

# Law of the time to absorption at zero of a (not-necessarily) symmetric stable Lévy process

Alexey Kuznetsov<sup>1</sup>    Andreas E. Kyprianou<sup>2</sup>  
Juan-Carlos Pardo<sup>3</sup>    Alex Watson<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup>York University, Toronto, Canada.

<sup>2</sup>University of Bath, UK.

<sup>3</sup>CIMAT, Mexico.

# Stable processes

## Definition 1

A Lévy process  $X$  is called (strictly)  $\alpha$ -stable if it satisfies the scaling property

$$(cX_{c^{-\alpha}t})_{t \geq 0} \Big|_{P_x} \stackrel{d}{=} X \Big|_{P_{cx}}, \quad c > 0.$$

Necessarily  $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ . [ $\alpha = 2 \rightarrow$  BM, exclude this.]

The quantity  $\rho = P_0(X_t \geq 0)$  will frequently appear as will  $\hat{\rho} = 1 - \rho$ .

# Stable processes

## Definition I

A Lévy process  $X$  is called (strictly)  $\alpha$ -stable if it satisfies the scaling property

$$(cX_{c^{-\alpha}t})_{t \geq 0} \Big|_{\mathbb{P}_x} \stackrel{d}{=} X \Big|_{\mathbb{P}_{c^\alpha}}, \quad c > 0.$$

Necessarily  $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ . [ $\alpha = 2 \rightarrow$  BM, exclude this.]

The quantity  $\rho = \mathbb{P}_0(X_t \geq 0)$  will frequently appear as will  $\hat{\rho} = 1 - \rho$ .

## Definition II

Let  $\alpha, \rho$  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.

# Stable processes

Additional notes:

- $X$  does not have one-sided jumps,
- We assume that  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ , in which case  $X$  is point-recurrent.

# Problem: statement

## The problem

Let

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

be the first hitting time of  $\{0\}$ .

Can we find an explicit expression for

$$p(t)dt := P_1(T_0 \in dt)?$$

# Problem: history

- G. Peskir (2008) The law of the hitting times to points by a stable Lévy process with no negative jumps. *Electron. Commun. Probab.*, 13, 653–659.
- K. Yano, Y. Yano, and M. Yor. (2009) On the laws of first hitting times of points for one-dimensional symmetric stable Lévy processes. In *Séminaire de Probabilités XLII*, volume 1979 of *Lecture Notes in Math.*, pages 187–227. Springer, Berlin.
- F. Cordero. (2010) *On the excursion theory for the symmetric stable Lévy processes with index  $\alpha \in ]1, 2]$  and some applications*. PhD thesis, Université Pierre et Marie Curie – Paris VI, 2010.

# Positive, self-similar Markov processes

## $\alpha$ -pssMp

$[0, \infty)$ -valued Markov process,  
equipped with initial measures  $P_x$ ,  $x > 0$ ,  
with 0 an absorbing state,  
satisfying the scaling property

$$(cX_{c^{-\alpha}t})_{t \geq 0} \Big|_{P_x} \stackrel{d}{=} X \Big|_{P_{cx}}, \quad x, c > 0$$

# Lamperti transform

$(X, \mathbb{P}_x)_{x>0}$  pssMp

$\leftrightarrow$

$(\xi, \mathbb{P}_y)_{y \in \mathbb{R}}$  killed Lévy

$$X_t = \exp(\xi_{S(t)}),$$

$$\xi_s = \log(X_{T(s)}),$$

$S$  a random time-change

$T$  a random time-change



# Lamperti transform

$(X, \mathbb{P}_x)_{x>0}$  pssMp

$$X_t = \exp(\xi_{S(t)}),$$

$S$  a random time-change

$\leftrightarrow$

$(\xi, \mathbb{P}_y)_{y \in \mathbb{R}}$  killed Lévy

$$\xi_s = \log(X_{T(s)}),$$

$T$  a random time-change

$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \text{ never hits zero} \\ X \text{ hits zero continuously} \\ X \text{ hits zero by a jump} \end{array} \right\}$

$\leftrightarrow$

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

# Example 1

# Example 1

Let  $X$  be a stable process, and define

$$X_t^* = X_t \mathbb{1}_{(t < \tau_0^-)}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\tau_0^- = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t < 0\}.$$

# Example 1

Let  $X$  be a stable process, and define

$$X_t^* = X_t \mathbb{1}_{(t < \tau_0^-)}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\tau_0^- = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t < 0\}.$$

Then  $X^*$  is a pssMp, with Lamperti transform  $\xi^*$ .

