

25. Moments

We define the g -moment of a random variable and discuss finiteness of the g -moment of X_t for a Lévy process $\{X_t\}$.

DEFINITION 25.1. Let $g(x)$ be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbb{R}^d . We call $\int g(x)\mu(dx)$ the g -moment of a measure μ on \mathbb{R}^d . We call $E[g(X)]$ the g -moment of a random variable X on \mathbb{R}^d .

DEFINITION 25.2. A function $g(x)$ on \mathbb{R}^d is called submultiplicative if it is nonnegative and there is a constant $a > 0$ such that

$$g(x+y) \leq ag(x)g(y) \text{ for } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (25.1)$$

A function bounded on every compact set is called locally bounded.

LEMMA 25.1 Let $g(x)$ be a submultiplicative with constant a then:

$$\forall (x_i)_i \subset \mathbb{R}^d : g\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \leq a^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^n g(x_i).$$

Proof. This follows by induction on n .

Base case: $n = 2$ is true by submultiplicativity.

Induction hypothesis: assume $2 \leq n \leq k$.

Induction step: $n = k + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall (x_i)_i \subset \mathbb{R}^d : \\ g\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} x_i\right) &= g\left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i + x_{k+1}\right) \\ &\leq ag\left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i\right)g(x_{k+1}) \text{ by submultiplicativity} \\ &\leq aa^{k-1} \prod_{i=1}^k g(x_i)g(x_{k+1}) \text{ by induction hypothesis} \\ &\leq a^k \prod_{i=1}^{k+1} g(x_i). \end{aligned}$$

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THEOREM 25.3 (g -Moment). Let g be a submultiplicative, locally bounded, measurable function on \mathbb{R}^d . Then, finiteness of the g -moment is not a time dependent distributional property in the class of Lévy processes. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a Lévy process on \mathbb{R}^d with Lévy measure ν . Then, X_t has finite g -moment for every $t > 0$ if and only if $[\nu]_{\{|x|>1\}}$ has

finite g -moment.

The following facts indicate the wide applicability of the theorem.

PROPOSITION 25.4.

- (i) The product of two submultiplicative functions is submultiplicative.
- (ii) If $g(x)$ is submultiplicative on \mathbb{R}^d , then so is $g(cx + \gamma)^\alpha$ with $c \in \mathbb{R}$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $\alpha > 0$.
- (iii) Let $0 < \beta \leq 1$. Then the following functions are submultiplicative:

$$\begin{aligned} & |x| \vee 1, |x_j| \vee 1, x_j \vee 1, \exp(|x|^\beta), \exp(|x_j|^\beta) \\ & \exp((x_j \vee 0)^\beta), \log(|x| \vee e), \log(|x_j| \vee e), \log(x_j \vee e) \\ & \log \log(|x| \vee e^e), \log \log(|x_j| \vee e^e), \log \log(x_j \vee e^e) \end{aligned}$$

Here x_j is the j th component of x .

Proof. (i) **Immediate from the definition.**

Let $g, h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be submultiplicative functions then:

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d : g(x+y)h(x+y) \leq a_1 g(x)g(y)a_2 h(x)h(y) \leq a_1 a_2 g(x)h(x)g(y)h(y).$$

So $gh : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is submultiplicative.

- (ii) Let $g_1(x) = g(cx)$, $g_2(x) = g(x + \gamma)$, and $g_3(x) = g(x)^\alpha$. **Then it follows from (25.1) that $g_1(x+y) \leq a g_1(x)g_1(y)$, $g_2(x+y) \leq a^2 g(-\gamma)g_2(x)g_2(y)$, and $g_3(x+y) \leq a^\alpha g_3(x)g_3(y)$.**

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d :$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(x+y) &= g(c(x+y)) = g(cx + cy) \leq a g(cx)g(cy) = a g_1(x)g_1(y) \\ g_2(x+y) &= g(x+y+\gamma) = g(x+\gamma+y+\gamma-\gamma) \leq a^2 g(-\gamma)g(x+\gamma)g(y+\gamma) \\ &\leq a^2 g(-\gamma)g_2(x)g_2(y) \\ g_3(x+y) &= g(x+y)^\alpha \leq (a g(x)g(y))^\alpha = a^\alpha g(x)^\alpha g(y)^\alpha = a^\alpha g_3(x)g_3(y). \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) Let $h(u)$ be a positive increasing function on \mathbb{R} such that, for some $b \geq 0$, $h(u)$ is **constant** on $(-\infty, b]$ and $\log h(u)$ is concave on $[b, \infty)$. Then $h(u)$ is submultiplicative on \mathbb{R} . In fact, for $u, v \geq b \geq 0$, by **concaveness** the function $f(u) = \log h(u)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(u+b) - f(u)}{b} &\leq \frac{f(2b) - f(b)}{b} \Leftrightarrow f(u+b) - f(u) \leq f(2b) - f(b) \\ \frac{f(u+v) - f(v)}{u} &\leq \frac{f(u+b) - f(b)}{u} \Leftrightarrow f(u+v) - f(v) \leq f(u+b) - f(b) \end{aligned}$$

