

## TWO TOPICS ON FLEMING-VIOT PROCESSES

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

For a Fleming-Viot process  $Y_t$  (which is a probability measure-valued process) on a compact metric space  $S$ , it is well-known that if its mutation operator  $A$  is bounded, then  $Y_t$  is pure atomic for every  $t > 0$  (Ethier and Kurtz in [2], [4]). We shall extend this result to some jump-type measure-valued processes which are called “jump-type Fleming-Viot processes” introduced by the author in [6].

It is also well-known that the normalized binary branching process is a time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process. We shall introduce another new class of probability measure-valued diffusion, which are called “space-time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot processes” and show that the normalized space inhomogeneous binary branching process is a space-time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process.

Let  $S$  be a compact metric space, fix  $r \geq 0$  and set  $D_r = \mathbf{D}([r, \infty) \rightarrow S)$  be a path space of right continuous functions with left-hand limit. Let  $(w(t), P_x)_{t \geq r, x \in S}$  be a  $S$ -valued Markov process starting from  $x$  at  $t = r$  with sample paths in  $D_r$ . We denote the transition semi-group by  $(P_t)$  and the generator by  $(A, D(A))$ , where  $D(A)$  is a domain of  $A$ . We suppose that  $(P_t)$  is a Feller semi-group on  $(C(S), \|\cdot\|)$ , where  $C(S)$  is a family of continuous functions on  $S$  and  $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_\infty$  denotes the supremum norm.

Let  $\mathcal{M}_F = \mathcal{M}_F(S)$  be a family of finite Radon measures on  $S$  with the weak topology, that is,  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  in  $\mathcal{M}_F \iff \langle \mu_n, f \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mu, f \rangle$  for every  $f \in C(S)$ , where  $\langle \mu, f \rangle = \int f d\mu$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}_F$  is a Polish space, i.e., complete separable metrizable space. The family of probability measures on  $S$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_1 = \mathcal{M}_1(S) \subset \mathcal{M}_F$ , is a compact metric space (cf. Chap. 3 of [3]). For  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F \setminus \{0\}$ , we always denote the normalized measure as  $\bar{\mu} = \mu / \langle \mu, 1 \rangle$ .

Let  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu^{FV})$  be a Fleming-Viot process on  $S$ , with a mutation operator  $A$ , that is,  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu^{FV})$  is an  $\mathcal{M}_1$ -valued process on  $S$  such that  $\mathbf{P}_\mu^{FV}(Y_0 = \mu) = 1$  and

$$\langle Y_t, f \rangle = \langle Y_0, f \rangle + \int_0^t \langle Y_s, Af \rangle + M_t(f),$$

where  $\{M_t(f)\}$  is a continuous martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_t = c \int_0^t (\langle Y_s, f^2 \rangle - \langle Y_s, f \rangle^2) ds \quad (c > 0),$$

$A$  is a generator (with a domain  $D(A) \subset (C(S), \|\cdot\|)$ ) of a conservative Feller process  $(w(t), P_x)_{t \geq 0, x \in S}$ ; a  $S$ -valued Markov process starting from  $x$  with  $w(\cdot) \in \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}([0, \infty) \rightarrow S)$  and the transition semi-group  $(P_t)$ .

The generator  $\mathcal{L}$  of this process is given as, for  $\eta \in \mathcal{M}_1, f \in D(A)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\eta) = -\langle \eta, Af \rangle e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle} + \frac{c}{2} [\langle \eta, f^2 \rangle - \langle \eta, f \rangle^2] e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle}.$$

It is well-known that if its mutation operator  $A$  is bounded, then  $Y_t$  is pure atomic for every  $t > 0$  (Ethier and Kurtz in [2], [4], see also Th. 8.2.1 in [1]). In particular, if  $A = 0$  and if we denote  $\eta = \sum_i m_i \delta_{x_i}$ , then the generator  $\mathcal{L}$  can be expressed as, for a function  $\phi(\mathbf{m})$  of  $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, m_2, \dots)$ ,

$$G\phi(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{c}{2} \sum_{i,j} m_i (\delta_{ij} - m_j) \partial_{ij}^2 \phi(\mathbf{m}).$$

The corresponding weight process  $\{m_i(t)\}$  is given as

$$dm_i(t) = \sum_j (\delta_{ij} - m_i(t)) \sqrt{cm_j(t)} dB_j(t) \quad (i \in S),$$

where  $\{B_j(t)\}$  is a family of independent one-dimensional Brownian motions.

There is another well-known measure-valued process which is a branching process  $(Z_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$ , that is,  $\mathcal{M}_F$ -valued process such that  $\mathbf{P}_\mu(Z_0 = \mu) = 1$  and

$$\mathbf{P}_\mu \left[ e^{-\langle Z_t, f \rangle} \right] = e^{-\langle \mu, V_t f \rangle},$$

where  $V_t f$  is a unique solution to the following equation

$$V_t f(x) = P_t f(x) - \int_0^t ds P_s \Psi(V_{t-s} f)(x),$$

or

$$\partial_t V_t f(x) = AV_t f(x) - \Psi(V_t f)(x), \quad V_0 f(x) = f(x)$$

with branching mechanism  $\Psi(v)(x)$ ;

$$\Psi(v)(x) = \frac{1}{2} c(x) v^2 + \int_0^\infty [e^{-vu} - 1 + vu] \nu(x, du) (\geq 0),$$

where  $c(x) \geq 0$  is a bounded function and  $\nu(x, du)$  is a kernel on  $S \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying that

$$\sup_{x \in S} \int_0^\infty (u \wedge u^2) \nu(x, du) < \infty.$$

In particular, if  $\Psi(v)(x) = cv^2/2$  ( $c > 0$ ), then  $(Z_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$  is called a *binary branching process* or a *binary branching measure-valued process*, or a *binary branching superprocess*, or a *Dawson-Watanabe process*, etc.

Let  $\tau_0 = \inf\{t > 0; \in Z_t, 1 = 0\}$ . For  $t < \tau_0$  and  $f \in D(A)$ ,  $\langle Z_t, f \rangle$  has the following semi-martingale representation:

$$\langle Z_t, f \rangle = \langle Z_0, f \rangle + \int_0^t \langle Z_s, Af \rangle ds + M_t^c(f) + M_t^d(f),$$

where  $\{M_t^c(f)\}$  is a continuous  $L^2$ -martingale with quadratic variation  $\langle\langle M^c(f) \rangle\rangle_t$  such that

$$\langle\langle M^c(f) \rangle\rangle_t = \int_0^t \langle Z_s, cf^2 \rangle ds,$$

and

$$M_t^d(f) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{M}_F} \langle \eta, f \rangle \widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta),$$

where  $\widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta)$  is a martingale measure with compensator

$$\widehat{N}(ds, d\eta) = ds \int_S Z_s(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(du) \delta_{u\delta_x}(d\eta).$$

The generator of this process  $\mathcal{L}^Z$  is given as

$$\mathcal{L}^Z e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\eta) = [-\langle \eta, Af \rangle + \langle \eta, \Psi(f) \rangle] e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle}.$$

It is also well-known that the normalized binary branching process is a time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process. More exactly, in 1991, Perkins [8] established that the conditional law of the binary branching process given the total mass process is a time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process.

Fix  $r \geq 0$  and let

$$C_{r,+} \equiv \left\{ g : [r, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty); g \text{ is continuous, and} \right. \\ \left. \text{there is } \tau_g \in (r, \infty] \text{ such that } g > 0 \text{ on } [r, \tau_g), g = 0 \text{ on } [\tau_g, \infty) \right\}.$$

Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $g \in C_{r,+}$  and  $c > 0$ .

The time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu^{FV})$  satisfies the following:

- (i)  $Y_r = \mu$ ,  $Y_t = Y_{\tau_g-}$  ( $t \geq \tau_g$ ),  $\mathbf{P}_{\tau_g, \mu}^{FV}$ -a.s.,
- (ii) For  $f \in D(A)$ ,  $\langle Y_t, f \rangle$  has the following semi-martingale representation:

$$\langle Y_t, f \rangle = \langle Y_r, f \rangle + \int_r^t \langle Y_s, Af \rangle ds + M_{r,t}(f)$$

such that  $\{M_{r,t}(f)\}$  is a continuous  $L^2$ -martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_{r,t} = c \int_r^t g(s)^{-1} [\langle Y_s, f^2 \rangle - \langle Y_s, f \rangle^2] I(s < \tau_g) ds.$$

We denote normalized measure  $\bar{\mu} = \mu / \langle \mu, 1 \rangle$  for  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Theorem 1** (Perkins '91). *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F \setminus \{0\}$  and set  $y = \langle \mu, 1 \rangle$ . For a binary branching process  $(Z_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$ , set  $x_t = \langle Z_t, 1 \rangle$  and  $Q_y = \mathbf{P}_\mu \circ x^{-1}$ . Then*

$$\mathbf{P}_\mu (\bar{Z} \in B \mid \langle Z, 1 \rangle = g(\cdot)) = \mathbf{P}_{0, \bar{\mu}}^{FV}(Y \in B), \quad Q_y\text{-a.a. } g \in C_{0,+},$$

where  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{0, \bar{\mu}}^{FV})$  is a time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process associated with  $(A, g, c)$  starting from  $Y_0 = \bar{\mu}$ .

