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ABSTRACT. The representation of functionals of a Gaussian process by the multiple Wiener-Ito integrals plays an important role in stochastic calculus. We establish a similar representation for a certain class of non-Gaussian measure-valued Markov processes. A process X of this class can be associated with every Markov process ξ and we call X a superprocess over ξ . The existence of local times and self-intersection local times for X depends on the behaviour of the transition density of ξ as t-0.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Let ξ_t , $t \in \Delta$ be a Markov process in a measurable space (E,B) with the transition function p(s,x;t,dy) and let \mathcal{M} be a set of measures on (E,B). We say that an \mathcal{M} -valued Markov process X_t is a superprocess over ξ_t if, for all $r < t \in \Delta$, $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ and $B \in \mathcal{B}$, (1.1) $E_{r,\mu} X_t(B) = \int \mu(dx) p(r,x;t,B).$

This implies

(1.2)
$$\begin{split} & E_{r,\mu} < f, X_t > = < T_t^r f, \mu > \\ & where \\ & T_t^r f(x) = \int p(r,x;t,dy) f(y) \end{split}$$

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and $\langle f, \mu \rangle$ means $\int f d\mu$. (The domain of integration is not indicated under the integral sign if this is the entire domain of the corresponding measure.)

1.2. In this paper we deal with a special class of superprocesses introduced and studied by S.Watanabe [16] and D.Dawson [1], [2] (see [3] for more references).

We start from a Markov process $\xi_{t}, t \in \Delta = [0, u]$ on (E, B) assuming that its *transition* function p(s,x;t,B) is $B(\Delta) \times B \times B(\Delta) - measurable for every <math>B \in B(B(\Delta))$ is the Borel σ -algebra in Δ). We define \mathcal{M} as the space of all finite measures on (E, B). We consider a system of particles which move independently according to the law of the process ξ_t . Each particle has the mass β . There are n identically distributed particles at time 0. At time α each particle dies leaving, with equal probabilities, 0 or 2 offspring, and the offspring develope independently in the same way.

By passing to the limit as $n \to \infty, \alpha, \beta \to 0$ and $n\beta \to 1, \beta/(2\alpha) \to 1$, we get a superprocess X_t over ξ_t for which

(1.3)
$$E_{r,\mu}e^{}=e^{<\varphi_r,\mu>}.$$

Here f is an arbitrary negative measurable function and φ satisfies the integral equation

(1.4)
$$\varphi_{\mathbf{r}} = \int_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}^{\mathbf{r}} (\varphi_{\mathbf{s}}^{2}) d\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{t}}^{\mathbf{r}} \mathbf{f}$$

on the interval [0,t].

The existence and uniqueness of the solution of (1.4) and of the corresponding superprocess X have been proved in [7]. [Under the assumption that p is a stationary transition function and that the related semi-group is Feller and continuous this has been proved first in [16], see also [11]].

We put

$$T_s^r = 0$$
 for r>s, $T_s^s f = f$

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and we rewrite (1.4) in the form
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(1.5)

 $\varphi = \varphi * \varphi + h$

where $\varphi_s = 0$ for s>t and

(1.6)

$$(\varphi * \psi)_{\mathbf{r}} = \int_{\Delta} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}^{\mathbf{r}}(\varphi_{\mathbf{s}}\psi_{\mathbf{s}}) \mathrm{ds}$$

and

(1.7)
$$h_{r}(x) = T_{t}^{r}f(x)$$

(the value of t is fixed).

If h is a bounded function then, for all sufficiently small α , the equation

 $\varphi = \varphi * \varphi + \alpha h$

has a unique solution and this solution is an analytic function of α [see [2] or [7]].

1.3. Our investigation is based on an explicit expression of the moments of the random field $\langle f, X_t \rangle$ in terms of the transition function p. The main step is done in the following:

THEOREM 1.1. Let $r < \min \{t_1, ..., t_n\} \in \Delta$. For arbitrary positive measurable functions $f_1, ..., f_n$,

(1.8)
$$E_{\mathbf{r},\boldsymbol{\mu}} < f_1, X_{t_1} > \dots < f_n, X_{t_n} >$$
$$= \sum_{\Lambda_1,\dots,\Lambda_k} \prod_{i=1}^k \int_E W_{\Lambda_i}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\mu}(d\mathbf{x}),$$

the sum is taken over all partitions of $\{1,2,...,n\}$ into disjoint non-empty subsets $\Lambda_1,...,\Lambda_k$ (k=1,2,...n), and

(1.9)
$$\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{\Lambda}} = \prod_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathbf{\Lambda}} \mathbf{h}^{\mathbf{i}}$$

with

(1.10)
$$\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{i}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{i}}}^{\mathbf{r}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{i}}(\mathbf{x}).$$

The symbol \prod^* means the sum of *-products over all orders of factors and all orders of operations. For instance,

$$W_{\{1,2\}} = h^{1} * h^{2} + h^{2} * h^{1},$$

$$W_{\{1,2,3\}} = (h^{1} * h^{2}) * h^{3} + h^{1} * (h^{2} * h^{3})$$

+ ten more terms obtained by permutations of 1,2,3.

1.4. There exists an obvious 1–1 correspondence between *-monomials and directed binary trees with marked exits. For instance, the monomial $(h^1*h^2)*h^3$ corresponds to the tree



and monomial $(h^1*h^3)*(h^2*h^4)$ corresponds to the tree



(cf. Wild (1951)).

The right side in (1.8) can be represented as the sum of terms

(1.11)
$$< H_{\mathcal{I}_1}, \mu > ... < H_{\mathcal{I}_k}, \mu >$$

where $H_{\mathcal{T}_i}$ is the *-product of $h^j, j \in \Lambda_i$ corresponding to a binary tree \mathcal{T}_i marked my the elements of Λ_i . We associate with the term (1.11) a graph D whose connected components are marked trees $\mathcal{T}_1, ..., \mathcal{T}_k$. For example, the diagram $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow J$ corresponds to the term $\langle h^1, \mu \rangle \langle h^2, \mu \rangle \langle h^3, \mu \rangle$ and the diagram

corresponds to $<h^1*h^3,\mu> <h^2,\mu>$.

1.5. In general, a diagram D is a directed graph with a set A of arrows and a set V of vertices (or sites). Writing $a:v \rightarrow v'$ indicates that v is the beginning and v' is the end of an arrow a.

For every vertex v, we denote by $a_{+}(v)$ the number of arrows which end at v and by $a_{-}(v)$ the number of arrows which begin at v. We consider only diagrams whose connected components are binary trees that is for every v \in V there exist only three possibilities: i) $a_{+}(v)=0$, $a_{-}(v)=1$; (ii) $a_{+}(v)=1$, $a_{-}(v)=0$; (iii) $a_{+}(v)=1$, $a_{-}(v)=2$. We denote the corresponding subsets of V by V_{-}, V_{+} and V_{0} , and we call elements of V_{-} entrances and elements of V_{+} exits. Put $a \in A_{+}$ if the end of a is an exit, and $a \in A_{0}$ if this is not the case.

Let \mathbb{D}_n be the set of all diagrams with exits marked by 1,2,...,n. We label each site of $D \in \mathbb{D}_n$ by two variables – one with values in \mathbb{R}_+ and the other with values in E. Namely, (t_i, z_i) is the label of the exit marked by i, (r, x_v) is the label of an entrance v, and (s_v, y_v) is the label of a site $v \in V_0$.

