ON MIXTURE REPRESENTATION OF THE LINNIK DENSITY

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Abstract

Let $p_{\alpha,\theta}$ be the Linnik density, that is, the probability density with the characteristic function

$$\varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t) := 1/(1 + e^{i\theta \operatorname{sgn} t} |t|^{\alpha}), \qquad (\alpha,\theta) \in PD,$$

$$PD := \{(\alpha,\theta) : 0 < \alpha < 2, |\theta| \le \min(\pi\alpha/2, \pi - \pi\alpha/2)\}.$$

The following problem is studied: Let (α, θ) , (β, ϑ) be two points of *PD*. When is it possible to represent $p_{\beta,\vartheta}$ as a scale mixture of $p_{\alpha,\theta}$? A subset of the admissible pairs (α, θ) , (β, ϑ) is described.

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1. Introduction and statement of results

In 1953, Linnik [12] considered a family $\{p_{\alpha}(x) : \alpha \in (0, 2)\}$ of symmetric probability densities with the characteristic functions

$$\varphi_{\alpha}(t) = 1/(1+|t|^{\alpha}), \qquad 0 < \alpha < 2.$$

Since then, the family had several probabilistic applications ([1–5]). Analytic and asymptotic properties of the densities p_{α} were studied in [9].

We will consider a more general family $\{p_{\alpha,\theta}(x)\}$ of densities with characteristic functions

(1)
$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t) &= 1/(1+e^{i\theta \operatorname{sgn} t}|t|^{\alpha}), \\ (\alpha,\theta) &\in PD := \{(\alpha,\theta): \alpha \in (0,2), |\theta| \le \min(\pi\alpha/2, \pi - \pi\alpha/2)\} \end{aligned}$$

We will call the densities $p_{\alpha,\theta}$ the *Linnik densities*. Comparison of (1) with the well-known representation of a stable characteristic function (see, for example, [19, p. 17])

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shows that the $p_{\alpha,\theta}$'s are exponential mixtures of stable densities. Evidently, $\varphi_{\alpha,0} = \varphi_{\alpha}$, $p_{\alpha,0} = p_{\alpha}$ and, moreover, $p_{\alpha,\theta}$ is non-symmetric for $\theta \neq 0$. For $|\theta| = \min(\pi \alpha/2, \pi - \pi \alpha/2)$ these densities first appeared in the paper of Laha [11]. Klebanov et al. [7] introduced the concept of geometric strict stability and proved that the family of the Linnik densities coincides with the family of geometrically strictly stable densities. Pakes [15–18] showed that the densities $p_{\alpha,\theta}$ play an important role in some characterization problems of mathematical statistics. Analytic and asymptotic properties of $p_{\alpha,\theta}$ were studied in [6, 10].

Kotz and Ostrovskii [8] proved that, if $0 < \alpha < \beta \le 2$, then p_{α} can be represented as a scale mixture of p_{β} . This paper is devoted to a generalization of the result to the whole family of Linnik densities. Since a general expression of the Linnik densities is not easily attainable, such a mixture representation which facilitates generation of Linnik's densities seems to be of interest.

The problem studied in this paper is the following. Let (α, θ) , (β, ϑ) be two points of *PD*. When is it possible to represent $\varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}$ as a scale mixture of $\varphi_{\alpha,\theta}$?

To state the result, let us denote by $PD_{\alpha,\theta}$ the subset $\{(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD : \beta \leq \alpha, |\vartheta|/\beta \leq |\theta|/\alpha\} \setminus \{(\alpha, \theta), (\alpha, -\theta)\}$ of PD (see Figure 1).



FIGURE 1

THEOREM 1. If $\theta \neq 0$, $(\alpha, \theta) \in PD$, then for any $(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD_{\alpha,\theta}$ the following representation is valid:

(2)
$$\varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t/s)g(s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta)\,ds,$$

where $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ is a probability density.

In virtue of Theorem 1, we obtain the representation

$$p_{\beta,\vartheta}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{\alpha,\theta}(xs)g(s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta)s\,ds$$

as stipulated in the abstract.

We could not determine the maximal subset $PD_{\alpha,\theta}^+$ of PD, where $\varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}$ is a mixture of $\varphi_{\alpha,\theta}$ of the form (2). Nevertheless, the representation (2) remains valid for a larger set of (β, ϑ) if we do not require that $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ is a probability density.

