

INVARIANCE PRINCIPLES FOR BROWNIAN INTERSECTION LOCAL TIME AND POLYMER MEASURES

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Abstract.

The goal of this article is to give a nonstandard representation of the two-dimensional Varadhan-Edwards-Symanzik polymer measure by a hyperfinite Domb-Joyce model. From the standard point of view, our representation contains a new invariance principle for weakly self-avoiding or self-repellent random walks. An important step towards this result is to give a nonstandard construction of Brownian intersection local time in $d < 4$ and of its renormalization in $d = 2$. Again we obtain new invariance principles similar to that in the one-dimensional case which Perkins deduced from his nonstandard approach to Brownian local time. Besides the new invariance principles, our nonstandard approach recovers the already known existence results for the limiting objects.

0. Introduction.

The statistical description of polymers requires a probability measure ν which takes into account the ‘excluded volume effect’, i.e. the repulsive self-interaction of a polymer chain, which is caused by the fact that a polymer cannot loop back and cross itself. Thus Edwards [8] proposed the following polymer model: Equip the Wiener measure μ on the path space $C([0, w], \mathbb{R}^d)$ with the formal density

$$(1) \quad \frac{d\nu}{d\mu}(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-gJ(\omega)],$$

where the functional

$$(2) \quad J(\omega) = \int_0^w ds \int_0^w dt \delta(\omega(t) - \omega(s))$$

is intended to measure the time which a Wiener path ω spends at its double points, the constant $g \in \mathbb{R}_+$ gives the strength of the self-repulsion, w is a positive real, and $Z = \int \exp(-gJ) d\mu$ is the normalization constant. In dimensions $d = 2$

and $d = 3$, Varadhan [23] respectively Westwater [25], [26] could rigorously establish the polymer measure ν as weak limit of polymer measures ν_n where the δ -function is replaced by a continuous approximation f_n . Then the functionals J_n tend to infinity, but in dimension $d = 2$, the L^2 -limit of $J_n - E[J_n]$ still exists and can be used for constructing the appropriate density $d\nu/d\mu$ (see Varadhan [23]), whereas in dimension $d = 3$ the Westwater measure ν is orthogonal to the Wiener measure μ (see Westwater [26]).

By nonstandard analysis, we can give a precise meaning to Edwards' heuristic approach. Choose a hyperfinite time line $T = \{\eta \Delta t: \eta \in {}^*\mathbf{N}_0\}$ with infinitesimal spacing $\Delta t > 0$ and a hyperfinite lattice $\Gamma = (\eta_1 \Delta x, \dots, \eta_d \Delta x): \eta_i \in {}^*\mathbf{Z} \ (i = 1, \dots, d)$ with spacing $\Delta x = \sqrt{\Delta t}$. The Brownian motion is represented by a hyperfinite random walk on Γ , as it was first done by Anderson [2]. Therefore we choose an internal probability space $(\Omega, \underline{A}, \underline{P})$ on which there exists a $*$ -independent internal sequence $(\xi_s)_{s \in T}$ of random vectors $\xi_s: \Omega \rightarrow {}^*\mathbf{Z}^d$ with identical distribution $\underline{P} \circ \xi_s^{-1} = {}^*Q$. Define the internal process $\beta: T \times \Omega \rightarrow \Gamma$ by

$$(3) \quad \beta(t, \omega) = \sum'_{s=0}^{t-\Delta t} \Delta x \xi_s(\omega),$$

where \sum'_s means $\sum_{s \in T}$; in particular we have $\beta(0, \omega) = 0$. Let (Ω, A, P) be the Loeb space induced by $(\Omega, \underline{A}, \underline{P})$, i.e. $A = L(\underline{A})$, $P = L(\underline{P})$. We impose the following restrictions on Q :

(Q0) Q is aperiodic in the sense that \mathbf{Z}^d is generated (as a group) by

$$(4) \quad \sum(Q) := \{x \in \mathbf{Z}^d: Q\{x\} > 0\}.$$

(Q1) There exists a positive real c_1 such that $Q\{x \in \mathbf{Z}^d: |x| \geq c_1\} = 0$, i.e. Q charges only a finite number of points.

$$(Q2) \quad E(Q) := \sum [x Q\{x\} | x \in \mathbf{Z}^d] = 0.$$

Then it is well known that the hyperfinite random walk β has a projection $W: [0, \infty[\times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$ which is a d -dimensional Brownian motion on the Loeb space (Ω, A, P) with covariance matrix

$$(5) \quad \text{Cov}(W_1)_{j,k} = \text{Cov}(Q)_{j,k} = \sum [x_j x_k Q\{x\} | x \in \mathbf{Z}^d],$$

$$(6) \quad \text{i.e. } {}^\circ\beta(t, \omega) = W({}^\circ t, \omega) \quad (t \in \text{ns}(T))$$

for P -a.a. $\omega \in \Omega$, where ${}^\circ t = \text{st}(t)$ denotes the standard part of t and $\text{ns}(t)$ is the set of nearstandard points in T .

Furthermore, in order to interpret formula (2), we need a discrete version of the δ -function. If we choose

$$(7) \quad \delta(x) := \begin{cases} (\Delta x)^{-d}, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (x \in \Gamma),$$

the functional J turns into an expression, which simply counts the number of double points of a given path, up to an infinitesimal constant $(\Delta t)^{2-d/2}$. Thus, according to (1), we define a new internal probability measure ν on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) by the internal density

$$(8) \quad \frac{d\nu}{dP}(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\sum [G | s, t \in T_w; \beta(t, \omega) = \beta(s, \omega)]\right),$$

where $G \in {}^*\mathbb{R}_+$ is an internal coupling constant such that ${}^\circ[G/(\Delta t)^{2-d/2}] = g$, Z is the internal normalization constant, and $T_w = \{t \in T : t \leq w\}$. Then, under the probability distribution ν , the internal process β is a hyperfinite self-repellent random walk, i.e. the probability of a path $\beta(\cdot, \omega)$ decreases with the number of its self-intersections. If β is a simple random walk, i.e. $Q\{x\} = 1/(2d)$ for $x \in \{+e_1, -e_1, \dots, +e_d, -e_d\}$, where e_1, \dots, e_d is the standard basis of \mathbb{Z}^d , then (β, ν) is nothing else than a hyperfinite Domb-Joyce model (see [6]).

Our main theorem states that in dimension $d = 2$ the hyperfinite selfrepellent random walk (β, ν) has a projection whose distribution is Varadhan’s polymer measure ν , i.e.

$$(9) \quad L(\nu) \circ \bar{W}^{-1} = \nu,$$

where $L(\nu)$ is the Loeb measure on (Ω, \mathcal{A}) induced by ν and $W: \Omega \rightarrow C([0, w], \mathbb{R}^2)$ is deduced from the Brownian motion W by $\bar{W}(\omega) := W(\cdot, \omega)$. This nonstandard construction of the polymer measure contains more information than Varadhan’s standard results in [23]. In the same manner as Anderson’s nonstandard representation of Brownian motion implies Donsker’s invariance principle, we obtain as a corollary that suitably scaled self-repellent random walks converge in distribution to Varadhan’s polymer measure.

The crucial point in order to obtain (9) is to give a nonstandard representation of the intersection local time

$$(10) \quad l(B; x, \omega) = \int_0^w ds \int_0^w dt \chi_B(s, t) \delta_x(W(t, \omega) - W(s, \omega))$$

of Brownian motion, where χ_B denotes the indicator function of a Borel set B and $\delta_x(y) = \delta(x - y)$. It will be convenient to have local times with paths in the Banach space

$C_0(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}) = \{f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: f \text{ continuous, bounded, and } f(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty\}$, equipped with the sup-norm.

In general, if λ is any finite measure on any compact, separable time set D , we call a C_0 -process $l: \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ (i.e. with paths in $C_0(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$) the C_0 -local

time (respectively the renormalized C_0 -local time) of a continuous process $Y: D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ with respect to λ , iff for P -a.a. $\omega \in \Omega$ we have:

$$(11) \quad \int l(x, \omega) f(x) dx = \int f(Y(t, \omega)) \lambda(dt)$$

respectively

$$(12) \quad \int l(x, \omega) f(x) dx = \int [f(Y(t, \omega)) - E f(Y_t)] \lambda(dt)$$

e.g. for all continuous functions $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with compact support, where dx denotes the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d . Note that the (renormalized) C_0 -local time l of Y is unique up to indistinguishability, if it exists at all, and the existence and distribution of l only depends on the distribution of Y . Moreover, every $h \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$ induces a linear map $\Psi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $m \mapsto \int h dm$ on $\Psi := \{m: m \text{ measure on } \mathbb{R}^d \text{ with } m(\mathbb{R}^d) \leq 1\}$ which is continuous with respect to the topology of vague convergence on Ψ . Therefore, if Y has e.g. a C_0 -local time l , then the random variable

$$(13) \quad \int \frac{dm}{dx}(Y(t, \omega)) \lambda(dt) = \int l(x, \omega) dm(x)$$

makes sense for every $m \in \Psi$. In particular, if $\frac{dm}{dx} = \delta_x$, i.e. m is the Dirac measure at x , then

$$l(x, \omega) = \int \delta_x(Y(t, \omega)) \lambda(dt).$$

In our case, we have $D = [0, w]^2 \cap B$, λ is the Lebesgue measure on D , and $Y((s, t), \omega) = W_t - W_s$. Therefore l is then called intersection local time of W . Recently, various proofs (see e.g. Geman and Horowitz [10], Rosen [14]–[17], Yor [27], [28], Le Gall [11], Weinryb [24], Dynkin [7], Shieh [18], have been found for the following two facts:

- (i) If $d < 4$ and W_t, W_s are independent Brownian motions, i.e. $B = [a, \bar{a}] \times [b, \bar{b}]$ with $0 \leq a \leq \bar{a} \leq b \leq \bar{b} \leq w$, then Y has a C_0 -local time.
- (ii) If $d = 2$, then Y has a renormalized C_0 -local time.

