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Abstract

Let $X = (X_t)_{t \ge 0}$ be a real-valued additive process. In this paper we study the integral exponential functionals of X, namely, the functionals of the form

$$I_{s,t} = \int_s^t \exp(-X_u) du, \quad 0 \le s < t \le \infty.$$

Our main interest is focused on the moments of $I_{s,t}$ of order $\alpha \geq 0$. In case the Laplace exponent of X_t exists for positive values of the parameter, we derive a recursive (in α) integral equation for the moments. This yields a multiple integral formula for the entire positive moments of $I_{s,t}$. From these results emerges an easy-to-apply sufficient condition for the finiteness of all the entire moments of $I_{\infty} := I_{0,\infty}$. The corresponding formulas for Lévy processes are also presented. As examples we discuss the finiteness of the moments of I_{∞} when X is the first hit process associated with a diffusion. In particular, we discuss Bessel processes and geometric Brownian motions.

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1 Introduction

Let $X = (X_t)_{t\geq 0}$, $X_0 = 0$, be a real valued additive process, i.e., a strong Markov process with independent increments having càdlàg sample paths which are continuous in probability (cf. Sato [15] p.3). Important examples of additive processes are:

- (a) Deterministic time transformations of Lévy processes, that is, if $(L_s)_{s\geq 0}$ is a Lévy process and $s \mapsto g(s)$ is an increasing continuous function such that g(0) = 0 then $(L_{q(s)})_{s>0}$ is an additive process.
- (b) Integrals of deterministic functions with respect to a Lévy process, that is, if $(L_s)_{s\geq 0}$ is a Lévy process and $s \mapsto g(s)$ is a measurable function then

$$Z_t := \int_0^t g(s) \, dL_s, \quad t \ge 0,$$

is an additive process.

(c) First hit processes of one-dimensional diffusions, that is, if $(Y_s)_{s\geq 0}$ is a diffusion taking values in $[0,\infty)$, starting from 0, and drifting to $+\infty$ then

$$H_a := \inf\{t : Y_t > a\}, \quad a \ge 0,$$

is an additive process.

Of course, Lévy processes themselves constitute a large and important class of additive processes.

The basic tool in our analysis is the Laplace exponent of X. The structure of this is revealed in the the Lévy-Khintchine representation of the infinitely divisible distribution of X_t . We recall this briefly from Sato [15] Theorem 9.8 p.52. Therein the characteristic function of X_t is given as follows

$$\mathbf{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\lambda X_{t}}\right) = \mathrm{e}^{\Psi(t,\lambda)}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \ t \ge 0$$
(1)

where

$$\Psi(t,\lambda) := \exp\left(\mathrm{i}\lambda b(t) - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 c(t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (e^{\mathrm{i}\lambda x} - 1 - \mathrm{i}\lambda x \mathbf{1}_{\{|x|<1\}}) \nu_t(dx)\right),$$

 $t \mapsto b(t), b(0) = 0$, is continuous, $t \mapsto c(t), c(0) = 0$, is continuous and non-decreasing, and ν_t is a measure on **R** such that

• $\nu_0(\mathbf{R}) = 0$,

- for all t, $\nu_t(\{0\}) = 0$ and $\int_{\mathbf{R}} (|x|^2 \wedge 1) \nu_t(dx) < \infty$,
- for all $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ and $s \leq t, \nu_s(B) \leq \nu_t(B)$,
- for all $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R})$ with $B \subset \{x : |x| > \varepsilon\}, \varepsilon > 0$,

$$\nu_s(B) \to \nu_t(B)$$
 as $s \to t$.

Notice that since X is assumed to be continuous in probability it follows that $t \mapsto \Psi(t, \lambda)$ is for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ continuous.

The aim of this paper is to study integral exponential functionals of X, i.e., functionals of the form

$$I_{s,t} := \int_{s}^{t} \exp(-X_u) du, \quad 0 \le s < t \le \infty,$$

$$\tag{2}$$

in particular, the moments of $I_{s,t}$. We refer also to a companion paper [12] where stochastic calculus is used to study the Mellin transforms of $I_{s,t}$ when the underlying additive process is a semi-martingale with absolutely continuous characteristics.