Denote by $PD_{\alpha,\theta}^{\star}$ the subset $\{(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD : \pi/\beta + |\theta|/\alpha > \pi/\alpha + |\vartheta|/\beta\}$ of PD (see Figure 1). Evidently $PD_{\alpha,\theta}$ is a proper subset of $PD_{\alpha,\theta}^{\star}$.

THEOREM 2. If $\theta \neq 0$, $(\alpha, \theta) \in PD$, then for any $(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD^{\star}_{\alpha,\theta}$ the representation (2) is valid with

(3)
$$g(\pm s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} f^{\pm}(z; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) s^{-z-1} dz, \qquad s > 0,$$

(4)
$$|c| < \min(\beta, \alpha \pi/(2|\theta|)), f^{\pm}(z; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \frac{(\sin \pi z/\alpha)}{(\sin \pi z/\beta)} \frac{\sin z(\theta/\alpha \pm \vartheta/\beta)}{\sin(2z\theta/\alpha)}.$$

Theorem 1 is an immediate corollary of Theorem 2 and the following one.

THEOREM 3. For any $(\alpha, \theta) \in PD$ such that $\theta \neq 0$, and any $(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD_{\alpha,\theta}$, the function $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ defined by (3) is a probability density function.

In connection with the open question about the size of the set $PD_{\alpha,\theta}^+$, it is of some interest that the function $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ is not a probability density for $(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD_{\alpha,\theta}^*$ (see Figure 1) lying to the right of the line $\{(\beta, \vartheta) : \beta = \alpha\}$ unless $(\alpha, \theta) = (1, \pm \pi/2)$ as the following remark shows.

REMARK. If $(\alpha, \theta) \notin \{(1, \pi/2), (1, -\pi/2)\}$, and $(\beta, \vartheta) \in (PD^{\star}_{\alpha,\theta} \setminus PD_{\alpha,\theta}) \bigcap \{(\beta, \vartheta) : \beta > \alpha\}$, then $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ admits negative values and therefore is not a probability density.

The case $(\alpha, \theta) = (1, \pm \pi/2)$ is exceptional as we will see later (Theorem 5).

In [8], it was shown that for $0 < \beta < \alpha < 2$, $\varphi_{\beta}(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \varphi_{\alpha}(t/s)g(s, \alpha, \beta) ds$ where

(5)
$$g(s,\alpha,\beta) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi\beta}{\alpha} \frac{s^{\beta-1}}{1+s^{2\beta}+2s^{\beta}\cos \pi\beta/\alpha}, \qquad s>0.$$

This result is a limiting case of Theorem 3 since the following formula is valid for $\theta/\alpha = \vartheta/\beta$:

$$\lim_{\theta \to +0} g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{1 + \operatorname{sgn} s}{2} g(|s|, \alpha, \beta).$$

Under the conditions of Theorem 3 the probability density $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ is not concentrated on \mathbb{R}^+ in general. Before giving a description of its structure, we note that from (3) it follows that $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = g(s; \alpha, \beta, -\theta, -\vartheta), g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = g(-s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, -\vartheta)$. Therefore we can restrict our attention to the case when both θ and ϑ are positive.

Recall that the Mellin convolution of two functions $g_1, g_2 \in L(\mathbb{R}^+)$ is defined by the formula

$$(g_1 \star g_2)(x) = \int_0^\infty g_1(x/s)g_2(s) \, \frac{ds}{s}.$$

THEOREM 4. Assume the conditions of Theorem 3 are satisfied.

(i) If $\beta < \alpha$, $\vartheta/\beta = \theta/\alpha$, then $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ is concentrated on \mathbb{R}^+ and has the form

(6)
$$g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{1 + \operatorname{sgn} s}{2} g(|s|, \alpha, \beta).$$

(ii) If $\beta = \alpha$, $0 < \vartheta < \theta$, then

(7)
$$g(\pm s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{\theta \pm \vartheta}{2\theta} g\left(s, \frac{\pi \alpha}{\theta \pm \vartheta}, \frac{\pi \alpha}{2\theta}\right), \quad s > 0.$$

(iii) In other cases

(8)

$$g(\pm s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{\theta \beta \pm \alpha \vartheta}{2\theta \beta} \left(g(s, \alpha, \beta) \star g\left(s, \frac{\pi \alpha \beta}{\theta \beta \pm \vartheta \alpha}, \frac{\pi \alpha}{2\theta}\right) \right), \qquad s > 0.$$

THEOREM 5. For any $(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD \setminus \{(1, \pi/2), (1, -\pi/2)\}$ the following representation is valid.