However, by proving that these local times can be obtained by taking the projection (i.e. pathwise standard part) of the obvious nonstandard objects corresponding to formula (10) (as used in (8)), we show even more, namely as

classical corollaries we obtain invariance principles for these local times. In the one-dimensional case, an invariance principle of this type was obtained for the local time of Brownian motion independently by Borodin [3] and Perkins [13], the latter using nonstandard analysis. Such a nonstandard proof mainly consists in showing that the internal local time is S -continuous. To this end, we shall use a nonstandard version of Kolmogorov's continuity theorem. In order to obtain the required estimates for the moments, the key idea is to use a discrete version of the Fourier inversion formula, which is based on a simple algebraic fact about the sum of unit roots.

The main estimates are contained in Section 1, where we finally arrive at the nonstandard representation of the intersection local time of independent Brownian motions in dimension in $d < 4$. Then, in Section 2, it is comparably easy to derive analogous results for the renormalized intersection local time in dimension $d = 2$ by splitting the square $[0, w]^2$ in Westwater's manner (see [25]). Finally, in Section 3, we only need an integrability argument in order to show that (8) actually leads to (9). We shall solve this problem by using a nonstandard version of Nelson's trick (see [12]).

For a survey on polymer models, we refer the reader to Freed [9] and Domb [5]. As an introduction to the nonstandard techniques in probability theory, we recommend the books by Albeverio et. al. [1] and Stroyan and Bayod [22]. More references can be found in the survey article by Cutland [4]. Nevertheless it is hoped that this presentation is accessible, at least on an intuitive level, to a reader with little or no knowledge of nonstandard analysis. Instead of hyperfinite models one may think of very fine discrete models and derive the same estimates for them. In our opinion, nonstandard analysis helps to understand the limiting procedures.

1. The Intersection Local Time for Independent Brownian Motions.

In this section, we work in dimension $d < 4$. We fix an internal $\Theta: T \times T \rightarrow *[0, 1]$ which will be used as 'time weight'. Assuming the same setting as in the Introduction, we pick $\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b} \in T$ such that $0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq \underline{b} \leq \bar{b} \leq w$ and define for $x \in \Gamma$ and $\omega \in \Omega$:

$$(14) \quad \rho(x, \omega) := \rho_{\Theta}(\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}; x, \omega) := \sum_{s=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}} \Delta t \sum_{t=\underline{b}}^{\bar{b}} \Delta t \Theta(s, t) (\Delta x)^{-d} \chi_{\{\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega) = x\}}.$$

Note that the internal process $\rho: \Gamma \times \Omega \rightarrow *R_+$ simply counts (up to a constant) how often the difference $\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega)$ has the value x . Our goal is to show that ρ is S -continuous, i.e. that the paths of ρ are infinitesimally close (in the

sup-norm) to continuous paths. Then we can easily identify the resulting standard C_0 -process as the intersection local time of W . We want to apply the nonstandard version of Kolmogorov's continuity theorem (see e.g. Albeverio et al. [1]), and therefore we need estimates on the moments $\underline{E}(\rho_x - \rho_y)^k$. Our main technical trick is to use a discrete version of the Fourier inversion formula. This requires the following 'tuning parameters':

1.1. NOTATION. (i) Let κ be the smallest even *integer such that $\kappa\Delta t/2 > 1 \vee c_1 w$, where c_1 is the constant in condition (Q1). Obviously κ is infinite.

(ii) Let $\gamma = 2\pi/(\kappa\Delta t)$. Note that

$${}^\circ\gamma = \pi/(1 \vee c_1 w) > \gamma.$$

(iii) For $k \in \mathbf{N}$, put

$$\Gamma_k := \{(n_1 \Delta x, \dots, n_d \Delta x) : -k\kappa/2 \leq \eta_i < k\kappa/2, \eta_i \in \mathbf{Z} \quad (i = 1, \dots, d)\}.$$

Note that $|\beta(t, \omega)| \leq (t/\Delta t)c_1 \Delta x < \kappa\Delta x/2$, i.e.

$\beta(t, \omega) \in \Gamma_1$ for all $\omega \in \Omega, t \in T_w$.

1.2. PROPOSITION. Let $\sigma: \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{*C}$ be internal. Define $\hat{\sigma}: \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{*C}$ by

$$\hat{\sigma}(y) = \sum_{x \in \Gamma_1} (\Delta x)^d \sigma(x) \exp(\gamma i x \cdot y) \quad (y \in \Gamma_1)$$

where $x \cdot y$ denotes the scalar product. Then

$$\sigma(z) = \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi}\right)^d \sum_{y \in \Gamma_1} (\Delta x)^d \hat{\sigma}(y) \exp(-\gamma i y \cdot z)$$

for all $z \in \Gamma_1$.

PROOF. Inserting the definition of $\hat{\sigma}$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi}\right)^d \sum_{y \in \Gamma_1} (\Delta x)^d \hat{\sigma}(y) \exp(-\gamma i y \cdot z) = \\ &\left(\frac{\gamma \Delta t}{2\pi}\right)^d \sum_{x \in \Gamma_1} \sigma(x) \left(\sum_{y \in \Gamma_1} \exp[\gamma i y \cdot (x - z)]\right). \end{aligned}$$

So it is sufficient to show that

$$\tau(x, z) := \sum_{y \in \Gamma_1} \exp[\gamma i y \cdot (x - z)] = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\gamma \Delta t}\right)^d = \kappa^d, & \text{if } x = z \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all $x, z \in \Gamma_1$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(x, z) &= \sum_{\eta_1 = -\kappa/2}^{-1+\kappa/2} \dots \sum_{\eta_d = -\kappa/2}^{-1+\kappa/2} \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^d \gamma i \eta_i \Delta x(x_i - z_i) \right] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^d \sum_{\eta_i = -\kappa/2}^{-1+\kappa/2} \exp [\gamma i \eta_i \Delta x(x_i - z_i)], \end{aligned}$$

we only have to consider the case $d = 1$. Fix arbitrary $x, z \in \Gamma_1$. Then $x - z = \zeta \Delta x$ with $\zeta \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $-(\kappa - 1) \leq \zeta \leq (\kappa - 1)$. Hence $\kappa \mid \zeta$, iff $\zeta = 0$, i.e. $x = z$. This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(x, z) &= \sum_{\eta = -\kappa/2}^{-1+\kappa/2} \exp [\gamma i \eta \zeta \Delta t] = \sum_{\eta = -\kappa/2}^{-1+\kappa/2} \exp \left[2\pi i \frac{\eta \zeta}{\kappa} \right] \\ &= \begin{cases} \kappa, & \text{if } \kappa \mid \zeta, \text{ i.e. } x = z \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 1.2, we have

$$\rho(z, \omega) = \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \right)^d \sum_{y \in \Gamma_1} (\Delta x)^d \hat{\rho}(y, \omega) \exp(-\gamma i y \cdot z) \quad (z \in \Gamma_1, \omega \in \Omega)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}(y, \omega) &= \sum_{x \in \Gamma_1} (\Delta x)^d \rho(x, \omega) \exp(\gamma i x \cdot y) \\ &= \sum_{s=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}'} \Delta t \sum_{t=\underline{b}}^{\bar{b}'} \Delta t \Theta(s, t) \exp(\gamma i [\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega)] \cdot y) \end{aligned}$$

by (14). Therefore, we get for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x, y \in \Gamma_1$:

$$(15) \quad \underline{E}(\rho_x - \rho_y)^k = \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \right)^{dk} \sum_{u \in \underline{\Gamma}} (\Delta x)^{dk} q(u) H(u),$$

where $u = (u_1, \dots, u_k)$, $\underline{\Gamma} = (\Gamma_1)^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} q(u) &= \prod_{j=1}^k [\exp(-\gamma i u_j \cdot x) - \exp(-\gamma i u_j \cdot y)], \\ H(u) &= \sum_{\underline{s}=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}'} \Delta t \sum_{\underline{t}=\underline{b}}^{\bar{b}'} (\Delta t)^{2k} \left[\prod_{j=1}^k \Theta(s_j, t_j) \right] \tau(\underline{s}, \underline{t}; u), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tau(\underline{s}, \underline{t}; u) = \underline{E} \left[\exp \left(\gamma i \sum_{j=1}^k [\beta(t_j) - \beta(s_j)] \cdot u_j \right) \right].$$

Now we can do some obvious manipulations, which lead to (18)–(21). Since β has *independent increments, we have

$$|\tau(\underline{s}, \underline{t}; \underline{u})| \leq |\tau(\underline{s}, (\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a}); \underline{u})| |\tau(\underline{b}, \dots, \underline{b}, \underline{t}; \underline{u})|.$$

Hence

$$|H(\underline{u})| \leq U(\underline{u}) \cdot V(\underline{u})$$

with

$$U(\underline{u}) = \sum_{\underline{s}=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}} (\Delta t)^k |\tau(\underline{s}, (\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a}); \underline{u})|$$

and

$$V(\underline{u}) = \sum_{\underline{s}=\underline{b}}^{\bar{b}} (\Delta t)^k |\tau((\underline{b}, \dots, \underline{b}), \underline{t}; \underline{u})|.$$

Moreover,

$$U(\underline{u}) \leq \sum_{\sigma \in T} U_{\sigma}(\underline{u}),$$

where T is the group of permutations of $\{1, \dots, k\}$ and

$$(16) \quad U_{\sigma}(\underline{u}) = \sum_{\underline{s}=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}} (\Delta t)^k |\tau(\underline{s}, (\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a}); \underline{u})| \chi\{a \leq s_{\sigma(1)} \leq \dots \leq s_{\sigma(k)} \leq \bar{a}\},$$

and similarly for $V(\underline{u})$. So (15) turns into

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} |\underline{E}(\rho_x - \rho_y)^k| &\leq \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi}\right)^{dk} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma' \in T} \sum_{\underline{u} \in \underline{I}} (\Delta x)^{dk} |q(\underline{u})| U_{\sigma}(\underline{u}) V_{\sigma'}(\underline{u}) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi}\right)^{dk} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma' \in T} \sqrt{M_{\sigma} N_{\sigma'}}, \end{aligned}$$

by Hölder's inequality, with

$$M_{\sigma} = \sum_{\underline{u} \in \underline{I}} (\Delta x)^{dk} |q(\underline{u})| [U_{\sigma}(\underline{u})]^2$$

and

$$N_{\sigma} = \sum_{\underline{u} \in \underline{I}} (\Delta x)^{dk} |q(\underline{u})| [V_{\sigma}(\underline{u})]^2.$$

Fix $\sigma \in T$. Then (16) implies

$$U_{\sigma}(\underline{u}) = \sum_{\underline{s}=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}} (\Delta t)^k |\tau(\underline{s}, (\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a}); \sigma^{-1} \underline{u})| \chi\{a \leq s_1 \leq \dots \leq s_k \leq \bar{a}\}$$

with $\underline{\sigma}u = (u_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, u_{\sigma(k)})$. Next we want to rewrite τ (see(15) f.):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^k [\beta(\underline{a}) - \beta(s_j)] \cdot u_{\sigma(j)} &= \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=j}^k [\beta(s_{i+1}) - \beta(s_i)] \cdot u_{\sigma(j)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\sum_{j=1}^i u_{\sigma(j)} \right) \cdot [\beta(s_{i+1}) - \beta(s_i)] \end{aligned}$$

with $s_{k+1} := \bar{a}$. Thus we introduce the new variables $v_l = \sum_{j=1}^l u_{\sigma(j)} \in \Gamma_l$, i.e. $u_{\sigma(l)} = v_{l-1} - v_l$ ($l = 1, \dots, k$) with $v_0 \equiv 0$.

