

# Brownian Motion and Levy's Theorem

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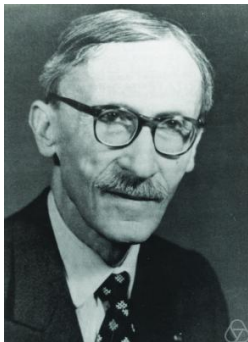
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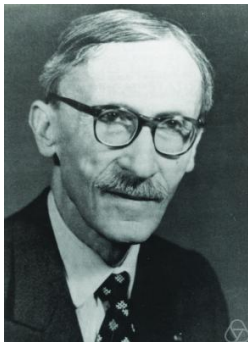
$$\langle M, M \rangle_t = t;$$

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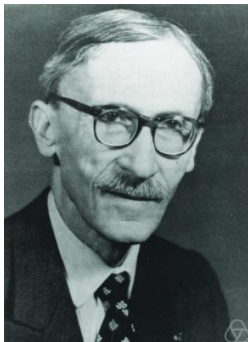
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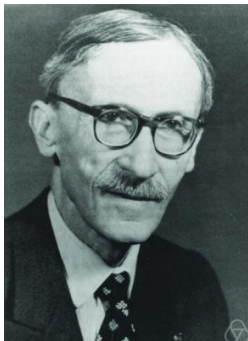
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## Definition (Usual Conditions)

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## Definition (Adapted Process)

A sequence of r.v.  $X_t$  is said to be adapted to  $\mathcal{F}_t$  if  $X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t, \forall t \in \Gamma$ , which means that for every  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\{\omega \in \Omega : X_t(\omega) \in A\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ .

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► **(Geometric Perspective)**

Suppose  $\mathbb{E}(Y^2) < \infty$ . Then  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{G}}(Y)$  is the random variable  $X \in \mathcal{G}$  that minimizes  $\mathbb{E}(Y - X)^2$ .

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- ▶ Mathematically, martingales appeared to give exactly what we need! We only need that  $\mathbb{E}(X_{n+1}|S_n) = 0$ .



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## Definition (Martingale)

A sequence of r.v.  $X_t$  is said to be a martingale with respect to a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t, t \in \mathbb{R}_0^+\}$  if it satisfies:

1.  $\mathbb{E}(|X_t|) < \infty$  (integrability),
2.  $X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t$  (measurability),
3.  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}_s}(X_t) = X_s, \quad \forall s \leq t.$

Also, if in the last equation we have  $\leq$  or  $\geq$ ,  $X_t$  is called a supermartingale or submartingale, respectively. The class of continuous martingales is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}^c$ .

# Doob- Meyer Decomposition

## Theorem (Doob-Meyer Decomposition)

*Any submartingale  $X_t$  can be written in  $X_t = M_t + A_t$ , where  $M_t \in \mathcal{M}^c$  and  $A_t$  is an increasing process.*

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## Definition (Quadratic Variation)

$\langle X \rangle_t$  is called the quadratic variation of  $X_t$ , where  $\langle X \rangle_t$  is the adapted increasing process in the Doob -Meyer Decomposition of  $X_t^2$ . Or also, it is the unique process such that  $X_t^2 - \langle X \rangle_t$  is a martingale.

If we consider a partition  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t$  of  $[0, t]$

$$\langle X \rangle_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (X_{t_k} - X_{t_{k-1}})^2.$$

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## Definition (Cross Variation)

If  $X, Y \in \mathcal{M}_2^c$ , their cross variation is

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_t = \frac{1}{4}[\langle X + Y \rangle_t - \langle X - Y \rangle_t].$$

And again, it can be thought of as

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (X_{t_k} - X_{t_{k-1}})(Y_{t_k} - Y_{t_{k-1}})$$

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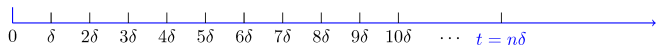


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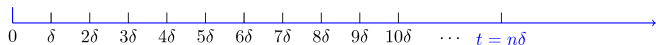


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Since the coin tosses are independent, we conclude that  $B(t)$  has independent increments, which means that for  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ , the random variables

$$B(t_2) - B(t_1), B(t_3) - B(t_2), \dots, B(t_m) - B(t_{m-1})$$

are independent.

