

# Random Walk & Identities

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# Euler polynomials

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{z^n}{n!} = \frac{2}{e^z + 1} e^{xz} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(p)}(x) \frac{z^n}{n!} = \left( \frac{2}{e^z + 1} \right)^p e^{xz}.$$

$$E_n^{(p)}(x) = \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_p = n} \binom{n}{k_1, \dots, k_p} E_{k_1}(x) E_{k_2}(0) \cdots E_{k_p}(0).$$

Inverse Formula  $\exists? P \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_k]$

$$E_n(x) = P \left( E_{n_1}^{(p_1)}(x), \dots, E_{n_k}^{(p_k)}(x) \right)?$$

**Theorem (LJ, V. H. Moll, and C. Vignat).**  $\forall N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{\ell=N}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(N)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right),$$

where

$$\frac{1}{T_N \left( \frac{1}{z} \right)} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(N)} z^{\ell}, \quad T_N(\cos \theta) = \cos(N\theta).$$



$N = 2$ :

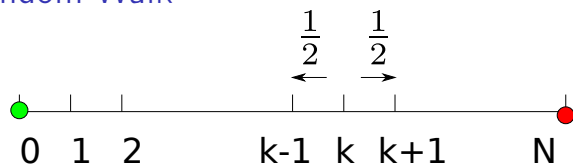
$$\cos(2\theta) = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 \Rightarrow T_2(z) = 2z^2 - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{T_2(1/z)} = \frac{z^2}{2 - z^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2k}}{2^k}.$$

Recall

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{\ell=N}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(N)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right),$$

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(2)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell}{2} - 1 + 2x \right), \quad \text{where } p_{\ell}^{(2)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^k}, & \text{if } \ell = 2k; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

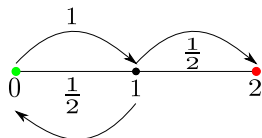
# Random Walk



- ▶ 0 is the **source** and  $N$  is the **sink**;
- ▶ at each  $k = 1, \dots, N-1$ , it is a “fair coin” walk;
- ▶ let  $\nu_N$  be the random number of steps for this process.

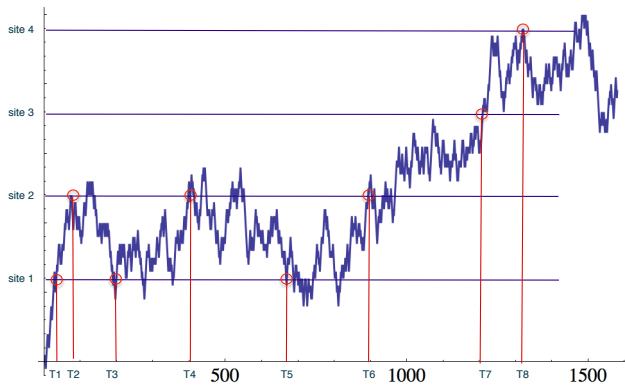
$$p_\ell^{(N)} = \mathbb{P}(\nu_N = \ell)$$

$N = 2$ :



$$p_\ell^{(2)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^k}, & \text{if } \ell = 2k; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Reflected Brownian Motion



## Can This Model Work?

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{\ell=N}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(N)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right)$$

- ▶ Is there a stochastic model to interpret this formula?
- ▶ Can this method be used to prove/generate identities?

### Probabilistic Interpretation:

1.  $E_n^{(p)}(x)$ : Let  $L \sim \text{sech}(\pi t)$ , then the Euler polynomial is given by

$$E_n(x) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( x + iL - \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( x + it - \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \text{sech}(\pi t) dt.$$

If  $L_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , are independent and identically distributed with  $L_j \sim L$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_n^{(p)}(x) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( x + \left( iL_1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \dots + \left( iL_p - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)^n \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( x + i \sum_{j=1}^p L_j - \frac{p}{2} \right)^n \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## Random Sum

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{\ell=N}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(N)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right)$$

Probabilistic Interpretation:

2. Proof of the identity. Let  $L_j$ 's be i. i. d. random variables with  $L_j \sim L$ .

**Theorem.** [Klebanov et al.]. Let  $\nu_N$  be an integer valued random variable independent of the  $L_j$ 's, defined by the moment generating function:

$$\mathbb{E} [z^{\nu_N}] = \frac{1}{T_N \left( \frac{1}{z} \right)}.$$

Then, the random variable

$$Z_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu_N} L_j$$

has the same hyperbolic secant distribution (as  $L_j$ 's).

