

A functional equation approach to reflected Brownian motion

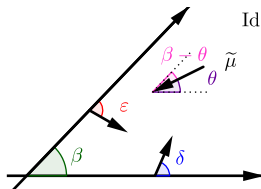
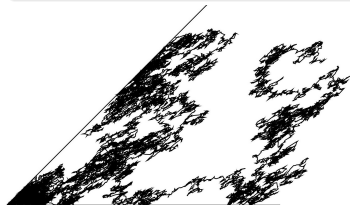
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Reflected Brownian motion

Introduced in the 80ies by
Harrison, Varadhan, Williams

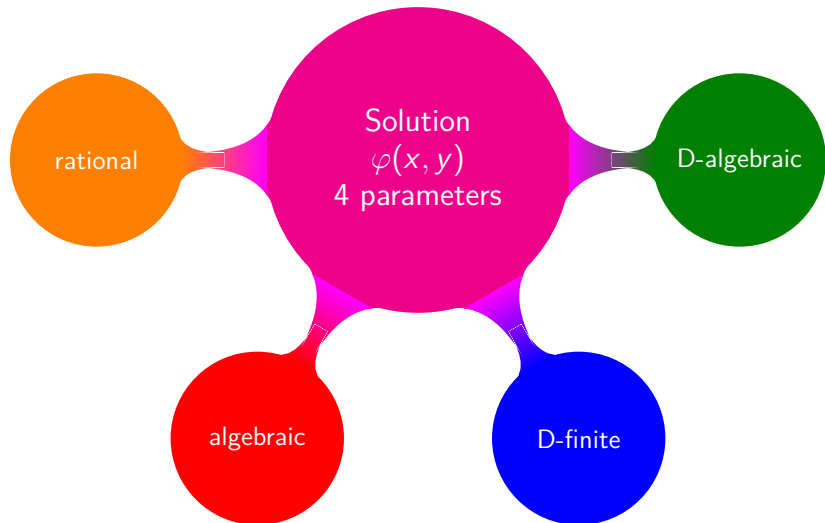


Functional equations

Characterize the distribution,
stationary density, etc.

$$-\gamma(x, y)\varphi(x, y) = \\ \gamma_1(x, y)\varphi_1(y) + \gamma_2(x, y)\varphi_2(x)$$

- Complex analysis
(boundary value problem)
- Combinatorial tools
(Tutte's invariants)
- Galois theory of difference
equations
- and more!







ON THE STATIONARY DISTRIBUTION OF REFLECTED BROWNIAN MOTION IN A WEDGE: DIFFERENTIAL PROPERTIES

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ABSTRACT. We consider the classical problem of determining the stationary distribution of the semimartingale reflected Brownian motion (SRBM) in a two-dimensional wedge. Under standard assumptions on the parameters of the model (opening of the wedge, angles of the reflections, drift), we study the algebraic and differential nature of the Laplace transform of this stationary distribution. We derive necessary and sufficient conditions for this Laplace transform to be rational, algebraic, differentially finite or more generally differentially algebraic. These conditions are explicit linear dependencies between the angles of the model.

A complicated integral expression for this Laplace transform has recently been obtained by two authors of this paper. In the differentially algebraic case, we provide a simple, explicit integral-free expression in terms of a hypergeometric function. It specializes to earlier expressions in several classical cases: the *slaw-symmetric* case, the orthogonal reflections case and the sum-of-exponential densities case (corresponding to the so-called *Dieser-Moriarty* conditions on the parameters). This paper thus closes, in a sense, the quest of all “simple” cases.

To prove these results, we start from a functional equation that the Laplace transform satisfies, to which we apply tools from diverse horizons. To establish differential algebraicity, a key ingredient is *Tutte’s involution approach*, which originates in enumerative combinatorics. It allows us to express the Laplace transform (or its square) as a rational function of a certain canonical invariant, a hypergeometric function in our context. To establish differential transcendence, we turn the functional equation into a difference equation and apply Galoisian results on the nature of the solutions to such equations.

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+ other works from Guy Fayolle, Sandro Franceschi, Tomoyuki Ichiba, Ioannis Karatzas

40 years of reflected Brownian motion!



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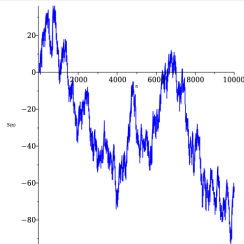
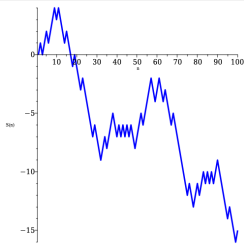
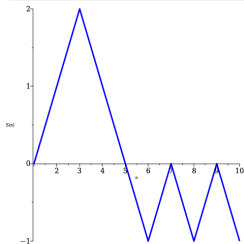
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@Mireille: thanks for the inspiring talk!

