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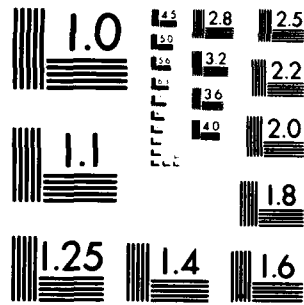
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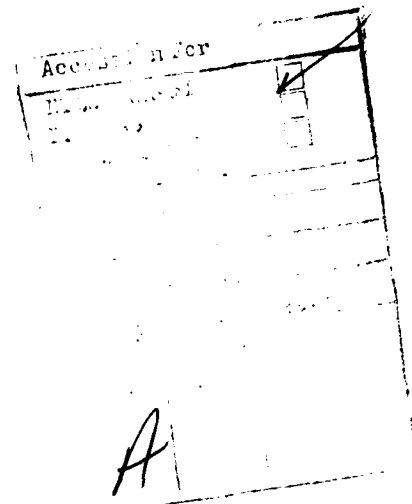
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ABSTRACT

In this paper we discuss three types of results: Firstly, we present two Lévy-Khinchin type representations of Poisson type infinitely divisible (i.d.) laws on certain topological vector (TV) spaces; one of these complements a known representation due to Dettweiler. Secondly, we define and characterize  $r$ -semistable laws on locally convex TV spaces and also obtain good representation of their characteristic functions. Finally, we discuss the existence and the continuity of the semi-group  $\{\mu^t : t > 0\}$  of i.d. laws  $\mu$  on locally convex TV spaces. These complement similar known results of Siebert.

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## I. INFINITELY DIVISIBLE LAWS

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two real vector spaces in duality, with  $Y$  separating points of  $X$ ; and let  $\mu$  be a weakly Radon law on  $X$  with Lévy measure  $F$ . We recall that  $F$  is a measure on  $X \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $F$  is finite and weakly Radon outside every nbd.  $V$  of  $0$  (for the weak topology  $\sigma$ ) and that the relation

$$(1) \quad \text{Log } \hat{\mu}_s(y) = \int [\cos y(x) - 1] d\tilde{F},$$

where  $y \in Y$  and  $\tilde{F}(dx) = F(dx) + F(-dx)$ , defines the characteristic (ch.) function  $\hat{\mu}_s$  of  $\mu_s$ , the symmetrization of  $\mu$ . More precisely the family  $\{\mu_{sV}\}$  of the laws, defined by (1) by reducing the integral in (1) to  $X \setminus V \cong V^c$ , is tight and converges to  $\mu_s$  as the filter  $\{V\} + \{0\}$ . We recall also that  $\mu$  and  $\mu_s$  are infinitely divisible (i.d.):  $\mu^{1/n}$  and  $\mu_s^{1/n}$  exist and are weakly Radon for every positive integer  $n$ . The measure  $\mu_s^{1/n}$  is obtained by replacing  $\tilde{F}$  by  $\tilde{F}/n$  in (1). We denote the class of these measures by  $T$  and say that  $\mu \in T$  is of "Poisson type" if  $\mu$  has no Gaussian component.

Lemma 1. Let  $G$  be a (bounded) measure and let

$$e(G) \left( \equiv e^{-g} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{G^n}{n!}, \quad g = G(X) \right) \text{ is a proper factor of } \mu; \text{ i.e.}$$

$\mu = e(G)\nu$  with  $\nu \in T$  ( $\nu$  being Radon for  $\sigma$ ). Denote by  $\delta(\epsilon)$  the inverse function of  $\epsilon(\delta) = \delta e^{-2\delta}$ , with  $2\delta \leq 1$ . If  $\epsilon = \mu_s^t(A^c) \leq \frac{1}{2}\epsilon$ , then one has, for every positive rational  $t$ ,

$$(1') \quad tG\{(A - A)^c\} \leq \delta(\mu_s^t(A^c)) ;$$

in particular,

$$(1'') \quad tG(A^c) \leq \delta(\mu_s^t(A^c/2)) ,$$

if  $A$  is a.c. (absolutely convex).

Proof. Denote by  $G_t'$  the restriction of  $tG$  to  $(A - A)^c$  and by  $g_t$  the total mass of  $tG$ . Since by hypothesis  $\nu^t$  exists, it follows that  $\rho \equiv e(G_t')$  is a factor of  $\mu^t$  and hence also of  $\mu_s^t$ . This implies that there exists an  $a$  such that  $\rho(A - a) \geq 1 - \epsilon$ ; which in turn implies that  $\rho_s(A - A) \geq 1 - 2\epsilon$ . Thus, we have  $2\epsilon \geq e^{-2gt} 2g_t$ ; implying  $g_t \leq \delta(\epsilon)$ , completing the proof.

