

SDE's

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If A_t is adapted, continuous, increasing and

$M_t^2 - A_t$ is a martingale then

$$A_t = \langle M \rangle_t.$$

Proof: $M_t^2 - \langle M \rangle_t$ is a martingale and
so $A_t - \langle M \rangle_t$ is a martingale and
is finite variation.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \langle A_t - \langle M \rangle \rangle &= \lim_n \sum_i (A_{t_{i+1}^n} - A_{t_i^n} + \langle M \rangle_{t_{i+1}^n} - \langle M \rangle_{t_i^n})^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \mathbb{E}[(A_t - \langle M \rangle_t - (A_0 + \langle M \rangle_0))^2] = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow A_t = \langle M \rangle_t.$$

Levy's Characterization of Brownian Motion

If M_t is a continuous, L^2 martingale
and $M_t^2 - t$ is a martingale then

M_t is Brownian motion.

Proof: $\langle M_t \rangle = t$ by above.

We will show that

$$\mathbb{E}[\exp(iu(M_{t_{i+1}} - M_{t_i})) \mid \mathcal{F}_{t_i}] = \exp(-|u|^2/2).$$

$$e^{iuM_t} - e^{iuM_u} = \int_u^t iu e^{iuM_s} dM_s - u^2 \int_u^t e^{iuM_s} ds$$

Dividing by e^{iuM_u} and taking expectations

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{iu(M_t - M_u)}] = 1 - u^2 \int_u^t \mathbb{E}[e^{iu(M_s - M_u)}] ds$$

if $f(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{iu(M_t - M_u)}]$ then

$$f(t) = 1 - u^2 \int_u^t f(s) ds, \quad f(u) = 1$$

is a deterministic integral equation whose solution is $\exp(-|u|^2(t-u))$ so $M_t - M_u \sim N(0, t-u)$.

For any $A \in \mathcal{F}_u$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[e^{iuM_t - M_u} \mathbb{1}_A \mid \mathcal{F}_u] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A \mid \mathcal{F}_u] - u^2 \int_u^t \mathbb{E}[e^{iu(M_s - M_u)} \mathbb{1}_A \mid \mathcal{F}_u] ds \\ &= \mathbb{P}[A] - u^2 \int_u^t \mathbb{E}[e^{iu(M_s - M_u)} \mathbb{1}_A \mid \mathcal{F}_u] ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{E}[e^{iuM_t - M_u} \mathbb{1}_A] = e^{-u^2(t-u)} \mathbb{P}[A]$$

Hence $M_t - M_u$ is independent of $\mathbb{1}_A$.

So M_t is Gaussian with independent increments and $M_t - M_u \sim N(0, t-u)$. By

assumption the paths are continuous so
 M_t is Brownian Motion

Any continuous martingale is a time
change Brownian motion.

Let M_t be a cts martingale and

let $T_s = \inf\{t: \langle M \rangle_t = s\}$.

Set $W_s = M_{T_s}$, and $\mathcal{G}_s = \mathcal{F}_{T(s)}$.

$$\mathbb{E}[W_{s_2} - W_{s_1} | \mathcal{G}_{s_1}] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(W_{s_2} - W_{s_1})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{s_1}]$$

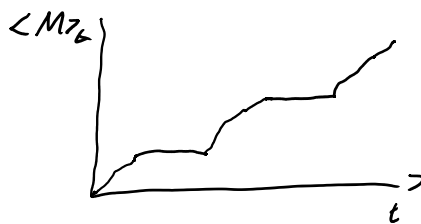
$$= \mathbb{E}[(M_{T(s_2)} - M_{T(s_1)})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{s_1}]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\langle M \rangle_{T(s_2)} - \langle M \rangle_{T(s_1)} | \mathcal{G}_{s_1}]$$

$$= s_2 - s_1$$

Finally need to show that W_s is continuous.