[Klebanov2012] L. B. Klebanov, A. V. Kakosyan, S. T. Rachev, and G. Temnov. On a class of distributions stable under random summation. *J. Appl. Prob.*, 49:303–318, 2012.

## Proof of the identity

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{\ell=N}^{\infty} p_{\ell}^{(N)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} L \sim Z_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu_N} L_j &\Rightarrow x + iL - \frac{1}{2} \sim x + \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu_N} iL_j \right) - \frac{1}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow x + iL - \frac{1}{2} \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu_N} \left( iL_j - \frac{\nu_N}{2} + Nx - \frac{N}{2} + \frac{\nu_N}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Taking moments:

- ▶ LHS:  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( x + iL - \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right] = E_n(x)$ ;
- ▶ RHS: Each  $\nu_N = \ell$ , with probability  $p_{\ell}^{(N)}$  and

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( i \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} L_j - \frac{\ell}{2} + Nx - \frac{N}{2} + \frac{\ell}{2} \right)^n \right] = E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right). \quad \square$$



# Hitting Time

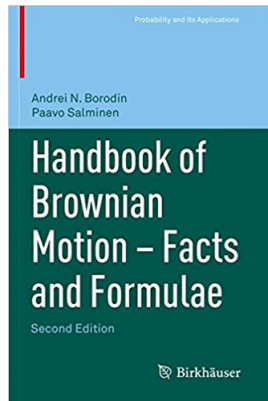
- ▶ Reflected (Reflecting) Brownian Motion in  $\mathbb{R}_+$ :  $W_t$  = distance to 0 at time  $t$ .
- ▶ Hitting times:  $H_z := \min_t \{W_t = z\}$ .
- ▶

$$\mathbb{E}_x [e^{-\alpha H_z}] = \begin{cases} \frac{\cosh(xw)}{\cosh(zw)}, & 0 \leq x \leq z; \\ e^{-(x-z)w}, & z \leq x. \end{cases}$$

1.  $w = \sqrt{2\alpha}$ ;
2.  $\mathbb{E}_x$  means it starts with point  $x$  (instead of 0);
- 3.

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{s(iL - \frac{1}{2})} \right] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{e^{s(it - \frac{1}{2})}}{\cosh(\pi t)} dt = \frac{e^{-\frac{s}{2} + sx}}{\cosh\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)} e^{sx}.$$

$$\frac{2}{1 + e^s} e^{sx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{s^n}{n!}$$



# Christophe's Idea



Consider a **linear Brownian motion**  $W_t$  starting from 0, with the **hitting time**  $T$  by  $W_t$  of level  $z = 1$ . Define another **independent Brownian motion**  $\omega_t \sim \text{sech}(x)$ . Let

$$T_1 < T_2 < \dots < T_l = T, \quad T_j = \min_s \left\{ W_t = \frac{j}{N} \right\}.$$

This defines a random walk with

$$p_\ell^{(N)} = \mathbb{P} \{ W_t \text{ reach the sink in } \ell \text{ steps} \}.$$

Now write

$$T = (T - T_{\ell-1}) + (T_{\ell-1} - T_{\ell-2}) + \dots + (T_1 - 0)$$

and

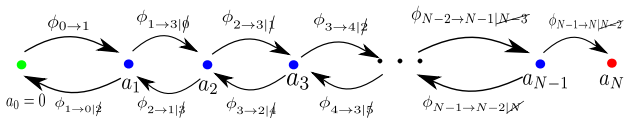
$$\omega_T \sim \omega_{T-T_{\ell-1}} + \omega_{T_{\ell-1}-T_{\ell-2}} + \dots + \omega_{T_1-0},$$

each term  $\sim \text{sech}(x)$ . This corresponds Klebanov's **random sum decomposition**

$$Z_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu_N} L_j \sim L.$$

# My Goal

$$E_n(x) = \frac{1}{N^n} \sum_{\ell=N}^{\infty} P_{\ell}^{(N)} E_n^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\ell - N}{2} + Nx \right) \iff \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu_N} L_j \sim L \sim \text{sech}(x)$$



- ▶ A reflected Brownian motion model with  $N$  equally distributed sites;  $a_j = j$  or  $j/N$ ;
- ▶ (modified) hitting times with “step” from one site to a nearby site  $\sim \text{sech}(x)$ ;

$$\mathbb{E}_x [e^{-\alpha H_z}] = \begin{cases} \frac{\cosh(xw)}{\cosh(zw)}, & 0 \leq x \leq z; \\ e^{-(x-z)w}, & z \leq x. \end{cases}$$

If anyone has an idea, please let me know.