Remark 1. This lemma (among its other applications) is, in fact, used to define  $F_{V^c}$ , the restriction of  $F$  to  $V^c$ , provided that  $\mu$  is known to have finite projections  $\mu_I$  of the form  $e(F_I)$  ( $\mu_I = \pi_I(\mu)$ ,  $\pi_I(x) = \pi_I y_I(x)$ , for  $I$  a finite subset of  $V$ ). To see this, one takes  $t = 1$  and  $\mu_s K^c \leq \frac{1}{2}e$ , for an appropriate weakly compact set  $K$ , and applies Prokhorov's theorem to  $\mu_I$ ,  $F_{I, V^c}$ , with  $V$  open cylinder sets; this assures the  $\sigma$ -Radon extension of  $F_{I, V^c}$  to a bounded measure  $F_{V^c}$  which assigns zero mass to  $V$ .

Also, if  $\mu$  is Radon for a topology  $C$  finer (than  $\sigma$ ) having the dual  $V$ , then  $F_V$ 's and  $F = \sup F_V$  are  $C$ -Radon: Let  $U$  be a given  $C$ -nbd. of  $\theta$ ; choose a symmetric  $C$ -nbd.  $U'$  of  $\theta$  with  $U' + U' \subseteq U$  and a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $\mu_s^{1/n_0}(U') > 1 - \frac{1}{2}e$  (this is possible from (1) and the observation that the family  $\{\mu_s^{1/n}\}$

is  $C$ -tight); then for  $A = U'$ , (1') yields

$$G(U^C) \subseteq G(U' + U')^C \leq n_0 \delta(\mu_s^{1/n_0}(U'^C)) .$$

This proves the fact mentioned in the beginning for  $(X, C)$  (with dual  $Y$ ) assuming the only hypothesis that  $\mu_I$  are of Poisson type (see [5], for the existence of  $\mu^{1/n}$ ).

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  be a topological vector space (TVS) such that the dual  $Y$  of  $X$  separates points of  $X$  and let  $\mu'$  be a weakly Radon Poisson type law on  $X$  with Lévy measure  $F$ . Assume that for some a.c. weakly compact set  $K$  one has

$$(2) \quad F(k^C) < \infty, \text{ and } \int_k |x|^l dF < \infty, \quad l = 1, 2,$$

where  $|x| = |x|_K = \inf \{t > 0 : x \in tK\}$ . Then the formula

$$(3) \quad \text{Log } \hat{\mu}_\eta(y) = \int_{\{\eta < |x|\}} [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x) I_k(x)] dF \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{\{\eta < |x|\}} (e^{iy(x)} - 1) dF,$$

if  $l = 1$ , defines a Radon law  $\mu_\eta$ , for each  $\eta \in [0, 1]$ ; further, the family  $\{\mu_\eta : 0 < \eta \leq 1\}$  is weakly tight and converges to  $\mu (= \mu_0)$ , which is a translate of  $\mu'$ .

**Proof.\*** Let  $p(y) = p_{K^0}(y)$  (the Minkowski functional of  $K^0$ , the polar of  $K$ ) and  $\epsilon_N \equiv \mu'_s(NK^C/2)$ ; using Lemma 1, we have  $F(NK^C) \leq \delta(\epsilon_N)$ .

To begin with we assume that  $F$  is bounded outside every  $\eta K$ . This assures us that the law  $\mu_\eta$ , defined by (3), is Radon, for every  $\eta > 0$ . Let  $\epsilon_N$  be as above and  $\epsilon'_N > 0$  be such that  $\sum \epsilon_N / \epsilon'_N < 1$ ;

\* The method of proof here, as well as that of Theorem 4, is similar to that of [6].



then, as  $\mu_{\eta s}$  and therefore  $\mu_{\eta}$  are factors of  $\mu_s$ , using a well known method [4, 9], we can choose  $a_{\eta} \in X$  such that  $\{\mu'_{\eta} = \mu_{\eta} \delta(a_{\eta})\}$  is tight; in fact,  $\mu'_{\eta}(NK^c) \leq \epsilon'_N$ . Now in  $\{\eta \leq |x| \leq 1\}$ , the absolute value of the integral in (3) is dominated by  $p^{\ell}(y) \int_{\{\eta < |x| \leq 1\}} \frac{|x|^{\ell}}{\ell!} dF$ ;

and since  $p \leq 1$ ,  $p^{\ell}(y) \leq p(y)$ . In  $\{1 < |x| \leq N\}$ , clearly,

$$\left| \int_{\{1 < |x| \leq N\}} (e^{iy(x)} - 1) dF \right| \leq p(y) \int_{\{1 < |x| \leq N\}} |x|^{\ell} dF .$$

Thus, we have

$$(4) \quad |\text{Log } \hat{\mu}_{\eta}(y)| \leq 2\delta(\epsilon_N) + C_N p(y) ,$$

where  $C_N = \int_{NK} |x|^{\ell} dF < \infty$ , as  $F$  is bounded outside  $K$ . But, clearly,

$$(4') \quad |\mu'_{\eta}(y) - 1| \leq 2\epsilon'_N + Np(y) .$$

Thus  $|\hat{\mu}_{\eta}(y) - 1|$  and  $|\hat{\mu}'_{\eta}(y) - \hat{\mu}_{\eta}(y)|$  are both uniformly small with  $p(y)$ ; therefore, as  $\hat{\mu}'_{\eta}(y)/\hat{\mu}_{\eta}(y) = e^{iy(a_{\eta})}$ ,  $|e^{iy(a_{\eta})} - 1|$  and hence  $y(a_{\eta})$  are uniformly small for all  $y \in tK^0$  (for small  $t$ ). Thus  $a_{\eta} \in t^{-1}K$ , for all  $\eta$ . This proves  $\{\mu_{\eta}\}$  is tight.

