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Balint Tih: Stochastic integration,
the Ito integral

Motivation:

A typical SDE:

$$\| \dot{X}(t) = b(t) + \sigma(t) \dot{w}(t) \|$$

where:

$$- b(t) = b(t, \omega), \quad \sigma(t) = \sigma(t, \omega)$$

$$w(t) = w(t, \omega), \quad X(t) = X(t, \omega)$$

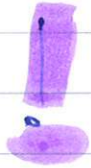
are random / stochastic processes defined
on the same filtered probab. space
 $(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ and are adapted

to the filtration

$$- t \mapsto b(t), \quad t \mapsto \sigma(t) \text{ are}$$

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continuous (slightly less regularity would be sufficient)

- $b(t), \sigma(t)$ may also depend on
 $(X(s) : 0 \leq s < t)$ 

- $\dot{w}(t) =$ random driving
assumed: stationary + "white"
"white" = uncorrelated, zero mean

$$E(\dot{w}(t)) = 0, E(\dot{w}(t)\dot{w}(s)) = \delta(t-s)$$

- $b(t) =$ instantaneous drift

$\sigma(t) =$ instantaneous dispersion

What is the "white noise" $\dot{w}(t)$?

$$E(\dot{w}(t)) = 0, E(\dot{w}(s)\dot{w}(t)) = \delta(t-s)$$

+ Gaussian

looks like: $\dot{w}(t) = \frac{dB(t)}{dt}$

doesn't exist as a decent process.

Better rewrite: $\dot{w}(t)dt = dB(t)$

The SDE re-written:

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

Integrated:

$$X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t b(s)ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s)dB(s)$$

Riemann integral $\int_0^t \sigma(s)dB(s)$ (?)

Examples of SDE-s

① Linear

$$b(t) = r \cdot X(t)$$

interest rate

$$\sigma(t) = a \cdot X(t)$$

$$dX(t) = r X(t) dt + a X(t) dB(t)$$

in finance

$$(X(t) \geq 0)$$

solu: "geometric BM"

② Langevin's eq: $b(t) = -\gamma V(t)$

$$\sigma(t) = \bar{\sigma}$$

$$dV(t) = -\gamma V(t) dt + \bar{\sigma} dB(t)$$

friction/damping

random forcing

velocity of a particle

in physics

solu "Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process"

③ $dX(t) = X(t)(1-X(t)) dB(t); X(t) \in (0,1)$

in population dynamics

$$\sigma(t) = \sqrt{X(t)(1-X(t))}$$

$$b(t) = 0$$

solu "Fisher-Wright process"

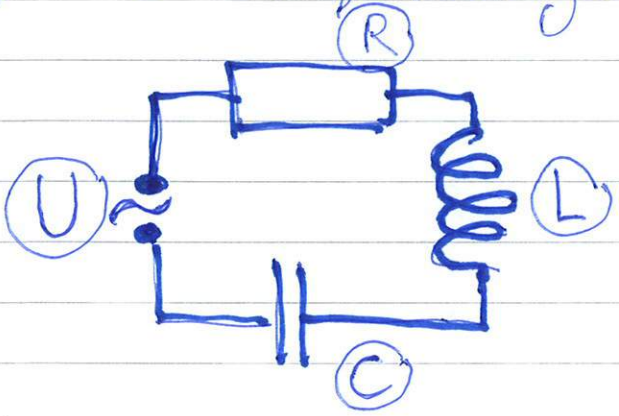
④ An example from electric circuits

$$L \ddot{Q}(t) + R \dot{Q}(t) + C^{-1} Q(t) = U(t)$$

$Q(t) =$ charge; $\dot{Q}(t) =$ current; $\ddot{Q}(t) =$

$L =$ impedance; $R =$ resistance; $C =$ capacity

$U(t) =$ tension / Voltage / potential difference



Randomised voltage:
 $U(t) = F(t) \dot{W}(t)$

call $X_1 = Q$, $X_2 = \dot{Q}$

$$\dot{X}_1 = X_2; \dot{X}_2 = -\frac{R}{L} X_2 - \frac{1}{CL} X_1 + \frac{1}{L} F + \frac{\alpha}{L} \dot{W}$$

$$dX(t) = -GX(t)dt + H(t)dt + KdB(t)$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix}; H(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ L^{-1}F(t) \end{pmatrix}; K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha L^{-1} \end{pmatrix}; G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ (CL)^{-1} & RL^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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What is the "stochastic integral" $\int_0^t v(s) dB(s)$?

