

REMARKS ON STABLE MEASURES ON BANACH SPACES

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This study continues the investigations on stable probability measures on Banach spaces started in [6] by Kumar and Mandrekar. Our aim is to give a representation of the characteristic functional of stable measures on Banach spaces analogous to that established by Kuelbs for Hilbert spaces ([5], Theorem 2.1, see also [4]).

Let X denote a real separable Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|$ and with the dual space X^* . By $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ we shall denote the dual pairing between X and X^* . By a *probability measure* μ on X we shall understand a countably additive non-negative set function μ on the class of Borel subsets of X with the property $\mu(X) = 1$. The characteristic functional of μ is defined by the formula

$$\hat{\mu}(y) = \int_X e^{i\langle y, x \rangle} \mu(dx) \quad (y \in X^*).$$

It is well known that the characteristic functional determines uniquely the probability measure. Further, for two probability measures μ and ν on X , we shall denote by $\mu * \nu$ the convolution of μ and ν . Given μ , by μ^s we shall denote the *symmetrization* of μ , i.e. the probability measure $\mu * \mu'$, where $\mu'(E) = \mu(-E)$ for every Borel subset E of X . Clearly, $\hat{\mu}^s = |\hat{\mu}|^2$. For every $x \in X$, δ_x will denote the probability measure concentrated at the point x . By R and R^+ we shall denote the space of real numbers and positive real numbers, respectively. For any $a \in R^+$, $T_a\mu$ is defined to be the measure on X given by $T_a\mu(E) = \mu(a^{-1}E)$ for every Borel subset E of X . Clearly,

$$\widehat{T_a\mu}(y) = \hat{\mu}(ay) \quad \text{for } y \in X^*.$$

We say that μ is a *stable probability measure* on X if for each pair $a, b \in R^+$ there exist a number $c \in R^+$ and an element $x \in X$ such that

$$T_a\mu * T_b\mu = T_c\mu * \delta_x.$$

According to Kumar and Mandrekar ([6], Corollary 2.12) the class of stable probability measures on X coincides with the limit laws of normed sums of independent identically distributed X -valued random variables. Every stable probability measure μ on X is infinitely divisible, i.e. for every positive integer n there exists a probability measure μ_n on X such that $\mu = \mu_n^{*n}$, where the power is taken in the sense of convolution ([6], Corollary 2.13). Hence, in particular, it follows that $\hat{\mu}(y) \neq 0$ for all $y \in X^*$. Moreover, there exist a positive constant p and a function z from $R^+ \times R^+$ into X such that

$$(1) \quad \hat{\mu}(ay)\hat{\mu}(by) = e^{i\langle v, z(a,b) \rangle} \hat{\mu}((a^p + b^p)^{1/p}y)$$

for all $a, b \in R^+$ and $y \in X^*$ ([6], Lemma 2.6).

The Tortrat representation of infinitely divisible laws is a crucial step in our considerations. We recall that for any bounded non-negative Borel measure F on X vanishing at 0 the *Poisson measure* $e(F)$ associated with F is defined as

$$e(F) = e^{-F(X)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} F^{*k}, \quad \text{where } F^{*0} = \delta_0.$$

Let M be a not necessarily bounded Borel measure on X vanishing at 0. If there exists a representation

$$M = \sup_n F_n,$$

where F_n are bounded and the sequence $\{e(F_n)\}$ of associated Poisson measures is shift compact, then each cluster point of translates of $\{e(F_n)\}$ will be called a *generalized Poisson measure* and will be denoted by $\tilde{e}(M)$. The measure $\tilde{e}(M)$ is defined uniquely up to a shift transformation, i.e. for two cluster points, say μ_1 and μ_2 , of translates of $\{e(F_n)\}$ there exists an element $x \in X$ such that $\mu_1 = \mu_2 * \delta_x$ ([9], p. 313). It is clear that the measure M is finite outside every neighborhood of 0 and $\tilde{e}(M_1) = \tilde{e}(M_2)$ implies $M_1 = M_2$. The set of all measures M for which $\tilde{e}(M)$ exists will be denoted by $\mathcal{M}(X)$. By a *Gaussian measure* on X we mean a measure ϱ such that for every $y \in X^*$ the induced measure $y\varrho$ on R is Gaussian. Tortrat proved in [9], p. 311 (see also [1], p. 22), the following analogue of the Lévy-Khinchine representation of infinitely divisible laws: each infinitely divisible measure μ on X has a unique representation $\mu = \varrho * \tilde{e}(M)$, where ϱ is a symmetric Gaussian measure on X and $M \in \mathcal{M}(X)$.

