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# Lecture 5

## Refresh on diffusion processes

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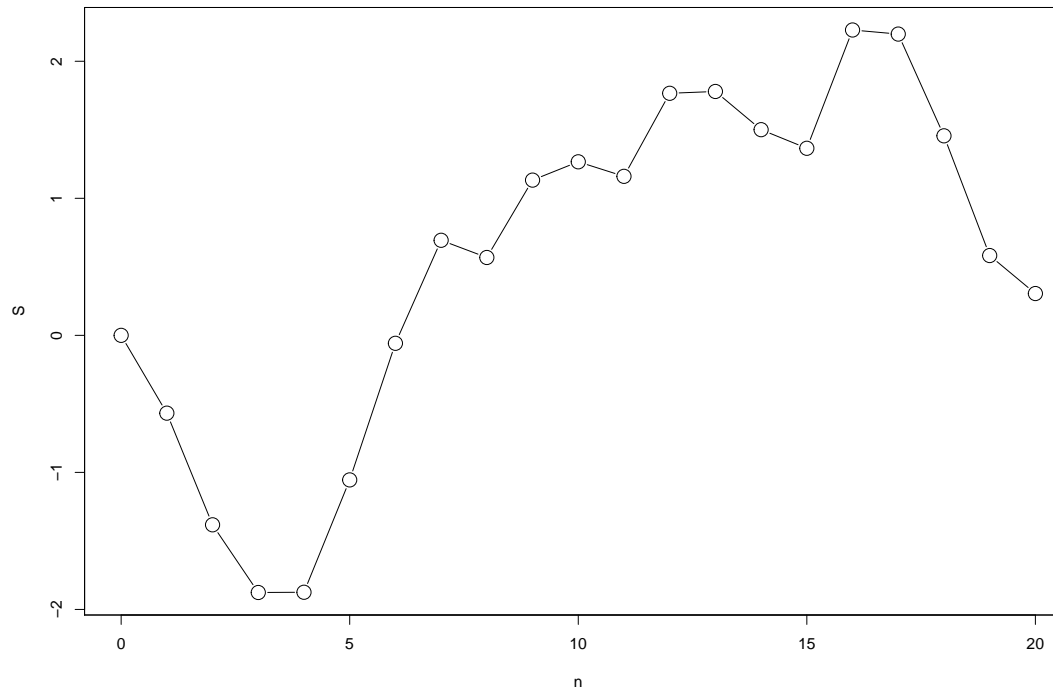
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**Recall Wiener process (Brownian motion)**

