

## Asymptotic behavior of Lévy measure density corresponding to inverse local time

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**Abstract:** For a one dimensional diffusion process  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^*$  and the harmonic transformed process  $\mathbf{D}_{s_h, m_h}^*$ , the asymptotic behavior of the Lévy measure density corresponding to the inverse local time at the regular end point is investigated. The asymptotic behavior of  $n^*$ , the Lévy measure density corresponding to  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^*$ , follows from asymptotic behavior of the speed measure  $m$ . However, that of  $n^{h^*}$ , the Lévy measure density corresponding to  $\mathbf{D}_{s_h, m_h}^*$ , is given by a simple form,  $n^*$  multiplied by an exponential decay function, for any harmonic function  $h$  based on the original diffusion operator.

**Key words:** Lévy measure density; asymptotic behavior; inverse local time.

**1. Inverse local time and Lévy measure density.** Let  $s$  be a continuous increasing function on an open interval  $I = (l_1, l_2)$ , where  $-\infty < l_1 < l_2 \leq \infty$ , and let  $m$  be a right continuous increasing function on  $I$ . We assume

$$(1) \quad |s(l_1)| + |m(l_1)| < \infty,$$

where we set  $u(l_i) = \lim_{x \rightarrow l_i, x \in I} u(x)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , if there exist the limits, for functions  $u$  on  $I$ . (1) implies that the end point  $l_1$  is regular in the sense of Feller [2]. We pose the *reflecting* or *absorbing* boundary condition at  $l_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) if it is regular. Let  $\mathcal{G}_{s,m}$  be a one dimensional diffusion operator on  $I$  with scale function  $s$ , speed measure  $m$ , and null killing measure. We denote by  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^* = [X(t), P_x^*]$  [resp.  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^o = [X(t), P_x^o]$ ] the one dimensional diffusion process on  $I$  with  $\mathcal{G}_{s,m}$  as the generator and with  $l_1$  being reflecting [resp. absorbing]. Let denote by  $l^*(t, \xi)$  the local time of  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^*$ , that is,

$$\int_0^t f(X(u)) du = \int_I l^*(t, \xi) f(\xi) dm(\xi), \quad t > 0,$$

for bounded continuous functions  $f$  on  $I$ . Since  $l^*(t, \xi)$  is continuous and nondecreasing in  $t$   $P_x^*$ -a.s., there is the right continuous inverse function  $l^{*-1}(t, \xi)$ . Note that there exists the inverse local time  $l^{*-1}(t, l_1)$  at the end point  $l_1$ , which is denoted

by  $\tau^*(t)$ . Combining Lévy formulas due to R. M. Blumenthal and R. K. Gettoor ([1], Chapter V, Theorem 3.21) and those due to K. Itô and H. P. McKean ([3], Section 6.2), we obtain the following result. We give the proof in another paper.

**Proposition 1.** *The Laplace transform of the distribution of  $[\tau^*(t), t \geq 0]$  is given by the following*

$$(2) \quad E_{l_1}^*[e^{-\lambda \tau^*(t)}] = \exp \left\{ -\gamma^* t - t \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\lambda \xi}) n^*(\xi) d\xi \right\},$$

$$(3) \quad \gamma^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s(l_2) = \infty, \text{ or} \\ & l_2 \text{ is regular and reflecting,} \\ 1/\{s(l_2) - s(l_1)\} & \text{if } s(l_2) < \infty, \end{cases}$$

$$(4) \quad n^*(\xi) = \lim_{x \rightarrow l_1} q^*(\xi, x) / \{s(x) - s(l_1)\},$$

where  $E_{l_1}^*$  stands for the expectation with respect to  $P_{l_1}^*$ ,

$$(5) \quad \int_0^t q^*(\xi, x) d\xi = P_x^*(\sigma_{l_1} < t), \quad x \in I, t > 0,$$

and  $\sigma_{l_1}$  is the first hitting time for  $l_1$ .

