

# Stochastic Calculus and Applications (Lent 2018)

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## 1.2. The Wiener Integral

Defn. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space. Then  $S \subset L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is a Gaussian space if  $S$  is a closed linear subspace and any  $X \in S$  is a centred Gaussian random variable.

Prop. Let  $H$  be any separable Hilbert space. Then there exists a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with a Gaussian space  $S \subset L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and an isometry  $I: H \rightarrow S$ .

Proof. Let  $(e_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a Hilbert basis for  $H$  and let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space on which a sequence of independent random variables  $X_i$  with  $X_i \sim N(0, 1)$  is defined.

For  $f \in H$ , set

$$I(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (f, e_i) X_i \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}).$$

Indeed,  $\mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (f, e_i) X_i - \sum_{i=1}^l (f, e_i) X_i \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=k}^l |(f, e_i)|^2 \rightarrow 0$  since  $f \in H$ , so the sequence  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^k (f, e_i) X_i \right)_k$  is Cauchy and the above limit exists in  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . [By the MCT, it also exists a.s.]

The map  $I$  is an isometry since it maps the orthonormal basis  $(e_i)$  to the orthonormal system  $(X_i)$  in  $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ .

That  $I$  is an isometry means that for every  $f \in H$ , there is a random variable  $I(f) \sim N(0, (f, f)_H)$ ,  $I(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha I(f) + \beta I(g)$  a.s.,

$$\mathbb{E}(I(f) I(g)) = (f, g)_H.$$

Defn. A Gaussian white noise on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  is an isometry  $N$  from  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  into a Gaussian space. For  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ , write  $N(A) = N(\mathbb{1}_A)$ .

Prop. • For  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  with  $|A| < \infty$ ,  $N(A)$  is  $N(0, |A|)$ .

• If  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $N(A)$  and  $N(B)$  are independent.

• If  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  for disjoint sets  $A_i$  with  $|A_i| < \infty$  and  $|A| < \infty$ , then

$$N(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} N(A_i) \quad \text{in } L^2 \text{ and a.s.} \quad (*)$$

Proof of (\*).  $M_n = \sum_{i=1}^n N(A_i)$  is a martingale and bounded in  $L^2$ :

$$\mathbb{E} M_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} N(A_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| \leq |A|$$

disjointness:  $\mathbb{E} N(A_i) N(A_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$

Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} N(A_i)$  converges a.s. and in  $L^2$ . Similarly,  $\mathbb{E} (N(A) - \sum_{i=1}^n N(A_i))^2 \rightarrow 0$ , so (\*) holds.

Thus  $N$  looks like a random measure, but it is not!

Note that (\*) makes use of cancellations in the probability space (the exceptional set depends on  $A, (A_i)$ ).

Define  $B_t = N([0, t])$ , for  $t \geq 0$ .

Fact. For any  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ , the vector  $(B_{t_i})$  is jointly Gaussian and

$$\mathbb{E}(B_s B_t) = s \wedge t \quad \text{for all } s, t \geq 0.$$

Moreover,  $B_0 = 0$  a.s. and  $B_t - B_s$  is independent of  $\sigma(B_r, r \leq s)$  (A)

$$B_t - B_s \sim N(0, t-s) \quad \text{for } t \geq s.$$



Let  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  be a step function:  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \mathbb{1}_{[s_i, t_i]}$ ,  $t_i < s_{i+1}$ .

Then

$$N(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i (B_{t_i} - B_{s_i}).$$

This motivates the notation

$$N(f) = \int f(s) dB_s.$$

If  $(B)$  was of finite variation for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ , the last inequality would make sense in the sense of the Lebesgue-Stieltjes integral.

But it is not.

Defn.  $B$  is a standard Brownian motion if (†) holds and if  $(B_t)$  is continuous in  $t$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

### 1.3. The Lebesgue-Stieltjes Integral

For an interval  $[0, T]$ , we always use the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}([0, T])$  unless otherwise stated.

Defn. Let  $T > 0$ .

- A signed measure  $\mu$  on  $[0, T]$  is the difference of two finite positive measures  $\mu_{\pm}$  on  $[0, T]$  with disjoint support. The decomposition  $\mu = \mu_{+} - \mu_{-}$  is called the Hahn-Jordan decomposition of  $\mu$ .
- The total variation of a signed measure  $\mu = \mu_{+} - \mu_{-}$  is the positive measure  $|\mu| = \mu_{+} + \mu_{-}$ .

Prop. (Hahn-Jordan). For any finite positive measures  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  on  $[0, T]$  there is a signed measure  $\mu$  s.t.  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ .

Proof. Let  $\nu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ . By the Radon-Nikodym Theorem, there are Borel functions  $f_i \geq 0$  on  $[0, T]$  s.t.

$$\mu_i(dt) = f_i(t) \nu(dt).$$

Let  $f(t) = f_1(t) - f_2(t)$ . Then

$$(\mu_1 - \mu_2)(dt) = f(t) \nu(dt) = f(t)^+ \nu(dt) - f(t)^- \nu(dt)$$

where  $f(t)^+ = f(t) \vee 0$ ,  $f(t)^- = -f(t) \wedge 0$  are the positive and negative parts of  $f(t)$ . This gives the decomposition into disjoint measures.

Defn. Let  $T > 0$ .

- A function  $a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is càdlàg, or  $a \in D([0, T])$ , if  $a(t_+) = a(t)$  for all  $t$  and  $a(t_-)$  exists for all  $t$ .

Here  $a(t_{\pm}) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0_{\pm}} a(t+s)$ .

- The total variation of a function  $a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is

$$V_a(t) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |a(t_i) - a(t_{i-1})| : n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t \right\} + |a(0)|.$$

- A function  $a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of bounded variation, or  $a \in BV([0, T])$ , if  $V_a(T) < \infty$ .

Prop.

(i) Let  $\mu$  be a signed measure on  $[0, T]$ . Then  $a(t) = \mu([0, t])$  is càdlàg and  $V_a(t) = |\mu|([0, t])$ . In particular,  $a \in BV$ .

(ii) Let  $a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a càdlàg function of bounded variation. Then there is a signed measure  $\mu$  s.t.  $a(t) = \mu([0, t])$ . In particular,  $a \in D$ .

Proof. We will use the fact that  $f(t) \Rightarrow \nu_{[0, t]}$  induces a bijection between increasing right-continuous functions on  $[0, T]$  s.t.  $f(0) \geq 0$  and finite positive measures on  $[0, T]$ . In particular such  $f$  are càdlàg.

(i) Let  $\mu = \mu_+ - \mu_-$  be the Jordan decomposition of  $\mu$ . Then

$$a(t) = \underbrace{\mu_+[0, t]}_{a_+(t)} - \underbrace{\mu_-[0, t]}_{a_-(t)} \text{ is càdlàg}$$

since  $a_{\pm}$  are increasing right-continuous functions.

Claim:  $V_a(t) \leq |\mu|[0, t]$

For any subdivision  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t$ ,

$$|a(0)| + \sum_{i=1}^n |a(t_i) - a(t_{i-1})| = \mu(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu(t_{i-1}, t_i)| \leq |\mu|[0, t]$$

$$\Rightarrow V_a(t) \leq |\mu|[0, t]$$

Claim: For any nested sequence of subdivisions  $0 = t_0^{(m)} < t_1^{(m)} < \dots < t_{n_m}^{(m)} = t$ ,  
with  $\max_i |t_i^{(m)} - t_{i-1}^{(m)}| \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$|\mu|[0, t] = |a(0)| + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} |a(t_i^{(m)}) - a(t_{i-1}^{(m)})|$$

In particular,  $V_a(t) \geq |\mu|[0, t]$ .

Consider the probability measure  $P(ds) = \frac{|\mu|(ds)}{|\mu|[0, t]}$  on  $(0, t]$

Let  $\mathcal{F}_m = \sigma(t_{i-1}^{(m)}, t_i^{(m)}), 1 \leq i \leq n_m$ . Note  $\mathcal{F}_{m+1} \supset \mathcal{F}_m$ .

Let  $X = \frac{d\mu}{d|\mu|} = 1_{\text{supp}\mu_+} - 1_{\text{supp}\mu_-}$ . Let  $X_m = E(X | \mathcal{F}_m)$ . Then

$$X_m(s) = \frac{\mu(t_{i-1}^{(m)}, t_i^{(m)})}{|\mu|(t_{i-1}^{(m)}, t_i^{(m)})} = \frac{a(t_i^{(m)}) - a(t_{i-1}^{(m)})}{|\mu|(t_{i-1}^{(m)}, t_i^{(m)})} \text{ for } s \in (t_{i-1}^{(m)}, t_i^{(m)}].$$

Since  $(X_m)$  is a bounded martingale, also  $X_m \rightarrow Y$  (some  $Y$ ) in  $L^1$  and a.s.

Since  $\bigvee \mathcal{F}_m = \mathcal{B}(0, t]$ , it follows that  $X = Y$  a.s.

$$\Rightarrow E|X_m| \rightarrow E|X| = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|\mu|[0, t]} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} |a(t_i^{(m)}) - a(t_{i-1}^{(m)})| \rightarrow 1.$$

This is the claim.

(ii) Let  $a$  be as in (i). WLOG  $a(0)=0$ . Define

$$a_{\pm}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(V_a(t) \pm a(t)).$$

Claim:  $a_{\pm}$  are increasing.

For any subdivision  $0=t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n=t$  of  $[0,t]$ , and  $s>t$ ,

$$2a_{\pm}(s) = V_a(s) \pm a(s) \geq \underbrace{|a(0)| + \sum_{i=1}^n |a(t_i) - a(t_{i-1})|}_{\geq V_a(t) - \varepsilon} + \underbrace{|a(s) - a(t)| \pm a(s)}_{\geq \pm a(t)}$$

for sufficiently fine subdivision

$$\geq 2a_{\pm}(t) - \varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow a_{\pm}(s) \geq a_{\pm}(t)$ , i.e.,  $a_{\pm}$  are increasing.

Example Sheet:  $V_a$  is right-continuous

$\Rightarrow a_{\pm}$  is right-continuous

$\Rightarrow a_{\pm}(t) = \tilde{\mu}_{\pm}[0,t]$  for finite positive measures  $\tilde{\mu}_{\pm}$ .

Let  $\mu = \tilde{\mu}_+ - \tilde{\mu}_-$ . Then  $\mu$  is a signed measure,

$$a(t) = a_+(t) - a_-(t) = \mu[0,t].$$

Example. Let  $a: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by

$$a(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & (t < \frac{1}{2}) \\ 0 & (t \geq \frac{1}{2}). \end{cases}$$

Then  $V_a(1) = 2$ . The associated signed measure is

$$\mu = \delta_0 - \delta_{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad |\mu| = \delta_0 + \delta_{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Note that  $a(0) \neq 0$  is interpreted as a jump at 0, i.e., of the extension of  $a$  to  $t < 0$  by  $a(t) = 0$ . In practice, we will be interested in measures without atom at 0, i.e.,  $a(0) = 0$ .

Defn. Let  $a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be càdlàg of bounded variation, and let  $\mu$  be the associated signed measure. For  $h \in L^1([0, T], |\mu|)$ , the Lebesgue-Stieltjes Integral is defined by

$$\int_s^t h(s) da(s) = \int_{(s, t]} h(s) \mu(ds), \quad 0 \leq s < t \leq T$$
$$\int_s^t h(s) |da(s)| = \int_{(s, t]} h(s) |\mu|(ds)$$

We write

$$(h \cdot a)(t) = \int_0^t h(s) da(s).$$

Defn. A càdlàg function  $a: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of finite variation if  $a|_{[0, T]} \in BV[0, T]$  for every  $T > 0$ .

Fact. Let  $a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be càdlàg and BV,  $h \in L^1([0, T], |da|)$ . Then

$$\left| \int_0^t h(s) da(s) \right| \leq \int_0^t |h(s)| |da(s)|$$

and the function  $h \cdot a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$(h \cdot a)(t) = \int_0^t h(s) da(s)$$

is càdlàg and BV with signed measure  $h(s) da(s)$ ,  $|h(s) da(s)| = |h(s)| |da(s)|$ .

Prop. Let  $a$  be of finite variation and  $h$  left-continuous, bounded. Then

$$\int_0^t h(s) da(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} h(t_{i-1}^{(m)}) (a(t_i^{(m)}) - a(t_{i-1}^{(m)}))$$

$$\int_0^t |h(s)| |da(s)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} |h(t_{i-1}^{(m)})| |a(t_i^{(m)}) - a(t_{i-1}^{(m)})|$$

for any sequence of subdivisions  $0 = t_0^{(m)} < t_1^{(m)} < \dots < t_{n_m}^{(m)} = t$  with step size  $\max_{i \leq n_m} |t_i^{(m)} - t_{i-1}^{(m)}|$  tending to 0.

Proof. Let  $h_m(0) = 0$ ,

$$h_m(s) = h(t_{i-1}^{(m)}) \quad \text{if } s \in (t_{i-1}^{(m)}, t_i^{(m)}].$$

$\Rightarrow h(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_m(s)$  by left-continuity

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} h(t_{i-1}^{(m)}) (a(t_i^{(m)}) - a(t_{i-1}^{(m)})) = \int_{(0, t]} h_m(s) \mu(ds) \rightarrow \int h \mu(ds)$$

by the DCT. The statement about  $|da(s)|$  is left as an exercise (use claim from p.7 for nested subdivisions).

## 2. Semimartingales

From now on,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$  is a filtered probability space.

Defn. A càdlàg adapted process  $X$  is a map  $X: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

(i)  $X$  is càdlàg, i.e.,  $X(\omega, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is càdlàg for all  $\omega \in \Omega$

(ii)  $X$  is adapted, i.e.,  $X_t = X(\cdot, t)$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Notation: write  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  to denote that a random variable  $X$  is measurable w.r.t. a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$

### 2.1. Finite variation processes

Defn. (i) A càdlàg adapted process  $A$  is a finite variation process if  $A(\omega, \cdot): [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has finite variation for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

(ii) The total variation process  $V$  of a finite variation process  $A$  is defined by

$$V_t = \int_0^t |dA_s|.$$

Fact. The total variation process  $V$  of a càdlàg adapted process  $A$  is càdlàg adapted and it is increasing.

Proof. We only need to check that  $V$  is adapted. (The other properties follow from Section 1.3.)



Let  $0 = t_0^{(m)} < t_1^{(m)} < \dots < t_{h_m}^{(m)} = t$  be a nested sequence of subdivisions of  $[0, t]$  with  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \max_i |t_i^{(m)} - t_{i-1}^{(m)}| = 0$ . We have seen

$$V_t = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{h_m} \underbrace{|A_{t_i^{(m)}} - A_{t_{i-1}^{(m)}}|}_{\in \mathcal{F}_t} + |A(0)| \in \mathcal{F}_t$$

Thus  $V$  is adapted.

Defn. Let  $A$  be a finite variation process and  $H$  be a process s.t.

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega \quad \forall t \geq 0: \int_0^t |H_s(\omega)| |dA_s(\omega)| < \infty.$$

Then define a process  $((H \cdot A)_t)_{t \geq 0}$  by

$$(H \cdot A)_t = \int_0^t H_s dA_s.$$

For the process  $H \cdot A$  to be adapted, we need a condition on  $H$ .

Defn. A process  $H: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is previsible if it is measurable w.r.t. the previsible  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the sets

$$E \times (s, t], \quad E \in \mathcal{F}_s, \quad s < t.$$

Defn. A process  $H: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is simple,  $H \in \mathcal{E}$ , if

$$H(\omega, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{i-1}(\omega) \mathbb{1}_{(t_{i-1}, t_i]}(t)$$

for bounded random variables  $H_{i-1} \in \mathcal{F}_{t_{i-1}}$  and  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$ .

