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# Analysis of the finiteness for the first collision time between two randomly moving particles

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## Abstract

The finiteness of the collision time between two different randomly moving particles is presented by providing more useful analysis that gives stronger and finite moment. The triangular arrays and the uniform integrability conditions of the all probable positions non-stationary random sequence are used. In addition, an important property of Marcinkiewicz laws of large numbers and Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality are presented in this analysis. All of them are deriving to provide the sufficient conditions that give more stronger moments of the first meeting time in the probability space.

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## Highlights

- More useful analysis is presented to provide the finiteness of the first meeting time between two randomly moving particles.
- All probable positions of the first collision time are considered as a random sequence defined on the probability space.
- The triangular arrays and the uniform integrability conditions of the all probable positions are used to obtain the sufficient conditions which give the stronger moments.
- An important and useful property of Marcinkiewicz laws of large numbers is presented.
- A new and useful result is obtained by using Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality.

## Introduction

The particles move in the fluid with one of the famous stochastic processes such as Levy process and Brownian motion. Physicists are concerned in studying the physical properties of the particles movement in the reactive medium. The important is studying the finiteness of the collision time expected value between different kinds of



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randomly moving particles within this medium. In the case of linear flows in the fluid, El-Hadidy [1] and Alzulaibani [2] provided advanced analysis to get the sufficient conditions of this finiteness. They showed that the random sequence of all random variables of all probable positions of the first collision time is uniformly integrable function and has a triangular array. This will give a stronger moment of the first collision time expected value.

In this work, more useful analysis is derived to present the finiteness of expected value of the first collision time (that was provided in all models studied in El-Hadidy et al. [3, 4]). In addition, one can use our idea to present more suitable analysis for different  $n$ -dimensional models, for moving particles (targets) as studied in El-Hadidy et al. [5–15]. In these works, the authors get the first moment only, which is not useful for the sufficient finiteness of this expected value. In the case of the randomly located target, El-Hadidy et al. [16–21] presented statistical and analytical studies to maximize the probability of the target detection or minimize the expected value of the searching time. Here, let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m$  be a finite number of all probable positions of the first collision time defined on a given probability space  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$  and they are independent identically distributed random variables (i.i.d.r.v.s). In this probability space,  $\Omega$  presents all first meeting probable positions,  $\mathfrak{F}$  is the  $\sigma$ - algebra that provides all algebraic operations at time  $t \in R^+$  and  $P$  is the probability measure for these operations. In addition, let the set of all linear paths of the randomly moving particle (moves with stochastic process  $s_1(t)$ ) in the reactive medium be  $\beta(t)$ . The other particle moves with another stochastic process  $s_2(t)$ . Define  $\beta(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  as a class of all convex functions such that  $\beta(2t) = c\beta(t)$ ,  $c > 0$ . El-Hadidy [1] showed that the first moment of the first collision time expected value is finite if  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_m$  is uniformly integrable as in the following Lemma 1 and Theorem 1.

**Lemma 1.** *The set of all random variables  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_m$  is uniformly integrable iff  $Sup_m E[\beta(|W_m|)] < \infty$ , for some  $\hat{\beta}(|W_m|) \in \beta(|W_m|)$ .*

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\{W_k\}_{k \in N}$ ,  $N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  (sequence of all non stationary and i.i.d.r.v.s),  $\beta(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  (be a non-decreasing function),  $Sup_m E[\beta(|W_m|)] < \infty$  and  $t_\eta = \inf\{t \in [0, \infty]; P(W_1 > t, W_2 > t, \dots, W_\zeta > t) \leq \frac{t}{\zeta} - \alpha_q\}$  for  $\zeta > q \geq 1$ ,  $\eta \in (0, 1)$ , then*

$$E[\beta(W_m)] \leq c^2 \left( \prod_{k=1}^{\zeta} E[\beta_k(qM_k)] + (\beta_q + \eta) \prod_{k=1}^{\zeta} E[\beta_k(W_k)] + \beta(t_\eta) \right). \tag{1}$$

Alzulaibani [2] showed that the triangular arrays of  $\{W_k\}_{k \in N}$  on  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$ , as in the following Theorem 2 is sufficient to get more stronger moments for the finiteness of the first meeting time.

