



Problem sheet 1

1. (a) Let I be some general index set. A function $C : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called *positive (semi)-definite*, if

$$\forall n \geq 1; t_1, \dots, t_n \in I; \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{i,j=1}^n C(t_i, t_j) \lambda_i \lambda_j \geq 0.$$

Consider now $I = \mathbb{R}^+$. Show that $C : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (t, s) \mapsto t \wedge s$ is a positive semi-definite function and sketch how a process $(\overline{B}_t, t \in I)$ with the properties (i)-(iii) of a Brownian motion can be constructed.

- (b) Let $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ be a process with independent increments and $X_t \in L^2$ for all $t \geq 0$. Show that $\text{Cov}(X_t, X_s) = a(t) \wedge a(s) = a(t \wedge s)$ holds for all $t, s \geq 0$ and a non-decreasing function $a : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$.
- (c) Show that any centered Gaussian process $X = (X_t, t \geq 0)$ with independent increments can be constructed by setting $X_t = B_{a(t)}$ where a is the function from part (b) with respect to X and $B = (B_t, t \geq 0)$ a Brownian motion.
2. Suppose $(Y_t, t \in [0, 1])$ is a Gaussian process on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ with

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t] = 0,$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y_t, Y_s) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \neq s \\ 1, & t = s \end{cases}.$$

- (a) Why does such a process Y exist?
- (b) Show that $(\omega, t) \mapsto Y_t(\omega)$ cannot be jointly measurable with respect to $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}$ ($\mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}$ is the Borel- σ -algebra on $[0, 1]$).
- Hint for (b):* If the statement is not true, it would follow that $\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^1 Y_t dt)^2] = 0$, thereby contradicting $\mathbb{P}(\exists n \geq 1 : Y_{1/n} \neq 0) = 1$.
3. Read in a textbook on real analysis about functions $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of *bounded* or *finite variation* and the *Stieltjes-integral*. Prove for functions $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $g \in C(\mathbb{R})$ with g of bounded variation that

$$f(g(t)) = f(g(0)) + \int_0^t f'(g(s)) dg(s), \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Give an example of a function that is not of bounded variation.

4. Consider the *Haar system* $\mathcal{H} := \{\varphi_0\} \cup \{\psi_{j,k} : j \in \mathbb{N}_0, 0 \leq k \leq 2^j - 1\}$ of real valued functions on the unit interval $[0, 1]$ where

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_0(t) &= \mathbf{1}_{[0,1]}(t), \\ \psi_{0,0}(t) &= \mathbf{1}_{[0,1/2)}(t) - \mathbf{1}_{[1/2,1)}(t), \\ \psi_{j,k}(t) &= 2^{j/2} \psi_{0,0}(2^j t - k),\end{aligned}$$

for $0 \leq t \leq 1, j \in \mathbb{N}_0, 0 \leq k \leq 2^j - 1$.

Our goal is to show that \mathcal{H} is a complete orthonormal system in the Hilbert space $L^2([0, 1])$ with standard scalar product $\langle x, y \rangle = \int_0^1 x(t)y(t) dt$ and norm $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$ for any $x, y \in L^2([0, 1])$, i.e.

- i. $\mathcal{H} \subseteq L^2([0, 1])$,
- ii. $\|e\| = 1$ for all $e \in \mathcal{H}$,
- iii. $\langle e, f \rangle = 0$ for all $e \neq f, e, f \in \mathcal{H}$,
- iv. $L^2([0, 1]) = \overline{\text{lin}(\mathcal{H})}$ where $\text{lin}(\mathcal{H})$ is the linear span of \mathcal{H} , i.e. the set of all (finite) linear combinations.

Prove that the properties i., ii. and iii. hold directly by definition of the Haar system. For property iv. there are many possible proofs. We consider the following strategy:

- (a) Consider the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ with

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_0 &= \sigma(\varphi_0), \\ \mathcal{F}_n &= \sigma(\varphi_0, \psi_{j,k} : j \in \mathbb{N}_0, 0 \leq k \leq 2^j - 1, 2^j + k \leq n)\end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 1$. For any $g \in L^2([0, 1])$ define the process $M = (M_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0)$ by $M_n := \mathbb{E}[g | \mathcal{F}_n]$. Show that M is an $L^2([0, 1])$ -bounded martingale that converges in $L^2([0, 1])$. What is the limit?

- (b) Remind yourself that the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[X | \mathcal{G}]$ for a square integrable random variable X on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ and a sub- σ -algebra $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ is the $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ -orthogonal projection of X onto $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})$. Deduce $M \subseteq \text{lin}(\mathcal{H})$ from this (here the probability measure is just the uniform distribution on $[0, 1]$).
- (c) Observe that $D_{j,k} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H})$ for every dyadic interval $D_{j,k} = [k/2^j, (k+1)/2^j), j \in \mathbb{N}_0, 0 \leq k \leq 2^j - 1$ and $[0, 1] \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{H})$ and thus $\sigma(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{B}_{[0,1]}$.
- (d) Show that parts (a), (b) and (c) imply property iv. from above.

