# Integration by parts on Bessel Bridges and related stochastic partial differential equations

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#### **Abstract**

We prove integration by parts formulae with respect to the law of Bessel Bridges of dimension  $\delta \geqslant 3$ . For  $\delta = 3$  we have an infinite-dimensional boundary measure, and for  $\delta > 3$  a singular logarithmic derivative. We give applications to SPDEs with additive spacetime white noise and singular drifts, whose solutions are non-negative. *To cite this article: L. Zambotti, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 334 (2002) 209–212.* © 2002 Académie des sciences/Éditions scientifiques et médicales Elsevier SAS

## Integration par parties sur Ponts de Bessel et EDPS correspondantes

#### Résumé

Nous prouvons des formules d'intégration par parties par rapport à la loi des Ponts de Bessel de dimension  $\delta \geqslant 3$ . Remarquons que dans le cas  $\delta = 3$  nous obtenons une mesure de bord infini-dimensionelle, et pour  $\delta > 3$  une dérivée logarithmique singulière. Nous donnerons aussi des applications à des EDPS avec bruit blanc en espace-temps et termes de dérive singuliers, dont les solutions sont non-négatives. *Pour citer cet article : L. Zambotti, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 334 (2002) 209–212.* © 2002 Académie des sciences/Éditions scientifiques et médicales Elsevier SAS

#### 1. Introduction

Consider the Stochastic Partial Differential Equation (SPDE):

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + f(u) + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial t \partial \theta}, \\ u(0, \theta) = u_0(\theta), \quad u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0, \quad t \geqslant 0, \ \theta \in [0, 1], \end{cases}$$
(1)

where  $\{W(t,\theta)\}$  is a Brownian Sheet. If  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitz-continuous, then it is well known that  $P(u(t,\theta) \ge 0, \forall \theta \in [0,1]) = 0$  for all t > 0.

In this Note we consider equations of the form (1), where the drift term f(u) is well-defined only in the class of  $\sigma$ -finite measures on space-time, and whose solutions are a.s. non-negative and continuous.

For the equations we consider, we identify the unique invariant measure of the solution with the law  $\pi_{\delta}$  of a Bessel Bridge over [0, 1] of dimension  $\delta \geqslant 3$ . Moreover, we write an infinite-dimensional integration by parts formula on  $\pi_{\delta}$  and deduce properties of the solutions. Since the law of a Bessel Bridge is naturally

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supported by the convex set K of non-negative continuous functions on [0, 1], the behaviour at the boundary of K has to be taken into account. In particular, for the solution of the SPDE with reflection introduced by Nualart and Pardoux in [7], we can prove support and decomposition theorems for the reflecting term.

### 2. Integration by parts formulae

Let  $(x_{\delta}(t))_{t\geqslant [0,1]}$  be the Bessel Bridge of dimension  $\delta\geqslant 3$  from 0 to 0 over [0,1]. For  $\delta=3$ , denote also by  $(x_{3,r}(t))_{t\geqslant [0,1]}$  the Bessel Bridge of dimension 3 from 0 to 0 over  $[0,r], r\in ]0,1]$ : see [8]. The law  $\pi_{\delta}$  of  $x_{\delta}, \delta\geqslant 3$ , is concentrated on the convex set K of all continuous  $x:[0,1]\mapsto \mathbb{R}_+:=[0,\infty)$  such that x(0)=x(1)=0.

Denote by  $C_b^1(L^2(0,1))$  the set of all  $\varphi: L^2(0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$  bounded and with bounded continuous Fréchet gradient  $\nabla \varphi: L^2(0,1) \to L^2(0,1)$ . For all  $\varphi \in C_b^1(L^2(0,1))$  and  $h \in L^2(0,1)$ , let  $\partial_h \varphi$  denote the directional derivative of  $\varphi$  along h. For all  $h \in H^2(0,1)$  let  $h'' \in L^2(0,1)$  denote the second derivative of h. Finally, let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the canonical scalar product in  $L^2(0,1)$ .

THEOREM 2.1. – Let  $\varphi \in C_h^1(L^2(0,1))$  and  $h \in H^2 \cap H_0^1(0,1)$ . Then:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\partial_h \varphi(x_3)\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\varphi(x_3)\langle h'', x_3\rangle\right] - \int_0^1 \frac{h(r)}{\sqrt{2\pi r^3 (1-r)^3}} \mathbb{E}\left[\varphi(x_{3,r} \oplus \hat{x}_{3,1-r})\right] dr \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\partial_{h}\varphi(x_{\delta})\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\varphi(x_{\delta})\left(\left\langle h'', x_{\delta}\right\rangle + \frac{(\delta - 1)(\delta - 3)}{4}\left\langle h, \frac{1}{(x_{\delta})^{3}}\right\rangle\right)\right], \quad \delta > 3,\tag{3}$$

where  $x_{3,r}$  and  $\hat{x}_{3,r}$  are i.i.d. and  $x_{3,r} \oplus \hat{x}_{3,1-r}(\tau) := x_{3,r}(\tau) \mathbf{1}_{[0,r]}(\tau) + \hat{x}_{3,1-r}(\tau-r) \mathbf{1}_{[r,1]}(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \in [0,1]$ .

