

Lecture 7

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Conclusion: This bad example in defining $h_n(t_i)$ uses

- (I) future information at time t_i , and
- (II) looks for convergence uniformly in t .

Resolving these issues for defining $I(\omega)$:

(I) $\rightarrow$ The first one is easy; we just require

$$\sigma_t^2 \in \mathcal{F}_t, \forall t$$

(II) $\rightarrow$ For the second, we look for convergence in L_2 because

Lemma 1: W_t has finite Quadratic variance on $[0, T]$; i.e.

$$\sum_{t_i \in \pi_n} (W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i})^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} T \text{ in } L^2$$

Proof:
$$E \sum_{t_i \in \pi_n} (W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i})^2 = \sum_{t_i \in \pi_n} (t_{i+1} - t_i) = T - 0 = T.$$

now, define the centered r.v. $Z_i = (W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i})^2 - (t_{i+1} - t_i)$ for $t_i \in \pi_n$
 so that $Z_i \perp Z_j, i \neq j$. and $Z_i \stackrel{\text{in law}}{=} (\xi^2 - 1)(t_{i+1} - t_i), \xi \sim N(0,1)$

Now,
$$E \left[\left(\sum_{t_i} (W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i})^2 - T \right)^2 \right] = E \left[\sum_{t_i \in \pi_n} (Z_i)^2 \right]$$

$$= E \left[(\xi^2 - 1)^2 \right] \sum_{t_i \in \pi_n} (t_{i+1} - t_i)^2$$

$$= E[(\xi^2 - 1)^2] \cdot T \cdot \sup_{t_i \in \pi_n} |t_{i+1} - t_i| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for any increasingly finer seq of partitions $\{\pi_n\}$.

... and : i.e.

Lemma 2: If $\varphi(\omega, t)$ is bounded and elementary.

$\varphi(\omega, t) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} e_i(\omega) \cdot \chi_{[t_i, t_{i+1})}(t)$, then

Ito isometry

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\left(\int_0^T \varphi_t dW_t \right)^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \varphi_t^2 dt \right]$$

Proof: Set $\Delta W_i = W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i}$, and compute

$$\mathbb{E} [e_i e_j \Delta W_i \Delta W_j] = \begin{cases} \mathbb{E} [e_i^2] \cdot (t_{i+1} - t_i) & i=j \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$\Delta W_i \perp \Delta W_j$

So LHS = $\sum_{i,j} \mathbb{E} [e_i e_j \Delta W_i \Delta W_j] = \sum_i \mathbb{E} [e_i^2] (t_{i+1} - t_i) = \text{RHS.}$

Summary (The Ito Integral for real): set W_t on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{F}_t\}, \mathbb{P})$

Def: let $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}(0, T)$ be the class of functions

$$\sigma(\omega, t) : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that

I) $(\omega, t) \mapsto \sigma(\omega, t)$ is $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{B}([0, T])$ -measurable

II) $\sigma(\omega, t)$ is $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted

III) $\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T \sigma(\omega, t)^2 dt \right] < \infty$; i.e., $\sigma \in L^2(\mathbb{P} \times \mu_{[0, T]})$.

Def: (Ito integral) let $\sigma \in \mathcal{V}(0, T)$ then

$$\int_0^T \sigma_t dW_t \triangleq \int_0^T \sigma(\omega, t) dW_t(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \varphi_n(\omega, t) dW_t(\omega)$$

where $\{\varphi_n\}$ is any seq. of (bounded) elementary functions s.t.

$$\varphi_n \rightarrow \sigma \text{ in } L_2(P, \mu(\cdot, T)) : \text{i.e.,}$$

$$E \left[\int_0^T (\varphi_n(\omega, t) - \sigma(\omega, t))^2 dt \right] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thm: 1) For any $\sigma \in V(\cdot, T)$ there always exists such $\{\varphi_n\}$.
 [page 27-29 in ØKsendal] 2) the limit exists and the value of integral doesn't depend on the choice of $\{\varphi_n\}$.
 3) the Itô isometry holds for any $\sigma \in V(\cdot, T)$.
 4) If $\sigma_n \in V(\cdot, T)$ is any seq. s.t. $\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma \in V(\cdot, T)$ in $L^2(P, \mu(\cdot, T))$, then $I(\sigma_n) \rightarrow I(\sigma)$ in $L^2(P)$.