Problem, $T(s)$ may have jumps if $\langle M \rangle_t$ is flat



For $t_1 \in \mathcal{G}$ want to show

$$\langle M \rangle_{t_1} = \langle M \rangle_t \text{ for } t > t_1 \Rightarrow M_{t_1} = M_t \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\text{Let } t_* = \inf \{ t : \langle M \rangle_t > \langle M \rangle_{t_1} \}.$$

Then $N_t = M_{t \wedge t_*} - M_{t_1}$ is a martingale for $t \geq t_1$,

$$\text{and } \langle N \rangle_t = \langle M \rangle_{t \wedge t_*} - M_{t_1} \text{ for } t \geq t_1,$$

$$= 0.$$

Hence $M_{t_*} = M_{t_1}$ a.s. so W_s is continuous

and hence is Brownian motion.

SDEs

Suppose

$$dX_t = f(X_t, t) dB_t + g(X_t, t) dt$$

Examples

Math finance: Stock prices

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sigma X_t dB_t$$

Biology: Genetic Drift Wright-Fisher

$$dX_t = \sqrt{X_t(1-X_t)} dB_t$$

Then infinitesimal drift is

$$\mu(x, t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E}[X_{t+h} - X_t | X_t = x]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E} [f(X_t, t)(B_{t+h} - B_t) + g(X_t, t) \cdot h \mid X_t = x] \\ & = g(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

If X_t is a martingale then $\mu = 0$

Infinitesimal Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2(x, t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \text{Var}(X_{t+h} - X_t \mid X_t = x) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E} [f(X_t, t)^2 (B_{t+h} - B_t)^2 \mid X_t = x] \\ &= f(x, t)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Convergence of discrete processes to SDE's.

Simple Random Walk

$$S_{t+1} - S_t = \pm 1 \text{ w.p. } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S_{t+1} - S_t \mid S_t = x] = 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2 \mid S_t = x] = 1$$

Rescaling: Set $X_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_{t,n}$

$$n \mathbb{E}[X_{t+\frac{1}{n}} - X_t \mid X_t] = 0$$

$$n \mathbb{E}[(X_{t+\frac{1}{n}} - X_t)^2 \mid X_t = x] = 1$$

So we predict $X_{t,n} \rightarrow X_t$ with

$dX_t = 1 \cdot dB_t$ i.e. X_t is Brownian motion.

Biased R.W.

If $\mathbb{P}[S_{t+1} - S_t = 1] = p > \frac{1}{2}$, $\mathbb{P}[S_{t+1} - S_t = -1] = 1-p$

$$\mathbb{E}[S_{t+1} - S_t | S_t = x] = 2p - 1, \quad \text{Var}[S_{t+1} - S_t | S_t = x] = 1 - (2p - 1)^2$$

Then if $X_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_{t,n}$, $X_{t,n} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \infty$ a.s.

Either take

$$X_{t,n} = \frac{1}{n} S_{t,n} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{t,n} \rightarrow (2p - 1)t \quad \text{LLN.}$$

Or

$$Y_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (X_{t,n} - (2p - 1)t)$$

$$dY_{t,n} = \sqrt{1 - (2p - 1)^2} dB_t = \sqrt{4p(1-p)} dB_t$$

by CLT.

Sampling without replacement.

n objects, $\frac{n}{2}$ are blue

Draw without replacement, S_t is number of blue objects in first t draws.

$$\mathbb{E}[S_{t+1} - S_t | S_t = s] = \frac{\frac{n}{2} - s}{n - t} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{t/2 - s}{n - t}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2 | S_t = s] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{t/2 - s}{n - t}$$

We should rescale $X_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (S_{t,n} - \frac{t}{2})$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} n \mathbb{E} [X_{t+\frac{1}{n}, n} - X_{t, n} \mid X_t = x] \\ = \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E} [S_{\epsilon n+1} - S_{\epsilon n} \mid S_\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon n}{2} + x\sqrt{n}] - \frac{1}{2} \\ = \sqrt{n} \frac{\epsilon n/2 - (\frac{\epsilon n}{2} + x\sqrt{n})}{n - \epsilon n} = \frac{-x}{1-\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n \mathbb{E} [(X_{t+\frac{1}{n}, n} - X_{t, n})^2 \mid X_t = x] \\ = \mathbb{E} [(S_{\epsilon n+1} - S_{\epsilon n} - \frac{1}{2})^2 \mid S_\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon n}{2} + x\sqrt{n}] \\ = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

