

THE QUASIASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOUR OF
SOME DISTRIBUTIONS

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ABSTRACT

The quasiasymptotic behaviour at infinity of certain distributions is found explicitly.

I. The aim of this paper is to find explicitly the quasiasymptotic behaviour (q.a.b.) at infinity (see [5]) of certain distributions, namely those which are or which behave (in some sense) at infinity as a regularly varying function (r.v.f.).

Throughout the paper L denotes a locally integrable function (l.i.f.) on $(0, \infty)$ which is slowly varying (s.v.) at infinity. Further, H denotes the Heaviside function, D the distributional derivative.

We shall observe only the q.a.b. at infinity, since it has a non-local property; namely it depends both on the "behaviour" of a distribution at infinity and at finite points.

II. We shall examine first the case when the regular distribution T is defined by a l.i.f.g on \mathbb{R} with

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$\text{supp } T \subset [a, \infty)$ for some $a > 0$. We write then $T = H(x-a)g(x)$ and

$$(2.1) \quad \langle T, \phi \rangle := \int_a^{\infty} g(x) \phi(x) dx, \quad \phi \in S.$$

Let us prove

PROPOSITION 1. Let $T = H(x-a)g(x)$ for $a > 0$ and the l.i.f. g satisfies

$\int_a^{\infty} |g(x)| dx < \infty$. Then T has q.a.b. at infinity of order -1 related to $\frac{1}{x}$.

P r o o f. It follows at once from

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle kT(kx), \phi(x) \rangle = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^{\infty} g(x) \phi\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) dx = \langle C\delta, \phi \rangle$$

where

$$C = \int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx.$$

We get a special case of this Proposition if either $g(x) \sim x^{\alpha} L(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $\alpha < -1$ or $g(x) \sim \frac{L(x)}{x}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$, but

$$(2.2) \quad \int_a^{\infty} \left| \frac{L(x)}{x} \right| dx < \infty.$$

However, if (2.2) is not satisfied, then we have

PROPOSITION 2. Let $a > 0$ and $T(x) = H(x-a)g(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where g is a l.i.f. such that $g(x) \sim \frac{L(x)}{x}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. If

$$(2.3) \quad L^*(x) := \int_a^x \frac{L(x)}{x} dx, \quad x > a$$

diverges to infinity as $x \rightarrow \infty$, then T has q.a.b. of order -1 related to $\frac{L^*(x)}{x}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$.

REMARK. By [5], p.86, L^* is also s.v. at infinity (see also Parameswaran [4]).

P r o o f. We observe the function

$$G(x) := (H^*T)(x) = \int_a^x g(t) dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G(x)}{L^*(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(x)}{\frac{L(x)}{x}} = 1$$

and $\frac{dG}{dx} = T$, the Structural Theorem ([2]) implies the assertion.

At last we have

PROPOSITION 3. *Let $a > 0$ and $T(x) = H(x-a)g(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where g is a l.i.f. such that $g(x) \sim x^\alpha L(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ for $\alpha > -1$. Then T has q.a.b. of order α related to $\rho(x) = x^\alpha L(x)$, $x \rightarrow \infty$.*

P r o o f. It is obvious, since $G(x) := (H^*T)(x)$ is a continuous function on \mathbb{R} such that

$$G(x) \sim \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} L(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

III. Let us prove (see also [2]):

PROPOSITION 4. *For every $S \in E' \cap S_+^*$ there exists a natural number n such that S has q.a.b. of order $-n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, related to $\frac{1!}{x^n}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$.*

P r o o f. For given $S \in E'$ there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and a continuous function G on \mathbb{R} with $\text{supp } G \subset [0, \infty)$ such that $S = D^m G$ ($D = \frac{d}{dx}$). If $\text{supp } S \subset [0, a]$, $a \geq 0$, we have that G is equal to some polynomial of order $\leq m-1$ on the interval (a, ∞) . Thus for some $0 < k \leq m-1$ and some $C \neq 0$

$$G(x) \sim Cx^k \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

This implies that G has q.a.b. of order $k \leq m-1$ related to x^k , $x \rightarrow \infty$. The Structural Theorem ([2]) implies that S has q.a.b. of order $k-m$ related to x^{k-m} , $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Let us remember that the distribution $\delta_a^{(j)}$, $a > 0$, $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$, has a q.a.b. of order $-(j+1)$ related to $\frac{1}{x^{j+1}}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$.

