

Lévy-Khinchine representation and Banach spaces of type and cotype

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Abstract. In this paper we prove the following two results: (1) For $1 < p < 2$ the Lévy-Khinchine representation, with Lévy measure having p -th moment finite in the neighbourhood of zero, gives an i.d. law on a real separable Banach space E iff E is of type p . (2) Let i.d. law μ be a weak limit of shifts of "exponentials" of non-decreasing sequence of finite measures F_n on E and $F = \lim_n F_n$. Then $\int_E \|x\|^p F(dx)$ is finite ($p > 2$) iff E is of cotype p . For $p = 2$, these give some recent results of Mandrekar and de Acosta and Samur.

0. Introduction. This work extends some recent works of Mandrekar [14] and de Acosta and Samur [2]. More specifically, we characterize the Banach spaces for which the following problems have solutions. Here E is a real separable Banach space.

I. Every non-Gaussian *infinitely divisible* (i.d., for short) law on E is a limit of a sequence of probability measures of the type $e(F_n) * \delta_{x_n}$ for $\{F_n\}$ non-decreasing sequence of finite measures with $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p F(dx) < \infty$ ($p \geq 2$), where $F = \lim_n F_n$ and F finite outside the neighbourhood of zero and;

II. Every function Ψ on E' (topological dual of E) of the form

$$(0.1) \quad \exp \int K(y, x) F(dx),$$

where

$$(a) \quad K(y, x) = \exp\{i\langle y, x \rangle\} - \left(1 + \frac{i\langle y, x \rangle}{1 + \|x\|^p}\right),$$

(0.2) (b) F is σ -finite on E , $F\{0\} = 0$ and F is finite outside the neighbourhood of zero,

$$(c) \quad \int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p F(dx) \text{ is finite } (1 \leq p \leq 2)$$

is the *characteristic functional* (c.f., for short) of a measure (necessarily, i.d.) on E .

For $p = 2$, it was shown [14] that Problem II has solution iff E is of type 2. For $p = 2$, following arguments of [16] (Theorem 4.7, p. 176)

we can show that Problem I has solution iff every i.d. law has c.f. of the form (0.1). Thus our result for $p = 2$ ([16], Theorem 7.1, p. 103) give the result of ([2], Theorem 5.2). In general, however, for $p > 2$, the exact analogue of the result of [2] is not valid. This is shown by means of an example in Section 3.

1. Preliminaries and notation. Let \mathcal{E} be a real separable Banach space and $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E})$, the σ -field generated by all open subsets of \mathcal{E} . A probability measure μ on $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E})$ is said to be i.d. if for each integer n there exists a probability measure μ_n such that $\mu = \mu_n^{*n}$. It is well known ([18], [16]) that each i.d. probability measure μ on \mathcal{E} can be decomposed as $\mu = \gamma * \nu * \delta_x$, where γ is Gaussian in the sense that every continuous linear functional on \mathcal{E} has Gaussian distribution under γ , ν is non-Gaussian i.d. and δ_x is point mass at x . Also, every non-Gaussian i.d. law is a weak limit of shifts of measures of type $e(\mathcal{F}_n)$ with $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}$ non-decreasing sequence of finite measures ([16], p. 103-104).

A sequence of finite measures $\{\mu_n\}$ on $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E}))$ is said to converge weakly to a finite measure μ if $\int g d\mu_n \rightarrow \int g d\mu$ for every bounded continuous function g on \mathcal{E} . We say that sequence $\{\mu_n\}$ of probability measures is shift-compact if there exists a sequence $\{x_n\} \subset \mathcal{E}$ such that $\{\mu_n * \delta_{x_n}\}$ is weakly compact. We note that $\{\mu_n\}$ is shift-compact if and only if $\{\mu_n * \bar{\mu}_n\}$ is weakly compact ([16], p. 58-59), where $\bar{\mu}_n(A) = \mu_n(-A)$. Given a finite measure G on $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E}))$, we denote by $e(G)$ the exponential of G defined by

$$e(G) = \exp(-G(\mathcal{E})) \left\{ \delta_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{G^{*n}}{n!} \right\}.$$

We denote by $\langle \cdot \rangle$ the duality function on $\mathcal{E}' \times \mathcal{E}$. The c.f. of a probability measure μ is defined to be $\varphi_\mu(y) = \int \exp(i\langle y, x \rangle) \mu(dx)$ for $y \in \mathcal{E}'$. It is known that φ_μ determines μ uniquely.