# Example 1

Let  $X$  be a stable process, and define

$$X_t^* = X_t \mathbb{1}_{(t < \tau_0^-)}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\tau_0^- = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t < 0\}.$$

Then  $X^*$  is a pssMp, with Lamperti transform  $\xi^*$ .

$\xi^*$  has Lévy density

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

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

## Example 2

Let  $X$  be a **symmetric**  $\alpha$ -stable process with  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ , and define

$$R_t = |X_t| \mathbb{1}_{(t < T_0)}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

## Example 2

Let  $X$  be a **symmetric**  $\alpha$ -stable process with  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ , and define

$$R_t = |X_t| \mathbb{1}_{(t < T_0)}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Then  $R$  is a pssMp with Lamperti-transform  $\xi = \xi^L \oplus \xi^C$ , such that

- (i) The Lévy process  $\xi^L$  has characteristic exponent

$$\Psi^*(\theta) - c_-/\alpha, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\Psi^*$  is the characteristic exponent of the process  $\xi^*$ .

- (ii) The process  $\xi^C$  is a compound Poisson process whose jumps occur at rate  $c_-/\alpha$ , whose Lévy density is

$$\pi^C(y) = c_- \frac{e^y}{(1 + e^y)^{\alpha+1}}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

## Example 2

Let  $X$  be an  $\alpha$ -stable process with  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ , and define

$$R_t = |X_t| \mathbb{1}_{(t < T_0)}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Then  $R$  is a pssMp with Lamperti-transform  $\xi = \xi^L \oplus \xi^C$ , such that

(i)

$$\Psi(\theta) = 2^\alpha \frac{\Gamma(\alpha/2 - i\theta/2)}{\Gamma(-i\theta/2)} \frac{\Gamma(1/2 + i\theta/2)}{\Gamma((1 - \alpha)/2 + i\theta/2)}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(ii) For later convenience we also note  $\psi(z) := \log \mathbb{E} e^{-z\alpha\xi_1}$  is given by

$$\psi(z) = -2^\alpha \frac{\Gamma(1/2 - \alpha z/2)}{\Gamma(1/2 - \alpha(1+z)/2)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(1+z)/2)}{\Gamma(\alpha z/2)}, \quad \operatorname{Re} z \in (-1, 1/\alpha).$$



# Standard theory for pssMp

(i)  $(T_0, P_1)$  has the same law as  $(I(\alpha\xi), \mathbb{P})$ , where

$$I(\alpha\xi) = \int_0^\infty e^{\alpha\xi t} dt$$

# Standard theory for pssMp

- (i)  $(T_0, P_1)$  has the same law as  $(I(\alpha\xi), \mathbb{P})$ , where

$$I(\alpha\xi) = \int_0^\infty e^{\alpha\xi t} dt$$

- (ii) If  $\mathcal{M}(s) := \mathbb{E}[I(\alpha\xi)^{s-1}]$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , then when the right hand side is well defined,

$$\mathcal{M}(s+1) = -\frac{s}{\psi(-s)} \mathcal{M}(s),$$

# Standard theory for pssMp

- (i)  $(T_0, P_1)$  has the same law as  $(I(\alpha\xi), \mathbb{P})$ , where

$$I(\alpha\xi) = \int_0^\infty e^{\alpha\xi t} dt$$

- (ii) If  $\mathcal{M}(s) := \mathbb{E}[I(\alpha\xi)^{s-1}]$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , then when the right hand side is well defined,

$$\mathcal{M}(s+1) = -\frac{s}{\psi(-s)} \mathcal{M}(s),$$

- (iii) Because of the explicit form of  $\psi$ , we can guess (and then prove) that

$$\mathbb{E}_1[T_0^{s-1}] = \sin(\pi/\alpha) \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}(s-1)\right)}{\sin\left(\pi\left(s-1+\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)\right)} \frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha-\alpha s)}{\Gamma(2-s)},$$

for  $\operatorname{Re} s \in \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha}, 2 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$ .