the first line is for $b \neq 0$, $b = 0$ is trivial and hence

$$\begin{aligned} f(u+v) &\leq f(u+b) - f(b) + f(v) \leq f(2b) - 2f(b) + f(u) + f(v) \Leftrightarrow \\ h(u+v) &\leq \frac{h(2b)}{h(b)^2} h(u)h(v) \end{aligned}$$

which shows

$$h(u+v) \leq \text{const } h(u)h(v) \tag{25.2}$$

It follows (we miss the cases for $u \geq b \geq v, b \geq u, v$) that (25.2) holds for all $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$. The functions $u \vee 1, \exp((u \vee 0)^\beta), \log(u \vee e)$, and $\log \log(u \vee e)$ fulfil the conditions on $h(u)$. By (25.2) and by the increasingness of h , the functions $h(|x|), h(|x_j|)$, and $h(x_j)$ are submultiplicative on \mathbb{R}^d . \square

We prove Theorem 25.3 after three lemmas.

LEMMA 25.5. If $g(x)$ is submultiplicative and locally bounded, then

$$g(x) \leq be^{c|x|} \quad (25.3)$$

with some $b > 0$ and $c > 0$.

Proof. Choose b in such a way that $\sup_{|x| \leq 1} g(x) \leq b$ and $ab > 1$. If $n - 1 < |x| \leq n$, then $\exists b : \sup_{|x| \leq 1} g(x) \leq b$ and $ab > 1$ because g is locally bounded. $\forall x$ set $n_x = \lceil |x| \rceil$ implying $n_x - 1 < |x| \leq n_x, \frac{x}{n_x} \in \{u : |u| \leq 1\}$, then

$$g(x) = g\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_x} \frac{x}{n_x}\right) \leq a^{n_x-1} g\left(\frac{x}{n_x}\right)^{n_x} \leq a^{n_x-1} b^{n_x} \leq b(ab)^{|x|} \leq be^{\ln(ab)|x|}$$

which shows (25.3). \square

LEMMA 25.6. Let μ be an infinitely divisible distribution on \mathbb{R}^d with Lévy measure ν supported on a bounded set S . Then $\hat{\mu}(t)$ can be extended to an entire function on \mathbb{C}^d .

Proof. There is a finite $a > 0$ such that $S_\nu \subset [-a, a]$. The Lévy representation of $\hat{\mu}(t)$ is written as

$$\hat{\mu}(t) = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \langle t, At \rangle + \int_S \left(e^{i \langle t, x \rangle} - 1 - i \langle t, x \rangle \right) \nu(dx) + i \langle \gamma', t \rangle \right]$$

with some $\gamma' \in \mathbb{R}^d$. The right-hand side is meaningful even if t is complex. Denote this function by $\Phi(t)$. Then $\Phi(t)$ is an entire function in each of its variables, since we can exchange the order of integration and differentiation and innerproducts are analytical. Thereby $\Phi(t)$ is also entire by Hartogs's theorem. \square

LEMMA 25.7. If μ is a probability measure on \mathbb{R} and $\hat{\mu}(z)$ is extendible to an entire function on \mathbb{C} , then μ has finite exponential moments, that is, it has finite $e^{c|x|}$ -moment for every $c > 0$.

Proof. It follows from Proposition 2.5(x) that $\alpha_n = \int x^n \mu(dx)$ and $\beta_n = \int |x|^n \mu(dx)$ are finite for any $n \geq 1$. Since $\frac{d^n \hat{\mu}}{dz^n}(0) = i^n \alpha_n$, we have

$$\hat{\mu}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} i^n \alpha_n z^n$$

the radius of convergence of the right-hand side being infinite. Notice that $\beta_{2k} = \alpha_{2k}$ and $\beta_{2k+1} \leq \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_{2k+2} + \alpha_{2k})$, since $|x|^{2k+1} \leq \frac{1}{2} (x^{2k+2} + x^{2k})$. It follows that

$$\int e^{|x|} \mu(dx) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \beta_n c^n < \infty$$

completing the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 25.3. Let $\nu_0 = [\nu]_{\{|x| \leq 1\}}$ and $\nu_1 = [\nu]_{\{|x| > 1\}}$. Construct independent Lévy processes $\{X_t^0\}$ and $\{X_t^1\}$ on \mathbb{R}^d such that $\{X_t\} =_d \{X_t^0 + X_t^1\}$ and $\{X_t^1\}$ is compound Poisson with Lévy measure ν_1 . Let μ_0^t and μ_1^t be the distributions of X_t^0 and X_t^1 , respectively.

