

Reflected Brownian motion in a cone: the transient case

Persistence, escape and absorption probabilities,
Green's functions and Martin's boundary

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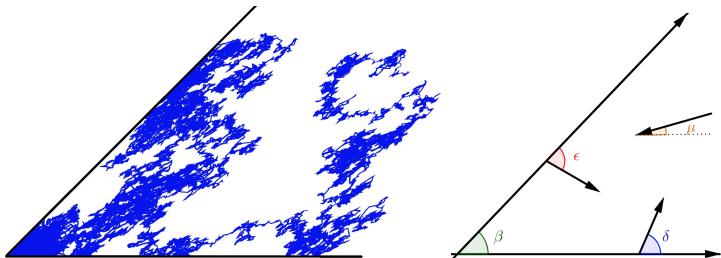
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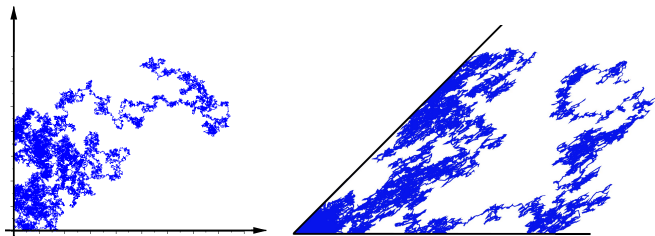
Introduction

Obliquely Reflected Brownian Motion in a Cone



- ▶ Oblique reflections constant along the edges
- ▶ Drift

From quadrant to cones



linear transform

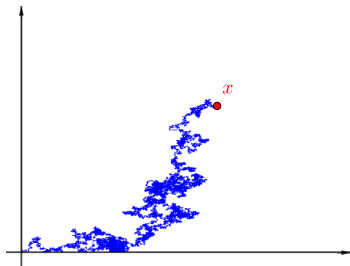
quadrant \longleftrightarrow **cone**

continuous case (random walks) \neq discrete case (Brownian)

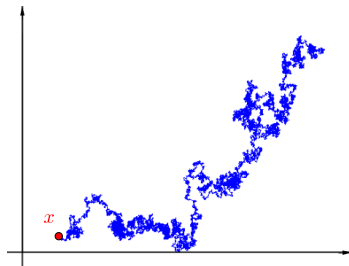
Persistence and absorption probability

Goal 1

- ▶ Study the **absorption probability** at the apex of the cone



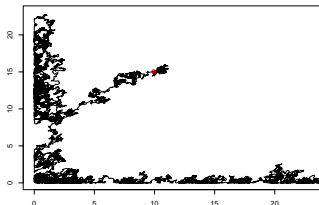
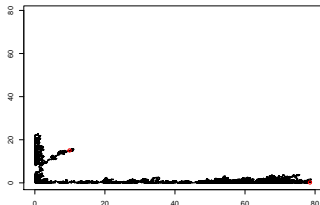
Absorption



Persistence

Goal 2

- ▶ Study the **escape probability along an axis**



According to the parameters of the model Z_t is :

▶ **Recurrent** (stationary distribution /invariant measure)

↔ Proportion of time that the process spends in the set A

$$\pi(A) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_A(Z_u) du \right]$$

▶ **Transient** $Z_t \rightarrow \infty$ (Green measures)

↔ Quantity of time that the process spends in A starting from z_0

$$g^{z_0}(A) = \mathbb{E}_{z_0} \left[\int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_A(Z_u) du \right] = \int_0^\infty p_t(z_0, A) dt$$

Goal 3

▶ Study **Green's functions**

▶ Study **Martin boundary** and harmonic functions

- **Probabilistic** questions
- **Analytic** methods and tools
 - ▶ **Kernel functional equation** (generating function, Laplace transform)
 - ▶ **Boundary value problem** (Carleman, Riemann-Hilbert, Sokhotski-Plemelj)
 - ▶ **Analytic combinatorics** (singularity, transfer lemmas, saddle point method, Tutte's invariants)
- **Results**
 - ▶ **Exact expressions** (contour integrals, hypergeometric functions)
 - ▶ **Asymptotics and Martin boundary** (harmonic functions)
 - ▶ **Algebraic nature** (rational, algebraic, DF, DA)