We use this fact in the considerations which follow.

Let g be a l.i.f. on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ equal to zero outside of some interval $[0, a]$, $a > 0$, such that

$$g(x) \sim x^\alpha L(x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+,$$

where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and L is a s.v.f.

This function can be identified with the distribution S defined by (see [3], p.13):

$$(3.1) \quad \langle S, \phi \rangle := \int_0^a g(x) \phi(x) dx, \quad \phi \in S, \quad \text{if } \alpha > -1$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \langle S, \phi \rangle := \int_0^a g(x) (\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0)) dx$$

if $(n+1) < \alpha < -n$.

PROPOSITION 5. *The distribution S defined by (3.1) ($\alpha > -1$) has q.a.b. of order -1 related to $\frac{1}{x}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$, and the one defined by (3.2) ($\alpha < -1$) has q.a.b. of order $-(n+1)$ related to $\frac{1}{x^{n+1}}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$, where n is chosen so that $-(n+1) < \alpha < -n$.*

P r o o f. The case $\alpha > -1$ is obvious.

Let $-(n+1) < \alpha < -n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then for $\phi \in S$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle k^{n+1} S(kx), \phi(x) \rangle &= k^n \int_0^a g(x) (\phi(\frac{x}{k}) - \phi(0) - \dots - \\ &- \frac{x^{n-1}}{k^{n-1} (n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0)) dx = k^n \int_0^a g(x) \frac{1}{n!} (\frac{x}{k})^n \phi^{(n)}(\frac{\xi}{k}) dx \end{aligned}$$

$0 < \xi < ak$, hence

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle k^{n+1} S(kx), \phi(x) \rangle = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \cdot \langle \delta^{(n)}, \phi \rangle \cdot \int_0^a x^n g(x) dx \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

IV. Let us suppose additionally that L is also slowly varying at zero (see [5], p.11).. As before, α is a real and n natural number.

We analyze the distribution $R(x) = (x^{\alpha}L(x))_+$ defined in the following way:

$$(4.1) \quad \langle R, \phi \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha}L(x) \phi(x) dx \quad \text{if } \alpha > -1 ;$$

$$(4.2) \quad \langle R, \phi \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha}L(x) (\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0)) dx$$

if $-(n+1) < \alpha < -n$ and

$$(4.3) \quad \langle R, \phi \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha}L(x) (\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \phi^{(n-2)}(0) - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0) H(a-x)) dx \quad \text{if } \alpha = -n.$$

(The letter ϕ denotes always a test function from \mathcal{S} .)

PROPOSITION 6. *The distribution $R(x) = (x^{\alpha}L(x))_+$ defined above has q.a.b. of order α related to $\rho(x) = x^{\alpha}L(x)$, $x \rightarrow \infty$, if $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Z}_-$ and related to $\rho_1(x) = x^{\alpha}L^*(x)$ if $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_- = \{-1, -2, \dots\}$.*

P r o o f. The statement is obvious for $\alpha > -1$. Let now $-(n+1) < \alpha < -n$. Then by [1] Theorem 6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \frac{R(kx)}{k^{\alpha}L(k)}, \phi(x) \rangle &= \frac{1}{k^{\alpha}L(k)} \int_0^{\infty} (kx)^{\alpha}L(kx) (\phi(x) - \dots - \\ &- \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0)) dx \sim \frac{L(k)}{L(k)} \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha} (\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \\ &- \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0)) dx \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle \frac{R(kx)}{k^{\alpha}L(k)}, \phi(x) \rangle = \langle x_+^{\alpha}, \phi \rangle = \Gamma(\alpha+1) \langle D_{\alpha+n+1}^n f_{\alpha+n+1} \phi \rangle$$

where x_+^{α} is defined by (4.2) for $L(x) = 1$, and this proves the Proposition for $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Z}_-$. At last, the distribution $R_{-n}(x)$ defined by (4.3) has q.a.b. of order $\alpha = -n$ related to