Fact. Simple processes and their pointwise limits are previsible.

Fact. Let  $X$  be a càdlàg adapted process. Then  $H_t = X_{t-}$  defines a left-continuous process which is previsible.

Proof. Since  $X$  is càdlàg adapted, it is clear that  $H$  is left-continuous and adapted.

Since  $H$  is left-continuous, it can be approximated by simple processes. Let

$$H_t^n = \sum_{i=1}^{n2^n} H_{(i-1)2^{-n}} \mathbb{1}_{[(i-1)2^{-n}, i2^{-n}]}(t) \wedge n.$$

Then  $H_t^n \rightarrow H_t$  for all  $t$  by left-continuity and that  $H$  is previsible follows from the previous fact.

Exercise. Let  $H$  be previsible. Then  $H_t \in \mathcal{F}_{t-}$  where  $\mathcal{F}_{t-} = \sigma(\mathcal{F}_s : s < t)$ .

Example.

- Brownian motion is previsible since continuous.
- A Poisson process  $(N_t)$  is not previsible since  $N_t \notin \mathcal{F}_{t-}$ .

Prop. Let  $A$  be a finite variation process and  $H$  previsible. Then  $H \cdot A$  is a finite variation process.

Proof. By Section 1.3, for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $(H \cdot A)(\omega, \cdot)$  is of finite variation and thus also càdlàg.

Claim:  $H \cdot A$  is adapted

First,  $H \cdot A$  is adapted if  $H(\omega, s) = \mathbb{1}_{(u, v]} \mathbb{1}_E(\omega)$  for  $u < v$ ,  $E \in \mathcal{F}_u$ :

$$(H \cdot A)(\omega, t) = \mathbb{1}_E(\omega) (A(\omega, t \wedge v) - A(\omega, t \wedge v)) \Rightarrow (H \cdot A)_t \in \mathcal{F}_t.$$

Thus  $H \cdot A$  is adapted for  $H = \mathbb{1}_F$ , when  $F \in \Pi$ ,

$$\Pi = \{E \times (u, v] : E \in \mathcal{F}_u, u < v\} \subset \Omega \times [0, \infty).$$

Clearly,  $\Pi$  is a  $\pi$ -system (closed under intersection, nonempty), generating the previsible  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let

$$\mathcal{D} = \{H : \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : H \cdot A \text{ is adapted}\}.$$

Then:  $\mathbb{1} \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\mathbb{1}_H \in \mathcal{D}$  for  $H \in \Pi$  by the above, and if  $0 \leq H_n \in \mathcal{D}$  with  $H_n \uparrow H$  then  $H \in \mathcal{D}$  since measurability is closed under limits.

Thus  $\mathcal{D}$  is a monotone class. By the monotone class theorem,  $\mathcal{D}$  contains all bounded previsible processes.

## 2.2. Local martingales

From now on, we assume that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$  satisfies the usual conditions. (recall motivation from Advanced Probability):

- $\mathcal{F}_0$  contains all  $\mathbb{P}$ -null sets,
- $(\mathcal{F}_t)$  is right-continuous, i.e.,  $\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{F}_{t+} = \bigcap_{s>t} \mathcal{F}_s$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Thm (Optional Stopping Theorem) Let  $X$  be a càdlàg adapted integrable process. Then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $X$  is a martingale, i.e.  $X_t \in L^1$  for every  $t$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = X_s$  for all  $t \geq s$ .

(ii)  $X^T = (X_t^T) = (X_{T \wedge t})$  is a martingale for all stopping times  $T$ , (where  $T$  is a stopping time if  $\{T \leq t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  for all  $t$ ).

(iii) For all stopping times  $T, S$  with  $T$  bounded,  $X_T \in L^1$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X_T | \mathcal{F}_S) = X_{S \wedge T}$  a.s.

(iv) For all bounded stopping times  $T$ ,  $X_T \in L^1$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X_T) = \mathbb{E}(X_0)$ .

For  $X$  uniformly integrable, (iii) & (iv) hold for all stopping times.

Defn. A càdlàg adapted process  $X$  is a local martingale if there exists a sequence of stopping times  $(T_n)$  s.t.  $T_n \uparrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $X^{T_n}$  is martingale for every  $n$ .

The sequence  $(T_n)$  is said to reduce  $X$ .

Example. (i) Every martingale is a local martingale. (Take  $T_0 = n$  and use the OST.)

(ii) Let  $(B_t)$  be a standard Brownian motion on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $(X_t)_{t \geq 1} = (\frac{1}{|B_t|})_{t \geq 1}$  is a local martingale, but not a martingale.

Proof. It is true that ( $\rightarrow$  Advanced Probability)

$\sup_{t \geq 1} \mathbb{E} X_t^2 < \infty$ ,  $\mathbb{E} X_t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $M$  is a supermartingale.

Since  $\mathbb{E} X_t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $X$  cannot be a martingale.

To show that  $X$  is a local martingale, recall that for  $f \in C_b^2$ ,

$$f(B_t) - f(B_1) - \frac{1}{2} \int_1^t \Delta f(B_s) ds =: M^f$$

is a martingale. Moreover,  $\Delta \frac{1}{|x|} = 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ .

Let  $T_n = \inf \{t \geq 1 : |B_t| < \frac{1}{n}\}$  and  $f_n \in C_b^2$  with  $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x \geq \frac{1}{n}$ .

Then

$$X_t^{T_n} - X_1^{T_n} = M_{t \wedge T_n}^{f_n}$$

so  $X^{T_n}$  is a martingale. To show that  $X$  is a local martingale, it remains to show that  $T_n \rightarrow \infty$  a.s.

Let  $S_m = \inf \{t \geq 1 : |B_t| > m\}$ . Then, by OST ( $X^{T_n}$  is a bounded martingale)

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{T_n \wedge S_m}) = \mathbb{E}(X_1) < \infty.$$

But also

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{T_n \wedge S_m}) = n P(T_n < S_m) + \frac{1}{m} \overbrace{P(T_n \geq S_m)}^{1 - P(T_n < S_m)} = (n - \frac{1}{m}) P(T_n < S_m) + \frac{1}{m}.$$

$$\Rightarrow P(T_n < S_m) = \frac{E(X_1) - 1/m}{n - 1/m} \rightarrow \frac{E(X_1)}{n} \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$\Rightarrow P(T_n < \infty) \leq \frac{E(X_1)}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n < \infty\right) = 0.$$

The next proposition shows that  $X$  is also a supermartingale.

Prop. Let  $X$  be a local martingale and  $X_t \geq 0$  for all  $t$ . Then  $X$  is a supermartingale.

Proof. Let  $(T_n)$  be a reducing sequence. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) &= E\left(\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_{t \wedge T_n} | \mathcal{F}_s\right) \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(X_{t \wedge T_n} | \mathcal{F}_s) \text{ by conditional Fatou} \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_{s \wedge T_n} = X_s. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma (Example Sheet 1). Let  $X \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Then the set

$$\mathcal{X} = \{E(X | \mathcal{G}) : \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F} \text{ is a sub-}\sigma\text{-algebra}\}$$

is uniformly integrable (UI), i.e.,

$$\sup_{Y \in \mathcal{X}} E(|Y| \mathbb{1}_{|Y| > \lambda}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

Recall (Vitali).  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in  $L^1$  iff  $(X_n)$  is UI and  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in prob.

Prop. The following are equivalent:

(a)  $X$  is a martingale

(b)  $X$  is a local martingale and for all  $t \geq 0$ , the set

$$\mathcal{X}_t = \{X_T : T \text{ is a stopping time with } T \leq t\} \text{ is UI.}$$

Proof. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $X$  be a martingale. Then by OST

$$X_T = E(X_t | \mathcal{F}_T), \text{ for any bounded stopping time } T \leq t.$$

By the previous lemma,  $\mathcal{X}_t$  is UI.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $X$  be a local martingale with reducing sequence  $(T_n)$  and assume that  $\mathcal{X}_t$  is UI for any  $t \geq 0$ .

To prove that  $X$  is a martingale, it suffices to prove that  $E(X_T) = E(X_0)$  for any bounded stopping time  $T$ .

Let  $T$  be a bounded stopping time with  $T \leq t$ . Then

$$E(X_0) = E(X_0^{T_n}) = E(X_T^{T_n}) = E(X_{T \wedge T_n}).$$

By assumption,  $\{X_{T \wedge T_n} : n \geq 0\}$  is UI. Since  $T \wedge T_n \rightarrow T$  a.s.,

therefore  $X_{T \wedge T_n} \rightarrow X_T$  in  $L^1$ .

$$\Rightarrow E(X_0) = E(X_T).$$

Thus  $X$  is a martingale.

Cor. (i) Every bounded local martingale  $X$  is a martingale.

(ii) If there is  $Z \in L^1$  s.t.  $|X_t| \leq Z$  for all  $t$ , then  $X$  is a martingale.

Prop. Let  $X$  be a continuous local martingale with  $X_0 = 0$ .

Let  $S_n = \inf \{t \geq 0 : |X_t| = n\}$ . Then  $S_n$  is a stopping time,  $S_n \uparrow \infty$ , and  $X^{S_n}$  is a (bounded) martingale. In particular,  $(S_n)$  reduces  $X$ .

Proof. Claim:  $S_n$  is a stopping time

$$\{S_n \leq t\} = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \sup_{s \leq t} |X_s| > n - \frac{1}{k} \right\} \stackrel{\text{continuity}}{=} \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{\substack{s \leq t \\ s \in \mathbb{Q}}} \{|X_s| > n - \frac{1}{k}\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$$

Claim:  $S_n \uparrow \infty$ .

$$\sup_{s \leq t} |X_s| \leq n \Rightarrow S_n \geq t$$

$\leftarrow \infty$  for every  $(\omega, t)$  by continuity

Claim:  $X^{S_n}$  is a martingale

By OST,  $X^{T_k \wedge S_n}$  is a martingale (when  $(T_k)$  reduces  $X$ ).

$\Rightarrow X^{S_n}$  is a local martingale

$|X^{S_n}| \leq n \Rightarrow X$  is a bounded local martingale  $\Rightarrow X$  is a martingale.



Thm. Let  $X$  be a continuous local martingale,  $X_0=0$ .  
 If  $X$  is also a finite variation process then  $X_t=0 \forall t$  a.s.

Proof. Let  $(V_t)$  be the total variation process of  $X$  and  

$$S_n = \inf \left\{ t \geq 0 : \underbrace{\int_0^t |dX_s|}_{V_t} \geq n \right\}.$$

Then  $S_n$  is a stopping time and  $S_n \uparrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Moreover,  $X^{S_n}$  is a local martingale by OST, and  $X^{S_n}$  is bounded:

$$|X_t^{S_n}| < \int_0^{t \wedge S_n} |dX_s| < n.$$

$\Rightarrow X^{S_n}$  is a martingale.

Let  $0=t_0 < \dots < t_k=t$  be a subdivision of  $[0,t]$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t^{S_n})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}((X_{t_i}^{S_n} - X_{t_{i-1}}^{S_n})^2) \text{ since } X^{S_n} \text{ is a martingale}$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} |X_{t_i}^{S_n} - X_{t_{i-1}}^{S_n}| \right)}_{\text{bounded}} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k |X_{t_i}^{S_n} - X_{t_{i-1}}^{S_n}|}_{\leq \int_0^{t \wedge S_n} |dX_s| \leq n}$$

Take  $\max_{1 \leq k} |t_i - t_{i-1}| \rightarrow 0$ . By continuity and DCT,

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t^{S_n})^2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow X_{t \wedge S_n} = 0$  a.s.  $\Rightarrow X_t = 0$  a.s.

$X$  continuous  $\Rightarrow X=0 \forall t$  a.s.

### 2.3. Square integrable martingales

Defn. Let

$$M^2 = \{ X : [0, \infty) \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : X \text{ is a càdlàg martingale, } \sup_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E} X_t^2 < \infty \} / \sim$$

$$M_c^2 = \{ X \in M^2 : X(\cdot, \omega) \text{ is continuous for every } \omega \in \Omega \} / \sim$$

where indistinguishable processes are identified, and set

$$\|X\|_{M^2} = (\mathbb{E}(X_\infty^2))^{1/2}.$$

Here recall that for  $X \in M^2$ , the martingale convergence theorem implies that

$$X_t \rightarrow X_\infty \text{ a.s. and in } L^2$$

Moreover,  $(X_t^2)_{t \geq 0}$  is a submartingale, so  $t \mapsto \mathbb{E} X_t^2$  is increasing, and

$$\mathbb{E} X_\infty^2 = \sup_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E} X_t^2.$$

Doob's  $L^2$  inequality implies

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{t \geq 0} X_t^2 \right) \leq 4 \mathbb{E} X_\infty^2.$$

In particular,  $\|X\|_{M^2} = 0$  implies that  $X = 0$ . This makes  $\|\cdot\|_{M^2}$  a norm (the other properties are clear).

This norm comes from the inner product  $\mathbb{E}(X_\infty Y_\infty)$  on  $M^2$ .

Thm.  $M^2$  is a Hilbert space and  $M_c^2$  is a closed subspace.

Proof. We need to show that  $M^2$  is complete. Thus let  $(X^n) \subset M^2$  be a Cauchy sequence:

$$\mathbb{E}(X_\infty^n - X_\infty^m)^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty.$$

By passing to a subsequence, we may assume that

$$\mathbb{E}(X_\infty^n - X_\infty^{n-1})^2 \leq 2^{-n}$$

and it suffices to prove that the subsequence converges to show that the original sequence converges.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_n \sup_{t \geq 0} |X_t^n - X_t^{n-1}|\right) &\stackrel{CS}{\leq} \sum_n \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \geq 0} |X_t^n - X_t^{n-1}|^2\right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{Doob}{\leq} \sum_n 2\mathbb{E}\left(|X_\infty^n - X_\infty^{n-1}|^2\right)^{1/2} \leq \sum_n 2^{1-\frac{n}{2}} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{t \geq 0} |X_t^n - X_t^{n-1}| < \infty \text{ a.s.}$$

$\Rightarrow (X^n)$  is Cauchy in  $D[0, \infty)$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  a.s.

$\Rightarrow \|X^n - X\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  a.s. for some  $X \in D[0, \infty)$

Set  $X=0$  outside the a.s. event. Then  $X \in D[0, \infty)$  everywhere.

Claim:  $\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t \geq 0} |X^n - X|^2\right) \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_t |X^n - X|^2\right) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_t |X^n - X^m|^2\right) \\ &\stackrel{Fatou}{\leq} \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_t |X^n - X^m|^2\right) \leq 4\mathbb{E}\left((X_\infty^n - X_\infty^m)^2\right) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Claim:  $X$  is a martingale

$$\begin{aligned}\|E(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) - X_s\|_{L^2} &\leq \|E(X_t - X_t^n | \mathcal{F}_s)\|_{L^2} + \|X_s^n - X_s\|_{L^2} \\ &= \|X_t - X_t^n\|_{L^2} + \|X_s^n - X_s\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq 2 E\left(\sup_t |X_t - X_t^n|^2\right)^{1/2} \rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $X \in M^2$  and we have shown that  $M^2$  is complete.

Clearly,  $M_c^2$  is a subspace of  $M^2$  and completeness follows from the same argument replacing  $D[0, \infty)$  by  $C[0, \infty)$ .