We would like to extend these results to some wide class which include Fleming-Viot processes. The first one to “jump-type Fleming-Viot processes” introduced by the author in [6], and second one to “space-dependent Fleming-Viot processes” introduced by this paper.

## 2. PURE ATOMIC JUMP-TYPE FLEMING-VIOT PROCESSES

According to [6], we give characterizations of jump-type Fleming-Viot processes.

For each  $x \in S$ , we define an operator  $T_x$  from the space of Dirac measures  $\delta_x(dy)$  on  $S$  to  $\mathcal{M}_1$  by

$$\langle T_x \delta, f \rangle = \langle \delta_x, Tf \rangle = Tf(x) = \int_S f(y) T(x, dy),$$

where  $T(x, dy)$  is a non-negative kernel on  $S$  such that  $T(x, S) = 1$ .

We fix  $\gamma > 0$  and let  $\nu(dv)$  be a measure on  $(0, \infty)$  such that

$$\int_0^\infty (v \wedge v^2) \nu(dv) < \infty.$$

Let  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$  be a jump-type Fleming-Viot process associated with  $(A, \gamma, \nu, T_x)$  starting from  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ . That is,  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$  is an  $\mathcal{M}_1$ -valued process such that  $\langle Y_t, f \rangle$  ( $f \in D(A)$ ) has the following semi-martingale representation:

$$\langle Y_t, f \rangle = \langle Y_0, f \rangle + \int_0^t \langle Y_s, Af \rangle + M_t^c(f) + M_t^d(f),$$

where  $\{M_t^c(f)\}$  is a continuous martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle\langle M^c(f) \rangle\rangle_t = \gamma \int_0^t (\langle Y_s, f^2 \rangle - \langle Y_s, f \rangle^2) ds \quad (\gamma > 0),$$

and  $\{M_t^d(f)\}$  is a pure discontinuous martingale such that

$$M_t^d(f) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{M}_F} \frac{\langle \eta, 1 \rangle}{1 + \langle \eta, 1 \rangle} \langle \bar{\eta} - Y_{s-}, f \rangle \widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta),$$

where  $\widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta)$  is the martingale measure with compensator

$$\widehat{N}(ds, d\eta) = ds \int_S Y_s(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \delta_{vT_x\delta}(d\eta)$$

*Remark 1.* In [6] the process is defined only the case of  $T_x = I$ , i.e.,  $T_x\delta = \delta_x$ . However the extension is possible and easy.

The generator  $\mathcal{L}$  of this process for Laplace functionals  $e^{-\langle \mu, f \rangle}$  ( $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1, f \in D(A)$ ) is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\mu) &= -\langle \mu, Af \rangle e^{-\langle \mu, f \rangle} + \frac{\gamma}{2} [\langle \mu, f^2 \rangle - \langle \mu, f \rangle^2] e^{-\langle \mu, f \rangle} \\ &\quad + \int \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \\ &\quad \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{v}{1+v} \langle T_x\delta - \mu, f \rangle \right] - 1 + \frac{v}{1+v} \langle T_x\delta - \mu, f \rangle \right\} e^{-\langle \mu, f \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

For a functional  $F(\mu)$ , a derivative at  $x \in S$  is defined by

$$\frac{\delta F(\mu)}{\delta \mu(x)} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} [F(\mu + \epsilon \delta_x) - F(\mu)] \quad (\text{if exists}),$$

and higher order derivatives  $\delta^2 F(\mu)/(\delta \mu(x) \delta \mu(y)), \dots$  are defined similarly.

Note that the generator can be expressed as

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}F(\mu) &= \langle \mu, A \frac{\delta F(\mu)}{\delta \mu(\cdot)} \rangle + \frac{\gamma}{2} \iint \frac{\delta^2 F(\mu)}{\delta \mu(x) \delta \mu(y)} Q(\mu; dx, dy) \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathcal{M}_F} \left[ F(\mu + g(\mu, \eta)) - F(\mu) - \langle g(\mu, \eta), \frac{\delta F(\mu)}{\delta \mu(\cdot)} \rangle \right] n(\mu; d\eta), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mu; dx, dy) &= \mu(dx) \delta_x(dy) - \mu(dx) \mu(dy), \\ g(\mu, \eta) &= \frac{\mu + \eta}{1 + \langle \eta, 1 \rangle} - \mu = \frac{\langle \eta, 1 \rangle}{1 + \langle \eta, 1 \rangle} (\bar{\eta} - \mu) \in \mathcal{M}_F \end{aligned}$$

and

$$n(\mu; d\eta) = \int \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \delta_{vT_x\delta}(d\eta).$$

Here we give a formal calculation for general measure-valued processes, i.e., Ito's formula for measure-valued processes.

For a set  $B$ , let  $\mathcal{M}_F^\pm(B)$  be the class of finite signed measures on  $B$ , i.e.,  $\eta \in \mathcal{M}_F^\pm(B) \iff \eta = \eta^+ - \eta^-$ ;  $\eta^\pm \in \mathcal{M}_F(B)$ . We denote  $\|\eta\| = (\eta^+ + \eta^-)(B)$ . For simplicity, if  $B = S$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_F^\pm = \mathcal{M}_F^\pm(S)$ . Let  $Q(\mu; dx, dy) : \mathcal{M}_F \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_F^\pm(S \times S)$  be measurable such that  $Q(\mu; dx, dx) \leq C\mu(dx)$  for some  $C > 0$ . Let  $g(\mu, \eta) : \mathcal{M}_F \times \mathcal{M}_F^\pm \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_F^\pm$  and  $n(\mu; d\eta) : \mathcal{M}_F \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_F(\mathcal{M}_F^\pm)$  be measurable such that

$$\sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F; \mu(S) \leq K} \int_{\mathcal{M}_F^\pm} \|g(\mu, \eta)\| \wedge \|g(\mu, \eta)\|^2 n(\mu; d\eta) < \infty \quad \text{for every } K > 1.$$

In general, let  $X_t$  be an  $\mathcal{M}_F$ -valued Markov process such that

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t A^* X_s ds + M_t^c + M_t^d,$$

where  $A^* X_s$  is defined by  $\langle A^* X_s, f \rangle = \langle X_s, Af \rangle$ ,  $M_t^c$  is a continuous martingale and  $M_t^d$  is a pure discontinuous martingale;

$$M_t^c(dx) = \int_0^t M(ds, dx)$$

$$M_t^d(dx) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{M}_F^\pm} g(X_{s-}, \eta)(dx) \widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta)$$

with a continuous martingale measure  $M(ds, dx)$  and a pure discontinuous martingale measure  $\widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta)$ . Suppose that the covariance of  $M^c(dx)M^c(dy)$  is given as

$$\langle\langle M^c(dx), M^c(dy) \rangle\rangle_t = \gamma \int_0^t Q(X_s; dx, dy) ds$$

and the compensator of  $\widetilde{N}$  is  $\widehat{N}(ds, d\eta) = ds n(X_s, d\eta)$  (cf. for martingale measures, see Walsh [10]).

Let  $F(\mu)$  be a suitable functional of  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F$  and let  $\mathcal{L}F(\mu)$  be given as in (2.1). Then, by a formal calculation we have the following Ito's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} F(X_t) &= F(X_0) + \int_0^t \mathcal{L}F(X_s) ds + M_t^c(F) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{M}_F^\pm} [F(X_{s-} + g(X_{s-}, \eta)) - F(X_{s-})] \widetilde{N}(ds, d\eta), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_t^c(F) = \int_0^t \int \frac{\delta F(X_s)}{\delta X_s(x)} M(ds, dx)$$

is a martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle\langle M^c(F) \rangle\rangle_t = \gamma \int_0^t ds \iint \frac{\delta F(X_s)}{\delta X_s(x)} \frac{\delta F(X_s)}{\delta X_s(y)} Q(X_s; dx, dy)$$

(for the stochastic integrals corresponding to the martingale measures, see Walsh [10] and also Dawson [1]).

