

# FROM QUADRATIC VARIATION TO CROSS VARIATION

§0 Recall that a function  $f: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has variation,

$$V_{\pi}^1(f) \equiv V_{\pi}^1(f: [0, T])$$

over a partition,  $\pi$ , of  $[0, T]$ , defined by

$$V_{\pi}^1(f) = \sum_{\pi} |f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})|.$$

We say  $f$  is of bounded variation over  $[0, T]$  if

$$V^1(f) = \sup_{\pi, |\pi| \rightarrow 0} V_{\pi}^1(f) < \infty.$$

For a number,  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , the 'p-th' variation of  $f$  over  $[0, T]$  is

$$V^p(f) = \sup_{\pi} \sum_{\pi} |f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})|^p.$$

$|\pi| \rightarrow 0$

The mesh of  $\pi$ , is  $\max_{\pi} \{t_i - t_{i-1}\} \triangleq |\pi|$ .

## Proposition 0.01

Let  $f$  be continuous and of bounded variation over  $[0, T]$ . Then  $V^2(f) = 0$ .

Pf  $f$  continuous,  $[0, T]$  compact, then  $f$  is uniformly continuous, so for  $\epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ :  $|s - t| < \delta$  then  $|f(s) - f(t)| < \epsilon$  for all  $s, t \in [0, T]$ . Choose  $\pi$  with  $|\pi| < \delta$ , then  $|f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})| < \epsilon$  for successive points in  $\pi$ . And;

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\pi}^2(f) &= \sum_{\pi} |f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})|^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{\pi} |f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})| \cdot \max_{\pi} |f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})| \\
 &\leq \epsilon V_{\pi}^1(f)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the sup of  $\pi$  with  $|\pi| \rightarrow 0$  shows

$$V_{\pi}^2(f) \leq \epsilon.$$

Exercise: Find a continuous function which is not of bounded variation on some  $[0, T]$ ,  $T > 0$ .

### Remarks.

- (i) functions of bounded variation are very important in finance.
- (ii) a process is of bounded variation if  $\mathbb{P}$  almost every path is of bounded variation.
- (iii) A result, due to Lebesgue I think states that  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[0, T]$  iff it is the difference of two increasing functions. Since every increasing function is measurable — because  $f^{-1}(-\infty, t]$  i.e. either an open or a half-open interval — then every bounded variation function is measurable. Moreover it will have only countably many jumps, because this is so for increasing functions.

## Stieltjes Integration

Let  $g: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and  $F: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of bounded variation. Let  $\pi$  be a partition of  $[0, T]$ . A Riemann Stieltjes sum of  $g$  wrt.  $f$  over  $\pi$  is,

$$\sum_{\pi} g(s_i) (f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1}))$$

where  $s_i \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$ . If there is a number,  $\alpha$ , such that, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for partitions  $\pi$ , with  $|\pi| < \delta$ , and any choice of  $s_i \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$ , we have

$$\left| \sum_{\pi} g(s_i) (f(t_i) - f(t_{i-1})) - \alpha \right| < \epsilon$$

then we say  $g$  is Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $f$  over  $[0, T]$  and we write

$$\alpha = \int_0^T g(s) df(s).$$

The "g's" for which this works are quite numerous. For example every continuous  $g$  is R-S integrable with respect to  $f$ .

When we have a process of bounded variation,  $(A_t)$ , a process with suitable paths,  $(C_t)$ , we can form

$$\int_0^T C_s dA_s \equiv \int_0^T C_s(\omega) dA_s(\omega)$$

This is one form of Stochastic Integration.

