

Lecture 4: Quadratic variation

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Kunita - Watanabe inequality.

Let W be a standard Brownian motion on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$.
As observed in Lecture 3, Brownian motion is a prime example of semimartingale.

✓ Thus, for any caglad (left-continuous) adapted process

$\sigma \in \mathcal{L}$, we can define $\int_0^t \sigma \cdot dW$

✓ For any $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}$, $\int \sigma \cdot dW$ is a local martingale.

✓ If $(b_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a cadlag adapted process
then $(\int_0^t b_u du)_{t \geq 0}$ is adapted cadlag with bounded variation.

$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma dW + \int_0^t b_u du$ is thus a semimartingale.

Ito processes

An Ito process is a semimartingale X which may

be represented as
$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma_u dW_u + \int_0^t b_u du$$

where W is a Brownian motion

$\sigma \in \mathbb{L}$ left-continuous adapted process

$b \in \mathbb{D}$ cadlag adapted process

X_0 \mathcal{F}_0 -measurable random variable.

$$X_t = X_0 + M_t + A_t$$

 M continuous local martingale
 A adapted, bounded variation process

L^2 extension of Brownian stochastic integral

$$\forall H \in S([0, T], \mathbb{F}), \quad E\left[\left(\int_0^T H dW\right)^2\right] = E\left[\int_0^T H_t^2 dt\right]$$

Define, for $H: \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\|H\|_{L^2(\Omega \times [0, T])} = E\left[\int_0^T H_t^2 dt\right] = \underbrace{\int dt dP(\omega) H_t^2(\omega)}_{L^2 \text{ norm w.r.t. } dt \times dP}$$

Let $L_T^2(\Omega, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F} = (\mathbb{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ be the closure of $S([0, T], \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$ in $L^2(\Omega \times [0, T], dt \times dP)$

$L_T^2(\Omega, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is the set of square-integrable, \mathbb{F} -adapted processes which may be approximated in L^2 by a sequence of simple predictable processes.

Given $H \in L^2_T(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, there exists therefore
 $(H^n)_{n \geq 1} \in S([0, T], \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ such that $E\left[\int_0^T \|H_t^n - H_t\|^2 dt\right] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

$$\int_0^T H^n dW \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$$

We **define** $\int_0^T H dW = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T H^n dW$ in L^2

This limit does not depend on the choice of $(H^n)_{n \geq 1}$ and
verifies

$$E\left|\int_0^T H dW\right|^2 = E\left[\int_0^T H_t^2 dt\right]$$

• For $H \in L^2_T(\Omega, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$, $\int_0^T H dW$ is called the L^2 -extension of the Ito integral. It is due to Kunita-Watanabe.

• For $H \in L^2_T(\Omega, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P}) \cap \underline{\mathbb{L}}^{\uparrow \text{cagled}}$ then the two constructions coincide.

• The L^2 construction does not involve pathwise regularity of integrands.

L^2 stochastic integral: indefinite case

Let $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ the closure in $L^2(\Omega \times [0, \infty), dt \times d\mathbb{P})$
of $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \leftarrow$ simple predictable processes defined on $[0, \infty)$

If $\sigma \in \mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, then

✓ $\int_0^T \sigma dW$ may be defined for each T as above

✓ $E \left| \int_0^T \sigma dW \right|^2 = E \left[\int_0^T \sigma_t^2 dt \right] < \infty \quad \forall T > 0$

✓ $\sup_{T > 0} \left(\int_0^T \sigma dW \right)^2 = E \int_0^\infty \sigma_t^2 dt = \|\sigma\|_{L^2(\Omega \times [0, \infty), dt \times d\mathbb{P})}^2 < \infty$

So $M_t = \int_0^t \sigma dW$ is a **square-integrable martingale**

Ito Isometry Formula

Let $X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma \cdot dW + \int_0^t b_u du$ an Ito process with

$$\sigma \in L^2_T(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \quad b \text{ adapted process}$$

$$\forall T > 0, \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \sigma_t^2 dt\right] < \infty \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T b_t^2 dt\right] < \infty$$