The main result of the paper is a recursive equation, see (7) in Theorem 2.3, which generalizes the formula for Lévy processes presented in Urbanik [16] Example 3.4 p.309 and Carmona, Petit and Yor [4] Proposition 3.3 p.87, see also Bertoin and Yor [2] Section 3.1 p.195. This formula for Lévy processes is also displayed below in (18). In Epifani, Lijoi and Prünster [7] an extension of the Lévy process formula to integral functionals up to $t = \infty$ of increasing additive processes is discussed, and their formula (7) in Proposition 5 p.798 can be seen as a special case of our formula (15) – as we found out after finishing our work. Such an extension is also indicated in [2] on p.196. In spite of these closely related results we feel that it is worthwhile to provide a more thorough discussion of this interesting topic. We also give new (to our best knowledge) applications of the formulas for first hit processes of diffusions and present explicit results for Bessel processes and geometric Brownian motions.

In mathematical finance the interest in integral exponential functionals is coming from the studies of perpetuities containing liabilities, perpetuities under the influence of economical factors (see, for example, Kardaras and Robertson [11]), and also of pricing Asian options and related questions (see, for instance, Dufresne [6], Carr and Wu [5], Jeanblanc, Yor, Chesney [9] and references therein). We refer to the survey paper [2] for further results, potential applications, and many references, in particular, for Lévy processes but also for additive processes. For applications of increasing additive processes in Bayesian statistics we refer to [7] and references therein. Additive processes can also be found in representations of self-decompasable laws, see Sato [14] and Jeanblanc, Pitman and Yor [10].

The paper is structured as follows. Next section contains the main results of the paper. In particular, the recursive equation for the entire moments $\mathbf{E}(I_{s,t}^n)$, n = 1, 2, ... is established. We also give formulas for Lévy processes. The paper is concluded with examples on first hitting time processes. It is proved that for Bessel processes drifting to $+\infty$ the integral exponential functional of the first hit process has all the moments and for geometric Brownian motion the corresponding functional has only some moments.

2 Main results

Let $(X_t)_{t\geq 0}$ be an additive process and define for $0\leq s\leq t\leq \infty$ and $\alpha\geq 0$

$$m_{s,t}^{(\alpha)} := \mathbf{E}\left(I_{s,t}^{\alpha}\right) = \mathbf{E}\left(\left(\int_{s}^{t} e^{-X_{u}} du\right)^{\alpha}\right), \quad \alpha \ge 0,$$
(3)

and

$$m_t^{(\alpha)} := m_{0,t}^{(\alpha)}, \qquad m_{\infty}^{(\alpha)} := m_{0,\infty}^{(\alpha)}.$$

In this section we derive a recursive integral equation for $m_{s,t}^{(\alpha)}$ under the following assumption:

(A) X_t has for all $t \ge 0$ a finite Laplace exponent for positive values of the parameter, that is, there exists for all $t \ge 0$ and for all $\lambda \ge 0$ a function $t \mapsto \Phi(t, \lambda)$ such that

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda X_t}) = \mathrm{e}^{-\Phi(t;\lambda)}.$$
(4)

and

$$\Phi(t;0) = \Phi(0;\lambda) = 0.$$
(5)

If X is a Lévy process we write (with a slight abuse of the notation) formula (4) as

$$\mathbf{E}\left(\mathbf{e}^{-\lambda X_t}\right) = \mathbf{e}^{-t\Phi(\lambda)}.\tag{6}$$

The functions Ψ and Φ are clearly connected as $\Psi(t, i\lambda) = -\Phi(t, \lambda)$. As pointed out in Introduction, $t \mapsto \Psi(t, \lambda)$ is continuous and, therefore also $t \mapsto \Phi(t, \lambda)$ is continuous. This property has an important – obvious – consequence formulated in the next lemma which is easily proved, e.g., with Jensen's inequality. **Lemma 2.1.** Under assumption (A), for $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ it holds $m_{s,t}^{(\alpha)} < \infty$ for all $0 \le s \le t < \infty$.

Assumption (A) is valid, in particular, for increasing additive processes. Important examples of these are the first hit processes for diffusions (cf. (c) in Introduction). Moments of exponential functionals of some first hit processes are discussed in the next section. Assumption (A) holds also for additive processes of type (a) in Introduction if the underlying Lévy process fulfills Assumption (A).