However, you have already seen that the paths of BM are NOT of bounded variation and so stochastic integration with respect to  $(W_t)$  CANNOT be performed as above! Strangely enough it is a process of bounded variation which allows us to "get around" this difficulty. For BM,  $(W_t)$ , it is the quadratic variation,  $\langle W \rangle_t$ , which is simply  $tI_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

The quadratic variation of BM can be obtained as the limit over partitions,  $\theta$  of  $[0, T]$  of sums of the form

$$\sum_{\theta} \Delta W_{t_i}^2 \equiv \sum_i (W_{t_i} - W_{t_{i-1}})^2$$

where  $\theta = \{t_i\}$  is a partition of  $[0, T]$

This limit over partitions occurs in  $L^2$  norm and  $\mathbb{P}$  a.s. For a general  $L^2$  martingale,  $X$ , we can define the same type of sums;

$$\sum_{\theta} \Delta X_{t_i}^2.$$

Evidently, this is a non-negative random variable. If we have  $T_1 < T_2$ , so that  $[0, T_1] \subseteq [0, T_2]$ , then any partition  $\theta^1$  of  $[0, T_1]$  can be enlarged to obtain a partition  $\theta^2$  of  $[0, T_2]$ . You just throw in  $T_2$  and any points you care to choose in  $(T_1, T_2)$  — finitely many mind. Because  $\theta^2$  generates more quadratic terms;

$$\sum_{\theta^1} \Delta X_{t_i}^2 \leq \sum_{\theta^2} \Delta X_{t_i}^2.$$

Hold that thought, we'll need it later.

Return to  $[0, T]$  and our sums over the partition  $\theta$ :

(A) A finite subset of  $[0, T]$  containing  $0, T$ .

One can show that the limit over partitions of  $[0, T]$  of sums of the form

$$\sum_{\theta} \Delta X_{t_i}^2$$

will converge in probability <sup>(\*)</sup> to a random variable  $\langle X \rangle_T$ . The details of the proof will not be relevant in this course, you need only to know the result.

Theorem 0.0:

So we are going to accept, without proof, that for every martingale  $(X_t)$ , with  $X_t = M_t(X_\infty)$ ,  $X_\infty \in L^2$ ,

$$\lim_{\theta} \sum_{\theta} \Delta X_{t_i}^2 = \langle X \rangle_T \text{ exists as a}$$

limit, over partitions  $\theta$ , of  $[0, T]$ , in probability.

The **process**  $T \mapsto \langle X \rangle_T$  is adapted — think of the sums... — is increasing — recall our initial discussion, and is called the quadratic variation of  $X$ .

This result is true for a general  $L^2$  martingale living on a stochastic base,

$$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, [0, \infty], (\mathcal{F}_t), \mathbb{P})$$

which satisfies the "usual conditions". The existence of the quadratic variation allows us to define stochastic integrals with respect to a general  $L^2$  martingale.

(\*) Meaning that,  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \lim_{\theta} \mathbb{P} \{ \omega : | \sum_{\theta} \Delta X_{t_i}^2 - \langle X \rangle_T | > \epsilon \} = 0$ .

Here,  $\lim_{\theta}$  means "as  $\#\theta \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\max_i |t_i - t_{i-1}| \rightarrow 0$ ".

We will restrict our attention to continuous martingales, i.e. those that are  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. pathwise continuous. For this it is enough that our filtration is left continuous;

$$\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma \left( \bigcup_{s < t} \mathcal{F}_s \right);$$

in addition to the right continuity which comes with the "usual conditions".

You already know that if  $f$  is a measurable adapted process for which

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t |f(s, \omega)|^2 ds \right) < \infty, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

then one can form  $\int_0^t f(s) dW_s$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and that the process,

$$t \longmapsto \int_0^t f(s) dW_s \equiv X_t$$

is an  $L^2$  martingale. Sometimes we will be required to form stochastic integrals of the form  $\int_0^t g(s) dX_s$ , for suitable integrands. The quadratic variation of  $X$ ,  $\langle X \rangle_t$ , shows us how to do this and the following result is fundamental. Once again we will just accept this result without proof:

### Theorem 0.1

The quadratic variation of an  $L^2$ -martingale  $(X_t)$ , is the unique (natural) increasing process,

- (i)  $\langle X \rangle_0 = 0$   $\mathbb{P}$  a.s.
- (ii)  $(X_t^2 - \langle X \rangle_t)$  is an  $L^1$  martingale.

