

Solutions for Problem Set Five

Problem 1. (1) Necessity. Suppose that $M \in H_0^2$. Then $M_t \rightarrow M_\infty$ in L^2 . Therefore, we may take limit on the identity

$$\mathbb{E}[M_t^2] = \mathbb{E}[\langle M \rangle_t]$$

to conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}[\langle M \rangle_\infty] = \mathbb{E}[M_\infty^2] < \infty.$$

Sufficiency. Suppose that $\mathbb{E}[\langle M \rangle_\infty] < \infty$. According to the BDG inequalities, we know that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t|^2 \right] < \infty. \tag{1}$$

Let τ_n be a sequence of stopping times converging to infinity such that M^{τ_n} is a martingale for each n . Then for $s < t$ and $A \in \mathcal{F}_s$, we have $\mathbb{E}[M_{\tau_n \wedge t} \mathbf{1}_A] = \mathbb{E}[M_{\tau_n \wedge s} \mathbf{1}_A]$. Moreover, (1) implies that $\{M_{\tau_n \wedge t} : n \geq 1\}$ and $\{M_{\tau_n \wedge s} : n \geq 1\}$ are both bounded in L^2 and hence uniformly integrable. Therefore, we conclude that M_t is a martingale. The L^2 -boundedness follows again from (1).

(2) Necessity. Suppose that $\langle M \rangle_t = f(t)$ for some deterministic continuous increasing function f vanishing at $t = 0$. According to (1) (more precisely, a local version of (1), that $\{M_t, \mathcal{F}_t : 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ is a square integrable martingale if and only if $\mathbb{E}[\langle M \rangle_T] < \infty$). Exactly the same argument as in the proof of Lévy's characterization theorem shows that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[e^{i\theta(M_t - M_s)} | \mathcal{F}_s \right] = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^2(f(t) - f(s))}.$$

Therefore, M_t is a Gaussian martingale with independent increments (indeed $M_t - M_s$ and \mathcal{F}_s are independent).

Sufficiency. Suppose that M_t is a Gaussian martingale. Let $\{\mathcal{F}_t^M\}$ be the augmented natural filtration of M_t . It follows that $\mathcal{F}_t^M \subseteq \mathcal{F}_t$ and M_t is an $\{\mathcal{F}_t^M\}$ -martingale. Moreover, since

$$\mathbb{E}[M_s(M_t - M_s)] = \mathbb{E}[M_s \mathbb{E}[M_t - M_s | \mathcal{F}_s]] = 0,$$

we conclude that M_t has independent increments. Define $f(t) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[M_t^2]$. It is not hard to see that $f(t)$ is continuous, increasing and vanishes at $t = 0$. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [M_t^2 - f(t) | \mathcal{F}_s^M] &= \mathbb{E} [(M_t - M_s + M_s)^2 | \mathcal{F}_s^M] - f(t) \\ &= f(t) - f(s) + M_s^2 - f(t) \\ &= M_s^2 - f(s). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the quadratic variation process of M_t with respect to the filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t^M\}$ is $f(t)$. According to Proposition 5.7 in the lecture notes, we conclude that

$$\lim_{\|\mathcal{P}_n\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{t_i \in \mathcal{P}_n} (M_{t_i} - M_{t_{i-1}})^2 = f(t)$$

in probability. But since $M \in \mathcal{M}_0^{\text{loc}}$ with respect to the filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$, the quadratic variation process of M_t with respect to $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$ also satisfies Proposition 5.7. Therefore, $\langle M \rangle_t = f(t)$. As in the necessity part, we can also conclude that $M_t - M_s$ and \mathcal{F}_s are independent.

(3) Given $n \geq 1$, let $\tau_n \triangleq \inf\{t \geq 0 : \langle M \rangle_t \geq n\}$. Then $\langle M^{\tau_n} \rangle_t = \langle M \rangle_t^{\tau_n} \leq n$ for all t , which implies from (1) that $M^{\tau_n} \in H_0^2$. In particular, $M_t^{\tau_n}$ converges almost surely to a finite random variable as $t \rightarrow \infty$. One could of course take a single null set outside which this statement is true for all $n \geq 1$. Since

$$\{\langle M \rangle_\infty < \infty\} \subseteq \bigcup_n \{\tau_n = \infty\}.$$

It follows that with probability one, for every $\omega \in \{\langle M \rangle_\infty < \infty\}$, $M_t(\omega) = M_t^{\tau_n(\omega)}(\omega)$ (take n to be such that $\tau_n(\omega) = \infty$) converges to a finite limit. Therefore, with probability one, we have

$$\{\langle M \rangle_\infty < \infty\} \subseteq \left\{ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t \text{ exists finitely} \right\}.$$

