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#### An infinite-dimensional representation of the Ray–Knight theorems

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Summary. The classical Ray–Knight theorems for Brownian motion determine the law of its local time process either at the first hitting time of a given value a by the local time at the origin, or at the first hitting time of a given position b by Brownian motion. We extend these results by describing the local time process jointly for all a and all b, by means of stochastic integral with respect to an appropriate white noise. Our result applies to  $\mu$ -processes, and has an immediate application: a  $\mu$ -process is the height process of a Feller continuous-state branching process (CSBP) with immigration (Lambert [10]), whereas a Feller CSBP with immigration satisfies a stochastic differential equation driven by a white noise (Dawson and Li [7]); our result gives an explicit relation between these two descriptions and shows that the stochastic differential equation in question is a reformulation of Tanaka's formula.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $(B_t)_{t\geq 0}$  be standard one-dimensional Brownian motion associated with its completed natural filtration  $(\mathscr{B}_t)_{t\geq 0}$ . Denote by  $(\mathfrak{L}_t)_{t\geq 0}$  a continuous version of local times of  $(B_t)$ at position 0. Let  $\mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . The  $\mu$ -process  $X := (X_t)_{t>0}$  is defined as follows:

$$X_t := |B_t| - \mu \mathfrak{L}_t, \qquad t \ge 0.$$

There are two important special cases of  $\mu$ -processes: Brownian motion ( $\mu = 1$ , this is seen using Lévy's identity), and the three-dimensional Bessel process ( $\mu = -1$ , seen by means of Lévy's and Pitman's identities).

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The  $\mu$ -process, also referred to as perturbed reflecting Brownian motion, has attracted much attention in the nineties: Lévy's arc sine law, Ray–Knight theorems as well as pathwise uniqueness of doubly perturbed Brownian motion, see for example [12, 22, 3, 4, 18, 21, 5, 6, 14, 15].

The local time of the  $\mu$ -process at suitable stopping times, as a process of the space variable, turns out to be a squared Bessel process. This is referred to as a Ray–Knight theorem. More precisely, let us fix  $\mu > 0$  from now on, so the process  $(X_t, t \ge 0)$  is recurrent on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since X is a continuous semimartingale, we may define

$$L(t, r) := \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{r \le X_s \le r + \varepsilon\}} \, \mathrm{d}s, \qquad t \ge 0, r \in \mathbb{R},$$

as the local time of X at time t and position r. Moreover, we may and will take a bicontinuous version of local times  $L(\cdot, \cdot)$ , see [17], Theorem VI.1.7. Let

(1.1) 
$$\tau_t^r := \inf\{s \ge 0 : L(s,r) > t\},\$$

be the inverse local time of X. Denote by

(1.2) 
$$T_r := \inf\{t \ge 0 : X_t = r\},\$$

the hitting time of r. The following Ray–Knight theorems were established by Carmona, Petit and Yor [4] (see also Yor [22], Chapter 9) and by Le Gall and Yor [12] respectively.

#### **Theorem 1.1.** *Fix* $\mu > 0$ *.*

(i) ([4], [22]) Let a > 0. The process  $(L(\tau_a^0, -h), h \ge 0)$  is a squared Bessel process of dimension  $(2 - \frac{2}{\mu})$ , starting from a and absorbed at 0.

(ii) ([12]) Let b < 0. The process  $(L(T_b, b+h), 0 \le h \le |b|)$  is a squared Bessel process of dimension  $\frac{2}{\mu}$ , starting from 0 and reflected at 0.

In the special case  $\mu = 1$ : the process X is Brownian motion by Lévy's identity, so Theorem 1.1 boils down to the classical Ray-Knight theorem for Brownian motion, originally proved by Ray [16] and Knight [9] independently. Werner [21] gave an alternative proof of Theorem 1.1 using a result of Lamperti [11] on semi-stable Markov processes. Perman [14] gave another proof of (i) by establishing a path-decomposition result of X.

The aim of this work is to describe the underlying Brownian motion, jointly for all a and b, in the local time processes in Theorem 1.1. We do this by means of Tanaka's formula and Walsh's stochastic integral with respect to a white noise W; see Theorem 1.2 below. The idea of using Tanaka's formula to prove Ray–Knight theorems is not new, and can be found for example in Jeulin [8] (for diffusion processes) and in Norris, Rogers and Williams [13] (for Brownian motion with a local time drift); our main contribution is to show how the white noise W explicitly gives the Brownian part jointly for all a and b in Theorem 1.1.

The aforementioned white noise W is defined as follows. For any Borel function  $g: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} d\ell \int_{\mathbb{R}} g^2(\ell, x) dx < \infty$ , let

(1.3) 
$$W(g) := \int_0^\infty g(L(t, X_t), X_t) \operatorname{sgn}(B_t) \mathrm{d}B_t.$$

It is easily seen that W is a white noise on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$ ; indeed, by the occupation time formula (Exercise VI.1.15 in [17]),

$$\int_0^\infty g^2 \big( L(t, X_t), X_t \big) \mathrm{d}t = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d}x \int_0^\infty g^2 \big( L(t, x), x \big) \mathrm{d}_t L(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d}x \int_0^\infty g^2(\ell, x) \mathrm{d}\ell.$$

The exponential martingale for Brownian motion implies that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{e}^{W(g)-\frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty g^2(L(t,X_t),X_t)\mathrm{d}t}\right] = 1,$$

showing that W(g) is a centered Gaussian random variable with variance  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g^2(\ell, x) dx d\ell$ .

The main result of this work is the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.2.** Fix  $\mu > 0$ . Let W be the white noise defined via (1.3).

(i) Almost surely for all a > 0,

(1.4) 
$$L(\tau_a^0, -h) = a - 2 \int_{-h}^0 W([0, L(\tau_a^0, x)], \mathrm{d}x) + \left(2 - \frac{2}{\mu}\right)h, \quad h \in [0, |I_{\tau_a^0}|],$$

where  $I_t := \inf_{0 \le s \le t} X_s$ ,  $t \ge 0$ , denotes the infimum process of X. (ii) Almost surely for all b < 0,

(1.5) 
$$L(T_b, b+h) = 2 \int_b^{b+h} W([0, L(T_b, x)], \mathrm{d}x) + \frac{2}{\mu}h, \qquad h \in [0, |b|].$$

The precise meaning of stochastic integrals with respect to W is given in Section 3. Indeed, we will show that almost surely (1.4) holds for any fixed a > 0, hence for all a belonging to a countable dense set of  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . By using the regularity of local times, we may and will choose a version of stochastic integral such that (1.4) holds simultaneously for all a > 0. The same remark applies to (1.5) as well as to Theorem 5.1 in Section 5.