Approach developed in the **discrete** setting (random walks in the quadrant) by G. FAYOLLE et V. MALYSHEV in the seventies

↔ **continuous** setting (Brownian)

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- ▶ B_t Brownian motion
- ▶ Define the **local time** by

$$L_t^a = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{[a, a+\epsilon]}(B_s) ds$$

↔ density of time spends in a before t

Occupation time formula

$$\int_0^t f(B_s) ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(a) L_t^a da$$

Reflection in dimension 1

▶ $|B_t|$: **Reflected Brownian motion** in dimension 1 = absolute value of B_t

▶ **Itô's formula**

$$f(B_t) = f(B_0) + \int_0^t f'(B_s) dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(B_s) ds$$

↪ Applied to $f = |\cdot|$, $f' = \text{sgn}$ et $f'' = 2\delta_0$

$$\Rightarrow |B_t| = 0 + \underbrace{\int_0^t \text{sgn}(B_s) dB_s}_{\substack{\text{Brownian motion} \\ W_t}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t 2\delta_0(B_s) ds}_{\substack{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta_0(a) L_t^a da = L_t^0 \\ \text{occupation time formula}}}$$

Tanaka's formula

$$|B_t| = W_t + L_t^0$$

- W_t Brownian motion
- L_t^0 local time in 0

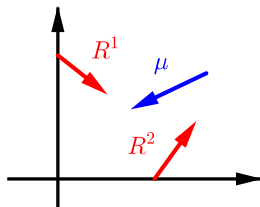
Model parameters

▶ W_t Planar Brownian motion, covariance

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

▶ $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$ drift

▶ $R = (R_1, R_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r_2 \\ r_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ reflection matrix



Definition (Semimartingale Reflected Brownian Motion)

We define a SRBM starting from z_0 by

$$Z_t = z_0 + W_t + \mu t + RL_t \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$$

where L_t^i is a continuous and increasing process which increase only when the process hit an axis.

$\hookrightarrow L_t$ is the **local time** on the axis \hookrightarrow **Skorokhod** problem

Theorem (Reiman, Taylor, Williams, 1988 et 1993)

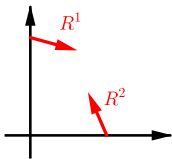
Such a process Z_t **exists (or persists)** for all $t \geq 0$

$\Leftrightarrow r_1, r_2 > 0$ or $1 - r_1 r_2 > 0$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists$ **convex combination** of R^1 and R^2 which belongs to \mathbb{R}_+^2 .

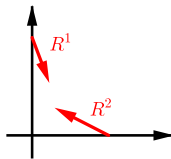
Absorption at the apex

Otherwise, Z_t can reach the apex and get stuck : **absorption**



► Existence $\forall t$

Persistence



► Do not exist $\forall t$

Absorption at the apex

Persistence and absorption

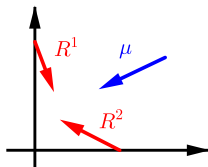
- **Assume that** $r_1, r_2 \leq 0$ and $1 - r_1 r_2 \leq 0$
i.e. **absorption** is possible (persistence $\forall t$ is not certain)
- $p_A(z_0)$ absorption probability
 \leftrightarrow function of the **starting point** z_0

Absorption and persistence probability (2021, ERNST, F.)

