

## A REMARK ON THE MOYAL'S CONSTRUCTION OF MARKOV PROCESSES

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*To Professor Katuji Ono on the occasion of his 60th birthday.*

§ 1. **Result.** In the author's previous paper [3], we used Theorem 1 of the present paper to assure the existence of a signed branching Markov process with age satisfying given conditions in [3]. The purpose of this paper is to give a proof of Theorem 1.

Let  $X = \{X_t, \zeta, \mathcal{B}_t, P_x; x \in E\}$  be a right continuous Markov process<sup>1)</sup> on a locally compact Hausdorff space  $E$  satisfying the second axiom of countability, and  $\Omega$  be the sample space of  $X$ . A non-negative function  $\sigma(\omega)$  ( $\omega \in \Omega$ ) is called a  $\mathcal{B}_t$ -Markov time if it holds that for each  $t \geq 0$

$$\{\omega \in \Omega; \sigma(\omega) \leq t < \zeta(\omega)\} \in \mathcal{B}_t.$$

For any Markov time  $\sigma$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_\sigma$  is defined as the collection of the sets  $A$  such that for any  $t \geq 0$

$$A \in \bigvee_{t \geq 0} \mathcal{B}_t \text{ and } A \cap \{\omega; \sigma(\omega) \leq t < \zeta(\omega)\} \in \mathcal{B}_t,$$

where  $\bigvee_{t \geq 0} \mathcal{B}_t$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the sets of  $\mathcal{B}_t$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . Let  $C(E)$  be the space of all bounded continuous functions on  $E$ . A right continuous Markov process  $X$  is said to be strong Markov if it holds that for any Markov time  $\sigma$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x \in E$ ,  $f \in C(E)$ , and  $A \in \mathcal{B}_\sigma$ ,

$$E_x[f(X_{t+\sigma}); A \cap \{\sigma < \zeta\}] = E_x[E_{x_\sigma}[f(X_t)]; A \cap \{\sigma < \zeta\}],$$

where  $E_x[\cdot; A]$  expresses the integral over  $A$  by  $P_x$ .

Let  $\chi_0(t, x, \cdot)$  and  $\Psi(x; t, \cdot)$  be substochastic measures on the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}(E)$ <sup>2)</sup>, and suppose that  $\chi_0(\cdot, \cdot, B)$  and  $\Psi(\cdot; \cdot, B)$  are Borel measurable

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<sup>1)</sup> A Markov process is said to be right continuous if their almost all sample paths are right continuous in  $t \geq 0$ .

<sup>2)</sup>  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X})$  denotes the class of Borel set on the topological space  $\mathcal{X}$ .

functions of  $(t, x) \in [0, \infty) \times E$  for any fixed  $B \in \mathcal{B}(E)$ . A pair of  $\chi_0$  and  $\Psi$  is said to be satisfied Moyal's  $\chi_0\Psi$ -condition if they satisfy the following conditions<sup>3)</sup>:

- (1)  $\chi_0(t + s, x, B) = \int_E \chi_0(t, x, dy)\chi_0(s, y, B), \quad \chi_0(0, x, E) = 1,$
- (2)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x; t, E) = 1 - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \chi_0(t, x, E)$
- (3)  $\Psi(x; t + s, B) = \Psi(x; t, B) + \int_E \chi_0(t, x, dy)\Psi(y; s, B)$
- (4)  $\Psi(x; t, E)$  is continuous in  $t \ t \geq 0, \ x \in E, \ B \in \mathcal{B}(E).$

Now, suppose that the  $\chi_0\Psi$ -condition is satisfied for a given pair of  $\chi_0$  and  $\Psi_0$ . By virtue of (3),  $\Psi(x; t, B)$  is monotone nondecreasing in  $t$ , and hence it determines a measure  $\Psi(x; dt, dy)$  on  $\mathcal{B}([0, \infty) \times E)$ . Using this measure, we shall define measures  $\Psi_r(x; \cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\chi_r(t, x, \cdot)$  as follows:

- $\Psi_1(x; dt, dy) = \Psi(x; dt, dy),$
- (5)  $\Psi_{r+1}(x; dt, dy) = \int_0^t \int_E \Psi_r(x; ds, dz)\Psi(z; d(t - s), dy),$
- $\chi_r(t, x, dy) = \int_0^t \int_E \Psi_r(x; ds, dz)\chi_0(t - s, z, dy),$
- $r \geq 1, \ t \geq 0, \ B \in \mathcal{B}(E).$

Further we set

(6)  $\Psi_r(x; t, dy) = \int_0^t \Psi_r(x; ds, dy), \quad r \geq 1.$

Then we have

**THEOREM.** (*J.E. Moyal*) *If the  $\chi_0\Psi$ -condition is satisfied, then it holds that for any  $t, s \geq 0, \ x \in E,$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}(E),$*

- (7)  $\Psi_{r+r'}(x; dt, B) = \int_0^t \int_E \Psi_r(x; ds, dy)\Psi_{r'}(y; d(t - s), B), \quad r, r' \geq 1,$
- (8)  $\chi_{r+r'}(t, x, B) = \int_0^t \int_E \Psi_r(x; ds, dy)\chi_{r'}(t - s, y, B), \quad r \geq 1, \ r' \geq 0,$
- (9)  $\chi_r(t + s, x, B) = \sum_{r'=0}^r \int_E \chi_{r'}(t, x, dy)\chi_{r-r'}(s, y, B), \quad r \geq 0,$

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<sup>3)</sup> J.E. Moyal [2] defined the  $\chi_0\Psi$ -condition for non-stationary Markov processes. The condition stated here is the one for stationary case with an additional condition (4).

$$(10) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \chi_r(t, x, E) = 1 - \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Psi_r(x, t, E).$$

Moreover, if we set

$$(11) \quad \chi(t, x, B) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \chi_r(t, x, B), \quad t \geq 0, \quad x \in E, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(E),$$

then  $\chi$  satisfies so-called Chapman-Kolmogorov's equation, i.e.,

$$(12) \quad \chi(t + s, x, B) = \int_E \chi(t, x, dy) \chi(s, y, B),$$

and further  $\chi$  is the minimal non-negative solution of the equation:

$$(13) \quad \chi(t, x, B) = \chi_0(t, x, B) + \int_0^t \int_E \Psi(x; ds, dy) \chi(t - s, y, B).$$

In addition,  $\chi$  is the unique solution of (13) if it holds that for each  $t \geq 0$

$$(14) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Psi_r(x; t, E) = 0.$$

According to Kolmogorov's extension theorem, (1) and (12) imply that there exist two Markov process  $X$  and  $X^0$  whose transition functions are given by  $\chi$  and  $\chi_0$  respectively. We shall consider the relation between  $X$  and  $X^0$ .

Let  $E \cup \{A\}$  be the one-point compactification of  $E$  and set

$$\begin{aligned} C_0(E) &= \{f; f \in C(E) \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow A} f(x) = 0\}, \\ \|f\| &= \sup \{|f(x)|; x \in E\}, \\ T_t^{(r)} f(x) &= \int_E \chi_r(t, x, dy) f(y), \quad r \geq 0, \quad f \in C_0(E), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$T_t f(x) = \int_E \chi(t, x, dy) f(y), \quad f \in C_0(E).$$

Then (1) and (12) imply  $T_{t+s}^{(0)} = T_t^{(0)} T_s^{(0)}$  and  $T_{t+s} = T_t T_s$  if they act on  $C_0(E)$ . Now we can state

