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## Abstract

In this note the Chernoff Theorem is used to approximate evolution semigroups constructed by the procedure of subordination. The considered semigroups are subordinate to some original, unknown explicitly but already approximated by the same method, counterparts with respect to subordinators either with known transitional probabilities, or with known and bounded Lévy measure. These results are applied to obtain approximations of semigroups corresponding to subordination of Feller processes, and (Feller type) diffusions in Euclidean spaces, star graphs and Riemannian manifolds. The obtained approximations are based on explicitly given operators and hence can be used for direct calculations and computer modelling. In several cases the obtained approximations are given as iterated integrals of elementary functions and lead to representations of the considered semigroups by Feynman formulae.

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# 1 Introduction

The problem to construct a semigroup  $(e^{tL})_{t \geq 0}$  with a given generator  $L$  (on a given Banach space) is very important for many applications. In one hand, the semigroup  $e^{tL}$  allows to solve an initial (or initial-boundary) value problem for the corresponding evolution equation  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = Lf$ . On the other hand, the semigroup  $e^{tL}$  defines the transition probability of the underlying stochastic process. One of the ways to construct strongly continuous semigroups is given by the procedure of subordination. From two ingredients: an original strongly continuous contraction semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and a convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  supported by  $[0, \infty)$  (see all definitions in Sec. 2) this procedure produces the strongly continuous contraction semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  with  $T_t^f := \int_0^\infty T_s \eta_t(ds)$ . If the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  corresponds to a stochastic process  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , then subordination is a random time-change of  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  by an independent increasing Lévy process (subordinator) related to  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . If  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  both are known explicitly, so is  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$ . But if, e.g.,  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is not known, neither  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  itself, nor even the generator of  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  are known explicitly any more.

Sure, if a desired semigroup is unknown, it must be approximated. One of the methods to approximate evolution semigroups is based on the Chernoff Theorem. This theorem provides conditions for a family (just a family, not a semigroup!) of bounded linear operators  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  to approximate a semigroup  $(e^{tL})_{t \geq 0}$  with a given generator  $L$  via the formula  $e^{tL} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(t/n)]^n$ .

This formula is called *Chernoff approximation of the semigroup  $e^{tL}$  by the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$*  and this family is called *Chernoff equivalent* to the semigroup  $e^{tL}$ . The most important condition of the Chernoff Theorem is the coincidence of the derivative of  $F(t)$  at  $t = 0$  with the generator  $L$ .

Chernoff approximation has the following advantage: if the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is given explicitly, the expressions  $[F(t/n)]^n$  can be directly used for calculations and hence for approximation of solutions of corresponding evolution equations, for computer modelling of considered dynamics, for approximation of transition probabilities of underlying stochastic processes and hence for simulation of these processes. Moreover, if all operators  $F(t)$  are integral operators with elementary kernels, the identity  $e^{tL} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(t/n)]^n$  leads to representation of the semigroup  $e^{tL}$  by limits of  $n$ -fold iterated integrals of elementary functions when  $n$  tends to infinity. Such representations are called *Feynman formulae*. The limits in Feynman formulae usually coincide with functional (or path) integrals with respect to probability measures (Feynman-Kac formulae) or with respect to Feynman pseudomeasures (Feynman path integrals). Feynman-Kac formulae allow to investigate the consid-

ered evolution, e.g., by the method of Monte Carlo, Feynman path integrals are an important tool in quantum physics. Therefore, representations of evolution semigroups by Feynman formulae provide additional advantages and, in particular, allow to establish new Feynman-Kac formulae, to investigate relations between different functional integrals, to develop the mathematical apparatus of Feynman path integrals and to calculate functional integrals numerically.

One further advantage of Chernoff approximation is the fact that this method is applicable for a broad class of evolution semigroups corresponding to different types of dynamics on different geometrical structures (see, e.g. [2], [5], [6], [18], [20], [21], [22] and references therein). This method, however, has never before been applied to approximation of subordinate semigroups. And the reason is already mentioned above: if the original semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is not known explicitly then the generator of the subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  is not known explicitly too. This impedes the construction of a family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  with a prescribed (but unknown explicitly) derivative at  $t = 0$ . This difficulty is overwhelmed in the present note by construction of families  $(\mathcal{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  and  $(\mathcal{F}_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$  (they are defined in Sec. 3) which incorporate approximations of the generator of  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  itself.

In this note the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  subordinate to a given semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given subordinator is considered. It is assumed that the subordinator is known explicitly, i.e. either its transition probability is known, or its Lévy measure is known and bounded. Chernoff approximations of the subordinate semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  are constructed in the case, when the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is not known explicitly but is already (Chernoff) approximated by a given family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . These general results are applied further to obtain approximations of semigroups corresponding to subordination of Feller processes, and (Feller type) diffusions in Euclidean spaces, star graphs and Riemannian manifolds. Some of the obtained Chernoff approximations turn out to be Feynman formulae.

## 2 Notations and Preliminaries

### 2.1 Subordination of semigroups

We follow the exposition of the book [15] in this subsection. Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a Banach space,  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  be the space of all continuous linear operators on  $X$  equipped with the topology of strong operator convergence,  $\|\cdot\|$  denote the operator norm on  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $\text{Id}$  be the identity operator in  $X$ . The symbol  $\text{Dom}(L)$  denotes the domain of a linear operator  $L$  in  $X$ , i.e.  $L : \text{Dom}(L) \rightarrow$

$X$ . A one-parameter family  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  of bounded linear operators  $T_t : X \rightarrow X$  is called a *strongly continuous semigroup*, if  $T_0 = \text{Id}$ ,  $T_{s+t} = T_s \circ T_t$  for all  $s, t \geq 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|T_t \varphi - \varphi\|_X = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in X$ . The semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is called a *contraction semigroup* if  $\|T_t\| \leq 1$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . A family of bounded Borel measures  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is called *convolution semigroup* on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  if  $\eta_t(\mathbb{R}^d) \leq 1$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\eta_s * \eta_t = \eta_{s+t}$  for all  $s, t \geq 0$ ,  $\eta_0 = \delta_0$  and  $\eta_t \rightarrow \delta_0$  weakly (cf. Def. 3.6.1, Theo 2.3.7 and Lem. 3.6.2 of [15]) as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\delta_0$  is the Dirac delta-measure concentrated at zero, and  $\eta_s * \eta_t$  is the convolution of two measures. Each convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  defines a strongly continuous contraction semigroup  $(S_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  on the Banach space  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  of continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  functions vanishing at infinity equipped with the supremum-norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  by the rule

$$S_t^\eta \varphi(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x+y) \eta_t(dy), \quad \forall \varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, \|\cdot\|_\infty). \quad (1)$$

Let  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a convolution semigroup of measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . It is said to be supported by  $[0, \infty)$  if  $\text{supp } \eta_t \subset [0, \infty)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Each convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  supported by  $[0, \infty)$  corresponds to a *Bernstein function*  $f$  via the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}: \mathcal{L}[\eta_t](x) = e^{-tf(x)}$  for all  $x > 0$  and  $t > 0$ . Each Bernstein function  $f$  is uniquely defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ , where constants  $\sigma, \lambda \geq 0$  and  $\mu$  is a Radon measure on  $(0, \infty)$  with  $\int_{0+}^\infty \frac{s}{1+s} \mu(ds) < \infty$ , through the representation

$$f(z) = \sigma + \lambda z + \int_{0+}^\infty (1 - e^{-sz}) \mu(ds), \quad \forall z : \text{Re } z \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

Note that  $\eta_t(\mathbb{R}) = 1, \forall t \geq 0$ , if and only if  $\sigma = 0$  (i.e., there is no "killing", cf. [3]).

Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous contraction semigroup on a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  and  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a convolution semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}$  supported by  $[0, \infty)$  with the associated Bernstein function  $f$ . The family of operators  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  defined on  $X$  by the Bochner integral

$$T_t^f \varphi := \int_0^\infty T_s \varphi \eta_t(ds) \quad (3)$$

is again a strongly continuous contraction semigroup on  $X$ . The semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  is called *subordinate* (in the sense of Bochner) to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$ .



Each convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  corresponds to a Lévy process  $(\xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$  via  $\varphi * \eta_t(x) = \mathbb{E}[\varphi(x - \xi_t)]$ . If a convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is supported by  $[0, \infty)$  then the corresponding Lévy process  $(\xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$  has non-decreasing paths almost surely and is called *subordinator*. Such processes can be used for a time-change of another processes. Namely, if  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a (decent) Markov process then the *subordinate process*  $(X_{\xi_t})_{t \geq 0}$  ( $X_{\xi_t}(\omega) := X_{\xi_t(\omega)}(\omega)$ ) is again a (decent) Markov process. E.g., if  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a Feller process then  $(X_{\xi_t})_{t \geq 0}$  is again a Feller process (see Definition in Sect 4.1). If  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is the strongly continuous contraction semigroup corresponding to  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , i.e.  $T_t \varphi(x) = \mathbb{E}[\varphi(x + X_t)]$ , and  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is the convolution semigroup of the subordinator  $(\xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$  then the defined in (3) subordinated semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  corresponds to the subordinate process  $(X_{\xi_t})_{t \geq 0}$ . Many interesting processes (see §4.4 of [11]) are obtained from the Brownian motion via subordination.

Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous semigroup on a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ . Its generator  $L$  is defined by

$$L\varphi := \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{T_t \varphi - \varphi}{t} \quad \text{with the domain}$$

$$\text{Dom}(L) := \left\{ \varphi \in X \mid \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{T_t \varphi - \varphi}{t} \text{ exists in } X \right\}.$$

Consider, in particular, the given by (1) operator semigroup  $(S_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R})$  corresponding to a supported by  $[0, \infty)$  convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Assume that the corresponding Bernstein function is given by a triplet  $(0, 0, \mu)$ . Then the generator  $(L^\eta, \text{Dom}(L^\eta))$  of  $(S_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  has the following properties:  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \subset \text{Dom}(L^\eta)$  and for all  $\varphi \in \text{Dom}(L^\eta)$

$$L^\eta \varphi(x) = \int_{0+}^{\infty} (\varphi(x+s) - \varphi(x)) \mu(ds). \quad (4)$$

Let now  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous contraction semigroup with the generator  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$  and  $f$  be a Bernstein function given by the representation (2) with associated convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  supported by  $[0, \infty)$ . Then  $\text{Dom}(L)$  is a core for the generator  $L^f$  of the subordinate semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and for  $\varphi \in \text{Dom}(L)$  the operator  $L^f$  has the representation

$$L^f \varphi = -\sigma \varphi + \lambda L \varphi + \int_{0+}^{\infty} (T_s \varphi - \varphi) \mu(ds). \quad (5)$$

Note that if a linear subspace  $D \subset X$  is a core for  $L$ , then  $D$  is also a core for  $L^f$  (see [19], Prop. 32.5, p. 215).

For each convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  the corresponding operator semigroup  $(S_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  extends to a contraction semigroup  $(\bar{S}_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  of all bounded Borel functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . This semigroup belongs to the class of *strong Feller* semigroups<sup>1</sup> if and only if all the measures  $\eta_t$  admit densities of class  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with respect to the Lebesgue measure (cf. Example 4.8.21 of [15]). One may consider a strong Feller semigroup  $(\bar{S}_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  as a semigroup on the space  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  of all bounded continuous functions and define its  $C_b$ -generator  $(\bar{L}^\eta, \text{Dom}(\bar{L}^\eta))$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  by

$$\bar{L}^\eta \varphi(x) := \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{\bar{S}_t^\eta \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)}{t} \quad \text{with the domain} \quad \text{Dom}(\bar{L}^\eta) = \left\{ \varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^d) : \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{\bar{S}_t^\eta \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)}{t} \text{ exists uniformly on compact subsets of } \mathbb{R}^d \right\}.$$

The operator  $(\bar{L}^\eta, \text{Dom}(\bar{L}^\eta))$  in the space  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is an extension of the generator  $(L^\eta, \text{Dom}(L^\eta))$  of the semigroup  $(S_t^\eta)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and in particular  $C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset \text{Dom}(\bar{L}^\eta)$  (cf. Example 4.8.26 of [15]).

## 2.2 The Chernoff Theorem and Feynman formulae

Consider an evolution equation  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = Lf$ . If  $L$  is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ , then the (mild) solution of the Cauchy problem for this equation with the initial value  $f(0) = f_0 \in X$  is given by  $f(t) = T_t f_0$  for all  $f_0 \in X$ . Therefore, to solve the evolution equation  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = Lf$  means to construct a semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with the given generator  $L$ . If the desired semigroup is not known explicitly it can be approximated. One of the tools to approximate semigroups is based on the Chernoff theorem [10].

**Theorem 2.1** (Chernoff). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$  be a (strongly) continuous mapping such that  $F(0) = \text{Id}$  and  $\|F(t)\| \leq e^{at}$  for some  $a \in [0, \infty)$  and all  $t \geq 0$ . Let  $D$  be a linear subspace of  $\text{Dom}(F'(0))$  such that the restriction of the operator  $F'(0)$  to this subspace is closable. Let  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$  be this closure. If  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$  is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , then for any  $t_0 > 0$  and any  $\varphi \in X$  the sequence  $(F(t/n))^n \varphi)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $T_t \varphi$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly with respect to  $t \in [0, t_0]$ , i.e.*

$$T_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(t/n)]^n \tag{6}$$

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<sup>1</sup>A semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is called *strong Feller* if it is a positivity preserving sub-Markovian semigroup on  $B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  (i.e.  $0 \leq T_t \varphi \leq 1$  for all  $\varphi \in B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $0 \leq \varphi \leq 1$ ), all operators  $T_t$  map  $B_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  into the space of continuous bounded functions  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup on  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  (cf. [3], [15]).

in the sense of the strong operator convergence locally uniformly with respect to  $t > 0$ .

Here the derivative at the origin of a function  $F : [0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , is a linear mapping  $F'(0) : \text{Dom}(F'(0)) \rightarrow X$  such that

$$F'(0)\varphi := \lim_{t \searrow 0} \frac{F(t)\varphi - F(0)\varphi}{t},$$

where  $\text{Dom}(F'(0))$  is the vector space of all elements  $\varphi \in X$  for which the above limit exists. A family of operators  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  suitable for the formula (6), i.e. satisfying all the assertions of the Chernoff theorem with respect to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , is called *Chernoff equivalent* to this semigroup. The equality (6) is called *Chernoff approximation of the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  by the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$* . In many cases the operators  $F(t)$  are integral operators and, hence, we have a limit of iterated integrals on the right hand side of the equality (6). In this setting it is called *Feynman formula*.

**Definition 2.2.** A Feynman formula is a representation of a solution of an initial (or initial-boundary) value problem for an evolution equation (or, equivalently, a representation of the semigroup solving the problem) by a limit of  $n$ -fold iterated integrals of some functions as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Richard Feynman was the first who considered representations of solutions of evolution equations by limits of iterated integrals ([13], [14]). He has, namely, introduced a functional (path) integral for solving Schrödinger equation. And this integral was defined exactly as a limit of iterated finite dimensional integrals. Representations of the solution of an initial (or initial-boundary) value problem for an evolution equation (or, equivalently, a representation of the semigroup resolving the problem) by functional (path) integrals are called nowadays *Feynman-Kac formulae*. It is a usual situation that limits in Feynman formulae coincide with (or in some cases define) certain functional integrals with respect to probability measures or Feynman type pseudomeasures on a set of paths of a physical system. Hence, the iterated integrals in Feynman formulae for some problem give approximations to functional integrals in the Feynman-Kac formulae representing the solution of the same problem. These approximations in many cases contain only elementary functions as integrands and, therefore, can be used for direct calculations and simulations.

In the sequel we need also the following results of papers [6] and [9]:

**Theorem 2.3** (Theo. 5.1 of [9]). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with a norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$ . Let  $(T_k(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , be strongly continuous semigroups on  $X$*

with generators  $(L_k, \text{Dom}(L_k))$  respectively. Assume that  $L = L_1 + \dots + L_m$  with domain  $\text{Dom}(L) = \bigcap_{k=1}^m \text{Dom}(L_k)$  is closable and that the closure is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  on  $X$ . Let  $(F_k(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , be families of operators in  $X$  which are Chernoff equivalent to the semigroups  $(T_k(t))_{t \geq 0}$  respectively, i.e. for each  $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  we have  $F_k(0) = \text{Id}$ ,  $\|F_k(t)\| \leq e^{a_k t}$  for some  $a_k > 0$  and there is a set  $D_k \subset \text{Dom}(L_k)$ , which is a core for  $L_k$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F_k(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L_k\varphi \right\|_X = 0$  for each  $\varphi \in D_k$ . Assume that there exists a set  $D \subset \bigcap_{k=1}^m D_k$  which is a core for  $L$ . Then the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , where  $F(t) = F_1(t) \circ \dots \circ F_m(t)$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  and hence the Chernoff approximation

$$T_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(t/n)]^n$$

is valid in the sense of the strong operator convergence locally uniformly w.r.t.  $t \geq 0$ .

**Theorem 2.4** (Theo. 4 of [6]). Let  $Q$  be a metric space. Let  $X = C_b(Q)$  or  $X = C_\infty(Q)$  with supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . Let  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous semigroup on  $X$  with generator  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$ . Let  $A(\cdot)$  be a bounded strictly positive continuous function on  $Q$ . Let  $(\tilde{T}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous semigroup on  $X$  with generator  $(\tilde{L}, \text{Dom}(L))$ , where  $\tilde{L}\varphi(q) := A(q)L\varphi(q)$  for all  $\varphi \in X$  and all  $q \in Q$ . Let  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a family of operators in  $X$  which is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . Then the family  $(\tilde{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , where  $\tilde{F}\varphi(q) := (F(A(q)t)\varphi)(q)$  for all  $\varphi \in X$  and all  $q \in Q$ , is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(\tilde{T}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  and hence the Chernoff approximation

$$\tilde{T}_t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\tilde{F}(t/n)]^n$$

is valid in the sense of the strong operator convergence locally uniformly w.r.t.  $t \geq 0$ .