We denote the space of pure atomic probability measures on  $S$  by  $\mathcal{M}_{1,a} = \mathcal{M}_{1,a}(S)$ . We also denote the pure atomic part of a measure  $\eta$  by  $\eta_a$ , and for a process  $Y_t$  by  $Y_{t,a}$  or  $(Y_t)_a$ .

We set

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M} &= \{\mathbf{m} = (m_1, m_2, \dots); m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq 0, \sum_i m_i = 1\} \\ \bar{\mathbf{M}} &= \{\mathbf{m} = (m_1, m_2, \dots); m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq 0, \sum_i m_i \leq 1\}\end{aligned}$$

and let  $M : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{M}}$ ;  $M(\eta) = M(\eta_a)$  = (the vector of descending order statistics of the masses of the atoms of  $\eta_a$ ).

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$  be a jump-type Fleming-Viot process associated with  $(A, \gamma, \nu, T_x)$  starting from  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ . Suppose that  $A$  is a bounded operator having the following form:*

$$Af(x) = a(x) \int_S [f(y) - f(x)] B(x, dy),$$

where  $a(x)$  is a nonnegative bounded function on  $S$  and  $B(x, dy)$  is a nonnegative kernel such that  $B(x, S) = 1$  for all  $x \in S$ . Also assume that  $\gamma > 0$  and  $T_x \delta \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for every  $x \in S$ . Then  $Y_t$  is pure atomic for all  $t > 0$  a.s., i.e.,

$$\mathbf{P}_\mu(Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a} \text{ for all } t > 0) = 1.$$

Moreover if  $a(\cdot) \equiv a(\geq 0)$ ,  $T_x \delta = \delta_x$  for every  $x \in S$  and  $B(x, \cdot)$  has no atoms for every  $x \in S$ , then  $\{\mathbf{m}_t = M(Y_t)\}$  is a solution of the  $\mathbf{D}([0, \infty), \mathbf{M})$ -martingale problem for the infinite dimensional operator  $(G, \mathcal{D}(G))$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}G\phi(\mathbf{m}) &= \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i,j} m_i (\delta_{ij} - m_j) \partial_{ij}^2 \phi(\mathbf{m}) - a \sum_i m_i \partial_i \phi(\mathbf{m}) \\ &+ \sum_i m_i \int_0^\infty \left[ \phi \left( \left( \frac{m_j + v \delta_{ij}}{1+v} \right)_j \right) - \phi(\mathbf{m}) - \sum_j \frac{v}{1+v} (\delta_{ij} - m_j) \partial_j \phi(\mathbf{m}) \right] \nu(dv)\end{aligned}$$

with  $\partial_i = \partial / \partial m_i$ ,  $\partial_{ij}^2 = \partial^2 / (\partial m_i \partial m_j)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(G)$  is the algebra generated by  $\{1, \phi^2, \phi^3, \dots\}$  with  $\phi^\beta(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_i m_i^\beta$  ( $\beta > 1$ ). That is,  $Y_t$  is the size ordered atom process for the infinitely many neutral alleles (jump-type) model.

*Proof.* It is enough to consider the case that  $a(\cdot) \equiv a > 0$  and  $B(x, \cdot)$  has no atoms. Because if we set  $\bar{S} = S \times [0, 1]$ ,  $\bar{a} = \sup a(x) > 0$  (note that the case of  $\bar{a} = 0$  is trivial),

$$\bar{B}(x, u, dydv) = \frac{a(x)}{\bar{a}} B(x, dy) dv + \frac{\bar{a} - a(x)}{\bar{a}} \delta_x(dy) dv$$

and

$$\bar{A}f(x, u) = \bar{a} \int_0^1 \int_S [f(y, v) - f(x, u)] \bar{B}(x, u, dydv),$$

then  $Y_t(\cdot) := \bar{Y}_t(\cdot \times [0, 1])$ , with the solution  $\bar{Y}_t$  of the martingale problem for  $\bar{A}$ , is the solution of the martingale problem for  $A$ .

For  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ , if  $\mu_a = \sum_i m_i \delta_{x_i}$ , then set  $F_\beta(\mu) = \phi_\beta(M(\mu)) = \sum_i m_i^\beta$  ( $\beta > 1$ ), and

$$F_{1+}(\mu) = \lim_{\beta \downarrow 1} F_\beta(\mu) = \sum_j m_j (= \langle \mu_a, 1 \rangle).$$

If  $\beta > 2$ , then

$$\frac{\delta F_\beta(\mu)}{\delta \mu(x)} = \sum_i \beta m_i^{\beta-1} 1_{x_i}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\delta^2 F_\beta(\mu)}{\delta \mu(x) \delta \mu(y)} = \sum_i \beta(\beta-1) m_i^{\beta-2} 1_{x_i}(x) 1_{x_i}(y),$$

We first give some formal calculations. For each fixed  $x$  we denote all atoms of  $\mu + T_x$  by  $\{x_j\}$ . Since  $B(x, \cdot)$  has no atoms, by (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}F_\beta(\mu) &= \sum_i \left[ -a\beta m_i^\beta + \frac{\gamma}{2}\beta(\beta-1)(m_i - m_i^2) m_i^{\beta-2} \right] \\ &\quad + \int_S \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \left[ F_\beta \left( \frac{\mu + vT_x\delta}{1+v} \right) - F_\beta(\mu) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{v}{1+v} \sum_j (T_x\delta - \mu)(\{x_j\})\beta m_j^{\beta-1} \right] \nu(dv) \\ &= -a\beta F_\beta(\mu) + \frac{\gamma}{2}\beta(\beta-1)(F_{\beta-1}(\mu) - F_\beta(\mu)) \\ &\quad + \int_S \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \left[ F_\beta \left( \frac{\mu + vT_x\delta}{1+v} \right) - F_\beta(\mu) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\beta v}{1+v} \sum_j (T_x\delta(\{x_j\}) - \mu(\{x_j\})) \mu(\{x_j\})^{\beta-1} \right] \nu(dv) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover if we set  $F_1(\mu) \equiv 1$ , then the above formula is still valid for  $\beta = 2$ . Hence by formal Ito's formula

$$(2.2) \quad M_t(\beta) := M_t(F_\beta(Y_t)) = F_\beta(Y_t) - F_\beta(Y_0) - \int_0^t \mathcal{L}F_\beta(Y_s) ds$$

is an  $L^2$ -martingale such that  $M_t(\beta) = M_t^{c,\beta} + M_t^{d,\beta}$ , where  $M_t^{c,\beta}$  is a continuous martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle\langle M^{c,\beta} \rangle\rangle_t = \beta^2 \gamma \int_0^t [F_{2\beta-1}(Y_s) - F_\beta(Y_s)^2] ds$$

and

$$M_t^{d,\beta} = \int_0^t \int \left[ F_\beta \left( \frac{Y_{s-} + \eta}{1 + \langle \eta, 1 \rangle} \right) - F_\beta(Y_{s-}) \right] \tilde{N}(ds, d\eta)$$

is a pure discontinuous martingale with compensator

$$\widehat{N}(ds, d\eta) = ds \int_S Y_s(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \delta_{vT_x\delta}(d\eta).$$

To verify the above result we use an approximation method. Let  $\{S_j^n, x_j^n, \rho_n; n, j \in \mathbf{N}\}$  be a partition family for  $S$ , i.e.,

- (a)  $S_j^n \subset S, x_j^n \in S_j^n, S_j^n \cap S_k^n = \emptyset$  if  $j \neq k$ ,
- (b)  $\bigcup_j S_j^n = S$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,
- (c) for each  $j$ , there is  $k$  such that  $S_j^{n+1} \subset S_k^n$ ,
- (d)  $\rho_n := \sup_j \text{diam}(S_j^n) \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

For  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ , set  $\xi^n(\mu) = \sum_j \mu(S_j^n) \delta_{x_j^n}$  and  $\xi_t^n = \xi^n(Y_t)$ . For  $\beta \geq 1$ , let  $F_{\beta,n}(\mu) = \sum_j \mu(S_j^n) = \phi^\beta(\xi^n(\mu))$ . Note that for  $\beta \geq 1$ ,  $F_{\beta,n}(\mu) \rightarrow F_\beta(\mu)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by the definition of  $F_\beta(\mu)$ .