**THEOREM 1.** *Let the semi-group  $T_t^{(0)}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , be strongly continuous on  $C_0(E)$  with respect to the norm  $\| \cdot \|$ , and assume that for any  $r \geq 1$ ,  $T_t^{(r)}$  maps  $C_0(E)$  into itself and it holds that*

$$(15) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|T_t^{(r)} f\| = 0, \quad r \geq 1, \quad f \in C_0(E).$$

Then it holds that (i) there exists a right and quasi-left continuous<sup>4)</sup> strong Markov process  $X = \{X_t, \zeta, \mathcal{B}_t, P_x; x \in E\}$  corresponding to the semi-group  $T_t$ , (ii) there exists a Markov time  $\tau$  of  $X_t$  such that the killed process  $X^0 = \{X_t^0, \zeta^0, \mathcal{B}_t^0, P_x^0; x \in E\}$  of  $X$  at time  $\tau$ <sup>5)</sup> corresponds to the semi-group  $T_t^{(0)}$ , (iii) setting

$$\tau_0 = 0, \quad \tau_1 = \tau, \quad \tau_{r+1} = \tau_r + \theta_{\tau_r} \tau^{\theta^r}, \quad r \geq 1,$$

we have

$$(16) P_x(X_t \in B, \tau_r \leq t < \tau_{r+1}) = \chi_r(t, x, B),$$

$$(17) P_x(X_{\tau_r} \in B, \tau_r \in dt) = \Psi_r(x; dt, B),$$

$$x \in E, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(E), \quad t \geq 0, \quad r \geq 0.$$

**§ 2. Proof.** Let  $N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $S$  be the product space  $E \times N$  where the topology of  $S$  is introduced in a natural way. Then  $S$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space satisfying the second axiom of countability. We define a measure  $P(t, (x, p), \cdot)$ <sup>7)</sup> on  $\mathcal{B}(S)$  by

$$(18) P(t, (x, p), (B, q)) = \begin{cases} \chi_{q-p}(t, x, B), & \text{if } q \geq p, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$(x, p) \in S, \quad t \geq 0, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(E), \quad p, q \in N.$$

Then we have

LEMMA 1. For  $t, s \geq 0, (x, p) \in S, A \in \mathcal{B}(S)$ , it holds that

$$P(t + s, (x, p), A) = \int_S P(t, (x, p), d(y, r)) P(s, (y, r), A).$$

*Proof.* It suffices to prove the above equality for  $A = (B, q)$  where  $q \geq p$ . By the definitions of  $P(t, (x, p), \cdot)$  and (9), we have

<sup>4)</sup> A Markov process  $X = \{X_t, \zeta, \mathcal{B}_t, P_x; x \in E\}$  is said to be quasi-left continuous if it holds that for any increasing sequence  $\tau_r$  of Markov times,

$$P_x(\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} X_{\tau_r} = X_{\tau}, \tau < \zeta) = P_x(\tau < \zeta),$$

where

$$\tau(\omega) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \tau_r(\omega).$$

<sup>5)</sup> The killed process  $X^0$  of  $X$  at time  $\tau$  means that

$$X_t^0(\omega) = \begin{cases} X_t(\omega), & \text{if } t < \tau, \\ \Delta, & \text{if } t \geq \tau. \end{cases}$$

<sup>6)</sup>  $\theta_t$  denotes the shift operator.

<sup>7)</sup>  $P(\cdot, \cdot, (B, q))$  is  $\mathcal{B}([0, \infty) \times S)$ -measurable.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t + s, (x, p), (B, q)) &= \chi_{q-p}(t + s, x, B) \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^{q-p} \int_E \chi_r(t, x, dy) \chi_{q-p-r}(s, y, B) \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^{q-p} \int_E P(t, (x, p); (dy, p + r)) P(s, (y, p + r); (B, q)) \\
 &= \int_S P(t, (x, p), d(y, r)) P(s, (y, r); (B, q)),
 \end{aligned}$$

as was to be proved.

Q.E.D.