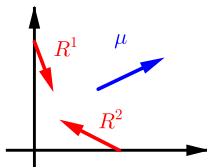
Either the process is absorbed in a finite time or it escapes to infinity.

$$p_A(z_0) = 1 - \mathbb{P}_{(u,v)} \left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Z_t = \infty \right).$$

▶ If $\mu < 0$ then $p_A(z_0) = 1$



▶ If $\mu > 0$ then $p_A(z_0) \in (0, 1)$

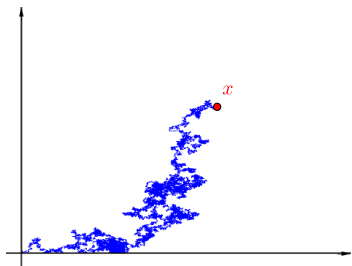


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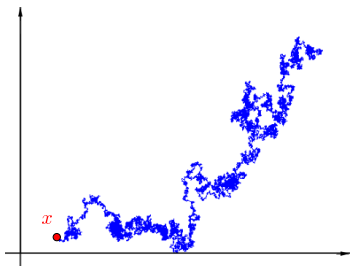
Compute $p_A(z_0)$

Escape and absorption

x is the starting point



Absorption



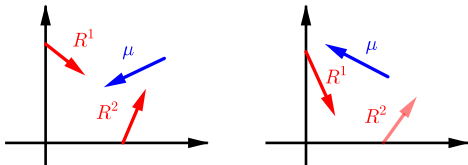
Escape & Persistence

Proposition (D. Hobson et L. Rogers, 1993)

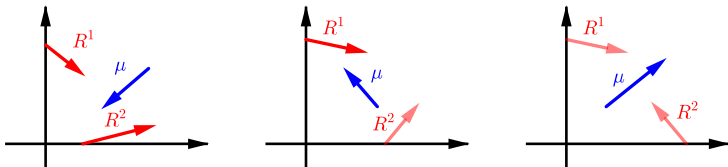
- *Recurrent* $\Leftrightarrow 1 - r_1 r_2 > 0$, $\mu_1 - r_2 \mu_2 \leq 0$, $\mu_2 - r_1 \mu_1 \leq 0$
- *Transient otherwise*

► Competition between **drift** and **reflection vectors**

Recurrent case



Transient case



Escape along an axis

Transient case, two ways of escape to infinity :

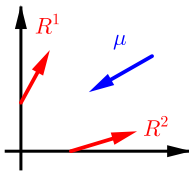
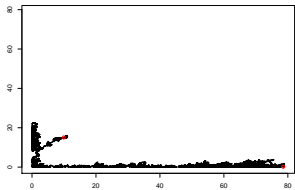
- ▶ The two coordinates tend to infinity $\Leftrightarrow \mu_1 > 0$ et $\mu_2 > 0$
- ▶ Along one of the axes $\Leftrightarrow \mu_1 < 0$ ou $\mu_2 < 0$
 - $p_1(z_0)$ escape probability along the horizontal axis
 - $p_2(z_0)$ escape probability along the vertical axis

\hookrightarrow Most of the time $p_1(z_0) = 0$ or 1

Escape probability (2020+, FOMICHOV, F., IVANOV)

Assume that $\mu < 0$, $r_1, r_2 > 0$, $r_1 r_2 - 1 > 0$, $\mu_1 - r_2 \mu_2 > 0$,
 $\mu_2 - r_1 \mu_1 > 0$

$$p_1(z_0) + p_2(z_0) = 1 \quad \text{et} \quad p_1(z_0) \text{ et } p_2(z_0) \in (0, 1)$$



Goal #2

Compute $p_1(z_0)$
and $p_2(z_0)$

Transient case

Green's functions

$$\begin{aligned}g^{z_0}(z)dz &= \mathbb{E}_{z_0} \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{dz}(Z_u)du \\ &= \int_0^\infty p_t(z_0, dz)dt\end{aligned}$$

Green's functions on the boundary

$h_i^{z_0}(z)$

$$h_i^{z_0}(z)dz = \mathbb{E}_{z_0} \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{dz}(Z_u)dL_u^i$$

