

Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for a Class Positive Local Martingale

Chuanzhong Chen, Saisai Yang

Department of Mathematics, Hainan Normal University, Haikou, China
Email: czchen@hainnu.edu.cn, yangsaisai1989@hotmail.com

Received 3 September 2014; revised 2 October 2014; accepted 13 October 2014

Academic Editor: Zechun Hu, Department of Mathematics, Nanjing University, China

Copyright © 2014 by authors and Scientific Research Publishing Inc.
This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution International License (CC BY).
<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>



Open Access

Abstract

Let X be a Markov process, which is assumed to be associated with a (non-symmetric) Dirichlet form $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$ on $L^2(E; m)$. For $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$, the extended Dirichlet space, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for a multiplicative functional to be a positive local martingale.

Keywords

Markov Process, Dirichlet Form, Multiplicative Functional, Positive Local Martingale

1. Introduction

Let $X = (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (P_x)_{x \in E_A})$ be a (non-symmetric) Markov process on a metrizable Lusin space E and m be a σ -finite positive measure on its Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(E)$. Suppose that $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$ is a quasi-regular Dirichlet form on $L^2(E; m)$ associated with Markov process X (we refer the reader to [1] [2] for notations and terminologies of this paper). To simplify notation, we will denote by $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$ its \mathcal{E} -quasi-continuous m -version. If $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$, then there exist unique martingale additive functional (MAF in short) $M^{[u]}$ of finite energy and continuous additive functional (CAF in short) $N^{[u]}$ of zero energy such that

$$u(X_t) - u(X_0) = M_t^{[u]} + N_t^{[u]}$$

Let $(N(x, dy), H_t)$ be a Lévy system for X and ν be the Revuz measure of the positive continuous additive functional (PCAF in short) H . For $t \geq 0$, we define the $[0, \infty]$ -valued functional

$$A_t^u = \int_0^t \left(\int_{E_0} \left(e^{u(y) - u(X_s)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(X_s)) \right) N(X_s, dy) \right) dH_s$$

This paper is concerned with the following multiplicative functionals for X :

$$Z_t^u = e^{M_t^u - \frac{1}{2}\langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u}, \tag{1}$$

where $\langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t$ is the sharp bracket PCAF of the continuous part $M^{u,c}$ of M^u .

In [3] under the assumption that X is a diffusion process, then $Z_t^u = e^{M_t^u - \frac{1}{2}\langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t}$ is a positive local martingale and hence a positive supermartingale. In [4], under the assumption that u is bounded or $e^u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$, it is shown that $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a positive local martingale and hence induces another Markov process Y , which is called the Girsanov transformed process of X (see [5]). Chen *et al.* in [5] give some necessary and sufficient conditions for $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ to be a positive supermartingale when the Markov processes are symmetric. It is worthy to point out that the Beurling-Deny formula and Lyons-Zheng decomposition do not apply well to non-symmetric Dirichlet forms setting. For the non-symmetric situations, $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$, an interesting and important question is that under what condition is $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ a positive local martingale?

In this paper, we will try to give a complete answer to this question when the Dirichlet forms are non-symmetric. We present necessary and sufficient conditions for $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ to be a positive local martingale.

2. Main Result

Recall that a positive measure μ on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ is called smooth with respect to $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$ if $\mu(N) = 0$ whenever $N \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E})$ is \mathcal{E} -exceptional and there exists an \mathcal{E} -nest $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ of compact subsets of E such that

$$\mu(F_n) < \infty \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

Let $J(dx, dy) = \frac{1}{2}N(x, dy)\nu(dx)$, $k(dx) = N(x, \partial)\nu(dx)$, We know from [6] that J, k are Randon measures.

Let $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$, Z_t^u be defined as in (1). Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_u(dx) &= 2 \int_{y \in E} \left(e^{(u(y)-u(x))} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) + \left(e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx), \\ B_t^u &= \sum_{s \leq t} \left[e^{(u(X_s) - u(X_{s-}))} - 1 - (u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})) \right], \quad t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can state the main result of this paper.