## Random walk

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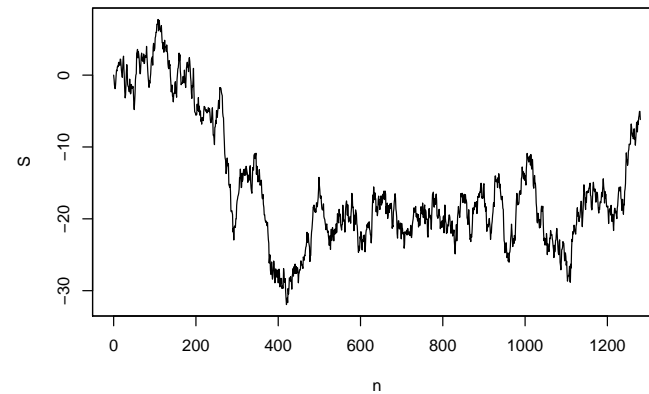
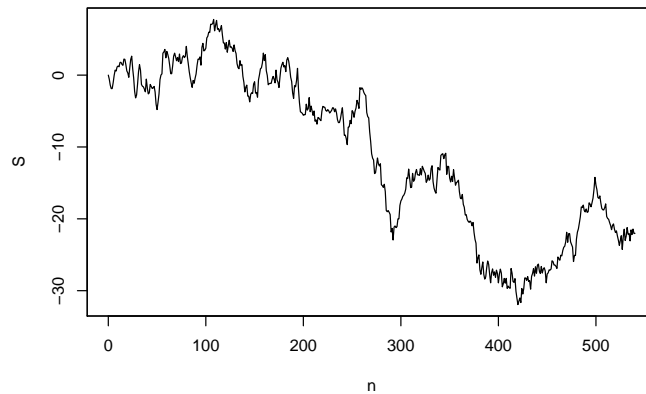
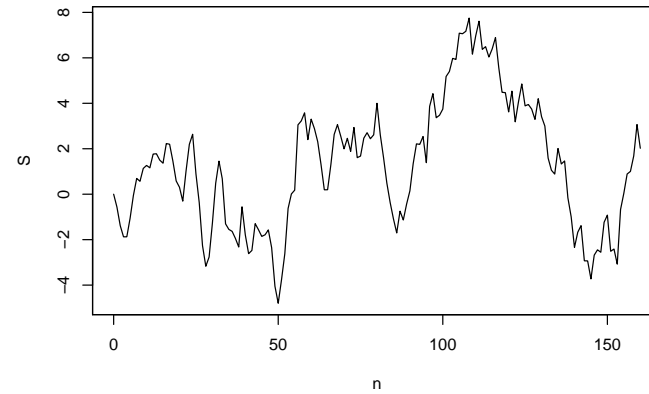
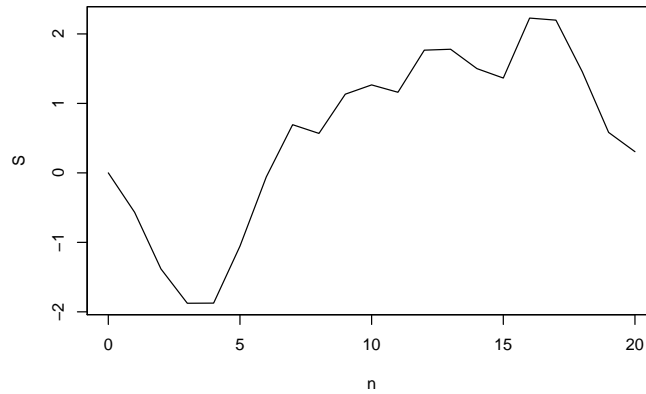
- $(\xi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ : independent and identically distributed random variables (defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ ).
- $S_0 := 0, S_n := \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j$



# Random walk

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- Take more data and zoom out



- What appears when  $n = \infty$ ?

## Donsker's theorem (Functional Central Limit Theorem)

- $(\xi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ : independent and identically distributed random variables with  $E[\xi_1] = 0$ ,  $E[\xi_1^2] = 1$ , and  $S_0 = 0$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j$ , as before
- scaling space-time and linear interpolation

$$X_t^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} S_{\lfloor nt \rfloor} + \frac{(nt - \lfloor nt \rfloor)}{\sqrt{n}} \xi_{\lfloor nt \rfloor + 1}$$

Theorem 1.

$$X^n \rightarrow^d W \quad \text{in } C \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

- $C$  is the space of continuous functions  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , equipped with a certain topology.  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$ .
- A standard Wiener process (Brownian motion)  $W$  appeared as the limit.

## Wiener process (Brownian motion)

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- $W = (W_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ : a standard Wiener process
- $W$  has the following properties.

Standard Wiener process

(i)  $W_0 = 0$ .

(ii)  $W_t - W_s \sim N(0, t - s)$  for  $s < t$ .

(iii) For  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), the random variables

$$W_{t_1}, W_{t_2} - W_{t_1}, \dots, W_{t_k} - W_{t_{k-1}}$$

are independent.

(iv) Each path  $t \mapsto W_t$  is continuous.

- The Wiener process has many interesting properties.

**Wiener integral**

## Transform of a Wiener process

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- simple function  $h_s = \sum_{j=1}^k a_{j-1} \mathbf{1}_{(t_{j-1}, t_j]}(s)$ ,  
 $a_0, \dots, a_{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_k$

- $J(h)_t := \sum_{j=1}^k a_{j-1} (W_{t_j \wedge t} - W_{t_{j-1} \wedge t})$ ,  $s \wedge t = \min\{s, t\}$

Exercise 1. (a)  $E[J(h)_t] = 0$

(b)  $E[J(h)_t^2] = \|h\|_{L^2([0,t], ds)}^2$ , where

$\|h\|_{L^2([0,t], ds)} = \left( \int_0^t h_s^2 ds \right)^{1/2}$ . [For the simple function, the value is  $\sum_{j=1}^k a_{j-1}^2 (t_j \wedge t - t_{j-1} \wedge t)$ .]

(c)  $J(h)_t \sim N(0, \|h\|_{L^2([0,t], ds)}^2)$ .

