

Martingales

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Martingales are a key concept in probability and in mathematical finance. The term 'martingale' may refer to very different ideas e.g. a stochastic process that has no drift. Essentially, this is the idea of a fair (random) game. We encounter Martingales through three distinct, but closely connected ideas:

Given: $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

1. *Martingales* as a class of stochastic process;

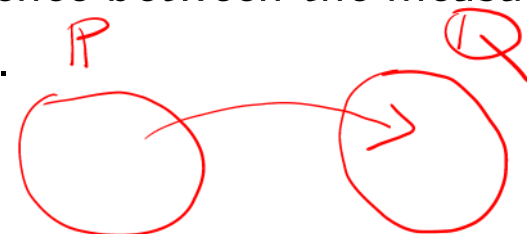
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2. *Exponential martingales*, which are a specific and extremely useful example of a martingale;

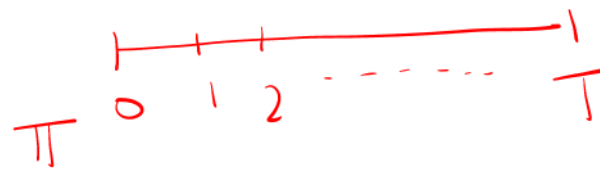
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3. *Equivalent martingale measures*, where we look for a probability measure \mathbb{Q} such that a given stochastic process $S(t)$ is a martingale under \mathbb{Q} regardless of its nature under \mathbb{P} . The correspondence between the measures \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} is done through a change of measure.

\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}



Discrete Time Martingales



A discrete time stochastic process $\{M_t : t = 0, \dots, T\}$ such that M_t is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable for $\mathbb{T} = \{0, \dots, T\}$ is a **martingale** if $\mathbb{E}|M_t| < \infty$ and

main defⁿ

$$\mathbb{E}_t[M_{t+1} | \mathcal{F}_t] = M_t$$

integrability condition

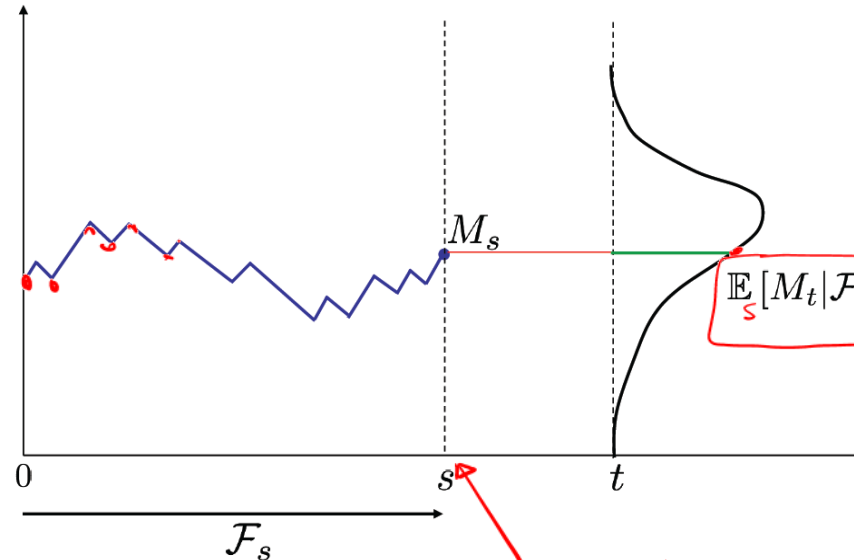
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Coin example $\mathbb{E}[S_6 | R_1, \dots, R_5] = S_5$

constant mean process



$$\mathbb{E}[R_i] = \frac{1}{2}(+1) + \frac{1}{2}(-1)$$



The first equation represents a standard integrability condition. *filtration*

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|G]|F] = \mathbb{E}[X|F]$$

The second equation tells you that the expected value of M at time $t + 1$ conditional on all the information available up to time t is the value of M at time t . *no filtration*

In short, a Martingale is a **driftless process**.

process with zero mean

If we take expectation on both sides of eqn. 1, then

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{E}[M_{t+1}] = \mathbb{E}[M_t] = \mathbb{E}[M_{t-1}] = \dots = \mathbb{E}[M_0]$$

This is due to the **Tower Property** of conditional expectations.

