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Abstract. We begin by stating some of the important properties of Lévy processes, and some well-known results about stochastic differential equations with Lévy noise terms. We then examine the question of existence and uniqueness of evolution systems of measures for non-autonomous Ornstein-Uhlenbeck-type processes with jumps. Finally we give some examples where we explicitly compute the densities of such families of measures.

1. Preliminaries

1.1. Introduction. In this paper we fix without further mention a filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbb{P})$ where the filtration $\mathcal{F}_t$ satisfies the usual hypothesis of completeness and right continuity. Consider the non-autonomous Ornstein-Uhlenbeck type stochastic differential equation

$$dX(t) = (A(t)X(t-) + f(t))dt + B(t)dZ(t)$$

$$X(s) = x,$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.1)

taking values in $\mathbb{R}^d$, and where $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $s \leq t \in \mathbb{R}$, $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^d$, $A : \mathbb{R} \to \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $B : \mathbb{R} \to \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ are bounded and continuous, and $Z : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is a Lévy process. Lévy processes are usually defined on $\mathbb{R}^+$. We extend this to all of $\mathbb{R}$ by taking $(Z(t), t < 0)$ to be an independent copy of $-Z(-t)$, see [3], p. 239. The process $Z$ will be referred to as the noise term in the equation.

A Lévy process is a stochastic process with stationary and independent increments. Lévy processes are natural candidates to work with for two reasons. First, examples are robust, including the stable (which include Gaussian) and Poisson processes. The second reason is that the characteristic function has an elegant form, given by the celebrated Lévy-Khintchine formula, Theorem 2.4. This allows us to study Lévy processes, and the stochastic processes that solve (1.1), using Fourier analysis.

The goal of our paper is to give an existence and uniqueness result of an evolution system of measures for the solution to (1.1). The definition of an evolution
system of measures is given below and can be thought of as a natural general-
ization of the notion of an invariant measure to the non-autonomous case. We pay particular attention to the case where $Z$ is $\alpha$-stable with index of stability $0 < \alpha \leq 2$. In the cases where $\alpha = 1$ and $\alpha = 2$, we explicitly compute the densities of evolution families.

Our paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we give an explicit form for the solution of (1.1), which we denote $X_{s,x}(t)$. The two-parameter transition evolution operator corresponding to $X_{s,x}(t)$ is defined as usual,

$$P_{s,t}f(x) := E[f(X_{s,x}(t))] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y)p_{s,t}(x,dy), \ f \in B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

where $p_{s,t}(x,A)$ is the transition probability of $X_{s,x}(t)$, i.e.

$$p_{s,t}(x,A) = P(X(t) \in A|X(s) = x), A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

The main result of this paper is in Section 3. There we prove the existence of a unique family of probability measures, $\{\nu_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$, which satisfy the equation

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} P_{s,t}f(x)\nu_s(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)\nu_t(dx), \ -\infty < s \leq t < \infty,$$

for any $f \in B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Such a family is called an evolution family of measures.

Existence and uniqueness of invariant measures for processes that arise from solutions to autonomous versions of (1.1) are well-known. For example the solution to the stochastic initial value problem,

$$dX(t) = AX(t) + dZ(t) \ \ \ \ \ \ X(0) = x,$$

is the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process.

Here $A$ is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup, $T_t$, of linear operators on a space $E$. The transition semigroup of $X$ is given by Mehler’s formula

$$P_t f(x) = \int_E f(T_t x + y)\mu_t(dy), \ t \geq 0,$$

where $\mu_t$ is a family of probability measures which satisfy

$$\mu_{t+s} = (\mu_t \circ T_s^{-1}) \ast \mu_s, \ \text{for all} \ s, t \geq 0.$$

Such processes were first studied in a Hilbert space setting by Chojnowska-Michalik in [5]. Further work in this area was done by Applebaum in [1] and [2], van Neerven [12], and Lescot and Rockner [8]. Existence of invariant measures for such processes are well-known. In [7], Fuhrman and Rockner gave conditions under which a unique invariant measure exists for the semigroup $P_t$.

The techniques used in the proof of Theorem 3.12 are similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1 in [7]. In that paper Fuhrman and Röckner decomposed the law of $X$ into its deterministic, drift, and jump parts, and gave a proof based on weak compactness and weak convergence. However because the result in this paper is for a non-autonomous setting, there are some significant differences. One of them being a tightness condition on the evolution family of measures in Lemma 3.6.

Work done in the non-autonomous setting with the noise being a Gaussian process was carried out by DaPrato and Lunardi in [6]. They proved that if $A(t)$ is
$T$-periodic and $Z(t)$ is a $d$-dimensional Brownian motion, then an evolution family of measures exists. They also showed that under the additional assumption that $\nu_0$ is $T$-periodic, there exists a unique $T$-periodic evolution family of measures. Because the noise term in [6] is a Brownian motion, the evolution family of measures is Gaussian, and a formula for the mean and variance is computed explicitly.

In this paper, besides considering a much more general class of driving noise, we do not make any periodicity assumption, and our result agrees with Da Prato and Lunardi in this case.

In general, we cannot expect to be able to compute the laws of an evolution family explicitly if we replace the noise term with a Lévy process other than a Brownian motion. However, in Section 4 we give an example where we can explicitly compute the laws of such an evolution system of measures if $Z$ is a symmetric $\alpha$-stable Lévy process, with $\alpha = 1$. A value of $\alpha = 2$ would yield a result consistent with Da Prato and Lunardi, see [6]. Even though we expect most of the results to be easily adjusted to the case when $\mathbb{R}^d$ is replaced by a separable Hilbert space, we restrict ourselves to the finite-dimensional case in part to give very explicit examples.

