

Homework

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In each of Problem 1 through 4, find the mean $\mathbf{E}[X]$ and the variance $\text{var}(X)$ of X , which is a random variable defined on a complete probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$.

4. X has a normal distribution with parameters μ and $\sigma > 0$.

Solution: its probability density is

$$n(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

let $v = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$, $x = \sigma v + \mu$, $dv = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx$, then

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma v + \mu) e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv + \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$$

since $v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}$ is odd function, $e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}$ is even function, and integrating interval is symmetric, hence $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv = 0$, and then

$$\mathbf{E}[X] = \frac{2\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$$

Only calculate $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$, let $I = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$

$$I^2 = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \cdot \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$$

change of variable $x = r \sin \theta$, $y = r \cos \theta$

$$I^2 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2} r dr d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} (-1) e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2} d(e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2}) d\theta$$

$$I^2 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (-1) e^{-\frac{1}{2}r^2} \Big|_0^{\infty} d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow I^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow I = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}$$

Therefore, the mean $\mathbf{E}[X] = \mu$

$$\mathbf{E}[X^2] = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

let $v = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$, $x = \sigma v + \mu$, $dv = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx$, then

$$\mathbf{E}[X^2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma^2 v^2 + 2\sigma\mu v + \mu^2) e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} v^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv + \frac{2\sigma\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv + \frac{2\mu^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$$

since $v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}$ is odd function, $v^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}$, $e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}$ are even function, and integrating interval is also symmetric, hence $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv = 0$, we only calculate $\int_0^{\infty} v^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv$

$$\int_0^{\infty} v^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv = \int_0^{\infty} (-1) v d(e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}) = (-1) v e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv = 0 + \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}$$

so that we have

$$\mathbf{E}[X^2] = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} + \frac{2\mu^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

Therefore, the variance $\text{var}(X) = \mathbf{E}[X^2] - (\mathbf{E}[X])^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \mu^2 = \sigma^2$.

In each of Problem 5 through 10. X and Y are random variables defined on a complete probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$.

5. Assume $\mathbf{E}[X^2] < \infty$. Prove Chebyshev inequality:

$$\mathbf{P}(X \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \mathbf{E}[X^2], \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Proof: using notes P.11 properties (5) basic inequalities

$$\mathbf{P}(X \geq \alpha) \leq (g(\alpha))^{-1} \mathbf{E}[g(X)]$$

let $g(x) = x^2$, then $g(\cdot)$ be nonnegative and Borel measurable, $g(\cdot)$ is non-decreasing. hence

$$\mathbf{P}(X \geq \varepsilon) \leq (g(\varepsilon))^{-1} \mathbf{E}[g(X)] = (\varepsilon^2)^{-1} \mathbf{E}[X^2] = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \mathbf{E}[X^2]$$

Therefore, we have $\mathbf{P}(X \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \mathbf{E}[X^2], \forall \varepsilon > 0$.

7. Show that, if X has an exponential distribution with parameter $\theta > 0$, then X satisfies the *forgetfulness property* that

$$\mathbf{P}(X > x + y | X > y) = \mathbf{P}(X > x), \forall x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

Proof:

$$L.H.S = \frac{\mathbf{P}((X > x + y) \cap (X > y))}{\mathbf{P}(X > y)} = \frac{\mathbf{P}(X > x + y)}{\mathbf{P}(X > y)} \text{ and } R.H.S = \mathbf{P}(X > x).$$

And exponential distribution probability density is

$$g(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{P}(X > x + y) = \int_{x+y}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{v}{\theta}} dv = \int_{x+y}^{\infty} (-1) d(e^{-\frac{v}{\theta}}) = (-1) e^{-\frac{v}{\theta}} \Big|_{x+y}^{\infty} = e^{-\frac{x+y}{\theta}}$$

similar, $\mathbf{P}(X > y) = e^{-\frac{y}{\theta}}$, $\mathbf{P}(X > x) = e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$, then

$$L.H.S = \frac{e^{-\frac{x+y}{\theta}}}{e^{-\frac{y}{\theta}}} = e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} = R.H.S$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{P}(X > x + y | X > y) = \mathbf{P}(X > x)$.

