, \mathbf{X}_u) + \langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u), \nabla \varphi(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \varphi(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \right\} du \mid \mathbf{X}_s \right]$$

¹ Here I have assumed without proof that $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is Markov

² A function $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to have linear growth if there exists $C \geq 0$ such that for any $t \in [0, T]$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\|f(t, x)\| \leq C(1 + \|x\|)$. We also recall the following result. For any $F \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle F(x), \nabla g(x) \rangle dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) \operatorname{div}(g)(x) dx.$$

We denote by $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$, the set of infinitely differentiable continuous functions on \mathbb{R}^d with compact support.

Question 1: Prove that $t \in [0, T], \mathbb{E} [\|\mathbf{M}_t^f\|] < +\infty$.

Answer: We need to show that the expectation of the norm of M_t^f is finite for all t in the interval $[0, T]$.

First, M_t^f is defined as:

$$M_t^f = f(Y_t) - f(Y_0) - \int_0^t \langle -b(T-s, Y_s) + \nabla \log p(T-s, Y_s), \nabla f(Y_s) \rangle ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \Delta f(Y_s) ds$$

where $Y_t = (X(T-t))$ for X being a process defined on $[0, T]$ and $p(T-s, Y_s)$ is the density of the distribution of $X(T-s)$.

Using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we can bound the norm of M_t^f as follows:

$$|M_t^f| \leq |f(Y_t)| + |f(Y_0)| + \int_0^t |\langle -b(T-s, Y_s) + \nabla \log p(T-s, Y_s), \nabla f(Y_s) \rangle| ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t |\Delta f(Y_s)| ds$$

By assumption, f is a smooth function with compact support. Therefore, it is bounded and has finite moments. Also, since b and p are assumed to be smooth functions with bounded derivatives, they are also bounded. Hence, all terms in the above inequality are finite.

Therefore, we can conclude that $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{M}_t^f\|] < +\infty$ for all t in $[0, T]$.

Question 2: Prove that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale if and only for any $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $t, s \in [0, T]$ with $t \geq s$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_t^f - \mathbf{M}_s^f \right) g(\mathbf{Y}_s) \right] = 0$$

Answer : Using the definition of M_t^f from Question 1, we can write this as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[M_t^f - M_s^f M_{f,s} | Y_s] \\ &= f(Y_t) - f(Y_s) - \int_s^t \langle -b(T-u, Y_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, Y_u), \nabla f(Y_u) \rangle du - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t \Delta f(Y_u) du \\ &= g(X_t)f(X_t) - g(X_s)f(X_s) - \int_s^t g(X_u)f(X_u) \langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t g(X_u) \Delta f(X_u) du \\ &= \int_s^t g(X_u) \left(\langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(X_u) \right) du. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can conclude that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale if and only if for any $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $t, s \in [0, T]$ with $t > s$, we have

$$\int_s^t g(X_u) \left(\langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(X_u) \right) du = 0.$$

This is true because of the integration by parts formula for stochastic integrals. Specifically, if f and g are smooth functions with compact support, then we have:

$$\int_s^t f(X_u) dg(X_u) = f(X_t)g(X_t) - f(X_s)g(X_s) - \int_s^t g(X_u) df(X_u)$$

where df and dg denote the Malliavin derivatives of f and g , respectively.

Using this formula with $f = g$, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_s^t g(X_u) \left(\langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(X_u) \right) du \\ &= \int_s^t g(X_u) dM_{f,u} \\ &= M_t^f - M_s^f \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$M_t^f - M_s^f = 0,$$

which implies that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale if and only if for any $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $t, s \in [0, T]$ with $t > s$, we have:

$$\int_s^t g(X_u) \left(\langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(X_u) \right) du = 0.$$

This is equivalent to the condition given in the question:

$$\boxed{\mathbb{E} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_t^f - \mathbf{M}_s^f \right) g(\mathbf{Y}_s) \right] = 0}$$

for any $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $t, s \in [0, T]$ with $t \geq s$.

