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# Sharp Large Deviation for the Energy of $\alpha$ -Brownian Bridge

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We study the sharp large deviation for the energy of  $\alpha$ -Brownian bridge. The full expansion of the tail probability for energy is obtained by the change of measure.

## 1. Introduction

We consider the following  $\alpha$ -Brownian bridge:

$$dX_t = -\frac{\alpha}{T-t} X_t dt + dW_t, \quad X_0 = 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $W$  is a standard Brownian motion,  $t \in [0, T)$ ,  $T \in (0, \infty)$ , and the constant  $\alpha > 1/2$ . Let  $P_\alpha$  denote the probability distribution of the solution  $\{X_t, t \in [0, T)\}$  of (1). The  $\alpha$ -Brownian bridge is first used to study the arbitrage profit associated with a given future contract in the absence of transaction costs by Brennan and Schwartz [1].

$\alpha$ -Brownian bridge is a time inhomogeneous diffusion process which has been studied by Barczy and Pap [2, 3], Jiang and Zhao [4], and Zhao and Liu [5]. They studied the central limit theorem and the large deviations for parameter estimators and hypothesis testing problem of  $\alpha$ -Brownian bridge. While the large deviation is not so helpful in some statistics problems since it only gives a logarithmic equivalent for the deviation probability, Bahadur and Ranga Rao [6] overcame this difficulty by the sharp large deviation principle for the empirical mean. Recently, the sharp large deviation principle is widely used in the study of Gaussian quadratic forms, Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model, and fractional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (cf. Bercu and Rouault [7], Bercu et al. [8], and Bercu et al. [9, 10]).

In this paper we consider the sharp large deviation principle (SLDP) of energy  $S_t$ , where

$$S_t = \int_0^t \frac{X_s^2}{(s-T)^2} ds. \quad (2)$$

Our main results are the following.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\{X_t, t \in [0, T)\}$  be the process given by the stochastic differential equation (1). Then  $\{S_t/\lambda_t, t \in [0, T)\}$  satisfies the large deviation principle with speed  $\lambda_t$  and good rate function  $I(\cdot)$  defined by the following:

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8x} ((2\alpha_0 - 1)x - 1)^2, & \text{if } x > 0; \\ +\infty, & \text{if } x \leq 0, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $\lambda_t = \log(T/(T-t))$ .

**Theorem 2.**  $\{S_t/\lambda_t, t \in [0, T)\}$  satisfies SLDP; that is, for any  $c > 1/(2\alpha - 1)$ , there exists a sequence  $b_{c,k}$  such that, for any  $p > 0$ , when  $t$  approaches  $T$  enough,

$$P(S_t \geq c\lambda_t) = \frac{\exp\{-I(c)\lambda_t + H(a_c)\}}{\sqrt{2\pi a_c \beta_t}} \times \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{b_{c,k}}{\lambda_t} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_t^{p+1}}\right)\right), \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_c^2 &= 4c^2, & \beta_t &= \sigma_c \sqrt{\lambda_t}, \\ a_c &= \frac{(1-2\alpha)^2 c^2 - 1}{8c^2}, \\ H(a_c) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{1-(1-2\alpha)c}{2}\right).\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

The coefficients  $b_{c,k}$  may be explicitly computed as functions of the derivatives of  $L$  and  $H$  (defined in Lemma 3) at point  $a_c$ . For example,  $b_{c,1}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}b_{c,1} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_c^2} \left( -\frac{h_2}{2} - \frac{h_1^2}{2} + \frac{l_4}{8\sigma_c^2} + \frac{l_3 h_1}{2\sigma_c^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{5l_3^2}{24\sigma_c^4} + \frac{h_1}{a_c} - \frac{l_3}{2a_c \sigma_c^2} - \frac{1}{a_c^2} \right),\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

with  $l_k = L^{(k)}(a_c)$ , and  $h_k = H^{(k)}(a_c)$ .