According to Lemma 1, there exists a Markov process  $Y = \{Y_t = (X_t, N_t), \zeta, \mathcal{B}_t, P_{(x,p)}; (x, p) \in S\}$  with transition function  $P(t, (x, p), \cdot)$  where  $\mathcal{B}_t$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by sets of the form  $\{Y_s \in A; s \leq t, A \in \mathcal{B}(S)\}$ . Since it follows from (18), (11), and (13) that for any  $t, h \geq 0$

$$P_{(x,p)}(N(t) > N(t + h)) = 0,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P_{(x,p)}(N(t) < N(t + h)) \\
 &= \sum_{r=0, s=1}^{\infty} \int_E \chi_r(t, x, dy) \chi_s(h, y, E) \\
 &= \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \int_E \chi(t, x, dy) \chi_s(h, y, E) \\
 &= \int_E \chi(t, x, dy) \{\chi(h, y, E) - \chi_0(h, y, E)\} \\
 &= \int_E \chi(t, x, dy) \int_0^h \int_E \Psi(y; du, dz) \chi(h - u, z, E) \\
 &\longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \longrightarrow 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

there exists a version of  $Y$  in which  $N_t$  is right continuous in  $t$ . So we take this version as  $Y$ .

Now let us consider  $\chi_0(t, x, dy)$ . As was stated already,  $\chi_0$  defines a Markov process  $X^0 = \{X_t^0, \zeta^0, \mathcal{B}_t^0, P_x^0; x \in E\}$  on  $E$ . Let us denote its sample space by  $\Omega^0 = \{\omega^0 = \omega^0(t); \omega^0(t) \text{ is a mapping of } [0, \zeta^0) \text{ to } E\}$ . Next we consider a function space  $\hat{\Omega}_r$  which is a kind of copy of shifted  $\Omega_0$ . This means that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\Omega}_r &= \{\hat{\omega} = (\hat{\omega}_1(t), \hat{\omega}_2(t)); \hat{\omega} \text{ is a mapping of } [\alpha_r, \beta_r) \\
 &\text{ to } E \times \{r\} \text{ where } 0 \leq \alpha_r(\hat{\omega}) \leq \beta_r(\hat{\omega}) \leq \infty \text{ and they} \\
 &\text{ may vary with } \hat{\omega}\},
 \end{aligned}$$

and, for each  $\hat{\omega} \in \hat{\Omega}_r$ , there corresponds one and only one  $\omega^0 \in \Omega^0$ , such that the graph  $\{(t, \omega^0(t)); 0 \leq t < \zeta^0(\omega^0)\}$  is identical to  $\{(t, \hat{\omega}(t + \alpha_r)); 0 \leq t < \beta_r(\hat{\omega}) - \alpha_r(\hat{\omega})\}$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_r$  be the algebra generated by cylinder sets of the following type

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{B} = \{ & \hat{\omega} \in \hat{\Omega}_r; t_0 \leq \alpha_r(\hat{\omega}) < t_1, \hat{\omega}_1(\alpha_r(\hat{\omega})) \in B_0, \hat{\omega}_1(t_i) \in B_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \} \\
 (19) \quad & 0 \leq t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_n, \\
 & B_i \in \mathcal{B}(E), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,
 \end{aligned}$$

and define a finitely additive measure  $\nu_x(\cdot)$  on  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_r$  by

$$(20) \quad \nu_x(\hat{B}) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_{B_0} \Psi_r(x; dt, dy) P_y^0(X_{t_i-t}^0 \in B_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Then we have

LEMMA 2.  $\nu_x(\cdot)$  can be extended to a measure on the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}_r$  generated by  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_r$ .

Remark. Consider a Markov time  $\tau_r$  defined by

$$\tau_r(\omega) = \inf \{ t; N_t(\omega) = N_0(\omega) + r \},$$

where  $N_t$  is the right continuous second coordinate of  $Y_t = (X_t, N_t)$ . If the distribution of the joint variable  $(\tau_r, X_{\tau_r})$  is given by  $\Psi_r(x, dt, dy)$ , then  $\nu_x(\cdot)$  is supposed to be the restricted measure of  $P_{(x,0)}$  on  $E \times \{r\}$ . So intuitively, Lemma 2 is clear.