LEMMA. *Let μ be a stable measure on X . Then either μ is Gaussian or $\mu = \tilde{e}(M)$ and there exists a constant p ($0 < p < 2$) such that $T_a M = a^p M$ for every $a \in R^+$.*

Proof. Given $y \in X^*$, we put $f(a) = \log |\hat{\mu}(a^{1/p}y)|$ ($a \in R^+$), where the constant p is defined by formula (1). Clearly, f is continuous on R^+

and, by (1), $f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$ for every pair $a, b \in R^+$. Thus $f(a) = af(1)$, which implies

$$(2) \quad |\hat{\mu}(ty)|^2 = \exp[c(y)|t|^p] \quad (t \in R),$$

where $c(y) = 2\log|\hat{\mu}(y)|$. Since for measures concentrated at a single point the assertion of the Lemma is obvious, we may assume that $\mu \neq \delta_x$ for all $x \in X$. Then there exists a functional $y_0 \in X^*$ with the property $|\hat{\mu}(y_0)| < 1$ and, consequently, $c(y_0) < 0$. The characteristic function of the symmetrization of the induced measure $y_0\mu$ on R is equal to $|\hat{\mu}(ty_0)|^2$. Taking into account (2) we infer that $(y_0\mu)^s$ is a non-degenerate stable measure on R . Hence it follows that $0 < p \leq 2$ ([7], p. 327). If $p = 2$, then, by (2), for any $y \in X^*$ the symmetrization of $y\mu$ is Gaussian. Hence it follows, by the Cramer decomposition theorem ([7], p. 271), that $y\mu$ is Gaussian for every $y \in X^*$. In other words, μ is Gaussian. Suppose now that $0 < p < 2$ and take the Torrat representation $\mu = \rho * \tilde{e}(M)$, where ρ is a symmetric Gaussian measure. If $\rho \neq \delta_0$, then there exists a functional $y_1 \in X^*$ with the property $\hat{\rho}(y_1) < 1$. Then the symmetrization of $y_1\mu$ contains a non-degenerate Gaussian component, which contradicts (2) since stable laws with exponent $p < 2$ on R have no Gaussian component. Thus $\rho = \delta_0$ and, consequently, $\mu = \tilde{e}(M)$. Taking into account (1) we obtain the equation

$$(3) \quad T_aM + T_bM = T_cM,$$

where $c = (a^p + b^p)^{1/p}$ and $a, b \in R^+$. Let E be a Borel subset of X such that 0 does not belong to the closure of E . Then $T_aM(E)$ is finite for all $a \in R^+$. Put $g(a) = T_{a^{1/p}}M(E)$ ($a \in R^+$). The function g is non-negative and, by (3), fulfils the equation

$$g(a+b) = g(a) + g(b) \quad \text{for all } a, b \in R^+.$$

Thus g is monotone non-decreasing and, consequently, $g(a) = ag(1)$, which implies $T_aM(E) = a^pM(E)$. The Lemma is thus proved.

Now we are ready to prove the main result of the present paper.