## 2. Large Deviation for Energy

Given  $\alpha > 1/2$ , we first consider the following logarithmic moment generating function of  $S_t$ ; that is,

$$L_t(u) := \log \mathbb{E}_\alpha \exp \left\{ u \int_0^t \frac{X_s^2}{(s-T)^2} ds \right\}, \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (7)$$

And let

$$\mathcal{D}_{L_t} := \{u \in \mathbb{R}, L_t(u) < +\infty\} \quad (8)$$

be the effective domain of  $L_t$ . By the same method as in Zhao and Liu [5], we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\mathcal{D}_L$  be the effective domain of the limit  $L$  of  $L_t$ ; then for all  $u \in \mathcal{D}_L$ , one has

$$\frac{L_t(u)}{\lambda_t} = L(u) + \frac{H(u)}{\lambda_t} + \frac{R(u)}{\lambda_t}, \quad (9)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}L(u) &= -\frac{1-2\alpha-\varphi(u)}{4}, \\ H(\lambda) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (1+h(u)) \right\}, \\ R(u) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{1-h(u)}{1+h(u)} \exp \{2\varphi(u) \lambda_t\} \right\},\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

where  $\varphi(u) = -\sqrt{(1-2\alpha)^2 - 8u}$  and  $h(u) = (1-2\alpha)/\varphi(u)$ . Furthermore, the remainder  $R(u)$  satisfies

$$R(u) = O_{t \rightarrow T}(\exp \{2\varphi(u) \lambda_t\}). \quad (11)$$

*Proof.* By Itô's formula and Girsanov's formula (see Jacob and Shiryaev [11]), for all  $u \in \mathcal{D}_L$  and  $t \in [0, T)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\log \frac{dP_\alpha}{dP_\beta} \Big|_{[0,t]} &= (\alpha - \beta) \int_0^t \frac{X_s}{s-T} dX_s - \frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{2} \int_0^t \frac{X_s^2}{(s-T)^2} ds, \\ &\quad \int_0^t \frac{X_s}{s-T} dX_s \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{X_t^2}{(t-T)} + \int_0^t \frac{X_s^2}{(s-T)^2} ds - \log \left( 1 - \frac{t}{T} \right) \right).\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}L_t(u) &= \log \mathbb{E}_\beta \left( \exp \left\{ u \int_0^t \frac{X_s^2}{(s-T)^2} ds \right\} \frac{dP_\alpha}{dP_\beta} \Big|_{[0,t]} \right) \\ &= \log \mathbb{E}_\beta \exp \left\{ \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2(t-T)} X_t^2 - \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \log \left( 1 - \frac{t}{T} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} (\beta^2 - \alpha^2 + \alpha - \beta + 2u) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \int_0^t \frac{X_s^2}{(s-T)^2} ds \right\}.\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

If  $4u \leq (1-2\alpha)^2$ , we can choose  $\beta$  such that  $(\beta - 1/2)^2 - (\alpha - 1/2)^2 + 2u = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}L_t(u) &= -\frac{1-2\alpha-\varphi(\lambda)}{4} \lambda_t \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \log \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (1+h(u)) \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{1-h(u)}{1+h(u)} \exp \{2\varphi(u) \lambda_t\} \right\},\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

where  $\varphi(u) = -\sqrt{(1-2\alpha)^2 - 8u}$ , and  $h(u) = (1-2\alpha)/\varphi(u)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{L_t(u)}{\lambda_t} &= -\frac{1-2\alpha-\varphi(u)}{4} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\lambda_t} \log \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (1+h(u)) \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\lambda_t} \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{1-h(u)}{1+h(u)} \exp \{2\varphi(u) \lambda_t\} \right\} \\ &= L(u) + \frac{H(u)}{\lambda_t} + \frac{R(u)}{\lambda_t}.\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