We agree that p(s,x;t,B)=0 for s>t. For an arrow $a:v \rightarrow v'$ we put $p_a=p(s,w;s',dw')$ where (s,w) is the label of v and (s',w') is the label of v'. Using this notation we can restate Theorem 1.1

in a new form:

THEOREM 1.1'. For r<min $\{t_1,...,t_n\}\in\Delta$ and all positive measurable $f_1,...,f_n$,

(1.12)
$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{r},\boldsymbol{\mu}} < \mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{t}_1} > \dots < \mathbf{f}_n, \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{t}_n} > = \sum_{\mathbf{D} \in \mathbf{D}_n} \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{D}}$$

where

(1.13)
$$\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{D}} = \int \prod_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}_{-}} \mu(\mathbf{d}\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}) \prod_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}} \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{a}} \prod_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}_{0}} \mathbf{d}\mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{v}} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{f}_{i}(\mathbf{z}_{i}).$$

Example. The diagram D corresponding to $<h^1*h^3,\mu><h^2,\mu>$ can be labelled as follows

$$\overset{(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}_1)}{\underset{(\mathbf{t}_1,\mathbf{z}_1)}{\downarrow}}\overset{(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}_2)}{\overset{(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}_2)}{\underset{(\mathbf{t}_3,\mathbf{z}_3)}{\downarrow}}}$$

(in contrast to the marking of the exits, the enumeration of V_ and V_ o is of no importance), and we have

1.6. Let \mathcal{W} be the space of all bounded measurable functions on $\Delta \times \mathbb{E}$ with the topology induced by the bounded convergence. The operation $\varphi * \psi$ is a continuous mapping from $\mathcal{W} \times \mathcal{W}$ to \mathcal{W} . We denote by \mathcal{K} the set of all functions of the form (1.7) with bounded f and we introduce the following assumption:

1.6.A. If C is a closed linear subspace of \mathcal{W} and if $C \supset \mathcal{K}$, then $C = \mathcal{W}$.

We show in the Appendix that condition 1.6.A is satisfied if p is the transition function of a right process. In particular, 1.6.A holds for all classical diffusions.

It follows from Theorem 1.1 that

$$(1.14) \qquad \qquad < f_1, X_{t_1} > \dots < f_n, X_{t_n} >$$

belongs to $L^2(P_{\mu})$ for every $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ and all bounded f_1, \ldots, f_n . We fix a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ and we denote by L_n^2 the minimal closed subspace of $L^2(P_{\mu})$ which contains all the products (1.14). Put

(1.15)
$$(\varphi, \psi)_{n} = \int \varphi(t_{1}, z_{1}; ...; t_{n}, z_{n}) \psi(t_{n+1}, z_{n+1}; ...; t_{2n}, z_{2n}) \gamma_{2n}(dt_{1}, dz_{1}; ...; dt_{2n}, dz_{2n})$$

and denote by \mathcal{X}_{n}^{0} the set of functions φ for which $(|\varphi|, |\varphi|)_{n} < \infty$. Measures γ_{2n} will be specified in such a way that $(\varphi, \varphi)_{n} \ge 0$ for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}_{n}^{0}$. For every $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}_{n}^{0}$ we define a multiple stochastic integral (1.16) $I_{n}(\varphi) = \int \varphi(t_{1}, z_{1}; ...; t_{n}, z_{n}) dZ_{t_{1}, z_{1}} ... dZ_{t_{n}, z_{n}}$

with the property

(1.17)
$$\mathbf{E}_{\mu}\mathbf{I}_{n}(\varphi)\mathbf{I}_{n}(\psi) = (\varphi,\psi)_{n}.$$

Hence I_n is an isometry from the pre-Hilbert space \mathcal{X}_n^0 to L_n^2 . It has a unique continuation to an isometry from the completion \mathcal{X}_n of \mathcal{X}_n^0 onto L_n^2 . One can say that every functional of degree n has a unique representation (1.16) with a $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}_n$.

1.7. The case of n=1 is of special importance. First, we define $I_1(\varphi)$ for $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$ by putting

(1.18)
$$I_1(\varphi) = \int \varphi(s,x) dZ_{s,x} = \langle f, X_t \rangle$$

for

(1.19)
$$\varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{t}}^{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}).$$

In other words, we set

(1.20)
$$\int T_t^{s} f(x) dZ_{s,x} = \langle f, X_t \rangle$$

for every $t \in \Delta$ and every bounded measurable f.

By (1.12),

(1.21)
$$E_{\mu}I_{1}(\varphi_{1})I_{1}(\varphi_{2}) = \int \varphi_{1}(t_{1},z_{1})\varphi_{2}(t_{2},z_{2})d\gamma_{2}$$

with

(1.22)
$$\gamma_{2}(A_{1} \times B_{1} \times A_{2} \times B_{2}) = 1_{A_{1}}(0)\mu(B_{1})1_{A_{2}}(0)\mu(B_{2}) + 2\int ds \ \mu(dx)p(0,x;s,dy)1_{A_{1}}(s)1_{B_{1}}(y)1_{A_{2}}(s)1_{B_{2}}(y)$$

Put $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}_1^0(t)$ of $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}_1^0$ and $\varphi(s,x)=0$ for all $s \in (t,u]$, $x \in E$. We call elements φ and ψ of \mathcal{X}_1^0 equivalent if $(\varphi - \psi, \varphi - \psi)_1 = 0$.

THEOREM 1.2. Classes of equivalent elements of \mathcal{X}_1^0 form a Hilbert space \mathcal{X}_1 . Under condition

1.6.A there exists a unique isometry I_1 from \mathcal{X}_1 onto L_1^2 subject to condition (1.18). A random variable $Y \in L_1^2$ is \mathcal{F}_1 -measurable if and only if

(1.23)
$$Y = \int \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}}$$

for some $\varphi \in \mathcal{I}_1^0(t)$. We have

(1.24)
$$\mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}}\{\int \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}} | \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{t}}\} = \int \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{s} \leq \mathbf{t}} d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}}$$

and

(1.25)
$$\mathbf{E}_{\mu} \int \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}} = \int \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{s}=\mathbf{0}} \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}} = \int \varphi(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}) \mu(d\mathbf{x}).$$

For every $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}_1^0$,

(1.26)
$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{t}}^{\varphi} = \int \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{s} \leq \mathbf{t}} d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}}, \, \mathbf{t} \in \Delta$$

is a martingale, and formula (1.26) describes all L_1^2 -valued martingales.

It is proved in [7] that, under broad assumptions, all martingales M_t^{φ} are continuous and have the quadratic variation

(1.27)
$$\langle M, M \rangle_t = 2 \int_0^t \langle \varphi(s, .)^2, X_s \rangle ds.$$

(cf. [14]). In terminology of Metivier [12] and Walsh [15], Z_{8,x} is a martingale measure.

1.8. For an arbitrary n, we put

(1.28)
$$\gamma_{n} = \sum_{\mathbf{D} \in \mathbf{D}_{n}} \gamma_{\mathbf{D}}$$

with

(1.29)
$$\gamma_{D}(A_{1} \times B_{1} \times \dots \times A_{n} \times B_{n})$$
$$= \int \prod_{v \in V_{-}} \mu(dx_{v}) \prod_{a \in A_{0}} p_{a} \prod_{v \in V_{0}} ds_{v} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{1}_{A_{i}}(s_{v_{i}}) \mathbf{1}_{B_{i}}(y_{v_{i}})$$

Here \boldsymbol{v}_i is the beginning of the arrow \boldsymbol{a}_i leading to the exit with the mark i.

