## Introduction to Mathematical Finance

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#### Subsection 1

Brownian Motion

## Brownian Motion

- Consider a collection of random variables X(t),  $t \ge 0$ .
- Imagine we are observing some process as it evolves over time.
- The index parameter *t* represents time.
- X(t) is interpreted as the state of the process at time t.

#### Definition

The collection of random variables X(t),  $t \ge 0$  is said to be a **Brownian motion** with drift parameter  $\mu$  and variance parameter  $\sigma^2$  if the following hold:

- (a) X(0) is a given constant.
- (b) For y, t > 0, the random variable X(y + t) X(y):
  - Is independent of the process values up to time y;
  - Has a normal distribution with mean  $\mu t$  and variance  $t\sigma^2$ .

### Consequence

- Assumption (b) says that, for any history of the process up to the present time y, the change in the value of the process over the next t time units is a normal random variable with mean  $\mu t$  and variance  $t\sigma^2$ .
- Note that any future value X(y + t) is equal to the present value X(y) plus the change in value X(y + t) X(y).
- Thus, the assumption implies that it is only the present value of the process, and not any past values, that determines probabilities about future values.

# Continuity Property

- An important property of Brownian motion is that X(t) will, with probability 1, be a continuous function of t.
- Althought this is a mathematically deep result, it is not difficult to see why it might be true.
- To prove that X(t) is continuous, we must show that

$$\lim_{h\to 0} \left( X(t+h) - X(t) \right) = 0.$$

- Bu the random variable X(t + h) X(t) has mean  $\mu h$  and variance  $h\sigma^2$ .
- So it converges as  $h \rightarrow 0$  to a random variable with mean 0 and variance 0.
- That is, it converges to the constant 0, thus arguing for continuity.

# Nowhere Differentiability

- We saw that X(t) is, with probability 1, a continuous function of t.
- However, it possesses the property of being nowhere differentiable.
- To see why this might be the case, note that

$$\frac{X(t+h)-X(t)}{h}$$

has mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\frac{\sigma^2}{h}$ .

- The variance of this ratio is converging to infinity as  $h \rightarrow 0$ .
- So it is not surprising that the ratio does not converge.

#### Subsection 2

#### Brownian Motion as a Limit of Simpler Models

## Brownian Motion as a Limit of Simpler Models

- Let  $\Delta$  be a small increment of time.
- Set  $p = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{\mu}{\sigma}\sqrt{\Delta}).$
- Consider a process such that, every Δ time units, the value of the process behaves in either of two ways:
  - It increases by the amount  $\sigma\sqrt{\Delta}$  with probability p;
  - It decreases by the amount  $\sigma\sqrt{\Delta}$  with probability 1 p.

Successive changes in value are independent.

- Take  $\Delta$  smaller and smaller.
  - The changes occur more and more frequently;
  - The change amounts become smaller and smaller.
- The process becomes a Brownian motion with drift parameter  $\mu$  and variance parameter  $\sigma^2$ .
- Consequently, Brownian motion can be approximated by a relatively simple process that either increases or decreases by a fixed amount at regularly specified times.

## Verification

#### Let

 $X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the change at time } i\Delta \text{ is an increase} \\ -1, & \text{if the change at time } i\Delta \text{ is a decrease} \end{cases}$ 

• Let X(0) be the process value at time 0.

• Then its value after *n* changes is

$$X(n\Delta) = X(0) + \sigma \sqrt{\Delta} (X_1 + \cdots + X_n).$$

• By time t, there would have been  $n = \frac{t}{\Lambda}$  changes.

