

**Exercise 1.** Compute  $d(W_t^4)$ . Write  $W_T^4$  as an integral with respect to  $W$  plus an integral with respect to  $t$ . Use this representation of  $W_T^4$  to show that  $\mathbb{E}W_T^4 = 3T^2$ . Compute  $\mathbb{E}W_T^6$  using the same technique.

**Solution 1.** Using Thm 8.2.1. (MLN) with  $f(x) = x^4$ ,

$$W_T^4 = \int_0^T 4W_t^3 dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T 12W_t^2 dt.$$

We can write this in differential form as

$$d(W_t^4) = 6W_t^2 dt + 4W_t^3 dW_t.$$

We can solve for the expectation of  $W_T^4$  as

$$\mathbb{E}[W_T^4] = 4\mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T W_t^3 dW_t \right] + 6\mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T W_t^2 dt \right].$$

The left most integral defines a martingale so that its expectation is given by  $I_0 = 0$ , we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[W_T^4] &= 6\mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T W_t^2 dt \right] \\ &= 6 \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[W_t^2] dt \\ &= 6 \int_0^T t dt = 3T^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we've interchanged the order of integration using Fubini and used that the variance of the standard Brownian motion is  $\mathbb{E}[W_t^2] = t$ . We'll now repeat this method to solve for  $\mathbb{E}[W_T^6]$ . We have that

$$\mathbb{E}[W_T^6] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T 6W_t^5 dW_t \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T 30W_t^4 dt \right].$$

Once again, the first integral is a martingale and has expectation 0. We can also switch the order of integral using Fubini's theorem so that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[W_T^6] &= 15 \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[W_t^4] dt \\ &= 15 \int_0^T 3t^2 dt \\ &= 15T^3. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 2.** Find an explicit expression for  $Y_T$  where

$$dY_t = rdt + \alpha Y_t dW_t$$

Hint: compute  $d(Y_t Z_t)$  where  $Z_t := \exp(-\alpha W_t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 t)$ .

**Solution 2.** Using the product rule, we have that

$$d(Y_t Z_t) = Z_t dY_t + Y_t dZ_t + d[Y, Z]_t.$$

With the choice of  $Z_t$ , we have that

$$dZ_t = \alpha^2 Z_t dt - \alpha Z_t dW_t.$$

Putting this together, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t dY_t &= r Z_t dt + \alpha Y_t Z_t dW_t \\ Y_t dZ_t &= \alpha^2 Z_t Y_t dt - \alpha Z_t Y_t dW_t. \end{aligned}$$

We can additionally compute

$$d[Y, Z]_t = (\alpha Y_t dW_t)(-\alpha Z_t dW_t) = -\alpha^2 Y_t Z_t dt.$$

We can now write

$$\begin{aligned} d(Y_t Z_t) &= r Z_t dt \\ Y_T Z_T &= Y_0 Z_0 + \int_0^T r Z_t dt \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $Z_0 = 1$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} Y_T &= \frac{1}{Z_T} \left( Y_0 + \int_0^T r \exp(-\alpha W_t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 t) dt \right) \\ &= \exp(\alpha W_T - \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 T) \left( Y_0 + \int_0^T r \exp(-\alpha W_t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3.** Suppose  $X$ ,  $\Delta$  and  $\Pi$  are given by

$$dX_t = \sigma X_t dW_t, \quad \Delta_t = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, X_t), \quad \Pi_t = X_t \Delta_t,$$

where  $f$  is some smooth function. Show that if  $f$  satisfies

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(t, x) = 0.$$

for all  $(t, x)$ , then  $\Pi$  is a martingale with respect to a filtration  $\mathcal{F}$  for  $W$ .