Now we show that (3) defines a Radon law when  $F(\eta K^c)$  is not necessarily finite: The preceding arguments, applied to a net  $\{G_{\alpha}\}$  of finite measures with  $G_{\alpha} \uparrow F_{\eta} \equiv F/\{x: |x| > \eta\}$ ,  $\eta$  fixed, show that (4) holds with the same constants  $C_N$  and  $\delta(\epsilon_N)$  for the law  $\mu_{\eta\alpha}$  defined by (3) with  $F$  replaced by  $G_{\alpha}$ . Similar arguments apply to (4'). Thus  $\mu_{\eta}$ , being the limit of the tight net  $\{\mu_{\eta\alpha}\}$  of Radon laws, is Radon.

The following two corollaries are immediate from the theorem.

Corollary 1. Let  $F$  satisfy the hypothesis (2),  $\{F_\alpha\}$  an increasing filter with  $F_\alpha \uparrow F$  and let  $\mu_\alpha$  be the Radon law defined by (3) with  $\eta = 0$  and  $F_\eta$  replaced by  $F_\alpha$ . Then  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  is tight and  $\mu_\alpha \rightarrow \mu$ , where  $\mu$  is as in the theorem.

Corollary 2. Let  $(X, C)$  be a TVS with the dual  $\mathcal{V}$  separating points of  $X$ . If  $\mu'$  is  $C$ -Radon and  $F$  satisfies (2) for some  $C$ -compact set  $K$ , then the conclusions of the theorem hold in the sense that tightness as well as the convergence are in the sense of  $C$ .

The hypothesis  $F(K^C) < \infty$  (which always holds for a suitable set  $K$ , by Lemma 1) does not necessarily imply that  $\int_K |x|^2 dF < \infty$ , for  $\mu \in T$ . We give another theorem which assumes the hypothesis:

(5)  $(X, C)$  is locally convex (l.c.) and complete.

This hypothesis has the drawback in that it is not applicable when  $C = \sigma$ . We begin with a lemma.

Lemma 2. Let  $(X, C)$  be a complete l.c. TVS.

(i) If  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  is a convergent (following a certain filter) tight family, then the ch. functions  $\hat{\mu}_\alpha(y)$  of  $\mu_\alpha$  converge uniformly on the polar  $U^0$  of every  $C$ -nbd.  $U$  of  $\theta$ .

(ii) If the family  $\{\mu_\alpha * \delta(a_\alpha)\}$  of the translates of  $\mu_\alpha$  is tight and if the family  $\{\hat{\mu}_\alpha\}$  of ch. functions converge (following a certain filter) to a function  $\phi$  uniformly on the polar of every nbd. belonging to a  $C$ -nbd. base of  $\theta$ , then there exists a unique  $C$ -Radon law  $\mu$  such that  $\mu_\alpha \rightarrow \mu$  and  $\hat{\mu} = \phi$ .

Proofs of these are given in [1]. Using a contrapositive argument, a simpler proof of (i) follows easily by observing that  $U^0$  is compact for  $\sigma$ , that the topology  $C^0$  of uniform convergence on  $C$ -compact subsets of  $X$  coincides with  $\sigma$  on  $U^0$  and that the condition of  $C$ -tightness of  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  implies the equicontinuity of  $\{\hat{\mu}_\alpha\}$  on  $U^0$  for  $\sigma = C^0$ .

For the proof of (ii) see ([1] p. 293): One shows, as in the proof of Theorem 2 below, that  $\{e^{iy(a_\eta)}\}$  forms a Cauchy filter uniformly on suitable sets  $K^0$  which assures, as  $K^0$  absorbs every  $U^0$ , that  $\{a_\eta\}$  is  $C$ -Cauchy; thus the necessity of the completeness of  $(X, C)$ .

In the following theorem the method of proof is that of [1]; it provides another expression obtained in Theorem 2.5 of [1] which gives a Lévy-Khintchin formula.

Theorem 2. Let  $\mu'$  be a Poisson type  $C$ -Radon law with Lévy measure  $F$  on  $(X, C)$  ( $(X, C)$  l.c. and complete) and let  $\{F_\alpha\}$  be an increasing net of Radon laws on  $X \setminus \{\theta\}$  with  $F_\alpha \uparrow F$ . Then for every bounded Borel set  $B$  with  $F(B^c) < \infty$ , the formula

$$(5) \quad \text{Log } \hat{\mu}_\alpha(y) = \int_B [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x)] I(x) dF_\alpha$$

defines a Radon law  $\mu_\alpha$ ; further if  $F_\alpha$  in (5) is replaced by  $F$ , then (5) defines a Radon law  $\mu$  which is a translate of  $\mu'$  and the net  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  converges (in the sense of  $C$ ) to  $\mu$ .

