

944 STOCHASTIC CALCULUS I

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Midterm 1: Thu Feb 6 ← 25%

HW: 10%

Final: 60%

Attendance: 5%

Recitation Friday 9:30 AM

① Introduce Stochastic Calculus.

$$dS_t = \alpha S dt$$

$$\frac{dS_t}{dt} = \alpha S_t$$

Stock prices:

Model:

$$dS = \alpha S dt + \text{"Random fluctuations"}$$

② Black Scholes formula. (Continuous time).

↳ Derivative pricing.



European Call option.

Stock  $\rightarrow$  Buy stock price is  $x$ .

European Call, on maturity  $T$ , strike  $K$ .

Value of the call:  $\frac{c(t, x)}{c(x, t)} = ?$

Clearly  $\frac{c(T, x)}{c(x, T)} = \underline{\underline{(x - K)^+}}$

When  $t < T$ :

$$\text{B.S. formula: } c(t, x) = x N(d_+(T-t), x) - K e^{-r(T-t)} N(d_-(T-t), x)$$

$$\text{where: } d_{\pm}(\tau, x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\tau}} \left( \ln\left(\frac{x}{K}\right) + \left(r \pm \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)\tau \right)$$

$\sigma$   $\rightarrow$  "volatility" (% volatility).  
 $r$   $\rightarrow$  interest rate.

$$dS = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{mean} \\ \text{return rate.}}}{\alpha} S dt + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{vol.}}}{\sigma} S \underbrace{dW}_{\text{Brownian motion increment. (IOU)}}$$

Price option: Replication.

- $\rightarrow$  ① Stock...  
② M.M. act with interest rate  $r$ .

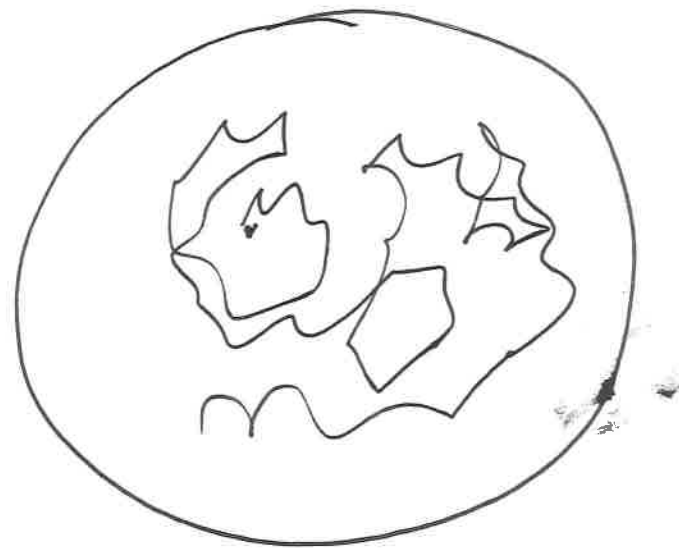
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Risk neutral measures  $\rightarrow$  Price anything.

Brownian Motion: "Continuous time Random Walk".

Discrete time random walk.

let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$   
sequence of iid RV's.



