



Non-extremal Martingale with Brownian Filtration

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ABSTRACT: Let $(\mathcal{B}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be the filtration of a Brownian motion $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, \mathbf{P})$. An example is given of an non-extremal martingale which generates the filtration $(\mathcal{B}_t)_{t \geq 0}$. We also discuss a property of pure martingales, we show here that it is a property of a filtration rather than a martingale.

Key Words: Extremal martingale, Brownian filtration, Pure martingale, Pure filtration.

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1. Introduction

Among the series of questions asked at the end of the chap.V of [12]) (or also in [13] and [15]) is the following question: a filtration being given on a probability space, how to recognize if it is generated by a Brownian motion or not? This question is especially of interest for a weakly Brownian filtration (there exists an \mathcal{F} -Brownian motion which has the predictable representation property (PRP) with respect to \mathcal{F} , see [11] for application of this important property). In all generality, there are weakly Brownian filtrations, which are not Brownian, as it is shown in [6], paper that was followed by other examples of non-Brownian filtrations given in [4], [7], [14]. These works are important progress that raises many new questions, including how to establish the non-Brownian character of a weakly Brownian filtration?

In all the works above, it is the notion of non-cosiness (introduced by Tsirel'son in [14] and that we will not discuss in this paper) of these filtrations which serves as a criterion to show that they are non-Brownian, see [4], [10] for different types of cosiness: I-cosiness, D-cosiness and T-cosiness. One might think that a filtration generated by a non-pure extremal martingale or non-extremal martingale can not be Brownian. In fact we show in Section 3 that this is not true. The non-Brownian character of a weakly Brownian filtration is much more delicate. Section 4 shows that Brownian filtration can be generated by non-pure extremal martingale. In section 5, we discuss the following property denoted by (*) in [1]: If M is a continuous martingale and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^M$, for every, \mathcal{F} -stopping time T finite a.s such that $\mathbf{P}(M_T = 0) = 0$, then

$$\mathcal{F}_{G_T}^+ = \mathcal{F}_{G_T}^- \vee \sigma(M_T < 0),$$

where $G_T = \sup\{s \leq T, M_s = 0\}$, $T \in [0, \infty[$. Authors of [1] have shown that property (*) is satisfied by any pure martingale. It is understood here that (*) is a property of a filtration rather than a martingale.

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2. Preliminaries

We will only consider completed probability spaces and right continuous filtrations. We denote $\int HdX$ the stochastic integral of H with respect to X and \mathcal{F}^X the natural filtration of X . An \mathcal{F} -continuous local martingale X has the PRP (the predictable representation property) if for every \mathcal{F} -continuous local martingale M there exists an \mathcal{F} -predictable process H such that

$$M = M_0 + \int HdX,$$

X is called \mathcal{F} -extremal if \mathcal{F}_0 is trivial and X has the \mathcal{F} -PRP. If $\mathcal{F}^X = \mathcal{F}$ then X is called extremal martingale. (this terminology is justified by the fact that the law of an extremal martingale is an extremal point in the convex set of all probability measures on $W = C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$, which make the coordinate process a local martingale). A continuous local martingale X with $\langle X \rangle_\infty = \infty$ is pure if $\mathcal{F}_\infty^X = \mathcal{F}_\infty^B$ where B is the Brownian motion of Dubins-Schwartz (DDS) associated with X , which is equivalent to say that for all t , $\langle X \rangle_t$ is \mathcal{F}_∞^B -measurable.

Every pure martingale is extremal but the opposite is not true. Yor has given in [15] an example of an extremal martingale which is not pure; we will prove here that its natural filtration is Brownian.

Definition 2.1. A filtration \mathcal{F} is said to be immersed in a filtration \mathcal{G} (defined on the same probability space) if any \mathcal{F} -martingale is \mathcal{G} -martingale.

3. Example of non-extremal martingale with Brownian filtration

We have the following characterization of extremal martingales with respect to Brownian filtration:

Lemma 3.1. If B is a Brownian motion, \mathcal{B} its natural filtration and M is a \mathcal{B} -martingale, then M is \mathcal{B} -extremal if and only if $d\langle M \rangle$ is equivalent to λ a.s, where λ is the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^+ .