Remark 2.2. In the case when X is a semi-martingale with absolutely continuous characteristics, the sufficient condition (see Proposition 1 in [12]) for the existence of the Laplace exponent as in Assumption (A) in terms of the measure ν_t is as follows: for $\lambda \ge 0$ and $t \ge 0$

$$\int_{\{|x|>1\}} \left(e^{-\lambda x} + |x| \right) \nu_t(dx) < \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{E}(e^{-\lambda X_t}) < \infty.$$

The main result of the paper is given in the next theorem. In the proof we are using similar ideas as in [4].

Theorem 2.3. For $0 \le s \le t < \infty$ and $\alpha \ge 1$ the moments $m_{s,t}^{(\alpha)}$ are finite and satisfy the recursive equation

$$m_{s,t}^{(\alpha)} = \alpha \int_{s}^{t} m_{u,t}^{(\alpha-1)} e^{-(\Phi(u;\alpha) - \Phi(u;\alpha-1))} du.$$
(7)

Proof. We start with by introducing the shifted functional $\widehat{I}_{s,t}$ via

$$\widehat{I}_{s,t} := \int_0^{t-s} \mathrm{e}^{-(X_{u+s} - X_s)} \, du$$

Clearly,

$$\widehat{I}_{s,t} = e^{X_s} I_{s,t} = e^{X_s} \int_s^t e^{-X_u} du,$$
(8)

and we have

$$\frac{d}{ds}I_{s,t}^{\alpha} = \alpha I_{s,t}^{\alpha-1} \frac{d}{ds}I_{s,t} = -\alpha I_{s,t}^{\alpha-1} e^{-X_s} = -\alpha \widehat{I}_{s,t}^{\alpha-1} e^{-\alpha X_s}.$$

Consequently,

$$I_{s,t}^{\alpha} - I_{0,t}^{\alpha} = -\alpha \int_0^s \widehat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1} e^{-\alpha X_u} du$$

The independence of increments implies that $\hat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}$ and $e^{-\alpha X_u}$ are independent. Hence,

$$\mathbf{E}\left(I_{s,t}^{\alpha}-I_{0,t}^{\alpha}\right)=-\alpha \int_{0}^{s} \mathbf{E}\left(\widehat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}\right) \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-\alpha X_{u}}\right) \, du.$$
(9)

Clearly, $I_{s,t} \to 0$ a.s. when $s \uparrow t$. Hence, applying monotone convergence in (9) yields

$$\mathbf{E}\left(I_{0,t}^{\alpha}\right) = \alpha \int_{0}^{t} \mathbf{E}\left(\widehat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}\right) \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-\alpha X_{u}}\right) \, du. \tag{10}$$

Putting (9) and (10) together results to the equation

$$\mathbf{E}\left(I_{s,t}^{\alpha}\right) = \alpha \int_{s}^{t} \mathbf{E}\left(\widehat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}\right) \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-\alpha X_{u}}\right) \, du. \tag{11}$$

From (8) evoking the independence of $\widehat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}$ and $e^{-\alpha X_u}$ we have

$$\mathbf{E}\left(\widehat{I}_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}\right) = \mathbf{E}\left(I_{u,t}^{\alpha-1}\right) / \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-(\alpha-1)X_{u}}\right).$$
(12)

Finally, using (12) in (11) and recalling (4) yields (7). The claim that $m_{s,t}^{(\alpha)}$ is finite follows by induction from the recursive equation (7) and Lemma 2.1.

Remark 2.4. In [12] the recursive equation (7) is derived via stochastic calculus in case the additive process X is a semimartingale with absolutely continuous characteristics.

Corollary 2.5. Let $(X_t)_{t\geq 0}$ be a Lévy process with the Laplace exponent as in (6). Then the recursive equation (7) for s = 0 and $t < \infty$ is equivalent with

$$m_t^{(\alpha)} = \alpha \,\mathrm{e}^{-t\Phi(\alpha)} \int_0^t m_u^{(\alpha-1)} \mathrm{e}^{u\Phi(\alpha)} \,du. \tag{13}$$

Proof. Put s = 0 in (7) to obtain

$$m_t^{(\alpha)} = \alpha \int_0^t m_{u,t}^{(\alpha-1)} e^{-u(\Phi(\alpha) - \Phi(\alpha-1))} du.$$
(14)