For each  $j, n$ , if we take  $f_k^{j,n} \in D(A)$ ;  $0 \leq f_k^{j,n} \uparrow 1_{S_j^n}$  ( $k \uparrow \infty$ ), and use Ito's formula for  $\langle Y_t, f_k^{j,n} \rangle$ , then by letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and summing up on  $j$  we can get the following: If

$\beta \geq 2$ , then

$$M_{n,t}(\beta) := M_t(F_{\beta,n}(Y_t)) = F_{\beta,n}(Y_t) - F_{\beta,n}(Y_0) - \int_0^t \mathcal{L}F_{\beta,n}(Y_s) ds$$

is a bounded (uniformly in  $n$ )  $L^2$ -martingale, where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}F_{\beta,n}(\mu) &= \sum_i \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \beta(\beta-1) (\mu(S_i^n) - \mu(S_i^n)^2) \mu(S_i^n)^{\beta-2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + a\beta [\langle \mu, B(\cdot, S_i^n) \rangle - \mu(S_i^n)] \mu(S_i^n)^{\beta-1} \right] \\ &\quad + \int_S \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \sum_j \left[ \left( \frac{(\mu + vT_x\delta)(S_j^n)}{1+v} \right)^\beta - \mu(S_j^n)^\beta \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{v}{1+v} (T_x\delta - \mu)(S_j^n) \beta \mu(S_j^n)^{\beta-1} \right] \nu(dv). \end{aligned}$$

Note that if we set  $p = 1/(1+v)$ ,  $q = v/(1+v)$  and

$$(2.3) \quad h(a, b) := (pa + qb)^\beta - a^\beta - \beta q(b-a)a^{\beta-1} \geq 0$$

for  $0 \leq a, b \leq 1$ , then by  $\beta \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} h(a, b) &= \int_0^1 ds \int_0^s \beta(\beta-1)(tq(b-a) + a)^{\beta-2} q^2(b-a)^2 dt \\ &\leq \beta(\beta-1)q^2(a^2 + b^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $B(x, \cdot)$  has no atoms, we can see that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $\mathcal{L}F_{\beta,n}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}F_\beta(\mu)$  (bounded-pointwisely), and hence  $M_{n,t}(\beta) \rightarrow M_t(\beta)$  (a.s., in  $L^2$ ). Moreover the limit process  $\{M_t(\beta)\}$  is an  $L^2$ -martingale with  $M_t(\beta) = M_t^{c,\beta} + M_t^{d,\beta}$  as mentioned above (note that this decomposition can be shown by using the uniqueness of special martingales; cf. Theorem 6.1.3 in [1]).

By mean zero in (2.2) and by taking a limit of  $\mathcal{L}F_\beta(\mu)$  as  $\beta \downarrow 2$  carefully, we have

$$0 = \lim_{\beta \downarrow 2} \mathbf{E}_\mu [M_t(\beta) - M_t(2)] = \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ \gamma \int_0^t (1 - F_{1+}(Y_s)) ds \right] (\geq 0).$$

By  $\gamma > 0$  this implies

$$\langle (Y_t)_a, 1 \rangle = F_{1+}(Y_t) = 1, \quad \text{i.e., } Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a} \text{ for a.a. } t > 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

In order to show that  $Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for all  $t > 0$ , a.s., we mention that  $M_t^{c,\beta}$ ,  $M_t^{d,\beta}$  are still  $L^2$ -martingales for  $\beta \in (1, 2)$ . In fact, to verify this, let  $F_{\beta,\epsilon}(\mu) = \phi_{\beta,\epsilon}(M(\mu))$ , where

$$\phi_{\beta,\epsilon}(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_i \psi_\epsilon(m_i) \quad \text{with} \quad \psi_\epsilon(m) = (m + \epsilon)^\beta - \epsilon^\beta - \beta \epsilon^{\beta-1} m.$$

Apply Ito's formula to  $F_{\beta,\epsilon}(Y_t)$  and take the limit  $\epsilon \downarrow 0$ , then the corresponding martingale parts  $M_t^{c,\beta,\epsilon}$ ,  $M_t^{d,\beta,\epsilon}$  converge to  $M_t^{c,\beta}$ ,  $M_t^{d,\beta}$  respectively in  $L^2$ . Moreover for  $M_t(\beta) = M_t^{c,\beta} + M_t^{d,\beta}$ , the formula (2.2) also holds. These can be checked as follows: First note that for  $1 < \beta < 2$ ,

$$\psi_\epsilon(m) = \int_0^1 ds \int_0^s \beta(\beta-1)(tm + \epsilon)^{\beta-2} m^2 dt \uparrow m^\beta \quad (\beta \downarrow 1),$$



$\psi_\epsilon(m)$  is convex in  $0 \leq m \leq 1$  and

$$\frac{\delta F_{\beta,\epsilon}(\mu)}{\delta \mu(x)} = \sum_i \beta \left\{ (m_i + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} \right\} 1_{x_i}(x),$$

$$\frac{\delta^2 F_{\beta,\epsilon}(\mu)}{\delta \mu(x) \delta \mu(y)} = \sum_i \beta(\beta-1) (m_i + \epsilon)^{\beta-2} 1_{x_i}(x) 1_{x_i}(y).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}F_{\beta,\epsilon}(\mu) &= \sum_i \left[ -a\beta \left\{ (m_i + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} \right\} m_i + \frac{\gamma}{2} \beta(\beta-1) (m_i - m_i^2) (m_i + \epsilon)^{\beta-2} \right] \\ &\quad + \int_S \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \left[ F_{\beta,\epsilon} \left( \frac{\mu + vT_x \delta}{1+v} \right) - F_{\beta,\epsilon}(\mu) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\beta v}{1+v} \sum_j (T_x \delta - \mu)(\{x_j\}) \left\{ (m_i + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} \right\} \right] \nu(dv) \end{aligned}$$

converges to  $\mathcal{L}F_\beta(\mu)$  as  $\epsilon \downarrow 0$  by using

$$(m + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} = (\beta-1)m \int_0^1 (tm + \epsilon)^{\beta-2} dt \uparrow m^{\beta-1} \quad (\epsilon \downarrow 0)$$

and monotone convergence theorem. By the same way we also have

$$\int_0^t \mathcal{L}F_{\beta,\epsilon}(Y_s) ds \rightarrow \int_0^t \mathcal{L}F_\beta(Y_s) ds.$$

If we set  $(Y_t)_a = \sum_j m_j(t) \delta_{x(t)}$ , then as  $\epsilon \downarrow 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle M^{c,\beta,\epsilon} \rangle\rangle_t &= \gamma\beta^2 \int_0^t \left[ \sum_j \left\{ (m_j(s) + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} \right\}^2 m_j(s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left\{ \sum_j \left( (m_j(s) + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} \right) m_j(s) \right\}^2 \right] ds \\ &\rightarrow \gamma\beta^2 \int_0^t \sum_j \left\{ m_j(s)^{2\beta-1} - \left( \sum_j m_j(s)^\beta \right)^2 \right\} ds \\ &= \langle\langle M^{c,\beta} \rangle\rangle_t. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$M_t^{c,\beta,\epsilon} = B_{\langle\langle M^{c,\beta,\epsilon} \rangle\rangle_t} \rightarrow M_t^{c,\beta} = B_{\langle\langle M^{c,\beta} \rangle\rangle_t},$$

where  $\{B_t\}$  is a one-dimensional Brownian motion. The  $L^2$  convergence can be shown by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle M^{c,\beta,\epsilon} - M^{c,\beta} \rangle\rangle_t &= \gamma\beta^2 \int_0^t \left[ \sum_j \left\{ (m_j(s) + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} - m_j(s)^{\beta-1} \right\}^2 m_j(s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left\{ \sum_j \left( (m_j(s) + \epsilon)^{\beta-1} - \epsilon^{\beta-1} - m_j(s)^{\beta-1} \right) m_j(s) \right\}^2 \right] ds \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^1. \end{aligned}$$

For the discontinuous parts, we can see that

$$\int_0^t ds \int Y_s(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \left| F_{\beta,\epsilon} \left( \frac{Y_s + vT_x\delta}{1+v} \right) - F_{\beta,\epsilon}(Y_s) \right. \\ \left. - \left\{ F_\beta \left( \frac{Y_s + vT_x\delta}{1+v} \right) - F_\beta(Y_s) \right\} \right|^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{in } L^1$$

by Lebesgue's convergence theorem. Hence  $M_t^{d,\beta,\epsilon} \rightarrow M_t^{d,\beta}$  in  $L^2$ . Moreover by taking a suitable subsequence we get the a.s. convergence. Therefore (2.2) is also valid.