Since β has *independent identically distributed increments, we have

$$\tau(\underline{s}, (\bar{a}, \dots, \bar{a}); \underline{\sigma}u) = \prod_{j=1}^k \underline{E} [\exp(\gamma i \beta(s_{j+1} - s_j) \cdot v_j)],$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (18) \quad U_{\sigma^{-1}}(u) &\leq \prod_{j=1}^k \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\bar{a}-\underline{a}} \Delta t \mid \underline{E} [\exp(\gamma i \beta_t \cdot v_j)] \right] \\ &=: \sqrt{U(\bar{a} - \underline{a}; v)}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the term M_σ in (17) can be estimated as follows:

$$M_{\sigma^{-1}} \leq \sum_{v \in \underline{\Gamma}} (\Delta x)^{dk} p(v) U(\bar{a} - \underline{a}; v) =: M(\bar{a} - \underline{a})$$

with $\underline{\Gamma} = \Gamma_1 \times \dots \times \Gamma_k$ and

$$(19) \quad p(v) = \prod_{j=1}^k |\exp[-\gamma i(v_j - v_{j-1}) \cdot x] - \exp[-\gamma i(v_j - v_{j-1}) \cdot y]|.$$

Note that $M(\bar{a} - \underline{a})$ does not depend on the permutation σ . Similarly: $N_\sigma \leq M(\bar{b} - \underline{b})$. Therefore (17) implies

$$(20) \quad |\underline{E}(\rho_x - \rho_y)^k| \leq \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \right)^{dk} (k!)^2 \sqrt{M(\bar{a} - \underline{a})M(\bar{b} - \underline{b})}.$$

By analogy, we have

$$|\underline{E}(\rho_x)^k| \leq \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \right)^{dk} (k!)^2 \sqrt{N(\bar{a} - \underline{a})N(\bar{b} - \underline{b})}$$

for all $x \in \Gamma_1$, with

$$N(a) = \sum_{v \in \underline{\Gamma}} (\Delta x)^{dk} U(a; v).$$

Now a difficulty arises by the fact that our random walk β in general is not strongly aperiodic in the sense of Spitzer [19], e.g. the simple random walk can reach ‘even’ lattice points only in an even number of steps. But the time weight $\Theta(s, t)$ may be chosen to be zero, if the difference $s - t$ is odd, so that ρ_x is zero for all odd x . Consequently, the paths of ρ are oscillating on Γ , i.e. ρ cannot be S -continuous. However, the right hand side of (20) does not depend on Θ , so it cannot give the estimate required by Kolmogorov’s continuity theorem. Therefore, we have to divide Γ into sublattices depending on the properties of the distribution Q which generates the random walk β . For $n \in \mathbf{N}_0$ and $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}^d$, we

write $x \xrightarrow{Q^n} y$, iff there exist $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \Sigma(Q)$ (see (4)) such that

$$y = x + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i. \text{ Let}$$

$$R_+(Q) = \left\{ x \in \mathbf{Z}^d : 0 \xrightarrow{Q^n} x \text{ for some } n \in \mathbf{N}_0 \right\}.$$

Clearly, $R_+(Q)$ is a semigroup and \mathbf{Z}^d is the group generated by $R_+(Q)$ according to our aperiodicity assumption. In fact, by our assumptions on Q , we actually have $R_+(Q) = \mathbf{Z}^d$. This case is not covered by P2.5 of Spitzer [19]. The elementary but somewhat tedious proof proceeds as follows: First modify the proof of P7.1 in [19] to find a basis x_1, \dots, x_d of \mathbf{Z}^d in $R_+(Q)$; then exploit the fact that $E(Q) = 0$ in order to conclude that $R_+(Q) = \mathbf{Z}^d$. In particular, there exists an

integer $n > 0$ with $0 \xrightarrow{Q^n} 0$. Let

$$r := r_Q := \max \left\{ k \in \mathbf{N} : 0 \xrightarrow{Q^n} 0 \text{ implies } k | n \quad (n \in \mathbf{N}) \right\}.$$

For $l = 0, 1, \dots, r$ define

$$H_l(Q) = \left\{ x \in \mathbf{Z}^d : 0 \xrightarrow{Q^{nr+l}} x \text{ for some } n \in \mathbf{N}_0 \right\}.$$

Using $R_+(Q) = \mathbf{Z}^d$ and the definition of r , one can easily show that $H := H_0(Q) = H_r(Q)$ is a subgroup of \mathbf{Z}^d , and $\mathbf{Z}^d = H_0(Q) \cup \dots \cup H_{r-1}(Q)$ is a disjoint union of r copies of H . Note that $r = r_Q = r_{Q_-}$ and $H_l(Q) = H_{r-l}(Q_-)$ ($l = 0, 1, \dots, r$), where $Q_- \{x\} = Q\{-x\}$ ($x \in \mathbf{Z}^d$). Let Q_s be the distribution of $X - Y$, where X, Y are independent random vectors with distribution Q , i.e. $Q_s = Q * Q_-$. Notice that $R_+(Q_s) = H_0(Q_s)$.

1.3. LEMMA. $H = R_+(Q_s)$.

PROOF. Let $x \in R_+(Q_s)$. Then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $0 \xrightarrow{Q_s} \frac{n}{Q_s} x$ and hence $0 \xrightarrow{Q} \frac{n}{Q} y \xrightarrow{Q_-} \frac{n}{Q_-} x$ with some $y \in Z^d$. For some ι , we have $y \in H_\iota(Q)$ and hence $x - y \in H_\iota(Q_-) = H_{r-1}(Q)$. Conversely, if $x \in H$, then there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $y \in Z^d$ such that $0 \xrightarrow{Q} \frac{1}{Q} y \xrightarrow{Q} \frac{nr-1}{Q} x$. Then $y \xrightarrow{Q_-} \frac{mr+1}{Q_-} x$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$. For large enough k , say $k \geq k_0$, we have $0 \xrightarrow{Q} \frac{kr}{Q} 0$. Therefore $0 \xrightarrow{Q} \frac{kr+1}{Q} y \xrightarrow{Q_-} \frac{kr+1}{Q_-} x$, if $k \geq k_0 + m$. This implies $0 \xrightarrow{Q_s} \frac{kr+1}{Q_s} x$, i.e. $x \in R_+(Q_s)$.

The further estimation of (20), (21) is based on an analysis of the Fourier transform of Q .

1.4. NOTATION. (i) Define $\phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\phi(x) := \int \exp(ix \cdot y) Q_s(dy) = \left| \int \exp(ix \cdot y) Q(dy) \right|^{1/2}$$

(ii) Let H' be the dual lattice of H , i.e.

$$H' = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d: x \cdot y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } y \in H\}.$$

Then H' is a lattice in \mathbb{R}^d with $Z^d \subset H'$.

(iii) Choose a basis e'_1, \dots, e'_d of H' . Note that $Ae'_i = e_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, d$) defines a matrix A such that $H = A'(Z^d)$ and $r = \det A$. Thus $H' = A^{-1}(Z^d)$.

(iv) Let C be the 'cube'

$$C = \{x_1 e'_1 + \dots + x_d e'_d: x_i \in [-\pi, \pi] \quad (i = 1, \dots, d)\}.$$

Then the following follows easily from Notation 1.4, Lemma 1.3, and T7.1, P7.5 of Spitzer [19]:

1.5. LEMMA. (i) For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we have:

$$x - y \in 2\pi H' \text{ implies } \phi(x) = \phi(y).$$

(ii) For all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we have:

$$\phi(x) = 1, \text{ iff } x \in 2\pi H'.$$

(iii) There exists a positive real c_2 such that

$$1 - \phi(x) \geq c_2 |x| \text{ for all } x \in C.$$

Thus we have to adapt the variables $v_i \in \Gamma_k$ in (19) to the lattice H' :

1.6. NOTATION. (i) Define $\text{Int}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, $\text{Frac}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ by

$$\text{Int}(x) = \llbracket x_1 + 1/2 \rrbracket e'_1 + \dots + \llbracket x_d + 1/2 \rrbracket e'_d \in H',$$

$$\text{Frac}(x) := x - \text{Int}(x) \in \frac{1}{2\pi} C,$$

where $x = x_1 e'_1 + \dots + x_d e'_d \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\llbracket y \rrbracket = \max \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \leq y\}$ ($y \in \mathbb{R}$).

