

EXACT DISTRIBUTIONS IN A JUMP-DIFFUSION STORAGE MODEL

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We consider a reflected independent superposition of a Brownian motion and a compound Poisson process with positive and negative jumps, which can be interpreted as a model for the content process of a storage system with different types of customers under heavy traffic. The distributions of the duration of a busy cycle and the maximum content during a cycle are determined in closed form.

1. INTRODUCTION

We consider the the basic jump-diffusion process $X = (X(t))_{t \geq 0}$ defined by $X(t) = B(t) + Y(t)$, where (i) $B = (B(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a Brownian motion (BM) with drift γ and variance σ^2 per unit time and (ii) $Y = (Y(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a compound Poisson process with independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) positive *and* negative jumps. The process of interest to us is the corresponding *storage process* $W = (W(t))_{t \geq 0}$, which is the reflection of X at zero; that is, $W(t) = X(t) + L(t)$, where $L(t) = -\inf_{0 \leq s \leq t} X(s)$. This storage process has many interpretations. For example, in stochastic finance, W can represent a cash fund serving two types of customer. There are “small” customers, who very frequently withdraw and deposit small amounts, thereby contributing the Brownian component of W . The second type of transactions arises from “big” firms, which move large sums in and out of the fund; their contribution is modeled

by the compound Poisson process Y . The reflection of X at 0 means that, for the cash fund, overdraft is not allowed. W can be also interpreted as the workload process of a queuing system that serves three types of customer: very frequent small service requirements, occasional big ones whose interarrival times are $\exp(\lambda)$ distributed and whose service times are nonnegligible, and occasional *negative* big ones which remove random amounts of work from the system and whose interarrival times are $\exp(\eta)$ distributed. For related models in queuing, we refer to Kella and Whitt [8,9], Bardhan [2], Perry and Stadje [13], and Perry [12]; for applications in stochastic finance, see for example, Schäl [17], Moeller [11], Bardhan and Chao [3], and Perry and Stadje [14]. One can think of several other applications to storage processes.

In this article, we study two important characteristics of W : the duration of a *busy cycle* and the *maximum value* attained during such a cycle. A busy cycle can be defined as follows: It starts when the system is (or becomes) empty, contains at least one (positive or negative) jump, and ends at the next time of emptiness. We will derive exact solutions for a wide class of phase-type distributions for the jump sizes. Under the assumption that all jumps are positive, the problem was addressed in Perry and Stadje [15] for general distributions; in the two-sided problem considered here, we have to restrict ourselves to the phase-type case to obtain explicit results.

Related first-exit problems are important in insurance mathematics and have therefore been studied from many angles in this context; see, for example, Picard and Lefèvre [16], De Vylder and Goovaerts [5,6], and Gerber and Shiu [7] and the references given in these articles. In the case when all jumps are positive, there are also general results for Lévy processes [4].

Let us now specify our model. Without loss of generality we assume that $\sigma^2 = 1$. The positive (negative) jumps have the common distribution function G (H) and arrive with intensity rate λ (η). Thus, the arrival rate of Y is $\lambda + \eta$ and the common Laplace transform (LT) of the jump sizes is

$$K^*(\alpha) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \eta} G^*(\alpha) + \frac{\eta}{\lambda + \eta} H^*(\alpha), \tag{1.1}$$

where $G^*(\alpha)$ and $H^*(\alpha)$ are the LTs of G and H , respectively. An important function in our derivations is the *exponent* of X , defined by

$$\varphi(\alpha) = \log E(e^{-\alpha X(1)}) = \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - \gamma\alpha - (\lambda + \eta)[1 - K^*(\alpha)]. \tag{1.2}$$