We note a representation of  $q^*(\xi, x)$  in terms of the transition probability density  $p^o(t, x, y)$  of  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^o$ , that is,

$$(6) \quad q^*(\xi, x) = \lim_{z \rightarrow l_1} p^o(\xi, z, x) / \{s(z) - s(l_1)\}, \quad \xi > 0, x \in I.$$

Here  $p^o(t, x, y)$  is the transition probability density with respect to  $dm$  for  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^o$ , that is,

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$$P_x^o(X(t) \in E) = \int_E p^o(t, x, y) dm(y),$$

for  $x \in I$ ,  $E \in \mathcal{B}(I)$ , where  $\mathcal{B}(I)$  stands for the set of all Borel sets of  $I$ . It is well known that  $p^o(t, x, y)$  is represented as

$$(7) \quad p^o(t, x, y) = \int_{(0, \infty)} e^{-\lambda t} \psi^o(x, -\lambda) \psi^o(y, -\lambda) d\sigma^o(\lambda),$$

$$t > 0, \quad x, y \in I,$$

where  $d\sigma^o(\lambda)$  is a Borel measure on  $(0, \infty)$  satisfying

$$(8) \quad \int_{(0, \infty)} e^{-\lambda t} d\sigma^o(\lambda) < \infty, \quad t > 0,$$

and  $\psi^o(x, \alpha)$ ,  $x \in I$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C}$ , is the unique solution of the following integral equation (9).

$$(9) \quad \psi^o(x, \alpha) = s(x) - s(l_1) + \alpha \int_{(l_1, x]} \{s(x) - s(y)\} \psi^o(y, \alpha) dm(y).$$

By means of (4), (6), (7) and (9), we find

$$(10) \quad n^*(\xi) = \lim_{x, y \rightarrow l_1} D_{s(x)} D_{s(y)} p^o(\xi, x, y) = \int_{(0, \infty)} e^{-\lambda \xi} d\sigma^o(\lambda),$$

where  $D_{s(x)}$  denotes the right derivative with respect to  $s(x)$ .  $n^*(\xi)$  is the Lévy measure density of the inverse local time  $[\tau^*(t), t \geq 0]$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $l_1 = 0$ ,  $l_2 = l < \infty$ ,  $s(x) = x$  and  $m(x) = C(l - x)^{-(1+1/\rho)}$ , where  $C$  is a positive number and  $0 < \rho < 1$ . (1) is satisfied. By virtue of Proposition 1, the Laplace transform of the distribution of  $[\tau^*(t), t \geq 0]$  is given by

$$(11) \quad E_0^*[e^{-\lambda \tau^*(t)}] = \exp\left\{-t/l - t \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\lambda \xi}) n^*(\xi) d\xi\right\},$$

$$(12) \quad n^*(\xi) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \sigma_o^o(\lambda) d\lambda,$$

where

$$(13) \quad p^o(t, x, y) = \int_{(0, \infty)} e^{-\lambda t} \psi^o(x, -\lambda) \psi^o(y, -\lambda) \sigma_o^o(\lambda) d\lambda,$$

$$(14) \quad \psi^o(x, -\lambda) = \rho \pi \sqrt{l(l-x)} \times \{-N_\rho(c_\rho l^{-1/2\rho} \sqrt{\lambda}) J_\rho(c_\rho(l-x)^{-1/2\rho} \sqrt{\lambda}) + J_\rho(c_\rho l^{-1/2\rho} \sqrt{\lambda}) N_\rho(c_\rho(l-x)^{-1/2\rho} \sqrt{\lambda})\},$$

$$(15) \quad \sigma_o^o(\lambda) = (l\rho\pi^2)^{-1} \times \{J_\rho(c_\rho l^{-1/2\rho} \sqrt{\lambda})^2 + N_\rho(c_\rho l^{-1/2\rho} \sqrt{\lambda})^2\}^{-1}.$$

Here  $c_\rho = 2\{C\rho(1+\rho)\}^{1/2}$ , and  $J_\rho(z)$  and  $N_\rho(z)$  are Bessel functions. We prove (13) with (14) and (15) in another paper. Noting the asymptotic behavior of Bessel functions, we have

$$\sigma_o^o(\lambda) \sim \frac{C^\rho C_1(\rho)}{l^2 \Gamma(1+\rho)} \lambda^\rho \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $f(t) \sim g(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  [resp.  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ] stands for  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} [ \text{resp. } t \rightarrow \infty ] f(t)/g(t) = 1$  for positive functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$ , and  $C_1(\rho)$  is a positive number given by

$$(16) \quad C_1(\rho) = \{\rho(1+\rho)\}^\rho / \Gamma(\rho).$$

Therefore we find

$$(17) \quad n^*(\xi) \sim l^{-2} C^\rho C_1(\rho) \xi^{-(1+\rho)} \quad \text{as } \xi \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Example 3.** Let  $l_1 = 0$ ,  $l_2 = \infty$ ,  $s(x) = x$  and  $m(x) = Cx^{-1+1/\rho}$ , where  $C$  is a positive number and  $0 < \rho < 1$ . (1) is satisfied. By virtue of Proposition 1, the Laplace transform of the distribution of  $[\tau^*(t), t \geq 0]$  is given by

$$(18) \quad E_0^*[e^{-\lambda \tau^*(t)}] = \exp\left\{-t \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\lambda \xi}) n^*(\xi) d\xi\right\},$$

$$(19) \quad n^*(\xi) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \sigma_o^o(\lambda) d\lambda = C^\rho C_2(\rho) \xi^{-(1+\rho)},$$

where  $C_2(\rho)$  is a positive number given by

$$(20) \quad C_2(\rho) = \{\rho(1-\rho)\}^\rho / \Gamma(\rho).$$

(19) follows from the following representation of  $p^o(t, x, y)$ .