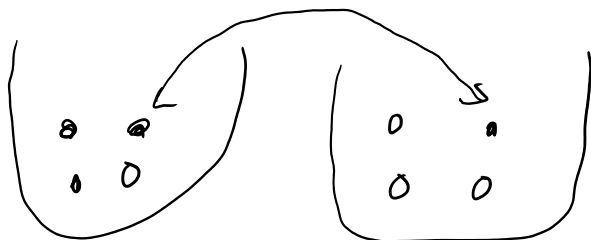
Prediction $X_{t, n} \rightarrow X_t$ and

$$dX_t = \frac{1}{2} dB_t - \frac{X_t}{1-t} dt \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

This is $\frac{1}{2}$ Brownian bridge, $\frac{1}{2}B_t$ conditioned on $B_1 = 0$.

Ehrenfest Urn process.

$2n$ balls in two urns, n blue + n red



Dynamics: Pick a ball from each urn
and swap them

$S_t =$ # blue balls in left urn

$$\mathbb{P}[S_{t+1} - S_t = 1 \mid S_t = x] = \frac{x}{n} \cdot \frac{x}{n} = \frac{x^2}{n^2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}[S_{t+1} - S_t = -1 \mid S_t = x] = \frac{n-x}{n} \cdot \frac{n-x}{n} = \left(\frac{n-x}{n}\right)^2$$

so

$$\mathbb{E}[S_{t+1} - S_t \mid S_t = \frac{n}{2} + x] = \frac{\left(\frac{n}{2} + x\right)^2 - \left(\frac{n}{2} - x\right)^2}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2x}{n}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[(S_{t+1} - S_t)^2 \mid S_t = \frac{n}{2} + x] = \frac{\left(\frac{n}{2} + x\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2} - x\right)^2}{n^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{n^2}$$

S_t is hypergeometric.

$$\mathbb{P}[|S_t - \mathbb{E}S_t| \geq t\sqrt{n}] \leq 2 \exp(-t^2/2) \quad (\text{Azuma})$$

$$\text{So if } X_{t,n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(S_{nt} - \frac{n}{2} \right)$$

then

$$n \mathbb{E}[X_{t+1,n} - X_{t,n} \mid X_t = x]$$

$$= \sqrt{n} \mathbb{E}[S_{t+1} - S_t \mid S_t = \frac{n}{2} + x\sqrt{n}]$$

$$= \sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{-2x\sqrt{n}}{n} = -2x$$

$$n \mathbb{E}[(X_{t+\frac{1}{n},n} - X_{t,n})^2 | X_t = x]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[(S_{t+\frac{1}{n}} - S_{t,n})^2 | S_t = \frac{n}{2} + x\sqrt{n}]$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So } dX_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} dB_t - X_t dt$$

Ornstein - Ulenbeck Process (rescaled)

Same as $e^{-t/2} B_{e^t}$.

Strong solutions to an SDE

Given $x_0, \mu(x, t), \sigma(x, t),$

X_t is a strong solution to

$$(*) \quad dX_t = \mu(X_t, t)dt + \sigma(X_t, t)dB_t, \quad X_0 = x_0$$

if

(a) X_0 is adapted to \mathcal{F}_t the filtration generated by B_t

$$B_t, x_0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\mu, \sigma} \longrightarrow X_t.$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbb{P}[X_0 = x_0] = 1$$

$$(c) \quad \int_0^t |\mu(X_s, s)| + \sigma^2(X_s, s) ds < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$$(d) X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \mu(X_s, s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s, s) dB_s$$

Theorem: If $\mu(x, t), \sigma(x, t)$ satisfy

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

$$|\mu(x, t)|^2 + |\sigma(x, t)|^2 \leq K(1 + x^2).$$

then (*) has a unique strong solution.