THEOREM 1. *Let μ be a probability measure on a real separable space X . Then μ is stable if and only if either μ is Gaussian or there exist a constant p ($0 < p < 2$), a finite measure γ on the unit sphere S of X , and an element $x_0 \in X$ such that, for every $y \in X^*$,*

$$(4) \quad \hat{\mu}(y) = \exp \left[i \langle y, x_0 \rangle - \int_S \left(1 + \frac{i \langle y, u \rangle}{|\langle y, u \rangle|} h(u, y, p) \right) |\langle y, u \rangle|^p \gamma(du) \right],$$

where

$$h(u, y, p) = \begin{cases} \tan \frac{\pi p}{2} & \text{if } p \neq 1, \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \log |\langle y, u \rangle| & \text{if } p = 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Suppose that either the characteristic functional of a probability measure μ on X admits representation (4) or μ is Gaussian. Then, after some computation, we have equation (1) which implies the stability of μ . This proves the sufficiency.

To prove the necessity it suffices, by the Lemma, to consider stable measures of the form $\mu = \tilde{\epsilon}(M)$, where $T_a M = a^p M$ ($a \in R^+$) for a certain p ($0 < p < 2$). We define a finite measure γ on S by

$$\gamma(U) = pM \left\{ x: \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in U, \|x\| \geq 1 \right\}$$

for Borel subsets U of S . It is easy to check the formula

$$T_a M \left\{ x: \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in U, \|x\| \geq a \right\} = M \left\{ x: \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in U, \|x\| \geq 1 \right\} \quad \text{for all } a \in R^+.$$

Thus

$$M \left\{ x: \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in U, \|x\| \geq a \right\} = \frac{a^{-p}}{p} \gamma(U)$$

and, consequently,

$$M \left\{ x: \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in U, a \leq \|x\| < b \right\} = \gamma(U) \int_a^b \frac{dt}{t^{p+1}}.$$

This shows that

$$(5) \quad M(E) = \int_S \int_0^\infty 1_E(tu) \frac{dt}{t^{p+1}} \gamma(du)$$

for any Borel subset E of X . Here 1_E denotes the indicator of E . Further, from the Dettweiler representation of the characteristic functionals of infinitely divisible measures on X ([1], p. 27) we get the formula

$$\hat{\mu}(y) = \exp \left[i \langle y, x_1 \rangle + \int_X K(x, y) M(dx) \right],$$

where $x_1 \in X$ and

$$K(x, y) = e^{i \langle y, x \rangle} - 1 - i \langle y, x \rangle 1_B(x),$$

B being the unit ball in X . By a simple computation similar to that in the case of the real line ([7], p. 329-330) for every $u \in S$ and $y \in X^*$ we get the formula

$$\int_0^\infty K(tu, y) \frac{dt}{t^{p+1}} = ic \langle y, u \rangle - \left(1 + \frac{\langle y, u \rangle}{|\langle y, u \rangle|} h(u, y, p) \right) |\langle y, u \rangle|^p,$$

where c is a real constant. Combining this with (5) and setting

$$x_0 = x_1 + c \int_S u\gamma(du),$$

where the integral is taken in the Bochner sense, we obtain the required representation (4). The theorem is thus proved.

The measure γ appearing in representation (4) will be called the *representing measure* for μ . Let $\Gamma_p(X)$ denote the set of all representing measures corresponding to stable measures on X with the exponent p ($0 < p < 2$). Clearly, $\gamma \in \Gamma_p(X)$ if and only if the measure M defined by formula (5) belongs to $\mathcal{M}(X)$. It is easy to check that the set $\mathcal{M}(X)$ has the following property: if N is a non-negative measure on X and $N \leq M$, where $M \in \mathcal{M}(X)$, then $N \in \mathcal{M}(X)$. Hence $\gamma \in \Gamma_p(X)$ if and only if the measure γ_0 defined by the formula $\gamma_0(E) = \gamma(E) + \gamma(-E)$ belongs to $\Gamma_p(X)$. This fact reduces the problem of determining $\Gamma_p(X)$ to examining symmetric measures γ . We say that X is of type (q, r) ($q \geq 0, r > 0$) whenever there exists a positive constant c such that, for any collection $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n$ of independent symmetrically distributed X -valued random variables,

$$E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j \right\|^r \leq cn^q \sum_{j=1}^n E \|\xi_j\|^r.$$

It is obvious that each space X is of type $(0, r)$ with $r \leq 1$. Moreover, for $r \geq 1$ the spaces of type r considered by Hoffmann-Jørgensen [2] and by Maurey and Pisier [8] are identical with the spaces of type $(0, r)$.