Consider

$$m_{u,t}^{(\alpha-1)} = \mathbf{E}\left(\left(\int_{u}^{t} e^{-X_{v}} dv\right)^{\alpha-1}\right)$$
$$= \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-(\alpha-1)X_{u}} \left(\int_{u}^{t} e^{-(X_{v}-X_{u})} dv\right)^{\alpha-1}\right)$$
$$= e^{-u\Phi(\alpha-1)}\mathbf{E}\left(\left(\int_{0}^{t-u} e^{-(X_{v+u}-X_{u})} dv\right)^{\alpha-1}\right)$$
$$= e^{-u\Phi(\alpha-1)}\mathbf{E}\left(\left(\int_{0}^{t-u} e^{-X_{v}} dv\right)^{\alpha-1}\right)$$
$$= e^{-u\Phi(\alpha-1)}m_{t-u}^{(\alpha-1)}.$$

Subsituting this expression in (14) and changing variables yield the claimed equation. $\hfill \Box$

For positive integer values on α the recursive equation (7) can be solved explicitly to obtain the formula (15) in the next proposition. However, we offer another proof highlighting the symmetry properties present in the expressions of the moments of the exponential functional.

Proposition 2.6. For $0 \le s \le t \le \infty$ and $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ it holds

$$m_{s,t}^{(n)} = n! \int_{s}^{t} dt_{1} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} dt_{2} \cdots$$

$$\cdots \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t} dt_{n} \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(\Phi(t_{k}; n-k+1) - \Phi(t_{k}; n-k)\right)\right).$$
(15)

In particular, $m_{s,\infty}^{(n)} < \infty$ if and only if the multiple integral on the right hand side of (15) is finite.

Proof. Let $t < \infty$ and consider

$$m_{s,t}^{(n)} = \mathbf{E}\left(\left(\int_{s}^{t} e^{-X_{u}} du\right)^{n}\right)$$

= $\mathbf{E}\left(\int_{s}^{t} \cdots \int_{s}^{t} e^{-X_{t_{1}} - \cdots - X_{t_{n}}} dt_{1} \dots dt_{n}\right)$
= $n! \mathbf{E}\left(\int_{s}^{t} dt_{1} e^{-X_{t_{1}}} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} dt_{2} e^{-X_{t_{2}}} \cdots \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t} dt_{n} e^{-X_{t_{n}}}\right)$
= $n! \int_{s}^{t} dt_{1} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} dt_{2} \cdots \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t} dt_{n} \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-(X_{t_{1}} + \cdots + X_{t_{n}})}\right),$

where, in the third step, we use that $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \mapsto e^{-(X_{t_1} + \dots + X_{t_n})}$ is symmetric. By the independence of the increments

$$\mathbf{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha X_{t}}\right) = \mathbf{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha (X_{t}-X_{s})-\alpha X_{s}}\right) = \mathbf{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha (X_{t}-X_{s})}\right)\mathbf{E}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha X_{s}}\right).$$

Consequently,

$$\mathbf{E}\left(e^{-\alpha(X_t-X_s)}\right) = \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-\alpha X_t}\right) / \mathbf{E}\left(e^{-\alpha X_s}\right) = e^{-(\Phi(t;\alpha) - \Phi(s;\alpha))}$$

Since,

$$X_{t_1} + \dots + X_{t_n} = \sum_{k=1}^n (n-k+1) \left(X_{t_k} - X_{t_{k-1}} \right), \quad t_0 := 0,$$

we have

$$m_{s,t}^{(n)} = n! \int_{s}^{t} dt_{1} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} dt_{2} \dots$$
$$\dots \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t} dt_{n} \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(\Phi(t_{k}; n-k+1) - \Phi(t_{k-1}; n-k+1)\right)\right)$$

Using here (5) yields the claimed formula (15). The statement concerning the finiteness of $m_{s,\infty}^{(n)}$ follows by applying the monotone convergence theorem as $t \to \infty$ on both sides of (15).

In the next corollary we give a sufficient condition for $m_{\infty}^{(n)}$ to be finite for all n.

Corollary 2.7. Variable I_{∞} has all the positive moments if

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-(\Phi(s;n) - \Phi(s;n-1))} \, ds < \infty \tag{16}$$

for all n = 1, 2, ...

Proof. From (15) we have

$$m_t^{(n)} \le n! \prod_{k=1}^n \int_0^\infty e^{-(\Phi(s;n) - \Phi(s;n-1))} \, ds.$$
(17)

The right hand side of (17) is finite if (16) holds. Let $t \to \infty$ in (17). By monotone convergence, $m_{\infty}^{(n)} = \lim_{t\to\infty} m_t^{(n)}$, and the claim is proved.