Proof. To begin with we argue by assuming that (5) defines the Radon laws. The laws  $\mu_{\alpha s}$  form a tight family (see Lemma 2 of [4]), which converges to  $\mu_s$ . Moreover  $\mu_s$  is continuous in  $(Y, C^0)$ , which assures that  $|\hat{\mu}_s(y)| \geq 1/2$  on the polar of a suitable compact set  $K$  and hence also on  $\frac{1}{n} U^0$ , for every  $C$ -nbd.  $U$  of  $\theta$  and large enough  $n$ , depending on  $U$ . Then, from (i) of Lemma 2, we have

$$(6) \quad \int_B [1 - \cos y(x)] d(F - F_\alpha) \rightarrow 0,$$

uniformly in each  $\frac{1}{n} U^0$ ; hence also

$$(7) \quad \int_B y^2(x) d(F - F_\alpha) \rightarrow 0,$$

uniformly on  $\frac{1}{n'} U^0$  as long as  $2B \subseteq n'U$  and  $n' \geq n$ , because  $|t| \leq 1/2$  implies  $1 - \cos t \geq t^2/3$ . We thus have

$$(7') \quad \int_B [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x)] d(F - F_\alpha) \rightarrow 0,$$

uniformly on  $\frac{1}{n'} U^0$ . Thus, since the laws defined by

$\text{Log } \hat{\mu}_\alpha(y) = \int_B [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x)] dF_\alpha$  are factors of  $\mu$  (see below), Lemma 2 (ii) applies and the result follows (we do not affirm that  $\{\mu_\alpha\}$  is tight).

To see that (5) indeed defines Radon laws; let, for fixed  $F_\alpha$ ,  $\{G_{\alpha\beta}\}$  be an  $\uparrow$  net of bounded measures with  $G_{\alpha\beta} \uparrow F_\alpha$ . The preceding estimates and arguments a fortiori hold, proving that  $\mu_\alpha$ , being the limit of the Radon laws  $\mu_{\alpha\beta}$  which are defined by (5) and  $G_{\alpha\beta}$ , is Radon.

Note that this applies to  $F'_\alpha = F - F_\alpha$ ; therefore  $\mu_\alpha$  is indeed a factor of  $\mu$  (the cofactor  $\mu'_\alpha$  is defined by (5) and  $F'_\alpha$ ).

## II. SEMISTABLE LAWS ON TVS

Lemma 3. Let  $(X, C)$  be a TVS, whose dual  $Y$  separates points of  $X$ . If  $\mu$  is weakley  $\tau$ -regular law on  $X$ , then there exists an element  $a$  in  $X$  such that  $\mu_{-a} = \mu\delta(-a)$  is supported by the space  $E \equiv \{x: y(x) = 0, \text{ for every } y \text{ for which } \mu_y \text{ is degenerate}\}$ .

Proof. Let  $S = \{x: y(x) = a_y, \text{ if } y = a_y \text{ a.s. } \mu\}$ ; then  $S$  is weakley closed and  $\mu(S) = 1$ . Now it is clear that for any  $a$  in  $S$ , we have  $E = S - a$  with  $\mu_{-a}(E) = 1$ .

The following theorem defines and characterizes  $r$ -semistable laws:

Theorem 3. Let  $(X, C)$  be l.c. TVS. Let  $\mu, \nu$  be two  $C$ -Radon laws (with  $\mu$  convexly tight\*) and let  $0 < r < 1$ . Then (8) and (9) below are equivalent:

$$(8) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{There exist sequences } \{a_n\}, a_n > 0, \{b_n\} \subseteq X \text{ and a} \\ \text{strictly increasing sequence } \{k_n\} \text{ of positive integers such} \\ \text{that } ** (a_n \cdot \nu^{k_n})\delta(b_n) \rightarrow \mu, \frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{r}, \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(9) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu \text{ is (i.d.) and } \mu^r = (a \cdot \mu)\delta(b), \text{ for some } b \in E \text{ and } a > 0, \\ \text{where } E \text{ is as in Lemma 3.} \end{array} \right\}$$

(If  $\mu$  satisfies (8), then  $\mu$  is called  $r$ -semistable.)

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\*  $\mu$  is tight following compact convex sets. Note any  $C$ -tight law is convexly tight if  $(X, C)$  is quasi-complete; same remark applies for  $\sigma$  if  $X$  is complete for the Mackey topology.

\*\* If  $\nu$  is the law of a random vector  $X$  and  $a \neq 0$ , then  $a \cdot \nu$  denotes the law of  $aX$ .

