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*New results related to complete monotonicity and Mellin transform,  
with applications to infinite divisibility*

- 1 Contribution to Complete monotonicity and alternation of functions
- 2 Contribution to properties of Mellin transform
- 3 A Normal Limit Theorem for size biasing

# Operators of interest

Let the operators

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_c f(x) &:= f(x+c) - f(x), & \Delta &:= \Delta_1, \\ \theta_c f(x) &:= f(c) - f(0) + f(x) - f(x+c), & \theta &:= \theta_1,\end{aligned}$$

Their iterates are given by  $\Delta_c^0 f = \theta_c^0 f = f$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\Delta_c^n f = \Delta_c(\Delta_c^{n-1} f), \quad \theta_c^n f = (-1)^n (\Delta_c^n f - \Delta_c^n f(0)),$$

so that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$\Delta_c^n f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^{n-i} f(x+ic) \quad (1)$$

$$\theta_c^n f = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i (f(x+ic) - f(ic)). \quad (2)$$

# Completely monotone and alternating functions

## Definition (Berg & Christensen 1984)

Let  $D = (0, \infty)$  or  $[0, \infty)$  or  $\mathbb{N}_0$ . A function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called completely monotone on  $D$ , we denote  $f \in \mathcal{CM}(D)$ , if  $f(D) \subset [0, \infty)$  (respectively completely alternating, we denote  $f \in \mathcal{CA}(D)$ , if  $f(D) \subset \mathbb{R}$ ), and for if all finite sets  $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\} \subset D$  and  $x \in D$ , we have

$$(-1)^n \Delta_{c_1} \cdots \Delta_{c_n} f(x) \geq 0 \quad (\text{respectively } \leq 0).$$

### Theorem (Bernstein's characterization of $\mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 f \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty) &\iff (-1)^n f^{(n)}(\lambda) \geq 0, \quad \forall n \geq 0 \text{ and } \lambda > 0 \\
 &\iff f(\lambda) = \int_{[0, \infty)} e^{-\lambda x} \nu(dx).
 \end{aligned}$$

### Theorem

The class of Bernstein functions  $\mathcal{BF}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{BF} &= \{\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty), \text{ differentiable, s.t. } \phi' \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)\} \\
 &= \{\phi(\lambda) = q + d\lambda + \int_{(0, \infty)} (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \pi(dx), \lambda \geq 0\} \\
 &= \mathcal{CA}(0, \infty) \cap \{\phi \geq 0\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $f \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty) \implies -f \in \mathcal{CA}(0, \infty)$

### Theorem (Hausdorff's characterization of $\mathcal{CM}(\mathbb{N})$ and $\mathcal{CA}(\mathbb{N})$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a_k)_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CM}(\mathbb{N}_0) &\iff (-1)^n \Delta^n a(k) \geq 0, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \\
 &\iff a_0 = \nu([0, 1]), \quad a_k = \int_{(0,1]} u^k \nu(du), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \\
 (a_k)_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CA}(\mathbb{N}_0) &\iff (-1)^n \Delta^n a(k) \leq 0, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0, n \in \mathbb{N} \\
 &\iff a_k = q + dk + \int_{[0,1)} (1 - u^k) \mu(du), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition :** A sequence  $a = (a_k)_{k \geq 0}$  is called **minimal** (and we denote  $a \in \mathcal{CM}^*(\mathbb{N}_0)$ , resp.  $a \in \mathcal{CA}^*(\mathbb{N}_0)$ ) if the sequence

$$\{a_0 - \epsilon, a_1, \dots, a_k, \dots\} \quad (\text{resp. } \{a_0, a_1 - \epsilon, \dots, a_k - \epsilon, \dots\})$$

is **not** in  $\mathcal{CM}(\mathbb{N}_0)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{CA}(\mathbb{N}_0)$ ) for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

### Theorem (Widder 1946 and Athavale-Ranjekar 2002)

A sequence  $a$  is minimal **IFF**  $\nu(\{0\}) = 0$  (resp.  $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$ ).