Then X is square integrable and :

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t b_u du\right] \quad \text{var}(X_t) = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \sigma_u^2 du\right]$$

Furthermore : $M = \left(\int_0^t \sigma_u dW_u \right)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a square-integrable martingale.

$$\text{and} \quad \|M\|_{M_T^2} = \|\sigma\|_{L^2(\Omega \times [0, T])} = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T \sigma_t^2 dt\right]$$

Quadratic variation of a semimartingale

Let X be a cadlag semimartingale, $T > 0$.

Consider a sequence $(\pi^n)_{n \geq 1}$ of random partitions

$$\pi^n = (0 = T_0^n \leq T_1^n \leq \dots \leq T_{k_n-1}^n \leq T_{k_n}^n = T) \text{ of } [0, T]$$

with $|\pi^n| = \sup_{i=1, \dots, k_n} |T_{i+1}^n - T_i^n| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ a.s. where (T_i^n) are stopping times.

$$(X_{T_{i+1}^n} - X_{T_i^n})^2 = X_{T_{i+1}^n}^2 - X_{T_i^n}^2 - 2X_{T_i^n} (X_{T_{i+1}^n} - X_{T_i^n}) \quad \forall i \geq 1, \text{ so}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_n} (X_{T_{i+1}^n} - X_{T_i^n})^2 = X_T^2 - X_0^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} X_{T_i^n} (X_{T_{i+1}^n} - X_{T_i^n})$$

Since X is a semi-martingale: $\sum_{T_i^n \in \pi^n} X_{T_i^n} (X_{T_{i+1}^n} - X_{T_i^n}) \xrightarrow{\text{ucp}} \int_0^T X_{t-} dX$

$\sum_{\pi^n} (X_{T_{i+1}^n} - X_{T_i^n})^2$ converges in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$ to a limit which does not depend on $\pi = (\pi^n)_{n \geq 1}$ a.s.

$$[X]_T := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{T_i^n \in \Pi^n} (X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})^2 \quad \text{exists and defines}$$

a process $([X]_t)_{t \geq 0}$ called the quadratic variation of X .

which verifies:
$$[X]_T = X_T^2 - X_0^2 - 2 \int_0^T X_{t-} \cdot dX_t \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$$X_T^2 - X_0^2 = 2 \int_0^T X_{t-} \cdot dX_t + [X]_T$$

$$\neq 2 \int_0^T X_{t-} dX_t \quad \text{unless} \quad [X]_T = 0$$

Properties of quadratic variation X semimartingale

i) $[X]$ is a cadlag, adapted process with increasing paths.
(so has finite variation)

$$\text{ii) } [X]_t - [X]_{t-} = (X_t - X_{t-})^2 = (\Delta X_t)^2$$

In particular if X has continuous paths then $[X]$ is continuous.

$$\text{ii) For any stopping time } \tau, [X^\tau]_t = [X]_{t \wedge \tau}$$

iii) If X has continuous paths of finite variation, $[X] = 0$.

Proof: ii) $\Delta(\int Y dX) = Y \Delta X$ so

$$[X]_T - [X]_{T-} = \Delta(X_T^2) - 2X_{T-} \Delta X_T = X_T^2 - X_{T-}^2 - 2X_{T-}(X_T - X_{T-}) = (X_T - X_{T-})^2$$

$$\text{iii) } \int_0^{t \wedge \tau} Y dX = \int_0^t Y dX^\tau$$

- $[a, b] \rightarrow [X]_b - [X]_a$ defines a (positive) measure on $[0, \infty)$
- Since $[X]$ is an increasing process, its paths can be decomposed into a continuous part and its jumps:

$$[X]_t = [X]_t^c + \sum_{0 < s \leq t} (\Delta X_s)^2 \quad (\text{Lebesgue decomposition})$$

The increasing process $[X]^c$ is called the **continuous quadratic variation** of X .

