

On a construction of a recurrent potential kernel by mean of time change and killing

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§ 1. Introduction.

Let E be a locally compact Hausdorff space with countable base, \mathcal{E} be the σ -field of Borel subsets of E and $X=(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\theta_t)_{t \geq 0}, (P^x)_{x \in E}$ be a Hunt process on (E, \mathcal{E}) . The constructions of the (weak) potential kernel of X were given by many authors ([6], [9], [11], [13]). In this paper we shall give a construction by mean of time change and killing. Let $A=(A_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a non-trivial non-negative continuous additive functional of X such that $A_t < \infty$ a.s. for all $t < \infty$. Let $K_{P,c}^0$ and $G_{P,c}^0$ be the resolvent of the time changed process corresponding to the additive functional A^c and the potential kernel of the subprocess of X corresponding to the multiplicative functional $(e^{-PA_t^c})_{t \geq 0}$, respectively, where A^c is defined by

$$A_t^c = \int_0^t I_C(X_s) dA_s$$

for a Borel subset C of E . Then for a suitably chosen Borel subset C of E there exists a potential kernel K_C of $K_{P,c}^0$ restricted to $C \times C$ and the kernel defined by

$$K(x, dy) = G_{1,c}^0(x, dy) + K_{1,c}^0 K_C G_{1,c}^0(x, dy)$$

is a potential kernel of X . If there exists a dual Hunt process \hat{X} of X relative to the invariant measure μ of X then the kernels K and \hat{K} defined as above by A^c and \hat{A}^c are in dual relative to μ , where \hat{A} is the dual continuous additive functional of A . By these method, we can construct, explicitly, the potential kernel of one dimensional non-singular diffusion processes.

§ 2. Construction of a potential kernel.

Throughout in this paper we shall assume that X is a recurrent Hunt process on (E, \mathcal{E}) , that is, it satisfies the following equivalent conditions (Azema-Duflo-Revuz [1], Blumenthal-Gettoor [5] problems II.4.17-4.20).

- (i) If $B \in \mathcal{E}^n$ then either $U(x, B) = E^x \left[\int_0^\infty I_B(X_t) dt \right] \equiv 0$ or $U(x, B) \equiv \infty$.
(ii) If $B \in \mathcal{E}^n$ then either $P^x[T_B < \infty] \equiv 0$ or $P^x[T_B < \infty] \equiv 1$.
(iii) The only excessive functions are constants.

Here \mathcal{E}^n is the σ -field of the nearly Borel measurable subsets of E . Then, from Azema-Duflo-Revuz [2], there exists a unique (up to the multiplicative constants) σ -finite invariant measure μ of X which is equivalent to $U^p(x, \cdot) = E^x \left[\int_0^\infty e^{-pt} I_{(\cdot)}(X_t) dt \right]$ for all $x \in E$ and $p \geq 0$. Hence, in particular, any p -excessive function is \mathcal{E} -measurable ([5] proposition V.1.4).

Assume, furthermore, that we are given a non-negative continuous additive functional $A = (A_t)_{t \geq 0}$ of X satisfying $A_t < \infty$ a. s. for all $t < \infty$ and $P^x[A_\infty = 0] \neq 1$ for some $x \in E$. Then, from [1], $P^x[A_\infty = \infty] = 1$ for all $x \in E$. For any Borel subset C of E define a continuous additive functional A^C as in § 1. Then A^C vanishes on the complement of C . Denote $b\mathcal{E}$ and $b\mathcal{E}^+$ the classes of all bounded \mathcal{E} -measurable and all non-negative bounded \mathcal{E} -measurable functions, respectively. For $r, p \geq 0$ and $f \in b\mathcal{E}$, define

$$(2.1) \quad K_{p,c}^r f(x) = E^x \left[\int_0^\infty e^{-pA_t^C - rt} f(X_t) dA_t^C \right]$$

$$(2.2) \quad G_{p,c}^r f(x) = E^x \left[\int_0^\infty e^{-pA_t^C - rt} f(X_t) dt \right].$$

Then $G_{0,c}^r = U^r$. Set $K_p^r = K_{p,E}^r$ and $G_p^r = G_{p,E}^r$.

