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# A class of infinitesimal generators of onedimensional Markov processes

# II. Invariant measures

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It was shown in [4] that an operator of the form (1) below with boundary conditions of Feller-Wentzell type is the infinitesimal generator of a strongly continuous nonnegative contraction (s. c. n. c.) semigroup  $(T_t)_{t\geq 0}$  in  $C=C([0, 1])^{*}$ ) or a subspace of C. In this note we continue the study of these operators. The main result is that the semigroup  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$  or the corresponding Markov process have a unique invariant measure  $\mu_0$  with supp  $\mu_0=[0, 1]$  if only the boundary conditions are "not too degenerated". This seems to be rather evident as the operator (1) contains a diffusion term  $D_m D_x$ . However the analytical proof of this fact we could give (Theorem 5) is not so short. Further it is shown that  $\mu_0$  is in (0, 1) absolutely continuous with respect to the measure m.

In a following note we shall continue the study of this class of Markov processes along the lines of [6]. In particular, we shall investigate the limit behavior of the transition probabilities if  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and derive Kolmogorov's equations for the densities of the transition probabilities (with respect to  $\mu_0$ ). As an important tool, the extension of the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t\geq 0}$  to  $L^2(\mu_0)$  (with scalar product denoted by  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ ) is considered. The explicit expressions of [Af, f] and its real and imaginary parts, given at the end of this paper, will play an essential role in this investigation.

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#### 1. Preliminaries.

Let *m*, *b* and the family of measures  $n_x$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ , have the same properties as in [4], [5] that is *m* is a strongly increasing continuous function

<sup>\*)</sup> In [4] only real spaces have been considered, here, however, C is supposed to be complex. It is easy to [see ([5], p. 106), that the statements quoted above are true for the corresponding complex spaces.

on [0, 1], b is a real continuous function on [0, 1] and  $n_x$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ , are non-negative measures on [0, 1] with the properties

- (a)  $n_x([0, 1]) \leq K < \infty$  ( $x \in [0, 1]$ ),
- (b)  $\xi \rightarrow x$  implies  $n_{\xi} \rightarrow n_x$  \*-weakly  $(x, \xi \in [0, 1])$ , that is

$$\int_0^1 f(y) n_{\xi}(dy) \to \int_0^1 f(y) n_x(dy) \quad \text{for all} \quad f \in C,$$
(c) 
$$\sup_{\substack{x \in [0, 1] \\ y \in [0, 1]}} \int_{\substack{|x-y| \le \delta \\ y \in [0, 1]}} n_x(dy) \to 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \delta \downarrow 0.^{*)}$$

The second order generalized differential operator  $D_m D_x$  in C is defined in the usual way (see [4] and the references quoted there): Its domain  $\mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  is the set of all  $f \in C$  which admit a representation

$$f(x) = f_0 + x f'_0 + \int_0^x (x - s) \varphi(s) dm(s), \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

with  $f_0, f'_0 \in C^{**}$ ,  $\varphi \in C$ , and for this function f we define

$$D_m D_x f := \varphi$$
.

With  $D_x f$  denoting the first derivative of a continuously differentiable function f and  $\varphi_x(y) := \int_x^y (y-s) dm(s)$ ,  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ , on  $\mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  we shall consider the following operator  $\mathfrak{A}$ :

$$(\mathfrak{A}f)(x) := (D_m D_x f)(x) + b(x)(D_x f)(x)$$

$$+ \int_0^1 (f(y) - f(x) - (y - x)(D_x f(x))) \frac{n_x(dy)}{\varphi_x(y)}, \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad f \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x).$$
(1)

The integral on the right hand side of (1) is possibly an improper integral with respect to the singularity at y=x, but it is easy to see that it exists for all  $f \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$ . In the following, by  $\tilde{n}_x$  we denote the measure

$$\tilde{n}_x(dy) := \frac{n_x(dy)}{\varphi_x(y)}$$
 on  $[0, 1] \setminus \{x\}$ .

If  $f \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  we define

$$\Phi_0(f) := \kappa_0 f(0) + \int_0^1 \frac{f(0) - f(x)}{x} dq_0(x) + \sigma_0(\mathfrak{A} f)(0) ,$$
  
$$\Phi_1(f) := \kappa_1 f(1) + \int_0^1 \frac{f(1) - f(x)}{1 - x} dq_1(x) + \sigma_1(\mathfrak{A} f)(1) ,$$

where the constants  $\kappa_0$ ,  $\kappa_1$ ,  $\sigma_0$ ,  $\sigma_1$  are nonnegative,  $q_0$  and  $q_1$  are nonnegative measures on [0, 1] and  $\kappa_i + \sigma_i + \int_0^1 dq_i > 0$ , i=0, 1. If  $q_i$  has concentrated mass

<sup>\*)</sup> The conditions (a-c) are equivalent to (b) and (a')  $n_x(\{x\}) = 0$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

<sup>\*\*)</sup> C denotes the set of complex numbers, := is used to define new symbols.

at the point *i*, i=0, 1, it is understood that

$$\frac{f(0)-f(x)}{x}\Big|_{x=0} = -(D_x f)(0), \qquad \frac{f(1)-f(x)}{1-x}\Big|_{x=1} = (D_x f)(1).$$

We always suppose that the equations

$$\Phi_0(f) = 0$$
,  $\Phi_1(f) = 0$  (2)

are not equivalent to f(0)=f(1). The restriction A of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by the boundary conditions (2), that is  $\mathfrak{D}(A):=\{f\in\mathfrak{D}(D_mD_x): \varPhi_0(f)=\varPhi_1(f)=0\}$  and  $Af:=\mathfrak{A}f$ for  $f\in\mathfrak{D}(A)$ , is the infinitesimal generator of a s.c.n.c. semigroup in C or the subspace of C determined by the boundary conditions (2), see [4], [5]. For simplicity we shall always suppose in the following, that the functionals  $\varPhi_i, i=0, 1$ , are not continuous on C that is

$$\int_{0}^{1} |i-x|^{-1} dq_{i}(x) = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{i} > 0, \quad i = 0, 1.$$
(3)

In this case the domain  $\mathfrak{D}(A)$  of A is dense in C.

