

# Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for a Class Positive Local Martingale

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## Abstract

Let  $X$  be a Markov process, which is assumed to be associated with a (non-symmetric) Dirichlet form  $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$  on  $L^2(E; m)$ . For  $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$ , the extended Dirichlet space, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for a multiplicative functional to be a positive local martingale.

## Keywords

Markov Process, Dirichlet Form, Multiplicative Functional, Positive Local Martingale

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $X = (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (X_t)_{t \geq 0}, (P_x)_{x \in E_A})$  be a (non-symmetric) Markov process on a metrizable Lusin space  $E$  and  $m$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite positive measure on its Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}(E)$ . Suppose that  $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$  is a quasi-regular Dirichlet form on  $L^2(E; m)$  associated with Markov process  $X$  (we refer the reader to [1] [2] for notations and terminologies of this paper). To simplify notation, we will denote by  $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$  its  $\mathcal{E}$ -quasi-continuous  $m$ -version. If  $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$ , then there exist unique martingale additive functional (MAF in short)  $M^{[u]}$  of finite energy and continuous additive functional (CAF in short)  $N^{[u]}$  of zero energy such that

$$u(X_t) - u(X_0) = M_t^{[u]} + N_t^{[u]}$$

Let  $(N(x, dy), H_t)$  be a Lévy system for  $X$  and  $\nu$  be the Revuz measure of the positive continuous additive functional (PCAF in short)  $H$ . For  $t \geq 0$ , we define the  $[0, \infty]$ -valued functional

$$A_t^u = \int_0^t \left( \int_{E_0} \left( e^{u(y) - u(X_s)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(X_s)) \right) N(X_s, dy) \right) dH_s$$

This paper is concerned with the following multiplicative functionals for  $X$  :

$$Z_t^u = e^{M_t^u - \frac{1}{2}\langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t$  is the sharp bracket PCAF of the continuous part  $M^{u,c}$  of  $M^u$ .

In [3] under the assumption that  $X$  is a diffusion process, then  $Z_t^u = e^{M_t^u - \frac{1}{2}\langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t}$  is a positive local martingale and hence a positive supermartingale. In [4], under the assumption that  $u$  is bounded or  $e^u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$ , it is shown that  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a positive local martingale and hence induces another Markov process  $Y$ , which is called the Girsanov transformed process of  $X$  (see [5]). Chen *et al.* in [5] give some necessary and sufficient conditions for  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  to be a positive supermartingale when the Markov processes are symmetric. It is worthy to point out that the Beurling-Deny formula and Lyons-Zheng decomposition do not apply well to non-symmetric Dirichlet forms setting. For the non-symmetric situations,  $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$ , an interesting and important question is that under what condition is  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  a positive local martingale?

In this paper, we will try to give a complete answer to this question when the Dirichlet forms are non-symmetric. We present necessary and sufficient conditions for  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  to be a positive local martingale.

## 2. Main Result

Recall that a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$  is called smooth with respect to  $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$  if  $\mu(N) = 0$  whenever  $N \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E})$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -exceptional and there exists an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest  $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  of compact subsets of  $E$  such that

$$\mu(F_n) < \infty \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

Let  $J(dx, dy) = \frac{1}{2}N(x, dy)\nu(dx)$ ,  $k(dx) = N(x, \partial)\nu(dx)$ , We know from [6] that  $J, k$  are Randon measures.

Let  $u \in D(\mathcal{E})_e$ ,  $Z_t^u$  be defined as in (1). Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_u(dx) &= 2 \int_{y \in E} \left( e^{(u(y)-u(x))} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) + \left( e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx), \\ B_t^u &= \sum_{s \leq t} \left[ e^{(u(X_s) - u(X_{s-}))} - 1 - (u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})) \right], \quad t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can state the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 1** *The following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a positive  $P_x$ -local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$  for *q.e.*  $x \in E$ .
- (ii)  $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$  is locally  $P_x$ -integrable on  $[0, \zeta)$  for *q.e.*  $x \in E$ .
- (iii)  $\mu_u$  is a smooth measure on  $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ .

*Proof.* (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $\mu_u$  is a smooth measure on  $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$  and  $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest such that  $\mu_u(F_n) < \infty$  and  $I_{F_n} \cdot \mu_u$  is of finite energy integral for  $n \geq 1$ . Similar to Lemma 2.4 of [4],