### 3 Approximation of subordinate semigroups

#### 3.1 Case 1: transitional probabilities of subordinators are known

In this subsection we consider the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  subordinate to a given semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to a Bernstein function  $f$  defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ . We assume that the corresponding convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to the Bernstein

function  $f_0$  defined by the triplet  $(0, 0, \mu)$  is known explicitly and corresponds to a strong Feller semigroup  $(\bar{S}_t^{\eta_0^0})_{t \geq 0}$ . This is the case of inverse Gaussian (including 1/2-stable) subordinator, Gamma subordinator and some others (see, e.g., [4] for examples). We are interested in approximation of the subordinate semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  when the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is not known explicitly but is approximated by a given family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  which is Chernoff equivalent to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous contraction semigroup on a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  with the generator  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$ . Let  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a family of contractions on  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  which is Chernoff equivalent to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , i.e.  $F(0) = \text{Id}$ ,  $\|F(t)\| \leq 1$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and there is a set  $D \subset \text{Dom}(L)$ , which is a core for  $L$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L\varphi \right\|_X = 0$  for each  $\varphi \in D$ . Let  $f$  be a Bernstein function given by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$  through the representation (2) with associated convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  supported by  $[0, \infty)$ . Let  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  be the (supported by  $[0, \infty)$ ) convolution semigroup associated to the Bernstein function  $f_0$  defined by the triplet  $(0, 0, \mu)$ . Assume that the corresponding operator semigroup  $(\bar{S}_t^{\eta_0^0})_{t \geq 0}$  is strong Feller. Let  $m : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  be a monotone function with  $m(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^2$ . Let  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  be the semigroup subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and  $L^f$  be its generator. Consider a family  $(\mathcal{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of operators on  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  defined by  $\mathcal{F}(0) = \text{Id}$  and*

$$\mathcal{F}(t)\varphi = e^{-\sigma t} \circ F(\lambda t) \circ \mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi, \quad t > 0, \varphi \in X, \quad (7)$$

with  $\mathcal{F}_0(0) = \text{Id}$  and<sup>3</sup>

$$\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi = \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi \eta_t^0(ds), \quad t > 0, \varphi \in X. \quad (8)$$

The family  $(\mathcal{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and, hence

$$T_t^f \varphi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{F}(t/n)]^n \varphi$$

for all  $\varphi \in X$  locally uniformly with respect to  $t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let us prove that the family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^{f_0})_{t \geq 0}$  subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ . The gen-

<sup>2</sup>One can take, e.g.,  $m(t) := [1/t]$  = the largest integer  $n \leq 1/t$ .

<sup>3</sup>For any bounded operator  $B$  its zero degree  $B^0$  is considered to be the identity operator.

erator  $L^{f_0}$  of this semigroup for each  $\varphi \in \text{Dom}(L)$  is given by

$$L^{f_0}\varphi = \int_{0+}^{\infty} (T_s\varphi - \varphi)\mu(ds) \quad (9)$$

and  $D \subset \text{Dom}(L)$  is a core for  $L^{f_0}$ . The statement of the Theorem then follows immediately from Theorem 2.3 since  $F(\lambda t)$  is Chernoff equivalent to  $T_{\lambda t} \equiv e^{(t\lambda)L} \equiv e^{t(\lambda L)}$  for each  $\lambda > 0$ . The proof, that the family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^{f_0})_{t \geq 0}$ , is the subject of the following five Lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Operators  $\mathcal{F}_0(t)$  are contractions on  $X$  for all  $t > 0$ .*

*Proof.* Taking into account that all operators  $F(t)$  are contractions on  $X$  and that  $\eta_t^0(\mathbb{R}) = 1$  one has for each  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{F}(t)\varphi\|_X &= \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi \eta_t^0(ds) \right\|_X \leq \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi \right\|_X \eta_t^0(ds) \\ &\leq \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left\| [F(s/m(t))] \right\|^{m(t)} \|\varphi\|_X \eta_t^0(ds) \leq \|\varphi\|_X. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.3.** *The family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly continuous.*

*Proof.* Let us check first that the family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly continuous at zero. For each  $\varphi \in X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi - \varphi\|_X &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi \eta_t^0(ds) - \varphi \right\|_X \\ &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi \eta_t^0(ds) - T_t^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| T_t^{f_0}\varphi - \varphi \right\|_X \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left( [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - T_s\varphi \right) \eta_t^0(ds) \right\|_X \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - T_s \varphi \right\|_X \eta_t^0(ds) \\
&\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{0+}^1 \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - T_s \varphi \right\|_X \eta_t^0(ds) + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 2\|\varphi\|_X \int_1^{\infty} \eta_t^0(ds) \\
&\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in [0,1]} \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - T_s \varphi \right\|_X \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

since the convergence of  $\left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - T_s \varphi \right\|_X$  to zero as  $t \rightarrow 0$  is uniform w.r.t.  $s$  on compact intervals due to the Chernoff Theorem and since  $\eta_t^0$  weakly converges to the Dirac delta-measure  $\delta_0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

Let us now check the strong continuity of the family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  at a point  $t_0 > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \|\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi - \mathcal{F}_0(t_0)\varphi\|_X \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi \eta_t^0(ds) - \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) \right\|_X \\
&\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi [\eta_t^0 - \eta_{t_0}^0](ds) \right\|_X + \\
&\quad + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X \eta_{t_0}^0(ds)
\end{aligned}$$

Choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $[t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0 + \varepsilon] \subset (0, \infty)$  and consider  $t \in [t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0 + \varepsilon]$ . Let  $M$  be the maximum of  $m(t)$  on the segment  $[t_0 - \varepsilon, t_0 + \varepsilon]$ , hence  $M < \infty$ . Let further  $t > t_0$ , i.e.  $m(t) \leq m(t_0)$ . The opposite situation can be considered similarly. Denote  $F := F(s/m(t))$ ,  $F_0 := F(s/m(t_0))$ ,  $m := m(t)$

and  $m_0 := m(t_0)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X = \|F^m \varphi - F_0^{m_0} \varphi\|_X \\
& \leq \|F^m \varphi - F_0^m \varphi\|_X + \|F_0^m \varphi - F_0^{m_0} \varphi\|_X \\
& \leq \|F^{m-1} \circ F \varphi - F^{m-1} \circ F_0 \varphi\|_X + \|F^{m-1} \circ F_0 \varphi - F_0^{m-1} \circ F_0 \varphi\|_X + \|F_0^m \varphi - F_0^{m_0} \varphi\|_X \\
& \leq \|F \varphi - F_0 \varphi\|_X + \|F^{m-1}(F_0 \varphi) - F_0^{m-1}(F_0 \varphi)\|_X + \|F_0^{m_0-m} \varphi - \varphi\|_X \leq \dots \\
& \leq \sum_{k=0}^m \|F(F_0^{k-1} \varphi) - F_0(F_0^{k-1} \varphi)\|_X + \|F_0^{m_0-m} \varphi - \varphi\|_X \\
& \leq \sum_{k=0}^M \|F(F_0^{k-1} \varphi) - F_0(F_0^{k-1} \varphi)\|_X + \|F_0^{m_0-m} \varphi - \varphi\|_X
\end{aligned}$$

For any  $\delta > 0$  choose  $R = R(\delta)$  so that  $\int_R^\infty \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) < \delta$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \int_{0+}^\infty \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) \\
& \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \int_{0+}^R \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) \\
& \quad + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \int_R^\infty \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) \\
& \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \sup_{s \in [0, R]} \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X + 2\|\varphi\|_X \int_R^\infty \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) \\
& \leq \sum_{k=0}^M \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \sup_{s \in [0, R]} \left\| F(s/m(t)) [F(s/m(t_0))]^{k-1} \varphi - F(s/m(t_0)) [F(s/m(t_0))]^{k-1} \varphi \right\|_X \\
& \quad + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \sup_{s \in [0, R]} \left\| [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)-m(t)} \varphi - \varphi \right\|_X + 2\|\varphi\|_X \delta \\
& \leq 2\|\varphi\|_X \delta
\end{aligned}$$

since the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly continuous. The above inequalities hold for any  $\delta > 0$ , hence one has

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \int_{0+}^\infty \left\| [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi - [F(s/m(t_0))]^{m(t_0)} \varphi \right\|_X \eta_{t_0}^0(ds) = 0.$$



Due to the weak convergence of  $\eta_t^0$  to  $\eta_{t_0}^0$  and due to continuity and boundness of the integrand as a function of  $(s, t)$  one has also

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \left\| \int_{0+}^{\infty} [F(s/m(t))]^{m(t)} \varphi [\eta_t^0 - \eta_{t_0}^0](ds) \right\|_X = 0.$$