THEOREM 2.1. (Nagasawa-Sato [10] Theorems 2.1 and 2.2). For any $p, q > 0$, $r, s \geq 0$, $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ and $C \in \mathcal{E}$,

$$(2.3) \quad K_{p,c}^r f - K_{q,c}^s f + (p-q)K_{p,c}^r K_{q,c}^s f + (r-s)G_{p,c}^r K_{q,c}^s f = 0,$$

$$(2.4) \quad G_{p,c}^r f - G_{s,c}^q f + (p-q)G_{p,c}^r G_{s,c}^q f + (r-s)K_{p,c}^r G_{s,c}^q f = 0.$$

In particular, if $K_{0,c}^{r_0} 1$ (resp. $G_{r_0,c}^{p_0}(\cdot, B)$) is bounded for some $r_0 \geq 0$, then $K_{0,c}^r f$ (resp. $G_{r,c}^p f$) is bounded for arbitrary $r > 0$ and $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ and, furthermore, (2.3) (resp. (2.4)) holds for all $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ (resp. $f \in b\mathcal{E}$, $f=0$ on B^c) and $p, q, r, s \geq 0$ such that $p+r > 0$ and $q+s > 0$.

Let ν be the measure associated with A (see [2], [12]), that is, $\nu(\cdot) = \mu K_0^1(\cdot)$. Then,

LEMMA 2.2. There exists an increasing sequence $\{E_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ of Borel subsets of E satisfying $\bigcup_n E_n = E$, $\nu(E_n) < \infty$ and $K_{0,E_n}^1 1$ is bounded for every n .

PROOF. The proof is similar to the proof of Revuz [12], Theorem III.1. Set $C = E$, $r=0$, $p=q=s=1$ at (2.4) then we have

$$K_0^1 G_1^1 f = U^1 f - G_1^1 f \leq U^1 f$$

$$\mu K_0^1 G_1^1 f \leq \langle \mu, f \rangle \equiv \int_E f(x) \mu(dx)$$

for any $f \in b\mathcal{E}_+$. If f is a strictly positive μ -integrable function then $0 < G_1^1 f \leq \|f\| < \infty$ and, since $U^1 f$ and $U^1 f - G_1^1 f$ are 1-excessive ([5], Corollary III.4.10), $G_1^1 f = U^1 f - (U^1 f - G_1^1 f)$ is a fine continuous Borel measurable function on E . Therefore the sets $E_n = \{x : G_1^1 f(x) \geq 1/n\}$ are fine closed Borel subsets which increase to E as $n \uparrow \infty$ and satisfy $K_0^1(x, E_n) \leq n\|f\|$ and

$$\nu(E_n) \leq n\mu K_0^1 G_1^1 f \leq \langle \mu, f \rangle < \infty.$$

LEMMA 2.3. *The measure ν is the unique invariant measure of K_1^0 and which is equivalent to $K_1^0(x, \cdot)$ for any $x \in E$.*

PROOF. The invariance and uniqueness were proved by Revuz [12] proposition III.4. Clearly the measures $K_1^0(x, \cdot)$ and $K_0^1(x, \cdot)$ are equivalent, so we shall prove the equivalence of ν and $K_0^1(x, \cdot)$. Obviously $K_0^1(x, B) \equiv 0$ implies $\nu(B) = 0$. Suppose, on the contrary, that $K_0^1(x, B) > 0$ for some $x \in E$ and $B \in \mathcal{E}$ then, since $K_0^1(\cdot, B)$ is 1-excessive ([5] Proposition IV.2.4), there exists a fine neighbourhood W of x such that $K_0^1(y, B) \geq a > 0$ for all $y \in W$. Therefore,

$$\nu(B) = \int \mu(dy) K_0^1(y, B) \geq a\mu(W) > 0$$

since $U^1(x, W) > 0$.