Proof. The proof is given by the same way as the construction of product measure. It suffices to prove that if a decreasing sequence  $\{\hat{B}_n\} \subset \hat{\mathcal{F}}_r$ , satisfies

$$\nu_x(\hat{B}_n) \geq c > 0, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

where  $c$  is a constant, then we have

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{B}_n \neq \phi.$$

Since  $\Psi_r(x; \cdot, E)$  is a finite measure on  $[0, \infty)$ ,

$$\nu_x(\{\hat{\omega}; \alpha_r(\hat{\omega}) \geq t\}) = \int_t^{\infty} \Psi(x; dt, E)$$

tends to zero as  $t$  tends to infinity. Therefore, without loss of generality, we may assume that there exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$\hat{B}_n \subset \{\omega; 0 \leq \alpha_r(\omega) < T\}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now let us express  $\hat{B}_n$  in a form

$$(21) \quad \hat{B}_n = \sum_{j=1}^{k_n} \{\omega; t_{j_0}^{(n)} \leq \alpha_r(\omega) < t_{j_1}^{(n)}, \omega_1(\alpha_r(\omega)) \in B_{j_0}^{(n)}, \\ \omega_1(t_{j_i}^{(n)}) \in B_{j_i}^{(n)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_j\}^{8)}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

where the following are assumed to be satisfied.

$$t_{j_1}^{(n)} \leq T, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k_n, \quad n \geq 1, \\ t_{j_i}^{(n)} \leq t_{j_{i+1}}^{(n)}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n_j - 1, \quad n \geq 1, \\ [t_{j_0}^{(n)}, t_{j_1}^{(n)}] \times B_{j_0}^{(n)} \cap [t_{k_0}^{(n)}, t_{k_1}^{(n)}] \times B_{k_0}^{(n)} = \phi \text{ if } j \neq k, n \geq 1,$$

and for any  $n$  and  $j$  there exists  $j_0$  such that

$$[t_{j_0}^{(n+1)}, t_{j_1}^{(n+1)}] \times B_{j_0}^{(n+1)} \subset [t_{j_0}^{(n)}, t_{j_1}^{(n)}] \times B_{j_0}^{(n)}.$$

Set

$$C_j^{(n)} = \left\{ (t, y); t_{j_0}^{(n)} \leq t < t_{j_1}^{(n)}, y \in B_{j_0}^{(n)} \text{ and} \right. \\ \left. P_y^0(X_{t_{j_i}^{(n)}}^0 - t \in B_{j_i}^{(n)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_j) > \frac{c}{2} \right\}^{9)}, \\ D_j^{(n)} = [t_{j_0}^{(n)}, t_{j_1}^{(n)}] \times B_{j_0}^{(n)} - C_j^{(n)}.$$

Then we can see

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k_n} C_j^{(n)} \downarrow$$

and

$$\Psi_r(x; \sum_{j=1}^{k_n} C_j^{(n)}) > \frac{c}{2} > 0.$$

Accordingly there exist  $(t_0, y_0)$  and  $j_n$  such that

$$(22) \quad (t_0, y_0) \in C_{j_n}^{(n)}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

which means

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8) For the set  $\{\omega; \beta_r(\omega) \leq t\}$ , we used the notation  $\{\omega; 0 \leq \alpha_r(\omega) < t, \omega_1(\alpha_r(\omega)) \in E, \omega_1(t) \in \phi\}$ . The last funny expression  $\omega_1(t) \in \phi$  means  $\omega_1(t)$  is not defined at  $t$ .  
 9) If  $B = \phi$ ,  $P_x^0(X_t \in B)$  is regarded as  $1 - P_x^0(X_t \in E)$ .

