

3. Stochastic Integrals.

3.1 Background.

We wanna define $\int_0^T f(s, \omega) dW_s(\omega)$, as the limit of certain partition process of $[0, T]$.

E.g.

$$I := \int_0^T W_s(\omega) dW_s(\omega).$$

Two possible approaches are

$$1^\circ \quad I_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{W_{t_n}}_{\text{blue}} (\underbrace{W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n}}_{\text{blue}}), \text{ and}$$

$$2^\circ \quad I_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{W_{t_{n+1}}}_{\text{blue}} (\underbrace{W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n}}_{\text{blue}}),$$

Note: These are r.v.

where $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$ is a partition of $[0, T]$.

Notice that

$$\underbrace{IE[I_1]}_{=0} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{IE[W_{t_n}]}_{=0} \underbrace{IE[W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n}]}_{=0}$$

indep. of W_{t_n} and $W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n}$

$$\underbrace{IE[I_2]}_{=0} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} IE[W_{t_{n+1}} (W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n})].$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} IE[(W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n} + W_{t_n})(W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n})]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{IE[(W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n})^2]}_{=t_{n+1} - t_n} + \underbrace{IE[W_{t_n} (W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n})]}_{=0}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} t_{n+1} - t_n = t_N - t_0 = T.$$

Thus, using I_1 and I_2 , resp., will give us different limits.

I_1 gives rise to the Itô integral while

I_2 " " " " Stratonovich integral.

3.2 The Itô integral.

Def 3.1

W : a Wiener process.

Define $\mathcal{A}_t = \sigma(\{W_s \mid s \leq t\})$.

\mathcal{A}_t can be thought of as the history of W up to time t .

Thus $\{\mathcal{A}_t\}$ is a filtration of σ -algebras.

i.e. $\mathcal{A}_s \subseteq \mathcal{A}_t, \forall s \leq t$.

Rmk: Given $s \leq t$.

$\therefore W_t - W_s$ is indep. of \mathcal{A}_s (by def).

$\therefore E[W_t - W_s \mid \mathcal{A}_s] = E[W_t - W_s] = 0$.

$\Rightarrow E[W_t \mid \mathcal{A}_s] = E[W_s \mid \mathcal{A}_s] = W_s$.

Def 3.2 Given a filtration $\{\mathcal{M}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$.

A stochastic pr. $g: [0, \infty) \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called \mathcal{M}_t -adapted if, $\forall t \geq 0$, the map $\omega \mapsto g(t, \omega)$ is \mathcal{M}_t -measurable.

Def 3.3

For $0 < T < \infty$, define \mathcal{L}_T^2 to be the class of functions $f: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

① f is $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{A}$ -measurable. (\mathcal{A} : σ -alg. on Ω).

② f is \mathcal{A}_t -adapted. (\mathcal{A}_t : see Def 3.1).

③ $\int_0^T E[(f(t, \cdot))^2] dt < \infty$.

Rmk:

① ③ above implies $E[(f(t, \cdot))^2] < \infty$ for a.e. t.

② Identifying functions differing on measure zero sets, \mathcal{L}_T^2 is complete w.r.t. the norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{L}_T^2} := \left(\int_0^T E[(f(t, \cdot))^2] dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

almost every

Def

$f: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a step function if \exists partition $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T$ and $f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{n-1}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$f(t, \omega) = f_j(\omega), \quad \forall t \in [t_j, t_{j+1}).$$

The subset of all step functions in L_T^2 is denoted by \mathcal{S}_T^2 .

Def Given a step function $f \in \mathcal{S}_T^2$ as above.

Define its Itô integral by (of step functions)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{I[f]}(\omega) &= \int_0^T f(s, \omega) dW_s(\omega) \\ &:= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f_j(\omega) (W_{t_{j+1}}(\omega) - W_{t_j}(\omega)) \end{aligned}$$

Prop.

$\because f \in \mathcal{S}_T^2 \subseteq L_T^2 \therefore f_j$ is \mathcal{A}_{t_j} -measurable.

$\because \mathcal{A}_{t_j} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_T, \forall j \therefore \underline{I[f]}$ is \mathcal{A}_T -measurable.

Lem 3.4 (3.2.2 in [KP92]).

Given $f, g \in \mathcal{S}_T^2$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

① $I[f]$ is \mathcal{A}_T -measurable.

② $E[I[f]] = 0$.

③ $E[(I[f])^2] = \int_0^T E[(f(t, \cdot))^2] dt$ Itô isometry

④ $I[\alpha f + \beta g] = \alpha I[f] + \beta I[g]$, w.p. 1.

Lem 3.5 (3.2.1 in [KP92]).

\mathcal{S}_T^2 is dense in L_T^2 , where the norm used in L_T^2 is

$$\|f\|_{2,T} := \left(\int_0^T E[(f(t, \cdot))^2] dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Prop.

Given $f \in L_T^2$ and a seq. $\{h^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq \mathcal{S}_T^2$, s.t. $\|h^{(n)} - f\|_{2,T} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

i.e. $\int_0^T \mathbb{E}[|h^{(n)}(t, \cdot) - f(t, \cdot)|^2] dt \xrightarrow{(n \rightarrow \infty)} 0$.

Consider the seq. $\{I[h^{(n)}]\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$.

Then $\int_\Omega |I[h^{(n)}](\omega) - I[h^{(m)}](\omega)|^2 d\omega$

$= \mathbb{E}[|I[h^{(n)} - h^{(m)}]|^2]$ (linearity of I).

