

Self-similar Property

Definition

A stochastic process is said to be H -self-similar for some $H > 0$, if each finite dimensional random vector satisfy the condition, for every $T > 0$, any choice of $t_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $n \geq 1$

$$(T^H X(t_1), T^H X(t_2), \dots, T^H X(t_n)) = (X(Tt_1), X(Tt_2), \dots, X(Tt_n))$$

Here, Wiener process is 0.5-self-similar.



The next property is self-similarity property. Let me give the definition of self-similarity. Then we conclude the Wiener process is a one by two self-similar. What is the definition of self-similar. A stochastic process is said to be H self-similar for some H greater than 0 if each finite dimensional random vector satisfying the condition for every T greater than 1 any choice of T_i 's for i is equal to 1 to n the joint distribution for n dimension random variable at the time point say T_1, T_2, T_n multiplied by T times H for every T and H is the H self-similar for some H greater than 0. If that distribution is same as X of the time point is multiplied by T without H in the whole right hand side. So if the joint distribution T times H_1 for the random variable X, T times T_2 for the second random variable and so on if this joint distribution is same as the joint distribution of this form then we say it is a H self-similar for some H for every T greater than 0.

One can verify the Wiener process is the 0.5 self-similar. Here I have not given the proof but you can multiply for some T for H is 0.5 you can conclude the Wiener process is the 0.5 self-similar.

Markov property

- ▶ From the definition, $W(t+s) - W(s)$ is independent of the past, or alternatively, if we know $W(s) = x_0$, then no further knowledge of the values of $W(\tau)$ for $\tau < s$ has any effect on the knowledge of the probability law governing $W(t+s) - W(s)$.
- ▶ Given $W(t)$, the future $W(t+h)$ for any $h > 0$ only depends on the future increment $W(t+h) - W(t)$ and this future is independent of the past.
- ▶ Thus, if $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n < t$,

$$\begin{aligned} P[W(t) \leq x \mid W(t_0) = x_0, W(t_1) = x_1, \dots, W(t_n) = x_n] \\ = P[W(t) \leq x \mid W(t_n) = x_n] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Hence, the Markov property is satisfied.
- ▶ Thus, $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a Markov process.



The next property that is very important one that is Markov property. You know the definition of Markov property. So this is the definition of a Markov property. If any stochastic process satisfies the Markov property for arbitrary time point at T naught to T_n which is less than T if this condition is satisfied then the stochastic process will be Markov process.

So here from the definition one can conclude W of t plus s minus W of s is independent of past or alternatively if you know W_s is equal to X naught then no further knowledge of the value W of τ where τ is less than s has any effect on the knowledge of probability law governing W_t plus s minus W_s the whole times k the W of t plus s minus W_s which is independent of the whole past information to s and if you know the information at the s depends only at the time point s not the whole process. From the definition you can make out because the definition says the increments are independent. Therefore the W of t plus s minus W_s is independent of the whole past information from 0 to s . That's what it says.

Definition

A stochastic process $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ is said to be a Wiener Process (or Brownian Motion) if

- ▶ For $t > 0$, the sample paths of $W(t)$ are almost surely continuous functions.
- ▶ For $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$ and for all n , increments $W(t_i) - W(t_{i-1})$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are independent random variables and stationary.
- ▶ For $0 \leq s < t < \infty$, every increment $W(t) - W(s)$ has normal distribution with mean $\mu(t - s)$ and variance $\sigma^2(t - s)$.

A Wiener process $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ with $W(0) = 0, \mu = 0, \sigma = 1$ is called a standard Wiener process.



Therefore given W_t the future W of t plus h for any H greater than 0 only depends on the future increment W of t plus H minus W_t and this future is independent of past. Hence this Markov property satisfies since Markov property satisfied for arbitrary time points T naught to T_n therefore this stochastic process is called a Markov process. So hence the Brownian motion is a Markov process.

