

# Convergence Rates in the Implicit Renewal Theorem on Trees

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**Abstract:** Consider distributional fixed point equations of the form

$$R \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} f(C_i, R_i, 1 \leq i \leq N),$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is a possibly random real valued function,  $N \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $\{C_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are real valued random weights and  $\{R_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are iid copies of  $R$ , independent of  $(N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$ ;  $\stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=}$  represents equality in distribution. In the recent paper [10], an Implicit Renewal Theorem was developed that enables the characterization of the power tail asymptotics of the solutions  $R$  to many equations that fall into this category. In this paper we complement the analysis in [10] to provide the corresponding rate of convergence.

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## 1. Introduction

Distributional fixed point equations of the form

$$R \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} f(C_i, R_i, 1 \leq i \leq N), \tag{1.1}$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is a possibly random real-valued function,  $N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $\{C_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are real-valued random weights and  $\{R_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are iid copies of  $R$ , independent of  $(N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$ , appear in many applications in applied probability, e.g., analysis of algorithms and statistical physics; see [1, 6, 8–11] for more details.

As previously stated in the abstract, the work in [10] provides an Implicit Renewal Theorem (Theorem 3.4) that enables the characterization of the power tail behavior of the solution  $R$  to (1.1). The results in [10] fully generalize the Implicit Renewal Theorem of Goldie (1991) [7], which was derived for equations of the form  $R \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} f(C, R)$  (equivalently  $N \equiv 1$  in our case), to recursions (fixed point equations) on trees. The work in [7], for the  $N \equiv 1$  case, also includes the rate of convergence in the Implicit Renewal Theorem. Similarly, in this paper we complement the main theorem in [10] by deriving the corresponding convergence rate.

We provide here a matrix form derivation of Corollary 3.4 in [7] that seamlessly extends to trees and that treats both the nonnegative and real-valued weights simultaneously. Our main theorem, Theorem 3.4 can be applied to various multiplicative max-plus recursions, as it was done in [9, 10]. The most important application is the multiplicative branching recursion

$$R \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^N C_i R_i + Q,$$

where  $N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $\{C_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are real-valued random weights,  $Q$  is a real-valued random variable, and  $\{R_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  are iid copies of  $R$ , independent of  $(Q, N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$ , which has been studied extensively in the prior literature, e.g., see [2–4] and the references therein.

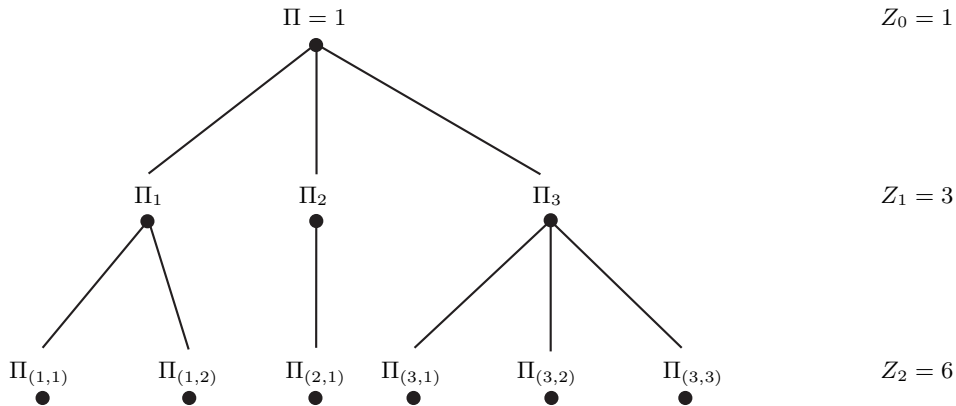


FIG 1. Weighted branching tree

## 2. Weighted Branching Tree

We use the model from [10] for defining a weighted branching tree. First we construct a random tree  $\mathcal{T}$ . We use the notation  $\emptyset$  to denote the root node of  $\mathcal{T}$ , and  $A_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , to denote the set of all individuals in the  $n$ th generation of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $A_0 = \{\emptyset\}$ . Let  $Z_n$  be the number of individuals in the  $n$ th generation, that is,  $Z_n = |A_n|$ , where  $|\cdot|$  denotes the cardinality of a set; in particular,  $Z_0 = 1$ .