We assume that the LTs G^* and H^* are of the form

$$G^*(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \prod_{j=1}^{k_i} \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{ij} + \alpha}, \quad H^*(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \prod_{j=1}^{l_i} \frac{\nu_{ij}}{\nu_{ij} - \alpha}, \tag{1.3}$$

where $n, k_1, \dots, k_n, m, l_1, \dots, l_m \in \mathbb{N}, p_1, \dots, p_n$ and q_1, \dots, q_m are positive, $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = \sum_{i=1}^m q_i = 1$, and $\mu_{ij} > 0$ and $\nu_{ij} > 0$. Thus, G and H are finite mixtures of finite

convolutions of (not necessarily identical) exponential distributions. This class covers a wide range of phase-type distributions. For example, Coxian and hyperexponential distributions have LTs of this type (see Asmussen [1, p. 74]). G and H possess probability densities g and h which are easy to compute by convolution of exponential functions. For simplicity, we assume that no two μ_{ij} 's and no two ν_{ij} 's coincide, so that all poles of G^* and of H^* are simple (otherwise we obtain the desired functionals of W by taking a simple limit). We denote by $1/\mu$ and $-1/\nu$ the expected positive and negative jump sizes, respectively, and assume that the total drift $\gamma + (\lambda/\mu) - (\eta/\nu)$ is negative, so that W is a regenerative process. Let $\tau = \inf\{t \geq 0 | Y(t) > 0\}$ be the arrival time of the first big customer. Then, $T = \inf\{t \geq \tau | W(t) \leq 0\}$ is the length of the first busy cycle, and $M = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} W(t)$ is the first cycle maximum. Note that $P(T = \tau) > 0$ because the first jump can be negative with absolute value greater than $W(\tau-)$. In the stochastic finance interpretation, T is the time until ruin and M is the maximal value achieved by the cash fund during its lifetime. We note here that T might be a point of continuity or discontinuity of the sample path $W(\cdot)$, depending on whether at time T level 0 is reached by the Brownian component of W or is crossed by a negative jump. In the latter case, $W(T-) > 0 > W(T)$; however, we always have $W(T+) = 0$, and $T+$ is the beginning of a new cycle.

We derive the distribution function of M in Section 2 and the LT of T is obtained in Section 3. Finally, we show how to extend this result to the case of arbitrarily distributed upward jumps.

2. CYCLE MAXIMUM, PHASE-TYPE JUMPS

The first cycle can be partitioned into the two parts $[0, \tau)$ and $[\tau, T]$, and, obviously, $M = \max(M_1, M_2)$ where $M_1 = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} W(t)$ and $M_2 = \sup_{\tau \leq t \leq T} W(t)$. Regarding the first cycle, we need the following two lemmas which have been proved by Yor [18] and Perry and Stadje [15].

LEMMA 1: Let $\theta_+(\beta)$ and $\theta_-(\beta)$ be the positive and the negative root of the equation $\theta^2 - \gamma\theta - \beta = 0$; that is, $\theta_{\pm}(\beta) = [\gamma \pm (\gamma^2 + 4\beta^{1/2})]/2$. Let $\theta_{\pm} = \theta_{\pm}(\lambda + \eta)$. $W(\tau -)$ and $L(\tau -)$ are independent and

$$W(\tau -) \sim \exp(-|\theta_-|), \quad L(\tau -) \sim \exp(-|\theta_+|).$$

LEMMA 2: For all $0 \leq x \leq y$,

$$P(M_1 > y, W(\tau -) \in dx) = \Gamma(\lambda + \eta, y) b_y(x) dx,$$

where

$$\Gamma(\beta, y) = \frac{\theta_+(\beta) - \theta_-(\beta)}{\theta_+(\beta)e^{-\theta_-(\beta)y} - \theta_-(\beta)e^{-\theta_+(\beta)y}}$$

and $b_y(\cdot)$ is the density whose LT is given by

$$B_y^*(\alpha) = \frac{\theta_+ |\theta_-| (\alpha e^{-\theta_+ y} - \theta_+ e^{-\alpha y})}{(\alpha - \theta_+)(\alpha + |\theta_-|)}.$$

We remark that the probability measure corresponding to $b_y(\cdot)$ is given by

$$\exp(|\theta_-|) * \exp_-(\theta_+) * \epsilon_y - e^{-\theta_+ y} \exp(|\theta_-|) * \exp_-(\theta_+) - e^{-\theta_+ y} \exp(|\theta_-|),$$

where ϵ_y is the point mass at y , $*$ denotes convolution, and $\exp_-(\theta_+)$ is the distribution with density $\theta_+ \exp(\theta_+ x) 1_{(-\infty, 0)}(x)$. It is thus easy to write down an explicit formula for $b_y(\cdot)$.