It is not surprising, at least in the case (ii), that the local times of a  $\mu$ -process can be represented as solution of an SDE driven by a white noise. As a matter of fact, by duality (see [21]), the process  $(X_{T_b-t} - b, t \in [0, T_b])$  has the same law as the process  $|B_t| + \mu \mathfrak{L}_t$ , stopped when leaving |b| for the last time. On one hand, the process  $(|B_t| + \mu \mathfrak{L}_t, t \ge 0)$  is the height process of a Feller CSBP with immigration (see [10], remark p. 57 in Section 4). On the other hand, Bertoin and Le Gall showed in [1] that general CSBPs are related to flows of subordinators, constructed in [2] critical CSBPs without Gaussian coefficient as solutions of SDEs driven by compensated Poisson random measures. Dawson and Li [7] generalized this SDE to include a Gaussian coefficient and possible immigration. Applied to our setting, it is shown that a Feller CSBP with immigration can be constructed as a solution of (1.5). Theorem 1.2 connects directly the local times of the  $\mu$ -process to equation (1.5), without making use of the framework of CSBPs, and in Section 4 we are going to see Theorem 1.1 as a consequence of Tanaka's formula for X.

The rest of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we follow Walsh [19] by introducing the excursion filtration, then make an enlargement of the filtration à la Jeulin [8]. Section 3 is devoted to study of the martingale measure associated with the white noise W. In particular, stochastic integration with respect to W is defined. Theorems 1.2 and 1.1 are proved in Section 4. Sections 5 presents analogous results for the  $\mu$ -process defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 2 The excursion filtration

We first introduce some notation which will be used throughout the paper.

**Notation 2.1.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . We define the process  $X^{-,x}$  obtained by gluing the excursions of X below x as follows. Let, for  $t \ge 0$ ,

$$A_t^{-,x} := \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} \mathrm{d}s, \qquad \alpha_t^{-,x} := \inf\{u > 0, \ A_u^{-,x} > t\},$$

with the usual convention  $\inf \emptyset := \infty$ . Define

$$X_t^{-,x} := X_{\alpha_t^{-,x}}, \qquad t < A_{\infty}^{-,x} := \int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} \mathrm{d}s.$$

Similarly, we define  $A_t^{+,x}$ ,  $\alpha_t^{+,x}$  and  $X^{+,x}$  by replacing  $X_s \leq x$  by  $X_s > x$ . When the process is denoted by X with some superscript, the analogous quantities keep the same superscript. For example,  $L^{+,x}(t,y)$  denotes the local time of  $X^{+,x}$  at position y and time t, and  $I_t^{+,x} = \inf_{0 \leq s \leq t} X_s^{+,x}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . One can reconstruct X from  $X^{-,x}$  and  $X^{+,x}$  by gluing the excursions of  $X^{-,x}$  and of  $X^{+,x}$ , indexed by their local time.

The following proposition is adapted from Section 8.5 of [22].

#### **Proposition 2.3.** Let $x \leq 0$ .

(i) Define the filtration  $(\mathscr{F}_{u}^{+,x})_{u\geq 0}$  by  $\mathscr{F}_{u}^{+,x} := \sigma(X_{s}^{+,x}, s \in [0, u])$  and the process

$$\beta_u^{+,x} := \int_0^{\alpha_u^{+,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s, \qquad u \ge 0.$$

Then  $\beta^{+,x}$  is  $(\mathscr{F}_{u}^{+,x})$ -Brownian motion and  $X^{+,x}$  is an  $(\mathscr{F}_{u}^{+,x})$ -semimartingale with decomposition

(2.1) 
$$X_u^{+,x} = \beta_u^{+,x} - \frac{1-\mu}{\mu} I_u^{+,x} + \frac{1}{2} L^{+,x}(u,x), \qquad u \ge 0.$$

(ii) Define the filtration  $(\mathscr{F}_u^{-,x})_{u\geq 0}$  by  $\mathscr{F}_u^{-,x} := \sigma(X_s^{-,x}, s \in [0,u])$  and the process

$$\beta_u^{-,x} := \int_0^{\alpha_u^{-,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s, \qquad u \ge 0.$$

Then  $\beta^{-,x}$  is  $(\mathscr{F}_u^{-,x})$ -Brownian motion and  $X^{-,x}$  is an  $(\mathscr{F}_u^{-,x})$ -semimartingale with decomposition

(2.2) 
$$X_u^{-,x} = x + \beta_u^{-,x} - \frac{1-\mu}{\mu} (I_u^{-,x} - x) - \frac{1}{2} L^{-,x}(u,x), \qquad u \ge 0.$$

(iii) The Brownian motions  $\beta^{+,x}$  and  $\beta^{-,x}$  are independent.

Proof. By Tanaka's formula,

$$(X_t - x)^+ = (X_0 - x)^+ + \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} dX_s + \frac{1}{2}L(t, x).$$

Take  $t = \alpha_u^{+,x}$ . We get

(2.3) 
$$X_u^{+,x} = \int_0^{\alpha_u^{+,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} \mathrm{d}X_s + \frac{1}{2} L(\alpha_u^{+,x}, x).$$

Moreover,  $dX_s = d|B_s| - \mu d\mathfrak{L}_s = \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s + (1 - \mu) d\mathfrak{L}_s$  by another application of Tanaka's formula. Also observe that  $I_t = -\mu \mathfrak{L}_t$ , hence

(2.4) 
$$\mathrm{d}X_s = \mathrm{sgn}(B_s)\mathrm{d}B_s - \frac{1-\mu}{\mu}\mathrm{d}I_s, \qquad s \ge 0.$$

Therefore,

$$X_u^{+,x} = \int_0^{\alpha_u^{+,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s - \frac{1-\mu}{\mu} \int_0^{\alpha_u^{+,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} dI_s + \frac{1}{2} L(\alpha_u^{+,x}, x).$$

We notice that  $L^{+,x}(u,r) = L(\alpha_u^{+,x},r)$  for any  $r \in [x,\infty)$  and  $u \ge 0$ . On the other hand,  $\int_0^{\alpha_u^{+,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} dI_s = I_{\alpha_u^{+,x} \wedge T_x}$  which is also the infimum of  $X^{+,x}$  on the time interval [0, u]. This yields (2.1). This equation also implies that  $\beta^{+,x}$  is adapted to  $\mathscr{F}^{+,x}$ . Moreover, from the definition of  $\beta_u^{+,x}$  and Proposition V.1.5 of [17],  $\beta_u^{+,x}$  is a  $(\mathscr{B}_{\alpha_u^{+,x}})$ -continuous martingale with  $\langle \beta^{+,x}, \beta^{+,x} \rangle_u = u$ , hence  $(\mathscr{B}_{\alpha_u^{+,x}})$ -Brownian motion. Since  $\mathscr{F}_u^{+,x} \subset \mathscr{B}_{\alpha_u^{+,x}}$ , we deduce that  $\beta_u^{+,x}$  is also  $(\mathscr{F}_u^{+,x})$ -Brownian motion. This proves (i).