Form the above results as  $\beta \downarrow 1$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ (M_t^{c,\beta})^2 \right] = \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ \langle \langle M^{c,\beta} \rangle \rangle_t \right] \rightarrow \gamma \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ \int_0^t F_{1+}(Y_s) (1 - F_{1+}(Y_s)) ds \right] = 0, \\ \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ (M_t^{d,\beta})^2 \right] = \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ \int_0^t ds \int Y_s(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \left| F_\beta \left( \frac{Y_s + vT_x\delta}{1+v} \right) - F_\beta(Y_s) \right|^2 \right] \\ \rightarrow \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ \int_0^t ds \int Y_s(dx) \int_0^\infty \nu(dv) \left( \frac{v}{1+v} \right)^2 \langle (T_x\delta - Y_s)_a, 1 \rangle^2 \right] = 0$$

by  $T_x \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for all  $x \in S$  and  $Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for a.a.  $t > 0$ , a.s. Furthermore

$$\lim_{\beta \downarrow 1} \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ M_t(\beta)^2 \right] \leq 2 \lim_{\beta \downarrow 1} \left( \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ (M_t^{c,\beta})^2 \right] + \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ (M_t^{d,\beta})^2 \right] \right) \\ = 0.$$

Hence by Doob's maximal inequality and by taking a sequence  $\{\beta_n\}; \beta_n \downarrow 1$ ,

$$\sup_{t \leq T} |M_t(\beta_n)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s. for each } T > 0.$$

Note that

$$H^\beta(\mu) := \int_S \mu(dx) \int_0^\infty \left[ F_\beta \left( \frac{\mu + vT_x\delta}{1+v} \right) - F_\beta(\mu) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\beta v}{1+v} \left( \sum_j T_x\delta(\{x_j\}) \mu(\{x_j\})^{\beta-1} - F_\beta(\mu) \right) \right] \nu(dv) \geq 0$$

and that for  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ ,

$$\limsup_{\beta \downarrow 1} \mathcal{L}F_\beta(\mu) = -aF_{1+}(\mu) + \limsup_{\beta \downarrow 1} \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \beta(\beta-1) F_{\beta-1}(\mu) + H^\beta(\mu) \right].$$

Thus if we set

$$R_t = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \beta_n(\beta_n-1) F_{\beta_n-1}(Y_s) + H^{\beta_n}(Y_s) \right] ds$$

(which is nondecreasing in  $t$ ), then by (2.2) and the above result we have

$$F_{1+}(Y_t) - F_{1+}(Y_0) + a \int_0^t F_{1+}(Y_s) ds - R_t = 0 \quad \text{for all } 0 < t \leq T, \text{ a.s.}$$

By  $F_{1+}(Y_t) = 1$  for a.a.  $t > 0$ , a.s.,

$$F_{1+}(Y_t) - F_{1+}(Y_0) = R_t - at \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

and

$$0 = F_{1+}(Y_t) - F_{1+}(Y_s) = R_t - R_s - a(t - s) \quad \text{for a.a. } t > s > 0, \text{ a.s.},$$

that is,

$$R_t - R_s = a(t - s) \quad \text{for a.a. } t > s > 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

The left hand side is nondecreasing in  $t > s$ . Hence it is easy to see that

$$R_t = at \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

This implies that  $Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for all  $t > 0$ , a.s. Finally in case of  $T_x \delta = \delta_x$  ( $x \in S$ ), it is easy to check that  $\{\mathbf{m}_t\}$  is a solution of the martingale problem for  $(G, \mathcal{D}(G))$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2* (Pure jump case). In case of  $\gamma = 0$ , even if  $A$  is bounded, it is not ensure that  $Y_t$  is pure atomic for all  $t > 0$   $\mathbf{P}_\mu$ -a.s. For instance, suppose that  $T_x \delta \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for every  $x \in S$  and  $Y_0 = \mu \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$   $\mathbf{P}_\mu$ -a.s. Also assume that  $a(\cdot) \equiv a > 0$  and  $B(x, \cdot)$  has no atoms for each  $x \in S$ . Let  $H^\beta(\mu)$  be defined as in the previous proof. If  $\int_0^\infty v\nu(dv) < \infty$ , then it is easy to see that

$$\lim_{\beta \downarrow 1} H^\beta(\mu) = 0.$$

In fact, for  $\beta > 1$ , let  $h(a, b) \geq 0$  be in (2.3) with  $p = 1/(1+v)$ ,  $q = v/(1+v)$ , then it holds that for  $0 \leq a, b \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} h(a, b) &\leq pa^\beta + qb^\beta - a^\beta - \beta q(b-a)a^{\beta-1} \\ &= q(-a^\beta + b^\beta - \beta(b-a)a^{\beta-1}) \\ &\begin{cases} \leq q(1+\beta)(a+b), \\ \rightarrow 0 \quad (\beta \downarrow 1). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can apply Lebesgue's convergence theorem for  $H(\eta)$ . Now by mean zero

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{\beta \downarrow 1} \mathbf{E}_\mu[M_t^{a, \beta_n}] \\ &= \mathbf{E}_\mu \left[ F_{1+}(Y_t) - F_{1+}(Y_0) + a \int_0^t F_{1+}(Y_s) ds \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\mathbf{E}_\mu[F_{1+}(Y_t)] = F_{1+}(\mu)e^{-at} = e^{-at} < 1$ , i.e.,  $Y_t$  is not pure atomic.

(Note that if  $a = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{E}_\mu[F_{1+}(Y_t)] = 1$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{E}_\mu[\int_0^T F_{1+}(Y_t) dt] = T$  for all  $T > 0$ . thus,  $Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a}$  for a.a.  $t > 0$ , a.s. Moreover by the same way as in the previous proof we have

$$F_{1+}(Y_t) - 1 = R_t - at = H_t - at = 0 \quad \text{for all } t > 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

That is,

$$\mathbf{P}_\mu(Y_t \in \mathcal{M}_{1,a} \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq t \leq T) = 1.)$$

### 3. SPACE-TIME INHOMOGENEOUS FLEMING-VIOT PROCESSES

Next we would like to extend the Perkins result to the space(-time) inhomogeneous case.

Let  $c(x) \geq 0$  be a bounded function.

According to Dawson [1], we first give a characterization of the space inhomogeneous binary branching process  $(Z_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)_{t \geq 0}$  ( $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F$ ).

$(Z_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)_{t \geq 0}$  is an  $\mathcal{M}_F$ -valued process such that  $\mathbf{P}_\mu(Z_0 = \mu) = 1$ ,  $Z_t = Z_{t \wedge \tau_0}$  ( $\tau_0 = \inf\{t \geq 0; \langle Z_t, 1 \rangle = 0\}$ ) and

$$\mathbf{P}_\mu \left[ e^{-\langle Z_t, f \rangle} \right] = e^{-\langle \mu, V_t f \rangle},$$

where  $V_t f$  is a unique solution to the following equation

$$V_t f(x) = P_t f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t ds P_s \left( c(\cdot) (V_{t-s} f)(\cdot)^2 \right) (x),$$

or

$$\partial_t V_t f(x) = A V_t f(x) - \frac{1}{2} c(x) (V_t f)^2(x), \quad V_0 f(x) = f(x).$$

Moreover  $\langle Z_t, f \rangle$  ( $f \in D(A)$ ) has the following semi-martingale representation:

$$\langle Z_t, f \rangle = \langle Z_0, f \rangle + \int_0^t \langle Z_s, A f \rangle ds + M_t(f),$$

where  $\{M_t(f)\}$  is a continuous  $L^2$ -martingale with quadratic variation  $\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_t$  such that

$$\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_t = \int_0^t \langle Z_s, c f^2 \rangle ds \quad (t < \tau_0).$$

The generator of this process  $\mathcal{L}^Z$  is given as

$$\mathcal{L}^Z e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\mu) = \left[ -\langle \mu, A f \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mu, c f^2 \rangle \right] e^{-\langle \mu, f \rangle}.$$

For a functional  $F(\eta)$  of  $\eta \in \mathcal{M}_F$ , a derivative at  $x \in S$  is defined by

$$\frac{\delta F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(x)} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} [F(\eta + \epsilon \delta_x) - F(\eta)] \quad (\text{if exists}),$$

and higher order derivatives  $\delta^2 F(\eta) / (\delta \eta(x) \delta \eta(y)), \dots$  are defined similarly. Note that the generator can be also expressed as

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{L}^Z F(\eta) = \langle \eta, A \frac{\delta F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(\cdot)} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\delta^2 F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(x) \delta \eta(y)} Q(\eta; dx, dy)$$

where  $Q(\eta; dx, dy) = c(x) \eta(dx) \delta_x(dy)$ .