On the other hand, by the generalized Dambis-Dubins-Schwarz theorem (c.f. Theorem 5.9), we know that $M_t = B_{\langle M \rangle_t}$ for some Brownian motion possibly defined on an enlarged space. According to Proposition 4.2 in the lecture notes, we know that with probability one,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} B_t = \infty, \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} B_t = -\infty.$$

But if $\langle M \rangle_\infty = \infty$, we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} C_t = \infty$ where C_t is the time-change associated with $\langle M \rangle_t$. Therefore, with probability one,

$$\{\langle M \rangle_\infty = \infty\} \subseteq \left\{ \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t = \infty, \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t = -\infty \right\}.$$

Problem 2. (1) Since $f(x) \triangleq |x|^{-1}$ is harmonic on $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ and from Problem Sheet 4, Problem 7, (2), (iv) that B_t never hits $x = 0$ on $(0, \infty)$, we conclude from Itô's formula that $X_t = 1/|B_{1+t}|$ is a continuous $\{\mathcal{F}_{1+t}^B\}$ -local martingale. Moreover, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_t|^2] = \mathbb{E}[|B_{1+t}|^{-2}] = \frac{C_2}{1+t},$$

where $C_2 \triangleq \mathbb{E}[|Z|^{-2}]$ with $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. Therefore, $\{X_t\}$ is uniformly bounded in L^2 . However, it is not a martingale because

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t] = \mathbb{E}[|B_{1+t}|^{-1}] = \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{1+t}}$$

is not a constant in t , where $C_1 \triangleq \mathbb{E}[|Z|^{-1}]$ with $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

(2) Let Y_t be a uniformly integrable continuous submartingale with a Doob-Meyer decomposition $Y_t = M_t + A_t$. Since $Y_t \rightarrow Y_\infty$ in L^1 , we see that $A_\infty \in L^1$ which shows that A_∞ is of class (D). Moreover, $\{M_t\}$ is easily seen to be uniformly integrable, which implies from the optional sampling theorem that

$$M_\tau = \mathbb{E}[M_\infty | \mathcal{F}_\tau], \quad \forall \tau \text{ finite stopping time,}$$

where $M_\infty \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M_t$. Therefore, Y_t is of class (D).

Now we show that X_t is not of class (D). Note that X_t is a non-negative supermartingale with a last element $X_\infty = 0$. Define $\tau_n \triangleq \inf\{t \geq 0 : |X_t| \geq n\}$. It follows that

$$X_{\tau_n} = \left(\frac{1}{|B_1|} \vee n \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_n < \infty\}}.$$

In general, τ_n is not finite almost surely. Indeed, from Problem Sheet 4, Problem 7, (2), (ii), we know that

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_n < \infty | B_1) = \frac{1}{n|B_1|} \wedge 1,$$

and hence

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_n < \infty) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{P}(\tau_n < \infty | B_1)] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{n|B_1|} \wedge 1\right],$$

which is easily seen to be strictly less than 1 by direct computation. Therefore, we are going to show that the family $\{X_{\tau_n \wedge m} : n, m \geq 1\}$ is not uniformly integrable.

We first show that there exists $c > 0$, such that for every $\lambda > 0$, there exists some $n \geq 1$ with

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{\tau_n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n} > \lambda\}}] \geq c. \quad (2)$$

Indeed, observe that

$$X_{\tau_n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n} > \lambda\}} = \left(\frac{1}{|B_1|} \vee n \right) \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \frac{1}{|B_1|} \vee n > \lambda, \tau_n < \infty \right\}}.$$

If $n \geq \lambda$, then

$$X_{\tau_n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n} > \lambda\}} \geq n \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_n < \infty\}},$$

and hence

$$\mathbb{E} [X_{\tau_n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n} > \lambda\}}] \geq n \mathbb{P}(\tau_n < \infty) = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{|B_1|} \wedge n \right].$$

Apparently, there exists $n_0 \geq 1$, such that for any $n > n_0$, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{|B_1|} \wedge n \right] \geq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{|B_1|} \right] =: c > 0.$$

Taking $n = n_0 \vee \lambda$ will verify (2).