Let $\{\varepsilon_j: j \in \mathcal{N}\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. Bernoulli random variables ($P(\varepsilon_j = -1) = P(\varepsilon_j = 1) = 1/2$). A Banach space \mathcal{E} is of (Rademacher) type p if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that [for every finite set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathcal{E}$,

$$\mathcal{E} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \varepsilon_j x_j \right\|^p \leq C \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j\|^p.$$

It is known that \mathcal{E} is of type p if and only if $\sum_j \|x_j\|^p < \infty$ implies $\sum_j \varepsilon_j x_j$ converges almost surely (a.s.); and \mathcal{E} of type p implies $1 \leq p \leq 2$ [7].

A Banach space \mathcal{E} is of (Rademacher) cotype p if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that, for every finite set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathcal{E}$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j\|^p \leq CE \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \varepsilon_j x_j \right\|^p.$$

It is known that \mathcal{E} is of cotype p if and only if $\sum_j \varepsilon_j x_j$ converges a.s. implies $\sum_j \|x_j\|^p < \infty$; and \mathcal{E} of cotype p implies $p \geq 2$ [7].

2. Lévy-Khinchine representation and spaces of type p . We first prove the following theorem.

2.1. THEOREM. Problem II has solution in a Banach space \mathcal{E} if and only if \mathcal{E} is of type p .

We note that, [6], \mathcal{E} is of type p if and only if for any independent \mathcal{E} -valued, symmetric random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n ,

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{E} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \right\|^p \leq a \sum_{j=1}^n \mathcal{E} \|X_j\|^p$$

for a universal constant a . In view of (2.2), we get the following lemma with arguments exactly as in ([14], Lemma 1.3).

2.3. LEMMA. Let G be a finite symmetric measure on $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{E}))$ and \mathcal{E} of type p . Then $\int \|x\|^p e(G)(dx) \leq a \int \|x\|^p G(dx)$.

Also as in ([14], Theorem 2.5) we get:

2.4. LEMMA. Problem II has solution implies \mathcal{E} is of type p .

Proof. Let $\{x_j\}$ be a sequence in \mathcal{E} satisfying $\sum_j \|x_j\|^p < \infty$. Write $\mathcal{E} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{x_j} + \delta_{-x_j})$. Then \mathcal{E} satisfies (0.2) (b), (c). Hence

$$\exp \left[\int \left\{ e^{i\langle y, x \rangle} - 1 - \frac{i\langle y, x \rangle}{1 + \|x\|^p} \right\} \mathcal{E}(dx) \right]$$

is a characteristic functional of a measure ν on \mathcal{E} .

$$\varphi_{\nu * \bar{\nu}}(y) = \exp \left\{ 2 \int (e^{i\langle y, x \rangle} - 1) \mathcal{E}(dx) \right\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=1}^n \varphi_{\nu_j}(y),$$

where ν_j is the law of $2\pi_j x_j$, $\{\pi_j\}$ independent symmetric Poisson with parameter 1. By ([8], p. 40) $\sum_j 2\pi_j x_j$ converges a.s. giving by ([10], Theorem 5.1) $\sum_j x_j \varepsilon_j$ converges a.s., i.e., \mathcal{E} is of type p .

To prove the sufficiency part of Theorem 2.1, we note that in view of ([16], p. 58) we can (and will) assume without loss of generality that \mathcal{E} , satisfying (0.2) (b) and (c) is zero outside of unit ball of \mathcal{E} . Also as in [14] we need the following two lemmas. The proofs being similar to the ones in [16], Theorem 4.7, p. 176, and Theorem 4.5, p. 171, are omitted. But we note that $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p \mathcal{E}(dx) < \infty$ implies $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^2 \mathcal{E}(dx) < \infty$, since $p \leq 2$.