*Remark* 1. – Compare (2) and (3) with the Divergence theorem in a regular domain  $O \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$\int_{O} (\partial_{h} \varphi) \rho \, \mathrm{d}x = -\int_{O} \varphi(\partial_{h} \log \rho) \rho \, \mathrm{d}x - \int_{\partial O} \varphi(n, h) \rho \, \mathrm{d}\mathcal{H}^{d-1} \tag{4}$$

where  $h \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\varphi, \rho \in C^1(\overline{O})$ ,  $0 < \inf_O \rho \leq \sup_O \rho < \infty$ , n is the inward-pointing normal vector to the boundary  $\partial O$  and  $\mathcal{H}^{d-1}$  is the (d-1)-dimensional Hausdorff measure. Then we have the following interpretations:

- The law  $\pi_3$  of  $x_3$  admits the field  $x \mapsto x''$  as logarithmic derivative.
- Since  $P(x_{3,r}(\theta) > 0, \forall \theta \in ]0, r[) = 1, r \in ]0, 1]$ , the second term in the right-hand side of (2) is a boundary term: indeed, it is supported by the set  $\partial^* K$  of all  $x \in K$  vanishing at only one  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Notice that, by the Dirichlet boundary condition, the boundary  $\partial K$  is K itself in the sup-norm topology.
- The definition of  $\partial^* K$  is reminiscent of the following finite-dimensional situation: the topological boundary of  $\mathbb{R}^d_+ := \{(x_1,\ldots,x_d): x_i \geq 0,\ i=1,\ldots,d\},\ \delta \geq 2,\ \text{is}\ \partial\mathbb{R}^d_+ = \{x\in\mathbb{R}^d_+: \min_{i=1,\ldots,d}x_i=0\};\ \text{however, if we set}\ \partial^*\mathbb{R}^d_+ := \bigcup_{i=1}^d \{x_i=0,\ x_j>0,\ \forall j\neq i\},\ \text{then}\ \partial^*\mathbb{R}^d_+\ \text{is the relevant boundary for (4): indeed,}\ \partial\mathbb{R}^d_+ \backslash \partial^*\mathbb{R}^d_+\ \text{has Hausdorff-dimension}\ d-2\ \text{and in particular}\ \mathcal{H}^{d-1}(\partial\mathbb{R}^d_+ \backslash \partial^*\mathbb{R}^d_+) = 0.$
- For all  $x \in \partial^* K$  with x(r) = 0,  $r \in ]0, 1[$ , we have that  $h(r) = \langle \delta_r, h \rangle$  corresponds to  $\langle n, h \rangle$ , i.e., the Dirac mass  $\delta_r$  at r gives the inward-pointing normal vector n(x). Notice that  $n \notin L^2(0, 1)$ , which is related with the fact that K is not a  $\mathbb{C}^1$  domain in  $\mathbb{L}^2(0, 1)$ .
- The logarithmic derivative of the law  $\pi_{\delta}$  of  $x_{\delta}$ ,  $\delta > 3$ , is the map  $x \mapsto x'' + (\delta 1)(\delta 3)/(4x^3)$ . The singular term  $x \mapsto 1/x^3$  gives a repulsion from 0 and substitutes the boundary term of (2). This phenomenon is reminiscent of the following finite-dimensional situation: let  $m_{\delta}(dx) := x^{\delta-1} dx$  on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\delta \ge 1$ ; then, for all regular  $\psi$  with compact support:

$$\int_0^\infty \psi' \, \mathrm{d} m_1 = -\psi(0), \qquad \int_0^\infty \psi' \, \mathrm{d} m_\delta = -\int_0^\infty \psi(x) \frac{\delta - 1}{x} \, m_\delta(\mathrm{d} x), \quad \delta > 1.$$

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In this case, for  $\delta = 1$  a boundary term appears, which for  $\delta > 1$  is substituted by the repulsive logarithmic derivative  $x \mapsto (\delta - 1)/x$ .

For a general theory of integration by parts formulae in infinite dimension see [4].

### 3. Related stochastic partial differential equations

Let  $\{W(t,\theta): t \ge 0, \ \theta \in [0,1]\}$  be a Brownian sheet independent of  $x_\delta$  for all  $\delta \ge 3$ . In [7] it is proved that for all  $u_0 \in K$ , there exists a unique pair  $(u,\eta)$ , where  $u:Q:=[0,\infty)\times[0,1]\mapsto\mathbb{R}$  is continuous adapted and  $\eta$  is a locally finite positive measure on  $[0,\infty)\times[0,1]$ , satisfying the stochastic partial differential equation with reflection:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial t \partial \theta} + \eta(t, \theta), \\ u(0, \theta) = u_0(\theta), \quad u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0, \\ u \geqslant 0, \quad d\eta \geqslant 0, \quad \int_{\mathcal{Q}} u \, d\eta = 0. \end{cases}$$
 (5)

Set  $u_3(\cdot, \cdot, u_0) := u : Q \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+, u_0 \in K$ .