Theorem 1 *The following are equivalent:*

- (i) $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a positive P_x -local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$ for *q.e.* $x \in E$.
- (ii) $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$ is locally P_x -integrable on $[0, \zeta)$ for *q.e.* $x \in E$.
- (iii) μ_u is a smooth measure on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$.

Proof. (iii) \Rightarrow (ii) Suppose that μ_u is a smooth measure on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ and $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is an \mathcal{E} -nest such that $\mu_u(F_n) < \infty$ and $I_{F_n} \cdot \mu_u$ is of finite energy integral for $n \geq 1$. Similar to Lemma 2.4 of [4],

$h^{t,n} := E_x \left[(I_{F_n} \cdot A^u)_t \right]$ is quasi-continuous and hence *q.e.* finite. Denote $\tau_n := \inf \{t > 0 \mid X_t \notin F_n\}$. Then for $t \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} E_x \left[B_{t \wedge \tau_n}^u \right] &\leq E_x \left\{ \sum_{s \leq t} I_{F_n}(X_s) \left[e^{u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})} - 1 - (u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})) \right] \right\} \\ &= E_x \left\{ \int_0^t \int_{E_\partial} I_{F_n}(X_s) \left[e^{u(y) - u(X_s)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(X_s)) \right] N(X_s, dy) dH_s \right\} \\ &\leq E_x \left[(I_{F_n} \cdot A^u)_t \right] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by proposition IV 5.30 of [1] $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$ is locally P_x -integrable on $[0, \zeta)$ for *q.e.* $x \in E$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) Assume that $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$ is locally P_x -integrable on $[0, \zeta)$ for *q.e.* $x \in E$. One can check that for *q.e.* $x \in E$ the dual predictable projection of $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$ on $[0, \zeta)$ is A_t^u . We set

$$\begin{aligned} B_t^d &:= B_t^u - A_t^u, \\ M_t &:= M_t^u + B_t^d. \end{aligned}$$

Then M_t is a local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$ and the solution V_t^u of the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$V_t^u = 1 + \int_0^t V_{s-}^u dM_s$$

is a local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$. Moreover, by Doleans-Dade formula (cf. 9.39 of [7]), Note that $\langle M^c \rangle_t = \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^u &= \exp \left\{ M_t - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^c \rangle_t \right\} \prod_{s \leq t} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \\ &= \exp \left\{ M_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u + B_t^u + \sum_{s \leq t} \left(u(X_s) - u(X_{s-}) + 1 - e^{u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})} \right) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ M_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u \right\} = Z_t^u. \end{aligned}$$

So $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a P_x -local martingale.

Let $W_t := \prod_{s \leq t} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s}$. Note that M_s is a càdlàg process, there are at most countably many points at which $M_s - M_{s-} \neq 0$. Since by Lemma 7.27 of [7] $\sum_{s \leq t} (M_s - M_{s-})^2 < \infty$ P_x -a.e., there are only finitely many points s at which $|M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2$, which give a finite non-zero contribution to the product. Using the inequality $|\ln(1+x) - x| \leq x^2$ when $|x| \leq 1/2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} W_t &= \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| \leq 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \\ &\geq \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| \leq 1/2} e^{-(M_s - M_{s-})^2} \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \\ &\geq e^{-\sum_{s \leq t} (M_s - M_{s-})^2} \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a positive P_x -local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$ for $q.e. x \in E$.

(i) \Rightarrow (iii) Assume that $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a positive P_x -local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$ for $q.e. x \in E$, by Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.4 of [8],

$$\begin{aligned} L_t &:= \int_0^t \frac{1}{Z_{s-}^u} dZ_s^u \\ &= \ln Z_t^u - \ln Z_0^u + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(Z_{s-}^u)^2} d \langle Z^{u,c} \rangle_s - \sum_{s \leq t} \left(\ln \frac{Z_s^u}{Z_{s-}^u} + 1 - \frac{Z_s^u}{Z_{s-}^u} \right) \\ &= M_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(Z_{s-}^u)^2} d \langle Z^{u,c} \rangle_s + B_t^u. \end{aligned}$$

