

# Cauchy-Stieltjes kernel families

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$\mu$  is a probability measure with support bounded from above.  
The "generic choice" for  $\Theta$  is  $\Theta = (0, \theta_+)$ .

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- ▶ Bernoulli family parameterized by probability of success  $p$ .
- ▶  $p = \int xQ_p(dx)$  (parametrization by the mean)

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That is, there is no other  $\mu$  that would have mean  $1/2$  and generate CSK with variance function  $V(m)$  that would equal to  $m(1 - m)$  for all  $m \in (1/2 - \delta, 1/2 + \delta)$

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## Theorem (WB-Hassairi (2011))

Let  $\mathbb{V}_\mu$  be a pseudo-variance function of the CSK family generated by a probability measure  $\mu$  with support bounded from above and mean  $-\infty \leq m_0 < \infty$ . Then for  $m > rm_0$  close enough to  $rm_0$ ,

$$\mathbb{V}_{\mu \boxplus r}(m) = r\mathbb{V}_\mu(m/r). \quad (2)$$

## Example: CKS family with cubic pseudo-variance function

Measure  $\mu$  generating CSK with  $\mathbb{V}(m) = m^3$  has density

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{-1-4x}}{2\pi x^2} 1_{(-\infty, -1/4)}(x) \quad (3)$$

From reproductive property it follows that  $\mu$  is  $1/2$ -stable with respect to  $\boxplus$ , a fact already noted before: [Bercovici and Pata, 1999, page 1054], [Pérez-Abreu and Sakuma, 2008]

$$\left\{ Q_m(dx) = \frac{m^2 \sqrt{-1-4x}}{2\pi(m^2 + m - x)x^2} 1_{(-\infty, -1/4)}(x) dx : m \in (-\infty, m_+) \right\}$$

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- ▶ For CSK family, the variance function may be undefined. Instead of the variance function [Bryc and Hassairi, 2011] look at the “pseudo-variance” function  $m \mapsto mV(m)/(m - m_0)$  which is well defined for more measures  $\mu$ .



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