THE LIMIT PROPERTIES DIFFUSION PROCESS
IN A SEMI-MARKOV ENVIRONMENT

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Abstract. In this paper we consider the stochastic diffusion process with semi-Markov switchings in an averaging scheme. We present results and conditions on convergence to the classic diffusion process, in case with semi-Markov process perturbation is uniformly ergodic. We used small parameter scheme to get the main result.

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1. Introduction

Due to the wide use of stochastic diffusion processes, stability problem arose, especially conditions of stability and control of such systems. The paper [1] contains sufficient conditions of stability of stochastic systems via Lyapunov function properties and obtained estimates of large deviations of linear diffusion systems. Problems of optimal control of diffusion processes are described by stochastic differential equations with acceptable control of dedicated work [2]. This generator uses a diffusion process, Markov property and martingale characterization of the process to test the functions of the Lyapunov type.

On the other hand, asymptotic behavior is important of diffusion processes that are considered in [3] and [4]. For conditions of weak convergence of random processes in the works [5-7] Korolyuk used method of small parameter and singular perturbation problem solution for the construction of the generator limiting process. This method is used in the schemes averaging diffusion approximation and asymptotically small diffusion. In particular in the work [6] Korolyuk and Limnios examined cases of the random evolution of Markov and semi-Markov switching.

Construction of semi-Markov processes and investigation of asymptotic properties of random processes with semi-Markov switching are devoted [8-11].
The initial process is weakly convergent to the solution of the diffusion equation (to the diffusion process). Such convergence is obtained by using averaging scheme [10, 12].


The results of these studies have been used in various applications [19-22].

2. Problem

In this paper, we consider dynamical system with semi-Markov switching using a small series parameter. \( x(t), t \geq 0, \) is a semi-Markov process in the standard phase space of states \( (X, \mathcal{E}) \), generated by renewal Markov process \( x_n, \tau_n, n \geq 0, \) defined by a semi-Markov kernel:

\[
Q(t, x, B) = P(x, B)G_x(t),
\]

where the stochastic kernel

\[
P(x, B) := P\{x_{n+1} \in B|x_n = x\}, x \in \mathcal{E},
\]

defines an embedded Markov chain \( x_n = x(\tau_n) \) at renewal moments:

\[
\tau_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \theta_k, n \geq 0, \tau_0 = 0,
\]

with intervals \( \theta_{k+1} = \tau_{k+1} - \tau_k \) between renewal moments. \( \theta_n \) are defined by the distribution functions

\[
G_x(t) := P\{\theta_{n+1} \leq t|x_n\} = P\{\theta_x \leq t\}.
\]

A semi-Markov process is defined by the relation

\[
x(t) = x(\nu(t)), t \geq 0,
\]

where the counting process \( \nu(t) \) is defined by the formula:

\[
\nu(t) := \max\{n: \tau_n \leq t\}, t \geq 0.
\]

We consider a semi-Markov process \( x(t), t \geq 0, \) that is regular and uniformly ergodic with stationary distribution \( \pi(B), B \in \mathcal{E} \):

\[
\pi(dx) = \rho(dx)m(x)/m.
\]
Here $\rho(B), B \in E$, is a stationary distribution of the Markov chain attached. Diffusion process $u^\varepsilon(t) \in R^d$ in an averaging scheme with a small parameter $\varepsilon > 0$ defined by stochastic differential equation

$$
du^\varepsilon(t) = C \left( u^\varepsilon(t); x\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right) \right) dt + \sigma(u^\varepsilon(t)) dw(t),$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where: $u^\varepsilon(t), t \geq 0$, - random evolution in a diffusion process (1) [6, 9, 15, 16]; $x(t), t \geq 0$, - semi-Markov process [6, 8, 13, 14]; $w(t)$ - Wiener process [3-5].

Semigroup $C^\varepsilon_{t_1,s_1}(x), t \geq 0, s \geq 0, x \in X$, accompanying systems

$$
du_x(t) = C(u_x(t); x(t)) dt + \sigma(u_x(t)) dw(t), u_x(0) = u,$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

defined by the relation

$$C^\varepsilon_{t_1,s_1}(x)\varphi(u) = \varphi(u_x(t + s)), u_x(t) = u,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

where

$$u_x(t + s) := u_x(t + s, u), u_x(t) := u_x(t, u).$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

and (4) is semigroup property.

Generating operator $C(x)$ semigroup $C^\varepsilon_{t_1,s_1}(x)$ is defined by form

$$C(x)\varphi(u) = C(u; x)\varphi(u) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(u)\varphi''(u),$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)

where $\varphi(u) \in C^2(R^d)$.

