

## Stable Limit Distributions over a Nilpotent Lie Group

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In the previous paper [3], the author defined a convolution semigroup  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  of stable distributions over a simply connected nilpotent Lie group  $G$  in connection with a dilation  $\{\gamma_r\}_{r>0}$ . It corresponds to a convolution semigroup of strictly operator-stable distributions in the case where  $G$  is a Euclidean space. In this paper, motivated by Sharpe [4], we shall characterize stable distributions over a Lie group as a certain limit distribution. We show that our definition of stable distributions coincides with that given in [3], provided that the distributions are full. Then we shall discuss the domain of the normal attraction of stable distributions over a simply connected nilpotent Lie group.

**1. Stable distributions and associated convolution semigroup.** Let  $G$  be a Lie group and let  $\mathcal{G}$  be its left invariant Lie algebra. For two (probability) distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  over  $G$ , their *convolution* is defined by

$$\mu * \nu(E) = \int_G \nu(\sigma^{-1}E) \mu(d\sigma).$$

The  $n$ -times convolution of  $\mu$  is denoted by  $\mu^{n*}$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a continuous map from  $G$  (or  $\mathcal{G}$ ) into  $G$  (or  $\mathcal{G}$ ). For a distribution  $\mu$  over  $G$  (or  $\mathcal{G}$ ), we define a distribution  $\varphi\mu$  by  $\varphi\mu(E) = \mu(\varphi^{-1}(E))$ . Let  $\beta$  be an automorphism of  $G$ , i.e.,  $\beta: G \rightarrow G$  is a diffeomorphism and satisfies  $\beta(\sigma\tau) = \beta(\sigma)\beta(\tau)$  for any  $\sigma, \tau \in G$ . Then we have the relation  $\beta(\mu * \nu) = \beta\mu * \beta\nu$  for any distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  over  $G$ . A distribution  $\mu$  over  $G$  (or  $\mathcal{G}$ ) is called *full* if  $\mu$  is not supported by any proper subgroup of  $G$  (or proper subalgebra of  $\mathcal{G}$ ).

Let  $N = \{1, 2, \dots\}$  be the set of all positive integers. Let  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \in N}$  be a sequence of automorphisms of  $G$ . It is called a *semigroup* if  $\beta_k\beta_l = \beta_{kl}$  holds for all  $k, l \in N$ . A distribution  $\mu$  over  $G$  is called *stable* if there exists a sequence  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \in N}$  of automorphisms of  $G$  and a distribution  $\nu$  over  $G$  such that  $\beta_n \nu^{n*}$  converges weakly to  $\mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We will give a characterization of stable distributions in the case where the Lie group is simply connected and nilpotent. It is known that if  $G$  is a simply connected nilpotent Lie group, the exponential map:  $\exp: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow G$  is a diffeomorphism. Hence  $G$  is non-compact. Denote the inverse map of  $\exp$  by  $\log$ . Then  $\mu$  over  $G$  is full if and only if  $\log \mu$  over  $\mathcal{G}$  is full.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a full distribution over a simply connected nilpotent Lie group  $G$ . Then  $\mu$  is stable if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \in N}$  of automorphisms of  $G$  such that  $\mu^{k*} = \gamma_k \mu$  holds for all  $k \in N$*

Before we proceed to the proof of the theorem, we need two facts. Let  $\beta'$  be a linear map of  $\mathcal{G}$ . It is called an *automorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$*  if it is a one to one, onto map and satisfies  $\beta'[X, Y] = [\beta'X, \beta'Y]$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{G}$ . Now if  $\beta$  is an automorphism of  $G$ , the differential  $d\beta$  defines an automorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Conversely let  $\beta'$  be an automorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$ . If  $G$  is simply connected and nilpotent, there exists a unique automorphism of  $G$  such that its differential coincides with  $\beta'$ . Indeed, define  $\beta: G \rightarrow G$  by  $\beta(\exp X) = \exp \beta'X$ . Then, using Campbell-Hausdorff formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\exp X \exp Y) &= \beta(\exp(X + Y + 1/2[X, Y] + \dots)) \\ &= \exp(\beta'X + \beta'Y + 1/2[\beta'X, \beta'Y] + \dots) \\ &= \exp(\beta'X) \exp(\beta'Y) = \beta(\exp X) \beta(\exp Y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\beta$  is an automorphism of  $G$  and satisfies  $d\beta = \beta'$ . The uniqueness will be obvious.