Next in order to introduce space-time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot processes we define a family of operators  $\mathcal{L}^g = (\mathcal{L}_t^g)_{r \leq t < \tau_g}$  for a fixed  $g \in C_{r,+}$  as follows: For functionals  $\exp[-\langle \eta, f \rangle]$  ( $\eta \in \mathcal{M}_1, f \in D(A)$ ) and  $r \leq t < \tau_g$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_t^g e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\eta) &= \left\{ -\langle \eta, A f \rangle - g(t)^{-1} [\langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle - \langle \eta, c f \rangle] \right\} e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2g(t)} \left[ \langle \eta, c f^2 \rangle + \langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle^2 - 2 \langle \eta, c f \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle \right] e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

with a domain

$$\mathcal{D}_0(\mathcal{L}^g) := \text{lin span} \left\{ e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}; f \in D(A), f \geq 0 \right\}.$$

This operator can be also expressed as in (3.1) by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_t^g F(\eta) &= \langle \eta, A \frac{\delta F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(\cdot)} \rangle + g(t)^{-1} \left[ \langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, \frac{\delta F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(\cdot)} \rangle - \langle \eta, c \frac{\delta F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(\cdot)} \rangle \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\delta^2 F(\eta)}{\delta \eta(x) \delta \eta(y)} Q_t(\eta; dx, dy), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q_t(\eta; dx, dy) = \frac{1}{g(t)} [c(x)\eta(dx)\delta_x(dy) + (\langle \eta, c \rangle - c(x) - c(y))\eta(dx)\eta(dy)].$$

We need the following condition.

*Condition 3.1.*  $c \in C(S)$  satisfies  $0 \leq \sup c(x) \leq 2 \inf c(x)$ .

This condition is equivalent to  $c(x) + c(y) \geq c(z) \geq 0$  for every  $x, y, z \in S$ .

The following result gives the definition of the space-time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{r,\mu}^{FV})$  associated with  $(A, g, c)$  starting from  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$  at  $t = r$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $g \in C_{r,+}$  and  $c \in C(S); c(x) \geq 0$ . For  $\omega \in \mathbf{C}_{r,\tau_g-} := \mathbf{C}([r, \tau_g) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_1)$ , set  $Y_t(\omega) = \omega(t)$ . Then, under Condition 3.1 on  $c(x)$ , there is a solution  $\mathbf{P}_{r,\mu}^{FV}$  on  $\mathbf{C}_{r,\tau_g-}$  to the martingale problem for  $(\mathcal{L}_t^g, \mathcal{D}_0(\mathcal{L}^g))_{t \in [r, \tau_g)}$  satisfying the following:*

- (i)  $Y_r = \mu, \mathbf{P}_{r,\mu}^{FV}$ -a.s.,
- (ii) For  $f \in D(A)$  and  $r \leq t < \tau_g$ ,  $\langle Y_t, f \rangle$  has the following semi-martingale representation:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Y_t, f \rangle &= \langle Y_r, f \rangle + \int_r^t \left\{ \langle Y_s, Af \rangle + g(s)^{-1} [\langle Y_s, c \rangle \langle Y_s, f \rangle - \langle Y_s, cf \rangle] \right\} ds \\ &\quad + M_{r,t}(f) \end{aligned}$$

such that  $\{M_{r,t}(f)\}$  is a continuous  $L^2$ -martingale with quadratic variation

$$\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_{r,t} = \int_r^t g(s)^{-1} \left[ \langle Y_s, cf^2 \rangle + \langle Y_s, c \rangle \langle Y_s, f \rangle^2 - 2 \langle Y_s, cf \rangle \langle Y_s, f \rangle \right] ds.$$

Moreover if  $A = 0$ , then the solution  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu^{FV})$  is unique.

By using the same argument as in Perkins [8] and the author [6] it is possible to obtain the following result. Recall  $\bar{\mu} = \mu / \langle \mu, 1 \rangle$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_F \setminus \{0\}$  and set  $y = \langle \mu, 1 \rangle$ . For a fixed  $r \geq 0$ , let  $(Z_t, \mathbf{P}_\mu)$  be a space-inhomogeneous binary branching process with  $A = 0$  on  $\mathbf{C}([r, \infty), \mathcal{M}_F)$  such that  $Z_r = \mu$ . Set  $x_t = \langle Z_t, 1 \rangle$  and  $\tau_0 = \inf\{t \geq r; x_t = 0\}$ . If  $Q_y = \mathbf{P}_\mu \circ (\{x_t\}_{t \in [r, \tau_0)})^{-1}$ , then*

$$\mathbf{P}_\mu \left( \bar{Z}_{[r, \tau_0)} \in B \mid \langle Z_\cdot, 1 \rangle = g(\cdot) \Big|_{[r, \tau_g)} \right) = \mathbf{P}_{r, \bar{\mu}}^{FV} (Y_\cdot \Big|_{[r, \tau_g)} \in B), \quad Q_y\text{-a.a. } g \in C_{r,+},$$

where  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{r, \bar{\mu}}^{FV})$  is a space-time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process associated with  $(0, g, c)$  starting from  $Y_r = \bar{\mu}$ .

Note that  $x_t = \langle Z_t, 1 \rangle$  has a decomposition  $x_t = \langle \mu, f \rangle + m_t$ , where  $\{m_t\}$  is a continuous martingale starting from 0 with quadratic variation,

$$\langle\langle m \rangle\rangle_t = \int_r^t \langle Z_s, c \rangle ds \quad (r \leq t < \tau_0).$$

*Proof.* For simplicity of the notations, as in [6] we set  $Z_t(f) = \langle Z_t, f \rangle$ ,  $|Z_t| = \langle Z_t, 1 \rangle = x_t$ . Recall that

$$dZ_t(f) = Z_t(Af)dt + dM_t(f), \quad Z_0(f) = \langle \mu, f \rangle,$$

where  $\{M_t(f)\}$  is a continuous  $L^2$ -martingale with quadratic variation  $d\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_t = \langle Z_t, cf^2 \rangle dt$ . Thus by using Ito's formula we have

$$d(1/|Z_t|) = -d|Z_t|/|Z_t|^2 + d\langle\langle M(1) \rangle\rangle_t/|Z_t|^3$$

and, noting that

$$d\langle\langle Z(f), (1/|Z|) \rangle\rangle_t = -d\langle\langle M(f), M(1) \rangle\rangle_t/|Z_t|^2 = -[\langle Z_t, cf \rangle/|Z_t|^2]dt,$$

we also have

$$d\bar{Z}_t(f) = \bar{Z}_t(Af)dt + dU_t(f) + [\bar{Z}_t(c)\bar{Z}_t(f) - \bar{Z}_t(cf)]/|Z_t|dt,$$

where

$$dU_t(f) = dM_t(f)/|Z_t| - [\bar{Z}_t(f)/|Z_t|]dM_t(1)$$

is a continuous  $L^2$ -martingale with quadratic variation

$$\begin{aligned} d\langle\langle U(f) \rangle\rangle_t &= \frac{d\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_t}{|Z_t|^2} + \left[ \frac{\bar{Z}_t(f)}{|Z_t|} \right]^2 d\langle\langle M(1) \rangle\rangle_t - 2 \left[ \frac{\bar{Z}_t(f)}{|Z_t|^2} \right] d\langle\langle M(f), M(1) \rangle\rangle_t \\ &= \left[ \bar{Z}_t(cf^2) + \bar{Z}_t(f)^2 \bar{Z}_t(c) - 2\bar{Z}_t(f)\bar{Z}_t(cf) \right] |Z_t|^{-1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the same way as in [8] we can show that  $\{\bar{Z}_t\}$  under the condition  $|Z_t| = g(\cdot)$  is the space inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.*

Let  $c(x) \geq 0$  be in  $C(S)$  and satisfy Condition 3.1. Fix  $g \in C_{r,+}$  and set  $c_t^g(x) = c^g(t; x) := c(x)/g(t)$  ( $t \leq \tau_g$ ),

$$c_t^g(x, y, z) = c^g(t; x, y, z) := \frac{1}{2} [c^g(t, x) + c^g(t, y) - c^g(t, z)] \quad (\geq 0).$$

It is enough to consider the uniqueness and the existence in  $\mathbf{C}_{r,T} := \mathbf{C}([r, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_1)$  for each fixed  $r < T < \tau_g$ .