We can therefore conclude that \mathcal{H} is indeed a complete orthonormal system in $L^2([0, 1])$.



Problem sheet 2

1. Let $X = (X_t, t \in T)$, $\tilde{X} = (\tilde{X}_t, t \in T)$ be two processes on the same probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$.
 - (a) Show that if \tilde{X} is a version of X , then both processes have the same finite dimensional distributions.
 - (b) Let $T = \mathbb{R}_+$. Assume now that X and \tilde{X} are processes with right-continuous paths. Show that if \tilde{X} is a version of X , then X and \tilde{X} are indistinguishable.

2. Let $X = (X_t, t \geq 0)$ be a right-continuous process on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$.
 - (a) Show that the map $(\omega, t) \mapsto X_t(\omega)$ is measurable with respect to $(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}_+})$ (X is progressively measurable).
 - (b) Let $\tau : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ be a finite stopping time with respect to the natural filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ of X , i.e. $\{\tau \leq t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ for all $t \geq 0$. Show that X_τ is a random variable, i.e. $\omega \mapsto X_{\tau(\omega)}(\omega)$ is \mathcal{F} -measurable.

3. Prove Blumenthal's 0-1 law: For a Brownian motion $B = (B_t, t \geq 0)$ and its natural filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ the σ -algebra $\mathcal{F}_{0+} = \bigcap_{t > 0} \mathcal{F}_t$ is \mathbb{P} -trivial (i.e. $\mathbb{P}(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ for all $A \in \mathcal{F}_{0+}$). For this prove:
 - (a) For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define σ -algebras $\mathcal{A}_n = \sigma(B_{2^{-n+t}} - B_{2^{-n}}, t \in [0, 2^{-n}])$. Show that $(\mathcal{A}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an independent family of σ -algebras and that $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_m, m \geq n) = \mathcal{F}_{2^{-n+1}}$.
 - (b) Review Kolmogorov's 0-1 law and apply it to deduce that $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sigma(\mathcal{A}_m, m \geq n)$ is \mathbb{P} -trivial.
 - (c) Obtain the claim by (a) and (b).

4. Define the zero set $Z = \{(\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, \infty) : B_t = 0\}$ of a Brownian motion $B = (B_t, t \geq 0)$ and define the sections $Z_\omega = \{t \in [0, \infty) : (\omega, t) \in Z\}$ for $\omega \in \Omega$.
 - (a) Infer $Z \in \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}_+}$ from exercise 2(a). Then show that $\mathbb{P}(\omega \in \Omega : \lambda(Z_\omega) = 0) = 1$ where λ is the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} .

(b) Prove that Z_ω has for almost all $\omega \in \Omega$ an accumulation point at 0.

Hint:

- i. Let $A_+ = \{B_{1/n} > 0 \text{ for infinitely many } n\}$, $A_- = \{B_{1/n} < 0 \text{ for infinitely many } n\}$. Then $\mathbb{P}(A_+) > 0$, $\mathbb{P}(A_-) > 0$.
- ii. $A_+, A_- \in \mathcal{F}_{0+}$ holds.
- iii. Apply Blumenthal's 0-1 law.

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Problem sheet 3

- Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0})$ be a filtered probability space with an $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -stopping time τ . Define $\mathcal{F}_\tau = \{A \in \mathcal{F} : A \cap \{\tau \leq t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t \text{ for every } t \geq 0\}$.
 - \mathcal{F}_τ is a σ -algebra. If $\tau = t$ is deterministic, then $\mathcal{F}_\tau = \mathcal{F}_t$.
 - There exists a sequence of stopping times $(\tau_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $\tau_n \searrow \tau$ almost surely and such that each τ_n takes only finitely many values. Moreover, in this case $\mathcal{F}_\tau = \bigcap_n \mathcal{F}_{\tau_n}$, if $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is right-continuous.
 - Let $X = (X_t, t \geq 0)$ be a right-continuous process adapted to $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ and assume that τ is bounded. Then $X_\tau \in \mathcal{F}_\tau$.
- Let $X = (X_t, t \geq 0)$ be a right-continuous process adapted to a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ such that $X_t \in L^1$ for all $t \geq 0$. Then the following statements are equivalent:
 - X is a martingale.
 - For all bounded stopping times τ we have $X_\tau \in L^1$ and $\mathbb{E}[X_\tau] = \mathbb{E}[X_0]$.
 - For all bounded stopping times $\sigma \leq \tau$ we have $\mathbb{E}[X_\tau | \mathcal{F}_\sigma] = X_\sigma$.