By Lemma 2.3, there exists an $\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}$ -measurable density $g_1^0(x, y)$ of $K_1^0(x, \cdot)$ relative to ν since \mathcal{E} is countably generated. For a set $B \in \mathcal{E}$ such that $0 < \nu(B) < \infty$, a positive integer n and a real number $r \in (1/2, 1)$, define

$$(2.5) \quad K(B, r, n) = \left\{ x \in B : \nu \left\{ y \in B : g_1^0(x, y) > \frac{1}{n} \right\} > r\nu(B) \right\}$$

then $B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K(B, r, n)$.

LEMMA 2.4. *If C is a Borel subset of $K(B, r_0, n)$ such that $\nu(C) > 2(1-r_0)\nu(B)$ for some $n \geq 1$ and $r_0 \in (1/2, 1)$ then $C = K(C, r, n)$ for any $r \in (1/2, 1 - (1-r_0)\nu(B)/\nu(C))$.*

LEMMA 2.5. *If $C \in \mathcal{E}$ satisfies $0 < \nu(C) < \infty$ and $C = K(C, r, n)$ for some $n \geq 1$ and $r \in (1/2, 1)$ then*

$$\sup_{x \in C, y \in C} \frac{1}{2} \|K_{1,C}^0(x, \cdot) - K_{1,C}^0(y, \cdot)\| \equiv k_C < 1.$$

The proofs of Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5 are similar to the proof of Theorem II.1 of Revuz [13], where he proved these results in the case $A_t = \int_0^t f(X_s) ds$ ($f \in b\mathcal{E}_+$) and $\nu = \mu$, so the proofs are omitted.

Take a positive integer k satisfying $0 < \nu(E_k) < \infty$, where $E_k \in \mathcal{E}$ is the set introduced in Lemma 2.2. Let $B = E_k$ at Lemma 2.4, then there is a subset

$C \in \mathcal{E}$ of E_k satisfying $0 < \nu(C) < \infty$ and $C = K(C, r, n)$ for some $r \in (1/2, 1)$ and $n \geq 1$. Obviously $A_\infty^C = \infty$ a. s. by $\nu(C) > 0$ and A^C vanishes outside of C . Moreover, since $\nu_C(\cdot) = \nu(\cdot \cap C)$ is the measure associated with A^C , ν_C is the invariant measure of $K_{1,C}^0$. Hence, again similarly to Lemma III.2 of [13],

LEMMA 2.6. *Under the conditions of Lemma 2.5,*

$$\sup_{x \in C} \left\| (K_{1,C}^0)^n(x, \cdot) - \frac{\nu_C(\cdot)}{\nu(C)} \right\| \leq 2k_C^n.$$

THEOREM 2.7. $\mu = \text{constant} \times \nu_C G_{1,C}^0$.

PROOF. From Theorem 2.1,

$$G_{1,C}^0 K_{1,C}^1 f = K_{1,C}^0 f - K_{1,C}^1 f \leq K_{1,C}^0 f \leq \|f\|$$

for any $f \in b\mathcal{E}_+$. Since $A_\infty^C = \infty$ a. s. and $A_t^C < \infty$ a. s. for all $t < \infty$, for a strictly positive bounded measurable function f , $K_{1,C}^1 f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in E$. Then, by the similar argument to the proof of Lemma 2.2, there exists a sequence $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ which increases to E such that $G_{1,C}^0(x, F_n)$ is bounded for every n . Hence $\nu_C G_{1,C}^0$ is a σ -finite measure. Since $G_{1,C}^0(x, F_n)$ is bounded for all n , again by Theorem 2.1, for any $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ which vanishes outside of some F_n ,

$$G_{1,C}^0 f - U^1 f - G_{1,C}^0 U^1 f + K_{1,C}^0 U^1 f = 0.$$

Integrating by ν_C it follows that

$$\nu_C G_{1,C}^0 f = \nu_C G_{1,C}^0 U^1 f$$

since ν_C is an invariant measure of $K_{1,C}^0$. Therefore $\nu_C G_{1,C}^0$ is an invariant measure of X , hence, by the uniqueness of the invariant measure of X , the theorem follows.