Next, let  $\mathbb{N}_+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  be the set of positive integers and let  $U = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} (\mathbb{N}_+)^k$  be the set of all finite sequences  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \in U$ , where by convention  $\mathbb{N}_+^0 = \{\emptyset\}$  contains the null sequence  $\emptyset$ . To ease the exposition, for a sequence  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) \in U$  we write  $\mathbf{i}|n = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n)$ , provided  $k \geq n$ , and  $\mathbf{i}|0 = \emptyset$  to denote the index truncation at level  $n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Also, for  $\mathbf{i} \in A_1$  we simply use the notation  $\mathbf{i} = i_1$ , that is, without the parenthesis. Similarly, for  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$  we will use  $(\mathbf{i}, j) = (i_1, \dots, i_n, j)$  to denote the index concatenation operation, if  $\mathbf{i} = \emptyset$ , then  $(\mathbf{i}, j) = j$ .

We iteratively construct the tree as follows. Let  $N$  be the number of individuals born to the root node  $\emptyset$ ,  $N_\emptyset = N$ , and let  $\{N_{\mathbf{i}}\}_{\mathbf{i} \in U}$  be iid copies of  $N$ . Define now

$$A_1 = \{i \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq i \leq N\}, \quad A_n = \{(\mathbf{i}, i_n) \in U : \mathbf{i} \in A_{n-1}, 1 \leq i_n \leq N_{\mathbf{i}}\}. \quad (2.1)$$

It follows that the number of individuals  $Z_n = |A_n|$  in the  $n$ th generation,  $n \geq 1$ , satisfies the branching recursion

$$Z_n = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in A_{n-1}} N_{\mathbf{i}}.$$

Now, we construct the weighted branching tree  $\mathcal{T}_C$  as follows. Let  $\{(N_{\mathbf{i}}, C_{(i,1)}, C_{(i,2)}, \dots)\}_{\mathbf{i} \in U}$  be a sequence of iid copies of  $(N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$ .  $N_\emptyset$  determines the number of nodes in the first generation of  $\mathcal{T}$  according to (2.1), and each node in the first generation is then assigned its corresponding vector  $(N_{\mathbf{i}}, C_{(i,1)}, C_{(i,2)}, \dots)$  from the iid sequence defined above. In general, for  $n \geq 2$ , to each node  $\mathbf{i} \in A_{n-1}$  we assign its corresponding  $(N_{\mathbf{i}}, C_{(i,1)}, C_{(i,2)}, \dots)$  from the sequence and construct  $A_n = \{(\mathbf{i}, i_n) \in U : \mathbf{i} \in A_{n-1}, 1 \leq i_n \leq N_{\mathbf{i}}\}$ . For each node in  $\mathcal{T}_C$  we also define the weight  $\Pi_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)}$  via the recursion

$$\Pi_{i_1} = C_{i_1}, \quad \Pi_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)} = C_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)} \Pi_{(i_1, \dots, i_{n-1})}, \quad n \geq 2,$$

where  $\Pi = 1$  is the weight of the root node. Note that the weight  $\Pi_{(i_1, \dots, i_n)}$  is equal to the product of all the weights  $C_{(\cdot)}$  along the branch leading to node  $(i_1, \dots, i_n)$ , as depicted in Figure 1.

### 3. Rate of convergence in the Implicit Renewal Theorem on trees

In this section we present an extension of Corollary 3.4 in [7]. Similarly as in [10], the key observation that facilitates this generalization is the following lemma which shows that a certain measure on a tree is a matrix product measure; its proof can be found in [10]. For the case of positive weights, a similar observation was made for a scalar measure in [5]. Throughout the paper we use the standard convention  $0^\alpha \log 0 = 0$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ .

Let  $\mathbf{F} = (F_{ij})$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix whose elements are finite nonnegative measures concentrated on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The convolution  $\mathbf{F} * \mathbf{G}$  of two such matrices is the matrix with elements  $(\mathbf{F} * \mathbf{G})_{ij} \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^n F_{ik} * G_{kj}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $F_{ik} * G_{kj}$  is the convolution of individual measures.