Prove these equivalences using the following steps:

- (a) \Rightarrow (b): For $\tau \leq c$, $c \geq 0$, find a sequence $(\tau_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ as in 1(b) and show $X_{\tau_n} = \mathbb{E}[X_c | \mathcal{F}_{\tau_n}]$, in particular, $\mathbb{E}[X_{\tau_n}] = \mathbb{E}[X_c]$. Argue that $(X_{\tau_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is uniformly integrable and obtain the statement by right-continuity of X .
- (b) \Rightarrow (c): For $A \in \mathcal{F}_\sigma$ consider the stopping time (!)

$$\tilde{\sigma}(\omega) := \begin{cases} \sigma(\omega), & \omega \in A, \\ \tau(\omega), & \omega \in A^c \end{cases}$$

and apply (b) to obtain $\mathbb{E}[X_{\tilde{\sigma}}] = \mathbb{E}[X_0] = \mathbb{E}[X_\tau]$.



Problem sheet 4

- Let $(B_t^1, 0 \leq t \leq 1)$ and $(B_t^2, 0 \leq t \leq 1)$ be two independent Brownian motions and let $(A_t, 0 \leq t \leq 1)$ be a continuous and bounded process with $V_{[0,1]}(A(\omega)) \leq C < \infty$ for some $C > 0$ and all $\omega \in \Omega$.
 - Show that the quadratic variation of A on $[0, 1]$ vanishes, i.e. we have $S_1^n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for $S_t^n := \sum_{t_i \in \tau_n, t_i \leq t} (A_{t_{i+1}} - A_{t_i})^2$, $t \in [0, 1]$, and a sequence of partitions $(\tau_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $[0, 1]$, with $\max_{t_i \in \tau_n} |t_{i+1} - t_i| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$.
 - For $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ show that the quadratic variation of $\sigma_1 B_t^1 + \sigma_2 B_t^2$ satisfies $S_t^n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) t$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- Let $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ be a process with independent increments and $X_t \in L^1$ for all $t \geq 0$. Show that $(X_t - \mathbb{E}[X_t], t \geq 0)$ is a martingale with respect to its natural filtration.
 - Let $(N_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Poisson process of intensity $\lambda > 0$ (definition in the lecture notes of Stochastic processes I). Infer from (a) that $M_t = N_t - \lambda t$ is a martingale with respect to its natural filtration.
 - Find a continuous increasing process $(A_t, t \geq 0)$ such that $Y_t = M_t^2 - A_t$ is a martingale with respect to the natural filtration of M .
- Consider the process $X_t = \mu t + \sigma B_t$, $t \geq 0$, for a Brownian motion B , drift $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and volatility $\sigma > 0$.
 - For $a < 0 < b$ calculate the probability of X hitting b before a .
Hint: For $\mu \neq 0$ choose $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $(\exp(\alpha X_t), t \geq 0)$ is a martingale.
 - Show for $\mu < 0$ that $Y := \sup_{t \geq 0} X_t$ is a.s. finite and exponentially distributed with parameter $\lambda = -2\mu/\sigma^2$.

4. Let $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ be a continuous process with $X_0 = 0$.

- (a) Assume that $Y_t^\alpha = \exp(\alpha X_t - \alpha^2 t/2)$, $t \geq 0$, is a martingale with respect to a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that X is a Brownian motion with respect to $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$.

Hints: If Z is a random variable, then

- $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ if and only if $\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda Z}] = e^{\lambda^2/2}$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$
- if $\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda Z} | \mathcal{G}] = \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda Z}] < \infty$ for λ in a neighborhood of 0, then $Z \perp \mathcal{G}$ for a sub- σ -algebra \mathcal{G}

- (b) For $\alpha \neq 0$ show that Y_t^α converges a.s. to $Y_\infty^\alpha = 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Does $Y_t^\alpha \xrightarrow{L^1} Y_\infty^\alpha$ hold?

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Problem sheet 5

1. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion and consider the process $\tau_b = \inf\{t > 0 : B_t = b\}$ for $b \geq 0$.

- (a) Show that $\tau_b - \tau_a = \inf\{t > 0 : B_{t+\tau_a} - B_{\tau_a} = b - a\}$ holds for $a \leq b$.
 (b) Use the strong Markov property of Brownian motion to show that $(\tau_b, b \geq 0)$ has stationary and independent increments.
Hint: Use the fact that the Laplace transform of a non-negative random variable uniquely determines its distribution.
 (c) Show that almost all paths $b \mapsto \tau_b$ are increasing and left-continuous. Are they also right-continuous?
 (d) *2 extra points:* Simulate the process $(\tau_b, b \geq 0)$.

2. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion. Prove that the zero set $Z = \{(\omega, t) \in \Omega \times [0, \infty) : B_t = 0\}$ of problem 2.4 is for almost all ω a *perfect set*, i.e. Z_ω is closed and contains no isolated points.