► Quantity of time spend in a set

Goal #3

Study g and h_i

Operators associated to Green's functions

$$Gf(z_0) = \mathbb{E}_{z_0} \int_0^\infty f(Z_t)dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} f(z)g^{z_0}(z)dz \quad \left| \quad H_i\phi_i(z_0) = \mathbb{E}_{z_0} \int_0^\infty \phi_i(Z_t)dL_t^i = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} \phi_i(z)h_i^{z_0}(z)dz\right.$$

PDE : Green's functions

Green's functions are fundamental solutions of PDE with **oblique Neumann conditions** in the quadrant :

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}u = -f & \text{in the quadrant où } \mathcal{L}f = \frac{1}{2}\nabla \cdot \Sigma \nabla + \mu \cdot \nabla \\ \partial_{R_i} u = \phi_i & \text{on the boundary where } \partial_{R_i} = R^i \cdot \nabla \end{cases}$$

Solution : $u = Gf + H_1\phi_1 + H_2\phi_2$

Absorption probability p_A

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}p_A = 0 \\ \partial_{R_i} p_A = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{et} \quad \begin{cases} p_A(0) = 1 \\ \lim_{\infty} p_A = 0 \end{cases}$$

Escape probability p_1 (abscissa)

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}p_1 = 0 \\ \partial_{R_i} p_1 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{et} \quad \begin{cases} \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} p_1(u, 0) = 1 \\ \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} p_1(0, v) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Analytic approach

- Find a **functional equation**
- Study the **kernel** (Riemann surface, group)
- **Continue** analytically generating functions
- Establish a **boundary value problem**
- Solve it to *determine an explicit formula* (Sokhotski–Plemelj, invariants)
- *Find the asymptotics* (singularities, transfer lemmas, saddle point method)

▶ **Discret case** : generating functions of Green's functions $g_{i,j}^{i_0,j_0}$ on \mathbb{Z}_+^2 is the **generating series** $\sum_{\mathbb{Z}_+^2} g_{i,j}^{i_0,j_0} x^i y^j$.

▶ **Continuous case** :

- **Laplace transform** of the **Green's function**

$$L(x, y) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} e^{xu+yv} g^{z_0}(u, v) du dv$$

- On the *boundaries* we define

$$L_2(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} e^{xu} h_2^{z_0}(u) du, \quad L_1(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} e^{yv} h_1^{z_0}(v) dv$$

▶ Similarly, we define the Laplace transform :

- $\tilde{L}, \tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2$ of the **absorption probability** p_A ,
- $\hat{L}, \hat{L}_1, \hat{L}_2$ of the **escape probability** along the abscissa p_1 .

Functional equation

This equation binds together the Laplace transform of Green's functions.

Functional equation (2020, F.)

$$-K(x, y)L(x, y) = K_1(x, y)L_1(y) + K_2(x, y)L_2(x) + e^{(x, y) \cdot z_0}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} K(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{11}x^2 + \sigma_{22}y^2 + 2\sigma_{12}xy) + \mu_1x + \mu_2y, \\ K_1(x, y) = x + r_1y, \\ K_2(x, y) = r_2x + y. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Connect what happens in the **quadrant** and on the **boundaries**.
- ▶ The function K is called the **kernel**.
- ▶ The term $e^{(x, y) \cdot z_0}$ contains the dependence to the **starting** z_0 .

Proof : Itô formula, PDE.

Green's functions (2020, F.)

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Absorption probability (2021, ERNST, F.)

$$-K(x, y)\tilde{L}(x, y) = \tilde{K}_1(x, y)\tilde{L}_1(y) + \tilde{K}_2(x, y)\tilde{L}_2(x)$$

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$$\tilde{K}_1(x, y) = \frac{r_2x + y}{2} + \sigma_{12}x + \mu_2, \quad \tilde{K}_2(x, y) = \frac{r_1y + x}{2} + \sigma_{12}y + \mu_1.$$

Proof : Itô/Dynkin formula, IPP and PDE.