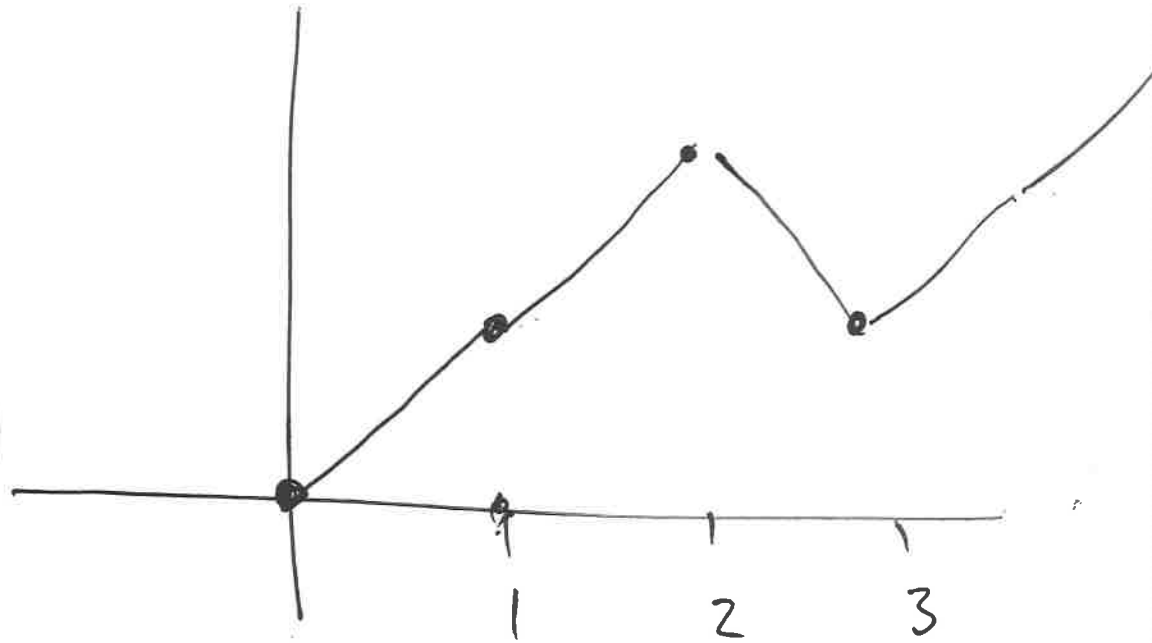
let  $S(t)$   $S(0) = 0$

$$S(t) = S(n) + (t-n)\xi_{n+1} \quad \text{if } t \in (n, n+1].$$

Scale this:

let  $\varepsilon > 0$

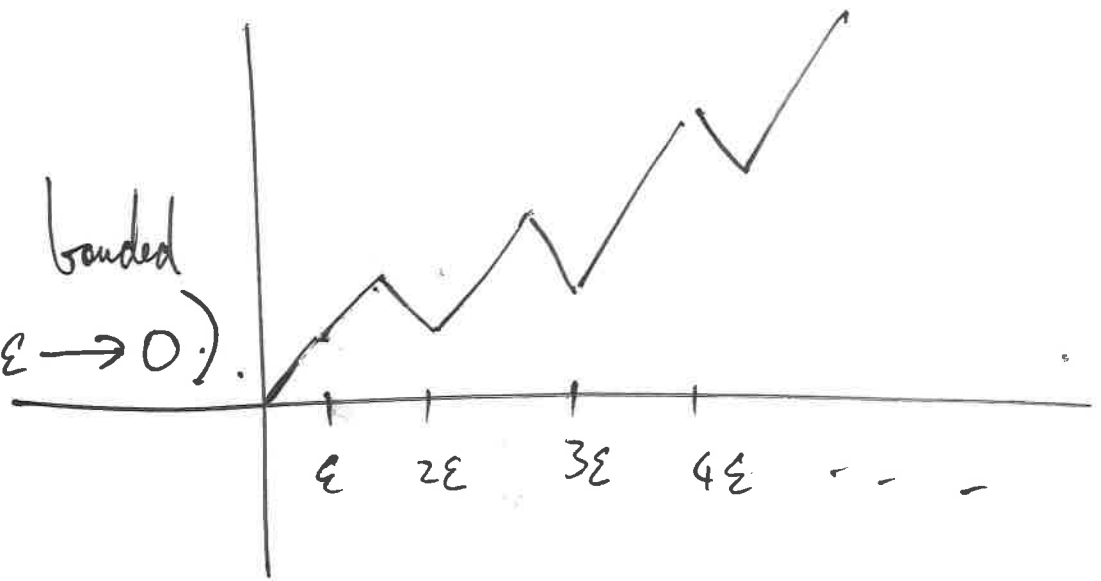
$$\text{let } S_{\varepsilon}(t) = \sqrt{\varepsilon} \cdot S\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right)$$



$$S_{\varepsilon}(1) = \sqrt{\varepsilon} \cdot S\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