**Definition 3.1.** *A matrix renewal measure is the matrix of measures*

$$\mathbf{U} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{F}^{*k},$$

where  $\mathbf{F}^{*1} = \mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}^{*(k+1)} = \mathbf{F}^{*k} * \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F} * \mathbf{F}^{*k}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}^{*0} = \delta_0 \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\delta_0$  is the point measure at 0, and  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity  $n \times n$  matrix.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{T}_C$  be the weighted branching tree defined by the vector  $(N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$ , where  $N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  and the  $\{C_i\}$  are real-valued. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbf{i} \in A_n$ , let  $V_{\mathbf{i}} = \log |\Pi_{\mathbf{i}}|$  and  $X_{\mathbf{i}} = \text{sgn}(\Pi_{\mathbf{i}})$ ;  $V_{\emptyset} \equiv 0$ ,  $X_{\emptyset} \equiv 1$ . For  $\alpha > 0$  define the measures*

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n^{(+)}(dt) &= e^{\alpha t} E \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in A_n} 1(X_{\mathbf{i}} = 1, V_{\mathbf{i}} \in dt) \right], \\ \mu_n^{(-)}(dt) &= e^{\alpha t} E \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in A_n} 1(X_{\mathbf{i}} = -1, V_{\mathbf{i}} \in dt) \right], \end{aligned}$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and let  $\eta_{\pm}(dt) = \mu_1^{(\pm)}(dt)$ . Suppose that  $E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N |C_i|^\alpha \log |C_i| \right] \geq 0$  and  $E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N |C_i|^\alpha \right] = 1$ . Then,  $(\eta_+ + \eta_-)(\cdot)$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  that places no mass at  $-\infty$ , and has mean

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u \eta_+(du) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u \eta_-(du) = E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \log |C_j| \right].$$

Furthermore, if we let  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_n = (\mu_n^{(+)}, \mu_n^{(-)})$ ,  $\mathbf{e} = (1, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_+ & \eta_- \\ \eta_- & \eta_+ \end{pmatrix}$ , then

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_n = (\mu_n^{(+)}, \mu_n^{(-)}) = (1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} \eta_+ & \eta_- \\ \eta_- & \eta_+ \end{pmatrix}^{*n} = \mathbf{e} \mathbf{F}^{*n}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}^{*n}$  denotes the  $n$ th matrix convolution of  $\mathbf{F}$  with itself.

In what follows,  $\widehat{\nu}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{sx} \nu(ds)$  denotes the Laplace transform of measure  $\nu$ . If  $\mathbf{F}$  is a matrix of measures, then  $\widehat{\mathbf{F}}(s)$  is the corresponding matrix of Laplace transforms.

**Assumption 3.3.** *Suppose the matrix of measures*

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_+ & \eta_- \\ \eta_- & \eta_+ \end{pmatrix},$$

satisfies that for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , the equation

$$(1 - \widehat{\eta}_+(s))^2 - (\widehat{\eta}_-(s))^2 = 0$$

has no roots different from zero on the strip  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : 0 \leq \Re s \leq \epsilon\}$ , and that there exists an integer  $m \geq 1$  such that the Laplace transform of the singular part of  $\mathbf{F}^{*m}$ , denoted  $\widehat{\mathbf{F}}_s^{*m}(\theta)$  has spectral radius strictly smaller than one for  $\theta \in \{0, \epsilon\}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $(N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$  be a random vector, where  $N \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  and the  $\{C_i\}$  are real-valued. Suppose  $\mathbf{F}$  satisfies Assumption 3.3 for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Assume further that  $0 < E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \log |C_j| \right] < \infty$ ,  $E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \right] = 1$ ,  $E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha (\log |C_j|)^2 \right] < \infty$ ,  $E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\gamma \right] < \infty$  for some  $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha$ , and that  $R$  is independent of  $(N, C_1, C_2, \dots)$ .

a) If  $\{C_i\} \geq 0$  a.s.,  $E[(R)^+]^\beta < \infty$  for any  $0 < \beta < \alpha$ , and for  $\sigma \in \{0, \epsilon\}$ ,

$$\int_0^\infty \left| P(R > t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(C_j R > t) \right] \right| t^{\alpha+\sigma-1} dt < \infty, \quad (3.2)$$

or, respectively,  $E[(R^-)^\beta] < \infty$  for any  $0 < \beta < \alpha$ , and for  $\sigma \in \{0, \epsilon\}$ ,

$$\int_0^\infty \left| P(R < -t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(C_j R < -t) \right] \right| t^{\alpha+\sigma-1} dt < \infty, \quad (3.3)$$