Martingales are a very nice mathematical object. They “get rid of the drift” and enable us to focus on what probabilists consider is the most interesting part: the statistical properties of purely random processes.

In addition, Doob and Meyer have developed a powerful theory centred around martingales.

$$E[M_{t+2}] \rightarrow M_{t+1} \rightarrow M_t \rightarrow M_{t-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_0$$

Continuous Time Martingales

Next, we generalize our definitions to continuous time: A continuous time stochastic process

Cts time stoch. process $\{M_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$

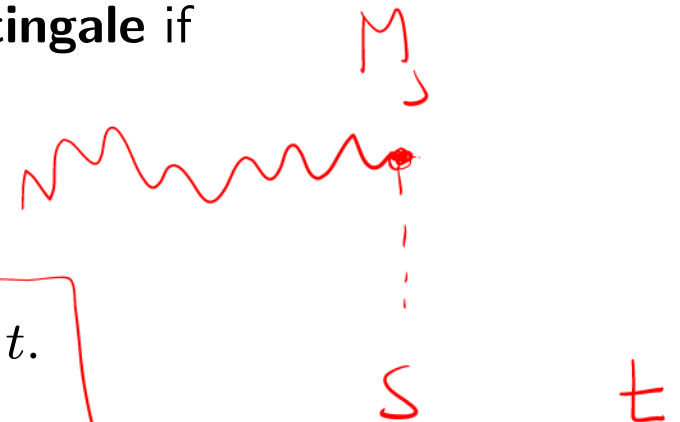
such that M_t is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is a **martingale** if

i. $E|M_t| < \infty$

and

ii.

$$E[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = M_s, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t.$$



Lévy's Martingale Characterisation: Let X_t , $t > 0$ be a stochastic process and let \mathcal{F}_t be the filtration generated by it. X_t is a Brownian motion iff the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $X_0 = 0$ a.s.;

statis point.

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t - X_s + X_s | \mathcal{F}_s] = X_s$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X_t - X_s | \mathcal{F}_s]}_0 + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X_s | \mathcal{F}_s]}_{X_s} = X_s$$

2. the sample paths $t \mapsto X_t$ are continuous a.s.;

cts.

3. X_t is a martingale with respect to the filtration \mathcal{F}_t ;

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = X_s$$

4. $|X_t|^2 - t$ is a martingale with respect to the filtration \mathcal{F}_t .

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_t|^2] = t$$

Quadratic Variation

The Lévy characterization can be contrasted with the classical definition of a Brownian motion as a stochastic process X_t satisfying:

A standard B.M.

→ 1. $X_0 = 0$ a.s.;

→ 2. the sample paths $t \mapsto X(t)$ are continuous a.s.;

$N(0, dt)$
↑
mean

3. **independent increments**: for $t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < t_4$ the increments $(X_{t_4} - X_{t_3})$, $(X_{t_2} - X_{t_1})$ are independent; $(X_{t_1} - X_{t_0})$

4. normally distributed increments: $X_t - X_s \sim N(0, |t - s|)$.
↑
mean

variance

Lévy's characterization neither mentions independent increments nor normally distributed increments.

Instead, Lévy introduces two easily verifiable martingale conditions.

Itô Integrals and Martingales

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{V}[X_t] = \mathbb{E}[X_t^2] = t$$

Next, we explore the link between Itô integration and martingales.