Example. For the diagram D at the end of Subsection 1.4 (with r=0),

Let

$$\ell_p(\varphi) = \int \prod_{i=1}^{2p} \varphi(t_i, z_i) \gamma_{2p}(dt, dz).$$

LEMMA 1.1. For all $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in \mathcal{W}$,

(1.30)
$$\mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{I}_{1}(\varphi_{i}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_{i}(\mathbf{t}_{i}, \mathbf{z}_{i}) \gamma_{n}(\mathbf{d}\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{d}\mathbf{z}).$$

Moreover (1.30) holds for unbounded φ_i if $\ell_p(|\varphi_i|) < \infty$ for i=1,...,n and some $p \ge n/2$.

THEOREM 1.3. Under condition 1.6.A, there exists a unique mapping I_n from \mathcal{X}_n^0 to L_n^2 such that

(1.31)
$$\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{n}}(\varphi_{\mathbf{1}} \times ... \times \varphi_{\mathbf{n}}) = \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{1}}(\varphi_{\mathbf{1}}) ... \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{1}}(\varphi_{\mathbf{n}})$$

and (1.17) is true for all $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{I}_n^0$. The image $I_n(\mathcal{I}_n^0)$ is everywhere dense in L_n^2 .

1.9. Now we assume that:

1.9.A. There exists a measure m (a reference measure) such that p(s,x;t,.) is absolutely continuous with respect to m for all s,t and x.

It is shown in [9] that the density p(s,x;t,y) can be chosen to be jointly measurable in s,x,t,y and to satisfy the relation

(1.32)
$$\int p(s,x;t,y) \, dy \, p(t,y;v,z) = p(s,x;v,z)$$

for all x,z \in E, s<t<v \in Δ (for sake of brevity, we write dy for m(dy)).

Define the delta functions δ_z , z \in E and δ^n , n=2,3,... as the linear functionals

(1.33)
$$\int \delta_z(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = f(z)$$

(1.34)
$$\int \delta^{n}(x_{1},...,x_{n})f(x_{1},...,x_{n})dx_{1}...dx_{n} = \int f(x,...x)dx$$

Heuristically, the local time at point z is given by the formula

(1.35)
$$L_z(B) = \int_B \langle \delta_z, X_t \rangle dt, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(\Delta)$$

and the self-intersection local time of order n is given by the formula

(1.36)
$$L^{n}(B) = \int_{B} \langle \delta^{n}, X_{t_{1}} \times ... \times X_{t_{n}} \rangle dt_{1} ... dt_{n}, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(\Delta^{n}).$$

It follows from the construction of the multiple stochastic integral that, for not too bad functions f,

(1.37)
$$\int_{\mathbf{B}} \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{X}_{t_{1}} \times ... \times \mathbf{X}_{t_{n}} \rangle dt_{1} ... dt_{n}$$
$$= \int \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{1}; ...; \mathbf{s}_{n}, \mathbf{x}_{n}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{1}} ... d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s}_{n}, \mathbf{x}_{n}}$$

where

(1.38)

$$\begin{split} & F(s_1, x_1; ...; s_n, x_n) \\ = & \int_{1_B(t_1, ..., t_n) f(y_1, ..., y_n)} \prod_{i=1}^n p(s_i, x_i; t_i, y_i) dt_i dy_i. \end{split}$$

By extrapolating, heuristically, this expression to the delta functions, we get

(1.39)
$$L_{z}(B) = \int K_{z,B}(s,x) dZ_{s,x},$$
$$L^{n}(B) = \int K_{B}^{n}(s_{1},x_{1};...;s_{n},x_{n}) dZ_{s_{1},x_{1}}...dZ_{s_{n},x_{n}}$$

where

(1.40)

$$K_{z,B}(s,x) = \int_{B} p(s,x;t,z) dt,$$

$$K_{B}^{n}(s_{1},x_{1};...;s_{n},x_{n}) = \int_{B} dt_{1}...dt_{n} \int_{E} dz \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(s_{i},x_{i};t_{i},z).$$

The stochastic integrals in the right sides of (1.40) make sense if $K_{z,B} \in \mathcal{H}_1^0$ and $K_B^n \in \mathcal{H}_n^0$. Using Theorem 1.1' we give conditions for this in terms of the transition density p(s,x;t,y).

Let

(1.41)

$$G(s,y;z) = \int_{\Delta} p(s,y;t,z) dt,$$

$$H(z,\zeta) = \int ds dy \ G(s,y;z) G(s,y;\zeta).$$

THEOREM 1.4. Suppose that 1.6.A, 1.9.A and the following conditions 1.9.B,C are satisfied:

1.9.B. The measure μ has a bounded density relative to m, i.e. $\mu(dx) \leq c dx$ for some constant

1.9.C. There exists a C< ∞ such that $\int dy p(s,y;s',y') \leq C$ for all $s,s' \in \Delta$, $y' \in E$.

c.

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z},\mathbf{z}) < \mathbf{\omega},$$

then $K_{z,B} \in \mathcal{X}_1^0$ and therefore there exists local time L_z .

THEOREM 1.5. Suppose that conditions 1.6.A, 1.9.A, B are satisfied and, in addition, that:

1.9.D. For every $\beta > 0$, there exists a constant $C <_{\infty}$ such that $p(s,x;t,y) \leq C$ for all $x,y \in E$ and $s,t \in \Delta$ such that $t-s > \beta$.

1.9.E. There exists $\beta > 0$, such that BC{ $|t_i-t_i| \ge \beta$ } for all $i \ne j$.

If

(1.43)
$$\sup_{\mathbf{s},\mathbf{y}} \int \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{y};\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\zeta}) \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z},\boldsymbol{\zeta})^{\mathbf{n}-1} d\mathbf{z} d\boldsymbol{\zeta} < \infty,$$

then $K_B^n \in \mathcal{I}_n^0$, and there exists the self-intersection local time L^n of order n.

Remark. Random variables $L_z(B)$ and $L^n(B)$ are defined only up to equivalence. The technique used in theory of additive functionals (see, e.g., [8] and [5]) allows to choose a version of these random variables such that $L_z(.)$ is a measure on Δ and $L^n(.)$ is a measure on Δ^n (the latter "explodes" on diagonals $D_{ij} = \{t:t_j=t_j\}, i \neq j$ but it is σ -finite on the complement of their union).

1.10. Consider an elliptic differential operator of the second order

(1.44)
$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{d} a^{ij}(s,x) D_i D_j f + \sum_{i=1}^{d} b^i(s,x) D_i f - c(s,x) f, \ s \in \Delta = [0,u], \ x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Under broad assumptions on the coefficients (see,e.g.,[4], Appendix, Theorem 0.4) the corresponding parabolic differential equation has a fundamental solution p(s,x;t,y), and this solution is the transition density (relative to the Lebesgue measure) of a continuous Markov process which we call *a classical diffusion in* $\Delta \times \mathbb{R}^d$. Moreover, there exist constants M and $\alpha > 0$ such that

(1.45)
$$p(s,x;t,y) \leq M q_{t-s}^{d}(\alpha r) \text{ for all } s < t \in \Delta, x,y \in E$$

where r = |y - x| and

(1.46)
$$q_t^d(r) = (2\pi t)^{-d/2} e^{-r^2/2t}$$

(of course, $q_{t-s}^d(|y-x|)$ is the Brownian transition density). Put

(1.47)
$$Q_d^s(r) = \int_0^s q_t^d(r) dt.$$

THEOREM 1.6. Local times L_z exist for the classical superdiffusion in $\Delta \times \mathbb{R}^d$ if d≤3. THEOREM 1.7. Self-intersection local times L^n of order n exist for the classical superdiffusion $in [0,u] \times \mathbb{R}^{d} if$

(1.48)
$$\int_{\mathbb{P}^d} [\mathbf{Q}_{d-2}^{2u}(|\mathbf{x}|)]^n d\mathbf{x} = \operatorname{const.} \times \int_0^\infty \mathbf{Q}_{d-2}^{2u}(\mathbf{r})^n \mathbf{r}^{d-1} d\mathbf{r} <_{\infty}.$$

COROLLARY. Self-intersection local times L^n exist for the classical superdiffusion in $\Delta \times \mathbb{R}^d$:

- (a) for all n if $d \leq 4$;
- (b) for $n \leq 4$ if d=5;
- (c) for $n \leq 2$ if d = 6 or 7.

