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Chap. 1

$\Omega = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$: the space of continuous functions from \mathbb{R}_+ to \mathbb{R}

$(X_t, t \geq 0)$: the set of coordinates on this space

$(\mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0)$: the natural filtration of $(X_t, t \geq 0)$

$\mathcal{F}_\infty = \bigvee_{t \geq 0} \mathcal{F}_t$

$b(\mathcal{F}_t)$: the space of bounded real valued \mathcal{F}_t measurable functions

$(W_x, x \in \mathbb{R})$: the set of Wiener measures on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty)$

$W = W_0$

$W_x(Y)$: the expectation of the r.v. Y with respect to W_x

$(L_t^y, y \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0)$: the bicontinuous process of local times

$(L_t := L_t^0, t \geq 0)$ the local time at level 0

$(\tau_l := \inf\{t \geq 0; L_t > l\}, l \geq 0)$: the right continuous inverse of $(L_t, t \geq 0)$

q : a positive Radon measure on \mathbb{R}

\mathcal{I} : the set of positive Radon measures on \mathbb{R} s.t. $0 < \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + |x|)q(dx) < \infty$

δ_a : the Dirac measure at a

$(A_t^{(q)} := \int_0^t q(X_s)ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}} L_t^y q(dy), t \geq 0)$: the additive functional associated with q

$(W_{x,\infty}^{(q)}, x \in \mathbb{R})$: the family of probabilities on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty)$ obtained by Feynman-Kac penalisation

$(M_{x,s}^{(q)}, s \geq 0)$: the martingale density of $W_{x,\infty}^{(q)}$ with respect to W_x

γ_q : a scale function

φ_q, φ_q^\pm : solutions of the Sturm-Liouville equation $\varphi'' = q\varphi$

$(\mathbf{W}_x, x \in \mathbb{R})$: a family of positive σ -finite measures on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty)$

$L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, \mathbf{W})$ (resp. $L_+^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, \mathbf{W})$) : the Banach space of

\mathbf{W} -integrable r.v.'s (resp. the cone of positive and \mathbf{W} -integrable r.v.'s)

$(M_t(F), t \geq 0)$: a martingale associated with $F \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, \mathbf{W})$

$g_a := \sup\{s \geq 0; X_s = a\}$; $g_0 = g$

$g_a^{(t)} := \sup\{s \leq t, X_s = a\}$; $g_0^{(t)} = g^{(t)}$

$\sigma_a := \sup\{s \geq 0; X_s \in [-a, a]\}$; $\sigma_{a,b} := \sup\{s \geq 0; X_s \in [a, b]\}$

$f_Z^{(P)}$: density of the r.v. Z under P

T : a $(\mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0)$ stopping time

$P_0^{(3)}$ (resp. $\tilde{P}_0^{(3)}$) : the law of a 3-dimensional Bessel process (resp. of the opposite of a 3-dimensional Bessel process) started at 0

$P_0^{(3,\text{sym})} = \frac{1}{2}(P_0^{(3)} + \tilde{P}_0^{(3)})$

$W_0^{\tau_l}$: the law of a 1-dimensional Brownian motion stopped at τ_l

$\Pi_{0,0}^{(t)}$: the law of the Brownian bridge $(b_u, 0 \leq u \leq t)$ of length t and s.t. $b_0 = b_t = 0$

$\omega \circ \tilde{\omega}$: the concatenation of ω and $\tilde{\omega}$ ($\omega, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$)

$\omega = (\omega_t, \omega^t)$: decomposition of ω before and after t

$\Gamma^+ = \{\omega \in \Omega; X_t \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} \infty\}$, $\Gamma^- = \{\omega \in \Omega; X_t(\omega) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} -\infty\}$

$\mathbf{W}^+ = 1_{\Gamma^+} \cdot \mathbf{W}$, $\mathbf{W}^- = 1_{\Gamma^-} \cdot \mathbf{W}$

$W^F (F \in L_+^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty, \mathbf{W}))$: the finite measure defined on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_\infty)$ by : $W^F(G) = \mathbf{W}(F \cdot G)$

\mathcal{C} : the class of "good" weight processes for which Brownian penalisation holds

$(\nu_x^{(q)}, x \in \mathbb{R})$: a family of σ -finite measures associated with the additive functional $(A_t^{(q)}, t \geq 0)$