

# ON TWO-PARAMETER FELLER SEMIGROUP WITH NONLOCAL CONDITION FOR ONE-DIMENSIONAL DIFFUSION PROCESS

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The report is devoted to the problem of construction of Feller semigroup associated with one-dimensional inhomogeneous diffusion process with membrane placed at the point, which location on real line is determined by the given function that depends on time variable. It is assumed that at the interior points of half-lines separated by membrane the desired process coincides with the ordinary diffusion processes given there and its behavior at the common boundary of these domains is described by the nonlocal Feller-Wentzell conjugation condition [1-3]. This problem is often called the problem of pasting together two diffusion processes on a line [4, 5].

The study of the problem is performed by analytical methods. Such an approach allows to determine the desired semigroup by means of the solution of the corresponding problem of conjugation for a linear parabolic equation of the second order (backward Kolmogorov equation) with discontinuous coefficients [4-6].

Consider on plane  $(s, x)$  the set

$$S_t = \{(s, x) : 0 \leq s < t \leq T, -\infty < x < \infty\},$$

denoting by  $\bar{S}_t$  the closure of  $S_t$ . Suppose that  $\bar{S}_t$  contains the continuous curve  $x = h(s)$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq T$ , which separates  $S_t$  into two domains:

$$S_t^{(1)} = \{(s, x) : 0 \leq s < t \leq T, x < h(s)\}$$

and

$$S_t^{(2)} = \{(s, x) : 0 \leq s < t \leq T, x > h(s)\}.$$

Put  $D_{1s} = (-\infty, h(s))$  and  $D_{2s} = (X(s), \infty)$ .

Consider in  $S_T$  two uniformly parabolic operators with bounded coefficients

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + L_s^{(i)} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \frac{1}{2}b_i(s, x)\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + a_i(s, x)\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (1)$$

The problem is to find a solution  $u(s, x, t)$  of equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + L_s^{(i)}u = 0, \quad (s, x) \in S_t^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (2)$$

which satisfies the 'initial' condition

$$\lim_{s \uparrow t} u(s, x, t) = \varphi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3)$$

two conjugation conditions

$$u(s, h(s) - 0, t) = u(s, h(s) + 0, t), \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T, \quad (4)$$

$$\int_{D_{1s} \cup D_{2s}} [u(s, h(s), t) - u(s, y, t)] \mu(s, dy) = 0, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T, \quad (5)$$

and two fitting conditions

$$\varphi(h(t) - 0) = \varphi(h(t) + 0), \quad (6)$$

$$\int_{D_{1t} \cup D_{2t}} [\varphi(h(t)) - \varphi(y)] \mu(t, dy) = 0. \quad (7)$$

If we assume that a solution  $u(s, x, t)$  of problem (2)-(7) is the two-parameter Feller semigroup associated with some inhomogeneous Markov process on a line then the fulfilment for it the equation (2) points out that this process in  $D_{i_s}$  coincides with the diffusion processes given there generated by  $L_s^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and the initial condition (3) is in agreement with the equality  $T_{ss} = I$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator. Next, the condition (4) reflects the Feller property of process and the equality (5) is the nonlocal Feller-Wentzell conjugation condition which is responsible for jump-like exit of the process from the boundary of the domain.

The general Feller-Wentzell conjugation condition has the form

$$r(s) \frac{\partial u(s, X(s), t)}{\partial s} + q_1(s) \frac{\partial u(s, X(s) - 0, t)}{\partial x} - q_2(s) \frac{\partial u(s, X(s) + 0, t)}{\partial x} + \\ + \gamma(s) u(s, X(s), t) + \int_{D_{1s} \cup D_{2s}} [u(s, X(s), t) - u(s, y, t)] \mu(s, dy) = 0.$$

In our case  $r(s) = q_1(s) = q_2(s) = \gamma(s) = 0$  and  $\mu(s, D_{1s} \cup D_{2s}) = 1$  for every  $s \in [0, T]$ .

