

Locally integrable increasing processes with continuous compensators

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In this presentation we will give a sketch of the proof of the following statement.

A joint distribution of a locally integrable increasing process X° and its compensator A° at a terminal moment of time can be realized as a joint terminal distribution of another locally integrable increasing process X^* and its compensator A^* , A^* being continuous.

Our work is essentially based on A. A. Gushchin's article:

[\(Gushchin, 2018\)](#) A. A. Gushchin, The Joint Law of Terminal Values of a Nonnegative Submartingale and Its Compensator, Theory of Probability and Its Applications 62 (2018), no. 2, 216–235.

In (Gushchin, 2018) a class \mathbb{W} of probability measures on the space $(\mathbb{R}_+^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2))$ is introduced.

It includes all measures μ satisfying the following conditions:

- 1) $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} (x + y) \mu(dx, dy) < \infty$,
- 2) $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} x \mu(dx, dy) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} y \mu(dx, dy)$,
- 3) $\forall \lambda \geq 0: \int_{\{y \leq \lambda\}} x \mu(dx, dy) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} (y \wedge \lambda) \mu(dx, dy)$.

It is shown in (Gushchin, 2018) that the joint distribution of terminal values of an integrable increasing process and its compensator belongs to the class \mathbb{W} .

Conversely, given $\mu \in \mathbb{W}$ there is constructed an increasing integrable process such that the joint distribution of terminal values of the process and its compensator is μ and, moreover, the compensator is continuous.

Thus, if $X^\circ = (X_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ is an integrable increasing process with a compensator $A^\circ = (A_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$, one can define on a certain stochastic basis another integrable increasing process $X^* = (X_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ with a compensator $A^* = (A_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$, such that

$$\text{Law}(X_\infty^*, A_\infty^*) = \text{Law}(X_\infty^\circ, A_\infty^\circ). \quad (1)$$

Moreover, the compensator A^* is continuous.

The main goal of the article is to extend the last statement to the locally integrable case. Namely, we state the following theorem.

Theorem (Main Theorem: Borzykh, 2018, Theorem 1.1)

For any locally integrable increasing process $X^\circ = (X_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ with a compensator $A^\circ = (A_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ on some stochastic basis there exists another locally integrable increasing process $X^ = (X_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ with a compensator $A^* = (A_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$, such that relation (1) holds, as well as A^* is continuous.*

For more clear exposition we need to introduce you to the main constructions from (Gushchin, 2018).

Theorem (Gushchin, 2018, Proposition 3.6)

Assume that a probability measure $\nu = \nu(dy, dx)$ on $(\mathbb{R}_+^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2))$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} (x - y)^+ \nu(dy, dx) \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} (y - x)^+ \nu(dy, dx) \quad (2)$$

and

$$\forall \lambda \geq 0: \int_{\{y \leq \lambda\}} x \nu(dy, dx) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} (y \wedge \lambda) \nu(dy, dx). \quad (3)$$

Theorem (Gushchin, 2018, Proposition 3.6)

Let us define one special probability space

- $\Omega^b := [0; \infty] \times [0; \infty] \times [0; 1]$,
- $\mathcal{F}^b = \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$,
- $\mathbb{P}^b := \bar{\nu} \otimes \Lambda$, where $\bar{\nu}(B) := \nu(B \cap \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ and Λ is the Lebesgue measure on $[0; 1]$,

and two random variables $\xi(\omega) := x$, $\eta(\omega) := y$, $\omega = (y, x, u) \in \Omega$.

Theorem (Gushchin, 2018, Proposition 3.6)

Then $\text{Law}(\eta, \xi) = \nu$ and there exists a random variable ζ such that $0 \leq \zeta \leq \xi \wedge \eta$, and

$$\forall \lambda \geq 0: \int_{\{\eta - \zeta \leq \lambda\}} (\xi - \eta + \lambda) d\mathbb{P}^b = \lambda. \quad (4)$$

Lemma (Borzykh, 2018, Lemma 2.1)

Consider an arbitrary measurable space $(\Omega^a, \mathcal{F}^a)$ and a Markov kernel Q acting from $(\Omega^a, \mathcal{F}^a)$ to $(\mathbb{R}_+^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2))$, and satisfying $Q(\omega^a; \cdot) \in \mathbb{W}$ for all $\omega^a \in \Omega^a$. We put

$$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) := (\Omega^a \times \Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^a \otimes \mathcal{F}^b). \quad (5)$$