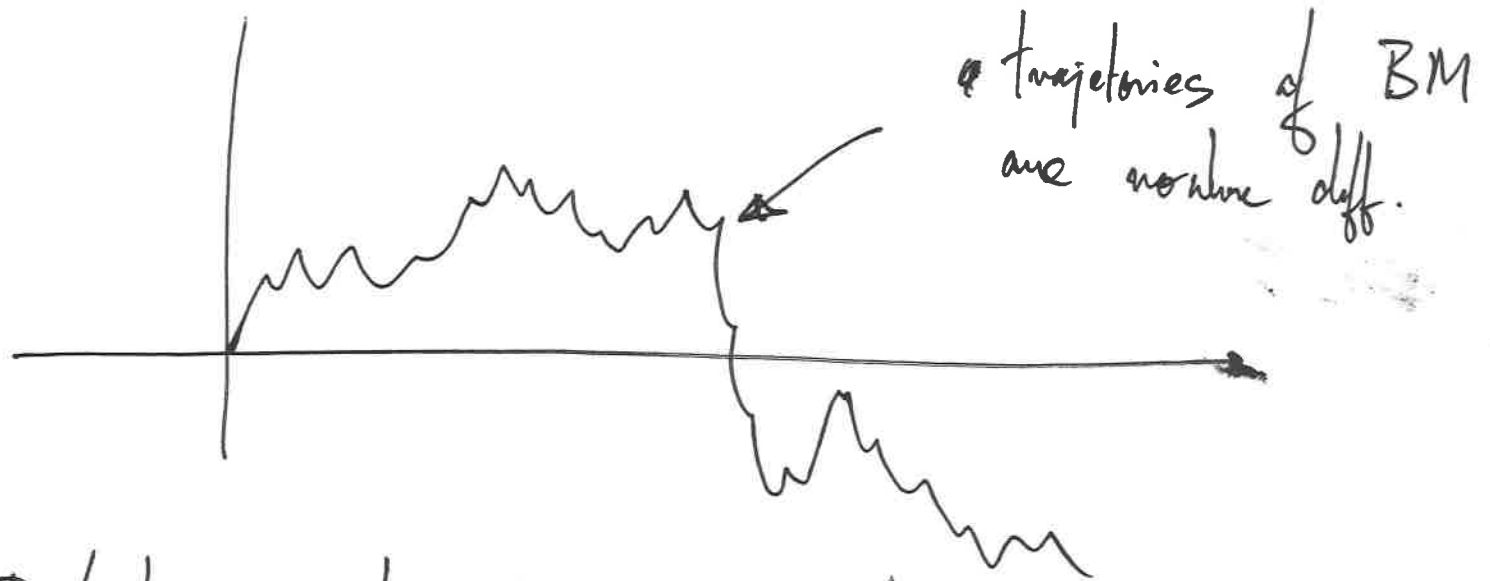
(Compute  $\text{Var}(S_{\varepsilon}(t))$ )

remains bounded  
as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .



Theorem: The process  $S_\epsilon(t)$  converges as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

The limiting process is called Brownian motion.



More Useful Definition of Brownian Motion:

Def: B.M. is a cts process that has stationary independent increments,

① A process (stochastic process) is.

a collection of R.V.'s. one for each  $t \geq 0$ .

