

Module 6

- Markov processes w/ continuous state \rightarrow diffusion processes
- Standard Brownian motion: $\{W(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is a stochastic process s.t. :
 - $t \rightarrow W(t)$ is continuous
 - if $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$ then, $W(t_0), W(t_1) - W(t_0), \dots, W(t_n) - W(t_{n-1})$ are mutually independent (increments / Δ)

• if $s, t > 0$, then:

$$P(W(s+t) - W(s) \in A) = \int_A (2\pi t)^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/2t} dx$$

Note: $W(t) - W(s)$ depends only on $t-s$

• $W(t) \sim N(0, t)$, $W(0) = 0$

• $W(t) - W(s) \sim W(t-s) - W(0)$

• where $W(t-s) \sim N(0, t-s)$ for $s \leq t$

• $E[W(t+s) | \mathcal{F}_t] = W(t)$

Martingale

• Brownian motion is Gaussian process where $E[W(t)] = 0$ & for $s \leq t$

$$\text{Cov}(W_s, W_t) = \text{Cov}(W_s, W_s + W_t - W_s)$$

$$= \text{Cov}(W_s, W_s) + \text{Cov}(W_s, W_{t-s})$$

$$= V(s) + 0 = s \quad \text{min}(s, t)$$

• $\text{Cov}(W_{s-s}, W_{t-s}) = 0$
independent increments

Conditional Distribution of Brownian Motion

$$E[W_t | W_s] = ? , \quad \text{Var}[W_t | W_s] = ?$$

- Claim $\rightarrow W_t - (\frac{t}{s})W_s$ is independent of W_s given $t < s$
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(W_t - (\frac{t}{s})W_s, W_s) &= \text{Cov}(W_t, W_s) - (\frac{t}{s})\text{Cov}(W_s, W_s) \\ &= t \wedge s - \frac{t}{s}(s \wedge s) \\ &= t - \frac{t}{s}(s) = 0 \quad (\text{since } t < s) \end{aligned}$$

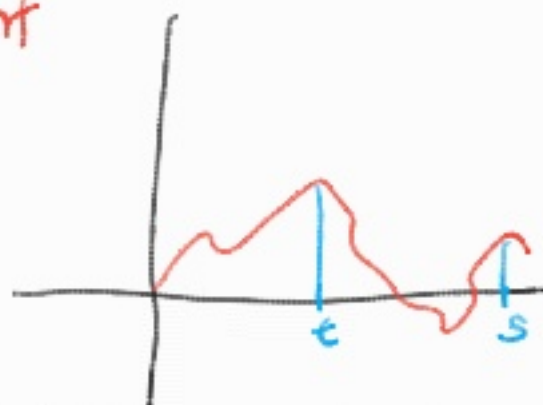
Note: Gaussian r.v. are indep if $\text{Cov} = 0$

$$E[W_t - (\frac{t}{s})W_s] = E[W_t] - (\frac{t}{s})E[W_s] = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$E[W_t - (\frac{t}{s})W_s | W_s] = 0, \quad \text{since independent}$$

$$E[W_t | W_s] - (\frac{t}{s})W_s = 0$$

$$E[W_t | W_s] = (\frac{t}{s})W_s$$



Conditional mean of SBM is the linear interpolation b/w pts t & s

- Find $V[W_t | W_s] = E[(W_t - E(W_t | W_s))^2 | W_s]$, $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$
 $= E[(W_t - (\frac{t}{s})W_s)^2 | W_s]$, law of conditional exp
 $= E[W_t^2 - 2(\frac{t}{s})W_s W_t + (\frac{t}{s})^2 W_s^2]$ $\because W_t - (\frac{t}{s})W_s \perp W_s$
 $= t \wedge t - 2(\frac{t}{s})t \wedge s + (\frac{t}{s})^2 s \wedge s$ $t < s$
 $= t - 2\frac{t^2}{s} + \frac{t^2}{s} = \frac{t(s-t)}{s}$ approaches 0 at $t=0, t=s$

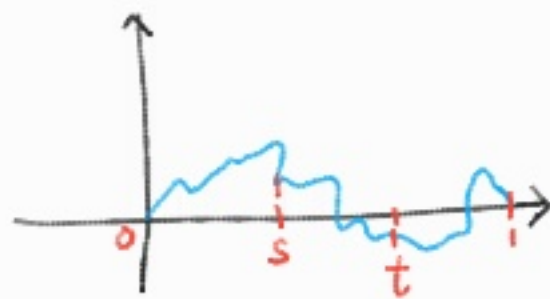
$$(W_t | W_s) \sim N\left(\frac{t}{s}W_s, \frac{t(s-t)}{s}\right) \quad \text{for } 0 < t < s$$

Standard Brownian Bridge

$w(0)=0$ is presumed \forall SBM

• A standard Brownian bridge over the interval $[0,1]$ is given by the expression $\{W(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1 \mid W(1)=0\}$

