

# Martingale Problems

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# Solution of Martingale Problem

## Definition 1.1

An  $E$ -valued measurable process  $(X_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  defined on *some probability space*  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is said to be a *solution of the martingale problem for  $(A, \mu)$*  with respect to a filtration  $(\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  if

- 1  $\mathcal{L}(X_0) = \mu$
- 2 for every  $f \in D(A)$

$$M_t^f = f(X_t) - \int_0^t Af(X_s) ds$$

is a  $(\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  - martingale.

## General Setup

- State space -  $E$  - a complete, separable metric space
  - $M(E)$  - real valued, measurable functions on  $E$
  - $B(E)$  - real valued, bounded, measurable functions on  $E$
  - $C(E)$  - real valued, continuous functions on  $E$
  - $C_b(E)$  - real valued, bounded, continuous functions on  $E$
- operator  $A$  on  $M(E)$  with domain  $D(A)$ 
  - $\mathcal{B}(E)$  - Borel  $\sigma$ -field on  $E$
  - $\mathcal{P}(E)$  - space of probability measures on  $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$
- Initial measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(E)$
- For any process  $(X_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$ ,  $(\mathcal{F}_t^X)_{t \geq 0}$  will denote its natural filtration. i.e.

$$\mathcal{F}_t^X = \sigma(X_s : 0 \leq s \leq t)$$

In Definition 1.1 if  $(\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0} = (\mathcal{F}_t^X)_{t \geq 0}$ , the  $\sigma$ -fields are dropped from the statement

# Well-Posedness

- Solution of a martingale problem is defined only in a **weak** sense

## Definition 1.2

***Uniqueness** holds for the martingale problem for  $(A, \mu)$  if any two solutions of the martingale problem have the same distributions*

## Definition 1.3

*The martingale problem for  $(A, \mu)$  is **well-posed** if*

- 1 there **exists** a solution  $X$  of the martingale problem for  $(A, \mu)$
- 2 **Uniqueness** of solution holds for the martingale problem

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## Example 1 - Brownian Motion

Let  $B$  be a **Standard Brownian Motion**.

Then

$M_t^1 = B_t$  and  $M_t^2 = B_t^2 - t$  are martingales.

Let

$$E = \mathbb{R}, D(A) = \{f_1, f_2\}$$

$$f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = x^2$$

$$Af_1(x) \equiv 0, Af_2(x) \equiv 1$$

Then for  $i = 1, 2$

$$M_t^i = f_i(B_t) - \int_0^t Af_i(B_s) ds.$$

$\therefore (B_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  is a solution of the martingale problem for  $(A, \delta_0)$

## Example 1 - Brownian Motion (Contd.)

Conversely,

Let  $(X_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  be a **continuous solution** of the martingale problem for  $(A, \delta_0)$

We have  $X_t$  and  $X_t^2 - t$  are martingales

i.e.  $X_t$  is a continuous martingale with  $\langle X \rangle_t = t$ .

Define  $g_s(x) = e^{isx}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Note  $|g_s(x)| \leq 1$ .

Then  $g'_s(x) = isg_s(x)$ ,  $g''_s(x) = -s^2g_s(x)$

By **Ito's formula**

$$dg_s(X_t) = isg_s(X_t)dX_t - \frac{1}{2}s^2g_s(X_t)dt.$$

The stochastic integral is a **martingale**  $M_t$ . Then for  $0 \leq r < t$

$$e^{isX_t} = e^{isX_r} + M_t - M_r - \frac{1}{2}s^2 \int_r^t e^{isX_u} du$$



## Example 1 - Brownian Motion (Contd.)

Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}_r^X$ . Multiplying by  $e^{-isX_r} \mathbb{I}_A$

$$\mathbb{I}_A e^{is(X_t - X_r)} = \mathbb{I}_A + e^{-isX_r} \mathbb{I}_A (M_t - M_r) - \frac{1}{2} s^2 \int_r^t \mathbb{I}_A e^{is(X_u - X_r)} du$$