Proof:

Uniqueness

If $X_t = t^2$ then X_t solves

$$dX_t = 2\sqrt{X_t} dt \quad \text{since } t^2 = \int_0^t 2\sqrt{s^2} ds$$

but $X_t = 0$ is also a solution

so some conditions on μ, σ are necessary for uniqueness.

Gronwall Inequality (100th Anniversary, Princeton Faculty).

$$\text{If } 0 \leq g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \beta \int_0^t g(s) ds$$

$$\text{then } g(t) \leq \alpha(t) + \beta \int_0^t \alpha(s) e^{\beta(t-s)} ds$$

$$\text{Let } h(t) = \beta e^{-\beta t} \int_0^t g(s) ds$$

$$h'(t) = (g(t) - \beta \int_0^t g(s) ds) \beta e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\leq \alpha(t) \beta e^{-\beta t}$$

$$h(t) \leq \int_0^t \alpha(s) \beta e^{-\beta s} ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \int_0^t g(s) ds &= e^{\beta t} h(t) \\ &\leq \beta \int_0^t \alpha(s) e^{\beta(t-s)} ds \end{aligned}$$

Suppose X_t, \tilde{X}_t are both solutions

$$\begin{aligned} X_t - \tilde{X}_t &= \int_0^t \mu(X_s, s) - \mu(\tilde{X}_s, s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s, s) - \sigma(\tilde{X}_s, s) dB_s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[|X_t - \tilde{X}_t|^2] &\leq 2 \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t |\mu(X_s, s) - \mu(\tilde{X}_s, s)| ds\right)^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t \sigma(X_s, s) - \sigma(\tilde{X}_s, s) dB_s\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2t \int_0^t \mathbb{E} |\mu(X_s, s) - \mu(\tilde{X}_s, s)|^2 ds \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^t \mathbb{E} [|\sigma^2(X_s, s) - \sigma^2(\tilde{X}_s, s)|^2] ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq 2K^2(t+1) \int_0^t \mathbb{E} |X_s - \tilde{X}_s|^2 ds.$$

Set $g(t) = \mathbb{E} |X_t - \tilde{X}_t|^2$ then for $0 \leq t \leq T$

$$g(t) \leq 2K^2(T+1) \int_0^t g(t) dt$$

So $g(t) \leq 0$ by Gronwall.

For uniqueness it is enough that μ, σ are locally Lipschitz.

Existence

Construction:

$$X_t^{(0)} = x_0,$$

$$X_t^{(n+1)} = x_0 + \int_0^t \mu(X_s^{(n)}, s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s^{(n)}, s) dB_s.$$

- $X_t^{(n)}$ is adapted.

Set

$$Y_t = \int_0^t \mu(X_s^{(n)}, s) - \mu(X_s^{(n-1)}, s) ds$$

$$M_t = \int_0^t \sigma(X_s^{(n)}, s) - \sigma(X_s^{(n-1)}, s) dB_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\max_{0 \leq s \leq t} |M_s|^2 \right] &\leq 4 \mathbb{E} |M_t|^2 \\ &= 4 \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left(\sigma(X_s^{(n)}, s) - \sigma(X_s^{(n-1)}, s) \right)^2 ds \\ &\leq 4k^2 \int_0^t \mathbb{E} \left[|X_s^{(n)} - X_s^{(n-1)}|^2 \right] ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\max_{0 \leq s \leq t} |Y_s|^2 \right] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^t k |X_s^{(n)} - X_s^{(n-1)}| ds \right] \\ &\leq k^2 t \int_0^t \mathbb{E} |X_s^{(n)} - X_s^{(n-1)}|^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Set } L = k^2(4+t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[\max_{0 \leq s \leq t} |X_s^{(n+1)} - X_s^{(n)}|^2 \right] \leq L \int_0^T \mathbb{E} |X_s^{(n)} - X_s^{(n-1)}|^2 ds$$