Proof. M is a \mathcal{B} -martingale, so there exists a \mathcal{B} -predictable process H such that:

$$M = M_0 + \int HdB \text{ and } H^2 = \frac{d\langle M \rangle}{d\lambda}$$

If M is \mathcal{B} -extremal, then there exists a \mathcal{B} -predictable process K such that $B = \int KdM$ and $d\lambda = K^2 d\langle M \rangle$, that is $d\langle M \rangle$ is equivalent to λ . If now, $d\langle M \rangle$ is equivalent to λ , it is enough to represent B as a stochastic integral with respect to M . We have $H \neq 0$, $\lambda \otimes dP$ a.s so $B = \int \frac{1}{H} dM$. \square

Lane [9], gave partial answers to the following question [12]: If B is a Brownian motion, f is borel function and M is the local martingale $\int f(B)dB$, under what conditions the filtration \mathcal{F}^M is Brownian?. An important example is when $f \geq 0$ and $\mu(\{f = 0\}) > 0$ but the set $\{f = 0\}$ does not contain any interval (μ is the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}). This case was studied by knight [8] with $F = \{f = 0\}$ is a subset of $[0, 1]$, defined by the Cantor method: removing $] \frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8} [$ then $] \frac{5}{32}, \frac{7}{32} [$ and $] \frac{19}{32}, \frac{21}{32} [$ and so on. We define the set F_n by means of its complementary F_n^c ,

$$F_1^c =] \frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8} [, F_2^c = F_1^c \cup] \frac{5}{32}, \frac{7}{32} [\cup] \frac{19}{32}, \frac{21}{32} [,$$

$$F_n^c = F_{n-1}^c \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{2^{n-1}} A_n^k, \quad n \geq 2,$$

where $A_n^k =]a_n^k, b_n^k [$ are disjoint intervals of length $\frac{1}{4^n}$. Finally

$$F^c = \bigcup_n F_n^c = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \bigcup_{k=1}^{\ell_n} A_n^k,$$

with $\ell_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - 1$. Hence $\mu(F^c) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(F_n^c) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n-1}}{4^n} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 3.2. *Let B be a Brownian motion, \mathcal{B} its natural filtration and M the martingale defined by*

$$M = c' \int \mathbf{1}_{\{B < 0\}} dB + c'' \int \mathbf{1}_{\{B > 1\}} dB + \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{k=n}^{\ell_n} c_n^k \int \mathbf{1}_{A_n^k}(B) dB,$$

where the numbers (c_n^k) , $n \geq 1$, $k \in \{1, \dots, \ell_n\}$, c' and c'' are strictly positive and all different. The martingale M is not extremal and we have $\mathcal{F}^M = \mathcal{B}$.

Remark 3.3. *In order not to burden the proof of Theorem 1, at the end of this paper (in the appendix) we have gathered some non-detailed points.*

Proof. The processes B^- and $(B-1)^+$ are \mathcal{F}^M -adapted (Point 1), it remains to show that $B_t \mathbf{1}_{\{0 < B_t < 1\}}$ is \mathcal{F}^M -adapted. We consider the martingales

$$M_n^k = \int \mathbf{1}_{A_n^k}(B) dB$$

(M_n^k) are also \mathcal{F}^M -adapted (Point 1). The stopping times $\{(S_n^k)^r, (T_n^k)^r\}_{r \geq 1}$ of the successive entries and exits of B in the set A_n^k are $\mathcal{F}_{\infty}^{M_n^k}$ -measurable because these are the moments where $\Delta C_n^k > 0$, with C_n^k the inverse of $\langle M_n^k \rangle$.

Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $k \in \{1, \dots, \ell_n\}$ and for every $r \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$S^r := (S_n^k)^r, \quad T^r := (T_n^k)^r, \quad A_n^k =]a, b[, \quad N := M_n^k \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha := c_n^k.$$

(Attention! a, b, N and α depend on k and n).