# 1-dim, 1-loop

With  $p \leq q \leq r$ ,  $w = \sqrt{2\alpha}$

$$\phi_{p \rightarrow q} := \mathbb{E}_p \left[ e^{-\alpha H_q} \right] = \frac{\cosh(pw)}{\cosh(qw)},$$

$$\phi_{q \rightarrow p|f} := \mathbb{E}_q \left[ e^{-\alpha H_p} \mid W_t < r \right] = \frac{\sinh((r-q)w)}{\sinh((r-p)w)},$$

$$\phi_{q \rightarrow r|f} := \mathbb{E}_q \left[ e^{-\alpha H_r} \mid W_t > p \right] = \frac{\sinh((q-p)w)}{\sinh((r-p)w)},$$

- ▶ The hitting time  $t_{0 \rightarrow b}$  can be decomposed as

$$t_{0 \rightarrow b} = \underbrace{\left( t_{0 \rightarrow a} + t_{a \rightarrow 0|f} \right) + \cdots + \left( t_{0 \rightarrow a} + t_{a \rightarrow 0|f} \right)}_{\ell \text{ copies}} + t_{0 \rightarrow a} + t_{a \rightarrow b|f}$$

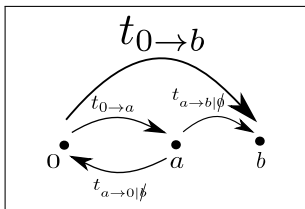
- ▶ Generating functions:

$$\phi_{0 \rightarrow b} = \phi_{0 \rightarrow a} \phi_{a \rightarrow b|f} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \phi_{0 \rightarrow a} \phi_{a \rightarrow 0|f} \right)^\ell$$

$$\phi_{0 \rightarrow b} = \operatorname{sech}(bw),$$

$$\text{RHS} = \operatorname{sech}(aw) \cdot \frac{\sinh(aw)}{\sinh(bw)} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left[ \operatorname{sech}(aw) \cdot \frac{\sinh((b-a)w)}{\sinh(bw)} \right]^\ell$$

$$= \operatorname{sech}(aw) \cdot \frac{\sinh(aw)}{\sinh(bw)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \operatorname{sech}(aw) \cdot \frac{\sinh((b-a)w)}{\sinh(bw)}}$$



# 1-dim, 1-loop

**Proposition.** [LJ. and C. Vignat]

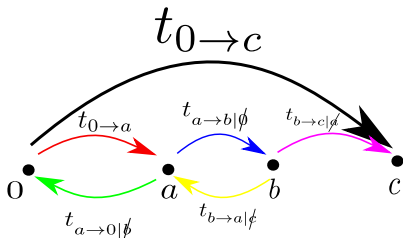
$$E_n \left( \frac{x}{2b} + \frac{3}{2} - 2\frac{a}{b} \right) - E_n \left( \frac{x}{b} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{(n+1) \left(1 - 2\frac{a}{b}\right) 2^n a^n}{b^n} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{a}{b} \left(1 - \frac{a}{b}\right)^\ell B_n^{(\ell+1)} \left( \frac{x+b}{4a} + \frac{\ell}{2} \right).$$

- $\frac{a}{b} \left(1 - \frac{a}{b}\right)^\ell$  are the probability weights of a geometric distribution with parameter  $a/b$ .

The case  $b = 2a$ , i.e., equally distributed sites, gives

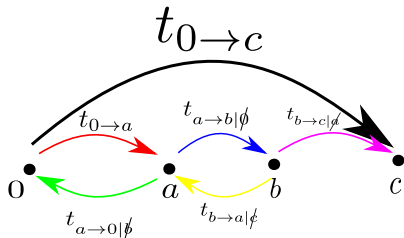
$$0 = 0.$$

How about 2-loops?



