

Due Thursday, 02/11/2016 before class.

1. Itô's Formula: (5 points)

Let $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a standard Brownian motion. Use Itô's Formula to write the following expressions in the form

$$S_T^{(i)} = \text{const} + \int_0^T \dots dt + \int_0^T \dots dW_t, i = 1, 2:$$

(a) $S_T^{(0)} = (W_T)^2.$

(b) $S_T^{(1)} = (W_T)^3.$

(c) $S_T^{(2)} = \frac{W_T + 3}{W_T^2 + 1}.$

For the following problems, use the following generalized version of Itô's Formula:

$$df(t, W_t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, W_t) dt + \frac{\partial}{\partial W_t} f(t, W_t) dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial W_t^2} f(t, W_t) dt,$$

so we have the first term on the right-hand side in addition to the remaining terms as in class.

2. Geometric Brownian motion: (2 + 1 points)

Let $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a standard Brownian motion and $\sigma, \mu > 0$. Show that

$$S_t = S_0 \cdot \exp \left\{ \left(\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right) \cdot t + \sigma W_t \right\}$$

solves the stochastic differential equation

$$dS_t = S_t \cdot \mu dt + S_t \cdot \sigma dW_t, S(0) = S_0 > 0.$$

Under which condition is $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$ a martingale?

3. Itô's Formula 2: (2 points)

The stochastic process $(R_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is given by

$$R_t = R_0 e^{-t} + 0.05 (1 - e^{-t}) + 0.1 \int_0^t e^{s-t} \sqrt{R_s} dW_s,$$

where $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a standard Brownian motion.

Define $X_t = R_t^2$.

Find dX_t .