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## ERRATUM

"A NEW SETTING FOR POTENTIAL THEORY (part 1)"

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On p. 181, (26) should read as follows :

$$(26) \quad P_G P_K = P_K .$$

Proof that (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) should be revised as follows.

Suppose  $Z$  is polar and  $K$  be given. Let  $L$  be compact,  $L \subset K \cap Z^c$ . By Proposition 1 of § 1, there exists  $h$  such that  $h > 0$  everywhere and  $Uh \leq 1$ . Let  $s = P_K Uh$ , then  $s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{D_n} Uh$  where  $D_n \downarrow K$ . By Corollaries 1 and 4 of Theorem 2 (continued), we have

$$P_{D_n} Uh = U\mu_n , \quad \mu_n \subset \overline{D}_n , \quad \mu_n(Z) = 0 .$$

Hence  $s = \lim_n U\mu_n$ , and  $U\mu_n \leq P_{D_1} Uh < \infty$  for all  $n$ . Apply Theorem 2 (continued) under  $(c_1)$  to obtain  $\{\mu_n\}$  converging vaguely to  $\mu$ , such that  $s = U\mu$  and  $\mu(Z) = 0$ , the last assertion by (6) of Theorem 2.

We have  $\mu \subset K$  by vague convergence. Thus

$$s = U\mu , \quad \mu \subset K , \quad \mu(Z) = 0 ,$$

and therefore  $s = W\mu$ . For any (open)  $G \supset K$ , we have then

$$P_G s = P_G W\mu = W\mu = s$$

where the second equation is due to the round property of  $w$  and the fact  $\mu$  is supported by  $K \subset G$ . Thus by the argument on p. 70 of [5] :

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$$0 = P_K^1 U_h - P_G P_K^1 U_h \geq E \left\{ \int_{T_K}^{T_G + T_K \circ \theta_t} h(X_t) dt ; T_G = T_K ; X(T_G) \in K \setminus K^r \right\}$$

which implies that

$$\forall x : P_x^X \{ T_G = T_K ; X(T_G) \in K \setminus K^r \} = 0 .$$

This implies easily that for any  $f \in b\mathcal{E}_+$  :

$$P_G P_K f = P_K f$$

which is (26).

N.B. The mistake was to suppose that  $P_G P_K 1 = P_K 1$  implies  $P_G P_K = P_K$ . This was partly caused by a statement on p. 71 of [5] which apparently asserts that  $P_G P_K \leq P_K$  in general. Dellacherie gave a trivial counter-example to the last assertion, which is left as an exercise.

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First display on p. 168 should read :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_x^X \{ T_K \circ \theta_t < \infty \} = 0 .$$

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