

Stoch. Anal. Exam, 18.12.2014

Info: Each of the 4 questions is worth 12.5 marks. Write your name and Neptun code on each piece of paper that you submit. Separate the solutions of different exercises (and sub-exercises) with a horizontal line. No calculators or electronic devices are allowed. One hand-written A4-sized formula sheet is allowed. You have 110 minutes to complete this exam.

1. Let (B_t) denote standard Brownian motion.

(a) Find the cumulative distribution function of

$$X = \min_{0 \leq t \leq 3} B_t,$$

i.e., calculate $\mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Please express your answer using the cumulative distribution function $\Phi(\cdot)$ of the standard normal random variable. Please explain how you used the *reflection principle* in your calculation by drawing a picture where the relevant quantities and random variables are clearly indicated.

(b) Calculate the probability density function of $\tau = \min\{t : B_t = -3\}$.

2. (a) Given a stochastic process (Y_t) define the notion of the *total variation* of (Y_t) on $[0, T]$.

(b) Given a stochastic process (Y_t) define the notion of the *quadratic variation* of (Y_t) on $[0, T]$.

(c) State and prove the result about the quadratic variation of a process $(Y_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ which has continuous trajectories and finite total variation on $[0, T]$.

(d) State and prove the result about the characterization of the process $Y_t = \int_0^t X_s dB_s$ which has finite total variation. Carefully state the theorems that you use in the proof.

(e) Define the notion of an *Itô process* (Y_t) . This definition involves a decomposition of form

$$Y_t = A_t + M_t.$$

Prove that this decomposition is uniquely determined by the process (Y_t) .

3. Given two independent Brownian motions $(B_1(t))$ and $(B_2(t))$ construct a third Brownian motion $(B_3(t))$ such that the *mutual variation* $[B_1, B_3]_t$ is equal to $\sin(t)$ for all $t \geq 0$. Carefully state the theorems that you use to show that $(B_3(t))$ is indeed a Brownian motion and that $[B_1, B_3]_t$ is indeed equal to $\sin(t)$.

4. Let $(\underline{B}_t) = (B_1(t), \dots, B_4(t))$ denote the 4-dimensional Brownian motion started from $\underline{x}_0 \neq \underline{0}$. Let

$$X_t = \|\underline{B}_t\|^{-2} = \frac{1}{B_1^2(t) + \dots + B_4^2(t)}.$$

(a) Calculate the stochastic differential dX_t .

(b) Prove that $X_{t \wedge \tau}$ is a martingale where $\tau = \min\{t : \|\underline{B}_t\| = \varepsilon\}$ and $0 < \varepsilon < \|\underline{x}_0\|$.

(c) Prove that X_t is not a martingale.