Consider the stochastic process $Y(t) = X^2(t)$. By Itô, we have

Do Itô I on $Y(t)$
& \int_0^T

$$X^2(T) = T + \int_0^T 2X(t)dX(t)$$

Taking the expectation, we get

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2(T)] = T + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T 2X(t)dX(t)\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = M_s$$

Now, the quadratic variation property of Brownian motions implies that

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2(T)] = T$$

this is a mart

and hence

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T 2X(t)dX(t)\right] = 0$$

Itô integral

Therefore, the Itô integral

$$\int_0^T 2X(t) \underbrace{dX(t)}$$

is a martingale.

In fact, this property is shared by all Itô integrals.

The Itô integral is a martingale $\because \mathbb{E} \text{ value} = 0$

finite expectation

Let $g(t, X_t)$ be a function on $[0, T]$ and satisfying the technical condition.

Then the Itô integral

$$\int_0^T g(t, X_t) dX_t$$

is a martingale.

So, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Itô integrals are martingales.} \\ \text{all} \end{array} \right.$

But does the converse hold? Can we represent any martingale as an Itô integral?

The answer is yes!

Mod. 2 **Martingale Representation Theorem:** If M_t is a martingale, then there exists a function $g(t, X_t)$ satisfying the technical condition such that

$$M_T = M_0 + \int_0^T g(t, X_t) dX_t$$

Example Using only Itô and the fact that Itô integrals are martingales, we will show that

$$\mathbb{E} [X^2(T)] = T.$$

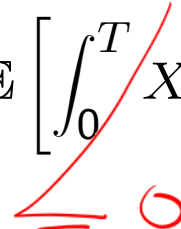
Consider the function $F(t, X_t) = X_t^2$, then by Itô's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---} \checkmark X_T^2 &= X_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T 2dt + \int_0^T 2X_t dX_t \\ &= \int_0^T dt + 2 \int_0^T X_t dX_t \end{aligned}$$

since $X_0 = 0$

Taking the expectation,

$$\mathbb{E} [X_T^2] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T dt \right] + 2 \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T X_t dX_t \right]$$



Now,

$$\int_0^T X_t dX_t$$

is an Itô integral and as a result $\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T X_t dX_t \right] = 0$

Moreover,

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

We can conclude that

$$\mathbb{E} [X^2(T)] = T$$

As an aside, we can usually exchange the order of integration between the time integral and the expectation so that

another
integral

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T f(X_t) dt \right] = \int_0^T \mathbb{E} [f(X_t)] dt$$