# Markov additive processes (MAPs)

Let  $E$  be a finite state space and  $(\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  a standard filtration. A càdlàg process  $(\xi, J)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times E$  with law  $\mathbb{P}$  is called a *Markov additive process (MAP)* with respect to  $(\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  if  $(J(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is a continuous-time, irreducible Markov chain in  $\bar{E}$ , and the following property is satisfied, for any  $i \in E$ ,  $s, t \geq 0$ :

Given  $\{J(t) = i\}$ , the pair  $(\xi(t+s) - \xi(t), J(t+s))$  is independent of  $\mathcal{G}_t$ , and has the same distribution as  $(\xi(s) - \xi(0), J(s))$  given  $\{J(0) = i\}$ .

# Pathwise description of a MAP

The pair  $(\xi, J)$  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  $\xi$  has the representation

$$\xi(t) = \mathbb{1}_{(n > 0)}(\xi(T_n-) + U_{J(T_n-), J(T_n)}^n) + \xi_{J(T_n)}^n(t - T_n),$$

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

# rssMps, MAPs, Lamperti-Kiu (Chaumont, Panti, Rivero)

- Take the statespace of the MAP to be  $E = \{1, 2\}$ .

# rssMps, MAPs, Lamperti-Kiu (Chaumont, Panti, Rivero)

- Take the statespace of the MAP to be  $E = \{1, 2\}$ .
- Let

$$X_t = x \exp \{ \xi(\tau(t)) + i\pi(J(\tau(t)) + 1) \} \quad 0 \leq t < T_0, \}$$

where

$$\tau(t) = \inf \left\{ s > 0 : \int_0^s \exp(\alpha \xi(u)) du > t|x|^{-\alpha} \right\}$$

and

$$T_0 = |x|^{-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{\alpha \xi(u)} du.$$

# rssMps, MAPs, Lamperti-Kiu (Chaumont, Panti, Rivero)

- Take the statespace of the MAP to be  $E = \{1, 2\}$ .
- Let

$$X_t = x \exp \{ \xi(\tau(t)) + i\pi(J(\tau(t)) + 1) \} \quad 0 \leq t < T_0, \}$$

where

$$\tau(t) = \inf \left\{ s > 0 : \int_0^s \exp(\alpha \xi(u)) du > t|x|^{-\alpha} \right\}$$

and

$$T_0 = |x|^{-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{\alpha \xi(u)} du.$$

- Then  $X_t$  is a real-valued self-similar Markov process in the sense that the law of  $(cX_{tc^{-\alpha}} : t \geq 0)$  under  $P_x$  is  $P_{cx}$ .



# rssMps, MAPs, Lamperti-Kiu (Chaumont, Panti, Rivero)

- Take the statespace of the MAP to be  $E = \{1, 2\}$ .
- Let

$$X_t = x \exp \{ \xi(\tau(t)) + i\pi(J(\tau(t)) + 1) \} \quad 0 \leq t < T_0, \}$$

where

$$\tau(t) = \inf \left\{ s > 0 : \int_0^s \exp(\alpha \xi(u)) du > t|x|^{-\alpha} \right\}$$

and

$$T_0 = |x|^{-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{\alpha \xi(u)} du.$$

- Then  $X_t$  is a real-valued self-similar Markov process in the sense that the law of  $(cX_{tc^{-\alpha}} : t \geq 0)$  under  $P_x$  is  $P_{cx}$ .
- The converse (within a special class of rssMps) is also true.

# Characteristics of a MAP

- Denote the transition rate matrix of the chain  $J$  by  $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$ .

# Characteristics of a MAP

- Denote the transition rate matrix of the chain  $J$  by  $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$ .
- For each  $i \in E$ , the Laplace exponent of the Lévy process  $\xi_i$  will be written  $\psi_i$  (when it exists).