2.5. LEMMA. Let F be as in (0.2) (b), (c) and let F_n be the restriction of F to $\{x \mid \|x\| \geq 1/n\}$. Then

$$\limsup_n \sup_{y \in S} \left| \int_{e(F_n) * \delta_{z_n}}(y) - \exp \left\{ \int K(y, x) F(dx) \right\} \right| = 0,$$

where S is bounded ball in E' and $z_n = - \int \frac{x}{1 + \|x\|^p} F_n(dx)$, integral being in the sense of Bochner.

2.6. LEMMA. Let $\{\mu_n\}$ be a shift-compact sequence of probability measures on E and suppose $\varphi_{\mu_n}(y) \rightarrow \Psi(y)$ uniformly over bounded balls; then $\Psi(y) = \varphi_{\mu}(y)$ for some probability measure μ and μ_n converges weakly to μ .

Proof of Theorem 2.1. In view of Lemma 2.4, it remains to prove the sufficiency. In view of Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6 it suffices to prove that $e(F_n + \bar{F}_n)$ is weakly relatively compact. We do this by using Theorem 2.3 of [1]. Let $\lambda_n = e(F_n) * \delta_{z_n}$. We note that ([16], p. 59) by Lemma 2.5, $\{\lambda_n \circ y^{-1}, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is weakly relatively compact on R given by ([16], p. 76), $\{e(F_n + \bar{F}_n) \circ y^{-1}, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ weakly relatively compact. It therefore remains to prove that $e(F_n + \bar{F}_n)$ is flatly concentrated. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, choose a simple map ψ such that $\int \|x - \psi(x)\|^p F(dx) < \varepsilon^{p+1}/2\alpha$ with α as in (2.2). This is possible by (0.2) (c) and ([4], p. 226). Then by Chebychev Inequality and Lemma 2.3 we get

$$(2.7) \quad \sup_n \varepsilon(F_n + \bar{F}_n)\{x \mid \|x - \psi(x)\| \geq \varepsilon\} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^p} \sup_n 2\alpha \int \|x - \psi(x)\|^p F_n(dx) < \varepsilon.$$

Let M be the linear subspace generated by the range of ψ . Then $\{x \mid \|x - M\| \geq \varepsilon\} \subset \{x \mid \|x - \psi(x)\| \geq \varepsilon\}$. Hence (2.7) implies $\sup_n \varepsilon(F_n + \bar{F}_n)\{x \mid \|x - M\| \geq \varepsilon\} < \varepsilon$ giving the result.

Remark. The above proof is similar to the one in [14].

3. Infinitely divisible laws on spaces of cotype p . In this section we prove the following theorem.

3.1. THEOREM. Problem I has solution in a Banach space E if and only if E is of cotype p .

To prove Theorem 3.1 we follow the method given in [16] due to S. R. S. Varadhan [19].

3.2. DEFINITION. For a probability measure μ on E , concentration function $Q_{\mu}(t)$ is defined for $0 < t < \infty$, as

$$Q_{\mu}(t) = \sup_{x \in E} \mu(S_t + x),$$

where S_t is the ball of radius t and $S_t + x$ is the translate by an element x .

The proof of the following lemma is exactly as in [16], p. 166, and hence omitted.

3.3. LEMMA (Lévy inequality). Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent symmetric E -valued random variables and $S_j = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_j$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, n$). Then for all $t > 0$

$$P\left\{ \sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|S_j\| > 4t \right\} \leq 2[1 - Q_{\mu}(t)],$$

where μ is the distribution of S_n . (Note that in [16], for $S_t + x \subseteq S_{2t}$ for $\|x\| \leq t$, parallelogram law is used, however, the inclusion is valid in general.

The following analogue of Theorem 3.3 ([16], p. 168) is immediate from the Kolmogorov inequality proved by de Acosta and Samur ([2], Theorem 4.1).

