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ON SOME EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONALS OF BROWNIAN MOTION

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Abstract

In this paper, distributional questions which arise in certain mathematical finance models are studied: the distribution of the integral over a fixed time interval $[0, T]$ of the exponential of Brownian motion with drift is computed explicitly, with the help of computations previously made by the author for Bessel processes. The moments of this integral are obtained independently and take a particularly simple form. A subordination result involving this integral and previously obtained by Bougerol is recovered and related to an important identity for Bessel functions. When the fixed time T is replaced by an independent exponential time, the distribution of the integral is shown to be related to last-exit-time distributions and the fixed time case is recovered by inverting Laplace transforms.

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1. Introduction

1.1. For the last four or five years, a number of applied probabilists, working in the domain of mathematical finance, and more precisely on path-dependent options, the so-called ‘Asian options’, a particular case of which are average-value options, have been interested in the distribution of

$$(1.a) \quad \int_0^t ds \exp(aB_s + bs),$$

for a fixed time t , and reals a and b , where $(B_s, s \geq 0)$ denotes a real-valued Brownian motion starting from 0.

Thanks to the scaling properties of Brownian motion, it suffices to find this distribution for $a = 2$ for instance. We shall now write

$$(1.b) \quad A_t^{(\nu)} = \int_0^t ds \exp 2(B_s + \nu s),$$

and discuss the distribution of $A_t^{(\nu)}$. When $\nu = 0$, we simply write A_t .

At this point, it may be worth emphasizing that some quantities of interest in mathematical finance are the moments of $A_t^{(\nu)}$, and, perhaps more importantly, the

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function

$$(*) \quad C(t, k) \equiv E((A_t^{(\nu)} - k)^+).$$

We come back to this point in detail in Section 1.7 of this introduction.

Hence, a fairly thorough knowledge of the law of A_t is needed in order to get, as much as possible, an explicit expression of $C(t, k)$.

1.2. We now remark that, thanks to Girsanov's theorem, we have, for any Borel function $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$:

$$(1.c) \quad E[f(A_t^{(\nu)})] = E[f(A_t) \exp(\nu B_t - \tfrac{1}{2}\nu^2 t)]$$

so that the distribution of $A_t^{(\nu)}$ may be obtained once the joint distribution of $(A_t, \exp(B_t))$ is known. This may be done in terms of the semigroup of the hyperbolic Brownian motion on Poincaré's half-plane (see Bougerol [2]).

In order to be complete and, at the same time, not to confuse the reader with different approaches, the connections with hyperbolic Brownian motion are presented concisely in Section 7 of the present paper.

However, the main approach chosen in this paper, for the study of the law of A_t , and more generally $A_t^{(\nu)}$, is by relating $(\exp(B_t + \nu t), t \geq 0)$ and the Bessel process $(\rho_u^{(\nu)}, u \geq 0)$ with index ν . Some important facts concerning Bessel processes and related computations are collected in Section 2.

1.3. An interesting by-product of this computation is the following striking identity in law obtained by Bougerol [2]:

$$(1.d) \quad \text{for any fixed } t > 0, \quad \sinh(B_t) \stackrel{(\text{law})}{=} \gamma_{A_t},$$

where $(\gamma_u, u \geq 0)$ is a one-dimensional Brownian motion starting from 0, and independent of B .

Routine computations show that (1.d) is equivalent to the relation

$$(1.e) \quad \text{for } u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad E\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{A_t}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2A_t}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1+u^2)t}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2t}(\text{Arg sh } u)^2\right)$$

an identity which characterizes the law of A_t .

In Section 3, we show that both sides of (1.e) admit the same Laplace transform (in t) thereby proving (1.e), hence (1.d). The key argument which we use to prove this Laplace transform identity is the identity in law:

$$(1.f) \quad \exp(B_t) = \rho_{A_t}, \quad (t \geq 0)$$

where ρ is a two-dimensional Bessel process starting from 1.

It finally turns out that Bougerol's identity in law may be understood as a probabilistic interpretation of the following special case of the Lipschitz–Hankel

formulae (see Watson [13], p. 386, for example): for $a \geq 1$, and $\nu > 0$, we have

$$\nu \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \exp(-at) I_\nu(t) = \frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^\nu}.$$

1.4. In Section 4, we show, using elementary arguments independent of the previous computations, that there exists an explicit sequence of polynomials $(P_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ such that:

$$(1.g) \quad E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(2B_s) \right)^n \right] = \frac{1}{4^n} E[P_n(\exp 2B_t)].$$

In particular, this formula allows us to compute the moments of A_t , and it is easily shown that formula (1.g) agrees with Bougerol's formula (1.d).

However, we also show, in the same paragraph, that the knowledge of the moments of A_t does not *a priori* determine the law of A_t , since Carleman's criterion does not apply. Hence, our derivation of formula (1.g) in Section 4, is, *a priori*, strictly weaker than Bougerol's result (1.d).

1.5. In Section 5, we compute the law of $A_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)}$, where S_θ is an exponential random variable, with parameter $(\frac{1}{2}\theta^2)$, which is independent of B . For simplicity, we now discuss the case $\nu = 0$.

We first recall that Williams [14] showed that, given $B_{S_\theta} = x > 0$, the process $(B_u, u \leq S_\theta)$ is distributed as $(B_u + \theta u; u \leq L_x^\theta)$, where $L_x^\theta \equiv \sup \{u : B_u + \theta u = x\}$; changing B into $-B$, it immediately follows that, given $B_{S_\theta} = x < 0$, the process $(B_u, u \leq S_\theta)$ is distributed as $(B_u - \theta u; u \leq L_x^{-\theta})$, where $L_x^{-\theta} \equiv \sup \{u : B_u - \theta u = x\}$. Now, the time-change identity (1.f) may also be extended to

$$(1.f)_\theta \quad \exp(B_t + \theta t) = \rho_{A_t^{(\theta)}}^{(\theta)},$$

where $(\rho_u^{(\theta)}; u \geq 0)$ denotes a Bessel process with index θ (for dimension $d_\theta \equiv 2(\theta + 1)$) starting from 1.

As a consequence of both (1.f) and $(1.f)_\theta$, we obtain that, given $B_{S_\theta} = x > 0$, we have:

$$(1.h) \quad A_{S_\theta} \stackrel{(\text{law})}{=} \Lambda_{e^x}^{(\theta)},$$

where $\Lambda_a^{(\theta)} \equiv \sup \{u > 0 : \rho_u^{(\theta)} = a\}$.

Moreover, as is well known in the general context of transient diffusions (see Pitman and Yor [9], for example), the law of $\Lambda_a^{(\theta)}$ is intimately linked with the semigroup of $\rho^{(\theta)}$, which is known explicitly. Hence, an explicit formula for the law of A_{S_θ} is easily deduced from formula (1.h).

1.6. In Section 6, we invert the Laplace transforms obtained in Section 5 to derive the law of A_t , given B_t , from computations done in [15], relative to the two-dimensional Bessel process $(\rho_u, u \geq 0)$.