1.2. Notation. Throughout the paper we will use the following notation:

- $B_r(a) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x - a| < r\}$ denotes the open ball of radius $r$ centered at $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$. $B_R$ is the closed ball.
- $B(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denotes the Borel $\sigma$-field on $\mathbb{R}^d$.
- $B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denotes the space of all bounded Borel functions on $\mathbb{R}^d$.
- $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denotes the space of all bounded continuous functions on $\mathbb{R}^d$.
- $L(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denotes the space of all $d \times d$ real-valued matrices.
- $\mu * \nu$ denotes the convolution of two Borel probability measures on $\mathbb{R}^d$,

$$ (\mu * \nu)(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mu(A - x)\nu(dx), $$

for any $A \in B(\mathbb{R}^d)$.
- $\hat{\nu}$ denotes the characteristic function of a probability measure $\nu$ on $\mathbb{R}^d$,

$$ \hat{\nu}(a) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ix.a} \nu(dx). $$

2. Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Type Stochastic Differential Equation

In this section we recall the notion of a strong solution to (1.1) and compute its characteristic function.

Definition 2.1. A strong solution to (1.1) is a càdlàg process, adapted to the filtration generated by $Z(t)$, satisfying the integral equation,

$$ X(t) = x + \int_s^t (A(r)X(r-))dr + \int_s^t B(r)dZ(r), \quad s \leq t. $$

We will sometimes denote this solution as $X_{s,x}(t)$. 

Let $U(t, s)$ denote the evolution operator in $\mathbb{R}^d$ associated with $A(t)$. That is, $U(t, s)$ is the two parameter family of operators which solve

$$\frac{\partial U(t, s)}{\partial t} = A(t)U(t, s), \quad s \leq t,$$

$$U(s, s) = I,$$

where $I$ is the identity operator.

It satisfies the properties

$$U(t, s)U(s, r) = U(t, r), \quad r \leq s \leq t \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$U(s, r)^T U(t, s)^T = U(t, r)^T, \quad r \leq s \leq t \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\frac{\partial U(t, s)}{\partial s} = -U(t, s)A(s), \quad s \leq t \in \mathbb{R},$$

as shown in [10], p. 128-9.

We make the following stability assumption on evolution operator $U(t, s)$: There exists $C, \epsilon > 0$ such that,

$$||U(t, s)|| \leq Ce^{-\epsilon(t-s)}, \quad (2.1)$$

for all $-\infty < s \leq t < \infty$.

It is important to note that this cannot be replaced by an assumption on $A(t)$ itself. For example, even if the eigenvalues of $A(t)$ are negative and bounded away from zero uniformly for all $t$, equation (2.1) need not hold, as can be found in [4] Example 3.5, p. 61.

**Theorem 2.2.** The stochastic differential equation (1.1) has a unique strong solution for $t \geq s$, which we can write in terms of the evolution operator,

$$X_{s, t}(x) = U(t, s)x + \int_s^t U(t, r)f(r)dr + \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r)dZ(r). \quad (2.2)$$

**Proof.** Existence of a unique solution is given by Theorem 6.2.9, p. 374-5 of [3]. Formula (2.2) is obtained by applying the variation of constants formula. \square

The transition evolution operator is given by a generalized version of Mehler’s formula

$$P_{s, t}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(U(t, s)x + y)p_{s, t}(0, dy), \quad f \in B_b(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

**Definition 2.3.** A Borel measure, $M$, on $\mathbb{R}^d$ is called a Lévy measure if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|y|^2}{1 + |y|^2}M(dy) < \infty,$$

and $M(\{0\}) = 0$. An equivalent definition sometimes used is

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |y|^2)M(dy) < \infty.$$

The next theorem gives the characteristic function of an infinitely divisible random variable in terms of three parameters. In particular, for each fixed $t$ for a Lévy process $Z$, $Z(t)$ has an infinitely divisible distribution. The usefulness of the Lévy-Khintchine formula is an important factor in choosing a Lévy process for
the noise term when working with stochastic differential equations with jumps. A proof can be found, e.g. Theorem 1.2.14, p. 29 and Corollary 2.4.20, p. 127 in [3].

**Theorem 2.4** (Lévy-Khintchine formula). The characteristic function of the Lévy process, \( Z \), is of the form

\[
\phi_Z(t)(a) = \exp[-t\eta(a)],
\]

where

\[
\eta(a) = -i\langle b, a \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle a, Ra \rangle - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[ e^{i(a,y)} - 1 - \frac{i(a,y)}{1 + |y|^2} \right] M(dy),
\]

\( b \in \mathbb{R}^d \), \( R \) is a positive definite symmetric \( d \times d \) matrix, and \( M \) is a Lévy measure on \( \mathbb{R}^d - \{0\} \). The parameters \( b, R, M \) are uniquely determined by the process and are called the Lévy triple of \( Z \). Furthermore the function \( \eta \) is continuous.

Conversely, any mapping of the form

\[
\phi(a) = \exp[-\eta(a)]
\]

is the characteristic function of an infinitely divisible random variable.

We now briefly pause to introduce the following notation. We write \([b, R, M]\) to denote the probability law of an infinitely divisible random variable with triple \((b, R, M)\). This is not standard but makes the notation in the proof of Theorem 3.12 easier.

In the next two propositions we see that for each fixed \( s, t \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( x \in \mathbb{R}^d \), the solution to (1.1), \( X_{s,x}(t) \), is an infinitely divisible random variable. In Proposition 2.5 we compute the characteristic function of this process. The property that Lévy processes have independent and stationary increments is important here. In Proposition 2.6, we utilize the Lévy-Khintchine formula to compute the triple of \( X_{s,x}(t) \).