THEOREM 2. *If X is of type (q, r) and $r > p(q + 1)$, then $\Gamma_p(X)$ consists of all finite Borel measures on S .*

Proof. To prove the theorem it suffices to show that for each symmetric finite measure γ on X the measure M defined by (5) belongs to $\mathcal{M}(X)$. Put

$$I_0 = [1, \infty), \quad I_k = [2^{-k}, 2^{-k+1}) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Then the measures

$$M_k(E) = \int_S \int_{I_k} 1_E(tu) \frac{dt}{t^{p+1}} \gamma(du) \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots)$$

are finite on X and vanish at 0. For simplicity of notation put $\mu_k = e(M_k)$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots$). Since

$$M = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k,$$

we conclude that $M \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ if and only if the sequence $\{\mu_0 * \mu_1 * \dots * \mu_n\}$ converges to a probability measure on X or, equivalently, the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta_k$ of independent X -valued random variables η_0, η_1, \dots with probability distributions μ_0, μ_1, \dots , respectively, converges almost surely ([3], Theorem 3.1). To prove the almost sure convergence of $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta_k$ it suffices, by the Borel-Cantelli Lemma, to show the convergence of the series

$$(6) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu_k(\{x: \|x\| > a^k\}),$$

where $a = 2^{(r+1)^{-1}(p_2-r+p)} < 1$. Setting $a_k = M_k(X)$ and $\nu_k = a_k^{-1} M_k$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$), we have

$$(7) \quad \mu_k = \exp[-a_k] \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k^n}{n!} \nu_k^{*n}$$

and

$$(8) \quad a_k = \gamma(S) \int_{\mathcal{X}_k} \frac{dt}{t^{p+1}} = p^{-1} \gamma(S) (2^{kp} - 2^{(k-1)p}).$$

Let $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n$ be independent symmetrically distributed random variables with the common probability distribution ν_k . Then for a positive constant c we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|x\|^r \nu_k^{*n}(dx) &= \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j \right\|^r \leq cn^a \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|\xi_j\|^r \\ &= cn^{a+1} a_k^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|x\|^r M_k(dx) \\ &= cn^{a+1} \gamma(S) a_k^{-1} (r-p)^{-1} (2^{-(k-1)(r-p)} - 2^{-k(r-p)}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, by (7),

$$(9) \quad \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|x\|^r \mu_k(dx) \leq c_1 b_k 2^{-k(r-p)} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where c_1 is a positive constant and

$$b_k = \exp[-a_k] \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k^{n-1} n^a}{(n-1)!}.$$

Since $t^{n-1}n^q \leq t^{n-1+q}$ for $t \geq n$, and

$$\frac{t^{n-1}n^q}{(n-1)!} \leq c_2 \frac{t^{n-[q]-2+q}}{(n-[q]-2)!} \quad \text{for } 0 < t < n,$$

where c_2 is a positive constant and $[q]$ denotes the integral part of q , we infer that

$$b_k \leq c_3(1 + a_k^q) \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

for a certain positive constant c_3 . Consequently, by (8), there exists a constant c_4 such that

$$b_k \leq c_4 2^{kpa} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Hence, by virtue of (9), we get the inequality

$$\int_X \|x\|^r \mu_k(dx) \leq c_5 a^{k(r+1)} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

with a constant c_5 . Consequently,

$$\mu_k(\{x: \|x\| > a^k\}) \leq a^{-kr} \int_X \|x\|^r \mu_k(dx) \leq c_5 a^k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots),$$

which yields the convergence of series (6). This completes the proof of the theorem.

In particular, from Theorem 2 for $p < 1$ and every Banach space X as well for $1 \leq p < r$ and Banach spaces X of type r we get the description of $\Gamma_p(X)$. For $p \geq 1$ and an arbitrary X the problem whether $\Gamma_p(X)$ consists of all finite measures on S remains still open. (P 1024)

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