Theorem 1.6 for the super-Brownian motion has been proved, first, by Iscoe [11].

Perkins has proved that the pairs (d,n) listed in the Corollary are exactly those pair for which the super-Brownian motion in \mathbb{R}^d has, with positive probability, more than countable set of "n-multiple points" (z is an n-multiple point for X_t if z belongs to the support of X_{t_i} for n distinct times $t_1,...,t_n$). Presenting this result in his talk at Cornell in fall, 1986, Perkins conjectured the statement on self-intersection local times formulated in the Corollary.

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2. MOMENT FUNCTIONS

2.1. In this section we prove Theorem 1.1. Our starting point is formula (1.3). The first step is the evaluation of

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{r},\mu} \exp \{\alpha_{1} < \mathbf{f}_{1}, \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{t}_{1}} > + ... + \alpha_{n} < \mathbf{f}_{n}, \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{t}_{n}} > \}$$

where $r < t_1 < ... < t_n \in \Delta$, $f_1, ..., f_n$ are positive measurable functions on E and $\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_n$ are negative numbers.

LEMMA 2.1. For every measure μ and for every i=1,2,...,n,

(2.1)
$$E_{\mathbf{r},\boldsymbol{\mu}} \exp \sum_{j=i}^{n} \alpha_{j} < f_{j}, X_{\mathbf{t},j} > = \exp \int F_{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\alpha_{n}^{i})\boldsymbol{\mu}(d\mathbf{x})$$

where $\alpha_n^1 = \{\alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}, ..., \alpha_n\}$ and

(Here $\delta_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{x})$ is the unit measure concentrated at \mathbf{x} .)

The functions \boldsymbol{F}_i are connected by the following relations

(2.3)
$$F_{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{n}^{i}) - \int_{\Delta \times E} ds \ \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\mathbf{s},d\mathbf{y}) F_{i}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{n}^{i})^{2} = \int_{E} \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\mathbf{t}_{i},d\mathbf{y}) [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}f_{i}(\mathbf{y}) + F_{i+1}(\mathbf{t}_{i},\mathbf{y};\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{n}^{i+1})]$$

with $F_{n+1}=0$.

PROOF. For i=n, formulae (2.1) and (2.3) follow from (1.3). Suppose that they are true for i+1 and prove that they are valid for i. Indeed, for $r < t_i$,

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{E}_{\mathbf{r},\delta_{\mathbf{x}}} \exp \sum_{j=i}^{n} \alpha_{j} < f_{j}, \mathbf{X}_{t_{j}} > \\ = & \operatorname{E}_{\mathbf{r},\delta_{\mathbf{x}}} [\exp \alpha_{i} < f_{i}, \mathbf{X}_{t_{j}} > \operatorname{P}_{t_{i}}, \mathbf{X}_{t_{i}} \exp \sum_{j=i+1}^{\infty} \alpha_{j} < f_{j}, \mathbf{X}_{t_{j}} >] \\ = & \operatorname{E}_{\mathbf{r},\delta_{\mathbf{x}}} \exp \left[\alpha_{i} < f_{i} + \operatorname{F}_{i+1}(t_{i}, :; \alpha_{n}^{i+1}), \mathbf{X}_{t_{i}} >], \end{split}$$

and (1.3) inplies (2.1) and (2.3).

2.2. It follows from the remark at the end of Section 1.2 that $F_i(r,x;\alpha_n^i)$ defined by (2.3) are analytic functions of α_n^i in a neighborhood of the origin. The next step is to establish that

(2.4)
$$F_{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\alpha_{n}^{i}) = \sum_{\Lambda \subset \{i,\ldots,n\}} \alpha_{\Lambda} W_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}) \mod\{\alpha_{i}^{2},\ldots,\alpha_{n}^{2}\}$$

Here Λ runs over non-empty subsets of $\{i, ..., n\}$,

$$\alpha_{\Lambda} = \prod_{i \in \Lambda} \alpha_i,$$

 $W_{\Lambda}(r,x)$ is given by formulae (1.9),(1.10) and writing F=G mod $\{\alpha_i^2,...,\alpha_n^2\}$ means that each term in the power series F–G is divisible by α_j^2 for some j=i,i+1,...,n.

Let

$$\partial/\partial \alpha_{\Lambda} = \prod_{i \in \Lambda} \partial/\partial \alpha_i.$$

Since $F_i(r,x,0)=0$, by Taylor's formula,

(2.5)
$$F_{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\alpha_{n}^{i}) = \sum \alpha_{\Lambda} W_{\Lambda}^{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}) \mod \{\alpha_{i}^{2},...,\alpha_{n}^{2}\}$$

where Λ runs over all non-empty subsets of $\{i, ..., n\}$,

(2.6)
$$W^{i}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}) = \partial F_{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\alpha_{n}^{i})/\partial \alpha_{\Lambda}$$
 evaluated at $\alpha_{n}^{i} = 0$.

To prove (2.4), it is sufficient to show that

(2.7)
$$W^{i}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}) = W_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}) \text{ for all } \Lambda \in \{i,...,n\}.$$

By (2.3),(1.10) and (2.5),

$$W_{i}^{i}(r,x)=h_{i}(r,x)$$

and

$$W_{j}^{i}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};t_{j},d\mathbf{y})W_{j}^{i+1}(t_{j},\mathbf{y}) \text{ for } j > i.$$

Hence (2.7) holds if $|\Lambda|=1$. If $|\Lambda|>1$, then by (2.3) (2.8) $W^{i}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x})=\sum \int_{\mathbb{R}_{+}\times E} ds \ \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{x};\mathbf{s},d\mathbf{y})W^{i}_{\Lambda_{1}}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{y})W^{i}_{\Lambda_{2}}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{y})$

with the sum running over all (ordered) partitions of Λ into disjoint non-empty subsets Λ_1 and Λ_2 . Thus (2.7) holds for Λ if it holds for all $\tilde{\Lambda}$ with $|\tilde{\Lambda}| < |\Lambda|$.

