Self-similar Markov processes
Part I: One dimension

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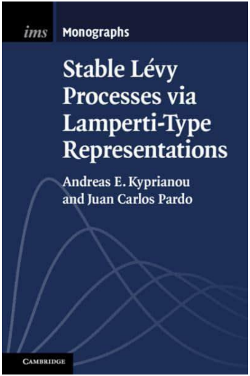

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- In one dimension the path of a Lévy process can be monotone, in which case it is called a *subordinator* and we work with the Laplace exponent

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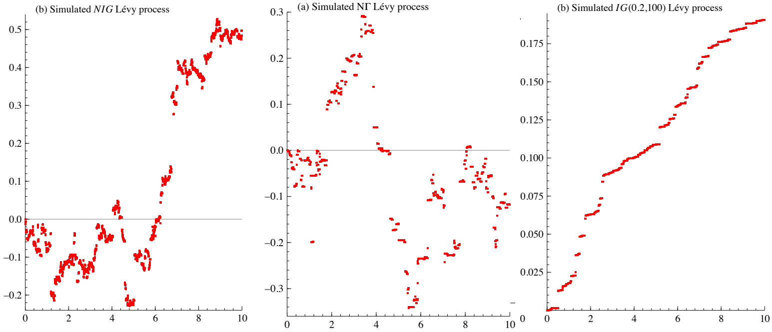

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The Lévy measure has a density with respect to Lebesgue measure which is given by

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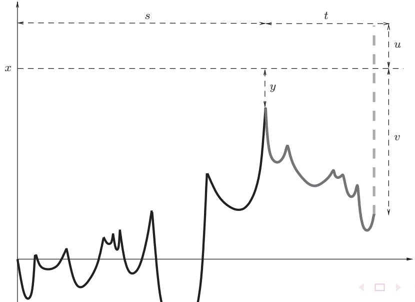
- Recall Wiener–Hopf factorisation $\Psi(\theta) = \kappa(-\mathrm{i}\theta)\hat{\kappa}(\mathrm{i}\theta)$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$., where κ and $\hat{\kappa}$ are Laplace exponents of subordinators.
- Associated to κ and $\hat{\kappa}$ are their potentials

$$\int_{[0,\infty)} \mathrm{e}^{-\beta x} U(\mathrm{d}x) = \frac{1}{\kappa(\beta)} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{[0,\infty)} \mathrm{e}^{-\beta x} \hat{U}(\mathrm{d}x) = \frac{1}{\hat{\kappa}(\beta)}, \qquad \beta \geq 0.$$

Theorem (Triple law at first entry to (x, ∞))

Recall $\tau_x^+ = \inf\{t > 0 : \xi_t > x\}$. *For* $u > 0$, $v \geq y$, $y \in [0, x]$,

$$\mathbb{P}(\xi_{\tau_x^+} - x \in \mathrm{d}u,\, x - \xi_{\tau_x^+ -} \in \mathrm{d}v,\, x - \bar{\xi}_{\tau_x^+ -} \in \mathrm{d}y) = U(x - \mathrm{d}y)\hat{U}(\mathrm{d}v - y)\Pi(\mathrm{d}u + v).$$



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Theorem (Kesten (1969)/Bretagnolle (1971))

Suppose that ξ is not a compound Poisson process. Then ξ can hit points if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{Re}\left(\frac{1}{1+\Psi(z)}\right) \mathrm{d}z < \infty.$$

If the Kesten-Bretagnolle integral test is satisfied, then

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau^{\{x\}} < \infty) = \frac{u(x)}{u(0)},$$

where $\tau^{\{x\}} = \inf\{t > 0 : \xi_t = x\}$, providing we can compute the inversion

$$u(x) = \int_{c+\mathrm{i}\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathrm{e}^{-zx}}{\Psi(-\mathrm{i}z)} \mathrm{d}z$$

for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

§2. Self-similar Markov processes

SELF-SIMILAR MARKOV PROCESSES (SSMP)

Definition

A regular strong Markov process $(Z_t : t \geq 0)$ on $\mathbb{R}^d$, with probabilities $\mathbb{P}_x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, is a rssMp if there exists an index $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$ such that for all $c > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$(cZ_{tc^{-\alpha}} : t \geq 0) \text{ under } \mathbb{P}_x \text{ is equal in law to } (Z_t : t \geq 0) \text{ under } \mathbb{P}_{cx}.$$

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- Note that $|X_t|$, $t \geq 0$ is a Bessel-d process. It turns out that all Bessel processes, *and* all squared Bessel processes are self-similar on $[0, \infty)$. Once can check this by e.g. considering scaling properties of their transition semi-groups.