Formula (18) below extends the corresponding formula for subordinators found [16], see also [2] p.195, for Lévy processes satisfying Assumption (A). It is a straightforward implification of Proposition 2.6.

Corollary 2.8. Let $(X_t)_{t\geq 0}$ be a Lévy process with the Laplace exponent as in (6) and define $n^* := \min\{n \in \{1, 2, ...\} : \Phi(n) \leq 0\}$. Then

$$m_{\infty}^{(n)} := \mathbf{E}(I_{\infty}^{n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} \Phi(k)}, & \text{if } n < n^{*}, \\ +\infty, & \text{if } n \ge n^{*}. \end{cases}$$
(18)

Example 2.9. A much studied functional is obtained when taking $X = (X_t)_{t\geq 0}$ with $X_t = \sigma W_t + \mu t$, $\sigma > 0$, $\mu > 0$, where $(W_t)_{t\geq 0}$ is a standard Brownian motion. In the papers by Dufresne [6] and Yor [17] (see also Salminen and Yor [13]) it is proved that

$$I_{\infty} := \int_0^\infty e^{-(\sigma W_s + \mu s)} \, ds \quad \sim \quad H_0^{(\delta)},\tag{19}$$

where H_0^{δ} is the first hitting time of 0 for a Bessel process of dimension $\delta = 2(1 - (\mu/\sigma^2))$ starting from $\sigma/2$, and ~ means "is identical in law with". In particular, it holds

$$\int_0^\infty \exp(-(2W_s + \mu s)) \, ds \quad \sim \quad \frac{1}{2 \, Z_\mu},\tag{20}$$

where Z_{μ} is a gamma-distributed random variable with rate 1 and shape $\mu/2$. We refer to [6] for a discussion showing how the functional on the left hand side of (19) arises as the present value of a perpetuity in a discrete model after a limiting procedure. Since the Lévy exponent in this case is

$$\Phi(\lambda) = \lambda \mu - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 \sigma^2,$$

the criterium in Corollary 2.8 yields

$$\mathbf{E}\left(I_{\infty}^{n}\right) < \infty \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad n < 2\mu/\sigma^{2},$$

which readily can also be checked from (20).

3 First hit processes of one-dimensional diffusions

We recall first some facts concerning the first hitting times of one-dimensional (or linear) diffusions. Let now $Y = (Y_s)_{s\geq 0}$ be a linear diffusion taking values in an interval I. To fix ideas assume that I equals \mathbf{R} or $(0, \infty)$ or $[0, \infty)$ and that

$$\limsup_{s \to \infty} Y_s = +\infty \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{21}$$

Assume $Y_0 = v$ and consider for $a \ge v$ the first hitting time

$$H_a := \inf\{s : Y_s > a\}.$$

Defining $X_t := H_{t+v}, t \ge 0$, it is easily seen – since Y is a strong Markov process – that $X = (X_t)_{t\ge 0}$ is an increasing purely discontinuous additive process starting from 0. Moreover, from assumption (21) it follows that $X_t < \infty$ a.s. for all t. The process X satisfies Assumption (A) in Section 2. Indeed, using the well known characterization of the Laplace transform of H_a we have

$$\mathbf{E}_{v}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta X_{t}}) = \mathbf{E}_{v}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta H_{t+v}}) = \frac{\psi_{\beta}(v)}{\psi_{\beta}(t+v)}, \quad t \ge 0,$$
(22)

where $\beta \geq 0$, \mathbf{E}_v is the expectation associated with Y starting from v, and ψ_{β} is a unique (up to a multiple) positive and increasing solution of the ODE

$$Gf(x) = \beta f(x) \tag{23}$$

satisfying the appropriate boundary condition at 0 in case $I = [0, \infty)$ and 0 is reflecting. In (23) G denotes the differential operator associated with Y. In the absolutely continuous case G is of the form

$$Gf(x) = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(x)f''(x) + \mu(x)f'(x), \quad f \in C^2(I), x \in I,$$

where σ and μ are continuous functions. For details about diffusions (and further references), see Itô and McKean [8], and [3]. The Laplace transform of X_t can also be represented as follows

$$\mathbf{E}_{v}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta X_{t}}) = \exp\left(-\int_{v}^{t+v} S(du) \int_{0}^{\infty} (1-\mathrm{e}^{-\beta x})n(u,dx)\right),\qquad(24)$$

where S is the scale function, and n is a kernel such that for all $v \in I$ and $t \ge 0$

$$\int_{v}^{t+v} \int_{0}^{\infty} (1 \wedge x) n(u, dx) S(du) < \infty.$$

Representation (24) clearly reveals the structure of X as a process with independent increments. Comparing with the notation in Introduction, we have

$$\nu_t(dx) = \int_v^{t+v} n(u, dx) S(du).$$

From (22) and (24) we may conclude that

$$\int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\beta x}) n(u, dx) = \lim_{w \to u^-} \frac{1 - \mathbf{E}_w(e^{-\beta X_u})}{S(u) - S(w)}.$$
 (25)