# Characteristics of a MAP

- Denote the transition rate matrix of the chain  $J$  by  $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$ .
- For each  $i \in E$ , the Laplace exponent of the Lévy process  $\xi_i$  will be written  $\psi_i$  (when it exists).
- For each pair of  $i, j \in E$ , define the Laplace transform  $G_{ij}(z) = \mathbb{E}(e^{zU_{ij}})$  of the jump distribution  $U_{ij}$  (when it exists).

# Characteristics of a MAP

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

# Characteristics of a MAP

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

$$F(z) = \text{diag}(\psi_1(z), \dots, \psi_N(z)) + Q \circ G(z), \quad (1)$$

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

# Characteristics of a MAP

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

$$F(z) = \text{diag}(\psi_1(z), \dots, \psi_N(z)) + Q \circ G(z), \quad (1)$$

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

- The matrix exponent of the MAP  $(\xi, J)$  is given by

$$\mathbb{E}_i(e^{z\xi(t)}; J(t) = j) = (e^{F(z)t})_{i,j}, \quad i, j \in E,$$

(when it exists).

# An $\alpha$ -stable process is a rssMp

- An  $\alpha$ -stable process is a rssMp. Remarkably (thanks to work of Chaumont, Panti and Rivero) we can compute precisely its matrix exponent explicitly



# An $\alpha$ -stable process is a rssMp

- An  $\alpha$ -stable process is a rssMp. Remarkably (thanks to work of Chaumont, Panti and Rivero) we can compute precisely its matrix exponent explicitly
- Denote the underlying MAP  $(\xi, J)$ , we prefer to give the matrix exponent of  $(-\alpha\xi, J)$  as follows:

$$F(z) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Gamma(\alpha(1+z))\Gamma(1-\alpha z)}{\Gamma(\alpha\hat{\rho} + \alpha z)\Gamma(1-\alpha\hat{\rho} - \alpha z)} & \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(1+z))\Gamma(1-\alpha z)}{\Gamma(\alpha\hat{\rho})\Gamma(1-\alpha\hat{\rho})} \\ \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(1+z))\Gamma(1-\alpha z)}{\Gamma(\alpha\rho)\Gamma(1-\alpha\rho)} & -\frac{\Gamma(\alpha(1+z))\Gamma(1-\alpha z)}{\Gamma(\alpha\rho + \alpha z)\Gamma(1-\alpha\rho - \alpha z)} \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $\operatorname{Re} z \in (-1, 1/\alpha)$ .

# Cramér condition for a MAP

## Proposition

- (i) Suppose that  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is such that  $F(z)$  is defined. Then, the matrix  $F(z)$  has a real simple eigenvalue  $\kappa(z)$ , which is larger than the real part of all its other eigenvalues.
- (ii) Suppose that  $F$  is defined in some open interval  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then, the leading eigenvalue  $\kappa$  of  $F$  is smooth and convex on  $D$ .

# Cramér condition for a MAP

## Proposition

- (i) Suppose that  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is such that  $F(z)$  is defined. Then, the matrix  $F(z)$  has a real simple eigenvalue  $\kappa(z)$ , which is larger than the real part of all its other eigenvalues.
- (ii) Suppose that  $F$  is defined in some open interval  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then, the leading eigenvalue  $\kappa$  of  $F$  is smooth and convex on  $D$ .

## Assumption (Cramér condition for a MAP)

There exists  $z_0 < 0$  such that  $F(s)$  exists on  $(z_0, 0)$ , and some  $\theta \in (0, -z_0)$ , called the Cramér number, such that  $\kappa(-\theta) = 0$ .

# Cramér condition for a MAP

## Proposition

- (i) Suppose that  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is such that  $F(z)$  is defined. Then, the matrix  $F(z)$  has a real simple eigenvalue  $\kappa(z)$ , which is larger than the real part of all its other eigenvalues.
- (ii) Suppose that  $F$  is defined in some open interval  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then, the leading eigenvalue  $\kappa$  of  $F$  is smooth and convex on  $D$ .

