

# Stability of heat kernel estimates for jump diffusions under Feynman-Kac perturbations

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For example, a symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable process has a Lévy system as follows:  $N(x, dy) = \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d+\alpha}} dy$  and  $H_t = t$ .

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The infinitesimal generator for  $\{T_t^{\mu, F}; t \geq 0\}$  is

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mu, F} := \mathcal{L} + \mu + \mu_H \mathbf{F},$$

where  $\mu_H$  is the Revuz measure of the PCAF  $H$  and

$$\mu_H \mathbf{F} f(dx) := \left( \int_E (e^{F(x, y)} - 1) f(y) N(x, dy) \right) \mu_H(dx).$$

# Stability of heat kernel estimates under F-K perturbation

- Blanchard-Ma (1990) showed that under a certain Kato class condition, the heat kernel of a local Feynman-Kac semigroup of Brownian motion admits two-sided Gaussian bound estimates.
- Song (2006) showed that under a certain Kato class condition, the heat kernel of the non-local Feynman-Kac semigroup of a symmetric stable-like process  $X$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is comparable to that of  $X$ .
- Chen-Kim-Song (2014) showed that Dirichlet heat kernel estimates for a class of (not necessarily symmetric) Markov processes are stable under non-local Feynman-Kac perturbations.



In our study, we start with a Hunt process  $X$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  that has a jointly continuous transition density function  $p(t, x, y)$  that enjoys two-sided estimates, there exist constants  $C \geq 1$  such that for  $0 < t \leq 1$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$C^{-1} (\Gamma_{c_2}(t; x - y) + \eta(t; x - y)) \leq p(t, x, y) \leq C (\Gamma_{c_4}(t; x - y) + \eta(t; x - y)), \quad (2)$$

where

$$\Gamma_c(t; x) := t^{-d/2} e^{-c|x|^2/t} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(t; x) := \frac{t}{(t^{1/2} + |x|)^{d+\alpha}}.$$

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Chen-Kumagai showed that there are two-sided heat kernel estimates for  $X$ , and they can be rewritten into the compact form (2) on fixed time intervals.

## Theorem (Chen-W. 2017)

Suppose  $X$  has transition density function  $p(t, x, y)$  with the two-sided heat kernel estimates (2) holds on  $(0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $\mu$  and  $F_1 = e^F - 1$  satisfy certain conditions, then the non-local Feynman-Kac semigroup  $(T_t^{\mu, F}; t \geq 0)$  has a jointly continuous kernel  $q(t, x, y)$  so that  $T_t^{\mu, F} f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} q(t, x, y) f(y) dy$  for every bounded Borel measurable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Moreover, there exist positive constants  $\tilde{c}_3, K$  so that for any  $t > 0$

$$q(t, x, y) \leq \tilde{c}_3 e^{Kt} (\Gamma_{2c_4/3}(t; x - y) + \eta(t; x - y)).$$

If in addition,  $F$  satisfies certain condition, then there exist positive constants  $\tilde{c}_1, \lambda_1$  and  $K_1$  so that for any  $t > 0$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

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The advantage of using Stieltjes exponential is the above identity that allows one to use Markov property.

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For any bounded  $g \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[ \int_{(0, s]} g(s-r, X_r) dK_r \right] \\ = \int_0^s \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(r, x, y) g(s-r, y) \mu(dy) dr \\ + \int_0^s \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p(r, x, y) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(s-r, y) F_1(z, y) \frac{c(z, y)}{|z-y|^{d+\alpha}} dy \right) dz dr.$$



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If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{(k)}(t, x, y)$  converges to  $q(t, x, y)$ , then  $q(t, x, y)$  is the heat kernel for the semigroup  $\{T_t^{\mu, F}; t \geq 0\}$ .

## Definition (Kato classes)

(i) A signed measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be in the Kato class  $\mathbf{K}_\alpha$  if

$$\begin{cases} \limsup_{r \downarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \int_{B(x,r)} |x-y|^{(1+\alpha)/3} |\mu|(dy) = 0 & d = 1; \\ \limsup_{r \downarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \int_{B(x,r)} \ln \frac{1}{|x-y|} |\mu|(dy) = 0 & d = 2; \\ \limsup_{r \downarrow 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \int_{B(x,r)} |x-y|^{2-d} |\mu|(dy) = 0 & d \geq 3; \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

(ii) A bounded measurable function  $F$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$  vanishing on the diagonal, is said to be Kato class  $\mathbf{J}_\alpha$  if the above condition holds for  $\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|F(y,w)| + |F(w,y)|}{|y-w|^{d+\alpha}} dw \right) dy$  in place of  $|\mu|(dy)$ .

# Upper bound estimates

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## Lemma

For any  $k \geq 0$  and  $(t, x, y) \in (0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ , there exists a constant  $M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |p^{(k)}(t, x, y)| \leq & C p_{2c_4/3}(t, x, y) \left( (MN_{\mu, F_1}^{\alpha, c_4/3}(t))^k \right. \\ & \left. + k \|F_1\|_{\infty} M (MN_{\mu, F_1}^{\alpha, c_4/3}(t))^{k-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (Chen-W, 2017)

The series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^{(k)}(t, x, y)$  converges absolutely to a jointly continuous function  $q(t, x, y)$  on  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ . The function  $q(t, x, y)$  is the integral kernel (or, heat kernel) for the Feynman-Kac semigroup  $\{T_t^{\mu, F}; t \geq 0\}$ , and there exist constants  $\tilde{c}_3, K$  depending on  $d, \alpha, \|F_1\|_{\infty}, N_{\mu, F_1}^{\alpha, c_4/3}, C, c_4$  such that

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This is the Gaussian component in the lower bound estimate. It dominates the estimate when  $|x - y| \leq \sqrt{t}$ .



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Define the random time  $\eta$  with distribution

$\mathbb{P}_x(\eta > t) = \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \exp(A^{-|\mu|, -|F|})_t \right]$ , we can now couple  $(X, Y)$  such that on  $\{\eta > t\}$ ,  $Y_s = X_s$  for every  $s \leq t$ .

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There exists a constant  $\gamma_1 > 0$  so that for any  $r > 0$  and  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $|y_0 - x_0| \geq 3r$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}_{x_0} \left( \sigma_{B(y_0,r)}^Y \leq \kappa_0 r^2 \right) \geq \gamma_1 \frac{r^{d+2}}{|y_0 - x_0|^{d+\alpha}}. \quad (5)$$

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Sketch of proof: it suffices to consider that  $|x - y| > \sqrt{t}$ , set  $r = \sqrt{t}/3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B(y, 2r)} q(2\kappa_0 r^2, x, z) dz &\geq \mathbb{P}_x(Y_{2\kappa_0 r^2} \in B(y, 2r)) \\ &\geq \mathbb{P}_x(\tau_{B(x, r)}^Y > \kappa_0 r^2) \mathbb{P}_x(\sigma_{B(y, r)}^Y < \kappa_0 r^2), \end{aligned}$$

$$q(t, x, y) \geq \inf_{z \in B(y, 2r)} q(t - 2\kappa_0 r^2, y, z) \int_{B(y, 2r)} q(2\kappa_0 r^2, x, z) \geq K\eta(t; x - y)$$

Thank you!