Suppose that X_t has finite g -moment for some $t > 0$. It follows from

$$E[g(X_t)] = E[g(X_t^0 + X_t^1)] = \iint g(x+y) \mu_0^t(dx) \mu_1^t(dy)$$

that $\int g(x+y) \mu_1^t(dy) < \infty$ for some x . This means (see (24.1) in sato)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \int g(x+y) \nu_1^n(dy) < \infty$$

Since $g(y) \leq ag(-x)g(x+y) \leq abe^{c|x|}g(x+y)$ by Lemma 25.5, we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \int g(y) \nu_1^n(dy) < \infty \quad (25.4)$$

Hence $\int g(y) \nu_1(dy) < \infty$.

Conversely, suppose that $\int g(y) \nu_1(dy) < \infty$. Let us prove that $E[g(X_t)] < \infty$ for every t . By the submultiplicativity,

$$\begin{aligned} \int g(y) \nu_1^n(dy) &= \int \cdots \int g(y_1 + \cdots + y_n) \nu_1(dy_1) \cdots \nu_1(dy_n) \\ &\leq a^{n-1} \left(\int g(y) \nu_1(dy) \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have (25.4) for every t . That is, X_t^1 has finite g -moment. Since

$$E[g(X_t)] \leq E[g(X_t^0 + X_t^1)] \leq abE[e^{c|X_t^0|}] E[g(X_t^1)]$$

by (25.1) and (25.3), it remains only to show that $E[e^{c|X_t^0|}] < \infty$. Let $X_j^0(t)$, $1 \leq j \leq d$, be the components of X_t^0 . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{c|X_t^0|}] &\leq E\left[\exp\left(c \sum_{j=1}^d |X_j^0(t)|\right)\right] \leq E\left[\prod_{j=1}^d \left(e^{cX_j^0(t)} + e^{-cX_j^0(t)}\right)\right] \\ &\leq E\left[\sum_{\alpha_j \in \{-1,1\}} e^{c \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j X_j^0(t)}\right] \leq \sum_{\alpha_j \in \{-1,1\}} E\left[e^{c \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j X_j^0(t)}\right] \end{aligned}$$

which is written as a sum of a finite number of terms of the form $E[\exp X_t^\sharp]$ with X_t^\sharp being a linear combination of $X_j^0(t)$, $1 \leq j \leq d$. Since $\{X_t^\sharp\}$ is a Lévy process on \mathbb{R} with Lévy measure supported on a bounded set (use Proposition 11.10), $E[\exp X_t^\sharp]$ is finite by virtue of Lemmas 25.6 and 25.7. This proves all statements in the theorem.

Since X_t^0 is a Lévy process with a Lévy measure supported on a bounded set, $X_j^0(t)$ is a Lévy process on \mathbb{R} with a Lévy measure supported on a bounded set therefore it has finite (exponential) moments by (25.7) and so do any linear combinations $\sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j X_j^0(t)$. I.e. $E[e^{c|X_t^0|}] \leq E[e^{c \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j X_j^0(t)}] < \infty$. \square

Corollary 25.8. Let $\alpha > 0$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$, and $\gamma \geq 0$. None of the properties $\int |x|^\alpha \mu(dx) < \infty$, $\int (0 \vee \log |x|)^\alpha \mu(dx) < \infty$, and $\int |x|^\gamma e^{\alpha|x|^\beta} \mu(dx) < \infty$ is time dependent in the class of Lévy processes. For a Lévy process on \mathbb{R}^d with Lévy measure ν , each of the properties is expressed by the corresponding property of $[\nu]_{\{|x|>1\}}$.

Proof. This follows from Theorem 25.3 and Proposition 25.4. \square

REMARK 25.9. There is a nonnegative measurable function $g(x)$ satisfying (25.3) such that finiteness of the g -moment is a time dependent distributional property in the class of Lévy processes. For example, let $g(x) = (1 \wedge |x|^{-\alpha}) e^{|x|}$ with $\alpha > 0$. Consider a Γ -process $\{X_t\}$ with $E[X_1] = 1$. Then it is easy to see that $E[g(X_t)] < \infty$ if and only if $t < \alpha$. This process has $\nu = x^{-1} e^{-x} 1_{(0,\infty)}(x) dx$, so that ν_1 has finite g -moment (Example 8.10).