$= \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[(h^{(n)}(t, \cdot) - h^{(m)}(t, \cdot))^2] dt$ (Itô isometry)

$\leq 2 \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[(h^{(n)}(t, \cdot) - f(t, \cdot))^2] dt$
 $+ 2 \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[(h^{(m)}(t, \cdot) - f(t, \cdot))^2] dt$ $\left(\begin{matrix} (a+b)^2 \\ \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{matrix} \right)$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus $\{I[h^{(n)}]\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is Cauchy in $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$.

$\therefore L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ is complete

$\therefore \exists!$ (up to a measure zero set) L^2 fun., denoted $I[f]$, s.t. $I[h^{(n)}] \xrightarrow{L^2} I[f]$.

Def The Itô integral of $f \in L_T^2$ is defined

by $I[f](\omega) = \int_0^T f(t, \omega) dW_t(\omega)$

$L^2 \text{ limit} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T h^{(n)}(t, \omega) dW_t(\omega)$

\rightarrow where $\{h^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq \mathcal{G}_T^2$ w/ $\|h^{(n)} - f\|_{2,T} \rightarrow 0$ (as $n \rightarrow \infty$).

Remark:

① By limiting procedure, results in L3.4

hold for Itô integrals in L_T^2 as well.

② Ex 3.7 demonstrates how to compute

$\int_0^T W_s(\omega) dW_s(\omega) (= \frac{1}{2}(W_T(\omega))^2 - \frac{1}{2}T)$

from definition. It's quite messy and omitted here.

③ The result in ② above shows ordinary calculus rules do NOT hold for Itô integral. The rule to be followed is the Itô's formula. (Sec 3.4).

3.3 Martingales.

Given $f \in L_T^2$ and $t_0 \in [0, T)$.

Define a stochastic pr. $\{Z_t\}_{t_0 \leq t \leq T}$ by

$$Z_t(\omega) := \int_{t_0}^t f(s, \omega) dW_s(\omega) \quad (3.44)$$

Q: What "good properties" does Z_t have?

Def

M : stochastic pr. adapted to $\{\mathcal{M}_t\}$.

M is called a martingale w.r.t. $\{\mathcal{M}_t\}$ if

① $E[|M_t|] < \infty, \forall t$, and

② $E[M_t | \mathcal{M}_s] = M_s, \forall s \leq t$.

E.x:

The Wiener pr. W_t is a martingale as

shown in the Rmk after Def 3.1.

i.e. $E[W_t | \mathcal{A}_s] = W_s, \forall s \leq t$.

Prop 3.9 (3.2.5 in [KP92]).

Let $f \in L_T^2$.

Then the stoch. pr. $Z = \{Z_t\}_{t \in [t_0, T]}$ is a martingale w.r.t. $\{\mathcal{A}_t\}$.

Being a martingale has at least the following two advantages:

Prop 3.10 (Martingale inequality).

(Sub)

Y : a nonnegative (sub) martingale.

Then, $\forall \gamma > 0$ and $p \geq 1$,

$$P\left(\sup_{t_0 \leq t \leq T} Y_t \geq \gamma\right) \leq \frac{1}{\gamma^p} E[Y_T^p].$$

Thus, for Z defined by (3.44), we have

$$P\left(\sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} |Z_s - Z_{t_0}| \geq \gamma\right) \leq \frac{1}{\gamma^2} E[|Z_t - Z_{t_0}|^2]$$

$\uparrow = 0$ $\uparrow = 0$

$$\int_{t_0}^t f(s, \omega) dW_s(\omega) = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \int_{t_0}^t E[(f(s, \cdot))^2] ds.$$

\nwarrow may be proved by def.

i.e.
① $E[|M_t|] < \infty$
② $E[M_t | \mathcal{M}_s] = M_s$ a.s. $\forall s \leq t$

Prop 3.11 (Doob inequality).

Y : a nonnegative (sub)martingale.

Then, $\forall r > 1$,

$$E\left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |Y_t|^r\right] \leq \left(\frac{r}{r-1}\right)^r E[|Y_T|^r].$$

Thus, for Z defined by (3.44), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\sup_{t_0 \leq s \leq t} |Z_s|^2\right] &\leq \left(\frac{2}{2-1}\right)^2 \cdot E[|Z_t|^2] \\ &= 4 \int_{t_0}^t E[(f(s, \cdot))^2] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Remark:

In Prop 3.10 and Prop 3.11, we use the

fact: If X is a martingale and $\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex fun. w/ $E[\phi(X_t)] < \infty$, then

$(\phi(X_t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a submartingale.

This fact may be proved by conditional Jensen's ineq. Taking $\phi(x) = |x|$, $|Z|$ is a submartingale.

Thm 3.12 (3.2.6 in [KP92]).

Z : stoch. pr. defined by (3.44).

Then \exists cont. version of Z .

3.4 Itô's formula.

Def 3.13

An Itô process is a sto. pr. $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ s.t.

$$X_t(\omega) = X_s(\omega) + \int_s^t e_u(\omega) du + \int_s^t f_u(\omega) dW_u(\omega) \quad (3.58)$$

w.p.1., $\forall 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, where

① e and f are $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{A}$ -meas., \mathcal{A}_t -adapted,

② $\int_s^t |e_u(\omega)| du < \infty$, w.p.1., and

③ $\int_s^t |f_u(\omega)|^2 du < \infty$, w.p.1.

(3.58) may be abbreviated as

$dX_t = e_t dt + f_t dW_t$, called a stochastic differential.