Hint: Review the results of problem 2.4 and use the strong Markov property of Brownian motion for stopping times (!) $\sigma_q = \inf\{t > q : B_t = 0\}$, $q \in \mathbb{Q}_+$.

3. Let $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ be a continuous local martingale. Show that $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ is a martingale if and only if for every $a > 0$ the family

$$\{M_\tau : \tau \leq a \text{ is a bounded stopping time}\}$$

is uniformly integrable.

4. Let $X_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \mathbf{1}_{(\tau_k, \tau_{k+1}]}(t)$, $t > 0$, with $X_0 = 0$ be a simple process, where $(\tau_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{\tau_0\}$, $\tau_0 = 0$, is a sequence of $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -stopping times such that $\tau_k \rightarrow \infty$ a.s. as $k \rightarrow \infty$ and where the α_k are \mathcal{F}_{τ_k} -measurable random variables.

- (a) Let $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ be a continuous and L^2 -integrable $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -martingale and let $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ be bounded. Show that the *stochastic integral*

$$(X \circ M)_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k (M_{\tau_{k+1} \wedge t} - M_{\tau_k \wedge t}), \quad t \geq 0,$$

is again a continuous L^2 -integrable $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -martingale.

- (b) If $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ is only a continuous $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -local martingale and if $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ is not necessarily bounded, then $((X \circ M)_t, t \geq 0)$ is again a continuous $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -local martingale.

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Problem sheet 6

1. Let $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$, $T > 0$, be a complete filtration and let $\mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2$ be the set of all continuous $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ -martingales $(M_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ with $M_0 = 0$, $M_t \in L^2$ for all $0 \leq t \leq T$.
 - (a) Show that $\mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2$ with scalar product $\langle M, N \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2} = \mathbb{E}[M_T N_T]$ for $M, N \in \mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2$ is a Hilbert space. In particular, it holds that $\|M\|_{\mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2} = (\mathbb{E}[\langle M \rangle_T])^{1/2}$ for $M \in \mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2$, where $\langle M \rangle$ is the quadratic variation of M .
 - (b) Prove for $M, N \in \mathcal{M}_{c,T}^2$ that the following properties are equivalent:
 - i. $\mathbb{E}[M_t N_s] = 0$ for all $0 \leq s, t \leq T$ (M and N are *weakly orthogonal*),
 - ii. $\mathbb{E}[M_s N_s] = 0$ for all $0 \leq s \leq T$,
 - iii. $\mathbb{E}[M_\tau N_s] = 0$ for all $0 \leq s \leq T$ and all stopping times $s \leq \tau \leq T$.
2. Prove: For every continuous local martingale M with $M_0 = 0$ there exists a unique (up to indistinguishability) increasing continuous process $(\langle M \rangle_t, t \geq 0)$ such that $\langle M \rangle_0 = 0$ and $(M_t^2 - \langle M \rangle_t, t \geq 0)$ is a local martingale.
3. Let $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. For any partition $\pi = \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m = 1\}$ of $[0, 1]$ and any $h \in C([0, 1])$ define

$$S_\pi(h) = \sum_{k=1}^m h(t_k) (X_{t_k} - X_{t_{k-1}}).$$

- (a) Prove that the map $h \mapsto S_\pi(h)$ is a continuous linear form on $C([0, 1])$ with norm $\|S_\pi\| = \sum_{k=1}^m |X_{t_k} - X_{t_{k-1}}|$.
- (b) Prove: If $(S_{\pi_n}(h))_n \in \mathbb{N}$ converges to a finite limit for every $h \in C([0, 1])$ and any sequence of partitions $(\pi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $\max_{t_k \in \pi_n} |t_k - t_{k-1}| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$, then X is of bounded variation. This shows why the stochastic integral with respect to a continuous local martingale cannot be defined in the ordinary way.

Hint: Apply the Banach-Steinhaus theorem (see e.g. *Werner, Funktionalanalysis*).

4. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion. Prove the following identities for any $t \geq 0$:

$$(a) \int_0^t B_s dB_s = \frac{1}{2}B_t^2 - \frac{t}{2},$$

$$(b) \int_0^t B_s^2 dB_s = \frac{1}{3}B_t^3 - \int_0^t B_s ds.$$

Moreover, it holds that $\int_0^t B_s^3 dB_s = \frac{1}{4}B_t^4 - \frac{3}{2} \int_0^t B_s^2 ds$. Can you guess a formula for $\int_0^t B_s^n dB_s$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$?