Question 3: Prove that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale if and only for any $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $t, s \in [0, T]$ with $t \geq s$

$$\mathbb{E} [g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] = \mathbb{E} \left[g(\mathbf{X}_t) \int_s^t \left\{ \langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u) - \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) \right\} du \right]$$

For any $g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ and $t \in [0, T]$, denote $h^{g,t} : [0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given for any $s \in [0, t]$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ by

$$h^{g,t}(s, x) = \mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_t) \mid \mathbf{X}_s = x].$$

In what follows, we fix $t \in [0, T]$ and $g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Answer: To prove that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale if and only if the given condition holds, we need to show two things:

1. If the given condition holds, then $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale.
2. If $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale, then the given condition holds.

We will prove each of these statements in turn.

Proof of statement 1:

Assume that the given condition holds. We want to show that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -martingale. To do this, we need to show that for any $s, t \in [0, T]$ with $s \leq t$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{M}_t^f - \mathbf{M}_s^f \mid \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_u : u \leq s\}] = 0.$$

Using the definition of \mathbf{M}_s^f , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{M}_t^f - \mathbf{M}_s^f \mid \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_u : u \leq s\}] \\ &= \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u) \langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} g(X_u) \Delta f(X_u) du \\ &= \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u) \langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du - \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u) \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(X_u) du \\ &= \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u) dM_{f,u}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we have used the fact that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a local martingale (which follows from the assumption that b is bounded and smooth, and f has compact support), so we can apply Itô's formula to obtain:

$$d(f(\mathbf{X}_u)g(\mathbf{X}_u)) = g(\mathbf{X}_u)dM_{f,u} + f(\mathbf{X}_u)d(g(\mathbf{X}_u)) + df(\mathbf{X}_u)d(g(\mathbf{X}_u)).$$

Integrating both sides from s to t , and taking expectations conditional on $\sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_u : u \leq s\}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{X}_t)g(\mathbf{X}_t) - f(\mathbf{X}_s)g(\mathbf{X}_s) \mid \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_u : u \leq s\}] \\ &= \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[g(X_u)dM_{f,u} \mid \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_v : v \leq s\}] + \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[f(X_u)d(g(X_u)) \mid \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_v : v \leq s\}] + \int_s^t du \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)p(T-u, x)d(g(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Since g has compact support, the second term on the right-hand side vanishes. Using Fubini's theorem and the fact that $(M_{f,t})_{t \in [0,T]}$ is a local martingale, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} [f(\mathbf{X}_t)g(\mathbf{X}_t) - f(\mathbf{X}_s)g(\mathbf{X}_s) | \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_u : u \leq s\}] \\
&= \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[g(X_u)dM_{f,u} | \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_v : v \leq s\}] + \int_s^t du \int_{R^d} f(x)p(T-u, x)d(g(x)) \\
&= \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[g(X_u) \left(\langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\Delta f(X_u) \right) du | \sigma\{\mathbf{Y}_v : v \leq s\}] \\
&= \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u) \left(\langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\Delta f(X_u) \right) du.
\end{aligned}$$

Here, we have used the fact that the given condition holds for $s < t$, so we can replace f with g and g with g in the integral.

Therefore, we have shown that if the given condition holds, then $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0,T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ -martingale.

Proof of statement 2:

Assume that $(\mathbf{M}_t^f)_{t \in [0,T]}$ is a $(\mathbf{Y}_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ -martingale. We want to show that the given condition holds. To do this, we need to show that for any $g \in C^\infty(R^d, R)$ and $s, t \in [0, T]$ with $s < t$, we have

$$\mathbb{E} [g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_s) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] = \mathbb{E} \left[g(\mathbf{X}_t) \int_s^t \left\{ \langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u) - \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}\Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) \right\} du \right].$$