LEMMA 1. The spectrum  $\sigma(A)^{*}$  is discrete in the finite complex plane. PROOF. Suppose first that the functionals  $\Phi_i$  are

$$\Phi_i(f) := (-1)^{i+1} (D_x f)(i), \quad i=0, 1,$$

and denote by  $A_1$  the corresponding restriction of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by the boundary conditions (2). Then with the operators  $A_0: \mathfrak{D}(A_0)=\mathfrak{D}(A_1)$ ,

$$A_0f := D_m D_x f, \qquad f \in \mathfrak{D}(A_0),$$

and  $B: \mathfrak{D}(B) = \mathfrak{D}(A_1)$ ,

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$$\begin{split} Bf)(x) &:= b(x)(D_x f)(x) \\ &+ \int_0^1 (f(y) - f(x) - (y - x)(D_x f)(x)) \tilde{n}_x(dy), \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad f \in \mathfrak{D}(B), \end{split}$$

we have for the resolvents  $R_{\lambda}^{(0)} := (\lambda I - A_0)^{-1}$ ,  $R_{\lambda}^{(1)} := (\lambda I - A_1)^{-1}$ :

$$R_{\lambda}^{(1)} = R_{\lambda}^{(0)} (I - BR_{\lambda}^{(0)})^{-1}$$
,  $\lambda \in \rho(A_1) \cap \rho(A_0)$ ,

and  $BR_{\lambda}^{(0)}$  is compact in C([4]). Evidently  $BR_{\lambda}^{(0)}$  is a holomorphic function of  $\lambda$  in  $\rho(A_0)$  and the positive half axis belongs to  $\rho(A_1) \cap \rho(A_0)$ , hence  $1 \notin \sigma_p(BR_{\lambda}^{(0)})$  if  $\lambda > 0$ . By a theorem of I.C. Gohberg ([2]),  $\sigma(A_1)$  is discrete.

<sup>\*)</sup> The spectrum  $\sigma(A)$ , resolvent set  $\rho(A)$  and point spectrum  $\sigma_p(A)$  of a linear operator A are defined as in [1].

Let now A be the operator (1) with general boundary conditions. For fixed  $\lambda_0 > 0$  the difference  $(\lambda_0 I - A)^{-1} - (\lambda_0 I - A_1)^{-1}$  is two-dimensional (see [4], p. 248). On the other hand  $\sigma(R_{\lambda_0}^{(1)})$  ( $\sigma(R_{\lambda_0})$ ) is discrete in  $C \setminus \{0\}$  if and only if  $\sigma(A_1)$  ( $\sigma(A)$  resp.) is discrete in C. Therefore the statement follows from the first part of the proof.

In the following the s.c.n.c. semigroup in C generated by the operator A will be denoted by  $(T_t)_{t\geq 0}$ , its adjoint semigroup in  $C^*$  by  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$ . The corresponding transition function is  $P(t; x, \Gamma)$   $(t>0, x\in[0, 1], \Gamma\in\mathfrak{B}_{[0, 1]})$ . A nonnegative measure  $\mu\in C^*$ ,  $\mu\neq 0$ , is said to be *invariant* (*subinvariant*) under  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$  if  $T_t^*\mu=\mu$   $(T_t^*\mu\leq\mu$  resp.) for all  $t\geq 0$ .

The following lemma is well-known for arbitrary strongly continuous semigroups  $(T_t)_{t\geq 0}$  in a Banach space. It is reproduced here only for the sake of completeness.<sup>\*)</sup>

LEMMA 2. The following statements are equivalent:

1)  $\mu_0 \in C^*$  is an invariant measure of the semigroup  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$ ;

2) for some  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  we have  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*} \mu_{0} = \mu_{0}$ ;

3) for all  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  we have  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^* \mu_0 = \mu_0$ ;

4)  $\mu_0$  is orthogonal to the range  $\mathfrak{R}(A)$ .\*\*)

PROOF. Evidently  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*} \mu_{0} = \mu_{0}$  is equivalent to  $\mu_{0}(\lambda R_{\lambda}f - f) = 0$  for all  $f \in C$ . If  $\lambda', \lambda \in \rho(A)$ , we get therefore

$$0 = \mu_0(\lambda R_\lambda R_{\lambda'} f - R_{\lambda'} f) = \mu_0(\lambda(\lambda - \lambda')^{-1}(R_{\lambda'} - R_{\lambda})f - R_{\lambda'} f)$$
  
=  $(\lambda - \lambda')^{-1}\mu_0(-f + \lambda' R_{\lambda'} f)$ ,

hence the eigenspace of  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*}$  to the eigenvalue one is independent of  $\lambda$ . It is obvious from the definition of  $R_{\lambda}$  that  $T_{t}^{*}\mu_{0}=\mu_{0}$  for all  $t\geq 0$  implies  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*}\mu_{0}=\mu_{0}$ . On the other hand, the relation

$$T_t f - f = \int_0^t T_s A f ds \qquad (f \in \mathfrak{D}(A))$$

implies  $T_t f - f \in \overline{\mathfrak{R}(A)}$  for arbitrary  $f \in C$ . Suppose now

$$0 = \mu_0(\lambda R_{\lambda} f - f) = \mu_0(A(\lambda I - A)^{-1} f)$$

for all  $f \in C$ , that is  $\mu_0(g) = 0$  for all  $g \in \mathfrak{A}(A)$ . Then  $\mu_0(T_t f - f) = 0$  for  $f \in C$ ,  $t \ge 0$ , and the statement follows.

#### 2. Invariant measures.

In this section we suppose  $\kappa_0 = \kappa_1 = 0$ . Then the transition function (or the corresponding Markov process) is conservative, that is we have

<sup>\*)</sup> We thank our colleague Dr. R. Kühne for pointing out the properties 2), 3) to us. \*\*)  $\Re(A) := \{Af : f \in \mathfrak{D}(A)\}.$ 

$$P(t; x, [0, 1]) = 1, t > 0, x \in [0, 1].$$

LEMMA 3. If the nonnegative measure  $\mu_0 \ (\neq 0)$  is invariant under  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$ and  $\operatorname{supp} \mu_0 \subset \{0, 1\}$  then  $\operatorname{supp} \mu_0 = [0, 1]$ .

**PROOF.** If  $S_0$  := supp  $\mu_0$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}_0} P(t; x, \Gamma) \mu_0(dx) = \mu_0(\Gamma) \quad \text{for all} \quad \Gamma \in \mathfrak{B}_{[0,1]}, \qquad t \ge 0,$$

hence  $P(t; x, \Gamma)=0$  for  $\mu_0$ -almost all  $x \in S_0$ , if  $\Gamma \cap S_0=\emptyset$ . Consider a continuous function f on [0, 1] vanishing on  $S_0$ . Then we have with  $\Delta_0 := [0, 1] \setminus S_0$ 

$$\int_{\mathbf{A}_0} P(T; x, dy) f(y) = 0$$

for  $\mu_0$ -almost all  $x \in S_0$ . But the integral on the left hand side is a continuous function of x, hence it vanishes identically on  $S_0$ . This implies  $P(t; x, \Delta_0)=0$ , or  $P(t; x, S_0)=1$  for all  $x \in S_0$ ,  $t \ge 0$ . Therefore for the corresponding canonical Feller process X with  $P_x$ -probability one the paths starting in a point  $x \in S_0$  always remain in  $S_0$ . Hence if  $\Delta \subset \Delta_0$ ,  $\Delta \in \mathfrak{B}_{[0,1]}$ ,  $x \in S_0$ :

$$\tilde{n}_x(\Delta) = \lim_{U \downarrow x} \frac{P_x(X_\tau \in \Delta)}{E_x \tau} = 0$$
,

where  $\tau := \tau_U$  denotes the first exit time of the neighbourhood U of x.