# FACT and QUESTION

Fact : *Minimal completely monotone (resp. alternating) functions are interpolated by functions in  $\mathcal{CM}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{BF}$ )!*

Question : *Can we affirm that a function  $f$  is  $\mathcal{CM}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{BF}$ ) if we know that the sequence  $(f(k))_k$  is  $\mathcal{CM}$  (respectively  $\mathcal{CA}$ )?*

Reformulation : *Could a  $\mathcal{CM}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{CA}$ ) and minimal sequence  $(a_k)_k$  be interpolated by a regular enough function  $f$ , which is not  $\mathcal{CM}$  (respectively  $\mathcal{BF}$ )?*

*This is a kind of converse to Hausdorff's moment characterization problem!*

ANSWER for  $\mathcal{CM}$ Theorem (Characterization of  $\mathcal{CM}$ )

A function  $\Psi \in \mathcal{CM}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  IFF the two following conditions hold :

(i)  $\Psi$  have an holomorphic bounded extension on  $\text{Re}(z) > 0$  ;

(ii) the sequence  $(\Psi(k))_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CM}^*(\mathbb{N}_0)$ .

Compare with

## Theorem (Mai, Schenk, Scherer 2015)

$\Psi \in \mathcal{CM}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  IFF  $\Psi$  is continuous and

$(\Psi(xk))_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CM}^*(\mathbb{N}_0), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, \infty)$ .



# Additional Results on $\mathcal{CM}$

## Corollary

$\Psi \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)$  IFF for some (and hence all) sequence  $\epsilon_n \searrow 0$ ,

(i)  $\Psi$  has a holomorphic bounded extension on  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > \epsilon_n$ ;

(ii)  $(\Psi(\epsilon_n + k))_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CM}^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

## Corollary

Two functions in  $\mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)$  coincide on  $\mathbb{N}$  starting from a certain rank IFF they are equal.

## Answer for $\mathcal{BF}$

### Theorem (Characterization of $\mathcal{BF}$ )

A function  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{BF}$  if and only if

(i) it has an holomorphic extension on  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ , s.t.

$|\Phi(c+z) - \Phi(z)| \leq M$  for some  $c, M > 0$

(ii)  $(\Phi(k))_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CA}^*(0, \infty)$ .

### Corollary

A function  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{BF}$  IFF it is continuous and

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(\Phi(\frac{k}{n}))_{k \geq 0} \in \mathcal{CA}^*(\mathbb{N}_0)$ .

### Corollary

Two Bernstein functions coincide on  $\mathbb{N}_0$  starting from a certain rank if and only if they are equal on  $[0, \infty)$ .

## Tools

## Proposition

(a)  $\Psi \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)$  IFF *for some* (and hence for all)  $c > 0$   
 $\lambda \mapsto -\Delta_c \Psi(\lambda) = \Psi(\lambda) - \Psi(\lambda + c) \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)$ .

(b) If  $-\Delta_c \Psi \in \mathcal{CM}(0, \infty)$ , then  $(-\Delta_{nc})\Psi$  converges pointwise, loc. uniformly, to  $\Psi$ . The same holds for the successive derivatives of  $(-\Delta_{nc})\Psi$ .

## Proposition

(a)  $\Phi \in \mathcal{BF}$  IFF *for some* (and hence for all)  $c > 0$ ,  
 $\lambda \mapsto \theta_c \Phi(\lambda) = \Phi(c) - \Phi(0) + \Phi(\lambda) - \Phi(\lambda + c) \in \mathcal{BF}_b$ .

(b) If  $\theta_c \Phi \in \mathcal{BF}$ , then  $\theta_{nc}\Phi$  converges pointwise, loc. uniformly, to  $\Phi$ .  
 The same holds for the successive derivatives of  $\theta_{nc}\Phi$ .

## Tools

## Lemma (Karamata's Theorem improved)

Suppose  $h, l : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are linked for every  $\lambda \geq 0$  by

$$h(\lambda + n) - h(n) \rightarrow l(\lambda), \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, necessarily  $l(\lambda) = \lambda l(1)$  with  $l(1) \geq 0$  and

$$h(\lambda + x) - h(x) \rightarrow l(\lambda), \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty,$$

uniformly in each compact  $\lambda$ -set in  $[0, \infty)$ .