By induction

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\max_{0 \leq s \leq t} |X_s^{(n+1)} - X_s^{(n)}|^2 \right] \leq C \frac{(Lt)^n}{n!} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

$$\Rightarrow X_t^{(n)} \rightarrow X_t \text{ uniformly a.s. on } [0, T)$$

Example:

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sigma X_t dB_t, \quad X_0 = 1$$

Since $\frac{df}{dx} = \mu x$ has solution $C e^{\mu x}$ natural

to guess an exponential form of the solution. Let $Y_t = \log X_t$. Then by Ito,

$$\begin{aligned} dY_t &= \frac{1}{X_t} dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{-1}{X_t^2} d\langle X \rangle_t \\ &= \mu dt + \sigma dB_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

since $d\langle X \rangle_t = \sigma^2 X_t^2 dt$.

$$\text{So } Y_t = (\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2) t + \sigma B_t$$

Let's check that

$$X_t = \exp((\mu - \sigma^2/2)t + \sigma B_t) \text{ is a solution.}$$

This is called exponential Brownian motion.

Since $X_t = f(B_t, t)$ where

$$f(x, t) = \exp((\mu - \sigma^2/2)t + \sigma x)$$

so by Itô's formula

$$X_t - X_0 = \int_0^t (\mu - \sigma^2/2) X_s ds + \int_0^t \sigma X_s dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sigma^2 X_s ds \quad \checkmark$$

Integration by Parts

Quadratic Covariation of M_t, N_t is

$$\langle M, N \rangle_t = \lim \sum_i (M_{t_{i+1}} - M_{t_i}) (N_{t_{i+1}} - N_{t_i})$$

$$\text{so } \langle M \rangle = \langle M, M \rangle$$

$$\langle M, M \rangle_t = \frac{1}{2} (\langle M+N, M+N \rangle - \langle M \rangle - \langle N \rangle).$$

Lemma If $X_t = X_0 + M_t + C_t$

$$Y_t = Y_0 + N_t + D_t \quad \text{then}$$

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

Proof: Let $Z_t = X_t + Y_t$

$$Z_t^2 - Z_0^2 = \int_0^t Z_s dZ_s - \langle Z \rangle_t \quad (1)$$

$$X_t^2 - X_0^2 = \int_0^t X_s dX_s - \langle X \rangle_t \quad (2)$$

$$Y_t^2 - Y_0^2 = \int_0^t Y_s dY_s = \langle Y \rangle_t \quad (3)$$

$\frac{1}{2}((1)-(2)-(3))$ gives

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

Local Times

If $f(x) = |x|$ then $f'(x) = \text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

and $f''(x) = 2\delta(x)$. It's formal would say

$$|B_t| - |B_0| = \int_0^t \text{sgn}(B_s) dB_s + \int_0^t \delta(B_s) ds \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{time of B.M.} \\ \text{at 0.} \end{array}$$

We will introduce local times

to make formal sense of this equation.

Lemma:

Let f be convex. Then

$$f(B_t) - f(B_0) = \int_0^t f'(B_s) dB_s + K_t^f$$

where K_t^f is an increasing adapted process.

Proof: If f is C^2 then

$$f(B_t) - f(B_0) = \int_0^t f'(B_s) dB_s + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} f''(B_s) ds$$

$$f(B_t) - f(B_0) = \int_0^t f'(B_s) dB_s + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} f''(B_s) ds$$

$$\text{so } K_t^f = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} f''(B_s) ds.$$

Let φ be smooth supported on $(0,1)$, $\int_0^1 \varphi(x) dx = 1$.

$$\text{Set } f_n(x) = \int_0^1 f(x + \frac{y}{n}) \varphi(y) dy$$

so $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$, $f_n'(x) \uparrow f'(x)$ and $f_n(x)$ is smooth.