## 2.4. Quadratic variation

Defn. For a sequence of processes  $(X^n)$  and a process  $X$ ,  
 $X^n \rightarrow X$  u.c.p. (uniformly on compact sets in probability)

iff  $\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{s \in [0, t]} |X_s^n - X_s| > \varepsilon\right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \forall t > 0 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$

Thm. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale. Then there exists a (unique up to indistinguishability) continuous adapted increasing process  $\langle M \rangle_t$  such that  $\langle M \rangle_0 = 0$  and that  $M_t^2 - \langle M \rangle_t$  is a continuous local martingale. Moreover,

$$\langle M \rangle_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle M \rangle_t^{(n)}, \quad \text{where } \langle M \rangle_t^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2^{nt} \rfloor} (M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2,$$

with convergence  $\langle M \rangle^{(n)} \rightarrow \langle M \rangle$  u.c.p.

Defn.  $\langle M \rangle$  is the quadratic variation of  $M$ .

Proof. Assume  $M_0 = 0$  (by replacing  $M_t$  by  $M_t - M_0$ ).

Uniqueness: Suppose  $(A_t)$  and  $(\hat{A}_t)$  obey the condition for  $\langle M \rangle$ .

Then

$$\underbrace{A_t - \hat{A}_t}_{\text{finite variation}} = \underbrace{(M_t^2 - A_t) - (M_t^2 - \hat{A}_t)}_{\text{continuous martingale}}$$

finite variation      continuous martingale

$\Rightarrow A - \hat{A} = 0$  a.s.

Existence for  $M$  bounded. Assume  $M(\omega, t) \leq C$  for all  $(\omega, t)$ .

Then  $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ . Fix  $T > 0$  deterministic. Let

$$X_t^n = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2^n T \rfloor} M_{(i-1)2^{-n}} (M_{i2^{-n} \wedge T} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n} \wedge T}).$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle M \rangle_{k2^{-n}}^{(n)} &= \sum_{i=1}^k \underbrace{(M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2}_{M_{i2^{-n}}(M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}}(M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k (M_{i2^{-n}}^2 - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}}^2) - 2X_{k2^{-n}}^n \\ &= M_{k2^{-n}}^2 - 2X_{k2^{-n}}^n \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Note that, for every  $n$ ,  $X^n$  is a continuous martingale,  $X^n \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ .

Claim:  $(X^n)$  is Cauchy in  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$

For  $n \geq m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} X_\infty^n - X_\infty^m &= \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2^n T \rfloor} (M_{(i-1)2^{-n}} - M_{\lfloor (i-1)2^{m-n} \rfloor 2^{-m}}) (M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}((X_\infty^n - X_\infty^m)^2) &= \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2^n T \rfloor} \underbrace{(M_{(i-1)2^{-n}} - M_{\lfloor (i-1)2^{m-n} \rfloor 2^{-m}})^2}_{\text{orthogonal increments}} (M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2 \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{|s-t| \leq 2^{-m}} |M_t - M_s|^2 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2^n T \rfloor} (M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2}_{\langle M \rangle_T^{(n)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X_\infty^n - X_\infty^m)^2 \leq \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{|s-t| \leq 2^{-m}} |M_t - M_s|^4\right)^{1/2} \mathbb{E}\left(\langle M \rangle_T^{(m)}\right)^{1/2}$$

Claim:  $\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{|s-t| \leq 2^{-m}} |M_t - M_s|^4\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

Indeed,  $|M_t - M_s|^4 \leq 16C^4$ ,

$\sup_{|s-t| \leq 2^{-m}} |M_t - M_s| \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by uniform continuity

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{|s-t| \leq 2^{-m}} |M_t - M_s|^4\right) \rightarrow 0$  by DCT

Claim:  $\mathbb{E}\left(\langle M \rangle_T^{(m)}\right) \leq 48C^4$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^N (M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2\right)^2\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}\left((M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^4\right) \\ &\quad + 2 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}\left((M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2 \sum_{k=i+1}^N (M_{k2^{-n}} - M_{(k-1)2^{-n}})^2\right)}_{\mathbb{E}\left((M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2 (M_{N2^{-n}} - M_{i2^{-n}})^2\right)} \\ &\leq 12C^2 \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N (M_{i2^{-n}} - M_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2\right) \\ &= 12C^2 \mathbb{E}\left((M_{N2^{-n}} - M_0)^2\right) \\ &\leq 48C^4 \end{aligned}$$

Upshot:  $\|X^n - X^m\| = \mathbb{E}\left((X_\infty^n - X_\infty^m)^2\right)^{1/2} \rightarrow 0$ , i.e.  $(X^n)$  is Cauchy.  
 $\Rightarrow X^n \xrightarrow{M^2} X$  for some  $X \in M_C^0$ .

Since  $X^n \rightarrow X$  in  $M_c^2$ , in particular  $\|\sup_t |X_t^n - X_t|\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$ .

Therefore  $\sup_t |X_t^n - X_t| \rightarrow 0$  a.s. along a subsequence  $n$ .

Let  $N \subset \Omega$  be the event on which the convergence fails, and set

$$A_t^{(n)} = \begin{cases} M_t^2 - 2X_t & \text{for } \omega \in \Omega \setminus N \\ 0 & \text{for } \omega \in N. \end{cases}$$

Then:

- $A^{(n)}$  is continuous, adapted since  $M$  and  $X$  are.
- $(M_{t \wedge T}^2 - A_{t \wedge T}^{(n)})_t$  is a martingale since  $X$  is.
- $A^{(n)}$  is increasing since  $M_t^2 - 2X_t^n$  is increasing on  $2^{-n}\mathbb{Z} \cap [0, T]$  and the convergence is uniform.

Claim: For any  $T \geq 1$ ,  $A_{t \wedge T}^{(n)} = A_{t \wedge T}^{(n+1)}$  for all  $t$ , a.s.

This follows from the same argument as the uniqueness.

Thus there is a process  $(\langle M \rangle_t)_{t \geq 0}$  s.t.  $\langle M \rangle_t = A_t^{(n)}$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$  and all  $T \in \mathbb{N}$  a.s.

Clearly,  $\langle M \rangle$  is increasing and  $M^2 - \langle M \rangle$  is a martingale.

This concludes the construction of  $\langle M \rangle$ , for  $M$  bounded.



Claim:  $\langle M \rangle^{(n)} \rightarrow \langle M \rangle$  u.c.p.

Recall that  $\langle M \rangle_t^{(n)} = M_{2^{-n}\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor}^2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n X_{2^{-n}\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor}^k$

$\sup_{t \leq T} |X_t^n - X_t| \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^2$  and thus in prob.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sup_{t \leq T} |\langle M \rangle_t - \langle M \rangle_t^{(n)}| &\leq \underbrace{\sup_{t \leq T} |M_{2^{-n}\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor}^2 - M_t^2|}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ in prob. by unif. cont.}} + \underbrace{\sup_{t \leq T} |X_{2^{-n}\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor}^n - X_{2^{-n}\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor}|}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ in prob. by above}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\sup_{t \leq T} |X_{2^{-n}\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor} - X_t|}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ in prob. by unif. cont.}} \end{aligned}$$

Existence for  $M$  a continuous local martingale. Let

$$\tau_n = \inf \{t \geq 0 : |M_t| \geq n\}.$$

Then  $(\tau_n)$  reduces  $M$  and  $M^{\tau_n}$  is a bounded martingale.

$$\text{Let } A^n = \langle M^{\tau_n} \rangle.$$

Then  $(A_t^n)$  and  $(A_{t \wedge \tau_n}^{n+1})$  are indistinguishable by the uniqueness argument.

Thus there is a process  $\langle M \rangle$  s.t.  $(M)_{t \wedge \tau_n}$  and  $A^n$  are indistinguishable for all  $n$ .

Clearly,  $\langle M \rangle$  is increasing since the  $A^n$  are and  $M_{t \wedge \tau_n}^2 - \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge \tau_n}$  is martingale for every  $n$ . Thus  $M^2 - \langle M \rangle$  is a local martingale.

Claim:  $\langle M \rangle^{(n)} \rightarrow \langle M \rangle$  u.c.p.

We have seen that  $\langle M \tau_k \rangle^{(n)} \rightarrow \langle M \tau_k \rangle$  u.c.p. for every  $k$ .

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{t \leq T} |\langle M \rangle_t^{(n)} - \langle M \rangle_t| > \varepsilon\right) \leq \mathbb{P}(\tau_k < T) + \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{t \leq T} |\langle M \tau_k \rangle_t^{(n)} - \langle M \tau_k \rangle_t| > \varepsilon\right) \\ \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ since } \tau_k \rightarrow \infty$$

This finishes the proof (finally).

Example. Let  $B$  be a standard Brownian motion. Then  $B_t^2 - t$  is a martingale and thus  $\langle B \rangle_t = t$ .

Fact. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale and let  $T$  be a stopping time. Then a.s. for all  $t \geq 0$

$$\langle M \tau \rangle_t = \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge T}.$$

Proof. Since  $M_t^2 - \langle M \rangle_t$  is a continuous local martingale, so is  $M_{t \wedge T}^2 - \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge T} = \langle M \tau \rangle_t^2 - \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge T}$ . Thus  $\langle M \rangle_{t \wedge T} = \langle M \tau \rangle_t$  by uniqueness.

Fact. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$ . Then  $M = 0$  iff  $\langle M \rangle = 0$ .

Proof. If  $\langle M \rangle = 0$ , then  $M^2$  is a continuous local martingale and positive, so a supermartingale. Thus  $\mathbb{E} M_t^2 \leq \mathbb{E} M_0^2 = 0$  for all  $t$ .

Prop. Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ . Then  $M^2 - \langle M \rangle$  is a uniformly integrable martingale and  $\|M - M_0\|_{\mathcal{H}^2} = \mathbb{E}(\langle M \rangle_\infty)^{1/2}$ .

Proof. We will show that  $\langle M \rangle_\infty \in L^1$ . Then

$$|M_t^2 - \langle M \rangle_t| \leq \underbrace{\sup_{t \geq 0} M_t^2 + \langle M \rangle_\infty}_{\in L^1 \text{ (Doob's } L^2 \text{ inequality)}}$$

Since  $M^2 - \langle M \rangle$  is also a local martingale, this implies that  $M^2 - \langle M \rangle$  is a UI martingale.

Claim:  $\langle M \rangle_\infty \in L^1$ .

Let  $S_n = \inf\{t \geq 0: \langle M \rangle_t \geq n\}$ . Then  $S_n \uparrow \infty$ ,  $S_n$  is a stopping time, and  $\langle M \rangle_{t \wedge S_n} \leq n$ .

$$\Rightarrow M_{t \wedge S_n}^2 - \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge S_n} \leq \underbrace{n + \sup_{t \geq 0} M_t^2}_{\in L^1}$$

$\Rightarrow M_{t \wedge S_n}^2 - \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge S_n}$  is a true martingale.

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} M_{t \wedge S_n}^2 - \mathbb{E} M_0^2 = \mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge S_n}$$

Take  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\mathbb{E} M_{t \wedge S_n}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{E} M_{S_n}^2$  by dominated convergence

$\mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge S_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_{S_n}$  by monotone convergence

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\mathbb{E} M_{S_n}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{E} M_\infty^2$

$\mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_{S_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_\infty$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_\infty = \mathbb{E} M_\infty^2 - \mathbb{E} M_0^2 = \mathbb{E} (M_\infty - M_0)^2 < \infty$$

## 2.5. Covariation

Defn. Let  $M, N$  be two continuous local martingales. Define

$$\langle M, N \rangle_t = \frac{1}{4} (\langle M+N \rangle_t - \langle M-N \rangle_t)$$

The process  $\langle M, N \rangle$  is called the covariation or bracket of  $M$  and  $N$ .

Prop.

(i)  $\langle M, N \rangle$  is the unique (up to distinguishability) finite variation process s.t.  $M_t N_t - \langle M, N \rangle_t$  is a continuous local martingale.

(ii) The mapping  $(M, N) \mapsto \langle M, N \rangle$  is bilinear and symmetric.

(iii)  $\langle M, N \rangle_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle M, N \rangle_t^{(n)}$ , where  $\langle M, N \rangle_t^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} (M_{i/2^n} - M_{(i-1)/2^n})(N_{i/2^n} - N_{(i-1)/2^n})$   
with convergence u.c.p.

(iv) For every stopping time  $T$ ,  $\langle M^T, N^T \rangle_t = \langle M^T, N \rangle = \langle M, N \rangle_{T \wedge t}$ .

(v) If  $M, N \in M_c^2$  then  $M_t N_t - \langle M, N \rangle_t$  is a UI martingale,  
and  $(M - M_0, N - N_0)_{M^2} \stackrel{=}{=} \mathbb{E} \langle M, N \rangle_{\infty}$

Proof. (i)

$$MN - \langle M, N \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \left( \underbrace{(M+N)^2 - \langle M+N \rangle}_{\text{continuous local martingales}} - \underbrace{(M-N)^2 - \langle M-N \rangle}_{\text{continuous local martingales}} \right)$$

Uniqueness follows exactly as for quadratic variation.

(iii), (v) Similarly,

$$\langle M, N \rangle_t^{(n)} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \langle M+N \rangle_t^{(n)} - \langle M-N \rangle_t^{(n)} \right)$$

and the statements follow from the analogous statements for the quadratic variation.

(ii) follows from (iii) or a uniqueness argument

(iv) By (iii),

$$\langle M^T, N^T \rangle_t = \langle M^T, N \rangle_t = \langle M, N \rangle_t \quad \text{on } \{T \geq t\}$$

$$\langle M^T, N^T \rangle_t - \langle M^T, N^T \rangle_s = \langle M^T, N \rangle_t - \langle M^T, N \rangle_s = 0 \quad \text{on } \{T \leq s < t\}$$

(v) Follows from case  $M=N$ .

Example. Let  $B$  and  $B'$  be two independent Brownian motions (adapted w.r.t. the same filtration). Then  $\langle B, B' \rangle = 0$ .

Proof. Assume  $B_0 = B'_0 = 0$ . Then  $X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(B+B')$  is a martingale (as a sum of two martingales) and  $X$  is a Brownian motion (check f.d. distribution). Thus  $\langle X \rangle_t = \langle X, X \rangle_t = t$ .

$$\Rightarrow \langle B, B' \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle X, X \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle B, B \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle B', B' \rangle \right) = 0.$$

Prop. (Kunita - Watanabe). Let  $M, N$  be continuous local martingales and let  $H, K$  be two measurable processes. Then, almost surely,

$$\int_0^\infty |H_s| |K_s| |d\langle M, N \rangle_s| \leq \left( \int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^\infty K_s^2 d\langle N \rangle_s \right)^{1/2}. \quad (KW)$$

Proof. Write  $\langle M, N \rangle_s^t = \langle M, N \rangle_t - \langle M, N \rangle_s$ .

Claim: For all  $0 \leq s < t$ ,

$$|\langle M, N \rangle_s^t| \leq \sqrt{\langle M, M \rangle_s^t} \sqrt{\langle N, N \rangle_s^t}. \quad (*)$$

By continuity, we can assume that  $s, t$  are dyadic rationals.

Then the claim follows from the approximation

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle M, N \rangle_s^t| &\stackrel{\text{u.c.p.}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{i=2^n s+1}^{2^n t} (M_{2^{-n}i} - M_{2^{-n}(i-1)}) (N_{2^{-n}i} - N_{2^{-n}(i-1)}) \right| \\ &\stackrel{\text{C.S.}}{\leq} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{i=2^n s+1}^{2^n t} (M_{2^{-n}i} - M_{2^{-n}(i-1)})^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=2^n s+1}^{2^n t} (N_{2^{-n}i} - N_{2^{-n}(i-1)})^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{u.c.p.}}{=} \left( \langle M, M \rangle_s^t \right)^{1/2} \left( \langle N, N \rangle_s^t \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now fix an event of probability 1 s.t. (\*) holds for all  $s < t$  (rational and by continuity then also for all  $s < t$  real).