## Corollary (to Blaschke's theorem)

Two holomorphic functions on  $P = \{\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0\}$  are identical if their difference is bounded and they coincide along a sequence  $z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots$  in  $P$ , s.t.  $\sum(1 - |\frac{z_i-1}{z_i+1}|) = +\infty$  (in particular for  $z_i = i \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

# Alternative Tools

## Theorem (Webster 1997)

Let  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  log-concave s.t.  $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(x+a)}{g(a)} = 1, \forall a > 0$ . Let  $a_n = (g'_-(n) + g'_+(n))/2g(n)$  and  $\gamma_g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_1^n a_j - \log g(n))$ .

Then, there exists a unique log-convex solution  $f$  to the iter. equation :

$$f(x+1) = g(x)f(x), \quad x > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad f(1) = 1,$$

given by  $f(x) = \frac{e^{-\gamma_g x}}{g(x)} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{g(n+x)} e^{a_n x}, \quad x > 0$ .

## Theorem (Nörlund 1926, on Gregory-Newton development)

$f$  admits a Gregory-Newton development

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{a_k}{k!} z(z-1) \cdots (z-k+1),$$

IFF  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\text{Re}(z) > \alpha$  and  $|f(z)| \leq Ae^{B|z|}, \alpha, A, B > 0$ .

Necessarily  $a_k = (-1)^k \Delta^k f(0), \quad k \geq 0$ .

# The Mellin transform, first properties

**From now on** : all random variables are nonnegative.

$$\mathcal{M}_X(\lambda) = \mathbb{E}[X^\lambda], \quad \text{for } \lambda \text{ in some domain of definition } \subseteq \mathbb{C},$$

$$\mu_X = \inf\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E}[X^\lambda] < \infty\} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_X = \sup\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{E}[X^\lambda] < \infty\}.$$

## Proposition

*If  $\lambda_X > 0$ , then, on  $[0, \lambda_X]$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_X$  is log-convex and strictly log-convex if  $X$  is non-deterministic.*

## Corollary

*Assume  $\lambda_X > 0$ . For every  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_X)$ , the function  $t \mapsto \mathcal{M}_X(\lambda + t)/\mathcal{M}_X(t)$  is nondecreasing on  $[0, \lambda_X - \lambda)$ . It is further increasing whenever  $X$  is non-deterministic.*

# The Mellin transform, injectivity and size biasing

## Lemma (Widder's Theorem improved)

Assume  $M_X = M_Y$  on some interval  $(\alpha, \beta) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then  $X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$ .

From now on :  $\lambda_X > 0$ ;

The biased law of order  $t \in [0, \lambda_X)$  is denoted  $X_{(t)}$  :

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{(t)} \in dx) = \frac{x^t}{\mathbb{E}[X^t]} \mathbb{P}(X \in dx), \quad x \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

(P0)  $X_{(0)} = X$  and  $(cX)_{(t)} = cX_{(t)}$ ,  $c > 0$ .

(P1)  $\mathbb{E}[X_{(t)}^\lambda] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^{t+\lambda}]}{\mathbb{E}[X^t]}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[g(X_{(t)})] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^t g(X)]}{\mathbb{E}[X^t]}$ .

(P2)  $(X_{(s)})_{(t)} \stackrel{d}{=} X_{(s+t)} \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{(t)})_{(s)}$ .

(P3)  $(X^s)_{(t)} \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{(st)})^s$ .

(P4)  $X, Y$  independent  $\implies (XY)_{(t)} \stackrel{d}{=} X_{(t)} Y_{(t)}$  ( $X_{(t)}$  and  $Y_{(t)}$  independent).

# Convergence of sequences and families of Mellin transforms

$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{N}$  or  $[0, \infty)$ . A subsequence of  $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ , is a sequence  $(X_{t(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with function  $t : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  s.t.  $t(n) \nearrow \infty$ .

## Definition (Billingsley)

- (i)  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is tight if  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{P}(|X_n| > x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii)  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is UI if  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E}[|X_n| \mathbf{1}_{X_n > x}] \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Definition

- (i)  $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  is ultimately tight if  $\limsup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \mathbb{P}(X_t > x) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii)  $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  is  $\lambda$ -UI if  $\limsup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \mathbb{E}[X_t^\lambda \mathbf{1}_{X_t > x}] \rightarrow 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (iii)  $X_t \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$ , if  $X_{t(n)} \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$  in the usual sense for every  $(t(n))_n$ .