Note that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$|\{\text{Int}(x) : |x \cdot e_l| \leq k (l = 1, \dots, d), x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}| \leq (2k + 1)^d r.$$

Furthermore, there is a positive real c_3 such that

$$|\text{Frac}(x)| \leq c_3 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

(ii) For $v \in \Gamma_k$, define \hat{v}, \tilde{v} by

$$\hat{v} = \kappa \Delta x * \text{Int} \left(\frac{v}{\kappa \Delta x} \right), \tilde{v} = \kappa \Delta x * \text{Frac} \left(\frac{v}{\kappa \Delta x} \right).$$

Now, if $x/\Delta x \in {}^*H$ and $v \in \Gamma_k$, then

$$\frac{\hat{v}}{\kappa \Delta x} \in {}^*H' \text{ and hence } \gamma \hat{v} \cdot x = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\hat{v}}{\kappa \Delta x} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{\Delta x} \right) \in {}^*\mathbb{Z}$$

(recall Notation 1.1), i.e. $\exp[\gamma i v \cdot x] = 1$. Using the elementary inequality

$$|1 - e^{ix \cdot y}| \leq 2|x|^\alpha |y|^\alpha \quad (\alpha \in]0, 1[\text{ and } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d),$$

we obtain the following estimate for (19):

1.7. LEMMA. *If $\alpha \in]0, 1[$, $x - y \in \Delta x {}^*H$, and $v \in \underline{\Gamma}$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} p(v) &= \prod_{j=1}^k |\exp[-\gamma i(v_j - v_{j-1}) \cdot x] - \exp[-\gamma i(v_j - v_{j-1}) \cdot y]| \\ &\leq \prod_{j=1}^k [2\gamma^\alpha (|\tilde{v}_j| + |\tilde{v}_{j-1}|)^\alpha |x - y|^\alpha]. \end{aligned}$$

The estimation of $U(a; v)$ is done in Lemmata 1.8 and 1.9.

1.8. LEMMA. *If $v \in \Gamma_k$ and $t \in T_w$, then*

$$|\underline{E}[\exp(\gamma i \beta_t \cdot v)]| \leq \exp[-\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 (t - 2\Delta t)].$$

PROOF. $|\underline{E}[\exp(\gamma i \beta_t \cdot v)]|$

$$= \left| \underline{E} \left[\prod_{s=0}^{t-\Delta t} \exp(\gamma i \Delta x \xi_s \cdot v) \right] \right|, \text{ by (3):}$$

$$= [{}^*\phi(\gamma \Delta x v)]^{t/(2\Delta t)}, \text{ since the } \xi_s \text{ are *i.i.d. with distribution } {}^*Q, \text{ and } \phi \text{ is the Fourier transform of } Q_s;$$

$$\leq \left[{}^*\phi \left(2\pi \frac{v}{\kappa \Delta x} \right) \right]^{\llbracket t/(2\Delta t) \rrbracket}, \text{ by Notation 1.1 (ii);}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[* \phi \left(2\pi \frac{\tilde{v}}{\kappa \Delta x} \right) \right]^{\lfloor t/(2\Delta t) \rfloor}, \text{ by Lemma 1.5 (i),} \\
 &\text{because } \frac{v}{\kappa \Delta x} - \frac{\tilde{v}}{\kappa \Delta x} = \frac{\hat{v}}{\kappa \Delta x} = \text{Int} \left(\frac{v}{\kappa \Delta x} \right) \in *H'; \\
 &\leq \left[1 - (2\pi)^2 c^2 \left| \frac{\tilde{v}}{\kappa \Delta x} \right|^2 \right]^{\lfloor t/(2\Delta t) \rfloor}, \text{ by Lemma 1.5 iii;} \\
 &\leq \exp \left[- \left(\frac{2\pi}{\kappa \Delta t} \right)^2 c_2 |\tilde{v}|^2 \Delta t \lfloor t/(2\Delta t) \rfloor \right], \text{ by } 1 + x \leq e^x; \\
 &\leq \exp \left[- \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 c_2 |\tilde{v}|^2 (t - 2\Delta t) \right], \text{ by Notation 1.1 (ii).}
 \end{aligned}$$

1.9. LEMMA. *If $v \in \Gamma_k$ and $a \in T_w$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{t=0}^a \Delta t |E [\exp(\gamma i \beta_t \cdot v)]| \leq \\
 &c_4 (\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2)^{-1} (1 - \exp[-\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 (a + \Delta t)]),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $c_4 = \exp[\frac{3}{2} c_2 (2\pi c_3)^2]$, and c_3 is the constant in Notation 1.6 (i).

If $\tilde{v} = 0$, the right hand side is understood to be $c_4(a + \Delta t)$.

PROOF. First note that Notations 1.6 and 1.1 imply

$$|\tilde{v}|^2 \leq (\kappa \Delta x c_3)^2 = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left(\frac{2\pi c_3}{\gamma} \right)^2,$$

and hence

$$(22) \quad \exp[\frac{3}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 \Delta t] \leq \exp[\frac{3}{2} c_2 (2\pi c_3)^2] = c_4.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{t=0}^a \Delta t |E [\exp(\gamma i \beta_t \cdot v)]| \\
 &\leq \sum_{t=0}^a \Delta t \exp[-\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 (t - 2\Delta t)], \text{ by Lemma 1.8;} \\
 &\leq c_4 \sum_{t=0}^a \Delta t \exp[-\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 (t + \Delta t)], \text{ by (22);} \\
 &\leq c_4 \sum_{t=0}^a \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \exp[-\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 s] * ds \\
 &= c_4 \int_0^{a+\Delta t} \exp[-\frac{1}{2} c_2 \gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2 s] * ds
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= c_4(\frac{1}{2}c_2\gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2)^{-1}(1 - \exp[-\frac{1}{2}c_2\gamma^2 |\tilde{v}|^2(a + \Delta t)]).$$

Putting Lemmata 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 together, we obtain the following estimate for $M(a)$ (defined by (18), (19)), supposed that $x, y \in \Gamma_1, x - y \in \Delta x^*H, a \in T_w$, and $\alpha \in]0, 1[$:

$$M(a) \leq (2\gamma^\alpha c_4^2 |x - y|^\alpha)^k \sum_{v \in \Gamma} (\Delta x)^{dk} \prod_{j=1}^k [(|\tilde{v}_j| + |\tilde{v}_{j-1}|)^\alpha |\tilde{v}_j|^{-4} (\frac{1}{2}c_2\gamma^2)^{-2}(1 - \exp[-\frac{1}{2}c_2\gamma^2 |\tilde{v}_j|^2(a + \Delta t)])^2].$$

But the terms of the sum depend only on the $\tilde{v}_j (j = 1, \dots, k)$, which run over the lattice

$$\Gamma' := \{\Delta x(\eta_1 e'_1 + \dots + \eta_d e'_d) : \eta_i \in \mathbb{Z}, -\kappa/2 \leq \eta_i < \kappa/2 \quad (i = 1, \dots, d)\},$$

whereas \tilde{v}_j takes one of $(2k + 1)^d r$ possible values (see Notation 1.6).

Therefore, we get:

$$M(a) \leq (2k + 1)^{dk} (2c_4^2 r^2)^k |x - y|^{\alpha k} [\gamma^{-d} (2/c_2)^{(d+\alpha)/2}]^k S(k, \alpha, a + \Delta t)$$

with

$$(23) \quad S(k, \alpha, a) = \sum_{v \in \Gamma'} r^{-k} (\Delta x)^{dk} \prod_{j=1}^k [(|v_j| + |v_{j-1}|)^\alpha |v_j|^{-4} (\sqrt{2/c_2/\gamma})^{4-d-\alpha} (1 - \exp[-\frac{1}{2}c_2\gamma^2 |v_j|^2 a])^2]$$

and $\tilde{\Gamma}' = \prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma'$. Thus, from (20), (21) we obtain:

1.10. PROPOSITION. (i) *Whenever $k \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \in]0, 1[$, and $x, y \in \Gamma_1$ with $(x - y)/\Delta x \in {}^*H$, then*

$$|\underline{E}(\rho_x - \rho_y)^k| \leq c_5^k k^{(d+2)k} |x - y|^{\alpha k} [S(k, \alpha, \bar{a} - \underline{a} + \Delta t) S(k, \alpha, \bar{b} - \underline{b} + \Delta t)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

with $c_5 = 2c_4^2 r^2 (1 \vee 2/c_2)^{(d+1)/2}$.

(ii) *For all $x \in \Gamma_1$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have*

$$|\underline{E}(\rho_x)^k| \leq c_5^k k^{(d+2)k} [S(k, 0, \bar{a} - \underline{a} + \Delta t) S(k, 0, \bar{b} - \underline{b} + \Delta t)]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The terms $S(k, \alpha, a)$ can be estimated as follows:

1.11. PROPOSITION. *For every*

$$\alpha \in \begin{cases} [0, 1[, & \text{if } d \in \{1, 2\} \\ [0, \frac{1}{2}[, & \text{if } d = 3 \end{cases}$$

there exists a positive real $c_6 = c_6(d, \alpha)$ such that

$$S(k, \alpha, a) \leq [c_6 a^{(4-d-\alpha)/2}]^k$$

for all finite $a \in \mathbf{*R}_+$ and $k \in \mathbf{N}$.

PROOF. Put $\Delta\bar{x} := \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}c_2\gamma^2 a} \Delta x$ and $\bar{\Gamma} := \Delta\bar{x} * H'$.