Reflected Brownian motion:
key ideas

Discrete random walks

$S(n) = S(n-1) + X(n)$, with $S(0) = 0$ and $X(1), X(2), \dots$ iid



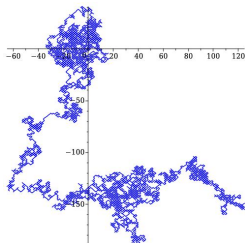
Central limit thm and Donsker ($\mathbb{E}X(n) = 0$ & $\mathbb{E}X(n)^2 = 1$)

$$\frac{S(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Gaussian distribution

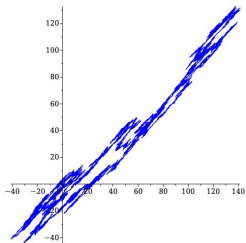
$$\left(\frac{S(\lfloor tn \rfloor)}{\sqrt{n}} \right)_{t \geq 0} \rightarrow (B(t))_{t \geq 0}$$

Gaussian process



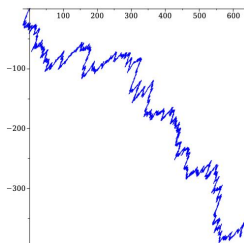
Pair of independent
1d BM

$$(B_1(t), B_2(t))$$



Correlated BM

$$L(B_1(t), B_2(t))$$



Correlated BM
with drift

$$(B_1(t), B_2(t)) + \mu t$$

A basic example

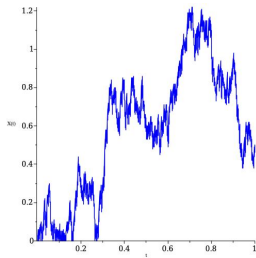
$(|B(t)|)_{t \geq 0}$ is a random process with values on \mathbb{R}_+

Tanaka formula

$|B(t)| = W(t) + L^0(t)$, with

- $W(t)$ a Brownian motion
- $L^0(t)$ local time at 0

$$L^a(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{\{a-\epsilon \leq W(s) < a+\epsilon\}} ds$$



Reflected Brownian motion in dim 1

$X(t) = X(0) + \sqrt{\sigma}B(t) + \mu t + L^0(t)$, with

- $X(0)$ starting point
- σ variance and μ drift

A basic example

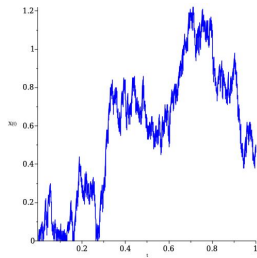
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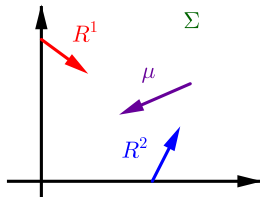
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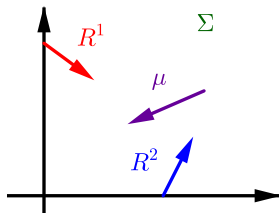
Obliquely reflected Brownian motion in dim 2 [Varadhan Williams '85]

$$X(t) =$$

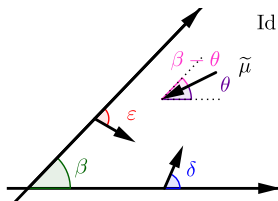
$$X(0) + B(t) + \mu t + (R^1 | R^2) \begin{pmatrix} L^{Ox}(t) \\ L^{Oy}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- $X(0)$ starting point in \mathbb{R}_+^2
- $B(t) = (B_1(t), B_2(t))$ covariance Σ
- μ drift in \mathbb{R}^2
- oblique reflections R^1 and R^2
- $L^{Ox}(t)$ local time on the axis Ox





Cone normalized
Covariance arbitrary
9 parameters?



Cone arbitrary
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4 angles

$$\gamma(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x, y)\Sigma \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \langle \mu, (x, y) \rangle$$

quadratic form

$$\gamma_1(x, y) = \langle R^1, (x, y) \rangle$$

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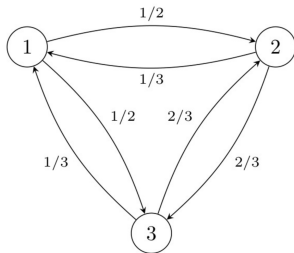
linear forms

Invariant distribution = asymptotic proportion of time

$$\pi(A) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_A(X(s)) ds$$

In classical Markov chain theory...