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- a **regularity condition** on a set
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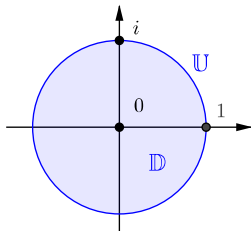
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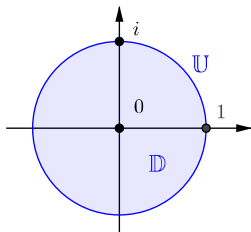
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The solution (up to constants) is $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$.

f is a **conformal gluing function** which unite the upper and the lower part of \mathbb{U} .

f is an **invariant for the conjugation** on the boundary \mathbb{U} .

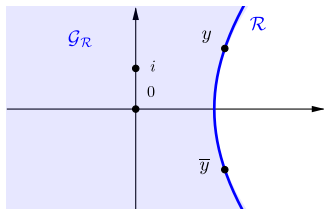
Boundary value problem

Boundary value problem (2020, F.)

- 1 L_1 is analytic on $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{R}}$ and tends to 0 at infinity;
- 2 L_1 satisfy the boundary condition

$$L_1(\bar{y}) = G(y)L_1(y) + g(y), \quad \forall y \in \mathcal{R}.$$

- G and g depend of parameters
- \mathcal{R} is an **hyperbola** defined by the kernel



Green's functions (2020, F.)

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Absorption probability (2021, ERNST, F.)

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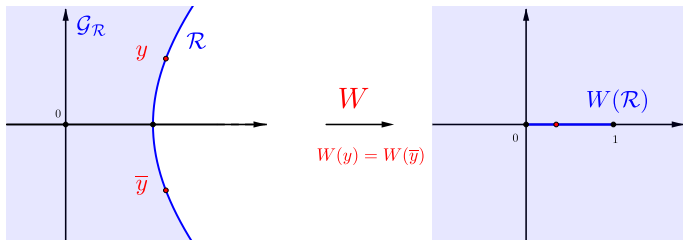
Escape probability (2020, FOMICHOV, F., IVANOV)

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Preuve : Cancel the kernel in the functional equation.

Conformal gluing function

- **Conformal gluing function W** unite the upper and the lower part of the **hyperbola \mathcal{R}**

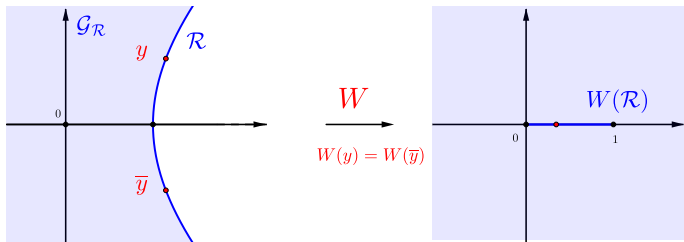


$$W(y) = T_{\frac{\pi}{\beta}} \left(- \frac{2y - (y^+ + y^-)}{y^+ - y^-} \right)$$

- $\beta = \arccos \left(\frac{-\sigma_{12}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{11}\sigma_{22}}} \right)$ in the angle of the cone
- $T_{\frac{\pi}{\beta}}$ is a **generalized Tchebychev polynomial**

$$T_{\frac{\pi}{\beta}}(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{\beta} \arccos(x)\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{\frac{\pi}{\beta}} + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{\frac{\pi}{\beta}} \right\}$$

From Carleman to Riemann



Carleman boundary value problem \longrightarrow **Riemann** boundary value problem

► $\tilde{L}_1(\bar{y}) = \tilde{G}(y)\tilde{L}_1(y), \forall y \in \mathcal{R}$

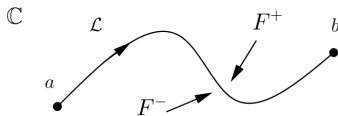
- $M := \tilde{L}_1 \circ W^{-1}$ and
- M^+ and M^- the upper and lower limit M on $[0, 1]$
- $H := \tilde{G} \circ W^{-1}$

► $M^+(t) = H^-(t)M^-(t), \forall t \in [0, 1]$

Sokhotski–Plemelj formulae

We define for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{L}$

$$F(z) := \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{f(t)}{t-z} dt$$



- F is sectionally analytic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{L}$
- F^+ and F^- are limits of F on both parts of \mathcal{L}