Taking expectations (of conditional expectations)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}_A e^{is(X_t - X_r)} \right] = \mathbb{P}(A) + 0 - \frac{1}{2} s^2 \int_r^t \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}_A e^{is(X_u - X_r)} \right] du$$

Let  $h(t) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}_A e^{is(X_t - X_r)} \right]$ . Then

$$h(t) = \mathbb{P}(A) - \frac{1}{2} s^2 \int_r^t h(u) du$$

$$h'(t) = -\frac{1}{2} s^2 h(t) \text{ with } h(r) = \mathbb{P}(A)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}_A e^{is(X_t - X_r)} \right] = h(t) = \mathbb{P}(A) e^{-\frac{1}{2} s^2 (t-r)}.$$

## Example 1 - Brownian Motion (Contd.)

Since this holds for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_r^X$ , we get

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{is(X_t - X_r)} \mid \mathcal{F}_r^X \right] = e^{-\frac{1}{2}s^2(t-r)} \text{ a.s.}$$

This implies

$$(X_t - X_r) \text{ independent increments}$$
$$(X_t - X_r) \sim N(0, t - r) \text{ Stationary, Gaussian}$$

Thus  $X_t$  is a Brownian motion.

This is **Levy's Characterization of Brownian Motion**

- The martingale problem for  $(A, \delta_0)$  is well-posed in the class of continuous processes

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Let  $(X_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  be a *continuous*  $\mathbb{R}^d$  valued process, with  $(X_t = (X_t^{(1)}, \dots, X_t^{(d)}))$ , such that for every  $1 \leq k, j \leq d$

- 1  $M_t^{(k)} = X_t^{(k)} - X_0^{(k)}$  is a continuous *local martingale*
- 2  $\langle M^{(k)}, M^{(j)} \rangle_t = \delta_{kj}t$  i.e.  $M_t^{(k)}M_t^{(j)} - \delta_{kj}t$  is a continuous *local martingale*

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(local martingale  $(M_t)$ ):)  $\exists$  a sequence of stop-times  $\tau_n \uparrow \infty$  such that for every  $n \geq 1$ , the stopped process  $(M_t^n)$  defined by

$$M_t^n = M_{t \wedge \tau_n}$$

is a martingale.

## Example 2 - Compensated Poisson Process

- Let  $(N_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  be a Poisson Process with intensity 1
- Define  $\tilde{N}_t = N_t - t$ , (**compensated Poisson process**)
- Using independent increment property of  $N$ , it follows that  $\tilde{N}_t$  and  $\tilde{N}_t^2 - t$  are martingales
- $(\tilde{N}_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  is also a solution of the martingale problem for  $(A, \delta_0)$  of Example 1
- The martingale problem for  $(A, \delta_0)$  is **not** well-posed though uniqueness holds in the class of continuous solutions.

## Example 3 - Diffusions

Let  $b(x) = (b_i(x))_{1 \leq i \leq d}$ ,  $\sigma(x) = ((\sigma_{ij}(x)))_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$  be measurable functions, and  $(W_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}} = (W_t^{(1)}, \dots, W_t^{(d)})_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  be a  $d$ -dimensional Standard Brownian Motion.

Suppose that (the  $d$ -dimensional process)  $X$  is a solution of the Stochastic Differential Equation

$$dX_t = b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dW_t$$

$$dX_t^{(i)} = b_i(X_t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^d \sigma_{ij}(X_t)dW_t^{(j)} \quad 1 \leq i \leq d$$

$$X_t^{(i)} = X_0^{(i)} + \int_0^t b_i(X_s)ds + \sum_{j=1}^d \int_0^t \sigma_{ij}(X_s)dW_s^{(j)} \quad 1 \leq i \leq d$$

## Example 3 - Diffusions (Contd.)

Then, by Ito's formula, for  $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$df(X_t) = \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_i f(X_t) dX_t^{(i)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_{ij} f(X_t) d\langle X^{(i)}, X^{(j)} \rangle_t$$

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$$\text{Let } Af(x) = \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_i f(x) b_i(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_{ij} f(x) (\sigma \sigma^T)_{ij}(x)$$

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Thus for all  $f \in D(A) = C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

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is a martingale.