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Problem sheet 7

1. Show the following properties of the stochastic integral for $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$, $X \in \mathcal{L}(M)$, by approximation with simple processes:

(a) (*linearity*) $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, Y \in \mathcal{L}(M)$: $\int_0^\cdot (\alpha X + \beta Y)_s dM_s = \alpha \int_0^\cdot X_s dM_s + \beta \int_0^\cdot Y_s dM_s$,

(b) (*Itô-isometry*) $\mathbb{E}[(\int_0^t X_s dM_s)^2] = \mathbb{E}[\int_0^t X_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s] = \|X\|_{M,t}^2$ and $\|\int_0^\cdot X_s dM_s\|_{\mathcal{M}_c^2} = \|X\|_M$,

(c) (*quadratic variation*) $\langle \int_0^\cdot X_s dM_s \rangle_t = \int_0^t X_s^2 d\langle M \rangle_s$, $t \geq 0$.

2. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion. Define for $h \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ the process

$$I_t(h) = h(t) B_t - \int_0^t B_s h'(s) ds, \quad t \geq 0.$$

(a) Show for each $t \geq 0$: $\|I_t(h)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P})} = \|h \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = \|h\|_{L^2([0,t])}$.

(b) How can we define I_t for $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$?

Does $\mathbb{P}(\int_0^t h(s) dB_s = I_t(h), \forall t \geq 0) = 1$ hold for all $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, where $\int_0^t h(s) dB_s$ is the stochastic integral from the lecture?

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Problem sheet 8

1. For $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, an $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -Brownian motion $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ and an \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable random variable X_0 define the *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck* process

$$X_t = X_0 e^{-\lambda t} + \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-s)} dB_s, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- (a) Show that $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ satisfies the *stochastic differential equation* $dX_t = -\lambda X_t dt + dB_t$, i.e. it satisfies the equation

$$X_t = X_0 - \lambda \int_0^t X_s ds + B_t, \quad t \geq 0, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

- (b) For $\lambda > 0$, $X_0 \sim N(0, \frac{1}{2\lambda})$ and X_0 independent of $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ show that $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ is a stationary Gaussian process.
 (c) *2 extra points:* Simulate 100 trajectories of $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ for $\lambda \in \{-1; 0.01; 1\}$.
2. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion. Assume there exists a sequence of processes $(B_t^{(n)}, t \geq 0)$ such that $t \mapsto B_t^{(n)}$ is a C^1 -function and such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |B_t^{(n)} - B_t| = 0$ for all $T \geq 0$.

- (a) Show for a continuous function f and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $t \geq 0$ that

$$\int_0^t f(B_s^{(n)}) dB_s^{(n)} = F(B_t^{(n)}) - F(B_0^{(n)}),$$

where $F(x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy$. Conclude that there exists a continuous process $\int_0^t f(B_s) \circ dB_s := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t f(B_s^{(n)}) dB_s^{(n)}$, $t \geq 0$, which does not depend on the approximating sequence $(B^{(n)}, t \geq 0)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

- (b) Show that if $f \in C^1$, then

$$\int_0^t f(B_s) \circ dB_s = \int_0^t f(B_s) dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f'(B_s) ds.$$

3. For two continuous semimartingales X and Y define the *quadratic covariation* as

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_t := \frac{1}{4} (\langle X + Y \rangle_t - \langle X - Y \rangle_t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Show the following properties:

- (a) $\langle X, X \rangle_t = \langle X \rangle_t$, $t \geq 0$.
- (b) For all sequences of partitions $(\pi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $[0, T]$ with $|\pi_n| \rightarrow 0$ we have for all $0 \leq t \leq T$:

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{t_k \in \pi_n} (X_{t_k \wedge t} - X_{t_{k-1} \wedge t}) (Y_{t_k \wedge t} - Y_{t_{k-1} \wedge t}) \text{ (in probability).}$$

- (c) $|\langle X, Y \rangle_t| \leq \langle X \rangle_t^{1/2} \langle Y \rangle_t^{1/2}$. In particular, if A is continuous and of bounded variation, then $\langle X, A \rangle_t = 0$, $t \geq 0$.

4. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion. For $\varepsilon_0 > \varepsilon > 0$ let $\varphi_\varepsilon : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous approximation of $x \mapsto \varepsilon^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{[-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]}(x)$ such that $0 \leq \varphi_\varepsilon(x) \leq \varepsilon^{-1}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi_\varepsilon|_{[-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]} = \varepsilon^{-1}$ and $\text{supp}(\varphi_\varepsilon) \subseteq [-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0]$, where $\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon = o(\varepsilon)$. We further define $f_\varepsilon : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f_\varepsilon(0) = f'_\varepsilon(0) = 0$ and $f''_\varepsilon = \varphi_\varepsilon$.