Further, on the set

$$\Omega = \left\{ (\omega^a, \underbrace{y^b, x^b, u^b}_{=\omega^b}) : \omega^a \in \Omega^a, \omega^b = (y^b, x^b, u^b) \in \Omega^b \right\},$$

we define functions

$$\xi(\omega^a, \underbrace{y^b, x^b, u^b}_{=\omega^b}) = x^b \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(\omega^a, \underbrace{y^b, x^b, u^b}_{=\omega^b}) = y^b,$$

which are \mathcal{F} -measurable as marginal projections.

Lemma (Borzykh, 2018, Lemma 2.1)

Let us define a Markov kernel $\mathbb{P}^{a,b}$ from Ω^a to $(\Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^b)$ by

$$\mathbb{P}^{a,b}(\omega^a; B_1 \times B_2 \times B_3) := Q(\omega^a; (B_2 \times B_1) \cap \mathbb{R}_+^2) \cdot \Lambda(B_3), \quad (6)$$

where $\omega^a \in \Omega^a$, $B_1 \times B_2 \times B_3 \in \mathcal{F}^b$, and Λ is the standard Lebesgue measure.

Then ξ and η satisfy the following property:

$$\mathbb{P}^{a,b} \left(\omega^a; \left\{ \omega^b : \begin{bmatrix} \xi(\omega^a, \omega^b) \\ \eta(\omega^a, \omega^b) \end{bmatrix} \in C \right\} \right) = Q(\omega^a; C), \quad C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2). \quad (7)$$

Lemma (Borzykh, 2018, Lemma 2.1)

In addition, we can find an \mathcal{F} -measurable function $\zeta: \Omega \rightarrow [0; \infty]$, $\zeta = \zeta(\omega^a, \omega^b)$, $\omega^a \in \Omega^a$, $\omega^b \in \Omega^b$, which meets, for any $\omega^a \in \Omega^a$, the following two requirements:

$$\forall \omega^b \in \Omega^b: 0 \leq \zeta(\omega^a, \omega^b) \leq \xi(\omega^a, \omega^b) \wedge \eta(\omega^a, \omega^b), \quad (8)$$

and, for all $\lambda \geq 0$,

$$\int_{\{\omega^b: \eta(\omega^a, \omega^b) - \zeta(\omega^a, \omega^b) \leq \lambda\}} (\xi(\omega^a, \omega^b) - \eta(\omega^a, \omega^b) + \lambda) \mathbb{P}^{a,b}(\omega^a; d\omega^b) = \lambda. \quad (9)$$

Proof.

For any fixed point $\omega^a \in \Omega^a$ we define \mathcal{F}^b -measurable function $\zeta(\omega^a, \cdot)$ as in the proof of Proposition 3.6 (Gushchin, 2018), taking measure

$$\nu(B_y \times B_x) = Q(\omega^a; B_x \times B_y), \quad B_x \times B_y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2),$$

and probability space

$$(\Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^b, \mathbb{P}^b) = (\Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^b, \mathbb{P}^{a,b}(\omega^a; \cdot)).$$

Referring again to Proposition 3.6 (Gushchin, 2018), we see that ζ satisfies conditions (8) and (9), as well as functions ξ and η satisfy (7).

Difficult part is to prove that function ζ is measurable not only as a function of variable ω^b for fixed ω^a , but it is also measurable as a function of two variables with respect to the σ -field $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}^a \otimes \mathcal{F}^b$. We will omit the discussion this question here. For details see (Borzykh, 2018; Lemma 2.1). □

Theorem (Gushchin, 2018, Proposition 3.4)

Let V and W be random variables with values in \mathbb{R}_+ and $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$, respectively, on some probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. We also assume that $\{W = \infty\} \subseteq \{V = 0\}$ a.s. and

$$\forall \lambda \geq 0: \mathbb{E}[V \mathbf{1}_{\{W \leq \lambda\}}] = \mathbb{E}[W \wedge \lambda]. \quad (10)$$

For $t \geq 0$ we define

$$\mathcal{G}_t := \left\{ C \in \mathcal{F}: C \cap \{W > t\} = \emptyset \text{ or } C \cap \{W > t\} = \{W > t\} \right\}.$$

We set

$$X_t := V \mathbf{1}_{\{W \leq t\}}, \quad A_t := W \wedge t, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Then $X = (X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is an (\mathcal{G}_t) -adapted locally integrable increasing process, $A = (A_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is its (\mathcal{G}_t) -compensator, and $(X_\infty, A_\infty) = (V, W)$ a.s.