Another fact we need is stated in the following lemma.

**Lemma** (cf. Sharpe [4] and Eureka-Mason [1]). *Let  $\{m^{(n)}\}$  be a sequence of distributions over the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  converging weakly to a full distribution  $m$ . Suppose that there exists a sequence  $\{\beta^{(n)}\}$  of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\beta^{(n)} m^{(n)}$  converges weakly to a full distribution  $\tilde{m}$ . Then a certain subsequence  $\{\beta^{(n')}\}$  converges to an automorphism  $\beta$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\beta m = \tilde{m}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be the linear support of  $m$ , spanned by  $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_r\}$ , which generates the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$ . We can show similarly as in [1] Lemma 2.2.2, that the sequence  $\{\beta^{(n)} Y_i\}$  is bounded for any  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Since any element  $X_j$  of the basis  $\{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  is written as a linear sum of the elements of the forms

$[Y_{i_1}, [Y_{i_2}, [\dots, [Y_{i_{m-1}}, [Y_{i_m}]] \dots]]$   
 $(i_1, \dots, i_m \in \{1, \dots, r\})$ , the sequence  $\{\beta^{(n)} X_j\}$  is also bounded for any  $j$ . Consequently, a subsequence  $\{\beta^{(n')}\}$  of  $\{\beta^{(n)}\}$  converges to an endomorphism  $\beta$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Then the sequence  $\{\beta^{(n')} m^{(n')}\}$  converges weakly to  $\beta m$  and satisfies  $\beta m = \tilde{m}$ . Since  $\beta m$  is full,  $\beta$  is an automorphism.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* "If" part is obvious. We shall prove the "only if" part. Suppose that  $\mu$  is stable. Then there exists a sequence  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of automorphisms of  $G$  and a distribution  $\nu$  over  $G$  such that  $\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n \nu^{n*}$ . Then we have  $\mu^{k*} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\beta_n \nu^{n*})^{k*}$  for any positive integer  $k$ . Note that  $(\beta_n \nu^{n*})^{k*} = \beta_n \nu^{nk*}$ . Then we obtain  $\mu^{k*} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\beta_n \beta_{nk}^{-1}) \beta_{nk} \nu^{nk*}$ . For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , set  $\eta_k^{(n)} = \beta_{nk} \nu^{nk*}$  and  $\gamma_k^{(n)} = \beta_n \beta_{nk}^{-1}$ . Then we have  $\eta_k^{(n)} \rightarrow \mu$  and  $\gamma_k^{(n)} \eta_k^{(n)} \rightarrow \mu^{k*}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $d\gamma_k^{(n)}$  be the differential of  $\gamma_k^{(n)}$ . Then  $\gamma_k^{(n)}(\exp X) = \exp(d\gamma_k^{(n)} X)$ , or equivalently,  $\log \gamma_k^{(n)}(\sigma) = d\gamma_k^{(n)} \log \sigma$ . Therefore we have  $\log \gamma_k^{(n)} \eta_k^{(n)} = d\gamma_k^{(n)} \log \eta_k^{(n)}$ . Define distributions over the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $m^{(n)} = \log \eta_k^{(n)}$ ,  $m = \log \mu$  and  $\tilde{m} = \log \mu^{k*}$ . Then we have  $m^{(n)} \rightarrow m$  and  $d\gamma_k^{(n)} m^{(n)} \rightarrow \tilde{m}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $m$  is full,  $\tilde{m}$  is also full. Therefore, there exists an automorphism  $\gamma'_k$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\gamma'_k m = \tilde{m}$  by the above lemma. We can choose  $\{\gamma'_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\gamma'_k \gamma'_l = \gamma'_{kl}$  for all  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  define an automorphism  $\gamma_k$  of  $G$  by  $\gamma_k(\sigma) = \exp(\gamma'_k \log \sigma)$ . Then  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a semigroup of automorphisms satisfying  $\gamma_k \mu = \mu^{k*}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The proof is complete.

Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  be a family of distributions over  $G$ . It is called a *convolution semigroup* if it satisfies (a)  $\mu_t * \mu_s = \mu_{t+s}$  for any  $s, t > 0$ , and (b)  $\mu_t \rightarrow \delta_e$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\delta_e$  is a unit measure at the point  $e$  (identity of  $G$ ). In particular if each  $\mu_t$  is a stable distribution, it is called a *convolution semigroup of stable distributions*.

Let  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  be a family of automorphisms of  $G$ . It is called a *one parameter group* if  $\gamma_t(\sigma)$  is continuous in  $(0, \infty) \times G$  and satisfies  $\gamma_t \gamma_s = \gamma_{ts}$  for all  $t, s > 0$ . Further, if  $\gamma_t(\sigma) \rightarrow e$  holds

uniformly on compact sets of  $G$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , it is called a *dilation*. It is known that if a dilation exists on a Lie group  $G$ , it is simply connected and nilpotent. See [3]. Given a dilation, the family of differentials  $\{d\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  defines a one parameter group of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Further, there exists a linear map  $Q: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  such that  $d\gamma_t = \exp(\log t) Q \equiv t^Q$ . The linear map  $Q$  is called the *exponent* of the dilation. Note that real parts of eigen values of  $Q$  are all positive.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\mu$  be a full stable distribution over a simply connected nilpotent Lie group  $G$ . Then there exists a unique convolution semigroup  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  of stable distributions such that  $\mu_1 = \mu$ . Furthermore there exists a dilation  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  such that  $\mu_t = \gamma_t \mu$  holds for all  $t > 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence of automorphisms defined in Theorem 1.1. We first consider the case where it is a semigroup. For  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we set  $\gamma_{l/k} = \gamma_k^{-1} \gamma_l$ . It is well defined since  $\gamma_{mk}^{-1} \gamma_m = \gamma_k^{-1} \gamma_l$  holds for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{\gamma_r\}_{r \in \mathbb{Q}^+}$  (positive rationals) is a one parameter group of automorphisms of  $G$ . Let  $t > 0$  be an arbitrary real number. Then there exists a sequence of positive rationals  $\{r_n\}$  such that  $\{\gamma_{r_n}\}$  converges to an automorphism  $\gamma_t$ . We can prove that  $\gamma_t$  does not depend on the choice of sequences  $\{r_n\}$  converging to  $t$ , and  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  satisfies  $\gamma_s \gamma_t = \gamma_{st}$  for all  $s, t > 0$ . Moreover,  $\gamma_t$  is continuous in  $t$ .

Now for each  $t > 0$ , define a distribution  $\mu_t$  by  $\mu_t = \gamma_t \mu$ . Then  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  satisfies  $\mu_t * \mu_s = \mu_{s+t}$  for all  $s, t > 0$ . Indeed, if  $s, t$  are rationals such that  $s = k/n$  and  $t = l/n$ , we have  $\mu_{k/n} * \mu_{l/n} = \gamma_n^{-1} \mu^{k*} * \gamma_n^{-1} \mu^{l*} = \gamma_n^{-1} \mu^{(k+l)*} = \mu_{(k+l)/n}$ . Therefore  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  satisfies  $\mu_s * \mu_t = \mu_{s+t}$  for positive rationals  $s, t$ . Since  $\mu_t$  is continuous in  $t > 0$ , the equality holds for all positive reals  $s, t$ . Therefore  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  has the convolution property. We have further,  $\mu_t = \gamma_{t/n} \mu^{n*}$ , so that  $\mu_t$  is stable for all  $t > 0$ . We shall prove  $\mu_t \rightarrow \delta_e$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $\bar{G} = G \cup \{\infty\}$  be the one point compactification of  $G$ . Then it is a topological semigroup by setting  $\sigma \infty = \infty \sigma = \infty$  and  $\infty \infty = \infty$ . For each  $t > 0$ ,  $\mu_t$  can be considered as a measure on the compact space  $\bar{G}$ . Now let  $\mu_0$  be any accumulation point of  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . It is a distribution over  $\bar{G}$  and satisfies  $\mu_0 = \mu_0 * \mu_0$ , which implies  $\mu_0 = \delta_e$  or  $\mu_0 = \delta_\infty$ . We have further  $\mu_t * \mu_0 = \mu_t$ , which excludes the case  $\mu_0 = \delta_\infty$ . This proves  $\mu_t \rightarrow \delta_e$  as