• This gives

$$X(t) - X(0) = \sigma \sqrt{\Delta} \sum_{i=1}^{t/\Delta} X_i.$$

# Verification (Cont'd)

Note that:

- The  $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, \frac{t}{\Delta}$ , are independent;
- As  $\Delta$  goes to 0 there are more and more terms in  $\sum_{i=1}^{t/\Delta} X_i$ .
- Thus, the Central Limit Theorem suggests that this sum converges to a normal random variable.
- Consequently, as  $\Delta$  goes to 0, the process value at time t becomes a normal random variable.
- To compute its mean and variance, note that

$$E[X_i] = 1(p) - 1(1-p) = 2p - 1 = \frac{\mu}{\sigma}\sqrt{\Delta};$$
  
Var(X\_i) =  $E[X_i^2] - (E[X_i])^2 = 1 - (2p - 1)^2.$ 

# Verification (Cont'd)

• Hence,

$$E[X(t) - X(0)] = E\left[\sigma\sqrt{\Delta}\sum_{i=1}^{t/\Delta} X_i\right]$$
$$= \sigma\sqrt{\Delta}\sum_{i=1}^{t/\Delta} E[X_i]$$
$$= \sigma\sqrt{\Delta}\frac{t}{\Delta}\frac{\mu}{\sigma}\sqrt{\Delta}$$
$$= \mu t.$$

#### Furthermore,

$$Var(X(t) - X(0)) = Var\left(\sigma\sqrt{\Delta}\sum_{i=1}^{t/\Delta}X_i\right)$$
$$= \sigma^2\Delta\sum_{i=1}^{t/\Delta}Var(X_i)$$
$$= \sigma^2t[1 - (2p - 1)^2].$$

We have p → <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> as Δ → 0.
So Var(X(t) - X(0)) → tσ<sup>2</sup> as Δ → 0.

# Verification (Cont'd)

- Consequently, as  $\Delta$  gets smaller and smaller, X(t) X(0) converges to a normal random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .
- In addition:
  - Successive process changes are independent;
  - Each has the same probability of being an increase.
- Hence, X(y + t) X(y) has the same distribution as does X(t) X(0).
- Moreover, it is independent of earlier process changes before time y.
- Hence, as Δ goes to 0, the collection of process values over time becomes a Brownian motion process with drift parameter μ and variance parameter σ<sup>2</sup>.

# Independence of the Drift Parameter

#### Theorem

Given that X(t) = x, the conditional probability law of the collection of prices X(y),  $0 \le y \le t$ , is the same for all values of  $\mu$ .

• Let s = X(0) be the price at time 0.

Consider the approximating model where the price changes every  $\Delta$  time units by an amount equal, in absolute value, to  $c \equiv \sigma \sqrt{\Delta}$ . Note that c does not depend on  $\mu$ .

By time t, there would have been  $\frac{t}{\Delta}$  changes.

Suppose the price has increased from time 0 to time t by x - s.

It follows that, of the  $\frac{t}{\Lambda}$  changes, there have been:

- A total of  $\frac{t}{2\Delta} + \frac{x-s}{2c}$  positive changes;
- A total of  $\frac{\overline{t}}{2\Delta} \frac{\overline{x-s}}{2c}$  negative changes.

In fact 
$$\left(\frac{t}{2\Delta} + \frac{x-s}{2c}\right)c - \left(\frac{t}{2\Delta} - \frac{x-s}{2c}\right)c = \frac{x-s}{c}c = x - s.$$

## Independence of the Drift Parameter (Cont'd)

• Each change is, independently, a positive change with the same probability *p*.

So, conditional on there being a total of  $\frac{t}{2\Delta} + \frac{x-s}{2c}$  positive changes out of the first  $\frac{t}{\Delta}$  changes, all possible choices of the changes that were positive are equally likely.

[That is, if a coin having probability p is flipped m times, then, given that k heads resulted, the subset of trials that resulted in heads is equally likely to be any of the  $\binom{m}{k}$  subsets of size k.]

Although p depends on  $\mu$ , the conditional distribution of the history of prices up to time t, given that X(t) = x, does not depend on  $\mu$ .

It depends on  $\sigma$ , because c, the size of a change, depends on  $\sigma$ .

So, if  $\sigma$  changed, then so would the number of the  $\frac{t}{\Delta}$  changes that would have had to be positive for S(t) to equal x.

Letting  $\Delta$  go to 0 now completes the proof.