(9)
$$\varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_{1,\pi/2}(t/s)q(s;\beta,\vartheta)\,ds = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{s}{s+it}q(s;\beta,\vartheta)\,ds$$

where q is a probability density given by the formula

(10)
$$q(\pm s; \beta, \vartheta) = \frac{\pi\beta \pm 2\vartheta}{2\pi\beta} g\left(s, \frac{2\pi\beta}{\pi\beta \pm 2\vartheta}, \beta\right), \qquad s > 0.$$

The representation (9) shows that all Linnik densities are mixtures of standard exponential densities $p_{1,\pm\pi/2}$.

2. Proof of the theorems

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. For simplicity, we shall write $f^{\pm}(z)$ instead of $f^{\pm}(z; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$. From (4) it follows that both functions $f^{+}(z)$ and $f^{-}(z)$ are analytic outside of the set

$$\left\{\{q\beta\}_{q=-\infty}^{\infty}\bigcup\{\pi\alpha q/(2\theta)\}_{q=-\infty}^{\infty}\right\}\setminus\{0\}.$$

Moreover, in any set $\{z : |\operatorname{Re} z| < H, |\operatorname{Im} z| > \varepsilon\}$, the following bound holds

(11)
$$|f^{\pm}(z)| \leq C \exp(-D|\operatorname{Im} z|)$$

where C, D are positive constants not depending on z. Since $f^{\pm}(z)$ is analytic in $\{z : |\operatorname{Re} z| < \min(\beta, \pi \alpha/(2|\theta|))\}$, the integral in (3) does not depend on c under the restrictions mentioned in (4).

Denote by I(t) the integral in the right hand side of (2). We show that it is equal to $\varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}(t)$.

Assume t > 0. We have

$$I(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t/s)g(s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta) \, ds$$

= $\left(\int_{0}^{1} + \int_{1}^{\infty}\right) \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(-t/s)g(-s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta) \, ds$
+ $\left(\int_{0}^{1} + \int_{1}^{\infty}\right) \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t/s)g(s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta) \, ds.$

Let $0 < \varepsilon < \min(\alpha, \beta, \pi\alpha/(2|\theta|))$. Using (3), we obtain

$$I(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^1 \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(-t/s) \int_{-\varepsilon-i\infty}^{-\varepsilon+i\infty} f^-(z) s^{-z-1} dz ds$$

+ $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_1^\infty \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(-t/s) \int_{\varepsilon-i\infty}^{\varepsilon+i\infty} f^-(z) s^{-z-1} dz ds$
+ $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^1 \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t/s) \int_{-\varepsilon-i\infty}^{-\varepsilon+i\infty} f^+(z) s^{-z-1} dz ds$
+ $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_1^\infty \varphi_{\alpha,\theta}(t/s) \int_{\varepsilon-i\infty}^{\varepsilon+i\infty} f^+(z) s^{-z-1} dz ds.$

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In all integrals in the right hand side, we change the order of integration. This is possible by Fubini's theorem and (11). Hence, using (1), we have

(12)

$$I(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\varepsilon - i\infty}^{-\varepsilon + i\infty} f^{-}(z) \int_{0}^{1} \frac{s^{\alpha - z - 1}}{s^{\alpha} + e^{-i\theta}t^{\alpha}} ds dz$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\varepsilon - i\infty}^{\varepsilon + i\infty} f^{-}(z) \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{s^{\alpha - z - 1}}{s^{\alpha} + e^{-i\theta}t^{\alpha}} ds dz$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\varepsilon - i\infty}^{-\varepsilon + i\infty} f^{+}(z) \int_{0}^{1} \frac{s^{\alpha - z - 1}}{s^{\alpha} + e^{i\theta}t^{\alpha}} ds dz$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\varepsilon - i\infty}^{\varepsilon + i\infty} f^{+}(z) \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{s^{\alpha - z - 1}}{s^{\alpha} + e^{i\theta}t^{\alpha}} ds dz.$$