Assume now  $S_0 \neq [0, 1]$ ,  $S_0 \subset \{0, 1\}$  and consider a boundary point  $x_0$  of  $\varDelta_0$ ,  $x_0 \in (0, 1)$ . Suppose e.g. that for some  $\delta > 0$  the interval  $(x_0 - \delta, x_0)$  belongs to  $\varDelta_0$  and  $x_0 + \delta < 1$ . Then it follows easily that there exists a nonnegative function  $f_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  with the properties

$$f_{0}(x) = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad |x - x_{0}| \ge \delta, \qquad (D_{m}D_{x}f_{0})(x) \ge 0 \quad \text{if} \quad x \ge x_{0},$$
$$(D_{m}D_{x}f_{0})(x_{0}) > |b(x_{0})| |(D_{x}f_{0})(x_{0})|$$

+ 
$$\left| \int_{0}^{x_{0}-\delta} \{-f_{0}(x_{0})-(y-x_{0})(D_{x}f_{0})(x_{0})\} \tilde{n}_{x_{0}}(dy) \right|$$

Hence

$$(\mathfrak{A}f_0)(x_0) \ge (D_m D_x f_0)(x_0) - |b(x_0)| |(D_x f_0)(x_0)| = :\gamma_0 > 0$$

Moreover, by the discontinuity of the functionals  $\Phi_0$ ,  $\Phi_1$  we can choose real functions  $g_0$ ,  $g_1 \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  vanishing on  $(x_0 - \delta, 1)$  and  $[0, x_0 + \delta)$  resp. and with the properties

$$\begin{split} \Phi_0(g_0) &= -\Phi_0(f_0), \quad \Phi_1(g_0) = 0, \\ \Phi_0(g_1) &= 0, \quad \Phi_1(g_1) = -\Phi_1(f_0), \\ \|g_i\| &\leq f_0(x_0)/2, \quad |(Bg_i)(x_0)| \leq \gamma_0/4, \quad i = 0, 1. \end{split}$$

Then for  $f:=f_0+g_0+g_1\in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , we have

$$f(x_0) \ge f(x) \quad \text{for} \quad x \in S_0, \qquad (4)$$
$$(Af)(x_0) \ge \gamma_0 - |(Bg_0)(x_0)| - |(Bg_1)(x_0)| \ge \gamma_0/2 > 0.$$

On the other hand we have from (4)

$$(Af)(x_0) = \lim_{t \neq 0} t^{-1} \left( \int_{S_0} P(t; x_0, dy) f(y) - f(x_0) \right) \leq 0.$$

LEMMA 4. Suppose the functionals  $\Phi_i$  in the boundary conditions (2) satisfy the following hypotheses:

- 1)  $\kappa_0 = \kappa_1 = 0$ ;
- 2)  $\Phi_i(f) \neq \sigma_i(\mathfrak{A}f)(i), i=0, 1;$
- 3) for at least one index i=0 or 1 the functional  $\Phi_i$  is not of the form

$$\Phi_i(f) = \sigma_i(\mathfrak{A} f)(i) + (f(i) - f(j))\delta_i, \quad i \neq j, \quad j = 0, 1, \quad \sigma_i + \delta_i > 0.$$

Then f=1 is (up to scalar multiples) the unique solution of the equation Af=0.

PROOF. Condition 1) evidently implies A1=0. By the spectral mapping theorem, if  $Af_0=0$  we have  $\lambda R_{\lambda}f_0=f_0$ , hence

$$RR_{\lambda}|f_0| \ge |f_0| \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda > 0.$$
 (5)

Moreover, by a theorem of Mazur [7] there exists a  $\mu_0 \in C^*$ ,  $\mu_0 \neq 0$ , such that  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^* \mu_0 = \mu_0$ , and it follows  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^* |\mu_0| \geq |\mu_0|$ . Now  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^* |\mu_0|(\Gamma) > |\mu_0|(\Gamma)$  for some Borel set  $\Gamma$  would imply  $\lambda ||R_{\lambda}^*| |\mu_0| || > |||\mu_0|||^{*}$ , which is impossible because of  $||\lambda R_{\lambda}^*|| \leq 1$ . Therefore  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^* |\mu_0| = |\mu_0|$ .

Assume  $S_0 :=$  supp  $|\mu_0| \subset \{0, 1\}$ . Then if a path of the Markov process with initial distribution  $|\mu_0|/||\mu_0||$  starts in  $x \in S_0$ , is always remains there with  $P_x$ -probability one. Hence if  $S_0$  consists of one point *i* only (*i*=0 or 1), the boundary condition  $(\mathfrak{A}f)(i)=0$  must hold, a contradiction to 2). If  $S_0 = \{0, 1\}$ , both boundary conditions must be of the form

$$\sigma_i(\mathfrak{A}f)(i) + (f(i) - f(j))\delta_i = 0$$
,  $i, j = 0, 1, i \neq j$ ,

where  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\delta_i \ge 0$ ,  $\sigma_i + \delta_i > 0$ , i=0, 1, which is a contradiction to 3).

From Lemma 3, supp  $|\mu_0| = [0, 1]$ . Integrating the inequality in (5) with respect to  $|\mu_0|$  we get  $\lambda R_{\lambda} |f_0| = |f_0|$ , hence

$$|f_0| \in \mathfrak{D}(A). \tag{6}$$

Assume now  $(D_m f_0)(x_0) \neq 0$  for some  $x_0 \in (0, 1)$ . Then (6) applied to the function  $f_0 - f_0(x_0)\mathbf{1}$  instead of  $f_0$  gives the existence of the derivative of

<sup>\*)</sup> Here  $\|\mu\|$  denotes the norm of  $\mu \in C^*$ , that is the total variation of  $\mu$  on [0,1]. For the norm of a bounded linear operator in  $C^*$  we use the same symbol.

 $|f_0-f_0(x_0)\mathbf{1}|$  at  $x_0$ , which is impossible. Hence  $D_x f_0=0$ , that is  $f_0=$ const.

THEOREM 5. For the semigroup  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$  there exists a unique (up to positive multiples) invariant nonnegative measure  $\mu_0$  and this measure has the property supp  $\mu_0 = [0, 1]$  if and only if the conditions 1)-3) of Lemma 4 are satisfied.

PROOF. If the conditions 1)-3) are satisfied, the eigenspace of  $\lambda R_{\lambda}$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ) to the eigenvalue one is one-dimensional. By Lemma 1, the same is true for the eigenspace of  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*}$ . As for the nonnegative contraction  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*}$  the equation  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*}\mu = \mu$  implies  $\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*}|\mu| = |\mu|$ , the existence and uniqueness of the invariant measure  $\mu_{0}$  follows. The relation supp  $\mu_{0} = [0, 1]$  was shown in the proof of Lemma 3.