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# 1-dim, 2-loops

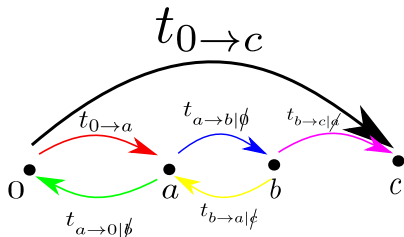


$$\begin{aligned} t &= t + t + t + t + t + t + \dots + t \\ &= t + t + t + \underbrace{(t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{k \text{ loops}} + \underbrace{(t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{\ell \text{ loops}} \end{aligned}$$

We can generalize it to  $n$ -loop model.

Unfortunately, this is WRONG.....

# 1-dim, 2-loops



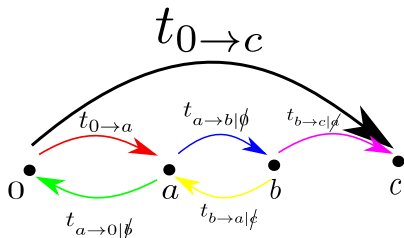
$$\phi = \phi \cdot \phi \cdot \phi \cdot \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\phi\phi)^k \right] \left[ \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\phi\phi)^\ell \right] = \frac{\phi \cdot \phi \cdot \phi}{(1 - \phi\phi)(1 - \phi\phi)}$$

Let  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $c = 3$ .

$$\text{LHS} = \phi = \phi_{0 \rightarrow 3} = \text{sech}(3w) = \frac{1}{\cosh(3w)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \frac{\frac{1}{\cosh(w)} \cdot \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \cdot \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\cosh(w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)}\right)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4 \cosh^3 w}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2 \cosh^2 w}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4 \cosh^2 w}\right)} \\ &= \frac{2 \cosh w}{(2 \cosh^2 w - 1)(4 \cosh^2 w - 1)} \neq \frac{1}{\cosh(3w)} = \frac{1}{4 \cosh^3 w - 3 \cosh w} \end{aligned}$$

# Problem



$$\phi = \phi \cdot \phi \cdot \phi \cdot [\text{Loops}]$$

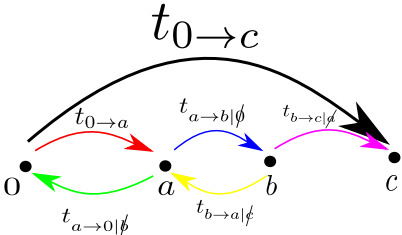
$$\frac{1}{\cosh(3w)} = \frac{1}{\cosh(w)} \cdot \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \cdot \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \cdot [\text{Loops}] = \frac{1}{4 \cosh^2 w} \cdot [\text{Loops}]$$

$$[\text{Loops}] = \frac{4 \cosh^2 w}{4 \cosh^3 w - 3 \cosh w} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{4 \cosh^2 w}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3}{4 \cosh^2 w} \right)^\ell$$

$$\phi\phi + \phi\phi = \frac{1}{\cosh(w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} + \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} = \frac{3}{4 \cosh^2 w}$$



# Explanation



$$t = \underbrace{t + t + t + \dots + (t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{k \text{ loops}} + \underbrace{(t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{\ell \text{ loops}}$$

For instance,

$$t = \underbrace{(t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{k_1 \text{ loops}} + \underbrace{t + (t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{\ell \text{ loops}} + \underbrace{(t + t) + \dots + (t + t)}_{k_2 \text{ loops}} + t + t$$

Let both  $k_1$  and  $k_2 \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\phi\phi + \phi\phi = \frac{1}{\cosh(w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} + \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} = \frac{3}{4 \cosh^2 w}$$

# Two-loops



$$I := \phi_{a \rightarrow b} | \phi_{b \rightarrow a} | \phi, \quad II := \phi_{b \rightarrow c} | \phi_{c \rightarrow b} | \phi$$

- ▶  $k$  loops of  $I$  followed by  $l$  loops of  $II$ , with  $k, l = 0, 1, \dots$ , which gives

$$\sum_{k,l} I^k II^l = \frac{1}{1-I} \cdot \frac{1}{1-II};$$

- ▶  $k_1$  loops of  $I$  followed by  $l_1$  loops of  $II$ , then followed by  $k_2$  loops of  $I$  and finally followed by  $l_2$  loops of  $II$ , with  $k_1, l_2$  nonnegative and  $k_2, l_1$  positive, which gives

$$\sum_{k_1, l_2=0, k_2, l_1=1}^{\infty} I^{k_1} II^{l_1} I^{k_2} II^{l_2} = \frac{I \cdot II}{(1-I)^2 (1-II)^2};$$