Or,  $X_t$  is a solution of the  $(A, \mu)$  martingale problem where  $\mu = \mathcal{L}(X_0)$ .

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Converse!!!

**Stroock-Varadhan Theory of Martingale Problems**

## Example 3: Diffusions - Martingale Characterization

- $E = \mathbb{R}^d; D(A) = C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- $b(x) = (b_i(x))_{1 \leq i \leq d}, \sigma(x) = ((\sigma_{ij}(x)))_{1 \leq i \leq d, 1 \leq j \leq d}$  be measurable functions
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### Theorem 1

Let  $(X_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  (defined on some  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ ) be a *continuous*  $\mathbb{R}^d$  valued solution of the martingale problem for  $(A, \mu)$ . Then  $\exists$  a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion  $(W_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$ , defined possibly on an extended probability space  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$  such that  $(X_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  solves the SDE

$$dX_t = b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dW_t, \quad \mathcal{L}(X_0) = \mu. \quad (1)$$

## Example 3: Diffusions - Martingale Characterization

**Proof.** Let  $a(x) = (\sigma\sigma^T)(x)$ .

If  $f_k(x) = x^k$ ,  $g_{kl}(x) = x^k x^l \in D(A)$ , then

$$M_t^k = X_t^k - \int_0^t b_k(X_s) ds \quad (2)$$

is a martingale, since  $\partial_i f_k \equiv \delta_{ik}$ ,  $\partial_{ij} f_k \equiv 0$ .

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Using the functions  $g_{kl}$  and their partial derivatives we can write

$$M_t^k M_t^l - \int_0^t a_{kl}(X_s) ds$$

as sum of martingales

$$g_{kl}(X_t) - \int_0^t A g_{kl}(X_s) ds, \quad \int_0^t Z_s^k dM_s^l, \quad \int_0^t Z_s^l dM_s^k$$

where  $Z_s^j = \int_0^s b_j(X_r) dr$ ,  $j = k, l$ .

## Example 3: Diffusions - Martingale Characterization

Thus

$$\langle M^k, M^l \rangle_t = \int_0^t a_{kl}(X_s) ds \quad (3)$$

However,  $f_k, g_{kl} \notin D(A)$ .

Define  $f_{k,n}, g_{kl,n} \in D(A)$ :

Let  $B(0, n)$  = the ball of radius  $n$  with center 0

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k,n}(x) &= x^k, g_{kl,n}(x) = x^k x^l \text{ on } B(0, n) \\ f_{k,n}(x) &= g_{kl,n}(x) = 0 \text{ on } B(0, n+1)^c \end{aligned}$$

Then using stop-times

$$\tau_n = \inf\{t \geq 0 : X_t \notin B(0, n)\}$$

we see that (2) is a **local martingale** and such that (3) holds.



## Example 3: Diffusions - Martingale Characterization

Now, if  $\sigma$  is invertible, define

$$W_t = \int_0^t \sigma^{-1}(X_s) dM_s, \text{ or}$$

$$W_t^i = \sum_{k=1}^d \int_0^t \sigma_{ik}^{-1}(X_s) dM_s^k, \quad 1 \leq i \leq d$$

Then, (2)  $\implies (W_t^k)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  is a local martingale; (3)  $\implies$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle W^i, W^j \rangle_t &= \sum_{k,l=1}^d \left\langle \int_0^t \sigma_{ik}^{-1}(X_s) dM_s^k, \int_0^t \sigma_{jl}^{-1}(X_s) dM_s^l \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{k,l=1}^d \int_0^t \left( \sigma_{ik}^{-1} a_{kl} (\sigma^T)^{-1}_{lj} \right) (X_s) ds \\ &= \delta_{ij} t \end{aligned}$$

## Example 3: Diffusions - Martingale Characterization

Thus Levy's Characterization theorem implies that  $W$  is a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion.