2.3. Formula (1.8) follows from (2.4) since the left side is equal to the coefficient at $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n$ in

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{r},\mu} \exp \sum_{j=1}^{n} \alpha_{j} < \varphi_{j}, \mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{t}_{j}} > &= \exp\{\sum_{\Lambda} \alpha_{\Lambda} \int \mathrm{W}_{\Lambda}(\mathrm{r},\mathrm{x})\mu(\mathrm{d}\mathrm{x}) + \mathrm{R}_{\alpha}\} \end{split}$$
 where $\mathrm{R}_{\alpha} = 0 \mod \{\alpha_{1}^{-2}, \ldots, \alpha_{n}^{-2}\}. \end{split}$

3. STOCHASTIC INTEGRALS

3.1. For n=1, the inner product (1.15) with γ_2 defined by (1.22) can be rewritten in the following form

(3.1)
$$(\varphi, \psi)_1 = \int \varphi(\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{z}_1) \psi(\mathbf{t}_2, \mathbf{z}_2) d\gamma_2 = \int \varphi(0, \mathbf{z}) \mu(d\mathbf{z}) \int \psi(0, \mathbf{z}) \mu(d\mathbf{z}) + \int \varphi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}) \psi(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}) \Lambda(d\mathbf{s}, d\mathbf{y})$$

where Λ is a measure on $\Delta \times E$ given by the formula

(3.2)
$$\Lambda(\mathbf{C}) = 2 \int ds \mu(d\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}; \mathbf{s}, d\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}).$$

A function φ belongs to \mathcal{X}_1^0 if and only if $\varphi \in L^2(\Lambda)$ and $\varphi(0,x)$ is μ -integrable. The space of μ -integrable functions f on E with the inner product $(f,g) = \langle f,\mu \rangle \langle g,\mu \rangle$ becomes a one-dimensional Euclidean space if we identify functions f,g such that $\int fd\mu = \int gd\mu$. Note that $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{X}_1^0$ are equivalent if and only if $\varphi = \psi \Lambda$ -a.e. and $\int \varphi(0,x)\mu(dx) = \int \psi(0,x)\mu(dx)$. Therefore classes of equivalent elements of \mathcal{X}_1^0 form a Hilbert space \mathcal{X}_1 .

LEMMA 3.1. \mathcal{K} is everywhere dense in \mathcal{X}_1^0 .

PROOF. Let C be a closed subspace of \mathcal{X}_1^0 and let $C \supset \mathcal{K}$. Since the bounded convergence implies the convergence in \mathcal{X}_1^0 , 1.6.A implies that $C \supset \mathcal{W}$. Since \mathcal{W} is everywhere dense in \mathcal{X}_1^0 , $C = \mathcal{X}_1^0$.

3.2. PROOF of Theorem 1.2. The first statement of the theorem has been already proved. The second statement follows immediately from Lemma 3.1 and the fact that $I_1(\mathcal{K})$ contains all functionals $< f, X_t > .$

Note that
$$T_t^s T_v^t = \mathbf{1}_{s \leq t \leq v} T_v^s$$
 and, by (1.20),

$$\int \mathbf{1}_{s \leq t \leq v} T_v^s f dZ_{s,x} = \int T_t^s T_v^t f dZ_{s,x} = \langle T_v^t f, X_t \rangle$$

On the other hand,

$$\int T_v^s f dZ_{s,x} = \langle f, X_v \rangle.$$

Let $t < v \in \Delta$. By Markov property and (1.2),

$$\mathbf{E}_{\mu}\{<\!\!\mathbf{f},\!\!\mathbf{X}_{v}\!\!>\!\!|\mathcal{F}_{t}\}\!\!=\!\!\mathbf{E}_{t,\mathbf{X}_{t}}\!\!<\!\!\mathbf{f},\!\!\mathbf{X}_{v}\!\!>\!\!=\!\!<\!\!\mathbf{T}_{v}^{t}\!\!\mathbf{f},\!\!\mathbf{X}_{t}\!\!>\!\!.$$

Hence (1.24) holds for functions $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$. By Lemma 3.1 it holds for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}_1^0$. This implies that (1.23) describes all \mathcal{F}_t -measurable functions in L_1^2 and also the statement on L_1^2 -valued martingales.

(3.6) By setting t=0 in (1.18) and (1.19), we get $\int 1_{s=0} f(x) dZ_{s,x} = \langle f, X_0 \rangle = \langle f, \mu \rangle$. Therefore $\int 1_{s=0} \varphi(s,x) dZ_{s,x} = \int \varphi(0,x) \mu(dx).$

Formula (1.25) follows from (1.24) and (3.6) since $E_{\mu}Y = E_{\mu}\{Y | \mathcal{F}_0\}$.

3.3. **PROOF of Lemma 1.1.** By Theorem 1.1' formula (1.30) holds for $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$. This implies, in particular, that $E_{\mu}I_{1}(\varphi)^{2p} <_{\infty}$ for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$ and every positive integer p. Lemma 3.1 implies that (1.30) holds for all $\varphi_{i} \in \mathcal{N}$.

To prove the second part of Lemma 1.1, we start from a function φ such that $\ell_p(|\varphi|) < \infty$ and we consider a sequence of elements of \mathcal{K}

(3.7)
$$\varphi_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) \text{ if } |\varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x})| \leq \mathbf{m},$$
$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

By the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\begin{split} & E_{\mu} \Big[I_{1}(\varphi_{m}) - I_{1}(\varphi_{k}) \Big]^{2p} = E_{\mu} \Big[I_{1}(\varphi_{m} - \varphi_{k})^{2p} \Big] = \ell_{p}(\varphi_{m} - \varphi_{k}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } m, k \rightarrow 0. \end{split}$$
Hence $I_{1}(\varphi_{m}) \rightarrow Y$ in $L^{2p}(P_{\mu})$. We conclude that $I_{1}(\varphi_{m}) \rightarrow Y$ in $L^{2}(P_{\mu})$ and therefore φ_{m} converges in \mathcal{X}_{1}^{0} to a φ such that $I_{1}(\varphi) = Y$. Thus $I_{1}(\varphi) \in L^{2p}(P_{\mu})$. By the dominated convergence theorem, (3.8) $E_{\mu} I_{1}(\varphi)^{2p} = \lim E_{\mu} I_{1}(\varphi_{m})^{2p} = \lim \ell_{p}(\varphi_{m}) = \ell_{p}(\varphi). \end{split}$

By Hölder's inequality we get that

(3.9)
$$\mathbf{E}_{\mu} \prod_{i=1}^{n} |\mathbf{I}_{1}(\varphi_{i})| < \infty$$

if $\mathbb{E}_{\mu} I_1(\varphi_i)^{2p} = \ell_p(\varphi_i) \le \ell_p(|\varphi_i|) < \infty$ for i=1,...,n and some $p \ge n/2$.

By applying (3.8) to $\varphi = \alpha_1 \varphi_1 + ... + \alpha_{2p} \varphi_{2p}$ and by comparing the coefficients at $\alpha_1 ... \alpha_{2p}$ we obtain

(3.10)
$$E_{\mu} \prod_{i=1}^{2p} I_{1}(\varphi_{i}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^{2p} \varphi_{i} d\gamma_{2p}$$

We get (1.30) from (3.10) by setting $\varphi_{n+1}=...=\varphi_{2p}=\kappa$ where $\kappa(s,x)=1_0(s)$ and taking into account that $I_1(\kappa)=<1,\mu>$ and

$$\gamma_{k}(\mathbf{A}_{1} \times \mathbf{B}_{1} \times \ldots \times \mathbf{A}_{k} \times \mathbf{B}_{k}) = <1, \mu > \gamma_{k-1}(\mathbf{A}_{1} \times \mathbf{B}_{1} \times \ldots \times \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \times \mathbf{B}_{k-1})$$

for $A_k = \{0\}$, $B_k = E$.