3.4. LEMMA. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be n independent symmetric E -valued random variables uniformly bounded in norm by c . Let $S_j = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_j$; then

$$E \|S_n\|^p \leq \frac{d^p + 2^{p-1}(c+d)^p}{1 - 2^{p-1}P[\sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|S_j\| > d]}.$$

From Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4 we get:

3.5. THEOREM. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be E -valued independent symmetric random variables uniformly bounded in norm by c , and let $Q_{\mu}(t)$ be the concentration function as above. Then

$$E \|S_n\|^p \leq \frac{4^p t^p + (c+4t)^p 2^{p-1}}{2^p Q_{\mu}(t) - (2^p - 1)}$$

for t satisfying $Q_{\mu}(t) > 1 - 1/2^p$.

3.6. THEOREM. Let E be of cotype p and F_n a sequence of finite measures such that $e(F_n)$ is shift-compact. Then

$$\sup_n \int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p F_n(dx) < \infty.$$

Proof. In view of Theorem 4.3 ([16], p. 80) we can (and will) assume without loss of generality that F_n is zero outside the unit ball. Let $M_n = e(F_n + \bar{F}_n)$. Then $e(M_n)$ is weakly compact. Further we can assume that $M_n(E)$ is an integer for each n . As otherwise, we can write $M_n = M_n^{(1)} + M_n^{(2)}$ with $M_n^{(1)}$ with total mass an integer and $M_n^{(2)}(E) \leq 1$, consequently $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p M_n^{(2)}(dx) \leq 1$. It therefore suffices to prove the theorem for $M_n^{(1)}$. Let $M_n = \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} \mu_n$, where μ_n is a symmetric probability measure. Let $\nu_n = \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} \mu_n$. Since E is of cotype p , we get that there exists a universal constant β such that

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_{j=1}^n E \|Z_j\|^p \leq \beta E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j \right\|^p,$$

where Z_j are i.i.d. with distribution μ_n . Hence it suffices to show that $\sup_n \int \|x\|^p d\nu_n < \infty$. If $Q_n(t)$ denotes the concentration function of ν_n , we have from Theorem 3.5

$$\int \|x\|^p d\nu_n \leq \frac{4^p t^p + (c+4t)^p 2^{p-1}}{2^p Q_{\nu_n}(t) - (2^p - 1)},$$

whenever $Q_{\nu_n}(t) > 1 - 1/2^p$. Therefore, it is enough to prove the existence of a t_0 such that $\inf_n Q_{\nu_n}(t_0) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^{p+1}}$. By ([16], Theorem 3.1), the above inequality will follow if we show that ν_n is conditionally compact. But this follows by LeCam ([12], see [11], p. 143).

Proof of Theorem 3.1. It is known ([16], p. 103-104) that on any complete separable metric group a non-Gaussian i.d. law μ is a limit of $e(F_n) * \delta_{x_n}$ with $F_n \uparrow$ to a σ -finite measure F . By ([16], Theorem 4.3, p. 80) we get that F is finite outside the neighbourhood of zero. From Theorem 3.6 we get the necessity. To prove sufficiency assume that for $\{a_j\} \subset \mathcal{B}$, $\sum \pi_j a_j$ converges a.s. Then $\nu = \lim_n \prod_{j=1}^n e(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{a_j} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{-a_j}) = \lim_n e(\sum_{j=1}^n \{\frac{1}{2} \delta_{a_j} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{-a_j}\})$ is i.d. Since Problem I has solution, we get $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p F(dx)$ is finite with $F = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{a_j} + \delta_{-a_j})$ i.e. $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|a_j\|^p < \infty$. Hence by closed graph theorem \exists a constant C so that for all n ,

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{j=1}^n \|a_j\|^p \leq C \mathcal{B} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_j a_j \right\|^p \quad (p \geq 2).$$

Since (3.8) is a super-property if we show

$$(3.9) \quad c_0 \text{ does not satisfy (3.8),}$$

then we get that c_0 is not finitely representable in \mathcal{B} and hence by Corollary 1.3 ([15], p. 25) we get (3.8) is equivalent to \mathcal{B} being of cotype p . It thus remains to prove (3.9). Let $\{e_j\}$ be the usual basis in c_0 ; then for $\{a_j\} \subset \mathcal{B}$

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_j a_j e_j \right\|_{c_0} = \sup_{m \leq j \leq n} |\pi_j a_j|.$$