On the other hand, for every $n \geq 0$, we have

$$X_{\tau_n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n} > \lambda\}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} X_{\tau_n \wedge m} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n \wedge m} > \lambda\}},$$

and Fatou's lemma shows that

$$\mathbb{E} [X_{\tau_n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n} > \lambda\}}] \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [X_{\tau_n \wedge m} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n \wedge m} > \lambda\}}].$$

Therefore, for the previous particular choice of n , we can further find m , such that

$$\mathbb{E} [X_{\tau_n \wedge m} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{\tau_n \wedge m} > \lambda\}}] \geq \frac{c}{2}.$$

This proves that $\{X_{\tau_n \wedge m} : n, m \geq 1\}$ cannot be uniformly integrable, and hence X_t is not of class (D). In particular, it does not have a Doob-Meyer decomposition.

Problem 3. (1) Since $\mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2} = \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_1} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_2}$, and $\mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_2 \setminus \Gamma_1} = \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_2} - \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_1}$ if $\Gamma_1 \subseteq \Gamma_2$, it is seen that \mathcal{P} is closed under complement and finite union. Moreover, if $\Gamma_n \uparrow \Gamma$, then $\mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_n} \uparrow \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma}$. From this we also see that \mathcal{P} is closed under increasing limit. Therefore, \mathcal{P} is a σ -algebra. To see that \mathcal{P} is a sub- σ -algebra of $\mathcal{B}([0, \infty)) \otimes \mathcal{F}$, we only need to observe that

$$\Gamma \cap ([0, t] \times \Omega) = \{(s, \omega) \in [0, t] \times \Omega : \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma}(s, \omega) = 1\} \in \mathcal{B}([0, t]) \otimes \mathcal{F}_t.$$

(2) First of all, it suffices to prove the claim on $t \in [0, T]$. Indeed, if for each $T > 0$, there exists a process

$$Y^T : \mathbb{R}^1 \times [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

which verifies the claim for $t \in [0, T]$, then the process

$$Y \triangleq \left(\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} Y^T \right) \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} Y^T \text{ is finite}\}}$$

will have the desired properties on $[0, \infty)$.

Now consider a fixed time interval $[0, T]$. It is apparent that the claim is true for Φ of the form

$$\Phi_t^a(\omega) = f(a)H_t(\omega), \quad (3)$$

where f is a bounded $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^1)$ -measurable function and H is a bounded progressively measurable process. Let \mathcal{S} be the vector space spanned by such Φ . Then the claim is true for all $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$.

If Φ is a general bounded $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^1) \otimes \mathcal{P}$ -measurable process, a standard measure theoretic argument shows that there exists a sequence $\Phi_n \in \mathcal{S}$, such that $|(\Phi_n)_t^a(\omega)| \leq |\Phi_t^a(\omega)|$ and $(\Phi_n)_t^a(\omega) \rightarrow \Phi_t^a(\omega)$ for every $(a, t, \omega) \in \mathbb{R}^1 \times [0, T] \times \Omega$. For each n , let Y_n be the process with the desired properties associated with Φ_n . It follows from the stochastic dominated convergence theorem that for every $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$,

$$Y_n^a \rightarrow I^X(\Phi^a) \quad (4)$$

in probability uniformly on $[0, T]$, and

$$Y_n^\mu \triangleq \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} Y_n^a \mu(da) = I^X(\Phi_n^\mu) \rightarrow I^X(\Phi^\mu) \quad (5)$$

in probability uniformly on $[0, T]$, where $\Phi_n^\mu \triangleq \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \Phi_n^a \mu(da)$ (similarly for Φ^μ).

Of course we want to define Y as the limit of Y_n . More precisely, we want to take a subsequence n_k (depending on a), such that along this subsequence we can define Y as the pointwise limit of Y_n . Here the main difficulty lies in choosing a subsequence $n_k(a)$ in a way which is measurable in a .

To do so, we first define

$$U_{n,m}^a(\omega) \triangleq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |(Y_n)_t^a(\omega) - (Y_m)_t^a(\omega)|.$$

It is apparent that $(a, \omega) \mapsto U_{n,m}^a(\omega)$ is $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^1) \otimes \mathcal{F}$ -measurable. Moreover, we know that for each $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $U_{n,m}^a$ converges to zero in probability as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. We define $n_0(a) \triangleq 1$, and for each $k \geq 1$, define

$$n_k(a) \triangleq \inf \left\{ n \geq k \vee n_{k-1}(a) : \sup_{m, m' \geq n} \mathbb{P}(U_{m, m'}^a > 2^{-k}) \leq 2^{-k} \right\}.$$

Then it is easy to see that n_k is $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^1)$ -measurable, and for every $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $n_k(a) \uparrow \infty$.