Gaussian Process

A stochastic process $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is called Gaussian process if the distribution of each finite dimensional random vector is multivariate Gaussian (normal) distributed. Then, the joint pdf of $(X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_n))$ is given by:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} (\det(\Sigma))^{1/2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (X - \mu) \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu)' \right]$$

where

$$\mu = E(X) = (E(X(t_1)), E(X(t_2)), \dots, E(X(t_n)))$$

$$\Sigma = (\text{cov}(X(t_i), X(t_j))); i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\text{cov}(X(t_i), X(t_j)) = E[(X(t_i) - E(X(t_i)))(X(t_j) - E(X(t_j)))]$$



The next one is Gaussian process. First let me define what is Gaussian process then I'm going to relate the Gaussian process with the [Indiscernible] [00:04:57]. A stochastic process is called a Gaussian process if the distribution of each finite dimensional random vector is a multivariate Gaussian distributed. That means if you have a stochastic process and if you take any finite dimensional random vector from that stochastic process if that finite dimensional random vector is a multivariate Gaussian distributed random vector then the underlying stochastic process is a Gaussian process.

Since for each finite dimensional random vector is a multivariate you can write down the joint probability density function of n dimensional random vector of Gaussian process. That is nothing but this is a joint probability density function that is $1/2$ power pi power n by 2 you find out the determinant of the matrix and after that you find out the square root then exponential of this where mu can be written as the vector and elements are nothing but the expectations and this notation sum is the covariance matrix covariance between any two random variables X of ti's with X of tj's where each one is running from 1 to n. Therefore it is the square matrix. And the elements are nothing but the covariance between any two random variables and all the diagonals will be the variance of X of ti's where i is running from 1 to n. And it will be a symmetric matrix because a covariance of X of ti, X of tj is same as covariance of X of tj, X of ti. Therefore this matrix is a symmetric matrix and the diagonal elements are variants of X of ti's. So one can find out the covariance of any two random variable using this formula.

Gaussian Process...

Since $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a Markov process as well as a Gaussian process,

$$P[W(t) \leq x \mid W(t_n) = x_n] = P[W(t) - W(t_n) \leq x - x_n]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{x-x_n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-t_n)}} \exp\left[-\frac{s^2}{2(t-t_n)}\right] ds$$



Since the W_t is a Markov process as well as Gaussian process you can write down the conditional CDF. The conditional CDF is same as the difference divided is less than or equal to X minus X_n but since this is normally distributed W_t minus W of X_n is a normally distributed therefore this is nothing but minus infinity to X minus X_n and this is a probability density

function of a normally distributed random variable with mean 0 and the variance $t - s$ whenever we discuss the Brownian motion we are discussing standard Brownian motion with the W_t is equal to W_0 is equal to 0 and μ is equal to 0 and σ^2 is 1.

Kolmogorov Equation


We know that Brownian motion is a Markov process with continuous time and continuous state space. Let the transition probability density p be given by

$$p(x_0, s; x, t) dx = P\{x \leq W(t) < x + dx \mid W(s) = x_0\}$$

We make the following assumptions. For any $\delta > 0$,

$$P\{|W(t) - W(s)| > \delta \mid W(s) = x\} = o(t - s), s < t$$

In other words, small changes occur during small intervals of time.

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{E\{W(t + \Delta t) - W(t) \mid W(t) = x\}}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \int_{|y-x| \leq \delta} (y - x) p(x, t; y, t + \Delta t) dy \\ &= a(t, x) \end{aligned}$$


Now we can discuss the Kolmogorov equation for the Brownian motion. We know that the Brownian motion is the Markov process with the continuous time and continuous state space we can write down what is a transition probability density to the probability transition probability density P will be probability that W_t lies between X to x plus Δx , dx given that W is equal to x naught. We make the following assumptions for any Δt greater than 0 the probability of absolute W_t minus W_s which is greater than Δt given that W_s is equal to X that is the order of $t - s$. In other words the small changes occurs during small intervals of time that is the meaning of the above definition.

Connection with Heat Equation

- ▶ Let $\{W(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a standard Brownian motion.
- ▶ Let the transition probability density p be given by

$$p(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right]$$

- ▶ The solution of diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2}$$

is the transition probability density function p .