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definition

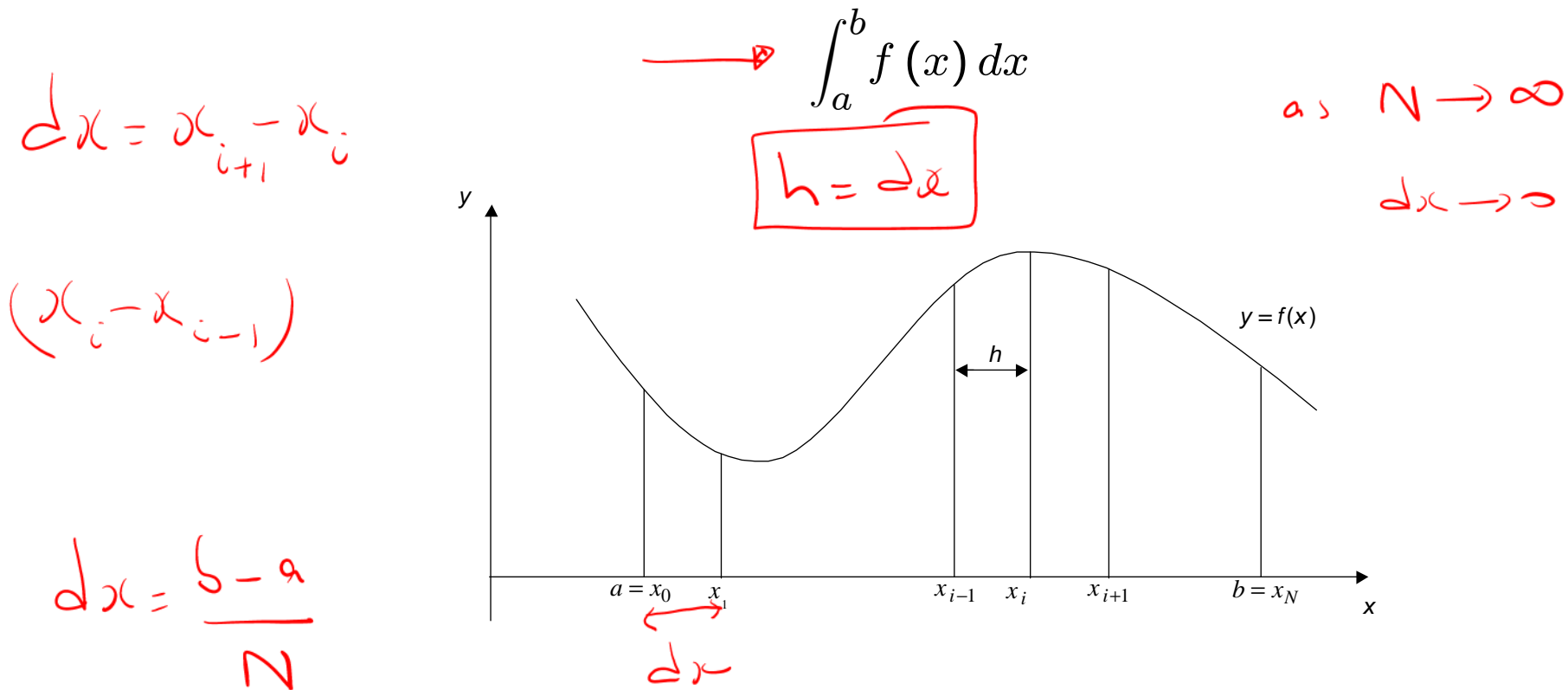
This is due to an analysis result known as **Fubini's Theorem**.

Analysis

$$\int \int \dots dx dy \rightarrow \int \int \dots dy dx$$

Itô Integral

Recall the usual Riemann definition of a definite integral



which represents the area under the curve between $x = a$ and $x = b$, where the curve is the graph of $f(x)$ plotted against x .

Assuming f is a "well behaved" function on $[a, b]$, there are many different ways (which all lead to the same value for the definite integral).

Start by partitioning $[a, b]$ into N intervals with end points $x_0 = a < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{N-1} < x_N = b$, where the length of an interval $dx = \underline{x_i - x_{i+1}}$ tends to zero as $N \rightarrow \infty$. So there are N intervals and $N + 1$ points x_i .

Discretising x gives

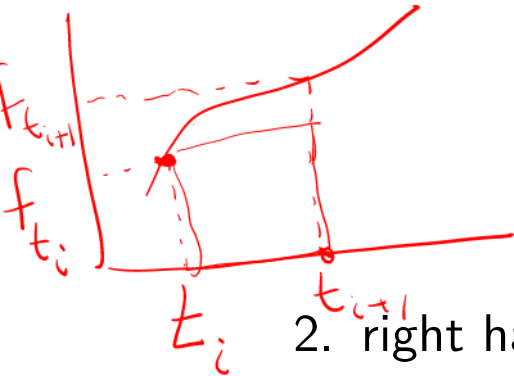
$$x_i = a + i dx$$

Now consider the definite integral

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt.$$

With Riemann integration there are a number of ways we can approximate this:

1. left hand rectangle rule;