#### Subsection 3

#### Geometric Brownian Motion

## Geometric Brownian Motion

#### Definition

Let X(t),  $t \ge 0$  be a Brownian motion process with drift parameter  $\mu$  and variance parameter  $\sigma^2$ , and let

$$S(t)=e^{X(t)},\quad t\geq 0.$$

The process S(t),  $t \ge 0$ , is said to be be a **geometric Brownian motion** process with drift parameter  $\mu$  and variance parameter  $\sigma^2$ .

### Geometric Brownian Motion Features

- Let S(t), t ≥ 0 be a geometric Brownian motion process with drift parameter μ and variance parameter σ<sup>2</sup>.
- We have, by definition, that  $\log (S(t))$ ,  $t \ge 0$ , is a Brownian motion.
- Moreover,

$$\log (S(t+y)) - \log (S(y)) = \log \left(\frac{S(t+y)}{S(y)}\right).$$

- Thus, by definition, for all y, t > 0, the quantity  $\log \left(\frac{S(t+y)}{S(y)}\right)$ :
  - Is independent of the process values up to time y;
  - Has a normal distribution with mean  $\mu t$  and variance  $t\sigma^2$ .

## Advantages for Modeling Prices of Securities

- When used to model the price of a security over time, the geometric Brownian motion process has some advantages over the Brownian motion process:
  - First, it is the logarithm of the stock's price, assumed to be a normal random variable.
    - So the model does not allow for negative stock prices.
  - Second, it consists of ratios, rather than differences, of prices separated by a fixed amount of time that have the same distribution.
     So it makes what many feel is the more reasonable assumption of a percentage, rather than absolute, change in price whose probabilities do not depend on the current price.

### Remarks

When geometric Brownian motion is used to model the price of a security over time, it is common to call σ the volatility parameter.
If S(0) = s, then we can write

$$S(t) = se^{X(t)}, \quad t \ge 0,$$

where X(t), t ≥ 0, is a Brownian motion process with X(0) = 0.
If X is a normal random variable, then it can be shown that

$$E[e^X] = \exp\left\{E[X] + \frac{\operatorname{Var}(X)}{2}\right\}.$$

# Remarks (Cont'd)

- Assume, now, that S(t),  $t \ge 0$ , is a geometric Brownian motion process with:
  - Drift  $\mu$ ;
  - Volatility  $\sigma$ ;
  - S(0) = s.
- Then

$$E[S(t)] = se^{\mu t + \frac{t\sigma^2}{2}} = se^{(\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t}.$$

- Thus, under geometric Brownian motion, the expected price of a security grows at rate  $\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$ .
- $\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$  is often called the **rate** of the geometric Brownian motion.
- Consequently, a geometric Brownian motion with rate parameter  $\mu_r$ and volatility  $\sigma$  would have drift parameter  $\mu_r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$ .

### Geometric Brownian Motion as a Limit

- Let S(t),  $t \ge 0$  be a geometric Brownian motion process with drift parameter  $\mu$  and volatility parameter  $\sigma$ .
- Because X(t) = log (S(t)), t ≥ 0, is Brownian motion, we can use its approximating process to obtain an approximating process for geometric Brownian motion.
- We have

$$\frac{S(y+\Delta)}{S(y)}=e^{X(y+\Delta)-X(y)}.$$

It follows that

$$S(y + \Delta) = S(y)e^{X(y+\Delta)-X(y)}.$$

## Geometric Brownian Motion as a Limit (Cont'd)

#### Set

$$u = e^{\sigma \sqrt{\Delta}}, \quad d = e^{-\sigma \sqrt{\Delta}}, \quad p = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\mu}{\sigma} \sqrt{\Delta} \right).$$

- We can approximate geometric Brownian motion by a model for the price of a security in which:
  - Price changes occur only at times that are integral multiples of Δ;
  - Price changes occur in one of two possible ways:
    - The price is multiplied by the factor *u* with probability *p*;
    - The price is multiplied by the factor d with probability 1 p.
- As  $\Delta$  goes to 0, this model becomes geometric Brownian motion.
- Consequently, geometric Brownian motion can be approximated by a relatively simple process that goes either up or down by fixed factors at regularly spaced times.

