

① Martingales

Show that the following are martingales:

a)  $W_t^2 - t$

$f(x,t) = x^2 - t \Rightarrow f'_t = -1; f'_x = 2x; f''_{xx} = 2$

Itô's formula:  $df(x,t) = -1 \cdot dt + 2W_t dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot dt = 2W_t dW_t$  ← has only  $dW_t$  part with no  $dt$  part  $\Rightarrow$  local martingale and by Novikov condition,

Since  $E[e^{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t |W_s|^2 ds}] < \infty$ , it is a martingale.

b)  $W_t^3 - 3tW_t$

$f(x,t) = x^3 - 3tx \Rightarrow f'_t = -3x; f'_x = 3x^2 - 3t; f''_{xx} = 6x$

$\Rightarrow df(x,t) = -3W_t dt + 3(W_t^2 - t)dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6W_t dt = 3(W_t^2 - t)dW_t \Rightarrow$  only  $dW_t$  part  $\Rightarrow$  mart.

c)  $W_t^4 - 6tW_t^2 + 3t^2$

$f(x,t) = x^4 - 6tx^2 + 3t^2 \Rightarrow f'_t = -6x^2 + 6t;$

$f'_x = 4x^3 - 12tx$

$f''_{xx} = 12x^2 - 12t$

$\Rightarrow df(x,t) = (-6W_t^2 + 6t)dt + (4W_t^3 - 12tW_t)dW_t + \frac{1}{2}(12W_t^2 - 12t)dt = 4(W_t^3 - 3tW_t)dW_t \Rightarrow$  only  $dW_t$  part  $\Rightarrow$  mart.

② Laplacian in Generalized polar coordinates

a) Show that for  $|x| > 0$ :  $\Delta U(x) = \frac{1}{r^{d-1}} \partial_r (r^{d-1} \partial_r U) (|x|)$

$\frac{\partial U(x_1, \dots, x_d)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{x_i}{r}$   
 $U(x_1, \dots, x_d) = U(r)$

$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i} = \left( \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2} \right)'_{x_i} = \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2}} = \frac{x_i}{r} = \frac{x_i}{r}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_i^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{x_i}{r} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{x_i}{r} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} \cdot \frac{x_i^2}{r^2} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{x_i}{r} \right)$

$\Rightarrow \Delta U = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x_i^2} = \sum_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} \cdot \frac{x_i^2}{r^2} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{x_i}{r} \right) \right)$   
 $\frac{1}{r} \cdot r - x_i \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i} = \frac{r - x_i \cdot \frac{x_i}{r}}{r^2} = \frac{r^2 - x_i^2}{r^3}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta U = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{x_i^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{d \cdot r^2 - \sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2}{r^3} \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} + \frac{(d-1) \cdot r}{r^3} \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r^{d-1}} \partial_r (r^{d-1} \partial_r U)$

b) Use the formula above to prove Stokes' Theorem on the disc for radial functions.

$\int_{\partial B_r(0)} \Delta U(x) dx = \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \partial_n U(z) d\sigma(z)$

Use disintegration formula: integral over the ball is integral over  $r$  of spherical integrals:

$\int_{B_r(0)} \Delta U(x) dx = \int_{B_r(0)} \frac{1}{r^{d-1}} \partial_r U(r^{d-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}) dx_1 \dots dx_d = \int_0^r \frac{1}{r^{d-1}} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \partial_r U(r^{d-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}) r^{d-1} d\sigma dr$   
 $= \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \left( \int_0^r \partial_r (r^{d-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}) dr \right) d\sigma = \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \left( r^{d-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \Big|_0^r \right) d\sigma = r^{d-1} \int_{\partial B_r(0)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}(z) d\sigma(z)$   
 this coefficient is superfluous?

