

Quenched invariance principle for random walks among random conductances with stable-like jumps

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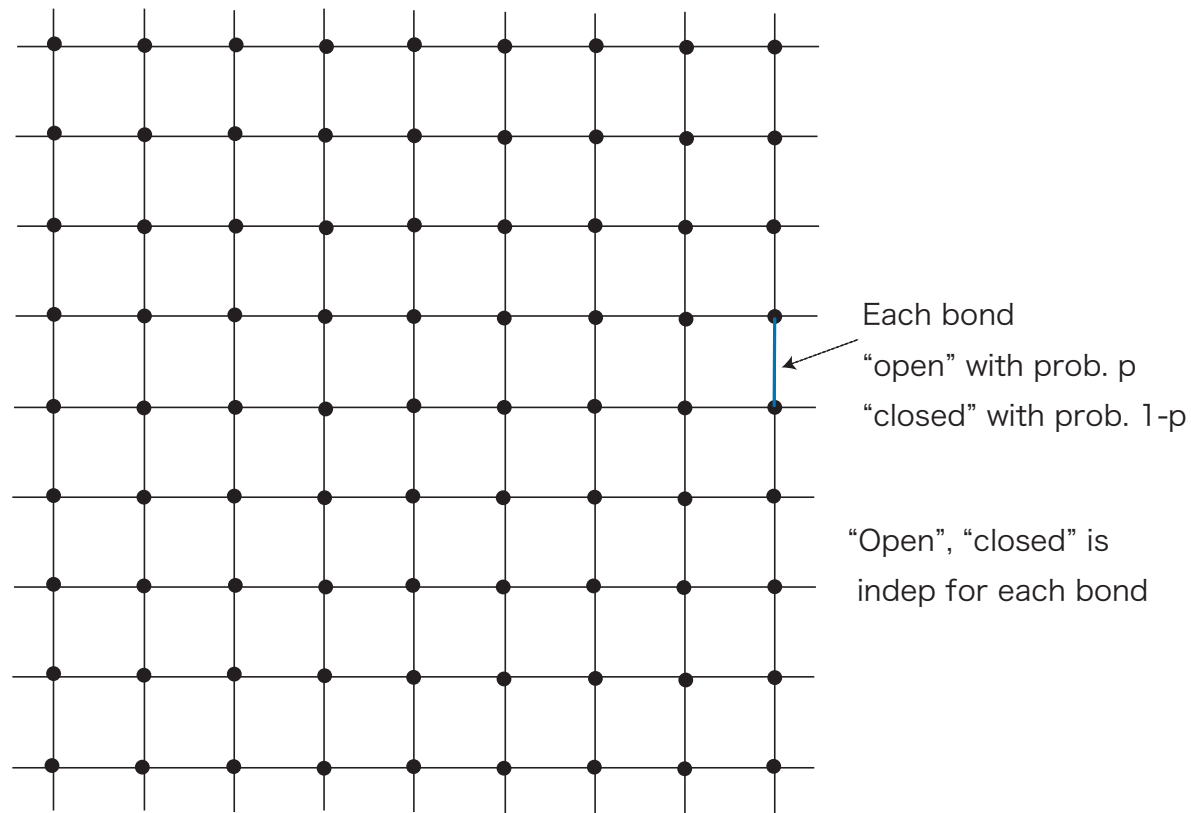
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1 Introduction

