

**Exercise sheet 7 (total — 14 points)**

**till July 14, 2016**

**Exercise 7-1 (3 points)**

Prove the following statement which is used in the proof of Proposition 2.3 in the Lecture notes.

Let  $X \sim S_\alpha(\lambda, \beta, 0)$  with  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$ . Then there exist two i.i.d. r.v.'s  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  with common distribution  $S_\alpha(\lambda, 1, 0)$  s.t.

$$X \stackrel{d}{=} \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1+\beta}{2}\right)^{1/\alpha} Y_1 - \left(\frac{1-\beta}{2}\right)^{1/\alpha} Y_2, & \text{if } \alpha \neq 1, \\ \left(\frac{1+\beta}{2}\right) Y_1 - \left(\frac{1-\beta}{2}\right) Y_2 + \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \left( (1+\beta) \log \frac{1+\beta}{2} - (1-\beta) \log \frac{1-\beta}{2} \right), & \text{if } \alpha = 1. \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 7-2 (3 points)**

Prove that for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and fixed  $\lambda$ , the family of distributions  $S_\alpha(\lambda, \beta, 0)$  is stochastically ordered in  $\beta$ , i.e., if  $X_{\beta_1} \sim S_\alpha(\lambda, \beta_1, 0)$  and  $\beta_1 \leq \beta_2$  then  $\mathbf{P}(X_{\beta_1} \geq x) \leq \mathbf{P}(X_{\beta_2} \geq x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Exercise 7-3 (3 points)**

Prove Exercise 2.9 in the Lecture Notes: Show that if  $\frac{n}{b_n^2} \mu(b_n x) \sim Cx^{-\alpha}, n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\mu(x) = \int_{-x}^x y^2 dF(y)$ , then

$$\begin{cases} n(F(b_n x) - 1) \rightarrow c_1 x^{-\alpha}, \\ nF(-b_n x) \rightarrow c_2 x^{-\alpha}, \end{cases} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Exercise 7-4 (5 points)**

Prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *A distribution function  $F$  is in the domain of attraction of a stable law with exponent  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$  if and only if there are constants  $C_+, C_- \geq 0, C_+ + C_- > 0$ , such that*

1.

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{F(-y)}{1 - F(y)} = \begin{cases} C_-/C_+, & \text{if } C_+ > 0, \\ +\infty, & \text{if } C_+ = 0, \end{cases}$$

2. and for every  $a > 0$

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1 - F(ay)}{1 - F(y)} = a^{-\alpha}, & \text{if } C_+ > 0, \\ \lim_{y \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{F(-ay)}{F(-y)} = a^{-\alpha}, & \text{if } C_- > 0. \end{cases}$$