$$(21) \quad p^o(t, x, y) = \int_{(0, \infty)} e^{-\lambda t} \psi^o(x, -\lambda) \psi^o(y, -\lambda) \sigma_o^o(\lambda) d\lambda,$$

$$(22) \quad \psi^o(x, -\lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(1+\rho)}{\{C\rho(1-\rho)\lambda\}^{\rho/2}} \sqrt{x} \times J_\rho(2\sqrt{C\rho(1-\rho)\lambda} x^{1/2\rho}),$$

$$(23) \quad \sigma_o^o(\lambda) = \frac{C^\rho C_2(\rho)}{\Gamma(1+\rho)} \lambda^\rho.$$

**2. Asymptotic behavior of Lévy measure densities.** In this section we consider asymptotic behavior of Lévy measure densities. We assume one

of the following **(A1)**, **(A2)** and **(A3)**, where  $0 < \rho < 1$  and  $L(x)$  is a slowly varying function.

**(A1)**  $l_1 = 0$ ,  $l_2 = l < \infty$ ,  $s(x) = x$  and  $m(x)$  satisfies  $|m(0)| < \infty$  and

$$(24) \quad m(l - 1/x) \sim x^{1+1/\rho}L(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

**(A2)**  $l_1 = 0$ ,  $l_2 = \infty$ ,  $s(x) = x$  and  $m(x)$  satisfies  $|m(0)| < \infty$  and

$$(25) \quad m(x) \sim x^{-1+1/\rho}L(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

**(A3)**  $l_1 = 0$ ,  $l_2 = \infty$ ,  $s(x) = x$  and  $m(x)$  satisfies  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} m(x) = \infty$  and

$$(26) \quad m(x) \sim x^{-1+1/\rho}L(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $l_1 = 0$  is regular, we can define the inverse local time  $\tau^*(t)$  at 0 by putting the reflecting boundary condition. We obtain the following asymptotic behavior of Lévy measure densities. Let  $K(x)$  be another slowly varying function such that

$$(27) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} K(x)^{1/\rho}L(x^\rho K(x)) \\ = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} L(x)^\rho K(x^{1/\rho}L(x)) = 1,$$

where  $x \rightarrow \infty$  should be read as  $x \rightarrow 0$  when **(A3)** is satisfied.

**Theorem 4.** *Assume **(A1)**. Then the Laplace transform of the distribution of  $[\tau^*(t), t \geq 0]$  is given by the same formula as (11) and the Lévy measure density satisfies*

$$(28) \quad n^*(\xi) \sim l^{-2}C_1(\rho)\xi^{-(1+\rho)}K(\xi)^{-1} \\ \text{as } \xi \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Theorem 5.** *Assume **(A2)** [resp. **(A3)**]. Then the Laplace transform of the distribution of  $[\tau^*(t), t \geq 0]$  is given by the same formula as (18) and the Lévy measure density satisfies*

$$(29) \quad n^*(\xi) \sim C_2(\rho)\xi^{-(1+\rho)}K(\xi)^{-1} \\ \text{as } \xi \rightarrow \infty \quad [\text{resp. } \xi \rightarrow 0].$$

*Proof of Theorem 4.* The assumption **(A1)** implies that (A.1) with  $\theta = 0$  of [10] is satisfied, where we should replace the role of  $l_1$  by that  $l_2$  in (A.1) of [10]. Since  $l_1 = 0$  is regular, we can put  $l_1 = 0$  in (3.1) of [10]. Thus, by means of (5.11) of [10], we have

$$\int_{(0,\infty)} e^{-\lambda t} d\sigma^o(\lambda) \sim l^{-2}C_1(\rho)t^{-(1+\rho)}K(t)^{-1} \\ \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Combining this with (10), we obtain (28).  $\square$