Remark: We won't go into the details of what it means for a process to be natural. There is a discussion of this in an annex to these notes. Roughly speaking; there is only one natural increasing process,  $(A_t)$ , such that  $(X_t^2 - A_t)$  is an  $L^1$ -martingale. Since  $(\langle X \rangle_t)$  is natural it is unique. So far as stochastic integration is concerned, this gives us a method for defining the integral: The steps are;

① For a simple process,  $f(s) = \sum_{\theta} f_{t_{i-1}} \mathbb{I}_{[t_{i-1}, t_i)}$ ,  
 $\theta$  a partition of  $[0, t]$ ,

$$\int_0^t f_s dX_s = \sum_{\theta} f_{t_{i-1}} \Delta X_{t_i}$$

② For a simple process,

$$\left\| \int_0^t f_s dX_s \right\|_2^2 = \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t f_s^2 d\langle X \rangle_s \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Isometry} \\ \text{Property} \end{array} \right\}$$

Stochastic Integral, Stieltjes Integral

③ Use ② to extend the integral to all (predictable) processes,  $f$ , for which  $\mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t f_s^2 d\langle X \rangle_s \right) < \infty$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

The integral exists as a limit in  $L^2$ -norm of sums of the form in ①.

When  $X_t = \int_0^t g(s) dW_s$  then there is a "Radon-Nikodym" theorem; for suitable  $f$ ,



$$\int_0^t f(s) dX_s = \int_0^t f(s)g(s) dW_s .$$

The quadratic variation,  $\langle X \rangle_t$ , of an  $L^2$  martingale, has many of the features of a quadratic form. These crop up in many areas of mathematics. Often they are associated with a bilinear form which has the features of an inner product; indeed an example of a quadratic form and its associated bilinear form is the  $L^2$  norm squared of  $f \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and the inner product  $\langle f, g \rangle$ , for  $f, g$  in  $L^2$ . The relationship between the quadratic form and the bilinear form, for this particular case, is

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\|f+g\|_2^2 - \|f-g\|_2^2).$$

This is called the polarisation identity.

Given a quadratic form, the polarisation identity can be used to define a bilinear form. Applying this to the quadratic variation we define, for  $L^2$  martingales,  $X, Y$ ,

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_t = \frac{1}{4} (\langle X+Y \rangle_t - \langle X-Y \rangle_t)$$

The process  $(\langle X, Y \rangle_t)$  is called the cross-variation of  $X$  and  $Y$ . In fact we can obtain the cross-variation as a limit over partitions,  $\pi$ , of  $[0, T]$ ; Consider the sum

$$\sum_{\pi} \Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i} .$$

where  $X = (X_t)$ ,  $Y = (Y_t)$  are  $L^2$ -martingales. We know that  $X+Y$  and  $X-Y$  are  $L^2$  martingales and that  $\langle X+Y \rangle_T$  and  $\langle X-Y \rangle_T$  exist for  $T \in [0, \infty)$ .

Observe that,

$$\Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i} = (X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}})(Y_{t_i} - Y_{t_{i-1}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(x+y)_{t_i} &= (X_{t_i} + Y_{t_i}) - (X_{t_{i-1}} + Y_{t_{i-1}}) \\ &= \Delta X_{t_i} + \Delta Y_{t_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \Delta(x+y)_{t_i}^2 = \Delta X_{t_i}^2 + 2\Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i} + \Delta Y_{t_i}^2$$

$$\text{and } \Delta(x-y)_{t_i}^2 = \Delta X_{t_i}^2 - 2\Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i} + \Delta Y_{t_i}^2$$

$$\Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \Delta(x+y)_{t_i}^2 - \Delta(x-y)_{t_i}^2 \right\}$$

$$\sum_{\pi} \Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \sum_{\pi} \Delta(x+y)_{t_i}^2 - \sum_{\pi} \Delta(x-y)_{t_i}^2 \right\}$$

Since the limit over  $\pi$  with  $|\pi| \rightarrow 0$  exists for each of the sums,

$$\sum_{\pi} \Delta(x+y)_{t_i}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\pi} \Delta(x-y)_{t_i}^2$$

then so does  $\lim_{\pi, |\pi| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\pi} \Delta X_{t_i} \Delta Y_{t_i}$

and this is exactly  $\langle X, Y \rangle_T$ .