#### Subsection 4

### The Maximum Variable

# The Maximum Variable

- Let X(v),  $v \ge 0$ , be a Brownian motion process with drift parameter  $\mu$  and variance parameter  $\sigma^2$ .
- Suppose that X(0) = 0, so that the process starts at state 0.
- Now, define

$$M(t) = \max_{0 \le v \le t} X(v)$$

to be the maximal value of the Brownian motion up to time t.

- We derive the conditional distribution of M(t) given the value of X(t).
- We then use this to derive the unconditional distribution of M(t).

# Conditional Distribution

#### Theorem

For y > x,

$$P(M(t) \ge y | X(t) = x) = e^{-2y(y-x)/t\sigma^2}, \quad y \ge 0.$$

• Because X(0) = 0, it follows that  $M(t) \ge 0$ .

So the result is true when y = 0 (both sides are equal to 1). Suppose that y > 0.

By a previous theorem,  $P(M(t) \ge y | X(t) = x)$  does not depend on  $\mu$ . So let us take  $\mu = 0$ .

Let  $T_y$  denote the first time the Brownian motion reaches y. Brownian motion is continuous.

So before the process can exceed y it must pass through y.

So the event  $M(t) \ge y$  is equivalent to  $T_y \le t$ .

## Conditional Distribution (Cont'd)

• Let h be a small positive number for which y > x + h. Then

$$P(M(t) \ge y, x \le X(t) \le x + h)$$
  
=  $P(T_y \le t, x \le X(t) \le x + h)$   
=  $P(x \le X(t) \le x + h | T_y \le t) P(T_y \le t).$ 

Now, given  $T_y \leq t$ , the event  $x \leq X(t) \leq x + h$  will occur if, after hitting y, the additional amount  $X(t) - X(T_y) = X(t) - y$  by which the process changes by time t is between x - y and x + h - y. The distribution of this change is symmetric about 0 ( $\mu = 0$ ). The distribution of a normal variable is symmetric about its mean. So the additional change is just as likely to be between -(x + h - y)and -(x - y) as it is to be between x - y and x + h - y.

## Conditional Distribution (Cont'd)

#### Consequently,

$$P(x \le X(t) \le x + h | T_y \le t)$$
  
=  $P(x - y \le X(t) - y \le x + h - y | T_y \le t)$   
=  $P(-(x + h - y) \le X(t) - y \le -(x - y) | T_y \le t).$ 

Combining the preceding equalities gives

$$\begin{split} & P(M(t) \ge y, x \le X(t) \le x + h) \\ &= P(2y - x - h \le X(t) \le 2y - x | T_y \le t) P(T_y \le t) \\ &= P(2y - x - h \le X(t) \le 2y - x, T_y \le t) \\ &= P(2y - x - h \le X(t) \le 2y - x). \end{split}$$

By hypothesis, y > x + h. This implies that 2y - x - h > y. So, by continuity,  $2y - x - h \le X(t)$  implies  $T_y \le t$ .

## Conditional Distribution (Cont'd)

Now we have

$$P(M(t) \ge y | x \le X(t) \le x+h) = \frac{P(2y-x-h \le X(t) \le 2y-x)}{P(x \le X(t) \le x+h)}$$

$$\approx \frac{f_{X(t)}(2y-x)h}{f_{X(t)}(x)h} \text{ (for } h \text{ small}),$$

where  $f_{X(t)}$ , the density function of X(t), is the density of a normal random variable with mean 0 and variance  $t\sigma^2$ .