EXAMPLE 25.10. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a non-trivial semi-stable process on \mathbb{R}^d with index $\alpha \in (0, 2)$. Then, for every $t > 0$, $E[|X_t|^\eta]$ is finite or infinite according as $0 < \eta < \alpha$ or $\eta \geq \alpha$, respectively. To see this, notice that the argument in the proofs of Theorem 13.15 and Proposition 14.5 gives

$$\int_{S_n(b)} |x|^\eta \nu(dx) = b^{n(\eta-\alpha)} \int_{S_0(b)} |x|^\eta \nu(dx)$$

and hence $\int_{|x|>1} |x|^\eta \nu(dx) < \infty$ if and only if $\eta < \alpha$; apply Corollary 25.8. In particular, for a stable process on \mathbb{R} with parameters (α, β, τ, c) (Definition 14.16), $E[X_t] = \tau t$ if $1 < \alpha < 2$ (use Proposition 2.5(ix)). The following explicit results are known. If $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $\{X_t\}$ is a stable subordinator with $E[e^{-uX_t}] = e^{-tc'u^\alpha}$ (Example 24.12), then, for $-\infty < \eta < \alpha$,

$$E[X_t^\eta] = (tc')^{\eta/\alpha} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \frac{\eta}{\alpha})}{\Gamma(1 - \eta)} \quad (25.5)$$

which is shown by Wolfe [508] and Shanbhag and Sreehari [419] (Exercise 29.17). If $0 < \alpha < 2$ and $\{X_t\}$ is symmetric and α -stable on \mathbb{R} with $E[e^{iX_t}] = e^{-tc|z|^\alpha}$ (Theorem 14.14), then, for $-1 < \eta < \alpha$,

$$E[|X_t|^\eta] = (tc)^{\eta/\alpha} \frac{2^\eta \Gamma(\frac{1+\eta}{2}) \Gamma(1 - \frac{\eta}{\alpha})}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(1 - \frac{\eta}{2})} \quad (25.6)$$

as is shown in [419].

EXAMPLE 25.11. If $\{X_t\}$ is a Lévy process on \mathbb{R} with Lévy measure supported on $(-\infty, 0]$, then $E[e^{cX_t}] < \infty$ for every $c > 0$ and $t > 0$. Use Theorem 25.3 for $g(x) = e^{cx}$. For instance, a stable process on \mathbb{R} with $1 \leq \alpha < 2$ and $\beta = -1$ satisfies this assumption although it has support \mathbb{R} for every $t > 0$ (Theorem 24.10(i)).

EXAMPLE 25.12. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a Lévy process on \mathbb{R}^d generated by (A, ν, γ) . In components, $X_t = (X_j(t))$, $\gamma = (\gamma_j)$, and $A = (A_{jk})$. Then X_t has finite mean for $t > 0$ if and only if $\int_{\{|x|>1\}} |x| \nu(dx) < \infty$. When this condition is met, we can find $m_j(t) = E[X_j(t)]$ expressed as

$$m_j(t) = t \left(\int_{|x|>1} x_j \nu(dx) + \gamma_j \right) = t \gamma_{1,j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, d \quad (25.7)$$

differentiating $\hat{\mu}(z)$ (Proposition 2.5(ix) , $m_j(t) = \frac{1}{i}\partial z_j|_{z=0}\hat{\mu}_t(z)$).

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mu}_t(z) &= \exp \left[-t \left(\frac{1}{2} \langle z, Az \rangle + i \langle \gamma, z \rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\exp(i \langle z, x \rangle) - 1 - i \langle z, x \rangle I_D(x)) \nu(dx) \right) \right], \\ \partial z_j|_{z=0} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle z, Az \rangle \right) &= -\frac{1}{2} \langle \partial z_j(z), Az|_{z=0} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle z|_{z=0}, A \partial z_j(z) \rangle = 0, \\ \partial z_j|_{z=0} (i \langle \gamma, z \rangle) &= i \langle \gamma, \partial z_j|_{z=0}(z) \rangle = i \langle \gamma, e_j \rangle = i \gamma_j, \\ \partial z_j|_{z=0} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\exp(i \langle z, x \rangle) - 1 - i \langle z, x \rangle I_D(x)) \nu(dx) \right) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (ix_j - ix_j I_D(x)) \nu(dx) \\ &= i \int_{D^c} x_j \nu(dx)\end{aligned}$$