Sokhotski–Plemelj formula

$$F^+(t) - F^-(t) = f(t)$$

$$M = e^F \text{ and } f = \ln H \Rightarrow M^+ = H^- M^-$$

Solution of the Riemann boundary value problem

► If $M^+ = H^- M^-$ then

$$M = \exp \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\ln H(t)}{t-z} dt$$

Absorption probability (2021, ERNST, F.)

$$\tilde{L}_1(y) = \frac{W'(0)}{W(y) - W(0)} \left(\frac{W(0) - W(\rho)}{W(y) - W(\rho)} \right)^{-x} \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^-} \log G(t) \frac{W'(t)}{W(t) - W(y)} dt \right\}$$

- ▶ Inversion of the Laplace transform \tilde{L}_1
↔ absorption probability $p_A(z_0)$

Escape probability and Green's functions

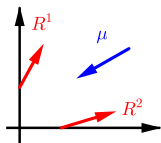
- Boundary value problems satisfied by L_1 and \hat{L}_1 are **non homogeneous**
↔ More complicated formulas

Escape probability along abscissa

(2020+, FOMICHOV, F., IVANOV)

Starting from the origin and with identity covariance :

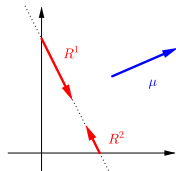
$$p_1(0) = \frac{r_1(r_2\mu_2 - \mu_1)(\mu_2 + r_2\mu_1)}{\mu_1\mu_2(r_1r_2 - 1)(r_1 + r_2)}.$$



Dual skew symmetry (2021, ERNST, F.)

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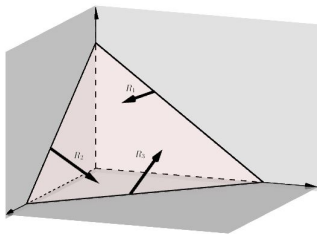
- 1 Exponential absorption probability, i.e. $\exists v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $p_A(z_0) = e^{z_0 \cdot v}$
- 2 Reflection vectors are opposite, i.e. $r_{11}r_{22} - r_{21}r_{12} = 0$



Dual skew symmetry in an orthant (2022, F., RASCHEL)

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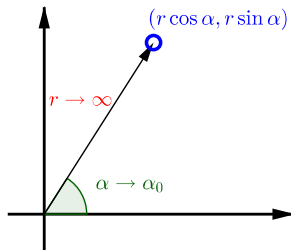
- 1 Absorption probability of product form
i.e. there exist f_1, \dots, f_n such that $f(z) = f_1(z_1) \cdots f_n(z_n)$
- 2 Exponential absorption probability
i.e. $\exists v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ tel que $\rho_A(z) = e^{z \cdot v}$
- 3 Reflection vectors are coplanar
i.e. $\det R = 0$



- 1 Obliquely reflected Brownian motion in the quadrant
 - Absorption at the apex
 - Escape along an axis
 - Green's functions
- 2 Analytic approach
 - Functional equation
 - Boundary value problem
 - Explicit expression
- 3 Martin and Poisson boundary
 - Asymptotics
 - Saddle point method and transfer lemma
 - Martin and Poisson boundary, harmonic functions

- Bivariate asymptotics of Green's functions along each directions

$$g^{z_0}(r \cos \alpha, r \sin \alpha) \underset{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ \alpha \rightarrow \alpha_0}}{\sim} ?$$



Method :

- **Transfer lemma** (study of **singularities**)
- **Saddle point method** (inversion of Laplace transform)

Transfer lemma

- L_1 Laplace transform of h_1
- a the smallest singularity and has order k

$$L_1(z) \sim \frac{c}{(a-z)^k}$$

▶ Then,

$$h_1(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{c}{\Gamma(k)} x^{k-1} e^{-ax}$$