Proof. If  $y \in E'$  (the dual of  $E$ ),  $y \neq \theta$ , then  $\mu_y \equiv \mu \cdot y^{-1}$  and hence  $\nu_y$  is non-degenerate, and one has

$$(a_n \cdot \nu_y^{k_n}) \delta(y(b_n)) \rightarrow \mu_y,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies that  $\mu$  is i.d. and  $\mu^r$  exists (see [5], p. 320). Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  denote, respectively, the ch. functions of  $\nu$  and  $\mu$ . Then (8) implies

$$e^{ity(b_n)} \phi^{k_n}(a_n ty) \rightarrow \psi(ty),$$

and

$$(10) \quad [e^{ity(b_{n+1})} \phi^{k_{n+1}}(a_{n+1} ty)]^{\frac{k_n}{k_{n+1}}} \rightarrow \psi^r(ty)$$

(uniformly on bounded subsets of reals), as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . But left side of (10) can be written as

$$e^{ity(b_n)} \phi^{k_n} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} a_n ty \right) e^{ity \left( \frac{k_n}{k_{n+1}} b_{n+1} - b_n \right)};$$

hence, using the types of convergence theorem on  $\mathbb{R}$ , the reals, we have  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow a > 0$   $y \left( \frac{k_n}{k_{n+1}} b_{n+1} - b_n \right) \rightarrow b_y$  (with  $a$  independent of  $y$ ), and

$$(10') \quad \mu_y^r = (a \cdot \mu_y) \delta(b_y).$$

But (10') and Corollary 1 of Lemma 2 of [4] imply that there exists a  $b \in E$  such that  $b_y = y(b)$  and that  $\mu^r = (a \cdot \mu) \delta(b)$ .

Conversely, let  $k_n$  be the integral part of  $r^{-n}$  ( $r < 1$ ), then  $r^n k_n \rightarrow 1$ . Then (9) and continuity of  $\{\mu^s\}$  (see Section III) gives

$$\mu^{k_n r^n} = (a_r^n \cdot \mu^{k_n}) \delta(k_n b_{r^n}) \rightarrow \mu,$$

where  $b_{r^n} \in E$ . Hence (9) holds with  $\frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{r}$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\mu$  be as in Theorem 3 with  $(X, C)$  l.c. TVS and let  $H = \{t > 0 : \mu^t = (a_t \cdot \mu)\delta(b_t), \text{ for some } a_t > 0, b_t \in X\}$  ( $H \neq \emptyset$ , for  $\mu$  satisfying (9)). Then  $H$  is a closed multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^+ \equiv \{r : r > 0\}$ . Thus either  $H = \mathbb{R}^+$  (then  $\mu$  is stable) or  $H$  is generated by  $r_0$  the largest element in  $H$  less than 1 (then  $\mu$  is  $r_0$ -semistable). In particular, one has  $\mu^{r^n} = (a_r^n \cdot \mu)\delta(b_{r^n})$ ,  $a(r)a(r') = a(rr')$ , let  $a_r = r^\lambda$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that  $t^{-1} \in H$ , whenever  $t \in H$ . On the other hand if  $t, t' \in H$ , then  $\psi^t(y) = \psi(a_t y)e^{iy(b_t)}$ , and  $\psi^{tt'}(y) = (\psi^t(y))^{t'} = \psi(a_t, a_{t'} y)e^{i(b_{t'} + t'b_t)}$  showing  $tt' \in H$ . Finally, let  $\{t_n\} \subseteq H$  with  $t_n \rightarrow t$ ; then  $\mu^{t_n} = (a_{t_n} \cdot \mu)\delta(b_n)$  for each  $n$ . Now by continuity of  $\{\mu^s\}$ , we have  $\lim_n (a_{t_n} \cdot \mu)\delta(b_n) = \lim_n \mu^{t_n} = \mu^t$ . This and the types of convergence theorem (after projecting to  $\mathbb{R}$ ) shows that  $\mu_y^t = (a \cdot \mu)\delta(b_y)$ , for every  $y \in E'$ , with  $a$  independent of  $y$ , as in Theorem 3. Hence from ([4], p. 304), we have that  $t \in H$ .

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\mu$  and  $(X, C)$  be as above. If  $\lambda \neq 1$ , then  $\mu$  can be centered: for some  $m \in X$ ,  $\nu \equiv \mu_{-m}$  satisfies  $\nu^t = t^\lambda \cdot \nu$ , for all  $t \in H$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X_r$  and  $X$  be vectors with laws  $\mu^r$  ( $r \neq 1$ ) and  $\mu$ , respectively, then one has

$$(11) \quad m = \frac{b_r}{r - ra_r} \Rightarrow (11') \quad X_r - rm \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} a_r(X - m).$$

Now if  $H$  is generated by  $r_0$  define  $m$  by  $r_0$ , then  $v^t = t^\lambda \cdot v$  holds for all  $t \in H$ , by (11) and iteration. For the case  $H = \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\mu$  is stable, and  $m$  is independent of  $t$  because  $m_y$ 's are (see Lemma 3, p. 178 and Note 5 of [6]).

Lemma 6. Under the hypothesis of Theorem 3, (8) for  $r = 1$  is equivalent to (9) for all  $r$  (with  $a_r = r^\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \geq 1/2$  (from Theorem 4)); i.e.  $\mu$  is stable of exponent  $\alpha = 1/\lambda$ .