We first show the existence of the solution. Fix  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $\mu^{(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_{x_k}$ . Let  $(X_t^0, \mathbf{Q}_{r, \mu^{(n)}}^0)$  be the independent particle system associated with the motion process  $(w(t), P_x)$  starting from  $X_r^0 = \mu^{(n)}$ . Let  $(X_t, \mathbf{Q}_{r, \mu^{(n)}})$  be the Markov particle system starting from  $X_r = \mu^{(n)}$  such that the Laplace functional  $L_{r,t}(\mu^{(n)}) = \mathbf{Q}_{r, \mu^{(n)}}[\exp -\langle X_t, f \rangle]$  is

the unique solution to the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{r,t}(\mu^{(n)}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{Q}_{r,\mu^{(n)}}^0 \left[ \exp \left( - \sum_m c_m^g(r,t) - \sum_{i \neq j} c_{i,j,k}^g(r,t) - \langle X_t^0, f \rangle \right) \right. \\
&+ \sum_m \int_r^t ds c_m^g(s) \exp \left( - c_m^g(r,s) - \sum_{m' \neq m} c_{m'}^g(r,t) - \sum_{i \neq j} c_{i,j,k}^g(r,t) \right) \\
&\quad L_{s,t} \left( X_s^0 - \delta_{w_m(s)} + \delta_{w_k(s)} \right) \\
&+ \sum_{i \neq j} \int_r^t ds c_{i,j,k}^g(s) \exp \left( c_{i,j,k}^g(r,s) - \sum_m c_m^g(r,t) - \sum_{i' \neq j'; (i',j') \neq (i,j)} c_{i',j',k}^g(r,t) \right) \\
&\quad \left. L_{s,t} \left( X_s^0 - \delta_{w_i(s)} + \delta_{w_j(s)} \right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $c_m^g(t) := c^g(t; w_m(t))$ ,  $c_m^g(r,t) := \int_r^t c_m^g(s) ds$  and  $c_{i,j,k}^g(t) := c^g(t; w_i(t), w_j(t), w_k(t))$ ,  $c_{i,j,k}^g(r,t) := \int_r^t c_{i,j,k}^g(s) ds$  ( $i \neq j$ ).

This particle system can be constructed directly as follows: first  $n$ -particles  $\{w_i(t); i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \subset D_r$  move independently and one particle (e.g.  $k_1$ -th particle  $w_{k_1}$ ) is selected with probability  $1/n$  at the starting time  $t = r$ . Let  $\sigma_m^{(p)} = \sigma_m^{(p)}$ ,  $\tau_{i,j,k}^{(p)}$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $m, i, j, k \in \{1, \dots, n\}; i \neq j$ ) be independent random variables such that  $P_{\mathbf{w}}(\sigma_m^{(p)} > t) = \exp[-c_m^g(r,t)]$  and  $P_{\mathbf{w}}(\tau_{i,j,k}^{(p)} > t) = \exp[-c_{i,j,k}^g(r,t)]$ , where  $\mathbf{w} = \{w_i(t); i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . The index  $m_1$  and the pair  $(i_1, j_1)$  is uniquely defined by  $\min_m \sigma_m^{(1)} = \sigma_{m_1}^{(1)}$  and  $\min_{i \neq j} \tau_{i,j,k_1}^{(1)} = \tau_{i_1,j_1,k_1}^{(1)}$ . If  $\sigma_{m_1}^{(1)} < \tau_{i_1,j_1,k_1}^{(1)}$ , then after the random time  $\sigma_{m_1}^{(1)}$ ,  $m_1$ -th particle jumps to the location of the  $k_1$ -th particle and at the same time  $k_2$ -th particle is selected with probability  $1/n$ . If  $\sigma_{m_1}^{(1)} > \tau_{i_1,j_1,k_1}^{(1)}$ , then after the random time  $\tau_{i_1,j_1,k_1}^{(1)}$ ,  $i_1$ -th particle jumps to the location of the another  $j_1$ -th particle and at the same time  $k_2$ -th particle is selected with probability  $1/n$ . Again these particles move independently according to the same law. For these particles, we use the same notations  $\{w_i(t)\}$ . Next the random times  $\sigma_{m_2}^{(2)}, \tau_{i_2,j_2,k_2}^{(2)}$  are defined as above by using  $\{\sigma_m^{(2)}\}, \{\tau_{i,j,k}^{(2)}\}$ . Then according to  $\sigma_{m_2}^{(2)} > \tau_{i_2,j_2,k_2}^{(2)}$  or  $\sigma_{m_2}^{(2)} < \tau_{i_2,j_2,k_2}^{(2)}$  particles moves similarly to above. These operations are continued.

This particle system  $(X_t, \mathbf{Q}_{r,\mu^{(n)}})$  is called the *space-time dependent Moran particle system starting from  $\mu^{(n)}$  at  $t = r$  associated with the motion process  $(w(t), P_{r,x})$ , sampling rate function  $c(t; x)$ .*

We denote the generator of independent particle system  $\{w_k(t)\}$  by  $\mathcal{G}^0$ , which is defined as

$$\mathcal{G}^0 e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\eta) = -\langle \eta, e^f A(1 - e^{-f}) \rangle e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle}.$$

Let  $\mu^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$ . The generator  $\mathcal{G}_t$  of  $(X_t, \mathbf{Q}_{r, \mu^{(n)}})$  is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_t e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\mu^{(n)}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \mathcal{G}^0 e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\mu^{(n)}) + \sum_m c_t^g(x_m) \left( e^{-|f(x_k) - f(x_m)|} - 1 \right) e^{-\langle \mu^{(n)}, f \rangle} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i \neq j} c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k) \left( e^{-|f(x_j) - f(x_i)|} - 1 \right) e^{-\langle \mu^{(n)}, f \rangle} \right] \\ &= \left\{ -\langle \eta, e^f A(1 - e^{-f}) \rangle + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \sum_m c_t^g(x_m) \left( e^{-|f(x_k) - f(x_m)|} - 1 \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{i \neq j} c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k) \left( e^{-|f(x_j) - f(x_i)|} - 1 \right) \right] \right\} e^{-\langle \mu^{(n)}, f \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

Set the domain of  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_t)$  by

$$\mathcal{D}_0(\mathcal{G}) := \text{lin span} \left\{ e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}; f = -\log(1 - h), 0 \leq h < 1, h \in D(A) \right\}.$$

Then it is easy to see that  $(X_t, \mathbf{Q}_{r, \mu^{(n)}})$  is a Markov process with sample paths in  $\mathbf{D}([r, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_F(S))$  and the unique solution to the martingale problem for  $(\mathcal{G}_t, \mathcal{D}_0(\mathcal{G}))$  on  $\mathbf{D}([r, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_F(S))$ .

Now we consider the scaled Moran particle system  $(Y_{n,t}, \mathbf{P}_{r, \mu_n}^{(n)})$ , where  $Y_{n,t} = X_t/n$  with  $\mu_n = \mu^{(n)}/n$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{r, \mu_n}^{(n)}$  is its probability law. We also denote the generator by  $\mathcal{L}_{n,t}^g$ . We shall show that if  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  in  $\mathcal{M}_1$ , then the scaling limit  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{r, \mu}^{FV})$  exists as a space-time inhomogeneous Fleming-Viot process associated with  $(A, 1, c^g) = (A, g, c)$  and has the following generator  $\mathcal{L}_t^g$ ; for  $r \leq t < \tau_g$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_t^g e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\eta) &= -\langle \eta, Af \rangle e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{g(t)} [\langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle - \langle \eta, cf \rangle] e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2g(t)} [\langle \eta, cf^2 \rangle + \langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle^2 - 2\langle \eta, cf \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle] e^{-\langle \eta, f \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $f \in D(A)$ ,

$$\langle Y_{n,t}, f \rangle - \langle Y_{n,r}, f \rangle - \int_r^t \langle Y_{n,s}, Af \rangle ds$$

is a  $\mathbf{P}_{r, \mu_n}^{(n)}$ -martingale and

$$\sup_n \mathbf{P}_{r, \mu_n}^{(n)} \left[ \text{ess sup}_{r \leq t \leq T} |\langle Y_{n,t}, Af \rangle| \right] \leq \|Af\|.$$

Hence by Th. 9.4 in Chap. 3 (p 145) of [3]  $\{\langle Y_{n,t}, f \rangle\}$  is relatively compact, i.e., tight in  $\mathbf{D}([r, T], \mathbf{R})$  (because  $\mathbf{D}([r, T], \mathbf{R})$  is Polish). Moreover since  $S$  is compact and  $D(A)$  is dense in  $C(S)$  and closed under addition, by Th. 3.7.1 in [1]  $\{Y_{n,t}\}$  is tight, i.e., relatively compact in  $\mathbf{D}([r, T], \mathcal{M}_1)$ . Therefore there exist a subsequence  $\{(Y_{n_k, t}, \mathbf{P}_{r, \mu_{n_k}}^{(n)})\}$  and a limit point  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{r, \mu})$  such that  $\{Y_{n_k, t}\}$  converges weakly to  $\{Y_t\}$  in  $\mathbf{D}([r, T], \mathcal{M}_1)$ .

