

Regular points and Green functions in Markov processes

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§ 0. Introduction.

Our aim of this paper is to investigate the regular points of multi-dimensional standard processes having an adequate Green function $G(x, y)$ with the condition (S);

(S). *There exists $\alpha \in (0, d)$ ($d \geq 3$) such that for any compact set K given, there exist $\delta > 0$ and $C_1, C_2 \in (0, \infty)$ such that*

$$C_1 |x-y|^{-\alpha} \geq G(x, y) \geq C_2 |x-y|^{-\alpha}$$

for $|x-y| < \delta$ and $x, y \in K$.

In case $d=2$, we include the following case:

$$C_1 \log \frac{1}{|x-y|} \geq G(x, y) \geq C_2 \log \frac{1}{|x-y|}.$$

In § 1, for an adequate Green function with the condition (S), we shall construct a standard process in Dynkin's sense with

$$E_x \left(\int_0^\zeta f(x_t) dt \right) = Gf(x)$$

by modifying Ray's theory. [Th. 1.1.]

In § 2 and § 3, we shall apply the result of § 1 to the uniformly elliptic operators of the forms

$$\text{i)} \quad D^s u = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right),$$

where $\{a_{ij}\}$ are bounded, measurable and symmetric,

$$\text{ii).} \quad D^* u = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (a_{ij} \cdot u) - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_i \cdot u),$$

where $\{a_{ij}\}$, $\{a_i\}$ are bounded Hölder continuous, and in addition W. Littman's condition (L) is assumed:

$$(L) \quad - \int_{\Omega} Dv(x) dx \geq 0$$