

Cor. Function $C: [0, +\infty)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the covariance function of a Gauss. process $\{X_t\}$ on some prob. space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. $\Leftrightarrow C$ satisfies (Δ) .

Def. A Gaussian process $\{B_t: t \in [0, +\infty)\}$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a standard Brownian motion if $^{(1)} B_0 = 0$ $^{(2)} t \in [0, +\infty) \mapsto B_t(\omega)$ is continuous. $\forall \omega \in \Omega$ (B.M.)

$^{(3)} m(t) = 0 \quad C(t, s) = t \wedge s.$

Remark. $^{(2)}$ is equivalent to $^{(3)} \forall 0 \leq s < t. B_t - B_s$ has dist. $N(0, t-s)$
independent increment $\longrightarrow$ and $B_t - B_s$ is indep. of $B_r \quad \forall 0 \leq r \leq s.$

Properties of B.M. A standard B.M. satisfies that

$^{(1)} \{B_t\}$ is a Markov process. i.e. $\forall 0 \leq s < t. \forall A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\mathcal{F}_s := \sigma(B_r: 0 \leq r \leq s). \quad \mathbb{P}(B_t \in A | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{P}(B_t \in A | B_s)$$

$\rightarrow$ conditional distribution.

$^{(2)} \{B_t\}$ is a martingale. $\forall 0 \leq s < t. E[B_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = B_s$

$\{B_t^2 - t\}$ and $\{\exp(\lambda B_t - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}t)\} (\lambda \in \mathbb{C})$ are also martingales

$^{(3)} \text{Strong Law of Large Number: } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_t}{t} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$

this is to say that $\{B_t\}$ "lives" on space $\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+) := \left\{ f \in C(\mathbb{R}^+): f(0) = 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} = 0 \right\}$

$^{(4)} \text{Law of Iterated Logarithm: } \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_t}{\sqrt{2t \log \log t}} = 1 = - \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_t}{\sqrt{2t \log \log t}} \quad \text{a.s.}$

$^{(5)} \text{Invariant transformation}$

$$\{X_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} B_{ct}: t \geq 0\} (c > 0). \quad \{Y_0 = 0, Y_t = t B_{\frac{1}{t}}: t \geq 0\}$$

$$\{Z_t = B_T - B_{T-t}: 0 \leq t \leq T\} (T > 0). \quad \{B_t: t \geq 0\}$$

are all standard B.M.s

⑥ $\forall \gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$. $t \in [0, +\infty) \mapsto B_t(\omega)$ is ^{locally} Hölder- γ continuous for a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$.
i.e. $\forall T > 0$. $\exists C = C_{T, \omega} > 0$ s.t.

$$\sup_{0 \leq t, s \leq T} \frac{|B_t - B_s|}{|t - s|^\gamma} \leq C_{T, \omega}.$$

⑦ For a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$. $t \in [0, +\infty) \mapsto B_t(\omega)$ is nowhere differentiable.

Recall that $\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+) := \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}^+) : f(0) = 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(t)}{t} = 0\}$

Equip $\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+)$ with $\|\cdot\|_{\Theta_0}$ where $\|f\|_{\Theta_0} := \sup_{t \in [1, +\infty)} \frac{|f(t)|}{1+t}$

Then $(\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+), \|\cdot\|_{\Theta_0})$ becomes a separable Banach space

Denote $\mathcal{B}(\Theta_0)$ the Borel σ -algebra on Θ_0 .

(Convince yourself that $\mathcal{B}(\Theta_0)$ is the same as
 $\sigma\left(\left\{\pi_t : f \in \Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+) \mapsto f(t) \in \mathbb{R} : t \geq 0\right\}\right)$)

Def. Let $\{B_t : t \in [0, \infty)\}$ be a standard B.M. on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Consider the mapping $B : \omega \in \Omega \mapsto B_\cdot(\omega) : t \in [0, \infty) \mapsto B_t(\omega) \in \mathbb{R}$.
It is shown that the dist. of B under $\mathbb{P}$ is supported on $\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+)$
i.e. $\mathbb{P}_* B(\Theta_0) = 1$. Denote $\mathbb{W}_0 = \mathbb{P}_* B$.
Then, $(\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+), \mathcal{B}(\Theta_0), \mathbb{W}_0)$ is a prob. space, called the classical Wiener space and $\mathbb{W}_0$ is the classical Wiener measure.

Remark Alternatively, consider B.M. on $[0, 1]$ $\{B_t : 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$.
Take $\mathcal{C}_0([0, 1]) := \{f \in C([0, 1]) : f(0) = 0\}$ equipped with $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.
Then, $(\mathcal{C}_0([0, 1]), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C}_0([0, 1])), \mathbb{P}_* B)$ is the classical Wiener space.

Wiener measure can be obtained through approximations by random walk.

Theorem (Donsker's Invariance Principle) Given a prob. space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, and $\{Z_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ a sequence of i.i.d. random variables on Ω s.t. $\mathbb{E}[Z_n] = 0$, $\text{Var}(Z_n) = 1$. For $n \geq 1$, set $S_n(\omega) = 0$.