Claim: For all  $0 \leq s < t$ ,

$$\int_s^t |d\langle M, N \rangle_u| \leq \sqrt{\langle M, M \rangle_s^t} \sqrt{\langle N, N \rangle_s^t}.$$

Indeed, for any subdivision  $s = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle M, N \rangle_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i}| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\langle M, M \rangle_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i}} \sqrt{\langle N, N \rangle_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i}} \\ &\stackrel{CS}{\leq} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \langle M, M \rangle_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \langle N, N \rangle_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{\langle M, M \rangle_s^t} \sqrt{\langle N, N \rangle_s^t}. \end{aligned}$$

and taking the sup over all subdivisions the claim follows.

Claim: for all bounded Borel sets  $B \subset [0, \infty)$ ,

$$\int_B |\langle M, N \rangle_u| = \sqrt{\int_B |\langle M, M \rangle_u|} \sqrt{\int_B |\langle N, N \rangle_u|}$$

For  $A$  a finite union of intervals, this follows from CS as above.

Exercise: Extend to all bounded Borel sets by a monotone class argument.

Claim: (KW) holds for  $H = \sum h_e \mathbb{1}_{B_e}$ ,  $K = \sum k_e \mathbb{1}_{B_e}$ ,  $(B_e)$  bounded Borel sets.

$$\begin{aligned} \int |HK| |\langle M, N \rangle_s| &= \sum_e |h_e k_e| \int_{B_e} |\langle M, N \rangle_s| \\ &\leq \sum_e |h_e k_e| \left( \int_{B_e} d\langle M \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{B_e} d\langle N \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{CS}{\leq} \left( \sum_e h_e^2 \int_{B_e} d\langle M \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_e k_e^2 \int_{B_e} d\langle N \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} = \left( \int H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \left( \int K_s^2 d\langle N \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, approximate general  $H, K$  by step functions as above,

## 2.6. Semimartingales

Defn. A (continuous) adapted process  $X$  is a (continuous) semimartingale if

$$X = X_0 + M + A$$

with  $X \in \mathcal{F}_0$ ,  $M$  a (continuous) local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$ , and  $A$  a (continuous) finite variation process with  $A_0 = 0$ .

The decomposition is unique up to indistinguishability.

Defn. Let  $X = X_0 + M + A$  and  $X' = X'_0 + M' + A'$  be continuous semimartingales. Set

$$\langle X \rangle = \langle M \rangle, \quad \langle X, X' \rangle = \langle M, M' \rangle.$$

Prop.

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_t^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2^n t \rfloor} (X_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}})(Y_{i2^{-n}} - Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) \rightarrow \langle X, Y \rangle_t \text{ u.c.p.}$$

Proof. Exercise.



### 3. The stochastic integral

#### 3.1. Simple processes

Defn. The space of simple processes  $\mathcal{E}$  consists of processes  $H: \Omega \times [0, \infty)$  that can be written as

$$H_t(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{i-1} \mathbb{1}_{(t_{i-1}, t_i]}(t)$$

for  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$  and random variables  $H_k \in \mathcal{F}_{t_k}$ .

Defn. For  $M \in \mathcal{M}^2$  and  $H \in \mathcal{E}$ , set

$$(H \cdot M)_t = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{i-1} (M_{t_i \wedge t} - M_{t_{i-1} \wedge t}).$$

Prop. If  $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  and  $H \in \mathcal{E}$  then  $H \cdot M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  and

$$\|H \cdot M\|_{\mathcal{H}^2} = \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right). \quad (*)$$

Proof. Claim:  $H \cdot M$  is a martingale in  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$

Let  $X_t^i = H_{i-1} (M_{t_i \wedge t} - M_{t_{i-1} \wedge t})$ . Then  $X^i$  is a martingale: for set,

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t^i | \mathcal{F}_s) = H_{i-1} \left( \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(M_{t_i \wedge t} | \mathcal{F}_s)}_{M_s} - M_{t_{i-1}} \right) = X_s^i \quad \text{for } t_{i-1} \leq s \leq t_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t^i | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{E}(H_{i-1} (0 - 0) | \mathcal{F}_s) = 0 = X_s^i \quad \text{for } s < t_{i-1}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t^i | \mathcal{F}_s) = H_{i-1} (M_{t_i} - M_{t_{i-1}}) = X_s^i \quad \text{for } s > t_i$$

Moreover,  $\|X^i\|_{\mathcal{H}^2} \leq 2 \|H\|_{\text{bound}} \|M\|_{\mathcal{H}^2}$  so  $X^i \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ .

Thus clearly also  $H \cdot M = \sum_{i=1}^n X^i \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ .

Claim: (\*) holds

The  $X^i$  are orthogonal:  $E(X^i X^j) = E(H_{i-1} (M_{t_i} - M_{t_{i-1}}) H_{j-1} E(M_{t_j} - M_{t_{j-1}} | \mathcal{F}_{t_{j-1}}))$  and  $\underbrace{E(M_{t_j} - M_{t_{j-1}} | \mathcal{F}_{t_{j-1}})}_0$  and  $(j > i)$

$$\langle X^i \rangle_t = H_{i-1}^2 (\langle M \rangle_{t_i \wedge t} - \langle M \rangle_{t_{i-1} \wedge t}).$$

$$\Rightarrow E \langle H \cdot M, H \cdot M \rangle_\infty = \sum_{i=1}^n E \langle X^i, X^i \rangle_\infty = \sum_{i=1}^n E \left( H_{i-1}^2 (\langle M \rangle_{t_i} - \langle M \rangle_{t_{i-1}}) \right)$$

Orthogonality  
and p. 31, (v)

$$= E \left( \int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|H \cdot M\|_{H^2}^2 = E \langle H \cdot M \rangle_\infty = E \left( \int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right).$$

Prop. Let  $M \in M_c^2$  and  $H \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then

$$\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle \quad \forall N \in M^2$$

Proof. Let  $H \cdot M = \sum_{i=1}^n X^i$  as in the previous proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X^i, N \rangle_t &= H_{i-1} \langle M_{t_i \wedge 0} - M_{t_{i-1} \wedge 0}, N \rangle_t \\ &= H_{i-1} (\langle M, N \rangle_{t_i \wedge t} - \langle M, N \rangle_{t_{i-1} \wedge t}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle H \cdot M, N \rangle_t = \int_0^t H_s d\langle M, N \rangle = (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_t$$

### 3.2. $H\hat{O}$ isometry

Defn. Let  $M \in M_c^2$ . Define  $L^2(M)$  to be the space of (equivalence classes) of previsible  $H: \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\|H\|_{L^2(M)} = \|H\|_M = \left( \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right)^{1/2} \right) < \infty.$$

For  $H, K \in L^2(M)$ , set

$$(H, K)_{L^2(M)} = \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^\infty H_s K_s d\langle M \rangle_s \right).$$

Fact.  $L^2(M) = L^2(\Omega \times [0, \infty), \mathcal{P}, dP d\langle M \rangle)$  is a Hilbert space.

Prop. Let  $M \in M_c^2$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is dense in  $L^2(M)$ .

Proof. Since  $L^2(M)$  is a Hilbert space (complete!), it suffices to show that if  $(K, H) = 0 \forall H \in \mathcal{E}$  then  $K = 0$ .

Assume that  $(K, H) = 0 \forall H \in \mathcal{E}$ , and set

$$X_t = \int_0^t K_s d\langle M \rangle_s.$$

This makes sense since (use  $k \in L^2(M)$ ,  $M \in M_c^2$ )

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t |K_s| d\langle M \rangle_s \right) \stackrel{CS}{\leq} \left( \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t |K_s|^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right) \right)^{1/2} \left( \mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_\infty \right)^{1/2} < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow X$  is well-defined finite variation process,  $X_t \in L^1 \forall t$

Claim:  $X$  is a continuous martingale.

Let  $0 \leq s < t$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{F}_s$ ,  $H = F \mathbb{1}_{(s,t]} \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $F$  bounded. By assumption, then

$$0 = (K, H) = \mathbb{E} \left( F \int_s^t K_u \langle M \rangle_u \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left( F (X_t - X_s) \right) = 0 \quad \forall s < t, F \in \mathcal{F}_s \text{ bounded}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = X_s, \text{ i.e., } X \text{ is a continuous martingale.}$$

Thus,  $X$  is a finite variation continuous martingale, so  $X=0$ .

$$\Rightarrow K=0 \quad d\langle M \rangle \text{ a.e.}$$

$$\Rightarrow K=0 \text{ in } L^2(M).$$

Thm. Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ . Then:

(i) The map  $H \in \mathcal{E} \mapsto H \cdot M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  extends uniquely to an isometry  $L^2(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_c^2$  (the Itô isometry).

(ii)  $H \cdot M$  is the unique martingale in  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$  s.t.

$$\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle \quad \forall N \in \mathcal{M}_c^2.$$

$\uparrow$  stoch. integral       $\uparrow$  fin. var. integral

(iii) If  $T$  is a stopping time then

$$(\mathbb{1}_{[0,T]} H) \cdot M = (H \cdot M)^T = H \cdot M^T.$$

Defn.  $H \cdot M$  is the stochastic integral of  $H$  w.r.t.  $M$  and we write

$$(H \cdot M)_t = \int_0^t H_s dM_s.$$

Proof. (i) For  $H \in \mathcal{E}$ , we have already seen that

$$\|H \cdot M\|_{\mathcal{M}^2}^2 = \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right) = \|H\|_{L^2(M)}^2.$$

Since  $\mathcal{E} \subset L^2(M)$  is dense and  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$  is a Hilbert space, it follows that the map  $H \mapsto H \cdot M$  extends uniquely to all of  $L^2(M)$  and the extension is also an isometry.

(ii) We have already seen that  $\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle$  holds for  $H \in \mathcal{E}$ . Given  $H \in L^2(M)$ , choose  $(H^n) \subset \mathcal{E}$  s.t.  $H^n \rightarrow H$ .

Then  $H^n \cdot M \rightarrow H \cdot M$  in  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$ . We will justify

$$\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle_\infty \stackrel{(\dagger)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle H^n \cdot M, N \rangle_\infty \quad \text{in } L^1$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H^n \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_\infty$$

$$\stackrel{(\dagger)}{=} (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_\infty \quad \text{in } L^1$$

Here (f) hold by the Kunita-Watanabe inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} |\langle H \cdot M - H^n \cdot M, N \rangle_\infty| &\leq \left( \mathbb{E} \langle H \cdot M - H^n \cdot M \rangle_\infty \right)^{1/2} \mathbb{E} \langle N \rangle_\infty^{1/2} \\ &= \underbrace{\|H \cdot M - H^n \cdot M\|_{\mathcal{M}^2}}_{\rightarrow 0} \|N\|_{\mathcal{M}^2} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left( (H - H^n) \cdot \langle M, N \rangle \right)_\infty \leq \underbrace{\|H - H^n\|_{L^2(M)}}_{\rightarrow 0} \|N\|_{\mathcal{M}^2}$$

Thus  $\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle_\infty = (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_\infty$ .

Replacing  $N$  by  $N_t^+$  gives  $\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle_t = (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_t$ .  
stopped martingale

Uniqueness: if  $X \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  has the same property as  $H \cdot M$  then

$$\langle H \cdot M - X, N \rangle = 0 \quad \forall N \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$$

$\Rightarrow H \cdot M = X$  in  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$ . (by taking  $N = H \cdot M - X$  and using that a mart  $X \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  in  $\mathcal{M}_c^2$  vanishes iff  $\langle X \rangle = 0$ ).

(iii) For  $N \in \mathcal{M}^2$ ,

$$\langle (H \cdot M)^T, N \rangle_t = \langle H \cdot M, N \rangle_{t \wedge T} \stackrel{(i)}{=} (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_{t \wedge T} = (H \mathbb{1}_{[0, T]} \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_t$$

$$\Rightarrow (H \cdot M)^T = (\mathbb{1}_{[0, T]} H) \cdot M \text{ by (ii)}$$

$$\langle H \cdot M^T, N \rangle_t \stackrel{(ii)}{=} H \cdot \langle M^T, N \rangle_t = (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_{t \wedge T} = (\mathbb{1}_{[0, T]} H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_t$$

$$\Rightarrow H \cdot M^T = (\mathbb{1}_{[0, T]} H) \cdot M \text{ by (ii)}$$

Prk. (ii) can be written as

$$\left\langle \int_0^t H_s dM_s, N \right\rangle_t = \langle H \cdot M, N \rangle_t = \left( H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle \right)_t = \int_0^t H_s d\langle M, N \rangle_s$$

i.e. "the integral commutes with the bracket",

Cor.

$$\langle H \cdot M, K \cdot N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, K \cdot N \rangle = H \cdot (K \cdot \langle M, N \rangle) = (HK) \cdot \langle M, N \rangle$$

↑  
associativity of fin. var. int.

$$d(K \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)_s = K_s d\langle M, N \rangle_s$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left\langle \int_0^t H_s dM_s, \int_0^t K_s dN_s \right\rangle_t = \int_0^t H_s K_s d\langle M, N \rangle_s$$

Cor.

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t H_s dM_s \right) = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \left( \int_0^t H_s dM_s \right) \left( \int_0^t K_s dN_s \right) \right) = \int_0^t H_s K_s d\langle M, N \rangle_s$$

Proof.  $H \cdot M$  and  $(H \cdot M)(K \cdot N) - \langle H \cdot M, K \cdot N \rangle$  are martingales starting at 0.

Cor.

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t H_s dM_s \mid \mathcal{F}_s \right) = \int_0^s H_s dM_s$$

Proof.  $H \cdot M$  is a martingale.

Cor. Let  $H \in L^2(M)$ . Then  $KH \in L^2(M)$  iff  $K \in L^2(H \cdot M)$  and then

$$(KH) \cdot M = K \cdot (H \cdot M).$$

Proof.

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^\infty K_s^2 H_s^2 d\langle M, M \rangle_s\right) \stackrel{\text{above}}{=} \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^\infty K_s^2 d\langle H \cdot M \rangle_s\right) \text{ so } KH \in L^2(M) \Leftrightarrow K \in L^2(H \cdot M).$$

For  $N \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (KH) \cdot M, N \rangle_t &= \langle KH \cdot \langle M, N \rangle \rangle_t \\ &= \int_0^t K_s H_s d\langle M, N \rangle_s = \left( K \cdot (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle) \right)_t \\ &= \int_0^t H_u d\langle M, N \rangle_u = d(H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle K \cdot (H \cdot M), N \rangle_t = K \cdot \langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = K \cdot (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)$$

$\Rightarrow (KH) \cdot M = K \cdot (H \cdot M)$  by uniqueness.



### 3.3. Extension to local martingales

Defn. Let  $L_{loc}^2(M)$  be the space of previsible  $H$  s.t. a.s.,  
$$\int_0^t H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s < \infty \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Thm. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale.

(i) For every  $H \in L_{loc}^2(M)$ , there is a unique continuous local martingale  $H \cdot M$  with  $(H \cdot M)_0 = 0$  s.t.

$$\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle \quad \forall N \text{ continuous local martingale.}$$

(ii) If  $T$  is a stopping time,

$$(1_{[0, T]} H) \cdot M = (H \cdot M)^T = H \cdot M^T$$

(iii) If  $H \in L_{loc}^2(M)$  and  $K$  is previsible then  $K \in L_{loc}^2(H \cdot M)$   
iff  $HK \in L_{loc}^2(M)$  and then

$$H \cdot (K \cdot M) = HK \cdot M.$$

Finally, if  $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  and  $H \in L^2(M)$  then the defn. is the same as before.