Ex. Brownian motion W : $[W]_t = t = [W]_t^c$

Ex. Counting process N : $N_t = \sum_{n \geq 1} 1_{t \leq T_n}$ $(T_n)_{n \geq 1} \uparrow \infty$
 $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$[N]_t = N_t \quad [N]_t^c = 0$$

Continuous quadratic variation: properties

Let X be a semimartingale with $X_0 = 0$.

0) $[X]^c$ is increasing and continuous a.s.

1) If X is cadlag, adapted, with paths of finite variation then $[X]^c = 0$ a.s.

2) If X is a continuous local martingale.

Then (i) $X_t^2 - [X]_t$ is a continuous local martingale.

(ii) $(\forall t \geq 0, [X]_t = 0)$ a.s. $\Leftrightarrow (\forall t \geq 0, X_t = 0)$ a.s.

Proof: 1) Since X has finite variation, Riemann-Stieltjes change of variable formula applies: $[X]_t = X_t^2 - 2 \int_0^t X_- dX = \sum (\Delta X_s)^2$ so $[X]^c = 0$

$$2) X_t^2 - [X]_t = X_0^2 + 2 \int_0^t X_{u-} dX_u \quad (X_{u-})_{u \geq 0} \in \mathcal{L}$$

So if X is a local martingale by the Yocdmartingale preserving property $X_t^2 - [X]_t$ is a local martingale.

Furthermore $\Delta(X^2 - [X]) = \Delta(X^2) - \Delta[X] = 0$

since $(\Delta[X])_t = (\Delta X_t)^2$ so $\Delta(X^2 - [X]) = 0$

$\Rightarrow X^2 - [X]$ is a.s. continuous.

$\{ \text{Continuous local martingales} \} \cap \{ \text{Processes of finite variation} \} = \text{Constants}$

Proposition: If X is a **continuous** local martingale, then for any stopping times $T_1 \leq T_2$, if X has paths of finite variation on $[T_1, T_2]$ then X is constant on $[T_1, T_2]$.

Proof: $M = X^{T_2} - X^{T_1}$ is a **continuous** local martingale

Since M has finite variation $[M] = 0$

Since $[M] = [X]^{T_2} - [X]^{T_1}$ this implies $[X]^{T_2} = [X]^{T_1}$

$$\text{So, } t_k^n = \frac{k}{2^n} \quad \sum_k (X_{t_k^n \wedge T_2} - X_{t_{k-1}^n \wedge T_2})^2 - \sum_k (X_{t_{k+1}^n \wedge T_1} - X_{t_k^n \wedge T_1})^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

So X is constant on $[T_1, T_2]$.

Pure-jump semimartingales

A semimartingale X such that $[X]^c = 0$ is called a **pure-jump semimartingale**.

Ex. Poisson process $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$ $[N]_t = N_t$

$$X_t = N_t - \lambda t \quad [X] = [N] = N$$

Rem: for a general semimartingale X one cannot

decompose X into a "continuous" component and 'jumps';

such a decomposition is not unique.

Ex. $N_t = (N_t - \lambda t)_+ + \lambda t = X_t + \lambda t$

This decomposition is unique for $[X]$ since $t \rightarrow [X]_t$ is increasing.

Proposition: Let M be a local martingale.

M is a square-integrable martingale $\Leftrightarrow \forall t \geq 0, E([M]_t) < \infty$

In this case $E(M_t^2) = E([M]_t)$

Proof: \Rightarrow If M martingale with $E(M_t^2) < \infty$, $Z_t = M_t^2 - [M]_t = 2 \int_0^t M_s dM_s$

is a locally square-integrable martingale: there exist stopping times $T_n \uparrow \infty$ such that Z^{T_n} is a square-integrable martingale. Then

$$E(Z_t^{T_n}) = E(Z_0) = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad E(M_{t \wedge T_n}^2) = E([M]_{t \wedge T_n})$$

By Doob's quadratic inequality for martingales:

$$E \left[\sup_{[0, t]} |M|^2 \right] \leq 4 E(M_t^2) < \infty$$

So we can apply the dominated convergence theorem to interchange $E(\cdot)$

and $n \rightarrow \infty$:

$$E(M_t^2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(M_{t \wedge T^n}^2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E([M]_{t \wedge T^n}) = E([M]_t)$$

by the Monotone Convergence Theorem.