The proof of (ii) is similar. Tanaka's formula applied to  $(X_{t+T_x}-x)^-$  with  $t = \alpha_u^{-,x} - T_x$ implies that

$$X_u^{-,x} = x + \int_{T_x}^{\alpha_u^{-,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s - \frac{1-\mu}{\mu} \int_{T_x}^{\alpha_u^{-,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} dI_s - \frac{1}{2} L(\alpha_u^{-,x}, x).$$

We observe that  $L(\alpha_u^{-,x}, x) = L^{-,x}(u, x)$  and  $\int_{T_x}^{\alpha_u^{-,x}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \leq x\}} dI_s = I_{\alpha_u^{-,x}} - x$  while  $I_{\alpha_u^{-,x}} = I_u^{-,x}$  which gives (2.2). We conclude as for (i). The statement (iii) is a consequence of Knight's theorem on orthogonal martingales.  $\Box$ 

The following result is well-known. It has been proved in Section 8.5 of [22] when  $\mu \in (0, 2)$ , in [21] and in [15]. Here, following [22], we choose to see it as a consequence of Proposition 2.3.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $x \leq 0$ . The processes  $X^{+,x}$  and  $X^{-,x}$  are independent.

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.3 (iii), the martingale parts of  $X^{+,x}$  and  $X^{-,x}$ , namely  $\beta^{+,x}$  and  $\beta^{-,x}$ , are independent. It remains to see that  $X^{+,x}$  is measurable with respect to  $\beta^{+,x}$  and  $X^{-,x}$  with respect to  $\beta^{-,x}$ , which was established by Chaumont and Doney [5] and Davis [6].  $\Box$ 

The excursion filtration, introduced by Walsh [19], is defined as

$$\mathcal{E}_x^+ := \mathscr{F}_\infty^{+,x} = \sigma(X_s^{+,x}, s \ge 0), \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Similarly we define  $\mathcal{E}_x^- := \mathscr{F}_\infty^{-,x} = \sigma(X_s^{-,x}, s \ge 0)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is routine to check, using the time-changes  $\alpha^{-,x}$  and  $\alpha^{+,x}$ , that  $\mathcal{E}_x^-$  is increasing in x whereas  $\mathcal{E}_x^+$  is decreasing.<sup>4</sup>

Define, for  $u \ge 0$ ,

$$\mathscr{G}_u^{+,x} := \sigma(\mathscr{F}_u^{+,x}, \mathcal{E}_x^-), \qquad \mathscr{G}_u^{-,x} := \sigma(\mathscr{F}_u^{-,x}, \mathcal{E}_x^+).$$

The idea of such an enlargement of filtrations goes back at least to Jeulin [8].

**Corollary 2.5.** Consider a random function  $g(\ell, y) = g(\ell, y, \omega)$  such that the process  $t \mapsto g(L(t, X_t), X_t)$  is  $(\mathscr{B}_t)$ -progressively measurable and  $\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} d\ell \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(\ell, y)^2 dy\right] < \infty$ . Fix  $x \leq 0$ .

(i) The process  $u \mapsto g(L^{+,x}(u, X_u^{+,x}), X_u^{+,x})$  is  $(\mathscr{G}_u^{+,x})$ -progressive and almost surely,

(2.5) 
$$\int_0^\infty g(L(t, X_t), X_t) \mathbf{1}_{\{X_t > x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_t) dB_t = \int_0^\infty g(L^{+,x}(u, X_u^{+,x}), X_u^{+,x}) d\beta_u^{+,x}$$

(ii) The process  $u \mapsto g(L^{-,x}(u, X_u^{-,x}), X_u^{-,x})$  is  $(\mathscr{G}_u^{-,x})$ -progressive and almost surely,

(2.6) 
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} g(L(t, X_{t}), X_{t}) \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{t} \leq x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_{t}) dB_{t} = \int_{0}^{\infty} g(L^{-,x}(u, X_{u}^{-,x}), X_{u}^{-,x}) d\beta_{u}^{-,x}.$$

<sup>4</sup>We will be implicitly working with a right-continuous (and complete) version of the filtrations  $(\mathcal{E}_x^-)_{x\in\mathbb{R}}$ and  $(\mathcal{E}_x^+)_{x\in\mathbb{R}}$  — if necessary, by means of the procedure of usual augmention, as described in Section I.4 of Revuz and Yor [17]. In our work, we only study *continuous* martingales, which are also martingales with respect to augmented filtrations. The same remark applies to the  $\mu$ -process defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  in Section 5. *Proof.* We prove (i). The process  $u \mapsto g(L^{+,x}(u, X_u^{+,x}), X_u^{+,x})$  is  $(\mathscr{B}_{\alpha_u^{+,x}})$ -progressive (Proposition V.1.4, [17]). Therefore it is also progressive with respect to  $(\mathscr{G}_u^{+,x})$  because the latter filtration is larger. We prove now (2.5). By a time-change (Proposition V.1.4, [17]),

$$\int_0^{\alpha_t^{+,x}} g(L(s,X_s),X_s) \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s = \int_0^t g(L^{+,x}(u,X_u^{+,x}),X_u^{+,x}) d\beta_u^{+,x}.$$

Letting  $t \to \infty$  yields (2.5). Statement (ii) is proved similarly.  $\Box$ 

#### 3 The martingale measure associated with W

Recall the definition of the white noise W in (1.3). For any Borel set A of  $\mathbb{R}_+$  with finite Lebesgue measure and  $r \geq 0$ , we define

(3.1) 
$$M_r(A) := W(\mathbf{1}_{A \times [-r,0]}).$$

**Proposition 3.1.** In the setting of Walsh [20],  $(M_r, r \ge 0)$  is a continuous martingale measure with respect to the filtration  $(\mathcal{E}_{-r}^+, r \ge 0)$ .

