

MATH 6635 HW3. due on 1/28/2015.

Solution

problem 9:

a): Based on Ito's Lemma:

$$X=W. \quad dX=dW=\begin{cases} a=0 \\ b=1. \end{cases}$$

$$f(x,t)=x^2: \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}=2x \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}=2 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}=0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore df &= \left(a \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right) dt + b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dW \\ &= dt + 2X dW \end{aligned}$$

b): compute, $E[W^2(T) - W^2(0)]$

$$\therefore W(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore E[W^2(T) - W^2(0)] = E[W^2(T)] = \text{Var}(W(T)) + E[W(T)]^2.$$

$$\therefore W(T) - W(0) \sim N(0, T)$$

$$\therefore E[W^2(T) - W^2(0)] = \text{Var}[W(T)] + E[W(T)]^2 = T$$

problem 10:

based on Ito's Lemma:

$$f(s,t)=s^n \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}=ns^{n-1} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s^2}=n(n-1)s^{n-2} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}=0$$

$$ds = \mu s dt + \sigma s dW$$

$$\therefore df = \left(a \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s^2} \right) dt + b \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} dW$$

$$= (\mu \cdot s \cdot n \cdot s^{n-1} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \cdot s^2 \cdot n(n-1) s^{n-2}) dt + \sigma s \cdot n s^{n-1} dW$$

$$= (\mu \cdot n \cdot s^n + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 n(n-1) s^n) dt + \sigma \cdot n \cdot s^n dW$$

$$= n \cdot s^n \left[\mu + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 (n-1) \right] dt + \sigma \cdot n s^n dW$$