\Leftarrow : Assume $E([M]_t) < \infty$ and define $T^n = \inf \{t > 0, |M_t| > n\} \wedge n$

$T^n \uparrow \infty$ are stopping times and: $\sup_{t \in [0, T^n]} |M_t| \leq n + |\Delta M_{T^n}| \leq n + \sqrt{[M]_{T^n}} < \infty$

Since: $[M]_{T^n} = [M]_{T^n-} + (\Delta M_{T^n})^2$ so $|\Delta M_{T^n}| \leq \sqrt{[M]_{T^n}} \leq \sqrt{[M]_n}$

So $M_{\cdot}^{T^n}$ is uniformly integrable

$$\left\{ \sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^{T^n}| \right\} \leq n + \sqrt{[M]_n}$$

and $E(M_{\cdot}^{T^n})^2 \leq E \sup_{t \geq 0} |M_t^{T^n}|^2 < \infty$

Applying the first part of the theorem, $E[(M_t^{T_n})^2] = E([M^{T_n}]_t)$

Again, by Doob's maximal inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sup_{[0, b]} |M^{T_n}|^2\right) &\leq 4 E(M_{b \wedge T_n}^2) = 4 E([M^{T_n}]_b) \\ &\leq 4 E([M]_b) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

So by the monotone convergence theorem ($n \rightarrow \infty$):

$$E \sup_{[0, t]} |M_t|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E\left(\sup_{[0, b]} |M^{T_n}|^2\right) \leq 4 E [M]_t < \infty$$

Note: a continuous adapted process is locally bounded.

Proof: Let X be continuous and adapted and define

$$T_n = \inf \{ t \geq 0, |X_t| \geq n \}$$

T_n is a hitting time of an open set, so a stopping time.

By definition of T_n , $\sup_{t \in [0, T_n)} |X_t| < n$

Since X is continuous a.s.: $\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{[0, T_n]} |X_t| \leq n \right) = 1$

Theorem: If X is a **continuous** (local) martingale then

X and $[X]$ are constant on the same intervals a.s.

Proof:

$u \in \mathbb{Q}$. Let $T_u = \inf \{t > u, X_t \neq X_u\}$.

X^{T_u} is a bounded martingale.

using Doob's optional sampling theorem

$$E(X_{T_u} - X_u)^2 = E(X_{T_u}^2) - E(X_u^2) + \text{martingale property}$$

$$= E([X]_{T_u}) - E([X]_u) \geq 0 \quad \text{since } [X] \text{ is increasing}$$

so $X_{T_u} = X_u$ a.s. $\Rightarrow [X]_{T_u} = [X]_u$ a.s.

Conversely: by stopping X at $T_n = \inf \{t > 0, |X_t| > n\}$ we obtain a bounded martingale; since X is continuous, so assume X bounded.

Define for $u \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, \infty)$, $T_u = \inf \{t \geq u, [X]_t > [X]_u\} \geq u$ a.s.

T_u is the hitting time of an open set by a cadlag process, therefore a stopping time.

Since X bounded, we can apply the optional sampling theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_{T_u} X_u) &= E(E(X_{T_u} X_u | \mathcal{F}_u)) = E(X_u E(X_{T_u} | \mathcal{F}_u)) \\ &= E(X_u^2) \quad \text{so} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X_{T_u} - X_u)^2 = E(X_{T_u}^2) - 2E(X_{T_u} X_u) + E(X_u^2) = E(X_{T_u}^2) - E(X_u^2)$$

Since X is bounded it is square-integrable so

$$E(X_{\tau_u}^2) - E(X_u^2) = E([X]_{\tau_u}) - E([X]_u) = 0$$

by definition of τ_u . So: $E(X_{\tau_u} - X_u)^2 = 0 : X_{\tau_u} = X_u$ a.s.