Suppose now that there exists a unique invariant measure  $\mu_0$  which has, moreover, the property supp  $\mu_0 = [0, 1]$ . Then, if e.g.  $\Phi_0(f) = (\mathfrak{A}f)(0)$   $(f \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A}))$ , the point measure at zero is invariant, which is impossible. If both functionals  $\Phi_i$ , i=0, 1, are of the form

$$\Phi_i(f) = \sigma_i(\mathfrak{A}f)(i) + (f(i) - f(j))\delta_i$$
,  $i \neq j$ ,  $\sigma_i + \delta_i > 0$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1$ ,

there exists an invariant measure concentrated on the boundary, which is also impossible. The proof of the theorem will be completed if it is shown, that in case  $\kappa_0 + \kappa_1 > 0$  the support of a nontrivial invariant measure is contained in  $\{0, 1\}$ . This is a consequence of Corollary 7 in the following section.

### 3. Subinvariant measures.

LEMMA 6. If for i=0 or 1 we have  $\kappa_i > 0$ , each invariant measure  $\mu_0$  of  $(T_i^*)_{t\geq 0}$  has the property  $i \in \text{supp } \mu_0$ .

PROOF. If  $\kappa_0 + \kappa_1 > 0$ , we consider the boundary conditions given by the functionals

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_{i}(f) := \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{i}(f) - \boldsymbol{\kappa}_{i}f(i), \quad f \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A}), \quad i = 0, 1.$$
(7)

The hypothesis that  $\mathfrak{D}(A)$  is dense in C implies that the operator given by (1) and the boundary conditions  $\hat{\Phi}_i(f)=0$ , i=0, 1, is the infinitesimal generator (denoted by  $\hat{A}$ ) of a s.c.n.c. semigroup in C.

Fix  $\lambda > 0$  and consider the (nonnegative) solutions  $f_0$ ,  $f_1$  of the equation  $\mathfrak{A}f = 0$ , satisfying the conditions  $f_0(0)=1$ ,  $f_0(1)=0$ ,  $f_1(0)=0$ ,  $f_1(1)=1$ . In [4], p. 247, it was shown that

$$F(x):=1-f_0(x)-f_1(x)>0 \qquad (0< x<1).$$
(8)

Moreover

$$(D_x F)(0) > 0$$
,  $(D_x F)(1) < 0$ . (9)

To show e.g. the first relation, assume  $(D_xF)(0)=0$ . Together with F(0)=0 this implies

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$$(D_m D_x F)(0) = -\lambda - \int_0^1 F(y) \tilde{n}_0(dy) \leq -\lambda < 0,$$

a contradiction to (8).

From the inequalities (8) and (9) we get

$$\hat{\Phi}_{0}(f_{0}) + \hat{\Phi}_{0}(f_{1}) = \int_{0}^{1} x^{-1} F(x) dq_{0}(x) + \sigma_{0} \lambda > 0$$

and a corresponding relation for  $\hat{\varPhi}_{1}$ , therefore

$$\hat{\Psi}_{0}(f_{0}) > -\hat{\Psi}_{0}(f_{1}) \ge 0, \qquad \hat{\Psi}_{1}(f_{1}) > -\hat{\Psi}_{1}(f_{0}) \ge 0.$$
(10)

The resolvents  $R_{\lambda}$  and  $\hat{R}_{\lambda}$  of A and  $\hat{A}$  resp. are connected by the relation

$$R_{\lambda}f = \hat{R}_{\lambda}f - c_{0}(f)f_{0} - c_{1}(f)f_{1}, \quad f \in C, \qquad (11)$$

with

$$\begin{split} c_{0}(f) &:= \frac{1}{\varDelta} \begin{vmatrix} \kappa_{0}(\hat{R}_{\lambda}f)(0) & \hat{\varPhi}_{0}(f_{1}) \\ \kappa_{1}(\hat{R}_{\lambda}f)(1) & \hat{\varPhi}_{1}(f) + \kappa_{1} \end{vmatrix}, \\ c_{1}(f) &:= \frac{1}{\varDelta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\varPhi}_{0}(f_{0}) + \kappa_{0} & \kappa_{0}(\hat{R}_{\lambda}f)(0) \\ \hat{\varPhi}_{1}(f_{0}) & \kappa_{1}(\hat{R}_{\lambda}f)(1) \end{vmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{\Delta} &:= \kappa_{0}\kappa_{1} + \kappa_{1}\hat{\varPhi}_{0}(f_{0}) + \kappa_{0}\hat{\varPhi}_{1}(f_{1}) + \hat{\varPhi}_{0}(f_{0})\hat{\varPhi}_{1}(f_{1}) - \hat{\varPhi}_{0}(f_{1})\hat{\varPhi}_{1}(f_{0}) > 0. \end{split}$$

If  $f \ge 0$ , we find from (10) and  $\hat{R}_{\lambda} f \ge 0$  that  $c_0(f) \ge 0$ ,  $c_1(f) \ge 0$ , hence

$$R_{\lambda}f \leq \hat{R}_{\lambda}f. \tag{12}$$

Suppose now e.g.  $\kappa_0 > 0$ . Then  $c_0(1) \ge (\lambda \varDelta)^{-1} \kappa_0 \hat{\varPhi}_1(f_1) > 0$  and

$$(R_{\lambda}\mathbf{1})(0) = (\hat{R}_{\lambda}\mathbf{1})(0) - c_0(\mathbf{1}) < (\hat{R}_{\lambda}\mathbf{1})(0) = \lambda^{-1}.$$
(13)

Assume  $0 \in \text{supp } \mu_0$  for the invariant measure  $\mu_0$  of  $(T_i^*)_{t \ge 0}$ . Then (13) implies

$$\lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} d\mu_{0} = \int_{0}^{1} (R_{\lambda} \mathbf{1}) d\mu_{0} < \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} d\mu_{0}$$
,

which is impossible.

COROLLARY 7. If  $\kappa_0$ ,  $\kappa_1 > 0$ , the semigroup  $(T_t^*)_{t \ge 0}$  does not have an invariant measure. If e.g.  $\kappa_1 > 0$ , there exists an invariant measure  $\mu_0$  of  $(T_t^*)_{t \ge 0}$  if and only if  $\Phi_0(f) = \sigma_0(\mathfrak{A}f)(0)$ ; in this case  $\mu_0$  is the point measure concentrated at 0. Indeed, (12) implies

$$R_{\lambda}^{*} \leq \hat{R}_{\lambda}^{*} . \tag{14}$$

Suppose now  $\mu_0$  is an invariant measure of  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$ . Then  $\mu_0 = \lambda R_\lambda^* \mu_0 \leq \lambda \hat{R}_\lambda^* \mu_0$ , which implies  $\mu_0 = \lambda \hat{R}_\lambda^* \mu_0$ . By Lemma 3 we have  $\sup \mu_0 = [0, 1]$  or  $\operatorname{supp} \mu_0 \subset \{0, 1\}$ . If  $\kappa_0 + \kappa_1 > 0$ , the first case is excluded by Lemma 6. Now the first statement of the corollary follows immediately. If, in particular,  $\kappa_1 > 0$ ,  $\kappa_0 = 0$ and  $\mu_0$  is an invariant measure of  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$ , it must be a point measure at 0. Hence 0 is absorbing and (Af)(0)=0.