Recall Theorem 0.1;  $\langle X \rangle$  is the (unique natural) increasing process such that  $X^2 - \langle X \rangle$  is an  $\mathbb{L}$  martingale. This result extends to give us a characterisation of the cross variation:

First observe that

$$XY - \langle X, Y \rangle_t = XY - \frac{1}{4} \{ \langle X+Y \rangle_t - \langle X-Y \rangle_t \}$$

Using 0.1,  $(\langle X+Y \rangle)$  is the unique natural increasing process such that  $(X+Y)^2 - \langle X+Y \rangle$  is an  $L^1$  martingale: ditto,  $(X-Y)^2 - \langle X-Y \rangle$  is an  $L^1$  martingale. So, therefore, is

$$(X+Y)^2 - \langle X+Y \rangle - ((X-Y)^2 - \langle X-Y \rangle)$$

i.e.  $4XY - \{ \langle X+Y \rangle - \langle X-Y \rangle \}$

is an  $L^1$  martingale, dividing by 4 tells us,  $XY - \langle X, Y \rangle$  is an  $L^1$  martingale. It turns out that  $\langle X, Y \rangle$  is natural too. An annex to these notes explains why this makes  $\langle X, Y \rangle$  the unique bounded variation process whose difference with  $XY$  is an  $L^1$ -martingale.

The uniqueness of  $\langle X, Y \rangle$  has many consequences:

(i) What is  $\langle X, X \rangle$ ? Well, it is the unique natural bounded variation process such that  $X^2 - \langle X, X \rangle$  is an  $L^1$ -martingale. This means  $\langle X, X \rangle = \langle X \rangle$ . See the annex for some details of the proof.

(ii) Let  $\lambda$  be a real number, what is  $\langle \lambda X, Y \rangle$ ? Well,  $XY - \langle X, Y \rangle$  is an  $L^1$  martingale so therefore is  $\lambda(XY - \langle X, Y \rangle)$  and so  $\lambda \langle X, Y \rangle$  is a (natural) bounded variation process whose difference with  $(\lambda X)Y$  is an  $L^1$ -martingale.....

(iii) What is  $\langle X+Y, Z \rangle$ ? We observe  $(X+Y)Z = XZ + YZ$ , and we know  $XZ - \langle X, Z \rangle$  and  $YZ - \langle Y, Z \rangle$  are  $L^1$ -martingales. So  $XZ + YZ - (\langle X, Z \rangle + \langle Y, Z \rangle)$  is an  $L^1$  martingale.....

So  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is linear on the left....

(iv)  $\langle Y, X \rangle$  is the unique natural.... such that  $YX - \langle Y, X \rangle$  is an  $L^1$ -mart but  $YX = XY$  and  $XY - \langle X, Y \rangle$  is an  $L^1$ -mart.....

So  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is symmetric and therefore bilinear.

## Stochastic Integrals and the Cross Variation.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $L^2$  martingales and  $f_t, g$  bounded  $\mathcal{F}_{t_0}$  measurable random variables. Let,

$$f(s) = f_{t_0} \mathbb{I}_{[t_0, t_1)} \quad g(s) = g_{t_0} \mathbb{I}_{[t_0, t_1)}$$

then 
$$\int_0^t f(s) dX_s = f_{t_0} (X_{t_1 \wedge t} - X_{t_0 \wedge t})$$

$$\int_0^t g(s) dY_s = g_{t_0} (Y_{t_1 \wedge t} - Y_{t_0 \wedge t}).$$

Evidently

$$\left( \int_0^t f(s) dX_s \right) \left( \int_0^t g(s) dY_s \right) = f_{t_0} g_{t_0} (X_{t_1 \wedge t} - X_{t_0 \wedge t})(Y_{t_1 \wedge t} - Y_{t_0 \wedge t})$$