then

$$|t^\alpha P(R > t) - H_+| = o(t^{-\epsilon}), \quad t \rightarrow \infty,$$

or, respectively,

$$|t^\alpha P(R < -t) - H_-| = o(t^{-\epsilon}), \quad t \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $0 \leq H_\pm < \infty$  are given by

$$H_\pm = \frac{1}{E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \log |C_j| \right]} \int_0^\infty v^{\alpha-1} \left( P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right) dv.$$

b) If  $P(C_j < 0) > 0$  for some  $j \geq 1$ ,  $E[|R|^\beta] < \infty$  for any  $0 < \beta < \alpha$ , and both (3.2) and (3.3) are satisfied, then

$$|t^\alpha P(R > t) - H| = o(t^{-\epsilon}) \quad \text{and} \quad |t^\alpha P(R < -t) - H| = o(t^{-\epsilon}), \quad t \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $0 \leq H = (H_+ + H_-)/2 < \infty$  is given by

$$H = \frac{1}{2E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \log |C_j| \right]} \int_0^\infty v^{\alpha-1} \left( P(|R| > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(|C_j R| > v) \right] \right) dv.$$

**Remark 3.5.** (i) Note that when  $N \equiv 1$ , then (3.2) and (3.3) only need to hold for  $\sigma = \epsilon$ , since in this case

$$\int_0^\infty |P(\pm R > t) - P(\pm CR > t)| t^{\alpha-1} dt \leq \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt + \int_1^\infty |P(\pm R > t) - P(\pm CR > t)| t^{\alpha+\epsilon-1} dt < \infty,$$

which is equivalent to conditions (3.7) and (3.9) in Theorems 3.2 and 3.3 of [7]. Furthermore, for  $N \equiv 1$ , our condition  $E[C^\alpha (\log C)^2] < \infty$  is slightly weaker than  $E[C^{\alpha+\epsilon}] < \infty$  in [7].

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $\alpha, b > 0$  and  $0 \leq H < \infty$ . Suppose that for some  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\left| t^{-b} \int_0^t b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv - H \right| = o(t^{-\epsilon})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Then,

$$|t^\alpha P(R > t) - H| = o(t^{-\epsilon})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $\delta \in (0, 1/2)$  and note that, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(R > t) b t^{\alpha+b} \cdot \frac{(1+\delta)^{\alpha+b} - 1}{\alpha+b} &\geq \int_t^{(1+\delta)t} b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv \\ &= ((1+\delta)t)^b \left( ((1+\delta)t)^{-b} \int_0^{(1+\delta)t} b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv - H \right) \\ &\quad - t^b \left( t^{-b} \int_0^t b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv - H \right) + H((1+\delta)t)^b - H t^b \\ &= H t^b ((1+\delta)^b - 1) + o(t^{b-\epsilon}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} P(R > t) b t^{\alpha+b} \cdot \frac{1 - (1-\delta)^{\alpha+b}}{\alpha+b} &\leq \int_{(1-\delta)t}^t b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv \\ &= -((1-\delta)t)^b \left( ((1-\delta)t)^{-b} \int_0^{(1-\delta)t} b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv - H \right) \\ &\quad + t^b \left( t^{-b} \int_0^t b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv - H \right) - H((1-\delta)t)^b + H t^b \\ &= H t^b (1 - (1-\delta)^b) + o(t^{b-\epsilon}). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$H \left( \frac{(\alpha+b)((1+\delta)^b - 1)}{b((1+\delta)^{\alpha+b} - 1)} - 1 \right) + o(t^{-\epsilon}) \leq P(R > t) t^\alpha - H \leq H \left( \frac{(\alpha+b)(1 - (1-\delta)^b)}{b(1 - (1-\delta)^{\alpha+b})} - 1 \right) + o(t^{-\epsilon}).$$

Now choose  $\delta = t^{-2\epsilon}$  and use the fact that  $(1 \pm \delta)^c = 1 \pm c\delta + O(\delta^2)$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  to obtain

$$\frac{(\alpha+b)((1 \pm \delta)^b - 1)}{b((1 \pm \delta)^{\alpha+b} - 1)} - 1 = \frac{(\alpha+b)(b\delta + O(\delta^2))}{b((\alpha+b)\delta + O(\delta^2))} - 1 = \frac{1 + O(\delta)}{1 + O(\delta)} - 1 = O(\delta) = o(t^{-\epsilon})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 3.4.* Define the measures  $\eta_+$  and  $\eta_-$  according to Lemma 3.2 and let

$$g_+(t) = e^{\alpha t} \left( P(R > e^t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(C_j R > e^t) \right] \right),$$

$$g_-(t) = e^{\alpha t} \left( P(R < -e^t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(C_j R < -e^t) \right] \right),$$

and  $r(t) = e^{\alpha t} P(R > e^t).$

Fix  $b > \epsilon > 0$  and define the operator

$$\check{f}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t b e^{-b(t-u)} f(u) du.$$