3. Main result

**Theorem 1.** Let regression function $C(u; x)$ and variation $\sigma(u)$ satisfy the following conditions:

C1: $C(u; \cdot) \in C^2(R^d)$,

C2: $\sigma(u) \in C^2(R^d)$,

C3: the distribution functions $G_x(t), \overline{G}_x(t) = 1 - G_x(t), t \geq 0, x \in X$, satisfy the Cramer condition uniformly in $x \in X$,

$$\sup_{x \in X} \int_0^\infty e^{ht}\overline{G}_x(t) dt \leq H < +\infty, h > 0.$$  \hspace{1cm} (6)

Then the solution $u^\varepsilon(t), t \geq 0$, of the equation (1) converges weakly to the limit diffusion process $\xi(t), t \geq 0$, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, which is defined by the generator
\[ \mathbf{L} \phi(u) = C(u)\phi'(u) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(u)\phi''(u), \]

where

\[ C(u) = \int_X C(u; x) \pi(dx), \phi(u) \in C^1(R^d). \]

4. Limit operator properties

We introduce advanced Markov renewal process (MRP) \[6\], by given sequence:

\[ u_n^\varepsilon = u^\varepsilon(\tau_n^\varepsilon), x_n^\varepsilon = x^\varepsilon(\tau_n^\varepsilon), \tau_n^\varepsilon = \varepsilon \theta_n, \]

(6)

Where \( \tau_n = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \theta_{n, \ell}, n \geq 0, \theta_0 = 0 \), means times of renewal in semi-Markov process \( x(t), t \geq 0 \), \[6\] determined by the distribution function of the time spent in the state \( x \).

**Definition 1.** [6, 17] Compensating operator advanced MRP (6) is defined by the form

\[ L_n^\varepsilon(x|\phi(u, x, t) = \varepsilon^{-1} \left[ E\{\phi(u_n^\varepsilon, x_n^\varepsilon, \tau_n^\varepsilon)|u_n^\varepsilon = u, x_n^\varepsilon = x, \tau_n^\varepsilon = t\} - \phi(u, x, t)\} / g(x). \]  

(7)

**Lemma 1.** Compensating operator (7) on test-functions \( \phi(u, x) \) is defined by formula:

\[ L_n^\varepsilon(x|\phi(u, x) = \varepsilon^{-1} q(x) \left[ \int_0^\infty G_x(ds)C_{i+\varepsilon}(x) \int_X P(x, dy)\phi(u, y) - \phi(u, x) \right], \]

(8)

where

\[ q(x) = \frac{1}{g(x)}, \quad g(x) = \mathbb{E} \theta_x = \int_0^\infty G_x(t)dt. \]

Proof. Given point \( u_1^\varepsilon \) we have [6, 16, 18]:

\[ E\phi(u_1^\varepsilon, x_1^\varepsilon) = E\mathcal{C}_{i+\theta_0}(x)\phi(u, x_1^\varepsilon) = \left[ \int_0^\infty G_x(ds)C_{i+\varepsilon}(x) \int_X P(x, dy)\phi(u, y) \right]. \]

Here we have (8).

**Lemma 2.** Compensating operator \( L_n^\varepsilon(x) \) is defined by form

\[ L_n^\varepsilon(x|\phi(u, x) = \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{Q}\phi(u, x) + \varepsilon^{-1} \left[ \mathcal{G}^\varepsilon_{i,0}(x) - I \right] \mathcal{Q}\phi(u, x), \]

(9)

where \( \mathcal{G}^\varepsilon_{i,0}(x) = \int_0^\infty G_x(ds)C_{i+\varepsilon}(x) \).
Proof. From (8) we have

\[
L^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi(u,x) = \varepsilon^{-1}q(x)\left[ \int_0^\infty G_x(ds)[C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x) - I] P(x,dy)[\phi(u,y) - \phi(u,x)] + \int_X P(x,dy)[\phi(u,y) - \phi(u,x)] \right] +
\]

\[
\varepsilon^{-1}q(x)\left[ \int_0^\infty G_x(ds)[C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x) - I] P(x,dy)[\phi(x,y)] \right].
\]

Then we obtain (9).

**Lemma 3.** Compensating operator \( L^\varepsilon_t(x) \) has the asymptotic representation

\[
L^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi(u,x) = \varepsilon^{-1}Q\phi(u,x) + \theta^\varepsilon_t(x)P\phi(u,x),
\]

\[
L^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi(u,x) = \varepsilon^{-1}Q\phi(u,x) + C(x)\phi(u,x) + \varepsilon\theta^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi(u,x),
\]

where

\[
\theta^\varepsilon_t(x) = q(x)C(x)\int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(s)}C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x)ds,
\]

\[
\theta^\varepsilon_t(x) = q(x)(C(x))^2 G^\varepsilon_{t+\varepsilon}(x),
\]

and

\[
G^\varepsilon_{t+\varepsilon}(x) = \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x^{(2)}}(s)C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x)ds,
\]

where

\[
\overline{G_x^{(2)}}(s) := \int_s^\infty \overline{G_x^{(1)}}(t)dt.
\]