$t \rightarrow 0$ . Now since  $\mu_t \rightarrow \delta_e$ , we have  $\log \mu_t \rightarrow \delta_0$ . Note the equality  $\log \mu_t = t^Q \log \mu$ . Since  $\log \mu$  is a full distribution,  $t^Q \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  or equivalently  $\gamma_t(\sigma) \rightarrow e$  uniformly on compact sets of  $G$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  is a dilation.

Now in case where  $\{\gamma_k\}_{k \in N}$  is not a semi-group, let  $\mathcal{A}$  (or  $\mathcal{N}$ ) be the group generated by automorphisms  $\beta$  of  $G$  such that  $\beta\mu = \mu^{k*}$  for some  $k \in N$  (or  $\beta\mu = \mu$ ). Then  $\mathcal{N}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Consider the factor group  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{N}$ . Then  $\hat{\gamma}_k \equiv \gamma_k\mathcal{N}$ ,  $k \in N$  define a semigroup in the factor group. A certain modification of the above argument shows that there exists a dilation  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  and  $\mu_t \equiv \gamma_t\mu$ ,  $t > 0$  defines a convolution semigroup of stable distributions.

Conversely suppose that we are given a convolution semigroup of stable distributions  $\{\hat{\mu}_t\}_{t>0}$  such that  $\hat{\mu}_1 = \mu$ . Let  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$  be the dilation constructed above. We will prove that  $\hat{\mu}_t = \gamma_t\mu$  holds for all  $t > 0$ , which implies the uniqueness of the convolution semigroup  $\{\hat{\mu}_t\}_{t>0}$ . For each positive integer  $n$ , there exists an automorphism  $\delta^{(n)}$  such that  $\delta^{(n)}\hat{\mu}_{1/n} = \hat{\mu}_1 = \mu$  since  $\hat{\mu}_{1/n}$  is stable. Then we have  $\delta^{(n)}\mu = \hat{\mu}_n = \mu^{n*} = \gamma_n\mu$ . Therefore  $\gamma_n^{-1}\delta^{(n)} \in \mathcal{N}$ . Since  $\mathcal{N}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists  $\beta^{(n)} \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $\delta^{(n)} = \beta^{(n)}\gamma_n$ . This equality implies  $(\delta^{(n)})^{-1} = \gamma_{1/n}(\beta^{(n)})^{-1}$ . Consequently,  $\hat{\mu}_{1/n} = (\delta^{(n)})^{-1}\mu = \gamma_{1/n}\mu$ , which implies  $\hat{\mu}_{k/n} = \gamma_{k/n}\mu$  for any positive integer  $k$ . Since  $\hat{\mu}_t$  is continuous in  $t > 0$ , we get the equality  $\hat{\mu}_t = \gamma_t\mu$  for all real  $t > 0$ . The proof is complete.