Both of the integrals $\int_0^1 s^{\alpha-z-1}/(s^{\alpha} + e^{\pm i\theta}t^{\alpha}) ds$ converge uniformly on any compact set lying in $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z < \alpha\}$ and are bounded in $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z \le \varepsilon\}$. Hence, the integrations in the first and third integrals of (12) can be translated from $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z = -\varepsilon\}$ to $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z = \varepsilon\}$. Therefore (12) can be rewritten in the form:

(13)
$$I(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\varepsilon - i\infty}^{\varepsilon + i\infty} f^{-}(z) \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{s^{\alpha - z - 1}}{s^{\alpha} + e^{-i\theta}t^{\alpha}} ds dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\varepsilon - i\infty}^{\varepsilon + i\infty} f^{+}(z) \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{s^{\alpha - z - 1}}{s^{\alpha} + e^{i\theta}t^{\alpha}} ds dz$$

Using the equalities (4), (13) and

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{s^{\alpha-z-1}}{s^\alpha+e^{\pm i\theta}t^\alpha}\,ds = \frac{\pi}{\alpha}\frac{t^{-z}e^{\mp i\theta z/\alpha}}{\sin \pi z/\alpha}, \qquad 0 < \operatorname{Re} z < \alpha,$$

one can easily show that

(14)
$$I(t) = \frac{1}{2i\beta} \int_{\varepsilon - i\infty}^{\varepsilon + i\infty} \frac{t^{-z} e^{-i\vartheta z/\beta}}{\sin \pi z/\beta} dz.$$

The function

$$h(z) := \frac{1}{2i\beta} \frac{t^{-z} e^{-i\vartheta z/\beta}}{\sin \pi z/\beta}$$

is meromorphic with simple poles $\{q\beta\}_{q=-\infty}^{\infty}$. Evidently

(15)
$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=q\beta}(h(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} (-1)^q t^{\beta q} e^{-i\vartheta q}, \qquad q \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We will calculate the integral in (14) separately for t > 1 and 0 < t < 1.

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(a) t > 1. We apply the Cauchy residue theorem to the integral of h(z) along the boundary of the region $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z > \varepsilon, |z| < (n + 1/2)\beta\}$ and then let $n \to \infty$. The integral along $C_n := \{z : \operatorname{Re} z \ge \varepsilon, |z| = (n + 1/2)\beta\}$ tends to 0 as $n \to \infty$ since

$$|\sin \pi z/\beta|^{-1} = O(e^{-\pi |\operatorname{Im} z|/\beta}) \text{ for } z \in C_n, n \to \infty,$$

and therefore

$$|h(z)| = \frac{1}{2\beta} e^{-\log t \cdot \operatorname{Re} z} e^{|\vartheta \ln z|/\beta} |\sin \pi z/\beta|^{-1} = O(e^{-C|z|}) \quad \text{for } z \in C_n, n \to \infty,$$

where C is a positive constant. Using (15), we obtain

$$I(t) = -2\pi i \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{Res}_{z=q\beta}(h(z)) = \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{q+1} t^{\beta q} e^{-i\vartheta q} = \frac{1}{1+e^{i\vartheta} t^{\beta}} = \varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}(t).$$

(b) 0 < t < 1. Integrating the function h(z) along the boundary of the region $\{z : \operatorname{Re} z < \varepsilon, |z| < (n + 1/2)\beta\}$ in a similar way as above, we obtain

$$I(t) = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} (-1)^q t^{\beta q} e^{i\vartheta q} = \frac{1}{1+e^{i\vartheta}t^{\beta}} = \varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}(t).$$

Thus, we have proved (2) for t > 0.

From (1), (3), (4) it is easy to derive the following equalities:

$$\varphi_{\beta,\vartheta}(t) = \varphi_{\beta,-\vartheta}(-t), \qquad g(s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,-\vartheta) = g(-s;\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta).$$

Using them and the validity of (2) for t > 0, we obtain (2) for t < 0.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3. It suffices to prove that $g(s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta)$ is non-negative. From (3), (4) we have

(16)
$$g(\pm s; \alpha, \beta, \theta, \vartheta) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi i\beta} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{\sin \pi z/\alpha}{\sin \pi z/\beta} \frac{\sin z(\theta/\alpha \pm \vartheta/\beta)}{\sin 2z\theta/\alpha} s^{-z-1} dz,$$
$$= \frac{\alpha}{2\pi s\beta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh \pi t/\alpha}{\sinh \pi t/\beta} \frac{\sinh t|\theta/\alpha \pm \vartheta/\beta|}{\sinh 2t|\theta|/\alpha} e^{-it\log s} dt$$