$$P_{y_0}^{(0)}(X_{t_n, t-t_0}^0 \in B_{j_n, i}^{(n)}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n_{j_n}) > \frac{c}{2} > 0.$$

By the monotonicity of  $\hat{B}_n$ , the events in the above parentheses are monotone non-increasing. So we can take  $\omega^0$  such that for all  $n \geq 1$

$$(23) \quad X_{t_n, t-t_0}^0(\omega^0) \in B_{j_n, i}^{(n)}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n_{j_n}.$$

If we put

$$\alpha_r(\hat{\omega}) = t_0, \quad \beta_r(\hat{\omega}) = t_0 + \zeta^0(\omega^0), \quad \hat{\omega}_1(t_0) = y_0$$

and

$$\hat{\omega}(t + t_0) = (\omega^0(t), r), \quad 0 \leq t < \zeta^0(\omega^0),$$

then (21), (22) and (23) show

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{B}_n \ni \hat{\omega},$$

as was to be proved.

Q.E.D.

Now we return to the process  $Y = \{Y_t = (X_t, N_t), \zeta, \mathcal{B}_t, P_{(x,p)}; (x,p) \in S\}$ . Since  $N_t$  is right continuous,  $\tau_r$  defined by

$$\tau_r(\omega) = \inf \{t; N_t(\omega) = N_0(\omega) + r\},$$

are  $\mathcal{B}_t$ -Markov times. Then we have

LEMMA 3. *Let  $X^0$  be a Markov process on  $E$  corresponding to the transition function  $\chi_0(t, x, \cdot)$ . If  $X^0$  is right continuous,  $Y$  has a right continuous version and, for this version, we have*

$$(24) \quad P_{(x,p)}(Y_t \in (B, p + r)) = \chi_r(t, x, B),$$

$$(25) \quad P_{(x,p)}(Y_{\tau_{r+1}} \in (B, p + r + 1), \tau_{r+1} \in dt) = \Psi_{r+1}(x; dt, B) \\ B \in \mathcal{B}(E), \quad r \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* By (5), (18) and (20), we can see that for  $r \geq 1$ ,

$$(26) \quad P_{(x,p)}(Y_{t_i} \in (B_i, p + r), i = 1, 2, \dots, n) = \nu_x(\{\hat{\omega}; 0 \leq \alpha_r(\hat{\omega}) < t_1, \hat{\omega}_1(t_i) \in B_i, \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}).$$

Hence  $P_{(x,p)}$  defines a measure on the space of sub-trajectories of  $Y_t$  in the time interval  $[\tau_r, \tau_{r+1})$  which is equivalent to  $\nu_x$ . On the other hand,

$\nu_x(\cdot)$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{B}_r$  which is obtained from the sample space of  $X^0$  by shift of starting time point. So we may consider that on the time interval  $[\tau_r, \tau_{r+1})$ ,  $Y_t$  has the same continuity property with  $X^0$ . Since  $r \geq 1$  is arbitrary, we may regard that the right continuity of  $X^0$  implies the right continuity of  $Y_t$  on  $[\tau_1, \zeta)$ . Evidently  $Y_t$  restricted on  $[0, \tau_1)$  is equivalent to  $X^0$ , and hence we can have a right continuous version of  $Y_t$ . Furthermore, the event in parentheses of left hand side of (25) is measurable if  $Y_t$  is right continuous. Then the definition of  $\nu_x$  and (26) implies

$$\begin{aligned} P_{(x,p)}(\tau_r(\omega) \in dt, X_{\tau_r}(\omega) \in (B, p+r)) &= \nu_x(\{\hat{\omega}; \alpha_r(\hat{\omega}) \in dt, \hat{\omega}(\alpha_r) \in B\}) \\ &= \Psi_r(z; dt, B), \end{aligned}$$

which proves (25). Since (24) is obtained from (18) we have proved the lemma. Q.E.D.