We have shown that X is constant a.s. on all intervals $[u, \tau_u]$, $u \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, \infty)$ where $[X]$ is constant

If $[a, \tau_a]$, $a > 0$ is another interval where $[X]$ is constant,

$\exists (u_n)_{n \geq 1} \in \mathbb{Q}$, $u_n > a$, $u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} a$ and $]a, \tau_a[= \bigcup_{n \geq 1} [u_n, \tau_{u_n}]$

• So X is a.s. constant on $]a, \tau_a[$

• Since X is **continuous**, this implies that it is also constant on $[a, \tau_a]$

Rem: this result fails if X is discontinuous.

Ex. $X = N_t - \lambda t$ Compensated Poisson process

X is a martingale.

$[X] = [N] = N$ is piecewise constant:

if $(T_i)_{i \geq 1}$ are the jumps of the Poisson process,

$N_t = i$ for $t \in [T_i, T_{i+1}[$ is constant on $[T_i, T_{i+1}[$

but $X_{T_{i+1}} = X_{T_i} - \lambda (T_{i+1} - T_i)$

Quadratic covariation

For any sequence (T_i) of stopping times:

$$(X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})(Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i}) =$$

$$X_{T_{i+1}} Y_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i} Y_{T_i} - X_{T_i} (Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i}) - Y_{T_i} (X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})$$

Summing over i ,

$$\sum_i (X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})(Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i}) = X_T Y_T - X_0 Y_0 - \underbrace{\sum_i X_{T_i} (Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i})}_{\downarrow \text{ucp}} - \underbrace{\sum_i Y_{T_i} (X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})}_{\downarrow \text{ucp}}$$

If X, Y are semimartingales;

as $\sup |T_{i+1} - T_i| \rightarrow 0$ a.s.,

$$\int X_- dY$$

$$\int Y_- dX$$

Quadratic covariation

Let X, Y be semimartingales.

The quadratic covariation (or bracket process) $[X, Y]$ of X and Y is defined as

$$[X, Y]_t = X_t Y_t - X_0 Y_0 - \int_0^t X_{u-} dY_u - \int_0^t Y_{u-} dX_u$$

$[X, Y]$ is a cadlag adapted process of finite variation.

- i) $(X, Y) \rightarrow [X, Y]$ is bilinear and $[X, Y] = [Y, X]$
- ii) $[X, Y] = \frac{1}{2} ([X+Y] - [X] - [Y])$ (Polarization)
- iii) $[X, X] = [X]$
- iv) $(\Delta [X, Y])_t = \Delta X_t \Delta Y_t$
- v) If (π^n) is a sequence of random partitions,

$$\lim_{\substack{|\pi^n| \rightarrow 0 \\ T_i^n \in \pi^n}} \sum_i (X^{T_{i+1}^n} - X^{T_i^n})(Y^{T_{i+1}^n} - Y^{T_i^n}) \xrightarrow{ucp} [X, Y]$$

Proof: $(X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})(Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i}) =$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left[(X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i} + Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i})^2 - (X_{T_{i+1}} - X_{T_i})^2 - (Y_{T_{i+1}} - Y_{T_i})^2 \right]$$

so summing over i and taking limits $|\mathbb{T}| \rightarrow 0$ yields

$$[X, Y] = \frac{1}{2} ([X+Y] - [X] - [Y])$$

Ito's product differentiation rule

Let X, Y be semimartingales.

Then XY is a semimartingale and

$$X_t Y_t - X_0 Y_0 = \int_0^t X_{u-} dY_u + \int_0^t Y_{u-} dX_u + [X, Y]_t$$

Quadratic covariation as 'compensator'

Let X, Y be locally square-integrable local martingales.