**Proposition 2.5.** The characteristic function of the process

\[
Y(t) = \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r)dZ(r)
\]

is of the form

\[
\phi_Y(t)(a) = \exp \left[ - \int_s^t \eta(B(r)^TU(t, r)^T a)dr \right].
\]

**Proof.** Fix \(-\infty < s \leq t < \infty\). Let \( P_n = \{s = r_0^{(n)} \leq r_1^{(n)} \leq \cdots \leq r_m^{(n)} = t\} \) be a sequence of partitions such that \(||P_n|| \to 0\) as \( n \to \infty \), where \(||P_n|| := \max_{0 \leq i \leq m(n)}(r_{i+1}^{(n)} - r_i^{(n)})\) is the mesh of the partition \( P_n \).

By the construction of the Itô stochastic integral,

\[
\phi_Y(t)(a) = \mathbb{E}\exp(i\langle a, Y(t) \rangle)
\]

\[= \mathbb{E}\exp \left( i\langle a, \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r)dZ(r) \rangle \right)\]

\[= \mathbb{E}\exp \left( i\left\langle a, \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m(n)} U(t, r_j^{(n)})B(r_j^{(n)}) (Z(r_{j+1}^{(n)}) - Z(r_j^{(n)})) \right\rangle \right).\]
Next we take the limit out of the expectation using the Dominated Convergence theorem

\[
\phi_{Y(t)}(a) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{E} \exp \left( i \left< a, \sum_{j=1}^{m(n)} U(t, r_j^{(n)}) B(r_j^{(n)})(Z(r_{j+1}^{(n)}) - Z(r_j^{(n)})) \right> \right)
\]

\[
= \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{E} \prod_{j=1}^{m(n)} \exp \left( i \left< a, U(t, r_j^{(n)}) B(r_j^{(n)})(Z(r_{j+1}^{(n)}) - Z(r_j^{(n)})) \right> \right).
\]

In the next several steps we use the fact that \( Z \) has independent and stationary increments.

\[
\phi_{Y(t)}(a) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \prod_{j=1}^{m(n)} \mathbb{E} \exp \left( i \left< a, U(t, r_j^{(n)}) B(r_j^{(n)})(Z(r_{j+1}^{(n)}) - Z(r_j^{(n)})) \right> \right)
\]

\[
= \lim_{n \to \infty} \prod_{j=1}^{m(n)} \mathbb{E} \exp \left( i \left< B(r_j^{(n)})^T U(t, r_j^{(n)})^T a, (Z(r_{j+1}^{(n)}) - Z(r_j^{(n)})) \right> \right)
\]

\[
= \lim_{n \to \infty} \prod_{j=1}^{m(n)} \mathbb{E} \exp \left( i \left< B(r_j^{(n)})^T U(t, r_j^{(n)})^T a, Z(r_{j+1}^{(n)}) - r_j^{(n)} \right> \right).
\]

Finally we use Theorem 2.4 to finish the proof.

\[
\phi_{Y(t)}(a) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \prod_{j=1}^{m(n)} \exp \left( -(r_{j+1}^{(n)} - r_j^{(n)}) \eta(B(r_j^{(n)})^T U(t, r_j^{(n)})^T a) \right)
\]

\[
= \lim_{n \to \infty} \exp \left( - \sum_{j=1}^{m(n)} \eta(B(r_j^{(n)})^T U(t, r_j^{(n)})^T a)(r_{j+1}^{(n)} - r_j^{(n)}) \right)
\]

\[
= \exp \left( - \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m(n)} \eta(B(r_j^{(n)})^T U(t, r_j^{(n)})^T a)(r_{j+1}^{(n)} - r_j^{(n)}) \right)
\]

\[
= \exp \left( - \int_s^t \eta(B(r)^T U(t, r)^T a) dr \right).
\]

**Proposition 2.6.** For each \(-\infty < s \leq t \leq \infty, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \) the random variable \( X_{s,x}(t) \) is infinitely divisible with the triple

\[
(U(t, s)x + b_{s,t}, R_{s,t}, M_{s,t}),
\]

where

\[
b_{s,t} = \int_s^t U(t, r)f(r) dr + \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r) b \ dr + \int_s^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} U(t, r)B(r)y \left( \frac{1}{1 + |U(t, r)B(r)y|^2} - \frac{1}{1 + |y|^2} \right) M(dy)dr,
\]
\[ R_{s,t} = \int_s^t U(t,r)B(r)RB(r)^T U(t,r)^T dr, \]

and

\[ M_{s,t}(A) = \int_s^t M(B(r)^{-1}U(t,r)^{-1}(A)) dr. \]

**Proof.** Using Proposition 2.5,

\[ \phi_{X_{s,x}(t)}(a) = \mathbb{E} \exp \left[ i \langle a, X_{s,x}(t) \rangle \right] = \mathbb{E} \exp \left[ i \langle a, U(t,s)x + \int_s^t U(t,r)f(r)dr + \int_s^t U(t,r)B(r)dZ(r) \rangle \right] = \exp \left[ i \langle a, U(t,s)x + \int_s^t U(t,r)f(r)dr \rangle - \int_s^t \eta(B(r)^TU(t,r)^Ta) dr \right]. \]