□

*Proof of Theorem 1.* From Lemma 3, we have

$$L(u) = \lim_{t \rightarrow T} \frac{L_t(u)}{\lambda_t} = \frac{1-2\alpha-\varphi(u)}{4}, \quad (16)$$

and  $L(\cdot)$  is steep; by the Gärtner-Ellis theorem (Dembo and Zeitouni [12]),  $S_t/\lambda_t$  satisfies the large deviation principle with speed  $\lambda_t$  and good rate function  $I(\cdot)$  defined by the following:

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8x}((2\alpha - 1)x - 1)^2, & \text{if } x > 0; \\ +\infty, & \text{if } +x \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

*Remark 4.* Theorem 1 can also be obtained by using Theorem 1 in Zhao and Liu [5].

### 3. Sharp Large Deviation for Energy

For  $c > 1/(2\alpha - 1)$ , let

$$a_c = \frac{(1 - 2\alpha)^2 c^2 - 1}{8c^2}, \quad \sigma_c^2 = L''(a_c) = 4c^3, \quad (18)$$

$$H(a_c) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 - (1 - 2\alpha)c).$$

Then

$$P(S_t \geq c\lambda_t) = \int_{S_t \geq c\lambda_t} \exp\{L(a_c) - ca_c\lambda_t + ca_c\lambda_t - a_c S_t\} dQ_t = \exp\{L(a_c) - ca_c\lambda_t\} \mathbb{E}_Q \exp\{-a_c\beta_t U_t I_{\{U_t \geq 0\}}\} = A_t B_t, \quad (19)$$

where  $\mathbb{E}_Q$  is the expectation after the change of measure

$$\frac{dQ_t}{dP} = \exp\{a_c S_t - L_t(a_c)\}, \quad (20)$$

$$U_t = \frac{S_t - c\lambda_t}{\beta_t}, \quad \beta_t = \sigma_c \sqrt{\lambda_t}.$$

By Lemma 3, we have the following expression of  $A_t$ .

**Lemma 5.** For all  $c > 1/(2\alpha - 1)$ , when  $t$  approaches  $T$  enough,

$$A_t = \exp\{-I(c)\lambda_t + H(a_c)\} (1 + O((T - t)^c)). \quad (21)$$

For  $B_t$ , one gets the following.

**Lemma 6.** For all  $c > 1/(2\alpha - 1)$ , the distribution of  $U_t$  under  $Q_t$  converges to  $N(0, 1)$  distribution. Furthermore, there exists a sequence  $\psi_k$  such that, for any  $p > 0$  when  $t$  approaches  $T$  enough,

$$B_t = \frac{1}{a_c \sigma_c \sqrt{2\pi\lambda_t}} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{\psi_k}{\lambda_t^k} + O(\lambda_t^{-(p+1)}) \right). \quad (22)$$

*Proof of Theorem 2.* The theorem follows from Lemma 5 and Lemma 6.  $\square$

It only remains to prove Lemma 6. Let  $\Phi_t(\cdot)$  be the characteristic function of  $U_t$  under  $Q_t$ ; then we have the following.

**Lemma 7.** When  $t$  approaches  $T$ ,  $\Phi_t$  belongs to  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and, for all  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Phi_t(u) = \exp\left\{-\frac{i u \sqrt{\lambda_t} c}{\sigma_c}\right\} \times \exp\left\{\left(L_t\left(a_c + \frac{i u}{\beta_t}\right) - L_t(a_c)\right)\right\}. \quad (23)$$

Moreover,

$$B_t = \mathbb{E}_Q \exp\{-a_c\beta_t U_t I_{\{U_t \geq 0\}}\} = C_t + D_t, \quad (24)$$

with

$$C_t = \frac{1}{2\pi a_c \beta_t} \int_{|u| \leq s_t} \left(1 + \frac{i u}{a_c \beta_t}\right)^{-1} \Phi_t(u) du, \quad (25)$$

$$D_t = \frac{1}{2\pi a_c \beta_t} \int_{|u| > s_t} \left(1 + \frac{i u}{a_c \beta_t}\right)^{-1} \Phi_t(u) du,$$

$$|D_t| = O\left(\exp\{-D\lambda_t^{1/3}\}\right),$$

where

$$s_t = s \left(\log\left(\frac{T}{T-t}\right)\right)^{1/6}, \quad (26)$$

for some positive constant  $s$ , and  $D$  is some positive constant.

