Abstract:

Let $M$ be a smooth, compact, connected two-dimensional, Riemannian manifold without boundary, and let $C_\epsilon$ be the amount of time needed for the Brownian motion to come within (Riemannian) distance $\epsilon$ of all points in $M$. The first order asymptotics of $C_\epsilon$ as $\epsilon$ goes to 0 are known. We show that for the two dimensional sphere

$$\sqrt{C_\epsilon} - 2\sqrt{2}\left(\log \epsilon^{-1} - \frac{1}{4}\log\log \epsilon^{-1}\right)$$

is tight.

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