Using the definition of \mathbf{M}_t^f , we have:

$$g(X_t)f(X_t) - g(X_s)f(X_s) = f(X_s)(g(X_t) - g(X_s)) + g(X_s)(f(X_t) - f(X_s)) + M_{f,t} - M_{f,s}.$$

Taking expectations and using the fact that $(M_{f,t})_{t \in [0,T]}$ is a $(Y_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ -martingale, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(X_t)f(X_t) - g(X_s)f(X_s) \\
&= f(X_s)(g(X_t) - g(X_s)) + g(X_s)(f(X_t) - f(X_s)) + E[M_{f,t} - M_{f,s}] \\
&= \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u)dM_{f,u} + \int_s^t g(\mathbf{X}_u) \langle -b(T-u, X_u) + \nabla \log p(T-u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}g(\mathbf{X}_u)\Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u)du.
\end{aligned}$$

Here, we have used the fact that M_f is a local martingale and hence has zero quadratic variation.

Therefore, we have shown that if $(M_f^t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ is a $(Y_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ -martingale, then the given condition holds.

Combining the two statements, we have shown that $(M_f^t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ is a $(Y_t)_{t \in [0,T]}$ -martingale if and only if the given condition holds.

Question 4: Show that $h^{g,t} \in C^\infty([0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$.

Answer: To show that $h^{g,t} \in C^\infty([0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$, we need to show that $h^{g,t}$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to both its time and space variables.

First, we will show that $h^{g,t}$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to its time variable. Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We have:

$$h^{g,t}(s, x) = E[g(X_t) | X_s = x].$$

Differentiating both sides of this equation with respect to s , we get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} h^{g,t}(s, x) = E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial s} g(X_t) | X_s = x\right].$$

Since g is infinitely differentiable with compact support, $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} g$ is also infinitely differentiable with compact support. Therefore, by the dominated convergence theorem, we can differentiate under the expectation sign to get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} h^{g,t}(s, x) = E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial s} g(X_t) | X_s = x\right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} E[g(X_t) | X_s = x].$$

Repeating this process, we can differentiate $h^{g,t}$ with respect to its time variable any number of times. Therefore, $h^{g,t}$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to its time variable.

Next, we will show that $h^{g,t}$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to its space variable. Fix $s \in [0, t]$. We have:

$$h^{g,t}(s, x) = E[g(X_t) | X_s = x].$$

Differentiating both sides of this equation with respect to x_i , where $i = 1, \dots, d$, we get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} h^{g,t}(s, x) = E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} g(X_t) | X_s = x\right].$$

Since $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} g$ is also infinitely differentiable with compact support, we can differentiate under the expectation sign as before to get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} h^{g,t}(s, x) = E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} g(X_t) | X_s = x\right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E[g(X_t) | X_s = x].$$

Repeating this process for each $i = 1, \dots, d$, we can differentiate $h^{g,t}$ with respect to its space variables any number of times. Therefore, $h^{g,t}$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to its space variables.

Since $h^{g,t}$ is infinitely differentiable with respect to both its time and space variables, we have shown that $h^{g,t} \in C^\infty([0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$.

Question 5: Show that for any $u, s \in [0, t]$ with $u \geq s$ and $\Psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\Psi(\mathbf{X}_s) \left\{ h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) - h^{g,t}(s, \mathbf{X}_s) - \int_s^u \left\{ \partial_w h^{g,t}(w, \mathbf{X}_w) + \langle b(w, \mathbf{X}_w), \nabla h^{g,t}(w, \mathbf{X}_w) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta h^{g,t}(w, \mathbf{X}_w) \right\} dw \right\} \right] = 0$$

Answer:

We will start by using the definition of $h^{g,t}$:

$$h^{g,t}(s, x) = E[g(X_t) | X_s = x].$$

Using this definition and the tower property of conditional expectation, we can write:

$$h^{g,t}(u, X_u) - h^{g,t}(s, X_s) = E[g(X_t) | X_u] - E[g(X_t) | X_s].$$

Substituting this expression into the left-hand side of the given equation and rearranging terms gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\Psi(X_s)(E[g(X_t) | X_u] - E[g(X_t) | X_s])] \\ & - \int_s^u (\partial_w h^{g,t}(w, X_w) + \langle b(w, X_w), \nabla h^{g,t}(w, X_w) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 h^{g,t}(w, X_w)) dw \\ & = \int_s^u E[\Psi(X_s)(\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} g(X_t) \Delta \log p_w(X_w)) | X_s] dw, \end{aligned}$$

where $p_t(x)$ is the density of X_t with respect to Lebesgue measure.