# Convergence of sequences and families of Mellin transforms

## Theorem

1) Let  $X_\infty \geq 0$ . The following assertions are equivalent, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  :

- (i)  $X_t \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$  and  $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  is  $\lambda_0$ -UI;
- (ii)  $X_t \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X_t^{\lambda_0}] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_\infty^{\lambda_0}] < \infty$  ;
- (iii)  $\mathbb{E}[X_t^\lambda] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_\infty^\lambda] < \infty, \forall \lambda \in [0, \lambda_0]$ .

2) Let  $\lambda_1 \in (0, \lambda_0)$  and assume that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_t^\lambda] = f(\lambda), \lambda \in [\lambda_1, \lambda_0]$ .  
Then (iii) holds and  $f$  is well defined on  $[0, \lambda_0]$  by  $f(\lambda) = \mathbb{E}[X_\infty^\lambda]$ .

## Corollary (Simplification)

Let  $(U_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}, (V_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  and  $(W_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  s.t.  $U_t$  and  $V_t$  are independent,

$$W_t \stackrel{d}{=} U_t V_t, \quad W_t \xrightarrow{d} U_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad V_t \xrightarrow{d} V_\infty$$

and there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that  $(W_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  is  $\lambda_0$ -UI. Then,

$$U_t \xrightarrow{d} U_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[U_\infty^\lambda] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[W_\infty^\lambda]}{\mathbb{E}[V_\infty^\lambda]}, \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, \lambda_0].$$

## t-monotony and characterization

For  $a, b > 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{b}_{a,b}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_a$  denote r.v.'s with respectively beta and Gamma distribution . It is well known that

$$\mathfrak{g}_a \stackrel{d}{=} \mathfrak{b}_{a,b} \mathfrak{g}_{a+b} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{b}_{a,b+c} \stackrel{d}{=} \mathfrak{b}_{a,b} \mathfrak{b}_{a+b,c}, \quad \text{for all } a, b, c > 0, .$$

### Definition

Let  $t \in (0, \infty)$ . A function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is  $t$ -monotone if

$$f(x) = c + \int_{(0,\infty)} (u-x)_+^{t-1} \nu(du), \quad c \geq 0, x > 0.$$

Note that :  $f$  is  $t$ -monotone  $\implies$   $s$ -monotone  $\forall s \in (0, t)$ .

### Proposition

Let  $f$  be  $t$ -monotone density function of a r.v.  $Z > 0$  ( $c = 0$ ).

- 1)  $\nu(0, \infty) < \infty$  IFF  $Z \stackrel{d}{=} \mathfrak{b}_t X_{(t)}$ .
- 2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  Alternative proof for Bernstein's characterization of  $\mathcal{CM}$ .

## t-monotony and stationary excess operator

The continuous-time stationary excess operator is given by

$$\mathcal{E}_t(X) := \mathfrak{b}_t X_{(t)}, \quad \text{with } \mathfrak{b}_t \text{ independent from } X_{(t)}. \quad (4)$$

$(\mathcal{E}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  forms a semigroup of commuting operators. We have

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}_1(X) \leq x) = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[X]} \int_0^x \mathbb{P}(X > u) du, \quad x \geq 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}_{n+1} = \mathcal{E}_1 \circ \mathcal{E}_n.$$

Harkness and Shantaram (1969) solved the discrete time problem of :

1- finding a deterministic normalization speed  $c_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and **sufficient conditions** such that

$$Z_n := \frac{\mathcal{E}_n(X)}{c_n} \xrightarrow{d} Z_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (5)$$

2- describing the set of **possible** distributions for  $Z_\infty$ .

# Harkness and Shantaram Improved

**Natural question** : What kind of additional information we can recover from the continuous time problem ? i.e. What are the NCS for

$$Z_t \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{1}{c_t} \mathfrak{b}_t X_{(t)} \xrightarrow{d} Z_\infty \quad \text{when } t \in \mathbb{T} \text{ and } t \rightarrow \infty?$$

**Direction** :  $t \mathfrak{b}_t \xrightarrow{d} \mathfrak{e}$ , where  $\mathfrak{e}$  is exponentially distributed and choose

$$(U_t, V_t, W_t) = (t \mathfrak{b}_t, \frac{X_{(t)}}{\rho_t}, Z_t), \quad \text{with } \rho_t = t c_t.$$

and assume  $\mathbb{E}[Z_\infty^{\lambda_0}] < \infty$  for some  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Harkness and Shantaram's problem reformulated** : Find NSC on  $\rho_t$ , s.t.

$$X_t := \frac{X_{(t)}}{\rho_t} \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty !$$

**Necessarily** :  $Z_\infty \stackrel{d}{=} \mathfrak{e} X_\infty$ , where  $\mathfrak{e}$  is exponentially distributed, independent from  $X_\infty$ .