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t f_n'(B_s) - f'(B_s) dB_s \right)^2 = \int_0^t \mathbb{E} [f_n'(B_s) - f'(B_s)]^2 ds$$

$\rightarrow 0$

$$\text{so } \int_0^t f_n'(B_s) dB_s \xrightarrow{L^2} \int_0^t f_n'(B_s) dB_s$$

and on some subsequence n_k converges uniformly. So

$$f_{n_k}(B_t) - f_{n_k}(B_0) - \int_0^t f_{n_k}'(B_s) dB_s = K_t^{f_{n_k}}$$

converges uniformly to

$$f(B_t) - f(B_0) - \int_0^t f'(B_s) dB_s$$

and so $K_t^{f_{n_k}}$ converges to K_t^f .

Since $K_t^{f_{n_k}}$ are increasing + adapted

so is K_t^f .

Define $L_t^a = K_t^f$ with $f(x) = |x-a|$.

We won't prove it but $L(t,a)$ has a version that is continuous.

Let $f_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-x}^x |x-a| da$.

Then f_ε is (almost) twice differentiable and $f_\varepsilon''(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} I(|x| < \varepsilon)$

so

$$\begin{aligned} f_\varepsilon(B_t) - f_\varepsilon(B_0) &= \int_0^t f_\varepsilon'(B_s) dB_s \\ &= \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_0^t I(|B_s| < \varepsilon) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} |\{0 \leq s \leq t : |B_s| < \varepsilon\}|. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} |B_t - a| - |B_0 - a| ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_0^t \text{sgn}(B_s - a) da dB_s \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{Use Fubini} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} |B_t - a| - |B_0 - a| - \int_0^t \text{sgn}(B_s - a) dB_s da \\ &= \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} L_t^a da. \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow L_t^a$ has continuity as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$\rightarrow L_t^0$ by continuity, as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

So

$$L_t^0 = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} |\{0 \leq s \leq t : |B_s| \leq \varepsilon\}|.$$

measures the time close to 0.

Tanaka's Formula is

$$L_t^a = |B_t - a| - |B_0 - a| - \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(B_s - a) dB_s$$

Weak solutions of SDE's.

We say X_t is a solution of

$$dX_t = \mu(X_t, t) dt + \sigma(X_t, t) dB_t$$

if there exists $(X_t, W_t, \mathcal{G}_t)$

where (X_t, W_t) are adapted to \mathcal{G}_t ,

W_t is Brownian motion and

$$X_t - X_0 = \int_0^t \mu(X_s, s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s, s) dB_s,$$

$$X_0 = x_0.$$

Suppose $\mu \equiv 0$, $\sigma(x, t) = \operatorname{sgn}(x)$.

If (X, W) is a solution,

$$X_t = \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dW_s$$

then $\int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(-X_s) dW_s = -X_t$

so $(-X, W)$ is also a solution so

there is pathwise non-uniqueness.

But X_t is a martingale and

$$\langle X \rangle_t = \int_0^t (\operatorname{sgn}(X_s))^2 ds = t$$

so X_t is Brownian motion so the law of X_t is unique.

The existence of a solution is found by taking X_t as B.M., $W_t = \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dX_s$
Then W_t is B.M. and

$$\operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dX_s = \operatorname{sgn}(X_s)^2 dW_s = dW_s$$

so (X, W) solves the SDE.

$$\text{Now } W_t = \int_0^t \operatorname{sgn}(X_s) dX_s.$$

$$= |X_t| - L_t^0$$

$$= |X_t| - \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \{0 \leq s \leq t : |X_s| < \varepsilon\}$$

So W_t is measurable w.r.t. $\mathcal{F}_t^{(|X|)}$.

If X_t is a strong solution then

X_t is \mathcal{F}_t^W measurable and therefore $\mathcal{F}_t^{(|X|)}$ measurable but $\text{sgn}(X_t)$ is not measurable w.r.t. $\mathcal{F}_t^{(|X|)}$. Hence there are no strong solutions.

Girsanov's Theorem

Change of measure.

