

Lecture 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

1- $I_n(w, \cdot)$ is continuous because $w_\cdot(w)$ is continuous w.p. 1.

2- $I_n(w, t)$ is a martingale w.r.t. $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t^w$:

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

$$\text{by def.} \quad = \int_0^s \varphi_n dw + \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_j e_j(w) \Delta w_j(w) | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^w \right]$$

$$\text{by tower property} \quad = \int_0^s \varphi_n dw + \sum_{t_j > s} \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E}[e_j \Delta w_j | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t_j}^w] | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^w \right]$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_s^w \subset \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t_j}^w$ $\mathbb{E}[e_j \Delta w_j | \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{t_j}^w] \in \mathcal{F}_{t_j}$

$$e_j \in F_{t_j} \quad = \int_0^S \varphi_n dW + \underbrace{\sum_{t_j > S} \varphi_n (L_{t_j} - L_{t_{j-1}})}_{=0}$$

$$= \int_0^S \varphi_n dW = I_n(W, S) \quad \checkmark$$

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: $\mathbb{E}[I_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = I_s$.

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

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

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

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

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

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_n(t) - I_m(t)| \geq \varepsilon \right] \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \mathbb{E} [|I_n(T) - I_m(T)|^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T (\varphi_n - \varphi_m)^2 \right]$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty$$

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

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

now, we have a fast diminishing probability so by

... lemma:

Borell-Cantelli lemma.

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

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

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

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

$\rightarrow$ 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 DCT

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[I_t | \mathcal{F}_s^W] &= \mathbb{E} \left[L^2\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^W \right] \\ &= L^2\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[I_n(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^W] \\ &= L^2\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n(s) = I_s \Rightarrow I_t \text{ is martingale!} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, I_t is a martingale with continuous paths, so

by Doob's martingale inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |I_t| > \lambda \right) &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \mathbb{E}[|I_T|^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\int_0^T f dw_t \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

Generalization of Ito process to multi-dimensions:

let $\vec{W} = (W_1, \dots, W_n)$ be n -dim. Brownian motion

let $\mathcal{F}_t^{\vec{W}} = \sigma\left(\left\{W_k(s) : s \leq t, k=1, \dots, n\right\}\right)$

let $\mathcal{V}^{m \times n}(s, T)$ be the set of $m \times n$ matrices $[v_{ij}(w, t)]_{s \leq t \leq T}$

1) $(w, t) \mapsto v_{ij}(w, t)$ is $\mathcal{F}_t^{\vec{W}} \times \mathcal{B}$ meas.

2) $v_{ij}(\cdot, t) \in \mathcal{F}_t^{\vec{W}}$, $\forall t$.

3) $\|v_{ij}^2\|_{L^2(\mathcal{P}_X, \mu)} = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_s^T v_{ij}^2(w, t) dt \right] < \infty$.

Then

$$\int_s^T v d\vec{W} = \int_s^T \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ v_{m1} & v_{m2} & \dots & v_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dW_1 \\ \vdots \\ dW_n \end{pmatrix}$$

with element-wise integral.

Exercises:

$$1) \int_0^t s dW_s = tW_t - \int_0^t W_s ds \quad (3.1)$$

(Øksendal chap. 3)

$$2) \int_0^t W_s^2 dW_s = \frac{1}{3} W_t^3 - \int_0^t W_s ds \quad (3.2)$$

$$3) \text{ show } \begin{cases} W_t^2 - t \text{ is martingale} & (3.5) \\ W_t^3 - 3tW_t \text{ is martingale} & (3.6) \end{cases}$$

$$- (3.3) - (3.8) - (3.13) - (3.16) - (3.18)$$

→ Doob - Dynkin Lemma: $X, Y: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Y is $\sigma(X)$ -measurable $\Leftrightarrow \exists g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Borel-meas. s.t. $Y = g(X)$.

Stochastic Differential Equations:

Ex: you showed that $\int w_s dw_s = \frac{1}{2} w_s^2 - \frac{1}{2} t$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{2} w_s^2 = \frac{1}{2} t + \int w_s dw$$

$$\text{or: " } d\left(\frac{1}{2} w_s^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} dt + w_s dw_s \text{ "}$$

Def: (1-dim Itô process - diffusion process)

let w_t be Wiener process on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t u(w, s) ds + \int_0^t v(w, s) dw_s$$

$$\text{or " } dX_t = u ds + v dw_s \text{ "}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbb{P}\left(\int_0^t v(w, s)^2 ds < \infty, \forall t \geq 0\right) = 1$$

$$\text{and } \mathbb{P}\left(\int_0^t u(w, s)^2 ds < \infty, \forall t \geq 0\right) = 1$$

$D^2, \dots$ w.r.p. 1.

for short: $v, u \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R} \times \mu)$

The chain-rule replaced: the 1-dim Itô formula

Thm: let $g(x, t) \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty))$ twice continuously differentiable
let x_t be an Itô process satisfying $dx_t = u dt + v dw_t$.

Then, $Y_t = g(x_t, t)$ is Itô process and

$$dY_t = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t}(x_t, t) \cdot dt + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x_t, t) \cdot dx_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2}(x_t, t) \cdot (dx_t)^2$$

where $(dx_t)^2 = dx_t \cdot dx_t$ is computed according to the rules

$$dt \cdot dt = dt \cdot dw_t = dw_t \cdot dt = 0, \quad dw_t \cdot dw_t = dt.$$

Example: $Y_t = \frac{1}{2} w_t^2$ (meaning $g(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} x^2$)

$$dY_t = 0 \cdot dt + w_t dw_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot (dw_t)^2 = w_t dw_t + \frac{1}{2} dt$$

which is $\int_0^t w_s dw_s = \frac{1}{2} w_t^2 - \frac{1}{2} t$!

Example: $Y_t = t \cdot w_t$ (meaning $g(x, t) = t \cdot x$)

$$dY_t = w_t \cdot dt + t dw_t + 0 \cdot (dw_t)^2$$

$$\text{or: } t w_t = \int_0^t w_s ds + \int_0^t s dw_s$$

$$\text{or: } \int_0^t s dw_s = t w_t - \int_0^t w_s ds \quad (\text{Integration by parts})$$