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\{W_k, 1 \leq k \leq k_n, n \geq 1\}$  is a triangular array,  $V_{nk} = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i W_{ni}$ ,  $V_n = V_{nk_n}$ ,  $r_i$  is the  $r$ th moment degree of the variable  $W_{ni}$  and  $\rho_n^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} W_{nk}^2$ , then:  $\{V_n^2\}_{n \in N}$  is uniformly integrable iff  $\{\rho_n^2\}_{n \in N}$  is uniformly integrable.*

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents collection of different results which give more stronger moments. In this section, some Theorems, Lemmas, and Proposition are presented by using the Marcinkiewicz laws of large numbers and

Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality. Finally, the concluding remarks about these results and the future works are provided.

**Analysis of the finiteness**

Let all probable positions of the first collision time between two randomly moving particles  $\{W, W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k, \dots\}$  be a (not necessarily stationary) random sequence defined on a  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_k^m$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{W_k, W_{k+1}, \dots, W_m, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Also, let the coefficient  $\phi_n$  defined by:  $\phi_n = \text{Sup}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Sup}\{P(B|A) - P(B); P(A) > 0, A \in \mathfrak{F}_1^k, B \in \mathfrak{F}_{n+k}^\infty\}$ ; if A and B are two events in  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$ , then let  $\psi_n = \text{Sup}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Sup}\{|\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)P(B)} - 1|; P(A)P(B) > 0, A \in \mathfrak{F}_1^k, B \in \mathfrak{F}_{n+k}^\infty\}$ ;  $\psi_n^* = \text{Sup}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Sup}\{\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)P(B)}; P(A)P(B) > 0, A \in \mathfrak{F}_1^k, B \in \mathfrak{F}_{n+k}^\infty\}$ ;  $\psi_n' = \text{inf}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{inf}\{\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)P(B)}; P(A)P(B) > 0, A \in \mathfrak{F}_1^k, B \in \mathfrak{F}_{n+k}^\infty\}$ ; which are the coefficients of dependence and they are stronger than  $\phi_n$ . Also, let  $M_n = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |W_k|$ .

**Proposition 1.** Assuming that  $n > m \geq 1$  and  $\phi_m < 1$ , for  $V_k \in R^+$ , one can obtain,

$$P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} |V_k| > t] \leq \frac{3}{1 - \phi_m} \max_{m \leq k \leq n} P[|V_k| + (m-1)M_n > \frac{t}{3}]. \tag{2}$$

If  $\phi_m < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\tau(V_n - V_k)$  are symmetric for  $n > k \geq 1$  then,

$$P[|V_n| + (m-1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i| > t] \geq \left(\frac{1}{2} - \phi_m\right) P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} |V_k| > t]. \tag{3}$$

**Proof:** Assuming that  $n > m$ ,  $C_1 = \{V_1 > t + v\}$  and for  $1 < k \leq n$ ,  $v > 0$ , one can get,

$$C_k = \{V_1 \leq v + t, \dots, V_{k-1} \leq v + t, V_k > v + t\}.$$

Also, let  $V_k^m = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } k \geq m \\ \sum_{s=k+1}^{k+m-1} W_s, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  As in Kolmogorov [22], for  $1 \leq k \leq n - m + 1$ , one can obtain  $C_k \cap \{-V_n + V_{k+m-1} \leq v\} \subseteq C_k \cap \{V_n - V_k^m > t\}$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n C_k = \{\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} V_k > v + t\}$ . Thus,  $P[V_n + (m-1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > t] \geq P[V_n + (m-1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > t, \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} V_k > v + t] + (m-1)M_n > v + t]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n P[C_k, V_n + (m-1)M_n > t] \geq \sum_{k=1}^{n-m+1} P[C_k, SV_n - V_k^m > t] \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{n-m+1} P[C_k, -V_n + V_{k+m-1} \leq v] \geq (\min_{1 \leq k \leq n-m} P[-V_n + V_{k+m-1} \leq v] - \phi_m) P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} V_k > v + t]. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Also, according to Lin and Lu [23], for  $n > k \geq 1$ , if  $\mathcal{L}(V_n - V_k)$  are symmetric, then  $P[$

$$V_n + (m-1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > t] \geq \left(\frac{1}{2} - \phi_m\right) P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} V_k > t].$$
 Since,

$$P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |V_k| > t] \leq P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} V_k > t] + P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (-V_k) > t], \tag{5}$$

then by using (4) and (5), and as in Skorokhod [24, 25], one can get  $P[|V_n| + (m-1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > t]$

$$\geq (\min_{1 \leq k \leq n-m} P[|V_n - V_{k+m-1}| \leq v] - \phi_m) P[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} |V_k| > v + t] \tag{6}$$