## Assumption (Cramér condition for a MAP)

There exists  $z_0 < 0$  such that  $F(s)$  exists on  $(z_0, 0)$ , and some  $\theta \in (0, -z_0)$ , called the Cramér number, such that  $\kappa(-\theta) = 0$ .

Note that this dictates “ $\kappa'(0) > 0$ ” which ensures that  $\lim_{t \uparrow \infty} \xi_t/t = \kappa'(0) > 0$ .

# Integrated exponential MAPs

- For a MAP  $\xi$ , let

$$I(-\xi) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-\xi(t)) dt.$$

# Integrated exponential MAPs

- For a MAP  $\xi$ , let

$$I(-\xi) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-\xi(t)) dt.$$

- One way to characterise the law of  $I(-\xi)$  is via its Mellin transform, which we write as  $\mathcal{M}(s)$ . This is the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  whose  $i$ th element is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_i(s) = \mathbb{E}_i[I(-\xi)^{s-1}], \quad i \in E.$$

# Vector-valued functional equation

## Proposition

*Suppose that  $\xi$  satisfies the Cramér condition with Cramér number  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Then,  $\mathcal{M}(s)$  is finite and analytic when  $\operatorname{Re} s \in (0, 1 + \theta)$ , and we have the following vector-valued functional equation:*

$$\mathcal{M}(s + 1) = -s(F(-s))^{-1}\mathcal{M}(s), \text{ for } s \in (0, \theta).$$

## Back to the case of an $\alpha$ -stable process, $\alpha \in (1, 2)$

- Suffices to consider the case that the stable process starts from  $|x| = 1$ .



## Back to the case of an $\alpha$ -stable process, $\alpha \in (1, 2)$

- Suffices to consider the case that the stable process starts from  $|x| = 1$ .
- Recall that  $T_0 = \int_0^\infty \exp\{-(-\alpha\xi(u))\} du$  and that  $E = \{1, 2\}$

## Back to the case of an $\alpha$ -stable process, $\alpha \in (1, 2)$

- Suffices to consider the case that the stable process starts from  $|x| = 1$ .
- Recall that  $T_0 = \int_0^\infty \exp\{-(-\alpha\xi(u))\} du$  and that  $E = \{1, 2\}$
- It is obvious (using asymmetry) that  $\mathbb{E}_1(T_0^{s-1})$  is the same expression as  $\mathbb{E}_2(T_0^{s-1})$  modulo interchanging the roles of  $\rho$  and  $\hat{\rho}$ .

## Back to the case of an $\alpha$ -stable process, $\alpha \in (1, 2)$

- Suffices to consider the case that the stable process starts from  $|x| = 1$ .
- Recall that  $T_0 = \int_0^\infty \exp\{-(-\alpha\xi(u))\} du$  and that  $E = \{1, 2\}$
- It is obvious (using asymmetry) that  $\mathbb{E}_1(T_0^{s-1})$  is the same expression as  $\mathbb{E}_2(T_0^{s-1})$  modulo interchanging the roles of  $\rho$  and  $\hat{\rho}$ .
- Easy to check that  $\kappa(1/\alpha - 1) = 0$ , i.e.  $\theta = 1 - 1/\alpha < 1$ .

## Back to the case of an $\alpha$ -stable process, $\alpha \in (1, 2)$

- Suffices to consider the case that the stable process starts from  $|x| = 1$ .
- Recall that  $T_0 = \int_0^\infty \exp\{-(-\alpha\xi(u))\} du$  and that  $E = \{1, 2\}$
- It is obvious (using asymmetry) that  $\mathbb{E}_1(T_0^{s-1})$  is the same expression as  $\mathbb{E}_2(T_0^{s-1})$  modulo interchanging the roles of  $\rho$  and  $\hat{\rho}$ .
- Easy to check that  $\kappa(1/\alpha - 1) = 0$ , i.e.  $\theta = 1 - 1/\alpha < 1$ .
- **Guess** a solution to the vector-valued functional equation and then **verify uniqueness**