**2. Domain of normal attraction of stable distributions.** Let  $G$  be a simply connected nilpotent Lie group equipped with a dilation  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be its Lie algebra, where an inner product  $\langle, \rangle$  and the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|$  are defined on  $\mathcal{G}$ . Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n, \dots$  be a sequence of independent random variables with values in  $G$  with the identical distribution. Then the products  $\phi_n = \xi_1 \cdots \xi_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  define a random walk on the group  $G$ . We shall discuss the weak convergence of the sequence  $\{\phi_n\}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by constricting its spacial scale through the inverse of  $\{\gamma_n\}$ . Namely we consider a sequence of  $G$ -valued random variables  $\varphi^{(n)} = \gamma_n^{-1}(\phi_n)$ . Let  $\mu^{(n)}$  be their distributions. If the sequence  $\{\mu^{(n)}\}$  converges weakly, the limit distribution  $\mu$  should be stable with respect to the dilation  $\{\gamma_k\}$  in view of Theorem 1.1. The identical distribution  $\nu$  of

the random variables  $\xi_k$  is said to belong to the domain of normal attraction of the stable distribution  $\mu$ . We are interested in finding criteria which makes  $\nu$  to belong to the domain of normal attraction of a stable distribution.

For the study of the above problem, it is more convenient to consider a sequence of  $G$ -valued stochastic processes  $\varphi_t^{(n)} = \gamma_n^{-1}(\phi_{[nt]})$  with continuous time parameter  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , instead of the sequence of  $G$ -valued random variables  $\varphi^{(n)}$ . If the sequence of the distributions of random variables  $\varphi_t^{(n)}$  converges weakly for any  $t > 0$ , we say that the distributions of  $\varphi_t^{(n)}$  converge weakly.

In order to introduce an assumption for the distribution  $\pi$  of  $\eta_k \equiv \log \xi_k$ , we need a fact on the exponent  $Q$  of the dilation. Let  $g$  be the minimal polynomial of  $Q$ . It is factorized as  $g = g_1^{l_1} \cdots g_p^{l_p}$ , where  $g_1, \dots, g_p$  are distinct irreducible monic polynomials and  $l_j$  are positive integers. Set  $W_j = \text{Ker}(g_j(Q)^{l_j})$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ . These are  $Q$ -invariant subspaces of  $\mathcal{G}$  and admits a direct sum decomposition  $\mathcal{G} = \sum_j \oplus W_j$ . Let  $\kappa_j = \alpha_j \pm \sqrt{-1}\beta_j$  ( $\alpha_j, \beta_j$  are reals) be the roots of  $g_j$  (= eigen values of  $Q$ ). We set

$$I = \{j; \alpha_j = 1/2\}, J = \{j; 1/2 < \alpha_j < \infty\}, \\ J_1 = \{j; 1/2 < \alpha_j < 1\}.$$

The subspaces of  $\mathcal{G}$  are defined by  $W_I = \bigoplus_{j \in I} W_j$  etc. and projectors to  $W_I, W_j$  etc. are denoted by  $T_{W_I}, T_{W_j}$  etc. We define  $S = \{\theta \in \mathcal{G}; |\theta| = 1, |r^Q\theta| > 1 \text{ for all } r > 1\}$ . Then every  $X \in \mathcal{G}$  ( $X \neq 0$ ) is represented uniquely by  $X = r^Q\theta$ , where  $\theta \in S$  and  $r \in (0, \infty)$ . We denote  $r$  and  $\theta$  by  $r(X)$  and  $\theta(X)$ . We set  $S_I = S \cap W_I$  and  $S_j = S \cap W_j$ .

**Condition A.** (1)  $T_{W_I}X$  is square integrable with respect to  $\pi$  and  $\int T_{W_I}X\pi(dX) = 0$ . Further,  $R \equiv \int T_{W_I}X \cdot (T_{W_I}X)' \pi(dX)$  is nondegenerate on  $W_I$  and satisfies  $QR + RQ' = R$ , where  $Q'$  is the transpose of  $Q$ .

(2)  $T_{W_{J_1}}X$  is integrable with respect to  $\pi$  and  $\int T_{W_{J_1}}X\pi(dX) = 0$ .

