

SOME PROPERTIES OF THE QUASIASYMPTOTIC OF
SCHWARTZ DISTRIBUTIONS
PART I: QUASIASYMPTOTIC AT $\pm\infty$

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Abstract. Using the results for the quasiasymptotic at $+\infty$ of tempered distributions from \mathcal{S}'_+ and the results from [5] we give several properties of the quasiasymptotic at $+\infty$ of Schwartz distributions.

1. Introduction

The quasiasymptotic at ∞ of tempered distributions which have their supports in $[0, \infty)$ (the space of such distributions is denoted by \mathcal{S}'_+) have been studied by Soviet mathematicians Drožžinov, Vladimirov and Zavalov in many papers (see [8] and references therein).

We extend this notion to the space of Schwartz distributions (on the real line):

Definition 1. It is said that an $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ has the quasiasymptotic at $\pm\infty$ with respect to some positive measurable function $c(k)$, $k \in (a, \infty)$, $a > 0$ if for some $g \in \mathcal{D}'$, $g \neq 0$,

$$(1) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle f(kx)/c(k), \Phi(x) \rangle = \langle g(x), \Phi(x) \rangle, \quad \Phi \in \mathcal{D}$$

In this case we write $f \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $c(k)$.

Let us recall (see [4]) that a positive measurable function $L(x)$, $x \in (a, \infty)$, resp. $x \in (0, a)$, $a > 0$, is called slowly varying at ∞ , resp. 0^+ , if for any $\lambda > 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} L(\lambda x)/L(x) = 1, \quad \text{resp.} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} L(\lambda x)/L(x) = 1.$$

For the properties of slowly varying functions we refer to [4].

Because of [4, 1.4] we can and we shall always assume that L is a continuous function.

The following theorem is proved in [5].

THEOREM 1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ have the quasiasymptotic at $\pm\infty$ with respect to some positive continuous function $c(k)$, $k > a$. Then: (i) $f \in \mathcal{S}'$; (ii) There are $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$ and a slowly varying function $L(k)$, $k > a$, such that $c(k) = k^\nu L(k)$, $k > a$; moreover, (g) is a homogeneous distribution with the order of homogeneity ν ; (iii) if $\nu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-N)$, then (1) holds in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{S}' (i. e. for $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$).*

Using the quoted results from [5] and the results of the mentioned Soviet mathematicians we shall give in this paper several properties of the quasiasymptotic behaviour at $\pm\infty$ of Schwartz distributions.

2. Some properties

Several trivial properties of the quasiasymptotic at $\pm\infty$ are given in the following theorem.

THEOREM 1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ and $f \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$. Then: (i) $f^{(\alpha)}$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^{\nu-\alpha} L(k)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ (we assume $g^{(\alpha)} \neq 0$); (ii) if $\nu \notin -\mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$ then $x^m f \sim^q x^m g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^{\nu+m} L(k)$; (iii) if $\nu = -n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m < n$, then (ii) holds as well; (iv) If $\Phi \in \mathcal{E}$ and c_1 is a measurable positive function on some interval (a, ∞) , $a > 0$, such that*

$$\Phi(kx)/c_1(k) \rightarrow \Phi_0(x) \text{ in } \mathcal{E}, k \rightarrow, x \in \mathbb{R},$$

then $f\Phi \sim^q g\Phi_0$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $c_1(k)k^\nu L(k)$.

Let us only remark that (iv) follows from [7, T. I, p. 72, Théorème X].

THEOREM 2. *Let $f \in \mathcal{E}'$ and $f \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$. Then $L(k) = 1$, $k > a$ for some $a > 0$, and $\nu \in -\mathbb{N}$. Moreover, the limit in (1) can be extended on \mathcal{S} .*

Proof. It is well-known that f can be written in the form $f = \sum_{k=0}^m f_k^{(k)}$, where f_k , $k = 0, \dots, m$, are continuous functions with compact supports. If F is a continuous function with the compact support, then one can easily prove that for some C

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \frac{F(kx)}{k^{-1}}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle = \langle C\delta(x), \Phi(x) \rangle, \quad \Phi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

This implies the assertion.

Let us recall ([7, p. 88]) that the scale of distribution $f_{\nu+1}$, $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$; is defined in the following way.

$$f_{\nu+1}(x) = H(x)x^\nu \Gamma(\nu+1) \text{ for } \nu > -1$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$f_{\nu+1}(x) = f_{\nu+n+1}^{(n)}(x) \text{ for } \nu \leq -1$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n + \nu > -1$. H is the Heaviside function.

As it is usual, we identify locally integrable function with the corresponding distributions.