3.4. **PROOF of Theorem 1.3.** Denote by \mathscr{N}^n the set of all monomials $\varphi_1 \times ... \times \varphi_n$ with $\varphi_1, ..., \varphi_n \in \mathscr{N}$. It follows from Lemma 1.1 that (1.17) holds for functions $\varphi, \psi \in \mathscr{N}^n$ if we define $I_n(\varphi)$ for $\varphi \in \mathscr{N}^n$ by formula (1.31). Since $I_n(\mathscr{N}^n)$ contains functions $\langle f_1, X_{t_1} \rangle ... \langle f_n, X_{t_n} \rangle$ which generate L_n^2 . Theorem 1.3 will be proved if we show that the closure $\mathcal{C} \ni \{\mathscr{N}^n \text{ in } \mathscr{R}_n^0 \text{ coincides with } \mathscr{R}_n^0$. Since \mathscr{N}^n is closed under multiplication, \mathcal{C} contains all bounded measurable functions on $(\Delta \times E)^n$. It remains to note that, if $\varphi \in \mathscr{R}_n^0$, then

$$\phi_m = \phi \text{ if } |\phi| \le m,$$

=0 otherwise

tends to ϕ in \mathcal{X}_n^0 as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

4. LOCAL TIMES AND SELF-INTERSECTION LOCAL TIMES

4.1. **PROOF of Theorem 1.4.** By (1.39),(3.1) and (3.2), $K_{z,B} \in \mathcal{H}_{1}^{0}$ if and only if (4.1) $a_{1} = \int \mu(dx) K_{z,B}(0,x) < \infty$

and

(4.2)
$$a_2 = \int \mu(dx) ds \ p(0,x;s,y) dy \ K_{z,B}(s,y)^2 < \infty$$

By (1.40) and (1.41),

and, by 1.9.B,C,

 $(4.4) a_1 \leq cu, a_2 \leq cH(z,z)$

which implies Theorem 1.4.

4.2. PROOF of Theorem 1.5. By (1.15),(1.28) and (1.29), $K_B^n \in \mathcal{X}_N^0$ if and only if, for every

(4.5)
$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{D}) = \int_{\mathbf{B}\times\mathbf{B}} d\mathbf{t}_1 \dots d\mathbf{t}_{2\mathbf{n}} \int \mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{z}; \dots; \mathbf{t}_n, \mathbf{z}; \mathbf{t}_{n+1}, \zeta; \dots; \mathbf{t}_{2\mathbf{n}}, \zeta) d\mathbf{z} d\zeta$$

is finite. Here

(4.6)
$$= \int \prod_{v \in V_{-}} \mu(dx_{v}) \prod_{v \in V_{0}} ds_{v} dy_{v} \prod_{a \in A_{0}} p_{a} \prod_{i=1}^{2n} p(s_{v_{i}}, y_{v_{i}}; t_{i}, z_{i})$$

and $p_a=p(s,w;s',w')$ for an arrow a with the beginning labelled by (s,w) and the end labelled by (s',w'). (In contrast to (1.29), p_a is a transition densitu, not a transition function.) The exits marked by 1,...,n are called the *z*-*exits* and those marked by n+1,...,2n are called the *ζ*-*exits*. Our goal is to show that, under conditions of Theorem 1.5, $q_D < \infty$ for all $D \in \mathbb{D}_{2n}$.

Fix a diagram $D^{O} \in \mathbb{D}_{2n}$ and denote by \mathbb{D}^{O} the set of all diagrams obtained from D^{O} by cutting some arrows. (Possibly, no arrow is cut, so $D^{O} \in \mathbb{D}^{O}$.) We say that a vertex $v \in D$ is *accessible*

from $v' \in D$ if there exists a path $\pi:i_1 \rightarrow i_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_m$ with vertices i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m such that $i_1 = v'$, $i_m = v$ and the arrows $i_1 \rightarrow i_2, \dots, i_{m-1} \rightarrow i_m$ are not cut. A vertex v is accessible from V_ if it is accessible frome some $v' \in V_{-}$. Denote by \mathbb{D}^* the set of all $D \in \mathbb{D}^0$ with the property: at least one z-exit and at least one ζ -exit are accessible from V_. put $v \in V_0'$ if $v \in V_0$ and if all three arrows to which v belongs are cut. For every $D \in \mathbb{D}^*$ we define c(D) by (4.5)-(4.6) with $p_a = p(s,w;s',w')$ replaced by $1_{s < s'}$ for all cut arrows and with dy_a dropped for all $v \in V_0'$.

Example. Let

and let D be obtained from D^0 by cutting three arrows touching label (s_2, y_2) . Then $D \in D^*$ and

We say that a family $D' \subset D^*$ dominates a diagram $\tilde{D} \in D^*$ if every $D \in D'$ is obtained from \tilde{D} by cutting a non-empty set of arrows and if

$$c(\tilde{D}) \leq \text{const.} \times \sum_{D \in \mathbf{D}'} c(D).$$

A diagram D of \mathbb{D}^* is called *maximal* if it is not dominated by any family $\mathbb{D}^{\vee} \mathbb{C}\mathbb{D}^*$. Theorem 1.5 will be proved if we demonstrate that $c(D) < \infty$ for all maximal D.

Fix a maximal element D of \mathbf{D}^* .

PROPOSITION 4.1. If $v \in V_0$ belongs to two cut arrows, then $v \in V_0^{\perp}$.

PROOF. Let a be the third arrow which contains v and let (s,y) be its label. Suppose that a is not cut. Its cutting produces from D another diagram $D'\in \mathbb{D}^*$. We claim that D' dominates D. Indeed, the variable y enters only one factor in (4.6). By integrating with respect to dy and by using condition 1.9.C and the inequality $\int p(s',y';s,y) dy \leq 1$, we note that $c(D) \leq const.c(D')$

PROPOSITION 4.2. Only one z-exit and only one ζ -exit are accessible from V_.

PROOF. Suppose that two z-exits v and v' are accessible from V_, that $\pi:i_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_m$ and $\pi':i_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_m'$ are the corresponding paths and a_1,\dots,a_N are all arrows in these paths enumerated in

an arbitrary order. We shall arrive at a contradiction by proving that D is dominated by the family $D_1,...,D_N$ where D_k is obtained from D by cutting a_k .

Let s_{ℓ} and s'_{ℓ} be the time variables in the labels of i_{ℓ} and i'_{ℓ} . Note that $s_1 = s'_1 = 0$ and $s_m = t_j$, $s'_m = t_{j'}$, where j,j' are the marks of the exits v,v'. Therefore

(4.7)
$$t_j - t_{j'} = (s_2 - s_1) + \dots + (s_m - s_{m-1}) - (s_2' - s_1') - \dots - (s_{m'} - s_{m'-1}').$$

The differences in parentheses are in a 1-1 correspondence with arrows a_k .

By 1.9.E, $|t_j-t_{j'}| \ge \beta$ for all $t=(t_1,...,t_n)\in B$. Therefore, for every $t\in B$, at least one of the differences in (4.7) is larger than or equal to $\alpha=\beta/N$. Put $t\in B_k$ if this is true for the difference corresponding to a_k . Since $\{B_k\}$ cover B, we get an upper bound for c(D) by replacing the integrand q_D in (4.5) by $\sum_{k} t_{t\in B_k} q_D$. It remains to note that, by 1.9.D, $q_D \le \text{const.} q_{D_k}$ for $t\in B_k$.

PROPOSITION 4.3. For every $v \in V$ there exists at most one z-exit and at most one ζ -exit accessible from v.

PROOF is analogous to that of Proposition 4.2.

For every vertex $v \in D$ there exists a unique maximal path $\pi: i_1 \rightarrow i_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_m$ such that $i_m = v$ and all arrows $i_{\ell} \rightarrow i_{\ell+1}$ are not cut. Denote by π_k the maximal path to the exit marked by k and by v_k its initial vertex. It follows from Propositions 4.1,2,3 that:

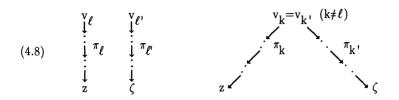
(a) Every non-cut arrow belongs to one of paths $\pi_1, ..., \pi_{2n}$;

(b) $v_1,...,v_n$ (corresponding to the z–exits) are distinct and only one of them v_ℓ belongs to V_;

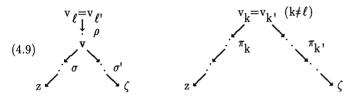
(c) $v_{n+1},\!...,\!v_{2n}$ (corresponding to the z-exits) are distinct and only one of them $v_{\ell'}$ belongs to V ;

(d) For every k=1,...,n except k= ℓ , there exists one and only one k' \in {n+1,...,2n} such that $v_k = v_k'$.