On letting  $h \rightarrow 0$  in the preceding, we obtain that

$$P(M(t) \ge y | X(t) = x) = \frac{f_{X(t)}(2y - x)}{f_{X(t)}(x)}$$
$$= \frac{e^{-(2y - x)^2/2t\sigma^2}}{e^{-x^2/2t\sigma^2}}$$
$$= e^{-2y(y - x)/t\sigma^2}.$$

## Distribution

• With Z being a standard normal distribution function, let

$$\overline{\Phi}(x) = 1 - \Phi(x) = P(Z > x).$$

#### Corollary

For  $y \ge 0$ 

$$P(M(t) \ge y) = e^{2y\mu/\sigma^2}\overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{\mu t + y}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right) + \overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{y - \mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right).$$

• Conditioning on X(t), and using the theorem gives

$$\begin{array}{lll} P(M(t) \geq y) &=& \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(M(t) \geq y | X(t) = x) f_{X(t)}(x) dx \\ &=& \int_{-\infty}^{y} P(M(t) \geq y | X(t) = x) f_{X(t)}(x) dx \\ &+& \int_{y}^{\infty} P(M(t) \geq y | X(t) = x) f_{X(t)}(x) dx \end{array} \\ &=& \int_{-\infty}^{y} e^{-2y(y-x)/t\sigma^2} f_{X(t)}(x) dx + \int_{y}^{\infty} f_{X(t)}(x) dx. \end{array}$$

# Distribution (Cont'd)

*f<sub>X(t)</sub>* is the density function of a normal random variable with mean μt and variance tσ<sup>2</sup>:

$$P(M(t) \ge y) = \int_{-\infty}^{y} e^{-2y(y-x)/t\sigma^{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t\sigma^{2}}} e^{-(x-\mu t)^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} dx + P(X(t) > y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t\sigma}} e^{-2y^{2}/t\sigma^{2}} e^{-\mu^{2}t^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} \times \int_{-\infty}^{y} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2t\sigma^{2}}(x^{2} - 2\mu tx - 4yx)\right\} dx + P(X(t) > y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t\sigma}} e^{-(4y^{2} + \mu^{2}t^{2})/2t\sigma^{2}} \times \int_{-\infty}^{y} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2t\sigma^{2}}(x^{2} - 2x(\mu t + 2y))\right\} dx + P(X(t) > y).$$
ow,  $x^{2} - 2x(\mu t + 2y) = (x - (\mu t + 2y))^{2} - (\mu t + 2y)^{2}.$  So
$$P(M(t) \ge y) = e^{-(4y^{2} + \mu^{2}t^{2} - (\mu t + 2y)^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t\sigma}} \times \int_{-\infty}^{y} e^{-(x-\mu t - 2y)^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} dx + P(X(t) > y).$$

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# Distribution (Cont'd)

• We got

$$P(M(t) \ge y) = e^{-(4y^2 + \mu^2 t^2 - (\mu t + 2y)^2)/2t\sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t\sigma}} \\ \times \int_{-\infty}^{y} e^{-(x - \mu t - 2y)^2/2t\sigma^2} dx + P(X(t) > y).$$

Let Z be a standard normal random variable. Change variables  $w = \frac{x - \mu t - 2y}{\sigma \sqrt{t}}$ . Then  $dx = \sigma \sqrt{t} dw$  and

$$\begin{split} P(M(t) \geq y) &= e^{2y\mu/\sigma^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{-\mu t - y}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}} e^{-w^2/2} dw \\ &+ P\left(\frac{X(t) - \mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}} > \frac{y - \mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right) \\ &= e^{2y\mu/\sigma^2} P\left(Z < \frac{-\mu - y}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right) + P\left(Z > \frac{y - \mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right) \\ &= e^{2y\mu/\sigma^2} P\left(Z > \frac{\mu t + y}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right) + P\left(Z > \frac{y - \mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right). \end{split}$$

# Distribution of Hitting Time

- In the proof of the theorem we let  $T_y$  denote the first time the Brownian motion is equal to y.
- That is,

$$T_y = \left\{egin{array}{ll} \infty, & ext{if } X(t) 
eq y ext{ for all } t \geq 0 \ \min{(t:X(t)=y)}, & ext{otherwise} \end{array}
ight.$$

