

## GENERALIZED CONVOLUTIONS AND DELPHIC SEMIGROUPS

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**I. Introduction.** Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the set of all non-negative integers and let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the family of all non-negative measures on  $\mathcal{N}$  whose total mass is less than or equal to 1. We say that a sequence of measures  $\{P_n\}$  converges to a measure  $P$  if and only if the relation

$$\lim_n P_n(k) = P(k)$$

holds for all  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ . It is very easy to verify that under this convergence  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a compact metrizable space.

In the sequel, we denote by  $E_k$  the measure concentrated at a point  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ , and by  $0$  the measure vanishing on  $\mathcal{N}$ . Further, by  $\mathfrak{P}$  we denote the subset of  $\mathfrak{B}$  consisting of all probability measures. Moreover, let  $\mathfrak{B}_0 = \mathfrak{B} \setminus \{0\}$ .

A *generalized convolution*  $*$  is a commutative and associative  $\mathfrak{B}$ -valued binary operation defined on  $\mathfrak{B}$  and satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $E_0 * P = P$  for all  $P \in \mathfrak{B}$ ;
- (ii)  $(aP + bQ) * R = a(P * R) + b(Q * R)$  for all  $P, Q, R \in \mathfrak{B}$  and for  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $a + b \leq 1$ ;
- (iii) if  $P_n \rightarrow P$ , then  $P_n * Q \rightarrow P * Q$  for all  $Q \in \mathfrak{B}$ ;
- (iv)  $P * Q \in \mathfrak{P}$  provided  $P \in \mathfrak{P}$  and  $Q \in \mathfrak{P}$ .

Let  $D$  be an open unit disk in the complex plane. Generalized convolution  $*$  is said to *admit a generating function* if there exists an injective map  $\Phi: P \mapsto \Phi_P$  from  $\mathfrak{B}$  to the space of analytic functions on  $D$  such that:

- (a)  $\Phi_{aP+bQ} = a\Phi_P + b\Phi_Q$  for all  $P, Q \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $a + b \leq 1$ ;
- (b)  $\Phi_{P*Q} = \Phi_P \Phi_Q$  for all  $P, Q \in \mathfrak{B}$ ;
- (c)  $\lim_n \Phi_{P_n} = \Phi_P$  uniformly on every compact subset of  $D$  if and only if  $P_n \rightarrow P$ .

The function  $\Phi_P$  is called a *generating function* of  $P$ . Generalized convolutions admitting generating function were considered in [3].

Let us quote some simple examples of generalized convolutions.

It is clear that a generalized convolution is determined **uniquely** by its values on the measures  $E_n * E_m$  ( $n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Further on,

$$E_n * E_m = E_{n+m} \quad (\text{ordinary convolution}),$$

$$E_n * E_m = E_{nm+n+m},$$

$$E_n * E_m = E_{\max(n,m)},$$

$$E_n * E_m = \frac{\cosh a(n+m)}{2 \cosh(an) \cosh(am)} E_{n+m} + \frac{\cosh a(n-m)}{2 \cosh(an) \cosh(am)} E_{|n-m|},$$

where  $a$  is a non-negative constant.

Another example of a generalized convolution can be obtained in the following way:

Let  $S = (\mathcal{N}, \circ)$  be a commutative semigroup of non-negative integers with 0 as a neutral element. Moreover, we assume that for every pair  $i, k \in \mathcal{N}$  the set  $\{j: i \circ j = k\}$  is finite. Then the formula  $E_n * E_m = E_{n \circ m}$  defines a generalized convolution which is called an  $S$ -convolution. It was proved in [3] (theorem 3.1) that an  $S$ -convolution admits a generating function if and only if the semigroup  $S$  is isomorphic with a denumerable, discrete subsemigroup containing 0 of the additive semigroup  $R^+$ .

In [4] Kendall introduced the concept of *delphic semigroups*, i.e., commutative, topological semigroups for which, roughly speaking, the central limit theorem for triangular arrays holds.

The aim of this note is to prove that each generalized convolution admitting generating functions defines a delphic semigroup.

Now we give a precise definition of a delphic semigroup.

Let  $G$  be a commutative topological (with Hausdorff topology) semigroup having a unique neutral element  $e$ . The semigroup operation will be denoted by  $uv$  ( $u, v \in G$ ).