**Solution 3.** Let  $g(t, x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, x)$ , we then have that

$$\begin{aligned} d\Delta_t &= dg(t, X_t) = \partial_t g(t, X_t) dt + \partial_x g(t, X_t) dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx} g(t, X_t) d[X, X]_t \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 X_t^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) g(t, x) dt + \sigma X_t \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(t, X_t) dW_t. \end{aligned}$$

Using product rule, we write that

$$d\Pi_t = d(X_t \Delta_t) = \Delta_t dX_t + X_t d\Delta_t + d[\Delta, X]_t.$$

We can compute the three terms as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_t dX_t &= (\sigma X_t) g(t, X_t) dW_t \\ X_t d\Delta_t &= \left( X_t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 X_t^3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) g(t, x) dt + \sigma X_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(t, X_t) dW_t \\ d[\Delta, X]_t &= \sigma^2 X_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(t, X) dt \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can write  $\Pi_t$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_T - \Pi_0 &= \int_0^T \left( X_t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 X_t^3 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \sigma^2 X_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) g(t, X_t) dt + \int_0^T \sigma X_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(t, X_t) dW_t \\ &= \int_0^T X_t \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma X_t^2 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + \sigma^2 X_t \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(t, X_t) dt + \int_0^T \sigma X_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(t, X_t) dW_t. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating the condition to us with respect to  $f$  shows that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(t, x) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma x^2 \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + \sigma^2 x \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(t, x) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\Pi_T - \Pi_0 = \int_0^T \sigma X_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g(t, X_t) dW_t.$$

As this is an Ito integral with respect to  $W_t$  it is a martingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_t$

**Exercise 4.** Suppose  $X$  is given by

$$dX_t = \mu(t, X_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dW_t.$$

For any smooth function  $f$  define

$$M_t^f := f(t, X_t) - f(0, X_0) - \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \mu(s, X_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(s, X_s) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(s, X_s) ds.$$

Show that  $M^f$  is a martingale with respect to a filtration  $\mathcal{F}$  for  $W$ .

**Solution 4.** We begin by working with

$$\begin{aligned} df(t, X_t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, X_t)dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, X_t)dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t, X_t)d[X, X]_t \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mu(t, X_t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(t, X_t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(t, X_t)dt \\ &\quad + \sigma(t, X_t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(t, X_t)dW_t. \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite this in integral form as

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, X_t) - f(0, X_0) &= \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \mu(s, X_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(s, X_s) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) f(s, X_s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(s, X_s) dW_s. \end{aligned}$$

This allows us to rewrite  $M_t^f$  as

$$M_t^f = \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(s, X_s) dW_s.$$

As this is an Ito integral with respect to  $W_t$  it is a martingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_t$

**Exercise 5.** Let  $X = (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  be an OU process on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

$$dX_t = K(\theta - X_t)dt + \sigma dW_t,$$

where  $\{W_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a Brownian motion under probability  $\mathbb{P}$ . Then we can define a new probability measure  $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$  such that the process  $\tilde{W} = (\tilde{W}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  is a Brownian motion under  $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$ . Then the OU process  $X = (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  on the new probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$  will be

$$dX_t = K(\theta^* - X_t)dt + \sigma d\tilde{W}_t.$$

**Solution 5.** We'll seek to write  $\tilde{W}_t$  in terms of  $W_t$ . Writing both representations of  $X_t$  in integral form, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} X_T - X_0 &= \int_0^T K(\theta - X_t)dt + \int_0^T \sigma dW_t \\ &= \int_0^T K(\theta^* - X_t)dt + \int_0^T \sigma d\tilde{W}_t. \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite this so that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T d\tilde{W}_t &= \frac{1}{\sigma} \int_0^T K(\theta - X_t) - K(\theta^* - X_t)dt + \int_0^T dW_t \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma} \int_0^T K(\theta - \theta^*)dt + \int_0^T dW_t. \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, in differential form this is

$$d\tilde{W}_t = \frac{1}{\sigma} K(\theta - \theta^*)dt + dW_t.$$

Using that  $\tilde{W}_t$  is a Brownian motion under  $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$  and  $W_t$  is a Brownian motion under  $\mathbb{P}$ , we can then use the Girsanov theorem (Thm 8.5.5 in MLN) to see that

$$\frac{d\tilde{\mathbb{P}}}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp \left( - \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{K}{\sigma}(\theta - \theta^*) \right)^2 dt - \int_0^T \frac{K}{\sigma}(\theta - \theta^*)dW_t \right)$$