 In addition, it follows from the continuity of Brownian motion paths that, for y > 0, the process would have hit y by time t if and only if the maximum of the process by time t is at least y. That is,

$$T_y \leq t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad M(t) \geq y.$$

Hence, the corollary yields that

$$P(T_{y} \leq t) = e^{2y\mu/\sigma^{2}}\overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{y+\mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right) + \overline{\Phi}\left(\frac{y-\mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right).$$

# The Minimum Variable

- Let  $M_{\mu,\sigma}(t)$  denote a random variable having the distribution of the maximum value up to time t of a Brownian motion process that starts at 0 and has drift parameter  $\mu$  and variance parameter  $\sigma^2$ .
- The distribution of  $M_{\mu,\sigma}(t)$  is given by the corollary.
- Suppose we want the distribution of

$$M^*(t) = \min_{0 \le v \le t} X(v).$$

 The process −X(v), v ≥ 0, is a Brownian motion with drift parameter −µ and variance parameter σ<sup>2</sup>. So, for y > 0,

$$P(M^*(t) \le -y) = P(\min_{0 \le v \le t} X(v) \le -y)$$
  
=  $P(-\max_{0 \le v \le t} -X(v) \le -y)$   
=  $P(\max_{0 \le v \le t} -X(v) \ge y)$   
=  $P(M_{-\mu,\sigma}(t) \ge y)$   
=  $e^{-2y\mu/\sigma^2}\overline{\Phi}(\frac{-\mu t + y}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}) + \overline{\Phi}(\frac{y + \mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}).$ 

#### Subsection 5

#### The Cameron-Martin Theorem

### Notation

- Consider a Brownian motion process with variance parameter  $\sigma^2$ .
- We use the notation

 $E_{\mu}$ 

to denote taking expectations under the assumption that the drift parameter is  $\boldsymbol{\mu}.$ 

• E.g.,

#### $E_0$

signifies that the expectation is taken under the assumption that the drift parameter is 0.

# The Cameron-Martin Theorem

#### Theorem

Let W be a random variable whose value is determined by the history of the Brownian motion up to time t. That is, the value of W is determined by a knowledge of the values of X(s),  $0 \le s \le t$ . Then,

$$E_{\mu}[W] = e^{-\mu^2 t/2\sigma^2} E_0[W e^{\mu X(t)/\sigma^2}].$$

Condition on X(t), which is normal with mean μt and variance tσ<sup>2</sup>.
 Take into account that, given X(t) = x, the conditional distribution of the process W up to time t is the same for all values μ.

## The Cameron-Martin Theorem (Cont'd)

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\mu}[W] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_{\mu}[W|X(t) = x] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t \sigma^{2}}} e^{-(x-\mu t)^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_{0}[W|X(t) = x] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t \sigma^{2}}} e^{-(x-\mu t)^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_{0}[W|X(t) = x] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t \sigma^{2}}} e^{-x^{2}/2t\sigma^{2}} e^{(2\mu x - \mu^{2}t)/2\sigma^{2}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$Y = e^{-\mu^2 t/2\sigma^2} e^{\mu X(t)/\sigma^2} = e^{(2\mu X(t) - \mu^2 t)/2\sigma^2}$$

Then

$$E_0[WY] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_0[WY|X(t) = x] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t \sigma^2}} e^{-x^2/2t\sigma^2} dx.$$

## The Cameron-Martin Theorem (Cont'd)

We have

$$E_0[WY] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E_0[WY|X(t) = x] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t \sigma^2}} e^{-x^2/2t\sigma^2} dx.$$

But, given that X(t) = x, the random variable Y is equal to the constant  $e^{(2\mu x - \mu^2 t)/2\sigma^2}$ .

So the preceding yields

$$\begin{aligned} E_0[WY] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(2\mu x - \mu^2 t)/2\sigma^2} E_0[W|X(t) = x] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t\sigma^2}} e^{-x^2/2t\sigma^2} dx \\ &= E_{\mu}[W], \end{aligned}$$

where the final equality used the equality of the preceding slide.