$\pi P = \pi$, with P transition matrix



Analogue in continuous time and space

Transition matrix \implies Transition semigroup

Invariance $\pi P = \pi \implies$ PDE called **basic adjoint relationship**

The bivariate Laplace transform

Density of the stationary distribution $\pi(u, v)$

$$\varphi(x, y) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} e^{xu+yv} \pi(u, v) du dv$$

The functional equation [Dai Miyazawa '11]

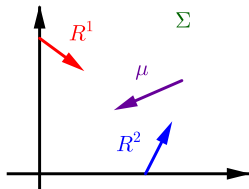
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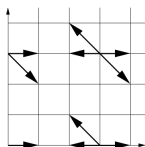
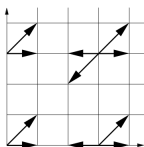
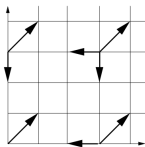
$$\gamma_1(x, y) = \langle R^1, (x, y) \rangle$$

$$\gamma_2(x, y) = \langle R^2, (x, y) \rangle$$

$$\varphi_1(y) = A\varphi(0, y) + B$$



Some history, from discrete random walks
to continuous diffusions



- Transition probability in the direction (i, j) : $p_{i,j}$
- Characteristic polynomial:
$$\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} p_{i,j} x^i y^j$$
- Reflection (or killing) on the boundary

Main objectives in the early papers

Computation of the stationary distribution $(\pi_{i,j})_{i,j \geq 0}$

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МАТЕМАТИКА

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О РЕШЕНИИ ДИСКРЕТНЫХ УРАВНЕНИЙ ВИНЕРА — ХОИФА
В ЧЕТВЕРТЬ-ПЛОСКОСТИ

(Представлено академиком А. Н. Колмогоровым 16 XII 1968)

Дискретные уравнения Винера — Хойфа в четверть-плоскости имеют вид

$$\eta_{ij} = \sum_{k,l=0}^{\infty} a_{i-k, j-l} \xi_{kl}, \quad ij = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\eta(x, y) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \eta_{ij} x^i y^j; \quad \xi(x, y) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \xi_{ij} x^i y^j;$$

$$\xi(y) = \xi(0, y), \quad \xi(x, 0) = \xi(x),$$

$$b(y) = a_{-1, y} + a_{-1, 0} + a_{-1, 1} \frac{1}{y}; \quad \bar{b}(x) = a_{-1, x} + a_{-1, 0} + a_{-1, 1} \frac{1}{x}.$$

Несложные выкладки показывают, что система (1) эквивалентна следующему уравнению в производящих функциях (символах):

$$\eta(x, y) = a(x, y) \xi(x, y) - \frac{1}{x} b(y) \xi(y) - \frac{1}{y} \bar{b}(x) \xi(x) + a_{-1, -1} \frac{\xi_{00}}{xy}. \quad (4)$$

AN ANALYTICAL METHOD IN THE THEORY OF
TWO-DIMENSIONAL POSITIVE RANDOM WALKS

V. A. Malyshev

UDC 619.217

1. Introduction

Consider a homogeneous discrete-time Markov chain whose set of states is a discrete lattice in a quarter-plane, i.e., the set $\mathbb{Z}_+^2 = \{i, j\} | i, j \geq 0$ are integers). Let $P(k', l'/k, l)$ be the one-step transition probability from state (k, l) to (k', l') . We assume that $P(k', l'/k, l) = 0$ if either $|k' - k| \geq 2$ or $l' - l \geq 2$ and if $(k, l) \neq (0, 0)$. Also, we assume that the following homogeneity condition holds:

$$P(k', l'/k, l) = \begin{cases} p_{ij} & \text{for } i = k' - k, \quad j = l' - l, \quad k, l \geq 1, \\ p_{i'j'} & \text{for } i = k' - k, \quad j = l' - l = 0, \quad k \geq 1, \\ p_{i'j'} & \text{for } i = k', \quad j = l' - l, \quad k = 0, \quad l \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

The number of nonzero probabilities $P(i, j/0, 0) = p_{ij}^0$ is finite.

$$r(\alpha) - P(\alpha) = - \frac{\alpha a(\alpha) \eta(\alpha)}{\xi(\alpha) \bar{b}(\alpha)} = \theta(\alpha), \quad (2)$$

$$r(\alpha) - r(\alpha\omega) = r(\alpha + \omega), \quad r(\alpha) - P(\alpha\omega) = P(\alpha + \omega).$$

We now proceed to determine $r(\omega)$ and $\bar{P}(\omega)$.

Introduction of the key ideas

- Functional equation
- Riemann surface $\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2} p_{i,j} x^i y^j = 1$
- Difference equations

The little yellow book

Unifies Malyshev's approach and Fayolle-Iasnogorodski's '79 paper

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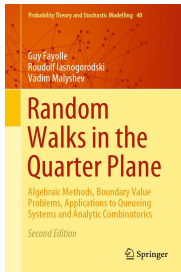
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Two Coupled Processors: The Reduction to a Riemann-Hilbert Problem

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Résumé. Beaucoup de problèmes liés au couplage de processeurs conduisent à des équations fonctionnelles. En général, les fonctions inconnues représentent les fonctions génératrices d'un processus stationnaire. Nous étudions ici un problème particulier, mais la méthode proposée est applicable à des cas très généraux de marches aléatoires à deux dimensions.