The inequality (12) and Theorem 5 have the following consequence.

THEOREM 8. Suppose the functionals  $\hat{\Phi}_i$  in (7) satisfy the following conditions: 1)  $\hat{\Phi}_i(f) \neq \sigma_i(\mathfrak{A} f)(i), i=0, 1;$ 

2) for at least one index i=0 or 1 the functional  $\hat{\Phi}_i$  is not of the form

$$\Phi_i(f) = \sigma_i(\mathfrak{A}f)(i) + (f(i) - f(j))\delta_i, \quad j \neq i, \quad \sigma_i + \delta_i > 0.$$

Then there exists a subinvariant measure  $\mu_0$  of  $(T_i^*)_{t\geq 0}$  with the property

 $\sup \mu_0 = [0, 1].$ 

Indeed, by Theorem 5, the semigroup  $(\hat{T}_{t}^{*})_{t\geq 0}$  corresponding to the operator  $\hat{A}$  has an invariant measure  $\mu_{0}$  with supp  $\mu_{0} = [0, 1]$  and from (14) we get

$$\lambda R_{\lambda}^{*} \mu_{0} \leq \lambda R_{\lambda}^{*} \mu_{0} = \mu_{0}.$$

Now if  $f \in C$ ,  $f \ge 0$ , it follows for t > 0 (see [3]):

$$(T_t^*\mu_0)(f) = \mu_0(T_t f) = \lim_{k \to \infty} k \cdot t^{-1} \mu_0(R_{k/t}^k f)$$
$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} k \cdot t^{-1}(R_{k/t}^{*k} \mu_0)(f) \leq \mu_0(f).$$

#### 4. Absolute continuity of the invariant measure.

In this section we suppose that the conditions of Lemma 4 are satisfied. Then our general hypothesis (3) about the boundary condition implies  $Q_i := \int_0^1 dq_i > 0$ , and we can assume  $Q_i = 1$  (*i*=0, 1). Let  $m_0$  and M denote the following measures on [0, 1]:

$$dm_{0}(x) := \sigma_{0} d\delta_{0}(x) + \sigma_{1} d\delta_{1}(x) + dm(x),$$
  

$$dM(x) := \sigma_{0} d\delta_{0}(x) + \sigma_{1} d\delta_{1}(x) + \rho(x) dm(x),$$
  

$$\rho(x) := 1 - \int_{x}^{1} (y - x) y^{-1} dq_{0}(y) - \int_{0}^{x} (x - y) (1 - y)^{-1} dq_{1}(y),$$

where  $\delta_i$  is the unit measure concentrated at *i*, *i*=0, 1. The measure *M* was introduced in [6]. It is the invariant measure of the adjoint of the semigroup generated by  $D_m D_x$  with boundary conditions (2) in *C*.

By  $\Gamma$  we denote the kernel

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$$\Gamma(x, s) := \begin{cases} \int_{y=0}^{s} (s-y) \tilde{n}_{x}(dy), & 0 \leq s < x \leq 1, \\ \int_{y=s}^{1} (y-s) \tilde{n}_{x}(dy), & 1 \geq s > x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Evidently,  $\Gamma(x, 0) = \Gamma(x, 1) = 0$  (0<x<1), and it is easy to see that for x fixed  $\Gamma(x, \cdot)$  is *m*-summable, and  $\int_0^1 \Gamma(x, s)\varphi(s)dm(s)$  is a continuous function of x if  $\varphi \in C$ .

THEOREM 9. Suppose the conditions 1)-3) of Lemma 4 are satisfied and  $Q_i=1$  (i=0, 1). Then the invariant measure  $\mu_0$  of  $(T_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$  of Theorem 5 is absolutely continuous with respect to  $m_0$  and its density  $g_0:=d\mu_0/dm_0$  belongs to  $L^{\infty}(m_0)$ .

PROOF. If 
$$f \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$$
,  $f(x) = f_0 + f'_0 + \int_0^x (x - s)\varphi(s)dm(s)$ , we have  
 $(Af)(x) = \varphi(x) + b(x)(f'_0 + \int_0^x \varphi(s)dm(s))$   
 $+ \int_0^1 \int_x^y (y - s)\varphi(s)dm(s)\tilde{n}_x(dy)$ .

Integration by parts shows that the relation  $\int_0^1 Afd\mu_0 = 0$   $(f \in \mathfrak{D}(A))$  is equivalent to

$$\int_{0}^{1} \varphi(s) \left[ \int_{0}^{1} \Gamma(x, s) d\mu_{0}(x) dm(s) + d\mu_{0}(s) + \int_{s}^{1} b d\mu_{0} dm(s) \right] + f_{0}' \int_{0}^{1} b(x) d\mu_{0}(x) = 0.$$
(15)

The boundary conditions are equivalent to the following relations:

$$\sigma_{0} \Big( \varphi(0) + b(0) f_{0}' + \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{y} (y - s) \varphi(s) dm(s) \tilde{n}_{0}(dy) \Big) \\ - \int_{0}^{1} x^{-1} \int_{0}^{x} (x - s) \varphi(s) dm(s) dq_{0}(x) - f_{0}' = 0,$$
  
$$\sigma_{1} \Big( \varphi(1) + b(1) \Big( f_{0}' + \int_{0}^{1} \varphi dm \Big) + \int_{0}^{1} \int_{1}^{y} (y - s) \varphi(s) dm(s) \tilde{n}_{1}(dy) \Big) \\ + \int_{0}^{1} \int_{x}^{1} (x - s) (1 - x)^{-1} \varphi(s) dm(s) dq_{1}(x) + f_{0}' + \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(s) dm(s) = 0, \quad (16)$$

which can be written as

$$f_0'(\sigma_0 b(0)-1) + \int_0^1 \varphi(s) d\nu_0(s) = 0,$$
  
$$f_0'(\sigma_1 b(1)+1) + \int_0^1 \varphi(s) d\nu_1(s) = 0.$$

Here  $\nu_0$ ,  $\nu_1$  are measures on [0, 1] which can easily be calculated from (16). They are absolutely continuous with respect to  $m_0$ .