• $E[W_t \mid W_1=0] = \frac{t}{1}(0) = 0$



• Brownian bridge is Gaussian w/ Cov:

$$\text{Cov}(W_s, W_t \mid W_1=0) = E[(W_t - E(W_t))(W_s - E(W_s)) \mid W_1=0]$$

$$= E[W_t W_s \mid W_1=0]$$

$$= E[W_t E[W_s \mid W_t] \mid W_1=0]$$

$$= E[W_t \frac{s}{t} W_t \mid W_1=0]$$

$$= \frac{s}{t} E[W_t^2 \mid W_1=0] \rightarrow \text{Var}(W_t \mid W_s) = \frac{t(s-t)}{s}$$

$$= \frac{s}{t} \times \frac{t(1-t)}{1} = s(1-t)$$

$$E[W_t \mid W_s] = \left(\frac{t}{s}\right) W_s$$

First-Passage Time of Standard Brownian Motion

• Let $w(t)$ be SBM. The first passage time to a barrier defined $b > 0$ is given by:

$$\tau_b = \inf \{t : W_t \geq b\}$$

• Interested in finding $P\{\tau_b \leq t\}$

• After crossing, you can either be above or below b :

$$P\{\tau_b \leq t\} = P\{\tau_b \leq t, W_t < b\} + P\{\tau_b \leq t, W_t > b\}$$

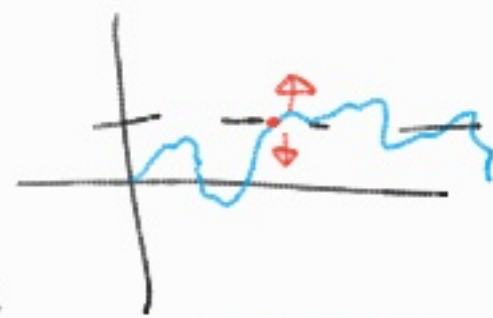
equally likely

• By path continuity, $\{\tau_b \leq t, W_t > b\} = \{W_t > b\}$

$$P\{\tau_b \leq t\} = P\{\tau_b \leq t, W_t < b\} + P\{W_t > b\}$$

$$= \underbrace{P\{W_t < b \mid \tau_b \leq t\}}_{\frac{1}{2}} P\{\tau_b \leq t\} + P\{W_t > b\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} P\{\tau_b \leq t\} + P\{W_t > b\}$$



- Path continuity ensures that $W_{\tau_b} = b$

$$W_t \sim N(0, t), \therefore P\{W_t > b\} = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{b}{\sqrt{t}}\right)$$

$$P\{\tau_b \leq t\} = 2 \times P\{W_t > b\} = 2\left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{b}{\sqrt{t}}\right)\right)$$

Brownian Motion with Drift

- $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a BMD μ & variance (diffusion) σ^2 if:

- $X(0) = 0$

- $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ has stationary & independent increments

- $X(t) \sim N(\mu t, t\sigma^2)$

- $X(t) = X(0) + \mu t + \sigma W(t)$ ↗ SBM

- First passage time of BMD:

$$P\{\tau \leq t\} = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{b - \mu t}{\sqrt{t}}\right) + 2e^{2\mu b} \Phi\left(\frac{b - \mu t}{\sqrt{t}}\right)$$

known as the
Inverse Gaussian
distribution

Mean of BMD

- for a positive constant x , let $T = \inf\{t : X(t) = x\}$ convert BMD \rightarrow SBM

$$T = \inf\left\{t : W(t) = \frac{x - \mu t}{\sigma}\right\}$$

- If T is the stopping time of a Martingale $Y(t)$, then we know that $E[Y(T)] = E[Y(0)]$

- Similarly, $E[W(T)] = E[W(0)]$, thus $E[W(T)] = E\left[\frac{x - \mu T}{\sigma}\right] = 0$

- We can see that the mean of the FPT of BMD is:

$$E[T] = \frac{x}{\mu}$$

Variance of BMD

Martingale: $W_t^2 - t$

• If we let T be the stopping time for a BMD, then $E[W_T^2 - T] = 0$.

• Recall $W_t = \frac{X(t) - \mu t}{\sigma}$ $X(0) = 0, X(t) = X(0) + \mu t + \sigma W_t$

$$E\left[\left(\frac{X(t) - \mu t}{\sigma}\right)^2 - T\right] = 0$$

• since $X(T) = x$

$$E\left[\left(\frac{x - \mu T}{\sigma}\right)^2 - T\right] = 0 \rightarrow E[(x - \mu T)^2] = \sigma^2 E[T]$$

$$V(T) = \frac{\sigma^2 x}{\mu^3}$$

FPT BMD in terms of threshold x & params μ, σ^2

"Markovian"