By a *triangular array* we understand a system  $\{u(i, j): j = 1, 2, \dots, i; i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of elements of  $G$  and we call  $u(i) = u(i, 1)u(i, 2) \dots u(i, i)$  the  $i$ -th *marginal product* of the array.

We say that the array is *convergent* if its marginal products  $u(1), u(2), \dots$  converge to some element of  $G$ . An element  $u$  of  $G$  is called *infinitely divisible* if it has a  $k$ -th root in  $G$  for every  $k = 2, 3, \dots$

We say that such a  $G$  is a *delphic semigroup* if:

(A) There exists a continuous homomorphism  $\Delta$  from  $G$  into the additive semigroup of non-negative real numbers such that  $\Delta(u) = 0$  if and only if  $u$  is the neutral element  $e$  of  $G$ .

(B) For each  $u$  in  $G$  the factors of  $u$  form a compact set.

(C) If a convergent triangular array is null, i.e.,

$$\limsup_i \Delta[u(i, j)] = 0,$$

$i \quad 1 \leq j \leq i$

then its limit is infinitely divisible.

It was proved in [4] that delphic semigroups have all general properties discovered by A. Ya. Khintchine in his study of the arithmetic of probability measures on  $R$ . In particular, the elements  $u$  of  $G$  can be classified as follows:

- (I)  $u$  is indecomposable,
- (II)  $u$  is decomposable and has an indecomposable factor,
- (III)  $u$  is infinitely divisible and has no indecomposable factors.

The elements of the class (III) form a subset of  $G$  which is usually denoted by  $I_0$ .

In the next section we shall prove the main result of this note. The last section contains an analogue of the famous Raikov's theorem for  $S$ -convolutions.

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**II. Generalized convolutions and delphic semigroups.** We have the following

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose that a generalized convolution  $*$  admits a generating function. Then  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$  with the topology induced from  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a delphic semigroup.*

Before proving the theorem we shall show some simple lemmas.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let*

$$\Delta(P) = - \int_0^{2\pi} \text{Log} |\Phi_P(re^{i\theta})| d\theta,$$

where  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$  and  $r$  is a given constant,  $0 < r < 1$ . Then  $\Delta$  is a sequentially continuous homomorphism of  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$  to the additive semigroup of non-negative real numbers.

**Proof.** First we have  $\Phi_0 \equiv 0$ . Let  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ , so  $P \neq 0$ . In view of the analyticity of generating functions and of the injectivity of the map  $\Phi$  we can write  $\Phi_P$  in the form  $\Phi_P(z) = z^k \varphi(z)$ , where  $\varphi$  is an analytic function in  $D$  and  $\varphi(0) \neq 0$ . Moreover, we have

$$\text{Log} |\Phi_P(re^{i\theta})| = \log(r^k) + \text{Log} |\varphi(re^{i\theta})|.$$

Both parts of the last sum are summable on the circle  $K(0, r) = \{z: |z| = r\}$ , the second by virtue of the Jensen's formula (see [7]), whence we infer that  $\Delta(P) < \infty$  for all  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ . Further,  $\Delta(P) \geq 0$ , because  $|\Phi_P(z)| \leq 1$  for  $z \in D$  (see [3], formula (2.1)). Additivity and sequential

continuity of  $\Delta$  are simple consequences of conditions (b) and (c) from the introduction

LEMMA 2.  $\Delta(P) = 0$  if and only if  $P = E_0$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $\Delta(P) = 0$ . From the fact that  $|\Phi_P(z)| \leq 1$  for all  $z \in D$  and the definition of the homomorphism  $\Delta$  we infer that  $|\Phi_P(z)| = 1$  for all  $z \in K(0, r)$ , because the integrand is continuous.

By virtue of the maximum principle, it follows that  $|\Phi_P(z)| \equiv 1$  for  $z \in D$ , because  $|\Phi_P(z)|$  attains its maximum inside an analyticity area of  $\Phi_P$ . On the other hand,  $\Phi_{E_0} \equiv 1$  and thus theorem 2.1 (see [3]) implies  $P = E_0$ .

The converse implication is obvious.

Lemmas 1 and 2 assure that the Kendall's axiom (A) holds for the semigroup  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$ .

Now we show that  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$  is a sequentially delphic semigroup in the sense of Davidson [1]. It is rather simple (see also [1]) that a sequentially delphic semigroup is a delphic semigroup if its topology is metrizable. This will give us the assertion, since the topology of a weak convergence of a measures is metrizable (for instance, by Levy's metric).

