

Question 1.

i). $\mu(t, x) = \mu x$, $\sigma(x) = \sigma$ satisfy the Lipschitz and linear growth conditions. Therefore strong solution.

$$\text{Let } Y_t := e^{-\mu t} X_t, \quad Y_0 = x.$$

$$\begin{aligned} dY_t &= -\mu Y_t dt + e^{-\mu t} dX_t \\ &= -\mu Y_t dt + e^{-\mu t} (\mu X_t dt + \sigma dW_t) \\ &= \sigma e^{-\mu t} dW_t \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_t = x + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\mu s} dW_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= e^{\mu t} \cdot Y_t \\ &= x e^{\mu t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{\mu(t-s)} dW_s. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ii)} \quad \mathbb{E}[X_t] = x e^{\mu t} + \underbrace{\sigma \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t dW_s\right]}_0 = x e^{\mu t}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_t^2] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(x e^{\mu t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{\mu(t-s)} dW_s\right)^2\right] \\ &= x^2 e^{2\mu t} + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \sigma^2 e^{2\mu(t-s)} ds\right] \\ &= x^2 e^{2\mu t} + \sigma^2 e^{2\mu t} \cdot \frac{1}{2\mu} (1 - e^{-2\mu t}) \\ &= x^2 e^{2\mu t} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2\mu} (e^{2\mu t} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Variance follows.

iii) Directly from Feynman - Kac.

$$\text{Terminal condition: } u(T, x) = e^{i\xi x}$$

$$\text{iv) } \begin{cases} u_t + \mu x u_x + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 u_{xx} = 0 \\ u(T, x) = e^{i\xi x} \end{cases}$$

$$u(t, x) = \exp(\beta(t) + \Gamma \xi \alpha(t) x).$$

$$\begin{cases} u_t = (\beta_t + i\xi x \alpha_t) u \\ u_x = i\xi \alpha(t) \cdot u \\ u_{xx} = -\xi^2 \alpha^2(t) \cdot u \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_t + i\xi x \alpha_t + \mu x i\xi \alpha(t) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \xi^2 \alpha^2(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i\xi (\alpha_t + \mu \alpha(t)) x + \beta_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \xi^2 \alpha^2(t) = 0$$

for all $t \leq T$, all x .

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_t + \mu \alpha(t) \stackrel{(*)}{=} 0, \quad \beta_t \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \xi^2 \alpha^2(t).$$

$$(*) \text{ yields } \begin{cases} \alpha(t) = C e^{-\mu t} \\ \alpha(T) = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha(t) = e^{\mu(T-t)}$$

$$(**) \text{ yields } \begin{cases} \beta'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \xi^2 e^{2\mu(T-t)} \\ \beta(T) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\beta(t) - \beta(0) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \xi^2 \int_0^t e^{2\mu(T-s)} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(t) = -\frac{1}{4\mu} (\sigma^2 \xi^2 (e^{2\mu(T-t)} - 1))$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = \exp \left(i\xi e^{\mu(T-t)} x - \frac{1}{4\mu} \sigma^2 \xi^2 (e^{2\mu(T-t)} - 1) \right)$$

$$\phi_{X_T}(\xi) = u(0, x)$$

$$= \exp \left(i\xi e^{\mu T} x - \frac{1}{4\mu} \sigma^2 \xi^2 (e^{2\mu T} - 1) \right)$$

$$v). \quad E[X_T] = \delta^{-1} \phi'_{X_T}(0)$$

$$= \delta^{-1} (i x e^{\mu T}) = x e^{\mu T}$$

$$E[X_T^2] = \delta^{-2} \left((i x e^{\mu T})^2 + \left(-\frac{\sigma^2}{2\mu} (e^{2\mu T} - 1) \right) \right)$$

$$= x^2 e^{2\mu T} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2\mu} (e^{2\mu T} - 1)$$

check .

Question 2.

i). Z_t is Gaussian and a.s. continuous, $Z_0 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(Z_s, Z_t) &= \mathbb{E}[Z_s Z_t] - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[Z_s] \mathbb{E}[Z_t]}_0 \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^n g_j W_j(\alpha_s)\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n c_i W_i(\alpha_t)\right)\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n c_i g_j W_i(\alpha_t) W_j(\alpha_s)\right] \\ &\stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 W_i(\alpha_t) W_i(\alpha_s)\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \mathbb{E}[W_i(\alpha_t) W_i(\alpha_s)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \text{Cov}(W_i(\alpha_t), W_i(\alpha_s)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \cdot \alpha(t \wedge s) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Z_t is a BM, iff.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \alpha(t \wedge s) = s \wedge t.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 \alpha = 1.$$

□.

ii). (Aim at finding a large enough b.i.d.d. domain, and show that its exit time is finite).

Let $S := B_{\sqrt{n}}(0)$ be the ball centered at 0 with radius \sqrt{n} .

Then $H \subset S$ and $T_H(W) \leq T_S(W)$, for any $w \in \Omega$.

Thus $\mathbb{E}[T_H] \leq \mathbb{E}[T_S] < \infty$. (b.i.d.d.ness of the ball)

Assume W_t starts with $W_0 = x$.

a) Dynkin's:

Let $f = \|x\|^2$ and $\tau := T_S \wedge t$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_x[f(W_\tau)] &= f(x) + \mathbb{E}_x\left[\int_0^\tau \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}(W_s) ds\right] \\ &= \|x\|^2 + \mathbb{E}_x\left[\int_0^\tau \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2n ds\right] \\ &= \|x\|^2 + n \mathbb{E}_x[\tau] \end{aligned}$$

$$f(W_\tau) \leq f(W_{\tau_S}) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\|^2 + n \mathbb{E}_x[\tau] \leq n$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_x[\tau] \leq \frac{1}{n} (n - \|x\|^2) < 1.$$

$\swarrow \|x\|^2 > 0$

b) Boundary value problem

Let $u(x) = \mathbb{E}_x[\tau_S]$, then $u(x)$ solves the boundary problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \Delta u + 1 = 0 & \text{in } S \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial S \end{cases}$$

Ansatz: $u(x) = C(\|x\|^2 - n)$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2cn + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \frac{1}{n}(n - \|x\|^2) < 1 \\ \uparrow \\ \|x\| < 1$$

(Extra solution) .. (Martingale / optional sampling)

Let $M_t := W_t^2 - nt$.

Claim: M_t is a martingale.

Prf: $\mathbb{E}[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E}[W_t^2 - nt | \mathcal{F}_s]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathbb{E}[(W_t - W_s + W_s)^2 - nt | \mathcal{F}_s] \\ &= n(t-s) + W_s^2 - nt \\ &= W_s^2 - ns = M_s. \end{aligned}$$

$$M_0 = \|x\|^2 - 0 \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \mathbb{E}[M_{\tau_S}]$$

optional sampling

$$= \mathbb{E}[W_{\tau_s}^2 - n\tau_s]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[W_{\tau_s}^2] - n\mathbb{E}[\tau_s]$$

$$= n - n\mathbb{E}[\tau_s].$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\tau_s] = \frac{n - \mathbb{E}[W_{\tau_s}^2]}{n} < 1.$$

□.