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- Note when $d = 3$, $|X_t|, t \geq 0$ is also equal in law to a Brownian motion conditioned to stay positive: i.e if we define, for a 1-d Brownian motion $(B_t : t \geq 0)$,

$$\mathbb{P}_x^{\uparrow}(A) = \lim_{s \to \infty} \mathbb{P}_x(A | \underline{B}_{t+s} > 0) = \mathbb{E}_x \left[\frac{B_t}{x} \mathbf{1}_{(\underline{B}_t > 0)} \mathbf{1}_{(A)} \right]$$

where $A \in \sigma\{B_t : u \leq t\}$, then

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- If we replace Brownain motion by an α-stable process, a Lévy process that has scale invariance, then all of the functional transforms still produce new examples of self-similar Markov processes.

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- Assume jumps in both directions ($0 < \alpha\rho, \alpha\hat{\rho} < 1$), so that the Lévy **density** takes the form

$$\frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\pi}\frac{1}{|x|^{1+\alpha}}\left(\sin(\pi\alpha\rho)\mathbf{1}_{\{x>0\}} + \sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho})\mathbf{1}_{\{x<0\}}\right)$$

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- or equivalently is equivalent to saying $(cX^{(x)}_{c^{-\alpha}t}, t \geq 0) \stackrel{d}{=} (X^{(cx)}_t, t \geq 0)$, where we have indicated the point of issue as an additional index.

Stable process path properties

index	jumps	path	recurrence/transience
$\alpha \in (0,1)$			transient
$\rho = 0$	$-$	monotone decreasing	$\lim_{t\to\infty} X_t = -\infty$
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As usual, we work with the convention $\inf \emptyset = \infty$.

LAMPERTI TRANSFORM FOR POSITIVE SSMP

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ξ^*, $\xi^\uparrow$ AND $\xi^\downarrow$

- The three examples of pssMp offer quite striking underlying Lévy processes
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Censored stable processes

- Start with X, the stable process.
- Let $A_t = \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{(X_t>0)}\,\mathrm{d}t$.
- Let γ be the right-inverse of A, and put $\check{Z}_t := X_{\gamma(t)}$.
- Finally, make zero an absorbing state: $Z_t = \check{Z}_t \mathbf{1}_{(t<T_0)}$ where

$$T_0 = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t = 0\}.$$

  Note $T_0 < \infty$ a.s. if and only if $\alpha \in (1,2)$ and otherwise $T_0 = \infty$ a.s.
- This is the censored stable process.

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Theorem

Suppose that the underlying Lévy process for the censored stable process is denoted by $\overset{\rightsquigarrow}{\xi}$. Then $\overset{\rightsquigarrow}{\xi}$ is equal in law to $\xi^{**} \oplus \xi^{C}$, with

- ξ^{**} *equal in law to* ξ^{*} *with the killing removed,*
- ξ^{C} *a compound Poisson process with jump rate* $q^{*} = \Gamma(\alpha)\sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho})/\pi$.

Moreover, the characteristic exponent of $\overset{\rightsquigarrow}{\xi}$ *is given by*

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THE RADIAL PART OF A STABLE PROCESS

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Suppose that the underlying Lévy process for $|X|$ is written ξ, then it characteristic exponent is given by

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Hypergeometric Lévy processes (reminder)

Definition (and Theorem)

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$$\left\{ \ \beta \leq 2, \ \gamma, \hat{\gamma} \in (0,1) \ \hat{\beta} \geq -1, \text{ and } 1 - \beta + \hat{\beta} + \gamma \wedge \hat{\gamma} \geq 0 \ \right\}$$

there exists a (killed) Lévy process, henceforth refered to as a hypergeometric Lévy process, having the characteristic function

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where $\eta := 1-\beta+\gamma+\hat{\beta}+\hat{\gamma}$, for $|z|<1$, ${}_2F_1(a,b;c;z) := \sum_{k\geq 0} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k}{(c)_k k!} z^k$.

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- This metric induces a topology (the Skorokhod topology). From this topology, we build a measurable space around the space of cadlag paths.
- Think of $\mathbb{P}_x$, $x > 0$ as a family of measures on this space and we want weak convergence “$\mathbb{P}_0 := \lim_{x \to 0} \mathbb{P}_x$” on this space.