- (a) Show $f_\varepsilon(x) \rightarrow |x|$ and $f'_\varepsilon(x) \rightarrow \text{sgn}(x)$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for an appropriate choice of ε_0 , where $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$ if $x < 0$, $\text{sgn}(0) = 0$ and $\text{sgn}(x) = 1$ if $x > 0$.
- (b) Conclude for all $t \geq 0$ that $|B_t| = |B_0| + \int_0^t \text{sgn}(B_s) dB_s + L_t$ a.s. with $L_t = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''_\varepsilon(B_s) ds$ in $L^2(\mathbb{P})$.
- (c) Find conditions on ε_0 such that $L_t = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \lambda(\{s \in [0, t] : B_s \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)\})$ in $L^2(\mathbb{P})$.

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Problem sheet 9

1. Let $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ be a non-negative continuous local martingale.
 - (a) Prove that M is a supermartingale.
Hint: Use Fatou's lemma.
 - (b) Show that M is a martingale, if and only if $\mathbb{E}[M_t] = \mathbb{E}[M_0]$ for all $t \geq 0$.
2. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion and let $X \in \mathcal{L}_{loc}(B)$. Consider the *stochastic exponential*

$$Z_t = \exp\left(\int_0^t X_s dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t X_s^2 ds\right), \quad t \geq 0.$$

- (a) Apply Itô's formula to $M_t = \int_0^t X_s dB_s$ and show that

$$e^{M_t} = 1 + \int_0^t e^{M_s} X_s dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t e^{M_s} X_s^2 ds, \quad t \geq 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

- (b) Argue that $Z_t e^{-M_t} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t X_s^2 Z_s e^{-M_s} ds$, $t \geq 0$, a.s. and show by partial integration that

$$Z_t = 1 + \int_0^t Z_s X_s dB_s, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Conclude that Z is a local martingale and by problem 1 a supermartingale.

- (c) Is there a (non-trivial) process $X \in \mathcal{L}_{loc}(B)$ such that Z is even a martingale?
3. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion in \mathbb{R}^3 , $0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and define the process $M_t = \frac{1}{|x+B_t|}$, $t \geq 0$. M_t is a.s. well defined because the Brownian motion in \mathbb{R}^3 does not hit points a.s. (see lecture).
 - (a) Show that M is a continuous local martingale.
Hint: Apply Itô's formula.
 - (b) Prove that M is L^2 -bounded, i.e. $\sup_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}[|M_t|^2] < \infty$.
Hint: For $t \geq 0$ show

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|M_t|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{|M_t| \geq \frac{2}{|x|}\}}\right] \leq (2\pi t)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \int_{|y| \leq \frac{|x|}{2}} \frac{1}{|y|^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(|y|-|x|)^2}{2t}\right) dy.$$

(c) Show that M is not a martingale.

Hint: Prove that $\mathbb{E}[M_t] \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

4. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}_c^2$, $X \in \mathcal{L}(M)$ and $Y \in \mathcal{L}(X \circ M)$ with respect to a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$.

(a) Show $YX \in \mathcal{L}(M)$.

(b) Let $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ be $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -stopping times and let ξ be a bounded \mathcal{F}_{τ_1} -measurable random variable. Show for $Y_t = \xi \mathbf{1}_{(\tau_1, \tau_2]}(t)$, $t \geq 0$, that

$$\int_0^t Y_s X_s dM_s = \xi \int_0^t X_s \mathbf{1}_{(\tau_1, \tau_2]}(s) dM_s, \quad a.s.$$

Conclude in this case that

$$(Y \circ (X \circ M)) = ((YX) \circ M), \quad a.s. \quad (*)$$

Hint: Show (*) first for X simple and bounded and then by approximation for general $X \in \mathcal{L}(M)$.

(c) Prove (*) for general $Y \in \mathcal{L}(X \circ M)$.

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Problem sheet 10

1. Prove that the 2D-Brownian motion a.s. does not hit a fixed point $x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$, i.e. $\mathbb{P}(\tau_x < \infty) = 0$ for $\tau_x = \inf \{t > 0 : B_t = x\}$ where $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ is a Brownian motion in \mathbb{R}^2 .
2. Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be a bounded and open set and let $f : \partial G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Let $h : \bar{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a solution to the Dirichlet problem on G with boundary value f , i.e. $h \in C^2(G) \cap C(\bar{G})$, $\Delta h = 0$ on G and $h = f$ on ∂G .
 - (a) Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a d -dimensional Brownian motion and let $\tau = \inf \{t > 0 : x + B_t \in G^c\}$ be a stopping time for any $x \in G$. Why does $\mathbb{P}(\tau < \infty) = 1$ hold?
 - (b) Show for every $x \in G$ that h satisfies $h(x) = \mathbb{E}[f(x + B_\tau)]$. In particular, the solution of the Dirichlet problem with boundary value f is unique.
Hint: Consider open sets $G_n = \{y \in G : \inf_{z \in \partial G} \|y - z\| > 1/n\} \subseteq G$ and corresponding stopping times $\tau_n = \inf \{t > 0 : x + B_t \in G_n^c\}$. Use Itô's formula for the stopped processes $(x + B_{t \wedge \tau_n}, t \geq 0)$ and take expectations.
 - (c) Describe a stochastic algorithm to determine $h(x)$ numerically.
 - (d) *2 extra points:* Check if your algorithm works by approximating the solution of the Dirichlet problem on $D_{r,R} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : r < |x| < R\}$ with boundary value f , where $f|_{\bar{B}_r(0)} = 1$ and $f|_{\bar{B}_R(0)} = 0$ for closed balls $\bar{B}_r(0)$, $\bar{B}_R(0)$ and any $r, R > 0$. Compare your approximation to the exact solution from the lecture (cf. example 3.15).
3. Prove the lower bound of the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy-inequality (*BDG*): For any continuous local martingale $(M_t, t \geq 0)$ with $M_0 = 0$ and any $p \geq 4$ there exists a universal constant $c_p > 0$ (depending only on p) such that for all $t \geq 0$

