

1 Ito Integral

a. Ito Integral Definition for simple integrand

Given t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n and Δt is a constant in between any $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$

$$I(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \Delta(t_j)[W(t_{j+1}) - W(t_j)] + \Delta(t_k)[W(t) - W(t_k)]$$

We can also rewrite $I(t) = \int_0^t \Delta(u) dW(u)$.

b. Properties of Ito integral

1) Ito Integral is a martingale

2) Isometry

$$EI^2(t) = E \int_0^t \Delta^2(u) du$$

c. Ito integral definition for general integrand

Choose $\Delta_n(t)$ such that when $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \int_0^T |\Delta_n(t) - \Delta(t)|^2 dt = 0$$

Define Ito integral

$$\int_0^t \Delta(u) dW(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \Delta_n(u) dW(u)$$

2 Ito formula

a. Ito formula

Suppose $dX_t = u dt + \sigma dB_t$

If $g(t, X)$ is twice continuously differentiable $Y_t = g(t, X_t)$

$$dY_t = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial g}{\partial X} dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} (dX_t)^2$$

Where $(dX)^2 = d(X_t)d(X_t) = u^2(dt)^2 + 2u\sigma dt dB_t + \sigma^2(dB_t)^2$

$dt * dt = dt * dB_t = 0, dB_t dB_t = dt$

So $(dX_t)^2 = \sigma^2 dt$.

b. Example: Differentiation of Geometric Brownian motion

The geometric Brownian motion satisfies

$$S(t) = S(0) \exp\left(\left(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right)t + \sigma dW(t)\right)$$

Based on Ito's formula and chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= S(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2) \\ \frac{dS}{dW} &= S(\sigma) \\ \frac{d^2S}{dW^2} &= \frac{d}{dW}(\frac{dS}{dW}) = \frac{d}{dW}(S(\sigma)) = \sigma \frac{dS}{dW} = \sigma^2 S\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}dS &= S(\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)dt + \sigma S dW(t) + \frac{1}{2}S\sigma^2 dt \\ &= S((\mu dt + \sigma dW(t)))\end{aligned}$$

c. Example: Integral of Geometric Brownian motion

The geometric Brownian motion satisfies $dN_t/N_t = rdt + \sigma dB_t$ to solve this we consider

$$\begin{aligned}d(\ln N_t) &= \frac{\partial \ln N_t}{\partial N_t} dN_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \ln N_t}{\partial N_t^2} (dN_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N_t} dN_t + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{N_t^2}\right) (dN_t)^2 \\ (dN_t)^2 &= r^2 N_t^2 (dt)^2 + r N_t dt \sigma dB_t + \sigma^2 N_t^2 d^2 B_t \\ &= 0 + 0 + \sigma^2 N_t^2 dt\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}d(\ln N_t) &= \frac{1}{N_t} dN_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 dt = (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)dt + \sigma dB_t \\ \ln(N_t/N_0) &= (r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma B_t \\ N_t &= N_0 \exp((r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma B_t)\end{aligned}$$