This ends the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** For a fixed  $\varphi \in D$  define the function  $\Psi_t : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\Psi_t(s) := \left\| \frac{F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi}{s} \right\|_X$ . For each  $t > 0$  and each  $s > 0$  the following estimate holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Psi_t(s)}{s} &\leq \left\| \frac{T_s\varphi - \varphi}{s} - L\varphi \right\|_X + \left\| \frac{F(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi}{s/m(t)} - L\varphi \right\|_X + \\ &+ \left\| \left( \frac{1}{m(t)} \left[ F^{m(t)-1} \left( \frac{s}{m(t)} \right) + F^{m(t)-2} \left( \frac{s}{m(t)} \right) + \dots + F \left( \frac{s}{m(t)} \right) + \text{Id} \right] - \text{Id} \right) L\varphi \right\|_X. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Denote  $B := F^{m(t)-1}(s/m(t)) + F^{m(t)-2}(s/m(t)) + \dots + F(s/m(t)) + \text{Id}$ . Then  $F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi = B(F(s/m(t)) - \text{Id})\varphi$  and  $\|B\| \leq m(t)$ . Therefore, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Psi_t(s)}{s} &= \left\| \frac{F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi}{s} \right\|_X \leq \\ &\leq \left\| \frac{F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi}{s} - L\varphi \right\|_X + \left\| \frac{T_s\varphi - \varphi}{s} - L\varphi \right\|_X \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \frac{F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi}{s} - L\varphi \right\|_X = \\ &= \left\| \frac{(m^{-1}(t)B)(F(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi)}{s/m(t)} - (m^{-1}(t)B)L\varphi + (m^{-1}(t)B)L\varphi - L\varphi \right\|_X \leq \\ &\leq \left\| \frac{F(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi}{s} - L\varphi \right\|_X + \left\| (m^{-1}(t)B)L\varphi - L\varphi \right\|_X. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $\Psi_t$  be as in Lemma 3.4. For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $t_\varepsilon > 0$  and  $s_\varepsilon > 0$  such that for all  $t \in (0, t_\varepsilon]$  and all  $s \in (0, s_\varepsilon]$  holds the estimate

$$\frac{\Psi_t(s)}{s} < \varepsilon.$$

*Proof.* Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $s_1 > 0$  such that  $\left\| \frac{T_s \varphi - \varphi}{s} - L\varphi \right\|_X < \varepsilon/3$  for all  $s \in (0, s_1]$ . This can be done since  $\varphi \in D \subset \text{Dom}(L)$ . Choose then  $t_1 > 0$  such that for all  $s \in (0, s_1]$  one has  $\left\| \frac{F(s/m(t_1))\varphi - \varphi}{s/m(t_1)} - L\varphi \right\|_X < \varepsilon/3$ . This can be done due to assumption  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L\varphi \right\|_X = 0$  for each  $\varphi \in D$ . Since  $s/m(t) \leq s_1/m(t_1)$  for all  $s \in (0, s_1]$  and  $t \in (0, t_1]$ , one has also  $\left\| \frac{F(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi}{s/m(t)} - L\varphi \right\|_X < \varepsilon/3$  for such  $s$  and  $t$ . Since the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly continuous choose  $s_2 \in (0, s_1]$  such that  $\|T_\tau L\varphi - L\varphi\|_X < \varepsilon/9$  for all  $\tau \in (0, s_2]$ . Due to the Chernoff Theorem it is possible to choose  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $k \geq K$  and all  $\tau \in [0, s_2/m(t_1)]$  the inequality  $\|F^{k-1}(\tau/(k-1))L\varphi - T_\tau L\varphi\|_X < \varepsilon/9$  holds. Choose  $t_2 \in (0, t_1]$  such that  $m(t_2) > K$ . Thus, the following estimate is true for  $s \in (0, s_2]$  and  $t \in (0, t_2]$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \frac{1}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} F^{k-1}(s/m(t))L\varphi - L\varphi \right\|_X \leq \\
& \leq \frac{1}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} \left\| F^{k-1} \left( \frac{(k-1)s/m(t)}{k-1} \right) L\varphi - T_{(k-1)s/m(t)} L\varphi \right\|_X + \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} \|T_{(k-1)s/m(t)} L\varphi - L\varphi\|_X \leq \\
& \leq \frac{1}{m(t)} \sum_{k=K}^{m(t)} \left\| F^{k-1} \left( \frac{(k-1)s/m(t)}{k-1} \right) L\varphi - T_{(k-1)s/m(t)} L\varphi \right\|_X + \frac{2K\|L\varphi\|_X}{m(t)} + \frac{\varepsilon}{9} \\
& \leq 2K\|L\varphi\|_X m^{-1}(t) + 2\varepsilon/9.
\end{aligned}$$

Due to our assumptions the function  $m : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  is monotone with  $m(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, one can choose  $t_3 \in (0, t_2]$  with  $m(t_3) > \frac{18K\|L\varphi\|_X}{\varepsilon}$ . Then due to Lemma 3.4 with  $t_\varepsilon := t_3$  and  $s_\varepsilon := s_2$  holds

$$\frac{\Psi_t(s)}{s} < \varepsilon.$$

□

**Lemma 3.6.** *For each  $\varphi \in D$  holds:*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X = 0.$$

*Proof.* With the function  $\Psi_t$  defined in Lemma 3.4, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X \leq \\ & \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi - T^{f_0}\varphi}{t} \right\|_X + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{T^{f_0}\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X = \\ & = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left\| \int_0^\infty (F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi)\eta_t^0(ds) \right\|_X \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^\infty \Psi_t(s)\eta_t^0(ds). \end{aligned}$$

Fix an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Take  $t_\varepsilon$  and  $s_\varepsilon$  as in Lemma 3.5. Let  $r_\varepsilon := \min(s_\varepsilon, 1)$ . Take  $R_\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\int_{R_\varepsilon}^\infty \mu(ds) < \varepsilon$ . For  $k = 1, 2, 3$  choose functions  $\chi_k \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$  with  $0 \leq \chi_k \leq 1$  such that  $\text{supp}\chi_1 \subset (-1, r_\varepsilon)$ ,  $\text{supp}\chi_3 \subset (R_\varepsilon, \infty)$ ,  $\text{supp}\chi_2 \subset (r_\varepsilon/2, 2R_\varepsilon)$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^3 \chi_k(s) = 1$  for all  $s \geq 0$ . Then by Lemma 3.5

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^\infty \Psi_t(s)\eta_t^0(ds) \leq \lim_{t_\varepsilon > t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varepsilon}{t} \int_0^{r_\varepsilon} s\chi_1(s)\eta_t^0(ds) + \\ & + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in [r_\varepsilon/2, 2R_\varepsilon]} \Psi_t(s) \cdot \frac{1}{t} \int_{r_\varepsilon/2}^{2R_\varepsilon} \chi_2(s)\eta_t^0(ds) + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\|\varphi\|_X}{t} \int_{R_\varepsilon}^\infty \chi_3(s)\eta_t^0(ds). \end{aligned}$$

Due to the Chernoff theorem  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in [r_\varepsilon/2, 2R_\varepsilon]} \Psi_t(s) = 0$  for any fixed  $r_\varepsilon$  and  $R_\varepsilon$ . Define also  $\chi_4$  such that  $\chi_4(s) := s\chi_1(s)$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since the semigroup  $(\bar{S}_t^{\eta^0})_{t \geq 0}$  is strong Feller,  $\chi_k \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}) \subset \text{Dom}(\bar{L}^{\eta^0})$  and  $\chi_k(0) = 0$  for  $k = 2, 3, 4$ , one has

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_{0+}^\infty \chi_k(s)\eta_t^0(ds) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{S}_t^{\eta^0} \chi_k - \chi_k}{t}(0) = (\bar{L}^\eta \chi_k)(0) = \int_{0+}^\infty \chi_k(s)\mu(ds).$$

Therefore,  $\int_{0+}^\infty \chi_2(s)\mu(ds) = \int_{r_\varepsilon/2}^{2R_\varepsilon} \chi_2(s)\mu(ds) \leq \mu[r_\varepsilon/2, 2R_\varepsilon] < \infty$  (cf. Lemma 2.16 of [3]). And hence

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in [r_\varepsilon/2, 2R_\varepsilon]} \Psi_t(s) \cdot \frac{1}{t} \int_{r_\varepsilon/2}^{2R_\varepsilon} \chi_2(s)\eta_t^0(ds) = 0.$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\|\varphi\|_X}{t} \int_{R_\varepsilon}^\infty \chi_3(s)\eta_t^0(ds) = 2\|\varphi\|_X \int_{R_\varepsilon}^\infty \chi_3(s)\mu(ds) < 2\varepsilon\|\varphi\|_X.$$

And, further, with  $K := \int_0^1 s\mu(ds) < \infty$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varepsilon}{t} \int_0^{r_\varepsilon} s\chi_1(s)\eta_t^0(ds) = \varepsilon \int_0^{r_\varepsilon} s\chi_1(s)\mu(ds) \leq \varepsilon \int_0^1 s\mu(ds) = K\varepsilon.$$

Thus, it is shown that for each fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{\mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X \leq \varepsilon(K + 2\|\varphi\|_X).$$

Therefore, the statement of Lemma is true.  $\square$

Hence the family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^{f_0})_{t \geq 0}$  subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$ . And Theorem 3.1 is proved.  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** Let now  $X = C_b(Q)$  or  $X = C_\infty(Q)$ , where  $Q$  is a metric space. Let  $\sigma, \lambda$  be not constants but continuous functions on  $Q$  such that  $\lambda$  is bounded and strictly positive and  $\sigma$  is bounded from below. Assume that the operator  $L^f$  defined as in (5) (but with variable  $\sigma$  and  $\lambda$ ) with the domain  $D$  (here  $D$  is as in Theorem 3.1) is closable and the closure generates a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $X$ . Then due to Theorem 2.3, Theorem 2.4 and Lemmas 3.2 – 3.6 the family  $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of operators on  $(X, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  defined by  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(0) = \text{Id}$  and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(t)\varphi = e^{-\sigma t} \circ \tilde{F}(t) \circ \mathcal{F}_0(t)\varphi, \quad t > 0, \varphi \in X, \quad (10)$$

with  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  as in Theorem 3.1 and with  $(\tilde{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  such that

$$\tilde{F}(t)\varphi(x) := (F(\lambda(x)t)\varphi)(x), \quad \forall \varphi \in X, \quad \forall x \in Q, \quad (11)$$

is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$ .