Then (23) scales to

$$S(k, \alpha, a) \leq \left\{ \sum_{v \in \bar{\Gamma}} r^{-k} (\Delta\bar{x})^{dk} \prod_{j=1}^k [(|v_j| + |v_{j-1}|)^\alpha |v_j|^{-4} (1 - \exp[-|v_j|^2])^2] \right\} a^{(4-d-\alpha)k/2}.$$

Let us first assume that $\alpha \neq 0$. Then we choose $\varepsilon \in]0, 4[$ such that with $\varepsilon' = 4 - \varepsilon$, $\alpha' = 1 - \alpha$, we have $\varepsilon/\alpha - 2 > d$ and $\varepsilon'/\alpha' > d$. E.g. we can take $\varepsilon = 4\alpha + 1/2$, if $d = 3$ and $\alpha \in]0, 1/2[$, and $\varepsilon = 3\alpha + 1$, if $d \in \{1, 2\}$ and $\alpha \in]0, 1[$. Then we can apply Hölder's inequality:

$$a^{(d+\alpha-4)k/2} S(k, \alpha, a) \leq \left(\sum_{v \in \bar{\Gamma}} r^{-k} (\Delta\bar{x})^{dk} \prod_{j=1}^k [(|v_j| + |v_{j-1}|) F(v_j)^{\varepsilon/\alpha}] \right)^\alpha \\ \left(\sum_{v \in \bar{\Gamma}} r^{-k} (\Delta\bar{x})^{dk} \prod_{j=1}^k F(v_j)^{\varepsilon'/\alpha'} \right)^{\alpha'} = : [S_1(k, \alpha, a)]^\alpha [S_2(k, \alpha', a)]^{\alpha'},$$

with $F(v) = |v|^{-1} [1 - \exp(-|v|^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

Furthermore

$$\prod_{j=1}^k (|v_j| + |v_{j-1}|) \leq 2^k \prod_{j=1}^k (|v_j|^2 \vee 1).$$

Therefore

$$S_1(k, \alpha, a) \leq \left[2 \sum_{v \in \bar{\Gamma}} r^{-1} (\Delta\bar{x})^d (|v|^2 \vee 1) F(v)^{\varepsilon/\alpha} \right]^k$$

and

$$S_2(k, \alpha', a) \leq \left[\sum_{v \in \bar{\Gamma}} r^{-1} (\Delta\bar{x})^d F(v)^{\varepsilon'/\alpha'} \right]^k.$$

Note that the lattice $\bar{\Gamma}$ with weighting $\Delta\bar{x}/r$ is a hyperfinite representation of the Lebesgue measure in \mathbf{R}^d (cf. Stroyan and Bayod [22]). So it is certainly enough to show that the functions

$$\bar{\Gamma} \rightarrow \mathbf{*R}, v \mapsto (|v|^2 \vee 1) F(v)^{\varepsilon/\alpha} \text{ respectively } v \mapsto F(v)^{\varepsilon'/\alpha'}$$

are S -integrable. But this is obvious, because F has a finite bound and both $\varepsilon/\alpha - 2$ and ε'/α' are greater than d .

The case $\alpha = 0$ is analogous.

Fix $\iota \in \{0, 1, \dots, r\}$ and let

$$\Xi_i = \{(\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}; x) : x/\Delta x \in {}^*H_i; 0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq \underline{b} \leq \bar{b} \leq w; \underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b} \in T\}.$$

Then Propositions 1.10 and 1.11 show that there exists a positive real $c_7 = c_7(d, k, w)$ such that

$$|\underline{E}(\rho_u - \rho_v)^k| \leq c_7 |u - v|^{(1-d/4)k}$$

for all finite $u, v \in \Xi_i$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Choosing e.g. $k = 32$, we have $(1 - d/4)k > d + 4$, so that the nonstandard version of Kolmogorov's continuity theorem (see e.g. Albeverio et al. [1]) implies that P -almost all paths of the internal process $\rho: \Xi_i \times \Omega \rightarrow {}^*\mathbb{R}_+$ are S -continuous.

Moreover, by (6) we have for P -a.a. $\omega \in \Omega$:

$$\rho(x, \omega) = 0 \text{ for all infinite } x.$$

Consequently, P -a.a. paths of ρ are nearstandard in $C_0(M, \mathbb{R})$ with

$$M = \{(\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}; x) \in \mathbb{R}^{4+d} : 0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq \underline{b} \leq \bar{b} \leq w\}.$$

Therefore $\rho \upharpoonright \Xi$ has a projection l_i , i.e. $l_i: M \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a C_0 -standard process such that

$$(24) \quad {}^\circ\rho(u, \omega) = l_i({}^\circ u, \omega) \quad (u \in \Xi_i)$$

holds for P -a.a. $\omega \in \Omega$, where ${}^\circ u = \infty$ for $|u|$ infinite and $l_i(\infty, \omega) = 0$.

For $i = 1, \dots, r$, define $\Theta_i: T \times T \rightarrow {}^*[0, 1]$ by

$$\Theta_i(s, t) = \begin{cases} \Theta(s, t), & \text{if } (s - t)/\Delta t \in r^*Z + i \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Note that $\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega) \in \Delta x {}^*H_i$, iff $(s - t)/\Delta t \in r^*Z + i$.

Therefore $\rho_\Theta = \sum_{i=1}^r \rho_{\Theta_i}$ and $\rho_\Theta \upharpoonright \Xi_i = \rho_{\Theta_i} \upharpoonright \Xi_i = : \rho_i (i = 1, \dots, r)$.

So we cannot expect that ρ_Θ is S -continuous in general. Let $\underline{\lambda}$ be the internal measure on $T \times T$ with weight $\lambda\{(s, t)\} = (\Delta t)^2$, and $L(\underline{\lambda})$ the induced Loeb measure. Then $\lambda = L(\underline{\lambda}) \circ st^{-1}$ is the Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$. Obviously the measure $L(\Theta_i \underline{\lambda}) \circ st^{-1}$ on $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$, which is induced by the internal measure $\Theta_i \underline{\lambda}\{(s, t)\} = \Theta(s, t)(\Delta t)^2$ on $T \times T$, has a Lebesgue density $\tilde{\theta}_i: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$, i.e. $L(\Theta_i \underline{\lambda}) \circ st^{-1} = \tilde{\theta}_i \lambda$. Note that every measurable $\Theta: \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ for every i can be represented this way, i.e. $\theta = \tilde{\theta}_i \lambda$ -a.s. with some Θ .

1.12. THEOREM. For every $u = (\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ with $0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq \underline{b} \leq \bar{b} \leq w$, the process $Y: D \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $Y(s, t; \omega) = W(t, \omega) - W(s, \omega)$, where $D = [\underline{a}, \bar{a}] \times [\underline{b}, \bar{b}]$ and W is given by (6), has a C_0 -local time $\frac{1}{r} l_i(u; -, -): \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ with respect to the time measure $\tilde{\Theta}_i \lambda \upharpoonright D$. Moreover, l_i can be chosen jointly continuous and is given by (24).

PROOF. Fix $\omega \in \Omega$ such that (6) and (24) hold. Pick $u = (\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}) \in T^4$ such that $0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq \underline{b} \leq \bar{b} \leq w$ and put $D = [{}^\circ \underline{a}, {}^\circ \bar{a}] \times [{}^\circ \underline{b}, {}^\circ \bar{b}]$, $B = \{(s, t) \in T \times T: \underline{a} \leq s \leq \bar{a}, \underline{b} \leq t \leq \bar{b}\}$. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an arbitrary continuous function with compact support. Then we have to check (11):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_D f(W(t, \omega) - W(s, \omega)) \tilde{\Theta}(s, t) d\dot{\lambda}(s, t) \\ &= \int \chi[T^2 \cap st^{-1}(D)](s, t) f(W({}^\circ t, \omega) - W({}^\circ s, \omega)) dL(\Theta, \dot{\lambda})(s, t), \end{aligned}$$

since $L(\Theta, \dot{\lambda}) \circ st^{-1} = \tilde{\Theta}, \dot{\lambda}$;

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_B f({}^\circ \beta(t, \omega) - {}^\circ \beta(s, \omega)) dL(\Theta, \dot{\lambda})(s, t), \text{ by (6) and } L(\Theta, \dot{\lambda}) \ll L(\dot{\lambda}); \\ &= \int_B st^* f(\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega)) dL(\Theta, \dot{\lambda})(s, t), \text{ by the continuity of } f; \\ &= \sum_{s=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}} \Delta t \sum_{s=\underline{b}}^{\bar{b}} \Delta t \Theta(s, t) {}^* f(\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega)), \end{aligned}$$

since the internal function $(s, t) \mapsto {}^* f(\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega))$ is S -integrable with respect to $\Theta, \dot{\lambda} \upharpoonright B$;

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{s=\underline{a}}^{\bar{a}} \Delta t \sum_{s=\underline{b}}^{\bar{b}} \Delta t \Theta(s, t) \sum_{x \in \Gamma} \chi\{\omega(t) - \omega(s) = x\} {}^* f(x), \\ &\quad \text{since } \omega(t) - \omega(s) \in \Gamma \text{ for all } (s, t) \in T^2; \\ &= \sum_{\Delta x^* H_t} (\Delta x)^d \rho(u; x, \omega) {}^* f(x), \text{ by the definition of } \rho \text{ (see (14));} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\Delta x^* H_t} st [\rho(u; x, \omega) {}^* f(x)] dL(\Delta x)^d(x),$$

by S -integrability (use the S -continuity of $\rho \mid \Xi_t$);

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\Delta x^* H_t} l_i({}^\circ u; {}^\circ x, \omega) f({}^\circ x) dL(\Delta x)^d(x), \text{ by (24) and the continuity of } f; \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \int_{\text{ns}(\Gamma)} l_i({}^\circ u; {}^\circ u, \omega) f({}^\circ x) dL(\Delta x)^d(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \int l_i({}^\circ u, x, \omega) f(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

since $L(\Delta x)^d \circ st^{-1}$ is the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d .

The new point in Theorem 1.12 is that the intersection local time l , is given by (24). Because then a routine argument, which was employed e.g. by Anderson [2], Perkins [13], or Stoll [20], [21], shows the following:

1.13. INVARIANCE PRINCIPLE. (i) If $\tilde{\Theta}_1 = \dots = \tilde{\Theta}_r =: \frac{1}{r}\theta$, then ρ_θ is S -continuous with projection $l = l_1 = \dots = l_r$, which is the local time of Y with respect to the time measure $\Theta\lambda \upharpoonright D$.