Now, the same arguments used in the proof of Theorem 3.4 in [10], lead to

$$\check{r}(t) = \mathbf{e} (\mathbf{U} * \check{\mathbf{g}}) (t), \tag{3.4}$$

where  $\mathbf{e} = (1, 0)$ ,  $\check{\mathbf{g}} = (\check{g}_+, \check{g}_-)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{U} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{F}^{*k}$ , and  $\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_+ & \eta_- \\ \eta_- & \eta_+ \end{pmatrix}$ .

Next, we proceed to verify the assumptions of Theorem 2 in [12].

Define  $\varphi(t) = e^{\epsilon t^+}$  and note that

$$r_1 \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\log \varphi(t)}{t} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \varphi(t)}{t} = \epsilon.$$

We will now show that provided the assumptions (3.2) and (3.3) hold,  $\check{\mathbf{g}}$  satisfies the following properties:

- a)  $\check{\mathbf{g}} \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$
- b)  $\check{\mathbf{g}}(t)\varphi(t) \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R})$
- c)  $\check{\mathbf{g}}(t)\varphi(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$  outside of a set of Lebesgue measure zero
- d)  $\varphi(t) \int_t^\infty |\check{\mathbf{g}}(x)| dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\varphi(t) \int_{-\infty}^t |\check{\mathbf{g}}(x)| dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ .

For part a), note that by (3.2) and (3.3) we know that  $g_\pm \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ , so by Lemma 9.2 from [7],  $\check{g}_\pm$  is directly Riemann integrable, and in particular,  $\check{\mathbf{g}} \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ .

For part b), note that

$$\begin{aligned} \check{g}_\pm(t)\varphi(t) &= b e^{-bt+\epsilon t^+} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{bu} g_\pm(u) du \\ &= b e^{-bt+\epsilon t^+} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left( P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right) du \\ &= b e^{-bt+\epsilon t^+} \int_0^{e^t} v^{b+\alpha-1} \left( P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right) dv. \end{aligned}$$

Since for  $0 \leq v \leq e^t$  we have  $v^b \leq e^{(b-\epsilon)t} v^\epsilon$ , it follows that

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} |\check{g}_\pm(t)\varphi(t)| \leq \sup_{t \geq 0} b \int_0^{e^t} v^{\alpha+\epsilon-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv < \infty,$$

by (3.2) and (3.3). For the supremum over the negative reals note that since  $0 \leq v \leq e^t$ , then  $v^b \leq e^{bt}$ , hence

$$\sup_{t < 0} |\check{g}_\pm(t)\varphi(t)| \leq \sup_{t < 0} b \int_0^{e^t} v^{\alpha-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv < \infty.$$

To verify c) for  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , note that if

$$\int_0^\infty v^{\alpha+\epsilon-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv < \infty,$$

then we trivially have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \check{g}_\pm(t)\varphi(t) = 0$ ; if it is infinite we can apply L'Hôpital rule to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \check{g}_\pm(t)\varphi(t) &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{be^{(b+\alpha-1)t} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^t) \right] \right| e^t}{(b-\epsilon)e^{(b-\epsilon)t}} \\ &= \frac{b}{b-\epsilon} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{(\alpha+\epsilon)t} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^t) \right] \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which is zero by (3.2) and (3.3). That  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \check{g}_\pm(t)\varphi(t) = 0$  follows from the estimates given above.