Try Riemann sums

$$\int_0^t v(s) dB(s) \stackrel{?}{=} \lim \sum_i v(s_i^*) (B(s_{i+1}) - B(s_i))$$

The limit may not exist since $B(\cdot)$ has no bdd. variation.

(However: if $v(\cdot)$ has bdd variation, then partial summation helps. But typically this is not the case!)

An instructive (counter) example:

$$\int_0^t B(s) dB(s) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2} B(t)^2$$

do it in two ways:

$$\textcircled{1} \sum_n^{\textcircled{1}} := \sum_i B(t_i) (B(t_{i+1}) - B(t_i))$$

$$\textcircled{2} \sum_n^{\textcircled{2}} := \sum_i B(t_{i+1}) (B(t_{i+1}) - B(t_i))$$

$$\sum_n^{\textcircled{2}} - \sum_n^{\textcircled{1}} = \sum_i (B(t_{i+1}) - B(t_i))^2 \rightarrow t$$

see: quadratic variation of BM

The Itô choice: $t_i^* = t_i$

The Stratonovich choice: $t_i^* = (t_i + t_{i+1})/2$

The Itô integral - definition/construction:

Ingredients:

$(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ filtered probab. space.

$t \mapsto B(t)$ BM on it,

- adapted: $\mathcal{F}_t^B \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$
- martingale wrt \mathcal{F}_t .

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Definition: "progressively measurable process"

$y(t)$ stoch. process on $(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$

such that

$$(\forall t) \quad (\lambda, \omega) \mapsto y(\lambda, \omega) \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq t$$

is jointly $(\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{F}_t)$ -measurable
Borel σ -alg on \mathbb{R}_+

(slightly more than just adapted)

$0 < T < \infty$ fixed.

The class \mathcal{V}_T : $\varphi: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

① φ progressively measurable

② $\|\varphi\|^2 := \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T |\varphi(t, \omega)|^2 dt \right) < \infty$

$\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega \times [0, T], \mathcal{F}_T \text{ meas.}, dP \times ds)$ (7)
 $(\mathcal{V}_T, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Hilbert space.

$$\mathcal{V}_T^s := \left\{ \varphi \in \mathcal{V}_T : \varphi(t, \omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(\omega) \chi_{[t_{i-1}, t_i)} \right\}$$

$$0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T, \varphi_i \mathcal{F}_{t_i} \text{-measurable}$$

"Simple" processes, piecewise constant.

The partition is deterministic / doesn't depend on $\omega \in \Omega$!

For $\varphi \in \mathcal{V}_T^s$ define

$$\int_0^T \varphi(s) dB(s) := \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_{i-1} (B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1}))$$

Let $I : (\mathcal{V}_T^s, \|\cdot\|^2) \xrightarrow{\text{isometry}} L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, P)$

$$I(\varphi) := \int_0^T \varphi(s) dB(s)$$

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Lemma 1: I is an isometry:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(\int_0^T \varphi(s) dB(s) \right)^2 \right) = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T \varphi(s)^2 ds \right) = \|\varphi\|^2$$

Proof:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(\int_0^T \varphi(s) dB(s) \right)^2 \right) =$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sum_i \varphi_{i-1} (B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1})) \right)^2 =$$

$$\sum_i \mathbb{E} \left(\varphi_{i-1}^2 (B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1}))^2 \right) +$$

$$2 \sum_{i < j} \mathbb{E} \left(\varphi_{i-1} \varphi_{j-1} (B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1})) (B(t_j) - B(t_{j-1})) \right) = 0 \text{ (indep. increments of } B)$$

$$= \dots = \sum_i (t_i - t_{i-1}) \mathbb{E}(\varphi_{i-1}^2) = \|\varphi\|^2. \quad \square$$

Lemma 2 \mathcal{V}_T^s is dense in $(\mathcal{V}_T, \|\cdot\|)$ (9)

Proof: Standard (but tedious...)

Theorem

$\int_0^T \varphi(t) dB(s)$ extends continuously from $(\mathcal{V}_T^s, \|\cdot\|)$ to $(\mathcal{V}_T, \|\cdot\|)$.