1.7. We now give some detailed explanations as to why the knowledge of the distribution of $A(t)$ is most interesting when dealing with average-value (financial) options (in what follows, we shall write AV-options for short).

The following presentation of such options is taken from Kemna and Vorst [7]: consider a perfect security market which is open continuously, offers a constant riskless interest rate r to all borrowers and lenders, and in which no transaction costs and/or takes are incurred. It is further assumed that the underlying asset on which the option is based is equal to a stock with price $S(t)$, which satisfies the linear stochastic differential equation

$$(1.i) \quad dS_t = \alpha S_t dt + \sigma S_t dB_t, \quad S_0 = 1,$$

where α and σ are non-negative constants. Hence, we deduce from (1.i) that

$$(1.j) \quad S_t = \exp(\sigma B_t + \alpha t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t).$$

We then introduce the process

$$(1.k) \quad \mathcal{A}(t) = \frac{1}{T - T_0} \int_{T_0}^t du S_u, \quad T_0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where T is the maturity date, and $[T_0, T]$ is the final time interval over which the average value of the stock is calculated. The payoff on the AV-option can be expressed as $(\mathcal{A}(T) - K)^+$, where K is the exercise price of the option.

Kemna and Vorst ([7], p. 121) then show that the value of the AV-option at time $t \in [T_0, T]$ is given by

$$(1.l) \quad \tilde{C}(S(t), \mathcal{A}(t), t) = \exp(-r(T-t))E[(\mathcal{A}(T) - K)^+ | \mathcal{F}_t]$$

where \mathcal{F}_t is the σ -field generated by the past of S , up to time t .

Thanks to the independence of the increments of B , it is immediate that the expression (1.l) may be expressed in terms of the function C defined above in (*), but now k is an explicit expression depending on $\mathcal{A}(t)$.

Because of the current lack of knowledge about the law of A_t , and more generally of $A_t^{(v)}$, different authors working on this subject have proceeded to various approximations (see, for example, Bouaziz et al. [1], Vorst [12]) and Monte Carlo simulations (Kemna and Vorst [7], who even made the very strange claim that ‘it is impossible to derive an explicit analytic expression for an AV-option’). In a future publication, we hope to develop fully the computation of $C(t, k)$, defined in (*), with the help of our knowledge of the law of $A_t^{(v)}$.

The main advantage of the AV-options is that they depend on the entire past history of the market, and hence, at least heuristically, reduce the risk of price manipulations of the underlying asset at the maturity date. This may explain why, more generally, path-dependent options seem to be widely used on some (Asian, but also Western) marketplaces, in particular to protect some corporations against

potentially hostile takeovers (see Bouaziz et al. [1] and Kemna and Vorst [7] for actual examples).

A second advantage of AV-options is that the price of an AV-option is always strictly less than the price of the corresponding standard European option; in mathematical terms, this is expressed by the inequality

$$(1.m) \quad E[(\mathcal{A}(T) - K)^+] \leq E[(S_T - K)^+]$$

which we now show to be a simple consequence of Jensen's inequality. Indeed, we have, trivially,

$$(\mathcal{A}(T) - K)^+ \leq \frac{1}{T - T_0} \int_{T_0}^T du (S_u - K)^+$$

and, since $(S_u, u \geq 0)$ is a submartingale, the inequality

$$(1.n) \quad (S_u - K)^+ \leq E[(S_T - K)^+ | \mathcal{F}_u] \quad (u \leq T)$$

holds. The inequality (1.m) follows by taking expectations of both sides of (1.n), and then averaging over $[T_0, T]$.

1.8. To conclude this introduction, we should like to sum up the contents of this paper as follows: the law of A , and more generally $A^{(\nu)}$, taken at a fixed time or at an independent exponential time, is obtained, and characterized in several ways, whilst the actual computation of $C(t, k)$ (see $(*)$) is being postponed.

Moreover, the moments of $A_t^{(\nu)}$ are obtained explicitly (see Corollary 2 of Theorem 1).

2. Some preliminaries on Bessel processes

The information about Bessel processes which is presented in this section may be found in Yor [15] and Pitman and Yor [9].

2.1. The key fact in the present paper is the relationship

$$(2.a) \quad \exp(B_t + \nu t) = \rho_{A_t^{(\nu)}}^{(\nu)}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where $(\rho_u^{(\nu)}, u \geq 0)$ is a Bessel process with index ν , that is, an \mathbb{R}_+ -valued diffusion with infinitesimal generator \mathcal{L}^ν given by

$$\mathcal{L}^\nu f(x) = \frac{1}{2} f''(x) + \frac{2\nu + 1}{2x} f'(x), \quad f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}_+^*).$$

2.2. For any $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$, and $a \geq 0$, we denote by P_a^ν the law on $C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$ of $\rho^{(\nu)}$, when starting from a . We write $(R_t, t \geq 0)$ for the canonical process on $C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$, and we denote by $\{\mathcal{R}_t = \sigma(R_s, s \leq t), t \geq 0\}$ the canonical filtration.

Using Girsanov's theorem, it is easily shown that, for $\nu \geq 0$, the mutual absolute

continuity relation holds, for $a > 0$:

$$(2.b) \quad P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t}^\nu = \left(\frac{R_t}{a}\right)^\nu \exp\left(-\frac{\nu^2}{2} \int_0^t \frac{ds}{R_s^2}\right) P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t}^0.$$

In the case $\nu < 0$, the Bessel process $(\rho_u^{(\nu)}, u \geq 0)$ reaches 0, hence the law $P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t}^\nu$ cannot be equivalent to $P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t}^0$; nonetheless, we have, for $\nu < 0$, and $a > 0$,

$$(2.b') \quad P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t \cap \{t < T_0\}}^\nu = \left(\frac{R_t}{a}\right)^\nu \exp\left(-\frac{\nu^2}{2} \int_0^t \frac{ds}{R_s^2}\right) P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t}^0,$$

with $T_0 \equiv \inf\{u > 0: R_u = 0\}$. (Note that the formula (2.b') is also valid for $\nu \geq 0$, since then $P_a^\nu(T_0 = \infty) = 1$.) Comparing formulae (2.b) and (2.b'), we also obtain: for $\nu \geq 0$, and $a > 0$,

$$(2.c) \quad P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t \cap \{t < T_0\}}^{-\nu} = \left(\frac{a}{R_t}\right)^{2\nu} P_{a|\mathcal{R}_t}^\nu.$$

2.3. In what follows, we shall also need the explicit form of the density of the Bessel semigroup $P_t^\nu(a, dr) = p_t^\nu(a, r) dr$, for $\nu \geq 0$; these densities are known to be

$$(2.d) \quad p_t^\nu(a, r) = \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^\nu \frac{r}{t} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2t}(a^2 + r^2)\right) I_\nu\left(\frac{ar}{t}\right),$$

for $a > 0$, $r \geq 0$, and $t > 0$ (see, for example, Revuz and Yor [10], p. 415).

