

On the class of polar sets for a certain class of Lévy processes on the line

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Let X be a Lévy process (a process with stationary independent increments) on the line having the exponent Ψ and λ -capacity function C^λ . We assume that X satisfies the following conditions:

(A₁) the λ -resolvent is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure,

(A₂) every point is polar,

(D _{α}) for a fixed $\lambda > 0$ there exist α ($1 > \alpha > 0$), and a continuous function F on $(0, \infty)$ such that

$$F(z) \asymp \operatorname{Re}([\lambda + \Psi(z)]^{-1}), \quad z \rightarrow \infty,$$

and $z^\alpha F(z)$ is decreasing on $(0, \infty)$, and

(I) for a fixed $\lambda > 0$ there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re}([\lambda + \Psi(2z)]^{-1}) / \operatorname{Re}([\lambda + \Psi(z)]^{-1}) \geq M$$

for every $z > 0$.

Throughout this article we use the notation $f(z) \prec g(z)$, $z \rightarrow a$, if $\limsup_{z \rightarrow a} f(z)/g(z) < \infty$ and $f(z) \asymp g(z)$, $z \rightarrow a$, if $f(z) \prec g(z)$, $z \rightarrow a$ and $g(z) \prec f(z)$, $z \rightarrow a$. We write $f(z) \ll g(z)$, $z \rightarrow a$, if $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z)/g(z) = 0$.

Then we have

THEOREM 1. *Suppose that X satisfies (A₁), (A₂), (D _{α}) and (I). Put*

$$\phi(x) = \int_0^{1/x} \operatorname{Re}([\lambda + \Psi(z)]^{-1}) dz, \quad x > 0.$$

Then $C^\lambda(K) = 0$ if and only if $C^\phi(K) = 0$, where $C^\phi(K)$ denotes the Frostman's ϕ -capacity of K .

For general class of Lévy processes, if, for $\lambda > 0$ and $M_1 > 0$

$$(0.1) \quad \operatorname{Re}([\lambda + \Psi_1(z)]^{-1}) \leq M_1 \operatorname{Re}([\lambda + \Psi_2(z)]^{-1}) \quad \text{for all } z,$$