Now by Theorem 2.4,

\[ \phi_{X_{s,x}(t)}(a) = \exp \left\{ i \langle a, U(t,s)x + \int_s^t U(t,r)f(r)dr \rangle \right. \]

\[ + \int_s^t \left( i \langle b, B(r)^TU(t,r)^Ta \rangle \right. \]

\[ - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle B(r)^TU(t,r)^Ta, RB(r)^TU(t,r)^Ta \right\rangle \]

\[ + \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \left( e^{i\langle B(r)^TU(t,r)^Ta, y \rangle} - 1 - \frac{i \langle B(r)^TU(t,r)^Ta, y \rangle}{1 + ||y||^2} \right) M(dy) \right\} dr. \]

Next we rearrange some terms, and add and subtract

\[ \frac{i \langle a, U(t,r)B(r)y \rangle}{1 + |U(t,r)B(r)y|^2} \]

to obtain

\[ \phi_{X_{s,x}(t)}(a) = \exp \left\{ i \langle a, U(t,s)x + \int_s^t U(t,r)f(r)dr + \int_s^t U(t,r)B(r)b dr \rangle \right. \]

\[ - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle a, \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r)RB(r)^T U(t, r)^T dr a \right\rangle \]

\[ + \int_s^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \left( e^{i\langle a, U(t,r)B(r)y \rangle} - 1 - \frac{i \langle a, U(t,r)B(r)y \rangle}{1 + |U(t,r)B(r)y|^2} \right) M(dy) dr \right\}.

\[ + \frac{i \langle a, U(t,r)B(r)y \rangle}{1 + |U(t,r)B(r)y|^2} - \frac{i \langle a, U(t,r)B(r)y \rangle}{1 + |y|^2} \]
After more rearranging and a change of variables $\phi$ takes the desired form,

$$\phi_{X_s,t}(a)$$

$$= \exp \left\{ i \left\langle a, U(t,s)x \right\rangle + \int_s^t U(t,r)f(r)dr + \int_s^t U(t,r)B(r)dr \right\}$$

$$+ i \left\langle a, \int_s^t f(r)dr \right\rangle U(t,r)B(r)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \left\{ a, \int_s^t \left[ e^{i(a,z)} - 1 - \frac{i\langle a, z \rangle}{1 + |z|^2} M(B(1)^{-1}U(t,r)^{-1}dz) \right] dr \right\}.$$ 

Now we show $R_{s,t}$ is non-negative definite, symmetric, and bounded, and that $M_{s,t}$ is a Lévy measure.

Let $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\langle y, R_{s,t}y \rangle = \int_s^t \left\langle B(r)^T U(t,r)^T y, RB(r)^T U(t,r)^T y \right\rangle dr \geq 0,$$

since $R$ is non-negative definite. Furthermore it easily follows that $R_{s,t}$ is symmetric since $R$ is symmetric.

Let $|y| \leq 1$. Since $B$ is bounded, let $C_B$ be such that $C_B \geq 1$ and $|\|B(t)\|| \leq C_B$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$. By the stability assumption (2.1) we have,

$$|R_{s,t}y| = \left| \int_s^t U(t,r)B(r)RB(r)^T U(t,r)^T y \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \int_s^t U(t,r)B(r)RB(r)^T U(t,r)^T y \right| dr$$

$$\leq C^2 C_B^2 |R| \int_s^t e^{-2\epsilon(t-r)} dr = \frac{C^2 C_B^2 |R|}{2\epsilon} \left( 1 - e^{-2\epsilon(t-s)} \right).$$

Thus for all $-\infty < s \leq t < \infty$,

$$\|R_{s,t}\| = \sup_{|y| \leq 1} |R_{s,t}y| \leq \frac{C^2 C_B^2 |R|}{2\epsilon} < \infty.$$

Since $M$ is Lévy measure, set

$$K_1 := \int_{\{|y| \leq 1\}} |y|^2 M(dy),$$

and

$$K_2 := M \left\{ \left\{ |y| > \frac{1}{CC_B} \right\} \right\}. $$
Then for $-\infty < s \leq t < \infty$, we have
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |y|^2) M_{s,t}(dy) = \int_s^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |y|^2) M(B(r)^{-1}U(t,r)^{-1} dy)dr \\
= \int_s^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |U(t,r)B(r)z|^2) M(dz)dr \\
\leq \int_s^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 + C^2 C_B^2 |z|^2) M(dz)dr \\
= \int_s^t \left[ \int_{\{|z| \leq \frac{1}{C_B} \}} (1 + C^2 C_B^2 |z|^2) M(dz) \right. \\
\left. + \int_{\{|z| > \frac{1}{C_B} \}} (1 + C^2 C_B^2 |z|^2) M(dz) \right] dr \\
= (t-s) \left( \int_{\{|z| \leq \frac{1}{C_B} \}} C^2 C_B^2 |y|^2 M(dy)dr + \int_s^t \int_{\{|z| > \frac{1}{C_B} \}} M(dy) \right) \\
\leq (C^2 C_B^2 K_1 + K_2) (t-s) < \infty,
\]
shows that $M_{s,t}$ are Lévy measures.