In order to prove that  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$  is a sequentially delphic semigroup we shall make the use of theorem 3 (see [2]), namely we shall show that  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$  is an  $L$ -semigroup satisfying some additional conditions. In fact, we shall prove that almost all axioms of a sequentially delphic semigroup are satisfied by  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *)$  and the additional conditions (lemmas 4 and 6) assure that the central limit theorem holds.

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the family of all convergent sequences  $\{P_n\}$  of measures from  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  whose limits  $P$  also belong to  $\mathfrak{B}_0$ ; so  $P \neq 0$ . For  $\{P_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $P_n \rightarrow P$ , let us define the mapping  $\mathfrak{L}: \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_0$  by the formula  $\mathfrak{L}(\{P_n\}) = P$ .

LEMMA 3. Semigroup  $(\mathfrak{B}_0, *, \mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{L})$  is an  $L$ -semigroup (see [2]).

Proof. If we put  $M = \mathfrak{M}$  and  $L = \mathfrak{L}$  in the Davidson's definition of  $L$ -semigroup, his axioms read:

- (i) If  $\{P_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\{n'\} \subset \{n\}$ , then  $\{P_{n'}\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\{P_{n'}\}) = \mathfrak{L}(\{P_n\})$ .
- (ii) If  $\{P_n\}$  is such that there exists  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$  with the property that for each  $\{n'\} \subset \{n\}$  there is  $\{n''\} \subset \{n'\}$  with  $\{P_{n''}\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\{P_{n''}\}) = P$ , then  $\{P_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\{P_n\}) = P$ .
- (iii) If  $\{P_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\{Q_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\{P_n * Q_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\{P_n * Q_n\}) = \mathfrak{L}(\{P_n\}) * \mathfrak{L}(\{Q_n\})$ .
- (iv) If  $P_n = P$  for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\{P_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\{P_n\}) = P$ .

These axioms are satisfied in the obvious way. In particular, condition (ii) is a simple consequence of a metrizability of a weak convergence of measures.

For  $P \in \mathfrak{B}$  let  $F(P)$  be the set of factors of  $P$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$ , i.e., the set  $F(P) = \{Q \in \mathfrak{B}: \text{there exists } R \in \mathfrak{B} \text{ such that } Q * R = P\}$ .

LEMMA 4. *If  $\{P_n\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $Q_n \in F(P_n)$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then there is a subsequence  $\{n'\} \subset \{n\}$  such that  $\{Q_{n'}\} \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{L}(\{Q_{n'}\}) \in F(\mathfrak{L}\{P_{n'}\})$ .*

Proof. Let  $P_n \rightarrow P$ ,  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$  and  $P_n = Q_n * R_n$ . By the compactness of the semigroup  $\mathfrak{B}$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{n'\} \subset \{n\}$  such that a sequence  $\{Q_{n'}\}$  is convergent with  $Q_{n'} \rightarrow Q$ . Likewise we can choose a convergent subsequence  $\{R_{n''}\}$  of the sequence  $\{R_{n'}\}$  with  $R_{n''} \rightarrow R$ . Then  $P_{n''} = Q_{n''} * R_{n''} \rightarrow Q * R$ , whence  $P = Q * R$ . Because  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ , we have  $P \neq 0$ , whence  $Q \neq 0$ ,  $R \neq 0$ . Therefore we have got a subsequence  $\{Q_{n'}\} \subset \{Q_n\}$  convergent to  $Q \neq 0$ , which implies that

$$\{Q_{n'}\} \in \mathfrak{M} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{L}(\{Q_{n'}\}) = Q \in F(P) = F[\mathfrak{L}\{P_{n'}\}].$$

LEMMA 5. *If  $\Delta(P_n) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $P_n \rightarrow E_0$ .*

Proof. Suppose  $P_n$  does not converge to  $E_0$ . By the compactness of  $\mathfrak{B}$ , there exists a convergent subsequence  $\{P_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{P_n\}$  with  $P_{n_k} \xrightarrow{k} P \neq E_0$ . Then

$$\Delta(P_{n_k}) \xrightarrow{k} \Delta(P) = 0,$$

by assumption, and hence lemma 2 implies  $P = E_0$ , which yields a contradiction.

Let  $K(z_0, r) = \{z: |z - z_0| = r\}$ . Let us consider the family of circles  $\{K(z, r) \subset D: z = a + bi, a, b, r - \text{rationals}\}$  and arrange it in a single sequence  $\{K_j(z_j, r_j)\}$ .