Proof. (i) Assume  $M_0 = 0$  and (setting  $H = 0$  where this fails)

$$\int_0^t H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s < \infty \quad \forall t \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$

Set

$$S_n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \int_0^t (1 + H_s^2) d\langle M \rangle_s \geq n\}.$$

Note that  $S_n$  are stopping times with  $S_n \uparrow \infty$ .

$$\langle M^{S_n}, M^{S_n} \rangle_t = \langle M, M \rangle_{t \wedge S_n} \leq n$$

$\Rightarrow M^{S_n} \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$  and

$$\int_0^\infty H_s^2 d\langle M^{S_n} \rangle_s = \int_0^{S_n} H_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \leq n.$$

$\Rightarrow H \in L^2(M^{S_n})$  and  $H \cdot M^{S_n}$  is defined.

$$(H \cdot M^{S_n}) = (H \cdot M^{S_m})_{S_n} \quad \text{for } m > n \quad (\text{stopping times commute with } \cdot)$$

$\Rightarrow$  there is a unique process denoted  $H \cdot M$  s.t.

$$(H \cdot M)^{S_n} = H \cdot M^{S_n} \quad \forall n$$

$H \cdot M$  is adapted, has continuous sample paths and is a local martingale since  $(H \cdot M)^{S_n}$  are martingales.

Claim:  $\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle$

Assume that  $N_0 = 0$ . Set

$$S_n' = \inf \{ t \geq 0 : |N_t| \geq n \}, \quad T_n = S_n \wedge S_n'$$

$\Rightarrow N^{S_n'} \in M_c^2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle H \cdot M, N \rangle^{T_n} &= \langle (H \cdot M)^{S_n}, N^{S_n'} \rangle \\ &= \langle H \cdot M^{S_n}, N^{S_n'} \rangle \\ &= H \cdot \langle M^{S_n}, N^{S_n'} \rangle \\ &= H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle^{T_n} \\ &= (H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle)^{T_n} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T_n \uparrow \infty$  thus  $\langle H \cdot M, N \rangle = H \cdot \langle M, N \rangle$ . Uniqueness follows as before.

(ii), (iii) follow as in proof for  $M \in M_c^2, H \in L^2(M)$  since it only uses property (i)

If  $M \in M_c^2, H \in L^2(M)$  then  $\langle H \cdot M, H \cdot M \rangle = H^2 \cdot \langle M, M \rangle$  by (i)

$\Rightarrow H \cdot M \in M_c^2$

Equivalent of (i) from previous theorem shows that  $H \cdot M$  is consistent with previous defn.

### 3.4. Extension to semimartingales

Defn. A previsible process  $H$  is locally bounded if

$$\forall t \geq 0: \sup_{s \leq t} |H_s| < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Fact. • Any adapted continuous process is locally bounded.

- If  $H$  is locally bounded and  $V$  a finite variation process then

$$\forall t \geq 0: \int_0^t |H_s| |dV_s| < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

- If  $H$  is locally bounded and  $M$  a continuous local martingale then  $H \in L^2_{loc}(M)$ .

Defn. Let  $X = X_0 + M + A$  be a continuous semimartingale,  $H$  a locally bounded process. Then the stochastic integral  $H \cdot X$  is the continuous semimartingale

$$H \cdot X = H \cdot M + H \cdot A$$

and we write

$$(H \cdot X)_t = \int_0^t H_s dX_s.$$

Lebesgue-Stieltjes integral

$H \circ X$  integral

Prop.

- (i)  $(H, X) \mapsto H \cdot X$  is bilinear
- (ii)  $H \cdot (K \cdot X) = (HK) \cdot X$  if  $H, K$  are locally bounded
- (iii)  $(H \cdot X)^T = H \mathbb{1}_{[0, T]} \cdot X = H \cdot X^T$  for every stopping time  $T$
- (v) If  $X$  is a continuous local martingale (resp. a finite variation process), then so is  $H \cdot X$
- (iv) If  $H = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{i-1} \mathbb{1}_{[t_{i-1}, t_i]}$  and  $H_{i-1} \in \mathcal{F}_{t_{i-1}}$  (not nec. bounded),  
$$(H \cdot X)_t = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{i-1} (X_{t_i \wedge t} - X_{t_{i-1} \wedge t}).$$

Proof. (i)-(v) follow from analogous properties for continuous local martingales and finite variation processes.

(iv) is also clear for the finite variation part of  $X$ .

Assume  $X \in M_c^2$ . Then (iv) is true by defn if the  $H_{i-1}$  are bounded. Set

$$T_n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : |H_t| \geq n\}$$

Then  $T_n$  is a stopping time,  $T_n \uparrow \infty$ , and  $H \mathbb{1}_{[0, T_n]} \in \mathcal{E}$ . Thus

$$(H \cdot X)_{t \wedge T_n} = \sum_{i=1}^n H_{i-1} \mathbb{1}_{[0, T_n]} (X_{t_i \wedge t} - X_{t_{i-1} \wedge t})$$

Since  $T_n \uparrow \infty$  the claim follows.

Prop. (Stochastic DCT). Let  $X$  be a continuous semimartingale. Let  $H$  be previsible and locally bounded, and let  $K$  be previsible and nonnegative. Let  $t > 0$ . Assume that a.s.

(i)  $H_s^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} H_s$  for all  $s \in [0, t]$ ;

(ii)  $|H_s^n| \leq K_s$  for all  $s \in [0, t]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;

(iii)  $\int_0^t (K_s)^2 d\langle M \rangle_s < \infty$  and  $\int_0^t K_s |dA_s| < \infty$  where  $A$  is the finite variation part of  $X$  (both cond. are ok if  $K$  is locally bounded)

Then  $\int_0^t H_s^n dX_s \rightarrow \int_0^t H_s dX_s$  u.c.p.

Proof. Let  $X = X_0 + M + A$ . For the finite variation part  $A$ , the claim follows from the usual DCT. Set

$$T_m = \inf \left\{ t \geq 0 : \int_0^t (K_s)^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \geq m \right\}.$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \left( \int_0^{T_m \wedge t} H_s^n dM_s - \int_0^{T_m \wedge t} H_s dM_s \right)^2 \right) \leq \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^{T_m \wedge t} (H_s^n - H_s)^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \right) \xrightarrow{\text{DCT, (i), (ii)}} 0$$

$\int_0^{T_m \wedge t} K_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s \leq m$

Since  $T_m \wedge t = t$  eventually,  $P(T_m \wedge t = t) \rightarrow 1$  the result follows in the sense of convergence in prob.

To get u.c.p. convergence, use Doob's inequality on the LHS.

Prop. Let  $X$  be a continuous semimartingale and let  $H$  be an adapted bounded left-continuous process. Then, for every subdivision  $0 = t_0^{(m)} < t_1^{(m)} < \dots < t_{n_m}^{(m)} = t^{(m)}$  of  $[0, t]$  with  $\max_i |t_i - t_{i-1}| \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$ ,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} H_{t_{i-1}^{(m)}} (X_{t_i^{(m)}} - X_{t_{i-1}^{(m)}}) = \int_0^t H_s dX_s \quad \text{u.c.p.}$$

Proof. This follows by dominated convergence as it did for finite variation processes (p. 10).

### 3.5. Itô formula

Thm (Integration by parts). Let  $X, Y$  be continuous semimartingales. Then a.s.

$$X_t Y_t - X_0 Y_0 = \int_0^t X_s dY_s + \int_0^t Y_s dX_s + \langle X, Y \rangle_t$$

Proof. Clearly,

Itô correction (absent if  $X, Y$  are f.v.)

$$X_t Y_t - X_s Y_s = X_s (Y_t - Y_s) + (X_t - X_s) Y_s + (X_t - X_s)(Y_t - Y_s)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} X_{k2^{-n}} Y_{k2^{-n}} - X_0 Y_0 &= \sum_{i=1}^k (X_{i2^{-n}} Y_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}} Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \left( X_{(i-1)2^{-n}} (Y_{i2^{-n}} - Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (X_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (X_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) (Y_{i2^{-n}} - Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

For  $t \in 2^{-m}\mathbb{N}$ ,  $m < n$ , (with u.c.p. convergence),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{2^m t} X_{(i-1)2^{-n}} (Y_{i2^{-n}} - Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) &\longrightarrow (X \circ Y)_t \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2^m t} (X_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}} &\longrightarrow (Y \circ X)_t \\ \sum_{i=1}^{2^m t} (X_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) (Y_{i2^{-n}} - Y_{(i-1)2^{-n}}) &\longrightarrow \langle X, Y \rangle_t \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{last section} \\ \text{definition of} \\ \text{quadratic var.} \end{array} \right\}$$

This implies the claim for dyadic rationals. For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  use continuity.



Thm (Itô's formula). Let  $X^1, \dots, X^P$  be continuous semimartingales, and let  $f: \mathbb{R}^P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be in  $C^2$ . Then, with  $X = (X^1, \dots, X^P)$ , a.s.

$$f(X_t) = f(X_0) + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^P \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i}_{\text{finite variation}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^P \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s}_{\text{cont. local martingale}} \quad (*)$$

Proof. Claim: (\*) holds when  $f$  is a polynomial.

For  $f$  constant, (\*) is obvious.

Suppose that (\*) holds for some  $f$ . Apply IBP to  $g(x) = x^k f(x)$ :

$$g(X_t) = g(X_0) + \underbrace{\int_0^t X_s^k df(X_s)}_{\text{finite variation}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t f(X_s) dX_s^k + \langle X^k, f(X) \rangle_s}_{\text{cont. local martingale}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^P \int_0^t X_s^k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^P \int_0^t X_s^k \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s$$

(using  $H \circ (K \circ X) = (HK) \circ X$   
 $\langle Y, H \circ X \rangle = H \circ \langle X, Y \rangle$ )

$$\sum_{i=1}^P \int_0^t \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^i}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^k \rangle_s$$

$$\Rightarrow g(X_t) = g(X_0) + \sum_{i=1}^P \int_0^t \frac{\partial g}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^P \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s$$

Thus (\*) holds for all polynomials  $f$ .

Write  $X = X_0 + M + A$ .

Claim: (\*) holds for all  $f \in C^2$  if  $|X_t(\omega)| \leq n$ ,  $\int_0^t |dA_s| \leq n \forall (t, \omega)$ .

By the Weierstrass approximation theorem, there are polynomials

$$P_k \text{ s.t. } \sup_{|x| \leq k} \left( |f(x) - P_k(x)| + \max_i \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(x) - \frac{\partial P_k}{\partial x^i}(x) \right| + \max_{i,j} \left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x) - \frac{\partial^2 P_k}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x) \right| \right) \leq \frac{1}{k}.$$

Taking limits, in probability,

$$f(X_t) - f(X_0) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (P_k(X_t) - P_k(X_0))$$

$$\int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{\partial P_k}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i \quad \text{by stochastic DCT}$$

$$\int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 P_k}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s \quad \text{by DCT}$$

Claim: (\*) holds without restriction.

Let  $T_n = \inf \{t \geq 0 : |X_t| \geq n, \int_0^t |dA_s| \geq n\}$ . Then, by the above,

$$\begin{aligned} f(X_{T_n}^+) &= f(X_0) + \sum_{i=1}^p \int_0^{T_n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^p \int_0^{T_n} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s \\ &= f(X_0) + \sum_{i=1}^p \int_0^{T_n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(X_s) dX_s^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^p \int_0^{T_n} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_s) d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_s. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $T_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Example. Let  $B$  be a standard Brownian motion,  $B_0 = 0$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow B_t^2 = 2 \int_0^t B_s dB_s + t \Rightarrow B_t^2 - t = 2 \int_0^t B_s dB_s \text{ is a cont. loc. mart.}$$

Example. Let  $B = (B^1, \dots, B^d)$  be a standard  $d$ -dim. BM.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(t, B_t) - f(0, B_0) &= \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \right) f(s, B_s) ds \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} f(s, B_s) dB_s^i \text{ is a cont. loc. mart.} \end{aligned}$$

(Apply Itô with  $X = (t, B_t^1, \dots, B_t^d)$ .)

Rk. Itô's formula (\*) is often stated in differential form as

$$df(X_t) = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} dX^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} d\langle X^i, X^j \rangle.$$

It is the chain rule for stochastic calculus.

In the case of BM,

$$df(B_t) = f'(B_t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} f''(B_t) dt$$

Formally, one expands  $f$  using that " $(dB)^2 = dt$ " and " $(dt)^2 = 0$ ".

The following formal computational rules hold:

$$Z_t - Z_0 = \int_0^t H_s dX_s \Leftrightarrow dZ_t = H_t dX_t$$

$$Z_t = \langle X, Y \rangle_t = \int_0^t d\langle X, Y \rangle_s \Leftrightarrow dZ_t = dX_t dY_t$$

Then:

- $H_t (K_t dX_t) = (H_t K_t) dX_t$
- $H_t (dX_t dY_t) = (H_t dX_t) dY_t$
- $d(X_t Y_t) = X_t dY_t + Y_t dX_t + dX_t dY_t$
- $df(X_t) = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(X_t) dX_t^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(X_t) dX_t^i dX_t^j.$

## 4. Applications to Brownian motion and martingales

### 4.1. Brownian motion: Lévy's characterization, Dubins-Schwarz Theorem

Thm. Let  $X = (X^1, \dots, X^d)$  be continuous local martingales. Suppose that  $X_0 = 0$  and that  $\langle X^i, X^j \rangle_t = \delta_{ij}t$  for all  $i, j$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . Then  $X$  is a standard  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion.

Proof. Let  $0 \leq s < t$ . It suffices to show that  $X_t - X_s$  is independent of  $\mathcal{F}_s$  and that  $X_t - X_s \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (t-s) \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^d})$ .

Claim:  $E(e^{i\theta \cdot (X_t - X_s)} | \mathcal{F}_s) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\theta|^2(t-s)}$  for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $s < t$ .

which implies both claims

Fix  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and set  $Y_t = \theta \cdot X_t = \sum_{j=1}^d \theta^j X_t^j$ .

$\Rightarrow \langle Y \rangle_t = \langle Y, Y \rangle_t = \sum_{j,k=1}^d \theta^j \theta^k \langle X^j, X^k \rangle_t = |\theta|^2 t$  by assumption.

Let  $Z_t = e^{iY_t + \frac{1}{2}\langle Y \rangle_t} = e^{i\theta \cdot X_t + \frac{1}{2}|\theta|^2 t}$ .

By Itô's formula with  $X = iY + \frac{1}{2}\langle Y \rangle$ ,  $f(x) = e^x$ ,

$$dZ_t = Z_t \left( i dY_t - \frac{1}{2} d\langle Y \rangle_t + \frac{1}{2} d\langle Y \rangle_t \right) = i Z_t dY_t$$

$\Rightarrow Z$  is a continuous local martingale

$Z$  is bounded on every interval  $[0, t] \Rightarrow Z$  is a martingale,  $Z_0 = 1$ .

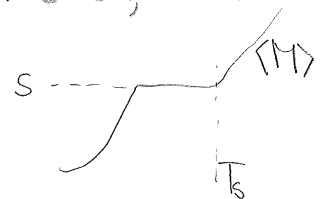
$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = Z_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(e^{i\theta \cdot (X_t - X_s)} | \mathcal{F}_s) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\theta|^2(t-s)}$$

The theorem is called Levy's characterisation of Brownian motion.