Now we define $\Psi_k \triangleq \Phi_{n_k}$ and $Z_k \triangleq Y_{n_k}$, and let

$$V_{n,m}^a(\omega) \triangleq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |(Z_n)_t^a(\omega) - (Z_m)_t^a(\omega)|.$$

By the definition of n_k , we know that

$$\mathbb{P}(V_{k, k+p}^a > 2^{-k}) \leq 2^{-k}$$

for all $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$ and $k, p \geq 1$. According to the Borel-Cantelli lemma, for every $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$, with probability one, $(Z_n)^a$ is a Cauchy sequence in $C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^1)$. More precisely, let

$$A \triangleq \left\{ (a, \omega) : \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} V_{n, m}^a(\omega) = 0 \right\} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^1) \otimes \mathcal{F}.$$

Then for every $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$,

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{1}_{A^c}(a, \omega) \mathbb{P}(d\omega) = 0.$$

According to Fubini's theorem, we conclude that $\mu \otimes \mathbb{P}(A) = 0$ and with probability one,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \mathbf{1}_{A^c}(a, \omega) \mu(da) = 0.$$

Finally, we define

$$Y \triangleq \left(\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} Z_k \right) \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} Z_k \text{ is finite}\}}.$$

Apparently Y is $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^1) \otimes \mathcal{P}$ -measurable. According to (4) and (5), and the fact that Y is the uniform limit of Z_k on A where $\mu \otimes \mathbb{P}(A) = 0$, we conclude that with probability one, for each $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$, $Y^a = I^X(\Phi^a)$, and

$$Y^\mu \triangleq \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} Y^a \mu(da) = I^X(\Phi^\mu).$$

Here a technical point is to see that with probability one, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^1} Z_k^a \mu(da) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} Y^a \mu(da)$ in probability uniformly on $[0, T]$. One could see this by first considering the case where X is bounded (in which case one has convergence in L^2) and then using the standard localization argument to remove the localization (c.f. the proof of Proposition 5.14).

Problem 4. (1) Define

$$X_t \triangleq \exp \left(\int_0^t \sigma_s dB_s + \int_0^t \left(\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_s^2 \right) ds \right), \quad t \geq 0.$$

From Itô's formula, we see immediately that X_t satisfies the desired integral equation.

Now suppose that Y_t is another process that also satisfies the integral equation. Let

$$Z_t \triangleq Y_t X_t^{-1} = Y_t \exp \left(- \int_0^t \sigma_s dB_s - \int_0^t \left(\mu_s - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_s^2 \right) ds \right)$$

Itô's formula again, or more precisely, the integration by parts formula, will imply that the martingale part and the bounded variation part of the continuous semimartingale Z_t are identically zero. Therefore,

$$Z_t = Z_0 = 1,$$

which shows that $Y_t = X_t$. In other words, there exists a unique continuous, $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$ -adapted process which satisfies the integral equation.

(2) First of all, we know that

$$X_t - 1 - \int_0^t X_s \mu_s ds = \int_0^t X_s \sigma_s dB_s, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

is a continuous local martingale under \mathbb{P} . Suppose we want to find a process q_t which is used to define the change of measure in the way that

$$\tilde{\mathbb{P}}_T(A) \triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[\exp \left(\int_0^T q_s dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T q_s^2 ds \right) \mathbf{1}_A \right], \quad A \in \mathcal{F}_T.$$

Then we know from Theorem 5.16 in the lecture notes that the process

$$\int_0^t X_s \sigma_s dB_s - \int_0^t q_s X_s \sigma_s ds = X_t - 1 - \int_0^t X_s \mu_s ds - \int_0^t q_s X_s \sigma_s ds$$

is a continuous local martingale under $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}_T$ (provided that the exponential martingale is a true martingale so that $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}_T$ is a probability measure). Now we want this process to be $X_t - 1$, therefore we just need to choose

$$q_t \triangleq -\mu_t \sigma_t^{-1}.$$

Since μ_t is uniformly bounded and $\sigma \geq C$, in this way we can see easily that Novikov's condition holds for the continuous local martingale $\int_0^t q_s dB_s$, which verifies that the exponential martingale is a true martingale.

Problem 5. (1) From Itô's formula, we have

$$B_T^2 = T + 2 \int_0^T B_t dB_t,$$

so $\Phi_t = 2B_t$.