(ii) Let K be the distribution of the random function

$$\Omega \rightarrow C_0([0, w] \times M, \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}), \omega \mapsto (\bar{W}(\omega); \bar{l}(\omega)),$$

where $\bar{W}(\omega): [0, w] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, t \mapsto W(t, \omega)$ is a d -dimensional Brownian motion (with covariance matrix (5)) and $\bar{l}(\omega): M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, u \mapsto l(u, \omega)$ is the corresponding intersection local time (as given by (24)) with respect to a measurable time density $\Theta: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $(\Omega_n, \mathcal{A}_n, P_n)$ be a probability space, Δt_n a positive real, $\Delta x_n = \sqrt{\Delta t_n}, T_n = \{k\Delta t_n: k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}, T_{n,w} = [0, w] \cap T_n, M_n = \{(\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}; x): x \in \Delta x_n \mathbb{Z}^d; \underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b} \in T_n; 0 \leq \underline{a} \leq \bar{a} \leq \underline{b} \leq \bar{b} \leq w\}, \Theta_n: T_n^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ an arbitrary function, and $(X_{n,t} | t \in T_n)$ a sequence of independent random vectors on Ω_n with distribution $P_n \circ \chi_{n,t}^{-1} = Q$. Moreover, for each $i = 1, \dots, r$ define $\Theta_{n,i}: T_n^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\Theta_{n,i}(s, t) = \begin{cases} \Theta_n(s, t), & \text{if } (s - t)/\Delta t_n \in r\mathbb{Z} + i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

and let λ_n be the measure on $T_n \times T_n$ with $\lambda_n\{(s, t)\} = (\Delta t_n)^2$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define the processes $\beta_n: T_{n,w} \times \Omega_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \rho_n: M_n \times \Omega_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ by

$$\beta_n(t, \omega) = \sum [X_{n,s}(\omega)\Delta x_n | s \in T_n, s < t], \text{ respectively}$$

$$\rho_n(\underline{a}, \bar{a}, \underline{b}, \bar{b}; x, \omega) = \sum [(\Delta t_n)^2 \Theta_n(s, t)(\Delta x_n)^{-d} | s, t \in T_n;$$

$$\underline{a} \leq s \leq \bar{a}, \underline{b} \leq t \leq \bar{b}; \beta_n(s, \omega) = \beta_n(t, \omega)],$$

and the random functions $\tilde{\beta}_n: \Omega_n \rightarrow F_0(T_{n,w}, \mathbb{R}^d) = \{f \upharpoonright T_{n,w}: f \in C_0(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}^d)\}, \tilde{\rho}_n: \Omega_n \rightarrow F_0(M_n, \mathbb{R})$ by $\tilde{\beta}_n(\omega): T_{n,w} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, t \mapsto \beta_n(t, \omega)$, respectively $\tilde{\rho}_n(\omega): M_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, u \mapsto \rho_n(u, \omega)$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let K_n be the probability measure on $F_0(T_{n,w} \times M_n,$

$\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R})$ induced by the random function $(\tilde{\beta}_n, \tilde{\rho}_n)$. Suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta t_n = 0$ and

$$\Theta_{n,i} \lambda_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{vaguely}} \frac{1}{r} \theta \lambda \left(\text{that means } * \Theta_{\eta,i} \cong \frac{1}{r} \theta \lambda \text{ for all infinite } \eta \right) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, r.$$

Then we have

$$(\tilde{\beta}_n, \tilde{\rho}_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{w} (\bar{W}, \bar{l}),$$

i.e. $K_n \circ I_n^{-1} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{weakly}} K$ for every reasonable sequence $(I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of interpolations $I_n: F_0(T_{n,w} \times M_n, \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C_0([0, w] \times M, \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R})$.

‘Reasonable’ means that $*I_n$ preserves S -continuity for every infinite n ; however it is possible to extend the classical notion of weak convergence to cases like (24) without referring to a particular interpolation procedure (see e.g. Stoll [20]).

2. The Renormalized Intersection Local Time of Planar Brownian Motion.

For the rest of this article we shall restrict ourselves to the case $d = 2$. In this section, we shall study the ‘full’ internal intersection local time

$$(25) \quad \tau(x, \omega) := \tau_\Theta(v; x, \omega) \\ = \sum [\Delta t \Theta(s, t) | s, t \in T_v; \beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega) = x] \quad (\omega \in \Omega, x \in \Gamma),$$

with $T_v = \{t \in T: t \leq v\}$, $v \in \text{ns}(*\mathbb{R}_+)$, and $\Theta: T \times T \rightarrow *[0, 1]$ internal. In order to get a standard part of τ , it will be necessary to renormalize τ by subtracting its expectation, which is infinite in general. So, for any internal process $\sigma(x, \omega)$ the renormalized process is defined by $\acute{\sigma}(x, \omega) = \sigma(x, \omega) - \underline{E}\sigma_x$. For the renormalized $\acute{\tau}$ we can prove similar results as we did for ρ in Section 1. First we shall show that τ is jointly S -continuous by establishing estimates analogous to Propositions 1.10 and 1.11. Then the standard part of τ turns out to be the renormalized intersection local time of the planar Brownian motion W . We can make use of the results in Section 1, if we split the domain $T_v \times T_v$ by Westwater’s manner (see [25]). To this end, we fix $v \geq \Delta t$ (otherwise $\acute{\tau} \equiv 0$) and put

$$(26) \quad \kappa := \kappa^v := \min \{ \eta \in *\mathbb{N}_0: 2^\eta \Delta t > v \},$$

i.e. $v < 2^\kappa \Delta t \leq 2v$ (forget Notation 1.1).

For every $\xi \in \{0, 1, \dots, \kappa\}$, we define the following domains:

2.1. NOTATION. (i) If $\eta \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^\xi - 1\}$, put

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\xi(\eta) &= \{(s, t) \in T^2: \text{there are } s_0, t_0 \in T \text{ such that } s_0, t_0 < 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t \\ &\quad \text{and } s = \eta 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t + s_0, t = \eta 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t + t_0\}, \\ \Lambda_\xi(\eta, 1) &= \{(s, t) \in T^2: \text{there are } s_0, t_0 \in T \text{ such that } s_0, t_0 < 2^{\kappa-\xi-1} \Delta t \\ &\quad \text{and } s = (\eta + 1/2) 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t + s_0, t = \eta 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t + t_0\}, \\ \Lambda_\xi(\eta, 2) &= \{(s, t) \in T^2: \text{there are } s_0, t_0 \in T \text{ such that } s_0, t_0 < 2^{\kappa-\xi-1} \Delta t \\ &\quad \text{and } s = \eta 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t + s_0, t = (\eta + 1/2) 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t + t_0\}, \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\xi &= \bigcup \{ \Delta_\xi(\eta): \eta = 0, 1, \dots, 2^\xi - 1 \}, \\ \Lambda_\xi &= \bigcup \{ \Lambda_\xi(\eta): \eta = 0, 1, \dots, 2^\xi - 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) If Δ is an arbitrary internal subset of T^2 , define the internal process $\tau_{\Theta}^v[\Delta]: \Gamma \times \Omega \rightarrow {}^*\mathbf{R}_+$ by $\tau_{\Theta}^v[\Delta] = \tau_{\bar{\Theta}}(v; -, -)$ with $\bar{\Theta} = \Theta \cdot \chi_{\Delta}$. In particular, put for all $\xi \in \{0, 1, \dots, \kappa\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\xi} &= \tau_{\Theta}^v[\Delta_{\xi}], \quad \rho_{\xi} = \tau_{\Theta}^v[\bar{\Delta}_{\xi}], \quad \text{and} \\ \tau_{\xi} &= \tau_{\Theta}^v[\Delta] \text{ with } \Delta = \bigcup \{A_{\zeta}: \zeta = 0, 1, \dots, \xi - 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\Delta_0 = \{(s, t) \in T^2: s, t < 2^{\kappa} \Delta t\}$, $\Delta_{\kappa} = \{(s, t) \in T^2: s = t < 2^{\kappa} \Delta t\}$, and $\Delta_{\kappa} = \emptyset$.

Moreover, for all $\xi \in \{0, 1, \dots, \kappa - 1\}$ and $\eta \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^{\xi} - 1\}$ we have $\Delta_{\xi}(\eta) = \Delta_{\xi}(\eta) \cup \Delta_{\xi+1}(2\eta) \cup \Delta_{\xi+1}(2\eta + 1)$, $\Delta_{\xi+1} = \Delta_{\xi} \setminus \Delta_{\xi}$, and

$$\tau = \sigma_{\xi} + \tau_{\xi} = \sigma_{\xi} + \sum_{\zeta=0}^{\xi-1} \rho_{\zeta}.$$

In order to estimate the moments of τ , it will be convenient to use Lemma 5 of Westwater [25]. The proof of this lemma immediately gives the following nonstandard version:

2.2. LEMMA. *Let $X_i, i \in {}^*\mathbf{N}$, be an internal sequence of $*$ independent random variables. Suppose there exist positive reals c_8, c_9 such that $\|X_i\|_k := (\underline{E}[X_i^k])^{1/k} \leq c_8 k^{c_9}$ for all even $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and all $i \in {}^*\mathbf{N}$. For $\eta \in {}^*\mathbf{N}$, put $N_{\eta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\eta}} \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} (X_i - \underline{E}X_i)$.*

Then $\|N_{\eta}\|_k \leq 2c_8 k^{c_9+1/2}$ for all even $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and all $\eta \in {}^\mathbf{N}$.*

From Propositions 1.10, 1.11 it follows that, with $\bar{v} = 2^{\kappa-\xi-1} \Delta t$ and $\bar{\Theta}(s, t) = \Theta(s + \eta 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t, t + \eta 2^{\kappa-\xi} \Delta t) \cdot \chi_{T^2}(s, t)$, we have

$$(27) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\tau_{\Theta}^v[\Delta_{\xi}(\eta, 2)](x, -)\|_k &= \|\rho_{\bar{\Theta}}(0, \bar{v} - \Delta t, \bar{v}, 2\bar{v} - \Delta t; x, -)\|_k \\ &\leq c_5 k^{d+2} c_6 (2^{\kappa-\xi-1} \Delta t)^{2-d/2} \leq c_5 c_6 k^4 v 2^{-\xi} \end{aligned}$$

for all $k \in \mathbf{N}$, $\xi \in \{0, 1, \dots, \kappa - 1\}$, $\eta \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^{\xi} - 1\}$, $x \in \Gamma_1$.

So we can apply Lemma 2.2 with

$$X_i = \tau_{\Theta}^v[\Delta_{\xi}(\eta)](x, -) \cdot 2^{\xi}/v$$

and obtain

$$(28) \quad \|\hat{\rho}_{\xi}(x, -)\|_k \leq 4c_5 c_6 k^{9/2} (v 2^{-\xi}) \sqrt{2^{\xi}},$$

and hence

$$\|\hat{\tau}_x\|_k \leq \sum_{\xi=0}^{\kappa-1} \|\hat{\rho}_{\xi}(x, -)\|_k \leq 4c_5 c_6 k^{9/2} v (1 - 2^{-1/2})^{-1}$$

for all $k \in 2\mathbf{N}$, $x \in \Gamma_1$. With a similar procedure for $\hat{\tau}_x - \hat{\tau}_y$, we obtain:

2.3. PROPOSITION. (i) Whenever $k \in 2\mathbb{N}, \alpha \in]0, 1[$ and $x, y \in \Gamma_1$ with $(x - y)/\Delta x \in {}^*H$, then

$$\|\dot{\tau}_x - \dot{\tau}_y\|_k \leq c_{10} |x - y|^\alpha v^{1-\alpha/2},$$

with $c_{10} = c_{10}(k, \alpha) = 4c_5c_6(\alpha)k^{9/2}(1 - 2^{-(1-\alpha)/2})^{-1}$.