Thm (Dubins-Schwarz). Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$  and  $\langle M \rangle_\infty = \infty$  a.s. Let  $T_s = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \langle M \rangle_t > s\}$ . Let  $B_s = M_{T_s}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_s = \mathcal{F}_{T_s}$ . Then  $T_s$  is an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)$ -stopping time,  $\langle M \rangle_{T_s} = s$  for all  $s \geq 0$ ,  $B$  is a  $(\mathcal{G}_s)$  Brownian motion, and

$$M_t = B_{\langle M \rangle_t} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} M \text{ is a (random)} \\ \text{time change of } B \end{array}$$



Proof  $\langle M \rangle$  continuous, adapted,  $\langle M \rangle_\infty = \infty$  a.s.  $\Rightarrow T_s$  is a stopping time and  $T_s < \infty$  for all  $s \geq 0$ , a.s.

Redefine  $T_s = 0$  if  $\langle M \rangle_\infty < \infty$ .  $T_s$  is still a stopping time.

Claim:  $(\mathcal{G}_s)$  is a filtration obeying the usual conditions,  $\mathcal{G}_\infty = \mathcal{F}_\infty$ .

Indeed, if  $A \in \mathcal{G}_s$ , then  $A \cap \{T_t \leq u\} = A \cap \{T_s \leq u\} \cap \{T_t \leq u\} \in \mathcal{F}_u$

$$\Rightarrow A \in \mathcal{F}_{T_t} = \mathcal{G}_t, \text{ for any } t \geq s.$$

$\Rightarrow (\mathcal{G}_s)$  is a filtration.

Right-continuity of  $(\mathcal{G}_s)$  follows from that of  $(\mathcal{F}_t)$  and right-continuity of  $T_s$ .

Claim:  $B$  is adapted to  $(\mathcal{G}_s)$

If  $X$  is càdlàg and  $T$  a stopping time, then  $X_T \mathbb{1}_{T < \infty} \in \mathcal{F}_T$ .  
( $\rightarrow$  Advanced Probability).

Apply this with  $X=M$ ,  $T=T_s$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_T = \mathcal{G}_s$ : Thus  $B_s \in \mathcal{G}_s$ .

Claim:  $B$  is continuous

$T_s$  is increasing, càdlàg in  $s \Rightarrow B_s = M_{T_s}$  is càdlàg  
and thus right-continuous

$B$  is left-continuous  $\Leftrightarrow B_s = B_{s-} \Leftrightarrow M_{T_s} = M_{T_{s-}}$ ,

$$T_{s-} = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \langle M \rangle_t = s\}.$$

If  $T_s = T_{s-}$  there is nothing to show. Assume  $T_s > T_{s-}$ .

$\Rightarrow \langle M \rangle$  is constant on  $[T_{s-}, T_s]$ .

Lemma  $M$  is constant on  $[0, b]$   $\Leftrightarrow \langle M \rangle$  is constant on  $[a, b]$   
for all  $a < b$ , a.s.

Thus if  $T_s > T_{s-}$  we also have  $M_{T_s} = M_{T_{s-}}$ , i.e.  $B$  is continuous.

Claim:  $B$  is a Brownian motion.

Let  $0 \leq r < s$ .

$\langle M \rangle_{T_s} = \langle M \rangle_{T_{s-}} = s \Rightarrow M_{T_s} \in \mathcal{M}_t^2 \Rightarrow (M^2 - \langle M \rangle)_{T_s}$  is a UI martingale.

OST implies

$$\mathbb{E}(B_s | \mathcal{G}_r) = \mathbb{E}(M_{\infty}^{T_s} | \mathcal{F}_{T_r}) = M_{T_r} = B_r$$

$$\mathbb{E}(B_s^2 - s | \mathcal{G}_r) = \mathbb{E}((M^2 - \langle M \rangle)^{T_s} | \mathcal{F}_{T_r}) = M_{T_r}^2 - \langle M \rangle_{T_r} = B_r^2 - r$$

$\Rightarrow$   $B$  is a continuous martingale with  $\langle B \rangle_s = s$  for all  $s \geq 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$   $B$  is a  $(\mathcal{G}_s)$ -Brownian motion by Lévy's characterisation.

Proof of lemma By continuity, it suffices to prove for any fixed  $a < b$  that

$$\{M_t = M_a \quad \forall t \in [a, b]\} = \{\langle M \rangle_b = \langle M \rangle_a\} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Claim:  $\{M \text{ is const. on } [a, b]\} \subseteq \{\langle M \rangle_b = \langle M \rangle_a\}$  a.s.

$N_t := M_t - M_{t \wedge a}$  satisfies  $\langle N \rangle_t = \langle M \rangle_t - \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge a}$ .

Let  $T_\varepsilon = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \langle N \rangle_t \geq \varepsilon\}$ .

$\Rightarrow N^{T_\varepsilon} \in M_c^2$  since  $\langle N^{T_\varepsilon} \rangle_t \leq \varepsilon$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} N_{t \wedge T_\varepsilon}^2 = \mathbb{E} \langle N \rangle_{t \wedge T_\varepsilon} \leq \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{\{\langle M \rangle_b = \langle M \rangle_a\}} N_t^2) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{\{\langle M \rangle_b = \langle M \rangle_a\}} N_{t \wedge T_\varepsilon}^2) \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

$\Rightarrow N_t = 0$  a.s. on  $\{\langle M \rangle_b = \langle M \rangle_a\}$ .

Other direction: exercise (use approximation for example).

## 4.2. Girsanov's Theorem

Example. Let  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, C)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional centred Gaussian vector with positive definite covariance matrix  $C = (C_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$ :

$$\mathbb{E}(f(X)) = \det\left(\frac{M}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x, Mx)} dx, \quad M = C^{-1}$$

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(f(X+a)) &= \det\left(\frac{M}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \underbrace{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-a, M(x-a))}}_{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x, Mx)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(a, Ma) + (x, Ma)}} dx \\ &= \mathbb{E}(Z f(X)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus if  $P$  denotes the distribution of  $X$  then the measure  $Q$  with

$$\frac{dQ}{dP} = Z, \quad Z \text{ as above,}$$

is that of a  $\mathcal{N}(a, C)$  Gaussian vector.

Example. Let  $B$  be Brownian motion with  $B_0 = 0$ . Fix finitely many times  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$ . Then  $(B_{t_i})_{i=0}^n$  is a centred Gaussian vector with

$$\mathbb{E}(f(B_{t_i})) = \text{const.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - x_{i-1})^2}{t_i - t_{i-1}}} dx_1 \dots dx_n$$



Let  $h: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a deterministic function. Then

$$\mathbb{E}(f(B+h)) = \mathbb{E}(Z f(B)),$$

$$Z = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(h_{t_i} - h_{t_{i-1}})^2}{t_i - t_{i-1}} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(h_{t_i} - h_{t_{i-1}})(B_{t_i} - B_{t_{i-1}})}{t_i - t_{i-1}}\right).$$

for  $f$  such that  $f(B)$  depends only on  $(B_{t_i})_{i=0}^n$ .

Defn. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale. Then the stochastic exponential (or Doléans-Dade exponential) of  $M$  is

$$E(M)_t = e^{M_t - \frac{1}{2}\langle M \rangle_t}$$

Prop. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$ . Then  $Z = E(M)$  satisfies

$$dZ_t = Z_t dM_t, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad Z_t = 1 + \int_0^t Z_s dM_s,$$

In particular,  $E(M)$  is a continuous local martingale.

Moreover, if  $\langle M \rangle$  is uniformly bounded then  $E(M)$  is a UI martingale. (More general criterion is Novikov's condition.)

Proof. By Itô's formula applied to the semimartingale  $X = M - \frac{1}{2}\langle M \rangle$  and  $f(x) = e^x$ ,

$$dZ_t = Z_t \left( dM_t - \frac{1}{2} d\langle M \rangle_t + \frac{1}{2} d\langle M \rangle_t \right) = Z_t dM_t.$$

Since  $M$  is a continuous local martingale, so is  $Z \cdot M$  and thus  $Z$  is a continuous local martingale.

Now suppose that  $\langle M \rangle_\infty \leq b < \infty$ . Then

$$P\left(\sup_{t \geq 0} M_t \geq a\right) = P\left(\sup_{t \geq 0} M_t \geq a, \langle M \rangle_\infty \leq b\right) \leq e^{-\frac{a^2}{2b}}$$

↑  
Example sheet

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow E(\exp(\sup M_t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} P(\exp(\sup M_t) \geq \lambda) d\lambda \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} P(\sup M_t \geq \log \lambda) d\lambda \\
&\leq 1 + \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(\log \lambda)^2}{2b}} d\lambda < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sup_{t \geq 0} E(M)_t \leq \exp(\sup M_t)$  using that  $\langle M \rangle_t \geq 0$ , it follows that  $E(M)$  is UI.

Thm (Girsanov). Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$ . Suppose that  $E(M)$  is a UI martingale. Define a probability measure  $Q$  by

$$\frac{dQ}{dP} = E(M)_{\infty}.$$

Let  $X$  be a continuous local martingale w.r.t.  $P$ . Then  $X - \langle X, M \rangle$  is a continuous local martingale w.r.t.  $Q$ .

Proof. Let

$$T_n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : |X_t - \langle X, M \rangle_t| \geq n\}.$$

Then  $T_n$  is a stopping time and  $P(T_n \uparrow \infty) = 1$  by continuity of  $X - \langle X, M \rangle$ . Since  $Q$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $P$  also  $Q(T_n \uparrow \infty) = 1$ .

Thus it suffices to show that  $X^{T_n} - \langle X^{T_n}, M \rangle$  is a continuous local martingale w.r.t.  $\mathbb{Q}$  for every  $n$ .

$$\text{Let } Y = X^{T_n} - \langle X^{T_n}, M \rangle$$

$$Z = E(M)_t.$$

Claim:  $ZY$  is a cont. local martingale w.r.t.  $\mathbb{P}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d(ZY) &= Y_t dZ_t + Z_t dY_t + d\langle Z, Y \rangle_t \\ &= \left( X_t^{T_n} - \langle X^{T_n}, M \rangle_t \right) (Z_t dM_t) + Z_t \left( dX_t^{T_n} - d\langle X^{T_n}, M \rangle_t \right) \\ &\quad + Z_t d\langle M, X^{T_n} \rangle_t \end{aligned}$$

All terms on the RHS are stochastic differentials w.r.t. local martingales. Thus  $ZY$  is a local martingale.

Claim:  $ZY$  is UI

Since  $Z$  is a UI martingale,  $\{Z_T : T \text{ is a stopping time}\}$  is UI. ( $\rightarrow$  p. 18)

Since  $Y$  is bounded,  $\{Z_T Y_T : T \text{ is a stopping time}\}$  is also UI.

$\Rightarrow ZY$  is a martingale w.r.t.  $\mathbb{P}$ . (again p. 18)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E^{\mathbb{Q}}(Y_t - Y_s | \mathcal{F}_s) &= E^{\mathbb{P}}(Z_\infty Y_t - Z_\infty Y_s | \mathcal{F}_s) \\ &= E^{\mathbb{P}}(Z_t Y_t - Z_s Y_s | \mathcal{F}_s) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Rk. The quadratic variation does not change since

$$\langle Y \rangle_t = \langle X \rangle_t = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n t} (X_{i2^{-n}} - X_{(i-1)2^{-n}})^2 \text{ a.s. along a subsequence.}$$

Cor. Let  $X$  be a standard Brownian motion under  $\mathbb{P}$ , and let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale with  $M_0 = 0$  s.t.  $E(M)$  is UI. Then  $B = X - \langle X, M \rangle$  is a Brownian motion under  $\mathbb{Q}$ , where  $d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P} = E(M)_\infty$ .

Proof. By Girsanov's Theorem,  $B$  is a continuous local martingale. Moreover,

$$\langle B \rangle_t = \langle X \rangle_t = t.$$

By Lévy's characterisation, thus  $B$  is a Brownian motion.

Example. Let  $b: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and assume  $b(t, x) \leq g(t)$  for some  $g: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\int_0^\infty g(t)^2 dt < \infty$ . Consider the SDE

$$dX_t = b(t, X_t) dt + dB_t$$

We can construct a solution as follows. Let  $X$  be a standard Brownian motion under  $\mathbb{P}$ . Set

$$M_t = \int_0^t b(s, X_s) dX_s.$$

Then

$$X_t - \langle X, M \rangle_t = X_t - \int_0^t b(s, X_s) d\langle M \rangle_s = X_t - \int_0^t b(s, X_s) ds$$

is a standard Brownian motion under the measure  $\mathbb{Q}$  given by  $d\mathbb{Q}/d\mathbb{P} = \mathcal{E}(M)_\infty$  provided that  $\mathcal{E}(M)$

is a UI martingale. This is the case since

$$\langle M \rangle_\infty = \int_0^\infty b(s, X_s)^2 ds \leq \int_0^\infty g(s)^2 ds < \infty. \text{ Thus } X \text{ solves the SDE.}$$

Thm. Let  $M$  be a continuous local martingale s.t.  $M_0 = 0$ .

Then

$$\mathbb{E}(e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle M \rangle_\infty}) < \infty \quad (\text{Novikov's condition})$$

implies

$$M \text{ is a UI martingale and } \mathbb{E}(e^{\frac{1}{2}M_\infty}) < \infty \quad (\text{Kozamaki's condition})$$

which implies that

$\mathcal{E}(M)$  is a UI martingale.

### 4.3. The Cameron-Martin formula

Defn. The Wiener space  $(W, \mathcal{W}, P)$  is given by  $W = C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathcal{W} = \sigma(X_t : t \geq 0)$  where  $X_t : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X_t(w) = w(t)$ , and  $P$  is the unique probability measure on  $(W, \mathcal{W})$  s.t.  $(X_t)$  is a standard Brownian motion with  $X_0 = 0$ .

Defn. The Cameron-Martin space is

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ h \in W : h(t) = \int_0^t g(s) ds \text{ for some } g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+) \right\}.$$

For  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , the function  $\dot{h} = g$  is the weak derivative of  $h$ .

Exercise.  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space with inner product

$$(h, f)_{\mathcal{H}} = \int_0^{\infty} \dot{h}(s) \dot{f}(s) ds.$$

The dual space of  $\mathcal{H}$  can be identified with

$$\mathcal{H}^* = \left\{ \mu \in M(\mathbb{R}_+) : \int_0^{\infty} (s+t) \mu(ds) \mu(dt) = (\mu, \mu)_{\mathcal{H}^*} < \infty, \mu(\{0\}) = 0 \right\},$$

in the sense that for any bounded linear  $\ell : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there exists  $\mu \in \mathcal{H}^*$  s.t.  $\ell(h) = \int h(t) \mu(dt)$  and vice versa.

Rk. One would like to think of Brownian motion as the standard Gaussian measure on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Unfortunately, this measure does not exist. The next theorem shows it is not far.

Thm. (Cameron-Martin). Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  and define  $P^h$  by  $P^h(A) = P(\{w \in W : w+h \in A\})$  for  $A \in \mathcal{W}$ . The probability measure  $P^h$  on  $(W, \mathcal{W})$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t. the Wiener measure and

$$\frac{dP^h}{dP} = \exp\left(\int_0^\infty \dot{h}(s) dX_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \dot{h}(s)^2 ds\right)$$

↑  
stochastic integral, Wiener integral (Section 1.)

Proof. Let

$$M_t = \int_0^t \dot{h}(s) dX_s.$$

Then  $M$  is a continuous martingale w.r.t. the filtration  $(\mathcal{W}_t)$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_t = \sigma(X_s : s \leq t)$ .

$$\langle M \rangle_\infty = \int_0^\infty \dot{h}(s)^2 ds = \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 < \infty.$$

$\Rightarrow E(M)$  is a UI martingale.