And for part d) note that for  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) \int_t^\infty |\check{g}_\pm(x)| dx &= e^{\epsilon t} \int_t^\infty \left| be^{-bx} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left( P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right) du \right| dx \\ &\leq be^{\epsilon t} \int_t^\infty e^{-bx} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right| du dx \\ &= be^{\epsilon t} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_{t \vee u}^\infty e^{-bx} e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right| dx du \\ &= e^{\epsilon t} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-b(t \vee u)} e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right| du \\ &= e^{-(b-\epsilon)t} \int_0^{e^t} v^{b+\alpha-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv \\ &\quad + e^{\epsilon t} \int_{e^t}^\infty v^{\alpha-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv \\ &\leq e^{-(b-\epsilon)t} \int_0^{e^{t/2}} v^{b+\alpha-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

$$+ \int_{e^{t/2}}^\infty v^{\alpha+\epsilon-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv, \quad (3.6)$$

where in the last inequality we split the range of integration of the first integral into  $[0, e^{t/2}]$  and  $[e^{t/2}, e^t]$  and used the inequalities  $v^b \leq e^{(b-\epsilon)t} v^\epsilon$  for  $e^{t/2} \leq v \leq e^t$  and  $e^{\epsilon t} \leq v^\epsilon$  for  $v \geq e^t$ . The integral in (3.6) converges to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  since it is the tail of a finite integral; the integral in (3.5) is bounded by

$$e^{-\frac{(b-\epsilon)t}{2}} \int_0^\infty v^{\alpha+\epsilon-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv,$$

which also converges to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly, for  $t < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) \int_{-\infty}^t |\check{g}_{\pm}(x)| dx &\leq b \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-bx} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right| du dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t e^{(b+\alpha)u} \left| P((\pm 1)R > e^u) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^u) \right] \right| (e^{-bu} - e^{-bt}) du \\ &= \int_0^{e^t} v^{b+\alpha-1} (v^{-b} - e^{-bt}) \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv \\ &\leq \int_0^{e^t} v^{\alpha-1} \left| P((\pm 1)R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right| dv \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ .

We split the rest of the proof into the two different cases.

**Case a):**  $C_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ .

For this case we have  $\eta_- \equiv 0$ , from where it follows that

$$\mathbf{e}\mathbf{U} = (1, 0) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_+ \end{pmatrix}^{*k} = (1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \eta_+^{*k} & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta_+^{*k} \end{pmatrix} = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta_+^{*k}, 0 \right),$$

which in turn implies that

$$\check{r}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\check{g}_+ * \eta_+^{*k})(t).$$

We can then think of this case as a standard one dimensional problem by renaming  $\mathbf{F} = \eta_+$  and  $\mathbf{U} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta_+^{*k}$ . The “matrix”  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R})$  is clearly irreducible and its spectral radius  $\rho[\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R})] = 1$  (since  $\eta_+$  is a probability measure in this case). Also,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \mathbf{F}(dx) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \eta_+(dx) = E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \log |C_j| \right] \triangleq \mu \in (0, \infty).$$

We now note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^0 (1 + |x|)^2 \varphi(x) \eta_+(dx) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 (1 + |x|)^2 e^{\alpha x} E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N 1(\log |C_i| \in dx) \right] \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^{\infty} (1 + |x|)^2 e^{\alpha x} 1(\log |C_i| \in dx) \right] \quad (\text{by Fubini's theorem}) \\ &= E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N |C_i|^\alpha (1 + |\log |C_i||)^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

which is finite by assumption. This observation, by the remarks preceding Theorem 2 in [12], implies that  $T^2 \mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{S}(\varphi)$ , where for any finite complex-valued measure  $\nu$ ,  $T\nu$  is defined as the  $\sigma$ -finite measure with density  $v(x; \nu) \triangleq \nu((x, \infty))$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $v(x; \nu) \triangleq -\nu((-\infty, x])$  for  $x < 0$ , and  $\mathcal{S}(\varphi)$  is the collection of all complex-valued measures  $\kappa$  such that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(x) |\kappa|(dx) < \infty$ , with  $|\kappa|$  the total variation of  $\kappa$ .