8. Suppose that X and Y are integrable, and a and b are real numbers. Show

$$\mathbf{E}[aX + bY | \mathcal{G}] = a\mathbf{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] + b\mathbf{E}[Y | \mathcal{G}], \mathbf{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

Proof:

$$L.H.S = \int_B aX + bY d\mathbf{P} = a \int_B X d\mathbf{P} + b \int_B Y d\mathbf{P} = a\mathbf{E}[X | \mathcal{G}] + b\mathbf{E}[Y | \mathcal{G}] = R.H.S$$

10. Show that $\mathbf{E}[1 | \mathcal{G}] = 1$.

Proof: both side take the mean

$$\text{L.H.S} = \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{E}[1|\mathcal{G}]] = \mathbf{E}[1] = 1$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \mathbf{E}[1] = 1$$

Hence, $\mathbf{E}[1|\mathcal{G}] = 1$

11. Show that, in $[0, \infty)$, the Poisson process N_t is both mean-square continuous and continuous in probability, but is not continuous with probability one.

Proof: first, we want to prove it is mean-square continuous, Poisson distribution

$$p(x; y) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with moment-generating function is

$$M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}, \quad M'_X(t) = \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}, \quad M''_X(t) = \lambda e^t e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)} + \lambda^2 e^{2t} e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

and then, $\mathbf{E}[X^2] = M''_X(0) = \lambda + \lambda^2 < \infty$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow t, s \in T} \mathbf{E}[|X_s - X_t|^2] =$$

second, we want to prove it is continuous in probability in $[0, \infty)$,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow t, s \in T} \mathbf{P}(\{\omega : |X_s(\omega) - X_t(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon\}) =$$

third, we want to prove it is not continuous with probability one,

Remark:

[1] X_t is said to *mean-square continuous* if, for each $t \in T$, it satisfies that $\mathbf{E}[X_t^2] < \infty$ and $\lim_{s \rightarrow t, s \in T} \mathbf{E}[|X_s - X_t|^2] = 0$;

[2] X_t is said to be *continuous in probability* if, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and for each $t \in T$, $\lim_{s \rightarrow t, s \in T} \mathbf{P}(\{\omega : |X_s(\omega) - X_t(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0$

12. Prove that the standard Brownian motion B_t is continuous in $[0, \infty)$ with probability one.

Proof: for $\forall 0 \leq s < t$, $(B_t - B_s) \sim N(0, \sqrt{t - s})$. According to the exercises 16 result, we know that for $\forall k > 0$

$$\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k}] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!} (t - s)^k$$

By Kolmogorov's Criterion Theorem,

Hence, the standard Brownian motion B_t is continuous in $[0, \infty)$ with probability one.

Remark: **Kolmogorov's Criterion Theorem.**

X_t is a stochastic process, if exists some positive constants α, β, C and δ , such that $|t - s| < \delta$ and

$$\mathbf{E}[|X_t - X_s|^\alpha] \leq C|t - s|^{1+\beta}.$$

then X_t is continuous in $[0, \infty)$ with probability one.

Since, in this exercise, $\alpha = 2k$, $\beta = k - 1$, $C = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!}$, $|t - s| < \delta$, satisfy all condition, and then B_t is continuous in $[0, \infty)$ with probability one.

