

QF620 Stochastic Modelling in Finance  
Assignment 1/4  
Due Date: 29-Oct-2018

1. Let  $W_t$  denote a standard Brownian motion. Calculate the following probabilities:

- (a)  $\mathbb{P}(W_2 < 0 | W_1 > 0)$
- (b)  $\mathbb{P}(W_1 \times W_2 < 0)$
- (c)  $\mathbb{P}(W_1 < 0 \cap W_2 < 0)$

2. Let  $W_t$  denote a standard Brownian motion. Evaluate the following expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[|W_{t+\Delta t} - W_t|],$$

where  $|\cdot|$  denote absolute value.

3. Let  $W_t$  denote a standard Brownian motion. Let  $s < t$ , determine the variance

$$V[(W_t - W_s)^2].$$

4. Let  $W_t$  denote a Brownian motion. Derive the stochastic differential equation for  $dX_t$  and group the drift and diffusion coefficients together for the following stochastic processes:

- (a)  $X_t = W_t^2$
- (b)  $X_t = t + e^{W_t}$
- (c)  $X_t = W_t^3 - 3tW_t$
- (d)  $X_t = e^{t+W_t}$
- (e)  $X_t = e^{\frac{t}{2}} \sin(W_t)$
- (f)  $X_t = e^{W_t - \frac{t}{2}}$

5. Consider 2 stochastic processes  $Y_t$  and  $Z_t$ , following the dynamics

$$\begin{cases} dY_t = b(t)Y_t dW_t \\ dZ_t = A(t)dt + B(t)dW_t. \end{cases}$$

Define a new stochastic process  $X_t$  as  $X_t = Y_t Z_t$ , write down the stochastic differential equation for  $dX_t$ .

6. Let  $W_t$  and  $\tilde{W}_t$  denote two independent Brownian motions, derive the SDE for the stochastic variable  $Y_t = \frac{W_t}{\tilde{W}_t}$ .

7. Consider an interest rate model following the stochastic differential equation:

$$dr_t = \theta dt + \sigma dW_t,$$

where  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$  are both constants. Determine

(a)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T r_t dt \right]$$

(b)

$$V \left[ \int_0^T r_t dt \right]$$