For example, for  $d=2$ :  $\begin{cases} x = r \cos \varphi \\ y = r \sin \varphi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} dx = -r \sin \varphi d\varphi + \cos \varphi dr \\ dy = r \cos \varphi d\varphi + \sin \varphi dr \end{cases} \Rightarrow |y| = r dr d\varphi$

$\Rightarrow \int_{B_r(0)} \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}) dx dy = \int_0^r \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}) r dr d\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \Big|_0^r \right) d\varphi = r \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} d\varphi$



### ③ Conformal invariance

a)  $C_t = B_t^1 + iB_t^2$

$f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  - analytic

prove that  $f(C_t) = f(B_t^1 + iB_t^2)$  is a martingale

▮ If  $f$  is analytic, then its Re and Im parts are harmonic functions:  $\Delta u = 0$ ;  $\Delta v = 0$ .

Indeed:  $f$  - analytic  $\Rightarrow$  Cauchy-Riemann equations:  $\begin{cases} u'_x = v'_y \\ u'_y = -v'_x \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = (v'_y)'_x = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = (-v'_x)'_y = -\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$$

↑ since  $v$  has continuous derivatives

And on lecture we proved, that  $M_t^g = g(B_t) - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \Delta g(B_s) ds$  is a martingale, for  $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ .

Taking  $g := u$  and then  $g := v$ , and using that  $\Delta u = 0$  and  $\Delta v = 0$ , we obtain that  $f = (u, v)$  is a 2d martingale. ▮

5) Show that if  $f$  is harmonic, then  $f(z_0) = \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + \rho e^{i\theta}) d\theta$ ;  $\forall z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ ;  $\rho > 0$ .

▮ Since  $f$  is harmonic, since  $M_t^f = f(B_t) - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \Delta f(B_s) ds = f(B_t)$  - is a martingale.

Introduce stopping time:  $\tau = \inf \{t \geq 0 : B_t \in \partial B_\rho(z_0)\}$

Then, using optional stopping theorem for a martingale,  $X_t := f(z_0 + W_t)$  we get that  $f(z_0) = E X_\tau$

$$f(z_0) = E f(z_0 + W_\tau)$$

But due to rotational symmetry of BM,  $z_0 + W_\tau$  has uniform distribution over the boundary of  $B_\rho(z_0)$ .  $\Rightarrow E f(z_0 + W_\tau) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} f(z_0 + \rho e^{i\theta}) d\theta$

$$\Rightarrow \text{we have proved that } f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + \rho e^{i\theta}) d\theta$$

↑ the coefficient is superfluous?

### ④ 0-1 process

$$q(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(1 - e^{-2ct})} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - x e^{-ct})^2}{2(1 - e^{-2ct})}\right)$$

a) Consider  $\bar{q}(y) := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \Rightarrow X_t \rightsquigarrow N(0, 1)$

Identify  $y \rightarrow a(y)$  and  $D > 0$  such that:

$$0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a(y) \bar{q}(y)) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (D \bar{q}(y)) \quad \leftarrow \text{this is Fokker-Planck equation for the stationary density}$$

$a(y) = y$  and  $D = 1$  satisfy this

$$\bullet \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a(y) \bar{q}(y)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( y \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \right)$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (D \bar{q}(y)) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a(y) \bar{q}(y)) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (D \bar{q}(y))$$

they are the same



6) Derive the generator  $\mathcal{L}$  for O-U process,

using Dynkin's formula:  $\frac{d}{dt} E_x [f(x_t)] = E_x [\mathcal{L}f(x_t)]$  ←

We may use instead Fokker-Planck equation, because it is derived from this formula

if  $dx_t = a(x_t, t)dt + \sigma(x_t, t)dW_t$ ,

then  $\mathcal{L}f(x) = a \cdot f'_x + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} f''_{xx}$ ,

and Fokker-Planck equation looks like  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_t(x, y) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a(y, t) p_t) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (\sigma^2(y, t) p_t)$ .

We have in our case  $a(y, t) = -y$ ,  $\sigma(y, t) = 1$ .