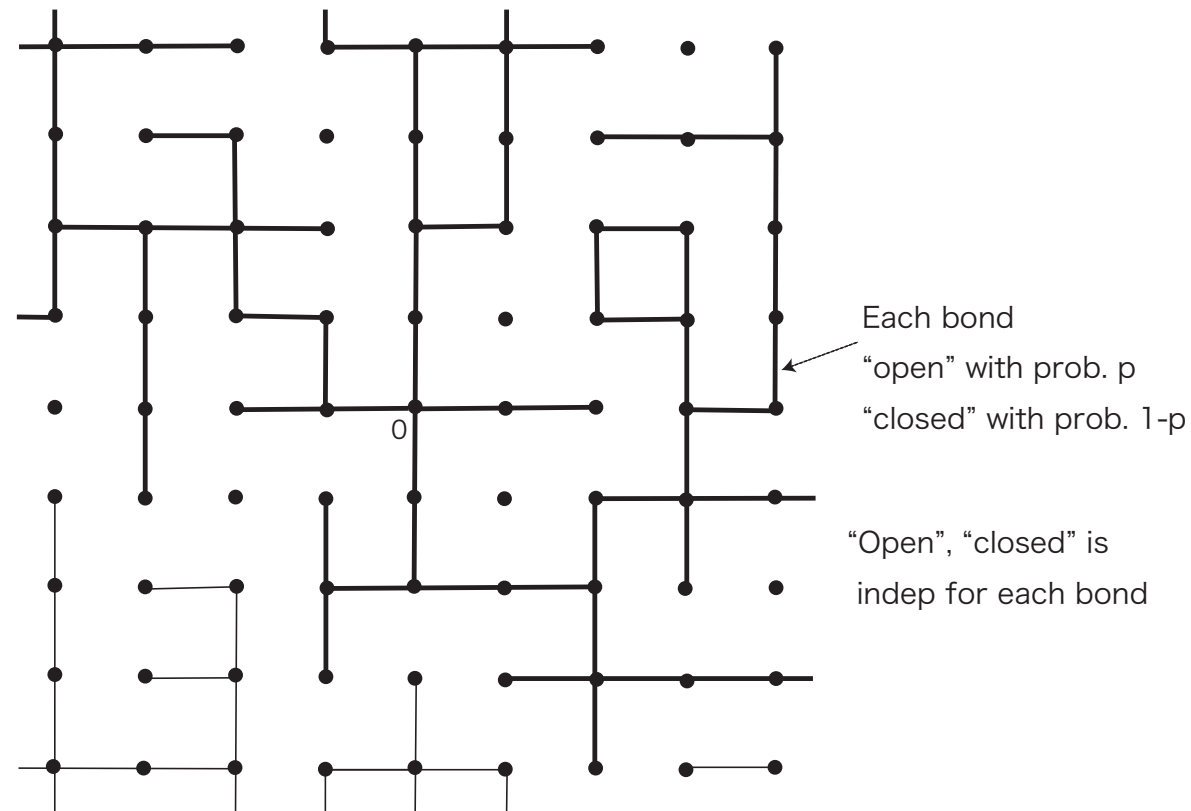
1.1 QIP for nearest neighbor RW

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RW on supercritical percolation on \mathbb{Z}^d .

$$\mathcal{E}(f, f) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \sim y} C_{xy}^\omega (f(x) - f(y))^2,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(C_{xy}^\omega = 1) = p > p_c, \quad \mathbb{P}(C_{xy}^\omega = 0) = 1 - p.$$

$\{X_t^\omega\}$: corresponding RW.

Theorem (Quenched invariance principle)

Sidoravicius-Sznitman '04, Berger-Biskup '07, Mathieu-Piatnitski. '07

$$n^{-1} X_{n^2 t}^\omega \rightarrow B_{\sigma t} \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. } \omega \text{ for some } \sigma > 0$$

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Gaussian HKE holds \mathbb{P} -a.s. ω for $t \geq \rho(x, y) \vee \exists U_x$ s.t.

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* (Extensions) Degenerate case: Deuschel-Nguyen-Slowik ’18,

Time-dep. case: Biskup-Rodriguez ’17, Andres-Chiarini-Deuschel-Slowik ’18.

(Q) What if the conductance is no-longer short range?

1.2 HKE for jump processes

Fractional Laplace operator and the α -stable process, $0 < \alpha < 2$

$$-(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2} f(x) = c_\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}} \frac{(f(x+h) - f(x) - 1_{\{|h| \leq 1\}} h \cdot \nabla f(x))}{|h|^{d+\alpha}} dh.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2} u$$

with $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(t, x) = f(x)$ (f : ‘nice’ function).

$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p_t(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad \text{where}$$

$$p_t(x, y) \asymp t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}}.$$

Integro-differential equation, Polynomial decay when $|x - y|$ large

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- α -stable-like process (Chen-K '03): $F \subset \mathbb{R}^n$; a d -set.

$$\mathcal{E}(f, f) = \int \int_{F \times F} (u(x) - u(y))^2 J(x, y) \mu(dx) \mu(dy),$$

where $J(x, y) = \frac{c(x, y)}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}}$, $c(x, y) \in [M^{-1}, M]$ $0 < \alpha < 2$. Then

$$c_1 \left\{ t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}} \right\} \leq p_t(x, y) \leq c_2 \left\{ t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}} \right\}. \quad (1.1)$$

In fact, $p_t(x, y) \asymp t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}} \Leftrightarrow J(x, y) \asymp \frac{1}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}}$.

