

86. On the Smoothness of Infinitely Divisible Distributions Corresponding to Some Ordinary Differential Equations

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1. Introduction. In the course of the investigation of the limit theorems of the decomposable Galton-Watson processes, the author [1] has found a class of the infinitely divisible distributions closely related to the following Riccati equations.

Let

$$(1.1) \quad \phi(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n, \quad B > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad m \geq 0$$

be given. We assume that every $a_n \geq 0$ and $\phi(t)$ converges for all t . Let $\psi(t, \lambda)$, $t \geq 0$, be the solution of

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t, \lambda) = -B \psi(t, \lambda)^2 + \phi(t) \lambda, \quad \psi(0, \lambda) = m \lambda,$$

with $\lambda \geq 0$ being a parameter.

Then we have

Theorem 1. (i) For each $t > 0$, there exists a probability measure P_t on $[0, \infty)$ such that

$$(1.3) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} P_t(dx) = \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \psi(s, \lambda) ds \right\}.$$

(ii) P_t is infinitely divisible.

(iii) The Lévy measure n_t of P_t has the finite moments of all order.

The probabilistic proof of (i) will be given in a forthcoming paper [1]. An alternative proof, which can be applied to more general equations, was given by T. Watanabe [2]. If we assume (i), (ii) is easily seen from $a\psi(t, \lambda; \phi, B, m) = \psi(t, \lambda; a\phi, a^{-1}B, am)$ for any $a > 0$. (iii) follows from the fact that $\psi(t, \lambda)$ is C^∞ at $\lambda = 0$.

The purpose of this paper is to show the following

Theorem 2. Suppose that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n > 0$. Then there exists $d(t) > 0$ such that

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \int_0^{\infty} e^{i\lambda x} P_t(dx) \right| \leq \exp \{ -d(t) \sqrt{|\lambda|} \},$$

for all sufficiently large $|\lambda|$. Therefore P_t is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure and the density belongs to $C^\infty(\mathbf{R})$.