We now pass to present examples of exponential functionals of first hit processes. Firstly, we study Bessel processes satisfying (21) and show, in particular, that the exponential functional of the first hit process has all the moments. In our second example it is seen that the exponential functional of the first hit process of geometric Brownian motion has only finitely many moments depending on the values of the parameters.

Example 3.1. Bessel processes. Let Y be a Bessel process starting from v > 0. The differential operator associated with Y is given by

$$Gf(x) = \frac{1}{2}f''(x) + \frac{\delta - 1}{2x}f'(x), \quad x > 0,$$

where $\delta \in \mathbf{R}$ is called the dimension parameter. From [3] we extract the following information

- for $\delta \geq 2$ the boundary point 0 is entrance-not-exit and (21) holds,
- for $0 < \delta < 2$ the boundary point 0 is non-singular and (21) holds when the boundary condition at 0 is reflection,
- for $\delta \leq 0$ (21) does not hold.

In case when (21) is valid the Laplace exponent for the first hit process $X = (X_t)_{t \ge 0}$ is given for v > 0 and $t \ge 0$ by

$$\mathbf{E}_{v}(\mathbf{e}^{-\beta X_{t}}) = \frac{\psi_{\beta}(v)}{\psi_{\beta}(t)} = \frac{v^{1-\delta/2} I_{\delta/2-1}(v\sqrt{2\beta})}{t^{1-\delta/2} I_{\delta/2-1}((t+v)\sqrt{2\beta})},$$
(26)

where \mathbf{E}_v is the expectation associated with Y when started from v and I denotes the modified Bessel function of the first kind. For simplicity, we wish to study the exponential functional of X when v = 0. To find the

Laplace exponent when v = 0 we let $v \to 0$ in (26). For this, recall that for $p \neq -1, -2, \ldots$

$$I_p(v) \simeq \frac{1}{\Gamma(p+1)} \left(\frac{v}{2}\right)^p \quad \text{as } v \to 0.$$
(27)

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}_{0}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta X_{t}}) &= \lim_{\nu \to 0} \mathbf{E}_{\nu}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta X_{t}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu+1)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\beta}}{2}\right)^{\delta/2-1} \frac{t^{\delta/2-1}}{I_{\delta/2-1}(t\sqrt{2\beta})} \\ &=: \mathrm{e}^{-\Phi(t;\beta)}. \end{aligned}$$

The validity of (16), that is, the finiteness of the positive moments, can now be checked by exploiting the asymptotic behaviour of I_p saying that for all $p \in \mathbf{R}$ (see Abramowitz and Stegun [1], 9.7.1 p.377)

$$I_p(t) \simeq e^t / \sqrt{2\pi t} \quad \text{as } t \to \infty.$$
 (28)

Indeed, for $n = 1, 2, \ldots$

$$e^{-(\Phi(t;n)-\Phi(t;n-1))} = \frac{n^{\delta/2-1}}{I_{\delta/2-1}(t\sqrt{2n})} \frac{I_{\delta/2-1}(t\sqrt{2(n-1)})}{(n-1)^{\delta/2-1}}$$
$$\simeq \left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)^{\delta/2-1} \left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)^{1/4} e^{-t(\sqrt{2n}-\sqrt{2(n-1)})},$$

which clearly is integrable at $+\infty$. Consequently, by Corollary 2.7, the integral functional

$$\int_0^\infty \mathrm{e}^{-X_t} \, dt$$

has all the (positive) moments.

