

Q W_t is a Standard Brownian Motion. What is the probability that $W(1) > 0$ and $W(2) < 0$

$$P(W(1) > 0 \text{ and } W(2) < 0)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(W(1) > 0, W(2) < 0 \mid W(1) = x) \phi(x) dx$$

by LFTP

$$= \int_0^{\infty} P(W(2) < 0 \mid W(1) = x) \phi(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} P(W(2) - W(1) < -x) \phi(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{-x} \phi(y) dy \right] \phi(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{-x} \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}\right) dx dy = \frac{1}{8}$$

Method 2:

$$A = \{W(1) > 0\} \quad B = \{W(2) - W(1) < 0\}$$

$$C = \{|W(2) - W(1)| > |W(1)|\}$$

$$P(W(1) > 0, W(2) < 0) = P(A \text{ and } B \text{ and } C)$$

$$= P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}$$

note that if X_1, X_2 are continuous and i.i.d., then

$$P(X_1 > X_2) = P(X_1 < X_2) \text{ and } P(X_1 = X_2) = 0$$

$$P(|X_1| > |X_2|) = P(|X_1| < |X_2|) \text{ and } P(|X_1| = |X_2|) = 0$$