⇒ process looks like  $dx_t = -x_t dt + dW_t$ ,

and the generator is  $\mathcal{L}f(x) = -x \cdot f'_x + \frac{1}{2} f''_{xx}$

Now we derive Fokker-Planck equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_x [f(x_t)] = E_x [\mathcal{L}f(x_t)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int f(y) p_t(x, y) dy$$

$$\int f(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_t(x, y) dy$$

$$E_x \left[ a(x_t, t) f'(x_t) + \frac{\sigma^2(x_t, t)}{2} f''(x_t) \right]$$

$$\int a(y, t) f'(y) p_t(x, y) dy + \int \frac{\sigma^2(y, t)}{2} f''(y) p_t(x, y) dy$$

|| (integration by parts)

(integration by parts 2 times)

$$- \int f(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a(y, t) p_t(x, y)) dy + \int f(y) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left( \frac{\sigma^2(y, t)}{2} p_t(x, y) \right) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_t(x, y) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a(y, t) p_t(x, y)) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (\sigma^2(y, t) p_t(x, y))$$

### 5) Poisson problem

Suppose  $u \in C^2(D) \cap C(\bar{D})$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 4 \text{ on } D \\ \Delta u = 0 \text{ on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

Show that  $u(x) = \frac{1}{2} E_x \left[ \int_0^{\tau} 4(1/3(s)) ds \right]$ , where  $\tau = \inf\{t \geq 0: B_t \notin D\}$ .

Let's prove it in a more general form:

Let  $Lu = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(A \Delta u) + \langle b, \nabla u \rangle$ , and for  $f, g \in C^1$  ∃! solution of Dirichlet problem.

$$\begin{cases} Lu = f \\ u|_{\partial D} = g \end{cases}$$

Then: 1)  $E\tau^y < \infty$ , where  $\tau^y = \inf\{t \geq 0: X_t^y \notin D\}$ , and  $dX_t^y = b(X_t^y)dt + \sigma(X_t^y)dW_t$

$$2) u(y) = E g(X_{\tau^y}^y) - E \int_0^{\tau^y} f(X_t^y) dt$$

Let  $u$  be the solution of Dirichlet problem.

Let's apply Ito's formula to  $u(X_{\tau_n}^y)$ , where  $\tau_n = \min\{t \geq 0, N_t\}$  - bounded time.

$$\Rightarrow u(X_{\tau_n}^y) = u(y) + \int_0^t \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(A \Delta u) + \langle b, \nabla u \rangle \right) (X_s^y) ds + \int_0^t (\dots) dN_s$$

⇒ taking expectation:  $E u(X_{\tau_n}^y) = u(y) + E \int_0^{\tau_n} Lu(X_s^y) ds$  (has zero expectation)



Then let  $u$  be the solution of the problem  $\begin{cases} \Delta u = f \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow u$  is a bounded function:  $|u| \leq C$ .

$\Rightarrow$  from (\*):  $E \tau_N \leq 2C$ ,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\Rightarrow E \tau_y < \infty$ , because  $\tau_N(\omega) \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{} \tau_y(\omega) \Rightarrow (*)$  proved.

And now we have, as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$E \underbrace{u(x_{\tau_y}^y)}_{g(x_{\tau_y}^y)} = u(y) + E \int_0^{\tau_y} f(x_s^y) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow u(y) = E g(x_{\tau_y}^y) - E \int_0^{\tau_y} f(x_s^y) ds. \quad (**)$$

because we want our process to be  $u_t$ .

In our case:  $dx_t = 0 \cdot dt + 1 \cdot dW_t \Rightarrow b=0; \sigma=1$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta u = \frac{1}{2} \Delta u. \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta u = f \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g \end{cases} \text{ looks like } \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \Delta u = f \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g. \end{cases}$$

but from the problem formulation, we are given  $\begin{cases} \Delta u = 4 \text{ on } \Omega \\ u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4 = 2f \\ 0 = g \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f = \frac{4}{2} \\ g = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow (**) \text{ reads as } u(y) = -\frac{1}{2} E_y \left[ \int_0^{\tau_y} 4(x_s^y) ds \right]. \quad \blacktriangleleft$$