Consequently,

$$P \left[ |V_n| + (m - 1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > t \right] \geq \left( 2 \min_{m \leq k \leq n} P \left[ |V_k| \leq \frac{v}{2} \right] - \varphi_m \right) P \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} |V_k| > v + t \right].$$

Let for any  $t$ , their exists  $\max_{m \leq k \leq n} P \left[ |V_k| > \frac{t}{3} \right] \leq \frac{1-\varphi_m}{3}$ . If one replace  $s$  by  $\frac{2t}{3}$  and  $t$  by  $\frac{t}{3}$ , then he get,

$$P \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} |V_k| > t \right] \leq \frac{P \left[ |V_n| + (m - 1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > \frac{t}{3} \right]}{1 - \frac{2(1-\varphi_m)}{3} - \varphi_m} = \frac{3}{1-\varphi_m} P \left[ |V_n| + (m - 1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i| > \frac{t}{3} \right] \blacksquare$$

It is clear that, for  $n > k \geq 1$ , if  $\mathcal{L}(V_n - V_k)$  are symmetric and  $\psi'_m > 0$ , then for  $n > m \geq 1$ , one can get,

$$2P \left[ |V_n| + (m + 1) \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > t \right] \geq \psi'_m P \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m+1} |V_k| > t \right]. \tag{7}$$

By using the above Proposition 1, Szewczak [26] presented the generalization of the Hoffman-Jorgensen inequality [27] as in the following Proposition 2.

**Proposition 2.** (Szewczak [15]) *For  $v > 0, t > 0, u > 0$ , if  $m \in \mathbb{N}, n > m$ , then one can get,*

$$P \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |V_k| > v + t + u \right] \leq P \left[ m \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i| > u \right] + \left( \varphi_m + P \left[ \max_{\substack{k+m \leq j \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n-m}} \left| \sum_{s=k+m}^j W_s \right| > t \right] \right) P \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m} |V_k| > v \right]. \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 3.** *If  $\{W_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  be a non-stationary random sequence,  $M_n = \sup_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n W_k \right|$  and if  $E[|X_1|^p] < \infty, p > 0$ , then for  $v > 0, \alpha > 0, n > m$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{-p}(1 + v)^{-p} E \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |V_k|^p I \left( \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |V_k|^p > \alpha 2^p (1 + v)^p \right) \right] \\ & \leq p_m^n (v \sqrt[p]{\alpha}) E \left[ \max_{i \leq k \leq n} |V_k|^p I \left( \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |V_k|^p > \alpha \right) \right] + m^p E \left[ M_n^p I_{(m^p M_n^p > \alpha)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_{(\cdot)}$  is the indicator function and  $p_m^n(u) = \varphi_m + P \left[ \max_{m \leq k \leq n} |V_k| > u \right]$ . **Proof:** From Proposition 2 if  $n > m \geq 1$ , then one can get,

$$P \left[ \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |V_k| > v + 2t + u \right] \leq P \left[ m \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i| > u \right] + \psi_m^* P \left[ \max_{m \leq k \leq n} |V_k| > t \right] P \left[ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-m} |V_k| > v \right].$$

Now, let  $Z_n = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |V_k|$  this implies that,