Example 3.2. Geometric Brownian motion. Let $Y = (Y_s)_{s\geq 0}$ be a geometric Brownian motion with parameters $\sigma^2 > 0$ and $\mu \in \mathbf{R}$, i.e.,

$$Y_s = \exp\left(\sigma W_s + (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)s\right)$$

where $W = (W_s)_{s \ge 0}$ is a standard Brownian motion initiated at 0. Since $W_s/s \to 0$ a.s. when $s \to \infty$ it follows

• $\lim_{s\to\infty} Y_s = +\infty$ a.s if $\mu > \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$,

- $\lim_{s\to\infty} Y_s = 0$ a.s if $\mu < \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$.
- $\limsup_{s\to\infty} Y_s = +\infty$ and $\liminf_{s\to\infty} Y_s = 0$ a.s. if $\mu = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$.

Consequently, condition (21) is valid if and only if $\mu \geq \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$. Since $Y_0 = 1$ we consider the first hitting times of the points $a \geq 1$. Consider

$$H_a := \inf\{s : Y_s = a\}$$

= $\inf\left\{s : \exp\left(\sigma W_s + (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)s\right) = a\right\}$
= $\inf\left\{s : \sigma W_s + (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)s = \log a\right\}$
= $\inf\left\{s : W_s + \frac{\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2}{\sigma}s = \frac{1}{\sigma}\log a\right\}.$

We assume now that $\sigma > 0$ and $\mu \ge \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$. Let $\nu := (\mu - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)\sigma$. Then H_a is identical in law with the first hitting time of $(\log a)/\sigma$ for Brownian motion with drift $\nu \ge 0$ starting from 0. Consequently, letting $X_t := H_{1+t}$ we have for $t \ge 0$

$$\mathbf{E}_{1}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta X_{t}}) = \frac{\psi_{\beta}(0)}{\psi_{\beta}(\log(1+t)/\sigma)}$$

$$= \exp\left(-\left(\sqrt{2\beta+\nu^{2}}-\nu\right)\frac{\log(1+t)}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$= (1+t)^{-\left(\sqrt{2\beta+\nu^{2}}-\nu\right)/\sigma}, \qquad (29)$$

$$=: \exp\left(-\Phi(t;\beta)\right).$$

where \mathbf{E}_1 is the expectation associated with Y when started from 1 and

$$\psi_{\beta}(x) = \exp\left(\left(\sqrt{2\beta + \nu^2} - \nu\right)x\right)$$

is the increasing fundamental solution for Brownian motion with drift (see [3] p.132). Notice that the additive process X is a deterministic time change of the first hit process of Brownian motion with drift, which is a subordinator. We use now Proposition 2.6 to study the moments of the perpetual integral functional

$$I_{\infty} = \int_0^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{-X_s} \, ds.$$

To simply the notation (cf. (29)) introduce

$$\rho(\beta) := \left(\sqrt{2\beta + \nu^2} - \nu\right) / \sigma.$$

By formula (15) the *n*th moment is given by

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}_{1}(I_{\infty}^{n}) &= n! \int_{0}^{\infty} dt_{1} \left(1+t_{1}\right)^{-(\rho(n)-\rho(n-1))} \int_{t_{1}}^{\infty} dt_{2} \left(1+t_{2}\right)^{-(\rho(n-1)-\rho(n-2))} \\ &\times \int_{t_{2}}^{\infty} dt_{3} \cdots \int_{t_{n-1}}^{\infty} dt_{n} \left(1+t_{n}\right)^{-\rho(1)} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{n!}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} (\rho(k)-k)}, & \text{if } n < n^{*}, \\ +\infty, & \text{if } n \ge n^{*}, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

where

$$n^* := \min\{n \in \{1, 2, \dots\} : \rho(n) - n \le 0\}.$$

Condition (16) in Corollary 2.7 takes in this case the form

$$\rho(n) - \rho(n-1) > 1.$$
(30)

This being a sufficient condition for the finiteness of $m_{\infty}^{(n)}$ we have

$$\rho(n) - \rho(n-1) > 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho(n) - n > 0. \tag{31}$$

Consider now the case $\nu = 0$. Then

$$\rho(n) > n \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad n < \frac{2}{\sigma^2},$$
(32)

i.e., smaller the volatility (i.e. σ) more moments of I_{∞} exist, as expected. Moreover, in this case

$$\rho(n) - \rho(n-1) > 1 \qquad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sqrt{2n} + \sqrt{2(n-1)} < \frac{2}{\sigma}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \quad 2n - 1 + \sqrt{4n(n-1)} < \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \qquad (33)$$

showing, in particular, that when σ is "small" there exist "many" n satisfying (32) but not (33).

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