

# Some central limit theorems for the Brownian local time in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$

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Stochastic integral representation of the  $L^2$  modulus of Brownian local time and a central limit theorem.

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Central limit theorem for the modulus of continuity of the Brownian local time in  $L^3(R)$

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Hu Y., Nualart, D.

Central limit theorem for the  $p$ -integrated moment  
of Brownian local time increments

In progress.

## **Outline of The Talk**

1. Background
2. Main results
3. Two tools
4. General case

## 1. Background

Let  $\{B_t, t \geq 0\}$  be a standard one-dimensional Brownian motion.

$\{L_t^x, t \geq 0, x \in \mathbf{R}\}$  a continuous version of its local time.

$$\int_0^t f(B_s) ds = \int_{\mathbf{R}} f(x) L_t^x dx .$$

$$L_t^x = \int_0^t \delta(B_s - x) ds .$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x) &= \infty && \text{if } x = 0 \\ &= 0 && \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}} \delta(x) dx = 1 .$$



$$\int_{\mathbf{R}} f(y)\delta(x - y)dy = f(x) .$$

is the Dirac delta “function” (**generalized function, distribution** in the sense of Laurent Schwartz)

Approximate the Dirac delta function by smooth

functions

$$\begin{aligned} p_\varepsilon(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\varepsilon}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2\varepsilon}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{ix\xi - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\xi^2} d\xi \\ &\rightarrow \delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{ix\xi} d\xi.$$

Self-intersection local time

$$\int_0^t \int_0^t \delta(B_u - B_v) du dv.$$

Albeverio, S., Hu, Y. and Zhou, X.Y.

A remark on non smoothness of self-intersection  
local time of planar Brownian motion.

Statistics and Probability Letter, 32 (1997), 57 -  
65.

$\{L_t^x, x \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is a semimartingale

Perkins Edwin

Local time is a semimartingale.

Z. Wahrsch. Verw. Gebiete 60 (1982), no. 1, 79 -  
117.

Marcus M. B. and Rosen J.

$L_p$  moduli of continuity of Gaussian processes  
and local times of symmetric Lévy processes,

Annals of Probab., 36, (2008), 594 - 622.

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^2}{h} dx = 4t, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

More generally

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_a^b \left| \frac{L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x}{\sqrt{h}} \right|^p dx \\ &= 2^p \mathbf{E} (|\eta|^p) \int_a^b |L_t^x|^{p/2} dx, \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

almost surely and also in  $L^m$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\eta \sim N(0, 1)$ .

## 2. Main results

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^2}{h} dx = 4t, \quad \text{a.s.}$$



$$h^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_R \frac{(L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^2}{h} dx - 4t \right) \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \int_R (L_t^x)^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta,$$

where  $\eta$  is a  $N(0, 1)$  random variable independent of  $B$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the convergence in law.

Chen, X.; Li, W. V.; Marcus, M. B.; Rosen, J.

A CLT for the  $L^2$  modulus of continuity of Brownian local time.

Ann. Probab. 38 (2010), no. 1, 396–438.

Use moment methods

Rosen J.

Derivatives of self-intersection local times.

Preprint

Simpler proof

### **3. Two tools**

Hu, Y. and Nualart, D.

Stochastic integral representation of the  $L^2$  modulus of Brownian local time and a central limit theorem.

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The classical Itô representation theorem asserts that any square integrable random variable can be expressed as

$$F = E[F] + \int_0^\infty u_t dB_t,$$

where  $u = \{u_t, t \geq 0\}$  is a unique adapted process such that  $E \left( \int_0^\infty u_t^2 dt \right) < \infty$ .

If  $F$  belongs to  $D^{1,2}$ , then

$$u_t = E[D_t F | \mathcal{F}_t].$$

This means

$$F = E[F] + \int_0^\infty E[D_t F | \mathcal{F}_t] dB_t.$$

Clark-Ocone formula

One can express the  $L^2$  modulus of local time in terms of the self-intersection local time:

$$\begin{aligned} G_t(h) &= \int_R (L_t(x+h) - L_t(x))^2 dx \\ &= -2 \int_0^t \int_0^v (\delta(B_v - B_u + h) \\ &\quad + \delta(B_v - B_u - h) \\ &\quad - 2\delta(B_v - B_u)) dudv . \end{aligned}$$



Using Clark-Ocone formula, we have

$$G_t(h) = E(G_t(h)) + \int_0^t u_{t,h}(r) dB_r ,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} u_{t,h}(r) &= 4 \int_0^r \int_0^h (p_{t-r}(B_r - B_u - \eta) \\ &\quad - p_{t-r}(B_r - B_u + \eta)) d\eta du \\ &\quad + 4 \int_0^r (I_{[0,h]}(B_u - B_r) \\ &\quad - I_{[0,h]}(B_r - B_u)) du. \end{aligned}$$