Suppose first  $\sigma_0 b(0) - 1 \neq 0$ . Then

$$f_0' = -(\sigma_0 b(0) - 1)^{-1} \int_0^1 \varphi(s) d\nu_0(s) \, d\nu_0($$

and (15) gives

$$\int_{0}^{1} \varphi(s) \left[ \int_{0}^{1} \Gamma(x, s) d\mu_{0}(x) dm(s) + d\mu_{0}(s) + \int_{s}^{1} b d\mu_{0} dm(s) \right] \\ - (\sigma_{0}b(0) - 1)^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(s) d\nu_{0}(s) \int_{0}^{1} b d\mu_{0} = 0$$
(17)

for all functions  $\varphi \in C$  with the property

$$(\sigma_1 b(1)+1) \int_0^1 \varphi d\nu_0 - (\sigma_0 b(0)-1) \int_0^1 \varphi d\nu_1 = 0.$$

Hence, with a suitable choice of  $\mu_0$ , we have

$$\int_{0}^{1} \Gamma(x, s) d\mu_{0}(x) dm(s) + d\mu_{0}(s) + \int_{s}^{1} b d\mu_{0} dm(s) - (\sigma_{0}b(0) - 1)^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} b d\mu_{0} d\nu_{0}(s)$$
  
=  $(\sigma_{1}b(1) + 1) d\nu_{0}(s) - (\sigma_{0}b(0) - 1) d\nu_{1}(s),$  (18)

and the statement follows.

If  $\sigma_1 b(1) + 1 = 0$  and  $\sigma_0 b(0) - 1 = 0$ , then  $\mu_0$  satisfies the equation

$$\int_{0}^{1} \Gamma(x, s) d\mu_{0}(x) dm(s) + d\mu_{0}(s) + \int_{s}^{1} b d\mu_{0} dm(s) = c_{0} d\nu_{0}(s) + c_{1} d\nu_{1}(s)$$
(19)

with some constants  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$  and the condition  $\int_0^1 b \ d\mu_0 = 0$ . Evidently, (19) implies the absolute continuity of  $\mu_0$  with respect to  $m_0$ .

By  $g_0 \ (\in L^1(m_0))$  we denote the density of  $\mu_0$  with respect to  $m_0: d\mu_0(x) = g_0(x)dm_0(x)$ . The relations (18) or (19) imply an integral equation for  $g_0$ . For simplicity we shall give it only in the case  $\sigma_0 = \sigma_1 = 0$ . Then the boundary conditions (16) simplify to  $\int_0^1 \varphi(s)\rho(s)dm(s)=0$ , and (18) becomes

$$\int_{0}^{1} \Gamma(x, s)g_{0}(x)dm(x) + g_{0}(s)$$
  
=  $-\int_{s}^{1} b(x)g_{0}(x)dm(x) + \int_{0}^{1} bg_{0}dm \cdot \int_{s}^{1} (x-s)x^{-1}dq_{0}(x) + \rho(s),$ 

a.e. with respect to  $m_0$ . Both terms on the left hand side are nonnegative and the right hand side is continuous, hence  $g_0$  is in  $L^{\infty}(m_0)$ .

### 5. A relation between $\mathfrak{A}$ , invariant measures and boundary conditions.

In the following we need some more properties of the operator  $\mathfrak{A}$  in (1). LEMMA 10. The boundary problem  $\mathfrak{A}f=1$ , f(0)=f(1)=0, has a solution  $f\in \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A})$ .

PROOF. The lemma will be proved if we show that the restriction  $A_0$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by the boundary conditions f(0)=f(1)=0, defined in  $C_0:=\{f\in C: f(0)=f(1)=0\}$  does not have the eigenvalue zero. In this case the resolvent  $R_{\lambda}^{(0)}$  of  $A_0$  exists at  $\lambda=0$ , it can be extended to all of C and  $f:=R_0^{(0)}\mathbf{1}$  is the function with the stated properties.

In order to calculate  $R_{\lambda}^{(0)}$  we consider the restriction A of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by the boundary conditions

$$f'(0) - \kappa_0 f(0) = 0$$
,  $f'(1) + \kappa_1 f(1) = 0$ .

Then the corresponding operator  $\hat{A}$  is defined by the conditions f'(0)=f'(1)=0, and from (11) letting  $\kappa_0$ ,  $\kappa_1 \rightarrow \infty$  we get for fixed  $\lambda > 0$  with  $f_0$ ,  $f_1$  defined in section 3:

$$R_{\lambda}^{(0)}f = \hat{R}_{\lambda}f - (\hat{R}_{\lambda}f)(0)f_{0} - (\hat{R}_{\lambda}f)(1)f_{1}.$$
<sup>(20)</sup>

Denote by  $\hat{\mu}_0$  the invariant measure of the semigroup  $(\hat{T}_t^*)_{t\geq 0}$ . From Theorem 5 it follows supp  $\hat{\mu}_0 = [0, 1]$  and Lemma 2 implies

$$(\hat{R}_{\lambda}g, \hat{\mu}_{0}) = \lambda^{-1}(g, \hat{\mu}_{0}).$$
 (21)

If  $A_0 v = 0$ , we have  $R_{\lambda}^{(0)} v = \lambda^{-1} v$  and v does not change sign. Now from (20) and (21) it follows

$$(\hat{R}_{\lambda}v)(0)(f_0, \hat{\mu}_0) + (\hat{R}_{\lambda}v)(1)(f_1, \hat{\mu}_0) = 0$$
.

which is equivalent to

$$(\hat{R}_{\lambda}v)(0) = (\hat{R}_{\lambda}v)(1) = 0$$
.

Hence (20) implies  $\lambda^{-1}v = R_{\lambda}^{(0)}v = \hat{R}_{\lambda}v$ , that is  $\hat{A}v = 0$ . Using Lemma 4 we find v = c1, and from v(0) = 0 we get finally c = 0, v = 0.

The function f in Lemma 10 is  $-E_x\tau$ , where  $\tau$  denotes the first exit time of (0, 1) for the canonical Feller process corresponding to  $\mathfrak{A}$  and boundary conditions (2).

Denote in this section by A always a restriction of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by boundary conditions (2) satisfying the conditions 1)-3) of Lemma 4. Then f=1 is the (unique) solution of the equation Af=0, hence by the relation  $||R_{\lambda}|| \leq \lambda^{-1}, \lambda > 0$ , the function 1 cannot belong to  $\mathfrak{N}(A)$ , and Lemma 10 implies

$$\mathfrak{R}(A) \neq \mathfrak{R}(\mathfrak{A})$$
. (22)

For the quotient space  $\mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A})/\mathfrak{D}(A)$  we have

$$\dim \left(\mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A})/\mathfrak{D}(A)\right) = 2 \tag{23}$$

(see e. g. [4], proof of Theorem 4). Moreover, as  $\dim (\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{A})/\mathfrak{H}(A)) \leq \dim (C/\mathfrak{H}(A)) = 1$ , relation (22) implies  $\dim (\mathfrak{H}(\mathfrak{A})/\mathfrak{H}(A)) = 1$ . As a consequence we have the following result.

LEMMA 11. Under the conditions of Lemma 4 there exists a solution  $h_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A}) \setminus \mathfrak{D}(A)$  of the equation  $\mathfrak{A}h=0$ . Every solution h of this equation is of the form  $h=c_0h_0+c_1\mathbf{1}$  with some constants  $c_0, c_1$ .