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Theorem

Suppose that $(\xi, \mathbf{P}_x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ *is the Lévy process (not a compound Poisson process) underlying the pssMp* $(Z, \mathbb{P}_x)$, $x > 0$. *The limit* $\mathbb{P}_0 := \lim_{x\to 0} \mathbb{P}_x$ *exists in the sense of convergence with respect to the Skorokhod topology if and only if* $\mathbf{E}_0(H_1^+) < \infty$ *(*H^+ *is the ascending ladder process of* ξ*). Under the assumption that* $\mathbb{E}(\xi_1) > 0$*, for any positive measurable function* f *and* $t > 0$,

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$$\mathbf{E}_0(e^{\beta \xi_1}) = 1.$$

Here, as usual, α is the index of self-similarity.

§6. Real valued self-similar Markov processes

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Markov additive processes (MAPs)

- E is a finite state space
- $(J(t))_{t\geq 0}$ is a continuous-time, irreducible Markov chain on E
- process (ξ, J) in $\mathbb{R} \times E$ is called a *Markov additive process (MAP)* with probabilities $\mathbf{P}_{x,i}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}, i \in E$, if, for any $i \in E$, $s, t \geq 0$: Given $\{J(t) = i\}$,
  $(\xi(t+s) - \xi(t), J(t+s)) \stackrel{d}{=} (\xi(s), J(s))$ with law $\mathbf{P}_{0,i}$.

Pathwise description of a MAP

The pair (ξ, J) is a Markov additive process if and only if, for each $i, j \in E$,

- there exist a sequence of iid Lévy processes $(\xi_i^n)_{n\geq 0}$
- and a sequence of iid random variables $(U_{ij}^n)_{n\geq 0}$, independent of the chain J,
- such that if $T_0 = 0$ and $(T_n)_{n\geq 1}$ are the jump times of J, the process ξ has the representation

$$\xi(t) = \mathbf{1}_{(n>0)}(\xi(T_n-) + U^n_{J(T_n-),J(T_n)}) + \xi^n_{J(T_n)}(t - T_n),$$

for $t \in [T_n, T_{n+1})$, $n \geq 0$.

Characteristics of a MAP

- Denote the transition rate matrix of the chain J by $\mathbf{Q} = (q_{ij})_{i,j\in E}$.
- For each $i \in E$, the Laplace exponent of the Lévy process ξ_i will be written ψ_i (when it exists).
- For each pair of $i, j \in E$ with $i \neq j$, define the Laplace transform $G_{ij}(z) = \mathbb{E}(e^{zU_{ij}})$ of the jump distribution U_{ij} (when it exists).
- Otherwise define $U_{i,i} \equiv 0$, for each $i \in E$.
- Write $G(z)$ for the $N \times N$ matrix whose (i, j)th element is $G_{ij}(z)$.
- Let

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi}(z) = \text{diag}(\psi_1(z), \ldots, \psi_N(z)) + \mathbf{Q} \circ G(z),$$

(when it exists), where $\circ$ indicates elementwise multiplication.

- The matrix exponent of the MAP (ξ, J) is given by

$$\mathbf{E}_{0,i}(e^{z\xi(t)}; J(t) = j) = \left(e^{\boldsymbol{\Psi}(z)t}\right)_{i,j}, \qquad i, j \in E,$$

(when it exists).

Dual MAP

- Thanks to irreducibility, the Markov chain J necessarily has a stationary distribution. We denote it by the vector $\boldsymbol{\pi} = (\pi_1, \cdots, \pi_N)$.
- Each MAP has a dual process, also a MAP, with probabilities $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_{x,i}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $i \in E$, determined by the dual characteristic matrix exponent (when it exists),

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Psi}}(z) := \mathrm{diag}\big(-\Psi_1(-z), \cdots, -\Psi_N(-z)\big) + \hat{\boldsymbol{Q}} \circ \boldsymbol{G}(-z)^{\mathrm{T}},$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{Q}}$ is the time-reversed Markov chain J,

$$\hat{q}_{i,j} = \frac{\pi_j}{\pi_i} q_{j,i}, \qquad i, j \in E.$$

Note that the latter can also be written $\hat{\boldsymbol{Q}} = \boldsymbol{\Delta}_\pi^{-1} \boldsymbol{Q}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}}$, where $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}} = \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$.
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Lemma