(d) For  $s < t$ , the conditional expectation

$$E[J(h)_t | W_r (r \leq s)] = J(h)_s.$$



## Wiener integral

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- As a limit of  $J(H)_t$  discussed above, we obtain the so-called Wiener integral.

If  $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a locally bounded piecewise continuous function, then the Wiener integral

$$J(h)_t = \int_0^t h_s dW_s$$

is well defined and the properties in Exercise 1 hold.

- Some details are given below.

## Wiener integral

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- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ : a probability space
- $L^2(P)$ : the space of square-integrable random variables.  $\|X\|_2 = \left\{ \int_{\Omega} X(\omega)^2 P(d\omega) \right\}^{1/2}$ .
- Fact. For any  $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, ds)$ , there exists a sequence of simple functions  $h^n$  such that  $\|h^n - h\|_{L^2([0,t], ds)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .
- The property (b) gives an isometry

$$\|J(h)_t\|_2 = \|h\|_{L^2([0,t], ds)}$$

- Thus, we can define  $J(h)_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J(h^n)_t$  in  $L^2(P)$ .
- We write

$$J(h)_t = \int_0^t h_s dW_s$$

## Wiener integral

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- More simply, as already stated, e.g.,

If  $h : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a locally bounded piecewise continuous function, then the Wiener integral

$$J(h)_t = \int_0^t h_s dW_s$$

is well defined and the properties in Exercise 1 hold.

Exercise 2. Verify

$$\int_0^t e^{\theta s} dW_s = J(e^{\theta \cdot})_t \sim N(0, (e^{2\theta t} - 1)/(2\theta))$$

for  $\theta \neq 0$ .

**Itô integral**

## Itô integral

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- We say that a random variable  $\xi$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable if  $\xi$  is a function of  $(W_s)_{s \in [0, t]}$ .
- $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is called a filtration.
- We say a stochastic process  $X = (X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is adapted to  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  if  $X_t$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .
- Remark. More generally and rigorously,  $F = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is a filtration, i.e., each  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is a sub  $\sigma$ -field of  $\mathcal{F}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_s \subset \mathcal{F}_t$  for  $s < t$ . Usually, the right-continuity  $\mathcal{F}_{t+} = \bigcap_{u > t} \mathcal{F}_u = \mathcal{F}_t$  is assumed. We suppose that  $W = (W_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is adapted to  $F$ , and that  $W_t - W_s$  is independent of  $\mathcal{F}_s$  for  $s < t$ .

## Itô integral

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- We call a stochastic process  $H = (H_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  a simple predictable process (with respect to  $\mathbb{F}$ ) if it admits a representation

$$H_t = H_0 1_{\{0\}}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^J H_{(j-1)} 1_{(t_{j-1}, t_j]}(t) \quad (1)$$

for some  $J \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,  $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_J$ , some  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable random variable  $H_0$  and some  $\mathcal{F}_{t_j}$ -measurable random variable  $H_{(j)}$ .

- Define  $J_W(H) = (J_W(H)_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  by

$$J_W(H)_t = \sum_{j=1}^J H_{(j-1)} (W_{t_j \wedge t} - W_{t_{j-1} \wedge t})$$

## Itô integral

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- Denote by  $\mathbb{S}_b$  the set of all bounded simple predictable processes.
- For  $H \in \mathbb{S}_b$ ,

$$E[J_W(H)_t^2] = E\left[\int_0^t H_s^2 ds\right] \quad (2)$$

Exercise 3. Verify (2).

Hint. When  $t_{j-1} < t_{j'-1} \leq t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left[H_{(j-1)}H_{(j'-1)}(W_{t_j \wedge t} - W_{t_{j-1} \wedge t})(W_{t_{j' \wedge t}} - W_{t_{j'-1} \wedge t})\right] \\ &= E\left[H_{(j-1)}H_{(j'-1)}(W_{t_j \wedge t} - W_{t_{j-1} \wedge t})\right. \\ &\quad \left.\times E[W_{t_{j' \wedge t}} - W_{t_{j'-1} \wedge t} | \mathcal{F}_{t_{j'-1}}]\right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