Now Theorem 1 is proved easily as follows.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Since  $T_i^{(0)}$  is strongly continuous on  $C_0(E)$ , by the general theory of Markov processes<sup>10)</sup>, a Markov process  $X^0 = \{X_t^0, \zeta^0, \mathcal{B}_t^0, P_x^0; x \in E\}$  corresponding to  $T_i^{(0)}$  can be considered to be right continuous. Accordingly, by Lemma 3, we may regard  $Y_t$  is right continuous.

Now let  $V_t$  be the semi-group on  $C_0(S)$  induced by  $Y_t$  and  $g \in C_0(S)$ <sup>11)</sup>. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (27) \quad V_t g(x, p) - g(x, p) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \int_E P(t, (x, p), (dy, p+r)) g(y, p+r) - g(x, p) \\ &= \int_E \chi_0(t, x, dy) g(y, p) - g(x, p) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \int_E \chi_r(t, x, dy) g(y, p+r). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g(x, p)$  belongs to  $C_0(S)$ ,  $g(x, p)$  tends to zero uniformly in  $x$  as  $p$  tends to infinity. Furthermore the assumption on  $T_i^{(r)}$  implies

$$\left\| \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \int_E \chi_r(t, x, dy) g(y, p+r) \right\| \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then we can see from (27) and the assumption on  $T_i^{(0)}$  that  $V_t$  is strongly

<sup>10)</sup> cf. [1] Theorem 3.14, p. 104.

<sup>11)</sup>  $g(x, n)$  belongs to  $C_0(S)$  if it holds that  $g(\cdot, n) \in C_0(E)$  for any fixed  $n \in N$  and  $g(x, n)$  tends to zero, uniformly in  $x$ , when  $n$  tends to infinity.

continuous on  $C_0(S)$ . Therefore we may consider that  $Y$  is a right continuous and quasi-left continuous<sup>12)</sup> strong Markov process.

Now let  $\Omega^0$  be a sample space of the process  $X_t^0$ , and  $\Omega^i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) be infinitely many copies of  $\Omega^0$ . Let us set

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \Omega^i,$$

and, for any  $\tilde{\omega} = (\omega^0, \omega^1, \dots, \omega^i, \dots) \in \tilde{\Omega}$ , set

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_0(\tilde{\omega}) &= 0, \quad \sigma_r(\tilde{\omega}) = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \xi^0(\omega^i), \quad r \geq 1, \\ \tilde{X}_t(\tilde{\omega}) &= \tilde{\omega}(t) = \omega^r(t - \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \xi^0(\omega^i)) \text{ if } \sigma_r(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t < \sigma_{r+1}(\tilde{\omega})^{13)}, \\ \tilde{\zeta}(\tilde{\omega}) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_r(\tilde{\omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Further set

$$\theta_t \tilde{\omega} = (\theta_{t-\sigma_r(\tilde{\omega})} \omega^r, \omega^{r+1}, \dots) \text{ if } \sigma_r(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t < \sigma_{r+1}(\tilde{\omega}).$$

Then we consider the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t$  generated by the cylinder sets of the form of

$$\{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}; \tilde{\omega}(t) \in B, \sigma_r(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t\}, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(E), \quad r \geq 0,$$

and set

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}} = \bigvee_{t \geq 0} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t.$$

If we consider the correspondence of

$$\{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}; \tilde{\omega}(t) \in B, \sigma_r(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t < \sigma_{r+1}(\tilde{\omega})\}$$

and

$$\{\omega \in \Omega; Y_t(\omega) = (\omega_1(t), \omega_2(t)) \in (B, r), \omega_2(0) = 0\},$$

then it induces the correspondence between  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t$  and  $\mathcal{F}_t$  defined by

$$\mathcal{F}_t = \mathcal{B}_t \cap \{\omega \in \Omega; N_0(\omega) = 0\}.$$

So,  $\tilde{P}_x(\cdot)$  defined by

$$\tilde{P}_x(\tilde{A}) = P_{(x,0)}(A),$$

<sup>12)</sup> cf. [1] Theorem 3.14, p. 104.