\Rightarrow is easy. Indeed,

$$\mathcal{E}_t(f, g) := (f - P_t f, g)/t \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(f, g),$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t(f, g) = \frac{1}{2t} \int \int (f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) p_t(x, y) \mu(dx) \mu(dy).$$

Hence $p_t(x, y)/t \rightarrow J(x, y)$.

On the other hand, by (HK), $p_t(x, y)/t \asymp 1/\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}$ when t small.

So $J(x, y) \asymp \frac{1}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}}$.

Potential theory on jump processes (non-local operators)

Getting very active both in [PDE](#) and [probability](#).

Related recent progress (beyond Lévy proc., incomplete list)

[PDE \(Integro-diff. eq.\)](#) L. Caffarelli, L. Silvestre, S.D. Eidelman, S.D. Ivasyshen, A.N. Kochubei, ... (Many others)

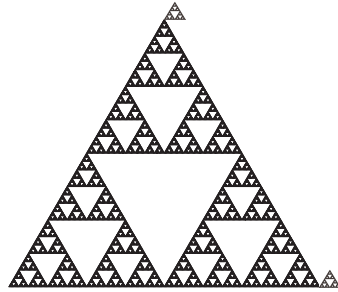
[Boundary Harnack/Dirichlet HKE, Subordinated proc](#) K. Bogdan, Z.-Q. Chen, P. Kim, M. Kwaśnicki, R. Song, Z. Vondraček, ...

[Non-sym. jump processes](#) Z.-Q. Chen, X. Zhang, ...

[HKE, Hölder reg., Feller prop.](#) M.T. Barlow, R.F. Bass, B. Dyda, M. Fukushima, A. Grigor'yan, T. Grzywny, E. Hu, J. Hu, T. Jakubowski, M. Kassmann, T. Komatsu, K. Kuwae, A. Mimica, M. Murugan, M. Ryznar, L. Saloff-Coste, R. Schilling, P. Sztonyk, T. Uemura, F.Y. Wang, T. Zheng, ...

[Homogenization](#) M. Arisawa, J.F. Bonder, B. Franke, A. Piatnitski, R. Rhodes, A. Ritorto, A.M. Salort, N. Sandrić, R.W. Schwab, M. Tomisaki, V. Vargas, E. Zhizhina, ...

[Steklov problem, IU](#) R. Bañuelos, T. Kulczycki, ...



Recent Trilogy: Chen-K-Wang '16-'17

(To appear Mem. AMS, JEMS and J. Math. Pures Appl.)

Stability of $\text{HK}(\phi)$, $\text{PHI}(\phi)$ and EHI on metric measure spaces.

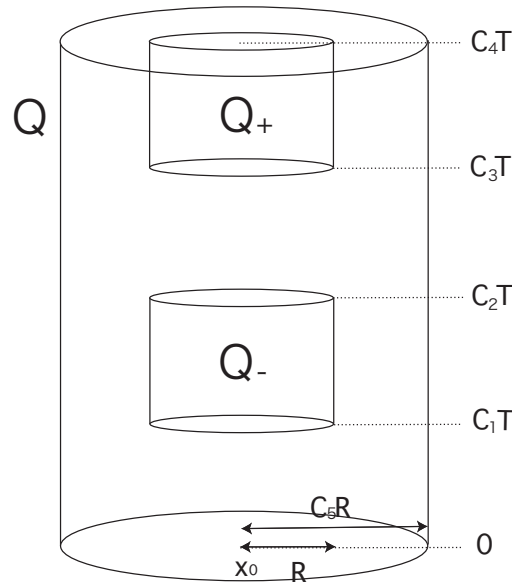
Note: In general, one can define α -stable process even for $2 \leq \alpha < d_w$.

Ex: Sierpinski gasket $d_w = \log 5 / \log 2 > 2$. ($d_w > 2$ for many fractals.)

Difficulty: Lipschitz functions are no longer useful cut-off functions.

Remark: Stability of HKE for d -set also (independently) proved by

Murugan - Saloff-Coste (graph case) and Grigor'yan-Hu-Hu.