## Itô integral

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- $\mathbb{L}$ : the set of  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted processes that are left-continuous and admitting right-hand limits.
- Starting with the isometry (2), it is possible to extend  $J_{\mathcal{W}}$  from  $\mathbb{S}_b$  to  $\mathbb{L}$  (with some topology). Therefore we can define the Itô integral  $J_{\mathcal{W}}(H)_t$  for  $H \in \mathbb{L}$ . We write

$$J_{\mathcal{W}}(H)_t = \int_0^t H_s dW_s$$

- Then,  $J_{\mathcal{W}}$  is extending the Wiener integral  $J$ .
- $t \mapsto J_{\mathcal{W}}(H)$  is continuous (such version exists)
- Martingale property.

$$E[J_{\mathcal{W}}(H)_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = J_{\mathcal{W}}(H)_s \quad a.s. \quad (s < t)$$

if  $E[\int_0^t H_s^2 ds] < \infty$ .



## Itô integral

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- $L^p$ -maximum inequality. For  $p \in (1, \infty)$ ,

$$\left\| \sup_t |J_W(H)_t| \right\|_p \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \sup_t \|J_W(H)_t\|_p$$

- Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality. For  $p \in (0, \infty)$ , there exist constants  $A_p$  and  $B_p$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} A_p \left\| [J_W(H), J_W(H)]_t^{1/2} \right\|_p &\leq \left\| \sup_{s \in [0, t]} |J_W(H)_s| \right\|_p \\ &\leq B_p \left\| [J_W(H), J_W(H)]_t^{1/2} \right\|_p \end{aligned}$$

where  $[J_W(H), J_W(H)]_t = \int_0^t H_s^2 ds$ .

**Itô's formula**

## Itô's formula, starting with a simple example

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- $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $t_j = j/n$
- $M_n := \sum_{j=1}^n f''(W_{t_{j-1}}) \{ (W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}})^2 - n^{-1} \}$
- Then

$$\begin{aligned} E[M_n^2] &= 2n^{-2} \sum_{j=1}^n E[f''(W_{t_{j-1}})^2] \\ &\leq 2\|f''\|_\infty^2 n^{-1} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{j=1}^n f''(W_{t_{j-1}}) (W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}})^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n f''(W_{t_{j-1}}) n^{-1} + o_p(1) \xrightarrow{p} \int_0^1 f''(W_t) dt \end{aligned}$$

## Itô's formula

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- In this situation,

$$\begin{aligned} & f(W_1) - f(W_0) \\ = & \sum_{j=1}^n (f(W_{t_j}) - f(W_{t_{j-1}})) \\ = & \sum_{j=1}^n f'(W_{t_{j-1}})(W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n f''(W_{t_{j-1}})(W_{t_j} - W_{t_{j-1}})^2 + o_p(1) \\ \rightarrow^p & \int_0^1 f'(W_t) dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 f''(W_t) dt \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

## Itô's formula

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- Consequently,

$$f(W_1) = f(W_0) + \int_0^1 f'(W_t) dW_t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 f''(W_t) dt.$$

- More generally,  
Itô's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} f(X_t) &= f(X_r) + \int_r^t f'(X_s) dX_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_r^t f''(X_s) H_s^2 ds \\ &= f(X_r) + \int_r^t f'(X_s) K_s ds + \int_r^t f'(X_s) H_s dW_s \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_r^t f''(X_s) H_s^2 ds \quad (0 \leq r \leq t) \end{aligned}$$

for  $X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t K_s ds + \int_0^t H_s dW_s$  with  $K, H \in \mathbb{L}$  and  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  (boundedness is not necessary).

# Stochastic differential equation

## Stochastic integral equation

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- $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ , a filtration on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .
- A stochastic integral equation

$$X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t a(X_s) ds + \int_0^t b(X_s) dW_s \quad (3)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are given functions.

- An  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted continuous process  $X = (X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  for which the equality (3) holds for every  $t$  is called a solution to the stochastic integral equation. The last term of the right-hand side of (3) is the Itô integral.