Then $[X, Y]$ is the **unique** cadlag adapted process A with paths of finite variation such that

(i) $M_t = XY - A_t$ is a local martingale with $M_0 = 0$

(ii) **$\Delta A_t = \Delta X_t \Delta Y_t$**

Proof: $XY - [X, Y] = \int_0^t X_{-} dY + \int_0^t Y_{-} dX$ by definition.

By the martingale preserving property of the stochastic integral,

$XY - [X, Y]$ is a local martingale.

and from the polarization identity

$$\Delta (XY - [X, Y]) = \Delta X \cdot \Delta Y$$

To show uniqueness, take a càdlàg adapted process A with paths of **finite variation** such that (i)-(ii) hold.

$$Z_t = A_t - [X, Y]_t = \underbrace{X_t Y_t - [X, Y]_t}_{\text{local martingale}} - \underbrace{(X_t Y_t - A_t)}_{\text{local martingale}}$$

• So Z is also a local martingale.

• Furthermore $\Delta Z_t = \Delta A_t - \Delta([X, Y])_t = 0$ by (ii)

• Also $A, [X, Y]$ are of finite variation so Z is a continuous local martingale with paths of finite variation
 $\Rightarrow Z = Z_0 = 0$

Quadratic covariation: examples

If Y is an adapted cadlag process with **bounded variation** then
for any **semimartingale** X , $[X, Y] = 0$

In particular the usual product rule holds:

$$X_t Y_t = X_0 Y_0 + \int_0^t X_{u-} dY + \int_0^t Y_{u-} dX$$

• Example: if X is an Ito process $X_t = \int_0^t \sigma dW + \int_0^t b_u du$
and N is a (cadlag adapted) counting process

$$N_t = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{1}_{t \geq T_n} \quad \text{then} \quad [X, N] = 0$$

Quadratic covariation of pure jump processes

If X is a pure jump semimartingale then for any semimartingale Y ,

$$[X]^c = 0 \Rightarrow [X, Y]_t = \sum_{0 \leq s \leq t} \Delta X_s \Delta Y_s$$

In particular if X, Y have no common jumps with probability 1 then $[X, Y] = 0$

Integrals with respect to quadratic variation.

X, Y semimartingale, $[X], [X, Y]$ are processes of finite variation, so we can define

$$\int_0^t \varphi d[X] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{T_i^n \in \pi^n} \varphi_{T_i^n} \cdot ([X]_{T_{i+1}^n} - [X]_{T_i^n})$$

$$\int_0^t \varphi d[X, Y] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{T_i^n \in \pi^n} \varphi_{T_i^n} \cdot ([X, Y]_{T_{i+1}^n} - [X, Y]_{T_i^n})$$

for $\varphi \in \mathbf{L}$ (left continuous, adapted, with right limits)

Associativity property X, Y semimartingales
 $\varphi, \psi \in L$

$$\left[\int_0^\cdot \varphi dX, \int_0^\cdot \psi dY \right]_t = \int_0^t \varphi_s \psi_s d[X, Y]_s$$

$$\left[\int \varphi dX \right]_t = \int_0^t \varphi_s^2 d[X]_s$$

Proof 2 let us first show that for $\varphi = U_i \cdot 1_{(\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]}$

where U_i is \mathcal{F}_{τ_i} -measurable, τ_i, τ_{i+1} are stopping times, we have

$$\left[\int_0^\cdot \varphi dX, Y \right]_t = \int_0^t \varphi d[X, Y]$$

$$\int_0^t \varphi dX = U_i (X_{\tau_{i+1} \wedge t} - X_{\tau_i \wedge t}) \quad ; \quad \int_0^t \varphi dX = U_i (X^{\tau_{i+1}} - X^{\tau_i})$$

$$\text{so } \left[\int_0^t \varphi dX, Y \right] = \left[U_i (X^{\tau_{i+1}} - X^{\tau_i}), Y \right]$$

$$= U_i ([X^{\tau_{i+1}}, Y] - [X^{\tau_i}, Y])$$

by bilinearity of $[\cdot, \cdot]$

$$= U_i ([X, Y]^{\tau_{i+1}} - [X, Y]^{\tau_i})$$

$$= \int_0^t \varphi d[X, Y]$$

By linearity if $\varphi \in \mathcal{I}$: $\varphi = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} U_i \mathbb{1}_{(\tau_i, \tau_{i+1}]}$, then $\left[\int_0^t \varphi dX, Y \right] = \int_0^t \varphi d$

