

Midterm Review

1. Brownian Motions

Property 1:

$$dW \sim \mathcal{N}(0, dt)$$

(a) Multiplication rules (3.10.1 [Shreve])

$$dW(t)dW(t) = dt, \quad \underbrace{dW(t)dt = 0}, \quad \underbrace{dtdt = 0}$$

(b) Derive the formula for $d(W^2)$, $d(W^4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad dt &= \text{Var}(dW) = E dW^2 - (E dW)^2 \\ dt &\rightarrow 0 \quad \underbrace{dW \sim \mathcal{N}(0, dt)}_{\rightarrow 0} \quad \underbrace{E dW}_{=0} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad f(t, x) = x^2$$

$$f_t = 0, \quad f_x = 2x, \quad f_{xx} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(W^2) &= df(t, W) \\ &= \left(2x dx + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 dx dx \right) \Big|_{x=W} \\ &= 2W dW + dW dW \\ &= 2W dW + dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$d(W^4) \quad f(x) = x^4, \quad f_x = 4x^3, \quad f_{xx} = 12x^2, \quad f_t = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(W^2), \quad dW dW &= dt \\ (dW)^2 &= dt \end{aligned}$$

Property 2: all the increment dW s are independent from each other.

(a) Suppose $X(T) = \int_0^T f(t)dt + \int_0^T g(t)dW_t$. Find $\text{Var}(X)$

If $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ indep.

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)$$

$$(a) \quad X(T) = \underbrace{\int_0^T f(t)dt}_{\text{constant}} + \underbrace{\int_0^T g(t)dW_t}_{\text{Ito}}$$

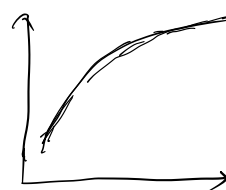
$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}\left(\int_0^T g(t)dW_t\right)$$

$$= \int_0^T \text{Var}(g(t)dW_t)$$

$$= \int_0^T \underline{g^2(t)dt}$$

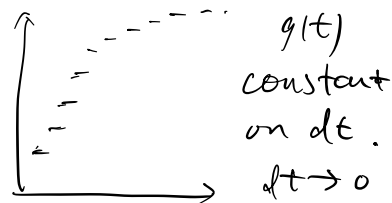
$$\text{Var}(dW_t) = dt$$

$$\text{Var}(g(t)dW_t) = \underline{g^2(t)dt}$$



$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \sigma^2$$



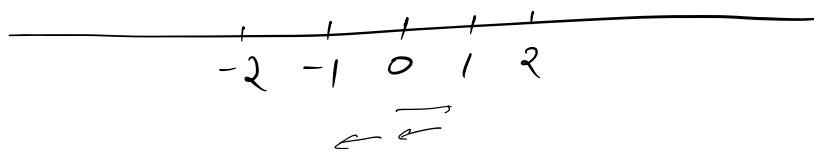
$$\text{Var} X = \underline{E X^2} - (EX)^2$$

$$X^2 \begin{cases} dt^2 \rightarrow 0 \\ dt \cdot dW \rightarrow 0 \\ dW^2 \end{cases}$$

Property 3: Brownian Motions are a Martingale.

Suppose a random walk on 1D-axis with $X(0) = 0$ and

$$dX_{(t)} = X(t+1) - X(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & p = 1/2 \\ -1 & p = 1/2 \end{cases}$$



$$\mathbb{E}(dX_{(t)}) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X(t+1) - X(t)) = 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X(t+1)) = \mathbb{E}(X(t)).$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X(t+5)) = \mathbb{E}(X(t))$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X(t+1) \mid X(t) = X_t) = X_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X(t+5) \mid X(t) = X_t) = X_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X(t+5) \mid \underline{X(t) = X_t}, \underline{X(0) = X_0}, \underline{X(t-20) = X_{t-20}}) = \underline{X_t}$$

$$dW \sim N(0, dt).$$

$$\mathbb{E}(dW) = 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(W(t+5) \mid W(t) = W_t, W(0) = W_0) = W_t. \quad \text{martingale.}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\underline{\int a dt + \int b dW}; \text{martingale}) \Leftrightarrow a = 0$$

no dt-term.

2. Ito's Formula

(a) 1D case

$$df(t, x) = f_t dt + f_x dx + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) f_{xx} dx dx$$

Compute the stochastic differential dZ when ~~Z~~

i. $Z(t) = \exp(\alpha t)$

ii. $Z(t) = \exp(\alpha X(t))$ with

$$dX(t) = \mu dt + \sigma dB(t)$$

← iii. $Z(t) = 1/X(t)$ with

$$dX(t) = aX(t)dt + \sigma X(t)dW(t)$$

(b) 2D case

$$df(t, x, y) = f_t dt + \underbrace{(f_x dx + f_y dy)} + \frac{1}{2} (\underbrace{f_{xx} dx dx} + \underbrace{2f_{xy} dx dy} + \underbrace{f_{yy} dy dy})$$