Here $\gamma_{1,j}$ is the j th component of the center γ_1 in (8.8). Similarly, $E \left[|X_t|^2 \right] < \infty$ for all $t > 0$ if and only if $\int_{|x|>1} |x|^2 \nu(dx) < \infty$. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned}v_{jk}(t) &= E[(X_j(t) - m_j(t))(X_k(t) - m_k(t))], \quad j, k = 1, \dots, d \\ &= E[X_j(t)X_k(t)] - m_j(t)m_k(t) \\ &= -\partial z_j \partial z_k \hat{\mu}_t(z)|_{z=0} - m_j(t)m_k(t) \\ &= -\partial z_j (\partial z_k (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z)) \hat{\mu}_t(z))|_{z=0} - m_j(t)m_k(t) \\ &= -\partial z_j \partial z_k|_{z=0} (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z)) \hat{\mu}_t(z) - \partial z_j (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z)) \partial z_k (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z)) \hat{\mu}_t(z)|_{z=0} - m_j(t)m_k(t) \\ &= -\partial z_j \partial z_k|_{z=0} (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z)) \hat{\mu}_t(z) \overset{1}{\leftarrow} - \overset{im_j(t)}{\partial z_j (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z))} \overset{im_k(t)}{\partial z_k (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z))} \hat{\mu}_t(z) \overset{1}{\leftarrow} |_{z=0} - m_j(t)m_k(t) \\ &= -\partial z_j \partial z_k|_{z=0} (\ln \hat{\mu}_t(z))\end{aligned}$$

the (j, k) elements of the covariance matrix of $X(t)$ calculated with the cumulant generating function, are expressed as

$$v_{jk}(t) = t \left(A_{jk} + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x_j x_k \nu(dx) \right) \quad (25.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\partial z_j \partial z_k \left(-\frac{t}{2} \langle z, Az \rangle \right) &= \frac{t}{2} \partial z_j (\langle e_k, Az \rangle + \langle z, Ae_k \rangle) \\ &= \frac{t}{2} (\langle e_k, Ae_j \rangle + \langle e_j, Ae_k \rangle) \\ &= t A_{jk} \\ -\partial z_j \partial z_k (i \langle \gamma, z \rangle) &= -i \partial z_j \langle \gamma, e_k \rangle \\ &= 0 \\ -\partial z_j \partial z_k|_{z=0} \left(t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\exp(i \langle z, x \rangle) - 1 - i \langle z, x \rangle I_D(x)) \nu(dx) \right) \\ &= -t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \partial z_j \partial z_k|_{z=0} \exp(i \langle z, x \rangle) \nu(dx) \\ &= t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x_j x_k \nu(dx)\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 25.3 shows that, for a Lévy process $\{X_t\}$ with Lévy measure ν , the tails of P_{X_t} and ν have a kind of similarity. Are they actually equivalent in some class of Lévy

processes? This question was answered by Embrecht, Goldie, and Veraverbeke [109] for subordinators. We state their result without proof in two remarks below.

Definition 25.13. A probability measure μ on $[0, \infty)$ is called subexponential if $\mu(x, \infty) > 0$ for every x and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu^n(x, \infty)}{\mu(x, \infty)} = n \quad \text{for } n = 2, 3, \dots \quad (25.9)$$

The class of probability measures satisfying (25.9) above was introduced by Chistyakov [65]. The condition can be weakened. Specifically, if

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu^2(x, \infty)}{\mu(x, \infty)} \leq 2$$

then μ is subexponential. The meaning of (25.9) is as follows. Let $\{Z_j\}$ be independent nonnegative random variables each with distribution μ and let $S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j$ and $M_n = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} Z_j$. Then μ satisfies (25.9) if and only if

$$P[S_n > x] \sim P[M_n > x], \quad x \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{for } n = 2, 3, \dots$$

In fact, $P[S_n > x] = \mu^n(x, \infty)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} P[M_n > x] &= \sum_{j=1}^n P[X_1 \leq x, \dots, X_{j-1} \leq x, X_j > x] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(0, x)^{j-1} \mu(x, \infty) \sim n\mu(x, \infty) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 25.14. A basic result on subexponentiality is as follows. If $\{X_t\}$ be a subordinator with Lévy measure ν , then the following conditions are equivalent [109]:

- (1) $\nu(1, \infty) > 0$ and $\frac{1}{\nu(1, \infty)}[\nu]_{(1, \infty)}$ is subexponential;
- (2) P_{X_t} is subexponential for every $t > 0$;
- (3) P_{X_t} is subexponential for some $t > 0$;
- (4) $P[X_t > x] \sim t\nu(x, \infty), x \rightarrow \infty$, for every $t > 0$;
- (5) $P[X_t > x] \sim t\nu(x, \infty), x \rightarrow \infty$, for some $t > 0$.