Theorem 5 follows from some results on Krein's correspondence. The arguments of Krein's correspondence are due to [4] and [6]. Let denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the totality of nonnegative right continuous nondecreasing functions  $\mu(x)$  on  $[0, \infty]$  such that  $\mu(x) \not\equiv \infty$  and  $\mu(\infty) = \infty$ . For  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$  set  $\mu(0-) = 0$  and let  $\varphi(x, \lambda)$  be the solution of the integral equation

$$\varphi(x, \lambda) = 1 + \lambda \int_{[0,x]} (x-y)\varphi(y, \lambda) d\mu(y), \quad x \in [0, l],$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $l = \sup\{x : \mu(x) < \infty\}$ . We set

$$\kappa(\alpha) = \int_0^l \varphi(x, \alpha)^{-2} dx, \quad \alpha > 0.$$

$\kappa$  is called the *characteristic function* of  $\mu$  and the correspondence  $\mu \in \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \kappa$  is called *Krein's correspondence*. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the set of functions  $\kappa$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that

$$\kappa(\alpha) = c + \int_{[0,\infty)} (\alpha + \lambda)^{-1} d\sigma(\lambda), \quad \alpha > 0,$$

for some  $c \geq 0$  and some nonnegative Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $[0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\int_{[0,\infty)} (1 + \lambda)^{-1} d\sigma(\lambda) < \infty$ . It is well known that Krein's correspondence is a one to one map from  $\mathcal{M}$  onto  $\mathcal{K}$  (see [4], e.g.). From now on we denote by  $\mu \in \mathcal{M} \leftrightarrow \kappa \in \mathcal{K}$  Krein's correspondence. In [5] Kasahara proved the following asymptotic theorem on Krein's correspondence, where  $0 < \rho < 1$ ,  $L(x)$  and  $K(x)$  are slowly varying functions satisfying (27), and  $C_3(\rho) = \rho/\{\Gamma(1 - \rho)C_2(\rho)\}$ .

**Theorem 6** ([5]).  *$\mu \in \mathcal{M} \leftrightarrow \kappa \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $l = \infty$ . Then the following (30), (31) and (32) are equivalent each other.*

$$(30) \quad \mu(x) \sim x^{-1+1/\rho}L(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty \quad [x \rightarrow 0].$$

$$(31) \quad \kappa(\alpha) \sim C_3(\rho)\alpha^{-\rho}K(1/\alpha) \\ \text{as } \alpha \rightarrow 0 \quad [\alpha \rightarrow \infty].$$

$$(32) \quad \sigma(\lambda) \sim \{C_3(\rho)/\Gamma(\rho)\Gamma(2 - \rho)\}\lambda^{1-\rho}K(1/\lambda) \\ \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow 0 \quad [\lambda \rightarrow \infty].$$

Now we show Theorem 5.

*Proof of Theorem 5.* Assume **(A2)** [resp. **(A3)**]. Since  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ , there is the characteristic function  $\kappa \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $m \leftrightarrow \kappa$ . By means of Theorem 6,  $\kappa(\alpha)$  satisfies (31). As we saw in Lemma 3 of [7],  $1/\alpha\kappa(\alpha) \in \mathcal{K}$  and the corresponding spectral measure  $d\sigma_*(\lambda)$  coincides with  $d\sigma^o(\lambda)/\lambda$  for  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\sigma_*(\{0\}) = 0$ . Noting  $1/\alpha\kappa(\alpha) \sim$

$C_3(\rho)^{-1}\alpha^{\rho-1}/K(1/\alpha)$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  [resp.  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ ], and the relation between (31) and (32), we get

$$\sigma_*(\lambda) \sim \{\Gamma(1-\rho)\Gamma(1+\rho)C_3(\rho)\}^{-1}\lambda^\rho/K(1/\lambda) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 0 \text{ [resp. } \lambda \rightarrow \infty],$$

and hence

$$\sigma^o(\lambda) = \int_{(0,\lambda]} \xi d\sigma_*(\xi) \sim \frac{\rho}{1+\rho} \lambda \sigma_*(\lambda) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 0 \text{ [resp. } \lambda \rightarrow \infty].$$

Thus we obtain

$$\int_{(0,\infty)} e^{-\lambda t} d\sigma^o(\lambda) \sim C_2(\rho)t^{-(1+\rho)}K(t)^{-1} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ [resp. } t \rightarrow 0].$$

Combining this with (10), we obtain (29).  $\square$

**3. Inverse local time of harmonic transformed diffusion processes.** In this section we consider inverse local times of harmonic transformed diffusion processes and the corresponding Lévy measure densities. Let  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^*$  and  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^o$  be diffusion processes on  $I$  as in Section 1. For both diffusion processes we pose the *absorbing* boundary condition at  $l_2$  whenever it is regular, that is,  $|s(l_2)| + |m(l_2)| < \infty$ .