Proof. Since W is a white noise, it suffices to show that  $M_r$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_{-r}^+$  and that  $M_s - M_r$  is independent of  $\mathcal{E}_{-r}^+$  for any  $0 \leq r < s$ . The first statement comes from (2.5) applied to x = -r and  $g(\ell, y) = \mathbf{1}_{A \times [-r,0]}(\ell, y)$  for a Borel set A with finite Lebesgue measure. The second statement comes from (2.6) applied to x = -r and  $g(\ell, y) = \mathbf{1}_{A \times [-s, -r)}(\ell, y)$ . Since the processes  $X^{-, -r}$  and  $\beta^{-, -r}$  are independent of  $\mathcal{E}_{-r}^+$ , the proposition follows.  $\Box$ 

We are going to extend (1.3), seen as an equality for deterministic functions g, to random functions. To this end, we first recall the construction by Walsh in [20] of stochastic integral with respect to the martingale measure M. A (random) function f is said to be elementary if it is of the form  $f(\ell, x) := Z \mathbf{1}_{[a,b]}(x) \mathbf{1}_A(\ell)$ , where  $a < b \leq 0$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  is a Borel set of finite Lebesgue measure, and Z is a bounded  $\mathcal{E}_b^+$ -measurable real-valued random variable. Denote by  $f \cdot M$  the stochastic integral with respect to M:

$$f \cdot M := Z \left( M_{|a|}(A) - M_{|b|}(A) \right) = Z W(\mathbf{1}_{A \times [a,b]}).$$

A simple function is a (finite) linear combination of elementary functions. We extend by linearity the definition of  $f \cdot M$  to simple functions f and furthermore by isometry to any  $f \in \mathscr{L}^2$ , where  $\mathscr{L}^2$  denotes the space of  $(\mathscr{E}^+_{-r}, r \geq 0)$ -predictable and squareintegrable functions, defined as the closure of the space of simple functions under the norm:

$$||f|| := \left[ \mathbb{E} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \mathrm{d}\ell \int_{\mathbb{R}_-} f^2(\ell, x) \mathrm{d}x \right) \right]^{1/2}.$$

For any  $f \in \mathscr{L}^2$ ,  $f \cdot M$  is a centered random variable with  $\mathbb{E}[(f \cdot M)^2] = ||f||^2$ . We write  $f \cdot M \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_-} f(\ell, x) W(\mathrm{d}\ell, \mathrm{d}x)$  and for any  $r \geq 0$ ,  $(f \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times [-r,0]}) \cdot M \equiv 0$ .  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_{+}\times[-r,0]} f(\ell,x)W(\mathrm{d}\ell,\mathrm{d}x).$  The latter, if furthermore f is of form  $f(\ell,x) = \mathbf{1}_{\{0 \leq \ell \leq \sigma_x\}}\eta_x$ , will be re-written as  $\int_{-r}^{0} \eta_x W([0,\sigma_x],\mathrm{d}x)$ . By the construction of stochastic integral and Proposition 3.1,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_{+}\times[-r,0]} f(\ell,x)W(\mathrm{d}\ell,\mathrm{d}x)$  is a continuous martingale with respect to the filtration  $(\mathcal{E}_{-r}^+, r \geq 0)$ , of quadratic variation process  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_{+}\times[-r,0]} f^2(\ell,x)\mathrm{d}\ell\mathrm{d}x$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Take  $g \in \mathscr{L}^2$  such that  $s \mapsto g(L(s, X_s), X_s)$  admits a version which is progressive with respect to the Brownian filtration  $(\mathscr{B}_s)$ .<sup>5</sup> Then

$$g \cdot M = \int_0^\infty g(L(s, X_s), X_s) \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s$$
 a.s

*Proof.* By definition of  $\mathscr{L}^2$ , there exists a sequence of simple functions  $g_n$  such that  $||g - g_n|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . By isometry,  $g \cdot M - g_n \cdot M \to 0$  in  $L^2$ . Since  $g_n$  is a simple function,  $g_n$  is of the form

$$g_n(\ell, x) = \sum_{k,j=1}^{\infty} Z_{k,j}^n \mathbf{1}_{[a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(x) \mathbf{1}_{A_j^n}(\ell),$$

where for each  $n, 0 = a_0^n > ... > a_k^n > a_{k+1}^n > ...$  is a decreasing sequence such that  $a_k^n \to -\infty$  as  $k \to \infty$ ,  $(A_j^n)_{j\geq 1}$  is a collection of (nonrandom) pairwise disjoint Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_+$  with finite Lebesgue measures, and for any  $k, j \geq 1$ ,  $Z_{k,j}^n$  is a bounded  $\mathcal{E}_{a_{k-1}^n}^+$ -measurable random variable. Moreover for all large  $k, j, Z_{k,j}^n = 0$ , which means the above double sum runs in fact over a finite index set of k and j.

Note that for a.e.  $z \leq 0$ ,  $g(\cdot, z)$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_z^+$  (as  $g_n$  is). We may (and will) take a version of g such that  $g(\cdot, z)$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_z^+$  for all  $z \leq 0$ .

By applying (1.3) and (3.1), we deduce from the linearity of the integral that

$$g_n \cdot M = \sum_{k,j=1}^{\infty} Z_{k,j}^n \int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{[a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_s) \mathbf{1}_{A_j^n}(L(s, X_s)) \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s.$$

Note that we can (and we will) take  $(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)$  instead of  $[a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)$  without changing the value of  $g_n \cdot M$ . By (2.5) and (2.6) respectively,

(3.2) 
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{(a_{k}^{n}, a_{k-1}^{n})}(X_{s}) \mathbf{1}_{A_{j}^{n}}(L(s, X_{s})) \operatorname{sgn}(B_{s}) \mathrm{d}B_{s}$$
$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{(a_{k}^{n}, a_{k-1}^{n})}(X_{u}^{-,x}) \mathbf{1}_{A_{j}^{n}}(L^{-,x}(u, X_{u}^{-,x})) \mathrm{d}\beta_{u}^{-,x}$$

(3.3) 
$$= \int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_u^{+,y}) \mathbf{1}_{A_j^n}(L^{+,y}(u, X_u^{+,y})) \mathrm{d}\beta_u^{+,y}$$