(ii) For all $x \in \Gamma_1$ and $k \in 2\mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\|\dot{\tau}_x\|_k \leq c_{10}(k, 0)v.$$

Like in Section 1, we can now use the nonstandard version of Kolmogorov's continuity theorem in order to conclude that the internal process $\dot{\tau}_\theta: (T_w \times \Delta x {}^*H_t) \times \Omega \rightarrow {}^*\mathbb{R}$ is S -continuous and has a projection $\dot{l}_t: ([0, w] \times \mathbb{R}^2) \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, i.e. \dot{l}_t is a C_0 -process such that

$$(29) \quad {}^\circ\dot{\tau}_\theta(v; x, \omega) = \dot{l}_t({}^\circ v; {}^\circ x, \omega) \quad (v \in T_w, x \in \Delta x {}^*H_t)$$

holds for P -a.a. $\omega \in \Omega$ ($t = 1, \dots, r$).

2.4. THEOREM. For every positive real w , the process $Y: [0, w]^2 \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $Y(s, t, \omega) = W(t, \omega) - W(s, \omega)$, where W is given by (6), has a renormalized C_0 -local time $\frac{1}{r} l_t(w; -, -): \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with respect to the time measure $\tilde{\Theta}_t \lambda | [0, w]^2$.

Moreover, l_t can be chosen jointly continuous and is given by (29).

PROOF. Fix $\omega \in \Omega$ such that (6) and (29) hold. Pick $v \in T_w$ such that ${}^\circ v = w$ and put $D = [0, w]^2, B = T_v^2$. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an arbitrary continuous function with compact support. Then we have to check (12):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_D [f(W(t, \omega) - W(s, \omega)) - E f(W_t - W_s)] \tilde{\Theta}_t(s, t) d\lambda(s, t) \\ &= \sum_{(s, t) \in B} (\Delta t)^2 \Theta_t(s, t) [{}^*f(\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega)) - E {}^*f(\beta_t - \beta_s)], \end{aligned}$$

by the same steps as in the proof of Theorem 1.12, using in addition the S -integrability of the function $(s, t; \omega) \mapsto {}^*f(\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega))$ with respect to $(\Theta_t \lambda | B) \otimes \underline{P}$;

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{x \in \Delta x {}^*H_t} (\Delta x)^2 \dot{\tau}_{\theta_t}(v, x; \omega) {}^*f(x), \text{ by the definition of } \dot{\tau} \text{ (see (25));} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \int \dot{l}_t({}^\circ v; x, \omega) f(x) dx, \text{ by (29) as in the proof of Theorem 1.12.} \end{aligned}$$

2.5. COROLLARY. (i) If $\tilde{\Theta}_1 = \dots = \tilde{\Theta}_r =: \frac{1}{r} \theta$, then $\dot{\tau}_\theta$ is S -continuous with

standard part $\hat{l} = \hat{l}_1 = \dots = \hat{l}_r$, which is the renormalized local time of Y with respect to the time measure $\theta\lambda \upharpoonright D$.

(ii) Theorem 2.4 implicitly contains an invariance principle which can be stated in analogy to Corollary 1.13 (ii).

3. Nonstandard Construction of Varadhan’s Polymer Measure.

In this section, we shall not only consider the specific realization (7) of the δ -function, but an arbitrary internal $\Phi: \Gamma \rightarrow {}^*\mathbb{R}_+$ such that

$$(30) \quad \sum_{x \in \Gamma} \Phi(x)(\Delta x)^2 \leq 1.$$

Let $L(\Phi)$ be the Loeb measure on Γ , induced by the internal measure on Γ giving each $x \in \Gamma$ the weight $\Phi(x)(\Delta x)^2$. Then $m := L(\Phi) \circ \text{st}^{-1}$ is a measure on \mathbb{R}^2 with $m(\mathbb{R}^2) \leq 1$. Every such measure m can be represented in this way by a suitable internal Φ . In general, m is not absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure dx on \mathbb{R}^2 . Nevertheless, we heuristically write $\tilde{\Phi} := dm/dx$. So, if

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} (\Delta x)^{-2}, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (x \in \Gamma),$$

then $\tilde{\Phi}$ is the δ -function. The functional J in the definition of the polymer measure (see (1), (2)) will then be represented by the internal random variable

$$(31) \quad \Phi\tau: \Omega \rightarrow {}^*\mathbb{R}_+, \omega \mapsto \sum_{x \in \Gamma} \tau_\theta(v; x, \omega) \Phi(x)(\Delta x)^2,$$

where $v \in \text{ns}({}^*\mathbb{R}_+)$ and $\theta: T \times T \rightarrow {}^*[0, 1]$ are fixed.

Note that by (25) we have

$$\Phi\tau(\omega) = \sum [(\Delta t)^2 \theta(s, t) \Phi(\beta(t, \omega) - \beta(s, \omega)) \mid s, t \in T_v]$$

for all $\omega \in \Omega$. Fix $g \in \text{ns}({}^*\mathbb{R}_+)$ and define the internal polymer measure ν on (Ω, \underline{A}) by giving it the \underline{P} -density

$$(32) \quad \frac{d\nu}{d\underline{P}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\underline{Z}} \exp[-g\Phi\tau(\omega)] \quad (\omega \in \Omega),$$

where $\underline{Z} = \underline{E}(\exp[-g\Phi\tau])$ is the normalization constant. Note that

$$(33) \quad \frac{d\nu}{d\underline{P}}(\omega) = (1/\underline{Z}) \exp[-g\Phi\tau(\omega)] \quad (\omega \in \Omega),$$

where $\underline{Z} = \underline{E}(\exp[-g\Phi\tau])$ is another normalization constant and $\Phi\tau$ is defined in analogy to (31). Our goal is to show that the partially defined measurable map

$\bar{W} = \text{st} \circ \beta : (\Omega, \underline{A}) \rightarrow C([0, w], \mathbb{R}^2)$ (where $\beta(\omega) = \beta(\cdot, \omega)$ and st is coming from the sup-norm) turns the Loeb measure $L(v)$ into Varadhan's polymer measure ν , characterized by $w = \circ v, g = \circ g, \bar{\Phi}$, and $\bar{\Theta}$. The main difficulty is to show that \bar{Z} is finite. Then we can make use of the results in Section 2. We shall prove the finiteness of \bar{Z} by a nonstandard version of Nelson's trick (see [12], [23]). To this end, we work with the Westwater domains given by Notation 2.1 and define $\Phi\tau_\xi, \Phi\sigma_\xi, \Phi\rho_\xi$ in analogy to (31). Our application of Nelson's trick is based on the following estimates:

3.1. LEMMA. For all $\xi \in \{0, 1, \dots, \kappa\}$, we have

- (i) $\underline{\text{Var}}(\Phi\sigma_\xi) \leq c_{11} v^2 2^{-\xi}$ with $c_{11} = (1 - 2^{-1/2})^{-2} 2^{13} (c_5 c_6)^2$.
- (ii) $\underline{E}(\Phi\tau_\xi) \leq c_{12} v \xi$ with $c_{12} = 2c_5 c_6$.

PROOF. (i) $[\underline{\text{Var}}(\Phi\sigma_\xi)]^{1/2} \leq \sum_{\zeta=\xi}^{\kappa} \|\Phi\rho_\zeta\|_2$, by notation 2.1,

$$\leq \sum_{\zeta=\xi}^{\kappa} \sup_{x \in \Gamma} \|\rho_\zeta(x, -)\|_2, \text{ by (31), (30);}$$

$$\leq \sum_{\zeta=\xi}^{\kappa} (4c_5 c_6 2^{9/2} v 2^{-\zeta/2}), \text{ by (28)}$$

(notice that $\rho_\zeta(x, \omega) = 0$ for all $x \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_1$;

$$\leq (1 - 2^{-1/2}) 2^{13/2} c_5 c_6 v 2^{-\xi/2}.$$

(ii) $\underline{E}(\Phi\tau_\xi) = \sum_{\zeta=0}^{\xi-1} \sum_{\eta=0}^{2^\zeta-1} \sum_{j=1}^2 \underline{E}(\Phi\tau_\Theta^v[A^\zeta(n, j)])$, by Notation 2.1.

$$\leq \sum_{\zeta=0}^{\xi-1} \sum_{\eta=0}^{2^\zeta-1} 2 \sup_{x \in \Gamma} \|\tau_\Theta^v[A_\zeta(\eta, 2)](x, -)\|_1, \text{ by (31);}$$

$$\leq \sum_{\zeta=0}^{\xi-1} \sum_{\eta=0}^{2^\zeta-1} 2c_5 c_6 v 2^{-\zeta}, \text{ by (27);}$$

$$\leq 2c_5 c_6 v \xi.$$

3.2. PROPOSITION.

$$\bar{Z} := \underline{E}(\exp[-g\Phi\bar{\tau}]) \text{ is finite}$$

for all finite $g, v \in {}^*\mathbb{R}_+$.