$h^{t,n} := E_x \left[ (I_{F_n} \cdot A^u)_t \right]$  is quasi-continuous and hence *q.e.* finite. Denote  $\tau_n := \inf \{t > 0 \mid X_t \notin F_n\}$ . Then for  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_x \left[ B_{t \wedge \tau_n}^u \right] &\leq E_x \left\{ \sum_{s \leq t} I_{F_n}(X_s) \left[ e^{u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})} - 1 - (u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})) \right] \right\} \\ &= E_x \left\{ \int_0^t \int_{E_0} I_{F_n}(X_s) \left[ e^{u(y) - u(X_s)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(X_s)) \right] N(X_s, dy) dH_s \right\} \\ &\leq E_x \left[ (I_{F_n} \cdot A^u)_t \right] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by proposition IV 5.30 of [1]  $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$  is locally  $P_x$ -integrable on  $[0, \zeta)$  for *q.e.*  $x \in E$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Assume that  $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$  is locally  $P_x$ -integrable on  $[0, \zeta)$  for *q.e.*  $x \in E$ . One can check that for *q.e.*  $x \in E$  the dual predictable projection of  $(B_t^u)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $[0, \zeta)$  is  $A_t^u$ . We set

$$\begin{aligned} B_t^d &:= B_t^u - A_t^u, \\ M_t &:= M_t^u + B_t^d. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $M_t$  is a local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$  and the solution  $V_t^u$  of the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$V_t^u = 1 + \int_0^t V_{s-}^u dM_s$$

is a local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$ . Moreover, by Doleans-Dade formula (cf. 9.39 of [7]), Note that  $\langle M^c \rangle_t = \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^u &= \exp \left\{ M_t - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^c \rangle_t \right\} \prod_{s \leq t} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \\ &= \exp \left\{ M_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u + B_t^u + \sum_{s \leq t} \left( u(X_s) - u(X_{s-}) + 1 - e^{u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})} \right) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ M_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u \right\} = Z_t^u. \end{aligned}$$

So  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a  $P_x$ -local martingale.

Let  $W_t := \prod_{s \leq t} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s}$ . Note that  $M_s$  is a càdlàg process, there are at most countably many points at which  $M_s - M_{s-} \neq 0$ . Since by Lemma 7.27 of [7]  $\sum_{s \leq t} (M_s - M_{s-})^2 < \infty$   $P_x$ -a.e., there are only finitely many points  $s$  at which  $|M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2$ , which give a finite non-zero contribution to the product. Using the inequality  $|\ln(1+x) - x| \leq x^2$  when  $|x| \leq 1/2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} W_t &= \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| \leq 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \\ &\geq \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| \leq 1/2} e^{-(M_s - M_{s-})^2} \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} \\ &\geq e^{-\sum_{s \leq t} (M_s - M_{s-})^2} \prod_{s \leq t; |M_s - M_{s-}| > 1/2} (1 + M_s - M_{s-}) e^{M_{s-} - M_s} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a positive  $P_x$ -local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$  for  $q.e. x \in E$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Assume that  $(Z_t^u, \mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a positive  $P_x$ -local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$  for  $q.e. x \in E$ , by Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.4 of [8],

$$\begin{aligned} L_t &:= \int_0^t \frac{1}{Z_{s-}^u} dZ_s^u \\ &= \ln Z_t^u - \ln Z_0^u + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(Z_{s-}^u)^2} d \langle Z^{u,c} \rangle_s - \sum_{s \leq t} \left( \ln \frac{Z_s^u}{Z_{s-}^u} + 1 - \frac{Z_s^u}{Z_{s-}^u} \right) \\ &= M_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t - A_t^u + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(Z_{s-}^u)^2} d \langle Z^{u,c} \rangle_s + B_t^u. \end{aligned}$$

is a local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$ . We set

$$N_t := L_t - M_t^u$$

then  $N_t = B_t^u - A_t^u - \frac{1}{2} \langle M^{u,c} \rangle_t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{1}{(Z_{s-}^u)^2} d \langle Z^{u,c} \rangle_s$  is also a local martingale on  $[0, \zeta)$ . Denote  $N_t^d$  is the purely discontinuous part of  $N_t$ , by Theorem 7.17 of [7], there exist a locally bounded martingale  $U_t$  and a

local martingale of integrable variation  $V_t$  such that  $N_t^d = N_0^d + U_t + V_t$ . Since  $u$  is  $E$ -quasi-continuous, take an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest  $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  consisting of compact sets such that  $\text{Cap}(E \setminus F_n) \leq \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}$  and  $\tilde{u}|_{F_n}$  is continuous hence bounded *q.e.* for each  $n \geq 1$ . Denote

$$D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k} := \{f \in D(\mathcal{E}) \mid f = 0 \text{ m-a.e. on } E \setminus F_k\},$$

$$D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k, b} := D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k} \cap \mathcal{B}(E)_b.$$