<sup>13)</sup> To define  $\theta_t$  completely, we have to consider an extra point  $\Delta$  as a grave of  $\tilde{X}$  and an  $\tilde{\omega}$  such that  $\tilde{\omega}(t) = \Delta, t \geq 0$ .

where  $A \in \mathcal{F}_t$  corresponds to  $\tilde{A} \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t$ , defines a measure on  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$ . Further, setting  $f(x, p) = \tilde{f}(x)$  for any bounded continuous function  $\tilde{f}$  on  $E$ , we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_x[\tilde{f}(\tilde{X}_t); t < \tilde{\zeta}] &= \int_{\Omega} \tilde{f}(\tilde{X}_t(\tilde{\omega})) d\tilde{P}_x \\ &= E_{(x,0)}[f(Y_t); t < \zeta] \\ &= E_{(x,p)}[f(Y_t); t < \zeta]. \end{aligned}$$

Since, for fixed  $B \in \mathcal{B}(E)$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $P_{(x,p)}((X_t, N_t) \in (B, p+r))$  is independent of  $p$ , we can see from the above equalities that

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{P}_x(\{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}; \tilde{\omega}(t_i) \in B_i \text{ and } \sigma_{r_i}(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t_i < \sigma_{r_{i+1}}(\tilde{\omega}); i = 1, 2\}) \\ &= P_{(x,0)}(\{\omega \in \Omega; \omega(t_i) \in (B_i, r_i), i = 1, 2\}) \\ &= E_{(x,0)}[P_{(X_{t_1}, N_{t_1})}((X_{t_2-t_1}, N_{t_2-t_1}) \in (B_2, r_2)); (X_{t_1}, N_{t_1}) \in (B_1, r_1)] \\ &= E_{(x,0)}[P_{(X_{t_1}, N_{t_1})}((X_{t_2-t_1}, N_{t_2-t_1}) \in (B_2, r_2 - r_1 + N_{t_1})); (X_{t_1}, N_{t_1}) \in (B_1, r_1)] \\ &= \tilde{E}_x[P_{\tilde{X}_{t_1}}(\tilde{X}_{t_2-t_1} \in B_2, \sigma_{r_2-r_1}(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t_2 - t_1 < \sigma_{r_2-r_1+1}(\tilde{\omega})); \\ &\quad \tilde{X}_{t_1} \in B_1, \sigma_{r_1}(\tilde{\omega}) \leq t_1 < \sigma_{r_1+1}(\tilde{\omega})], \end{aligned}$$

which proves the Markov property of  $\tilde{P}_x$ . So we have a right continuous Markov Process  $\tilde{X} = \{\tilde{X}_t, \tilde{\zeta}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t, \tilde{P}_x; x \in E\}$  on  $E$ . Similarly, for a  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t$ -Markov time  $\rho$ , if we consider a  $\mathcal{B}_t$ -Markov time  $\sigma$  of  $Y$  defined by

$$\sigma(\omega) = \begin{cases} t, & \text{if } \omega \in A \text{ where } \tilde{A} = \{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}; \rho(\tilde{\omega}) = t\}, t \geq 0 \\ \infty, & \text{if } \omega \notin \{\omega \in \Omega; N_0(\omega) = 0\}, \end{cases}$$

then we can see that  $\tilde{X}$  is strong Markov and quasi-left continuous since  $Y$  is. Furthermore, by the definition of  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t, \sigma_r$  is a  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_t$ -Markov time of  $\tilde{X}$  and (16), (17) are obtained from Lemma 3 and the definition of  $\tilde{P}_x$ . Thus taking  $\tilde{X}$  as  $X$ , we complete the proof. Q.E.D.

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