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## 1 Introduction

#### 2 Gaussian Process and Brownian Motion

In this section we start off from the general concept of probability spaces and stochastic processes. Of this, a most important case we then discribe, is Gaussian process. It bring us to introduce the Brownian Motion as a fine example.

#### 2.1 Definition of Probability Space and Stochastic Process

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a collection of subsets of a set  $\Omega$ .  $\mathscr{A}$  is then a  $\sigma$ - Algebra on  $\Omega$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\Omega \in \mathscr{A}$ .
- (ii) For any set  $F \in \mathcal{A}$ , its complement  $F^c \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- (iii) If a serie  $\{F_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\subseteq\mathscr{A}$ , then  $\cup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}F_n\in\mathscr{A}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** A mapping  $\mathcal{P}$  is said to be a *probability measure* from  $\mathscr{A}$  to  $\mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , if  $\mathcal{P}\left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}F_n\right]=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\mathcal{P}\left[F_n\right]$  for any  $\{F_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  disjoint in  $\mathscr{A}$  satisfying  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}F_n\in\mathscr{A}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** A probability space is defined as a triple  $(\Omega, \mathscr{A}, \mathcal{P})$  of a set  $\Omega$ , a  $\sigma$ -Algebra  $\mathscr{A}$  of  $\Omega$  and a measure  $\mathcal{P}$  from  $\mathscr{A}$  to  $\mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

The  $\sigma$ - Algebra generated of all open sets on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the *Borel*  $\sigma$ - Algebra which we denote as usual by  $\mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Indeed,  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n), \mu)$  can define a probability space on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A function f mapping from  $(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}, \mu)$  into  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}, \nu)$  is measurable if its collection of the inverse image of  $\mathcal{E}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{D}$ . A random variable is a real-valued measurable function on some probability space. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  represent a probability measure, recall that in probability theory, for  $B \in \mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we call  $\mathcal{P}[\{X \in B\}]$  the distribution of X.

**DEFINITION 2.4.** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{P})$  be a probability space. A *n*-dimensional *stochastic* process  $(X_t)$  is a family of random variable such that  $X_t(\omega): \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \forall t \in T$ , where T denotes the set of Index of Time.

**DEFINITION 2.5.** A stochastic process  $(X_t)_{t\in T}$  is said to be *stationary*, if

$$\mathcal{P}\left[X_{t}\right] = \mathcal{P}\left[X_{t+s}\right]$$

for any  $t + s \in T$ .

#### 2.2 Gaussian Process

## 3 Fractional Brownian Motion

4 Fractional Ornstein Uhlenbeck Process Model

5 Applications in Financial Mathematics

## 6 Conclusion

## References

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