- I. The equation (2) is parabolic in  $\bar{S}_T$ , i.e., there exist positive constants  $b$  and  $B$  such that

$$0 < b \leq b_i(s, x) \leq B < \infty, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (s, x) \in \bar{S}_T.$$

- II. In  $\bar{S}_T$  the coefficients  $b_i(s, x)$  and  $a_i(s, x)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are continuous with respect to  $(s, x)$  and belong to  $H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}, \alpha}(\bar{S}_T)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .
- III. The initial function  $\varphi(x)$  belongs to the space of bounded continuous functions which we denote by  $C_b(\mathbb{R})$ . The norm in this space is defined by the equality  $\|\varphi\| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\varphi(x)|$ .
- IV. The measure  $\mu(s, \cdot)$  in (5) is nonnegative,  $\mu(s, D_{1s} \cup D_{2s}) = 1$ ,  $s \in [0, T]$ , and for all  $f \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$  the integrals

$$G_f^{(i)}(s) = \int_{D_{is}} f(y) \mu(s, dy), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

belong to  $H^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}}([0, T])$ .

- V. The curve  $h(s)$  is continuous and belongs to  $H^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}}([0, T])$ .

A solution of problem (2)-(7) has the form

$$u(s, x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} G_i(s, x, t, y) \varphi(y) dy + \\ + \int_s^t G_i(s, x, \tau, h(\tau)) V_i(\tau, t) d\tau, \quad (s, x) \in \overline{S}_t^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (8)$$

where  $G_i$  is the fundamental solution of the equation (2).

We denote by  $u_{i0}$  and  $u_{i1}$  the Poisson and the simple-layer potentials in (8) respectively. Then

$$u(s, x, t) = u_{i0}(s, x, t) + u_{i1}(s, x, t), \quad (s, x) \in \overline{S}_t^{(i)}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

The unknown functions  $V_i$  are found from the conjugation conditions (4), (5) as a solution of the system of Volterra integral equations of the first kind

$$\int_s^t G_i(s, h(s), \tau, h(\tau)) V_i(\tau, t) d\tau - \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_s^t V_j(\tau, t) d\tau \int_{D_{js}} G_j(s, y, \tau, h(\tau)) \mu(s, dy) = \Phi_i(s, t), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (9)$$

where

$$\Phi_i(s, t) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{D_{js}} u_{j0}(s, y, t) \mu(s, dy) - u_{i0}(s, h(s), t), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

The function  $\Phi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , satisfies the inequality

$$|\Phi_i(s, t) - \Phi_i(\tilde{s}, t)| \leq C \|\varphi\| (t - s)^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} (s - \tilde{s})^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}}, \quad \tilde{s} < s. \quad (10)$$



Regularization of equations of system (9) is performed by Holmgren transform. This transform is defined by integro-differential operator  $\mathcal{E}$  which acts by the following rule

$$\mathcal{E}(s, t)\Phi_i = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \int_s^t (\rho - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_i(\rho, t) d\rho, \quad 0 \leq s < t \leq T, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Application of the operator  $\mathcal{E}$  to both sides of each equation of system (9) gives the equivalent system of Volterra integral equations of the second kind of the form

$$V_i(s, t) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_s^t K_{ij}(s, \tau) V_j(\tau, t) d\tau + \Psi_i(s, t), \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_i(s, t) &= \sqrt{\frac{b_i(s, h(s))}{2\pi}} \int_s^t (\rho - s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} [\Phi_i(s, t) - \Phi_i(\rho, t)] d\rho + \\ &+ \sqrt{\frac{2b_i(s, h(s))}{\pi}} (t - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_i(s, t), \quad i = 1, 2, \\ K_{ij}(s, \tau) &= \sqrt{\frac{2b_i(s, h(s))}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial s} N_{ij}(s, \tau), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad j = 1, 2, \\ N_{ii}(s, \tau) &= \int_s^\tau (\rho - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[ (Z_{i0}(\rho, h(\rho), \tau, h(\tau)) - Z_{i0}(\rho, 0, \tau, 0)) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + Z_{i1}(\rho, h(\rho), \tau, h(\tau)) - \int_{D_{i\rho}} G_i(\rho, y, \tau, h(\tau)) \mu(\rho, dy) \right] d\rho, \quad i = j, \\ N_{ij}(s, \tau) &= - \int_s^\tau (\rho - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\rho \int_{D_{j\rho}} G_j(\rho, y, \tau, h(\tau)) \mu(\rho, dy), \quad i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

The estimation for function  $\Psi_i$ :

$$|\Psi_i(s, t)| \leq C \|\varphi\| (t - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad 0 \leq s < t \leq T. \quad (12)$$

