- 1. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{R}_+) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  defined on this probability space. Let  $\tau_n$  be a stopping time adapted to this filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\tau_n \leq \tau_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\tau_n \uparrow \tau$  almost surely, then show that the limit  $\tau$  is a stopping time. A stopping time for which for which such a monotonically increasing sequence exists is called a *predictable stopping time*.
- 2. Let  $\tau : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}_+$  be a sequence of predictable stopping times. Show that  $\tau_{\infty} \triangleq \sup_n \tau_n$  is a predictable stopping time.
- 3. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{R}_+) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  defined on this probability space. Let  $\tau_n$  be a stopping time adapted to this filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that the following are also stopping times.
  - (a)  $\sup_n \tau_n$ .
  - (b)  $\inf_n \tau_n$ .
  - (c)  $\limsup_n \tau_n$ .
  - (d)  $\liminf_n \tau_n$ .
- 4. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and let  $\sigma, \tau$  be stopping times on the natural filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$ , for  $T = \mathbb{N}$ . Show that the following events are in  $\mathcal{F}_{\tau}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\sigma}$ .
  - (a)  $\{\sigma < \tau\}$
  - (b)  $\{\sigma = \tau\}$
  - (c)  $\{\sigma \leq \tau\}$
- 5. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{R}_+) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  defined on this probability space. Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  be stopping times adapted to this filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$ , then show that  $\mathcal{F}_{\tau_1} \cap \mathcal{F}_{\tau_2} = \mathcal{F}_{\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2}$ .
- 6. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet} = (\mathcal{F}_t : t \in \mathbb{R}_+) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  defined on this probability space. Let  $\tau_n$  be a stopping time adapted to this filtration  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\tau_n \ge \tau_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\tau_n \downarrow \tau$  almost surely, then show that  $\mathcal{F}_{\tau} = \bigcap_n \mathcal{F}_{\tau_n}$ .
- 7. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Show that for a stopping time  $\tau$ , and  $\{B(t) : t \ge 0\}$ , a standard Brownian motion, the Brownian motion reflected at  $\tau$ ,  $\{B^*(t) : t \ge 0\}$  defined as

$$B^{*}(t) = B(t)\mathbf{1}_{\{t \le \tau\}} + (2B(\tau) - B(t))\mathbf{1}_{\{t > \tau\}}$$

is also a standard Brownian motion.

**Hint:** Make use of the fact that Brownian motion is symmetric, i.e.  $P(B(t) \le x) = P(B(t) \ge (-x))$ .

8. Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . On this, consider a Brownian motion  $\{B(t) : t \ge 0\}$  such that B(0) = 0. Define the running maximum  $M(t) = \max_{0 \le s \le t} B(t)$ . For a > 0, show that  $P\{M(t) > a\} = 2P\{B(t) > a\}$ .

Hint: Use the reflection principle from the previous problem.