$$P[Z_n > 2(t + v)] \leq p_m^n(s) P[Z_n > t] + P[mM_n > t]$$

Thus, if I put  $v = vt$ , then I get,

$$P[Z_n > 2(1 + v)t] \leq p_m^n(vt) P[Z_n > t] + P[mM_n > t].$$

And, let  $Z$  be a positive random variable, then one can get,

$$E[ZI_{\{Z>\alpha\}}] = \alpha P\{Z > \alpha\} + \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} P\{Z > u\} du.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z_n^p I_{\{Z_n^p > 2^p(1+v)^p \alpha\}}] &\leq 2^p(1+v)^p \alpha P\{Z_n^p > 2^p(1+v)^p \alpha\} + \int_{2^p(1+v)^p \alpha}^{\infty} P\{Z_n^p > t\} dt \\ &\leq 2^p(1+v)^p \alpha (p_m^n (v^p \sqrt[p]{\alpha}) P\{Z_n > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\} + P\{mM_n > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\}) \\ &\quad + 2^p(1+v)^p \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} P\{Z_n > 2(1+v)\sqrt[p]{t}\} dt \\ &\leq 2^p(1+v)^p \alpha (p_m^n (v^p \sqrt[p]{\alpha}) P\{Z_n > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\} + P\{mM_n > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\}) \\ &\quad + 2^p(1+v)^p \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} P_m^n (v^p \sqrt[p]{t}) P\{Z_n > \sqrt[p]{t}\} dt \\ &\quad + 2^p(1+v)^p \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} P\{mM_n > \sqrt[p]{t}\} dt \\ &\leq 2^p(1+v)^p p_m^n (v^p \sqrt[p]{\alpha}) \left( \alpha P\{Z_n > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\} + \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} P\{Z_n > \sqrt[p]{t}\} dt \right) \\ &\quad + 2^p(1+v)^p \left( \alpha P\{mM_n > \sqrt[p]{\alpha}\} + \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} P\{mM_n > \sqrt[p]{t}\} dt \right) \\ &= 2^p(1+v)^p (p_m^n (v^p \sqrt[p]{\alpha}) E[Z_n^p I_{\{Z_n^p > \alpha\}}] + m^p E[M_n^p I_{\{m^p M_n^p > \alpha\}}]). \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

If  $E[|X_1|^p] < \infty$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $n > m \geq 1$ ,  $\tau \in (0, 1)$  and  $t_{\tau} = \inf\{t > 0; \phi_m + P[\max_{m \leq k \leq n} |V_k| > t]\} \leq 4^{-p} \tau$ , then one can obtain the same result as in Szewczak [26],

$$E\left[\max_{m \leq k \leq n} |V_k|^p\right] \leq \frac{4^p}{1-\tau} \left( m^p E\left[\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |W_i|^p\right] + t_{\tau}^p \right). \tag{8}$$

As in Szewczak [26] (Proposition 12), the strictly stationary sequence  $\{W_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  of all probable positions of the first meeting time satisfies:

$$(1-\phi_m)P\left[M_{\lceil n/m \rceil}^* > w\right] \leq P\{M_n > w\} \leq m(1-\phi_m)P\left[M_{\lceil n/m \rceil+1}^* > w\right],$$

where  $\phi_m < 1$  and  $y \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq m \geq 1$ . That is useful with the above propositions to prove the following Theorem 4 which provides the maxima of a strictly stationary sequence  $\{W_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . This gives more stronger moments for the finiteness of the first collision time at any random position  $w$  in the reactive medium.

**Theorem 4.** For the strictly stationary random sequence  $\{W_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , if  $\phi_m < 1$ ,  $w_{\phi} = \sup\{x; P[|W_1|] < 1\} > 0$  and  $q > 0$ ,  $w_{\phi} > w > 0$ , then

$$(1-\phi_m) \frac{\lceil n/m \rceil E[|W_1|^q I_{\{|w_1|>w\}}]}{1 + \lceil n/m \rceil P[|W_1| > w]} \leq E[M_n^q], \quad n \geq m. \blacksquare$$

The direct consequence of Lemmas and Theorems in this paper, are useful to get the finiteness of the first meeting time between the randomly moving particles in the reactive medium.

**Concluding remarks**

The main contributions of this paper can be summarized as follows:

1. More useful analysis that shows the finiteness of the collision time between two different randomly moving particles has been discussed.
2. The triangular arrays and uniform integrability conditions of the non-stationary random sequence of all probable positions are used.
3. The sufficient conditions that give more stronger moments of the collision time in the probability space has been presented.
4. New results obtained here are more useful and general than the results in El-Hadidy [1] and Alzulaibani [2].
5. In the future research, one can apply more advanced analysis by studying these sufficient conditions for the  $n$ -dimensional stochastic particle motion in the fluid.

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