This shows that the characteristic function of $X_{s,x}(t)$ is
\[
\phi_{X_{s,x}(t)}(a) = \exp(-\eta_{s,t,x}(a)),
\]
where,
\[
\eta_{s,t,x}(a) = \left( -i \langle b'_{s,t}, a \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle a, R_{s,t} \rangle - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[ e^{i\langle a, y \rangle} - 1 - \frac{i\langle a, y \rangle}{1 + |y|^2} \right] M_{s,t}(dy) \right),
\]
where $b'_{s,t} := U(t,s)x + b_{s,t}$. Thus $X_{s,x}(t)$ is infinitely divisible by the Lévy-Khintchine formula. \qed

Note that as $s \to -\infty$, $M_{s,t}$ is an increasing family of measures. Similarly $R_{s,t}$ is an increasing family of nonnegative symmetric matrices. Because $B$ is bounded and by the stability assumption (2.1), $R_{s,t}$ converges as $s \to -\infty$. We define
\[
R_{-\infty,t} := \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,r)B(r)RB(r)^T U(t,r)^T dr,
\]
and
\[
M_{-\infty,t}(A) := \sup_{s < t} M_{s,t}(A) = \int_{-\infty}^t M(B(r)^{-1}U(t,r)^{-1}(A))dr,
\]
$A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

3. Invariant Measures and Evolution System of Measures

Let us first consider the autonomous version of (1.1)
\[
dY(t) = (AY(t-)+z)dt + BdZ(t) \\
Y(s) = y,
\]
(3.1)
taking values in $\mathbb{R}^d$, and where $y, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, $A, B \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and $Z : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is a Lévy process.

Let $P_{s,t}$ denote the transition evolution operator of a Markov process $X$

$$P_{s,t}f(x) = \mathbb{E}[f(X(t)) | X(s) = x]$$

for $f \in B_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

**Definition 3.1.** If $P_{s,t} = P_{0,t-s}$ for all $0 \leq s \leq t < \infty$, then $X$ is said to be *time-homogeneous*. In this case we write $P_{0,t}$ as $P_t$.

Since the coefficients $A, z, \text{ and } B$ in (3.1) do not depend on $t$, the solution is a time-homogeneous Markov process, as is shown in [3] Theorem 6.4.6, p. 388.

**Definition 3.2.** A Borel probability measure $\mu$ is an *invariant measure* for $X$ if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (P_t f)(x) \mu(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \mu(dx),$$

for all $t \geq 0$, $f \in B_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Unlike in the autonomous case, the solution to (1.1) is not time-homogeneous, so we cannot expect to find a single invariant measure. Instead we look for a family of probability measures, $\nu_t, t \in \mathbb{R}$, called an *evolution family (or evolution system) of measures*.

**Definition 3.3.** Let $X_{s,x}(t)$ be as in (2.2). A family of Borel probability measures, $\{\nu_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is an *evolution family of measures* for the process, $X_{s,x}(t)$ if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (P_{s,t} f)(x) \nu_t(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \nu_t(dx),$$

for all $-\infty < s \leq t < \infty$, $f \in B_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

**Remark 3.4.** Using a standard monotone class argument, (3.2) need only hold for indicator functions or for $f$ of the form $f(x) = \exp(i\langle a, x \rangle)$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

**Lemma 3.5.** In the case of $f(x) = \exp(i\langle a, x \rangle)$, (3.2) becomes

$$\hat{\nu}_s(U(t,s)^T a) \times \exp \left( i \left\langle a, \int_s^t U(t,r)f(r)dr \right\rangle \right) \times \exp \left( -\int_s^t \eta(B(r)^T U(t,r)^T a)dr \right) = \hat{\nu}_t(a),$$

where $\hat{\nu}$ denotes the characteristic function of $\nu$.

In the case of $f = 1_A$, $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, (3.2) becomes

$$\nu_t(A) = p_{s,t}(0, \cdot) \ast (\nu_s \circ U(t,s)^{-1})(A).$$

(3.4)
Proof. If \( f(x) = \exp(i(a, x)) \), then the left hand side of (3.2) becomes
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (P_{s,t}f)(x)\nu_s(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \exp(i(a, X_{s,t}(t)))\nu_s(dx)
\]
\[
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E} \exp \left( i(a, U(t, s)x + \int_s^t U(t, r)f(r)dr + \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r)dZ(r) \right) \nu_s(dx).
\]

After writing the exponential of a sum as a product of exponentials, and pulling the deterministic factors outside the expectation, we obtain,
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (P_{s,t}f)(x)\nu_s(dx)
\]
\[
= \nu_s(U(t, s)^T a) \times \exp \left( i(a, \int_s^t U(t, r)f(r)dr) \right)
\]
\[
\times \mathbb{E} \exp \left( i(a, \int_s^t U(t, r)B(r)dZ(r) \right).
\]

By Proposition 2.5 the last term in the product is equal to
\[
\exp \left( -\int_s^t \eta(B(r)^T U(t, r)^T a)dr \right).
\]

This gives the left hand side of (3.3). The right hand side is obvious.

To prove (3.4), let \( f = 1_A \), for some \( A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d) \). The right hand side of (3.2) is then \( \nu_t(A) \). The left hand side of (3.2) works out to be
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (P_{s,t}f)(x)\nu_s(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(y)p_{s,t}(x, dy)\nu_s(dx)
\]
\[
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(U(t, s)x + y)p_{s,t}(0, dy)\nu_s(dx)
\]
\[
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 1_A(x + y)p_{s,t}(0, dy)\nu_s(U(t, s)^{-1}dx)
\]
\[
= p_{s,t}(0, \cdot) * (\nu_s \circ U(t, s)^{-1})(A).
\]

Lemma 3.6. Suppose the stability assumption (2.1) holds. If \( \{\nu_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{R}} \) is an evolution system of measures for which there exists an integer \( N_0 \) such that the sub-collection \( \{\nu_s\}_{s < N_0} \) is uniformly tight, then \( \nu_s \circ U(t, s)^{-1} \rightarrow \delta_0 \) weakly as \( s \rightarrow -\infty \) for each fixed \( t \).

Proof. Fix \( t \) and let \( f \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d) \) and choose \( M \) so that \( ||f|| \leq M \). Let \( \epsilon > 0 \) be given. Choose \( \delta > 0 \) so that if \( |x| < \delta \), then \( |f(x) - f(0)| < \epsilon/2 \).