Proof: 1) show it in three approximation steps in $L^2(P, \mu(\cdot, T))$ and using Dominated Convergence theorem:

i) any $\sigma \in V$ can be approximated by a bounded sequence $\{h_n\} \subset V$: $h_n(\omega, t) = \begin{cases} \sigma(\omega, t) & |\sigma(\omega, t)| < n \\ -n & \sigma(\omega, t) < -n \\ n & \sigma(\omega, t) > n. \end{cases}$

ii) any bound $h \in V$ can be approximated by a bounded sequence $\{g_n\} \subset V$ s.t. $g_n(\omega, \cdot)$ is continuous for all ω and n ; (harder to show)

$$g_n(t, \omega) \triangleq \varphi_n(t) * h(t, \omega)$$

i.e. φ_n is a seq of cont. non-neg. functions

where $r_n \dots$
 s.t. $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_n(t) dt = 1$ and $\psi_n(t) \rightarrow \delta(t)$.

iii) any $g \in \mathcal{V}$ bounded and $g(\omega, \cdot)$ continuous for each ω , can be approximated by bounded elementary functions $\{\varphi_n\} \subset \mathcal{V}$: $\varphi_n(\omega, t) = \sum_j g(\omega, t_j) \chi_{[t_j, t_{j+1})}^{(t)}$.

2) Use the Itô isometry for elementary integrands.

3 and 4) the definition of $\int_0^T \sigma_t^2 dw_t$, and 

Exercise : Complete the proof above !

Exercise : Show $\int_0^t w_s dw_s = \frac{1}{2} w_t^2 - \frac{1}{2} t$.

(Hint : choose $\varphi_n(\omega, t) = \sum_{t_i \in \mathcal{P}_n} w_i(\omega) \cdot \chi_{[t_i, t_{i+1})}^{(t)}$ and

show that LHS = $\lim_{\Delta t_i \rightarrow 0} \sum_i w_i \Delta w_i$ with $\Delta w_i = w_{t_{i+1}} - w_{t_i}$.

next, show that $w_t^2 = \sum_i \Delta(w_i^2) = \sum_i (\Delta w_i)^2 + 2 \sum_i w_i \Delta w_i$.

Finally, argue that $\sum_i (\Delta w_i)^2 \rightarrow t$ in $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathcal{P})$, and conclude!

Note : $\int_0^t w_s dw_s$ does not follow the chain rule !

more properties of Itô integral:

Thm: let $f, g \in \mathcal{V}(0, T)$, and $0 \leq s < u < T$. Then

$$5) \int_s^T f dw_t = \int_s^u f dw_t + \int_u^T f dw_t \quad \text{a.s. (a.a. } \omega)$$

$$6) \int_s^T (cf + g) dw_t = c \int_s^T f dw_t + \int_s^T g dw_t$$

$$7) E \left[\int_s^T f dw_t \right] = 0$$

$$8) \int_s^T f dw_t \text{ is } \mathcal{F}_T^W\text{-measurable.}$$

$$\text{Recall: Itô Isometry: } E \left[\left(\int_s^T f dw_t \right)^2 \right] = E \left[\int_s^T f^2 dt \right]$$

Proof: show each one for elementary functions, then justify the limit remains true for all $f, g \in \mathcal{V}(0, T)$.

— The last important property of Itô Integral is that it is a martingale:

Thm: let $f(\omega, t) \in \mathcal{V}(0, T)$ for all T . Then

$$I_t(\omega) = \int_0^t f(\omega, s) dw_s$$

is a martingale w.r.t. $\mathcal{F}_t^W$, and has continuous path w.p. 1

$$P \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_t| \geq \lambda \right] \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} E \left[\int_0^T f(w, s)^2 ds \right]; \forall \lambda, 1 \geq 0.$$

Proof sketch: Consider elementary integrands

$$\varphi_n = \varphi_n(w, t) = \sum_j e_j(w) X_{[t_j, t_{j+1})}(t)$$

such that $\varphi_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^2(\mathcal{P}, \mu_T)$: $E \left[\int_0^T (f - \varphi_n)^2 dt \right] \rightarrow 0$