Recalling Martingales

• The expected value of the process conditioned on the info at time s of where the process will be at time $(t+s)$ = where the process currently is at s

$$E[W_t | W_u, 0 \leq u \leq s] = E[W_s + W_t - W_s | W_u, 0 \leq u \leq s]$$

$$= E[W_s | W_u \dots] + E[W_t - W_s | W_u \dots] \sim N(0, (t-s))$$

$$= W_s$$

• To show $W_t^2 - t$ is Martingale, we need to prove

$$E[W_t^2 - t | W_u, 0 \leq u \leq s] = W_s^2 - s$$

$$E[W_t^2 | W_u \dots] = E[(W_s + W_t - W_s)^2 | W_u \dots]$$

$$= E[W_s^2 | W_s] - 2E[W_s | W_s]E[W_t - W_s | W_s] + E[(W_t - W_s)^2 | W_s]$$

$$= W_s^2 + (t-s) \quad \text{can be rearranged}$$

• Since $W_t^2 - t$ is a martingale, then at $t=0, E[W_t^2 - t] = E[W_0^2] = 0$

Distribution of the First Passage Time (FPT)

- T , is called an inverse Gaussian denoted as $IG(v, \lambda)$ where v is the mean parameter, λ is the shape param, and the variance is $\frac{v^3}{\lambda}$

$$f(t; v, \lambda) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi t^3}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda(t-v)^2}{2v^2 t}\right)$$

$$F(t; v, \lambda) = \Phi\left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{t}}\left(\frac{t}{v} - 1\right)\right) + \exp\left(\frac{2\lambda}{v}\right) \Phi\left(-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{t}}\left(\frac{t}{v} + 1\right)\right)$$

Relationship w/ BM

- For BMD: $X(t) = X(0) + \mu t + \sigma W(t)$
 $v = x/\mu$, $\lambda = x^2/\sigma^2$, $\frac{v^3}{\lambda} = \frac{\sigma^2 x}{\mu^3}$

Geometric Brownian Motion

- if $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a BMD μ, σ^2 , then $\{Z(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a Geometric BM s.t.

$$Z(t) = z_0 \exp\{X(t)\} \quad \text{strictly positive}$$

- lognormal X : $\log(X) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- at fixed time t , $Z(t) = z_0 \exp\{X(t)\}$ is lognormal w/ param $(\ln(z_0) + \mu t)$ & σt
- Consider c.d.f. of a lognormal r.v. X :

$$F_Z(z) = P\{Z \leq z\} = P\{z_0 \exp\{\mu t + \sigma W(t)\} \leq z\}$$

$$= P\{\mu t + \sigma W(t) \leq \ln\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)\}$$

$$= P\left\{W(t) \leq \frac{(\ln(z/z_0) - \mu t)}{\sigma}\right\}$$

$$= P\left\{\frac{W(t)}{\sqrt{t}} \leq \frac{(\ln(z/z_0) - \mu t)}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right\}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{(\ln(z/z_0) - \mu t)}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-y^2/2) dy$$

dividing by \sqrt{t} generates
a standard normal
 $W(t) \sim N(0, t)$

Differentiating wrt z ,

$$f_z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma \sqrt{t}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\ln(z) - \ln(z_0) - \mu t}{(\sigma \sqrt{t})} \right]^2 \right\} \quad \text{log normal}$$

• let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$M_X(s) = E[e^{sX}] = e^{\mu s + \frac{\sigma^2 s^2}{2}} \quad \text{Moment generating fn}$$

• Mean of GBM: $E[Z(t)] = E[z_0 \exp\{\mu t + \sigma W(t)\}] = z_0 \exp[\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t]$

$$E[Z(t)] = E[z_0 \exp\{\mu t + \sigma W(t)\}]$$

$$= z_0 \exp(\mu t) E[\exp\{\sigma W(t)\}] \quad \sigma W(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 t)$$

• if we let $Y = \sigma W(t)$, then using MGF of \mathcal{N} , $E[e^{sY}] = \exp(\frac{\sigma^2 t s^2}{2})$

• Thus, for $s=1$, $E[Z(t)] = z_0 \exp(\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t)$

Variance $V[Z(t)] = z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t + \sigma^2 t) [\exp(\sigma^2 t) - 1]$

$$V[Z(t)] = E[Z(t)^2] - E[Z(t)]^2$$

$$E[Z(t)^2] = E[z_0^2 \exp(\mu t + \sigma W(t))^2] \quad \exp(x(t)) = \exp(0) = 1$$

$$= E[z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t + 2\sigma W(t))]$$

$$= z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t) E[\exp(2\sigma W(t))]$$

$$= z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t) \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma^2 t s^2}{2}\right) \quad \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 4\sigma^2 t)$$

sub $s=1$, $E[Z(t)^2] = z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t + 2\sigma^2 t)$

$$V[Z(t)] = z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t + 2\sigma^2 t) - z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t + \sigma^2 t)$$

$$= z_0^2 \exp(2\mu t + \sigma^2 t) [\exp(\sigma^2 t) - 1]$$