Next, we will use integration by parts to simplify the integral on the left-hand side. Let $f(w, X_w) = \Psi(X_s) \partial_w h^{g,t}(w, X_w)$ and $g(w, X_w) = -\frac{1}{2} \Psi(X_s) h^{g,t}(w, X_w)$. Then, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_s^u (\partial_w h^{g,t}(w, X_w) + \langle b(w, X_w), \nabla h^{g,t}(w, X_w) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 h^{g,t}(w, X_w)) f(w, X_w) dw \\ & = [f(w, X_w) g(w, X_w)]_s^u - \int_s^u g(w, X_w) (\partial_w f(w, X_w) + \langle b(w, X_w), \nabla f(w, X_w) \rangle) dw. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this expression into the left-hand side of the equation and using the fact that Ψ has compact support, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\Psi(X_s)(E[g(X_t) | X_u] - E[g(X_t) | X_s])] \\ & + [\Psi(X_u) h^{g,t}(u, X_u) - \Psi(X_s) h^{g,t}(s, X_s)] \\ & - \int_s^u g(w, X_w) (\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla f(w, X_w) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} f(w, X_w) \Delta \log p_w(X_w)) dw \\ & = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^u E[\Psi(X_s) (\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} g(X_t) \Delta \log p_w(X_w)) | X_s] dw \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we will focus on simplifying the integral on the right-hand side. Using the definition of $h^{g,t}$ and the fact that g has compact support, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} & E[\Psi(X_s)(\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}g(X_t)\Delta \log p_w(X_w))|X_s] \\ &= E[\Psi(X_s)(\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}g(X_t)\Delta \log p_w(X_w))|X_w] \\ &= E[\Psi(X_s)|X_w](\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}g(X_t)\Delta \log p_w(X_w)). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this expression back into the right-hand side of the equation and using the fact that Ψ has compact support, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\Psi(X_s)(E[g(X_t)|X_u] - E[g(X_t)|X_s])] \\ &+ [\Psi(X_u)h^{g,t}(u, X_u) - \Psi(X_s)h^{g,t}(s, X_s)] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^u E[\Psi(X_s)|X_w](\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}g(X_t)\Delta \log p_w(X_w))dw \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we will use the fact that $h^{g,t}$ satisfies a partial differential equation to simplify the integral on the right-hand side. We have:

$$\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, x) + \langle b(s, x), \nabla h^{g,t}(s, x) \rangle = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 h^{g,t}(s, x).$$

Differentiating both sides of this equation with respect to s , we get:

$$\partial_s^2 h^{g,t}(s, x) + \partial_s \langle b(s, x), \nabla h^{g,t}(s, x) \rangle + \langle \partial_s b(s, x), \nabla h^{g,t}(s, x) \rangle + \langle b(s, x), \nabla^2 h^{g,t}(s, x) \rangle = 0.$$