- **PHI(ϕ) (parabolic Harnack inequality):**

$\exists C_1 > 0$ s.t. $\forall u = u(t, x) \geq 0$ on $[0, \infty) \times F$ caloric in Q ,

$T = \phi(R)$, then $\sup_{Q_-} u \leq C_1 \inf_{Q_+} u$.

- **EHI (elliptic Harnack inequality):** $\exists C_1 > 0$ s.t. $\forall h = h(x) \geq 0$

on F harmonic in $B(x_0, 2R)$, then $\sup_{B(x_0, R)} h \leq C_2 \inf_{B(x_0, R)} h$.

2 Quenched invariance principle

Setting $F := \mathbb{R}_+^{d_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$ for $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, and let $\mathbb{L} := \mathbb{Z}_+^{d_1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{d_2}$.

$d := d_1 + d_2$, $w_{x,y}(\omega) = w_{y,x}(\omega) \geq 0$, $x \neq y \in \mathbb{L}$: r.v. Define

$$L_{\mathbb{L}}^{\omega} f(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{L}} (f(y) - f(x)) \frac{w_{x,y}(\omega)}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{L}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $\alpha \in (0, 2)$. (We write $w_{x,x}(\omega) = w_{x,x}^{-1}(\omega) = 0$.)

$\{X_t^{\omega}\}_{t \geq 0}$: corresponding Markov process.

$X_t^{(n),\omega} := n^{-1} X_{n^{\alpha}t}^{\omega}$ on $V_n = n^{-1}\mathbb{L}$.

$\mathbb{P}_x^{(n),\omega}$: law of $X_t^{(n),\omega}$ with initial point $x \in V_n$.

Theorem Let $d > 2 - 2\alpha + 21_{\{\alpha \in [1,2)\}}$. $\{w_{x,y}\}_{x,y}$: indep., $\mathbb{E}w_{x,y} = 1$,

$$p_0 := \sup_{x,y \in \mathbb{L}, x \neq y} \mathbb{P}(w_{x,y} = 0) < 2^{-4}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\sup_{x,y \in \mathbb{L}} \mathbb{E}[w_{x,y}^p] + \mathbb{E}[w_{x,y}^{-q} 1_{\{w_{x,y} \neq 0\}}] < \infty, \quad (2.3)$$

for $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ with

$$p > \max \left\{ \frac{2(d+2)}{d}, \frac{d+1}{1-\alpha + 1_{\{\alpha \in [1,2)\}}} \right\}, \quad q > \frac{2(d+2)}{d}. \quad (2.4)$$

Then the **quenched invariance principle** holds, i.e.

$$X_t^{(n),\omega} := n^{-1} X_{n^\alpha t}^\omega \rightarrow Y, \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. } \omega, \quad (2.5)$$

where Y is a **sym. α -stable process on F** with jumping meas. $|z|^{-d-\alpha} dz$.

Example The following example satisfies (2.2) and (2.3): for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^d$,

$$\mathbb{P}(w_{x,y} = 0) = 2^{-5}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(w_{x,y} = |x - y|^\varepsilon) = (3|x - y|^{2p\varepsilon})^{-1},$$

$$\mathbb{P}(w_{x,y} = |x - y|^{-\delta}) = (3|x - y|^{2q\delta})^{-1},$$

$$\mathbb{P}(w_{x,y} = g(x, y)) = 1 - (3|x - y|^{2p\varepsilon})^{-1} - (3|x - y|^{2q\delta})^{-1} - 2^{-5},$$

where $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$ and $g(x, y)$ is chosen so that $\mathbb{E}w_{x,y} = 1$.

(Note: $c^{-1} \leq g(x, y) \leq c$ for some $c > 1$.)

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Our approach: Develop and use probabilistic potential theory.

Advantage: Can be used **without translation inv.**

(Method not restricted to \mathbb{Z}^d .)

Disadvantage: **Need some 'strong mixing' condition** for the media to apply B-C lemma. (Cannot work on stat. ergo. media in general.)

3 Quenched HKE (On-going)

Theorem Suppose that $d > 4 - 2\alpha$, (2.2) and (2.3) for $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ with $p > \max \left\{ \frac{d+1+\theta_0}{d\theta_0}, \frac{d+1}{2\theta_0(2-\alpha)} \right\}$ and $q > \frac{d+1+\theta_0}{d\theta_0}$, where $\theta_0 := \alpha/(2d + \alpha)$.