THEOREM 3.1. -

- (1) The law  $\pi_3$  of  $x_3$  is the unique invariant probability measure of the process  $(u_3(t,\cdot,u_0))_{t\geqslant 0,\ u_0\in K}$ .
- (2) For all Borel set  $I \in (0, 1)$ , the process  $t \mapsto \eta([0, t] \times I)$  is an additive functional of  $u_3$ , with Revuzmeasure:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^1 \varphi(u_3(t,\cdot,x_3))\eta(\mathrm{d}t,I)\right] = \frac{1}{2} \int_I \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r^3(1-r)^3}} \mathbb{E}\left[\varphi(x_{3,r} \oplus \hat{x}_{3,1-r})\right] \mathrm{d}r,\tag{6}$$

for  $\varphi: L^2(0,1) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  Borel and bounded.

(3) For all  $u_0 \in K$ , there exist a random Borel set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}_+$  and a map  $r : S \mapsto (0, 1)$ , such that a.s.

$$\eta(\left[\mathbb{R}_{+}\times(0,1)\right]\setminus\left\{\left(s,r(s)\right):s\in S\right\})=0,$$
 
$$\forall s\in S\colon\quad u\left(s,r(s)\right)=0,\quad u(s,\theta)>0,\quad\forall\theta\in(0,1)\setminus\left\{r(s)\right\}.$$

(4) Let  $\delta_r$  denote the Dirac mass at  $r \in (0, 1)$ . For all  $u_0 \in K$ , we have a.s. on  $[0, \infty) \times (0, 1)$ :

$$\eta(\mathrm{d}s,\mathrm{d}\theta) = \delta_{r(s)}(\mathrm{d}\theta)\,\eta\big(\mathrm{d}s,(0,1)\big). \tag{7}$$

(5) The process  $(u_3(t,\cdot,u_0))_{t\geqslant 0,\ u_0\in K}$  is the Markov process properly associated with the symmetric Dirichlet form  $(\mathcal{E}^3,D(\mathcal{E}^3))$  in  $L^2(\pi_3)$ , closure of the bilinear form:

$$C_b^1(L^2(0,1)) \ni \varphi, \psi \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \int_K \langle \nabla \varphi, \nabla \psi \rangle d\pi_3.$$

Point 1 in Theorem 3.1 was proved independently in [2] and in [9]. For basic definitions in the theories of Dirichlet forms and additive functionals we refer to [3] and [1].

Remark 2. – By Remark 1 and by (7), we can interpret Eq. (5) as a Skorokhod problem in the infinite dimensional convex set K, writing:

$$du = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} dt + dW + \frac{1}{2} n(u) \cdot dL,$$

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where  $L_t := 2\eta([0, t] \times (0, 1))$ , uniquely determined by its Revuz measure (6), increases only when  $u(t, \cdot) \in \partial^* K$  and  $n(u(t, \cdot))$  is the Dirac mass at r(t).

Let now  $\delta > 3$  and consider the equation (see also [5] and [6]):

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{(\delta - 3)(\delta - 1)}{8u^3} + \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial t \partial \theta}, \\
u(0, \cdot) = u_0, \quad u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0, \\
u \geqslant 0, \quad u^{-3} \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+ \times (0, 1)).
\end{cases} \tag{8}$$

THEOREM 3.2. -

- (1) For all  $u_0 \in K$ , there exists a unique adapted continuous solution  $u_\delta(\cdot, \cdot, u_0) : Q \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  of (8).
- (2) The law  $\pi_{\delta}$  of  $x_{\delta}$  is the unique invariant probability measure of the process  $(u_{\delta}(t,\cdot,u_0))_{t\geqslant 0,\ u_0\in K}$ .
- (3) The process  $(u_{\delta}(t,\cdot,u_0))_{t\geqslant 0,\ u_0\in K}$  is the Markov process properly associated with the symmetric Dirichlet Form  $(\mathcal{E}^{\delta},D(\mathcal{E}^{\delta}))$  in  $L^2(\pi_{\delta})$ , closure of the bilinear form:

$$C_b^1(L^2(0,1)) \ni \varphi, \psi \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \int_K \langle \nabla \varphi, \nabla \psi \rangle \, \mathrm{d}\pi_\delta.$$

Remark 3. – The drift term  $\kappa(\delta)/u^3$  in (8) has a repulsive effect from 0, which is strong enough to keep the solution  $u_\delta$  non-negative without the need of the reflecting term  $\eta$ : this is related with the absence of boundary terms in (3).

Remark 4. – The construction of solutions of (5) and (8) uses pathwise methods: as a result  $u_{\delta}$ ,  $\delta \geq 3$ , is a strong solution, i.e., adapted to the filtration of the driving noise. The identification of  $(u_{\delta}(t,\cdot,u_0))_{t\geq 0,\ u_0\in K}$  as the Markov process associated with the Dirichlet form  $(\mathcal{E}^{\delta},D(\mathcal{E}^{\delta}))$ ,  $\delta \geq 3$ , is obtained a posteriori. On the other hand, the theory of Dirichlet forms is a powerful tool, which enables, for instance, to deduce the properties of  $u_3$  listed in points (3), (4) of Theorem 3.1 from (6).

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