Comparing formulae (2.b) and (2.d), we now obtain the important relationship

$$(2.e) \quad E_a^0\left[\exp\left(-\frac{\nu^2}{2} \int_0^t \frac{ds}{R_s^2}\right) \middle| R_t = r\right] = \left(\frac{I_{|\nu|}}{I_0}\right)\left(\frac{ar}{t}\right).$$

This formula (2.e) gives a probabilistic interpretation for the Hartman–Watson probability measure on \mathbb{R}_+ , which we denote as $\eta_r(du)$, for $r > 0$, and which is defined and characterized by

$$(2.e') \quad \left(\frac{I_{|\nu|}}{I_0}\right)(r) = \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{\nu^2 u}{2}\right) \eta_r(du), \quad \text{for } \nu \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For more probabilistic interpretations of the (originally) purely analytic work of Hartman and Watson [4], we refer the reader to Yor [15] and Pitman and Yor [9].

2.4. Finally, we shall make some use in what follows of the formulae (2.f) and (2.g) below involving Bessel functions:

(i) formula (2.f) below is a particular case of the more general Lipschitz–Hankel formulae (see, for example, Watson [13], p. 386, formula (7)): for $\nu \geq 0$, and $a \geq 1$,

$$(2.f) \quad \nu \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \exp(-at) I_\nu(t) = \frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1})^\nu}.$$

This formula is also found in the literature in the slightly different, but equivalent form: for $\nu \geq 0$, and $\theta \geq 0$,

$$(2.f') \quad \nu \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \exp(-(\theta+1)t) I_\nu(t) = \frac{2^\nu}{(\sqrt{\theta+2} + \sqrt{\theta})^{2\nu}}.$$

(ii) We also need to recall the classical integral representation for the Bessel function K_ν : for any $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(2.g) \quad K_\nu(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t^{\nu+1}} \exp\left(-t + \frac{z^2}{2t}\right)$$

(see, for example, Watson [13], p. 183, formula (15)).

We shall also use the well-known formulae

$$(2.g') \quad K_{\frac{1}{2}}(z) = K_{-\frac{1}{2}}(z) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2z}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-z}.$$

3. A proof of Bougerol's identity in law

As we remarked in the Introduction, Bougerol's identity (1.d) is equivalent to (1.e). In order to prove formula (1.e), it is sufficient to show that both sides admit the same Laplace transform in t ; hence, all we need to prove is the following identity: for any $\theta \geq 0$,

$$(3.a) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{\sqrt{(1+u^2)t}} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 t}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2t} (\text{Arg sh } u)^2\right) \\ &= \int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 t}{2}\right) E\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{A_t}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2A_t}\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

holds. We denote by $l(\theta, u)$, the left-hand side and by $r(\theta, u)$, the right-hand side of (3.a).

We first transform $r(\theta, u)$ using the expression of $(\exp(B_t), t \geq 0)$ given in (2.a) in terms of $(\rho_u, u \geq 0)$, a two-dimensional Bessel process starting from 1. We then obtain, with the notation

$$(3.b) \quad \begin{aligned} H_s &= \int_0^s \frac{du}{\rho_u^2}, \\ r(\theta, u) &= E\left[\int_0^\infty dH_s \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 H_s}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2s}\right)\right] \\ &= E\left[\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{\rho_s^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 H_s}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2s}\right)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

We now replace $\exp(-\theta^2 H_s/2)$ by its conditional expectation, given ρ_s , so that,

using the formulae (2.e), and then (2.d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(\theta, u) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{\sqrt{s}} \left(\frac{1}{s} \right) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho^2} \exp \left(-\frac{1+\rho^2}{2s} \right) I_\theta \left(\frac{\rho}{s} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{u^2}{2s} \right), \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \exp \left(-\frac{1+\rho^2+u^2}{2s} \right) I_\theta \left(\frac{\rho}{s} \right), \\
 (3.c) \quad &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1+\rho^2+u^2}{2s} \right) I_\theta \left(\frac{\rho}{s} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We now define

$$M(\rho, u) = \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{3}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1+\rho^2+u^2}{2s} \right) I_\theta \left(\frac{\rho}{s} \right).$$

Making the change of variables $s = \rho/\xi$, we obtain

$$M(\rho, u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{\xi}} \exp \left(-\left(\frac{1+\rho^2+u^2}{2\rho} \right) \xi \right) I_\theta(\xi),$$

so that, using Fubini's theorem in (3.c), we obtain

$$(3.d) \quad r(\theta, u) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{\xi}} N(u, \xi) I_\theta(\xi),$$

where

$$N(u, \xi) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho^{\frac{3}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1+u^2}{\rho} + \rho \right) \xi \right).$$

Making some elementary changes of variables, we obtain, using (2.g) and (2.g') for $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$N(u, \xi) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\xi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+u^2}} \exp(-\xi\sqrt{1+u^2}).$$

Consequently, we deduce from (3.d) that

$$r(\theta, u) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{1+u^2}} \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{1+u^2}+u)^\theta}.$$

On the other hand, the left-hand side $l(\theta, u)$ of (3.a) is easily seen, thanks to the formulae (2.g) and (2.g'), for $\nu = -\frac{1}{2}$, to be equal to

$$l(\theta, u) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{1+u^2}} \frac{1}{\theta} \exp -\theta(\text{Arg sh } u),$$

which is equal to $r(\theta, u)$, since $\text{Arg sh } u \equiv \log(u + \sqrt{1+u^2})$.

4. The moments of A_t

4.1. Elementary arguments, which do not bear upon the previous section, and which involve essentially the independence of the increments of B , allow us to obtain an explicit formula for

$$E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(B_s) \right)^n \exp(\mu B_t) \right],$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\mu \geq 0$.

In order to simplify the presentation, and to be able to extend easily some of the computations for the Brownian case to the case of some other processes with independent increments, we shall write, for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(4.a) \quad E[\exp(\lambda B_t)] = \exp t\varphi(\lambda), \quad \text{where, here, } \varphi(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2}.$$

We then have the following result.

Theorem 1. 1. Let $\mu \geq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\alpha > \varphi(\mu + n) \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\mu + n)^2$. Then, the formula

$$(4.b) \quad \int_0^\infty dt \exp(-\alpha t) E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp B_s \right)^n \exp(\mu B_t) \right] = \frac{n!}{\prod_{j=0}^n (\alpha - \varphi(\mu + j))}$$

holds.