Some of the consequences of subexponentiality are as follows. Let μ be a subexponential probability measure on $[0, \infty)$. Then,

- (1) for any $y \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mu(x - y, \infty)/\mu(x, \infty) \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$;
- (2) for every $\varepsilon > 0$, $\int_{[0, \infty)} e^{\varepsilon x} \mu(dx) = \infty$;
- (3) if μ' is a probability measure on $[0, \infty)$ satisfying $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu'(x, \infty)}{\mu(x, \infty)} = c$ for some $c \in (0, \infty)$, then μ' is subexponential.

A function $L(x)$ is called slowly varying at ∞ if $L(x) \neq 0$ and $L(cx) \sim L(x)$, $x \rightarrow \infty$, for any $c > 0$. A function $f(x)$ is called regularly varying of index η at ∞ if $f(x) = x^\eta L(x)$

with $L(x)$ slowly varying at ∞ .

REMARK 25.15. A sufficient condition for subexponentiality is as follows. If μ is a probability measure on $[0, \infty)$ such that $\mu(x, \infty)$ is regularly varying of index $-\alpha$ at ∞ with some $\alpha \geq 0$, then μ is subexponential. In the case of an infinitely divisible distribution with Lévy measure ν , we can also apply this to $\frac{1}{\nu(1, \infty)}[\nu]_{(1, \infty)}$. For example, the Pareto distribution (Remark 8.12) and onesided stable distributions (by the form of the Lévy measures in Remark 14.4) are subexponential. As examples not covered by this sufficient condition, the Weibull distribution with parameter $0 < \alpha < 1$ and the log-normal distribution in Remark 8.12 are subexponential.

For related results and references on subexponentiality, see the recent book [110] of Embrecht, Klüppelberg, and Mikosch.

REMARK 25.16. Gribel [156] extends a part of the assertions in Remark 25.14 as follows. Let $h(x)$ be a nonnegative continuous function on $[0, \infty)$ decreasing to 0 as $x \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$-\int_0^x h(x-y)dh(y) = O(h(x)), \quad x \rightarrow \infty \quad (25.10)$$

Let μ be an infinitely divisible distribution on \mathbb{R} and let ν be its Lévy measure. Then the following hold as $x \rightarrow \infty$: $\mu(x, \infty) = O(h(x))$ if and only if $\nu(x, \infty) = O(h(x))$; $\mu(x, \infty) = o(h(x))$ if and only if $\nu(x, \infty) = o(h(x))$. Examples of functions $h(x)$ satisfying the conditions above are $h(x) = (1+x)^{-\alpha}(1+\log(1+x))^{-\beta}$ with $\alpha > 0, \beta \geq 0$ or with $\alpha = 0, \beta > 0$, and $h(x) = e^{-cx^\alpha}$ with $c > 0, 0 < \alpha < 1$. A sufficient condition for (25.10) is that $\sup_x \frac{h(x)}{h(2x)} < \infty$.

When $g(x) = e^{\langle c, x \rangle}$, the g -moment of a Lévy process is explicitly expressible. We define, for $w = (w_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d}$ and $v = (v_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d}$ in \mathbb{C}^d , the inner product $\langle w, v \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^d w_j v_j$ (not the Hermitian inner product $\sum_{j=1}^d w_j \bar{v}_j$). We write $\operatorname{Re} w = (\operatorname{Re} w_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Let $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x| \leq 1\}$.

THEOREM 25.17 (Exponential moment). Let $\{X_t\}$ be a Lévy process on \mathbb{R}^d generated by (A, ν, γ) . Let

$$C = \left\{ c \in \mathbb{R}^d : \int_{|x| > 1} e^{\langle c, x \rangle} \nu(dx) < \infty \right\}$$

- (i) The set C is convex and contains the origin.
- (ii) $c \in C$ if and only if $E e^{\langle c, X_t \rangle} < \infty$ for some $t > 0$ or, equivalently, for every $t > 0$.
- (iii) If $w \in \mathbb{C}^d$ is such that $\operatorname{Re} w \in C$, then

$$\Psi(w) = \frac{1}{2} \langle w, Aw \rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(e^{\langle w, x \rangle} - 1 - \langle w, x \rangle 1_D(x) \right) \nu(dx) + \langle \gamma, w \rangle \quad (25.11)$$

is definable, $E |e^{\langle w, X_t \rangle}| < \infty$, and

$$E \left[e^{\langle w, X_t \rangle} \right] = e^{t\Psi(w)} \quad (25.12)$$

Proof. (i) Obviously C contains the origin. If c_1 and c_2 are in C , then, for any $0 < r < 1$ and $s = 1 - r$,

$$\int_{|x|>1} e^{\langle rc_1+sc_2, x \rangle} \nu(dx) \leq \left(\int_{|x|>1} e^{\langle c_1, x \rangle} \nu(dx) \right)^\tau \left(\int_{|x|>1} e^{\langle c_2, x \rangle} \nu(dx) \right)^s < \infty$$

by Hölder's inequality. Hence C is convex.

