

Brownian penalizations related to local time and excursion lengths

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Let P_0 denote the Wiener measure defined on the canonical space $(\Omega = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}), (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0})$.

1) Let (L_t^0) be the local time at 0 and (Γ_t) the process : $\Gamma_t = \varphi(L_t^0)$, $t \geq 0$, where $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ is a Borel function such that $\int_0^\infty \varphi(x) dx = 1$.

We prove the following penalization result :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_0[1_{\Gamma_u} \Gamma_t]}{E_0[\Gamma_t]} := Q_0^\Gamma(\Gamma_u), \quad \forall \Gamma_u \in \mathcal{F}_u \text{ and } u \geq 0, \quad (0.1)$$

where $Q_0^\Gamma(\Gamma_u) = E_0[1_{\Gamma_u} M_u^\varphi]$, and (M_u^φ) is the P_0 -martingale :

$$M_u^\varphi = \varphi(L_u^0) |X_u| + 1 - \int_0^{L_u^0} \varphi(z) dz.$$

We determine the law of (X_t) under the p.m. Q_0^Γ defined on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty)$ by the relation above. We prove in particular that $Q_0^\Gamma(L_\infty^0 < \infty) = 1$.

It can be shown that, under Q_0^Γ , the process (X_t) satisfies the Pitman property : $(R_t = |X_t| + L_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ is in its own filtration, a three dimensional Bessel process started at 0. Moreover there exists a version of Ray-Knight theorem.

We also investigate the case where (X_t) is a d -dimensional Bessel process started at 0, with $0 < d < 2$.

2) We consider penalization related to $\Gamma_t = 1_{\{\Sigma_t \leq a\}}$, $t \geq 0$ where a is a positive constant and Σ_t is the length of the longest complete excursion of (X_t) before time t . We prove that a penalization result of the type (0.1) holds and we determine the associated martingale and the law of the canonical process under Q^Γ .