We now start with the analysis of M . Lemma 3 enables us to express its distribution in terms of those of M_1 and M_2 , conditional on $W(\tau -)$ and $W(\tau)$, respectively.

LEMMA 3: For all $x > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(M \leq x) &= \int_0^\infty P(M_1 \leq x | W(\tau -) = y) |\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|y} \\ &\times \left[\frac{\eta}{\lambda + \eta} (1 - G(y)) + \frac{\eta}{\lambda + \eta} \int_0^y P(M_2 \leq x | W(\tau) = w) h(w - y) dw \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \eta} \int_y^\infty P(M_2 \leq x | W(\tau) = w) g(y - w) dw \right] dy. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF: By the law of total probability and Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} P(M \leq x) &= \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty P(M_1 \leq x, M_2 \leq x | W(\tau -) = y, W(\tau) = w) \\ &\times P(W(\tau) \in dw | W(\tau -) = y) |\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|y} dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty P(M_1 \leq x | W(\tau -) = y) P(M_2 \leq x | W(\tau) = w) \\ &\times P(W(\tau) \in dw | W(\tau -) = y) |\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|y} dy, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where the second equality follows from the strong Markov property of W at τ , which implies that M_1 and M_2 are conditionally independent, given $W(\tau -)$ and $W(\tau)$. By the structure of the jump size distribution,

$$P(W(\tau) \in dw | W(\tau -) = y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta}{\eta + \lambda} g(y - w) dw, & y > w \\ \frac{\lambda}{\eta + \lambda} h(w - y) dw, & y < w. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, $w < 0$ implies that $P(M_2 \leq x | W(\tau) = w) = 1$ for all $x > 0$. The assertion now follows from (2.1). ■

By Lemmas 1 and 2, $P(M_1 \leq y, W(\tau -) \in dx)$ has the density $|\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|x} - \Gamma(\lambda + \eta, y) b_y(x)$, so that

$$P(M_1 \leq y | W(\tau -) = x) = 1 - |\theta_-|^{-1} e^{|\theta_-|x} \Gamma(\lambda + \eta, y) b_y(x).$$

By Lemma 3, it remains to compute $P(M_2 \leq x | W(\tau) = w)$ for $w > 0$. The main tool in the derivation of this distribution is the process

$$Z(t) = (\varphi(\alpha) - \beta) \int_0^t e^{-\alpha X(s) - \beta s} ds + e^{-\alpha X(0)} - e^{-\alpha X(t) - \beta t}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where $\varphi(\alpha)$ is given by (1.2) (and (1.1) and (1.3)). We consider the stopping time

$$T_{w,x} = \inf\{t > 0 : X(t) \geq x - w \text{ or } X(t) \leq -w\}, \quad x > w \geq 0.$$

It is easy to check that $(Z(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a martingale for every α satisfying $-\mu < \text{Re } \alpha < \nu$ and every $\beta \geq 0$ (see, e.g., Perry and Stadje [14]). Applying the optional sampling theorem yields

$$(\varphi(\alpha) - \beta) E \left(\int_0^{T_{w,x}} e^{-\alpha X(s) - \beta s} ds \right) = -1 + E(e^{-\alpha X(T_{w,x}) - \beta T_{w,x}}). \tag{2.2}$$