(ii) The function $g(x) = e^{\langle c, x \rangle}$ is clearly submultiplicative. Hence Theorem 25.3 gives the assertion.

(iii). Any linear transformation U of \mathbb{R}^d to \mathbb{R}^d can be uniquely extended to a linear transformation of \mathbb{C}^d to \mathbb{C}^d . Regarding U as a $d \times d$ matrix, it is easy to see that $\langle w, Uv \rangle = \langle U'w, v \rangle$ for $w, v \in \mathbb{C}^d$, where U' is the transpose of U . Now let $\operatorname{Re} w \in C$. Then $\int_{|x|>1} |e^{\langle w, x \rangle}| \nu(dx) = \int_{|x|>1} e^{\langle \operatorname{Re} w, x \rangle} \nu(dx) < \infty$, which shows that $\Psi(w)$ of (25.11) is definable and finite. Also, $E |e^{\langle w, X_t \rangle}| = E e^{\langle \operatorname{Re} w, X_t \rangle} < \infty$ by (ii). Let us show (25.12) in three steps.

Step 1. Let e_1 be the unit vector with first component 1. Assume that $e_1 \in C$. Let us prove (25.12) for all $w = (w_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d}$ with $\operatorname{Re} w_1 \in [0, 1]$ and $\operatorname{Re} w_j = 0, 2 \leq j \leq d$. Fix $t > 0$ and $w_2, \dots, w_d \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re} w_j = 0, 2 \leq j \leq d$, and regard w_1 as variable in $F = \{w_1 \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} w_1 \in [0, 1]\}$. Consider $f(w_1) = E e^{\langle w, X_t \rangle}$. Then $f(w_1)$ is continuous on F , since

$$\left| e^{\langle w, X(t) \rangle} \right| = e^{(\operatorname{Re} w_1) X_1(t)} \leq (\operatorname{Re} w_1) e^{X_1(t)} + (1 - \operatorname{Re} w_1) \leq e^{X_1(t)} + 1$$

by the convexity of $e^{u X_1(t)}$ in u , where $X_1(t)$ is the first component of $X(t)$. Moreover, $f(w_1)$ is analytic in the interior of F , since it is the limit of the analytic functions $E [e^{\langle v, X_t \rangle}; |X_t| \leq n]$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Similarly, $h(w_1) = e^{t w(w)}$ is continuous on F and analytic in the interior of F . If $\operatorname{Re} w_1 = 0$, then $f(w_1) = h(w_1)$, which is the Lévy-Khintchine representation of P_{X_i} . Therefore, as in the proof of Theorem 24.11, the principle of reflection and the uniqueness theorem yield (25.12) when $\operatorname{Re} w_1 \in [0, 1]$.

Step 2. Let U be a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^d onto \mathbb{R}^d . Let $Y_t = U X_t$. Then $\{Y_t\}$ is a Lévy process with generating triplet (A_U, ν_U, γ_U) by Proposition 11.10. Write

$$C_U = \left\{ c \in \mathbb{R}^d : \int_{|x|>1} e^{\langle c, x \rangle} \nu_U(dx) < \infty \right\}$$

Since $\nu_U = \nu U^{-1}$, we have $C_U = (U')^{-1} C$. Given $w \in \mathbb{C}^d$ satisfying $\operatorname{Re} w \in C$, let $v = (U')^{-1} w$. Then $\operatorname{Re} v \in C_U$. Define

$$\Psi_U(v) = \frac{1}{2} \langle v, A_U v \rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(e^{\langle v, x \rangle} - 1 - \langle v, x \rangle 1_D(x) \right) \nu_U(dx) + \langle \gamma_U, v \rangle$$

We claim that if

$$E \left[e^{\langle v_i, Y_i \rangle} \right] = e^{t \Psi_U(v)} \quad (25.13)$$

then w satisfies (25.12). In fact, $\langle v, Y_t \rangle = \langle \langle U^{-1} \rangle' w, Y_t \rangle = \langle w, X_t \rangle$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_U(v) &= \frac{1}{2} \langle U'v, A U'v \rangle + \int \left(e^{\langle v, Ux \rangle} - 1 - \langle v, Ux \rangle 1_D(x) \right) \nu(dx) + \langle U\gamma, v \rangle \\ &= \Psi(w) \end{aligned}$$

by (11.8)-(11.10). That is, (25.13) is identical with (25.12).