Put $I_n(w, t) = I(\varphi_n)(w, t) = \int_0^t \varphi_n(w, s) dW_s(w)$, and note that

- $I_n(w, \cdot)$ is continuous because $W_s(w)$ is continuous w.p. 1.
- $I_n(w, t)$ is a martingale w.r.t. $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t^W$.

$$E[I_n(w, t) | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^W] = E \left[\underbrace{\left(\int_0^s \varphi_n dW + \int_s^t \varphi_n dW \right)}_{\in \mathcal{F}_s} | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^W \right]$$

by def.
$$= \int_0^s \varphi_n dW + E \left[\sum_j e_j(w) \Delta W_j(w) | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^W \right]$$

by tower property
$$= \int_0^s \varphi_n dW + \sum_{t_j > s} E \left[E[e_j \Delta W_j | \mathcal{F}_{t_j}^W] | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^W \right]$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^W \subset \mathcal{F}_{t_j}^W$
$$= \int_0^s \varphi_n dW + \sum_{t_j > s} E \left[e_j \underbrace{E[\Delta W_j | \mathcal{F}_{t_j}^W]}_{=0} | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^W \right]$$

$e_j \in \mathcal{F}_{t_j}^W$
$$= \int_0^s \varphi_n dW = I_n(w, s) \quad \checkmark$$

Next, to generalize this to any function $f \in \mathcal{V}$, we wanna take the limit $I_n \rightarrow I_t$ defined as

$$I_t = I(f)(\omega, t) = \int_0^t f(\omega, s) dW_s(\omega), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

and argue that I_t is continuous a.s. (up to zero probability modifications) and is martingale: $E[I_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = I_s$.

The next argument is technical [page 33, Øksendal] and involves Borell-Cantelli Lemma and Doob's Martingale Inequality:

Thm: (DMI) If M_t : martingale with continuous paths
 $t \mapsto M_t$ is continuous a.s.

then $\forall p \geq 1, T \geq 0, \lambda > 0$

$$P \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |M_t| \geq \lambda \right] \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^p} E[|M_T|^p].$$

Here it is: note that $I_n - I_m$ is a martingale, so

$$\begin{aligned} P \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_n(t) - I_m(t)| > \varepsilon \right] &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} E[|I_n(T) - I_m(T)|^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} E \left[\int_0^T (\phi_n - \phi_m)^2 \right] \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

(passing to subsequence) pick $\varepsilon = 2^{-k}$, choose a subsequence $\{n_k\}$ s.t.

$$P \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_{n_{k+1}}(t, \omega) - I_{n_k}(t, \omega)| > 2^{-k} \right] < 2^{-k}$$

now, we have a fast diminishing probability so by

Borell-Cantelli Lemma:

$$P \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_{n_{k+1}}(t, \omega) - I_{n_k}(t, \omega)| > 2^{-k}, \text{ infinitely often} \right] = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ for a.a. ω , $\exists K_1(\omega)$ s.t.

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_{n_{k+1}}(t, \omega) - I_{n_k}(t, \omega)| \leq 2^{-k} \quad \forall k \geq K_1(\omega)$$

$\Rightarrow I_{n_k}(t, \omega)$ is uniformly convergent for $t \in [0, T]$, f.o.a.a. ω .

$\rightarrow$ denote the limit by $I(t, \omega)$ which is continuous in t , a.s.!

since $I_{n_k}(t, \cdot) \rightarrow I(t, \cdot)$ in $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ $\forall t$, we must

have $I(t, \cdot) = I(t, \cdot)$ a.s., $\forall t \in [0, T]$.

So, we conclude that $I(t, \omega)$ is continuous in t , a.s.

The last argument: as $I_n \rightarrow I$ in $L^2(\mathbb{P}, \mu)$, by property (4)

$$\mathbb{E}[I_t | \mathcal{F}_s^W] = \mathbb{E}\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^W \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[I_n(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^W]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n(s) = I_s \quad \Rightarrow I_t \text{ is martingale}$$

Finally, by Doob's martingale inequality:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_t| > \lambda\right) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \mathbb{E}[|I_T|^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_0^T f dw_t\right)^2\right]$$

$$\text{by It\^o isometry} \quad = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T f^2 dt\right]$$