<sup>5</sup>By version we mean a  $(\mathscr{B}_s)$ -progressive process  $(h_s)$  such that  $\int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{\{g(L(s,X_s),X_s)\neq h_s\}} ds = 0$  a.s.

with  $x = a_{k-1}^n$  and  $y = a_k^n$ . Similarly,

(3.4) 
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} g(L(s, X_{s}), X_{s}) \mathbf{1}_{(a_{k}^{n}, a_{k-1}^{n})}(X_{s}) \operatorname{sgn}(B_{s}) dB_{s} \\ = \int_{0}^{\infty} g(L^{-,x}(u, X_{u}^{-,x}), X_{u}^{-,x}) \mathbf{1}_{(a_{k}^{n}, a_{k-1}^{n})}(X_{u}^{-,x}) d\beta_{u}^{-,x},$$

(3.5) 
$$= \int_0^\infty g(L^{+,y}(u, X_u^{+,y}), X_u^{+,y}) \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_u^{+,y}) \mathrm{d}\beta_u^{+,y}$$

with  $x = a_{k-1}^n$  and  $y = a_k^n$  as in (3.2) and (3.3). Write

$$I(g) := \int_0^\infty g(L(s, X_s), X_s) \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s.$$

Then

$$g_n \cdot M - I(g) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Delta_n(k)$$

where, from (3.3) and (3.5),

$$\Delta_n(k) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Z_{k,j}^n \int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)} (X_u^{+,y}) \mathbf{1}_{A_j^n} (L^{+,y}(u, X_u^{+,y})) \mathrm{d}\beta_u^{+,y} \\ - \int_0^\infty g (L^{+,y}(u, X_u^{+,y}), X_u^{+,y}) \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)} (X_u^{+,y}) \mathrm{d}\beta_u^{+,y},$$

where as before  $y = a_k^n$ . Since  $Z_{k,j}^n$  is  $\mathcal{E}_{a_{k-1}^n}^+$ -measurable, hence  $\mathcal{E}_{a_k^n}^+$ -measurable, we see that the sum over j in the definition of  $\Delta_n(k)$  is  $\mathcal{E}_{a_k^n}^+$ -measurable. For the last integral in  $\Delta_n(k)$ , we use the fact that for  $z \leq 0$ ,  $g(\cdot, z)$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_z^+$ . Note that  $X_u^{+,y}$ and  $L^{+,y}(\cdot, \cdot)$  are measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_y^+$ . Since  $X_u^{+,y} \geq y$  and  $\mathcal{E}_z^+$  decreases on z, we deduce that  $g(\cdot, X_u^{+,y})$  is  $\mathcal{E}_y^+$ -mesurable, and so is  $g(L^{+,y}(u, X_u^{+,y}), X_u^{+,y})$ . It follows that  $\Delta_n(k)$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_{a_k^n}^+$ .

Now we prove that  $(\Delta_n(k))_{k\geq 1}$  is a martingale difference sequence with respect to the filtration  $(\mathcal{E}_{a_k}^+)_{k\geq 1}$ . Indeed, using (3.2) and (3.4) instead of (3.3) and (3.5), one can also write

$$\Delta_{n}(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Z_{k,j}^{n} \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{(a_{k}^{n}, a_{k-1}^{n})} (X_{u}^{-,x}) \mathbf{1}_{A_{j}^{n}} (L^{-,x}(u, X_{u}^{-,x})) \mathrm{d}\beta_{u}^{-,x} - \int_{0}^{\infty} g (L^{-,x}(u, X_{u}^{-,x}), X_{u}^{-,x}) \mathbf{1}_{(a_{k}^{n}, a_{k-1}^{n})} (X_{u}^{-,x}) \mathrm{d}\beta_{u}^{-,x},$$

with  $x = a_{k-1}^n$ . Recall from Proposition 2.3 that  $\beta^{-,x}$  is  $(\mathscr{F}_u^{-,x})$ -Brownian motion, which is independent of  $\mathcal{E}_x^+$  by Corollary 2.4. Then  $\beta^{-,x}$  can be seen as  $(\mathscr{G}_u^{-,x})$ -Brownian motion.

By Corollary 2.5 (ii),  $g(L^{-,x}(u, X_u^{-,x}), X_u^{-,x})$  is progressive with respect to the filtration  $(\mathscr{G}_u^{-,x})$ , while

$$\mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_u^{-,x}) g_n(L^{-,x}(u, X_u^{-,x}), X_u^{-,x}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Z_{k,j}^n \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_u^{-,x}) \mathbf{1}_{A_j^n}(L^{-,x}(u, X_u^{-,x}))$$

is  $(\mathscr{G}_u^{-,x})\text{-}\mathrm{progressive}$  as well. Therefore, one can write

(3.6) 
$$\Delta_n(k) = \int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_u^{-,x}) (g_n - g) \left( L^{-,x}(u, X_u^{-,x}), X_u^{-,x} \right) \mathrm{d}\beta_u^{-,x},$$

with  $x = a_{k-1}^n$ . It follows that (since  $\mathscr{G}_0^{-,x} = \mathcal{E}_x^+$ )

$$\mathbb{E}[\Delta_n(k) \mid \mathcal{E}^+_{a^n_{k-1}}] = 0.$$

In other words, the process  $j \to \sum_{k=1}^{j} \Delta_n(k)$  is a martingale and we have

$$\mathbb{E}[(g_n \cdot M - I(g))^2] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\Delta_n(k)^2].$$

From (3.6), we get

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[\Delta_n(k)^2] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{(a_k^n, a_{k-1}^n)}(X_u^{-,x})\left((g_n - g)(L^{-,x}(u, X_u^{-,x}), X_u^{-,x})\right)^2 \mathrm{d}u\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{a_k^n}^{a_{k-1}^n} (g_n(\ell, z) - g(\ell, z))^2 \mathrm{d}\ell \mathrm{d}z\right], \end{split}$$

where in the second equality we have used the occupation time formula. It follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[(g_n \cdot M - I(g))^2] = ||g_n - g||^2$$

which goes to 0 as  $n \to \infty$ . Thus we get that  $g \cdot M = I(g)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Remark 3.3.** Fix b < 0. Similarly to (3.1) we may define a martingale measure  $\widehat{M}$  by

$$\widehat{M}_r(A) := W(\mathbf{1}_{A \times [b, b+r]}),$$

for any Borel set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  of finite Lebesgue measure and  $r \geq 0$ . The analogs of Propositions 3.1 and 3.2 hold for  $\widehat{M}$ . Specifically,  $(\widehat{M}_r, r \geq 0)$  is a martingale measure with respect to the filtration  $(\mathcal{E}_{b+r}^-, r \geq 0)$ . Moreover, we may define in a similar way the stochastic integral  $f \cdot \widehat{M}$  for any  $f \in \widehat{\mathscr{L}}^2$ , where  $\widehat{\mathscr{L}}^2$  denotes the space of  $(\mathcal{E}_{b+r}^-)_{r\geq 0^-}$  predictable functions f such that  $\mathbb{E}[\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \mathrm{d}\ell \int_{[b,\infty)} f^2(\ell, x) \mathrm{d}x] < \infty$ . Then for any  $g \in \widehat{\mathscr{L}}^2$ 

such that  $s \mapsto g(L(s, X_s), X_s)$  admits a version which is progressive with respect to the Brownian filtration  $(\mathscr{B}_s)$ , we have