2. Let $\mu \geq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $t \geq 0$. Then, we have

$$(4.c) \quad E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(B_s) \right)^n \exp(\mu B_t) \right] = E[P_n^{(\mu)}(\exp B_t) \exp(\mu B_t)]$$

where $(P_n^{(\mu)}, n \in \mathbb{N})$ is the following sequence of polynomials:

$$P_n^{(\mu)}(z) = n! \left(\sum_{j=0}^n c_j^{(\mu)} z^j \right), \quad \text{with} \quad c_j^{(\mu)} = \left(\prod_{\substack{k \neq j \\ 0 \leq k \leq n}} (\varphi(\mu + j) - \varphi(\mu + k)) \right)^{-1}.$$

Proof. 1. We define

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{n,t}(\mu) &= E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(B_s) \right)^n \exp(\mu B_t) \right] \\ &= n! E \left[\int_0^t ds_1 \int_0^{s_1} ds_2 \cdots \int_0^{s_{n-1}} ds_n \exp(B_{s_1} + \cdots + B_{s_n} + \mu B_t) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We then remark that

$$\begin{aligned} E[\exp(\mu B_t + B_{s_1} + \cdots + B_{s_n})] \\ &= E[\exp\{\mu(B_t - B_{s_1}) + (\mu + 1)(B_{s_1} - B_{s_2}) + \cdots + (\mu + n)B_{s_n}\}] \\ &= \exp\{\varphi(\mu)(t - s_1) + \varphi(\mu + 1)(s_1 - s_2) + \cdots + \varphi(\mu + n)s_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty dt \exp(-\alpha t) \Phi_{n,t}(\mu) \\ &= n! \int_0^\infty dt \exp(-\alpha t) \int_0^t ds_1 \int_0^{s_1} ds_2 \cdots \int_0^{s_{n-1}} ds_n \exp\{\varphi(\mu)(t-s_1) + \cdots + \varphi(\mu+n)s_n\} \\ &= n! \int_0^\infty ds_n \exp-(\alpha - \varphi(\mu+n))s_n \int_{s_n}^\infty ds_{n-1} \exp-(\alpha - \varphi(\mu+n-1))(s_{n-1} - s_n) \\ &\quad \cdots \int_{s_1}^\infty dt \exp-(\alpha - \varphi(\mu))(t - s_1), \end{aligned}$$

so that, in the case $\alpha > \varphi(\mu+n)$, we obtain formula (4.b) by integrating successively the $(n+1)$ exponential functions.

2. Next, we use the additive decomposition formula

$$\frac{1}{\prod_{j=0}^n (\alpha - \varphi(\mu+j))} = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j^{(\mu)} \frac{1}{(\alpha - \varphi(\mu+j))}$$

where $c_j^{(\mu)}$ is given as stated in the theorem, and we obtain, for $\alpha > \varphi(\mu+n)$:

$$\int_0^\infty dt \exp(-\alpha t) \Phi_{n,t}(\mu) = n! \sum_{j=0}^n c_j^{(\mu)} \int_0^\infty dt \exp(-\alpha t) \exp(\varphi(\mu+j)t),$$

a formula from which we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{n,t}(\mu) &= n! \sum_{j=0}^n c_j^{(\mu)} \exp(\varphi(\mu+j)t) = n! \sum_{j=0}^n c_j^{(\mu)} E[\exp(jB_t) \exp(\mu B_t)] \\ &= E[P_n^{(\mu)}(\exp B_t) \exp(\mu B_t)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have proved formula (4.c).

As a consequence of Theorem 1, we have the following.

Corollary 1. For any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, and any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$(4.d) \quad \lambda^{2n} E\left[\left(\int_0^t du \exp(\lambda B_u)\right)^n\right] = E[P_n(\exp \lambda B_t)]$$

where

$$(4.e) \quad P_n(z) = 2^n (-1)^n \left\{ \frac{1}{n!} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{n! (-z)^j}{(n-j)! (n+j)!} \right\}.$$

Proof. Thanks to the scaling property of Brownian motion, it suffices to prove formula (4.d) for $\mu = 1$, and any $t \geq 0$. In this case, we remark that formula (4.d) is then precisely formula (4.c) taken with $\mu = 0$, once the coefficients $c_j^{(0)}$ have been

identified as

$$c_0^{(0)} = (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{(n!)^2}; \quad c_j^{(0)} = \frac{2^n (-1)^{n-j} 2}{(n-j)! (n+j)!} \quad (1 \leq j \leq n);$$

therefore, it now appears that the polynomial P_n is precisely $P_n^{(0)}$, and this ends the proof of (4.d).

It may also be helpful to write down explicitly the moments of $A_t^{(\nu)}$.

Corollary 2. For any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^*$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$(4.d') \quad \lambda^{2n} E \left[\left(\int_0^t du \exp \lambda (B_u + \mu u) \right)^n \right] = n! \sum_{j=0}^n c_j^{(\mu/\lambda)} \exp \left(\left(\frac{\lambda^2 j^2}{2} + \lambda j \mu \right) t \right).$$

In particular, we have, for $\mu = 0$,

$$(4.d'') \quad \lambda^{2n} E \left[\left(\int_0^t du \exp \lambda B_u \right)^n \right] = n! \left\{ \frac{(-1)^n}{(n!)^2} + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{n-j}}{(n-j)! (n+j)!} \exp \frac{\lambda^2 j^2 t}{2} \right\}.$$

Taking $\lambda = 2$ in formula (4.d), we obtain

$$(4.f) \quad E[A_t^n] = \frac{1}{4^n} E[P_n(\exp 2B_t)].$$

A different computation of $E[A_t^n]$ follows from Bougerol's identity:

$$(1.d) \quad \text{for any } t \geq 0, \quad \gamma_{A_t}^{(\text{law})} = \sinh(B_t),$$

from which we deduce

$$(4.g) \quad E[\gamma_1^{2n}] E[A_t^n] = E[(\sinh(B_t))^{2n}].$$

We now show that formulae (4.f) and (4.g) give the same value for $E[A_t^n]$, thereby providing a partial checking of Theorem 1 and its corollary.

Lemma 1. The identity

$$(4.h) \quad \frac{1}{4^n} E[P_n(\exp 2B_t)] = \frac{E[(\sinh B_t)^{2n}]}{E(B_1^{2n})}$$

holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $t \geq 0$.

Proof. We write g_{2n} for $E(B_1^{2n})$. Developing both sides of (4.h) with the help of the distribution of B_t , we see that (4.h) is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{4^n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2t} \right) P_n(\exp 2x) = \frac{1}{g_{2n}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2t} \right) (\sinh x)^{2n},$$

which is itself equivalent to

$$(4.h') \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty dx \exp(-x^2/2t)(P_n(\exp(2x)) + P_n(\exp(-2x))) \\ &= \frac{4^n}{g_{2n}} 2 \int_0^\infty dx \exp(-x^2/2t)(\sinh x)^{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

From the injectivity of the Laplace transform, we deduce that (4.h') is satisfied for all $t > 0$ if, and only if

$$\frac{1}{2}(P_n(\exp(2x)) + P_n(\exp(-2x))) = \frac{4^n}{g_{2n}} (\sinh x)^{2n},$$

or, equivalently, if we use the variable $y = \exp(2x)$,

$$(4.i) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left(P_n(y) + P_n\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \right) = \frac{1}{g_{2n}} \left(y + \frac{1}{y} - 2 \right)^n.$$

We now remark that

$$\left(y + \frac{1}{y} - 2 \right)^n \equiv \left(\sqrt{y} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \right)^{2n} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Q_n(y)$$

is given by the formula

$$(4.j) \quad Q_n(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} C_{2n}^k y^{n-k} (-1)^k.$$

We now write

$$(4.j') \quad \begin{aligned} Q_n(y) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_{2n}^k y^{n-k} (-1)^k + (-1)^n C_{2n}^n + \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} C_{2n}^{n-(k-n)} \frac{(-1)^{n-(k-n)}}{y^{k-n}} \\ &= (-1)^n \left\{ C_{2n}^n + \sum_{k=1}^n C_{2n}^{n-k} (-y)^k + \sum_{k=1}^n C_{2n}^{n-k} \left(-\frac{1}{y} \right)^k \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the formula $g_{2n} = (2n)!/2^n n!$, which follows from $E[\exp(\lambda B_1)] = \exp(\frac{1}{2}\lambda^2)$ by differentiation, is well known. Hence, the formulae (4.j') and (4.e) imply that

$$\frac{1}{g_n} Q_n(y) = \frac{1}{2} \left(P_n(y) + P_n\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \right),$$

which is precisely (4.i).