Theorem (Gushchin, 2018, Theorem 2.1)

(i) Let X be a nonnegative submartingale of class (D), $X_0 = 0$, with the Doob–Meyer decomposition $X = M + A$ into a sum of a uniformly integrable martingale M and a predictable integrable increasing process A , and let T be a stopping time. Then $\text{Law}(X_T, A_T) \in \mathbb{W}$.

(ii) Let $\mu \in \mathbb{W}$. Then on some stochastic basis there exists an increasing process X with compensator A such that $\text{Law}(X_\infty, A_\infty) = \mu$.

Let us discuss **the proof of statement (ii)** of this theorem.

Let $\mu \in \mathbb{W}$.

Put $\nu(B_y \times B_x) := \mu(B_x \times B_y)$, $B_x \times B_y \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2)$.

This measure ν satisfies the requirements of Proposition 3.6 (Gushchin, 2018).

In force of Proposition 3.6 (Gushchin, 2018) there are probability space $(\Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^b, \mathbb{P}^b)$ and random variables ξ, η, ζ such that $\text{Law}(\eta, \xi) = \nu$, $0 \leq \zeta \leq \xi \wedge \eta$ and

$$\forall \lambda \geq 0: \int_{\{\eta - \zeta \leq \lambda\}} (\xi - \eta + \lambda) d\mathbb{P}^b = \lambda.$$

From definition of ν and condition $\text{Law}(\eta, \xi) = \nu$ it follows, that $\text{Law}(\xi, \eta) = \mu$.

Now, put $V := \xi - \zeta$ and $W := \eta - \zeta$.

It is easy to check that V and W meet the requirements of Proposition 3.4 (Gushchin, 2018).

Thus, we can introduce a filtration

$$\mathcal{G}_t^b := \left\{ C \in \mathcal{F}^b : C \cap \{W > t\} = \emptyset \text{ or } C \cap \{W > t\} = \{W > t\} \right\}$$

$t \geq 0$, on probability space $(\Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^b, \mathbb{P}^b)$, and the processes

$$V \mathbb{1}_{\{W \leq t\}}, \quad \text{and} \quad W \wedge t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

will be an (\mathcal{G}_t^b) -adapted locally integrable increasing process, and its (\mathcal{G}_t^b) -compensator correspondingly.

Let us set

$$\mathcal{F}_t^b := \begin{cases} \mathcal{G}_{\frac{t}{1-t}}^b, & \text{if } t < 1, \\ \mathcal{F}^b, & \text{if } t \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$X_t := \begin{cases} V \mathbb{1}_{\{W \leq \frac{t}{1-t}\}}, & \text{if } t < 1, \\ V + ((t \wedge 2) - 1)\zeta, & \text{if } t \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$A_t := \begin{cases} \frac{t}{1-t} \wedge W, & \text{if } t < 1, \\ W + ((t \wedge 2) - 1)\zeta, & \text{if } t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

It can be shown that

- the process X is an integrable increasing process,
- the process $M := X - A$ is an (\mathcal{F}_t^b) -martingale.

As the process A is continuous and (\mathcal{F}_t^b) -adapted, the process A is predictable. Thus, A is a compensator of X .