Define  $Q$  by  $dQ/dP = E(M)_\infty$ . Then (corollary in previous section)

$Y = X - \langle X, M \rangle$  is a  $Q$ -Brownian motion since  $X$  is a  $P$ -Brownian motion.

$$\langle X, M \rangle_t = \int_0^t \dot{h}(s) ds = h(t).$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(w) = w - h.$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\{w : w+h \in A\}) = Q(\{w : \underbrace{Y(w)}_w + h \in A\}) = Q(A).$$



## 5. Stochastic Differential Equations

### 5.1. Definitions

In Section 1, we motivated the SDE  $\dot{x}(t) = F(x(t)) + \eta(t)$ .  
↑  
white noise

It can be interpreted as  $dX_t = F(X_t) dt + dB_t$

$$\Leftrightarrow X_t - X_0 = \int_0^t F(X_s) ds + B_t.$$

Defn. Let  $d, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  be locally bounded (measurable). A solution to the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$E(\sigma, b) \quad dX_t = b(t, X_t) dt + \sigma(t, X_t) dB_t$$

consists of

- a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$  obeying the usual conditions
- an  $m$ -dimensional Brownian motion  $B$  with  $B_0 = 0$ .
- an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)$ -adapted continuous process  $X$  with values in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.

$$X_t = X_0 + \underbrace{\int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) dB_s}_{\sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_{ij}(s, X_s) dB_s^j} + \int_0^t b(s, X_s) ds$$

If  $X_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  then  $X$  is a solution to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$ . It is a strong solution if it is adapted to the canonical filtration of  $B$ .

Defn. For the SDE  $E(\sigma, b)$ , there is

- weak existence if for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  there exists a solution to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$ ;
- uniqueness in law if, for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , all solutions to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$  have the same distribution;
- pathwise uniqueness if, when  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$  and  $B$  are fixed, any two solutions  $X, X'$  with  $X_0 = X'_0$  are indistinguishable.

Example. (Tanaka). The SDE

$$dX_t = \text{sign}(X_t) dB_t, \quad X_0 = x \quad \text{where } \text{sign}(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

has a weak solution which is unique in law, but not pathwise uniqueness.

Indeed, let  $X$  be a one-dimensional BM with  $X_0 = x$ . Set

$$B_t = \int_0^t \text{sign}(X_s) dX_s,$$

which is well-defined since  $\text{sign}(X)$  is previsible.

$$\Rightarrow x + \int_0^t \text{sign}(X_s) dB_s = x + \int_0^t \underbrace{\text{sign}(X_s)^2}_{=1} dX_s = x + X_t - X_0 = X_t$$

i.e.

$$dX_t = \text{sign}(X_t) dB_t, \quad X_0 = x.$$

Moreover,  $B$  is a Brownian motion since it is a continuous martingale and

$$\langle B, B \rangle_t = \int_0^t d\langle X, X \rangle_s = t.$$

Thus (\*) has weak existence.

Any solution is a Brownian motion by the previous argument, so (\*) has uniqueness in law.

Claim: if  $x=0$  and  $X$  is a solution to (\*) then  $-X$  is also a solution with the same Brownian motion ( $\Rightarrow$  pathwise uniqueness fails).

$$-X_t = -\int_0^t \text{sign}(X_s) dB_s = \int_0^t \text{sign}(-X_s) dB_s + \underbrace{2\int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{X_s=0} dB_s}_{N_t}$$

where  $N$  is a continuous local martingale and

$$\langle N, N \rangle_t = 4 \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{X_s=0} ds \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} 0$$

the zero set of BM  
has Lebesgue measure 0

$$\Rightarrow N = 0$$

$\Rightarrow -X$  also solves (\*).

Rk.  $X$  is not a strong solution.

Thm (Yamada-Watanabe). Assume weak existence and pathwise uniqueness hold. Then:

- uniqueness in law holds
- for any  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$  and  $B$ , and any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , there is a unique strong solution to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$ .

## 5.2. Lipschitz coefficients

Defn. The coefficients  $b: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  are Lipschitz in  $x$  if there is  $K > 0$  s.t. for all  $t \geq 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$|b(t, x) - b(t, y)| \leq K|x - y|$$

$$|\sigma(t, x) - \sigma(t, y)| \leq K|x - y|.$$

Here  $|\cdot|$  is any norm on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  respectively  $\mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$ .

Thm. Assume  $b$  and  $\sigma$  are Lipschitz in  $x$ . Then there is pathwise uniqueness for  $E(\sigma, b)$  and for every  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$  satisfying the usual conditions and every  $(\mathcal{F}_t)$ -Brownian motion  $B$ , for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a unique strong solution to  $E_x(t, b)$ .

Proof. To simplify notation, assume  $d=m=1$ .

Pathwise uniqueness. Let  $X, X'$  be two solutions with  $X_0 = X'_0$ . Set

$$S = \inf\{t \geq 0 : |X_t| \geq n \text{ or } |X'_t| \geq n\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{t \wedge S} = X_0 + \int_0^{t \wedge S} \sigma(s, X_s) dB_s + \int_0^{t \wedge S} b(s, X_s) ds$$

$$X'_{t \wedge S} = X'_0 + \dots$$

Fix  $T > 0$ . Then for  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} (X_{t \wedge S} - X'_{t \wedge S})^2 \leq 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \left( \int_0^{t \wedge S} (\sigma(s, X_s) - \sigma(s, X'_s)) dB_s \right)^2 \right) + 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \left( \int_0^{t \wedge S} (b(s, X_s) - b(s, X'_s)) ds \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}\left((X_{t \wedge S} - X'_{t \wedge S})^2\right) &\leq 2 \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{t \wedge S} (\sigma(s, X_s) - \sigma(s, X'_s))^2 ds\right) + \\ &\quad 2T \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{t \wedge S} (b(s, X_s) - b(s, X'_s))^2 ds\right) \\ &\leq 2K^2(1+T) \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{t \wedge S} |X_s - X'_s|^2 ds\right) \\ &\leq 2K^2(1+T) \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t |X_{s \wedge S} - X'_{s \wedge S}|^2 ds\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $h(t) = \mathbb{E}(|X_{t \wedge S} - X'_{t \wedge S}|^2)$  satisfies  $h(t) \leq 4n^2$

$$h(t) \leq \underbrace{2K^2(1+T)}_{\text{constant}} \int_0^t h(s) ds \quad \text{for } t \leq T.$$

Grönwall's Lemma: if  $h(t) \leq a + b \int_0^t h(s) ds$ ,  $h \geq 0$  is bounded on  $[0, T]$ ,

$$\Rightarrow h(t) \leq a e^{bt} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T].$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}(|X_{t \wedge S} - X'_{t \wedge S}|^2) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T].$$

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$X_t = X'_t \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

Existence of a strong solution. Fix  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$  and  $B$ .

Define

$$F(X)_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) dB_s + \int_0^t b(s, X_s) ds.$$

Then  $X$  is a strong solution to  $E(\sigma, b)$  if  $F(X) = X$ .

To find such a fixed point, we use the Picard iteration method. Fix  $T > 0$ . For  $X$  continuous, adapted, set

$$\|X\|_T = \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X_t|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Then  $B = \{X: \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \|X\|_T < \infty\}$  is a Banach space.

$$\text{Claim: } \|F(X) - F(Y)\|_T^2 \leq (2T+8) K^2 \int_0^T \|X - Y\|_t^2 dt$$

$$\|F(X) - F(Y)\|_T^2 \leq 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \underbrace{\sup_{t \leq T} \left| \int_0^t (b(s, X_s) - b(s, Y_s)) ds \right|^2}_{(A)} + 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \underbrace{\sup_{t \leq T} \left| \int_0^t (\sigma(s, X_s) - \sigma(s, Y_s)) dB_s \right|^2}_{(B)} \right) \right)$$

where

$$(A) \stackrel{(CS)}{\leq} T \mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{t \leq T} \int_0^t |b(s, X_s) - b(s, Y_s)|^2 ds \right)$$

$$\leq T K^2 \int_0^T \|X - Y\|_t^2 dt$$

$$(B) \leq 4 \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^T |\sigma(s, X_s) - \sigma(s, Y_s)|^2 ds \right) \leq 4 K^2 \int_0^T \|X - Y\|_t^2 dt$$

Doob's inequality:

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \sup_{t \leq T} |M_t|^2 \right) \leq 4 \mathbb{E} \langle M \rangle_t$$

Claim:  $\|F(\cdot)\|_T < \infty$

$$F(\cdot) = X_0 + \int_0^t b(s, \cdot) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, \cdot) dB_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \|F\|_T \leq |X_0| + \underbrace{\left\| \int_0^t b(s, \cdot) ds \right\|}_{\leq T \int_0^T b(s, \cdot)^2 ds} + \underbrace{\left\| \int_0^t \sigma(s, \cdot) dB_s \right\|}_{\leq 2 \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^T \sigma(s, \cdot)^2 ds \right)^{1/2}} < \infty.$$

(Thus  $F$  maps  $B$  to itself and is a contraction if  $(2T+8)K^2T < 1$ .

$\Rightarrow F$  has a unique fixed point for such  $T$ .)

To define a solution to  $E_x(0, b)$  for all  $t$ , let  $X_t^0 = x \forall t$ .

Set  $X^{i+1} = F(X^i)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|X^{i+1} - X^i\|_T^2 &\leq C \int_0^T \|X^i - X^{i-1}\|_t^2 dt \\ &\leq C^2 \int_0^T \int_0^t \|X^{i-1} - X^{i-2}\|_s^2 ds dt \\ &\leq \|X^1 - X^0\|_T \frac{(CT)^i}{i!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|X^i - X^{i-1}\|_T^2 < \infty \quad \forall T$$

$\Rightarrow X^i$  converges a.s. uniformly on every  $[0, T]$

$\Rightarrow X = F(X)$ .



## 5.3. Examples of SDEs

### 5.3.1. The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

Let  $\lambda > 0$ . The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process is the solution to

$$dX_t = -\lambda X_t dt + dB_t$$

It is a rare example that can be solved explicitly. The solution exists by the previous theorem. By Itô's formula applied to  $e^{\lambda t} X_t$ :

$$d(e^{\lambda t} X_t) = e^{\lambda t} dX_t + \lambda e^{\lambda t} X_t dt = e^{\lambda t} dB_t$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\lambda t} X_t - X_0 = \int_0^t e^{\lambda s} dB_s$$

$$\Rightarrow X_t = e^{-\lambda t} X_0 + \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-s)} dB_s.$$

↑  
deterministic  $\rightarrow$  Wiener integral

Fact. If  $X_0 = x$  is fixed,  $(X_t)$  is a Gaussian process with

$$\mathbb{E} X_t = e^{-\lambda t} x, \quad \text{cov}(X_t, X_s) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} (e^{-\lambda|t-s|} - e^{-\lambda(t+s)}).$$

(Gaussian process means that  $(X_{t_i})_{i=1}^n$  is jointly Gaussian for all  $0 \leq t_1 < \dots < t_n$ .)

Proof. By the Itô isometry,

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-u)} dB_u}_{X_t - \mathbb{E} X_t} \underbrace{\int_0^s e^{-\lambda(s-u)} dB_u}_{X_s - \mathbb{E} X_s} \right) = e^{-\lambda(t+s)} \left( \int_0^{\min(t,s)} e^{+2\lambda u} du \right) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} (e^{2\lambda \min(t,s)} - 1) e^{-\lambda(t+s)}.$$

In particular,  $X_t \sim \mathcal{N}(\underbrace{e^{-\lambda t} x_0}_{\rightarrow 0}, \underbrace{\frac{1 - e^{-2\lambda t}}{2\lambda}}_{\rightarrow \frac{1}{2\lambda}})$  for every  $t > 0$ .  
as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Fact. If  $X_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{2\lambda})$  then  $(X_t)$  is a centred Gaussian process with stationary (only depends on differences) covariance.

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda} e^{-\lambda|t-s|}$$

### 5.3.2. Dyson Brownian motion

Let  $\mathcal{H}_N$  be the inner product space of real symmetric  $N \times N$  matrices with inner product

$$N \operatorname{Tr}(HK) \quad \text{for } X, Y \in \mathcal{H}_N.$$

Let  $H^1, \dots, H^{\dim \mathcal{H}_N}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}_N$ .

Defn. The Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble ( $\text{GOE}_N$ ) is the standard Gaussian measure on  $\mathcal{H}_N$ , i.e.,  $H \sim \text{GOE}_N$  if

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{\dim \mathcal{H}_N} H^i X^i$$

where  $X^1, \dots, X^{\dim \mathcal{H}_N}$  are i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  random variables.

Assume that each of the  $X^i$  evolves according to an independent Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $\text{GOE}_N$  is stationary under this process (Matrix Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process).

Thm, (Dyson). The eigenvalues  $\lambda_1(t) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N(t)$  of  $H(t)$  are almost surely distinct for  $t > 0$  and satisfy the following autonomous system of SDEs (Dyson Brownian motion):

$$d\lambda_t^i = \left( -\frac{\lambda_t^i}{2} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\lambda_t^i - \lambda_t^j} \right) dt + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta N}} dB_t^i, \quad (\text{DBM}_\beta)$$

where  $\beta=1$ .

Rk.  $\text{GUE}_N$  is the standard Gaussian measure on the space of complex Hermitian matrices and  $\text{GSE}_N$  the standard Gaussian measure on the space of symplectic matrices. Their eigenvalues obey  $(\text{DBM}_\beta)$  with  $\beta=2$  resp  $\beta=4$ .

Proof. Careful application of Itô's formula.

### 5.3.3. Geometric Brownian motion

Let  $\sigma > 0$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Geometric Brownian motion is the solution to

$$dX_t = \sigma X_t dB_t + r X_t dt.$$

Apply Itô's formula to  $\log X_t$ :

$$X_t = X_0 \exp\left(\sigma B_t + \left(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)t\right).$$

### 5.3.4 Bessel processes

Let  $B = (B^1, \dots, B^d)$  be a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion. Then

$X_t = |B_t|$  satisfies

$$dX_t = \frac{\nu-1}{2X_t} dt + dB_t, \quad t < \inf\{t \geq 0 : X_t = 0\}.$$

with  $\nu = d$ .

## 5.4. Representations of solutions to PDE

Prop. Assume that  $b: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  are (measurable) locally bounded functions, and let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Assume that  $X$  is a solution to  $E_x(c, b)$ . Then for every  $f \in C(\mathbb{R}_+^d) \otimes C^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

$$M_t^f = f(t, X_t) - f(0, X_0) - \int_0^t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + L \right) f(s, X_s) ds$$

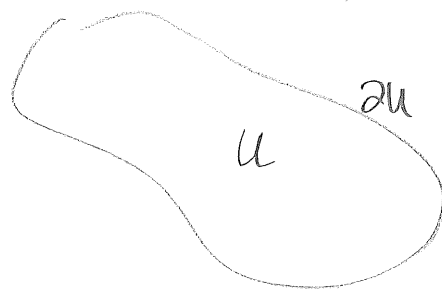
is a continuous local martingale, where

$$Lf(y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{ij}(y) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^i \partial y^j} + \sum_{i=1}^d b_i(y) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^i}, \quad a(y) = \sigma(y) \sigma(y)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}.$$

Proof. Example sheet.