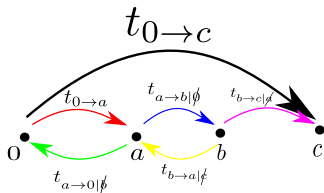
- ▶ the general term will be  $k_1$  loops of  $I \rightarrow l_1$  loops of  $II \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow k_n$  loops of  $I \rightarrow l_n$  loops of  $II$ , with  $k_1, l_n$  nonnegative and the rest indices positive, which gives

$$\frac{(I \cdot II)^{n-1}}{(1-I)^n (1-II)^n}.$$

Therefore, loops  $I$  and  $II$  contribute as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(I \cdot II)^{n-1}}{(1-I)^n (1-II)^n} = \frac{1}{1-(I+II)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (I+II)^k.$$

# Two Loops



$$\phi = \frac{\phi \cdot \phi \cdot \phi}{1 - \phi \phi - \phi \phi}$$

**Proposition.** [LJ. and C. Vignat] For any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$E_n \left( \frac{x}{6} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^{k-n}}{4^{k+1}} E_n^{(2k+3)} \left( \frac{x}{2} + k \right).$$

In general

$$(x + 2c\mathcal{E} + c)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k q_{k,\ell} \left[ x + 2(b-a)\mathcal{B} + 2(c-b)\mathcal{B}' + a\mathcal{E}^{(\ell)} + 2(b-a)\mathcal{U}^{(\ell)} + 2a\mathcal{U}'^{(k-\ell)} + 2(b-a)\mathcal{B}'^{(k-\ell)} + q'_{k,\ell} \right]^n,$$

$$q_{k,\ell} := \binom{k}{\ell} \frac{(b-a)^{\ell+1} a^{k-\ell+1} (c-b)^{k-\ell}}{b^{k+1} (c-a)^{k-\ell+1}} \quad q'_{k,\ell} = c + (2k-2\ell)b + (3\ell-k+1)a,$$

where

$$(\mathcal{E}^{(p)} + x)^n = E_n^{(p)}(x), \quad (\mathcal{B}^{(p)} + x)^n = B_n^{(p)}(x), \quad \mathcal{U}^n = \frac{1}{n+1}, \quad \mathcal{U}^{(p)} = \mathcal{U}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{U}_p.$$

## $n$ loops?

Consider consecutive loops  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n$ , it seems like the contribution is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^n l_{\ell} \right)^k = \frac{1}{1 - (l_1 + \dots + l_n)}. \quad (*)$$

- ▶ It feels right.
- ▶ I can “prove” it by induction.
- ▶ In general sites  $0, 1, \dots, N$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\cosh(Nw)} &\stackrel{??}{=} \frac{\frac{1}{\cosh w} \cdot \left( \frac{\sinh w}{\sinh(2w)} \right)^N}{1 - \left( \frac{1}{\cosh(w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} + (N-1) \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \frac{\sinh(w)}{\sinh(2w)} \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{N+3}{4} \cosh^N w}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows (\*) is not correct.

$$\frac{1}{\cosh(Nw)} = \frac{1}{\cos(Niw)} = \frac{1}{T_N(\cos(iw))} = \frac{1}{T_N(\cosh w)}.$$

# Generalization

- ▶ Bessel process in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$R_t^{(n)} := \sqrt{\left(W_t^{(1)}\right)^2 + \cdots + \left(W_t^{(n)}\right)^2}$$

- ▶ Moment generating functions for hitting times:

$$H_z := \min_s \left\{ R_s^{(n)} = z \right\}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left( e^{-\alpha H_z}; \sup_{0 \leq s \leq H_z} R_s^{(n)} < y \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{-\nu} I_\nu(xw)}{z^{-\nu} I_\nu(zw)}, & 0 \leq x \leq z \leq y; \\ \frac{S_\nu(yw, xw)}{S_\nu(yw, zw)}, & z \leq x \leq y, \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $n = 2 + 2\nu$  for  $\nu \geq 0$

