

Homework 5

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Problem (4.22). We wish to find a sequence of stopping time tending to ∞ such that it reduces N_t . Define

$$T_n(\omega) = \{\inf t \geq 0 : |U(\omega)M_t(\omega)| \geq n\}.$$

We first show that $T_n(\omega) \uparrow \infty \forall \omega$. Since M is continuous in t and U does not depend on time, N_t is continuous in t . By a fact from class, we obtain the result.

Second, since M is a CLM, there exists a sequence of stopping time (S_n) that reduces it. Since $T_n \uparrow \infty$, from class we know that $R_n := T_n \wedge S_n$ reduces M as well. we have $M_t^{R_n} \in L^1$. It remains to show that (R_n) reduces N_t . Since $|N_t^{R_n}| = |UM_t^{R_n}| \leq n$ by definition of R_n , we have $N_t^{R_n} \in L^1$ so we can consider conditional expectation on it:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[N_t^{R_n} | \Sigma_s] &= \mathbb{E}[UM_t^{R_n} | \Sigma_s] \\ &= U \mathbb{E}[M_t^{R_n} | \Sigma_s] & U \in \Sigma_0 \subset \Sigma_s \\ &= UM_s^{R_n} \\ &= N_s^{R_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem (4.24). (1) Since M is CLM and $\mathbb{E}[M_0] = 0 < \infty$, from class we know that (T_n) reduces M .

(\subseteq) : if $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t(\omega) = C < \infty$, we want to show that $T_n(\omega) = \infty$ for some n . Since M is continuous, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a T s.t. $|C - M_T(\omega)| < \varepsilon$ and we know that $\sup_{t \geq 0} M_t(\omega)$ is bounded by the max of $\max_{[0, T]} M_t(\omega)$ and $|C| + \varepsilon$. Therefore, the supremum is bounded and we can take any n greater than this supremum to get $T_n(\omega) = \infty$.

(\supseteq) : if $T_n(\omega) = \infty$ for some n , this implies $|M_t(\omega)| \leq n$ for all $t \geq 0$. Since $M_t^{T_n} = M_t$ is a martingale with continuous path, by the Martingale Convergence it has an a.s. limit $M_\infty(\omega)$ and is finite since $M_t(\omega)$ is bounded.

(\subseteq) : suppose $T(\omega) = \infty$, i.e. $|M_t(\omega)| \leq n$ for all $t \geq 0$. Since $M_t^{T_n}$ is a martingale,

$M_0 = 0 \in L^2$, and $\mathbb{E}[(M_t^{T_n})^2] \leq \sup_{t \geq 0} (M_t^{T_n})^2 \leq n^2$, we apply the TFAE to obtain $\mathbb{E}[\langle M^{T_n}, M^{T_n} \rangle_\infty] < \infty$. It follows that $\langle M^{T_n}, M^{T_n} \rangle_\infty < \infty$ a.s. Since $M_\infty(\omega) = M_\infty^{T_n}(\omega)$, we finally obtain $\langle M, M \rangle_\infty(\omega) < \infty$ a.s.

(2) (\subseteq) : let $\langle M, M \rangle_\infty(\omega) < \infty$. Since $\langle M, M \rangle_t$ is an increasing process, picking any $n > \langle M, M \rangle_\infty(\omega)$ yields $S_n(\omega) = \infty$.

(\supseteq) : suppose there exists an n s.t. $\langle M, M \rangle_t(\omega) \leq n \forall t$, then by increasing process and Monotone Convergence Theorem, $\langle M, M \rangle_\infty(\omega) \leq n$.

(\subseteq) : under the same assumption, first notice that S_n is a stopping time because $\langle M, M \rangle_t$ is continuous and $\{n\}$ is a closed set. Thus we have $\mathbb{E}[\langle M^{S_n}, M^{S_n} \rangle_\infty] \leq n < \infty$. Since M is a CLM, M^{S_n} is also a CLM. Since $M_0 = 0 \in L^2$, we apply the TFAE to obtain that M^{S_n} is a martingale and bounded in L^2 . Since $M_t^{S_n}(\omega) = M_t(\omega)$, by Martingale Convergence we obtain that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t^{S_n}(\omega) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t(\omega)$ converges a.s. and is a.s. finite since it is bounded in L^2 .

Putting (1) and (2) together, we obtain the final a.s. set equality.