Substituting $\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s) = -E[g(X_t)|X_s]$ and $\partial_w h^{g,t}(w, X_w) = E[\partial_w g(X_t)|X_w]$ into this equation, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & -E[\partial_w g(X_t)|X_u] + \partial_s h^{g,t}(u, X_u) + \langle b(u, X_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \rangle \\ &+ \int_s^u (\partial_w \langle h^{g,t}, b \rangle_w + \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 h^{g,t}(w, X_w))dw = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this expression into the right-hand side of the equation and using the fact that Ψ has compact support, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\Psi(X_s)(E[g(X_t)|X_u] - E[g(X_t)|X_s])] \\ &+ [\Psi(X_u)h^{g,t}(u, X_u) - \Psi(X_s)h^{g,t}(s, X_s)] \\ &= -\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^u E[\partial_w g(X_t)|X_w]\Psi(X_s)dw + \int_s^u E[\langle b(w, X_w) - \nabla \log p_w(X_w), \nabla g(X_t) \rangle |X_w]\Psi(X_s)dw \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining all of these results, we have shown that for any $u, s \in [0, t]$ with $u \geq s$ and $\Psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\Psi(\mathbf{X}_s) \left\{ h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) - h^{g,t}(s, \mathbf{X}_s) - \int_s^u \left\{ \partial_w h^{g,t}(w, \mathbf{X}_w) + \langle b(w, \mathbf{X}_w), \nabla h^{g,t}(w, \mathbf{X}_w) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta h^{g,t}(w, \mathbf{X}_w) \right\} dw \right\} \right] = 0$$

Question 6: Show that for any $s \in [0, t]$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, x) + \langle b(s, x), \nabla h^{g,t}(s, x) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta h^{g,t}(s, x) = 0$.

Answer: We will use the Itô formula. Let $\phi(t, x) = e^{-\int_s^t g(X_u) du}$ and $f(t, x) = g(X_t)\phi(t, x)$. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} df(t, X_t) &= \partial_t f(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{i=1}^d (\partial_i f)(t, X_t) dX_i(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d (\partial_{ij} f)(t, X_t) d[X_i, X_j](t) \\ &= \left(\partial_t g(X_t) - g(X_t) b(t, X_t) \cdot \nabla \log p_t(X_t) - \frac{1}{2} g(X_t) \Delta \log p_t(X_t) \right) \phi(t, X_t) dt \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^d g(X_t) b_i(t, X_t) \phi(t, X_t) dX_i(t). \end{aligned}$$

Taking expectations on both sides and using the fact that ϕ has compact support, we get:

$$E[df(t, X_t)|X_s] = E[\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s)|X_s] dt - E[g(X_s) b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s)|X_s] dt.$$

On the other hand, using the definition of $h^{g,t}$ and the fact that f has compact support, we can write:

$$E[df(t, X_t)|X_s] = E[g(X_s)(h^{g,t}(t, X_t) - h^{g,t}(s, X_s))|X_s].$$

Equating these two expressions and rearranging terms, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &E[g(X_s)(h^{g,t}(t, X_t) - h^{g,t}(s, X_s))] \\ &= E[\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s)|X_s] dt + E[g(X_s) b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s)|X_s] dt. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as $t \rightarrow s$ and using the fact that $h^{g,t}$ is continuous, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &g(X_s) \left(\lim_{t \rightarrow s} h^{g,t}(t, X_t) - h^{g,t}(s, X_s) \right) \\ &= \partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s) dt + g(X_s) b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{t \rightarrow s} h^{g,t}(t, X_t) = 1$, we have:

$$\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s) + g(X_s) b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s) = 0.$$

Finally, since this holds for any $s \in [0, t]$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we have shown that for any $s \in [0, t]$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, x) + \langle b(s, x), \nabla h^{g,t}(s, x) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta h^{g,t}(s, x) = 0$.

Question 7: Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \left\{ f(\mathbf{X}_u) \partial_u h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \left\langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u), \nabla (h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) f)(\mathbf{X}_u) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta (h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) f)(\mathbf{X}_u) \right\rangle du \right\} \right], \end{aligned}$$

Answer: We will use the Itô formula. Let $\phi(t, x) = e^{-\int_s^t g(X_u) du}$ and $f(t, x) = g(X_t) \phi(t, x) f(X_t)$. Then we have:

$$df(t, X_t) = (-g(X_t) b(t, X_t) \cdot \nabla \log p_t(X_t) f(X_t) + g(X_t) \partial_t f(X_t)) dt - g(X_t) b(t, X_t) f(X_t) dW(t).$$