4.2. Although we do not want to sidetrack the reader with questions of secondary importance, it may be worthwhile to mention that the results of Theorem 1 can be extended to a large class of processes $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ with independent increments, instead of $(B_t, t \geq 0)$. We hope to develop such a general study in a

further paper, but we may remark here that, for $X_t = B_t^{(\nu)} \equiv B_t + \nu t$, with $\nu \geq 0$, formulae (4.b) and (4.c) may be extended with the function $\varphi^{(\nu)}$ now defined to be $\varphi^{(\nu)}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 + \nu\lambda$. In particular, for $\mu, \nu \geq 0$, there exist polynomials ${}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)}$ such that

$$(4.c)_\nu \quad E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(B_s^{(\nu)}) \right)^n \exp(\mu B_t^{(\nu)}) \right] = E[{}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)}(\exp B_t^{(\nu)}) \exp(\mu B_t^{(\nu)})].$$

Now, thanks to Girsanov's theorem, the above identity is equivalent to

$$(4.c)'_\nu \quad E \left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(B_s) \right)^n \exp((\mu + \nu)B_t) \right] = E[{}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)}(\exp B_t) \exp((\mu + \nu)B_t)]$$

and, comparing this with formula (4.c), we easily obtain the following.

Lemma 2. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mu, \nu \geq 0$, we have ${}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)} = P_n^{(\mu+\nu)}$.

Proof. Comparing formulae (4.c)' and (4.c) with the parameter μ replaced there by $(\mu + \nu)$, we obtain

$$E[{}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)}(\exp B_t)] = E[P_n^{(\mu+\nu)}(\exp B_t) \exp(\mu + \nu)B_t].$$

Denote $\lambda = \mu + \nu$. Now, a Laplace transform argument (in t) shows that the preceding equality is true if and only if

$$P(\rho)\rho^\lambda + P\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)^\lambda = Q(\rho)\rho^\lambda + Q\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right)^\lambda, \quad \rho > 0$$

where we have written P for ${}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)}$ and Q for $P_n^{(\mu+\nu)}$.

Now, letting $\rho \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain that the coefficients of highest degree (i.e. n) of P and Q are equal. Iterating this procedure, we show that the coefficients of any given degree k ($\leq n$) of P and Q are equal, hence $P = Q$.

Remark. The identity shown in Lemma 2 could also be proved directly upon looking at the explicit formulae for ${}^{(\nu)}P_n^{(\mu)}$ and $P_n^{(\mu+\nu)}$ (see just below (4.c)). Indeed, it suffices to remark that

$$\varphi^{(\nu)}(\mu + x) - \varphi^{(\nu)}(\mu + y) = (\mu + \nu)(x - y) = \varphi^{(\mu+\nu)}(x) - \varphi^{(\mu+\nu)}(y).$$

However, it also seemed interesting to develop the arguments of the above proof, which are not computational.

4.3. We now remark that the polynomials $P_n \equiv P_n^{(0)}$ are closely linked with certain hypergeometric polynomials. We first recall the definition of the hypergeometric function F with parameters α, β, γ :

$$F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_k (\beta)_k}{(\gamma)_k k!} z^k,$$

where

$$(\lambda)_k = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + k)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \equiv \lambda(\lambda + 1) \cdots (\lambda + k - 1)$$

(see Lebedev [8], p. 238). In particular, we have

$$F(-n, 1, n + 1; z) = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(-n)_j (1)_j}{(n + 1)_j} \frac{z^j}{j!} = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(n!)^2 (-z)^j}{(n + j)! (n - j)!}.$$

As a consequence, we deduce from formula (4.e) the following relation:

$$(4.k) \quad P_n(z) = \frac{(-2)^n}{n!} \{2F(-n, 1, n + 1; z) - 1\}.$$

4.4. Although in Section 4.1 above, we proved the identity

$$(4.g) \quad E[\gamma_1^{2n}] E[A_t^n] = E[(\sinh B_t)^{2n}], \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

it does not seem possible to deduce Bougerol's identity in law (1.d) directly from (4.g). Indeed, the law of $\sinh(B_t)$ is not determined by its moments, and, in fact, it is easy to exhibit some explicit distributions on \mathbb{R} which have the same moments as $\sinh(B_t)$.

For simplicity, we take $t = 1$, and we recall (see Stoyanov [11], p. 89) that if N is a standard $N(0, 1)$ random variable, then, for any ε with $0 < |\varepsilon| \leq 1$, and any $p \in \mathbb{Z}^*$, $\exp(N)$ and $\exp(N_{(\varepsilon, p)})$ have the same positive and negative moments, i.e.

$$E[\exp(kN)] = E[\exp(kN_{(\varepsilon, p)})], \quad \text{for any } k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

if $P(N_{(\varepsilon, p)} \in dx) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(N \in dx)(1 + \varepsilon \sin(\pi p x))$. Consequently, $\sinh(N)$ and $\sinh(N_{(\varepsilon, p)})$ also have the same positive and negative moments, although they have different distributions. However, we have not been able to show that $\sinh(N_{(\varepsilon, p)})$ can be represented in law as $\gamma_{A_{(\varepsilon, p)}}$, for some non-negative random variable $A_{(\varepsilon, p)}$ which is independent of the Brownian motion $(\gamma_t, t \geq 0)$. Hence, the possibility of deducing (1.d) directly from (4.g) is not entirely ruled out, although it seems very unlikely.

4.5. Coming back to (4.c) and (4.c)_v, we give yet another example of such formulae, this time for the standard Cauchy process $(C_t, t \geq 0)$, the law of which, as a process with homogeneous independent increments, is determined by

$$E[\exp(i\lambda C_t)] = \exp(-t|\lambda|) \quad (t \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Computations similar to those developed in the proof of Theorem 1 yield the following very simple formula: for any $t \geq 0$, and any $\mu \geq 0$,

$$(4.l) \quad E\left[\left(\int_0^t ds \exp(iC_s)\right)^n \exp(i\mu C_t)\right] = E[(1 - \exp(iC_t))^n \exp(i\mu C_t)].$$

5. The law of $A^{(\vee)}$ taken at an independent exponential time

5.1. We now consider S_θ , an exponentially distributed random variable with parameter $\frac{1}{2}\theta^2$, that is, $P(S_\theta \in dt) = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\theta^2 t) dt$, which is assumed moreover to be independent of B .