Dirichlet-Poisson problem. Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $U \neq \emptyset$  be bounded, open. Let  $f \in C_b(U)$ ,  $g \in C_b(\partial U)$ . Find  $u \in C^2(\bar{U}) = C^2(U) \cap C(\bar{U})$  s.t.

$$(DP) \begin{cases} -Lu(x) = f(x) & \text{for } x \in U, \\ u(x) = g(x) & \text{for } x \in \partial U. \end{cases}$$



Dirichlet problem:  $f=0$

Poisson equation:  $g=0$ .

Defn.  $a: \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  is uniformly elliptic if there is  $c > 0$  s.t.

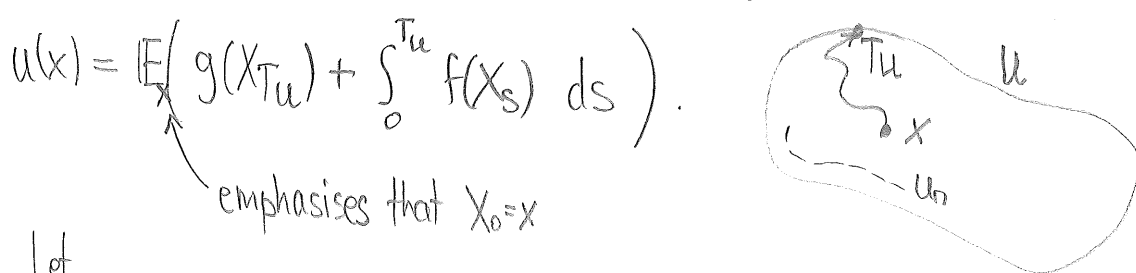
$$\xi^T a(x) \xi \geq c |\xi|^2 \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, x \in \bar{U}.$$

Thm ( $\rightarrow$  Gilbarg-Trudinger, Evans, ...). Assume that  $U$  has a smooth boundary (or satisfies the exterior sphere condition), that  $\sigma$  and  $b$  are Hölder continuous, and that  $a = \sigma\sigma^T$  is uniformly elliptic. Then for every Hölder continuous  $f: \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and every continuous  $g: \partial U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the Dirichlet-Poisson problem has a solution.

Thm. Let  $\sigma$  and  $b$  be bounded and measurable, let  $\sigma$  be uniformly elliptic,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  as above. Let  $u$  be a solution to (DP). Let  $X$  be a solution to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$  for some  $x \in U$ .

Let  $T_u = \inf\{t \geq 0 : X_t \notin U\}$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}T_u < \infty$  and

$$u(x) = \mathbb{E}_x \left( g(X_{T_u}) + \int_0^{T_u} f(X_s) ds \right).$$



Proof. Let

$$T_n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : X_t \notin U_n\}, \quad U_n = \left\{ x \in U : \text{dist}(x, \partial U) > \frac{1}{n} \right\}.$$

There is  $u_n \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.  $u|_{U_n} = u_n|_{U_n}$ . Then

$$M^n = (Y^{u_n})^{T_n} = u_n(X_{t \wedge T_n}) - u_n(X_0) - \int_0^{t \wedge T_n} Lu_n(X_s) ds$$

is a bounded local martingale, so a martingale.

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = u_n(x) = \mathbb{E} \left( u(X_{t \wedge T_n}) - \int_0^{t \wedge T_n} \underbrace{Lu(X_s)}_{= f(X_s)} ds \right).$$

for  $x \in U$  and  $n$  large enough s.t.  $x \in U_n$ .

Claim:  $\mathbb{E} T_u < \infty$

Take  $f=1$  and  $g=0$ . Then for the corresponding solution  $v$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(t \wedge T_n) = \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{t \wedge T_n} Lv(X_s) ds\right) = v(x) - \mathbb{E}(v(X_{t \wedge T_n})).$$

Since  $v$  is bounded, by monotone convergence,

$$\mathbb{E} T_u < \infty.$$

Claim:  $u(x) = \mathbb{E}(g(X_{T_u}) + \int_0^{T_u} f(X_s) ds)$ .

Since  $t \wedge T_n \uparrow T_u$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty, n \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{T_u} |f(X_s)| ds\right) \leq \|f\|_{\infty} \mathbb{E} T_u < \infty$$

by DCT it follows that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{t \wedge T_n} f(X_s) ds\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^{T_u} f(X_s) ds\right).$$

Since  $u$  is continuous on  $\bar{U}$ , also  $\mathbb{E}(u(X_{t \wedge T_n})) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(u(X_{T_u}))$ .

Cauchy Problem. For  $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , find  $u \in C(\mathbb{R}_+) \otimes C^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.

$$(CP) \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = Lu & \text{on } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0, \cdot) = f & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

Thm (see Gilbarg-Trudinger, Evans, ...). For every  $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , there exists a solution to (CP).

Thm. Let  $u$  be a solution to (CP).

Then for any solution  $X$  to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $0 \leq s < t$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(f(X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = u(t-s, X_s)$$

and in particular  $u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_t))$ .

Proof. Let  $g(s, x) = u(t-s, x)$ . Then

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + L\right) g(s, x) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(t-s, x) + Lu(t-s, x) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow g(s, X_s) - g(0, x)$  is a martingale

$$\Rightarrow u(t-s, X_s) = g(s, X_s) = \mathbb{E}(g(t, X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s).$$



The last theorem implies that  $X$  is a Markov process.

Defn. An adapted process  $X$  is a Markov process if

$$\mathbb{E}(\varphi(X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{E}(\varphi(X_t) | X_s)$$

for all bounded measurable  $\varphi$  and all  $0 \leq s \leq t$ .

Cor. For any bounded measurable  $\varphi$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq t$ , there is a bounded measurable function  $P_{s,t}\varphi$  s.t.

$$P_{s,t}\varphi(X_s) = \mathbb{E}(\varphi(X_t) | \mathcal{F}_s).$$

Defn.  $P_{s,t}$  is called the transition operator for the Markov process. The Markov process is time-homogeneous if

$$P_{s,t} = P_{0,t-s}.$$

Thm (Feynman-Kac formula). Let  $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $V \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , and suppose that  $u: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = Lu + V u & \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0, \cdot) = f \end{cases}$$

↑ multiplication

Then, for all  $t > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $X$  a solution to  $E_x(\sigma, b)$ ,

$$u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}_x \left( f(X_t) \exp \left( \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right) \right).$$

Proof. Let

$$E_t = \exp \left( \int_0^t V(X_s) ds \right).$$

For  $s < t$ , set  $M_s = u(t-s, X_s) E_s$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow dM_s &= d(u(t-s, X_s)) E_s + u(t-s, X_s) dE_s \\ &= \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^i}(t-s, X_s) dX_s \right)}_{\text{loc. martingale part.}} + \underbrace{\left( L - \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right) u(t-s, X_s) + V(X_s) u(t-s, X_s)}_0 E_s \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow (M_s)$  is a cont. loc. mart. on  $[0, t]$

Since  $(M_s)_{s \leq t}$  is bounded, thus  $(M_s)$  is a martingale.

$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = M_0 = \mathbb{E}_x M_t = \mathbb{E}_x \left( f(B_t) E_t \right).$$

## 6. Bonus material

### 6.1. Martingale Problem

As before, let  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $b: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $a = \sigma\sigma^T$  be measurable coefficients, except that now  $d=m$ .

Defn. A filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$  together with an adapted continuous process  $(X_t)$  with values in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  solves the martingale problem  $M(\sigma, b)$  if

$$Y_t^i = X_t^i - \int_0^t b_i(X_s) ds$$

$$Y_t^i Y_t^j - \int_0^t a_{ij}(X_s) ds, \quad (\text{i.e., } d\langle Y^i, Y^j \rangle_t = a_{ij}(X_t) dt)$$

are local martingales. The martingale problem is well-posed if the possible distribution of  $X$  is unique.

Exercise. Assume that  $X$  solves  $E(\sigma, b)$ , or more generally, that, for every  $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $M_t^f = f(X_t) - f(X_0) - \int_0^t Lf(X_s) ds$  is a local martingale. Then  $X$  solves  $M(\sigma, b)$ .

Theorem Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$ ,  $X$  be a solution to  $M(\sigma, b)$ . Then there exists an  $(\mathcal{F}_t)$ -Brownian motion  $B$  defined on an enlarged probability space st.  $X$  solves  $E(\sigma, b)$  w.r.t. this Brownian motion. ( $\rightarrow$  Example Sheet 3 under stronger assumptions.)

## 6.2. Convergence of Markov Chains

For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $(Y_n^\varepsilon)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a Markov chain with transition probability

$$\Gamma_\varepsilon(x, A) = P(Y_{n+1}^\varepsilon \in A \mid Y_n = x).$$

For  $t \in [0, 1]$ , define  $(X_t^\varepsilon)_t$  to be the linear interpolation of

$$X_t^\varepsilon = Y_{\lfloor t/\varepsilon \rfloor}^\varepsilon \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In particular,  $(X_t^\varepsilon)_t$  is continuous in  $t$ .

For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , define the rescaled transition kernel

$$K_\varepsilon(x, A) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Gamma_\varepsilon(x, A).$$

Define

$$a_{ij}^\varepsilon(x) = \int_{y \in B_\varepsilon(x)} (y^i - x^i)(y^j - x^j) K_\varepsilon(x, dy)$$

$$b_i^\varepsilon(x) = \int_{y \in B_\varepsilon(x)} (y^i - x^i) K_\varepsilon(x, dy)$$

Thm. Let  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  and  $b: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be continuous coefficients s.t.  $M(\sigma, b)$  is well-posed. Assume that

$$(i) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|x| \leq R} |a_{ij}^\varepsilon(x) - \sigma_{ij}(x)| = 0 \quad \forall R > 0$$

$$(ii) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|x| \leq R} |b_i^\varepsilon(x) - b_i(x)| = 0 \quad \forall R > 0$$

$$(iii) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|x| \leq R} K_\varepsilon(x, B_\delta(x)^c) = 0 \quad \forall R > 0, \delta > 0.$$

Then, if  $X_0^\varepsilon = x_0^\varepsilon \rightarrow x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the process  $(X_t^\varepsilon)$  converges weakly to  $(X_t)$  in  $C([0,1], \mathbb{R}^d)$ , where  $X$  is the solution to  $M(0,b)$ .

Recall and define

$$L f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x) + \sum_i b_i(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(x)$$

$$L^\varepsilon f(x) = \int K_\varepsilon(x, dy) (f(y) - f(x))$$

Lemma. Assumptions (i), (ii), (iii) are equivalent to

$$L^\varepsilon f(x) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} L f(x) \quad \forall f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Proof. Assume (i), (ii), (iii). We show  $L^\varepsilon f \rightarrow L f$ . Fix  $f \in C_c^\infty$ .

First, define  $\tilde{L}^\varepsilon$  like  $L$  but with  $a$  replaced by  $a^\varepsilon$  and with  $b$  replaced by  $b^\varepsilon$ . Then (i), (ii) imply

$$\tilde{L}^\varepsilon f \rightarrow L f \quad \text{uniformly on compact sets.}$$

Claim:  $\tilde{L}^\varepsilon f - L^\varepsilon f \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact sets.

By Taylor's theorem, there is a constant  $C_f$  s.t.

$$\left| f(y) - f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^d (y_i - x_i) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d (y_i - x_i)(y_j - x_j) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x) \right| \leq C_f |y-x|^3$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |L^\varepsilon f(x) - \tilde{L}^\varepsilon f(x)| &\leq C_f \underbrace{\int_{B_\varepsilon(x)} |y-x|^3 K_\varepsilon(x, dy)}_{\leq 2\varepsilon \sum_i \sup_{|x| \leq R} |a_{ii}(x)|} + \underbrace{\int_{B_\varepsilon(x)^c} |f(y) - f(x)| K_\varepsilon(x, dy)}_{\leq 2\|f\|_\infty \int_{B_\varepsilon(x)^c} K_\varepsilon(x, dy) \text{ by (iii)}} \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon \sum_i \sup_{|x| \leq R} |a_{ii}(x)| + 2\|f\|_\infty \int_{B_\varepsilon(x)^c} K_\varepsilon(x, dy) \text{ by (iii)} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0) \end{aligned}$$

Taking first  $\delta$  small then  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$L^\varepsilon f - \tilde{L}^\varepsilon f \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly on compact sets}$$

The direction  $L^\varepsilon f \rightarrow Lf \quad \forall f \in C_c^\infty$  implies (i), (ii), (iii) is left as exercise.

Lemma. Let  $P^\varepsilon$  denote the law of  $X^\varepsilon$ , i.e.,  $P^\varepsilon$  is a probability measure on  $C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then the family  $(P_\varepsilon)_\varepsilon$  is tight, i.e., there is a subsequence  $\varepsilon_k$  s.t.  $P_{\varepsilon_k} \rightarrow P$  in the weak- $*$  topology, for some subsequence  $(\varepsilon_k)$

Proof. See N. Berestycki's notes.

Proof of Theorem. Let  $(\varepsilon_k)$  be s.t.  $P_{\varepsilon_k} \rightarrow P$  weakly. It suffices to show that  $P$  solves  $M(a, b)$ .

Note that:

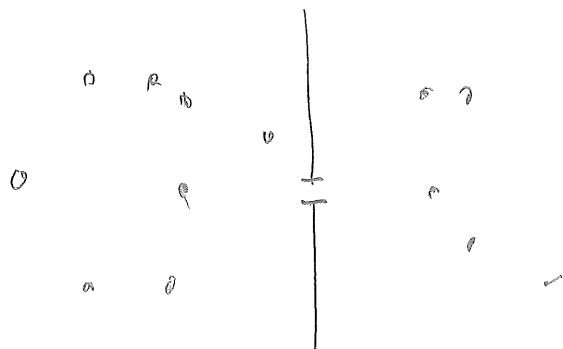
$$\bullet f(X_{\varepsilon_k n}) - \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \int (f(y) - f(X_{\varepsilon_k m})) P_{\varepsilon_k}^m(X_{\varepsilon_k m}, dy)$$

is a (discrete)  $(\mathcal{F}_{\varepsilon_k m})_m$ -martingale

$$\bullet f(X_{\varepsilon_k \lfloor \frac{t}{\varepsilon_k} \rfloor}) - f(X_{\varepsilon_k \lfloor \frac{s}{\varepsilon_k} \rfloor}) - \sum_{m=\lfloor \frac{s}{\varepsilon_k} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{t}{\varepsilon_k} \rfloor} \int (f(y) - f(X_{m\varepsilon_k})) P_{\varepsilon_k}^m(X_{m\varepsilon_k}, dy)$$

$$\rightarrow f(X_t) - f(X_s) - \int_s^t Lf(X_u) du \quad \text{a.s.}$$

## Example



Consider  $2m$  particles. At each time step, a uniformly chosen particle switches sides.

Let  $N_n^{(m)}$  be the number of particles on the left.

$$\text{Let } X_t^{(m)} = \frac{N_{\lfloor mt \rfloor}^{(m)} - m}{\sqrt{m}}$$

Then. Assume  $X_0^{(m)} \rightarrow \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(X_t^{(m)})_{t \leq \tau}$  converges weakly to the the unique solution to

$$\begin{cases} dX_t = -X_t dt + dB_t \\ X_0 = \alpha \end{cases}$$

Indeed,  $X_t^{(m)} \in \left\{ \frac{k}{\sqrt{m}}, -m \leq k \leq m \right\}$  and

$$\Gamma^{(m)}\left(x, x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{m}}, \quad \Gamma^{(m)}\left(x, x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{2\sqrt{m}}$$

This gives (with  $\varepsilon = 1/m$ )

$$a^{(m)}(x) = m \int \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\right)^2 \Gamma^{(m)}(x, dy) = 1, \quad b^{(m)}(x) = -x$$

and the claim follows from the general theorem.