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A standard, one dimensional Brownian Motion is a continuous process  $B = \{B_t\}$  adapted to a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t, t \in \Gamma\}$  that satisfies the properties

- ▶  $B_0 = 0$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.,
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$$S_t(\omega) = \epsilon_0(\omega)1_{\{0\}}(t) + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_i(\omega)1_{\{t_i, t_{i+1}\}}(t).$$

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The natural path to proceed is to apply the martingale transform and define the integral of a simple process by

$$I_t(S) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_i (M_{t \wedge t_{i+1}} - M_{t \wedge t_i}), \quad 0 \leq t < \infty.$$

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## Definition (Semimartingale)

A continuous semimartingale  $X = \{X_t, \mathcal{F}_t, 0 \leq t < \infty\}$  is an adapted process which has the decomposition  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$X_t = X_0 + M_t + B_t; \quad 0 \leq t < \infty$$

where  $M = \{M_t, \mathcal{F}_t, 0 \leq t < \infty\} \in \mathcal{M}^{c,loc}$  and  $B = \{B_t\}$  is the difference of continuous non decreasing, adapted processes

$$B_t = A_t^+ - A_t^-.$$

This decomposition should be the minimal decomposition of  $B$ , i.e.,  $A_t^+$  and  $A_t^-$  are the positive and negative variations of  $B$  on  $[0, t]$ .

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## Theorem (Itô's Rule)

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function of class  $C^2$  and let  $X = \{X_t, \mathcal{F}_t; 0 \leq t < \infty\}$  be a continuous semimartingale. Then  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$f(X_t) = f(X_0) + \int_0^t f'(X_s) dM_s + \int_0^t f'(X_s) dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(X_s) d\langle M \rangle_s,$$

with  $0 \leq t < \infty$ . The above equality can be also be written in differential form:

$$d(f(X_t)) = f'(X_t) dM_t + f'(X_t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} f''(X_t) d\langle M \rangle_t.$$

## Examples

Let  $\{B_t : t \geq 0\}$  a Brownian Motion. Then when considering  $f(x) = x^2/2$  and  $g(x) = x^3/3$  we have from Itô's Rule:

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

and

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

For  $f$ , applying the formula above we have

$$\frac{B_t^2}{2} = \frac{B_0^2}{2} + \int_0^t B_s dB_s + \int_0^t d\langle B \rangle_s.$$

Using the fact  $B_0 = 0$   $\mathbb{P}$ a.s. and the properties of Brownian Motion we have the result.

# Multidimensional Formula

## Theorem (Multidimensional Formula)

Let  $\{M_t = (M_t^{(1)}, \dots, M_t^{(d)})\}$  with  $M_t^{(i)} \in \mathcal{M}^{c,loc}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq d$  and  $\{B_t = (B_t^{(1)}, \dots, B_t^{(d)})\}$  a vector of adapted processes of bounded variation with  $B_0 = 0$   $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

Let  $X_t = X_0 + M_t + B_t$ , where  $X_0 \in \mathcal{F}_0$ . Let

$f(t, x) : [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be of class  $C^{1,2}$ . Then,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, X_t) &= f(0, X_0) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(s, X_s) ds + \sum_{i=1}^d \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(s, X_s) dB_s^{(i)} \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^d \int_0^t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(s, X_s) dM_s^{(j)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} f(s, X_s) d\langle M^{(i)}, M^{(j)} \rangle_s, \quad 0 \leq t < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $X = \{X_t = (X_t^{(1)}, \dots, X_t^{(d)}), \mathcal{F}_t, 0 \leq t < \infty\}$  be a continuous, adapted process in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that, for every component  $1 \leq k \leq d$ , the process

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$$\langle M^{(k)}, M^{(j)} \rangle_t = \delta_{kj}t; \quad 1 \leq k, j \leq d$$

Then  $\{X_t, \mathcal{F}_t, 0 \leq t < \infty\}$  is a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian Motion.



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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} f(x) = i u_j f(x), \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} f(x) = -u_j u_k f(x).$$

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- Therefore, using the multidimensional formula for the real and imaginary parts of  $f$ , we obtain

1.  $\mathcal{R}(e^{i(u \cdot X_t)}) = \mathcal{R}(e^{i(u \cdot X_s)}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d u_j^2 \int_s^t e^{i(u \cdot X_v)} dv$

2.  $\mathcal{I}(e^{i(u \cdot X_t)}) = \mathcal{I}e^{i(u \cdot X_s)} + \sum_{j=1}^d u_j \int_s^t e^{i(u \cdot X_v)} dM_v^{(j)}$

and we have:

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$$\mathbb{E}[e^{u \cdot (X_t - X_s)} \mathbb{1}_A] = \mathbb{P}(A) - \frac{1}{2} \|u\|^2 \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[e^{u \cdot (X_v - X_s)} \mathbb{1}_A] dv$$

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$$\mathbb{E}[e^{u \cdot (X_t - X_s)} \mathbb{1}_A] = \mathbb{P}(A) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|u\|^2 (t-s)}, \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{F}_s.$$

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