(3.7) 
$$g \cdot \widehat{M} = \int_0^\infty g(L(s, X_s), X_s) \mathrm{d}X_s - \frac{1-\mu}{\mu} \int_{-\infty}^0 g(0, x) \mathrm{d}x, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

With a slight abuse of notation, we shall write  $g \cdot \widehat{M} \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times [b,\infty)} g(\ell, x) W(d\ell, dx)$  and  $(g\mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times [b,t)}) \cdot \widehat{M} \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times [b,t)} g(\ell, x) W(d\ell, dx)$  for any  $t \ge b$ . Then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times [b,b+r)} g(\ell, x) W(d\ell, dx)$ , is an  $(\mathcal{E}_{b+r}^-)$ -continuous martingale with quadratic variation process  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times [b,b+r)} g^2(\ell, x) d\ell dx$  for  $r \ge 0$ .

#### 4 Proofs of Theorems 1.2 and 1.1

By Tanaka's formula, for any  $r \ge 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

(4.1) 
$$(X_r - x)^- = (-x)^- - \int_0^r \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} \mathrm{d}X_s + \frac{1}{2}L(r, x)$$

Part (i) of Theorems 1.2 and 1.1: Applying (4.1) to  $r = \tau_a^0$  gives that  $L(\tau_a^0, x) = 2 \int_0^{\tau_a^0} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \leq x\}} dX_s$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $h \geq 0$ . Taking x = -h and x = 0, and using the fact that  $L(\tau_a^0, 0) = a$ , we obtain that

(4.2) 
$$L(\tau_a^0, -h) = a - 2 \int_0^{\tau_a^0} \mathbf{1}_{\{-h < X_s \le 0\}} dX_s$$
$$= a - 2 \int_0^{\tau_a^0} \mathbf{1}_{\{-h < X_s \le 0\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s + \left(2 - \frac{2}{\mu}\right) \min(h, |I_{\tau_a^0}|),$$

where the second equality follows from (2.4) and the fact that  $\int_0^{\tau_a^0} \mathbf{1}_{\{-h < X_s \le 0\}} dI_s = \int_0^{\tau_a^0} \mathbf{1}_{\{I_s > -h\}} dI_s = I_{\min(T_{-h}, I_{\tau_a^0})} = -\min(h, |I_{\tau_a^0}|).$ 

To deal with the stochastic integral with respect to  $(B_s)$  in (4.2), we shall use Proposition 3.2. First we remark that for  $x \leq 0$ ,  $L(\tau_a^0, x)$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_x^+$ . In fact, let  $u := A_{\tau_a^0}^{+,x}$ . Then  $\alpha_u^{+,x} = \tau_a^0$  as  $\tau_a^0$  is an increasing time for  $A^{+,x}$ . Therefore  $L(\tau_a^0, x) = L^{+,x}(A_{\tau_a^0}^{+,x}, x)$ . Since  $\{A_{\tau_a^0}^{+,x} \geq t\} = \{L(\alpha_t^{+,x}, 0) \leq a\} = \{L^{+,x}(t, 0) \leq a\}$ , we obtain that  $L(\tau_a^0, x)$  is measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{E}_x^+$ .

Let  $g(\ell, x) := \mathbf{1}_{\{0 \le \ell \le L(\tau_a^0, x)\} \cap \{-h < x \le 0\}}$ . Using the continuity of local times  $L(\tau_a^0, x)$  on x and the fact that  $\mathbb{E}[\int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}} g^2(\ell, x) d\ell dx] < \infty$ , we get that  $g \in \mathscr{L}^2$ .

Observe that a.s.,  $g(L(s, X_s), X_s) = \mathbf{1}_{\{0 \le s \le \tau_a^0, -h < X_s \le 0\}}$ , ds-a.e. This follows from the fact that  $\int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{\{L(s,X_s) \le L(\tau_a^0, X_s), s > \tau_a^0\}} ds = \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \int_{\tau_a^0}^\infty \mathbf{1}_{\{L(s,x) \le L(\tau_a^0, x)\}} ds L(s, x) = 0$ , by the occupation time formula. Then  $s \mapsto g(L(s, X_s), X_s)$  admits a version which is  $(\mathscr{B}_s)$ -progressive and we are entitled to apply Proposition 3.2 to see that

$$\int_{0}^{\tau_{a}^{0}} \mathbf{1}_{\{-h < X_{s} \le 0\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_{s}) \mathrm{d}B_{s} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_{+} \times (-h,0]} \mathbf{1}_{\{0 \le \ell \le L(\tau_{a}^{0},x)\}} W(\mathrm{d}\ell,\mathrm{d}x) = \int_{-h}^{0} W([0,L(\tau_{a}^{0},x)],\mathrm{d}x) \mathrm{d}x$$

In view of (4.2), this yields Theorem 1.2 (i) for each fixed a > 0 and  $h \in [0, |I_{\tau_a^0}|]$ . Since the processes are continuous in h and càdlàg in a, they coincide except on a null set.