- Statement of a difference equation boundary value problem
- Explicit resolution in terms of contour integrals

Now joining together (5.4.9), (5.4.10), (5.4.17) and (5.4.18), we obtain the final reduced BVP

$$\rho(t)K(t) - \rho(\alpha(t))K(\alpha(t)) = k(t), \quad t \in \mathcal{M}, \quad (5.4.19)$$

Theorem 5.4.3 Under the condition (5.4.4), the function π is given by

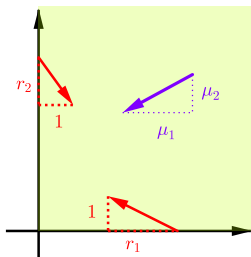
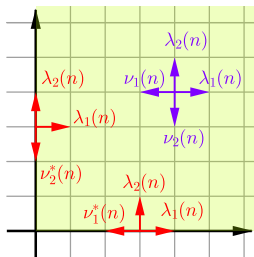
$$\pi(x) = \frac{R(x)H(x)}{2i\pi P(x)S(x)} \int_{\mathcal{M}_+} \frac{k(t)w'(t)dt}{H^+(t)K(\bar{t})(w(t) - w(x))} + T(x), \quad \forall x \in G_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad (5.4.21)$$

where

- \mathcal{M}_+ denotes the portion of the curve \mathcal{M} , located in the lower half-plane $\Im z \leq 0$;
- k and K have been introduced in (5.4.20);
- w is solution of the BVP (5.2.39) on the curve \mathcal{M} (see Theorem 5.2.7);

Early study of reflected BM

[Harrison Reiman Varadhan Williams 80ies]



$$\lambda_i(n), \nu_i(n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{n}(\lambda_i - \nu_i) \rightarrow \mu_i \text{ and } \nu_i^*(n) \rightarrow \frac{r_i+1}{2}$$

[Reiman '84]

In the 80ies

Independent works of [Foschini '82, Foddy '84, Baccelli Fayolle '87]

symmetry

Equilibria for Diffusion Models of Pairs of Communicating Computers—Symmetric Case

covariance

Paolo Marchetti
ANALYSIS OF BROWNIAN MOTION WITH SPIN, CONFINED TO A QUARTER OF THE UNIT CIRCLE
Ph.D. 1984

Stéphane Foddy
ANALYSIS OF MODELS REDUCIBLE TO A CLASS OF DIFFUSION PROCESSES IN THE POSITIVE QUARTER PLANE*
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In some very particular cases

- realized functional equation approach inspired by F-I-M
- first few results

Sandro Franceschi & collaborators

Optimal hypotheses + other models
(transient)

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Approche analytique
pour le mouvement brownien réfléchi dans des cônes

Combinatorics

[Bousquet-Mélou Elvey

Price etc.]

Galois theory

[Dreyfus Hardouin

Roques Singer etc.]

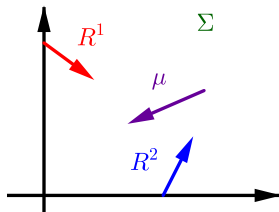
Complex analysis

[Fayolle Franceschi R.

etc.]

Probability

Main results: characterization and
computation of the solutions

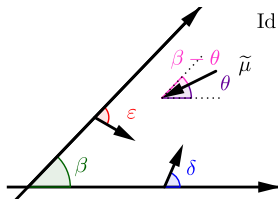


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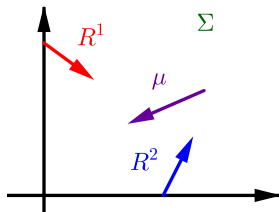
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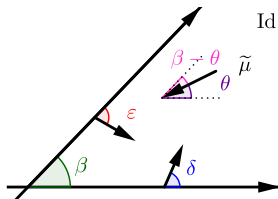
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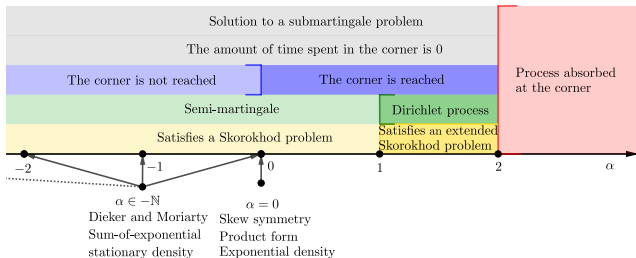
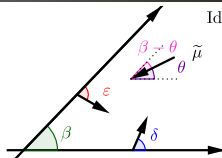
$$\gamma_1(x, y) = r_{11}x + r_{21}y$$

$$\gamma_2(x, y) = r_{12}x + r_{22}y$$

Main results (1/3)

A geometric quantity

$$\alpha = \frac{\delta + \varepsilon - \pi}{\beta}$$



Observation

Two new parameters govern the evolution of reflected BM

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 2\alpha - 1$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{2\varepsilon + \theta - \beta - \pi}{\beta}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{2\delta - \theta - \pi}{\beta}$$

Main results (2/3)

$$\alpha = \frac{\delta + \varepsilon - \pi}{\beta}, \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{2\varepsilon + \theta - \beta - \pi}{\beta}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{2\delta - \theta - \pi}{\beta}$$