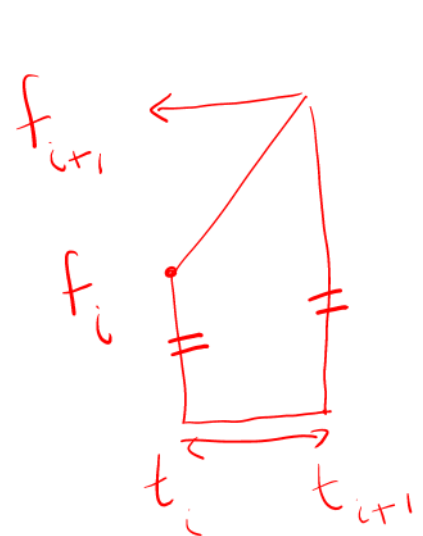


$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \underline{f(t_i)} \underbrace{(t_{i+1} - t_i)}_{\Delta t} \checkmark$$

2. right hand rectangle rule;

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \underline{\underline{f(t_{i+1})}} \underbrace{(t_{i+1} - t_i)}_{\Delta t}$$

3. trapezium rule;



$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \underline{\frac{1}{2} (f(t_i) + f(t_{i+1}))} \underbrace{(t_{i+1} - t_i)}_{\Delta t}$$



$$F = X^3 \quad dF = ? \quad \text{Itô I} \quad dF = \frac{dF}{dX} dX + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2F}{dX^2} dt$$

$$= 3X^2 dX + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2F}{dX^2} dt$$

$$= \underbrace{3X}_{\text{drift}} dt + 3X^2 dX$$

$$\frac{dF}{dX} = 3X^2$$

$$\frac{d^2F}{dX^2} = 6X$$

4. midpoint rule

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f\left(\frac{1}{2}(t_i + t_{i+1})\right) (t_{i+1} - t_i)$$

drift = $3X \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ NOT A MARTINGALE

In the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$, $f(t)$ we get the same value for each definition of the definite integral, provided the function is integrable.

Now consider the stochastic integral of the form

$$\int_0^T f(t, X) dX = \int_0^T f(t, X(t)) dX(t)$$

where $X(t)$ is a Brownian motion. We can define this integral as

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(\underbrace{t_i}_{\text{Itô}}, X_i) (X_{i+1} - X_i),$$

Itô Integral

similar to
left hand
rule

where $X_i = X(t_i)$, or as

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_{i+1}, X_{i+1}) (X_{i+1} - X_i),$$

right hand rule.

or as

→

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f\left(t_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, X_{i+\frac{1}{2}}\right) (X_{i+1} - X_i),$$

where $t_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}(t_i + t_{i+1})$ and $X_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = X\left(t_{i+\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ or in many other ways.
So clearly drawing parallels with the above Riemann form.

Very Important: In the case of a stochastic variable $dX(t)$ the value of the stochastic integral **does** depend on which definition we choose.

In the case of a stochastic integral, the definition

$$I = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_i, X_i) (X_{i+1} - X_i),$$

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \mathbb{E}_{t_i} [f(t_i, X_i) (X_{i+1} - X_i)] = 0$

is special. This definition results in the **Itô Integral**.

It is special because it is **non-anticipatory**; given that we are at time t_i we know $X_i = X(t_i)$ and therefore we know $f(t_i, X_i)$. The only uncertainty is in the $X_{i+1} - X_i$ term.

Compare this to a definition such as

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_{i+1}, X_{i+1}) (X_{i+1} - X_i),$$

which is **anticipatory**; given that at time t_i we know X_i but are uncertain about the future value of X_{i+1} . Thus we are uncertain about *both* the value of

$$f(t_{i+1}, X_{i+1})$$

and the value of $(X_{i+1} - X_i)$ — there exists uncertainty in both of these quantities. That is, evaluation of this integral requires us to anticipate the future value of X_{i+1} so that we may evaluate $f(t_{i+1}, X_{i+1})$.

$(a-b)^3$

The main thing to note about Itô integrals is that I is a random variable (unlike the deterministic case). Additionally, since I is essentially the limit of a sum of normal random variables, then by the CLT I is also normally distributed, and can be characterized by its mean and variance.