(3) There exists a measure  $\lambda$  over  $S$  supported by  $S_j$  such that

$$(2.1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t \cdot \pi(\{r^Q\theta; \theta \in F, r > t\}) = \lambda(F)$$

holds for any Borel set  $F$  in  $S_j$  such that  $\lambda(\partial F) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that real parts of eigenvalues of the exponent  $Q$  are all greater than or equal to  $1/2$  and are not equal to 1. If Condition A is satisfied for the distribution  $\pi = \log \nu$ , then the distributions of  $\varphi_t^{(n)}$  converge weakly. Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>1}$  be the family of limit distributions. Then it is a convolution semigroup of stable distributions with respect to the dilation  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$ . Let  $L$  be the infinitesimal generator of the convolution semigroup. Then for any  $f \in C^2$ ,  $Lf$  is represented by

$$(2.2) \quad Lf(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} r_{jk} X_j X_k f(\tau) + \int_{\mathcal{G}-\{0\}} (f(\tau \exp X) - f(\tau) - T_{W_I} X f(\tau)) M(dX).$$

Here,  $\{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $(r_{jk})$  is the matrix representation of the covariance  $R$  with respect to the basis, and  $M$  is the measure over  $\mathcal{G} - \{0\}$  defined by

$$(2.3) \quad M(E) = \int_S \lambda(d\theta) \int_{(0,\infty)} \chi_E(r^Q \theta) r^{-2} dr.$$

*Proof.* Define an array of  $G$ -valued random variables  $\xi_{n,k}$ ,  $n, k = 1, 2, \dots$  by  $\xi_{n,k} = \gamma_{1/n}(\xi_k)$ . Then  $\xi_{n,k} = \exp(d\gamma_{1/n} \eta_k) = \exp((1/n)^Q \eta_k)$ . For each fixed  $n$ , these are independent identically distributed random variables. We have  $\varphi_t^{(n)} = \xi_{n,1} \cdots \xi_{n,(nt)}$ , because  $\gamma_t(\sigma\tau) = \gamma_t(\sigma)\gamma_t(\tau)$  is satisfied. In order to prove the weak convergence of distributions of  $\varphi_t^{(n)}$ , we shall apply a result in Kunita [2]. Let  $\pi_n$  be the distribution of  $(1/n)^Q \eta_k$  over  $\mathcal{G}$ . We denote by  $M_n$  the restriction of the measure  $n\pi_n$  to the subset  $\mathcal{G} - \{0\}$ . For a fixed  $\delta > 0$ , we define a linear transformation  $A_{\delta,n}$  over  $\mathcal{G}$  and a vector  $B_{\delta,n} = (b_{\delta,n}^j)$  as follows.

$$(2.4) \quad A_{\delta,n} = n \int_{\{r(X) < \delta\}} X \cdot X' \pi_n(dX),$$

$$b_{\delta,n}^j = n \int_{\{r(X) < \delta\}} T_{W_I} X \pi_n(dX),$$

where  $\{r(X) < \delta\} = \{X \in \mathcal{G}; r(X) < \delta\}$ . We want to prove the following three:

(a)  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_{\delta,n} - R\| = 0$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm of the linear transformation.

(b) The sequence of measures  $\{M_n\}$  converges to  $M$  vaguely in the following sense.

$$\int_{\{r(X) < \varepsilon\}} f(X) M_n(dX) \rightarrow \int_{\{r(X) < \varepsilon\}} f(X) M(dX)$$

for any  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \infty$  and  $f \in C_0(\pi)$ . Here  $C_0(\pi)$  is the set of all continuous functions  $f$  over  $\mathcal{G} - \{0\}$  such that  $\lim_{X \rightarrow 0} f(X) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} f(X)$  exists and  $\left\{ \int |f(X) \log |f(X)|| M_n(dX) \right\}$  is

bounded.

(c) The sequence of the vectors  $\{B_{\delta,n}\}$  converges for any  $\delta > 0$ .