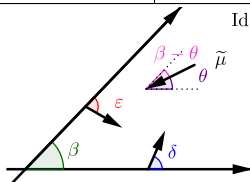
Theorem

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	D-algebraic	D-finite	Algebraic	Rational
$\frac{\beta}{\pi} \notin \mathbb{Q}$	Condition (C)	Condition (C')	$\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, or $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$	$\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$
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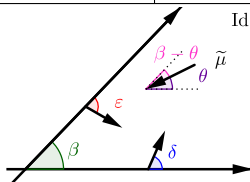
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Theorem

Condition (C) \implies elementary expression of $\varphi(x, y)$ in terms of (possibly irrational) powers

- $\varphi_1(y)$ is a **rational function** in y and $T_{\pi/\beta}(ay + b)$, where a and b are explicit and $T_c(z)$ is the **generalized Chebychev polynomial**

$$T_c(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left((z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1})^c + (z - \sqrt{z^2 - 1})^c \right)$$

- Similar statement for $\varphi_2(x)$
- Functional equation gives $\varphi(x, y)$

$$-\gamma(x, y)\varphi(x, y) = \gamma_1(x, y)\varphi_1(y) + \gamma_2(x, y)\varphi_2(x)$$

Corollary

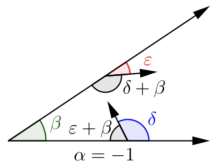
Condition (C) \implies $\varphi(x, y)$, $\varphi_1(y)$ and $\varphi_2(x)$ all D-algebraic

Three examples

Theorem

If $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

- $\varphi_1(y) = \frac{1}{\text{polynomial}(y)}$
- Corresponding density: $\sum \kappa v^i e^{-av}$



boundary invariant measure

- If all poles of $P(y)$ are distinct, then **sum-of-exponential density** [Dieker Moriarty '09]
- **Multiple poles** may occur. For instance if $\delta + \varepsilon + \beta = \pi$ and $\theta - 2\delta = 2\beta + \pi$, then

$$\varphi_1(y) = \frac{\kappa}{(a - y)^2}$$

Erlang distribution, with density $a^2 v e^{-av}$

Theorem

Under the above assumption

$$\varphi_1(y) = \kappa \frac{T_{\pi/\beta}(ay + b) - A}{(B - y)(C - y)}$$

with all constants explicit and

$$T_c(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left((z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1})^c + (z - \sqrt{z^2 - 1})^c \right)$$

- $\varphi_1(y)$ is D-finite, even algebraic if $\pi/\beta \in \mathbb{Q}$
- Linear differential equation satisfied by T_c yields an explicit order-4 recurrence relation for the moments

probabilistic application

A double algebraic case: $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$

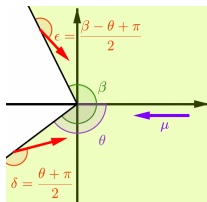
$$\alpha_1 = \frac{2\varepsilon + \theta - \beta - \pi}{\beta}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{2\delta - \theta - \pi}{\beta}$$

Theorem

If $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$, we have

- $\varphi_1(y) = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{A-y}}$
- density $\frac{e^{-v/A}}{\sqrt{v}}$



- Explicit density in polar coordinate

$$\pi(r \cos a, r \sin a) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\theta-a}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{r}} \exp\left(-c \cdot r \cdot \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta-a}{2}\right)\right)$$

- Extends special case of [Harrison '78]

Some ideas of proofs

A functional equation for $\varphi_1(y)$

Algebraic manipulations starting from the functional equation

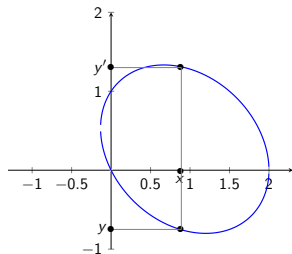
$$-\gamma(x, y)\varphi(x, y) = \gamma_1(x, y)\varphi_1(y) + \gamma_2(x, y)\varphi_2(x)$$

Quadratic kernel

$$\gamma(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{11}x^2 + 2\sigma_{12}xy + \sigma_{22}y^2) + \mu_1x + \mu_2y$$

An involution

$$y \leftrightarrow y', \text{ with } \gamma(x, y) = \gamma(x, y') = 0$$



- If $\gamma(x, y) = \gamma(x, y')$, by elimination of $\varphi_2(x)$

$$\frac{\gamma_1(x, y)}{\gamma_2(x, y)}\varphi_1(y) = \frac{\gamma_1(x, y')}{\gamma_2(x, y')}\varphi_1(y')$$