Then, \mathbb{P} -a.s. $\omega \in \Omega$, for $\forall x \in \mathbb{L}$, $\exists R_x(\omega) \geq 1$ s.t.

$\forall R > R_x(\omega)$ and $\forall t > 0$ with $t \geq (|x - y| \vee R_x(\omega))^{\theta_1 \alpha}$,

$$C_1 \left(t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}} \right) \leq p^\omega(t, x, y) \leq C_2 \left(t^{-d/\alpha} \wedge \frac{t}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}} \right),$$

where $C_1, C_2 > 0$ and $\theta_1 \in (0, \alpha/(2d + \alpha))$ (non-random).

[Local limit theorem for VSRW]

For $a > 0$, let $k_{a,t}(x) := k_{a,t}(0, x)$ be the HK corresponding to symmetric α -stable processes with Lévy measure $a|z|^{-d-\alpha} dz$.

Theorem Under the setting of the previous theorem, assume further that $\mathbb{E}w_{x,y} = a$ for all $x \neq y \in \mathbb{L}$. Then, for any $T_2 > T_1 > 0$ and $k > 1$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{|x| \leq k} \sup_{t \in [T_1, T_2]} |n^d p^\omega(n^\alpha t, 0, [nx]) - k_{a,t}(x)| = 0,$$

where $[x] = ([x_1], \dots, [x_d])$ for any $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$.

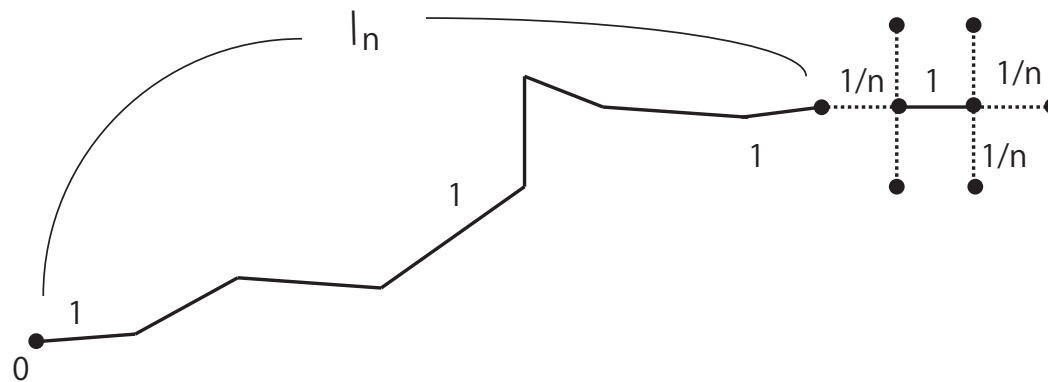
Traps **Moment cond. of $w_{x,y}^{-1}$ is needed.**

Theorem [n.n. case] (Berger-Biskup-Hoffman-Kozma '08)

$\forall \{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, \lambda_n \nearrow \infty, \exists$ i.i.d. law \mathbb{P} with $\mathbb{P}(0 < \mu_e \leq 1) = 1$ s.t.

$$P_\omega^{2n}(0, 0) \geq C_1(\omega) n^{-2} \lambda_n^{-1} \quad \text{for } d \geq 5$$

along a subsequence that does not depend on ω .



Jump case, similar example can be made, but far from 'optimal'!

Open prob. Find the optimal p, q . Any trap produced by big jumps?

Long range percolation

$\{C_{xy} : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^d, x \neq y\}$: indep. Bernoulli r.v.

$$\mathbb{P}(C_{xy} = 1) = \frac{A}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}}, \quad \mathbb{P}(C_{xy} = 0) = 1 - \frac{A}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}},$$

where $A > 0, \alpha > 0$.

Crawford-Sly '13: QIP to the α -stable proc. when $0 < \alpha < 1$

(using weaker top.). $1 \leq \alpha < 2$ still open.

— Unfortunately we cannot include this. (Too singular.)