Theorem 1.1 (i) follows quite simply from Theorem 1.2 (i): for given a > 0, since  $h \mapsto \int_{-h}^{0} W([0, L(\tau_a^0, x)], dx)$  is an  $(\mathcal{E}_{-h}^+)_{h\geq 0}$ -continuous martingale with quadratic variation process  $\int_{-h}^{0} L(\tau_a^0, x) dx$ , it follows from the Dambis–Dubins–Schwarz theorem that there exists  $(\mathcal{E}_{-h}^+)$ -Brownian motion  $\gamma$  such that  $\int_{-h}^{0} W([0, L(\tau_a^0, x)], dx) = \int_{0}^{h} \sqrt{L(\tau_a^0, s)} d\gamma_s$ . Going back to (4.2), we see that for all  $0 \leq h \leq \inf\{s \geq 0 : L(\tau_a^0, -s) = 0\} = |I_{\tau_a^0}|$ ,

$$L(\tau_a^0, -h) = a - 2\int_0^h \sqrt{L(\tau_a^0, s)} d\gamma_s + \left(2 - \frac{2}{\mu}\right)h,$$

proving Theorem 1.1 (i).

Part (ii) of Theorems 1.2 and 1.1: Let b < 0 and  $T_b := \inf\{t \ge 0 : X_t = b\}$ . For  $h \in [0, |b|]$ , we get from (4.1) that

(4.3) 
$$L(T_b, b+h) = 2h + 2\int_0^{T_b} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le b+h\}} dX_s$$
$$= 2\int_0^{T_b} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le b+h\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s + \frac{2}{\mu}h_s$$

where the second equality follows from (2.4) again and the fact that  $\int_0^{T_b} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \leq b+h\}} dI_s = \int_0^{T_b} \mathbf{1}_{\{I_s \leq b+h\}} dI_s = -h.$ 

The main difference with Part (i) is the measurability. As a matter of fact, for any  $x \ge b, L(T_b, x)$  is  $\mathcal{E}_x^-$ -measurable: observe that  $L(T_b, x) = L^{-,x}(A_{T_b}^{-,x}, x)$  and for any  $t \ge 0$ ,  $\{A_{T_b}^{-,x} > t\} = \{T_b > \alpha_t^{-,x}\} = \{\inf_{0 \le s \le \alpha_t^{-,x}} X_s > b\} = \{\inf_{0 \le s \le t} X_s^{-,x} > b\}$  is  $\mathcal{E}_x^-$ -mesurable. Let  $g(\ell, x) := \mathbf{1}_{\{0 < \ell \le L(T_b, x)\} \times \{b \le x \le b+h\}}$ . We can check as in (i) that we may apply (3.7) to get that

$$\int_{0}^{T_{b}} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_{s} \le b+h\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_{s}) \mathrm{d}B_{s} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_{+} \times [b,b+h]} \mathbf{1}_{\{0 \le \ell \le L(T_{b},b+h)\}} W(\mathrm{d}\ell,\mathrm{d}x) = \int_{b}^{b+h} W([0,L(T_{b},x)],\mathrm{d}x),$$

proving, in view of (4.3), Theorem 1.2 (ii). Furthermore by Remark 3.3, the process  $h \to \int_{b}^{b+h} W([0, L(T_b, x)], dx)$  is an  $(\mathcal{E}_{b+h}^{-})$ -continuous martingale with quadratic variation process  $\int_{b}^{b+h} L(T_b, x) dx$ . This easily yields Theorem 1.1 (ii).  $\Box$ 

## 5 Extension to the two-sided $\mu$ -process

In this Section, we shall explore the strong Markov property at the hitting times of a  $\mu$ -process defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  and present an analogue of Theorem 1.2. This result, apart from its own interest, will be useful in a forthcoming work on the duality of Jacobi stochastic flows.

Let  $(B_t)_{t\in\mathbb{R}}$  be a two-sided Brownian motion, which means that for  $t \leq 0$ ,  $B_t = B'_{-t}$ , where B' is a standard Brownian motion independent of  $(B_t)_{t\geq 0}$ . Denote by  $(\mathfrak{L}'_t)_{t\geq 0}$  the local time process at position zero of B'.

Recall that  $X_t = |B_t| - \mu \mathfrak{L}_t$ , for  $t \ge 0$ . For  $t \le 0$ , we let  $X_t := |B'_{-t}| + \mu \mathfrak{L}'_{-t}$ . We call  $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{R}}$  a two-sided  $\mu$ -process. Fix  $\mu > 0$ . Notice that  $X_t \to \infty$  as  $t \to -\infty$ , and  $T_r < 0$  when r > 0.

We naturally extend the notation  $T_r := \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : X_t = r\}$  for  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$L(t,x) := \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{-\infty}^{t} \mathbb{1}_{\{x \le X_s \le x + \varepsilon\}} \mathrm{d}s, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

the local time accumulated by  $(X_t, t \in \mathbb{R})$  at position x up to time t, and

$$\tau_a^x := \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : L(t, x) > a\}, \qquad a \ge 0,$$

the inverse local time at position x. We define now for bounded Borel functions g with compact support,

(5.1) 
$$W(g) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(L(t, X_t), X_t) \operatorname{sgn}(B_t) dB_t.$$

The stochastic integral has to be understood as an integral with respect to the Brownian motion  $B^{(r)} := (B_{t+T_r}, t \ge 0)$  where r is any positive real such that  $g(\ell, x) = 0$  for all  $x \ge r$  (that  $B^{(r)}$  is a standard Brownian motion comes from the fact that  $(B'_{T_r+t}, t \in [0, |T_r|])$  is distributed as  $(B_t, t \in [0, T_{-r}])$ ). We will see in the following theorem that W defines a white noise.

Similarly to Notation 2.1, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can consider the process  $(X_u^{-,x}, u \ge 0)$ obtained by gluing the excursions of X below x: that is we set for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A_t^{-,x} := \int_{-\infty}^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} ds$ ,  $\alpha_u^{-,x} := \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : A_t^{-,x} > u\}$ , and  $X_u^{-,x} := X_{\alpha_u^{-,x}}$  for  $u \ge 0$ . The excursion filtration  $\mathcal{E}^-$  is defined as  $\mathcal{E}_x^- := \sigma(X_u^{-,x}, u \ge 0)$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $\mathcal{E}_x^+$ , we let  $A_t^{+,x} := t$  if  $t \le T_x$ , and for  $t > T_x$ ,  $A_t^{+,x} := T_x + \int_{T_x}^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s > x\}} ds$ . For

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**Theorem 5.1.** Fix  $\mu > 0$ . Equation (5.1) defines a white noise on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$ . (i) Almost surely for all a > 0,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h \in [0, |I_{\tau_a^r} - r|]$ ,

(5.2) 
$$L(\tau_a^r, r-h) = a - 2 \int_{r-h}^r W([0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], \mathrm{d}x) + \left(2 - \frac{2}{\mu}\right)h,$$

where  $I_t := \inf_{-\infty < s \le t} X_s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ , denotes the infimum process of X.