Then, by Theorem 2 in [12],

$$\left| \check{r}(t) - \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty \check{g}_+(x) dx \right| = \left| \mathbf{U} * \check{g}_+(t) - \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty \check{g}_+(x) dx \right| = o(e^{-\epsilon t})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

To derive the result for  $P(R < -t)$ , follow the same steps leading to (3.4) in the proof of Theorem 3.4 in [10] but starting with a telescoping sum for  $P(-R > e^t)$  instead, and defining  $r(t) = e^{\alpha t} P(R < -e^t)$ . Using the same arguments given above then gives

$$\left| \check{r}(t) - \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty \check{g}_-(x) dx \right| = \left| \mathbf{U} * \check{g}_-(t) - \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty \check{g}_-(x) dx \right| = o(e^{-\epsilon t})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

We have thus shown that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{-\infty}^t b e^{-b(t-s)} e^{\alpha s} P(\pm R > e^s) ds - \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^x b e^{-b(x-s)} g_\pm(s) ds dx \right| \\ &= \left| e^{-bt} \int_0^{e^t} b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(\pm R > v) dv - \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{-\infty}^\infty g_\pm(s) ds \right| \\ &= \left| e^{-bt} \int_0^{e^t} b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(\pm R > v) dv - H_\pm \right| = o(e^{-\epsilon t}), \end{aligned}$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} H_\pm &\triangleq \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{-\infty}^\infty g_\pm(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{\alpha t} \left( P(\pm R > e^t) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > e^t) \right] \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty v^{\alpha-1} \left( P(\pm R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1((\pm 1)C_j R > v) \right] \right) dv. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.6, we obtain

$$|t^\alpha P(\pm R > t) - H_\pm| = o(t^{-\epsilon})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Case b):**  $P(C_j < 0) > 0$  for some  $j \geq 1$ .

For this case we have that  $\eta_-$  is nonzero. Also, note that the matrix

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R}) = \begin{pmatrix} E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha 1(X_j = 1) \right] & E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha 1(X_j = -1) \right] \\ E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha 1(X_j = -1) \right] & E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha 1(X_j = 1) \right] \end{pmatrix} \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} q & 1-q \\ 1-q & q \end{pmatrix}$$

is irreducible and has eigenvalues  $\{1, 2q - 1\}$ , and therefore spectral radius  $\rho[\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R})] = 1$ . Moreover,  $(1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1)^T$  are left and right eigenvalues, respectively, of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{R})$  corresponding to eigenvalue one, and by assumption,

$$(1, 1) \int_{-\infty}^\infty x \mathbf{F}(dx) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \left( \int_{-\infty}^\infty x \eta_+(dx) + \int_{-\infty}^\infty x \eta_-(dx) \right) = 2E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |C_j|^\alpha \log |C_j| \right] = 2\mu \in (0, \infty).$$

Also, similarly as in the nonnegative case, we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 (1 + |x|)^2 \varphi(x) \eta_{\pm}(dx) = E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N |C_i|^{\alpha} (1 + |\log |C_i||)^2 1(X_i = \pm 1) \right],$$

which is finite by assumption. And from the remarks preceding Theorem 2 in [12], we have that  $T^2 \mathbf{F} \in S(\varphi)$ .

Then, by Theorem 2 in [12],

$$\left| \mathbf{U} * \check{\mathbf{g}}(t) - \frac{(1, 1)^T(1, 1)}{2\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \check{\mathbf{g}}(x) dx \right| = \left| \mathbf{U} * \check{\mathbf{g}}(t) - \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\check{g}_+(u) + \check{g}_-(u)) du \right) \right| = o(e^{-\epsilon t})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, it follows from  $\check{r}(t) = \mathbf{eU} * \check{\mathbf{g}}(t)$  that

$$\left| \check{r}(t) - \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\check{g}_+(u) + \check{g}_-(u)) du \right| = \left| e^{-bt} \int_0^{e^t} b v^{\alpha+b-1} P(R > v) dv - \frac{1}{2}(H_+ + H_-) \right| = o(e^{-\epsilon t})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $H = (H_+ + H_-)/2$ , then by Lemma 3.6

$$|t^{\alpha} P(R > t) - H| = o(t^{-\epsilon})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

To derive the result for  $P(R < -t)$  simply start by defining  $r(t) = e^{\alpha t} P(-R > e^t)$ , which in this case leads to the same result as above, that is,

$$|t^{\alpha} P(R < -t) - H| = o(t^{-\epsilon})$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Finally, we note, by using the representations for  $H_+$  and  $H_-$  from Case a), that

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_0^{\infty} v^{\alpha-1} \left( P(R > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(C_j R > v) \right] \right) dv \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_0^{\infty} v^{\alpha-1} \left( P(R < -v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(C_j R < -v) \right] \right) dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\mu} \int_0^{\infty} v^{\alpha-1} \left( P(|R| > v) - E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N 1(|C_j R| > v) \right] \right) dv. \end{aligned}$$

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