Proof. Taking  $r = 1/n$ , we obtain from (9),  $\mu^{1/n} = (a_n \cdot \mu) \delta(b_n)$  which yields  $\mu = (a_n \cdot \mu^n) \delta(nb_n)$ . Showing  $\mu$  satisfies (8) with  $k_n = n$ . Conversely, assume  $\mu$  satisfies (8) with  $r = 1$ . Let now  $r \in (0,1)$  one can choose a sequence  $\lambda_n = k_n/k_{n'}$ , with  $n' > n$ , such that  $\lambda_n \rightarrow r$ . Now, for  $y \in E'$ , it follows, from (8), that

$$\phi^{k_{n'}}(a_{n'} ty) e^{iy(t b_{n'})} \rightarrow \psi(ty)$$

and

$$[\phi^{k_{n'}}(a_{n'} ty) e^{iy(t b_{n'})}]^{k_n/k_{n'}} \rightarrow \psi^r(ty)$$

uniformly on bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then repeating the arguments used in the proof of Theorem 3 we see that (9) holds.

Theorem 4. Let  $\mu$  be a  $C$ -Radon convexly tight  $r$ -semistable law on  $(X, C)$  (with  $(X, C)$  l.c.). Assume that  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\lambda} < 2$  (for  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\mu$  centered,  $\psi^r(yt) = \psi(\sqrt{r} ty)$  gives,  $\hat{\mu}_y(t) = \hat{\mu}_y^t(1)$  and so  $\mu$  is Gaussian), then we have:

(1) The Lévy measure  $F$  of  $\mu$  satisfies

$$(12) \quad r^{n\lambda} \cdot F = r^n F$$



for all  $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . For every  $\mu$ -positive a.c. bounded closed set  $B$ ,  $F$  is bounded outside every set  $nB$  ( $n > 0$ ) and is supported by the space  $E_B = \cup nB$ . Further,  $|x|^\gamma$  is  $F$ -integrable on  $\{|x| \leq n\}$  if and only if  $\gamma > \alpha$  and on  $\{|x| \geq n\}$  if and only if  $\gamma < \alpha$ , for all  $n > 0$ , where  $|x| = p_B(x) = \inf \{t > 0 : x \in tB\}$ .

(ii) The ch. function of the centered law  $\mu_c$  of  $\mu$  for  $\alpha \neq 1$ , has the form

$$(13) \quad \text{Log } \hat{\mu}_c(y) = \int (e^{iy(x)} - 1) dF,$$

if  $\alpha < 1$ , and

$$(13') \quad \text{Log } \hat{\mu}_c(y) = \int [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x)] dF,$$

if  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . For every  $B$  (compact for  $\sigma$  or  $C$ ), (13) and (13') signify that if  $\mu_\eta$  denotes the law corresponding to the ch. function obtained by truncating the integrals to  $\{|x| > \eta\}$ , then  $\{\mu_\eta\}$  is tight and converge to  $\mu_c$  as  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ . For  $\alpha = 1$ , one has the same result for a translate  $\mu'$  of  $\mu$  ( $\mu'$  in general is not centered if  $F$  is not symmetric) with

$$(13'') \quad \text{Log } \hat{\mu}'(y) = \int [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x)I_B(x)] dF$$

for an appropriately chosen compact set  $B$ .

(iii) If  $(X, C)$  is, in addition, complete and metrizable, these properties of the families  $\{\mu_\eta\}$  and  $\{\mu'_\eta\}$  hold for all  $\mu$ -positive a.c. bounded closed sets  $B$ . If  $(X, C)$  is only l.c. complete (and not metrizable), the convergence property of the measures still holds, but we no longer affirm that the family is tight.

Proof of (i). Since  $\mu_s^r = r^\lambda \cdot \mu_s$ , and  $\text{Log } \hat{\mu}_s(y) = \int [\cos y(x) - 1] d\tilde{F}$ , we have

$$\int [\cos y(x) - 1] r d\tilde{F} = \int [\cos r^\lambda y(x) - 1] d\tilde{F} = \int [\cos y(x) - 1] d(r^\lambda \cdot F);$$

thus (12) holds for  $\tilde{F}$ . But in finite dimension the same thing holds modulo the translation with  $\int (e^{iy(x)} - 1) dF$ ; thus  $F_y$  satisfies (12); therefore so does  $F$ .

Fix  $B$ , then, since  $\mu_s^t = t^\lambda \cdot \mu_s$ , for all  $t = r^n$ , and  $\mu(B) > 0$ , we have

$$\mu_s^t\left(\frac{B}{2}\right) = \mu_s\left(\frac{B}{2t^\lambda}\right) + 1$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by the 0-1 law (see [10]) and by the fact that  $\mu_s(2B^c) \leq (\mu(B^c))^2$ . Lemma 1, therefore assures us that  $F$  is bounded outside each set  $nB$ . Thus, by (12),  $r^n F(B^c) = F(B^c/r^{n\lambda}) + 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , showing  $E_B$  supports  $F$ .