$$S_\nu(x, y) := (xy)^{-\nu} [I_\nu(x)K_\nu(y) - K_\nu(x)I_\nu(y)],$$

and

$$I_\nu(x) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell! \Gamma(\ell + \nu + 1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2\ell + \nu}, \quad K_\nu(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{I_{-\nu}(x) - I_\nu(x)}{\sin(\nu\pi)}.$$

$$n = 3 \Leftrightarrow \nu = 1/2$$

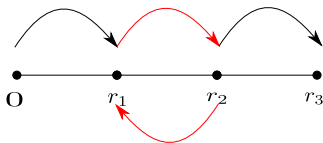
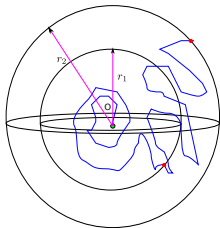


$$I_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2m+\frac{1}{2}}}{m! \Gamma\left(m + \frac{3}{2}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{x\pi}} \sinh(x)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{t}{e^t - 1} e^{tx} = \frac{te^{tx} e^{-\frac{t}{2}}}{e^{\frac{t}{2}} - e^{-\frac{t}{2}}} = \frac{te^{t(x-\frac{1}{2})}}{2} \sinh\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$$

$$K_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} e^{-x}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left( e^{-\alpha H_z}; \sup_{0 \leq s \leq H_z} R_s^{(3)} < y \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{z \sinh(xw)}{x \sinh(zw)}, & 0 \leq x \leq z \leq y \\ \frac{z \sinh((y-x)w)}{x \sinh((y-z)w)}, & z \leq x \leq y \end{cases}$$



$$n = 3 \Leftrightarrow \nu = 1/2$$

Let  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $r_2 = 2$ , and  $r_3 = 3$

**Proposition.** [L.J. and C. Vignat]

$$\frac{3^{n+1}}{n+1} \left[ B_{n+1} \left( \frac{x}{6} + \frac{5}{6} \right) - B_{n+1} \left( \frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^k E_n^{(2k+2)} \left( \frac{x+3+2k}{2} \right). \quad (\boxtimes)$$

**Corollary 1.** Take  $x = 0$ ,  $n = 2m - 1$  in  $(\boxtimes)$ . The LHS is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3^{2m}}{2m} \left[ B_{2m} \left( \frac{5}{6} \right) - B_{2m} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] &= \frac{3^{2m}}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 - 2^{1-2m}) (1 - 3^{1-2m}) B_{2m} + (1 - 2^{1-2m}) B_{2m} \right] \\ &= \frac{3^{2m}}{2m} (1 - 2^{1-2m}) B_{2m} \left( \frac{1 - 3^{1-2m}}{2} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{4m} (1 - 2^{1-2m}) (3^{2m} - 1) B_{2m}; \end{aligned}$$

while the RHS is

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^k E_{2m-1}^{(2k+2)} \left( k + \frac{3}{2} \right).$$

Thus,

$$B_{2m} = \frac{m}{(1 - 2^{1-2m})(3^{2m} - 1)} \sum_{k \geq 0} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^k E_{2m-1}^{(2k+2)} \left( k + \frac{3}{2} \right).$$

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**Corollary 2.** Take  $n = 1$  in  $(\boxtimes)$ .

$$B_2(x) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \frac{x+1}{2},$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n^{(p)}(x) \frac{z^n}{n!} = \left( \frac{2}{e^z + 1} \right)^p e^{xz} \Rightarrow E_1^{(2k+2)}(x) = x - (k+1).$$

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^k \left( \frac{x+3+2k}{2} - k - 1 \right) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^k \left( \frac{x+1}{2} \right) = \frac{x+1}{2}.$$



**Proposition.** [LJ. and C. Vignat] For any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$3^n B_n \left( \frac{x+4}{6} \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} E_n^{(2k+2)} \left( \frac{x+2k+3}{2} \right).$$

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Several remarks are in order at this point:

- ▶ the identities obtained from this approach are not of the usual, convolutional type. Rather, they are connection-type identities between the usual Bernoulli and Euler polynomials and their higher-order counterparts;
- ▶ these inherently involve a mixture of higher-order Bernoulli and Euler polynomials;
- ▶ the interest of this approach is that each term in such a decomposition can be related to a physical object, namely one loop in a trajectory of a random process;
- ▶ this work should be considered as only a first approach to a more general project in which the richness of the possible setups for random walks is expected to generate a number of non-trivial identities about more general special functions.

End

# Thank you!

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