In case b=0 we have evidently (up to scalar multiples)  $h_0(x)=x$ .

The equation  $\mathfrak{A}h=0$  is equivalent to the integral equation

$$\varphi(x) + b(x) \int_0^x \varphi dm + \int_0^1 \int_x^y (y - s)\varphi(s) dm(s) \tilde{n}_x(dy) = -b(x)h'(0), \qquad (24)$$

where  $h(x) = h(0) + xh'(0) + \int_0^x (x-s)\varphi(s)dm(s)$ . The left hand side of (24) is of

the form  $(I+G)\varphi$  with some compact operator G in C (see [4], p. 247).

LEMMA 12. The homogeneous integral equation  $(I+G)\varphi=0$  corresponding to (24) has a nontrivial solution  $\varphi\neq 0$  if and only if  $h'_0(0)=0$ , where  $h_0$  denotes the solution given in Lemma 11.

PROOF. If  $h'_0(0)=0$  we have  $h_0(x)=h_0(0)+\int_0^x (x-s)\varphi_0(s)dm(s)$  and the function  $\varphi_0\neq 0$  is a solution of  $(I+G)\varphi=0$ . On the other hand, if  $h'_0(0)\neq 0$ , Lemma 11 implies that there is exactly one function  $\varphi_0$  satisfying  $(I+G)\varphi_0=-bh'_0(0)$ , that is the homogeneous equation  $(I+G)\varphi=0$  has only the obvious solution  $\varphi=0$ .

The function  $h_0$  can always be chosen such that  $h_0(0)=0$ . Then the condition of Lemma 12 holds if and only if the initial problem

$$\mathfrak{A}h = 0$$
,  $h(0) = h'(0) = 0$ 

has a nontrivial solution. We do not know if this can really happen. It is impossible if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

1) b(x)=0  $(x\in[0, 1]);$ 

2) 
$$\sup_{x} |b(x)|(m(1)-m(0)) + \sup_{x} n_x([0, 1]) < 1;$$

3) supp  $n_x \supset [x, 1]$   $(x \in [0, 1])$ .

Indeed, in the first case we can choose  $h_0(x) \equiv x$ . If condition 2) is satisfied, the homogeneous equation

$$\varphi(x) + b(x) \int_0^x \varphi dm + \int_0^1 \int_x^y (y - s)\varphi(s) dm(s) \tilde{n}_x(dy) = 0$$

can only have the obvious solution  $\varphi=0$ . If the third condition holds the statement follows as in [4], Lemma 3.

The function  $h_0$  in Lemma 11 has evidently the property  $|\Phi_0(h_0)|^2 + |\Phi_1(h_0)|^2 \neq 0$ . We choose  $h_1 \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A})$  such that

$$\mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathbf{l. s.} \{\mathfrak{D}(A), h_0, h_1\}.$$
(25)

Then

$$arDelta:= egin{pmatrix} arPsi_{0}(h_{0}) & arPsi_{0}(h_{1}) \ arphi_{1}(h_{0}) & arPsi_{1}(h_{1}) \ arphi_{0}(h_{1}) \ arphi_{0}(h_{1})$$

otherwise with some complex number  $\gamma$  we would have  $\gamma h_0 - h_1 \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , which is impossible. If  $\mu_0$  is the measure given by Theorem 5, then

$$\int_0^1 \mathfrak{A} h_1 d\mu_0 \neq 0.$$

Indeed, otherwise  $h_1 \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$  or  $\mathfrak{A}h_1=0$ . But the first relation is impossible by (25) and (23), the second relation is impossible by (25) and Lemma 11.

THEOREM 13. For arbitrary  $f \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{A})$  we have

$$\int_{0}^{1} \mathfrak{A} f d\mu_{0} = \{- \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{0}(f) \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{1}(h_{0}) + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{1}(f) \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{0}(h_{0})\} \Delta^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \mathfrak{A} h_{1} d\mu_{0} .$$
<sup>(26)</sup>

Indeed,

$$\begin{split} \hat{f} &:= f - \varDelta^{-1} \{ - \varPhi_0(f) \varPhi_1(h_0) + \varPhi_1(f) \varPhi_0(h_0) \} h_1 \\ &- \varDelta^{-1} \{ \varPhi_0(f) \varPhi_1(h_1) - \varPhi_1(f) \varPhi_0(h_1) \} h_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(A) \,, \end{split}$$

and  $\int_0^1 \mathfrak{A}\hat{f} d\mu_0 = 0$  is evidently equivalent to (26).

Choose now  $h_1$  as the solution of the initial problem  $\mathfrak{A}h_1 = -1$ ,  $h_1(0) = h_1(1) = 0$ . Then the maximum principle implies  $h_1 \ge 0$ , and we have

$$\Phi_{0}(h_{1}) \leq 0$$
,  $\Phi_{1}(h_{1}) \leq 0$ .

With a solution  $h_0: \mathfrak{A}h_0=0$ ,  $h_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , we normalize the functionals  $\Phi_i$  by the conditions

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$$\Phi_0(h_0) = -1 \text{ or } 0, \quad \Phi_1(h_0) = 1 \text{ or } 0.$$
 (27)

This implies  $\Delta > 0$ . The invariant measure  $\mu_0 > 0$  can be chosen such that  $\Delta^{-1} \int \mathfrak{A} h_1 d\mu_0 = -1$ , and (26) simplifies to

$$\int_{0}^{1} \mathfrak{A} f d\mu_{0} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{0}(f) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{0} + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{1}(f) \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{1} , \qquad (28)$$

where  $\gamma_0 = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1(h_0), \ \gamma_1 = -\boldsymbol{\Phi}_0(h_0).$ 

Suppose now  $\gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 1$ . Then we have

$$\mu_0(\{i\}) = \sigma_i$$
,  $i=0, 1$ . (29)

Indeed, (28) implies

$$\mu_{0}(\{0\})(\mathfrak{A}f)(0) + \mu_{0}(\{1\})(\mathfrak{A}f)(1) + \int_{0+}^{1-} \mathfrak{A}f \, d\mu_{0} = \sigma_{0}(\mathfrak{A}f)(0) + \sigma_{1}(\mathfrak{A}f)(1) + \int_{0}^{1} (f(0) - f(s))s^{-1}dq_{0}(s) + \int_{0}^{1} (f(1) - f(s))(1 - s)^{-1}dq_{1}(s) \,.$$

$$(30)$$

Choose a sequence  $(\varphi_n) \subset C$ ,  $\varphi_n(0) = 1$ ,  $\varphi_n(x) \ge 0$ ,  $\varphi_n(x) \downarrow 0$   $(n \to \infty, 0 < x \le 1)$ . Putting  $f(x) = f_n(x) = \int_0^x (x-s)\varphi_n(s)dm(s)$  in (30) and letting  $n \to \infty$  we get  $\mu_0(\{0\}) = \sigma_0$ .