Take now $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$. There exists a sequence $H^n \in \mathcal{S}$ of simple predictable processes

$$H^n \xrightarrow{ucp} \varphi. \text{ Then: } Z^n = \int H^n dX \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{ucp} Z = \int \varphi dX \text{ since}$$

$$\int H_s^n d[X, Y]_s \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{ucp} \int \varphi_s d[X, Y] \text{ since } X, [X, Y] \text{ are semimartingales.}$$

Z^n, Z are semimartingales^t and $\int_0^t H_s^n d[X, Y]_s = [Z^n, Y]_t$
so

$$[Z^n, Y] = YZ^n - \int Y_- dZ^n - \int Z_- dY = YZ^n - \int Y_- H^n dX - \int Z_- dY$$

$$\text{so: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [Z^n, Y]_t = Y_t Z_t - \int_0^t Y_{s-} \varphi_s dX_s - \int_0^t Z_{s-} dY_s$$

$$= Y_t Z_t - \int_0^t Y_{s-} dZ_s - \int_0^t Z_{s-} dY_s = [Z, Y]$$

Quadratic covariation of Ito processes

$$\text{Let } X_t^1 = X_0^1 + \int_0^t \sigma_u^1 dW^1 + \int_0^t b_u^1 du$$
$$X_t^2 = X_0^2 + \int_0^t \sigma_u^2 dW^2 + \int_0^t b_u^2 du$$

be Ito processes, where W^1, W^2 are Brownian motions, $\text{cov}(W_t^1, W_t^2) = \int_0^t \rho_u^{12} du$

$$\text{Then } [X^1]_t = \int_0^t |\sigma_u^1|^2 du$$

$$[X^1, X^2]_t = \int_0^t \sigma_u^1 \sigma_u^2 \rho_u^{12} du$$

$$\text{since } d[W^1]_t = dt$$

$$d[W^1, W^2]_t = \rho_t^{12} dt$$

$$\text{So: } d[X^1, X^2]_t = \sigma_t^1 \sigma_t^2 \rho_t^{12} dt = \text{"cov}(dX_t^1, dX_t^2)\text{"}$$

can be interpreted as a "local covariance"

Combining this with the 'isometry' theorem we get: $\left(\begin{array}{l} M \text{ sq-int martingale} \\ E(M_t^2) = E[M]_t \end{array} \right.$

Let $X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma \cdot dW + \int_0^t b_u du$ an Ito process. Then

$$[X]_t = \int_0^t \sigma_u^2 du = [X]_t^c \quad \text{and} \quad E\left[\int_0^t \sigma dW\right] = E([X]_t) = E\left(\int_0^t \sigma_u^2 du\right)$$

So: X is square integrable

$$\forall t \geq 0 \quad E(X_t^2) < \infty$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim \\ \Leftrightarrow \\ \forall t \geq 0 \\ E\left(\int_0^t \sigma_u^2 du\right) < \infty \end{array}$$

More generally if M is a square-integrable local martingale then, for any $\varphi \in L$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \left(\int_0^t \varphi dM \right)^2 \right\} = \mathbb{E} \left(\left[\int \varphi dM \right]_t \right) = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t \varphi_u^2 d[M]_u \right)$$

Ex. $M_t = \int_0^t \sigma_u dW_u$ then: $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \left(\int_0^t \varphi dM \right)^2 \right\} = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t \varphi_u^2 \sigma_u^2 du \right)$

So this result identifies the 'natural norm' associated with stochastic integrals with respect to M ,

and that is:

$$\left\| \int_0^T \varphi dM \right\|^2 = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T \varphi_u^2 d[M]_u \right)$$