Example: Show that Itô's lemma implies that

$$3 \int_0^T X^2 dX = X(T)^3 - X(0)^3 - 3 \int_0^T X(t) dt.$$

Show that the result also can be found by writing the integral

$$3 \int_0^T X^2 dX = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 3 \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i^2 (X_{i+1} - X_i)$$

defⁿ of
Itô integral

Hint: use $3b^2(a-b) = a^3 - b^3 - 3b(a-b)^2 - (a-b)^3$.

The Itô integral here is defined as

$$\int_0^T 3X^2(t) dX(t) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 3X_i^2 (X_{i+1} - X_i)$$

Handwritten notes:
- Red arrow points to $3X^2(t)$ with label b^2
- Red arrow points to X_i^2 with label b^2
- Red bracket under $(X_{i+1} - X_i)$ with label $a-b$
- Red squiggly line under \int_0^T

Now note the hint:

Trick : $3b^2(a-b) = a^3 - b^3 - 3b(a-b)^2 - (a-b)^3$ This will be given

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \overset{\text{red}}{3b^2(a-b)} \\ & \equiv 3X_i^2(X_{i+1} - X_i) \\ & = X_{i+1}^3 - X_i^3 - 3X_i(X_{i+1} - X_i)^2 - (X_{i+1} - X_i)^3, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} & \overset{\text{red}}{(X_1^3 + X_2^3 + \dots + X_N^3)} \\ & \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 3X_i^2(X_{i+1} - X_i) = \\ & \left(\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_{i+1}^3 - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i^3 \right) - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 3X_i(X_{i+1} - X_i)^2 \\ & \quad - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (X_{i+1} - X_i)^3 \overset{\text{red}}{= 2+1} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \leq 0 \quad \text{red } dt \\ & \quad \quad \quad \int_0^T 3X dt \\ & \quad \quad \quad \text{red } X_N - X_0 \rightarrow X_T - X_0 \end{aligned}$$

Now the first two expressions above give

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_{i+1}^3 - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i^3 &= X_N^3 - X_0^3 \\ &= X(T)^3 - X(0)^3. \end{aligned}$$

In the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. $dt \rightarrow 0$, $(X_{i+1} - X_i)^2 \rightarrow dt$, so

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} 3X_i (X_{i+1} - X_i)^2 = \int_0^T 3X(t) dt$$

Finally $(X_{i+1} - X_i)^3 = (X_{i+1} - X_i)^2 \cdot (X_{i+1} - X_i)$ which when $N \rightarrow \infty$ behaves like $dX^2 dX \sim O(\underbrace{dt^{3/2}}) \rightarrow 0$.

Hence putting together gives

$$X(T)^3 - X(0)^3 - \int_0^T 3X(t) dt$$

which is consistent with Itô's lemma.

The other important property that the Itô integral has is that it is a martingale. We know that

$$X_{i+1} - X_i$$

is a martingale; i.e. in the context

$$\mathbb{E} [X_{i+1} - X_i] = 0.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_i, X_i) (X_{i+1} - X_i) \right] &= \\ \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(t_i, X_i) \mathbb{E} [X_{i+1} - X_i] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T f(t, X(t)) dX(t) \right] = 0.$$

This is, essentially a consequence of the Itô integral being non-anticipatory, as discussed earlier. No other stochastic integral has this property.

Exercise We know from Itô's lemma that

$$4 \int_0^T X^3(t) dX(t) = X^4(T) - X^4(0) - 6 \int_0^T X^2(t) dt$$

Show from the definition of the Itô integral that the result can also be found by initially writing the integral

$$4 \int_0^T X^3 dX = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 4 \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} X_i^3 (X_{i+1} - X_i)$$

(**Hint:** use $4b^3(a-b) = a^4 - b^4 - 4b(a-b)^3 - 6b^2(a-b)^2 - (a-b)^4$.)

Try also $\int X^4$

think of the appropriate
result/hint to
use.