On-going work (Z.Q. Chen, X. Chen, K, J. Wang)

$$\mathcal{E}_\omega(f, f) = \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{(f(x) - f(y))^2 C(x, y, \omega)}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}} dx dy.$$

where $\lambda^{-1} \leq C(x, y, \omega) = C(y, x, \omega) \leq \lambda$, stat. ergo. Then,

$$\varepsilon X_{t/\varepsilon^\alpha}^\omega \rightarrow Y, \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. } \omega,$$

where Y is a **sym. α -stable process on \mathbb{R}^d**

with jumping meas. $\mathbb{E}[C(0, z, \cdot)] \cdot |z|^{-d-\alpha} dz$.

(Related work): Kassmann, Piatnitski and Zhizhina. '18

4 Key propositions for QIP

Proposition A $\exists \theta \in (0, 1), \exists R_0(\omega) > 0$ s.t. $\forall R \geq R_0(\omega), \forall x_0 \in B(0, R), R^\theta \leq \forall r \leq R, \forall t_0 \geq 0$ and $\forall q \geq 0$: parabolic on $Q(t_0, x_0, 2r)$

$$|q(s, x) - q(t, y)| \leq C_1 \|q\|_{\infty, r} \left(\frac{|t - s|^{1/\alpha} + \rho(x, y)}{r} \right)^\beta, \quad (4.1)$$

holds $\forall (s, x), (t, y) \in Q(t_0, x_0, r) := (t_0, t_0 + C_0 r^\alpha) \times B(x_0, r)$ with

$$(C_0^{-1} |s - t|)^{1/\alpha} + \rho(x, y) \geq 2r^\theta, \text{ where}$$

$$\|q\|_{\infty, r} = \sup_{(s, x) \in [t_0, t_0 + C_0(2r)^\alpha] \times \mathbb{L}} q(s, x).$$

Deterministic statements on a graph (V, E) with dist. $\rho(\cdot, \cdot)$.

* From now on, we assume $w_{x,y} > 0$ for simplicity.

(Generalization to (2.2) not hard.)

Assumption (Exi.)

$\exists \theta \in (0, 1), \exists o \in V, \exists R_0 \geq 1$ s.t. $R_0 < \forall R$ and $R^{\theta^3}/2 \leq \forall r \leq 2R$,

$$\sup_{x \in B(0, 6R)} \sum_{y \in V: \rho(x, y) \leq r} \frac{w_{x, y}}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha-2}} \leq C_1 r^{2-\alpha},$$

$$\sup_{x \in B(0, 6R)} \sum_{y \in V: \rho(x, y) \leq c_0 r} w_{x, y}^{-1} \leq C_1 r^d,$$

$$\sup_{x \in B(0, 6R)} \sum_{y \in V: \rho(x, y) > r} \frac{w_{x, y}}{\rho(x, y)^{d+\alpha}} \leq C_1 r^{-\alpha}.$$

Proposition B

Under **(Exi.)**, $\forall \theta \in (\theta, 1)$, $\exists R_1 \geq 1$ s.t. $R_1 < \forall R$ and $R^{\theta^2} \leq \forall r \leq R$,

$$\sup_{x \in B(0, 2R)} \mathbf{P}_x(\tau_{B(x, r)} \leq C_0 r^\alpha) \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad (4.2)$$

$$C_2 r^\alpha \leq \inf_{x \in B(0, 2R)} \mathbf{E}_x[\tau_{B(x, r)}] \leq \sup_{x \in B(0, 2R)} \mathbf{E}_x[\tau_{B(x, r)}] \leq C_1 r^\alpha.$$

Proposition C (Krylov-type estimate)

Under **(Exi.)**, $\exists R_1 \geq 1$ s.t. $R_1 < \forall R < r_G$, $2R^{\theta^2} \leq \forall r \leq R$,

$\forall x \in B(0, 2R)$, $t \geq 0$ and $A \subseteq Q(t, x, r/2)$ with $\frac{\nu(A)}{\nu(Q(t, x, r/2))} \geq \frac{1}{2}$,

$$\mathbf{P}_{(t, x)}(\sigma_A < \tau_{Q(t, x, r)}) \geq C_1, \quad (4.3)$$

where $d\nu = ds \times d\mu$.

Structure of the proof of main theorem

- **Tightness** (Prop B, (4.2)): Bass-Nash + **Truncation and 'localization'**.

Compare τ with that of the truncate-localized process.