That is: for $\varphi \in \mathcal{V}_T$

$$\int_0^T \varphi(s) dB(s) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \varphi_n(s) dB(s)$$

where $\varphi_n \in \mathcal{V}_T^s$, $\|\varphi_n - \varphi\| \rightarrow 0$.

The limit (in $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, \mathbb{P})$) doesn't depend on the approximating sequence φ_n .

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(\int_0^T \varphi(s) dB(s) \right)^2 \right) = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T \varphi(s)^2 ds \right)$$

Some basic properties of Ito's integral: ⑩

$$0 \leq s \leq T \leq U < \infty :$$

① $\int_s^T \varphi(s) dB(s)$ is \mathcal{F}_T measurable

② $\int_s^U \varphi(s) dB(s) = \int_s^T \varphi(s) dB(s) + \int_T^U \varphi(s) dB(s)$

③ a, b deterministic numbers

$$\int_s^T (a\varphi(s) + b\psi(s)) dB(s) = a \int_s^T \varphi(s) dB(s) + b \int_s^T \psi(s) dB(s)$$

④ $E\left(\int_s^T \varphi(s) dB(s)\right) = 0$

$$E\left(\left(\int_s^T \varphi(s) dB(s)\right)^2\right) = E\left(\int_s^T \varphi(s)^2 ds\right)$$

Examples: ① $\int_0^T B(s) dB(s) = \frac{1}{2} (B(T)^2 - T)$

HW: Hint: $\varphi(t) = B(t)$

$t_i = i \frac{T}{n} \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$

$\varphi_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n B(t_{i-1}) \chi_{[t_{i-1}, t_i)}(t)$

step 1 $\|\varphi - \varphi_n\|^2 \rightarrow 0$

step 2 compute $L^2\text{-lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \varphi_n(s) dB(s)$.

② $\int_0^T B(s)^2 dB(s) = \frac{1}{3} B(t)^3 - \int_0^T B(s) ds$

HW) similarly

Question:

does a (sufficiently regular)

$$t \mapsto \int_0^t \varphi(s) dB(s)$$

process

exist on the probability sp.
 $(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_t, \mathbb{P})$?

Mind

$\int_0^t \varphi(s) dB(s)$ was defined

as L^2 limit, for t fixed. It's a.s.
 defined for t fixed or for countably
 many $(t_j)_{j \geq 0}$. They are a priori

not a.s. simultaneously defined
 for all $t \in [0, T]$.

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Theorem: Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{V}_T$

There exists an adapted process

$t \mapsto F_\varphi(t)$ with a.s. continuous sample paths such that

$$\forall t \in [0, T]: \mathbb{P}\left(\int_0^t \varphi(s) dB(s) = F(t)\right) = 1.$$

The process

$t \mapsto F_\varphi(t)$ is actually a martingale and $\forall \lambda > 0$:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |F_\varphi(t)| \geq \lambda\right) \leq$$

$$\lambda^{-2} \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^T \varphi(s)^2 ds\right)$$

Proof: Choose $\varphi_n \in \mathcal{V}_T^s$ so that

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$$\|\varphi - \varphi_n\|^2 = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T (\varphi(s) - \varphi_n(s))^2 ds \right) < 2^{-3n}$$

$$J_n(t) := \int_0^t \varphi_n(s) dB(s) \quad \text{continuous martingale}$$

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By Doob's inequality + Schwarz's inequality

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |J_{n+1}(t) - J_n(t)| > 2^{-n} \right) \leq$$

$$2^{2n} \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T (\varphi_{n+1}(s) - \varphi_n(s))^2 ds \right) \leq C \cdot 2^{-n}$$

By Borel-Cantelli a.s. $\exists N_0 = N_0(\omega)$ s.t. for $n \geq N_0$:

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |J_n(t) - J_{n+1}(t)| \leq 2^{-n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{a.s. } J_n(t) \xrightarrow[t \in [0, T]]{\text{uniformly}} J(t)$$

$J(t)$ continuous martingale

$$J(t) = \int_0^t \varphi(s) dB(s) \quad \square$$

The multidimensional Itô-integral ⑮

$$(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$$

$$B(t) = (B_1(t), \dots, B_k(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

k -dimensional BM, adapted to (\mathcal{F}_t)

$$\varphi = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k) ; \varphi_j \in \mathcal{U}_T$$

$$\int_0^t \varphi(s) \cdot dB(s) := \sum_{j=1}^k \int_0^t \varphi_j(s) dB_j(s)$$