$S_n(\frac{m}{n}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^m Z_k$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and linearly interpolate S_n on each interval $[\frac{m-1}{n}, \frac{m}{n}]$ to get $\{S_n(t): t \geq 0\}$ a piecewise linear stochastic process. Then S_n converges to B.M. in distribution, i.e. if $\mu_n := \mathbb{P}_x S_n$ then $\mu_n \Rightarrow \mathbb{W}_0$ (in the sense of weak convergence)

$\forall \lambda^* \in \Theta_0^*(\mathbb{R}^+)$. λ^* continuous and linear functional on $\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+)$

$$\int_{\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+)} \langle \theta, \lambda^* \rangle \mu_n(d\theta) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Theta_0(\mathbb{R}^+)} \langle \theta, \lambda^* \rangle \mathbb{W}_0(d\theta)$$

We still haven't proved the existence of B.M. yet.

There are two commonly used schemes to show existence of B.M.

1. Start with mean function $m(t) = 0$, and covariance function

$$C(t, s) = t \wedge s, \quad \forall F \text{ finite}, F \subseteq [0, +\infty). \quad C_F = (C(t, s))_{t \in F, s \in F}$$

is symm., positive definite. Then $\exists$ a Gaussian process $\{X_t: t \in [0, \infty)\}$

s.t. $\{X_t\}$ has the desired finite dim. distributions.

But to prove that $\{X_t\} \in C(\mathbb{R}^+)$, we need to use Kolmogorov's

Continuity Theorem.

Theorem (Kolmogorov's Continuity Theorem) Let $\{X_t: t \in [0, T]\}$ be a stochastic process satisfying that $\exists p \in (1, \infty)$, $C > 0$, and $r > 0$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \mathbb{E}[|X_t - X_s|^p] \leq C |t - s|^{1+r} \quad \forall t, s \in [0, T]^2$$

Then $\exists$ another process $\{\tilde{X}_t: t \in [0, T]\}$ s.t. $\forall t \in [0, T]$, $X_t = \tilde{X}_t$ a.s.

and for any $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{p})$, $\{\tilde{X}_t\}$ is Hölder- δ continuous a.s.

In the case of B.M. W.t.s. $\mathbb{E}[|B_t - B_s|^{2n}] = C_n |t-s|^n \quad \forall n \geq 1$
 so $p=2n$. $r=n$. $\frac{r}{p}$ can get arbitrarily close to $\frac{1}{2}$
 so $\{B_t\}$ is locally Hölder- γ continuous a.s. $\forall \gamma \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$

2. A more constructive approach to show existence of B.M.
 Start with piece-wise linear continuous function on $\mathbb{R}^+$,
 but using "finer" building blocks.

Let $\{X_{m,n} : n \geq 0, m \geq 1\}$ be i.i.d. $N(0,1)$ random variables. We use them
 to construct process $B^{(n)}$ to approximate B.M.

Observations

If $\{B_t : t \geq 0\}$ is a B.M. then $\{B_{m \cdot 2^{-n}} : m \geq 1\}$ is a Gaussian family with
 (*) $\mathbb{E}[B_{m \cdot 2^{-n}}] = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}[B_{m \cdot 2^{-n}} \cdot B_{m' \cdot 2^{-n}}] = (m m') 2^{-n} \quad \forall m, m' \geq 1$.

We want $B^{(n)}$ to satisfy (*) for all n .

Build $B^{(n)}$ inductively: ① $B^{(0)}(0) \equiv 0$ and $B^{(0)}(m) = \sum_{j=1}^m X_{j,0} \quad \forall m \geq 1$.
 Linearly interpolate $B^{(0)}$ on every interval $[m, m+1]$
 Obviously $B^{(0)}$ satisfies (*)

② Assume that $B^{(n)}$ has been constructed, satisfying (*).
 Define $B^{(n+1)}$ by: $B^{(n+1)}(0) \equiv 0$.

$$B^{(n+1)}(m \cdot 2^{-n-1}) = \begin{cases} B^{(n)}(k \cdot 2^{-n}) & \text{if } m=2k \\ B^{(n)}(k \cdot 2^{-n}) + 2^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} X_{k, n+1} & \text{if } m=2k+1 \end{cases}$$

The term " $2^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} X_{k, n+1}$ " is a corrector, introduced to make
 the variance of $B^{(n+1)}(m \cdot 2^{-n-1})$ match the desired value $m \cdot 2^{-n-1}$

$$\text{Var}(B^{(n+1)}((2k+1) \cdot 2^{-n-1})) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{2} B^{(n)}((2k+2) \cdot 2^{-n-1}) + \frac{1}{2} B^{(n)}(2k \cdot 2^{-n-1})\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (2k+2) \cdot 2^{-n-1} + \frac{1}{4} (2k) \cdot 2^{-n-1} + \frac{1}{4} 2k \cdot 2^{-n-1}$$

$$= (2k - \frac{3}{2}) \cdot 2^{-n-1} \leftarrow \text{still off by } \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^{-n-1} = 2^{-n-2}$$

One can verify that $B^{(n+1)}$ also satisfies (*).

Finally, linearly interpolate $B^{(n+1)}$ and proceed to $B^{(n+2)}$ similarly.