### Theorem

For  $-1/\alpha < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 2 - 1/\alpha$  we have

$$\mathbb{E}_1[T_0^{s-1}] = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right) \sin(\pi\hat{\rho}(1 - \alpha + \alpha s)) \Gamma(1 + \alpha - \alpha s)}{\sin(\pi\hat{\rho}) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}(1 - \alpha + \alpha s)\right) \Gamma(2 - s)}.$$

# Inversion (rational $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ ): $p(t) = dP_1(T_0 \leq t)/dt$

If  $\alpha = m/n$  (where  $m$  and  $n$  are coprime natural numbers) then for all  $t > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(t) = & \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right)}{\pi \sin(\pi\hat{\rho})} \sum_{\substack{k \geq 1 \\ k \neq -1 \pmod{m}}} \sin(\pi\hat{\rho}(k+1)) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}k\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}(k+1)\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{\alpha} + 1\right)}{k!} (-1)^{k-1} t^{-1-\frac{k}{\alpha}} \\
 & - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right)^2}{\pi \sin(\pi\hat{\rho})} \sum_{\substack{k \geq 1 \\ k \neq 0 \pmod{n}}} \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho}k)}{\sin(\pi\alpha k)} \frac{\Gamma\left(k - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}{\Gamma(\alpha k - 1)} t^{-k-1+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\
 & - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right)^2}{\pi^2 \alpha \sin(\pi\hat{\rho})} \sum_{k \geq 1} (-1)^{km} \frac{\Gamma\left(kn - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}{(km - 2)!} R_k(t) t^{-kn-1+\frac{1}{\alpha}},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_k(t) := & \pi\alpha\hat{\rho} \cos(\pi\hat{\rho}km) \\
 & - \sin(\pi\hat{\rho}km) \left[ \pi \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right) - \psi\left(kn - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) + \alpha\psi(km - 1) + \ln(t) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

The three series converge uniformly for  $t \in [\varepsilon, \infty)$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

# Inversion (almost every irrational $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ )

Define  $\|x\| = \min_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |x - n|$ , and

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{R} \setminus (\mathbb{Q} \cup \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln \|nx\| = 0\}).$$

If  $\alpha \notin \mathcal{L} \cup \mathbb{Q}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} p(t) = & \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right)}{\pi \sin(\pi\hat{\rho})} \sum_{k \geq 1} \sin(\pi\hat{\rho}(k+1)) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}k\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}(k+1)\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{\alpha} + 1\right)}{k!} (-1)^{k-1} t^{-1 - \frac{k}{\alpha}} \\ & - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha}\right)^2}{\pi \sin(\pi\hat{\rho})} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho}k)}{\sin(\pi\alpha k)} \frac{\Gamma\left(k - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}{\Gamma(\alpha k - 1)} t^{-k-1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

The two series in the right-hand side of the above formula converge uniformly for  $t \in [\varepsilon, \infty)$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

# Conditioning to avoid zero (Chaumont, Panti, Rivero)

Let  $X$  be an  $\alpha$  stable process with  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$  and let  $h$  the function

$$h(x) = -\Gamma(1 - \alpha) \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho})}{\pi} x^{\alpha-1}, \quad x > 0,$$

and the same expression with  $\hat{\rho}$  replaced by  $\rho$  when  $x < 0$ .

- The function  $h$  is invariant for the stable process killed on hitting 0, that is,

$$\mathbb{E}_x[h(X_t), t < T_0] = h(x), \quad t > 0, x \neq 0. \quad (2)$$

Therefore, we may define a family of measures  $P_x^\uparrow$  by

$$P_x^\uparrow(\Lambda) = \frac{1}{h(x)} \mathbb{E}_x[h(X_t) \mathbb{1}_\Lambda, t < T_0], \quad x \neq 0, \Lambda \in \mathcal{F}_t,$$

for any  $t \geq 0$ .

# Conditioning to avoid zero (Chaumont, Panti, Rivero)

Let  $X$  be an  $\alpha$  stable process with  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$  and let  $h$  the function

$$h(x) = -\Gamma(1 - \alpha) \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha\hat{\rho})}{\pi} x^{\alpha-1}, \quad x > 0,$$

and the same expression with  $\hat{\rho}$  replaced by  $\rho$  when  $x < 0$ .