Therefore we have the following picture:



if $v_{\rho} \neq v_{\rho}$ (exits are labelled by z and ζ) or



if $v_{\ell} \neq v_{\ell}$. Here ρ is the common part of the paths π_{ℓ} and π_{ℓ} ; v is the end of ρ , and σ, σ' are the parts of π_{ℓ} and π_{ℓ} starting from v.

We associate with a path $\pi: i=i_1 \rightarrow i_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_m = j$ a function $Q_{\pi}(s_i, y_i; s_j, y_j) = \int \prod_{a=2}^{m} p(s_i_{\alpha \leftarrow 1}, y_i_{\alpha \leftarrow 1}; s_i_{\alpha}, y_i_{\alpha}) \prod_{a=2}^{m-1} dy_i_{\alpha} ds_i_{\alpha}.$

Clearly,

(4.10)
$$c(D) \leq \int dz d\zeta F(z,\zeta) \prod_{k \neq \ell} Q_{\pi_k}(s_{v_k}, y_{v_k}; t_k, z) Q_{\pi_k}(s_{v_k}, y_{v_k}; t_{k'}, \zeta) ds_{v_k} dy_{v_k} dt_k dt_{k'}$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{z},\zeta) = \int \mu(\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{Q}_{\pi_{\ell}}(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{w};\mathbf{t}_{\ell},\mathbf{z}) \mu(\tilde{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}}) \mathbf{Q}_{\pi_{\ell}}(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{w};\mathbf{t}_{\ell'},\zeta) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{t}_{\ell'} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{t}_{\ell'}$$

in the case (4.8), or

$$F(z,\zeta) = \int \mu(dw) Q_{\rho}(0,w;s_{v},y_{v}) Q_{\sigma}(s_{v},y_{v};t_{\ell}z) Q_{\sigma'}(s_{v},y_{v};t_{\ell'},\zeta) ds_{v} dy_{v} dt_{\ell'} dt_{\ell'}$$

in the case (4.9). By (1.32),

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\pi}(s_{i}, y_{i}; s_{j}, y_{j}) = \mathbf{p}(s_{i}, y_{i}; s_{j}, y_{j}) \int \mathbf{1}_{s_{i_{1}} \leq \dots \leq s_{i_{m}}} ds_{i_{2}} \dots ds_{i_{m-1}} \leq \frac{u^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} \mathbf{p}(s_{i}, y_{i}; s_{j}, y_{j}).$$

By (4.10),

(4.11)
$$c(D) \leq \text{const.} \times \int F(z,\zeta) H(z,\zeta)^{n-1} dz d\zeta.$$

Note that

(4.12)
$$\mathbf{F}(z,\zeta) \leq \operatorname{const.} \times \int \mu(\mathrm{d}\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{G}(0,\mathbf{w};z) \mu(\mathrm{d}\tilde{\mathbf{w}}) \mathbf{G}(0,\tilde{\mathbf{w}};\zeta)$$

or

(4.12')
$$F(z,\zeta) \leq \operatorname{const.} \times \left[\mu(dw) p(0,w;s,y) G(s,y;z) G(s,y;\zeta) ds dy \right]$$

By (4.11),(4.12) and (4.12'), condition (1.43) implies that $c(D) < \infty$.

4.3. PROOF of Theorems 1.6 and 1.7. The Chapman–Kolmogorov equation for the Brownian transition density implies

(4.13)
$$\int Q_{d}^{s}(|y-z|)Q_{d}^{s}(|\zeta-y|)dy \leq \int_{0}^{2s} tq_{t}^{d}(|\zeta-z|)dt = \frac{1}{2\pi}Q_{d-2}^{2s}(|z-\zeta|).$$

Since

(4.14)
$$\int_{s}^{u} q_{u-s}^{d} ds = \int_{0}^{u-s} q_{s}^{d} ds \leq Q_{d}^{u},$$

we have from (1.41) and (1.45)

(4.15)

(4.16)

$$\mathrm{G}_{d}(\mathbf{s},\!\mathbf{y};\!\mathbf{z}) \leq \mathrm{Q}_{d}^{u}(\alpha \!\mid\! \mathbf{y}\!\!-\!\!\mathbf{z} \!\mid\!) \;.$$

By (1.41) and (4.13),

$$\mathrm{H}_{d}(\mathbf{z},\zeta) \leq \mathrm{const.Q}_{d-2}^{2u}(\alpha | \mathbf{z} - \zeta|)$$

Therefore

$$H_{d}(z,z) \leq \text{const.} Q_{d-2}^{2u}(0) = \text{const.} \int_{0}^{2u} t^{-(d-2)/2} dt < \infty \text{ for } d \leq 3,$$

and Theorem 1.6 follows from Theorem 1.4.

(4.17)
$$\int_{(4.17)} G_{d}(s,y;z) G_{d}(s,y;\zeta) H_{d}(z,\zeta)^{n-1} dz d\zeta$$
$$\leq \text{const.} \int_{Q_{d}^{u}(\alpha|y-z|)Q_{d}^{u}(\alpha|y-\zeta|)Q_{d-2}^{2u}(\alpha|z-\zeta|)^{n-1} dz d\zeta.$$

Changing variables by the formulae $z'=\zeta-z$, $\zeta'=\zeta-y$, we establish that the integral in the right side is equal to

(4.18)
$$\int Q_d^u(\alpha |z-\zeta|) Q_d^u(\alpha |\zeta|) Q_{d-2}^{2u}(\alpha |z|)^{n-1} dz d\zeta.$$

By applying (4.13) to the integral relative to $d\zeta$, we get that (4.18) is dominated by

(4.19)
$$\operatorname{const.} \int Q_{d-2}^{2u} (\alpha |\mathbf{x}|)^n d\mathbf{x} = \operatorname{const.} \int Q_{d-2}^{2u} (|\mathbf{x}|)^n d\mathbf{x}.$$

Thus Theorem 1.7 follows from Theorem 1.5.

4.4. PROOF of Corollary to Theorem 1.7. For $k \leq 1$,

Therefore condition (1.48) holds for $d \leq 3$ and all n.

(4.21) Change of variables $s=r^2/2t$ in (1.47) yields Q_d^{2u}(r)=const.r^{2-d} S_d(r²/4u)

where

(4.22)
$$S_{d}(t) = \int_{t}^{\infty} s^{(d-4)/2} e^{-s} ds.$$

For $d \ge 3$, $S_d(t) \le S_d(0) < \infty$. By (4.21), $Q_{d-2}^{2u}(r) \le \text{const.r}^{4-d}$ if $d \ge 5$, and we see (1.48) holds for $n \le 4$ if d = 5 and for $n \le 2$ if d = 6 or 7.

Finally, $S_2(t) \le e^{-t}$ for t>1 and, by Lemma 2.1 in [6], $S_2(t) \le const.(|\log t|+1)$ for all t. Therefore (1.48) is satisfied for d=4 and all n.

