

The dual ultracontractivity and its applications

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1. Introduction

(X_t, P_x) : an m -symmetric Markov process on M

- $\{T_t\}$: the associated semigroup
- \mathfrak{A} : the generator $\{T_t\}$
- \mathcal{E} : the Dirichlet form

Ultracontractivity

$\{T_t\}$ is called ultracontractive if

$$\|T_t f\|_\infty \leq a_t \|f\|_1, \quad \forall f \in L^1(m), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Criteria for ultracontractivity

Let $\mu > 0$. The followings are equivalent to each other:

(i) There exists a constant c_1 so that

$$\|T_t f\|_\infty \leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \|f\|_1, \quad \forall f \in L^1, \forall t > 0.$$

(ii) There exists a constant c_2 so that

$$\|f\|_2^{2+4/\mu} \leq c_2 \mathcal{E}(f, f) \|f\|_1^{4/\mu}, \quad \forall f \in \text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}) \cap L^1.$$

If $\mu > 2$ the conditions above are equivalent to

(iii) There exists a constant c_3 so that

$$\|f\|_{2\mu/(\mu-2)}^2 \leq c_3 \mathcal{E}(f, f), \quad \forall f \in \text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}).$$

We are interested in the following property:

There exist constants b_t so that

$$\|\mathbf{T}_t f\|_1 \leq b_t \|f\|_\infty, \quad \forall f \in L^\infty(m), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

This property called the **dual ultracontractivity**.

$$b_t = \|\mathbf{T}_t\|_{\infty \rightarrow 1} = P_m(\zeta > t).$$

Ultracontractivity

$$\|\mathbf{T}_t f\|_\infty \leq a_t \|f\|_1, \quad \forall f \in L^1(m), \quad \forall t > 0.$$

2. Dual ultracontractivity

DUC	$\ T_t f\ _1 \leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \ f\ _\infty, \quad t > 0, f \in L^\infty$ $\ f\ _2^{2+4/\mu} \leq c_2 \mathcal{E}(f, f) \ f\ _\infty^{4/\mu}$ $\ f\ _{2\mu/(\mu+2)}^2 \leq c_3 \mathcal{E}(f, f) \quad (\mu > 2)$
UC	$\ T_t f\ _\infty \leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \ f\ _1, \quad t > 0, f \in L^1$ $\ f\ _2^{2+4/\mu} \leq c_2 \mathcal{E}(f, f) \ f\ _1^{4/\mu}$ $\ f\ _{2\mu/(\mu-2)}^2 \leq c_3 \mathcal{E}(f, f) \quad (\mu > 2)$

DUC	$\ \mathbf{T}_t f\ _1 \leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \ f\ _\infty, \quad t \in (0, 1], f \in L^\infty$ $\ f\ _2^{2+4/\mu} \leq c_2 (\mathcal{E}(f, f) + \ f\ _2^2) \ f\ _\infty^{4/\mu}$ $\ f\ _{2\mu/(\mu+2)}^2 \leq c_3 (\mathcal{E}(f, f) + \ f\ _2^2) \quad (\mu > 2)$
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3. One dimensional diffusion processes

$$D = (l_1, l_2).$$

$\{(X_t), P_x\}$: a (minimal) diffusion on D (Dirichlet boundary condition)

$s(x)$: the **sclae function**. We assume that $s(x) = x$.

dm : the **speed measure**, $m(y) - m(x) = \int_{(x,y]} dm$

ζ : the explosion time

$\frac{d}{dm} \frac{d}{ds}$: the **generator**

Dirichlet form:
$$\mathcal{E}(f, g) = \int_D \frac{df}{ds} \frac{dg}{ds} ds$$

D	DUC
$(0, l)$	$\sup_{0 < x < l/2} x^{\frac{\mu}{\mu+2}} m([x, l/2)) < \infty$ $\sup_{l/2 < x < l} (l - x)^{\frac{\mu}{\mu+2}} m((l/2, x]) < \infty$
$(0, \infty)$	$\sup_{x > 0} x^{\frac{\mu}{\mu+2}} m([x, \infty)) < \infty$
\mathbb{R}	$m(\mathbb{R}) < \infty$
D	UC
$(0, l)$	$\sup_{0 < x < l/2} x^{\frac{\mu}{\mu-2}} m([x, l/2)) < \infty$ $\sup_{l/2 < x < l} (l - x)^{\frac{\mu}{\mu-2}} m((l/2, x]) < \infty$
$(0, \infty)$	$\sup_{x > 0} x^{\frac{\mu}{\mu-2}} m([x, \infty)) < \infty$
\mathbb{R}	$\sup_{x \geq 1} x^{\frac{\mu}{\mu-2}} m([x, \infty)) < \infty$ $\sup_{x \geq 1} x^{\frac{\mu}{\mu-2}} m((-\infty, -x]) < \infty$

Asymptotics of $P_x(\zeta > t)$

$$p(t, x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_j t} \varphi_j(x) \varphi_j(y).$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_x[\zeta > t] &= \int_D p(t, x, y) dm(y) \\ &\sim e^{-\lambda_0 t} \varphi_0(x) \int_D \varphi_0(y) dm(y). \end{aligned}$$

To ensure $\int_D \varphi_0(y) dm(y) < \infty$, we need the dual ultracontractivity:

$$\varphi_0 \in L^2(m) \Rightarrow \varphi_0 \in L^1(m).$$