Recap on the stochastic integration formula derived in
M1L3

Proving that a Continuous Time Stochastic Process is a Martingale

$$Y_t \quad dY_t = f dt + g dX_t$$

Consider a stochastic process $Y(t)$ solving the following SDE:

diff. form

$$(*) \quad dY(t) = f(Y_t, t)dt + g(Y_t, t)dX(t), \quad Y(0) = Y_0 \quad \text{I.C.}$$

How can we tell whether $Y(t)$ is a martingale?

$$dY = g dX$$

The answer has to do with the fact that Itô integrals are martingales.

$Y(t)$ is a martingale if and only if it satisfies the martingale condition

$$\mathbb{E}_s[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = Y_s, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t$$

Let's start by integrating the SDE between s and t to get an exact form for $Y(t)$:

$$Y(t) = Y(s) + \int_s^t f(Y_u, u) du + \int_s^t g(Y_u, u) dX(u)$$

(*) written in integral

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = Y_s$$

Taking the expectation conditional on the filtration at time s , we get

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E}\left[Y(s) + \int_s^t f(Y_u, u) du + \int_s^t g(Y_u, u) dX(u) | \mathcal{F}_s\right]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{IE}}{=} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[Y(s) | \mathcal{F}_s]}_{\text{Itô Integral}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t f(Y_u, u) du | \mathcal{F}_s\right]}_{\text{i.e. } \mathbb{E}[\int_s^t 0 du]}$$

where the last line follows from the fact that a Itô integral is a martingale, \therefore

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t g(Y_u, u) dX(u) | \mathcal{F}_s\right] = \int_s^s g(Y_u, u) dX(u) = 0.$$

So, $Y(t)$ is a martingale iff

In Taylor $\Delta x^2 \ll 1$
i.e. negl.

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t f(u) du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] = 0$$

This condition is satisfied only if $f(Y_t, t) = 0$ for all t . Returning to our SDE, we conclude that $Y(t)$ is a martingale iff it is of the form

B.M.

$$dY(t) = g(Y_t, t) dX(t),$$

$$Y(0) = Y_0$$

$$Y_t = X_t + t$$

$$\int_0^t X^2 dX$$

Let $F = XY$ where X, Y are stochastic processes

Let's do "Itô"

$$F(X+dX, Y+dY) = F(X, Y) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial F}{\partial X} dX + \frac{\partial F}{\partial Y} dY}_{dF} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X^2} dX^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial Y^2} dY^2 + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X \partial Y} dX dY$$

Look at $F = XY$: $\underbrace{\frac{\partial F}{\partial X}} = Y$; $\frac{\partial F}{\partial Y} = X$; $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X^2} = 0 = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial Y^2}$; $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X \partial Y} = 1 = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial Y \partial X}$

$$dF = Y dX + X dY + \frac{1}{2} \times 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0 + 1 \times dX dY$$

$$d(XY) = Y dX + X dY + \underbrace{dX dY}_{\substack{\text{extra term} \\ \text{not seen} \\ \text{in regular calculus}}} \quad \text{Itô Product Rule}$$

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Exponential Martingales

Let's start with a motivating example.

Consider the stochastic process $Y(t)$ satisfying the SDE

$$\textcircled{+} \longrightarrow dY(t) = f(t)dt + g(t)dX(t), \quad Y(0) = Y_0 \quad \text{I.C.} \quad (2)$$

where $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are two time-dependent functions and $X(t)$ is a standard Brownian motion.

Define a new process $Z(t) = e^{Y(t)}$.