Finally,

$$\int_0^t \sigma(X_s) dW_s = \int_0^t dM_s = X_t - \int_0^t b(X_s) ds$$

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- When  $\sigma$  is singular - it is possible that the space  $\Omega$  may not be rich enough to hold a Brownian motion.
- Intuitively, we plug in another Brownian motion *wherever*  $\sigma$  is degenerate

## Example 3: Diffusions - Martingale Characterization

- Consider  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{Q})$  and a Brownian motion  $(B_t)_{\{t \geq 0\}}$  defined on it
- Get  $d \times d$  (measurable) matrices  $\rho(x), \eta(x)$  satisfying
  - $\rho \sigma \rho^T + \eta \eta^T = I_d$
  - $\rho \eta = 0$
  - $(I_d - \sigma \rho)(I_d - \sigma \rho)^T = 0$
- Define on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \otimes (\Gamma, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{Q})$

$$W_t = \int_0^t \rho(X_s) dM_s + \int_0^t \eta(X_s) dB_s$$

- Then  $W$  is a Brownian motion on the extended space and (1) holds. □

## Example 4: Markov Jump Process

- Let  $\mu(x, \Gamma)$  be a transition function on  $E \times \mathcal{E}$  and  $\lambda > 0$ .
- Let  $\{Y_0, Y_1, Y_2, \dots\}$  be a Markov chain
  - $\mathbb{P}(Y_0 \in \Gamma) = \nu(\Gamma)$
  - $\mathbb{P}(Y_{k+1} \in \Gamma | Y_0, \dots, Y_k) = \mu(Y_k, \Gamma)$
- Let  $N$  be a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$ , independent of  $Y$ .
- Define  $X$  by

$$X_t = Y_{N_t} \quad t \geq 0$$

Then  $X$  is a process which jumps at exponential times and the jump is dictated by the transition function  $\mu(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

- Define

$$Pf(x) = \int_E f(y) \mu(x, dy)$$

## Example 4: Markov Jump Process (Contd.)

- Note for  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_t^N$  and  $F_2 \in \mathcal{F}_l^Y$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [f(Y_{k+N_t}) \mathbb{I}_{F_1 \cap F_2 \cap \{N_t=l\}}] &= \mathbb{E} [f(Y_{k+l}) \mathbb{I}_{F_1 \cap F_2 \cap \{N_t=l\}}] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [P^k f(Y_l) \mathbb{I}_{F_2}] \mathbb{P}(F_1 \cap \{N_t = l\}) \\ &= \mathbb{E} [f(X_t) \mathbb{I}_{F_1 \cap F_2 \cap \{N_t=l\}}]\end{aligned}$$

- $F_1 \cap F_2 \cap \{N_t = l\}$  generate  $\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{F}_t^N \vee \mathcal{F}_t^X$
- Thus

$$\mathbb{E} [f(Y_{k+N_t}) | \mathcal{F}_t] = P^k f(X_t) \text{ a.s.}$$

- Using, independent increments of  $N$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [f(X_{t+s}) | \mathcal{F}_t] &= \mathbb{E} [f(Y_{N_{t+s}-N_t+N_t}) | \mathcal{F}_t] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda s} \frac{(\lambda s)^k}{k!} P^k f(X_t)\end{aligned}$$

## Example 4: Markov Jump Process (Contd.)

Finally

$$T_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} P^k$$

defines a one parameter operator semigroup

Generator  $A$  :  $T_t = e^{tA}$ 

$$A = \lambda(P - I)$$

$$Af(x) = \lambda \int_E (f(y) - f(x)) \mu(x, dy)$$

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## Example 5: Hilbert Space Valued Diffusion