A simple variant of the arguments used in Section 3 above will yield the following result.

Theorem 2. We recall that, for $\mu \geq 0$, $p_t^\mu(a, \rho) d\rho$ denotes the semigroup of the Bessel process of index μ , which is given by formula (2.d).

1. The joint law of $(\exp(B_{S_\theta}), A_{S_\theta})$ is given by

$$(5.a) \quad P(\exp(B_{S_\theta}) \in d\rho; A_{S_\theta} \in du) = \frac{\theta^2}{2\rho^{2+\theta}} p_u^\theta(1, \rho) d\rho du.$$

2. More generally, if $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$, we set: $\lambda = (\theta^2 + \nu^2)^{1/2}$, and we have

$$(5.b) \quad P(\exp(B_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)}) \in d\rho; A_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)} \in du) = \frac{\theta^2}{2\rho^{2+\lambda-\nu}} p_u^\lambda(1, \rho) d\rho du.$$

Proof. 1. Consider $f, g: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ two Borel functions. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\theta(f, g) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E[f(\exp B_{S_\theta})g(A_{S_\theta})] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} E\left[\int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 t}{2}\right) f(\exp B_t)g(A_t)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the formulae (2.a), (2.e) and (2.d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\theta(f, g) &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} E\left[\int_0^\infty dH_u \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 H_u}{2}\right) f(\exp B_{H_u})g(u)\right] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{du}{\rho_u^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 H_u}{2}\right) f(\rho_u)g(u)\right] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \int_0^\infty du g(u) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho^{2+\theta}} f(\rho) p_u^\theta(1, \rho), \end{aligned}$$

which implies formula (5.a).

2. More generally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\theta^{(\nu)}(f, g) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E[f(\exp(B_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)}))g(A_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)})] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 t}{2}\right) E[f(\exp B_t^{(\nu)})g(A_t^{(\nu)})] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 t}{2}\right) E\left[f(\exp B_t)g(A_t) \exp\left(\nu B_t - \frac{\nu^2 t}{2}\right)\right] \\ (5.c) \quad &= \frac{\theta^2}{(\theta^2 + \nu^2)} \left(\frac{\theta^2 + \nu^2}{2}\right) \int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda^2 t}{2}\right) E[f(\exp B_t)g(A_t) \exp(\nu B_t)] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{(\theta^2 + \nu^2)} E[f(\exp B_{S_\lambda})g(A_{S_\lambda}) \exp(\nu B_{S_\lambda})] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2} \int_0^\infty du g(u) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho^{\lambda+2}} \rho^\nu f(\rho) p_u^\lambda(1, \rho), \quad \text{from (5.a),} \end{aligned}$$

which implies formula (5.b). Note that in (5.c), we have used Girsanov's theorem to relate the law of $(B_u^{(\nu)}, u \leq t)$ to that of $(B_u, u \leq t)$.

From formula (5.b), we immediately obtain the conditional law of $A_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)}$ given $B_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)}$.

Corollary. We keep the notation used in Theorem 2. We have, for any $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(5.d) \quad P(B_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)} \in dx) = \frac{\theta^2}{2\lambda} \exp(-\lambda|x| + \nu x) dx,$$

and

$$(5.d') \quad P(A_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)} \in du \mid B_{S_\theta}^{(\nu)} = x) = \lambda \exp(-x + 2\lambda x^-) p_u^\lambda(1, e^x) du$$

where $x^- = (-x)1_{(x \leq 0)}$.

Proof. The formula (5.d) may be obtained using Girsanov's theorem to reduce it to the case $\nu = 0$, in which case we find the well-known result

$$P(B_{S_\lambda} \in dx) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \exp(-\lambda|x|) dx.$$

Once formula (5.d) has been obtained, formula (5.d') follows from (5.b).

5.2. We now discuss the statements of Theorem 2 and its corollary in relation to the explicit description of the laws of last-passage times for certain transient diffusions on \mathbb{R}_+ , and, in particular, Bessel processes with dimension $d > 2$.

The following general discussion may be found in Pitman and Yor [9], Section 6, Williams [14], Revuz and Yor [10] (Exercises (4.16), p. 298, and (1.16), p. 378).

We consider the canonical realization on $C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$ of a regular diffusion $(R_t, t \geq 0; P_x, x \in \mathbb{R}_+)$ with infinite lifetime, and we suppose for simplicity that

$$(5.e) \quad P_x(T_0 < \infty) = 0, \quad x > 0,$$

$$(5.f) \quad P_x\left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} R_t = \infty\right) = 1, \quad x > 0.$$

As a consequence of (5.e) and (5.f), a scale function s for this diffusion satisfies $s(0+) = -\infty$ and $s(\infty) < \infty$. We can therefore suppose that $s(\infty) = 0$. Let Γ be the infinitesimal generator of the diffusion, and take the speed measure m to be such that $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2}(d/dm)(d/ds)$. According to Itô and McKean ([5], p. 149), there exists a continuous function

$$P^\cdot : (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^* \\ (t, x, y) \rightarrow p_t^\cdot(x, y)$$

which is symmetric in x and y , and such that the semigroup P_t of the diffusion is given by

$$P_t(x, dy) = p_t^\cdot(x, y)m(dy).$$

We can now state the following result.

Theorem 3 (Pitman and Yor [9], Theorem 6.1). *Let (R_t, P_x) be a regular diffusion on \mathbb{R}_+ , which satisfies the hypotheses (5.e) and (5.f). Then:*

1. *for all $a, b > 0$,*

$$(5.g) \quad P_a(L_b \in dt) = \frac{-1}{2s(b)} p_t(a, b) dt \quad (t > 0),$$

2. *for $a \leq b$, the formula (5.g) defines an infinitely divisible probability distribution on \mathbb{R}_+ ,*

3. *for $a < b$, we have*

$$P_b(T_a < \infty) \equiv P_b(L_a > 0) = \frac{s(b)}{s(a)} \quad \text{and} \quad P_b(L_a \in dt; L_a > 0) = \frac{-1}{2s(a)} p_t(b, a) dt,$$

so that

$$P_b(L_a \in dt \mid L_a > 0) = \frac{-1}{2s(b)} p_t(a, b) dt = P_a(L_b \in dt).$$

As a consequence of Theorem 3, we may now interpret, after making some elementary computations concerning the speed measures and scale functions of Bessel processes, the corollary of Theorem 2 as follows.