## 3.2 Case 2: Lévy measures of subordinators are known and bounded

In this subsection we again consider the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  subordinate to a given semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to a Bernstein function  $f$  defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ . We assume that the corresponding convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to the Bernstein function  $f_0$  defined by the triplet  $(0, 0, \mu)$  is not known explicitly. In this case the family  $(\mathcal{F}_0(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of Theorem 3.1 is not known explicitly as well,

and hence the formula (10) is not proper for direct computations any more. Let us assume that the Lévy measure  $\mu$  of  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  is given explicitly and is bounded (and nonzero). In this case the generator  $L^{\eta^0}$  of the corresponding semigroup  $S_t^{\eta^0}$  is a bounded linear operator given as in (4). The generator  $L^{f_0}$  of the semigroup  $(T_t^{f_0})_{t \geq 0}$  subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  is given by (9) and is also bounded. Therefore, the semigroup  $(T_t^{f_0})_{t \geq 0}$  can be constructed, e.g., via Taylor series representation. We use another approach.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a strongly continuous contraction semigroup on a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  with the generator  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$ . Let  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  be a family of contraction operators on  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  which is Chernoff equivalent to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , i.e.  $F(0) = \text{Id}$ ,  $\|F(t)\| \leq 1$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and there is a set  $D \subset \text{Dom}(L)$ , which is a core for  $L$ , such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L\varphi \right\|_X = 0$  for each  $\varphi \in D$ . Let  $f$  be a Bernstein function given by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$  through the representation (2) with associated convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  supported by  $[0, \infty)$ . Assume that the measure  $\mu$  is bounded. Let  $m : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  be a monotone function with  $m(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  be the semigroup subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and  $L^f$  be its generator. Consider a family  $(\mathcal{F}_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of operators on  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  defined for all  $\varphi \in X$  and all  $t \geq 0$  by*

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu(t)\varphi = e^{-\sigma t} F(\lambda t) \left( \varphi + t \int_{0+}^{\infty} (F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi) \mu(ds) \right). \quad (12)$$

The family  $(\mathcal{F}_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and, hence

$$T_t^f \varphi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{F}_\mu(t/n)]^n \varphi$$

for all  $\varphi \in X$  locally uniformly with respect to  $t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Let us prove that the family  $(F_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , defined for all  $\varphi \in X$  and all  $t \geq 0$  by

$$F_\mu(t)\varphi := \varphi + t \int_{0+}^{\infty} (F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi) \mu(ds), \quad (13)$$

is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^{f_0})_{t \geq 0}$  which is subordinate to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to  $(\eta_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to the Bernstein function  $f_0$  defined by the triplet  $(0, 0, \mu)$ . Then the statement of Theorem 3.8 follows immediately from Theorem 2.3. So, let  $K := \mu(\mathbb{R}) < \infty$ . Then, clearly,

$$F_\mu(0) = \text{Id},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_\mu(t)\varphi\|_X &\leq \\ &\leq \|\varphi\|_X + tK \|F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi\|_X \leq \|\varphi\|_X(1 + 2tK) \leq e^{2tK}\|\varphi\|_X \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|F_\mu(t)\varphi - \varphi\|_X \leq tK \|F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi\|_X \leq 2tK\|\varphi\|_X \rightarrow 0, \quad t \rightarrow 0.$$

Further, for an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $R_\varepsilon$  such that  $\int_{R_\varepsilon}^\infty \mu(ds) < \varepsilon$ . Then for each  $\varphi \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F_\mu(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \int_{0+}^\infty (F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi)\mu(ds) \right\|_X \leq \\ &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \int_{0+}^{R_\varepsilon} \|F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi\|_X \mu(ds) \right] + \\ &\quad + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \int_{R_\varepsilon}^\infty \|F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi\|_X \mu(ds) \right] \leq \\ &\leq 2\|\varphi\|_X \varepsilon + K \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sup_{s \in [0, R_\varepsilon]} \|F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - T_s\varphi\|_X = 2\|\varphi\|_X \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

due to the Chernoff Theorem. Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F_\mu(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - L^{f_0}\varphi \right\|_X = 0$$

which proves the statement of Theorem 3.8.  $\square$

**Remark 3.9.** The choice of  $F_\mu(t)$  is motivated by the fact that for each bounded linear operator  $A$  the family  $F_A(t) := \text{Id} + tA$  is obviously Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $e^{tA}$ . We have, however, the family  $F_A(t) := \text{Id} + tA(t)$ , where operators  $A(t)$  are bounded and tend to the generator  $A$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . The natural question arises: if it is possible to find the family  $F_A(t) := \text{Id} + tA(t)$ , where operators  $A(t)$  are bounded and tend to the unbounded generator  $A$  of the semigroup  $e^{tA}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , such that  $F_A(t)$  would be Chernoff equivalent to  $e^{tA}$ ? In this case it would be possible to generalize Theorem 3.8 to the case of unbounded Lévy measure  $\mu$ , e.g., by approximating  $\mu$  with bounded measures  $\mu_t := 1_{[\alpha(t), \infty)}\mu$  for some proper function  $\alpha(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . However, the answer is NO, since the required in the Chernoff Theorem norm estimate  $\|F_A(t)\| \leq e^{ct}$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  (or the equivalent one  $\|F(A(t))\|^k \leq Me^{ckt}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t \geq 0$  and some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $M \geq 1$ , cf. [17]) fails.

**Remark 3.10.** The analogue of Remark 3.7 is true also for the family  $(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\mu(t)\varphi := e^{-\sigma t} \tilde{F}(t) \left( \varphi + t \int_{0+}^{\infty} (F^{m(t)}(s/m(t))\varphi - \varphi) \mu(ds) \right),$$

with  $\tilde{F}(t)$  as in (11).

## 4 Applications

### 4.1 Approximation of subordinate Feller semigroups

A *Feller process*  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with a state space  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a strong Markov process whose associated operator semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $T_t\varphi(x) := \mathbb{E}^x[\varphi(X_t)]$ ,  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , is a strongly continuous positivity preserving<sup>4</sup> contraction semigroup on  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . The semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be a *Feller semigroup*. Due to results of P. Courrège [1], [12], and W. von Waldenfels [23], [24], [25], if the set  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  of all infinitely differentiable functions with compact support belongs to the domain  $\text{Dom}(L)$  of the generator  $L$  of a Feller semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , then the restriction of  $L$  onto  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a pseudo-differential operator (PDO for short) with symbol  $-H$ , i.e.

$$L\varphi(x) := -(2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ip \cdot (x-q)} H(x, p) \varphi(q) dq dp,$$

the function  $H : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is measurable, locally bounded in both variables  $(q, p)$  and for each fixed  $q$  satisfies the Lévy-Khintchine representation

$$\begin{aligned} H(q, p) &= \\ &= C(q) + iB(q) \cdot p + \frac{1}{2} p \cdot A(q)p + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}} \left( 1 - e^{iy \cdot p} + \frac{iy \cdot p}{1 + |y|^2} \right) \nu(q, dy), \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where, for each fixed  $q$ ,  $C(q) \geq 0$ ,  $B(q) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $A(q)$  is a positive semidefinite symmetric matrix and  $\nu(q, \cdot)$  is a positive Radon measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$  satisfying  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}} \min(1, |y|^2) \nu(q, dy) < \infty$ . Each operator  $T_t$  can itself be represented as a PDO with the symbol  $\Lambda_t(q, p) := \mathbb{E}^q[e^{ip \cdot (X_t - q)}]$ . If  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$

<sup>4</sup>A semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is positivity preserving if  $T_t\varphi \geq 0$  for all  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\varphi \geq 0$  and all  $t > 0$ .

is a Lévy process, we have  $H(q, p) = H(p)$  and  $\Lambda_t(q, p) = e^{-tH(p)}$ . In general, however,  $\Lambda_t(q, p) \neq e^{-tH(q, p)}$ . Nevertheless, the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of PDOs with symbol  $e^{-tH(q, p)}$  are Chernoff equivalent to  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Namely, by Theorem 3.1 and Remark 3.2 of [9], the following statement is true.

**Proposition 4.1.** *(i) Let the function  $H : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be measurable and locally bounded in both variables,  $H(q, \cdot)$  satisfy for each fixed  $q$  the Lévy-Khintchine representation (14). Assume that*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{q \in \mathbb{R}^d} |H(q, p)| &\leq \kappa(1 + |p|^2) \quad \text{for all } p \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad \text{and some } \kappa > 0, \\ p \mapsto H(q, p) &\text{ is uniformly (w.r.t. } q \in \mathbb{R}^d) \text{ continuous at } p = 0, \\ q \mapsto H(q, p) &\text{ is continuous for all } p \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned}$$

Assume also that the PDO with symbol  $-H$  defined on  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is closable in  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and the closure generates a Feller semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Consider the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,

$$F(t)\varphi(x) := (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{ip \cdot (x-q)} e^{-tH(x, p)} \varphi(q) dq dp, \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

Then the operators  $F(t)$  can be extended to contractions on  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ , i.e., for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  the Chernoff approximation  $T_t\varphi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [F(t/n)]^n \varphi$  holds.

(ii) Assume additionally that the function  $H$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\exists C > 0 \quad \text{such that } \|\partial_q^\alpha \partial_p^\beta e^{tH}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $\beta = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $\partial_q^\alpha \partial_p^\beta$  are derivatives in the distributional sense. Then the operators  $F(t)$  extend to bounded linear operators on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . And the Chernoff approximation turns for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  into the following Feynman formula (with  $q_{n+1} := q$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} &(T_t\varphi)(q) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi)^{-dn} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^{2n}} e^{i \sum_{k=1}^n p_k \cdot (q_{k+1} - q_k)} e^{-\frac{t}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n H(q_{k+1}, p_k)} \varphi(q_1) dq_1 dp_1 \cdots dq_n dp_n, \end{aligned}$$

where the equality holds in  $L^2$ -sense and the integrals in the right hand side must be considered in a regularized sense.

