

## Homework Assignment No. 3, due Monday, 2/6 at 5 pm

1. Use Itô's formula to show that

$$\int_0^t W(s) dW(s) = \frac{1}{2}W^2(t) - \frac{1}{2}t$$

2. Let  $X(t) = e^{\sigma W(t)}$ . Use Itô's formula to write down a stochastic differential for  $X$ . Then, by taking the expectation, find a first order linear ODE for  $m(t) = \mathbb{E}[X(t)]$  and solve it to show that

$$\mathbb{E} [e^{\sigma W(t)}] = e^{\frac{\sigma^2}{2}t}$$

3. Two standard Brownian motions  $dW^{(1)}(t)$  and  $dW^{(2)}(t)$  are correlated with correlation  $\rho$  if

$$\mathbb{E} [dW^{(1)} \cdot dW^{(2)}] = \rho dt$$

Suppose that  $Y(t)$  is driven by two correlated Brownian motions:

$$dY(t) = \mu dt + \sigma_1 dW^{(1)}(t) + \sigma_2 dW^{(2)}(t).$$

Show that alternatively we can express

$$dY(t) = \mu dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

where  $W(t)$  is another standard Brownian motion. Derive the formula for  $\sigma$  in terms of  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and  $\rho$ .