For each integer  $n$ , let  $\mathcal{M}_1^{(n)} = \mathcal{M}_1^{(n)}(S)$  be a family of counting measures on  $S$  of the form  $\eta_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_{x_k}/n$ . Moreover let  $f_n = -n \log(1 - f/n)$  for  $f \in D(A)$  such that



$\|f\| < 1$  and  $\inf f > 0$ . It is possible to show that for each  $r < T < \tau_g$ ,

$$(3.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{r \leq t \leq T} \sup_{\eta \in \mathcal{M}_1^{(n)}} |\mathcal{L}_{n,t}^g e^{-\langle \cdot, f_n \rangle}(\eta) - \mathcal{L}_t^g e^{-\langle \cdot, f \rangle}(\eta)| = 0$$

(we shall show this at the end). Hence it is easy to see that the limit point  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{r,\mu})$  is a solution to the martingale problem for  $(\mathcal{L}_t^g, \mathcal{D}_0(\mathcal{L}))$  in  $\mathbf{D}([r, T], \mathcal{M}_1)$ . We need to show the continuity and the semi-martingale representation of  $\{Y_t\}$ . However this can be shown by the same way as in the proof of Th. 6.1.3 of [1].

Next in case of  $A = 0$  the uniqueness can be shown by the same way as in [9]. In fact, for  $r \leq t \leq T$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{M}_1$  let

$$a_t(\eta, f) = g(t)^{-1} [\langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle - \langle \eta, cf \rangle]$$

and

$$b_t(\eta, f) = g(t)^{-1} [\langle \eta, cf^2 \rangle + \langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle^2 - 2\langle \eta, cf \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle].$$

We consider the following stochastic differential equation: for  $r \leq t \leq T$ ,

$$(3.3) \quad d\langle Y_t, f \rangle = a_t(Y_t, f)dt + \sqrt{b_t(Y_t, f)}dB_t, \quad Y_r = \mu,$$

where  $(B_t)$  is a one-dimensional standard Brownian motion. To show the (law) uniqueness of  $(Y_t)$  it is enough to show the pathwise uniqueness of the solution to the above equation in  $\mathbf{C}_{r,T}$  (see [7]). However the pathwise uniqueness can be easily checked. Let  $(Y_t), (\tilde{Y}_t)$  be solutions for the equation (3.3) defined on the same probability space (we denote the probability measure as  $\mathbf{P}_\mu$ ). By using the following inequality (let  $g_* = \inf_{r \leq t \leq T} g(t)$ )

$$|a_t(\eta, f) - a_t(\tilde{\eta}, f)| \leq Ng_*^{-1}(\|c\| \vee \|f\|) (|\langle \eta - \tilde{\eta}, c \rangle| + |\langle \eta - \tilde{\eta}, f \rangle|),$$

$$|b_t(\eta, f) - b_t(\tilde{\eta}, f)| \leq Ng_*^{-1}(\|cf\| \vee \|f\|^2) (|\langle \eta - \tilde{\eta}, c \rangle| + |\langle \eta - \tilde{\eta}, f \rangle|),$$

where  $N$  is an appropriate number, and we have

$$\mathbf{E}_\mu [|\langle Y_t - \tilde{Y}_t, f \rangle|] \leq C \int_r^t \mathbf{E}_\mu [|\langle Y_s - \tilde{Y}_s, c \rangle| + |\langle Y_s - \tilde{Y}_s, f \rangle|] ds,$$

where  $C > 0$  is a constant depending only on  $(g_*, \|c\|, \|f\|)$ . Thus we get the pathwise uniqueness of  $\{\langle Y_t, c \rangle\}$  and of  $\{\langle Y_t, f \rangle\}$  ( $f \in C(S)$ ). Hence the law of uniqueness holds.

Therefore if  $A = 0$ , then the limit process  $(Y_t, \mathbf{P}_{r,\mu}^{FV})_{r \leq t \leq T}$  uniquely exists in  $\mathbf{C}_{r,T}$ .

Finally we show (3.2). Note that for  $\eta_n = \sum_j \delta_{x_j}/n \in \mathcal{M}_1^{(n)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{n,t}^g e^{-\langle \cdot, f_n \rangle}(\eta_n) &= \mathcal{G}_t e^{-\langle \cdot, f_n/n \rangle}(n\eta_n) \\ &= -\langle \eta_n, \frac{Af}{1-f/n} \rangle e^{-\langle \eta_n, f_n \rangle} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k,m=1}^n c_t^g(x_m) \left( e^{(f_n(x_m) - f_n(x_k))/n} - 1 \right) e^{-\langle \eta_n, f_n \rangle} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i \neq j} c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k) \left( e^{(f_n(x_i) - f_n(x_j))/n} - 1 \right) e^{-\langle \eta_n, f_n \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k,m} c(x_m)(f(x_m) - f(x_k)) = -(\langle \eta_n, c \rangle \langle \eta_n, f \rangle - \langle \eta_n, cf \rangle)$$

and that by symmetry of  $c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k)$  in  $(i, j)$

$$\sum_{i \neq j} c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k) [f(x_i) - f(x_j)] = 0.$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2 \\ &= 2 \left( \langle \eta_n, f^2 \rangle - \langle \eta_n, f \rangle^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i \neq j} c(x_i) (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} c(x_i) (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2 \\ &= \langle \eta_n, cf^2 \rangle + \langle \eta_n, c \rangle \langle \eta_n, f^2 \rangle - 2 \langle \eta_n, cf \rangle \langle \eta_n, f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by  $c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k) = [c_t^g(x_i) + c_t^g(x_j) - c_t^g(x_k)]/2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i \neq j} c_t^g(x_i, x_j, x_k) \frac{(f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2}{2n^2} \\ = \frac{1}{2g(t)} \left[ \langle \eta_n, cf^2 \rangle + \langle \eta_n, c \rangle \langle \eta_n, f^2 \rangle - 2 \langle \eta_n, cf \rangle \langle \eta_n, f \rangle \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by using Taylor's expansion the equation (3.2) can be easily checked.  $\square$

*Remark 3.* If  $A = 0$  and the starting measure  $Y_r = \mu$  is pure atomic, i.e.,  $\mu = \sum m_i^0 \delta_{x_i^0}$ , then clearly the process  $Y_t$  is also pure atomic and the corresponding generator is given as

$$\begin{aligned} G\phi(\mathbf{m}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \left[ m_i c(x_i^0) \delta_{ij} + m_i m_j \left\{ \sum_k m_k c(x_k^0) - c(x_i^0) - c(x_j^0) \right\} \right] \partial_{ij}^2 \phi(\mathbf{m}) \\ &\quad + \sum_i b_i(\mathbf{m}) \partial_i \phi(\mathbf{m}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $b_i(\mathbf{m}) = \left( \sum_j c(x_j^0) m_j - c(x_i^0) \right) m_i$ . However in this case our result is contained to Shiga's result [9] in 1987. He showed the result under more general conditions on  $c(x)$  and  $b_i(\mathbf{m})$  such that let  $\beta_i = c(x_i^0)$ ,  $\beta_i \geq 0$ ;  $\sup_i \beta_i < \infty$  and for some matrix  $(q_{ij})$ ;  $q_{ij} \geq 0$ ,  $\sup_j \sum_i q_{ij} < \infty$ ,  $|b_i(\mathbf{m}) - b_i(\mathbf{m}')| \leq \sum_j q_{ij} |m_j - m'_j|$ .

By using the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 3 we can see the following results:

**Theorem 4.** *In Theorem 3, if the quadratic martingale part is changed to the following*

$$\langle\langle M(f) \rangle\rangle_{r,t} = \int_r^t g(s)^{-1} \left[ \langle Y_s, cf^2 \rangle + \langle Y_s, c \rangle \langle Y_s, f^2 \rangle - 2 \langle Y_s, cf \rangle \langle Y_s, f \rangle \right] ds,$$

then the same claim holds for all bounded functions  $c \in C(S)$ ;  $c(x) \geq 0$  without Condition 3.1. Moreover it is possible to construct the processes without the drift term  $g(t)^{-1} [\langle \eta, c \rangle \langle \eta, f \rangle - \langle \eta, cf \rangle]$ .

*Proof.* We have to consider the approximating particle systems  $\{X_t\}$ . However it is enough to change  $c_t^g(x, y, z)$  to  $c_t^g(x, y) = c^g(t; x, y) := [c^g(t, x) + c^g(t, y)]/2$ , thus  $c_{i,j,k}^g(t)$  to  $c_{i,j}^g(t) := c_t^g(t; w_i(t), w_j(t))$ . Moreover for the processes without drift term, it enough to delete the terms corresponding to  $c_m^g(s)$  and  $c_t^g(x_m)$ .  $\square$

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