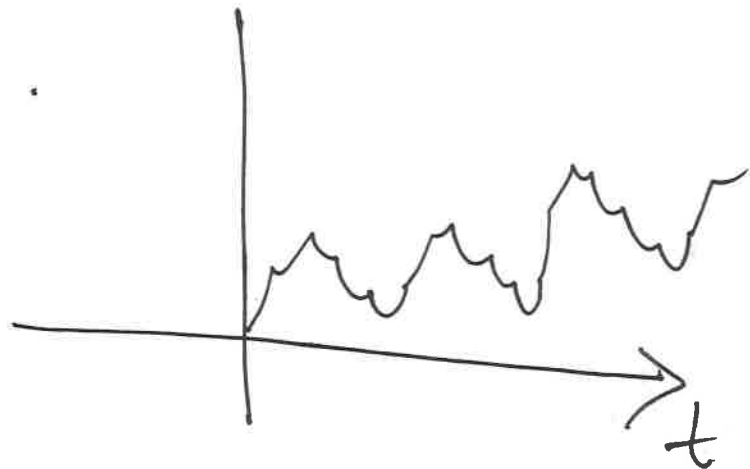
I.e.  $\{X(t) \mid t \geq 0\}$  is a S.P.

if each  $X(t)$  is a R.V.

② A trajectory of a process is. one outcome of each R.V.  $X(t)$ , viewed as a fn of  $t$ .

③ Cts process: trajectories are cts.

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow t} X(s) = X(t)$$





④ Stationary increments:

For every  $h \geq 0$ ,  $X(t+h) - X(t)$  has the same distribution for every  $t \geq 0$ .

⑤ Independent increments:

For every  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < t_2 \dots t_N$ .

the RV's  $X(t_1) - X(t_0)$ ,  $X(t_2) - X(t_1)$ , ...  
are all independent.

$$S_{\epsilon}(t) - S_{\epsilon}(s) \sim \left( \sum_{i=1}^{(t-s)/\epsilon} \xi_i \right) \cdot \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

(Assume  $t$  &  $s$  are integer multiples of  $\epsilon$ )

Note as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\sqrt{\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{t-s}{\epsilon}} \xi_i \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} N(0, t-s)$ .

I.e.  $S_{\epsilon}(t+h) - S_{\epsilon}(t) \xrightarrow[\text{dist}]{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} N(0, h)$

↑  
independent of  $t$ .

(Stationary increments).

Also get independent increments similarly.

### Def 3 (Brownian Motion)

Brownian Motion is a cts process  $W$  such that.

- ①  $W$  has independent increments.
- ② For  $s < t$ ,  $W(t) - W(s) \sim N(0, \sigma^2(t-s))$ .

Std B.M. Choose  $\sigma = 1$ .

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Probability:

$(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})$

$\uparrow$  sample space (some set)

$\uparrow$   $\sigma$ -algebra (events you know the probability of)

$\uparrow$  probability measure.

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UM

$\sigma$ -algebra:

Event: subsets of  $\Omega$ .

$\sigma$ -alg: A collection of events.

We say  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -alg if.

- ①  $\mathcal{G}$  is a non-empty collection of subsets of  $\Omega$ .
- ②  $\mathcal{G}$  is closed under complements.  
(i.e. If  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  $A^c \in \mathcal{G}$ .)
- ③ stable unions: If  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  
$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \in \mathcal{G}.$$

④  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\Omega \in \mathcal{G}$

⑤ If  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{G}$ .

⑥ If  $A, B \in \mathcal{G}$ , then  $A - B \in \mathcal{G}$ .

(Note  $A - B = A \cap B^c$ )

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Def:  $P$  is a probability measure if.

(Intuition:  
 $P(A)$  = prob of  
event  $A$  occurring).

① For every  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $P(A) \in [0, 1]$ .

and  $P(\Omega) = 1$ . (&  $P(\emptyset) = 0$ ).

2 (2) (Countable additivity)

If  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise disjoint.

$$\text{Then } P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i).$$

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Note (3)  $P(A^c) = 1 - P(A).$

[Note  $P(\Omega) = 1$   
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$$P(A \cup A^c) = P(A) + P(A^c)]$$

(4) If  $A, B \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $P(A - B) = P(A) - P(A \cap B).$

If  $A \supset B \Rightarrow P(A - B) = P(A) - P(B),$   
 $B \subseteq A$

(5a) If  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots$

Then  $P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} P(A_i)$  ←

(5b) If  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$

then  $P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} P(A_i)$ .