Proof. We have semigroup equation \( C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x), t \geq 0, x \in X, \)

\[
dC'_{t+\varepsilon}(x) = C(x)C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x)ds.
\]

Integrating by parts we have:

\[
G^\varepsilon_{t+\varepsilon}(x) - I = \int_0^\infty G_x(ds)[C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x) - I] = \int_0^\infty \left[ u = C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x) \right] dv = G_x(ds) - \int_0^\infty \varepsilon \overline{G_x(s)}C(x)C'_{t+\varepsilon}(x)ds.
\]
Given the Cramer condition we have:

\[ G_{i,0}^\varepsilon(x) - I = \varepsilon \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(s)} C_i^{I_{1,2}}(s) ds = \varepsilon C(x) \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(s)} C_i^{I_{1,2}}(s) ds. \]

Hence we have (10).

For

\[ G_{i,j}^\varepsilon(x) = \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(ds)} C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) \]

integrating by parts we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
G_{i,j}^\varepsilon(x) &= \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(ds)} C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) \left[ u = C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) \quad dv = \overline{G_x(ds)} \right] \\
&= \left. \left[ u C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) \right] \right|_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) \overline{G_x(ds)} ds \\
&= C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) \overline{G_x(2)}(s) \left[ 0 \right]_0^\infty + \varepsilon \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(2)}(s) C(x) C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) ds = m(x) I + \varepsilon C(x) \int_0^\infty \overline{G_x(2)}(s) C_i^{I_{1,2}}(x) ds.
\end{align*}
\]

Thus we have

\[ G_{i,j}^\varepsilon(x) = m(x) I + \varepsilon C(x) G_{i,j}^{I_{1,2}}(x). \]

Hence:

\[ C(x) G_{i,j}^\varepsilon(x) = C(x) \left[ m(x) I + \varepsilon C(x) G_{i,j}^{I_{1,2}}(x) \right] = m(x) C(x) + \varepsilon (C(x))^2 G_{i,j}^{I_{1,2}}(x), \]

and

\[ L_x^\varepsilon(x) \varphi(u, x) = \varepsilon^{-1} Q \varphi(u, x) + q(x) \left[ m(x) C(x) + \varepsilon (C(x))^2 G_{i,j}^{I_{1,2}}(x) \right] \varphi(u, x) = \varepsilon^{-1} Q \varphi(u, x) + C(x) \varphi(u, x) + \varepsilon q(x) (C(x))^2 \varphi(u, x) = \varepsilon^{-1} Q \varphi(u, x) + C(x) \varphi(u, x) + \varepsilon \Theta_x^\varepsilon(x) \varphi(u, x), \]

where

\[ \Theta_x^\varepsilon(x) \varphi(u, x) = q(x) (C(x))^2 G_{i,j}^{I_{1,2}}(x) \varphi(u, x). \]

**Lemma 4.** Compensating operator \( L_x^\varepsilon(x) \) has the asymptotic representation in the function \( \varphi^\varepsilon(u, x) = \varphi(u) + \varepsilon \varphi_1(u, x) \)

\[ L_x^\varepsilon(x) \varphi^\varepsilon(u, x) = \varepsilon^{-1} Q \varphi(u) + Q \varphi_1(u, x) + C(x) \varphi(u) + \varepsilon \Theta^\varepsilon(x) \varphi(u), \]

where

\[ \Theta^\varepsilon(x) \varphi(u) = \Theta_0^\varepsilon(x) P \varphi_1(u, x) + \Theta_1^\varepsilon(x) \varphi(u). \]
Proof. We have

\[ L_\varepsilon(x)[\phi(u) + \varepsilon \phi_\varepsilon(u, x)] = \varepsilon [\varepsilon^{-1} Q + \theta_\varepsilon^c(x)P] \phi_\varepsilon(u, x) + \varepsilon^{-1} Q + C(x) + \varepsilon \theta_\varepsilon^c(x) \phi(u) = Q \phi_\varepsilon(u, x) + \varepsilon \theta_\varepsilon^c(x) P \phi_\varepsilon(u, x) + \varepsilon^{-1} Q \phi(u) + C(x) \phi(u) + \varepsilon \theta_\varepsilon^c(x) \phi(u). \]

Lemma 5. The given singular perturbation problem \([6, 15, 19]\), limit generator \(L\) is defined by formula:

\[ L \phi(u) = C(u) \phi(u) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(u) \phi^2(u). \]

Proof. From \([6, 19]\) \(\phi(u) \in N_\varepsilon\), we have

\[ Q \phi(u) = 0. \]

Using formula from lemma 3 we have:

\[ Q \phi_\varepsilon(u, x) + C(x) \phi(u) = L \phi(u), \]

\[ Q \phi_\varepsilon(u, x) = (C(x) - L) \phi(u) = L(x) \phi(u), \]

where

\[ L(x) = C(x) - L. \]

Hence

\[ \phi_\varepsilon(u, x) = R_x L(x) \phi(x). \] (12)

Now using statement \([6]\) we get lemma 5.