For  $\beta \geq 0$ , let  $h$  be a positive continuous function on  $I$  satisfying  $\mathcal{G}_{s,m}h = \beta h$ . We set

$$s_h(x) = \int_{(c_0,x]} h(y)^{-2} ds(y),$$

$$m_h(x) = \int_{(c_0,x]} h(y)^2 dm(y),$$

where  $c_0 \in I$  is fixed arbitrarily. Let us consider a harmonic transformed diffusion process on  $I$  whose generator is given by  $\mathcal{G}_{s_h,m_h}$ . It is known that  $h(x)$  is represented as a linear combination of  $g_i(x, \beta)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) such that  $g_i(x, \beta)$  is positive and continuous in  $x$ ,  $g_1(x, \beta)$  is nondecreasing in  $x$ ,  $g_2(x, \beta)$  is non-increasing in  $x$ ,  $g_i(l_i, \beta) = 0$  if  $|s(l_i)| < \infty$ , and  $\mathcal{G}_{s,m}g_i = \beta g_i$ . Note that there exist such functions  $g_i(\cdot, \beta)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  ([3]). In the following we set

$$(33) \quad h(x) = B_1g_1(x, \beta) + B_2g_2(x, \beta),$$

where  $B_1 \geq 0$ ,  $B_2 > 0$ . Since  $g_1(l_1, \beta) = 0$ , (33) implies  $h(l_1) \in (0, \infty)$ , and by virtue of Theorem 1.1 of [8],  $|s_h(l_1)| + |m_h(l_1)| < \infty$ , that is,  $l_1$  is regular for harmonic transformed diffusion processes. Let  $\mathbf{D}_{s_h,m_h}^* = [X(t), P_x^{h*}]$  [resp.  $\mathbf{D}_{s_h,m_h}^o = [X(t), P_x^{h^o}]$ ] the one dimensional diffusion process on  $I$  with  $\mathcal{G}_{s_h,m_h}$  as the generator and with  $l_1$  being reflecting [resp.

absorbing]. For both diffusion processes we pose the *absorbing* boundary condition at  $l_2$  whenever it is regular, that is,  $|s_h(l_2)| + |m_h(l_2)| < \infty$ . We denote by  $[\tau^{(h^*)}(t), t \geq 0]$  the inverse local time of  $\mathbf{D}_{s_h,m_h}^*$  at the end point  $l_1$ .

We derive the following result from Proposition 1, Theorem 1.1 of [8] and Theorem 3.2 of [9].

**Theorem 7.** *The Laplace transform of the distribution of  $[\tau^{(h^*)}(t), t \geq 0]$  is given by the following*

$$(34) \quad E_{l_1}^{h^*} [e^{-\lambda \tau^{(h^*)}(t)}] = \exp \left\{ -\gamma^{h^*} t - t \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\lambda \xi}) n^{h^*}(\xi) d\xi \right\},$$

$$(35) \quad \gamma^{h^*} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } B_1 = 0, \\ 1/\{s_h(l_2) - s_h(l_1)\} & \text{if } B_1 > 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(36) \quad n^{h^*}(\xi) = (B_2g_2(l_1, \beta))^2 e^{-\beta \xi} n^*(\xi),$$

where  $E_{l_1}^{h^*}$  stands for the expectation with respect to  $P_{l_1}^{h^*}$  and  $n^*(\xi)$  is given by (4).

We should note that  $n^{h^*}$  is independent of  $B_1$ .

Finally we study asymptotic behavior of Lévy measure density  $n^{h^*}(\xi)$ . Assume that  $\mathbf{D}_{s,m}^*$  satisfies one of (A1), (A2) and (A3). We might suppose that the asymptotic behavior of  $n^{h^*}(\xi)$  depends on those of  $s_h(x)$  and  $m_h(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow l_2$ , and hence that of  $h(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow l_2$ . However the asymptotic behavior of  $n^{h^*}(\xi)$  is given by a quite simple form  $n^*(\xi)$  multiplied by  $e^{-\beta \xi}$ .

**Theorem 8.** *Assume one of (A1), (A2) and (A3). Let  $h$  be given by (33). Then (34), (35) and (36) hold. In particular, the asymptotic behavior of Lévy measure density  $n^{h^*}$  is given by (36) with  $n^*(\xi)$  satisfying (28) [resp. (29)] if (A1) [resp. (A2) or (A3)] is satisfied.*

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