For simplicity, we shall assume, in the following, that the constant of the Theorem 2.7 equals to 1, that is, $\mu = \nu_C G_{1,C}^0$.

COROLLARY. *If there exists a local time A for X at $x_0 \in E$ then the measure $G_1^0(x_0, \cdot)$ is the invariant measure of X , where G_1^0 is the kernel defined by the local time A as before.*

For $x \in C$ and $B \in \mathcal{E}$ define a kernel K_C by

$$(2.6) \quad K_C(x, B) = I(x, B \cap C) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(K_{1,C}^0)^n(x, B) - \frac{\nu_C(B)}{\nu(C)} \right]$$

where I is the identity kernel. From Lemma 2.6, K_C is well defined and $K_C(x, \cdot)$ is a bounded signed measure which vanishes outside of C for all $x \in C$.

LEMMA 2.8. *For any $f \in b\mathcal{E}$,*

$$(2.7) \quad (I - K_{1,C}^0)K_C f = f - \frac{1}{\nu(C)} \langle \nu_C, f \rangle \quad \text{on } C.$$

Let \mathbf{D} be the set of all $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ such that $G_{1,c}^0|f|$ is bounded. Then \mathbf{D} contains all functions $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ such that $f=0$ on F_n^c for some n , where F_n are the sets in the proof of Lemma 2.6. In particular, if X is strong Feller, any bounded measurable function which vanishes outside a compact set is contained in \mathbf{D} ([5] III.5.16, 5.18). Define a kernel K on E by

$$(2.8) \quad K(x, B) = G_{1c}^0(x, B) + K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0(x, B).$$

THEOREM 2.9. *If $f \in \mathbf{D}$ then Kf is bounded and satisfies*

$$(2.9) \quad (I - pU^p)Kf = U^p f - \frac{K_{0,c}^p(\cdot, C)}{\nu(C)} \langle \mu, f \rangle.$$

If, moreover, $\langle \mu, f \rangle = 0$ then

$$(2.10) \quad (I - pU^p)Kf = U^p f$$

that is, K is a potential kernel of X .

PROOF. If $f \in \mathbf{D}$ then the boundedness of Kf is obvious. Moreover, from Theorem 2.7, f is μ -integrable. Let $r=q=0$ and $s=1$ at (2.4), then

$$(2.11) \quad pU^p G_{1,c}^0 f = K_{0,c}^p G_{1,c}^0 f + G_{1,c}^0 f - U^p f.$$

Similarly, let $p=s=0$, $q=1$ and p for r , then

$$(2.12) \quad pU^p K_{1,c}^0 g = K_{0,c}^p K_{1,c}^0 g + K_{1,c}^0 g - K_{0,c}^p g$$

for any $g \in b\mathcal{E}$. Since $K_{0,c}^p(x, \cdot)$ vanishes outside of C , by setting $g = K_c G_{1,c}^0 f$, we obtain from Theorem 2.7 and Lemma 2.8,

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} pU^p K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0 f &= K_{0,c}^p K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0 f + K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0 f \\ &\quad - K_{0,c}^p K_c G_{1,c}^0 f \\ &= K_{0,c}^p \left(K_c G_{1,c}^0 f - G_{1,c}^0 f + \frac{1}{\nu(C)} \langle \nu_C, G_{1,c}^0 f \rangle \right) \\ &\quad + K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0 f - K_{0,c}^p K_c G_{1,c}^0 f \\ &= -K_{0,c}^p G_{1,c}^0 f + \frac{K_{0,c}^p(\cdot, C)}{\nu(C)} \langle \mu, f \rangle + K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0 f. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.11) and (2.13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} pU^p Kf &= pU^p G_{1,c}^0 f + pU^p K_{1,c}^0 K_c G_{1,c}^0 f \\ &= Kf - U^p f + \frac{K_{0,c}^p(\cdot, C)}{\nu(C)} \langle \mu, f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

§ 3. The case when the dual process exists.