Let now the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  be subordinate to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to a Bernstein function  $f$  defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ . The statement below follows immediately from Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.8 and Proposition 4.1.



**Theorem 4.2.** (i) Under all assumptions and notations of Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 3.1 the following Feynman formula is true for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $N := 1 + m(t/n)$  and  $q_{1+nN} := q$

$$\begin{aligned} (T_t^f \varphi)(q) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi)^{-2dnN} e^{-\sigma t} \int_{(0, \infty)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2dnN}} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda t}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n H(q_{1+jN}, p_{jN}) \right) \times \\ &\times \exp \left( i \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^N p_{k+(j-1)N} \cdot (q_{k+1+(j-1)N} - q_{k+(j-1)N}) \right) \times \\ &\times \exp \left( -\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{s_j}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} H(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}, p_{k+(j-1)N}) \right) \varphi(q_1) \times \\ &\times \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} dq_{k+(j-1)N} dp_{k+(j-1)N} \eta_{t/n}^0(ds_j). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Under all assumptions and notations of Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 3.8 the following Feynman formula is true for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $N := 1 + m(t/n)$  and  $K := (\mu(0, \infty))^{-1} < \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} (T_t^f \varphi)(q) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi)^{-2dnN} e^{-\sigma t} \int_{(0, \infty)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2dnN}} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda t}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n H(q_{1+jN}, p_{jN}) \right) \times \\ &\times \exp \left( i \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^N p_{k+(j-1)N} \cdot (q_{k+1+(j-1)N} - q_{k+(j-1)N}) \right) \times \\ &\times \prod_{j=1}^n \left[ (K - t) + t \exp \left( -\frac{s_j}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} H(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}, p_{k+(j-1)N}) \right) \right] \varphi(q_1) \times \\ &\times \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} dq_{k+(j-1)N} dp_{k+(j-1)N} \mu(ds_j), \end{aligned}$$

The identities in both Feynman formulae hold in  $L^2$ -sense and the integrals in the right hand sides must be considered in a regularized sense.

## 4.2 Approximation of subordinate diffusions in $\mathbb{R}^d$

In this subsection we consider the case of Feller diffusion, i.e. we assume that the measure  $\nu$  in the Levy–Khintchine representation (14) of the symbol  $H$  of generator  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$  is identically zero. In this case the PDO with symbol  $-H$  is just a second order differential operator with variable coefficients and the following results are true (see [6], cf. [8]).

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $A \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^d))$  be such that  $A(x)$  is a positive definite symmetric matrix for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , let  $B \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$  and let  $C \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$  be nonnegative. Consider the operator  $L$  defined for all  $\varphi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by the formula*

$$L\varphi(x) := \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(A(x) \operatorname{Hess}\varphi(x)) + B(x) \cdot \nabla\varphi(x) - C(x)\varphi(x). \quad (15)$$

*Assume that there exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  such that the closure of  $(L, C_c^{2,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^d))$  generates a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Consider the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  such that for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$*

$$\begin{aligned} F(t)\varphi(x) &= \frac{\exp(-tC(x))}{\sqrt{\det A(x)}(2\pi t)^d} \times \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \exp\left(\frac{-A^{-1}(x)(x-y+tB(x)) \cdot (x-y+tB(x))}{2t}\right) \varphi(y) dy, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

*Then the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and the Chernoff approximation*

$$T_t\varphi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F(t/n))^n \varphi$$

*holds for all  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  locally uniform with respect to  $t \geq 0$ . Therefore, the following Feynman formula is true for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $q_{n+1} := q$*

$$\begin{aligned} T_t\varphi(q) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dn}} \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^n A^{-1}(q_{k+1})B(q_{k+1}) \cdot (q_{k+1} - q_k)\right) \times \\ &\times \exp\left(-\frac{t}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n C(q_{k+1})\right) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^n A^{-1}(q_{k+1})B(q_{k+1}) \cdot B(q_{k+1})\right) \times \\ &\times \varphi(q_1) \prod_{k=1}^n p_A(t/n, q_k, q_{k+1}) dq_1 \dots dq_n, \end{aligned}$$

*where for each  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $t > 0$*

$$p_A(t, x, y) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det A(x)}(2\pi t)^d} \exp\left(-\frac{A^{-1}(x)(x-y) \cdot (x-y)}{2t}\right). \quad (17)$$

Let now the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  be subordinate to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to a Bernstein function  $f$  defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ . The statement below follows immediately from Theorem 3.1, Theorem 3.8 and Proposition 4.3.

**Theorem 4.4.** (i) Under assumptions and notations of Proposition 4.3 and Theorem 3.1 the family  $(\mathcal{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of Theorem 3.1, constructed with the help of the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  given in (16), is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and has the following explicit view (with  $p_A$  as in (17)):

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}(0) &:= \text{Id} \quad \text{and with} \quad q_{m(t)+2} := q \\
\mathcal{F}(t)\varphi(q) &:= e^{-t\sigma} \int_{0+}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d(m(t)+1)}} \exp \left( - \left[ t\lambda C(q_{m(t)+2}) + \frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} C(q_{k+1}) \right] \right) \times \\
&\times \exp \left( - \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)+1} A^{-1}(q_{k+1}) B(q_{k+1}) \cdot (q_{k+1} - q_k) \right) \times \\
&\times \exp \left( - \frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} A^{-1}(q_{k+1}) B(q_{k+1}) \cdot B(q_{k+1}) \right) \times \\
&\times \exp \left( - \frac{t\lambda}{2} A^{-1}(q_{m(t)+2}) B(q_{m(t)+2}) \cdot B(q_{m(t)+2}) \right) \varphi(q_1) \times \\
&\times \left[ p_A(t\lambda, q_{m(t)+1}, q_{m(t)+2}) \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} p_A(s/m(t), q_k, q_{k+1}) \right] \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} dq_k \eta_t^0(ds).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for each  $\varphi \in C_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  the following Feynman formula is true with

$N := 1 + m(t/n)$  and  $q_{1+nN} := q$

$$\begin{aligned}
& T_t^f \varphi(q) = \\
& = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t\sigma} \int_{(0, \infty)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dnN}} \exp \left( - \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \frac{t\lambda}{n} C(q_{1+jN}) + \frac{s_j}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} C(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) \right] \right) \times \\
& \times \exp \left( - \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^N A^{-1}(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) B(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) \cdot (q_{k+1+(j-1)N} - q_{k+(j-1)N}) \right) \times \\
& \times \exp \left( - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{s_j}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} A^{-1}(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) B(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) \cdot B(q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) \right) \times \\
& \times \exp \left( - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{t\lambda}{2n} A^{-1}(q_{1+jN}) B(q_{1+jN}) \cdot B(q_{1+jN}) \right) \varphi(q_1) \times \\
& \times \prod_{j=1}^n \left[ p_A(t\lambda/n, q_{jN}, q_{1+jN}) \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} p_A(s_j/(N-1), q_{k+(j-1)N}, q_{k+1+(j-1)N}) \right] \times \\
& \times \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} dq_{k+(j-1)N} \eta_{t/n}^0(ds_j),
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Under assumptions and notations of Proposition 4.3 and Theorem 3.8 the family  $(\mathcal{F}_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$  of Theorem 3.8, constructed with the help of the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  given in (16), is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and has the following explicit view:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{F}_\mu(0) := \text{Id} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}_\mu(t)\varphi(q) := \frac{\exp(-t(\sigma + \lambda C(q)))}{\sqrt{\det A(q)(2\pi t\lambda)^d}} \times \\
& \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \exp \left( \frac{-A^{-1}(q)(q - q_{m(t)+1} + t\lambda B(q)) \cdot (q - q_{m(t)+1} + t\lambda B(q))}{2t\lambda} \right) \left( \varphi(q_{m(t)+1}) + \right. \\
& + t \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dm(t)}} \exp \left( - \frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} C(q_{k+1}) \right) \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} \left( \det A(q_{k+1})(2\pi t\lambda)^d \right)^{-1/2} \times \right. \\
& \times \exp \left( - \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} \frac{A^{-1}(q_{k+1}) \left( q_{k+1} - q_k + \frac{s}{m(t)} B(q_{k+1}) \right) \cdot \left( q_{k+1} - q_k + \frac{s}{m(t)} B(q_{k+1}) \right)}{2s/m(t)} \right) \times \\
& \left. \left. \times \varphi(q_1) dq_1 \dots dq_{m(t)} - \varphi(q_{m(t)+1}) \right] \mu(ds) \right) dq_{m(t)+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