$$c_p \mathbb{E} \left[\langle M \rangle_t^{p/2} \right] \leq \mathbb{E} [(M_t^*)^p],$$

where $M_t^* = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} |M_s|$. Use the following steps:

- (a) Assume first that M and $\langle M \rangle$ are bounded. Use the equality $M_t^2 = 2 \int_0^t M_s dM_s + \langle M \rangle_t$ to show

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\langle M \rangle_t^{p/2} \right] \leq \tilde{c}_p \left(\mathbb{E} [(M_t^*)^p] + \mathbb{E} \left[\left| \int_0^t M_s dM_s \right|^{p/2} \right] \right)$$

for some constant $\tilde{c}_p > 0$ and apply the upper bound of the *BDG*-inequality to the local martingale $\int_0^\cdot M_s dM_s$.

- (b) Conclude the general result by localisation.
4. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion and let $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ be its natural filtration. For each of the three processes (i) $M_t = B_t^2 - t$, (ii) $M_t = e^{\lambda B_t - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}t} - 1$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, and (iii) $M_t = B_{t \wedge \tau}$ where τ is any $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ -stopping time, $t \geq 0$,
- (a) find a process $Y \in \mathcal{L}_{loc}(B)$ adapted to $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ such that $M_t = \int_0^t Y_s dB_s$ a.s., $t \geq 0$, and
- (b) determine the *Dambis-Dubins-Schwarz (DDS) Brownian motion* of M , i.e. determine $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -stopping times $\tau_t = \inf \{s \geq 0 : \langle M \rangle_s > t\}$, $t \geq 0$, and construct an $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t)_{t \geq 0} = (\mathcal{F}_{\tau_t})_{t \geq 0}$ -Brownian motion $(\tilde{B}_t, t \geq 0)$ such that $M_t = \tilde{B}_{\langle M \rangle_t}$. Do we have $\mathbb{P}(B_t = \tilde{B}_t \forall t \geq 0) = 1$?

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Problem sheet 11

1. Let \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} be equivalent probability measures (i.e. $\mathbb{Q} \ll \mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{P} \ll \mathbb{Q}$) on a measurable space (Ω, \mathcal{F}) with filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$, $T > 0$, and denote by \mathbb{P}_t and \mathbb{Q}_t the probability measures restricted to \mathcal{F}_t .

- (a) Show that \mathbb{P}_t and \mathbb{Q}_t , $0 \leq t \leq T$, are also equivalent and that the Radon-Nikodym-derivatives satisfy $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\frac{d\mathbb{Q}}{d\mathbb{P}} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] = \frac{d\mathbb{Q}_t}{d\mathbb{P}_t}$ \mathbb{P}_t -a.s. In particular, $\left(\frac{d\mathbb{Q}_t}{d\mathbb{P}_t} \right)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is a \mathbb{P} -martingale.
- (b) (*Bayes rule*) For any \mathcal{F}_T -measurable random variable X with $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[|X|] < \infty$ prove that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[X | \mathcal{F}_t] = \left(\frac{d\mathbb{Q}_t}{d\mathbb{P}_t} \right)^{-1} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[X \frac{d\mathbb{Q}_T}{d\mathbb{P}_T} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right], \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. and } \mathbb{Q}_T\text{-a.s.}$$

- (c) Show that a process $(M_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ is a \mathbb{Q} -martingale if and only if $(M_t \frac{d\mathbb{Q}_t}{d\mathbb{P}_t}, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ is a \mathbb{P} -martingale.

2. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ be a Brownian motion and let $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ be its natural filtration completed by events of probability zero in $\sigma(B_t, t \geq 0)$. Let further ξ be an $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T^0, \mathbb{P})$ -random variable for $T > 0$ and let $(X_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ be a progressively measurable process adapted to $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ such that $\mathbb{E}[\int_0^T |X_s|^2 ds] < \infty$.