Now, with π Poisson with parameter 2

$$(3.10) \quad P(\sup_{m \leq j \leq n} |\pi_j a_j| > \varepsilon) \leq \sum_{m=1}^n P(|\pi_j a_j| > \varepsilon) = \sum_{m=1}^n P(\pi > \varepsilon/a_j).$$

But $P(\pi > \varepsilon/a_j) \leq \exp(-\varepsilon/a_j) \mathcal{B} \exp(\pi)$. Hence from (3.10) we get, with

$a_j = j^{-1/p}$, that $\sum \pi_j a_j e_j$ converges a.s. in c_0 . But $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|a_j e_j\|_{c_0}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 1/j$ diverges. This implies (3.9) completing the proof.

Final remark. We now dwell on an example mentioned in the introduction. Let $F_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (\delta_{a_j} + \delta_{-a_j})$, and $F = \lim_n F_n$. Suppose $\varphi_\nu(y) = \exp[\int (\cos(y, w) - 1) F(dw)]$ is c.f. of ν on \mathcal{B} . This will imply that $\int (y, w)^2 F(dw) < \infty$ for each y . Choose $a_j \in \mathcal{L}_p$ ($p > 2$) (cotype p) given by $a_j^{(i)} = 1/i^j a$, then clearly $\int \|x\|^p F(dx) < \infty$ if $ap > 1$. Further if we choose a , so that $2a < 1$, then $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{\|x\| \leq 1} (a_j^{(i)})^2 F(dx) = \infty$. Hence for a so that $2a < 1 < pa$ we get $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|x\|^p F(dx) < \infty$ but $\exp[\int (\cos(y, w) - 1) F(dw)]$ is not a c.f. In other words, to obtain Lévy-Khinchine type representation one has to assume at least $\int_{\|x\| \leq 1} (y, w)^2 F(dx) < \infty$ for $y \in \mathcal{E}'$. This explains the conditions put in [5], [12] for \mathcal{L}_p or L_p ($p > 2$).

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The stability radius of a bundle of closed linear operators

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Abstract. Given a bundle of linear operators $T - \lambda S$, where T is closed and S is bounded, a sequence $\{\gamma_m(T; S)\}$ of extended real numbers is defined. When T is the identity operator, $\gamma_m(T; S)$ is equal to $\|S^{m-1}\|^{-1}$; when S is the identity operator, $\gamma_m(T; S)$ is the reduced minimum modulus $\gamma(T^m)$ of T^m . It is shown that in several important cases (including the case when T is a Fredholm operator and S is arbitrary)

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_m(T; S)^{1/m}$$

exists and is equal to the supremum of all positive r such that the ranges $\mathcal{R}(T - \lambda S)$ are closed and $\dim \mathcal{N}(T - \lambda S)$ and $\text{codim } \mathcal{R}(T - \lambda S)$ are constant on $0 < |\lambda| < r$. This work generalizes the usual spectral radius formula, a recent theorem of K.-H. Förster and M. A. Kaashoek, and an earlier result of H. A. Gindler and A. E. Taylor.

0. Introduction. If S is a bounded linear operator on a Banach space, the usual spectral radius formula implies that

$$(0.1) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|S^m\|^{-1/m}$$

exists and is equal to the supremum of all $r > 0$ such that $I - \lambda S$ is a bijective operator on $|\lambda| < r$. Recently, K.-H. Förster and M.A. Kaashoek [6] studied a similar limit, namely

$$(0.2) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(T^m)^{1/m},$$

where T is a (possibly unbounded) Fredholm operator and $\gamma(T^m)$ is the reduced minimum modulus of T^m . Förster and Kaashoek showed that the limit in (0.2) exists and equals the supremum of all $r > 0$ such that the dimensions of the null spaces $\mathcal{N}(T - \lambda I)$ and the codimensions of the ranges $\mathcal{R}(T - \lambda I)$ are constant on $0 < |\lambda| < r$.

In the present paper we describe a general setting which includes the results involving (0.1) and (0.2) as special cases. We consider an operator bundle $T - \lambda S$, where S is a bounded linear operator between two

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