If these three properties are verified, then the sequence of the distributions of  $\varphi_t^{(n)}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  converges weakly and the family of the limit distributions is a convolution semigroup by a slight modification of Theorem 3 in [2]. It is in fact stable with respect to the given dilation. The representation (2.2) of the infinitesimal generator is shown in [3].

We shall first prove (a). Since

$\|A_{\delta,n} - R\| \leq \|T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n} T_{W_I}' - R\| + 2 \|T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n}\|$ , it is sufficient to prove that each term of the right hand side converges to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . Consider first  $T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n} T_{W_I}' - R$ . The matrix  $A_{\delta,n}$  is written by

$$A_{\delta,n} = (1/n)^{Q-(1/2)I} R_{\delta,n} (1/n)^{Q-(1/2)I'}$$

$$\text{where } R_{\delta,n} = \int_{\{r(X) < n\delta\}} X \cdot X' \pi(dX).$$

Let  $R^{1/2}$  be a unique linear symmetric transformation on  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $(R^{1/2})^2 = R$ ,  $R^{1/2} W_I = W_I$  and  $R^{1/2} W_I^\perp = 0$ , where  $W_I^\perp$  is the orthogonal complement of  $W_I$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ .  $R^{-1/2}$  is defined similarly. Then we have the equality

$$T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n} T_{W_I}' - R = R^{1/2} K_n R^{-1/2} (T_{W_I} R_{\delta,n} T_{W_I}' - R) R^{-1/2} K_n' R^{1/2},$$

where  $K_n = R^{-1/2} (1/n)^{Q-(1/2)I} R^{1/2}$ . It holds  $\|K_n\| \leq 1$  for all  $n$ . Indeed, the property  $QR + RQ' = R$  implies  $t^Q R t^{Q'} = tR$  or  $t^{Q-(1/2)I} R t^{Q-(1/2)I'} = R$  for any  $t > 0$ , so that  $K_n K_n' = T_{W_I}'$ . See Proposition 4.3.3 in [1]. Now since  $\|T_{W_I} R_{\delta,n} T_{W_I}' - R\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain  $\|T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n} T_{W_I}' - R\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We next consider  $T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n}$ . By (2.4), we have

$$\|T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n}\| \leq \int_{S \times (0,\delta)} |T_{W_I} r^Q \theta|^2 G_n(d\theta dr),$$

where  $G_n(F_1 \times F_2) = M_n(\{\theta(X) \in F_1, r(X) \in F_2\})$ . Let  $q$  be the minimum of  $\alpha_j$  such that  $\alpha_j > 1/2$ . Note that

$$(2.5) \quad T_{W_I} r^Q \theta = \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{k=0}^{l_j-1} \frac{1}{k!} (\log r)^k \times (r^{k_j} (Q - \kappa_j)^k T_j \theta + r^{k_j} (Q - \kappa_j)^k T_j \theta),$$

where  $T_j$  is the projector to  $\text{Ker}((Q - \kappa_j)^{l_j})$ . Then for  $\varepsilon$  with  $0 < \varepsilon < q - 1/2$ , there is a positive constant  $c$  such that  $|T_{W_I} r^Q \theta| \leq c r^{q-\varepsilon}$  for all  $\theta \in S$  and  $r < 1$ . Set  $F_n(t) = G_n(S \times [t, \infty))$ . Then  $\|T_{W_I} A_{\delta,n}\|$  is dominated by

$$-c^2 \int_{(0,\delta)} r^{2(q-\varepsilon)} F_n(dr) \leq c^2 (\delta^{2(q-\varepsilon)} F_n(\delta) + 2(q-\varepsilon) \int_0^\delta t^{2(q-\varepsilon)-1} F_n(t) dt).$$

Since  $F_n(t) = n\pi(\{r(X) > nt\})$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(t) = \lambda(S)t^{-1}$  holds for any  $t > 0$  by Condition A (2). Therefore,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_{w_j} A_{\delta,n}\| \leq c^2 \lambda(S) (\delta^{2(q-\varepsilon)-1} + 2(q-\varepsilon) \int_0^\delta t^{2(q-\varepsilon)-2} dt),$$

which tends to 0 as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  because  $2(q-\varepsilon) > 1$ . We have thus proved the assertion (a).