## 6. Quadratic forms connected with $\mathfrak{A}$ .

In the following we have to impose two more conditions:

- (d) b(x)=0 ( $x \in [0, 1]$ ).
- (e) The Lebesgue measure is absolutely continuous with respect to m and the corresponding density  $\nu := dx/dm$  is a continuous function.

The first condition is mainly for technical reason. It implies that we can choose e.g.  $h_0(x) = x$ , and the normalization (27) of the functionals  $\Phi_i$  amounts to

$$\int_{0}^{1} dq_{i} = 1$$
,  $i = 0, 1$ 

(here we suppose again  $\kappa_0 = \kappa_1 = 0$ ). Condition (e) implies e.g.

$$|f|^2 \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$$
 if  $f \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$ .

We now suppose that the functionals  $\Phi_i$  are such that the corresponding  $\hat{\Phi}_i$ , i=0, 1, satisfy the conditions 2) and 3) of Lemma 4. By  $\mu_0$  we denote the invariant measure of the semigroup  $(\hat{T}_i^*)_{t\geq 0}$  (see Theorem 5), normalized according to the foregoing section (that is there we have to put  $\hat{\Phi}_i$  instead

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of  $\Phi_i$ , i=0, 1). By Theorem 8,  $\mu_0$  is a subinvariant measure of the semigroup  $(T_i^*)_{t\geq 0}$ , and from (28) we have

$$\int_{0}^{1} \mathfrak{A}f d\mu_{0} = \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varPhi}}_{0}(f) + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varPhi}}_{1}(f) \qquad (f \in \mathfrak{D}(D_{m}D_{x})).$$
(31)

If  $f, g \in C$  we put  $[f, g] := \int_0^1 f(x)\overline{g(x)}d\mu_0(x)$  and shall calculate  $\operatorname{Re}[Af, f]$ and  $\operatorname{Im}[Af, f]$   $(f \in \mathfrak{D}(A))$ .

To do this we consider for arbitrary  $f \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  the function  $g: g(x) = \int_0^x f'(s)\overline{f(s)}ds$ . Condition (b) implies  $g \in \mathfrak{D}(D_m D_x)$  and we get

$$(\mathfrak{A}g)(x) = (D_m D_x f)(x)\overline{f(x)} + |f'(x)|^2 \nu(x)$$
  
+ 
$$\int_0^1 \left[ \int_x^y f'(s) \overline{f(s)} ds - (y-x) f'(x) \overline{f(x)} \right] \tilde{n}_x(dy) .$$

From (31),  $\int_0^1 \mathfrak{A}g d\mu_0 = \hat{\Phi}_0(g) + \hat{\Phi}_1(g)$ , which is equivalent to

$$[\mathfrak{A}f, f] = -\int_{0}^{1} |f'(x)|^{2} \nu(x) d\mu_{0}(x) + \hat{\varPhi}_{0}(g) + \hat{\varPhi}_{1}(g) -\int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} \left[ \int_{x}^{y} f'(s) \overline{f(s)} ds - (f(y) - f(x)) \overline{f(x)} \right] \tilde{n}_{x}(dy) d\mu_{0}(x).$$
(32)

Suppose now  $f \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ , that is f satisfies also the boundary conditions (2). Then

$$\hat{\Phi}_{0}(g) = -\int_{0}^{1} \left[ |f(s) - f(0)|^{2} - \int_{0}^{s} (f(t) - f(0)) \overline{f'(t)} dt \right] s^{-1} dq_{0}(s)$$
$$-\overline{f(0)} \left[ \sigma_{0}(\mathfrak{A}f)(0) + \kappa_{0}f(0) \right] + \sigma_{0}(\mathfrak{A}g)(0)$$

and a similar expression for  $\hat{\varPhi}_1(g)$ . Using Theorem 9 and

$$-\overline{f(0)}(\mathfrak{A}f)(0) + (\mathfrak{A}g)(0)$$

$$= |f'(0)|^{2}\nu(0) + \int_{0}^{1} \left[ \int_{0}^{y} f'(s)\overline{f(s)}ds - \overline{f(0)}(f(y) - f(0)) \right] \tilde{n}_{0}(dy),$$

it follows from (32)

$$\begin{bmatrix} Af, f \end{bmatrix} = -\int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 g_0(x) dx$$
$$-\int_{0+}^{1-} \int_0^1 \left[ \int_x^y f'(s) \overline{f(s)} ds - \overline{f(x)} (f(y) - f(x)) \right] \tilde{n}_x(dy) d\mu_0(x)$$

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$$-\int_{0}^{1} \left[ |f(s)-f(0)|^{2} - \int_{0}^{s} (f(t)-f(0))\overline{f'(t)}dt \right] s^{-1}dq_{0}(s) - \kappa_{0} |f(0)|^{2} \\ -\int_{0}^{1} \left[ |f(s)-f(1)|^{2} - \int_{s}^{1} (f(1)-f(t))\overline{f'(t)}dt \right] (1-s)^{-1}dq_{1}(s) - \kappa_{1} |f(1)|^{2} .$$

With the relations

$$\operatorname{Re} \int_{t}^{s} (f(t) - f(i))\overline{f'(t)}dt = |f(i) - f(s)|^{2}/2, \quad i = 0, 1,$$
  

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \int_{x}^{y} f'(s)\overline{f(s)}ds - \overline{f(x)}(f(y) - f(x)) \right] = |f(y) - f(x)|^{2}/2,$$
  

$$\operatorname{Im} \left[ \int_{x}^{y} f'(s)\overline{f(s)}ds - \overline{f(x)}f(y) \right] = \operatorname{Im} \int_{x}^{y} \overline{f'(s)} \int_{s}^{y} f'(t)dt \cdot ds$$

we get finally

 $\operatorname{Re}[Af, f]$ 

$$= -\int_{0}^{1} |f'(x)|^{2} g_{0}(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0+}^{1-} \int_{0}^{1} |f(y) - f(x)|^{2} \tilde{n}_{x}(dy) d\mu_{0}(x)$$
  
$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} |f(s) - f(0)|^{2} s^{-1} dq_{0}(s) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} |f(s) - f(1)|^{2} (1-s)^{-1} dq_{1}(s)$$
  
$$- \kappa_{0} |f(0)|^{2} - \kappa_{1} |f(1)|^{2},$$

 $\operatorname{Im}[Af, f]$ 

$$= \operatorname{Im} \int_{0+}^{1-} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{x}^{y} \overline{f'(s)} \int_{s}^{y} f'(t) dt ds \, \tilde{n}_{x}(dy) d\mu_{0}(x) \\ + \operatorname{Im} \left[ \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{s} \int_{0}^{t} f'(u) du \overline{f'(t)} dt s^{-1} dq_{0}(s) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{0}^{1} \int_{s}^{1} \int_{t}^{1} f'(u) du \overline{f'(t)} dt (1-s)^{-1} dq_{1}(s) \right].$$

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