Lemma (Borzykh, 2018, Lemma 2.2)

Suppose all the conditions of Lemma 2.1 (Borzykh, 2018) are satisfied. Then one can define a filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0; 1]}$ on the measurable space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}) = (\Omega^a \times \Omega^b, \mathcal{F}^a \otimes \mathcal{F}^b)$, and a pair of increasing processes $X = (X_t)_{t \in [0; 1]}$ and $A = (A_t)_{t \in [0; 1]}$, $X_0 = 0$, $A_0 = 0$, such that

(i) the processes X and A are adapted, as well as A is continuous, and

$$\mathbb{P}^{a,b} \left(\omega^a; \left\{ \omega^b: \begin{bmatrix} X_1(\omega^a, \omega^b) \\ A_1(\omega^a, \omega^b) \end{bmatrix} \in C \right\} \right) = Q(\omega^a; C), \quad C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+^2), \quad (11)$$

(ii) the process $M_t := X_t - A_t$, $t \in [0; 1]$, satisfies the following condition: for all $0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$, $\omega^a \in \Omega^a$ and $B \in \mathcal{F}_s$,

$$\int_{\Omega^b} \left(M_t(\omega^a, \omega^b) - M_s(\omega^a, \omega^b) \right) \mathbb{1}_B(\omega^a, \omega^b) \mathbb{P}^{a,b}(\omega^a; d\omega^b) = 0. \quad (12)$$

Lemma (Borzykh, 2018, Lemma 3.1)

Let a locally integrable increasing process $X^\circ = (X_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ such that $\mathbb{E}[X_n^\circ] < \infty$, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, be given on a stochastic basis $(\Omega^\circ, \mathcal{F}^\circ, \mathbb{P}^\circ, (\mathcal{F}_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)})$; $A^\circ = (A_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ being its compensator. Let also another integrable increasing process $X^{[n]} = (X_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ on a different stochastic basis $(\Omega^{[n]}, \mathcal{F}^{[n]}, \mathbb{P}^{[n]}, (\mathcal{F}_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]})$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, with a compensator $A^{[n]} = (A_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ be given. Moreover, $\text{Law} \begin{bmatrix} X_n^{[n]} \\ A_n^{[n]} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Law} \begin{bmatrix} X_n^\circ \\ A_n^\circ \end{bmatrix}$.

Lemma (Borzykh, 2018, Lemma 3.1)

Then one can define a pair of processes $X^{[n+1]} = (X_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n+1]}$ and $A^{[n+1]} = (A_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n+1]}$ on a certain extension

$(\Omega^{[n+1]}, \mathcal{F}^{[n+1]}, \mathbb{P}^{[n+1]}, (\mathcal{F}_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n+1]})$ of a stochastic basis

$(\Omega^{[n]}, \mathcal{F}^{[n]}, \mathbb{P}^{[n]}, (\mathcal{F}_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]})$, satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $X^{[n+1]}$ is an integrable increasing process, and process $A^{[n+1]}$ is its compensator,
- (ii) the processes $(X_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ and $(X_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ coincide,
- (iii) the processes $(A_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ and $(A_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ coincide,
- (iv) $\text{Law} \begin{bmatrix} X_n^{[n+1]} \\ A_n^{[n+1]} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Law} \begin{bmatrix} X_n^\circ \\ A_n^\circ \end{bmatrix}$ and $\text{Law} \begin{bmatrix} X_{n+1}^{[n+1]} \\ A_{n+1}^{[n+1]} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Law} \begin{bmatrix} X_{n+1}^\circ \\ A_{n+1}^\circ \end{bmatrix}$,
- (v) process $(A_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [n; n+1]}$ is continuous.

Proof of Main Theorem

Let a locally integrable increasing process $X^\circ = (X_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ and a localizing sequence of finite stopping times $(T_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be given. It can be shown that without loss of generality one can assume that $T_n = n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (for details see (Borzykh, 2018)).

We start with the following recursive procedure.

Step 1. Applying Theorem 2.1 (i) (Gushchin, 2018) to the integrable increasing process $(X_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; 1]}$, as well as its compensator $(A_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; 1]}$ and a stopping time $T = 1$, we get $\text{Law}(X_1^\circ, A_1^\circ) \in \mathbb{W}$.

Then by Theorem 2.1 (ii) (Gushchin, 2018), there exists a stochastic basis $\mathbb{B}^{[1]} := (\Omega^{[1]}, \mathcal{F}^{[1]}, \mathbb{P}^{[1]}, (\mathcal{F}_t^{[1]})_{t \in [0; 1]})$, and an integrable process $(X_t^{[1]})_{t \in [0; 1]}$ on it with a continuous compensator $(A_t^{[1]})_{t \in [0; 1]}$, such that $\text{Law}(X_1^{[1]}, A_1^{[1]}) = \text{Law}(X_1^\circ, A_1^\circ)$.