L^2 extension of the stochastic integral with respect to a square-integrable martingale M

Consider first

$$A_M = \left\{ \varphi \in L \text{ (left continuous adapted) with } E \left(\int_0^T \varphi_t^2 d[M]_t \right) < \infty \right\}$$

$L^2(M)$ = closure of A_M

$$= \left\{ \varphi \text{ adapted process such that } \varphi^n \in A_M, E \left(\int_0^T (\varphi_t^n - \varphi_t)^2 d[M]_t \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \right\}$$

For $\varphi \in L^2(M)$ we define

$$\int_0^T \varphi dM \quad \text{as} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \varphi^n dM \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, P)$$

✓ For $\varphi \in L^2(M)$, $\int_0^T \varphi dM$ is thus defined as a limit in $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, P)$ so $\int_0^T \varphi dM$ as an element of $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, P)$.

✓ For $\varphi \in L^2(M)$, $\varphi \notin L$, $\int_0^T \varphi dM$ cannot be interpreted in general as a limit of Riemann sums.

'Quadratic Riemann sums'

Let X, Y be semimartingales

H be a cadlag adapted process, $H_0 = 0$.

$\Pi^n = (0 = T_0^n \leq T_1^n \leq \dots \leq T_{k_n}^n)$ be a sequence of random partitions with $|\Pi^n| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$ and $T_{k_n}^n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \infty$ a.s.

Then,

$$\sum_{\Pi^n} H_{T_i^n} (X^{T_{i+1}^n} - X^{T_i^n}) (Y^{T_{i+1}^n} - Y^{T_i^n}) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{UCP}} \int H_- d[X, Y]$$

In particular:

$$\sum_{\Pi^n} H_{T_i^n} (X^{T_{i+1}^n} - X^{T_i^n})^2 \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{UCP}} \int_0^\cdot H_{t-} d[X]_t$$

Proof: $[X, Y]_t = X_t Y_t - \int_0^t X_{s-} dY_s - \int_0^t Y_{s-} dX_s$ so

$$\int_0^t H_{s-} d[X, Y]_s = \int_0^t H_{s-} dZ_s - \int_0^t H_{s-} X_{s-} dY_s - \int_0^t H_{s-} Y_{s-} dX_s$$

where $Z_t = X_t Y_t$. But since X, Y and XY are semimartingales

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\Pi^n} H_{T_i^n} (X^{T_{i+1}^n} - X^{T_i^n}) (Y^{T_{i+1}^n} - Y^{T_i^n}) = \\ & \sum_{\Pi^n} H_{T_i^n} (X^{T_{i+1}^n} Y^{T_{i+1}^n} - X^{T_i^n} Y^{T_i^n}) \xrightarrow{\text{ucp}} \int_0^\cdot H_{s-} dZ_s \\ & - \sum_{\Pi^n} H_{T_i^n} X_{T_i^n} (Y^{T_{i+1}^n} - Y^{T_i^n}) \xrightarrow{\text{ucp}} \int_0^\cdot H_{s-} X_{s-} dY_s \\ & - \sum_{\Pi^n} H_{T_i^n} Y_{T_i^n} (X^{T_{i+1}^n} - X^{T_i^n}) \xrightarrow{\text{ucp}} \int_0^\cdot H_{s-} Y_{s-} dX_s \end{aligned}$$

Kunita - Watanabe inequality

Let X, Y be semi-martingales, Then
 φ, ψ be (measurable) processes

$$\int_0^{\infty} |\varphi_t| |\psi_t| d[X, Y]_t \leq \sqrt{\int_0^{\infty} \varphi_t^2 d[X]_t} \cdot \sqrt{\int_0^{\infty} \psi_t^2 d[Y]_t}$$

In particular the measure defined by $[0, t] \rightarrow [X, Y]_t$ is absolutely continuous with respect to the measure defined by $[0, t] \rightarrow [X]_t$