In the case when either $\alpha = \beta$, $|\vartheta|/\beta < |\theta|/\alpha$ or $\beta < \alpha$, $|\vartheta|/\beta = |\theta|/\alpha$, the assertion immediately follows from the fact (see, for example, [14, p. 35, 7.20]) that the function sinh *by*/ sinh *b'y* is a characteristic function up to a constant factor for 0 < b < b'. In the case when simultaneously $\beta < \alpha$ and $|\vartheta|/\beta < |\theta|/\alpha$, we note that the function

(17)
$$\frac{\sinh \pi t/\alpha}{\sinh \pi t/\beta} \frac{\sinh t |\theta/\alpha \pm \vartheta/\beta|}{\sinh 2t |\theta|/\alpha}$$

is a characteristic function since it is a product of characteristic functions. Therefore the last integral in (16) is non-negative. PROOF OF THE REMARK. It suffices to show that the function (17) is not a characteristic function under the conditions mentioned in the statement of the remark. It is easy to see that under these conditions the function (17) is analytic in the strip $\{t : | \text{Im } t | < \min(\beta, \pi \alpha/2|\theta|)\}$ and has at least two imaginary zeros in it. This contradicts well-known properties of analytic characteristic functions (see, for example, [13, p. 29, Theorem 2.3.2 (a)]).

PROOF OF THEOREM 4. By [14, p. 35, 7.20],

(18)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh \beta y}{\sinh \beta' y} e^{iyt} dy = \frac{2\pi}{\beta'} \frac{e^{-\pi t/\beta'} \sin \beta \pi/\beta'}{1 + e^{-2\pi t/\beta'} + 2e^{-\pi t/\beta'} \cos \beta \pi/\beta'} = \frac{2\pi\beta}{\beta'} e^{-t} g(e^{-t}, \pi/\beta, \pi/\beta'), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The second equality in (18) can easily be verified using the definition of $g(s, \alpha, \beta)$ given in (5). Proofs of (6), (7) are straightforward using (16) and (18).

To prove the last assertion of Theorem 4 note that if we substitute $s = e^{-r}$ in (16) we obtain

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha}e^{-\tau}g(\pm e^{-\tau};\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{\sinh \pi t/\alpha}{\sinh \pi t/\beta}\frac{\sinh t|\theta/\alpha\pm\vartheta/\beta|}{\sinh 2t|\theta|/\alpha}e^{it\tau}\,dt,\quad \tau\in\mathbb{R}.$$

By using the convolution property of Fourier transforms, and (18) and (19), we have

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha}e^{-\tau}g(\pm e^{-\tau};\alpha,\beta,\theta,\vartheta)$$

(20)

$$=\frac{\theta\beta\pm\alpha\vartheta}{2\theta\alpha}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}e^{-u}g(e^{-u},\alpha,\beta)e^{-\tau+u}g(e^{-\tau+u},\frac{\pi\alpha\beta}{\theta\beta\pm\vartheta\alpha},\frac{\pi\alpha}{2\theta})\,du$$

Substituting $\tau = -\log s$ and $u = -\log v$ in (20) we obtain (8).

PROOF OF THEOREM 5. Evidently, $PD \setminus \{(1, \pi/2), (1, -\pi/2)\} = PD_{1,\pi/2}^*$. Applying Theorem 2 with $\alpha = 1, \theta = \pi/2$ and noting that $\varphi_{1,\pi/2}(t) = 1/(1+it)$ we obtain the representation (9) with $q(\pm s; \beta, \vartheta) = g(\pm s; 1, \beta, \pi/2, \vartheta)$. Using the equality (19), we obtain

$$\beta e^{-\tau} g(\pm e^{-\tau}; 1, \beta, \pi/2, \vartheta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh t |\pi/2 \pm \vartheta/\beta|}{\sinh \pi t/\beta} e^{it\tau} dt, \qquad \tau \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By [14, p. 35, 7.20], the function $(\sinh t | \pi/2 \pm \vartheta/\beta |)/(\sinh \pi t/\beta)$ is a characteristic function for all $(\beta, \vartheta) \in PD_{1,\pi/2}^{\star}$ and therefore $q(s; \beta, \vartheta)$ is a probability density and, moreover, the formula (10) holds.

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