Using the tightness assumption, choose \( R \) so that
\[
\nu_s(B_R(0)) > 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4M}
\]
for \( s < N_0 \).
Choose $N < N_0$, such that if $s < N$, then $||U(t, s)|| \leq \frac{\delta}{R}$. Then for any $x$ where $|x| \leq R$, we have that $|U(t, s)x| \leq ||U(t, s)|| \cdot |x| \leq \frac{\delta}{R}R = \delta$.

Then for $s < N$ we have

\[
\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)\nu_s(U(t, s)^{-1}dx) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)\delta_0(dx) \right| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(U(t, s)x)\nu_s(dx) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)\delta_0(dx) \right| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(U(t, s)x)\nu_s(dx) - f(0) \right| .
\]

Since $\nu_s$ is a probability measure, (3.5) is equal to

\[
\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [f(U(t, s)x) - f(0)]\nu_s(dx) \right| \\
\leq \left| \int_{B_R(0)} [f(U(t, s)x) - f(0)]\nu_s(dx) \right| + \left| \int_{|x| > R} [f(U(t, s)x) - f(0)]\nu_s(dx) \right| \\
< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2M \cdot \epsilon/4M = \epsilon.
\]

The next several results are taken from [9], and are needed in the proof of Theorem 3.12. We will also need the notion of shift relative compactness.

**Definition 3.7.** A set of Borel probability measures, $\mathcal{H}$ is said to be shift relatively compact if, for every sequence $\mu_n \in \mathcal{H}$, there is a sequence $\nu_n$ such that $\nu_n$ is a right (or left) translate of $\mu_n$, and $\nu_n$ has a convergent subsequence.

**Lemma 3.8** (Parthasarathy, Theorem III.2.2). Let $\{\lambda_n\}, \{\mu_n\}, \{\nu_n\}$ be three sequences of measures on $\mathbb{R}^d$ such that $\lambda_n = \mu_n * \nu_n$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ If the sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$ is relatively compact then the sequences $\{\mu_n\}$ and $\{\nu_n\}$ are shift compact.

**Proof.** See p. 59, [9].

The following definition is the finite dimensional version of Definition VI.2.4, p. 155 in [9].

**Definition 3.9.** A family $\{S_n\}$ of positive self-adjoint trace-class operators is said to be compact if $\sup_\alpha \text{trace}(S_n) < \infty$.

**Theorem 3.10** (Parthasarathy, Theorem VI.5.3). In order that a sequence $\mu_n$ of infinitely divisible distributions with representations $\mu_n = [x_n, R_n, M_n]$ be relatively compact it is necessary and sufficient that the following hold:

(i) $\{M_n\}$ restricted to the complement of any neighborhood of the origin is weakly relatively compact.
(ii) \( \{S_n\} \) defined by

\[
(S_n y, y) = (R_{-n,t} y, y) + \int_{|x| \leq 1} (x, y)^2 dM_{-n,t}(x)
\]

is compact.

(iii) \( x_n \) is compact in \( X \).

Proof. See p. 187, [9].

**Theorem 3.11** (Parthasarathy, Theorem III.2.1). Let \( \{\lambda_n\}, \{\mu_n\}, \{\nu_n\} \) be three sequences of measures on \( \mathbb{R}^d \) such that \( \lambda_n = \mu_n * \nu_n \) for each \( n \). If the sequences \( \{\lambda_n\} \) and \( \{\mu_n\} \) are relatively compact then so is the sequence \( \{\nu_n\} \).

Proof. See p. 58, [9].

We are now ready to prove the main result of this paper. The result here generalizes Theorem 3.1 in [7] to the time inhomogeneous case.

**Theorem 3.12.** If there exists an evolution system of measures for \( X_{s,x}(t) \) then the following conditions hold:

(i) For any \( t \in \mathbb{R}, \sup_{s \leq t} \text{tr} R_{s,t} < \infty \),

(ii) For any \( t \in \mathbb{R}, \int_{-\infty}^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 + |U(t,r)B(r)y|^2) M(dy) dr < \infty \).

If in addition,

(iii) for any \( t \in \mathbb{R} \), there exists an \( N \) such that the collection \( \{\nu_t\}_{t \leq N} \) is uniformly tight, then \( \nu_t \) is unique and there exists

\[
b_{-\infty,t} := \lim_{s \to -\infty} b_{s,t}.
\]

Conversely if (i) and (ii) hold and \( \lim_{s \to -\infty} b_{s,t} \) exists then for each \( t \in \mathbb{R} \), \( M_{-\infty,t} \) is a Lévy measure and there exists an evolution system of measures, \( \nu_t \), which is given by

\[
\nu_t = [b_{-\infty,t}, R_{-\infty,t}, M_{-\infty,t}].
\]

Recall from the paragraph following Theorem 2.4 that the bracket notation,

\[
[b_{-\infty,t}, R_{-\infty,t}, M_{-\infty,t}],
\]

denotes the law of infinitely divisible random variable with the Lévy triple

\[
(b_{-\infty,t}, R_{-\infty,t}, M_{-\infty,t}).
\]

Proof. We prove the converse first. Suppose (i), (ii) hold and the limit (iii) exists. Fix \( t \in \mathbb{R} \). Using (ii),

\[
\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |y|^2) M_{-\infty,t}(dy) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |y|^2) \int_{-\infty}^t M(B(r)^{-1}U(t,r)^{-1}(dy)) dr
\]

\[
= \int_{-\infty}^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |y|^2) M(B(r)^{-1}U(t,r)^{-1}(dy)) dr
\]

\[
= \int_{-\infty}^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 \wedge |B(r)U(t,r)y|^2) M(dy) dr < \infty
\]
shows that \( M_{-\infty,t} \) is a Lévy measure.