is a local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$. We set

$$N_t := L_t - M_t^u$$

then $N_t = B_t^u - A_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(Z_{s-}^u)^2} d \langle Z^{u,c} \rangle_s$ is also a local martingale on $[0, \zeta)$. Denote N_t^d is the

purely discontinuous part of N_t , by Theorem 7.17 of [7], there exist a locally bounded martingale U_t and a

local martingale of integrable variation V_t such that $N_t^d = N_0^d + U_t + V_t$. Since u is E -quasi-continuous, take an \mathcal{E} -nest $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ consisting of compact sets such that $\text{Cap}(E \setminus F_n) \leq \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}$ and $\tilde{u}|_{F_n}$ is continuous hence bounded *q.e.* for each $n \geq 1$. Denote

$$D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k} := \{f \in D(\mathcal{E}) \mid f = 0 \text{ m-a.e. on } E \setminus F_k\},$$

$$D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k, b} := D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k} \cap \mathcal{B}(E)_b.$$

Take a $\varphi \in L^2(E; m)$, $0 < \varphi < 1$. Set $h := G_1 \varphi$, where $(G_\alpha)_{\alpha > 0}$ is the family of resolvents associated with $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$. Since $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{F_n, b}$ is dense in $D(\mathcal{E})$ w.r.t. the $\mathcal{E}_1^{1/2}$ -norm, by proposition III. 3.5 and 3.6 of [1], there exists an \mathcal{E} -nest $\{F'_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ consisting of compact sets and a sequence $\{f_k\}_{k \geq 1} \subset \bigcup_{n \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{F_n, b}$ such that $\text{Cap}(E \setminus F'_n) \leq \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}$, $\widetilde{G_1 \varphi}|_{F'_n} \geq \delta_n$ for some $\delta_n > 0$ and $\widetilde{f_k}$ converges to $\widetilde{G_1 \varphi}$ uniformly on F'_n as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for each $n \geq 1$. Set $F''_n = F_n \cap F'_n$. So there exists a non-negative $h_n \in \bigcup_{k \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k, b}$ and constant $a_n > 0$ such that $h_n \geq a_n$ on F''_n . Suppose $h_n \in D(\mathcal{E})_{F_{k_n}, b}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} [N^d, M^{h_n}]_t &= \sum_{s \leq t} (N_s^d - N_{s-}^d) (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n}) \\ &= \sum_{s \leq t} (U_s^d - U_{s-}^d) (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n}) + \sum_{s \leq t} (V_s^d - V_{s-}^d) (h_n(X_s) - h_n(X_{s-})) \\ &\leq \left[\sum_{s \leq t} (U_s - U_{s-})^2 \sum_{s \leq t} (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n})^2 \right]^{1/2} + 2 \|h_n\|_\infty \sum_{s \leq t} |V_s - V_{s-}|. \end{aligned}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ denotes the supremum norm. Recall that a locally bounded martingale U_t is a locally square integrable martingales, $M_t^{h_n}$ is a locally square integrable martingales and V_t is a local martingale of integrable variation. Therefore the quadratic variation $[N^d, M^{h_n}]_t$ is P_x -locally integrable for *q.e.* $x \in E$, hence there exist a predictable dual projection $\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle_t$ which is a CAF of finite variation. Since

$$\begin{aligned} [N^d, M^{h_n}]_t &= \sum_{s \leq t} (B_s^u - B_{s-}^u) (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n}) \\ &= \sum_{s \leq t} (e^{u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})} - 1 - (u(X_s) - u(X_{s-}))) (h_n(X_s) - h_n(X_{s-})). \end{aligned}$$

the Revuz measure of $\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle_t$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} &= 2 \int_{\{y \in E: y \neq x\}} (h_n(y) - h_n(x)) (e^{u(y) - u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x))) J(dx, dy) \\ &\quad + (e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x)) k(dx). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\{F_k^m\}_{k \geq 1}$ be a generalized \mathcal{E} -nest associated with $\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle}$ such that $\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle}(F_k^m) < \infty$ for each $k \geq 1$.