Saddle point method

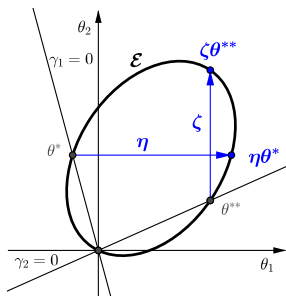
- f and g holomorphic
- a **critic point**
 $f'(a) = 0$ et $f''(a) \neq 0$

▶ Then, for a contour \mathcal{C}

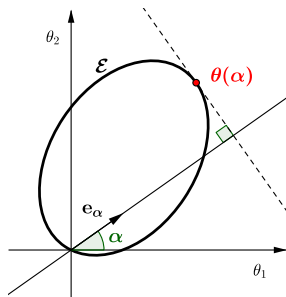
$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} g(z) e^{xf(z)} dz \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} g(a) \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{-f''(a)}} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-ax}$$

Poles and saddle point

$\mathcal{E} := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : K(x, y) = 0\}$ **ellipse**



Poles $\eta\theta^*$ et $\zeta\theta^{**}$



Saddle point $\theta(\alpha)$

Analytic combinatorics to several variables

Asymptotics of Green's functions (2021, ERNST, F.)

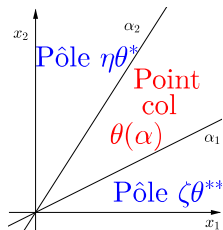
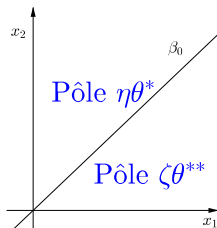
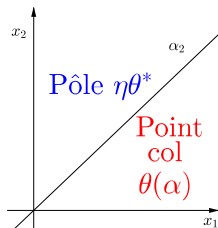
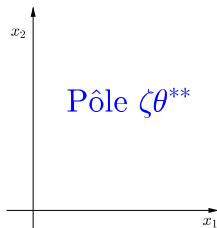
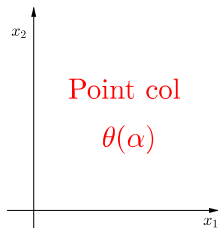
Let $\alpha_0 \in (0, \pi/2)$. We have

$$g^{z_0}(r \cos \alpha, r \sin \alpha) \underset{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ \alpha \rightarrow \alpha_0}}{\sim} Cr^{\kappa} e^{-r(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha) \cdot \tau(\alpha)}$$

where :

- Critical exponent κ equal to $-3/2$, $-1/2$, 0 or 1 .
- The decay rate $\tau(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ comes from **poles** or from the **saddle point**. That is : $\eta\theta^*$, $\zeta\theta^{**}$ or $\theta(\alpha)$.

Asymptotics according to the direction : several cases



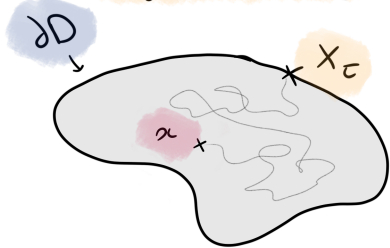
Heuristic of Martin and Poisson boundary

X_t = Brownien absorbé

D = Domaine borné

x = point de départ

$\tau = \inf\{t : X_t \in \partial D\}$



$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{Harmonique} \\ u|_{\partial D} = f & \text{Dirichlet} \end{cases}$$

$$u(x) = \mathbb{E}_x [f(X_\tau)]$$

$$= \int_{\partial D} f(y) \underbrace{p_\alpha(y)}_{\text{}} dy$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_\tau \in dy)$$

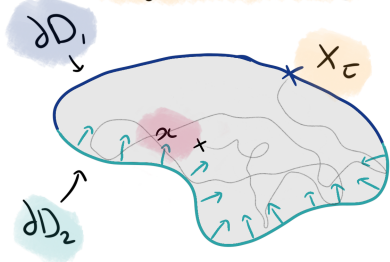
Heuristic of Martin and Poisson boundary