By the structure of $G^*(\cdot)$ and $H^*(\cdot)$, any jump of W can be thought of as being generated by first choosing between G and H with probabilities $\lambda/(\lambda + \eta)$ and $\eta/(\lambda + \eta)$, respectively, and depending on this choice selecting either an index i from $\{1, \dots, n\}$ or from $\{1, \dots, m\}$ according to the probability distribution (p_1, \dots, p_n) or (q_1, \dots, q_m) and then carrying out k_i or l_i successive phases which are independent and exponentially distributed with means $1/\mu_{i1}, \dots, 1/\mu_{ik_i}$ or $1/\nu_{i1}, \dots, 1/\nu_{il_i}$. Let $C_{G,i,j}$ ($C_{H,i,j}$) be the event that at time $T_{w,x}$, the level $x - w$ ($-w$) is crossed by an upward (downward) phase with distribution $\exp(\mu_{ij})$ ($\exp(\nu_{ij})$). At time $T_{w,x}$ there is, of course, also the possibility of hitting $x - w$ or $-w$ exactly, due to the Brownian component: Let C_0 and C_1 be the events $\{X(T_{w,x}) = x - w\}$ and $\{X(T_{w,x}) = -w\}$, respectively. Let $h_k = h_k(\beta | w, x) = E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} 1_{C_k})$, $k = 0, 1$, and

$$h_{G,i,j} = h_{G,i,j}(\beta | w, x) = E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} 1_{C_{G,i,j}}), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, k_i$$

$$h_{H,i,j} = h_{H,i,j}(\beta | w, x) = E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} 1_{C_{H,i,j}}), \quad i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, l_i.$$

Given $C_{G,i,j}$, the overshoot $X(T_{w,x}) - (x - w)$ is $\exp(\mu_{ij})$ distributed and independent of $T_{w,x}$. Similarly, conditional on $C_{H,i,j}$, the undershoot $X(T_w) + w$ is $\exp(\nu_{ij})$

distributed and independent of $T_{w,x}$. Using the formula of total probability, we can thus rewrite the expected value $E(e^{-\alpha X(T_{w,x}) - \beta T_{w,x}})$ on the right-hand side of (2.2) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} P(C_{G,i,j}) e^{-\alpha(x-w)} \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{ij} + \alpha} E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} | C_{G,i,j}) \\ & + P(C_0) e^{-\alpha(x-w)} E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} | C_0) + P(C_1) e^{\alpha w} E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} | C_1) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} P(C_{H,i,j}) e^{\alpha w} \frac{\nu_{ij}}{\nu_{ij} - \alpha} E(e^{-\beta T_{w,x}} | C_{H,i,j}) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} e^{-\alpha(x-w)} \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{ij} + \alpha} h_{G,i,j} + e^{-\alpha(x-w)} h_0 + e^{\alpha w} h_1 \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} e^{\alpha w} \frac{\nu_{ij}}{\nu_{ij} - \alpha} h_{H,i,j}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

The left-hand side of (2.2) becomes zero for values of α satisfying the equation $\varphi(\alpha) - \beta = 0$, which can be written as

$$\Gamma(\alpha) \equiv \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \prod_{j=1}^{k_i} \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{ij} + \alpha} + \eta \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \prod_{j=1}^{l_i} \frac{\nu_{ij}}{\nu_{ij} - \alpha} = \gamma\alpha - \frac{\alpha^2}{2} + \lambda + \eta + \beta. \tag{2.4}$$

Let $N = k_1 + \dots + k_n$ and $M = l_1 + \dots + l_m$ and let $c_1 < \dots < c_N < 0$ and $0 < d_1 < \dots < d_M$ be the values of $-\mu_{ij}$ and ν_{ij} , respectively, in ascending order. Since (2.4) is equivalent to a polynomial equation of degree $N + M + 2$ for α , there are exactly $N + M + 2$ (possibly complex) solutions, each counted with its multiplicity. Let us show that, for any $\beta > 0$, (2.4) has a real solution in each of the intervals $(0, d_1), (d_1, d_2), \dots, (d_{M-1}, d_M), (d_M, \infty)$. The function $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is continuous on each of the intervals $(0, d_1), (d_1, d_2), \dots, (d_{M-1}, d_M), (d_M, \infty)$ and satisfies $\lim_{\alpha \nearrow d_i} \Gamma(\alpha) = \infty$ and $\lim_{\alpha \searrow d_i} \Gamma(\alpha) = -\infty$ for $i = 1, \dots, M$. For any $\beta > 0$, the parabola on the right-hand side of (2.4) takes a larger value than $\Gamma(\alpha)$ at $\alpha = 0$ and tends to $-\infty$ as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, there is a solution of (2.4) in each of the intervals $(0, d_1), (d_1, d_2), \dots, (d_{M-1}, d_M), (d_M, \infty)$. Similarly, it is seen that there is a real solution in each interval $(-\infty, c_1), (c_1, c_2), \dots, (c_{N-1}, c_N), (c_N, 0)$. Hence, all $N + M + 2$ solutions of (2.4) are distinct and real; we denote them by $\alpha_1(\beta) < \dots < \alpha_{N+M+2}(\beta)$.