THEOREM 3. *Let F be a locally integrable function and $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\nu > -1$, such that*

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow +\infty \\ x \rightarrow -\infty}} \frac{F(x)}{|x|^\nu L(|x|)} = C_\pm \quad \text{where } (C_+, C_-) \neq (0, 0).$$

Then $F \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$ where

$$g(x) = \bar{C}_+ f_{\nu+1}(x) + \bar{C}_- f_{\nu+1}(-x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and } (\bar{C}_+, \bar{C}_-) \neq (0, 0).$$

Proof. Let us put $F_+(x) = H(x)F(x)$ and $F_-(x) = H(-x)F(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. It is well-known ([1]) that for any $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\left\langle \frac{F_+(kx)}{k^\nu L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle g_+(x), \Phi(x) \rangle, \quad k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\left\langle \frac{F_-(kx)}{k^\nu L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle g_-(x), \Phi(x) \rangle \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

where

$$g_\pm(x) = \bar{C}_\pm f_{\nu+1}(\pm x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{with } (\bar{C}_+, \bar{C}_-) \neq (0, 0).$$

This implies the assertion.

THEOREM 4. *Let $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ and $f \sim^q$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$ where $\nu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\mathbb{N})$. There are $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and a locally integrable function F such that*

$$f = F^{(m)} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow +\infty \\ x \rightarrow -\infty}} \frac{F(x)}{|x|^{\nu+m} L(|x|)} = C_\pm$$

where $(C_+, C_-) \neq (0, 0)$.

Proof. Since $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ (Theorem I), let $f = f_+ + f_-$, where $f_+ \in \mathcal{S}'_+$ and $f_- \in \mathcal{S}'_-$ ($\text{supp } f_- \subset (-\infty, 0]$). Theorem I implies that for every $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\left\langle \frac{f(kx)}{k^\nu L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle g(x), \Phi(x) \rangle \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now [2, Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3] implies (see Part II, the proof of Theorem 9) that

$$\left\langle \frac{f_\pm(kx)}{k^\nu L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle \tilde{C}_\pm f_{\nu+1}(\pm x), \Phi(x) \rangle \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

The structural theorem [1, Theorem I] implies that there are locally integrable functions F_1 and F_2 with $\text{supp } F_1 \subset [0, \infty)$, $\text{supp } F_2 \subset (-\infty, 0]$, and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$f_+(x) = F_1^{(m)}(x), \quad f_-(x) = F_2^{(m)}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_1(x)}{x^{\nu+m} L(x)} = C_+, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{F_2(x)}{|x|^{\nu+m} L(|x|)} = C_-.$$

This completes the proof.

THEOREM 5. *Let $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ and $\Phi_0 \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $\int \Phi_0(t) dt = 1$. Let $f' \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$, $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$, and*

$$\left\langle \frac{f(kx)}{k^{\nu+1} L(k)}, \Phi_0(x) \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle g_0(x), \Phi_0(x) \rangle$$

for some $g_0 \in \mathcal{S}'$ for which there holds: $g'_0 = g$. Then $f \sim^q g_0$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^{\nu+1} L(k)$, (g and g_0 are determined by Theorem 1.)

Proof. It is well-known that for any $\Phi \in \mathcal{D}$ there exist $\psi \in \mathcal{D}$ such that

$$\Phi(x) = \Phi_0(x) \int \Phi(t) dt + \psi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and ψ is of the form $\psi = \psi'_1$ for some $\psi_1 \in \mathcal{D}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{f'(kx)}{k^{\nu+1} L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle &= \left\langle \frac{f(kx)}{k^{\nu+1} L(k)}, \Phi_0(x) \right\rangle \int \Phi(t) dt \\ &- \left\langle \frac{f'(kx)}{k^\nu L(k)}, \psi(x) \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle g_0(x), \Phi_0(x) \rangle \int \Phi(t) dt \\ &- \langle g(x), \psi_1(x) \rangle = \langle g_0(x), \Phi(x) \rangle \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the assertion.

3. The Fourier transformation and the quasiasymptotic

The Fourier and inverse Fourier transformation in \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{S}' are defined in a usual way ([7]). The connection between the quasiasymptotics at 0 and $\pm\infty$ is given in the theorem which follows. Note that the definition of the quasiasymptotic behaviour at 0 (in \mathcal{S}') is given in Part II (Definition 2).

THEOREM 6. *Let $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ and $\nu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-N)$. If*

$$(2) \quad f \sim^q \text{ at } \pm\infty \text{ with respect to } k^\nu L(k)$$

then

$$(3) \quad \hat{f} \sim^q \hat{g} \text{ at } 0 \text{ with respect to } (1/k)^{-\nu-1} L_1(1/k) \text{ (in } \mathcal{S}')$$

where $L_1(\cdot) = L(1/\cdot)$ is slowly varying at 0^+ .

Conversely, if $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ and (3) holds with $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$, then (2) holds.

Proof. Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{f(kx)}{k^\nu L(k)}, \hat{\Phi}(x) \right\rangle &= \left\langle \frac{\widehat{f(kx)}}{k^\nu L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\hat{f}(x/k)}{(1/k)^{-\nu-1} L_1(1/k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle, \quad k > 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies the assertion.