### 4.3 Approximation of subordinate diffusions on a star graph

Consider a star graph  $\Gamma$  with vertex  $v$  and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  external edges  $l_1, \dots, l_d$ . Let  $\rho$  be the metric on  $\Gamma$  induced by the isomorphism  $l_k \cong [0, +\infty)$ ;  $\Gamma^o = \Gamma \setminus \{v\} = \sqcup_{k=1}^d l_k^o$ ,  $l_k^o \cong (0, +\infty)$ . For each point  $\xi \in \Gamma$  one has  $\xi \in l_k^o \Rightarrow \xi = (k, x)$ , where  $x = \rho(\xi, v) > 0$ . For each function  $\varphi : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  define  $\varphi_k(x) := \varphi(\xi)|_{\xi \in l_k^o}$  and  $\int_{\Gamma} \varphi(\xi) d\xi := \sum_{k=1}^d \int_0^{\infty} \varphi_k(x) dx$ . Let  $C_{\infty}(\Gamma)$  be the Banach space of continuous functions on  $\Gamma$  vanishing at infinity equipped with the sup-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ . Let  $C_{\infty}^2(\Gamma) = \{\varphi \in C_{\infty}(\Gamma) : \varphi \in C_{\infty}^2(\Gamma^o), \varphi'' \text{ extends to } \Gamma \text{ as a function in } C_{\infty}(\Gamma)\}$ . Let  $\delta_v$  be the Dirac delta-measure concentrated at the vertex  $v$ . Let  $\rho_v(\xi, \zeta) := \rho(\xi, v) + \rho(v, \zeta)$  for all  $\xi, \zeta \in \Gamma$ . Let  $1_k(\xi) = 1$  if  $\xi \in l_k^o$ ,  $1_k(\xi) = 0$  if  $\xi \notin l_k^o$ . Let  $g(t, z) = (2\pi t)^{-1/2} \exp\left\{\frac{-z^2}{2t}\right\}$ . Define  $p(t, \xi, \zeta) = \sum_{k=1}^d 1_k(\xi) 1_k(\zeta) g(t, \rho(\xi, \zeta))$ ,  $p_v(t, \xi, \zeta) = \sum_{k=1}^d 1_k(\xi) 1_k(\zeta) g(t, \rho_v(\xi, \zeta))$  and  $p^D(t, \xi, \zeta) = p(t, \xi, \zeta) - p_v(t, \xi, \zeta)$ .

Let  $a, c, b_k \in [0, 1]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, d$ ,  $a \neq 1$  and  $a + c + \sum_{k=1}^d b_k = 1$ . Consider an operator  $L_0$  on  $C_{\infty}(\Gamma)$  with  $\text{Dom}(L_0) = \{\varphi \in C_{\infty}^2(\Gamma) : a\varphi(v) + \frac{c}{2}\varphi''(v) = \sum_{k=1}^d b_k \varphi'_k(v)\}$  and  $L_0\varphi = \frac{1}{2}\varphi''$  for all  $\varphi \in \text{Dom}(L_0)$ . Due to results of V. Kostykin, Ju. Potthoff and R. Schrader [16] the following statement is true.

**Proposition 4.5.** *The operator  $(L_0, \text{Dom}(L_0))$  is the generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T_t^0)_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $C_{\infty}(\Gamma)$  and for each  $\varphi \in C_{\infty}(\Gamma)$  one has  $T_t^0\varphi(\xi) = \int_{\Gamma} \varphi(\zeta) P(t, \xi, d\zeta)$ , where the transition kernel  $P(t, \xi, d\zeta)$  is given explicitly by the following formulae:*

for the case  $a + c \in (0, 1)$  with  $w_k = \frac{b_k}{1-a-c}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{a}{1-a-c}$ ,  $\gamma = \frac{c}{1-a-c}$  and

$$g_{\beta, \gamma}(t, z) = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} (2\pi t)^{-1/2} \int_0^t \frac{s + \gamma z}{(t-s)^{3/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(s + \gamma z)^2}{2\gamma^2(t-s)}\right\} e^{-\beta s / \gamma} ds,$$

$$P(t, \xi, d\zeta) = \tag{18}$$

$$= p^D(t, \xi, \zeta) d\zeta + \sum_{k, j=1}^d 1_k(\xi) 1_j(\zeta) 2w_j g_{\beta, \gamma}(t, \rho_v(\xi, \zeta)) d\zeta + \gamma g_{\beta, \gamma}(t, \rho(\xi, v)) \delta_v(d\zeta);$$

for the case  $a + c = 0$  with  $w_k = b_k$

$$P(t, \xi, \zeta) = p^D(t, \xi, \zeta)d\zeta + \sum_{k,j=1}^d 1_k(\xi)1_j(\zeta)2w_jg(t, \rho_v(\xi, \zeta))d\zeta; \quad (19)$$

for the case  $a + c = 1$  with  $a = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}$ ,  $c = \frac{1}{1+\beta}$

$$P(t, \xi, \zeta) = p^D(t, \xi, \zeta)d\zeta - \left( \int_0^t e^{-\beta(t-s)} \frac{\rho(\xi, v)}{\sqrt{2\pi s^3}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\rho(\xi, v)^2}{2s} \right\} ds, \right) \delta_v(d\zeta). \quad (20)$$

The heat kernel  $P(t, \xi, d\zeta)$  in (18) is the transition kernel of the process of Brownian motion on  $\Gamma$  constructed by killing (after an exponential holding time with the rate  $\beta$  at the vertex) the Walsh process (the analogue of the reflected Brownian motion) with sticky vertex with stickiness parameter  $\gamma$  (see [16] for the detailed exposition).

Let now  $A(\cdot) \in C(\Gamma)$  and there exist  $\underline{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha} \in (0, +\infty)$  such that  $\underline{\alpha} \leq A(\xi) \leq \bar{\alpha}$  for all  $\xi \in \Gamma$ . Let  $B(\cdot) \in C_b(\Gamma)$  with  $B(v) = 0$ . Let  $C(\cdot) \in C_b(\Gamma)$  and  $C(\xi) \geq 0$  for all  $\xi \in \Gamma$ . As before let  $a, c, b_k \in [0, 1]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, d$  with  $a \neq 1$  and  $a + c + \sum_{k=1}^d b_k = 1$ . As in [7] consider an operator  $L$  such that for all  $\varphi \in \text{Dom}(L) := \{ \varphi \in C_\infty^2(\Gamma) : a\varphi(v) + \frac{c}{2}\varphi''(v) = \sum_{k=1}^d b_k\varphi'_k(v) \}$  one has

$$L\varphi(\xi) := A(\xi)\varphi''(\xi) + B(\xi)\varphi'(\xi) - C(\xi)\varphi(\xi).$$

Then the operator  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$  is the generator of a strongly continuous contraction semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $C_\infty(\Gamma)$ . Let now the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  be subordinate to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to a Bernstein function  $f$  defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ . The statement below follows immediately from Proposition 4.5 and Theorems 2.3, 2.4, 3.1 and 3.8.

**Theorem 4.6.** (i) Under notations of Proposition 4.5 consider a family  $(\tilde{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C_\infty(\Gamma)$  defined by

$$\tilde{F}(t)\varphi(\xi) := \int_{\Gamma} \varphi(\zeta)P(A(\xi)t, \xi, d\zeta).$$

Consider a family  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C_\infty(\Gamma)$  defined by

$$S_t\varphi(\xi) := \varphi(\xi + tB(\xi)) := \begin{cases} \varphi_k(x + tB_k(x)), & \xi = (k, x), \quad x + tB_k(x) > 0, \\ \varphi(v), & \xi = (k, x), \quad x + tB_k(x) \leq 0, \\ \varphi(v), & \xi = v. \end{cases}$$

Consider a family  $(e^{-tC})_{t \geq 0}$  with  $(e^{-tC}\varphi)(\xi) := e^{-tC(\xi)}\varphi(\xi)$ . By Proposition 4.5, Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 the family  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  with  $F(t) := e^{-tC} \circ S_t \circ \tilde{F}(t)$ , i.e.

$$F(t)\varphi(\xi) = e^{-tC(\xi)} \int_{\Gamma} \varphi(\zeta) P(A(\xi + tB(\xi))t, \xi + tB(\xi), d\zeta), \quad (21)$$

is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $C_\infty(\Gamma)$  generated by  $(L, \text{Dom}(L))$ .

(ii) Under assumptions and notations of Theorem 3.1 the family  $(\mathcal{F}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , constructed with the help of  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  given by (21), is Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and has the following explicit view:  $\mathcal{F}(0) := \text{Id}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(t)\varphi(\xi) &:= e^{-\sigma t} \int_{0+}^{\infty} \int_{\Gamma^{m(t)+1}} \exp \left( -\lambda t C(\xi) - \frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} C(\xi_{k+1}) \right) \varphi(\xi_1) \times \\ &\times \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} P(A(\xi_{k+1} + (s/m(t))B(\xi_{k+1}))s/m(t), \xi_{k+1} + (s/m(t))B(\xi_{k+1}), d\xi_k) \times \\ &\times P(A(\xi + t\lambda B(\xi))t\lambda, \xi + t\lambda B(\xi), d\xi_{m(t)+1}) d\eta_t^0(ds). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for each  $\varphi \in C_\infty(\Gamma)$  the following Feynman formula is true with  $N := 1 + m(t/n)$  and  $\xi_{1+nN} := \xi$

$$\begin{aligned} T_t^f \varphi(\xi) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\sigma t} \times \\ &\times \int_{(0, \infty)^n} \int_{\Gamma^{nN}} \exp \left( -\sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \frac{\lambda t}{n} C(\xi_{1+jN}) - \frac{s_j}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} C(\xi_{k+1+(j-1)N}) \right] \right) \varphi(\xi_1) \times \\ &\times \prod_{j=1}^n \left[ P(A(\xi_{1+jN} + (t\lambda/n)B(\xi_{1+jN}))t\lambda/n, \xi_{1+jN} + (t\lambda/n)B(\xi_{1+jN}), d\xi_{jN}) \times \right. \\ &\times \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} P \left( A(\xi_{1+k+(j-1)N} + s_j B(\xi_{1+k+(j-1)N})/(N-1)) s_j/(N-1), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \xi_{1+k+(j-1)N} + s_j B(\xi_{1+k+(j-1)N})/(N-1), d\xi_{k+(j-1)N} \right) d\eta_{t/n}^0(ds_j) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Under assumptions and notations of Theorem 3.8 the family  $(\mathcal{F}_\mu(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , constructed with the help of  $(F(t))_{t \geq 0}$  given by (21), is Chernoff equivalent to

the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and has the following explicit view:  $\mathcal{F}_\mu(0) := \text{Id}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_\mu(t)\varphi(\xi) &:= \\ &= e^{-\sigma t - \lambda t C(\xi)} \int_{\Gamma} \left[ \varphi(\xi_{m(t)+1}) + t \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\Gamma^{m(t)}} \exp \left( -\frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} C(\xi_{k+1}) \right) \varphi(\xi_1) \times \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} P(A(\xi_{k+1} + (s/m(t))B(\xi_{k+1}))s/m(t), \xi_{k+1} + (s/m(t))B(\xi_{k+1}), d\xi_k) - \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \varphi(\xi_{m(t)+1}) \right) \mu(ds) \right] P(A(\xi + t\lambda B(\xi))t\lambda, \xi + t\lambda B(\xi), d\xi_{m(t)+1}). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4.4 Approximation of subordinate diffusions in a Riemannian manifold

