

# QF620 Stochastic Modelling in Finance

## S1 Python Note: Brownian Motion and Martingale

We can simulate Brownian motion using the following code snippet:

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def simulate_Brownian_Motion(paths, steps, T):
    deltaT = T/steps
    t = np.linspace(0, T, steps+1)
    X = np.c_[np.zeros((paths, 1)),
              np.random.randn(paths, steps)]
    return t, np.cumsum(np.sqrt(deltaT) * X, axis=1)

plt.figure()
t, x = simulate_Brownian_Motion(200, 100, 10.0)
plt.plot(t, x.T)
plt.show()
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Exercises:

1. Verify that  $\mathbb{E}[W_t] = 0$  and  $V[W_t] = t$ .
2. Simulate the process  $\alpha W_{t/\alpha^2}$ .
3. Verify that  $\mathbb{E}[W_t^k] = 0$  if  $k$  is an odd number.
4. Simulate the stock price process:

$$S_t = S_0 + \mu t + \sigma W_t,$$

where  $S_0 = 50$ ,  $\mu = 0.01$ , and  $\sigma = 0.2$ .

5. Modify the code to simulate an  $n$ -step random walk instead, and verify that  $V[S_n] = n$ .