From the computation of the Lévy triple of \( X_{s,x}(t) \) in Proposition 2.6, it follows that

\[
\hat{\nu}_t(a) = \exp \left( i \left\langle a, \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,r) f(r) \, dr \right\rangle \right) \exp \left\{ - \int_{-\infty}^t \eta(B(r)^TU(t,r)^T a) \, dr \right\}.
\]

Then using (3.3) in Remark 3.4,

\[
\hat{\nu}_s \left( U(t,s)^T a \right) \exp \left( i \left\langle a, \int_s^t U(t,r) f(r) \, dr \right\rangle \right) \\
\times \exp \left\{ - \int_s^t \eta(B(r)^TU(t,r)^T a) \, dr \right\} \\
= \exp \left( i \left\langle U(t,s)^T a, \int_s^t U(s,r) f(r) \, dr \right\rangle \right) \\
\times \exp \left\{ - \int_{-\infty}^s \eta(B(r)^TU(s,r)^T U(t,s)^T a) \, dr \right\} \\
\times \exp \left( i \left\langle a, \int_s^t U(t,r) f(r) \, dr \right\rangle \right) \exp \left\{ - \int_s^t \eta(B(r)^TU(t,r)^T a) \, dr \right\} \\
= \exp \left( i \left\langle a, \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,r) f(r) \, dr \right\rangle \right) \\
\times \exp \left\{ - \int_{-\infty}^s \eta(B(r)^TU(t,r)^T a) \, dr \right\} \\
= \hat{\nu}_t(a)
\]

shows that \( \nu_t \) is an evolution system of measures.

Suppose now that an evolution system of measures, \( \nu_t \), exists. Fix \( t \), then using (3.4) in Remark 3.4, for \( s < t \),

\[
\nu_t = p_{s,t}(0, \cdot) * (\nu_s \circ U(t,s)^{-1}) = \delta_{b_{s,t}} * [0, R_{s,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{s,t}] * (\nu_s \circ U(t,s)^{-1}),
\]

where \( \delta_y \) is the Dirac measure at \( y \).

Set \( s = -n \). Then by Lemma 3.8, the sequence \( \delta_{b_{-n,t}} * [0, R_{-n,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{-n,t}] \) is shift relatively compact. This means that there is a sequence \( y_n \in \mathbb{R}^d \) (depending on \( t \)) such that

\[
\delta_{y_n} * \delta_{b_{-n,t}} * [0, R_{-n,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{-n,t}] = [y_n + b_{-n,t}, R_{-n,t}, M_{-n,t}]
\]

is weakly relatively compact.

Let \( S_n : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d \) be a sequence of operators defined by (3.6). By Theorem 3.10, the following hold:

(a) \( \{M_{-n,t}\} \) restricted to the complement of any neighborhood of the origin is weakly relatively compact,

(b) \( \sup_n \text{tr} S_n < \infty \),

(c) \( y_n + b_{-n,t} \) is relatively compact in \( \mathbb{R}^d \).

Part (a) implies

\[
M_{-\infty,t}(\{|x| \geq 1\}) = \sup_n M_{-n,t}(\{|x| \geq 1\}) < \infty.
\]
By (b) we have
\[ \text{tr} R_{-\infty,t} + \int_{|x|\leq 1} |x|^2 M_{-\infty,t}(dx) = \sup_n \left( \text{tr} R_{-n,t} + \int_{|x|\leq 1} |x|^2 M_{-n,t}(dx) \right) \]
\[ = \sup_n \text{tr} S_n < \infty. \]
And so, by using Lemma 3.4 of [7] for each fixed \( t \), we have that \( M_{-\infty,t} \) is a Lévy measure and (i) and (ii) hold.

Now suppose also that there exists an \( N \) such that the collection \( \{\nu_t\}_{t<N} \) is uniformly tight. Then by Lemma 3.6, \( \nu_s \circ U(t,s)^{-1} \) \( \rightarrow \delta_0 \) weakly as \( s \rightarrow -\infty \). By Lemma 3.4 [7], \( [0, R_{s,t}, 0] \rightarrow [0, R_{-\infty,t}, 0] \) and \( [0, 0, M_{s,t}] \rightarrow [0, 0, M_{-\infty,t}] \) weakly as \( s \rightarrow -\infty \). Thus by the weak continuity of convolution we conclude
\[ [0, R_{s,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{s,t}] * (\nu_s \circ U(t,s)^{-1}) \rightarrow [0, R_{-\infty,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{-\infty,t}]. \]
Let \( s_n \) be a sequence decreasing to \(-\infty\). Then
\[ \nu_t = \delta_{b_{s,t}} * [0, R_{s,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{s,t}] * (\nu_s \circ U(t,s)^{-1}), \]
and by Theorem 3.11, the collection \( \{\delta_{b_{s,n,t}}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) is weakly relatively compact. Thus there is a probability measure \( \sigma_t \) and a subsequence \( n_k \) such that \( \delta_{b_{s,n_k,t}} \rightarrow \sigma_t \) weakly. Letting \( k \rightarrow \infty \),
\[ \nu_t = \sigma_t * [0, R_{-\infty,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{-\infty,t}]. \]
Taking Fourier transforms of both sides we have
\[ \hat{\sigma}_t = \hat{\nu}_t([0, R_{-\infty,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{-\infty,t}])^{-1}, \]
We see that \( \sigma_t \) does not depend on the subsequence, and so \( \delta_{b_{s,n,t}} \) converges weakly. This implies that \( b_{-\infty,t} := \lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} b_{s,t} \) exists. Since \( s_n \) is arbitrary, we have \( b_{-\infty,t} = \lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} b_{s,t} \).
Thus we have shown that
\[ \nu_t = \delta_{b_{-\infty,t}} * [0, R_{-\infty,t}, 0] * [0, 0, M_{-\infty,t}] \]
is uniquely determined.