Let us show that the sequence $(B_{S^r}, B_{T^r})_{r \geq 1}$ is \mathcal{F}_{∞}^M -measurable. We have, $N_t = 0$ until S^1 and $B_{S^1} = a$. If $t \in [S^1, T^1]$, then

$$N_t = \int_{S^1}^t dB_s = B_t - a.$$

So, we know B_{T^1} and for every $r \geq 1$ and $t \in [S^r, T^r]$ we have

$$M_t - M_{S^r} = \alpha(N_t - N_{S^r}) = \alpha(B_t - B_{S^r}) \quad (1)$$

Therefore

$$M_t - M_{S^r} = \alpha(B_{T^r} - B_{S^r})$$

Then, if we know M and B_{T^r} , we can know B_{S^r} (and the inverse is true).

If $M_{T^r} - M_{S^r} > 0$ then $B_{T^r} = b$ and $B_{S^r} = a$. If $M_{T^r} - M_{S^r} < 0$ then $B_{T^r} = a$ and $B_{S^r} = b$.

It remains the case where $M_{T^r} - M_{S^r} = 0$ so $B_{T^r} = b$ (and then $B_{T^r} = B_{S^r}$). Remark that

$$B_{T^r} = B_{S^{r+1}} \quad (2)$$

Indeed, if B is above $]a, b[$ after T^r , then $B_{T^r} = b = B_{S^{r+1}}$, and if B is below $]a, b[$ after T^r , then $B_{T^r} = a = B_{S^{r+1}}$.

Suppose we know M until time t , since we know B_{T^1} , then, from (2), we can know B_{S^2} and B_{T^3} and so on, we can know the sequence (B_{T^r}, B_{S^r}) for $T^r, S^r \leq t$.

To finish the proof, let $t_0 \leq t$, the set $\{B_{t_0} \in F^c\}$ is $\mathcal{F}_{t_0}^M$ -measurable (Point 2). If $B_{t_0} \in F^c$, then there exists n and k such that $B_{t_0} \in A_n^k$ and so, there exists r such that $t_0 \in]S^r, T^r[$. We have

$$B_{t_0} = B_{t_0} - B_{S^r} + B_{S^r}.$$

and equality (1) gives

$$B_{t_0} = \frac{1}{\alpha}(M_{t_0} - M_{S^r}) + B_{S^r}$$

Since F^c is dense in $[0, 1]$ (Point 3), we have

$$B_t \mathbf{1}_{\{0 < B_t < 1\}} = \limsup_{s \downarrow t} B_s \mathbf{1}_{\{B_s \in F^c\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}^M = \mathcal{B}.$$

It remains to establish that M is non-extremal. This follows easily from Lemma 1, since $\lambda(F) > 0$. \square

4. Examples of extremal non-pure martingales with Brownian filtrations

We will now show that the filtration of the extremal non-pure martingale given in [15] is Brownian.

Theorem 4.1. *Brownian filtration is generated by a non-pure extremal martingale.*

Proof. Let B be a Brownian motion and \mathcal{B} its natural filtration. We start by considering the stochastic equation

$$dX_t = \varphi(X_t)dB_t, \quad X_0 = 0,$$

where $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 + \frac{x}{1+|x|}}}$. We easily check that:

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(x')|^2 &\leq c \left| \frac{1}{\varphi(x)} - \frac{1}{\varphi(x')} \right|^2 \\ &\leq c \left| \frac{x}{1+|x|} - \frac{x'}{1+|x'|} \right| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \leq \varphi(x) \leq 1, \quad \forall x, x' \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The function $\frac{x}{1+|x|}$ is strictly increasing, we apply theorem 3.5(iii), chap.IX of [12] and we get $\mathcal{F}^X = \mathcal{B}$. We have, $\langle X \rangle = \int \varphi^2(X_t)dt$, since φ^2 is continuous and strictly decreasing