PROOF. (i) Let us first consider the case that $v \leq 1$ and $v \cdot g \leq c_{13} := (\log 2)/(2c_{12})$. Furthermore, we may assume that $g > 0$ and $v \geq \Delta t$. Then for all $\xi \in \{1, 2, \dots, \kappa\}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (34) \quad & \underline{P}(\Phi t \leq -2c_{12}v\xi) \\
 & \leq \underline{P}(\Phi \sigma_\xi \leq -2c_{12}v\xi + \underline{E}(\Phi \tau_\xi)), \text{ by } \tau = \sigma_\xi + \tau_\xi \text{ and } \tau_\xi \geq 0; \\
 & \leq \underline{P}(\Phi \sigma_\xi \leq -c_{12}v\xi), \text{ by Lemma 3.1 (ii);} \\
 & \leq (c_{12}v)^{-2} \xi^{-2} \underline{\text{Var}}(\Phi \sigma_\xi), \text{ by Chebyshev's inequality;} \\
 & \leq c_{11}c_{12}^{-2} 2^{-\xi} \xi^{-2}, \text{ by Lemma 3.1 (i).}
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by integral transformation we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{E}[\exp(-g\Phi t)] &= \int_0^\infty \underline{P}(\exp(-g\Phi t) \geq t) * dt \\
 &\leq 1 + \int_0^\infty \underline{P}(\Phi t \leq -s) e^{gs} * ds, \text{ by the substitution } s = (\log t)/g; \\
 &\leq 1 + \int_0^{2vc_{12}} e^{gt} * dt + \sum_{\xi=1}^{\kappa-1} \underline{P}(\Phi t \leq -2vc_{12}\xi) 2vc_{12} \exp[2gvc_{12}(\xi + 1)], \\
 &\text{since } \Phi t \geq -\underline{E}(\Phi \tau_\kappa) \geq -vc_{12}\kappa \text{ by Lemma 3.1 (ii);} \\
 &\leq 1 + 2vc_{12} \exp[2vgc_{12}] + 2v(c_{11}/c_{12}) \exp[2vgc_{12}] \cdot \\
 &\quad \sum_{\xi=1}^{\kappa-1} 2^{-\xi} \xi^{-2} \exp[2vgc_{12}\xi], \text{ by (34);} \\
 &\leq 1 + 2c_{12} \exp[2c_{12}c_{13}] + 2(c_{11}/c_{12}) \exp[2c_{12}c_{13}] \cdot \\
 &\quad \sum_{\xi=1}^{\kappa-1} \xi^{-2} \exp[-\xi(\log 2 - 2c_{12}c_{13})], \text{ by } v \cdot g \leq c_{13} \text{ and } v \leq 1; \\
 &\leq 1 + 4c_{12} + 4(c_{11}/c_{12}) \sum_{\xi=1}^{\kappa-1} \xi^{-2}, \text{ by } c_{13} = (\log 2)/(2c_{12}); \\
 &\leq 1 + 4c_{12} + 8(c_{11}/c_{12}) =: c_{14}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) In the case not covered by (i), v is not infinitesimal, in particular $\kappa \in {}^*\mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{N}$ (cf. (26)). Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2^n > 2v(1 \vee 2g/c_{13})$. Hölder's inequality gives

$$\underline{E}[\exp(-g\Phi t)] \leq (\underline{E}[\exp(-2g\Phi t_n)])^{1/2} (\underline{E}[\exp(-2g\Phi \sigma_n)])^{1/2},$$

Moreover,

$$(\underline{E}[\exp(-2g\Phi t_n)])^{1/2} \leq \exp(g\underline{E}[\Phi \tau_n]) \leq \exp(c_{12}vgn),$$

by Lemma 3.1 (ii). Thus it remains to show the finiteness of

$$(35) \quad \underline{E}[\exp(-2g\Phi \sigma_n)] = \sum_{\eta=0}^{2^n-1} \underline{E}[\exp(-2g\Phi \tau_\eta^v[\Delta_n(\eta)])]$$

Fix $\eta \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$. Put $\bar{v} := 2^{k-n} \Delta t$. Note that

$$(36) \quad \bar{v} \leq 2^{-(n-1)} v \leq 1 \text{ and } 2\bar{v}g \leq 2^{-(n-2)} v g \leq c_{13}$$

by the choice of n . Define the internal $\bar{\Theta}: T^2 \rightarrow *[0, 1]$ by $\bar{\Theta}(s, t) = \Theta(s + \eta 2^{k-n} \Delta t, t + \eta 2^{k-n} \Delta t) \cdot \chi_{T_v^2}(s, t)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{E} [\exp(-2\underline{g} \Phi \bar{\tau}_\Theta^v[\Delta_n(\eta)])] &= \underline{E} [\exp(-2\underline{g} \Phi \bar{\tau}_\Theta(\bar{v}; -, -))] \\ &\leq c_{14}, \text{ by (i) because of (36).} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\eta \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ was arbitrary, (35) implies

$$\underline{E} [\exp(-2\underline{g} \Phi \sigma_n)] \leq (c_{14})^{2^n} < \infty.$$

Proposition 3.2 implies that the internal density dv/dP , given by (32) or (33), belongs to the class SL^p (defined as in Anderson [2]) for all real $p > 1$. Let us now determine its projection. For simplicity, let us assume $\bar{\Theta}_1 = \dots = \bar{\Theta}_r = \frac{1}{r} \theta$. The extension to the general case is obvious. Moreover, let $w = \circ v > 0, g = \circ g \in \mathbb{R}_+$.

If $\omega \in \Omega$ is such that (29) holds, then

$$\begin{aligned} \circ \Phi \bar{\tau}(\omega) &= \circ \sum_{x \in I} \bar{\tau}_\Theta(v; x, \omega) \Phi(x) (\Delta x)^d, \text{ by (31);} \\ &= \int_{ns(I)} \circ \bar{\tau}_\Theta(v; x, \omega) L(\Phi)(dx), \end{aligned}$$

since $\bar{\tau}_\Theta(v; -, \omega)$ is S -integrable with respect to $L(\Phi)$;

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{ns(I)} \hat{l}(\circ v; \circ x, \omega) L(\Phi)(dx), \text{ by (29);} \\ &= \int \hat{l}(w; x, \omega) m(dx) =: m\hat{l}, \text{ by } L(\Phi) \circ st^{-1} = m; \\ &= \int_0^w ds \int_0^w dt \theta(s, t) \frac{dm}{dx} [W(t, \omega) - W(s, \omega)] - E(\dots), \text{ by (13).} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(37) \quad \circ \exp[-\underline{g} \Phi \bar{\tau}] = \exp[-\underline{g} m\hat{l}] \text{ } P\text{-a.s.}$$

Then with proposition 3.2 we infer that

$$\infty > \circ \underline{Z} = \circ \underline{E} [\exp(-\underline{g} \Phi \bar{\tau})] = E[\exp(-\underline{g} m\hat{l})] =: \dot{Z}.$$

Thus we may define a ‘polymer’ measure ν on $C([0, w], \mathbb{R}^2)$ by the Wiener-density

$$(39) \quad \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \circ \bar{W} = (1/\dot{Z}) \exp[-g m\dot{l}] \quad P\text{-a.s.}$$

Notice that ν is well defined by (39), because $\mu = P \circ \bar{W}^{-1}$ and l is measurable with respect to the P -completed σ -algebra generated by \bar{W} . From (37) and (38) we can conclude that $d\nu/dP = \exp(-g \Phi\dot{\tau})/\dot{Z}$ is a S -integrable lifting of $\exp[-g m\dot{l}]/\dot{Z}$ and hence

$$\frac{dL(\nu)}{dL(P)} = (1/\dot{Z}) \exp[-g m\dot{l}] = \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} \circ \bar{W} \quad P\text{-a.s.}$$

Since $\mu = L(P) \circ \bar{W}^{-1}$, we have obtained:

3.3. MAIN THEOREM. $\nu = L(\nu) \circ \bar{W}^{-1}$.

Routine applications of the permanence principle show that Theorem 3.3 implies the following results, which are formulated purely in standard notation:

3.4. COROLLARY. (i) *The operator $(g, \theta, m) \mapsto \nu$ is continuous in the sense that we*

have $\nu_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{weakly}} \nu$, if ν_n is constructed with g_n, θ_n, m_n such that $g_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} g$,

$\theta_n \lambda \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{vaguely}} \theta \lambda, m_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{vaguely}} m$ (note that m_n must be a positive measure on \mathbb{R}^2

with $m_n(\mathbb{R}^2) \leq 1$). In particular, we may choose $m_n(B) = \int \chi_B(x) f_n(x) dx$, where $f_n: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is continuous and bounded. Then we have

$$(40) \quad \frac{d\nu_n}{d\mu}(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z_n} \exp \left[-g_n \int_0^w ds \int_0^w dt \theta_n(s, t) f_n(\omega(t) - \omega(s)) \right]$$

for μ -a.a. $\omega \in C([0, w], \mathbb{R}^2)$.

Since the right hand side of (40) is well-defined, this gives an alternative possibility, to define the polymer measure ν for arbitrary m , i.e. to give a precise meaning to the heuristic expression

$$\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[-g \int_0^w ds \int_0^w dt \theta(s, t) \frac{dm}{dx}(\omega(t) - \omega(s)) \right].$$

In particular, we have recovered Varadhan’s results (see [23]).

(ii) Moreover, we obtain an *invariance principle* for the polymer measure ν , i.e. ν can be approximated by elements of a certain class of self-repellent random walks. Assume the same setting as in Corollary 1.13 (ii) and let $d = 2$. Furthermore, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\Gamma_n = \{(k_1 \Delta x_n, k_2 \Delta x_n) : k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $G_n \in \mathbb{R}_+$, and m_n an arbitrary positive measure on Γ_n with $m_n(\Gamma_n) \leq 1$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ define the

probability measure ν_n on $(\Omega_n, \mathcal{A}_n)$ by giving it the P_n -density

$$(d\nu_n/dP_n)(\omega) = (1/Z_n) \prod [\exp(G_n \theta_n(s, t) m_n \{\beta_n(t, \omega) - \beta_n(s, \omega)\}) | s, t \in T_w]$$

for P_n -a.a. $\omega \in \Omega_n$. Suppose that

$$(0) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta t_n = 0;$$

$$(1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (G_n/\Delta t_n) = g;$$

$$(2) \theta_n, \lambda_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{vaguely}} \frac{1}{r} \theta \lambda \quad (l = 1, \dots, r);$$

$$(3) m_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{vaguely}} m.$$

Then we have $(\beta_n, \nu_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{w} v$, i.e.

$$\nu_n \circ (I_n \circ \bar{\beta}_n)^{-1} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{weakly}} \nu$$

for every reasonable sequence $(I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of interpolations

$$I_n: F_0(T_{n,w}, \mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow C([0, w], \mathbb{R}^2).$$

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