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} B_T^3 &= 3 \int_0^T B_t^2 dB_t + 3 \int_0^T B_t dt \\ &= 3 \int_0^T B_t^2 dB_t + 3TB_T - 3 \int_0^T t dB_t \\ &= \int_0^T (3B_t^2 + 3T - 3t) dB_t, \end{aligned}$$

so $\Phi_t = 3B_t^2 + 3T - 3t$.

(2) Fix $T > 0$, define $\sigma_T \triangleq \inf\{t \geq T : B_t = 0\}$. Consider $\Phi_t(\omega) \triangleq \mathbf{1}_{[0, \sigma_T(\omega)]}(t)$. Apparently $0 < \sigma_T < \infty$ almost surely (note that $B_T \neq 0$, and B is unbounded from above and from below almost surely), so we know that

$$0 < \int_0^\infty \Phi_t^2 dt = \sigma_T < \infty$$

almost surely. However,

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi_t dB_t = B_{\sigma_T} - B_0 = 0.$$

Therefore, uniqueness for Theorem 5.11 does not hold in the space $L_{\text{loc}}^2(B)$.

(3) For $0 \leq t \leq 1$, let $M_t \triangleq \mathbb{E}[S_1 | \mathcal{F}_t^B]$. Since

$$S_1 = \max \left\{ S_t, \sup_{t \leq u \leq 1} B_u \right\} = \max \left\{ S_t, B_t + \sup_{t \leq u \leq 1} (B_u - B_t) \right\},$$

and the Brownian motion has independent increments, we know that

$$M_t = F(S_t, B_t, t), \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y, t) &\triangleq \mathbb{E} \left[\max \left\{ x, y + \sup_{t \leq u \leq 1} (B_u - B_t) \right\} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\max \{x, y + S_{1-t}\}]. \end{aligned}$$

By using the distribution formula for S_{1-t} , we see that

$$F(x, y, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max\{x, y + \sqrt{1-t}|u|\} \varphi(u) du,$$

where φ is the density for a standard Gaussian distribution.

Since F is continuous, we see that M_t is a continuous martingale (more generally, the reader should think about why every càdlàg $\{\mathcal{F}_t^B\}$ -martingale is continuous). Moreover, $F \in C^2$ on $t < 1$. Therefore, according to Itô's formula, we have

$$M_t = M_0 + \int_0^t \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(S_u, B_u, u) dB_u, \quad t < 1.$$

Now

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x, y, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{\{y + \sqrt{1-t}|u| \geq x\}} \varphi(u) du =: f(x, y, t), \quad t < 1,$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} M_t &= M_0 + \int_0^t f(S_u, B_u, u) dB_u \\ &= \mathbb{E}[S_1] + \int_0^t 2 \left(1 - \Phi \left(\frac{S_u - B_u}{\sqrt{1-u}} \right) \right) dB_u, \quad t < 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi(x) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(u) du$ is the standard Gaussian distribution function. Note that $f(x, y, t)$ is well defined even for $t = 1$. Letting $t \uparrow 1$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \mathbb{E}[S_1] + \int_0^1 2 \left(1 - \Phi \left(\frac{S_u - B_u}{\sqrt{1-u}} \right) \right) dB_u \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} + \int_0^1 2 \left(1 - \Phi \left(\frac{S_u - B_u}{\sqrt{1-u}} \right) \right) dB_u. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 6. (1) Since the Brownian motion is rotationally invariant, we know that the distribution of B_τ is rotationally invariant on the unit sphere S^{d-1} . Let μ be the unique rotationally invariant probability measure (the normalized volume measure) on S^{d-1} . Then the distribution of B_τ is ν .

Now we show that B_τ and τ are independent. For a given orthogonal matrix O , define $B_t^O \triangleq O \cdot B_t$, and $\tau^O \triangleq \inf\{t \geq 0 : |B_t^O| = 1\}$. A crucial observation is that $\tau^O = \tau$. Therefore, for any bounded measurable function f on S^{d-1} and g on $[0, \infty)$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}[f(B_\tau^O)g(\tau)] = \mathbb{E}[f(B_\tau)g(\tau)].$$

In particular, this shows that the conditional distribution of B_τ given τ is again rotationally invariant, which implies that it has to be ν . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f(B_\tau)g(\tau)] &= \mathbb{E}[g(\tau)\mathbb{E}[f(B_\tau)|\tau]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[g(\tau) \cdot \int_{S^{d-1}} f(x)\nu(dx)\right] \\ &= \left(\int_{S^{d-1}} f(x)\nu(dx)\right) \cdot \mathbb{E}[g(\tau)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f(B_\tau)] \cdot \mathbb{E}[g(\tau)]. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that B_τ and τ are independent.