$$\mathcal{F}^{\langle X \rangle} = \mathcal{F}^X$$

We define the martingale

$$M_t = \tilde{\gamma}_{\langle X \rangle_t}$$

where $\tilde{\gamma}_t = \int_0^t \text{sgn} \gamma_s d\gamma_s$ and γ is the DDS Brownian motion associated to X . We have $\langle X \rangle = \langle M \rangle$ then

$$\mathcal{F}^{\langle M \rangle} = \mathcal{F}^M = \mathcal{B}.$$

It remains to show that M is extremal but non-pure. Since φ is strictly positive, $d\langle M \rangle$ is equivalent to Lebesgue measure and \mathcal{F}^M is a Brownian filtration, therefore, using Lemma 1, we deduce that M is extremal. M is non-pure because

$$\mathcal{F}_\infty^{\tilde{\gamma}} \subsetneq \mathcal{F}_\infty^\gamma = \mathcal{F}_\infty^M.$$

□

Here is an other example of non-pure extremal martingale with Brownian filtration :

Theorem 4.2. *Let B be a Brownian motion. There exists a strictly positive predictable process H such that $N_t = \int_0^t H(B_u, u \leq s)dB_s$ is non-pure extremal martingale.*

Proof. Let (T_t) be absolutely continuous and strictly increasing time change of Theorem 4.1 of [7]. Then $M_t := (B_{T_t})$ generates non-Brownian filtration. We have $M_t = \int_0^t f(M_u, u \leq s)d\gamma_s$ (see Proposition 3.8, Chap V of [12]), for γ a Brownian motion and f predictable process which can be choose strictly positive. Since M is pure by construction (so $\mathcal{F}_C^M = \mathcal{F}^B$), $B_t = \int_0^t g(B_u, u \leq s)d\gamma_{C_s}$, where g is \mathcal{F}^B -predictable process and C the inverse of T , so

$$\gamma_{C_t} = \int_0^t H_s dB_s,$$

with $H = \frac{1}{g}$. Since the filtration of M is non Brownian, $\mathcal{F}^M \neq \mathcal{F}^\gamma$ and the martingale $N = \gamma_C$ is not pure. But $\mathcal{F}^N = \mathcal{F}^B$ and H is strictly positive, then N is extremal by Lemma 1. □

Remark 4.3. *Theorem 3 responds affirmatively to the following question asked at the end of Chap V of [12]: is there a strictly positive predictable process H such that the martingale $N_t = \int_0^t H_s dB_s$ is not pure?*

5. A martingale class that satisfy property (\star)

In [1], authors discussed a property (\star) verified by all pure martingales and gave some examples of non-pure extremal martingales and non-extremal martingales that nevertheless satisfy property (\star) . In [2], we better understand this property that we reset here: Let M be a continuous martingale and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^M$, for every, \mathcal{F} -stopping time T finite a.s such that $\mathbf{P}(M_T = 0) = 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{G_T}^+ = \mathcal{F}_{G_T}^- \vee \sigma(M_T < 0),$$

where $G_T = \sup\{s \leq T, M_s = 0\}$, $T \in [0, \infty[$. The example given in [1] of non-pure extremal martingale satisfying property (\star) is in fact the example of Yor [15]. We have shown that its filtration is Brownian and therefore, it is obvious that this martingale satisfies (\star) using Barlow's property proven in [2]. In the same way, our non-extremal martingale of Theorem 1, satisfies (\star) .

In general, the following proposition can be stated:

Proposition 5.1. *Let \mathcal{F} be a filtration such that all \mathcal{F} -martingales are continuous and $SpMult[\mathcal{F}] \leq 2$ (see the definition below), then all martingales generating \mathcal{F} satisfy property (\star) .*

Before proving the proposition, we recall the following definition:

