

Solution to the exercise

(i) We saw that $P(W_{T_1} = k) = \bar{\mu}(k) = \mu(\mathbb{Z}^{k+1}, \infty)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \mathbb{E}[W_{T_1}] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \mu(\mathbb{Z}^{k+1}, \infty) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} k \mathbb{1}_{j \geq k+1} \mu(j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(j) \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} k = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(j) \cdot \frac{j(j-1)}{2} \\ &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(j) j^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \mu(j) \right) / 2 \\ &= \sigma^2 / 2. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We introduce $M_n = \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} W_i$ and recall that

$$\widehat{W}^{(n)} = (W_n - W_{n-i}; 0 \leq i \leq n).$$

We saw that $H_n = \{1 \leq k \leq n; \widehat{W}_k^{(n)} = \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} \widehat{W}_j^{(n)}\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } W_n - I_n &= W_n - \min_{0 \leq i \leq n} W_i = \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} (W_n - W_i) \\ &= \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} \widehat{W}_i^{(n)}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $(H_n, W_n - I_n) \stackrel{(d)}{=} (R_n, M_n)$.

It is therefore enough to show that $\frac{R_n}{M_n} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \frac{2}{\sigma^2}$ (*)

To this end, note that

$$M_n = \sum_{k; T_k \leq n} (W_{T_k} - W_{T_{k-1}}) = \sum_{k=1}^{R_n} (S_{T_k} - S_{T_{k-1}})$$

Since $(S_{T_k} - S_{T_{k-1}}; k \geq 1)$ are iid of expectation $\sigma^2/2$,

we have $\frac{\sum_{k=1}^m (S_{T_k} - S_{T_{k-1}})}{m} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \sigma^2/2$.

But since (W_n) is recurrent $R_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{a.s.}} \infty$. Hence

$$\frac{M_n}{R_n} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{a.s.}} \frac{\sigma^2}{2}. \text{ This implies (*)}$$