- Equivalently, for some algebraic functions $A(y)$ and $B(y)$

$$\varphi_1(B(y)) = A(y)\varphi_1(y)$$

The Riemann surface

$$\gamma(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{11}x^2 + 2\sigma_{12}xy + \sigma_{22}y^2) + \mu_1x + \mu_2y = 0$$

can be parametrized by
$$\begin{cases} X(s) = a_1 + b_1\left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right) \\ Y(s) = a_2 + b_2\left(\frac{s}{e^{i\beta}} + \frac{e^{i\beta}}{s}\right) \end{cases}$$

$$q = e^{2i\beta}$$

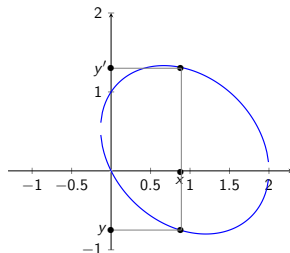
Involutions

$$X\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) = X(s) \quad \text{and} \quad Y\left(\frac{q}{s}\right) = Y(s)$$

The involution $y \leftrightarrow y'$

$$\gamma(x, y) = \gamma(x, y') = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad x = X(s)$$

then $y = Y(s)$ and $y' = Y\left(\frac{1}{s}\right)$



Former equation

$$\varphi_1(y') = A(y)\varphi_1(y)$$

We evaluate at $y = Y(s)$ and set $\begin{cases} A(Y(s)) = \tilde{A}(s) \\ \varphi_1(Y(s)) = \tilde{\varphi}_1(s) \end{cases}$

A q -difference equation...

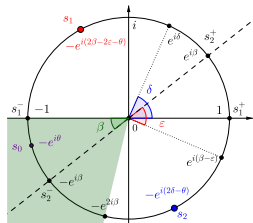
$$\tilde{\varphi}_1(qs) = \tilde{A}(s)\tilde{\varphi}_1(s)$$

...with $|q| = 1$

Recall that $q = e^{2i\beta}$

$$s_1 = -e^{i(2\beta-2\varepsilon-\theta)} \text{ and } s_2 = -e^{i(2\delta-\theta)}$$

Then
$$\tilde{A}(s) = \frac{(s - s_1)(s_2s - 1)}{(s - s_2)(s_1s - 1)}$$



Key observation

If there exists a rational function $R(s)$ such that

$$\tilde{A}(s) = \frac{R(s)}{R(qs)} \quad (\text{decoupling})$$

then the q -diff equation $\tilde{\varphi}_1(qs) = \tilde{A}(s)\tilde{\varphi}_1(s)$ becomes

$$(R\tilde{\varphi}_1)(qs) = (R\tilde{\varphi}_1)(s)$$

- Then $(R\tilde{\varphi}_1)(e^{i\omega})$ is 2β periodic

explicit trigonometric solution

- It may happen that $\tilde{A}(s)^2$ decouples

Theorem

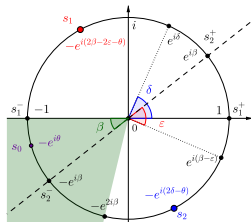
Decoupling \iff (C)

Existence of a decoupling

$$\tilde{A}(s) = \frac{(s - s_1)(s_2 s - 1)}{(s - s_2)(s_1 s - 1)} = \frac{R(s)}{R(qs)}$$

\iff

$$(C) \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{\pi}{\beta}\mathbb{Z} \text{ or } \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{\pi}{\beta}\mathbb{Z}$$



Corollary

Condition (C) \implies $\varphi(x, y)$, $\varphi_1(y)$ and $\varphi_2(x)$ all D-algebraic

Theorem

D-algebraicity \implies Condition (C)

Galois theory of q -difference equations gives necessary condition on the function $\tilde{A}(s)$ for $\tilde{\varphi}_1$ to be algebraic

If $\tilde{\varphi}_1(qs) = \tilde{A}(s)\tilde{\varphi}_1(s)$ is D-algebraic, then with $\partial = is \frac{d}{ds}$

$$c_0 \frac{\partial \tilde{A}}{\tilde{A}} + c_1 \partial \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{A}}{\tilde{A}} \right) + \cdots + c_N \partial^N \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{A}}{\tilde{A}} \right) = h(qs) - h(s)$$

Reasoning on the poles

yields Condition (C)

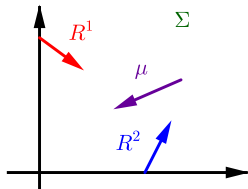
Degenerate reflected Brownian motion

Degenerate obliquely reflected BM in dim 2 [Ichiba Karatzas]

$X(t) =$

$$X(0) + B(t) + \mu t + (R^1 | R^2) \begin{pmatrix} L^{Ox}(t) \\ L^{Oy}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- $X(0)$ starting point in \mathbb{R}_+^2
- μ drift in \mathbb{R}^2
- oblique reflections R^1 and R^2
- $L^{Ox}(t)$ local time on the axis Ox
- $B(t) = (B_1(t), B_2(t))$ covariance Σ

