

Stochastics II

13. Tutorial

Definition: A \mathbb{R}^D -valued stochastic process $W = (W_t)_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ is called a D -dimensional Brownian motion with respect to a filtration $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, \infty)}$, if the following conditions hold true:

- W has continuous paths, $W_0 = 0$ and W is \mathbb{F} -adapted.
- $W_t - W_s$ is for every $0 \leq s < t$ independent of \mathcal{F}_s and Gaussian distributed with mean vector 0 and covariance matrix $(t - s)I_D$, where I_D is the unit matrix.

Exercise 1 (5 Points) Show that there exists a filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, \infty)}, P)$ and a \mathbb{R}^D valued process $W = (W_t)_{t \in [0, \infty)}$, such that W is a D -dimensional Brownian motion with respect to \mathbb{F} .

Exercise 2 (5 Points) Let $W = (W_t)_{t \in [0, \infty)}$ be a D -dimensional Brownian motion with respect to a filtration \mathbb{F} . Show that the components $W^{(1)}, \dots, W^{(D)}$ are independent one-dimensional Brownian motions with respect to \mathbb{F} .

Exercise 3 (6 Points) Consider the finite difference scheme

$$-\frac{V_{i+1,j}^{(n)} - V_{i,j}^{(n)}}{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{V_{i+1,j-1}^{(n)} - 2V_{i+1,j}^{(n)} + V_{i+1,j+1}^{(n)}}{h^2} \right) + g(jh)$$
$$V_{n,j}^{(n)} = 0,$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $j = -i, \dots, i$, $\tau = \frac{1}{n}$, $h = \sqrt{\frac{3}{n}}$ and g is a bounded Lipschitz continuous function. We define the random walk

$$S_k := \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i$$

where the random variables ξ_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$ are independent identical distributed with

$$P(\{\xi_i = a\}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & a = -\sqrt{3} \\ \frac{2}{3}, & a = 0 \\ \frac{1}{6}, & a = \sqrt{3} \end{cases}.$$

We also define for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the discrete time process

$$Y_i^{(n)} = \sum_{j=-i}^i V_{i,j}^{(n)} \mathbb{1}_{\{S_i = j\sqrt{3}\}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, n-1$$
$$Y_n^{(n)} = 0$$

Show that

(i) $Y_i^{(n)} = E[Y_{i+1}^{(n)} | \sigma(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_i)] + g(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}S_i)\tau$ for $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$.

(ii) $V_{0,0}^{(n)} \rightarrow E[\int_0^1 g(W_s)ds]$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$, where W is a Brownian motion.