Now let  $\eta = r^{\lambda n_0}$  (by the choice of  $n_0$ , we can make  $\eta$  arbitrarily small or large), then this same formula (12) gives:

$$(a) \quad \infty > \int_{\{|t| \leq 1\}} t^2 dF_y(t) \geq \sum_0^\infty r^{2\lambda(n+1)} F_y\{r^{\lambda(n+1)} < |t| \leq r^{\lambda n}\}$$

$$= (1 - r) F_y\{|t| > 1\} \sum_0^\infty r^{(n+1)(2\lambda - 1)}$$

(showing  $\frac{1}{\lambda} = \alpha < 2$ ),

$$(b) \quad \int_{\{|x| \leq r^{\lambda n_0}\}} |x|^\gamma dF = \sum_{n_0}^\infty r^{\gamma n \lambda} F\{r^{\lambda(n+1)} < |x| \leq r^{n\lambda}\}$$

$$= \frac{1 - r}{r} F(B^c) \sum_{n_0}^\infty r^{n(\gamma\lambda - 1)} < \infty$$

if  $\gamma > \alpha$ ; and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c)} \quad \int_{\{|x| > r^{\lambda n_0}\}} |x|^\gamma dF &\leq \sum_{-n_0}^{\infty} r^{-\gamma\lambda(n+1)} F\{r^{-\lambda n} < |x| \leq r^{-\lambda(n+1)}\} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-r}{r^{\gamma\lambda}}\right) F(B^c) \sum_{-n_0}^{\infty} r^{n(1-\gamma\lambda)} < \infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

if  $\gamma < \alpha$ .

The same method proves that in (b) and in (c)  $\gamma$  cannot be  $\leq \alpha$ , respectively,  $\geq \alpha$ .

Proof of (ii). Using (i), we apply Theorem 1 by taking an appropriate compact set  $K = B$  and  $\ell = 1$ , if  $\alpha < 1$ , and  $\ell = 2$  if  $\alpha \geq 1$ . Clearly in the first case one obtains (13) and the proof of the assertion (ii), the same in the second case after translation by  $-\int_B x dF$ . For the case  $\alpha = 1$  and  $F$  non-symmetric one uses (c) to obtain (13") (as in the case of stable law of exponent 1 in  $R$ ).

Proof of (iii). Apply Theorem 2 with  $F_\eta$  equal to the restriction of  $F$  to  $\{x: |x| > \eta\}$  and completing by the translation  $-\int_B x dF$ , if  $\alpha < 1$ , and by  $\int_{B^c} x dF$ , if  $\alpha \geq 1$ . That the families  $\{\mu_\eta\}$  and  $\{\mu'_\eta\}$  are tight, under the hypothesis that  $X$  is complete metric space follows from a result of Topsøe ([3], p. 43). One shows, in fact, that  $\{\mu_\eta\}$  is relatively compact (in the set of  $C$ -Radon laws), for  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ .

III. THE SEMIGROUP  $\mu^t$  ON  $R^+$ 

Let  $\mu$  be i.d. and Radon on  $(X, C)$  with  $(X, C)$  l.c., then  $\mu^t$  is defined for all  $t$  (rational)  $> 0$ . Siebert has shown ([2], p. 243) that  $\mu^t$  can be defined for all  $t > 0$ ; in fact, he proved the following:

Theorem 5. (Siebert) Let  $\mu$  be i.d. and  $C$ -Radon and convexly tight on  $(X, C)$  with  $(X, C)$  l.c. Then the semigroup  $\{\mu^t : t > 0\}$  is uniquely defined and continuous, and  $\{\mu^t : t \in (0, T]\}$  is tight, for every  $T > 0$ .

Remark 2. Theorem 4 of Siebert ([2], p. 243] gives probably the simplest method to obtain the above result which is nearly the most general result of this type. In the following we give another presentation of this problem. Even though our hypotheses (both on  $\mu$  and  $X$ ) are weaker, we are able to affirm the continuity of  $\{\mu^t\}$  only over the set of rationals. The definition and continuity of  $\mu^t$ , for all real  $t > 0$ , is also proved but this is done under more restrictive conditions. We begin with a lemma:

Lemma 7. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\mu$  an i.d. Radon law on  $X$ . Then a (unique) continuous semigroup  $\{\mu^t : t > 0\}$  always exists; further,  $\{\mu^t : t \in (0, T]\}$  is tight, for every  $T > 0$ .

Proof. It has been proved more than twelve years ago by Parthasarathy\* for the space  $C[0,1]$ . This applies for the case considered here, since  $\mu^{1/n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , are all supported by a separable subspace of  $X$  which can be isometrically embedded in  $X = C[0,1]$ . (Note that

\* Preprint; the proof is similar to that of Siebert:  $\{\mu^t \delta(a_t) : t > 0\}$  being tight, one shows that so is  $\{\delta(a_t)\}$ .