$\frac{L^*(x)}{x^n}$, $x \rightarrow \infty$ (L^* is defined by (2.3), since:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{-n} L^*(k)} \langle R_{-n}(kx), \phi(x) \rangle = \\ & = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{k^{-n+1} L^*(k)} \left(\int_0^a \frac{L(x)}{x^n} \left(\phi\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) - \phi(0) - \dots - \phi^{(n-1)}(0) \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) dx \right. \right. \\ & + \left. \int_a^\infty \frac{L(x)}{x^n} \left(\phi\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) - \phi(0) - \dots - \phi^{(n-2)}(0) \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^{n-2} \frac{1}{(n-2)!} \right) dx \right\} = \\ & = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{L^*(k)} \int_0^{a/k} \frac{L(kx)}{x^n} \left(\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \phi^{(n-1)}(0) \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \right) dx \right. + \\ & + \left. \int_{a/k}^\infty \frac{L(kx)}{x^n} \left(\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \phi^{(n-2)}(0) \frac{x^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \right) dx \right\} = \\ & = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L^*(k)} \left\{ \int_0^a \frac{L(kx)}{x^n} \left(\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0) \right) dx \right. + \\ & + \left. \int_{a/k}^a \frac{L(kx)}{x^n} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0) dx + \int_a^\infty \frac{L(kx)}{x^n} \left(\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots \right. \right. \\ & - \left. \left. \frac{\phi^{(n-2)}(0)}{(n-2)!} x^{n-2} \right) dx \right\} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L(k)}{L^*(k)} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^n} \left(\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-2}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-2)}(0) - \right. \\ & - \left. H(a-x) \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0) \right) dx + \\ & + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi^{(n-1)}(0)}{L^*(k)} \int_a^{ak} \frac{L(x)}{x} dx = 0 + \langle \delta^{(n-1)}, (-1)^{n-1} \phi \rangle . \end{aligned}$$

We have used repeatedly Theorem 6 from [1], relation $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L(k)}{L^*(k)} = 0$ from [5], p.86 (Parameswaran [4]) and the fact that $L^*(k)$ is slowly varying, provided that $L(k)$ is.

V. In this section f denotes a measurable function on \mathbb{R} with support in $[0, \infty)$ satisfying the a.b.

$$(5.1) \quad f(x) \sim x^{\alpha} {}^1L_1(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0_+$$

and L_1 is a s.v.f. at zero.

There is a question about the q.a.b. of the appropriate regularization of f , if f satisfies some additional conditions at infinity. Let $-n-1 < \alpha_1 < -n$. We denote by \tilde{f} the following distribution

$$(5.2) \quad \langle \tilde{f}, \phi \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) (\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0)) dx$$

if $-n-1 < \alpha_1 < -n$ and

$$(5.3) \quad \langle \tilde{f}, \phi \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) (\phi(x) - \phi(0) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \phi^{(n-2)}(0) - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \phi^{(n-1)}(0) H(a-x)) dx$$

for some $a > 0$ if $\alpha_1 = -n$.

We suppose that f satisfies the following condition

$$(5.4) \quad x^n f(x) \text{ is integrable on } (a, \infty).$$

Let us prove

PROPOSITION 7. *The distribution \tilde{f} from (5.2), respectively (5.3), has q.a.b. of order $-n-1$ related to $\frac{1}{x^{n+1}}$, respectively, of order $-n-1$ related to $\frac{1}{x^{n+1}}$, provided that both (5.1) and (5.4) hold.*

P r o o f. We start from the equality ($-n-1 < \alpha_1 < -n$)

$$\begin{aligned} & k^{n+1} \langle f(kx), \phi(x) \rangle = \\ & = k^n \int_0^{\infty} f(x) (\phi(\frac{x}{k}) - \dots - \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \frac{\phi^{(n-1)}(0)}{k^{n-1}}) dx = k^n \left(\int_0^a + \int_a^{\infty} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now by Proposition 5 the first integral in the last bracket behaves as $\frac{c}{k^{n+1}}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for some $c \neq 0$ and the second by the Lebesgue theorem behaves as

$$\frac{\phi^{(n)}(0)}{k^n} \int_a^\infty x^n f(x) dx .$$

This finishes the proof of the first part of Proposition 7.