By (2.3), the right-hand side of (2.2) can be analytically extended to \mathbb{C} (as a function of α). The expected value on the left-hand side of (2.2) is also analytic in every $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$; note that the integrand $e^{-\alpha X(s) - \beta s}$ is bounded by $\exp(|\alpha| \max[x - w, w])$ for $s \in [0, T_{w,x}]$. Therefore, after inserting (2.3) in (2.2) we obtain an identity that is valid for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{c_1, \dots, c_N, d_1, \dots, d_M\}$. In particular, let $\alpha = \alpha_\ell(\beta)$, $\ell = 1, \dots, N + M + 2$. Then the left-hand side of (2.2) vanishes and we get the $N + M + 2$ equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 = & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} e^{-\alpha_\ell(\beta)(x-w)} \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{ij} + \alpha_\ell(\beta)} h_{G,i,j} + e^{-\alpha_\ell(\beta)(x-w)} h_0 + e^{\alpha_\ell(\beta)w} h_1 \\
 & + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} e^{\alpha_\ell(\beta)w} \frac{\nu_{ij}}{\nu_{ij} - \alpha_\ell(\beta)} h_{H,i,j}, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, N + M + 2. \tag{2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

The restricted Fourier transforms $h_0(\beta)$, $h_1(\beta)$, $h_{G,i,j}(\beta|w, x)$, and $h_{H,i,j}(\beta|w, x)$ can now be computed from (2.5). However, this also yields the distribution of M_2 by the following lemma.

LEMMA 4:

$$P(M_2 \leq x | W(\tau) = w) = h_1(0|w, x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} h_{H,i,j}(0|w, x).$$

Summarizing, we have proved the following result.

THEOREM 1: *The distribution of M is given by*

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(M \leq x) = & \int_0^\infty [|\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|y} - \Gamma(\lambda + \eta, y) b_x(y)] \\
 & \times \left(\frac{1}{\lambda + \eta} (\eta(1 - G(y))) \right. \\
 & + \eta \int_0^y \left[h_1(0|w, x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} h_{H,i,j}(0|w, x) \right] h(w - y) dw \\
 & \left. + \lambda \int_y^\infty \left[h_1(0|w, x) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} h_{H,i,j}(0|w, x) \right] h(w - y) dw \right) dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. THE DURATION OF A BUSY CYCLE

Using the results of Section 2 we can also derive an explicit formula for the LT of T . Let $h_1(\beta|w) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h_1(\beta|w, x)$ and $h_{H,i,j}(\beta|w) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h_{H,i,j}(\beta|w, x)$.

THEOREM 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(e^{-\beta T}) = & \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \alpha} \frac{\eta}{\lambda + \eta} \int_0^\infty H(-x) |\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|x} dx \\
 & + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \alpha} \frac{\eta}{\lambda + \eta} \int_0^\infty \left(h_1(\beta|w) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} h_{H,i,j}(\beta|w) \right) |\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|w} dw \\
 & + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \alpha} \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \eta} \int_0^\infty \left(h_1(\beta|w) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} h_{H,i,j}(\beta|w) \right) \\
 & \times |\theta_-| e^{-|\theta_-|w} \left(\int_0^w e^{|\theta_-|s} g(s) ds \right) dw. \tag{3.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

PROOF: The busy cycle $[0, T)$ can be decomposed in $[0, \tau)$ and $[\tau, T)$. Therefore, all three terms on the right-hand side of (3.1) include the LT $\lambda/(\lambda + \alpha)$. According to the jump size at τ , three cases can be distinguished:

- (i) The first jump is negative and its absolute value is greater than $W(\tau-)$. By Lemma 1, $W(\tau-) \sim \exp(|\theta_-|)$. The probability that a negative jump arrives before a positive jump is $\eta/(\lambda + \eta)$. The absolute value of the negative jump at τ is greater than $W(\tau-)$ with probability $P(|V| > U) = \int_0^\infty P(V < -x)|\theta_-|e^{-|\theta_-|x} dx$, where U and V are independent; $U \sim \exp(|\theta_-|)$ and V has the distribution function H . Multiplying together, we get the first term on the right-hand side of (3.1).
- (ii) The first jump is negative and its absolute value is smaller than $W(\tau-)$. The conditional distribution of $W(\tau)$ given the event $\{W(\tau-) > W(\tau) > 0\}$ is equal to $P(U - |V| \in dw | U - |V| > 0)$ with U and V as in (i). But this distribution is $\exp(\theta_-)$. For any $w > 0$, the conditional LT of $T - \tau$, given $\{W(\tau) = w\}$, is equal to $h_1(\beta|w) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} h_{H,i,j}(\beta|w)$. This case contributes the second summand in (3.1).
- (iii) The first jump is positive. The probability for this to happen is $\lambda/(\lambda + \eta)$, and the distribution of $W(\tau)$ after a positive jump at τ is the convolution $\exp(|\theta_-|)$ and G . This explains the third term in (3.1). ■

If there are no upward jumps and the downward jumps have a phase-type distribution function H with LT H^* as given in (1.3), the following alternative derivation of the LT of T and some related functionals is possible. We use the Kella–Whitt [10] martingale for Lévy processes with reflection at zero and optional sampling for T to obtain the identity

$$(\varphi(\alpha) - \beta)E\left(\int_0^T e^{-\alpha W(s) - \beta s} ds\right) = -1 + E(e^{-\alpha W(T) - \beta T}) + \alpha E\left(\int_0^T e^{-\beta s} dL(s)\right), \tag{3.2}$$

where $L(t) = -\inf_{0 \leq s \leq t} X(s)$ is the associated local time process. The crossing of zero at time T is either due to the Brownian motion part of W or to one of the $\exp(\nu_{ij})$ distributed phases. Proceeding similarly as in Section 2, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_0(\beta) &= E(e^{-\beta T} 1_{\{W(T)=0\}}), \\ \Gamma_{ij}(\beta) &= E(e^{-\beta T} 1_{C_{ij}}), \end{aligned}$$

where C_{ij} is the event that zero is first crossed by the j th phase of the i th mixture component of H . It is now clear that $E(e^{-\alpha W(T) - \beta T})$ can be decomposed as follows:

$$E(e^{-\alpha W(T) - \beta T}) = \Gamma_0(\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{l_i} \frac{\nu_{ij}}{\nu_{ij} - \alpha} - \alpha \Gamma_{ij}(\beta). \tag{3.3}$$

The equation $\varphi(\alpha) - \beta = 0$ can be written as

$$\eta H^*(\alpha) = \beta + \eta + \gamma\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{2}. \quad (3.4)$$

As in Section 2, it is shown that (3.4) has a root in each of the intervals $(-\infty, 0), (0, d_1), (d_1, d_2), \dots, (d_{M-1}, d_M), (d_M, \infty)$ and, thus, has $M + 2$ real roots $\alpha_1^*(\beta) < 0 < \alpha_2^*(\beta) < \dots < \alpha_{M+2}^*(\beta)$. Inserting (3.3) in (3.2) and setting $\alpha = \alpha_i^*(\beta)$, $i = 1, \dots, M + 2$, yields $M + 2$ linear equations for the $M + 2$ unknowns $\Gamma_0(\beta)$ and $\Gamma_{ij}(\beta)$ ($i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, l_i$) and $E(\int_0^T e^{-\beta s} dL(s))$. Thus, we obtain explicit expressions for the functionals $E(e^{-\alpha W(T) - \beta T})$, $E(\int_0^T e^{-\beta s} dL(s))$, and $E(\int_0^T e^{-\alpha W(s) - \beta s} ds)$.

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