Then put

$$D_j(P) = - \int_{K_j(z_j, r_j)} \text{Log} |\Phi_P(z)| dz = - \int_0^{2\pi} \text{Log} |\Phi_P(r_j e^{i\vartheta} + z_j)| d\vartheta \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ .

LEMMA 6. *For each  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  the mapping  $D_j: (\mathfrak{B}_0, *) \rightarrow (R^+, +)$  is a sequentially continuous homomorphism. Moreover, the sequence  $\{\Delta, D_1, D_2, \dots\}$  separates points of the semigroup  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  and, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $j \geq 1$ , there is  $\delta_j > 0$  such that, for each  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ , if  $\Delta(P) \leq \delta_j$ , then  $D_j(P) \leq \varepsilon$ .*

Proof. The proof of the fact that each  $D_j$  is a well defined, sequentially continuous and additive homomorphism is analogous to that of lemma 1.

Suppose now that the last assertion does not hold. Then there are  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and  $j_0$  such that for each  $n$  there exists  $P_n \in \mathfrak{B}_0$  with  $\Delta(P_n) \leq 1/n$  and  $D_{j_0}(P_n) \geq \varepsilon_0$ . Since  $\Delta(P_n) \rightarrow 0$ , we have, by lemma 5,  $P_n \rightarrow E_0$ , and it follows from the sequential continuity of  $D_{j_0}$  that  $D_{j_0}(P_n) \xrightarrow{n} 0$  which yields a contradiction with  $D_{j_0}(P_n) \geq \varepsilon_0$ .

Let us now suppose that  $D_j(P) = D_j(Q)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $P, Q \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ .

For  $0 < r < 1$  let us denote by  $D^{(r)}$  the circle  $D^{(r)} = \{z: |z| \leq r\}$ . Given a measure  $R$  from  $\mathfrak{B}_0$ , it is clear that its generating function  $\Phi_R(z)$  vanishes only in a finite number of points  $z \in D^{(r)}$ . Therefore we can choose from  $\{K_j\}$  infinitely many circles, whose centers are dense in  $D^{(r)}$  and in whose interiors the function  $\text{Log}|\Phi_R(z)|$  is harmonic.

Then

$$D_j(R) = - \int_{K_j(z_j, r_j)} \text{Log}|\Phi_R(z)| dz = -\text{Log}|\Phi_R(z_j)|.$$

Since  $P, Q \neq 0$  ( $P, Q \in \mathfrak{B}_0$ ), we have  $|\Phi_P(z)| = |\Phi_Q(z)|$  for a dense subset of  $D^{(r)}$ , i.e., for infinitely many centers of the circles  $\{K_j\}$  contained in  $D^{(r)}$ , and this implies, by the continuity of generating functions, that  $|\Phi_P(z)| = |\Phi_Q(z)|$  for all  $z \in D^{(r)}$ . Taking  $r \rightarrow 1$ , we obtain the last equality for all  $z \in D$ . Hence, from theorem 2.1 (see [3]), we infer that  $P = Q$ , which completes the proof of the lemma.

By virtue of theorem 3 (see [2]), it follows that in the semigroup  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  the central limit theorem holds, so  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  satisfies the Kendall's condition (C). Axiom (B) is a simple consequence of lemma 4 if we take  $P_n = P$  for each  $n$ . The theorem is thus proved.

Let us note that the assumption of admitting a generating function by a generalized convolution  $*$  is essential. In fact, consider the example of a convolution given by the formula  $E_n * E_m = E_{\max(n, m)}$ . This convolution does not admit a generating function, because  $E_1 * E_1 = E_1$  and, consequently, either  $\Phi_{E_1} \equiv 1$  or  $\Phi_{E_1} \equiv 0$ , a contradiction with the injectivity of the map  $\Phi$ . Moreover, if  $\Delta$  would be a homomorphism of a delphic semigroup, then  $\Delta(E_1 * E_1) = \Delta(E_1)$  and hence  $\Delta(E_1) = 0$ , which is impossible by axiom (A).

### III. Some examples of the elements from the class $I_0$ for $S$ -convolution.

Let  $*$  be an  $S$ -convolution admitting generating function and defined by the formula

$$E_n * E_m = E_{n \circ m} \quad \text{for } n, m \in \mathcal{N},$$

and let  $h$  be the corresponding to this  $S$ -convolution isomorphism of the semigroup  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{N}, \circ)$  into a subsemigroup containing 0 of the additive semigroup  $R^+$ .