4. Examples

In this final section we give some examples where we explicitly compute the characteristic functions and densities of evolution systems of measures to which Theorem 3.12 applies. The first example is where the noise term is a \( d \)-dimensional Gaussian process. If we further require the coefficients to be \( T \)-periodic and take the Gaussian process to be Brownian motion, the result agrees with DaPrato and Lunardi in [6]. In the second example we consider the case where \( Z(t) \) is a one dimensional symmetric \( \alpha \)-stable process. Where \( Z(t) \) has a Cauchy distribution, i.e. \( \alpha = 1 \), we explicitly compute the densities of the evolution system of measures.

**Example 4.1.** Let \( Z(t) \) have the Lévy triple \((b, R, 0)\), i.e. \( Z(t) \) is a \( d \)-dimensional Gaussian process with mean vector \( b \) and covariance matrix \( R \).

The computation in Proposition 2.6 shows that the collection \( \{R_{s,t}, -\infty < s \leq t < \infty\} \) are non-negative definite, symmetric and uniformly bounded. Thus
sup_{s \leq t} \text{tr} R_{s,t} < \infty and (2.1) implies that \( \lim_{s \to -\infty} b_{s,t} \) exists. Thus by Theorem 3.12, the family of Gaussian measures with triple \( \nu_t \sim [b_{-\infty,t}, R_{-\infty,t}, 0] \) is an evolution family of measures for the process \( X_{s,x}(t) \), where

\[
\begin{align*}
    b_{-\infty,t} &= \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,r)f(r)dr + \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,r)B(r)b dr, \\
    R_{-\infty,t} &= \int_{-\infty}^t U(t,r)B(r)R B(r)T U(t,r)T dr.
\end{align*}
\]

The fact that stochastic integrals with respect to symmetric \( \alpha \)-stable processes are \( \alpha \)-stable make them a very useful subclass of Lévy processes. The next proposition summarizes this result. A proof can be found in Samorodnitsky and Taqqu’s book on stable processes, [11].

**Proposition 4.2.** Suppose \( Z(t) \) is a symmetric, \( \alpha \)-stable Lévy process with characteristic function

\[
\phi_{Z(t)}(a) = e^{-\sigma|a|^\alpha}.
\]

Then for each fixed \( s \leq t \), the random variable

\[
Y_s(t) = \int_s^t e^{-\int_u^t \lambda(r)dr} dZ(u)
\]

has an \( \alpha \)-stable distribution with characteristic function

\[
\phi_{Y_s(t)}(a) = \exp \left\{ \sigma^\alpha \left( \int_s^t e^{-\alpha \int_u^t \lambda(r)dr} du \right) |a|^\alpha \right\}.
\]

**Example 4.3.** Let \( Z(t) \) be a 1-dimensional symmetric \( \alpha \)-stable process with index of stability \( 0 < \alpha < 2 \).

A one dimensional version of (1.1) is

\[
dX(t) = \lambda(t) [\mu(t) - X(t-)] dt + \sigma(t)dZ(t)
\]

\[
X(s) = x;
\]

(4.1)

where \( \lambda, \mu, \sigma \) are bounded and continuous on \( \mathbb{R} \), and \( x \in \mathbb{R} \). In addition we require \( \lambda(t) \geq \epsilon > 0 \) for all \( t \in \mathbb{R} \). Here the evolution operator has the form

\[
U(t,s) = e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(r)dr}.
\]

The positivity condition on \( \lambda \) implies that the stability assumption (2.1) is satisfied.

We write the solution to (4.1),

\[
X(t) = X_{s,x}(t) = e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(u)du}x + \int_s^t e^{-\int_s^u \lambda(r)dr} \lambda(r) \mu(r) dr
\]

\[
+ \int_s^t e^{-\int_s^u \lambda(r)dr} \sigma(r)dZ(r).
\]

The transition evolution operator associated with \( X \) takes the form,

\[
P_{s,t}f(x) = \mathbb{E} f(X_{s,x}(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f \left( e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(r)dr}x + y \right) p_{s,t}(0,dy).
\]
For each \( t > s \), the law of \( X_{s,x}(t) \) is \( \alpha \)-stable and has characteristic function

\[
\phi_{X_{s,x}(t)}(a) = \exp \left[ i \left( e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(u) du} x + \int_s^t e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(u) du} \lambda(r) \mu(d r) \right) a - \int_s^t e^{-\alpha \int_s^t \lambda(u) du} |\sigma(r)|^\alpha d r \right].
\]

The collection of measures, \( \{ \nu_t, t \in \mathbb{R} \} \), with characteristic functions

\[
\hat{\nu}_t = \exp \left[ i \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(u) du} \lambda(r) \mu(r) d r a - \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\alpha \int_s^t \lambda(u) du} |\sigma(r)|^\alpha d r \right],
\]

is the unique evolution system of measures for \( X_{s,x}(t) \). In the case where \( \alpha = 1 \), we can explicitly write the densities of the \( \nu_t \),

\[
f_{\nu_t}(y) = \frac{a(t)}{\pi \left[ (y - b(t))^2 + (a(t))^2 \right]},
\]

where

\[
a(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(u) du} \sigma(r) d r,
\]

and

\[
b(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\int_s^t \lambda(u) du} \lambda(r) \mu(r) d r.
\]

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