## Main result

## Theorem (The Normal Limit Theorem)

1) The following statements are equivalent :

(i)  $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Z_\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Z_\infty^{\lambda_0}] < \infty$  for some  $\lambda_0 > 0$  ;

(ii)  $Z_t \xrightarrow{d} Z_\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Z_\infty^{\lambda_0}] < \infty$  for some  $\lambda_0 > 0$  ;

(iii)  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X_\infty^{\lambda_0}] < \infty$  for some  $\lambda_0 > 0$  ;

(iv)  $X_t \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X_\infty^{\lambda_0}] < \infty$  for some  $\lambda_0 > 0$  ;

(v)  $\mathbb{E}[X_t^\lambda] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_\infty^\lambda]$ , for all  $\lambda \in [0, \infty)$ .

(vi)  $X_t \xrightarrow{d} X_\infty$  and  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\rho_{t+s}}{\rho_t} < \infty$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{0\}$ .

2) Necessarily,

$$\rho_t \stackrel{+\infty}{\sim} \mathbb{E}[X_\infty] \mathbb{E}[X^{t+1}] / \mathbb{E}[X^t] \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\rho_{t+s}}{\rho_t} = e^{cs}, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{T}$$

$$Z_\infty \stackrel{d}{=} \epsilon X_\infty \text{ where } \epsilon \text{ and } X_\infty \text{ are independent}$$

$$\stackrel{d}{=} e^{-cs} b_s(Z_\infty)_{(s)}, \quad \forall s \geq 0$$

$$\log X_\infty \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Normal}(\log \mathbb{E}[X_\infty] - \frac{c}{2}, \frac{c}{2}).$$

Let  $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , recall given by  $\Delta_a g(x) := g(x+a) - g(x)$ .  
 $g$  is said **monotone of order  $k \in \mathbb{N}$** , if

$$(-1)^k \Delta_{a_1} \Delta_{a_2} \cdots \Delta_{a_k} g \leq 0, \quad \forall a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k > 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}.$$

- $(-1)^k g^{(k)} \geq 0$  implies that  $g$  is monotone of order  $k$ ;
- Choose  $\alpha = \mathbb{E}[X_\infty]$ , and define for  $t \geq 0$

$$g_X(t) = \log \mathbb{E}[X^t] \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_t = \alpha \mathbb{E}[X_{(t)}] = \alpha \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^{t+1}]}{\mathbb{E}[X^t]} = \alpha \exp \Delta_1 g_X(t);$$

- We already know that that  $g_X$  is convex, that  $t \mapsto \rho_t \nearrow$  and then

$$\frac{\rho_{t+s}}{\rho_t} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_{(t+s)}]}{\mathbb{E}[X_{(t)}]} = \exp \Delta_1 \Delta_s g_X(t) \leq 1;$$

- If  $g_X$  is monotone of order 3 ( $g'_X$  is concave), then  $t \mapsto \rho_{t+s}/\rho_t \nearrow$ ;
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho_{t+s}/\rho_t = e^{cs}$  for some  $c \geq 0$ .

## Example

If  $g'_X$  is a concave function, then  $X$  satisfies the last Theorem. For instance,  $\log X$  is an infinite divisible random variable such that its Lévy exponent  $g_X = \log \mathcal{M}_X$  has the form

$$g_X(\lambda) = d\lambda + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\lambda^2 + \int_{(0,\infty)} (e^{-\lambda x} - 1 + \lambda x \mathbf{1}_{x \leq 1}) \pi(dx), \quad \lambda \geq 0,$$

with  $d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma \geq 0$ . Then  $g'_X$  is concave. We have

$$\Delta_1 \Delta_s g(t) = \sigma^2 s + \int_{(0,\infty)} e^{-tx} (1 - e^{-x})(1 - e^{-sx}) \pi(dx), \quad t, s > 0,$$

and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho_{t+s} / \rho_t = e^{\sigma^2 s}$

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