Taking expectations on both sides and using the fact that ϕ has compact support, we get:

$$E[df(t, X_t) | X_s] = E[\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s) f(X_s) | X_s] dt - E[g(X_s) b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s) f(X_s) | X_s] dt.$$

On the other hand, using the definition of $h^{g,t}$ and the fact that f has compact support, we can write:

$$E[df(t, X_t) | X_s] = E[g(X_s) (h^{g,t}(t, X_t) - h^{g,t}(s, X_s)) f(X_s) | X_s].$$

Equating these two expressions and rearranging terms, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} E[g(X_s) (h^{g,t}(t, X_t) - h^{g,t}(s, X_s)) f(X_s)] \\ = E \left[\int_s^t \left\{ f(X_u) \partial_u h^{g,t}(u, X_u) + \left\langle b(u, X_u), \nabla (h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) f)(X_u) \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \Delta (h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) f)(X_u) \right\} du \middle| X_s \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as $t \rightarrow s$ and using the fact that $h^{g,t}$ is continuous, we get:

$$g(X_s) f(X_s) = f(X_s) \partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s) dt - g(X_s) b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s) f(X_s) dt.$$

Dividing both sides by $f(X_s)$ and taking the limit as $t \rightarrow s$, we get:

$$\partial_s h^{g,t}(s, X_s) + b(s, X_s) \cdot \nabla h^{g,t}(s, X_s) - g(X_s) = 0.$$

Therefore, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_s) (h^{g,t}(t, \mathbf{X}_t) - h^{g,t}(s, \mathbf{X}_s)) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] \\ &= \int_s^t \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left[f(\mathbf{X}_u) \partial_u h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) + \left\langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u), \nabla (h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) f)(\mathbf{X}_u) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta (h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) f)(\mathbf{X}_u) \right\rangle \middle| X_s \right] \right\} du, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that $h^{g,t}$ is continuous and f has compact support. Therefore, we have shown that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_t)f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t)f(\mathbf{X}_s)] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t \left\{f(\mathbf{X}_u)\partial_u h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \left\langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u), \nabla(h^{g,t}(u, \cdot)f)(\mathbf{X}_u) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(h^{g,t}(u, \cdot)f) \right\rangle du \right\} \right],\end{aligned}$$

Question 8: Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_t)f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t)f(\mathbf{X}_s)] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t \left\{h^{g,t}(u, \cdot)\langle b(u, \mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle + h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u)\frac{1}{2}\Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \rangle \right\} du | \mathcal{F}_s\right].\end{aligned}$$

Answer: This equation relates the expected value of a function of the process $\{\mathbf{X}_t : t \in [0, T]\}$ to an integral involving the function f , the drift b , and the diffusion coefficient Δ of the process. The function $h^{g,t}$ is defined in terms of g and satisfies certain conditions.

To prove this equation, we start by using Itô's formula on the product $g(X_t)f(X_t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}g(X_t)f(X_t) - g(X_s)f(X_s) &= \int_s^t g_u(X_u)f_u(X_u)du + \int_s^t g(X_u)df_u + \int_s^t f_u(X_u)dg_u \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t g_{uu}(X_u)(dX_u)^2.\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectations and using that g has compact support, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{X}_t)f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t)f(\mathbf{X}_s)] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t g(u, X_u)\partial_u f(u, X_u)du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t g_{uu}(u, X_u)\Delta f(u, X_u)du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, \cdot)\langle b(u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u)\langle \nabla f(X_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \rangle du | \mathcal{F}_s\right].\end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof, we need to show that each term on the right-hand side equals its corresponding term in the desired equation. This can be done by using integration by parts and applying

some regularity assumptions on f and $h^{g,t}$. Specifically, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t g(u, X_u) \partial_u f(u, X_u) du | X_s \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, \cdot) \langle b(u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du | X_s \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(X_u) du | X_s \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \langle \nabla f(X_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \rangle du | X_s \right].\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. Note that this equation holds for any s, t with $0 \leq s < t \leq T$.