Now we can find out the conditional expectation of $W_t + \Delta t - W_t$ given W_t is equal to X divided by Δt as Δt tends to 0 that is nothing but you can note down as the denoted as the a of t, x this will be a function of t, x that is denoted as the a of t, x . Similarly you can make of the conditional expectation of the whole square given that W_t is equal to X that you can denote it as the b of t, x . In other words the limit of infinitesimal mean of variance of the increment W_t exists and is equal to b of t of t, x which is known as the diffusion coefficient. So a Markov process W_t satisfying the above conditions is known as a diffusion process and the partial differential equation satisfied by its transition probability density function is known as a diffusion equation. The partial differential equation satisfied by its transition probability density function is known as a diffusion equation. So this is the deficient equation this is a PDE or the transition probability density function P and where a and b are earlier defined this equation is also known as a forward Kolmogorov equation and also known as a Fokker-Planck equation. And this equation is possible because of the W_t is a Markov process therefore, and also it's a Gaussian process therefore we land up the transition probability density function P and satisfying the PDE and this PDE is called the Fokker-Planck equation. If you solve PDE which is given here or the standard Brownian motion or the standard means W_0 is equal to 0, μ is equal to 0 and σ^2 is 1 in the definition of a Brownian motion then you will get the transition probability density function P is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}}$ exponential of minus X^2 by $2t$ and this is the probability density function of a standard normal distributed random variable with the mean 0 and the variance t . and the corresponding diffusion equation is $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial X^2}$.

Joint Distribution of Wiener Process

- ▶ Consider the joint distribution $(W(t_1), W(t_2))$.
- ▶ We know that, $W(t_1)$ and $(W(t_2) - W(t_1))$ are independent. Also, $W(t_1)$ is $\mathcal{N}(0, t_1)$ and $W(t_2) - W(t_1)$ is $\mathcal{N}(0, t_2 - t_1)$.
- ▶ Then the joint pdf of $(W(t_1), W(t_2))$ is

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \rho(x_1, t_1)\rho(x_2 - x_1, t_2 - t_1)$$

where

$$\rho(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right], t > 0, -\infty < x < \infty$$

- ▶ Thus,

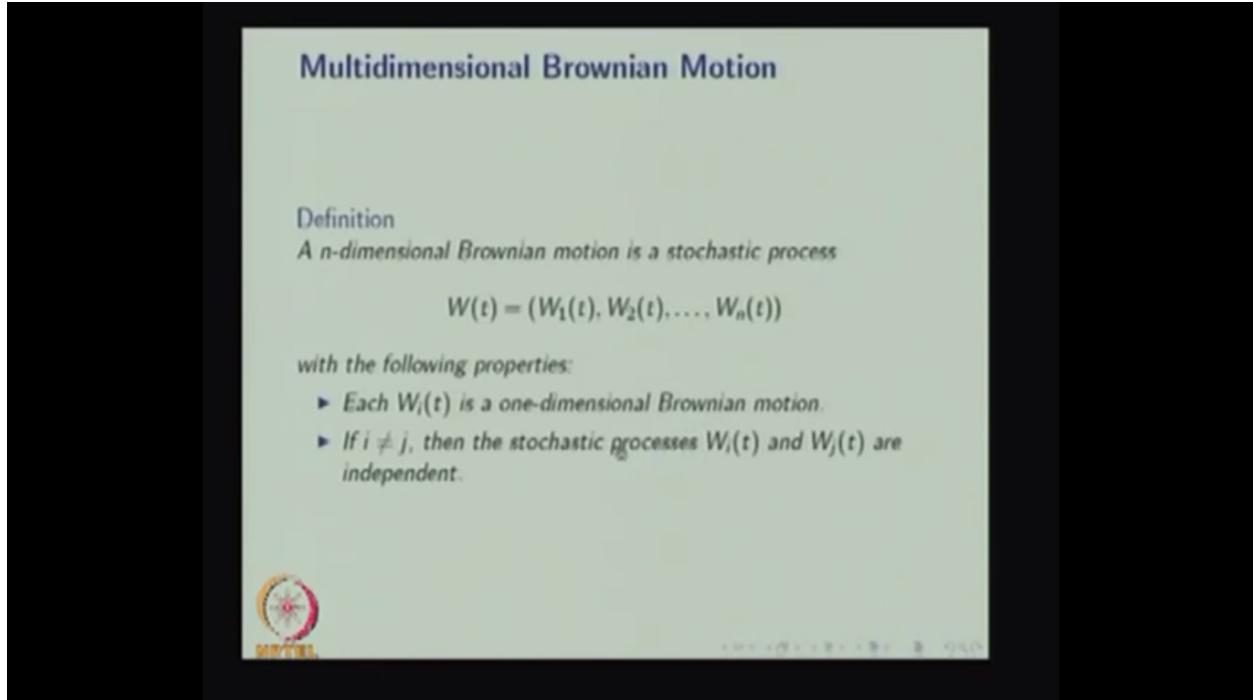
$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{t_1(t_2 - t_1)}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left\{\frac{x_1^2}{t_1} + \frac{(x_2 - x_1)^2}{(t_2 - t_1)}\right\}\right]$$