Let  $\Gamma$  be a compact connected Riemannian manifold of class  $C^\infty$  without boundary,  $\dim \Gamma = d$ . Let  $\rho_\Gamma$  be the distance in  $\Gamma$  generated by the Riemannian metric of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $\text{vol}_\Gamma$  be the corresponding Riemannian volume measure on  $\Gamma$ . Assume also that  $\Gamma$  is isometrically embedded into a Riemannian manifold  $G$  of dimension  $\kappa$  and into the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^D$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a  $C^\infty$ -smooth isometric embedding of  $\Gamma$  into  $\mathbb{R}^D$  and  $\Phi_G$  be a  $C^\infty$ -smooth isometric embedding of  $\Gamma$  into  $G$ . Let  $\rho_G$  be the distance in  $G$  generated by the Riemannian metric of  $G$ . Consider the Laplace–Beltrami operator  $\Delta_\Gamma := -\text{tr} \nabla_\Gamma^2$ , where  $\nabla_\Gamma$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $\Gamma$ . The closure of  $(\Delta_\Gamma, C^3(\Gamma))$  generates the *heat semigroup*, i.e. the strongly continuous contraction semigroup  $(e^{\frac{t}{2}\Delta_\Gamma})_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $C(\Gamma)$ . Due to results of O.G. Smolyanov, H. v. Weizsäcker and O. Wittich (see [22], Sect. 5) the following is true.

**Proposition 4.7.** *For all  $t > 0$ ,  $x, y \in \Gamma$  consider pseudo-Gaussian kernels*

$$\begin{aligned} K_1(t, x, y) &:= (2\pi t)^{-d/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\rho_\Gamma(x, y)^2}{2t} \right), \\ K_2(t, x, y) &:= (2\pi t)^{-d/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\rho_G(\Phi_G(x), \Phi_G(y))^2}{2t} \right), \\ K_3(t, x, y) &:= (2\pi t)^{-d/2} \exp \left( -\frac{|\Phi(x) - \Phi(y)|^2}{2t} \right). \end{aligned}$$

For each kernel  $K_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , define the family  $(F_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , of



contractions on  $C(\Gamma)$  by

$$F_i(0) := \text{Id} \quad \text{and for each } \varphi \in C(\Gamma) \quad \text{and each } t > 0$$

$$F_i(t)\varphi(x) := \frac{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(t, x, y)\varphi(y)\text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dy)}{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(t, x, y)\text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dy)}.$$

Then each family  $(F_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , is Chernoff equivalent to the heat semigroup  $(e^{\frac{t}{2}\Delta_{\Gamma}})_{t \geq 0}$  on the space  $C(\Gamma)$  with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{F_i(t)\varphi - \varphi}{t} - \frac{1}{2}\Delta_{\Gamma}\varphi \right\|_{\infty} = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in C^3(\Gamma)$ .

Let now  $A(\cdot) \in C_b(\Gamma)$  be a strictly positive function,  $B(\cdot) : \Gamma \rightarrow T\Gamma$  be a bounded vector field of class  $C^1(\Gamma)$  and  $C(\cdot) \in C_b(\Gamma)$  be a nonnegative function. Denote the inner product of vectors  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  in the tangent space  $T_x\Gamma$  as  $u(x) \cdot v(x)$ . As in [5] define the family  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C(\Gamma)$  by

$$S_t\varphi(x) := \varphi(\gamma^x(t)),$$

where  $\gamma^x(\cdot)$  is a geodesic with starting point  $x$  (i.e.  $\gamma^x(0) = x$ ) and the direction vector  $B(x)$  (i.e.  $\dot{\gamma}^x(0) = B(x)$ ). Since the manifold is smooth and compact, and the vector field  $B$  is smooth, the family  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is well defined as a family of strongly continuous contractions on  $C(\Gamma)$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\| t^{-1}(S_t\varphi - \varphi) - B \cdot \nabla_{\Gamma}\varphi \right\|_{\infty} = 0$$

for all  $\varphi \in C^3(\Gamma)$ . Further, consider the operator  $L$  defined on the set  $C^3(\Gamma)$  by

$$L\varphi(x) := \frac{1}{2}A(x)\Delta_{\Gamma}\varphi(x) + B(x) \cdot \nabla_{\Gamma}\varphi(x) - C(x)\varphi(x).$$

Then the closure of  $(L, C^3(\Gamma))$  generates a strongly continuous contraction semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C(\Gamma)$ . Let now the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  be subordinate to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with respect to a given convolution semigroup  $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  associated to a Bernstein function  $f$  defined by a triplet  $(\sigma, \lambda, \mu)$ . The statement below follows immediately from Proposition 4.7, Theorems 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.8 and results of [5].

**Theorem 4.8.** (i) For each of the the family  $(F_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , of Proposition 4.7 define as in Theorem 2.4 the families  $(\tilde{F}_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , of contractions on  $C(\Gamma)$  by

$$\tilde{F}_i(t)\varphi(x) := (F_i(A(x)t)\varphi)(x).$$

Further, define the families  $(\widehat{F}_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , by

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{F}_i(t)\varphi(x) &:= \left( e^{-tC} \circ S_t \circ \widetilde{F}_i(t) \right) \varphi(x) = \\ &= \frac{\int_{\Gamma} e^{-tC(x)} K_i(A(\gamma^x(t))t, \gamma^x(t), y) \varphi(y) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dy)}{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(A(\gamma^x(t))t, \gamma^x(t), y) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dy)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by Proposition 4.7, Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 the families  $(\widehat{F}_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , are Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $C(\Gamma)$ .

(ii) Under assumptions and notations of Theorem 3.1 the families  $(\mathcal{F}^i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , constructed as in Theorem 3.1 with the help of  $(\widehat{F}_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$  given above, are Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and have the following explicit view:  $\mathcal{F}^i(0) := \text{Id}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^i(t)\varphi(x) &= e^{-\sigma t} \int_{0+}^{\infty} \int_{\Gamma^{m(t)+1}} \exp \left( -\lambda t C(x) - \frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} C(x_{k+1}) \right) \varphi(x_1) \times \\ &\times \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} \frac{K_i(A(\gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)))s/m(t), \gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)), x_k)}{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(A(\gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)))s/m(t), \gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)), x_k) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_k)} \times \\ &\times \frac{K_i(A(\gamma^x(\lambda t))\lambda t, \gamma^x(\lambda t), x_{m(t)+1})}{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(A(\gamma^x(\lambda t))\lambda t, \gamma^x(\lambda t), x_{m(t)+1}) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_{m(t)+1})} \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)+1} \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_k) \eta_t^0(ds). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Under assumptions and notations of Theorem 3.8 the families  $(\mathcal{F}_{\mu}^i(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , constructed as in Theorem 3.1 with the help of  $(\widehat{F}_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$  given above, are Chernoff equivalent to the semigroup  $(T_t^f)_{t \geq 0}$  and have the following explicit view:  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu}^i(0) := \text{Id}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\mu}^i(t)\varphi(x) &= \\ &= e^{-\sigma t - \lambda t C(x)} \int_{\Gamma} \left( \varphi(x_{m(t)+1}) + t \int_{0+}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{\Gamma^{m(t)}} \exp \left( -\frac{s}{m(t)} \sum_{k=1}^{m(t)} C(x_{k+1}) \right) \varphi(x_1) \times \right. \right. \\ &\times \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} \frac{K_i(A(\gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)))s/m(t), \gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)), x_k)}{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(A(\gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)))s/m(t), \gamma^{x_{k+1}}(s/m(t)), x_k) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_k)} \prod_{k=1}^{m(t)} \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_k) - \\ &\left. \left. - \varphi(x_{m(t)+1}) \right] \mu(ds) \right) \frac{K_i(A(\gamma^x(\lambda t))\lambda t, \gamma^x(\lambda t), x_{m(t)+1}) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_{m(t)+1})}{\int_{\Gamma} K_i(A(\gamma^x(\lambda t))\lambda t, \gamma^x(\lambda t), x_{m(t)+1}) \text{vol}_{\Gamma}(dx_{m(t)+1})}. \end{aligned}$$

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