Q_n : How should we choose $f(t)$ if we want the process $Z(t)$ to be a martingale?

$$dY^2 = \underbrace{f^2 dt^2}_{\rightarrow 0} + 2fg \underbrace{dt dX}_{\rightarrow 0} + g^2 \underbrace{dX^2}_{\rightarrow dt}$$

Consider the process $Z(t) = e^{Y(t)}$. Applying Itô to the function we obtain:

diff. in t

$$\begin{aligned} dZ(t) &= \frac{dZ}{dY} dY(t) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 Z}{dY^2} dY^2(t) \\ &= \frac{dZ}{dY} (f(t)dt + g(t)dX(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 Z}{dY^2} g^2(t)dt \\ &= e^{Y(t)} \left(\underbrace{f(t) + \frac{1}{2}g^2(t)}_{\text{drift}} \right) dt + e^{Y(t)} g(t) dX(t) \\ &= Z(t) \left[\left(f(t) + \frac{1}{2}g^2(t) \right) dt + g(t) dX(t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{dZ}{dY} = e^Y$ $\frac{d^2 Z}{dY^2} = e^Y$

$Z(t)$ is a martingale if and only if it is a driftless process.

Therefore for $Z(t)$ to be a martingale we must have

drift must = 0

$$f(t) + \frac{1}{2}g^2(t) = 0$$

This is only possible if

$$f(t) = -\frac{1}{2}g^2(t)$$

$$dZ = g dX_t$$

Going back to the process $\widetilde{Y}(t)$, we must have

$$\longrightarrow dY(t) = -\frac{1}{2}g^2(t)dt + g(t)dX(t), \quad Y(0) = Y_0$$

implying that

$$Y(T) = \overbrace{Y_0}^{\text{I.C.}} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T g^2(t)dt + \int_0^T g(t)dX(t)$$

Hence, in terms of $Z(t)$:

$$dZ(t) = Z(t)g(t)dX(t).$$

Using the earlier relationship, we can write $Z(T) = e^{Y(T)}$.

Let's simplify this $Z(T) =$

$$\exp \left\{ Y_0 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T g^2(t)dt + \int_0^T g(t)dX(t) \right\}$$

to give

$$Z(T) = Z_0 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T g^2(t)dt + \int_0^T g(t)dX(t) \right\}$$

for e^Y to
be a
Martingale

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t &= e^{Y_t} \\ Z_T &= e^{Y_T} \\ Z_0 &= e^{Y_0} \end{aligned}$$

Because the stochastic process $\overbrace{Z(t)}$ is the exponential of another process (namely $Y(t)$) and because it is a martingale, we call $Z(t)$ an **exponential martingale**.

[We have actually just stumbled upon a much more general and very important result.]

↳ exp Martingales

change measure from \mathbb{P} to \mathbb{Q}

Key Condition (Novikov Condition)

A trading strategy $(\phi, \psi) = \{(\phi_t, \psi_t); t \in [0, \dots, T]\}$ is a previsible process in that $\phi_t \in \mathcal{F}_t \longrightarrow$ *revisited in Mod 3*

A stochastic process Y_t satisfies the *Novikov condition* if

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \gamma_s^2 ds \right) \right] < \infty$$

where γ_t is a previsible process.

Recap: Δ hedged approach as done Part 1

Introduce: Bin. Model using replication

ϕ no. of shares
 ψ no. of bonds

Key Fact

Given a process γ_t satisfying the Novikov condition, then the process M_t^γ defined as we can define the probability measure \mathbb{Q} on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) equivalent to \mathbb{P} through the Radon Nikodým derivative

$$M_t^\gamma = \exp \left(- \int_0^t \gamma_s dX_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \gamma_s^2 ds \right), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

is a martingale.

In our earlier example $\gamma_t = -g(t)$; $M_t^\gamma = Z(t)$.

Key Fact (Girsanov's Theorem)

Given a process θ_t satisfying the Novikov condition, we can define the probability measure \mathbb{Q} on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) equivalent to \mathbb{P} through the Radon Nikodým derivative

$$\frac{d\mathbb{Q}}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp \left(- \int_0^t \gamma_s dX_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \gamma_s^2 ds \right), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

In this case, the process $X_t^{\mathbb{Q}}$ defined as

$$X_t^{\mathbb{Q}} = X_t^{\mathbb{P}} + \int_0^t \gamma_s dX_s$$

as is a standard Brownian motion on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{Q})$.