*Proof.* For any  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Phi_t(u) = \mathbb{E}(\exp\{i u U_t\} \exp\{a_c S_t - L_t(a_c)\}) = \exp\left\{-\frac{i u \sqrt{\lambda_t} c}{\sigma_c}\right\} \times \exp\left\{\left(L_t\left(a_c + \frac{i u}{\beta_t}\right) - L_t(a_c)\right)\right\}. \quad (27)$$

By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 2.2 in [7] by Bercu and Rouault, there exist two positive constants  $\tau$  and  $\kappa$  such that

$$|\Phi_t(u)|^2 \leq \left(1 + \frac{\tau u^2}{\lambda_t}\right)^{-(\kappa/2)\lambda_t}; \quad (28)$$

therefore,  $\Phi_t(\cdot)$  belongs to  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , and by Parseval's formula, for some positive constant  $s$ , let

$$s_t = s \left(\log\left(\frac{T}{T-t}\right)\right)^{1/6}; \quad (29)$$

we get

$$B_t = \frac{1}{2\pi a_c \beta_t} \int_{|u| \leq s_t} \left(1 + \frac{i u}{a_c \beta_t}\right)^{-1} \Phi_t(u) du + \frac{1}{2\pi a_c \beta_t} \times \int_{|u| > s_t} \left(1 + \frac{i u}{a_c \beta_t}\right)^{-1} \Phi_t(u) du = : C_t + D_t, \quad (31)$$

$$|D_t| = O\left(\exp\{-D\lambda_t^{1/3}\}\right), \quad (32)$$

where  $D$  is some positive constant.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 6.* By Lemma 3, we have

$$\frac{L_t^{(k)}(a_c)}{\lambda_t} = L^{(k)}(a_c) + \frac{H^{(k)}(a_c)}{\lambda_t} + \frac{O(\lambda_t^k(T-t)^{-2c})}{\lambda_t}. \quad (33)$$

Noting that  $L'(a_c) = 0$ ,  $L''(a_c) = \sigma_c^2$  and

$$\frac{L''(a_c)}{2} \left( \frac{iu}{\beta_t} \right)^2 \lambda_t = -\frac{u^2}{2}, \quad (34)$$

for any  $p > 0$ , by Taylor expansion, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log \Phi_t(u) = & -\frac{u^2}{2} + \lambda_t \sum_{k=3}^{2p+3} \left( \frac{iu}{\beta_t} \right)^k \frac{L^{(k)}(a_c)}{k!} \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{2p+1} \left( \frac{iu}{\beta_t} \right)^k \frac{H^{(k)}(a_c)}{k!} \\ & + O\left( \frac{\max(1, |u|^{2p+4})}{\lambda_t^{p+1}} \right); \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

therefore, there exist integers  $q(p)$ ,  $r(p)$  and a sequence  $\varphi_{k,l}$  independent of  $p$ ; when  $t$  approaches  $T$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_t(u) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{u^2}{2} \right\} & \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_t}} \sum_{k=0}^{2p} \sum_{l=k+1}^{q(p)} \frac{\varphi_{k,l} u^l}{\lambda_t^{k/2}} \right. \\ & \left. + O\left( \frac{\max(1, |u|^{r(p)})}{\lambda_t^{p+1}} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

where  $O$  is uniform as soon as  $|u| \leq s_t$ .

Finally, we get the proof of Lemma 6 by Lemma 7 together with standard calculations on the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution.  $\square$

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