Problem (4.25). (1) First, T_ε^n is a stopping time because $\langle M^n, M^n \rangle_t$ is continuous and $[\varepsilon, \infty)$ is a closed set. Second, since M^n is a CLM, $M^{n,\varepsilon}$ is also a CLM. By definition we have $\langle M^{n,\varepsilon}, M^{n,\varepsilon} \rangle_t \leq \varepsilon$, so by increasing process and MCT $\langle M^{n,\varepsilon}, M^{n,\varepsilon} \rangle_\infty \leq \varepsilon$ exists. Since $M_0 = 0 \in L^2$, TFAE yields that $M_t^{n,\varepsilon}$ is a true martingale and is bounded in L^2 .

(2) The previous TFAE also yields $\mathbb{E}[|M_t^{n,\varepsilon}|^2] = \mathbb{E}[\langle M^{n,\varepsilon}, M^{n,\varepsilon} \rangle_t] \leq \varepsilon$. Applying Doob's inequality, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^{n,\varepsilon}|^2 \right] \leq \left(\frac{2}{2-1} \right)^2 \mathbb{E} [|M_t^{n,\varepsilon}|^2] \leq 4\varepsilon.$$

(3) Since when $T_\varepsilon^n = \infty$, we have $M_t^n = M_t^{n,\varepsilon}$, we can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^n| \geq a \right) &= \mathbb{P} \left(\left\{ \sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^{n,\varepsilon}| \geq a \right\} \cap \{T_\varepsilon^n = \infty\} \right) + \mathbb{P} \left(\left\{ \sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^n| \geq a \right\} \cap \{T_\varepsilon^n < \infty\} \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P} \left(\left\{ \sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^{n,\varepsilon}| \geq a \right\} \right) + \mathbb{P}(T_\varepsilon^n < \infty) \end{aligned}$$

by monotonicity. By maximal inequality of martingale, we can bound the first term as

$$\frac{2}{a} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^{n,\varepsilon}| \right] \leq \frac{4\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{a}$$

Since quadratic variation is increasing, the second term can be bounded by

$$\mathbb{P}(\langle M^n, M^n \rangle_\infty > \varepsilon)$$

Let $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$, then by the assumption that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle M^n, M^n \rangle_\infty = 0$ in probability, we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^n| \geq a\right) = 0.$$

Since $a > 0$ is arbitrary, this converges in probability.

Problem (2). Since M is a Gaussian process, and as a martingale $\mathbb{E}[M_t] = \mathbb{E}[M_0] = 0$, M is a centered Gaussian process and $M_{t+s} - M_t$ is a centered Gaussian. To show that $M_{t+s} - M_t$ is independent of $\sigma(M_r : r \in [0, t])$, it suffices to show that $\text{Cov}(M_{t+s} - M_t, M_r) = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[(M_{t+s} - M_t)M_r] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[M_{t+s}M_r|\Sigma_t] - M_tM_r] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[M_{t+s}|\Sigma_t]M_r - M_tM_r] && M_r \in \Sigma_r \subset \Sigma_t \\ &= \mathbb{E}[M_tM_r - M_tM_r] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since M_t is Gaussian, we know $M_t \in L^2$. Since M is also a continuous martingale with $M_0 = 0$, by TFAE we conclude that $M^2 - l$

We wish to show that $M_t^2 - \mathbb{E}[M_t^2]$ is a continuous martingale, so by (indist) uniqueness of quadratic variation, we would obtain that $\langle M, M \rangle_t = \mathbb{E}[M_t^2]$ which is a deterministic continuous monotone nondecreasing (by definition of quadratic variation) function. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(M_t^2 - \mathbb{E}[M_t^2]\right) | \Sigma_s\right] &= \mathbb{E}\left[M_t^2 | \Sigma_s\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[M_t^2] | \Sigma_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[M_t^2 - M_s^2 + M_s^2 | \Sigma_s\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[M_t^2 - M_s^2 + M_s^2\right] | \Sigma_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[M_t^2 - M_s^2 | \Sigma_s\right] + M_s^2 - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[M_t^2 - M_s^2\right] | \Sigma_s\right]}_{\text{tower}} - \mathbb{E}\left[M_s^2\right] \\ &= M_s^2 - \mathbb{E}\left[M_s^2\right]. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that it is indeed a continuous martingale.