Derive the Ito's product rule $d(XY) = XdY + YdX + dXdY$

iii. $Z(t) = \frac{1}{X(t)}$, $f(t, x) = \frac{1}{x}$. $f_t = 0$, $f_x = -\frac{1}{x^2}$, $f_{xx} = \frac{2}{x^3}$.

$$dZ(t) = df(t, X(t)) = -\frac{1}{x^2} dX + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{x^3} dX dX.$$

plug in dX for the result.

$$dW^2 = dt$$

$$dt^2 = 0, dt \cdot dW = 0.$$

(b). $d(XY)$, $f(t, x, y) = xy$, $f_t = 0$, $f_x = y$, $f_y = x$

$$f_{xx} = 0, f_{xy} = 1, f_{yy} = 0$$

$$dxy = df(t, x, y) = xdy + ydx + dxdy.$$

3. Geometric Brownian Motions

$$dS(t) = \alpha(t)S(t)dt + \sigma(t)S(t)dW(t), 0 \leq t \leq T$$

Set

$$D(t) = \exp\left(-\int_0^t R(s)ds\right)$$

R constant,

$$D(t) = \exp(-Rt).$$

(a) Derive a formula for $S(t)$

$$d(\log S)$$

(b) Derive a formula for $d(D(t)S(t))$ by Ito's product rule.

$$dD = -R(t)D(t)dt$$

(c) Derive a formula for $d(D(t)S(t))$ by Ito's formula (Exercise 5.1 [Shreve]).

Hint: Consider $f(x) = S(0)e^x$ and set

$$d(DS) = DdS + SdD + dDdS.$$

$$\Rightarrow X(t) = \int_0^t \sigma(s)dW(s) + \int_0^t \left(\alpha(s) - R(s) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(s)\right)dt$$

(d) Show that S is log-normally distributed. i.e., show that $\log(S)$ is normally distributed.

$$\rightarrow d(\log S) = \frac{\alpha - R}{\sigma} dt + dW$$

$$\theta = \frac{\alpha - R}{\sigma} \quad \text{risk.}$$

$$d\tilde{W} = \theta dt + dW.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P \rightarrow \tilde{P} \\ \tilde{P} = P \cdot \exp\left(-\int_0^t \theta dW - \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \theta^2 du\right). \\ d\tilde{W} \text{ martingale under } \tilde{P}. \end{array} \right.$$

$$dX = rXdt + \Delta(\alpha - r)Sdt + \Delta\sigma SdW$$

4. Black-Scholes-Merton Equation

Let $c(t, x)$ denote the value of an option at time t with current price $S(t) = x$. A portfolio $X(t)$ with hedging strategy $\Delta(t)$ should satisfy

$$d(e^{-rt}X(t)) = d(e^{-rt}c(t, x))$$

$$\underbrace{N(d_+)}_{\text{portfolio}} dt + \underbrace{N(d_-)}_{\text{payoff}} dW = \underbrace{N(d_+)}_{\text{portfolio}} dt + \underbrace{N(d_-)}_{\text{payoff}} dW$$

Use Ito's formula to compute both sides to get

$$\int \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + rxc_x + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 x^2 c_{xx} \right) dt + \int \Delta \sigma x c_x dW = 0$$

For European call options, we have

$$(1) \quad c(t, 0) = 0$$

$$(2) \quad c(T, x) = \max(S(T) - K, 0) \quad \leftarrow \max\left(\int_0^T S(t) dt - K, 0\right) \text{ for Asian call}$$

We solve the equation with the boundary conditions above to get

$$(3) \quad c(t, x) = xN(d_+) - Ke^{-rt}N(d_-)$$

where

$$d_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \left(\log \frac{x}{K} + \left(r \pm \frac{\sigma^2}{2}(T-t) \right) \right)$$

The problems about the BSM equations could be extremely difficult. For a reference, you may take a look at the problem as an excerpt of Exercise 4.9 [Shreve]

- (a) Show that for $x > K$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow T^-} d_{\pm} = \infty$, but for $0 < x < K$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow T^-} d_{\pm} = -\infty$
- (b) Show that for $0 \leq t < T$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} d_{\pm} = -\infty \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} c(t, x) = 0$
- (c) Show that for $0 \leq t < T$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} d_{\pm} = \infty \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} c(t, x) = \max(S(t) - K, 0)$
- (d) Use (c) to verify $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (c(t, x) - (x - e^{-r(T-t)K})) = 0$

Hint: In this verification, you will need to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(d_+) - 1}{x^{-1}}$$

Use the L'Hopital's rule and the fact

$$x = K \exp \left(\sigma\sqrt{T-t}d_+ - (T-t) \left(r + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right) \right)$$

$$(a) \quad d_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \left(\log \frac{x}{K} + r \right) \pm \frac{\sigma}{2} \sqrt{T-t} \rightarrow \infty$$

$\log \frac{x}{K} > 0$ if $x > K$