The case $\alpha_1 = -n$ is similar, so we omit the proof.

As a direct consequence of Proposition 7 we get

PROPOSITION 8. Let f satisfy (5.1) for $-n-1 < \alpha_1 < -n$ and

$$(5.5) \quad f(x) \sim x^{\alpha_2} L_2(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty \quad (\alpha_2 < -n)$$

where L_2 is a s.v.f. at infinity.

Then \tilde{f} defined by (5.2) ($-n-1 < \alpha_1 < -n$), respectively by (5.3) ($\alpha_1 = -n$) has q.a.b. of order $-n-1$ related to $\frac{1}{x^{n+1}}$, respectively, of order $-n$ related to $\frac{1}{x^n}$.

Observe that this q.a.b. does not depend on the functions L_1 and L_2 . At the end we give

PROPOSITION 9. Let f satisfy (5.1) for $-n-1 < \alpha_1 < -n$ and

$$(5.6) \quad f(x) \sim x^\nu L_2(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

for $\nu > 0$ where L_2 is s.v.f. at infinity.

Then f defined by (5.2) has q.a.b. of order ν related to $x^\nu L_2(x)$.

P r o o f. We have

$$(5.7) \quad \frac{1}{k^\nu L_2(k)} \langle \tilde{f}(kx), \phi(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{k^{\nu+1} L_2(k)} \langle \tilde{f}(x), \phi\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{k^{\nu+1} L_2(k)} \int_0^a f(x) \left(\phi\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) - \phi(0) - \dots - \left(\frac{x}{k}\right)^{n-1} \frac{\phi^{(n-1)}(0)}{(n-1)!} \right) dx +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{k^\nu L_2(k)} \int_a^\infty f(x) \phi\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) dx .$$

The first part on the right side of (5.7) tends to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$. So we have to prove that

$$\frac{1}{k^{\nu}L_2(k)} \int_{a/k}^{\infty} f(kx) \phi(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} x^{\nu}L_2(x) \phi(x) dx \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

From the assumption (5.6) we have that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - x^{\nu}L_2(x)| < \varepsilon x^{\nu}L_2(x) + M \quad \text{for } x > 1.$$

This implies

$$|f(kx) - (kx)^{\nu}L_2(kx)| < \varepsilon (kx)^{\nu}L_2(kx) + M \quad \text{for } x > 1.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{k^{\nu}L_2(k)} \int_{a/k}^{\infty} f(kx) \phi(x) dx - \frac{1}{k^{\nu}L_2(k)} \int_0^{\infty} f(kx)^{\nu}L_2(kx) \phi(x) dx \right| < \\ & < \frac{1}{k^{\nu}L_2(k)} \int_{a/k}^{\infty} |f(kx) - (kx)^{\nu}L_2(kx)| |\phi(x)| dx + \\ & + \frac{1}{k^{\nu}L_2(k)} \int_0^{a/k} (kx)^{\nu}L_2(kx) |\phi(x)| dx < \frac{\varepsilon}{L_2(k)} \int_0^{\infty} x^{\nu}L_2(kx) |\phi(x)| dx + \\ & + \frac{M}{k^{\nu}L_2(k)} \int_0^{\infty} |\phi(x)| dx + \frac{1}{L_2(k)} \int_0^{a/k} x^{\nu}L_2(kx) |\phi(x)| dx \end{aligned}$$

From these inequalities the assertion follows.

Added in proof: Proposition 9 with $\nu > -1$ is proved by S. Pilipović in the paper: "On the quasiasymptotic behaviour of Stieltjes transform of distributions", Lemma 3 (to appear).

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KVAZIASIMPTOTSKO PONAŠANJE NEKIH DISTRIBUCIJA

Data je eksplicitno kvaziasimptotika u beskonačnosti nekih tipova temperiranih distribucija.