Problem (3). First, we establish the following equality:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [M_{t_i} A_{t_{i-1}}] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} [M_{t_i} A_{t_{i-1}} | \Sigma_{t_{i-1}}] \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} [M_{t_i} | \Sigma_{t_{i-1}}] A_{t_{i-1}} \right] & A_{t_{i-1}} \in \Sigma_{t_{i-1}} \\
&= \mathbb{E} [M_{t_{i-1}} A_{t_{i-1}}].
\end{aligned}$$

Since both M and A are bounded, take the usual mesh, we have

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^{p_n} M_{t_i} (A_{t_i} - A_{t_{i-1}}) \right| \leq CA \leq C'.$$

Thus, by bounded convergence theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} \int_0^\infty M_t dA_t &= \mathbb{E} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{p_n} M_{t_i} (A_{t_i} - A_{t_{i-1}}) \right] \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{p_n} \left(\mathbb{E} [M_{t_i} A_{t_i}] - \mathbb{E} [M_{t_i} A_{t_{i-1}}] \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{p_n} \left(\mathbb{E} [M_{t_i} A_{t_i}] - \mathbb{E} [M_{t_{i-1}} A_{t_{i-1}}] \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E} [M_t A_t] - \mathbb{E} [M_0 A_0] & \text{telescope} \\
&= \mathbb{E} [M_t A_t].
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbb{E} [M_t A_t]$ is bounded, by bounded convergence theorem we can take $t \rightarrow \infty$ for the equality to hold.

Problem (4). (\Rightarrow) : this follows immediately from the uniqueness of quadratic variation. Suppose $0 \leq a \leq b$ and $M_t = M_a$ a.s. for all $t \in [a, b]$. Then consider M_a as a martingale with constant sample paths and the stopped CLM $N_t = M_{t+a}^b$ with $N_0 = M_a$. Since they equal for all $t \geq 0$, by uniqueness, $\langle M_a, M_a \rangle_t = \langle N, N \rangle_t$ a.s. In particular, we have a.s.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle M, M \rangle_b &= \langle M_{b-a+a}^b, M_{b-a+a}^b \rangle \\
&= \langle N, N \rangle_{b-a} \\
&= \langle M, M \rangle_a.
\end{aligned}$$

(\Leftarrow) : First, since the rationals are dense in the reals, and M_t and $\langle M, M \rangle_t$ are continuous, it suffices to prove for $a = q, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ and perform the usual countable intersection. Define $N_t := M_t - M_{t \wedge q}$ (notice that $N_0 = M_0 - M_0 = 0$) and $T_q = \inf\{t > 0 : \langle N, N \rangle_t > 0\}$. Since

$(0, \infty)$ is open, T_q is a stopping time for (Σ_{t+}) . Under the usual condition of right-continuous filtration, T_q is indeed a stopping time for (Σ_t) . Moreover, since M is a CLM, stopped process $M_{t \wedge q}$ is also a CLM, thus N_t and $N_t^{T_q}$ are CLMs. Suppose $\langle M, M \rangle_b = \langle M, M \rangle_q$ where $b \geq q$. If $T_q < q$, we have $N_t^{T_q} = M_{t \wedge T_q} - M_{t \wedge T_q} = 0$ so $\langle N^{T_q}, N^{T_q} \rangle_t \equiv 0$ a.s. but this contradict with the definition of T_q . So we must have $T_q \geq q$. By the definition of T_q , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\equiv \langle N^{T_q}, N^{T_q} \rangle_t = \langle M_{t \wedge T_q} - M_{t \wedge q \wedge T_q}, M_{t \wedge T_q} - M_{t \wedge q \wedge T_q} \rangle \\ &= \langle M_{t \wedge T_q} - M_{t \wedge q}, M_{t \wedge T_q} - M_{t \wedge q} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since $N_0 = 0$, we conclude that $M_{t \wedge T_q} = M_{t \wedge q}$ a.s. Thus, $M_{b \wedge T_q} = M_q$. If we show that $b \leq T_q$, we are done. This can be shown from the fact that $\langle M, M \rangle_t$ is an increasing process so $\langle M, M \rangle_t = \langle M, M \rangle_q$ for all $t \in [q, b]$. But $\langle N, N \rangle_t = \langle M_t - M_q, M_t - M_q \rangle$ for $t \in [q, b]$.