Definition 5.2. *Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{P})$ be probability space and \mathcal{T} a sub-field of \mathcal{A} . Let \mathcal{Q} be the set of all finite measurable partitions of (Ω, \mathcal{A}) , for $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$, $|Q|$ is the cardinal of Q . The conditional multiplicity of \mathcal{A} with respect to \mathcal{T} is the random variable with values in $\mathbb{N}^* \cup \{\infty\}$*

$$Mult[\mathcal{A} | \mathcal{T}] = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} |Q| \mathbf{1}_{S_B(Q)}$$

where $S_B(Q) = \{\forall A \in Q, P(A | \mathcal{T}) > 0\}$. The splitting multiplicity of a filtration \mathcal{F} , $SpMult[\mathcal{F}]$ is the smallest integer n such that: $Mult[\mathcal{F}_{L^+} | \mathcal{F}_L] \leq n$, for any honest time L of \mathcal{F} .

Proof. Using proposition 1 of [1], it is enough to show (\star) for $T = t$.

Let $A = \{M_t > 0\}$, we have $\mathbf{E}[M_t | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}] = 0$ a.s, because $M_{G_t} = 0$ a.s (by Theorem XX-35 of [5]). Then a.s

$$\mathbf{E}[M_t \mathbf{1}_A | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}] = -\mathbf{E}[M_t \mathbf{1}_{A^c} | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}]. \quad (3)$$

We define the sets $C_1 = \{\mathbf{P}(A | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}) = 0\}$ and $C_2 = \{\mathbf{P}(A^c | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}) = 0\}$ which are in \mathcal{F}_{G_t} . We have $\mathbf{P}(A \cap C_1) = 0$ and $\mathbf{P}(A^c \cap C_2) = 0$.

And for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{1}_{C_1} M_t \mathbf{1}_{\{0 < M_t < n\}} | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}] \leq n \mathbf{P}(A \cap C_1 | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}) = 0,$$

then

$$\mathbf{1}_{C_1} \mathbf{E}[M_t \mathbf{1}_A | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}] = 0$$

and from (3), we have

$$\mathbf{1}_{C_1} \mathbf{E}[M_t \mathbf{1}_{A^c} | \mathcal{F}_{G_t}] = 0.$$

So, $\mathbf{E}[M_t \mathbf{1}_{C_1 \cap A^c}] = 0$ and $C_1 \subset \{M_t = 0\}$.

Similarly, we have $C_2 \subset \{M_t = 0\}$ Applying hypothesis $\mathbf{P}\{M_t = 0\}$ is null, we get $\mathbf{P}(C_1 \cup C_2) = 0$ So

$$\mathcal{F}_{G_t}^+ = \mathcal{F}_{G_t} \vee \sigma(M_t > 0),$$

according to proposition 3 of [2] (see also Lemma 4.3 ,Chap . I of [3]). \square

Here is an example of a filtration with $SpMult \leq 2$.

Definition 5.3. *A filtration generated by a pure martingale is called pure filtration.*

Proposition 5.4. *Let \mathcal{F} be a filtration, $C = (C_t)$ time change for \mathcal{F} and $\widehat{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}_{C_t})$. We have:*

- (a) *$SpMult(\mathcal{F}) \leq SpMult(\widehat{\mathcal{F}})$. If moreover C is strictly increasing, we have: $SpMult(\mathcal{F}) = SpMult(\widehat{\mathcal{F}})$. In particular, if \mathcal{F} is pure (non trivial), then $SpMult(\mathcal{F}) = 2$.*
- (b) *Let \mathcal{F} be the natural filtration of a continuous martingale M and C the inverse of $\langle M \rangle$. we suppose that $\langle M \rangle$ is strictly increasing and $\langle M \rangle_\infty = \infty$. If $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ is Brownian, then M is extremal and \mathcal{F} is pure.*

Proof. (a) Suppose $SpMult(\widehat{\mathcal{F}}) = n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

Let M be \mathcal{F} -spider martingale of multiplicity $n + 1$, bounded and $M_0 = 0$. Then $M_c = \mathbf{E}[M_\infty | \widehat{\mathcal{F}}]$ is $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ -spider martingale of multiplicity $n + 1$ vanishing at the origin, Proposition 13 of [2] gives $M_\infty = 0$ a.s and $SpMult(\mathcal{F}) \leq n$. If C is strictly increasing and if τ is its inverse, then by Lemma 5.9 of [13], we have

$$\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_\tau = \mathcal{F}_{C_\tau} = \mathcal{F}.$$

If \mathcal{F} is pure, then there exists a time change which we also note C , such that \mathcal{F}_c is Brownian, then $SpMult(\widehat{\mathcal{F}}) = 2$ and $SpMult(\mathcal{F}) \leq 2$.