Now we are going to discuss the joint distribution of a Wiener process. The way we discuss that Gaussian process as the Gaussian process every finite dimensional random vector is a multivariate random, multivariate normally distributed random variable therefore you can find out the joint distribution of W of t_1 with W of t_2 . We know that a W of t_1 and W of t_2 minus W of t_1 are independent. Here we made an t_1 is less than t_2 and also we know that a W of t_1 is normally distributed in the mean 0 variance t_1 and this difference is also normally distributed with the mean 0 and the variance t_2 minus t_1 and both are independent. Our interest is to find out the joint distribution of W of t_1 with W of t_2 but for that first we find out the joint distribution of a W of t_1 with the W of t_2 minus W of t_1 then use the function of the random variables tool then you can find out the joint distribution of these two. So first you - so that is a way here I have not given the derivation. So finally you will get the joint distribution of joint probability density function of W of t_1 with the W of t_2 is in this form where the probability density function is going to be the normally distributed random variable. Hence, the joint distribution will be 1 divided by square root of 1 divided by 2 pie times the square root of t_1 times t_2 minus t_1 exponential of this expression. Note that W of t_1 and W of t_2 are not independent whereas W of t_1 with the W of t_2 minus W of t_1 are independent random variation. So using that we are finding the joint distribution of a W of t_1 with the W of t_2 .

Once you know the joint distribution for any two random variables the same way you can find out the joint distribution of any n random variables in the Wiener process in the same way. I have not given the derivation here and we can find out the joint distribution joint probability density function of the n random variables also. And we need covariance matrix and expectation so the expectation vector that is mean therefore all the means are 0 whereas the covariance already we got the covariance of any two random variables of W of t_i with the W of t_j 's it will be a symmetric matrix and the diagrams are nothing but the variance of W .

We can go for the multi-dimensional Brownian motion. We can have a W_1 is a Brownian motion. W_2 is another Brownian motion so you can collect it as a make it as another W_t and each W is a one-dimensional Brownian motion and then you can go for the stochastic process are independent therefore you will have a n -dimensional Brownian motion also.




Multidimensional Brownian Motion

Definition
A n -dimensional Brownian motion is a stochastic process

$$W(t) = (W_1(t), W_2(t), \dots, W_n(t))$$

with the following properties:

- ▶ *Each $W_i(t)$ is a one-dimensional Brownian motion.*
- ▶ *If $i \neq j$, then the stochastic processes $W_i(t)$ and $W_j(t)$ are independent.*



Here is the reference. So in this lecture we have discussed the definition of Brownian motion and also we discussed the derivation of Brownian motion and we have discussed important properties of Brownian motion starting from stationary increment increments or independent Markov property, Martingale property and also finally we discussed the the multi-dimensional Brownian motion.

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