For the given convolution  $*$  let us denote by  $P(\lambda, E)$  a  $*$ -Poisson measure, i.e., the measure

$$P(\lambda, E) = e^{-\lambda} E_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} E^{*n},$$

where  $E \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . The power  $E^{*n}$  is taken in the sense of the convolution  $*$ .

We have the following

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $*$  be an  $S$ -convolution admitting generating function and let  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ . If  $P(\lambda, E_k) = Q * R$  with  $Q, R \in \mathfrak{B}$ , then  $Q$  and  $R$  are  $*$ -Poisson measures and  $Q = P(\alpha, E_k)$ ,  $R = P(\beta, E_k)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$  and  $\alpha + \beta = \lambda$ .*

The proof of the theorem needs some simple lemmas.

By  $\text{supp } S$  we denote the support of a measure  $S \in \mathfrak{B}$ , i.e., the set

$$\text{supp } S = \{n \in \mathcal{N} : S(n) > 0\}.$$

**LEMMA 7.** *If  $P(\lambda, E_k) = Q * R$ , then  $\text{supp } Q \subset \text{supp } P(\lambda, E_k)$  and, analogously,  $\text{supp } R \subset \text{supp } P(\lambda, E_k)$ .*

**Proof.**  $\text{supp } P(\lambda, E_k) = \{0, k, k^{\circ 2}, k^{\circ 3}, \dots\}$ , because

$$(E_k)^{*n} = E_k * E_k * \dots * E_k = E_{k \circ k \circ \dots \circ k} = E_{k^{\circ n}}.$$

If  $k = 0$ , then we have  $\text{supp } P(\lambda, E_0) = \{0\}$ , because  $P(\lambda, E_0) = E_0$ . Suppose that  $E_0 = Q * R$ , where

$$Q = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Q(m) E_m \quad \text{and} \quad R = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R(n) E_n.$$

Obviously,  $Q$  and  $R$  are not measures equal to 0. Therefore there exist non-negative integers  $m'$  and  $n'$  for which  $Q(m') > 0$  and  $R(n') > 0$ .

By the formula

$$Q * R = \sum_m \sum_n Q(m) R(n) E_{m \circ n},$$

we have  $(Q * R)(m' \circ n') \geq Q(m') R(n') > 0$  and, consequently,  $m' \circ n' \in \text{supp}(Q * R) = \{0\}$ .

If, for example,  $m' \neq 0$ , then  $h(m' \circ n') = h(m') + h(n') > 0$  which implies  $m' \circ n' \neq 0$ , since  $h(r) = 0$  if and only if  $r = 0$ . This yields a contradiction. Therefore  $Q(m) = 0$  for  $m > 0$  and  $R(n) = 0$  for  $n > 0$ , so we get  $Q = R = E_0$ . Note that the just proved part of lemma 7 (for the case  $k = 0$ ) completes the proof of theorem 2 for  $k = 0$ . So it remains only to show the validity of theorem 2 for  $k \neq 0$ .

Now we return to the proof of lemma 7 in the case  $k \neq 0$ . If  $k \neq 0$ , then  $h(k) > 0$ . By the formula  $h(k^{\circ r}) = r h(k) > 0$ , we infer that  $(E_k)^{*m} \neq (E_k)^{*n}$  for  $m \neq n$ ,  $m, n \in \mathcal{N}$  ( $E_k^0 = E_0$  by definition).

Thus we have  $P(\lambda, E_k)(0) = e^{-\lambda} = (Q * R)(0) = Q(0) R(0) > 0$ , and hence  $0 \in (\text{supp } Q) \cap (\text{supp } R)$ .

If it would be  $m \notin \text{supp } P(\lambda, E_k)$  and, for example,  $m \in \text{supp } Q$ , i.e.,  $Q(m) > 0$ , then we would have

$$(Q * R)(m) \geq Q(m) R(0) E_{m \circ 0}(m) = Q(m) R(0) > 0,$$

since 0 is the neutral element of the semigroup  $S$ . But this means that  $m \in \text{supp}(Q * R) = \text{supp } P(\lambda, E_k)$ ; a contradiction to the assumption. This completes the proof of the lemma.