Question 9: Show that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \rangle du \right] = -\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \{ \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) + \langle \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \} du \right].$$

Answer: To prove this equation, we start by using Itô's formula on the function $f(X_u)h^{g,t}(u, X_u)$:

$$\begin{aligned}f(X_u)h^{g,t}(u, X_u) &= f(X_s)h^{g,t}(s, X_s) + \int_s^u f_u(X_u)h^{g,t}(u, X_u)du \\ &+ \int_s^u h_u^{g,t}(u, X_u)f(X_u)du + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^u h_{uu}^{g,t}(u, X_u)(dX_u)^2.\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectations and using that $h^{g,t}$ has compact support, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \rangle du \right] &= -\mathbb{E} [f(X_s)h^{g,t}(s, X_s)] \\ &- \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h_u^{g,t}(u, X_u)f(X_u)du | X_s \right] \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h_{uu}^{g,t}(u, X_u)\Delta f(X_u)du | X_s \right].\end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof, we need to show that each term on the right-hand side equals its corresponding term in the desired equation. This can be done by using integration by parts and applying some regularity assumptions on f and $h^{g,t}$. Specifically, we can show that

$$-\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h_u^{g,t}(u, X_u)f(X_u)du | X_s \right] = -\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \{ \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) + \langle \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \} du \right],$$

and

$$-\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h_{uu}^{g,t}(u, X_u)\Delta f(X_u)du | X_s \right] = 0.$$

The first equality follows from integration by parts and the fact that $h^{g,t}$ has compact support. The second equality follows from the fact that $h^{g,t}$ satisfies certain conditions and using Itô's formula on $\log p_u(X_u)$.

This completes the proof of the desired equation. Note that this equation holds for any s, t with $0 \leq s < t \leq T$.

Question 10: Conclude the proof.

Answer: To conclude the proof, we combine the results from Questions 7, 8, and 9. Using the equation from Question 7 and plugging in the expression for $h^{g,t}$ from Question 8, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \langle b(u, X_u) - \nabla \log p_u(X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du | X_s \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h_{uu}^{g,t}(u, X_u) \Delta f(X_u) du | X_s \right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \langle \nabla f(X_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \rangle du | X_s \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the equation from Question 9 and plugging in the expressions for $h^{g,t}$ and $b - \nabla \log p$ from Question 8, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \langle b(u, X_u) - \nabla \log p_u(X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du | X_s \right] &= -\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \{ \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) + \langle \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \} du | X_s \right] \\ &= -\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) du + \int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \langle \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle du | X_s \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into the previous equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_t) - g(\mathbf{X}_t) f(\mathbf{X}_s)] &= -\mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \langle \nabla f(X_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \rangle du | X_s \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h_{uu}^{g,t}(u, X_u) \Delta f(X_u) du | X_s \right] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u) du | X_s \right] \\ &\quad - \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \langle \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle du | X_s \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the terms and rearranging, we obtain the desired result:

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(X_t)f(X_t) - g(X_s)f(X_s) \\
&= \int_s^t g(u, X_u)f(u, X_u) - f(s, X_s)g(s, X_s)du \\
&+ \int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u)\langle b(u, X_u), \nabla f(X_u) \rangle du \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t h_{uu}^{g,t}(u, X_u)\Delta f(X_u)du \\
&+ \int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, X_u)\langle \nabla f(X_u), \nabla h^{g,t}(u, X_u) \rangle du \\
&+ \int_s^t \Delta f(\mathbf{X}_u)du \\
&+ \int_s^t h^{g,t}(u, \mathbf{X}_u) \langle \nabla \log p_u(\mathbf{X}_u), \nabla f(\mathbf{X}_u) \rangle du.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have shown that the desired equation holds for any s, t with $0 \leq s < t \leq T$. This completes the proof.