while  $\int_0^t f(s)g(s)d\langle X, Y \rangle_s = f_{t_0}g_{t_0}(\langle X, Y \rangle_{t_1 \wedge t} - \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_0 \wedge t})$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t &= \left( \int_0^t f dX \right) \left( \int_0^t g dY \right) - \int_0^t f g d\langle X, Y \rangle = \\ &= f_{t_0}g_{t_0} \left( (X_{t_1 \wedge t} - X_{t_0 \wedge t})(Y_{t_1 \wedge t} - Y_{t_0 \wedge t}) - (\langle X, Y \rangle_{t_1 \wedge t} - \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_0 \wedge t}) \right) \\ &= f_{t_0}g_{t_0} \left( (XY)_{t_1 \wedge t} - X_{t_0 \wedge t}Y_{t_1 \wedge t} - X_{t_1 \wedge t}Y_{t_0 \wedge t} + (XY)_{t_0 \wedge t} - \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_1 \wedge t} + \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_0 \wedge t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now for  $t \geq t_1$ ,  $Z_t = Z_{t_1}$

and so for  $t > r \geq t_1$ , the left side is invariant under  $M_r$  and therefore  $M_r(Z_t) = Z_r$ . For  $t_1 > t \geq t_0$  and  $t > r \geq t_0$ ,  $t_1 \wedge t = t$  and  $M_r(Z_t)$  is;

$$M_r \left( f_{t_0}g_{t_0} \left( (XY)_t - \langle X, Y \rangle_t - X_{t_0}Y_t - X_tY_{t_0} + (XY)_{t_0} + \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_0} \right) \right),$$

as  $(XY)_t - \langle X, Y \rangle_t$  is a martingale and  $t_0 \leq r$  this is

$$= f_{t_0}g_{t_0} \left( (XY)_r - \langle X, Y \rangle_r - X_{t_0}Y_r - X_rY_{t_0} + (XY)_{t_0} + \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_0} \right)$$

$$= f_{t_0}g_{t_0} \left( (XY)_{t_1 \wedge r} - \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_1 \wedge r} - X_{t_0 \wedge r}Y_{t_1 \wedge r} - X_{t_1 \wedge r}Y_{t_0 \wedge r} + (XY)_{t_0 \wedge r} + \langle X, Y \rangle_{t_0 \wedge r} \right)$$

$$= Z_r.$$

Finally, if  $r \leq t \leq t_0$  then 'everything is zero' and so  $M_r(Z_t) = 0 = Z_r$ .

So  $(Z_t)$  is an  $L^1$ -martingale! Also  $\int_0^t f g d\langle X, Y \rangle$

is a bounded variation process since  $\langle X, Y \rangle$  is a bounded variation process and  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded. We conclude that the process

$$\int_0^t f(s)g(s)d\langle X, Y \rangle_s \quad t \geq 0$$

is the cross variation of  $(\int_0^t f dX)$  with  $(\int_0^t g dY)$ .

So this establishes an important result, but for elementary integrands only:

$$\left\langle \int_0^t f dX, \int_0^t g dY \right\rangle = \int_0^t fg d\langle X, Y \rangle$$

Memorise this result! "The cross-variation of the integrals is the integral of the product of the integrands with respect to the cross-variation of the integrators".

Without proof, we will assume that this result holds true for all "X-integrable f and Y-integrable g". This result is very useful.

Another very useful result is the multivariable form of Itô's Lemma: Here is a three variable form of it;

Write the preamble about Semimartingales before Itô

Let  $N^1, N^2$  be martingales and  $B^1, B^2$  processes of bounded variation. Set, for  $i=1, 2$ ,

$$X_t^i = X_0^i + N_t^i + B_t^i$$

where  $X_0^i$  is  $\mathcal{F}$  measurable. Let  $f$  be a  $C^{1,2}$  function of three variables,  $t, x, y$ ;  $f = f(t, x, y)$ .

$$F(t, X_t^1, X_t^2) = F(0, X_0^1, X_0^2) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}(s, X_s^1, X_s^2) ds$$

$$\left( \text{this is } \int \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dX^1 \right) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(s, X_s^1, X_s^2) dM_s^1 + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(s, X_s^1, X_s^2) dB_s^1$$

$$\left(\text{this is } \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dX^2\right) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(s, X'_s, X_s^2) dM_s^2 + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(s, X'_s, X_s^2) dB_s^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(s, X'_s, X_s^2) d\langle M \rangle_s + \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(s, X'_s, X_s^2) d\langle M, M^2 \rangle_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(s, X'_s, X_s^2) d\langle M^2 \rangle_s$$

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This line is the "second derivative term".