In this section we shall assume that X is a recurrent Hunt process on E with the invariant measure μ and that the dual Hunt process \hat{X} of X relative to μ exists. Let $\hat{U}^p(dx, y)$ be the resolvent of \hat{X} then for any $f \in b\mathcal{E}_+$ and $p > 0$,

$$\langle \mu, f\hat{U}^p \rangle = \iint f(x)\hat{U}^p(dx, y)\mu(dy) = \int f(x)U^{p1}(x)\mu(dy) = \frac{1}{p}\langle \mu, f \rangle.$$

Hence μ is an invariant measure of \hat{X} . It is well known that, for any $p > 0$, there exists a bimeasurable function $u^p(x, y)$ satisfying

- (i) $U^p(x, dy) = u^p(x, y)\mu(dy)$ and $\hat{U}^p(dx, y) = \mu(dx)u^p(x, y)$,
- (ii) $u^p(\cdot, y)$ and $u^p(x, \cdot)$ are a p -excessive and p -coexcessive functions for any y and x , respectively.

Set $u(x, y) = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} u^p(x, y)$ then $u(\cdot, y)$ and $u(x, \cdot)$ are an excessive and a coexcessive functions, respectively.

LEMMA 3.1.

$$u(x, y) = \infty \quad \text{for all } x, y.$$

PROOF. Let y be an arbitrary point in E then, for any non-empty nearly Borel cofine neighbourhood W of y , $\mu(W) > 0$ since $\hat{U}^p(W, y) > 0$ for any $p > 0$. Moreover, we may assume that $\mu(W) < \infty$ for all small W (see [2] IV.1). For such W , the recurrence of X implies that

$$\int_W u(x, y)\mu(dy) = v(x, W) = \infty \quad \text{for all } x \in E.$$

Hence from the cofine continuity of $u(x, \cdot)$ the lemma follows.

From Lemma 3.1, \hat{X} is a recurrent Hunt process. Let A be the continuous additive functional of X given in § 1 and ν be the measure associated with A in § 2. Then by Revuz [12] VII.1 (cf. [4] and [7]), there exists a polar set P and a continuous additive functional \hat{A} of \hat{X} restricted to $E - P$ satisfying $A_t < \infty$ a. s. for any $t < \infty$ and which is associated with ν . By the recurrence of \hat{X} , $\hat{A}_\infty = \infty$ a. s. Since μ and ν do not charge for any polar set, $\mu(P) = \nu(P) = 0$.

Define $\hat{K}_{p,c}^r(B, y)$ and $\hat{G}_{p,c}^r(B, y)$ as (2.1) and (2.2) by (\hat{X}, \hat{A}) , then there exists a Borel subset C of $E - P$ satisfying $0 < \nu(C) < \infty$, $C = K(C, r, n) = \hat{K}(C, r, n)$ for some $r \in (1/2, 1)$ and $n \geq 1$ from Lemma 2.4, where $\hat{K}(C, r, n)$ is defined as (2.5) by (\hat{X}, \hat{A}) . For such C define $\hat{K}_C(B, y)$ and $\hat{K}(B, y)$ by means of $\hat{K}_{1,C}^0$ and $\hat{G}_{1,C}^0$ as (2.6) and (2.8) for $B \subset E - P$, $y \in E - P$. Set $\hat{K}(B, y) = 0$ for $B \subset P$, $y \in P$ and

$$\hat{K}(B, y) = p\hat{K}\hat{U}_p(B, y) + \hat{U}_p(B, y)$$

for $B \subset E$, $y \in P$. Then \hat{K} is a potential kernel of \hat{X} . Let \hat{D} be the set of all functions $f \in b\mathcal{E}$ such that $\hat{G}_{1,c}^0|f|$ is bounded.