13. Show the linearity of stochastic integral: for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}_{2,T}$ and any constants a and b ,

$$\int_0^T (aX_s + bY_s)dB_s = a \int_0^T X_s dB_s + b \int_0^T Y_s dB_s.$$

Solution: using P.61 theorem 4.2.3

$$\int_0^T X_s dB_s = \lim_{|\Delta| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{t_{i-1}^n} (B_{t_i^n} - B_{t_{i-1}^n})$$

where limit is in $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbf{P})$, and $\Delta : 0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 \cdots < t_n = T$

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= \lim_{|\Delta| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n (aX_{t_{i-1}} + bY_{t_{i-1}})(B_{t_i} - B_{t_{i-1}}) = a \lim_{|\Delta| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{t_{i-1}}(B_{t_i} - B_{t_{i-1}}) + b \lim_{|\Delta| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{t_{i-1}}(B_{t_i} - B_{t_{i-1}}) \\ &= a \int_0^T X_s dB_s + b \int_0^T Y_s dB_s = R.H.S. \end{aligned}$$

14. Use the Itô formula to show

$$\int_0^t B_s^{2n-1} dB_s = \frac{1}{2n} B_t^{2n} - \int_0^t \frac{2n-1}{2} B_s^{2n-2} ds, \forall t \geq 0.$$

Solution: Let $F(t, B_t) = \frac{1}{2n} B_t^{2n}$, by using Itô formula

$$dF(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F(t, B_t)}{\partial x^2} (dB_t \cdot dB_t).$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = 0 \cdot dt + B_t^{2n-1} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} (2n-1) B_t^{2n-1} dt$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = B_t^{2n-1} dB_t + \frac{(2n-1)}{2} B_t^{2n-1} dt$$

$$F(t, B_t) = F(0, B_0) + \int_0^t B_s^{2n-1} dB_s + \int_0^t \frac{2n-1}{2} B_s^{2n-2} ds$$

since $F(0, B_0) = \frac{1}{2n} B_0 = 0$, hence

$$\frac{1}{2n} B_t^{2n} = \int_0^t B_s^{2n-1} dB_s + \int_0^t \frac{2n-1}{2} B_s^{2n-2} ds$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^t B_s^{2n-1} dB_s = \frac{1}{2n} B_t^{2n} - \int_0^t \frac{2n-1}{2} B_s^{2n-2} ds.$$

15. Show that, if $f(\cdot)$ a deterministic function having a continuous and bounded derivative $f'(\cdot)$ in $[0, T]$, then

$$\int_0^t f(s) dB_s = f(t) B_t - \int_0^t f'(s) B_s ds.$$

Solution: Let $F(t, B_t) = f(t) B_t$, by using Itô formula

$$dF(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F(t, B_t)}{\partial x^2} (dB_t \cdot dB_t).$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = f'(t) B_t dt + f(t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 \cdot (dB_t \cdot dB_t)$$

$$F(t, B_t) = F(0, B_0) + \int_0^t f'(s) B_s ds + \int_0^t f(s) dB_s$$

since $F(0, B_0) = f(0) \cdot B_0 = f(0) \cdot 0 = 0$, hence

$$f(t) B_t = \int_0^t f'(s) B_s ds + \int_0^t f(s) dB_s$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^t f(s) dB_s = f(t) B_t - \int_0^t f'(s) B_s ds \text{ is hold.}$$

16. Let B_t be a standard (\mathcal{F}_t) -Brownian motion. Prove that, for every $k = 1, 2, \dots$, and any $0 \leq s < t$,

$$\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k-1}] = 0, \text{ and } \mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k}] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k \cdot k!} (t-s)^k.$$

Proof: we know that normal distribution

$$n(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

And $(B_t - B_s) \sim N(0, \sqrt{t-s})$, so that

$$n(x; 0, \sqrt{t-s}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t-s}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k-1}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t-s}\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2k-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2} dx$$

since $x^{2k-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2}$ is odd function, and integrating interval is also symmetric, hence $\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k-1}] = 0$.

$$\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t-s}\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2} dx$$

since $x^{2k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2}$ is even function, and integrating interval is also symmetric, hence

$$\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k}] = \frac{2}{\sqrt{t-s}\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} x^{2k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2} dx$$

