

Erratum to Symmetric Markov Processes, Time Change, and Boundary Theory

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- p.15, line 8: There is a gap in the proof of $C_b(F) \cap L^2(F; m)$ being dense in $L^2(F; m)$. Here we show the part (ii) of Lemma 1.1.14 directly that $\{T_t; t \geq 0\}$ is a strongly continuous semigroup on $L^2(E; m)$.

Since m is σ -finite, there is a partition $\{E_k; k \geq 1\}$ of F so that $m(E_k) < \infty$ for every $k \geq 1$. Since every $f \in L^2(F; m)$ can be L^2 -approximated by a sequence of simple functions in $L^2(F; m)$, it suffices to show that for any $A \subset F$ having $m(A) < \infty$, $T_t 1_A$ converges to 1_A in $L^2(F; m)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$. For simplicity, denote $m|_{E_j}$ by m_j . Since each m_j is a regular measure, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there a compact set $K_j \subset A$ and an open set $U_j \supset A$ so that $m_j(A \setminus K_j) < \varepsilon/2^j$ and $m_j(U_j \setminus A) < \varepsilon/2^j$. Since $m(A) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_j(A)$, there is some $N \geq 1$ so that $\sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} m_j(A) < \varepsilon/2$. Define $K = \cup_{j=1}^N K_j$. Then $K \subset A$, K is compact,

$$m(A \setminus K) \leq \sum_{j=1}^N m_j(A \setminus K_j) + \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} m_j(A) < \varepsilon, \quad (1)$$

and

$$m(\cap_{j=1}^{\infty} U_j \setminus A) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_j(U_j \setminus A) < \varepsilon. \quad (2)$$

For each $j \geq M$, define

$$g_j(x) = \frac{d(x, (\cap_{k=1}^j U_k)^c)}{d(x, (\cap_{k=1}^j U_k)^c) + d(x, K)}.$$

Clearly $g_j \in C_b(F)$ with $0 \leq g_j \leq 1$ on F , $g_j = 1$ on K , and $g_j = 0$ on $(\bigcap_{k=1}^j U_k)^c$. Note that g_j is decreasing in j and $g_\infty(x) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} g_j(x)$ vanishes on $(\bigcap_{k=\infty}^j U_k)^c$. Hence by (2),

$$\int_F 1_{A^c}(x) g_\infty(x)^2 m(dx) \leq m(\bigcap_{k=1}^\infty (U_k \cap A^c)) \leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty m_k(U_k \setminus A) < \varepsilon.$$

Thus by the monotone convergence theorem, there is some $N_1 \geq N$ so that

$$\int_F 1_{A^c}(x) g_{N_1}(x)^2 m(dx) < \varepsilon.$$

Hence by the L^2 -contractiveness of $\{T_t; t \geq 0\}$ and the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \|1_A g_{N_1} - T_t(1_A g_{N_1})\|_{L^2(F; m)}^2 \\ & \leq 2\|1_A g_{N_1}\|_{L^2(F; m)}^2 - 2 \liminf_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_F 1_A g_{N_1} T_t(1_A g_{N_1}) m(dx) \\ & = 2\|1_A g_{N_1}\|_{L^2(F; m)}^2 - 2 \liminf_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\int_F 1_A g_{N_1} P_t g_{N_1} m(dx) - \int_F 1_A g_{N_1} T_t(1_{A^c} g_{N_1}) m(dx) \right) \\ & \leq 2m(A)^{1/2} \|1_{A^c} g_{N_1}\|_{L^2(F; m)} < 2\sqrt{m(A)}\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, as by (1),

$$\|1_A - 1_A g_{N_1}\|_{L^2(F; m)} \leq m(A \setminus K)^{1/2} \leq \varepsilon^{1/2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \|1_A - T_t 1_A\|_{L^2(F; m)} & \leq 2\varepsilon^{1/2} + \limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \|1_A g_{N_1} - T_t(1_A g_{N_1})\|_{L^2(F; m)} \\ & \leq 2\varepsilon^{1/2} + 2(m(A)\varepsilon)^{1/4}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, this shows that $\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \|1_A - T_t 1_A\|_{L^2(F; m)} = 0$.

- p.27, line 13: ‘countable base’ should be ‘a countable base’.
- p.27, line 16: ‘(ii).’ should be ‘(ii)’.
- p.40, line -19: S_n should be S_{nh} .

- p.42, line 15: ‘ \rightarrow ’ should be ‘=’
- p.44, line -7: the first (2.1.20) should be (2.1.19).
- p.44, line -6: ‘ $G(\eta - \eta G^n \eta)$ ’ should be ‘ $G_\alpha(\eta - \eta G^n \eta)$ ’
- p.110, line 13: ‘ $\{p_B^1 > 0\}$ ’ should be ‘ $\{p_B^1 < 1\}$ ’
- p.110, line 16: ‘ $\{p_B^1 \geq \frac{1}{k}\}$ ’ should be ‘ $\{p_B^1 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{k}\}$ ’
- p.110, line 20: ‘ $p_B^1(X_\sigma) = 0$ ’ should be ‘ $p_B^1(X_\sigma) = 1$ ’
- p.143, line -2: the phrase “In view of Theorem 3.5.4” should be replaced by “In view of Lemma 1.3.15 and Theorem 3.1.4”.
- p.206, line 12: delete ‘ F ’.
- p.219, lines 4 and 5: ‘ dt ’ should be ‘ dr ’ (two places)
- p.219, Theorem 5.5.9: $(U(dx, dy) + J(dx, dy))$.
- p.376, in (**M°**.3): ‘ $\sup_{x \in V} G_1^0 \varphi^{(i)}(x) < \infty$ ’ should be ‘ $\inf_{x \in V} G_1^0 \varphi^{(i)}(x) > 0$ ’.
- p.384, line 12: ‘ $H^1(D)$ ’ should be ‘ $H_e^1(D) \cap L^2(D; m)$ ’.
- p.474, line 9: ‘holds’ should be ‘holes’.