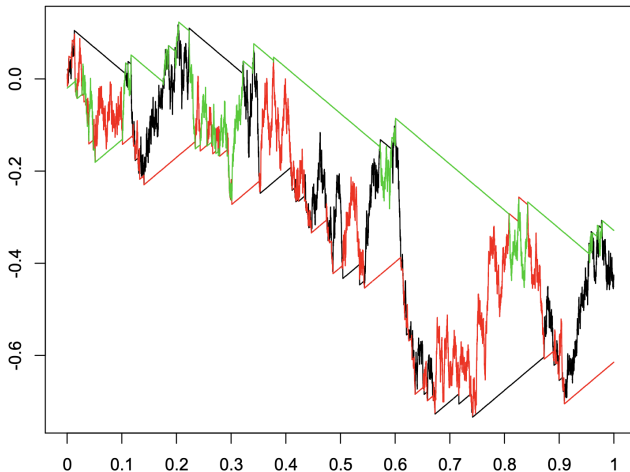


Two options: $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

rank 1

Motivations

Competing three particle systems



[Ichiba Karatzas]

Degeneracy of RBM

Reflected BM \longrightarrow Analytic description
 \downarrow
Degenerate RBM \longrightarrow ?

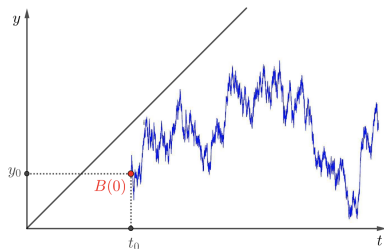
Confluence

$$q = e^{2i\beta} \rightarrow 1$$

Space-time Brownian motion (t, B_t)

[Bougerol Defosseux '22]

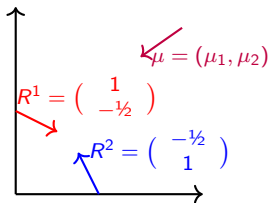
[Franceschi '24]



Main results

A particular model

- Symmetric reflections (rank-based diffusions)
- Normalisation $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = 1$
- One parameter μ_1



Theorem [Franceschi Ichiba Karatzas R.]

$$\pi(u, 0) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (n-1)n(n+1)(n-1+\mu_1)(n+\mu_1)(n+1+\mu_1)(n+\frac{\mu_1}{2}) e^{-n(n+\mu_1)u}$$

$$\pi(u, 0) = \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{d}{du} + 1 - \mu_1 \right) \left(\frac{d}{du} + 1 + \mu_1 \right) \theta_{\mu_1}(e^{-u})$$

with $\theta_{\mu_1}(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (n + \frac{\mu_1}{2}) q^{n(n+\mu_1)}$

- First proof: functional equation
- Second proof: Ansatz for the bivariate density $\pi(u, v)$

Theorem [Franceschi Ichiba Karatzas R.]

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The Laplace transform

$$\int_0^{\infty} \pi(u, 0) e^{-ux} du = \frac{x(x+1-\mu_1)(x+1+\mu_1)}{\cos(\pi\sqrt{\mu_1^2-4x}) - \cos(\pi\mu_1)}$$

globally
meromorphic

Proof: infinite sum

$$\frac{1}{\tan x} = \frac{1}{x} + 2x \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{x^2 - (k\pi)^2}$$

Mittag-Leffler expansion

Infinite product

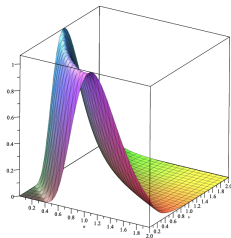
$$\sin x = x \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{(k\pi)^2}\right)$$

$$\pi(u, 0) = \sum_{k \neq -1, 0, 1} \mathcal{E}(k(k+\mu_1))$$

Theorem

$$\pi(u, v) = c \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n e^{-a_n u - b_n v} + c' \sum_{n \geq 0} c'_n e^{-a'_n u - b'_n v}$$

- Recursive computation of the constants
- a_n, b_n quadratic
- $c_n = P_8(n) + (-1)^n Q_8(n)$
same for a'_n, b'_n



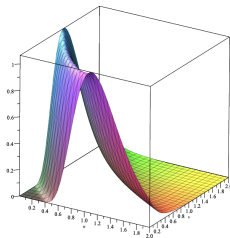
Corollary

$$\pi(u, 0) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (n-1)n(n+1)(n-1+\mu_1)(n+\mu_1)(n+1+\mu_1)\left(n+\frac{\mu_1}{2}\right) e^{-n(n+\mu_1)u}$$

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Asymmetric reflections

More general reflections [Dreyfus Flin Franceschi '24+]

PDE called **basic adjoint relationship** [Harrison Williams]

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{G}^* \pi(u, v) = 0 & \text{(I)} \\ \partial_{R_1^*} \pi(0, v) + 2\mu_1 \pi(0, v) = 0 & \text{(V)} \\ \partial_{R_2^*} \pi(u, 0) + 2\mu_2 \pi(u, 0) = 0 & \text{(H)} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{G}^* &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \mu_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mu_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ R &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ R^* &= 4\Sigma - 2R \text{diag}(R)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Sigma &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

Main objective (discrete setting)

