

Stochastic Differential Equations

List 05

Due: 02/12

1) Let $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a standard Brownian motion and $\lambda, \alpha > 0$. We denote

$$\nu(x) = \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^\infty \exp \left(-\lambda t - \alpha \int_0^t 1_{[0, +\infty]}(B_s + x) ds \right) dt \right).$$

(a) Show that ν is the unique solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - (\alpha 1_{[0, +\infty]} + \lambda)y = -1$$

that satisfies,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \nu(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha + \lambda}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \nu(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

(b) Deduce that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{E}(e^{-\alpha t A_t}) dt = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda(\alpha + \lambda)}}{\alpha + \lambda + \sqrt{\lambda(\alpha + \lambda)}},$$

where $A_t = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t 1_{[0, +\infty]}(B_s) ds$.

(c) Conclude that the density of A_t is given by

$$s \mapsto \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{s(1-s)}}, \quad s \in (0, 1).$$

This is the *arc-sine law* for Brownian motion.

2) Let $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a standard Brownian motion and $\mu > 0$. We denote

$$A_\infty = \int_0^\infty e^{-2(B_t + \mu t)} dt.$$

(a) Let $h(x) = e^{\mu x} \mathbb{E}(\exp(-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} A_\infty))$. Show that h is the unique solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} - e^{-2x} h = \mu^2 h,$$

such that $h(x) \stackrel{x \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} e^{\mu x}$.

(b) Deduce that

$$h(x) = \frac{2^{1-\mu}}{\Gamma(\mu)} K_\mu(e^{-x}),$$

where K_μ is the McDonald function

$$K_\mu(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^\mu \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t} - t}}{t^{1+\mu}} dt.$$

(c) Compute the density of A_∞ .

(d) Consider the process $(\rho_t)_{t \geq 0}$ such that for every $t \geq 0$,

$$e^{-B_t - \mu t} = \rho \int_0^t e^{-2(B_s + \mu s)}$$

Show that the process

$$\rho_t - \int_0^t \frac{-\mu + \frac{1}{2}}{\rho_s} ds$$

is a Brownian motion.

(e) By using A_∞ , compute the density of the stopping time

$$T_0 = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \rho_t = 0\}.$$