We shall next prove (b). For any  $\delta > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &M_n(\{\theta(X) \in S_I, r(X) \geq \delta\}) \\ &\leq \frac{n}{\delta^2} \int_{\{\theta(X) \in S_I, r(X) \geq \delta\}} |T_{w_j} X|^2 \pi_n(dX) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta^2} \text{Tr}(R^{1/2} K_n R^{-1/2} (R - T_{w_j} R_{\delta,n} T_{w_j}') R^{-1/2} K_n' R^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

It tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\int f(X) M_n(dX) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $f$  is a function of the form  $f(X) = f(T_{w_j} X)$ . Now let  $F$  be a Borel set in  $S_j$  satisfying (2.1) and let

$$E = \{r^Q \theta : \theta \in F, a < r \leq b\}.$$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n(E) = M(E)$ . Indeed by Condition A (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n(E) &= \int_F \lambda(d\theta) \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right) \\ &= \int_F \lambda(d\theta) \int_a^b \frac{1}{r^2} dr = M(E). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\left\{ \int f dM_n \right\}$  converges to  $\int f dM$  if  $f \in C_0(\pi)$  is of the form  $f(X) = f(T_{w_j} X)$ . Consequently,  $\{M_n\}$  converges vaguely to  $M$  on  $\mathcal{G} - \{0\}$ .

Finally we shall prove (c). We first consider the case where  $\alpha_j = 1/2$ . Since the integral of  $T_{w_j} X$  by  $M_n$  over  $\mathcal{G}$  is 0 by Condition A(1), we have

$$(2.6) \quad b_{\delta,n}^j = - \int_{\{r(X) \geq \delta\}} T_{w_j} X M_n(dX).$$

The domain  $\{r(X) \geq \delta\}$  of the integral can be restricted to  $\{\theta(X) \in S_I, r(X) \geq \delta\}$ . Then by Schwarz's inequality,

$$|b_{\delta,n}^j| \leq \left( \int |T_{w_j} X|^2 M_n(dX) \right)^{1/2} \times M_n(\{\theta(X) \in S_I, r(X) \geq \delta\})^{1/2}.$$

The first term of the right hand side is bounded in  $n$ . The second term converges to 0. Therefore for any  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{\delta,n}^j$  exists and is equal to 0 if  $j \in I$ . Next consider the case  $1/2 < \alpha_j < 1$ . By Condition A(2),  $b_{\delta,n}^j$  is written as (2.6). Note the equality (2.5). Then for  $N > 0$ , the truncated function  $f_N = (T_{w_j} r^Q \theta \wedge N) \vee (-N)$  belongs to  $C_0(\pi)$ . Therefore the limit of  $b_{\delta,n}^j$  exists and is equal to  $-\int_\delta^\infty \int_{S_j} T_{w_j} r^Q \theta \lambda(d\theta) r^{-2} dr$  for any  $\delta > 0$ . In the case where  $\alpha_j > 1$ , we can show similarly that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_{\delta,n}^j$  exists and is equal to  $\int_0^\delta \int_{S_j} T_{w_j} r^Q \theta \lambda(d\theta) r^{-2} dr$  for any  $\delta > 0$ . The proof is complete.

The following corresponds to a central limit theorem on the Lie group.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Assume that  $\eta_k \equiv \log \xi_k$  is of mean 0 and has a finite nonsingular covariance  $R$ . If  $A \equiv T_{w_j} R T_{w_j}'$  satisfies  $QA + AQ' = A$ , the distributions of  $\varphi_t^{(n)}$  converge weakly. Let  $\{\mu_t\}_{t>0}$  be the family of limit distributions. Then it is a convolution semigroup of stable distributions with respect to the dilation  $\{\gamma_t\}_{t>0}$ . Further its characteristics are given by  $(A, 0, 0)$ .*

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