If X_t is adapted on $[0, T]$ w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_t ,

$$Z_t = \exp\left(\int_0^t X_s dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t X_s^2 ds\right)$$

then if $M_t = \int_0^t X_s dB_s$, $d\langle M \rangle_t = X_t^2 dt$

$$Z_t = \exp\left(M_t - \frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_t\right)$$

Now with $f(x) = e^x$, apply Itô's formula

to the semi-martingale $M_t - \frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_t$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t - 1 &= \int_0^t \exp\left(M_s - \frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_s\right) dM_s \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \exp\left(M_s - \frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_s\right) d\langle M_s - \frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_s \rangle \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \exp\left(M_s - \frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_s\right) d\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_s\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \int_0^t \exp(M_t - \langle M_t \rangle) d(-\frac{1}{2} \langle M \rangle_t)$$

$$= \int_0^t Z_s dM_s$$

So $Z_t = 1 + \int_0^t Z_s X_s dB_s$

and Z_t is a martingale, $E[Z] = 1, Z \geq 0$.

Let \tilde{P} be the measure on \mathcal{F}

$$\tilde{P}(A) := E[I(A) \cdot Z].$$

Girsanov's Theorem

If B_t is B.M. w.r.t. $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, P)$,

$$\tilde{B}_t = B_t - \int_0^t X_s ds \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

is B.M. in the space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, \tilde{P})$.

Proof: Want to show \tilde{B}_t is a \tilde{P} martingale so

$$\tilde{E}[\tilde{B}_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = \tilde{B}_s$$

Claim If Y is \mathcal{F}_t meas,

$$\tilde{E}[Y | \mathcal{F}_s] = \frac{1}{Z_s} E[Y Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s]$$

Then need to show for all $A \in \mathcal{F}_s$,

$$\tilde{P}(A) = \frac{1}{Z_s} E[Y Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s]$$

$$\tilde{E}[1_A Y] = \tilde{E}\left[1_A \frac{1}{Z_t} E[Y Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s]\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= E\left[Z_T 1_A \frac{1}{Z_s} E[Y Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s]\right] \\ &= E\left[1_A E[Y Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s]\right] \quad \text{since } Z_t \text{ is} \\ &= E[1_A Y Z_t] \quad \text{a martingale} \\ &= E[Z_T 1_A Y] = \tilde{E}[1_A Y] \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Now by integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B}_t Z_t &= \int_0^t \tilde{B}_s dZ_s + \int_0^t Z_s d\tilde{B}_s + \langle \tilde{B}, Z \rangle_t \\ &= \int_0^t \tilde{B}_s dZ_s + \int_0^t Z_s dB_s \\ &\quad - \int_0^t X_s Z_s ds + \langle \tilde{B}, Z \rangle_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{B}, Z \rangle_t &= \langle B, Z \rangle \\ &= \lim \sum_i (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i})(Z_{t_{i+1}} - Z_{t_i}) \\ &= \lim \sum_i (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) \cdot Z_{t_i} X_{t_i} (B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i}) \\ &= \int_0^t Z_s X_s ds \end{aligned}$$

so $\tilde{B}_t Z_t$ is a P-martingale, so

$$\tilde{E}[\tilde{B}_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = \frac{1}{Z_s} E[\tilde{B}_t Z_t | \mathcal{F}_s]$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_t} \bar{B}_s Z_s = \bar{B}_s$$

Hence \bar{B}_t is a \tilde{P} martingale.

Now $\langle \bar{B} \rangle_t = t$ under both P and P'

so \bar{B} is a Brownian motion under \tilde{P} .

Weak solution to

$$dY_t = m(Y_t, t) dt + dB_t.$$

Let Y_t be Brownian motion,

$$B_t = Y_t - \int_0^t m(Y_s, s) ds.$$

Then B_t is Brownian motion on

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, \tilde{P})$ where

$$\tilde{P}(A) = E[Z_T 1_A]$$

with $X_t = m(Y_t, t)$ and

$$Z_T = \exp\left(\int_0^T X_s dY_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T X_s^2 ds\right)$$

by Girsanov's Theorem.