5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

5.1. Time s=0 plays a special role in the definition of the martingale measure $Z_{s,x}$. On the contrary, all points of the interval Δ are in the same position for the martingale measure $Z_{s,x}^0$ defined by the formula

(5.1)
$$\int \varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{0}} = \int \varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{0}} - \mathbf{P}_{\mu} \int \varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{0}} = \int \varphi(\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{s},\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{0}} - \int \varphi(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{x}) \mu(d\mathbf{x})$$

(cf.(1.25)). In [7] (written after the first draft of the present paper had been already finished) we introduce the stochastic integral with respect to $Z_{8,x}^{0}$ directly, starting from the formula

(5.2)
$$\int_{r}^{t} T_{t}^{s} f(x) dZ_{s,x}^{0} = \langle f, X_{t} \rangle - \langle T_{t}^{r} f, X_{r} \rangle$$

instead of (1.18)-(1.19) (this is closer to the original approach of Walsh and Metivier). The construction in Sections 1.6 and 1.8 can be used to define multiple stochastic integrals relative to $Z_{s,x}^0$. The only change is that the set \mathbb{D}_n in (1.28) must be replaced by its subset $\tilde{\mathbb{D}}_n$ specified by the condition: $D\in \tilde{\mathbb{D}}_n$ if every connected component of D contains more than one arrow. In particular, the first term in (1.22) must be dropped.

5.2. Suppose that an integrand φ depends on a parameter α with values in a measurable

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space (A, \mathcal{A}). Assuming that $\varphi_{\alpha}(s, x)$ is jointly measurable in α, s, x and that $\varphi_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{H}_{1}^{0}$ for every $\alpha \in A$, we can choose an \mathcal{A} -measurable version of the integral $I_{1}(\varphi_{\alpha})$. Moreover, if ν is a measure on \mathcal{A} such that $\varphi = \int \varphi_{\alpha} \nu(d\alpha) \in \mathcal{H}_{1}^{0}$, then $I_{1}(\varphi) = \int I_{1}(\varphi_{\alpha}) \nu(d\alpha)$. Multiple integrals I_{n} have an analogous property.

5.3. Let $K_{z,B}$ be defined by (1.40). For every bounded measurable function ρ ,

$$F = \int \rho(z) K_{z,B} dz = \int_B T_t^s \rho dt$$

is bounded and therefore belongs to \mathcal{X}_{1}^{0} . If $K_{z,B} \in \mathcal{X}_{1}^{0}$ for all z, then (5.3) $\int \rho(z) L_{z}(B) dz = \int_{B} \langle \rho, X_{t} \rangle dt.$

Indeed, $I_1(F) = \int I_1(T_t^s \rho) dt$ is equal to the right side in (5.3) by (1.18)–(1.19). 5.4. Note that

(5.4) $L^{n}(B) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_{B} \langle \rho_{k}, X_{t_{1}} \times \dots \times X_{t_{n}} \rangle dt_{1} \dots dt_{n}$

in L^2_n if $\rho_k {\rightarrow} \delta^n$ in the following sense. Put

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}_{1},...,\mathbf{z}_{n}}(\mathbf{s}_{1},\mathbf{x}_{1};...;\mathbf{s}_{n},\mathbf{x}_{n}) = \int_{\mathbf{B}} d\mathbf{t}_{1}...d\mathbf{t}_{n} \int_{\mathbf{E}} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{s}_{i},\mathbf{x}_{i};t_{i},z_{i}).$$

It is sufficient that

$$\int \! \rho_k(\mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_n) \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_n} \mathrm{d} \mathbf{z}_1 \ldots \mathrm{d} \mathbf{z}_n \vec{} \int \! \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}} \mathrm{d} \mathbf{z}_n \mathbf{z}_n$$

in \mathcal{X}_{n}^{0} . This follows immediately from (1.37) through (1.40).

5.5. Measures γ_n on $(\Delta \times E)^n$ defined by (1.28) are symmetric, that is

$$\int \varphi d\gamma_{n} = \int \varphi_{\sigma} d\gamma_{n}$$

where φ_{σ} is obtained from φ by a permutation σ of pairs $(t_1, z_1), ..., (t_n, z_n)$. Therefore $(\varphi_{\sigma}, \varphi_{\sigma})_n = (\varphi_{\sigma}, \varphi)_n = (\varphi, \varphi)_n$ and $(\varphi - \varphi_{\sigma}, \varphi - \varphi_{\sigma})_n = 0$. We conclude that $I_n(\varphi)$ does not change if we replace φ by its symmetrization.

APPENDIX

0.1. We say that a Markov process ξ_t , $t \in \Delta = [0, u]$ in a measurable space (E,B), with a transition function p(s,x;t,B) is **right** if:

0.1.A. For every $r < t \in \Delta$ and every finite measure μ , $p(s,\xi_s;t,B)$ is right continuous on [r,t)a.s. $P_{r,\mu}$.

0.1.B. The σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\Delta) \times \mathcal{B}$ is generated by functions $\varphi(s,x)$ such that $\varphi(s,\xi_s)$ is right-continuous for all paths.

Obviously, both conditions are satisfied for every classical diffusion.

0.2. As in subsection 1.6, \mathcal{W} means the space of all bounded measurable functions on $\Delta \times E$. Put $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}_0$ if $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}$ and if $T_t^S \varphi_t \rightarrow \varphi_s$ (pointwise) as $t \downarrow s \in [0, u)$. If $f \in \mathcal{W}$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}_0$ and if, for every $s \in [0, u)$, (0.1) $(T_t^S f_t - f_s)/(t-s) \rightarrow \varphi_s$ boundedly as $t \downarrow s$,

then we put $f \in \mathcal{P}_A$ and $A_t f_t = -\varphi_t$.

We note that:

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0.2.A. If \varphi \in \mathcal{W}_0, then
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(0.2)
$$f_{s}(x) = \int_{\Delta} T_{t}^{s} \varphi_{t} dt$$

belongs to
$$\mathcal{P}_A$$
 and $A_s f_s = \varphi_s$.
0.2.B. If $f \in \mathcal{P}_A$, then

$$(0.3) T_t^s A_t f_t = d^+ T_t^s f_t / dt$$

and

(0.4)
$$\int_{\Delta} T_t^s A_t f_t dt = \lim_{t \uparrow u} T_t^s f_t - f_s$$

0.2.C. Let C be a closed subspace of \mathcal{W} (relative to the bounded convergence) and let $F_t \in C$ for every $t \in \Delta$. If $F_t(s,x)$ is uniformly bounded and right continuous in t for all s,x, then

(0.5)
$$\phi(s,x) = \int_{\Delta} F_t(s,x) dt$$

belongs to \mathcal{C} .

Proof of 0.2.A,B,C is similar to the proof of analogous statements in the time-homogeneous case (see [4], section 1.6).

0.3. THEOREM 0.1. Condition 1.6.A is satisfied if p is the transition function of a right

process.

PROOF. Suppose that \mathcal{C} is a closed subspace of \mathcal{W} which contains \mathcal{K} . Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}_{\Omega}$. By 0.2.A,B,

(0.6)
$$\int_{\Delta} T_t^s \varphi_t dt = \lim_{t \uparrow u} T_t^s f_t - f_s$$

where f is given by (0.2). Obviously, $F_t(s,x)=T_t^S\varphi_t(x)$ is right continuous in t and, by 0.2.C, the right side in (0.4) is an element of C. Since $T_t^Sf_t\in C$, f belongs to C as well.

For a fixed t, C contains $T_t^{S} f_t$ and therefore it contains the function in the left side of (0.1). Consequently, C contains φ .

Functions φ described in 0.1.B belong to \mathcal{N}_0 and therefore they belong to \mathcal{C} . Since \mathcal{C} contains a multiplicative system which generates $\mathcal{B}(\Delta) \times \mathcal{B}$, it contains \mathcal{N} .

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