- **Prop C** \Rightarrow Prop A.
- **Mosco conv.** of $X^{(n)}$ to $Y \oplus$ Prop A \Rightarrow **f.d.d. conv.**

Sufficient cond. for **(Exi.)**: **'strong mixing'** condition such as

$$p_1(r, R, \varepsilon) := \mathbf{P}\left(\left|\sum_{x,y \in V_0: \rho(0,x) \leq R, \rho(x,y) \leq r} (w_{x,y} - 1)\right| > \varepsilon r^d R^d\right),$$
$$\sum_{R=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r=1}^R p_1(r, R, \varepsilon_0) < \infty.$$

Can be verified **under moment condition** in the theorem (by B-C).

Lemma D (Lévy system formula) $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \times V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ that vanishes along the diagonal. Then, $\forall t \geq 0, \forall T$: stopping time,

$$\mathbb{E}^x \left[\sum_{s \leq T} f(s, Y_{s-}, Y_s) \right] = \mathbb{E}^x \left[\int_0^T \left(\sum_V f(s, Y_s, y) J(Y_s, y) \right) ds \right].$$

Sketch of proof of Prop C. Let $Q_r := Q(t, x, r)$.

W.l.o.g. we may assume $\mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(\sigma_A < \tau_{Q_r}) \leq 1/4 \cdots (*)$.

STEP 1

$$\mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(\sigma_A < \tau_{Q(t,x,r)}) \geq \frac{c_1}{r^{d+\alpha}} \left(\inf_{z \in B(x_0, r)} \int_0^{c_2 r^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} w_{z,u} ds \right), \quad (4.4)$$

where $A_s = \{y \in V : (s, y) \in A\}$.

Let $T = \sigma_A \wedge \tau_{Q_r}$. According to Lemma D,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(\sigma_A < \tau_{Q_r}) &\geq \mathbf{E}_{(t,x)} \left(\sum_{s \leq T} 1_{\{X_s \neq X_{s-}, X_s \in A_s\}} \right) \\
&= \mathbf{E}_{(t,x)} \left[\int_0^T \sum_{u \in A_s} \frac{w_{X_s,u}}{\rho(X_s,u)^{d+\alpha}} ds \right] \\
&\geq \mathbf{E}_{(t,x)} \left[\int_0^{C_0(r/2)^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} \frac{w_{X_s,u}}{\rho(X_s,u)^{d+\alpha}} ds : T \geq C_0(r/2)^\alpha \right] \\
&\geq c_1 r^{-d-\alpha} \left(\inf_{z \in B(x,r)} \int_0^{C_0(r/2)^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} w_{z,u} ds \right) \mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(T \geq C_0(r/2)^\alpha).
\end{aligned}$$

Note: $\rho(u, z) \leq 2r$ for every $u, z \in B(x, r)$.

Using Prop B, (4.2) and (*),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(T \geq C_0(r/2)^\alpha) &= \mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(\sigma_A \wedge \tau_{Q_r} \geq C_0(r/2)^\alpha) \\
&\geq 1 - \mathbf{P}_{(t,x)}(\sigma_A \leq \tau_{Q_r}) - \mathbf{P}_x(\tau_{B(x,r)} \leq C_0(r/2)^\alpha) \\
&\geq 1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \geq \frac{1}{2},
\end{aligned}$$

hence (4.4) is obtained.

STEP 2

$$\inf_{z \in B(x_0, r)} \int_0^{c_2 r^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} w_{z,u} ds \geq c_2 r^{d+\alpha}. \tag{4.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nu(A) &= \int_0^{C_0(r/2)^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} 1 \, ds \\
&\leq c_3 r^{\alpha/2} \left(\sum_{u \in B(x,r)} w_{z,u}^{-1} \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{C_0(r/2)^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} w_{z,u} \, ds \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq c_3 r^{\alpha/2} \left(\sup_{z \in B(0,3R)} \sum_{u \in V: \rho(u,z) \leq 2r} w_{z,u}^{-1} \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_0^{C_0(r/2)^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} w_{z,u} \, ds \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq c_4 r^{(d+\alpha)/2} \left(\int_0^{C_0(r/2)^\alpha} \sum_{u \in A_s} w_{z,u} \, ds \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{by (Exi.)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\nu(A) \geq \frac{\nu(Q(t,x,r/2))}{2} \geq c_5 r^{d+\alpha}$, we obtain (4.5).

Thank you!