(b) Let W be a Brownian motion that generates $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ and X the martingale $W_{\langle M \rangle}$ (by construction, X is pure).

Let us show that M is extremal: let B be the DDS Brownian motion of M , B is $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ -Brownian motion that has $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ -PRP (because $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ is Brownian), as \mathcal{F}_{C_0} is trivial, \mathcal{F}_0 is too, and M is extremal. Notice now that

$$\mathcal{F}_\infty^X = \mathcal{F}_\infty^W = \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_\infty = \mathcal{F}_\infty. \quad (4)$$

and

$$M_t = \int_0^t \varepsilon_{\langle M \rangle_s} dX_s,$$

with $\varepsilon_t = \frac{d\langle B, W \rangle_t}{dt}$. Hence X is \mathcal{F} -extremal (and since it is extremal), Proposition 7.1 of [13], gives us that \mathcal{F}^X is immersed in \mathcal{F} . So we have $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^X$ using (4). \square

The next question naturally arises: *The reciprocal of proposition 1 is it true? i.e if all the martingales that generate a filtration \mathcal{F} satisfy the property (\star) , do we have $SpMult(\mathcal{F}) = 2$?*

For now, we do not have a general answer to this question. In any case, let us note that the following example given in [1] section 6, does not give a negative answer, let

$$M_t = \int_0^t \frac{X_s dY_s - Y_s dX_s}{(X_s^2 + Y_s^2)^\alpha},$$

where $(X_t + iY_t)$ is a planar Brownian motion starting from $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $\alpha \in]-\infty, \frac{1}{2}]$. Let \mathcal{F} be the filtration of M , C the inverse of $\langle M \rangle$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}_{C_t})_{t \geq 0}$, $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}$ is Brownian, so \mathcal{F} is pure and according to proposition 1, M satisfy property (\star) .

6. Appendix

Point 1. We have

$$\int \mathbf{1}_{\{B < 0\}} dB = \frac{1}{c'} \int \mathbf{1}_{\{B < 0\}} dM$$

and

$$\int \mathbf{1}_{\{B > 1\}} dB = \frac{1}{c''} \int \mathbf{1}_{\{B > 1\}} dM.$$

Hence, by applying Skorokhod's Lemma (Lemma 2.1, Chap.VI of [12]) it is sufficient to see that the sets $\{B_t < 0\}$ and $\{B_t > 1\}$ are \mathcal{F}_t^M -measurable:

$$\{B_t < 0\} = \left\{ \frac{d\langle M \rangle}{dt}(t) = c' \right\} \text{ and } \{B_t > 1\} = \left\{ \frac{d\langle M \rangle}{dt}(t) = c'' \right\},$$

and similarly for martingales $(M_n^k), n \geq 1, k \in \{1, \dots, \ell_n\}$.

Point 2 . According to Point 1, the martingale $\int \mathbf{1}_{F^c}(B)dB = \sum_n \sum_k M_n^k$ is \mathcal{F}^M -adapted, so that's its quadratic variation.

Point 3 . We will only show that $0 \in \overline{F^c}$, more precisely $\inf F^c = 0$.

Let $x_n = \inf F_n^c$. We have

$$x_n = \frac{x_{n-1}}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \times 4^n}, n \geq 2$$

and $x_1 = \frac{3}{8}$.

Hence

$$x_n = \frac{x_1}{2^{n-1}} - \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{2^{n+1-k} \times 4^k}.$$

But

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{2^{-k} \times 4^k} = \frac{1}{2^n \times 4} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}\right),$$

and then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) = 0.$$

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