

Solutions to some exercises from Dobrow

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8.19

$$\begin{aligned} E(M_t) &= E(|B_t|) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |s| \cdot \text{Normal}(s; 0, t) dt = 2 \int_0^{\infty} s \cdot \text{Normal}(s; 0, t) ds \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_0^{\infty} s \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2t} s^2\right) ds = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-u) t du \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\pi}} [-e^{-u}]_0^{\infty} = \sqrt{\frac{2t}{\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

where we use the substitution $u = \frac{s^2}{2t}$ to compute the integral. Further, we have

$$E(M_t^2) = E(|B_t|^2) = E(B_t^2) = \text{Var}(B_t) = t$$

and thus

$$\text{Var}(M_t) = E(M_t^2) - E(M_t)^2 = t - \frac{2t}{\pi}.$$

8.22 Let $z_{r,t}$ be the probability that standard Brownian motion has at least one zero in (r, t) . Then

$$P(Z \leq z) = z_{t,z} = \frac{2}{\pi} \arccos\left(\sqrt{\frac{t}{z}}\right)$$

according to theorem 8.1.

8.25

$$\begin{aligned} P(G_1 \geq 40) &= P(G_0 e^{\mu_1 + \sigma B_1} \geq 40) = P(35 e^{-0.25 + 0.4 B_1} \geq 40) \\ &= P(-0.25 + 0.4 B_1 \geq \log(40/35)) = P\left(B_1 \geq \frac{\log(40/35) + 0.25}{0.4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Writing in R

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> 1 - pnorm((log(40/35)+0.25)/0.4)
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gives 0.1688226.

8.26 Generally we have

$$E(\max(G_t - K, 0)) = G_0 e^{t(\mu + \sigma^2/2)} P\left(B_1 > \frac{\beta - \sigma t}{\sqrt{t}}\right) - K P\left(B_1 > \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{t}}\right)$$

where $\beta = (\log(K/G_0) - \mu t)/\sigma$. In our case,

$$\beta = (\log(K/G_0) - \mu t)/\sigma = (\log(40/35) + 0.25/2) = 0.2585314.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & E(\max(G_t - K, 0)) \\ &= 35e^{(-0.25+0.4^2/2)/2} P\left(B_1 > \frac{0.2585314 - 0.4/2}{\sqrt{1/2}}\right) - 40 P\left(B_1 > \frac{0.2585314}{\sqrt{1/2}}\right) \\ &= 32.14793 P(B_1 > 0.0827759) - 40 P(B_1 > 0.3656196) \end{aligned}$$

Computing with R

$$32.14793 * (1 - \text{pnorm}(0.0827759)) - 40 * (1 - \text{pnorm}(0.3656196))$$

gives 0.7205823.

8.29 Note that

$$E((B_t - B_s)^3) = E(B_{t-s}^3) = 0$$

because of symmetry of the Normal distribution. Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned} & E(B_t^3 - 3tB_t \mid B_r, 0 \leq r \leq s) \\ &= E((B_t - B_s + B_s)^3 - 3t(B_t - B_s + B_s) \mid B_r, 0 \leq r \leq s) \\ &= E((B_t - B_s)^3 + 3(B_t - B_s)^2 B_s + 3(B_t - B_s) B_s^2 + B_s^3 - 3t(B_t - B_s) - 3tB_s \mid B_r, 0 \leq r \leq s) \\ &= 3 E(B_{t-s}^2) B_s + B_s^3 - 3tB_s = 3(t-s)B_s + B_s^3 - 3tB_s = B_s^3 - 3sB_s. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$E(|B_t^3 - 3tB_t|) \leq E(|B_t|^3) + 3t E(|B_t|)$$

and both integrals used to compute these expectations can be shown to have finite values.