- The function  $h$  can be represented as

$$h(x) = \lim_{q \downarrow 0} \frac{P_x(T_0 > \mathbf{e}_q)}{n(\zeta > \mathbf{e}_q)}, \quad x \neq 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_q$  is an independent exponentially distributed random variable with parameter  $q$ . Furthermore, for any stopping time  $T$  and  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{F}_T$ , and any  $x \neq 0$ ,

$$\lim_{q \downarrow 0} P_x(\Lambda, T < \mathbf{e}_q | T_0 > \mathbf{e}_q) = P_x^{\uparrow}(\Lambda).$$



## Another representation of $P^\uparrow$

- $P_x(T_0 > t) = P_1(T_0 > x^{-\alpha}t)$ , for  $x > 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

## Another representation of $P_{\downarrow}$

- $P_x(T_0 > t) = P_1(T_0 > x^{-\alpha}t)$ , for  $x > 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .
- The density of  $T_0$

$$\rho(t) = -\frac{\sin^2(\pi/\alpha)}{\pi \sin(\pi\bar{\rho})} \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha\rho)}{\sin(\pi\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(1 - 1/\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} t^{1/\alpha-2} + O(t^{-1/\alpha-1}).$$

## Another representation of $P^\uparrow$

- $P_x(T_0 > t) = P_1(T_0 > x^{-\alpha}t)$ , for  $x > 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .
- The density of  $T_0$

$$p(t) = -\frac{\sin^2(\pi/\alpha) \sin(\pi\alpha\rho) \Gamma(1 - 1/\alpha)}{\pi \sin(\pi\bar{\rho}) \sin(\pi\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha - 1)} t^{1/\alpha-2} + O(t^{-1/\alpha-1}).$$

- Stable (inverse) local time at zero:

$$n(\zeta \in dt) = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\Gamma(1/\alpha)} \frac{\sin(\pi/\alpha)}{\cos(\pi(\rho - 1/2))} t^{1/\alpha-2} dt, \quad t \geq 0.$$

## Another representation of $P^\uparrow$

- $P_x(T_0 > t) = P_1(T_0 > x^{-\alpha}t)$ , for  $x > 0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .
- The density of  $T_0$

$$p(t) = -\frac{\sin^2(\pi/\alpha) \sin(\pi\alpha\rho) \Gamma(1 - 1/\alpha)}{\pi \sin(\pi\bar{\rho}) \sin(\pi\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha - 1)} t^{1/\alpha-2} + O(t^{-1/\alpha-1}).$$

- Stable (inverse) local time at zero:

$$n(\zeta \in dt) = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\Gamma(1/\alpha)} \frac{\sin(\pi/\alpha)}{\cos(\pi(\rho - 1/2))} t^{1/\alpha-2} dt, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- Verify directly

$$h(x) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_x(T_0 > s)}{n(\zeta > s)}.$$

# Another representation of $P_x^\uparrow$

- For any a.s. finite stopping time  $T$  and  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{F}_T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P_x(\Lambda | T_0 > T + s) \\
 &= E_x \left[ \frac{P_x(\mathbf{1}_\Lambda, T_0 > T + s | \mathcal{F}_T)}{P_x(T_0 > T + s)} \right] \\
 &= E_x \left[ \mathbf{1}_\Lambda \mathbf{1}_{(T_0 > T)} \frac{P_{X_T}(T_0 > s)}{P_x(T_0 > T + s)} \right] \\
 &= E_x \left[ \mathbf{1}_\Lambda \mathbf{1}_{(T_0 > T)} \frac{h(X_T)}{h(x)} \frac{P_{X_T}(T_0 > s)}{h(X_T)n(\zeta > s)} \frac{n(\zeta > s)}{n(\zeta > T + s)} \frac{h(x)n(\zeta > T + s)}{P_x(T_0 > T + s)} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

- For any a.s. stopping time  $T$ ,  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{F}_T$ ,

$$P_x^\uparrow(\Lambda) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} P_x(\Lambda | T_0 > T + s).$$