- (a) Find $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ -adapted processes $(Y_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ and $(Z_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ with $Z \in \mathcal{L}(B)$ satisfying the *backward stochastic differential equation (BSDE)*

$$\begin{cases} dY_t &= -X_t dt + Z_t dB_t, \\ Y_T &= \xi, \end{cases}$$

with terminal value ξ such that $\mathbb{E}[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |Y_t|^2] < \infty$.

Hint: Apply the martingale representation theorem to $\xi + \int_0^T X_s ds$ to find Z . Apply the Doob inequality for proving the bound on $\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |Y_t|$.

- (b) Is the solution unique?

3. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ and $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ be as in problem 2 and let $\mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Let further \mathbb{Q}_T be the unique probability measure such that $\tilde{B}_t = B_t - \mu t, t \geq 0$, is a Brownian motion under \mathbb{Q}_T for $T > 0$. Show for the stopping time $\tau_b = \inf \left\{ t \geq 0 : \tilde{B}_t + \mu t = b \right\}, b \in \mathbb{R}$:

(a) τ_b has Lebesgue-density $f_b(t) = \frac{|b|}{\sqrt{2\pi t^3}} e^{-\frac{(b-\mu t)^2}{2t}} \mathbf{1}_{[0, \infty)}(t)$ under \mathbb{Q}_T ,

(b) $\mathbb{Q}_T(\tau_b < \infty) = \exp(\mu b - |\mu b|)$,

(c) $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_T} [e^{-\lambda \tau_b}] = e^{\mu b - |b| \sqrt{\mu^2 + 2\lambda}}$ for $\lambda > 0$.

4. Let $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ and $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ be as in problem 2. Construct a measurable and $(\mathcal{F}_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ -adapted process $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ such that for some $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon \right) \int_0^\infty X_s^2 ds \right) \right] < \infty,$$

and such that the stochastic exponential $Z_t = \exp \left(\int_0^t X_s dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t X_s^2 ds \right)$ is not a closed martingale. Use the following steps:

(a) Show using problem 3 that the stopping time $\tau_a = \inf \{ t \geq 0 : B_t - (1 - \varepsilon)t = -a \}$ for $a > 0$ satisfies $\mathbb{E}[e^{(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon)\tau_a}] = e^{(1 - 2\varepsilon)a}$.

Hint: Use that $\tau_a \stackrel{d}{=} \sigma_a := \inf \{ t \geq 0 : B_t + (1 - \varepsilon)t = a \}$.

(b) Establish the inequality $\mathbb{E}[e^{B_{\tau_a} - \frac{1}{2}\tau_a}] < 1$.

(c) Construct X .

2 extra points: Construct a process $(X_t, 0 \leq t \leq 1)$ satisfying for some $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon \right) \int_0^1 X_s^2 ds \right) \right] < \infty,$$

such that the corresponding stochastic exponential is *not* a martingale on $[0, 1]$.



Problem sheet 12

1. Consider the process $X_t = B_t + \mu t$, $t \in [0, T]$, $T > 0$, for a a Brownian motion $(B_t, t \geq 0)$ and $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - (a) For unknown μ show that the *maximum likelihood estimator* satisfies $\hat{\mu}_T = \frac{X_T}{T}$.
 - (b) Discuss expectation and variance of the estimator $\hat{\mu}_T$ (i) for growing sample size but fixed time horizon $T > 0$ and (ii) for fixed sample size but with $T \rightarrow \infty$.
2. Let $T > 0$ and let $u, a, b : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be measurable functions such that u is bounded and b is integrable.
 - (a) Prove *Gronwall's lemma*: If

$$u(t) \leq a(t) + \int_0^t u(s)b(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad (1)$$

then

$$u(t) \leq a(t) + \int_0^t a(s)b(s) \exp\left(\int_s^t b(r) dr\right) ds, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

- (b) Show for constant $a(t) = c \geq 0$ under condition (1) that

$$u(t) \leq c \exp\left(\int_0^t b(s) ds\right).$$

3. Let $a, x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and let $b, \sigma : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be deterministic and (Borel-)measurable.
 - (a) Show that

$$X_t = e^{at} \left(x_0 + \int_0^t e^{-as} b_s ds + \int_0^t e^{-as} \sigma_s dB_s \right)$$

is the unique strong solution of the SDE $dX_t = (aX_t + b_t) dt + \sigma_t dB_t$, $t \geq 0$, with $X_0 = x_0$.

- (b) *2 extra points*: How can we extend the solution if a depends on time?

4. Consider the SDE $dX_t = (1-t)^{-1}X_t dt + dB_t$, $0 \leq t < 1$, $X_0 = 0$. Show that the unique strong solution on $[0, T]$, $T < 1$, is given by a *Brownian Bridge*. Do we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} X_t = 0$ in any mode of convergence?

Hint: Consider $X_t = (1-t) \int_0^t (1-s)^{-1} dB_s$.

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