Make the following decomposition

$$u_{t,h}(r) = \hat{u}_{t,h}(r) + 4\Psi_h(r),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_{t,h}(r) &= -4 \int_0^r \int_0^h (p_{t-r}(B_r - B_u + \eta) \\ &\quad - p_{t-r}(B_r - B_u - \eta)) d\eta du \\ &= -4 \int_0^r \int_0^h \int_{-\eta}^{\eta} p'_{t-r}(B_r - B_u + \xi) d\xi d\eta du \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_h(r) = & - \int_0^r (I_{[0,h]}(B_r - B_u) \\ & - I_{[0,h]}(B_u - B_r)) du.\end{aligned}$$

As a consequence

$$G_t(h) - E(G_t(h)) = \int_0^t \hat{u}_{t,h}(r) dB_r + 4 \int_0^t \Psi_h(r) dB_r.$$

The stochastic integral

$$h^{-3/2} \int_0^t \hat{u}_{t,h}(r) dB_r$$

converges in  $L^2(\Omega)$  to zero as  $h$  tends to zero.

It remains to show the following convergence in law:

$$h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \int_0^t \Psi_h(r) dB_r \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} 2\eta \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_t}{3}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_h(r) = & - \int_0^r (I_{[0,h]}(B_r - B_u) \\ & - I_{[0,h]}(B_u - B_r)) du. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta$  is a standard normal random variable

independent of  $B$ ,  $\alpha_t$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_t &= \int_R (L_t(x))^2 dx \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^t \delta(B_s - B_r) dr ds .\end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$M_t^h = h^{-\frac{3}{2}} \int_0^t \Psi_h(r) dB_r$$

is a martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle M^h \rangle_t = h^{-3} \int_0^t \Psi_h^2(r) dr.$$

From [the asymptotic version of Ray-Knight's theorem](#) it suffices to show the following convergence in probability.

$$h^{-3} \int_0^t \Psi_h^2(r) dr \rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \alpha_t,$$



and

$$\langle M^h, B \rangle_t = h^{-3/2} \int_0^t \Psi_h(r) dr \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $h$  tends to zero.

Use backward Tanaka formula

Rosen, J.

A CLT for the third integrated moment of Brownian local time.

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A central limit theorem for the modulus of continuity in  $L^3(\mathbb{R})$  of the local time.

For each fixed  $t > 0$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \int_R (L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^3 dx \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} 8\sqrt{3} \left( \int_R (L_t^x)^3 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta$$

as  $h$  tends to zero, where  $\eta$  is a normal random variable with mean zero and variance one that is independent of  $B$ .

## **4. General case**

For each fixed  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{h^{\frac{p+1}{2}}} \left( \int_R (L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^p dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_R E(L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^p dx \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \left( \sum_{i=i_0}^p C_i \int_R (L_t^x)^i dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta \end{aligned}$$

as  $h$  tends to zero, where  $\eta$  is a normal random

variable with mean zero and variance one that is independent of  $B$ , and the constants  $C_i$  depend on  $p, t$ . The index  $i_0$  is 2 if  $p$  is even and 3 if  $p$  is odd.

Let  $p$  be a positive integer. We have the following

$$\begin{aligned} G^h &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} (L_t^{x+h} - L_t^x)^p dx \\ &= E [G^h] + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \int_0^t \Psi_r^{(k)} dB_r, \end{aligned}$$

where for  $k = 1, \dots, p - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_r^{(k)} &= h^{-\frac{p+1}{2}} \frac{p!}{k!} \int_R (L_r^{x+h} - L_r^x)^k \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_r^t [p'_{s-r}(B_r - x - h) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)^{p-k} p'_{s-r}(B_r - x)] F_{h,k}(s) ds \right) dx, \end{aligned}$$



where, by convention,  $F_{h,p-1}(s) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{h,k}(s) &= \int_{s < s_{k+2} < \dots < s_p < t} \prod_{j=k+1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(s_{j+1} - s_j)}} \\
 &\quad \left( 1 + (-1)^{p-j} e^{-\frac{h^2}{2(s_{j+1} - s_j)}} \right) ds_{k+2} \cdots ds_p \\
 &= \int_{0 < \sigma_{p-k-2} + \dots + \sigma_1 < t-s} \prod_{j=1}^{p-k-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j}} \\
 &\quad \left( 1 + (-1)^j e^{-\frac{h^2}{2\sigma_j}} \right) d\sigma_1 \cdots d\sigma_{p-k-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{h,k}(s) &= h^\nu \int_{0 < \dots + \frac{h^2}{u_3} + u_2 + \frac{h^2}{u_1} < t-s} \\
&\quad \prod_{j=1, j \text{ odd}}^{p-k-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} u_j^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{u_j}{2}}\right) \\
&\quad \times \prod_{j=1, j \text{ even}}^{p-k-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi u_j}} \\
&\quad \left(1 + e^{-\frac{h^2}{2u_j}}\right) du_{k+2} \cdots du_p.
\end{aligned}$$

**Thank You**