(2) Consider the continuous path space $(W^d, \mathcal{B}(W^d))$. Let μ be the Wiener measure on W^d . Let $B_t(w) \triangleq w_t$ be the coordinate process, which is a Brownian motion under μ , and let $\{\mathcal{B}_t(W^d)\}$ be the natural filtration of B_t . Define $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$ to be the unique extension of the family

$$\tilde{\mathbb{P}}_T(A) \triangleq \int_A e^{\langle c, B_T(w) \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2 T} \mu(dw), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}_T(W^d), \quad T > 0,$$

of probability measures to $\mathcal{B}(W^d)$. It follows that under $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$, B_t is a Brownian motion with drift vector c . The reader might refer to the discussion after the proof of Theorem 5.17 for this part.

Now let f, g be two bounded measurable functions. Since $e^{\langle c, B_t \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2 t}$ is a martingale, it follows from the optional sampling theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[f(B_{\tau \wedge t})g(\tau \wedge t)] &= \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_{\tau \wedge t})g(\tau \wedge t)e^{\langle c, B_t \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2 t}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_{\tau \wedge t})g(\tau \wedge t)e^{\langle c, B_{\tau \wedge t} \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2 \tau \wedge t}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|B_{\tau \wedge t}| \leq 1$, by the dominated convergence theorem, we have

$$\tilde{\mathbb{E}}[f(B_\tau)g(\tau)] = \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_\tau)g(\tau)e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right].$$

The same reason shows that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right] = 1.$$

Moreover, from the first part, B_τ and τ are independent under μ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_\tau)g(\tau)e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_\tau)e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle}\right] \cdot \mathbb{E}\left[g(\tau)e^{-\frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_\tau)e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle}\right] \cdot \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau + \langle c, B_\tau \rangle}\right] \cdot \mathbb{E}\left[g(\tau)e^{-\frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_\tau)e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right] \cdot \mathbb{E}\left[g(\tau)e^{\langle c, B_\tau \rangle - \frac{1}{2}|c|^2\tau}\right] \\ &= \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[f(B_\tau)] \cdot \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[g(\tau)]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\tilde{\mathbb{E}}[f(B_\tau)g(\tau)] = \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[f(B_\tau)] \cdot \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[g(\tau)],$$

which shows that B_τ and τ are independent under $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$.

Problem 7. From Tanaka's formula, we know that $|X_t|$ is a continuous semimartingale given by

$$|X_t| = |X_0| + \int_0^t \text{sgn}(X_s)dX_s + L_t^0(X).$$

It follows that $\langle |X| \rangle_t = \langle M \rangle_t = \langle X \rangle_t$, where $X_t = X_0 + M_t + A_t$ is the semimartingale decomposition of X_t . Therefore, according to Corollary 5.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_t^a(|X|) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{[a, a+\varepsilon)}(|X_s|)d\langle |X| \rangle_s \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{[a, a+\varepsilon)}(|X_s|)d\langle X \rangle_s. \end{aligned}$$

From the above identity, we can already see that $L_t^a(|X|) = 0$ if $a < 0$. If $a \geq 0$, again from Corollary 5.5, we further have

$$\begin{aligned} L_t^a(|X|) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{[a, a+\varepsilon)}(X_s)d\langle X \rangle_s + \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{(-a-\varepsilon, -a]}(X_s)d\langle X \rangle_s \\ &= L_t^a(X) + L_t^{(-a)^-}(X). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 8. Let $X_t \triangleq \lambda B_t^+ - \mu B_t^-$, where $\lambda \neq \mu > 0$. Let L_t^a be the local time process of X_t which is continuous in t and càdlàg in a . Then

$$L_t^0 - L_t^{0-} = 2 \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s=0\}} dA_s.$$

On the one hand, according to the Tanaka's formula for Brownian motion, we have

$$A_t = \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2} l_t,$$

where l_t is the local time at 0 of Brownian motion. On the other hand,

$$\{s : X_s = 0\} = \{s : \lambda B_s^+ = \mu B_s^-\} = \{s : B_s = 0\}.$$

But we know that the random measure dl_t is supported on $\{t \geq 0 : B_t = 0\}$. Therefore,

$$L_t^0 - L_t^{0-} = (\lambda - \mu) \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{s: B_s=0\}} dl_s = (\lambda - \mu) l_t,$$

which is strictly non-zero almost surely.