All the steps starting from the second are performed similarly.

Step $n + 1$, $n \geq 1$. Remark that the pair of processes $(X_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ and $(A_t^\circ)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ and the pair of processes $(X_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ and $(A_t^{[n]})_{t \in [0; n]}$ fit the requirements of Lemma 3.1 (Borzykh, 2018).

So, applying this lemma, we build a stochastic basis

$$\mathbb{B}^{[n+1]} := (\Omega^{[n+1]}, \mathcal{F}^{[n+1]}, \mathbb{P}^{[n+1]}, (\mathcal{F}_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n+1]}),$$

and an integrable increasing process $(X_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n+1]}$ with a continuous compensator $(A_t^{[n+1]})_{t \in [0; n+1]}$, satisfying the condition

$$\text{Law} \left(X_{n+1}^{[n+1]}, A_{n+1}^{[n+1]} \right) = \text{Law} \left(X_{n+1}^\circ, A_{n+1}^\circ \right).$$

Now, we are ready to define the required stochastic basis

$$\mathbb{B}^* := (\Omega^*, \mathcal{F}^*, \mathbb{P}^*, (\mathcal{F}_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)})$$

and a locally integrable increasing process $X^* = (X_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ on it with a continuous compensator $A^* = (A_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$. Put:

$$\Omega^* := \Omega^{[1]} \times (\Omega)^\infty, \quad \mathcal{F}^* := \mathcal{F}^{[1]} \otimes \bigotimes_{i=2}^{\infty} \mathcal{F},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_t^* := \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}_t^{[1]} \otimes \{\emptyset, \Omega\}^\infty, & t \in [0; 1], \\ \mathcal{F}_1^{[1]} \otimes \mathcal{F}_{t-1} \otimes \{\emptyset, \Omega\}^\infty, & t \in (1; 2], \\ \mathcal{F}_1^{[1]} \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{i=2}^{n-1} \mathcal{F}_1 \right) \otimes \mathcal{F}_{t-n+1} \otimes \{\emptyset, \Omega\}^\infty, & t \in (n-1; n], \quad n \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Next, in view of the Ionescu-Tulcea theorem (see e.g. (Shiryaev, Probability, 2016, vol. 1)) on the measurable space $(\Omega^*, \mathcal{F}^*)$ there exists a unique probability measure \mathbb{P}^* , such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall B^{[n]} \in \mathcal{F}^{[n]} : \quad \mathbb{P}^*(B^{[n]} \times (\Omega)^\infty) = \mathbb{P}^{[n]}(B^{[n]}).$$

Further, let $\omega^* = (\omega^{[1]}, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n, \dots) \in \Omega^*$. Set

$$X_t^*(\omega^*) := \begin{cases} X_t^{[1]}(\omega^{[1]}), & t \in [0; 1], \\ X_t^{[n]}(\omega^{[1]}, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n), & t \in (n-1; n], \quad n \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

$$A_t^*(\omega^*) := \begin{cases} A_t^{[1]}(\omega^{[1]}), & t \in [0; 1], \\ A_t^{[n]}(\omega^{[1]}, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n), & t \in (n-1; n], \quad n \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

$$M_t^*(\omega^*) := X_t^*(\omega^*) - A_t^*(\omega^*), \quad t \geq 0.$$

It can be shown that $M^* = (M_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ is a martingale on $(\Omega^*, \mathcal{F}^*, \mathbb{P}^*, (\mathcal{F}_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)})$ (for details see (Borzykh, 2018)).

The process $A^* = (A_t^*)_{t \in [0; \infty)}$ is a predictable (by continuity) increasing process.

Finally, formula (1) is obtained from the relations

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n^*, A_n^*) = (X_\infty^*, A_\infty^*), \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n^\circ, A_n^\circ) = (X_\infty^\circ, A_\infty^\circ),$$

$$\text{Law}(X_n^*, A_n^*) = \text{Law}(X_n^\circ, A_n^\circ), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and the fact that almost sure convergence implies weak convergence. \square

Thank you for your attention!