(ii) Almost surely for all  $a > 0, r \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h \ge 0$ ,

(5.3) 
$$L(\tau_a^r, r+h) = a + 2 \int_r^{r+h} W([0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], \mathrm{d}x) + \frac{2}{\mu}h.$$

The stochastic integral  $\int_{r-h}^{r} W([0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], dx)$  is the stochastic integral with respect to the martingale measure  $M_h^{(r)}(\bullet) := W(\mathbf{1}_{\bullet \times [r-h,r]}), h \ge 0$ , associated to the filtration  $(\mathcal{E}_{r-h}^+)_{h\ge 0}$ . The stochastic integral  $\int_r^{r+h} W([0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], dx)$  is the stochastic integral with respect to the martingale measure  $\widehat{M}_h^{(r)}(\bullet) := W(\mathbf{1}_{\bullet \times [r,r+h]}), h \ge 0$ , associated to the filtration  $(\mathcal{E}_{r+h}^-)_{h\ge 0}$ .

Proof. Notice that for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X^{(r)} := (X_{T_r+t} - r, t \ge 0)$  is distributed as  $(X_t, t \ge 0)$ . Therefore we can apply Theorem 1.2 to  $X^{(r)}$ . As in (1.3), we define  $W^{(r)}$  the white noise associated to  $X^{(r)}$ : for any Borel function  $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} d\ell \int_{\mathbb{R}} g^2(\ell, x) dx < \infty$ ,

$$W^{(r)}(g) := \int_0^\infty g(L^{(r)}(t, X_t^{(r)}), X_t^{(r)}) \operatorname{sgn}(B_t^{(r)}) \mathrm{d}B_t^{(r)},$$

where  $L^{(r)}(\cdot, \cdot)$  denote the local times of  $X^{(r)}$ . Let  $\tau_a^{x,(r)}$  be the associated inverse local times. By Theorem 1.2 (i) applied to  $X^{(r)}$ , for a > 0, (5.4)

$$L^{(r)}(\tau_a^{0,(r)}, -h) = a - 2 \int_{-h}^0 W^{(r)}([0, L^{(r)}(\tau_a^{0,(r)}, x)], \mathrm{d}x) + \left(2 - \frac{2}{\mu}\right)h, \qquad h \in [0, |I_{\tau_a^{0,(r)}}^{(r)}|],$$

where  $I_t^{(r)} := \inf_{0 \le s \le t} X_s^{(r)}, t \ge 0$ , is the infimum process of  $X^{(r)}$ . Notice that  $\tau_a^{0,(r)} = \tau_a^r - T_r$ ,  $L^{(r)}(t,x) = L(t+T_r,r+x)$  for  $x \le 0$ , and for  $t \ge 0$ ,  $I_t^{(r)} = I_{t+T_r} - r$  where  $I_t := \inf_{-\infty \le s \le t} X_s$ . Moreover, for any  $x \le y$ ,

$$W^{(r)}(\mathbf{1}_{A\times[x,y]}) = \int_0^\infty \mathbf{1}_{A\times[x,y]}(L^{(r)}(t, X_t^{(r)}), X_t^{(r)})\operatorname{sgn}(B_t^{(r)}) \mathrm{d}B_t^{(r)}$$

where we recall that  $B_t^{(r)} = B_{t+T_r}, t \ge 0$ . We deduce that if  $x \le y \le 0$  and A is a bounded Borel set of  $\mathbb{R}_+$ ,

$$W^{(r)}(\mathbf{1}_{A\times[x,y]}) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{A\times[x,y]}(L(t+T_{r}, X_{t+T_{r}}), X_{t+T_{r}} - r)\operatorname{sgn}(B_{t}^{(r)})dB_{t}^{(r)}$$
  
$$= \int_{T_{r}}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{A\times[r+x,r+y]}(L(t, X_{t}), X_{t})\operatorname{sgn}(B_{t})dB_{t}$$
  
(5.5) 
$$= W(\mathbf{1}_{A\times[r+x,r+y]}).$$

We deduce that (5.1) defines a white noise on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times (-\infty, r)$ , hence on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$  since r can be made arbitrary large. Equation (5.4) becomes

$$L(\tau_a^r, r-h) = a - 2\int_{r-h}^r W([0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], \mathrm{d}x) + \left(2 - \frac{2}{\mu}\right)h, \qquad h \in [0, |I_{\tau_a^r} - r|].$$

It is (5.2). We prove now (5.3). Let r' > r + h arbitrary. Using Tanaka's formula applied to  $(X_{T_{r'}+t}, t \ge 0)$ , we have for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \ge T_{r'}$ ,

(5.6) 
$$(X_t - x)^- = (r' - x)^- - \int_{T_{r'}}^t \mathbf{1}_{\{X_s \le x\}} \mathrm{d}X_s + \frac{1}{2} (L(t, x) - L(T_{r'}, x)).$$

Taking  $t = \tau_a^r$ , and x = r then x = r + h, we get

$$L(\tau_a^r, r+h) = 2h + a + 2\int_{T_{r'}}^{\tau_a^r} \mathbf{1}_{\{r < X_s \le r+h\}} dX_s = a + 2\int_{T_{r'}}^{\tau_a^r} \mathbf{1}_{\{r < X_s \le r+h\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s + \frac{2}{\mu}h$$

where the second equality follows from (2.4) and the fact that  $\int_{T_{r'}}^{T_a^r} \mathbf{1}_{\{r < X_s \le r+h\}} dI_s = \int_{T_{r'}}^{T_r} \mathbf{1}_{\{I_s \le r+h\}} dI_s = -h$ . By Proposition 3.2 applied to  $(X^{(r')}, B^{(r')})$ ,

$$\int_{T_{r'}}^{\tau_a^r} \mathbf{1}_{\{r < X_s \le r+h\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s) dB_s = \int_0^{\tau_a^{r-r',(r')}} \mathbf{1}_{\{r-r' < X_s^{(r')} \le r+h-r'\}} \operatorname{sgn}(B_s^{(r')}) dB_s^{(r')}$$
$$= \int_{r-r'}^{r+h-r'} W^{(r')} \big( [0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], dx \big)$$
$$= \int_r^{r+h} W \big( [0, L(\tau_a^r, x)], dx \big)$$

by (5.5) applied to r = r'. This proves (5.3) and completes the proof of the theorem.  $\Box$ 

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