Proposition 1. *We keep the notation used in Theorem 2. Moreover, we denote by $L^{(\lambda)}(a, b)$ the last-passage time in b of the Bessel process $\rho^{(\lambda)}$ starting from a . Then, for any $v \in \mathbb{R}$, the quantity*

$$P(A_{S_\theta}^{(v)} \in du \mid B_{S_\theta}^{(v)} = x)$$

is equal to

$$P(L^{(\lambda)}(1, e^x) \in du) \quad \text{if } x \geq 0,$$

and to

$$P(L^{(\lambda)}(1, e^x) \in du \mid L^{(\lambda)}(1, e^x) > 0) = P(L^{(\lambda)}(e^x, 1) \in du) \quad \text{if } x < 0.$$

5.3. We now show how the results in Theorem 2 and its corollary, together with Proposition 1, lead to the following result:

$$(5.h) \quad \text{for } v > 0, \quad A_\infty^{(-v)} \stackrel{(law)}{=} \frac{1}{2Z_v} \stackrel{(law)}{=} L^{(v)}(0, 1),$$

where Z_v denotes a standard gamma variable with parameter v , i.e.

$$P(Z_v \in dt) = \frac{t^{v-1}}{\Gamma(v)} \exp(-t) dt \quad (t > 0)$$

(for a more direct derivation of (5.h) and related references, see [16]). Since

$S_\theta \xrightarrow[\theta \rightarrow 0]{(P)} \infty$, it will be sufficient, in order to prove (5.h), to pass to the limit as $\theta \rightarrow 0$,

in formulae (5.d) and (5.d'). In fact, writing $\mu = 1/2\nu$, we shall show

$$(5.h') \quad (-\theta^2 B_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)}; A_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)}) \xrightarrow[\theta \rightarrow 0]{(law)} \left(e_\mu; \frac{1}{2Z_\nu} \right)$$

where e_μ and Z_ν are independent, and $P(e_\mu \in dy) = \frac{1}{2}\nu \exp(-(y/2\nu)) dy$ ($y > 0$). The convergence

$$-\theta^2 B_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)} \xrightarrow[\theta \rightarrow 0]{(law)} e_\mu$$

is immediate, since

$$-\theta^2 B_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)} \stackrel{(law)}{=} (-\theta^2)(\sqrt{S_\theta} B_1 - \nu S_\theta), \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\theta^2}{2} S_\theta \stackrel{(law)}{=} e_1.$$

Then, in order to prove ((5.h), (a)), it suffices to show that, for any function $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, continuous, with compact support, and any $y > 0$, the quantity

$$(5.d'') \quad E \left[f(A_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)}) \mid B_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)} = -\frac{y}{\theta^2} \right] \equiv \lambda \exp \left\{ \frac{y}{\theta^2} (1 + 2\lambda) \right\} \int_0^\infty du p_u^\lambda \left(1, \exp \left(-\frac{y}{\theta^2} \right) \right) f(u)$$

converges, as $\theta \rightarrow 0$, towards

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{du}{\Gamma(\nu) 2^\nu u^{\nu+1}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2u} \right) f(u).$$

This is a consequence of the explicit formula (2.d) for $p_u^\lambda(1, \xi)$ and of the well-known equivalence result

$$I_\lambda(\xi) \sim \left(\frac{\xi}{2} \right)^\lambda \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda + 1)}, \quad \text{as } \xi \rightarrow 0,$$

uniformly as λ varies in a compact subset of \mathbb{R}_+^* . On the other hand, we shall prove ((5.h), (b)), or rather the identity

$$(5.i) \quad A_\infty^{(-\nu)} \stackrel{(law)}{=} L^{(\nu)}(0, 1)$$

with the help of Proposition 1. Indeed, from this proposition, we have, for any $y > 0$, and any bounded continuous function $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$,

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[f(A_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)}) \mid B_{S_\theta}^{(-\nu)} = -\frac{y}{\theta^2} \right] &= E \left[f \left(L^{(\lambda)} \left(1, \exp \left(-\frac{y}{\theta^2} \right) \right) \right) \mid L^{(\lambda)} \left(1, \exp \left(-\frac{y}{\theta^2} \right) \right) > 0 \right] \\ &= E \left[f \left(L^{(\lambda)} \left(\exp \left(-\frac{y}{\theta^2} \right), 1 \right) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and, finally, letting $\theta \rightarrow 0$, the last-written quantity converges to $E[f(L^{(\nu)}(0, 1))]$, thereby proving (5.i).

6. The law of A taken at a fixed time

6.1. Our aim in this section is to give a formula, which we would like to be as explicit as possible, for

$$(6.a) \quad P(A(t) \in du \mid B_t = x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a_t(x, u) du.$$

This computation will be closely linked with the following form of the density of the Hartman–Watson distribution $\eta_r(du)$, which we defined above in (2.e'). We take the following formula from Yor ([15], p. 85):

$$I_0(r)\eta_r(du) = \theta_r(u) du, \quad \text{with} \quad \theta_r(u) = \frac{r}{(2\pi^3 u)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(\frac{\pi^2}{2u}\right) \psi_r(u),$$

and

$$(6.b) \quad \psi_r(u) = \int_0^\infty dy \exp(-y^2/2u) \exp(-r(\cosh y)) (\sinh y) \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{u}\right).$$

Before getting any further into the computation of $a_t(x, u)$, we remark that, thanks to Girsanov's theorem relating the laws of $(B_s + \nu s; s \leq t)$ and $(B_s; s \leq t)$, we have

$$(6.a') \quad P(A_t^{(\nu)} \in du \mid B_t + \nu t = x) = a_t(x, u) du$$

so that it is really sufficient to consider only the case $\nu = 0$.

6.2. The main result in this section is the following.

Proposition 2. If we denote $P(A_t \in du \mid B_t = x) = a_t(x, u) du$, then we have

$$(6.c) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right) a_t(x, u) = \frac{1}{u} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2u}(1 + e^{2x})\right) \theta_{e^{x/u}}(t).$$

Proof. Consider $f, g: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ two Borel functions; then, we have, on the one hand, for $\mu \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left[\int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\mu^2 t}{2}\right) f(\exp B_t) g(A_t)\right] \\ &= \int_0^\infty dt \exp\left(-\frac{\mu^2 t}{2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} f(e^x) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right) \int_0^\infty du g(u) a_t(x, u), \end{aligned}$$

by definition of $a_t(x, u)$; on the other hand, the same quantity is, by formula (5.a), equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty du g(u) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho^{\mu+2}} f(\rho) p_u^\mu(1, \rho) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \exp(-(\mu+1)x) f(e^x) \int_0^\infty du g(u) p_u^\mu(1, e^x). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the two expressions we have just obtained, we see that

$$(6.d) \quad \int_0^\infty dt \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\mu^2 t + \frac{x^2}{t} \right) \right) a_t(x, u) = \exp \left(-(\mu + 1)x \right) p_u^\mu(1, e^x).$$

Now, using the explicit form of p^μ given by formula (2.d), and the definition of the function θ given above (6.b), the right-hand side of (6.d) may be written as

$$\frac{1}{u} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2u} (1 + e^{2x}) \right) \int_0^\infty dt \theta_{e^x/u}(t) \exp \left(-\frac{\mu^2 t}{2} \right),$$

and, finally, formula (6.c) follows from (6.d) using the injectivity of the Laplace transform.

From formulae (6.b) and (6.c)), we now deduce an interesting expression for $E[f(\exp B_t)g(A_t)]$, where $f, g: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ are two Borel functions.

