

Censored stable processes

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Let α, ρ be admissible parameters, X the Lévy process with Lévy density

$$c_+ x^{-(\alpha+1)} \mathbb{1}_{(x>0)} + c_- |x|^{-(\alpha+1)} \mathbb{1}_{(x<0)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

no Gaussian part.

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Two specific points:

- Assume X does not have one-sided jumps,
- When $\alpha = 1$, X is symmetric.

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$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi \rightarrow \infty \text{ or } \xi \text{ oscillates} \\ \xi \rightarrow -\infty \\ \xi \text{ is killed} \end{array} \right.$

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$$c_+ \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 1)^{\alpha+1}} \mathbb{1}_{(x>0)} + c_- \frac{e^x}{(1 - e^x)^{\alpha+1}} \mathbb{1}_{(x<0)},$$

and is killed at rate $c_-/\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha\hat{\rho})\Gamma(1-\alpha\hat{\rho})}$.

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- Finally, make zero an absorbing state (needed in the case $\alpha \in (1, 2)$): $Y_t = \check{Y}_t \mathbb{1}_{(t < T_0)}$.
This is the **censored stable process**.

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Tricky element – show Δ independent of ξ^L .

Lamperti: $\Delta \leftrightarrow \frac{X_\sigma}{X_{\tau-}}$. By Markov property, reduces to showing

$P_x\left(\frac{X_\sigma}{X_{\tau-}} \in \cdot\right)$ does not depend on x and this follows by scaling.



Wiener-Hopf factorisation

Recall: Wiener-Hopf factorisation

Let ξ be a Lévy process, $\mathbb{E}[e^{i\theta\xi_1}] = e^{-\Psi(\theta)}$.

Then there exist $\kappa, \hat{\kappa}$, such that:

$$\Psi(\theta) = \kappa(-i\theta)\hat{\kappa}(i\theta),$$

κ and $\hat{\kappa}$ Laplace exponents of increasing, possibly killed Lévy processes (subordinators) H and \hat{H} :

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda H_1}] = e^{-\kappa(\lambda)}, \quad \mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda \hat{H}_1}] = e^{-\hat{\kappa}(\lambda)}, \quad \lambda \geq 0.$$

- unique
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ascending and descending ladder processes.

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H : Lamperti-stable subordinator with parameters $(\alpha\rho, 1)$, i.e. pure jump subordinator with Lévy density $e^x / (e^x - 1)^{\alpha\rho}$

\hat{H} : (killed) Lamperti-stable subordinator with parameters $(\alpha\hat{\rho}, \alpha)$.

Lamperti-stable subordinators are nice! We can calculate:

- The Lévy measure of ξ ,
- The Lévy measures of H and \hat{H} ,
- The renewal measures, $\mathbb{E} \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{(H_t \in \cdot)} dt$ and $\mathbb{E} \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{(\hat{H}_t \in \cdot)} dt$.

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for $\lambda \geq 0$.

- $\kappa(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{\mathcal{T}_{\alpha-1}\psi(\lambda)}$, with ψ LSS($1 - \alpha\rho, \alpha\hat{\rho}$).
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Not as nice, but we can still calculate Lévy measures and renewal measures.

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As stable processes are self-similar and have stationary and independent increments, we can shift-and scale and reduce the probability of interest to:

$$P_1(X_{\tau_0^b} \in dz, \tau_0^b < \infty), \quad 0 < b < 1.$$

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Use the ladder process:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\xi_{S_a^-} \in dw, S_a^- < \infty) &= \mathbb{P}(\underline{\xi}_{S_a^-} \in dw, S_a^- < \infty) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(-\hat{H}_{S_{-a}^+} \in dw) \\ &= \int_{[0, -a]} \hat{U}(dz) \Pi_{\hat{H}}(-dw - z),\end{aligned}$$

recalling that $-\hat{H}$ is a time-change of the running minimum $\underline{\xi}$.

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Method for $\alpha \in (1, 2)$

Use the Pecherskii-Rogozin identity:

$$\int_0^\infty \int \exp(qa - \beta(a - \xi_{S_a^-})) d\mathbb{P} da = \frac{\hat{\kappa}(q) - \hat{\kappa}(\beta)}{(q - \beta)\hat{\kappa}(q)},$$

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