5. Proof of theorem

Use the following theorem

**Theorem.** \([6]\) (**Pattern limit theorem**) If the following conditions holds:

(C1): The family of embedded Markov renewal process \(\xi_{\varepsilon}, x_{\varepsilon}, t \geq 0, \varepsilon > 0\), is relatively compact.

(C2): There exists a family of test functions \(\phi^\varepsilon(u, x)\) in \(C^\infty(R^d \times E)\), such that

\[ \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \phi^\varepsilon(u, x) = \phi(u), \]

uniformly on \(u, x\).

(C3): The following convergence holds

\[ \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} L^\varepsilon \phi^\varepsilon(u, x) = L \phi(u), \]
uniformly on $u, x$. The family of functions $L^\varepsilon \phi^\varepsilon, \varepsilon > 0$ is uniformly bounded and $L^\varepsilon \phi$ belong to $C^\infty(R^d \times E)$.

(C4): The convergence of the initial values holds, that is,

$$\xi_0^\varepsilon \xrightarrow{P} \xi_0, \varepsilon \to 0,$$

and

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} E|\xi_0^\varepsilon| \leq C < +\infty.$$

Then the weak convergence $\xi_t^\varepsilon \Rightarrow \xi_t, \varepsilon \to 0$, takes place. The limit process $\xi_t, t \geq 0$, with generator $L$ and is characterized by the martingale:

$$\mu_t = \phi(\xi_t^\varepsilon) - \int_0^t L\phi(\xi_s^\varepsilon)ds, t \geq 0.$$

Proof of theorem 1.

Performance conditions (C1) arise from [17]. Performance conditions (C2) arise from $\phi^\varepsilon(u, x) = \phi(u) + \varepsilon \phi_1(u, x)$ and (12). Performance conditions (C3) arise from lemma 3 and lemma 5. It must show boundaries of $\theta^\varepsilon(x)\phi(u)$. Consider $\theta^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi_1(u, x)$.

$$\theta^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi_1(u, x) = PR_0L(x)\phi(u).$$

With bounded operators $P, R_0 [3, 5]$ and sleekness by function $\phi(u)$ followed the limited $\theta^\varepsilon(x)\phi_1(u, x)$. This gives us bound of $\theta^\varepsilon_t(x)\phi(u)$.

Performance conditions (C4) arise from [15].

Thus we get the assertion of Theorem 1.

Corollary 1. The diffusion process $\zeta(t), t \geq 0$, is the solution of the stochastic differential equation:

$$d\zeta(t) = C(\zeta(t)) + \sigma(\zeta(t))d\omega(t).$$

The same result can be obtained for the similar process:

**Theorem 2.** Let regression function $C(u, x)$ and variation $\sigma(u, x)$ satisfy the following conditions:

- $C1$: $C(u, \cdot) \in C^2(R^d)$,
- $C2$: $\sigma(u, \cdot) \in C^2(R^d)$,
- $C3$: the distribution functions $G_x(t), \overline{G_x}(t) = 1 - G_x(t), t \geq 0, x \in X$, satisfy the Cramer condition uniformly in $x \in X$,

$$\sup_{x \in X} \int_0^\infty e^{ht} \overline{G_x}(t)dt \leq H < +\infty, h > 0.$$
Then the solution $u^e(t), t \geq 0$, of the equation

$$du^e(t) = C\left(u^e(t); x\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right)\right)dt + \sigma\left(u^e(t); x\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right)\right)dw(t),$$

converges weakly to the limit diffusion process $\zeta(t), t \geq 0$, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, which is defined by the generator

$$L\varphi(u) = C(u)\varphi'(u) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(u)\varphi''(u),$$

where

$$\sigma^2(u) = \int_{X} \sigma^2(u; x)\pi(dx), \sigma^2(u; x) := \sigma^* (u; x)(u; x).$$

6. Conclusions

Sufficient conditions were obtained for the convergence of the diffusion process with semi-Markov switching to the classical diffusion process. Two cases were considered here: when the variance is independent of the semi-Markov switching process and when the variance depends on this process. In order to obtain results, the distribution properties are crucial, especially Cramer’s condition. Limit process is an asymptotic approximation of the initial process in the sense of a probabilistic approach. The converge conditions are simple and their determination can be implemented in a computer program. This result can be used in the Poisson Approximation scheme [21-23] for the diffusion process with semi-Markov switching.

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