Corollary. We have

$$(6.e) \quad E[f(\exp B_t)g(A_t)] = c_t \int_0^\infty dy \int_0^\infty dv f(y)g\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \exp \left(-\frac{v}{2} (1 + y^2) \right) \psi_{yv}(t),$$

where

$$c_t = \frac{1}{(2\pi^2 t)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp(\pi^2/2t).$$

Proof. By definition of $a_t(x, u)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[f(\exp B_t)g(A_t)] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2t} \right) \int_0^\infty du g(u) a_t(x, u) f(e^x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{u} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2u} (1 + e^{2x}) \right) \theta_{e^x/u}(t) f(e^x) g(u) \quad (\text{from (6.c)}) \\ &= c_t \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \int_0^\infty \frac{du}{u} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2u} (1 + e^{2x}) \right) \frac{e^x}{u} \psi_{e^x/u}(t) f(e^x) g(u) \\ &= c_t \int_0^\infty dy \int_0^\infty dv \exp \left(-\frac{v}{2} (1 + y^2) \right) \psi_{yv}(t) f(y) g\left(\frac{1}{v}\right). \end{aligned}$$

6.3. From the formulae (6.b) and (6.e), we obtain an 'explicit' expression for the density $\alpha_t(v)$ of A_t , i.e. $P(A_t \in dv) = \alpha_t(v) dv$, which is nonetheless complicated.

Indeed, we deduce from (6.e) that, for any Borel function $g: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, we have:

$$(6.f) \quad E[g(A_t)] = c_t \int_0^\infty dv g\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \exp \left(-\frac{v}{2} \right) \alpha_t(v),$$

where

$$\alpha_t(v) = \int_0^\infty dy \psi_{yv}(t) \exp \left(-\frac{vy^2}{2} \right) = \int_0^\infty dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} \psi_{x\sqrt{v}}(t) \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} \right).$$

We then found it interesting to check that, from (6.f), we are able (at least!) to recover the fact that $E[(A_t)^n] < \infty$, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. In order to prove this, it is sufficient to show that $\alpha_t(v) = O(v^k)$, as $v \rightarrow 0$, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, which, in turn, is implied by the property

$$(6.g) \quad \psi_r(t) = O(r^k), \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow 0, \text{ for any } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Proof of (6.g). The key argument in the proof is the probabilistic representation of $\psi_r(t)$ as

$$\psi_r(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi t}}{2i} E[\exp(-r \cosh(\sqrt{t}G)) \{\exp \sqrt{t}(1+i\lambda)G - \exp \sqrt{t}(1-i\lambda)G\}]$$

where $\lambda = \pi/t$, and G is a standard $N(0, 1)$ gaussian variable. Now, (6.g) follows from the fact that all derivatives of $\psi_r(t)$, with respect to r , when taken at $r = 0$, are equal to 0, which is a consequence of

$$(6.h) \quad E[(\cosh(\sqrt{t}G))^k \{\exp \sqrt{t}(1+i\lambda)G - \exp \sqrt{t}(1-i\lambda)G\}] = 0, \quad \text{for any } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

In order to prove (6.h), we shall show that, for any $\theta = k\sqrt{t}$, with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, the quantity

$$h(\theta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E[\exp(\theta G) \{\exp \sqrt{t}(1+i\lambda)G - \exp \sqrt{t}(1-i\lambda)G\}]$$

is equal to 0. Indeed, for any $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$h(\theta) = \exp \frac{1}{2}(\theta + \sqrt{t}(1+i\lambda))^2 - \exp \frac{1}{2}(\theta + \sqrt{t}(1-i\lambda))^2$$

from which it follows easily, since $\lambda = \pi/t$, that $h(k\sqrt{t}) = 0$, for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

7. Some connections with hyperbolic Brownian motion

As announced in Section 1.2, we sketch here how we might deduce the joint law of

$$\left(A_t^{(\nu)} \equiv \int_0^t ds \exp 2(B_s + \nu s), B_t \right)$$

from the knowledge of the semigroup of the hyperbolic Brownian motion.

In order to compute the joint law of $(A_t^{(\nu)}, B_t)$ for fixed t , it is obviously sufficient to compute the conditional law $a_t^\nu(x, u) du$ of $A_t^{(\nu)}$, given $B_t = x$.

From the relation (6.a'), we deduce

$$(7.a) \quad a_t^\nu(x, u) = a_t(x + \nu t, u), \quad du \text{ a.s.}$$

In the following, we shall compute (via a Laplace transform) $a_t^\nu(x, u)$ for $\nu = -\frac{1}{2}$, hence for all ν 's, thanks to (7.a). We note, for simplicity, $\bar{a}(x, u)$ for $a_t^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x, u)$. Now, the semigroup associated with the hyperbolic Laplacian operator

$$\Delta = \frac{y^2}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

on Poincaré's half-plane is known to be [3], [6]:

$$(7.b) \quad p_t(z; l) = \frac{\sqrt{2} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{2}\right)}{(2\pi t)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int_d^\infty r \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2t}\right) \frac{dr}{(\cosh r - \cosh d)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

where $d = d(z, l)$ is the hyperbolic distance between z and l .

A stochastic differential equation satisfied by the hyperbolic Brownian motion $((X_t, Y_t); t \geq 0)$, starting at $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$, with infinitesimal generator Δ , is:

$$(7.c) \quad X_t = x + \int_0^t Y_s dU_s; \quad Y_t = y + \int_0^t Y_s dB_s \equiv y \exp\left(B_t - \frac{t}{2}\right),$$

where U and B are two independent real-valued Brownian motions started at 0. Thanks to the independence of U and B , $(X_t, t \geq 0)$ may also be represented as

$$(7.d) \quad X_t = x + \gamma(A_t^{(-\frac{1}{2})}), \quad \text{where} \quad A_t^{(-\frac{1}{2})} = \int_0^t ds \exp(2B_s - s)$$

and $(\gamma(u), u \geq 0)$ is a one-dimensional Brownian motion starting at 0, which is independent of B . Taking $x = 0$ and $y = 1$, one obtains, for any Borel function $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

- on the one hand:

$$\begin{aligned} E[f(X_t, Y_t)] &= \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+} p_t(i; (h, k)) f(h, k) dh dk \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} p_t\left(i; \left(h, \exp\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right)\right)\right) \exp\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right) f\left(h, \exp\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right)\right) dh dx; \end{aligned}$$

- on the other hand, from (7.c) and (7.d):

$$E[f(X_t, Y_t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right) \int_0^{\infty} du \tilde{a}(x, u) E\left[f\left(\gamma(u), \exp\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right)\right)\right].$$

From those two expressions for $E[f(X_t, Y_t)]$, we deduce

$$(7.e) \quad \begin{aligned} &p_t\left(i; \left(h, \exp\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right)\right)\right) \exp\left(x - \frac{t}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2t}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \tilde{a}(x, u) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u}} \exp\left(-\frac{h^2}{2u}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Changing u to $(1/u)$ in the last integral makes it a Laplace transform (in $h^2/2$) from which $\tilde{a}(x, u)$ can—at least in theory—be deduced.

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