Take a  $\varphi \in L^2(E; m)$ ,  $0 < \varphi < 1$ . Set  $h := G_1 \varphi$ , where  $(G_\alpha)_{\alpha > 0}$  is the family of resolvents associated with  $(\mathcal{E}, D(\mathcal{E}))$ . Since  $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{F_n, b}$  is dense in  $D(\mathcal{E})$  w.r.t. the  $\mathcal{E}_1^{1/2}$ -norm, by proposition III. 3.5 and 3.6 of [1], there exists an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest  $\{F'_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  consisting of compact sets and a sequence  $\{f_k\}_{k \geq 1} \subset \bigcup_{n \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{F_n, b}$  such that  $\text{Cap}(E \setminus F'_n) \leq \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}$ ,  $\widetilde{G_1 \varphi}|_{F'_n} \geq \delta_n$  for some  $\delta_n > 0$  and  $\widetilde{f_k}$  converges to  $\widetilde{G_1 \varphi}$  uniformly on  $F'_n$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $n \geq 1$ . Set  $F''_n = F_n \cap F'_n$ . So there exists a non-negative  $h_n \in \bigcup_{k \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{F_k, b}$  and constant  $a_n > 0$  such that  $h_n \geq a_n$  on  $F''_n$ . Suppose  $h_n \in D(\mathcal{E})_{F_{k_n}, b}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} [N^d, M^{h_n}]_t &= \sum_{s \leq t} (N_s^d - N_{s-}^d) (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n}) \\ &= \sum_{s \leq t} (U_s^d - U_{s-}^d) (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n}) + \sum_{s \leq t} (V_s^d - V_{s-}^d) (h_n(X_s) - h_n(X_{s-})) \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{s \leq t} (U_s - U_{s-})^2 \sum_{s \leq t} (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n})^2 \right]^{1/2} + 2 \|h_n\|_\infty \sum_{s \leq t} |V_s - V_{s-}|. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  denotes the supremum norm. Recall that a locally bounded martingale  $U_t$  is a locally square integrable martingales,  $M_t^{h_n}$  is a locally square integrable martingales and  $V_t$  is a local martingale of integrable variation. Therefore the quadratic variation  $[N^d, M^{h_n}]_t$  is  $P_x$ -locally integrable for *q.e.*  $x \in E$ , hence there exist a predictable dual projection  $\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle_t$  which is a CAF of finite variation. Since

$$\begin{aligned} [N^d, M^{h_n}]_t &= \sum_{s \leq t} (B_s^u - B_{s-}^u) (M_s^{h_n} - M_{s-}^{h_n}) \\ &= \sum_{s \leq t} (e^{u(X_s) - u(X_{s-})} - 1 - (u(X_s) - u(X_{s-}))) (h_n(X_s) - h_n(X_{s-})). \end{aligned}$$

the Revuz measure of  $\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle_t$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} &= 2 \int_{\{y \in E: y \neq x\}} (h_n(y) - h_n(x)) (e^{u(y) - u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x))) J(dx, dy) \\ &\quad + (e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x)) k(dx). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{F_k^m\}_{k \geq 1}$  be a generalized  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest associated with  $\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle}$  such that  $\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle}(F_k^m) < \infty$  for each  $k \geq 1$ .

Denote  $D_n := F''_n \cap F_n^m$ , then  $\text{Cap}(E \setminus D_n) \leq \frac{1}{3^n}$  and  $\{D_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest. Hence for any  $g \in D(\mathcal{E})_{D_n, b}$ , we have  $\int_E g(x) d\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} < \infty$ . On the other hand, as  $\tilde{u}|_{F_n}$  is bounded, there exists a positive constant  $b_n$  such that  $e^{u(y) - u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x))|_{D_n \times F_{k_n}}$  and  $e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x)|_{D_n \cap F_{k_n}}$  are not larger than  $b_n$ . Because  $J(dx, dy)$ ,  $k(dx)$  are Radon measure and  $h_n, g$  are bounded,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) h_n(x) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
 &= \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) h_n(y) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
 &\quad - \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) (h_n(y) - h_n(x)) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
 &= \int_{E \times E \setminus d} g(x) h_n(y) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_E h_n(x) g(x) \left( e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) - \frac{1}{2} \int_E g(x) d\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} \\
 &= \int_{D_n \times F_n \setminus d} g(x) h_n(y) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{D_n} \bigcap_{F_n} h_n(x) g(x) \left( e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) - \frac{1}{2} \int_E g(x) d\mu_{\langle N^d, M^{h_n} \rangle} < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

As inequality  $e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \geq 0$  on  $E$  and  $h_n \geq a_n$  on  $F_n$ , we have for any non-negative  $f \in D(\mathcal{E})_{D_n, b}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_E f(x) \mu_u(dx) \\
 &= 2 \int_{E \times E \setminus d} f(x) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) + \int_E f(x) \left( e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) \\
 &\leq 2(a_n)^{-1} \int_{D_n \times E \setminus d} h_n(x) f(x) \left( e^{u(y)-u(x)} - 1 - (u(y) - u(x)) \right) J(dx, dy) + \int_{D_n} f(x) \left( e^{-u(x)} - 1 + u(x) \right) k(dx) < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\{\bigcup_{k=1}^n D_k\}_{n \geq 1}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest consisting of compact sets, similar to  $h_n$ , we can construct an  $\mathcal{E}$ -nest  $\{\bigcup_{k=1}^n D'_k\}$  consisting of compact sets such that  $D'_n \subset D_n$  for each  $n \geq 1$ . And there exists a sequence non-negative  $\{h'_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset \bigcup_{k \geq 1} D(\mathcal{E})_{D_k, b}$  such that  $h'_n \geq c_n$  on  $D'_n$  for each  $n \geq 1$  and some positive  $c_n > 0$ . Since  $\mu_u\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n D'_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} c_k^{-1} \int_E (h'_k(x)) \mu_u(dx) < \infty$ ,  $\mu_u$  is a smooth measure on  $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ .

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