X_t = Brownien absorbé en ∂D_1 ,
réfléchi en ∂D_2

D = Domaine borné

x = point de départ

$\tau = \inf\{t : X_t \in \partial D_1\}$



$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{Harmonique} \\ u|_{\partial D_1} = f & \text{Dirichlet} \\ \partial u|_{\partial D_2} = 0 & \text{Neumann} \end{cases}$$

$$u(x) = \mathbb{E}_x [f(X_\tau)]$$

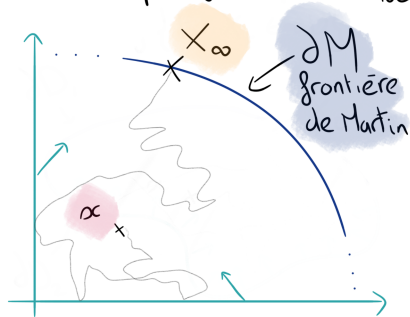
$$= \int_{\partial D_1} f(y) \underbrace{d\mathbb{P}_x^y}_{\mathbb{P}(X_\tau \in dy)}$$

Heuristic of Martin and Poisson boundary

X_t = transient

Quadrant non borné

M = compactification de Martin



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{E}_x u = 0 \text{ Harmonique} \\ u|_{\partial M} = f \text{ Dirichlet} \\ \partial u|_{\text{axes}} = 0 \text{ Neumann} \end{array} \right.$$

$$u(\alpha) = \mathbb{E}_\alpha [f(X_\infty)]$$

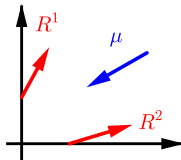
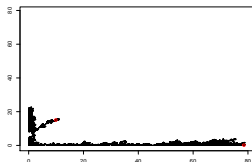
$$= \int_{\partial M} f(y) \underbrace{R^\alpha(y)}_{\text{Noyau de Martin}} dy$$
$$\mathbb{P}(X_\infty \in dy)$$

Harmonic functions : probabilistic interpretations

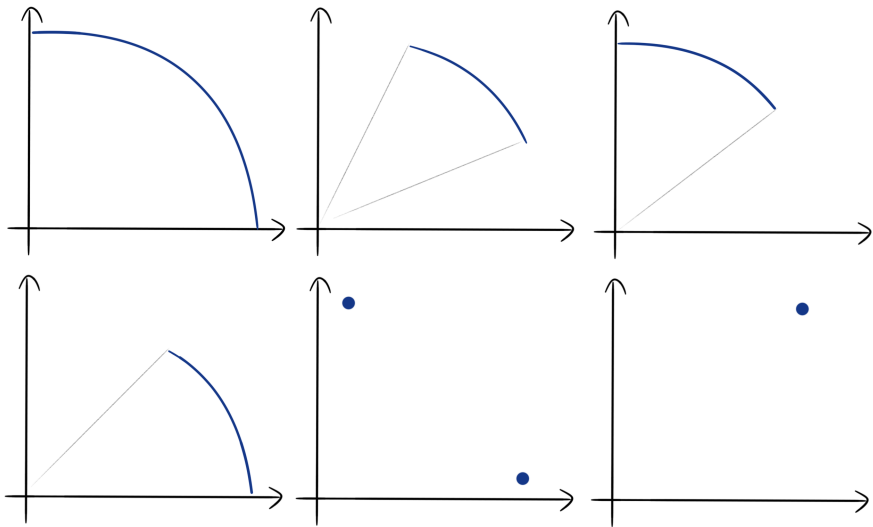
▶ Trivial Martin boundary (**one point**) \Leftrightarrow constants are the only harmonic functions

Transient reflected Brownian motion in the quadrant

▶ **Two points** Martin boundary \Leftrightarrow Escape probability p_1 and p_2 are the **only** harmonic functions ($p_1 + p_2 = 1$)



Martin boundary in the quadrant



Thank you for your attention!



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