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In this report, we will show the following statement

The random variables defined by $Z_t := tB_{1/t}$ for $t > 0$ and $Z_0 = 0$ define a natural Brownian motion.

First, let us define Brownian motion

Definition 2.4.1 (1-dimensional Brownian motion). A Stochastic process $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}, (B_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+})$ taking values in \mathbb{R} is a 1-dimensional Brownian motion if

1. $B_0 = 0$ a.s.,
2. For any $0 \leq s \leq t$ the random variable $B_t - B_s$ is independent of \mathcal{F}_s ,
3. For any $0 \leq s < t$ the random variable $B_t - B_s$ is a Gaussian random variable $N(0, t - s)$.

and its properties.

Proposition 2.4.4. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}, (B_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+})$ be a 1-dimensional Brownian motion. Then

1. $B_0 = 0$ a.s.,
2. For every $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_N$, the N -dimensional vector $B := (B_{t_1}, B_{t_2}, \dots, B_{t_N})^T$ is a Gaussian vector with $\mathbb{E}(B) = 0$,
3. $\mathbb{E}(B_t B_s) = t \wedge s$.

Now, let us show that $Z_t := tB_{1/t}$ possesses such properties in the definition (2.4.1)

1. $Z_0 = 0$ a.s. given.

2. For any $0 \leq s \leq t$, the random variable $Z_t - Z_s$ is independent of \mathcal{F}_s .

To prove this statement, we evoke the following lemma:

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space, and $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Gaussian process on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Suppose that $\mathbb{E}(X_t) = 0 \forall t \geq 0$. Then, the following statements are equivalent

1. $X_t - X_s$ is independent of $\sigma(X_r | r \leq s)$ for any $t \geq s \geq 0$

2. $\mathbb{E}((X_t - X_s)X_r) = 0$ for any $t \geq s \geq r \geq 0$.

The proof of this lemma is available on "On Independence" by Ziyu Liu.

To be in this framework, we need $(z_t)_{t \in J}$ to be a Gaussian process.

We can write, for finite family $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N\} \subset J$,
 $\vec{z}_N = (z_{t_1}, z_{t_2}, \dots, z_{t_N})^T$
 $= (t_1 B_{X_{t_1}}, t_2 B_{X_{t_2}}, \dots, t_N B_{X_{t_N}})^T$

We know \vec{z}_N is a Gaussian vector since $\vec{B}_N = (B_{X_{t_1}}, B_{X_{t_2}}, \dots, B_{X_{t_N}})^T$ is also a Gaussian vector. Hence, $(z_t)_{t \in J}$ a Gaussian process.

Additionally $\mathbb{E}(z_t) = \mathbb{E}(t B_{X_t}) = t \mathbb{E}(B_{X_t}) = 0$

Thus, z_t fits into this framework

By showing that $\mathbb{E}((z_t - z_s)z_r) = 0$ for any $t \geq s \geq r \geq 0$, we can say that $z_t - z_s$ is independent of \mathcal{F}_s .

For arbitrary $t \geq s \geq r > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}((z_t - z_s)z_r) &= \mathbb{E}(z_t z_r - z_s z_r) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(z_t z_r) - \mathbb{E}(z_s z_r) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(t \cdot r B_{X_t} B_{X_r}) - \mathbb{E}(s \cdot r B_{X_s} B_{X_r}) \\ &= t r \mathbb{E}(B_{X_t} B_{X_r}) - s r \mathbb{E}(B_{X_s} B_{X_r}) \\ &= t r (t \wedge r) - s r (s \wedge r) \\ &= r - r \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

For $t = s = r = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}((z_t - z_s)z_r) &= \mathbb{E}(z_t z_r - z_s z_r) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(z_t z_r) - \mathbb{E}(z_s z_r) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence $z_t - z_s$ independent of \mathcal{F}_s .

3. For any $0 \leq s \leq t$, the random variable $z_t - z_s$ is a Gaussian random variable $N(0, t-s)$

For X a Gaussian random variable, $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.
i.e. $X \sim N(\mathbb{E}(X), \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2)$

Now, replace X by $z_t - z_s$, we obtain
 $N(\mathbb{E}(z_t - z_s), \mathbb{E}((z_t - z_s)^2) - (\mathbb{E}(z_t - z_s))^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(z_t - z_s) &= \mathbb{E}(t B_{1/t}) - \mathbb{E}(s B_{1/s}) \\ &= t \mathbb{E}(B_{1/t}) - s \mathbb{E}(B_{1/s})\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbb{E}(z_t - z_s))^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}((z_t - z_s)^2) &= \mathbb{E}(z_t^2) - 2\mathbb{E}(z_t z_s) + \mathbb{E}(z_s^2) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(t^2 B_{1/t} B_{1/t}) - 2\mathbb{E}(ts B_{1/t} B_{1/s}) + \mathbb{E}(s^2 B_{1/s} B_{1/s}) \\ &= t^2 \cdot \frac{1}{t} - 2ts \cdot \frac{1}{s} + s^2 \cdot \frac{1}{s} \\ &= t - s\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we obtain $z_t - z_s \sim N(0, t-s)$

Thus, we see that $z_t : t B_{1/t}$ is indeed a Brownian motion.