THEOREM 3.1. For any $f, g \in D \cap \hat{D}$,

$$(3.1) \quad \int_E g(x)Kf(x)\mu(dx) = \int_E g\hat{K}(y)f(y)\mu(dy).$$

PROOF. Let $f, g \in D \cap \hat{D}$, then by the definitions of K and \hat{K} , it is enough to prove $\langle \mu, g \rangle \langle \nu_c, G_{1,c}^0 f \rangle = \langle \nu_c, g \hat{G}_{1,c}^0 \rangle \langle \mu, f \rangle$ and

$$(3.2) \quad \int_E g(x)(K_{1,c}^0)^n G_{1,c}^0 f(x)\mu(dx) = \int_E g \hat{G}_{1,c}^0 (\hat{K}_{1,c}^0)^n (y) f(y)\mu(dy)$$

for all $n \geq 0$. It is known by [12] theorem VII.2 that there exists a bimeasurable function $g_{1,c}^0(x, y)$ such that

$$G_{1,c}^0(x, dy) = g_{1,c}^0(x, y)\mu(dy), \quad \hat{G}_{1,c}^0(dx, y) = \mu(dx)g_{1,c}^0(x, y)$$

$$K_{1,c}^0(x, dy) = g_{1,c}^0(x, y)\nu_c(dy) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{K}_{1,c}^0(dx, y) = \nu_c(dx)g_{1,c}^0(x, y)$$

for all $x \in E$ and $y \in E - P$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int g(x)K_{1,c}^0 G_{1,c}^0 f(x)\mu(dx) &= \iiint g(x)g_{1,c}^0(x, y)g_{1,c}^0(y, z)f(z)\mu(dx)\nu_c(dy)\mu(dz) \\ &= \int g \hat{G}_{1,c}^0 \hat{K}_{1,c}^0(z)f(z)\mu(dz). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly (3.2) holds for arbitrary $n \geq 0$. From Theorem 2.7,

$$\langle \mu, g \rangle \langle \nu_c, G_{1,c}^0 f \rangle = \langle \nu_c, g \hat{G}_{1,c}^0 \rangle \langle \mu, f \rangle = \langle \mu, g \rangle \langle \mu, f \rangle.$$

Hence the theorem follows.

§ 4. Examples.

Let X be a non-singular recurrent diffusion process on $Q = (-\infty, \infty)$ with natural scale and speed measure m . Let A be the local time of X at 0 and h_1 (resp. h_2) be the strictly positive non-decreasing (resp. non-increasing) solution of the following equations.

$$(4.1) \quad dh^+(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq 0,$$

$$(4.2) \quad h^+(0) - h^+(0-) = h(0),$$

$$(4.3) \quad h_1^+ h_2 - h_1 h_2^+ = 1.$$

Then the Green function $g_{1,c}^0(x, y)$ is given by

$$(4.4) \quad g_{1,c}^0(x, y) = g_{1,c}^0(y, x) = h_1(x)h_2(y) \quad \text{and} \quad x \leq y$$

(see [8], 5.6 and problem 4.11.9). Hence for any continuous function f with compact support,

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} G_1^0 f(x) &= \int_Q g_1^0(x, y) f(y) m(dy) \\ &= \int_Q \frac{|x| + |y| - |x-y| + 2}{2} f(y) m(dy), \end{aligned}$$

which shows that $G_1^0(0, dy) = m(dy)$ is the invariant measure and

$$(4.6) \quad K(x, dy) = \frac{|x| + |y| - |x-y| + 4}{2} m(dy)$$

is a potential kernel of X by the Corollary of Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 3.9.

If X is a recurrent non-singular diffusion process on $Q = [0, \infty)$ or $Q = [0, 1]$ with natural scale and speed measure m , then by solving (4.1), (4.3) and

$$(4.2)' \quad g_1^+(0) = g_1(0)$$

we can see that (4.6) is a potential kernel of X .

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