Step 3. Given $w \in \mathbb{C}^d$ satisfying $\operatorname{Re} w \in C$, we shall show (25.12). If $\operatorname{Re} w = 0$, there is nothing to prove. Assume $\operatorname{Re} w \neq 0$. Choose a linear transformation U from \mathbb{R}^d onto \mathbb{R}^d such that $\operatorname{Re} w = U'e_1$. Consider the Lévy process $Y_t = UX_t$. Since $C_U = (U')^{-1}C$, we have $e_1 \in C_U$. We know, by Step 1, that, if $v \in \mathbb{C}^d$ satisfies $\operatorname{Re} v = e_1$, then (25.13) holds. Hence, by the result of Step 2, w satisfies (25.12). \square

We close this section with a discussion of the g -moments of $\sup_{s \in [0, t]} |X_s|$

THEOREM 25.18. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a Lévy process on \mathbb{R}^d . Define

$$X_t^* = \sup_{s \in [0, t]} |X_s| \quad (25.14)$$

Let $g(r)$ be a nonnegative continuous submultiplicative function on $[0, \infty)$, increasing to ∞ as $r \rightarrow \infty$. Then the following four statements are equivalent.

- (1) $E[g(X_t^*)] < \infty$ for some $t > 0$.
- (2) $E[g(X_t^*)] < \infty$ for every $t > 0$.
- (3) $E[g(|X_t|)] < \infty$ for some $t > 0$.
- (4) $E[g(|X_t|)] < \infty$ for every $t > 0$.

Proof. Since $g(|x|)$ is submultiplicative on \mathbb{R}^d , (3) and (4) are equivalent by Theorem 25.3. As $|X_t| \leq X_t^* \implies g(|X_t|) \leq g(X_t^*)$, all we have to show is that, for any fixed $t > 0$, $E[g(|X_t|)] < \infty$ implies $E[g(X_t^*)] < \infty$. We claim that, for any $a > 0$ and $b > 0$,

$$P[X_t^* > a + b] \leq P[|X_t| > a] / P[X_t^* \leq b/2] \quad (25.15)$$

Fix t and let $t_{n,j} = jt/2^n$ for $j = 1, \dots, 2^n$ and $X_{(n)}^* = \max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^n} |X_{t_{n,j}}|$. Choosing $Z_j(s) = Z_j = X_{t_{n,j}} - X_{t_{n,j-1}}$ in Lemma 20.2 and using Remark 20.3, we have

$$P[X_{(n)}^* > a + b] \leq P[|X_t| > a] / P[X_{(n)}^* \leq b/2]$$

in (20.2). Hence, letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get (25.15). Choose $b > 0$ such that $P[X_t^* \leq b/2] > 0$. Let $\tilde{g}(r)$ be a continuous increasing function on $[0, \infty)$ such that $\tilde{g}(0) = 0$ and $\tilde{g}(r) = g(r)$ for $r \geq 1$. Apply Lemma 17.6 to $k(r) = 1 - P[|X_t| \leq r]$ and $l(r) = \tilde{g}(r)$. Then

$$\int_{0+}^{\infty} P[|X_t| > r] d\tilde{g}(r) = \int_{(0, \infty)} \tilde{g}(r) P[|X_t| \in dr] = E[\tilde{g}(|X_t|)]$$

14 follows from (25.15) that

$$\int_{0+}^{\infty} P[X_t^* > r + b] d\tilde{g}(r) \leq E[\tilde{g}(|X_t|)] / P[X_t^* \leq b/2]$$

The integral in the left-hand side equals

$$\int_{(0, \infty)} \tilde{g}(r) P[X_t^* - b \in dr] = E[\tilde{g}(X_t^* - b); X_t^* > b]$$

similarly. Hence, if $E[g(|X_t|)] < \infty$, then $E[g(X_t^* - b); X_t^* > b] < \infty$ and, by the submultiplicativity of g , $E[g(X_t^*)] < \infty$.

□

Remark 25.19. Let $d = 1$. Doob [93], p. 337, shows an explicit bound:

$$E[(X_t^*)^\alpha] \leq 8E[|X_t|^\alpha] \text{ for } \alpha \geq 1 \quad (25.16)$$

provided that $E|X_t| < \infty$ and $EX_t = 0$. This is true not only for Lévy processes but also for additive processes on \mathbb{R} . Define the supremum process $M_t = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} X_s$. If $\frac{1}{\nu(1, \infty)}[\nu]_{(1, \infty)}$ is subexponential, then $P[M_t > x] / \nu(x, \infty) \rightarrow t$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. This is due to Berman [18] and Rosinski and Samorodnitsky [382]. Extension of this result in the case where the right tail of v is lighter is studied in Braverman and Samorodnitsky [57] and Braverman [56].