The representation of kernel  $K_{ij}$ :

$$K_{ij}(s, \tau) = K_{ij}^{(1)}(s, \tau) + K_{ij}^{(2)}(s, \tau), \quad (13)$$

where

$$|K_{ij}^{(1)}(s, \tau)| \leq C(\delta)(\tau - s)^{-1 + \frac{\alpha}{2}},$$

$$K_{ij}^{(2)}(s, \tau) = \sqrt{b_i(s, h(s))b_j(\tau, h(\tau))} \int_{D_{js}^\delta} \frac{\partial Z_{j0}(s, y, \tau, h(\tau))}{\partial y} \mu(s, dy)$$

( $D_{js}^\delta = \{y \in D_{js} : |y - h(s)| < \delta\}$ ,  $\delta$  is any positive number.)

Note that the function  $K_{ij}^{(2)}$  has a 'strong' singularity:

$$|K_{ij}^{(2)}(s, \tau)| \leq C(\delta)(\tau - s)^{-1}.$$

Despite a 'strong' singularity of kernels  $K_{ij}(s, \tau)$ , we can apply to the system of equations (11) the ordinary method of successive approximations. We find the function  $V_i(s, t)$  of the form

$$V_i(s, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_i^{(n)}(s, t), \quad 0 \leq s < t \leq T, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (14)$$

where

$$V_i^{(0)}(s, t) = \Psi_i(s, t),$$
$$V_i^{(n)}(s, t) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_s^t K_{ij}(s, \tau) V_i^{(n-1)}(\tau, t) d\tau, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The convergence of series (14) follows from the next inequality, which is established by the method of mathematical induction:

$$\left| V_i^{(n)}(s, t) \right| \leq C \|\varphi\| (t - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k a^{(n-k)} (m(\delta))^k, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (15)$$

where

$$a^{(k)} = \frac{(2c(\delta) T^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2}))^k \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1+k\alpha}{2})}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n,$$

$$m(\delta) = \max_{s \in [0, T]} \mu(s, D_{1s}^\delta \cup D_{2s}^\delta) < 1 \text{ (for sufficiently small } \delta).$$

From the estimation (15) it also follows that

$$|V_i(s, t)| \leq C \|\varphi\| (t - s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad 0 \leq s < t \leq T. \quad (16)$$

## Theorem 1

Suppose that the conditions I-V are satisfied. Then for any function  $\varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$  there exist the unique solution  $u(s, x, t)$  of parabolic conjugation problem (2)-(7) from class  $C^{1,2}(S_t^{(1)} \cup S_t^{(2)}) \cap C(\bar{S}_t)$ . Furthermore, this solution is expressed by formulas (8), (14) and for it the estimation

$$|u(s, x, t)| \leq C\|\varphi\|, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (17)$$

holds.

Define the two-parameter family of linear operators  $T_{st}$ ,  $0 \leq s < t \leq T$ , acting on the function  $\varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$  by the rule:

$$T_{st}\varphi(x) = u(s, x, t), \quad (18)$$

where  $u(s, x, t)$  is the solution of problem (2)-(7), which is expressed by formulas (8), (14).

Operators  $T_{st}$  have the following properties:

- if  $\varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varphi(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $T_{st}\varphi(x) \geq 0$  for all  $0 \leq s < t \leq T$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- $T_{st}$  are contractive operators, i.e., they do not increase the norm of element;
- $T_{st} = T_{s\tau}T_{\tau t}$ ,  $0 \leq s < \tau < t \leq T$  (the semigroup property);
- if the sequence  $\varphi_n \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n(x) = \varphi(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and, besides,  $\sup_n \|\varphi_n\| < \infty$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{st}\varphi_n(x) = T_{st}\varphi(x)$  for all  $0 \leq s < t \leq T$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## Theorem 2

Let the conditions of Theorem 1 hold. Then the two-parameter family of operators  $T_{st}$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ , constructed by formula (18), describes the inhomogeneous Feller process on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that in domains  $D_{1s}$  and  $D_{2s}$  it coincides with the diffusion processes given there generated by  $L_s^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and its behavior after reaching the common boundary of these domains  $h(s)$  is determined by Feller-Wentzell conjugation condition (5).

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