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Theorem

Assume that Z is a conservative real self-similar Markov process. Moreover, suppose that the MAP $((\xi,\Theta),\mathbf{P})$*, associated with Z through the Lamperti-Kiu transform, is such that* ξ *is not concentrated on a lattice and its ascending ladder height process H which satisfies* $\mathbf{E}_{0,\boldsymbol{\pi}}(H_1)<\infty$*. Then* $\mathbb{P}_0:=\lim_{x\downarrow 0}\mathbb{P}_x$ *exists, in the sense of convergence of on the Skorokhod space, under which Z leaves the origin continuously. Conversely, if* $\mathbf{E}_{0,\boldsymbol{\pi}}(H_1)=\infty$*, then this limit does not exist. Under the additional assumption that* $\mathbf{E}_{0,\boldsymbol{\pi}}(\xi_1)>0$*, for any positive measurable function f and* $t>0$*,*

$$\mathbb{E}_0(f(Z_t))=\frac{1}{-\alpha\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{0,\boldsymbol{\pi}}(\xi_1)}\sum_{i=\pm1}\pi_i\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{0,i}\left(\frac{1}{I_\infty}f\left(i\left(\frac{t}{I_\infty}\right)^{1/\alpha}\right)\right),\tag{3}$$

where $I_\infty=\int_0^\infty\exp\{\alpha\xi_s\}\mathrm{d}s$*, and* $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{x,i}$*,* $x\in\mathbb{R}$*,* $i=\pm1$*.*

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Esscher transform for MAPs

- If $\mathbf{\Psi}(z)$ is well defined then it has a real simple eigenvalue $\chi(z)$, which is larger than the real part of all its other eigenvalues.
- Furthermore, the corresponding right-eigenvector $\mathbf{v}(z) = (v_1(z), \cdots, v_N(z))$ has strictly positive entries and may be normalised such that $\pi \cdot \mathbf{v}(z) = 1$.

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Let $\mathcal{G}_t = \sigma\{(\xi(s), J(s)) : s \leq t\}$, $t \geq 0$, *and*

$$M_t := \mathrm{e}^{\gamma\xi(t)-\chi(\gamma)t}\frac{v_{J(t)}(\gamma)}{v_i(\gamma)}, \qquad t \geq 0,$$

for some $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ *such that* $\chi(\gamma)$ *is defined. Then,* M_t, $t \geq 0$, *is a unit-mean martingale. Moreover, under the change of measure*

$$\mathrm{d}\mathbf{P}^{\gamma}_{0,i}\Big|_{\mathcal{G}_t} = M_t \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{P}_{0,i}\big|_{\mathcal{G}_t}, \qquad t \geq 0,$$

the process (ξ, J) *remains in the class of MAPs with new exponent given by*

$$\mathbf{\Psi}_\gamma(z) = \mathbf{\Delta}_v(\gamma)^{-1}\mathbf{\Psi}(z+\gamma)\mathbf{\Delta}_v(\gamma) - \chi(\gamma)\mathbf{I}.$$

Here, $\mathbf{I}$ *is the identity matrix and* $\mathbf{\Delta}_v(\gamma) = \mathrm{diag}(\mathbf{v}(\gamma))$.

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Riesz-Bogdan-Zak transform

Theorem (Riesz–Bogdan–Zak transform)

Suppose that X is an α-stable process as outlined in the introduction. Define

$$\eta(t) = \inf\{s > 0 : \int_0^s |X_u|^{-2\alpha} \mathrm{d}u > t\}, \qquad t \geq 0.$$

Then, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}\backslash\{0\}$, $(-1/X_{\eta(t)})_{t\geq 0}$ under $\mathbb{P}_x$ is equal in law to $(X, \mathbb{P}^\circ_{-1/x})$, where

$$\left.\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}^\circ_x}{\mathrm{d}\mathbb{P}_x}\right|_{\mathcal{F}_t} = \left(\frac{\sin(\pi\alpha\rho) + \sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho}) - (\sin(\pi\alpha\rho) - \sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho}))\mathrm{sgn}(X_t)}{\sin(\pi\alpha\rho) + \sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho}) - (\sin(\pi\alpha\rho) - \sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho}))\mathrm{sgn}(x)}\right)\left|\frac{X_t}{x}\right|^{\alpha-1}\mathbf{1}_{(t<\tau^{\{0\}})}$$

and $\mathcal{F}_t := \sigma(X_s : s \leq t)$, $t \geq 0$. Moreover, the process $(X, \mathbb{P}^\circ_x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}\backslash\{0\}$ is a self-similar Markov process with underlying MAP via the Lamperti-Kiu transform given by $\boldsymbol{\Psi}^\circ(z)$.