We studied in [6] the notion of the S -asymptotic at ∞ of Schwartz distributions. The relation between this notion and the quasiasymptotic at $+\infty$ can be deduced from the following theorem.

THEOREM 7. *Let $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ and $\Phi = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\psi)$ where $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $\psi = 1$ in some neighbourhood of U . If*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(f * \Phi)(k)}{k^\nu L(k)} = C_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(f * \Phi)(k)}{k^\nu L(k)} = C_-$$

where $\nu > -1$ and $(C_+, C_-) \neq (0, 0)$, then $f \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$ where $g \neq 0$ is a suitable distribution from \mathcal{S}' .

(For the convolution in \mathcal{S}' see [7]).

Proof. Theorem 3 implies that $f * \Phi \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\nu L(k)$ ($g \neq 0$). From the well-known exchange formula and Theorem 6 it follows that $\hat{f}\psi \sim^q \hat{g}(x)$ at 0 (in \mathcal{S}') with respect to $(1/k)^{-\nu-1}L_1(1/k)$, where $L_1(\cdot) = L(1/\cdot)$.

Since the quasiasymptotic at 0 is the local property of a distribution (see Part II) we obtain that $\hat{f} \sim^q C\hat{g}$ at 0 with respect to $(1/k)^{-\nu-1}L_1(1/k)$ ($C \neq 0$). Now, Theorem 6 implies the assertion.

5. The convolution and the quasiasymptotic

THEOREM 8. *Let $T \in \mathcal{E}'$ and $T \sim^q g_1$, at $\pm\infty$ with respect to k^ν , $\nu \in -N$ (see Theorem 2). Let $f \in \mathcal{D}$ and $f \sim^q g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\alpha L(k)$, $\alpha \in R \setminus (-N)$. Then $T * f \sim^q g_1 * g$ with respect to $k^{\alpha+\nu+1}L(k)$.*

Proof. Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$. Using the properties of the Fourier transformation we have (with $L_1(\cdot) = L(1/\cdot)$)

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad \left\langle \frac{(T * f)(kx)}{k^{\alpha+\nu+1}L(x)}, \hat{\Phi}(x) \right\rangle &= \left\langle \frac{\hat{T}(x/k)\hat{f}(x/k)}{k^{\alpha+\nu+2}L(k)}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\hat{f}(x/k)}{(1/k)^{-\alpha-1}L_1(1/k)}, \frac{\hat{T}(x/k)}{(1/k)^{\nu-1}}\Phi(x) \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since \hat{T} is an entire function of polynomial growth when $|x| \rightarrow \infty$, it must be of the form $\hat{T}(x) = x^{-\nu-1}T_1(x)$, $x \in R$, where T_1 is an entire function of polynomial growth such that $T_1(0) = C \neq 0$. All the derivatives of \hat{T} are of polynomial growth when $|x| \rightarrow \infty$. So, the same holds for T_1 . This implies that for any $\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad \left\langle \frac{1}{k^{\nu+1}}(x/k)^{-\nu-1}T_1(x/k), \Phi(x) \right\rangle &= \langle x^{\nu-1}T_1(x/k), \Phi(x) \rangle \\ &\rightarrow \langle x^{\nu-1}T_1(0), \Phi(x) \rangle, \quad k \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

in the sense of convergence in \mathcal{S} . Let us note that $\hat{g}_1(x) = x^{-\nu-1}T_1(0)$, $x \in R$.

In the spaces \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{S}' the strong and weak sequential convergence are equivalent. This implies that

$$\left\langle \frac{\hat{f}(x/k)}{(1/k)^{-\alpha-1}L_1(1/k)}, \frac{\hat{T}(x/k)}{(1/k)^{-\nu-1}}, \Phi(x) \right\rangle \\ \rightarrow \langle \hat{g}(x), \hat{g}_1(x)\Phi(x) \rangle = \langle (g_1 * g)(x), \hat{\Phi}(x) \rangle, \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

By (4) we obtain the assertion.

THEOREM 9. *Let $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ and $\{f(kx)/k^\alpha L(k), k > a\}$ $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-N)$, be a bounded subset of \mathcal{D}' . Let $T \in \mathcal{E}'$ and $T \sim^a g_1$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to k^{-1} . If $T * f \sim^a g_2$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\alpha L(k)$, then $f \sim^a g$ at $\pm\infty$ with respect to $k^\alpha L(k)$ and $g_2 = g$.*

Proof. The same arguments, as in Theorem I imply that $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ and that $\{f(k\cdot)/k^\alpha L(k), k > a\}$ is a bounded subset of \mathcal{S}' . With the same arguments as above we have ($\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$)

$$\left\langle \frac{\hat{f}(x/k)}{(1/k)^{-\alpha-1}L_1(1/k)}, \Phi(x)(1 - \hat{T}(x/k)) \right\rangle \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

This implies the assertion.

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