LEMMA 8. *If for a measure  $P \in \mathfrak{B}$  there is a constant  $c$ ,  $0 \leq c \leq 1$ , such that  $|\Phi_P(z)| \equiv c$  for  $z \in D$ , then  $P = E_0$ .*

Proof. It follows from the properties of the generating functions that

$$|\Phi_{cE_0}(z)| = c|\Phi_{E_0}(z)| = c = |\Phi_P(z)| \quad \text{for } z \in D,$$

which gives us, by theorem 2.1 (see [3]),  $P = cE_0$ . Since both measures  $P$  and  $E_0$  are probability measures on  $\mathcal{N}$ , we have  $1 = P(\mathcal{N}) = cE_0(\mathcal{N}) = c$ , hence  $P = E_0$ .

COROLLARY. *If  $P \in \mathfrak{B}_0$  and  $cP \neq E_0$ , where  $c = 1/P(\mathcal{N})$ , then  $\Phi_P(D)$  and  $|\Phi_P(D)| = \{|\Phi_P(z)| : z \in D\}$  are sets of the power of continuum.*

In fact, both sets are connected and each contains at least two points.

Proof of theorem 2 for the case  $k \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $P(\lambda, E_k) = Q * R$ . Then  $\Phi_{P(\lambda, E_k)}(z) = \Phi_Q(z)\Phi_R(z)$  for  $z \in D$ . But

$$\Phi_{P(\lambda, E_k)}(z) = \exp\{\lambda[\Phi_{E_k}(z) - 1]\}$$

and, by lemma 7,

$$\Phi_Q(z) = \Phi_{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Q(m)E_k \circ m}(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Q(m)\Phi_{E_k * m}(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} Q(m)[\Phi_{E_k}(z)]^m$$

and, likewise,

$$\Phi_R(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R(n)[\Phi_{E_k}(z)]^n.$$

Let us introduce the notation

$$Q(m) = q_m, \quad R(n) = r_n, \quad q(u) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_m u^m,$$

$$r(u) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n u^n, \quad p(u) = e^{\lambda[u-1]}.$$

Then

$$\Phi_{P(\lambda, E_k)}(z) = \exp\{\lambda[\Phi_{E_k}(z) - 1]\} = q[\Phi_{E_k}(z)]r[\Phi_{E_k}(z)] \quad \text{for } z \in D,$$

i.e.,  $p(u) = q(u)r(u)$  for  $u \in \Phi_{E_k}(D) \subset \bar{D}$ .

Both functions  $q(u)$  and  $r(u)$  are analytic for  $|u| < 1$ , because

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q_m \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \leq 1$$

with  $q_m \geq 0$  and  $r_n \geq 0$ . So the functions  $p(u)$  and  $q(u)r(u)$  are both analytic on  $D$  and equal on the set  $D \cap \Phi_{E_k}(D)$ . Since  $E_k \neq E_0$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), we infer, from the corollary of lemma 8, that this set is of the power of

continuum, and hence, by analyticity, the functions  $p(u)$  and  $q(u)r(u)$  are equal on  $D$ .

Further, analogously as in the well-known Raikov's theorem about the Poisson-law (see [5]), it may be concluded that both functions  $q(u)$  and  $r(u)$  are entire functions without zeros. Their order cannot exceed the order of  $p(u)$ , i.e., the order one. By virtue of Hadamard's factorization theorem (see [6]), we infer that  $q(u)$ , as well as  $r(u)$ , has exactly order one. Since  $q(1) = r(1) = 1$ , we see that  $q(u) = e^{a(u-1)}$  and  $r(u) = e^{\beta(u-1)}$ .

The coefficients of  $q(u)$  are equal to  $q_m$ , i.e.,  $q_m = e^{-a} \cdot a^m / m!$ , and hence

$$0 \leq \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} m \cdot q_m = a.$$

A similar argument applies to  $r(u)$  and it can be seen that  $a \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$  and  $a + \beta = \lambda$ .

Therefore

$$\Phi_Q(z) = q[\Phi_{E_k}(z)] = \exp\{a[\Phi_{E_k}(z) - 1]\}$$

and, likewise,

$$\Phi_R(z) = \exp\{\beta[\Phi_{E_k}(z) - 1]\}.$$

Hence, finally,  $Q = P(a, E_k)$ ,  $R = P(\beta, E_k)$ ,  $a, \beta \geq 0$  and  $a + \beta = \lambda$ , which completes the proof of theorem 2.

**PROBLEM.** Give a description of all probability measures  $Q$  for which  $P(\lambda, Q) \in I_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is a positive constant. (**P 799**)

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