- Let  $E = H$ , a real, separable Hilbert space, with inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .
- $\mathcal{L}_2(H, H)$  - the space of Hilbert Schmidt operators on  $H$   
i.e.  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{L}_2(H, H)$  iff  $\|\Sigma\|_{HS} = \sum_i (\Sigma\phi_i, \Sigma\phi_i) < \infty$ ,  
Hilbert Schmidt norm
- Let  $\sigma : H \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2(H, H)$ ,  $b : H \rightarrow H$  be measurable

$$\|\sigma(h)\|_{HS} \leq K$$

$$\|b(h)\| \leq K$$

$$\|\sigma(h_1) - \sigma(h_2)\|_{HS} \leq K\|h_1 - h_2\|$$

$$\|b(h_1) - b(h_2)\| \leq K\|h_1 - h_2\|$$

for all  $h, h_1, h_2 \in H$ .

## Example 5: Hilbert Space Valued Diffusion (Contd.)

- Fix a **Complete OrthoNormal System**  $\{\phi_i : i \geq 1\}$  in  $H$
- Let  $P_n : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined by

$$P_n(h) = ((h, \phi_1), \dots, (h, \phi_n)).$$

- $D(A) = \{f \circ P_n : f \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R}^n), n \geq 1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [A(f \circ P_n)](h) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (\sigma^*(h)\phi_i, \sigma^*(h)\phi_j) \partial_{ij} f \circ P_n(h) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (b(h), \phi_i) \partial_i f \circ P_n(h) \end{aligned}$$

## Example 5: Hilbert Space Valued Diffusion (Contd.)

- The martingale problem for  $(A, \mu)$  is well-posed
- The unique solution  $X$  is continuous a.s.
- $\exists$  Cylindrical Brownian motion  $B$  on some  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ 
  - $(B_t, h)$  is a 1-dimensional Brownian Motion for all  $h \in H$
  - $\mathbb{E}[(B_t, h_1)(B_t, h_2)] = (h_1, h_2)$  for all  $h_1, h_2 \in H$
- It is a Hilbert space valued diffusion. *i.e.*

$$dX_t = \sigma(X_t)dB_t + b(X_t)dt$$

for some Cylindrical Brownian motion  $B$

## Example 6: Branching Brownian Motion

**Initial Configuration** Individuals in the population are scattered in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

**Spatial Motion** Each individual, during its lifetime, moves in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  according to a Brownian motion, independently of all other particles

**Branching rate,  $\alpha$**  Each individual has an exponentially distributed lifetime  $\alpha$

**Branching mechanism,  $\Phi$**  When the individual dies, it leaves behind at the same location a random number of offsprings with probability generating function

$$\Phi(s) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} p_l s^l$$

## Example 6: Branching Brownian Motion (Contd.)

Let  $X$  denote such a process

- state space  $E' = \{(k, x_1, \dots, x_k) : k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$ .
- Consider functions  $f(k, x_1, \dots, x_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k g(x_i)$  on  $E$
- Generator of Brownian motion -  $L_1 = \frac{1}{2}\Delta$
- Generator for the Branching process  
 $L_2 h(k) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \alpha k p_l (h(k-1+l) - h(k))$
- In the absence of branching

$$A_1 \left( \prod_{i=1}^k g(x_i) \right) = \sum_{j=1}^k L_1 g(x_j) \prod_{i \neq j} g(x_i)$$

so that  $f(X_t) - \int_0^t A_1 f(X_s) ds$  is a martingale

## Example 6: Branching Brownian Motion (Contd.)

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$$\mathcal{A}e^{\langle \log g, \mu \rangle} = e^{\langle \log g, \mu \rangle} \left\langle \frac{L_1 g + \alpha(\Phi(g) - g)}{g}, \mu \right\rangle$$

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