$X$  supports  $\mu^t$ , because every  $y \in Y \equiv X'$  which is zero a.s.  $\mu$  is also zero a.s.  $\mu^t$ , for fixed  $t$ , and  $\mu^t$  is  $\tau$ -regular in  $X$  and hence in  $X$ ). We provide a direct simple proof of this lemma; let  $\mu'$  be the law with

$$\text{Log } \hat{\mu}'^t(y) = \int_B [e^{iy(x)} - 1 - iy(x)] t dF,$$

where  $B = \{x : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ , and  $t$  rational in  $[0,1]$ . The inequality

$$t \sup_{\|y\| \leq \delta} \int_B y^2 dF \leq 3t \sup_{\|y\| \leq \delta} \int_B [1 - \cos y(x)] dF \leq \text{Const. } t$$

(note  $|\hat{\mu}'_g(y)| \geq \eta > 0$  in  $\{y : \|y\| \leq \delta\}$ , for some  $\delta > 0$ ) gives  $|\text{Log } \hat{\mu}'^t(y)| \leq t \sup_{\|y\| \leq 1} \int_B y^2(x) dF \leq \text{Const. } t$ . This and Lemma 2 assure the

definition of  $\mu^t$  by continuity, for all  $t > 0$ . Thus the continuity of the semigroup on  $R^+$  is proved; that  $\{\mu^t : t \in (0,T]\}$  is tight is proved as in (iii) of Theorem 4.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(X,C)$  be l.c. and let  $\mu$  be a weakley  $\tau$ -regular i.d. law on the  $C$ -Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $X$ . Then the semigroup  $\{\mu^r : r > 0, r \text{ rational}\}$  is continuous. If, in addition,  $X$  is metrizable and complete then a unique continuous extension of the above semigroup to  $R^+$  exists.

**Proof.** Let  $X_0 = \{x : y(x) = 0 \text{ if } y \equiv 0 \text{ a.s. } \mu\}$ ; then since  $\mu^{1/n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , are weakley  $\tau$ -regular and  $y \equiv 0$  a.s.  $\mu$  implies  $y \equiv 0$  a.s.  $\mu^{1/n}$ , we have  $\mu^{1/n} X_0 = 1$ , for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ; we thus can replace  $X$  by  $X_0$ , for the proof. For a closed a.c.  $C$ -abd.  $U$  of  $X_0$ , denote by  $X_U$  the quotient space

$X_0 / p_U^{-1}\{\theta\}$ , where  $p_U$  is the Minkowski functional of  $U$ , then  $X_U$  is a separable normed space under the norm  $|x_U| = p_U(x)$ , where  $x_U$  is the image of  $x$  under the natural projection (see [7], p. 135-136). Now in  $X_0$ ,  $U = \{x : p_U(x) \leq 1\}$  and  $\mu^r(U) = \mu_U^r\{x_U : |x_U| \leq 1\} = \tilde{\mu}_U^r\{\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}_U : |\tilde{x}| \leq 1\}$ , where  $\mu_U^r$  and  $\tilde{\mu}_U^r$  denote, respectively, the images under the obvious maps of  $\mu^r$  in  $X_U$  and  $\tilde{X}_U$ , the completion of  $X_U$ . Since  $\tilde{\mu}_U^r\{|\tilde{x}| \leq \eta\} \rightarrow 1$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$  ( $r$  rational), for all  $\eta > 0$  (from Lemma 7),  $\mu^r(\eta U) \rightarrow 1$ , for all  $\eta U$ , proving the continuity of  $\mu^r$  for all  $r$  (i.e. as  $r_n \rightarrow r$ ,  $\mu^{|r_n-r|} \rightarrow \delta(\theta)$ ), finishing the proof of the first part. The last part under additional conditions on  $X$  now follows easily: Let  $\mu^t$  be the law of  $\sum X_n$  with  $X_n$ 's independent  $X$ -valued r.v.'s, where law of  $X_n = \mu^{r_{n+1}-r_n}$  and  $r_n \uparrow t$ ; then  $\mu^t$  is uniquely defined. It is continuous in all  $t$ , since  $\mu^t(U) \geq \limsup_{r_n \uparrow t} \mu^{r_n}(U)$  assures that  $\mu^t \rightarrow \delta(\theta)$ , as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

**Corollary 3.** Let  $(X, C)$  be a separable metric l.c. space and  $\mu$  an i.d. law on  $C$ -Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $X$ . Then the semigroup  $\{\mu^r : r \text{ (rational)} > 0\}$  is continuous in the sense of  $C$  and also in every topology of a separable normed space  $E$  which is continuously embedded in  $X$  and which supports  $\mu$ . Further, a unique continuous extension in  $R^+$  of the semigroup exists in the completion  $\tilde{E}$  of the space  $E$ .

**Proof.** Let  $E \hookrightarrow X$  be such a space (for the existence see [8]). From Theorem 1 of [8], one can suppose that  $E$  is dense in  $X$  and that  $\mu$

is defined on the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $E$  (which is the trace of the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $X$ ), it follows  $\mu$  is i.d. on  $E$ . Hence, as in Theorem 6, this proves that  $\{\mu^E\}$  is continuous on  $E$ . The last part is immediate from the Theorem 6.

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