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A final result. The idea of quadratic variation can be extended to a wider class of processes than martingales. Indeed a process of the form of  $X'$  above, a martingale plus a bounded variation process<sup>(†)</sup>, has a quadratic variation; if

$$X_t = X_0 + N_t + B_t$$

with  $N$  and  $B$  as above, then

$$\Delta X_{t_i} = \Delta N_{t_i} + \Delta B_{t_i}$$

and 
$$\Delta X_{t_i}^2 = \Delta N_{t_i}^2 + 2\Delta N_{t_i}\Delta B_{t_i} + \Delta B_{t_i}^2$$

so that 
$$\sum_{\pi} \Delta X_{t_i}^2 = \sum_{\pi} \Delta N_{t_i}^2 + 2\sum_{\pi} \Delta N_{t_i}\Delta B_{t_i} + \sum_{\pi} \Delta B_{t_i}^2$$

Since  $B$  is of bounded variation then along each path of  $B$  the quadratic variation of  $B$  is zero. Also, since we are dealing with continuous martingales, the term

$$\sum_{\pi} \Delta N_{t_i}\Delta B_{t_i}$$

tends to zero as the limit on  $\pi$  proceeds.

(†) We need  $B$  to be of integrable variation on  $[0, t]$  for every  $t \geq 0$ .

This is because the paths of  $N$  are continuous. On  $[0, t]$  these paths are uniformly continuous. As a consequence, when  $|\pi|$  is sufficiently small,

$$\left| \sum_{\pi} \Delta N_{t_i}^{(w)} \Delta B_{t_i}^{(w)} \right| \leq \sum_{\pi} |\Delta N_{t_i}^{(w)}| \cdot |\Delta B_{t_i}^{(w)}|$$

This argument is not complete! Exercise!!

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \mathbb{E} \sum_{\pi} |\Delta B_{t_i}^{(w)}| \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \text{Var} B^{(w)}_{[0, t]} \end{aligned}$$

So for processes of this form — semimartingales — the quadratic variation is just the quadratic variation of the martingale part, in short,  $\langle X \rangle = \langle N \rangle$ .

The general multidimensional version of Itô's Lemma — which you must learn — is as follows;

Let  $X^i = X^i + N^i + A^i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , be semimartingales with  $X^i$  an  $\mathcal{F}$  measurable random variable,  $N^i$  a martingale and  $A^i$  a bounded variation process. Let  $f(t, \underline{x})$  be a  $C^{1,2}$  function from  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then writing  $\underline{X}_t = (X_t^1, X_t^2, X_t^3, \dots, X_t^n)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, \underline{X}_t) &= f(0, \underline{X}_0) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f(s, \underline{X}_s)}{\partial t} ds + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^t \frac{\partial f(s, \underline{X}_s)}{\partial x^i} dN_s^i \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^t \frac{\partial f(s, \underline{X}_s)}{\partial x^i} dA_s^i + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f(s, \underline{X}_s)}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} d\langle N^i, N^j \rangle_s \end{aligned}$$



Notice that  $\int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(s, X_s) dN_s^i + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(s, X_s) dA_s^i = \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(s, X_s) dX_s^i$ .

The two dimensional version without any dependence upon time,  $t$ , is obtained simply by setting  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \equiv 0$ . See the exercises for some examples.

CB Write the 3 variable case here in the semi-mart form.

Exercise: Prove the Semi-martingale product rule.

$$(i) \quad X_t Y_t = X_0 Y_0 + \int_0^t X_s dY_s + \int_0^t Y_s dX_s + \langle X, Y \rangle_t$$

$$(ii) \quad \begin{aligned} S_t &= S_0 + \int_0^t \mu^S S_s ds + \int_0^t \sigma^S S_s dW_s^S && \text{Foreign Value} \\ F_t &= F_0 + \int_0^t \mu^F F_s ds + \int_0^t \sigma^F F_s dW_s^F && \text{Exchange Rate} \end{aligned}$$

We assume  $\langle W^F, W^S \rangle_t = \rho t$ . The domestic value of  $S$  is  $S^F$ . Write down the stochastic equation for  $S^F$ .