Use the invariance property $\pi P = \pi$ to compute directly the stationary distribution $\pi_{i,j}$ without the generating function

$$\sum_{i,j \geq 0} \pi_{i,j} x^i y^j$$

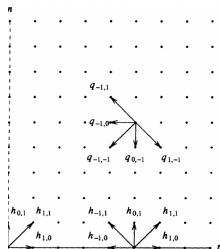
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A COMPENSATION APPROACH FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL MARKOV PROCESSES

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Abstract

Several queueing processes may be modeled as random walks on a multidimensional grid. In this paper the equilibrium distribution for the case of a two-dimensional grid is considered. In previous research it has been shown that for some two-dimensional random walks the equilibrium distribution has the form of an infinite series of products of powers which can be constructed with a compensation procedure. The object of the present paper is to investigate under which conditions such an elegant solution exists and may be found with a compensation approach. The conditions can be easily formulated in terms of the random behaviour in the inner area and the drift on the boundaries.



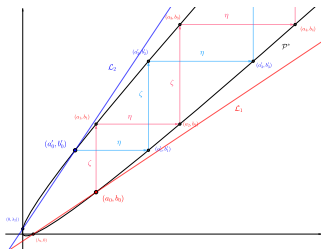
[Adan Wessels Zijm '93]

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{G}^* \pi(u, v) = 0 & \text{(I)} \\ \partial_{R_1^*} \pi(0, v) + 2\mu_1 \pi(0, v) = 0 & \text{(V)} \\ \partial_{R_2^*} \pi(u, 0) + 2\mu_2 \pi(u, 0) = 0 & \text{(H)} \end{cases}$$

Ansatz

$$\pi(u, v) = \sum_n c_n e^{-a_n u - b_n v}$$

- e^{-au-bv} solution to (I) $\Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in \mathcal{P}^*$
- e^{-au-bv} solution to (I) and (V) $\Leftrightarrow (a, b) = (a_0, b_0)$
- $c_0 e^{-a_0 u - b_0 v} + c_1 e^{-a_1 u - b_1 v}$ solution to (I) and (H) \Leftrightarrow condition c_0, c_1



$$\underbrace{c_0 e^{-a_0 u - b_0 v}}_{\in(I) \cap (H)} + \underbrace{c_1 e^{-a_1 u - b_1 v}}_{\in(I) \cap (V)} + \underbrace{c_2 e^{-a_2 u - b_2 v}}_{\in(I) \cap (V)} + \underbrace{c_3 e^{-a_3 u - b_3 v}}_{\in(I) \cap (V)} + \underbrace{c_4 e^{-a_4 u - b_4 v}}_{\in(I) \cap (V)} + \dots$$

Thank you for your attention



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Appendix

- Rational

$$\psi(x) = \frac{1-x}{1-x-x^2}$$

- Algebraic

$$1 - \psi(x) + x\psi(x)^2 = 0$$

- D-finite

$$x(1-16x)\psi''(x) + (1-32x)\psi'(x) - 4\psi(x) = 0$$

- D-algebraic

$$(2x + 5\psi(x) - 3x\psi'(x))\psi''(x) = 48x$$

- D-transcendental



$$\theta_{\mu_1}(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(n + \frac{\mu_1}{2}\right) q^{n(n+\mu_1)}$$

Not surprisingly, the Jacobi theta-like function θ_μ in (16) admits a direct probabilistic interpretation (see (82) below) in terms of Brownian motion conditioned to stay forever in the interval $[0, 1]$. More specifically, for $t > 0$ and $x, y \in (0, 1)$, let $q_t(x, y)$ be the associated transition probability density. Using the recent results by Bougerol and Defosseux [5, Eq. (2.1)], one has

$$q_t(x, y) = \frac{\sin(\pi y)}{\sin(\pi x)} e^{\pi^2 t/2} p_t(x, y),$$

where $p_t(x, y)$ is the transition probability density function of the killed Brownian motion in $[0, 1]$, namely,

$$p_t(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi t}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\exp\left(-\frac{(x-y+2n)^2}{2t}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{(x+y-2+2n)^2}{2t}\right) \right), \quad (80)$$

see Section 6 in Appendix A.1 of [4]. As explained in [5, Sec. 2.1], it is actually possible to start the process at $x = 0$ (using the idea of entrance density measure), and obtain the density function

$$q_t(0, y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} q_t(x, y) = \sin(\pi y) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n \sin(n\pi y) \exp\left(-\pi^2(n^2 - 1)\frac{t}{2}\right), \quad (81)$$

see [5, Eq. (2.5)]. The Jacobi transformation of our Lemma 15 leads directly to

$$\theta_\mu(e^{-2/t}) = \frac{1}{\sin(\pi\mu)} \left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right)^{3/2} \exp\left(\frac{\mu^2}{2t} - \frac{\pi^2 t}{2}\right) q_t(0, \mu). \quad (82)$$

As a conclusion, up to a simple prefactor function, the theta function θ_μ exactly describes the entrance density measure of the killed Brownian motion in $[0, 1]$ starting from 0.