## Stochastic integral equation

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- Given  $W$ , the equation (3) has a unique solution  $X$  if the following condition is satisfied:

$\exists L > 0$  such that

$$|a(x) - a(y)| + |b(x) - b(y)| \leq L|x - y| \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{R})$$

- This solution is called a strong solution.
- Equation (3) is equivalently expressed as a stochastic differential equation

$$\begin{cases} dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dW_t \\ X_0 = x_0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$



## Diffusion process

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- A continuous-time strongly Markovian process with almost surely continuous sample paths is called a diffusion process.
- Many diffusion processes can be constructed by a stochastic differential equation having a unique solution.
- The generator gives essential information of the diffusion process. For the diffusion corresponding to the stochastic differential equation (4), the generator is given by

$$Lf = a(x)f'(x) + \frac{1}{2}b(x)^2 f''(x)$$

for  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

## Diffusion process

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- For a solution  $X$  to (4), Itô's formula is written as

$$f(X_t) = f(X_0) + \int_0^t f'(X_s)b(X_s)dW_s + \int_0^t Lf(X_s)ds.$$

## Diffusion process: an example

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- Let

$$X_t = x_0 \exp \left( (\mu - 2^{-1}\sigma^2)t + \sigma W_t \right)$$

- By applying Itô's formula to the function  $f(x) = x_0 e^x$  and the process  $(\mu - 2^{-1}\sigma^2)t + \sigma W_t$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= x_0 + \int_0^t X_s (\mu - 2^{-1}\sigma^2) ds + \int_0^t X_s \sigma dW_s \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t X_s \sigma^2 ds \\ &= x_0 + \int_0^t \mu X_s ds + \int_0^t \sigma X_s dW_s \quad \text{equivalently} \end{aligned}$$

- Geometric Brownian motion (Black-Scholes model)

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sigma X_t dW_t, \quad X_0 = x_0$$

## Realized volatility

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- $t_j = t_j^n = j/n$ .
- $V_n := \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{t_j} - X_{t_{j-1}})^2$
- Then  $V_n \xrightarrow{p} V_\infty = \int_0^1 H_s^2 ds$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
for  $X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t K_s ds + \int_0^t H_s dW_s$  with  $K, H \in \mathbb{L}$ .

**Exercise 4.** Prove this fact for the geometric Brownian motion analytically and/or by simulation with YUIMA.

## Euler-Maruyama approximation

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- An approximation to the solution of the SDE (4) is given by the so-called Euler-Maruyama method.
- $t_j = t_j^n := jt/n$  for given  $t > 0$ .  $h = h_n := t/n$
- $Y_{t_j}$  is recursively generated by

$$Y_{t_j} = Y_{t_{j-1}} + a(Y_{t_{j-1}})h + b(Y_{t_{j-1}})h^{1/2}\xi_j, \quad Y_0 = x_0$$

with  $\xi_j \sim$  i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ .

- $Y_{t_j}$  approximates  $X_{t_j}$  when  $n$  is large.
- The YUIMA simulate basically uses this approximation method.

## Multi-dimensional processes

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- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ : a probability space equipped with a filtration  $\mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$
- an  $r$ -dimensional Wiener process  $W = (W_t^\alpha)_{\alpha=1, \dots, r, t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ : each  $W^\alpha = (W_t^\alpha)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is a standard Wiener process and  $W^1, \dots, W^r$  are independent.
- Multi-dimensional Itô process  $X = (X^i)_{i=1, \dots, d}$

$$X_t^i = X_0^i + \int_0^t K^i(s) ds + \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \int_0^t H_\alpha^i(s) dW_s^\alpha \quad (i = 1, \dots, d)$$

for  $K^i, H_\alpha^i \in \mathbb{L}$  such that

$$\sum_{i, \alpha} \int_0^t (|K^i(s)| + |H_\alpha^i(s)|^2) ds < \infty \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}_+)$$

## Multi-dimensional processes

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- Itô's formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(X_t) &= f(X_0) \\
 &+ \int_0^t \left\{ \sum_i \partial_i f(X_s) K^i(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j,\alpha} \partial_i \partial_j f(X_s) H_\alpha^i(s) H_\alpha^j(s) \right\} ds \\
 &+ \sum_{i,\alpha} \int_0^t \partial_i f(X_s) H_\alpha^i(s) dW_s^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , where  $\partial_i = \partial / \partial x^i$  for  $x = (x^i)_{i=1,\dots,d}$ .

## Multi-dimensional processes

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- Multi-dimensional SDEs are also considered.
- e.g. Heston model

$$\begin{cases} dX_t^1 = \mu X_t^1 dt + \sqrt{X_t^2} X_t^1 dB_t^1 \\ dX_t^2 = \kappa(\theta - X_t^2) dt + \epsilon \sqrt{X_t^2} dB_t^2 \end{cases}$$

where  $B^1 = W^1$  and  $B^2 = \rho W^1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} W^2$ .