WHAT IS THE Ψ°-MAP?

Thinking of the affect on the long term behaviour of the underlying MAP of the Esscher transform

- When $\alpha \in (0,1)$, $(X, \mathbb{P}^\circ_x)$, $x \neq 0$ has the law of the the stable process conditioned to absorb continuously at the origin in the sense,

$$\mathbb{P}^\circ_y(A) = \lim_{a\to 0} \mathbb{P}_y(A, t < T_0 \,|\, \tau_{(-a,a)} < \infty),$$

  for $A \in \mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(X_s, s \leq t)$,
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- When $\alpha \in (1,2)$, $(X, \mathbb{P}^\circ_x)$, $x \neq 0$ has the law of the stable process conditioned to avoid the origin in the sense

$$\mathbb{P}^\circ_y(A) = \lim_{s\to\infty} \mathbb{P}_y(A \,|\, T_0 > t + s),$$

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§Exercise Set 1

Exercises

1. Suppose that X is a stable process in any dimension (including the case of a Brownian motion). Show that $|X|$ is a positive self-similar Markov process.
2. Suppose that B is a one-dimensional Brownian motion. Prove that

$$\frac{B_t}{x}\mathbf{1}_{(\underline{B}_t>0)}, \qquad t\geq 0,$$

is a martingale, where $\underline{B}_t = \inf_{s\leq t} B_s$.

3. Suppose that X is a stable process with two-sided jumps
   - Show that the range of the ascending ladder process H, say $\mathtt{range}(H)$ has the property that it is equal in law to $c\times \mathtt{range}(H)$.
   - Hence show that, up to a multiplicative constant, the Laplace exponent of H satisfies $k(\lambda)=\lambda^{\alpha_1}$ for $\alpha_1\in(0,1)$ (and hence the ascending ladder height process is a stable subordinator).
   - Use the fact that, up to a multiplicative constant

   $$\Psi(z)=|\theta|^{\alpha}(\mathrm{e}^{\pi\mathrm{i}\alpha(\frac{1}{2}-\rho)}\mathbf{1}_{(\theta>0)}+\mathrm{e}^{-\pi\mathrm{i}\alpha(\frac{1}{2}-\rho)}\mathbf{1}_{(\theta<0)})=\hat{\kappa}(\mathrm{i}z)\kappa(-\mathrm{i}z)$$

   to deduce that

   $$\kappa(\theta)=\theta^{\alpha\rho} \text{ and } \hat{\kappa}(\theta)=\theta^{\alpha\hat{\rho}}.$$

   and that $0<\alpha\rho, \alpha\hat{\rho}<1$
   - What kind of process corresponds to the case that $\alpha\rho=1$?

Exercises

4. Suppose that (X, P_x), $x > 0$ is a positive self-similar Markov process and let $\zeta = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t = 0\}$ be the lifetime of X. Show that $\mathrm{P}_x(\zeta < \infty)$ does not depend on x and is either 0 for all $x > 0$ or 1 for all $x > 0$.
5. Suppose that X is a symmetric stable process in dimension one (in particular $\rho = 1/2$) and that the underlying Lévy process for $|X_t|\mathbf{1}_{(t<\tau^{\{0\}})}$, where $\tau^{\{0\}} = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t = 0\}$, is written ξ. (Note the indicator is only needed when $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ as otherwise X does not hit the origin.) Show that (up to a multiplicative constant) its characteristic exponent is given by

$$\Psi(z) = 2^{\alpha} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(-\mathrm{i}z + \alpha))}{\Gamma(-\frac{1}{2}\mathrm{i}z)} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(\mathrm{i}z + 1))}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(\mathrm{i}z + 1 - \alpha))}, \qquad z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

[Hint!] Think about what happens after X first crosses the origin and apply the Markov property as well as symmetry. You will need to use the law of the overshoot of X below the origin given a few slides back.

Exercises

6. Use the previous exercise to deduce that the MAP exponent underlying a stable process with two sided jumps is given by

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