Just to calculate $\int_0^{\infty} x^{2k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2} dx$,

using change of variable and Integration by parts,

let $v = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2}$, then $dv = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{2x}{t-s} dx$,

i.e. $dv = v \cdot (-1) \frac{x}{t-s} dx \Leftrightarrow (-1) \frac{t-s}{x} dv = v dx$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{2k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right)^2} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^{2k} v dx \stackrel{\text{chg.v}}{=} \int_{x=0}^{x=\infty} x^{2k} \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{t-s}{x} dv = (t-s) \int_{x=0}^{x=\infty} (-1) x^{2k-1} dv$$

by $\underline{\text{part}}$ $(-1)(t-s)x^{2k-1}v|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} + (t-s) \int_{x=0}^{x=\infty} vd(x^{2k-1}) = (t-s)(2k-1) \int_0^{\infty} x^{2k-2} \cdot v dx$

using this method by k step, become

$$(t-s)^k (2k-1)(2k-3) \dots \dots 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \int_0^{\infty} v dx = (t-s)^k \frac{2k(2k-1)(2k-2)(2k-3) \dots \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2k(2k-2) \dots \dots 4 \cdot 2} \int_0^{\infty} v dx$$

$$= (t-s)^k \frac{(2k)!}{2^k \cdot k(k-1) \dots \dots 2 \cdot 1} \int_0^{\infty} v dx = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k \cdot k!} (t-s)^k \int_0^{\infty} v dx$$

since $\int_0^{\infty} v dx = \frac{\sqrt{t-s}\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}$, so $\mathbf{E}[(B_t - B_s)^{2k}] = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k \cdot k!} (t-s)^k$.

17. Use the Itô formula to show

$$\int_0^t \sin B_s dB_s = 1 - \cos B_t - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \cos B_s ds, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Solution: Let $F(t, B_t) = 1 - \cos B_t$, by using Itô formula

$$dF(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F(t, B_t)}{\partial x^2} (dB_t \cdot dB_t).$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = 0 \cdot dt + \sin B_t dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \cos B_t (dB_t \cdot dB_t)$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = \sin B_t + \frac{1}{2} \cos B_t dt$$

$$F(t, B_t) = F(0, B_0) + \int_0^t \sin B_s dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \cos B_s ds$$

since $F(0, B_0) = 1 - \cos B_0 = 1 - \cos 0^\circ = 1 - 1 = 0$, hence

$$1 - \cos B_t = \int_0^t \sin B_s dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \cos B_s ds$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^t \sin B_s dB_s = 1 - \cos B_t - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \cos B_s ds.$$

18. Use the Itô formula to show

$$\int_0^t \cos B_s dB_s = \sin B_t + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \sin B_s ds, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Solution: Let $F(t, B_t) = \sin B_t$, by using Itô formula

$$dF(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F(t, B_t)}{\partial x^2} (dB_t \cdot dB_t).$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = 0 \cdot dt + \cos B_t dB_t + \frac{1}{2} (-\sin B_t) (dB_t \cdot dB_t)$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = \cos B_t dB_t - \frac{1}{2} \sin B_t dt$$

$$F(t, B_t) = F(0, B_0) + \int_0^t \cos B_s dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin B_s ds$$

since $F(0, B_0) = \sin B_0 = \sin 0^\circ = 0$, hence

$$\sin B_t = \int_0^t \cos B_s dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin B_s ds$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^t \cos B_s dB_s = \sin B_t + \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} \sin B_s ds.$$

19. Use the Itô formula to rewrite the diffusion $X_t = B_t^2, t \geq 0$, in the standard form:

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s) dB_s, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Solution: Let $F(t, B_t) = B_t^2 = X_t$, by using Itô formula

$$dF(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F(t, B_t)}{\partial x^2} (dB_t \cdot dB_t).$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = 0 \cdot dt + 2B_t dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot dt$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = dt + 2B_t dB_t$$

$$F(t, B_t) = F(0, B_0) + \int_0^t 1 ds + \int_0^t 2B_s dB_s$$

since $F(0, B_0) = B_0^2 = 0$, hence

$$X_t = F(t, B_t) = t + \int_0^t 2B_s dB_s = 0 + \int_0^t 1 ds + \int_0^t 2B_s dB_s.$$