Denote $D_n := F''_n \cap F_n^m$, then $\text{Cap}(E \setminus D_n) \leq \frac{1}{3^n}$ and $\{\bigcup_{k=1}^n D_k\}_{n \geq 1}$ is an \mathcal{E} -nest. Hence for any $g \in D(\mathcal{E})_{D_n, b}$, we have $\int_E g(x) d\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} < \infty$. On the other hand, as $\tilde{u}|_{F_n}$ is bounded, there exists a positive constant b_n such that $e^{u(y) - u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x))|_{D_n \times F_{k_n}}$ and $e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x)|_{D_n \cap F_{k_n}}$ are not larger than b_n . Because $J(dx, dy)$, $k(dx)$ are Radon measure and h_n, g are bounded,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) h_n(x) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
&= \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) h_n(y) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
&\quad - \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) (h_n(y) - h_n(x)) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
&= \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) h_n(y) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_E h_n(x) g(x) \left(e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) - \frac{1}{2} \int_E g(x) d\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} \\
&= \int_{D_n \times F_n \setminus d} g(x) h_n(y) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{D_n} \bigcap_{F_n} h_n(x) g(x) \left(e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) - \frac{1}{2} \int_E g(x) d\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

As inequality $e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \geq 0$ on E and $h_n \geq a_n$ on F_n , we have for any non-negative $f \in D(\mathcal{E})_{D_n, b}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_E f(x) \mu_u(dx) \\
&= 2 \int_{E \times E \setminus d} f(x) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) + \int_E f(x) \left(e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) \\
&\leq 2(a_n)^{-1} \int_{D_n \times E \setminus d} h_n(x) f(x) \left(e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) + \int_{D_n} f(x) \left(e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

For $\{\bigcup_{k=1}^n D_k\}_{n \geq 1}$ is an \mathcal{E} -nest consisting of compact sets, similar to h_n , we can construct an \mathcal{E} -nest $\{\bigcup_{k=1}^n D'_k\}$ consisting of compact sets such that $D'_n \subset D_n$ for each $n \geq 1$. And there exists a sequence non-negative $\{h'_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset \bigcup_{k \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{D_k, b}$ such that $h'_n \geq c_n$ on D'_n for each $n \geq 1$ and some positive $c_n > 0$. Since $\mu_u\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n D'_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} c_k^{-1} \int_E (h'_k(x)) \mu_u(dx) < \infty$, μ_u is a smooth measure on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$.

Acknowledgments

We are grateful to the support of NSFC (Grant No. 10961012).

References

- [1] Ma, Z.M. and Rockner, M. (1992) Introduction to Theory of (Non-Symmetric) Dirichlet Forms. Springer-Verlag, Berlin. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-77739-4>
- [2] Fukushima, M., Oshima, Y. and Takeda, M. (1994) Dirichlet Forms and Symmetric Markov Processes. Walter de Gruyter Berlin, New York. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1515/9783110889741>
- [3] Chen, C.-Z. and Sun, W. (2009) Girsanov Transformations for Non-symmetric Diffusions. *Canadian Journal of Mathematics*, **61**, 534-547. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4153/CJM-2009-028-7>
- [4] Chen, Z.-Q. and Zhang, T.-S. (2002) Girsanov and Feynman-Kac Type Transformations for Symmetric Markov Processes. *Annales de l'Institut Henri Poincaré (B) Probability and Statistics*, **38**, 475-450. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0246-0203\(01\)01086-X](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0246-0203(01)01086-X)
- [5] Chen, C.-Z., Ma, Z.-M. and Sun, W. (2007) On Girsanov and Generalized Feynman-Kac Transformations for Symmetric Markov Process. *World Scientific*, **10**, 141-163.
- [6] Oshima, Y. (2013) Semi-Dirichlet Forms and Markov Processes. Walter de Gruyter, Berlin. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1515/9783110302066>
- [7] He, S.W., Wang, J.G. and Yan, J.A. (1992) Semimartingale Theory and Stochastic Calculus. Science Press, Beijing.
- [8] Kallsen, J. and Shiryaev, A.N. (2002) The Cumulant Process and Esscher's Change of Measure. *Finance Stochast*, **6**, 397-428. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s007800200069>