(i.e. $b(s) = 1, X_0 = 0, \sigma(s) = 2B_s$)

20. Use the Itô formula to rewrite the diffusion $X_t = 2 + t + e^{B_t}, t \geq 0$, in the standard form:

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s) dB_s, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Solution: Let $F(t, B_t) = 2 + t + e^{B_t} = X_t$, by using Itô formula

$$dF(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial F(t, B_t)}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F(t, B_t)}{\partial x^2} (dB_t \cdot dB_t).$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = 1 \cdot dt + e^{B_t} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{B_t} \cdot dt$$

$$dF(t, B_t) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} e^{B_t}\right) dt + e^{B_t} dB_t$$

$$F(t, B_t) = F(0, B_0) + \int_0^t \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} e^{B_s}\right) ds + \int_0^t e^{B_s} dB_s$$

since $F(0, B_0) = 2 + 0 + e^{B_0} = 2 + 0 + e^0 = 2 + 1 = 3$, hence

$$X_t = F(t, B_t) = 3 + \int_0^t \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} e^{B_s}\right) ds + \int_0^t e^{B_s} dB_s$$

(i.e. $X_0 = 3, b(s) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} e^{B_s}, \sigma(s) = e^{B_s}$)

21. Prove directly from the definition of stochastic integral that

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

Solution: For any fixed time $t > 0$ and any natural number $n \geq 2$, setting $t_k^n = kt/n$ for all $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$, and define $(B_s^2)^{(n)}(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_{i-1}^n}^2 1_{[t_{i-1}^n, t_i^n)}(s), (s, \omega) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \times \Omega$. Then, by the definition of Itô integral, we have that

$$\int_0^t (B_s^2)^{(n)} dB_s = \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_{i-1}^n}^2 (B_{t_i^n} - B_{t_{i-1}^n})$$

And since we have that as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and so that $\int_0^t B_s^2 dB_s = \int_0^t (B_s^2)^{(n)} dB_s$

And we have have that

$$B_t^3 = \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_i^n}^3 - B_{t_{i-1}^n}^3$$

by the above equation, we have that

$$B_t^3 - 3 \int_0^t B_s^2 dB_s = \sum_{i=1}^n (B_{t_i^n}^3 - B_{t_{i-1}^n}^3) - 3 \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_{i-1}^n}^2 (B_{t_i^n} - B_{t_{i-1}^n}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (B_{t_i^n}^3 - B_{t_{i-1}^n}^3 - 3B_{t_{i-1}^n}^2 \cdot B_{t_i^n} + 3B_{t_{i-1}^n}^3)$$

let $A = B_{t_i^n}, D = B_{t_{i-1}^n}$,

and $A^3 - 3AD^2 + 2D^3 = (A^3 - 2A^2D + AD^2) + (2A^2D - 4AD^2 + 2D^3) = A(A - D)^2 + 2D(A - D)^2$, then

$$B_t^3 - 3 \int_0^t B_s^2 dB_s = \sum_{i=1}^n (B_{t_i^n}^3 - 3B_{t_i^n}^2 \cdot B_{t_{i-1}^n} + 2B_{t_{i-1}^n}^3) = \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_i^n} (B_{t_i^n} - B_{t_{i-1}^n})^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_{i-1}^n} (B_{t_i^n} - B_{t_{i-1}^n})^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_i^n} (t_i^n - t_{i-1}^n) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_{i-1}^n} (t_i^n - t_{i-1}^n)$$

since we have that $\sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_i^n} (t_i^n - t_{i-1}^n) \rightarrow \int_0^t B_s ds$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n B_{t_{i-1}^n} (t_i^n - t_{i-1}^n) \rightarrow \int_0^t B_s ds$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ then

$$B_t^3 - 3 \int_0^t B_s^2 dB_s = \int_0^t B_s ds + 2 \int_0^t B_s ds = 3 \int_0^t B_s ds$$

Therefore, we have

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