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## S-ASYMPTOTIC OF A DISTRIBUTION\*

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We give a definition of asymptotic behaviour at infinity of Schwartz distribution — the so-called S-asymptotic. Some basic properties of this S-asymptotic are proved and possibilities of its applications are given.

**1. Introduction.** In the last fifteen years several notions connected with the asymptotic behaviour of a distribution have been considered (see, for example, [2] and [9]).

The most important of them the so-called quasiasymptotic of tempered distribution ([9]) which is deeply studied and applied in the quantum field theory by the Soviet mathematicians Vladimirov, Drožinov and Zavalov (see [8] and reference there). The so-called “asymptotic by translation” is compared with the quasiasymptotic of tempered distributions in [4]. For the asymptotic by translation in  $\mathcal{S}$  see also [2], where this notion is defined.

We study in this paper the asymptotic by translation of Schwartz distributions. We call this asymptotic the  $\mathcal{S}$ -asymptotic. The notion of the  $\mathcal{S}$ -asymptotic is inspired by the notion given in the book Schwartz [7, T. II, p. 97]; this is the reason for the name  $\mathcal{S}$ -asymptotic. In the special case this notion becomes the value of a distribution at infinity ([1, p. 44]).

**2. Notations.** The set of real, complex and natural numbers are denoted by  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ ;  $\mathbf{N}_0 = \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ .  $\mathbf{R}_+^n = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n, x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}$ . For  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$ ;  $\langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2$ ,  $|x| = |x_1| + \dots + |x_n|$ . If  $p \in \mathbf{N}_0^n$ , then  $x^p = x_1^{p_1} \dots x_n^{p_n}$ .

An element of the unit sphere  $S^{n-1} \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  is denoted by  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . We denote by  $B(0, r)$  the closed ball in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  centered at zero and with radius  $r > 0$ .  $\Gamma$  is a cone in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with the vertex at zero.  $e_i$  is the  $n$ -tuple with all components equal to zero except the  $i$ -th one which is equal to 1.

We denote by  $\Gamma_a$  an acute cone in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with the vertex at zero. This means that  $\text{ch } \Gamma_a$  does not contain straight lines.

Let  $h_1, h_2 \in \Gamma_a$ . We say that  $h_1 \geq h_2$  if  $h_1 \in h_2 + \Gamma_a$ . The set  $\Gamma_a$  is partially ordered and directed with respect to this relation.

Let  $G(h)$ ,  $h \in \Gamma_a$ , be a complex valued functions. We write

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma_a} G(h) = A \in \mathbf{C}$$

if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $h(\varepsilon) \in \Gamma_a$  such that  $G(h) \in (A - \varepsilon, A + \varepsilon)$  if  $h \geq h(\varepsilon)$  in  $\Gamma_a$ .

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We denote by  $\Sigma(\Gamma)$  the set of all real valued functions  $c(h)$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , which are different from zero when  $h \in \Gamma$ .

A function  $L(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \in [\alpha, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , is called slowly varying at infinity if it is positive, continuous and if for every  $u > 0$   $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} L(u\tau)/L(\tau) = 1$ . A function  $a(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \in [\alpha, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , is regularly varying if it is of the form  $a(\tau) = \tau^\nu L(\tau)$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$  (see [6]).

$\mathcal{D}'$  is the space of Schwartz distributions (in  $n$ -dimensions) and  $\mathcal{E}'$  the space of distributions with compact supports. The space of tempered distributions is denoted by  $\mathcal{S}'$ . If  $U$  is a locally integrable function, then  $\tilde{U}$  is the regular distribution determined by  $U$ . For  $k = (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbf{N}_0^n$  and  $f \in \mathcal{D}'$ ,  $D^k f = \partial^{k_1} f / \partial t_1^{k_1} \dots \partial t_n^{k_n}$ .

If  $d$  is real valued function defined on some domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $w \in S^{n-1}$ , then  $(D_w d)(x)$  denotes the derivative at  $x \in \Omega$  of the function  $d$  in the direction  $w$ .

### 3. S-asymptotic. Definition and Properties.

**Definition 1.** A distribution  $T \in \mathcal{D}'$  has a S-asymptotic in the cone  $\Gamma$ , related to some  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$  and with a limit  $U \in \mathcal{D}'$  if there exists

$$(1) \quad \lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \langle T(t+h)/c(h), \varphi(t) \rangle = \langle U, \varphi \rangle, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Then we will write  $T(t+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h)U(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ .

In the special case when  $\Gamma$  is a ray  $\{\beta w; \beta > 0, w \in S^{n-1}\}$  this definition has the following form:

**Definition 1'.** A distribution  $T \in \mathcal{D}'$  has a S-asymptotic on the ray  $w$  related to the function  $c(\beta) \in \Sigma(\mathbf{R}_+)$  and with the limit  $U \in \mathcal{D}'$  if there exists

$$(2) \quad \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \langle T(t+\beta w)/c(\beta), \varphi(t) \rangle = \langle U, \varphi \rangle, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}.$$

In this case we write  $T(t+\beta w) \mathfrak{S} c(\beta)U(t)$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}_+$ .

The following theorem gives a characteristic properties of the S-asymptotic.

**Theorem 1.** a) If for every  $r > 0$  there exists a  $\beta_r$ , such that the sets  $\{t \in \mathbf{R}^n; t \in (\text{supp } T - h) \cap B(0, r)\}$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ ,  $\|h\| \geq \beta_r$ , are empty, then  $T(t+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h) \cdot 0$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , for every  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$ .

b) Let  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$  and  $\tilde{T}$  be a regular distribution defined by a locally integrable function  $T$ . Suppose that there exist locally integrable functions  $U(t)$  and  $V(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , such that for every compact set  $K \subset \mathbf{R}^n$

$$|T(t+h)/c(h)| \leq V(t), \quad t \in K, \quad \|h\| > r_K,$$

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} T(t+h)/c(h) = U(t), \quad t \in K.$$

Then,  $\tilde{T}(t+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h)U(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ .

c) If  $T(t+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h)U(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , then for every  $k \in \mathbf{N}_0^n$ ,  $T^{(k)}(t+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h)U^{(k)}(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** a) For each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  there exists  $r_\varphi > 0$  such that  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset B(0, r_\varphi)$ . The support of the distribution  $T(t+h)$  is  $(\text{supp } T - h)$ . Thus, by our supposition there

exists  $\beta_{r_\varphi}$  such that for all  $h \in \Gamma$ ,  $\|h\| > \beta_{r_\varphi}$  the set  $(\text{supp } T - h) \cap B(0, r_\varphi)$  is empty and consequently  $\langle T(t+h), \varphi(t) \rangle = 0$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ ,  $\|h\| \geq \beta_{r_\varphi}$ .

b) It follows from the Lebesgue's theorem.

c) It is a consequence of the definition of the derivative of a distribution.

Remark. The property given in a) shows that the S-asymptotic preserves the natural property of the asymptotic for numerical functions. The quasiasymptotic from [9] has not the same property. For example, the support of the  $\delta$ -distribution is bounded and  $\delta$  has the S-asymptotic 0 related to every  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\mathbf{R}^n)$  but  $\delta$  has the quasiasymptotic  $-n$ .

It is quoted in [4] that if  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbf{R})$  and if it has S-asymptotic (on  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbf{R})$ ) related to  $x^\nu L(x)$ , where  $\nu > -1$ , then it has a quasiasymptotic related to this function ( $U \neq 0$ ).

The statement b) shows that the S-asymptotic generalizes the asymptotic of a numerical function.

The following example (for the one-dimensional case see [1]) points out that a continuous function can have S-asymptotic related to a  $c(\beta)$  without having the asymptotic: Let  $T(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} g(x) dx$ ,  $g \in L^1(-\infty, \infty) \cap C(-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . Then  $T(\tau + \beta) \sim 1 \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} g(x) dx$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}_+$ . By Theorem 1 c) we have  $\tilde{g}(\tau + \beta) \sim 1 \cdot 0$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}_+$ . But  $g$  must not have asymptotic behaviour when  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ .

The S-asymptotic in a cone  $\Gamma$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$  is a local property. This determines the next

**Theorem 2.** *Let us suppose that the distributions  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are equal on the open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ , where  $\Omega$  has the following property: for every  $r > 0$  there exists a  $\beta_0$  such that the ball  $B(0, r) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n; \|x\| \leq r\}$  is in  $\{\Omega - h, h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \geq \beta_0\}$ . If we have  $T_1(t+h) \sim c(h)U(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , then  $T_2(t+h) \sim c(h)U(t)$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , as well.*

**Proof.** For a  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset B(0, r)$ ,

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \frac{T_1(t+h) - T_2(t+h)}{c(h)}, \varphi \right\rangle = 0$$

because the complement of the set  $\text{supp}[T_1(t+h) - T_2(t+h)]$  contains the set  $\{\Omega - h, h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \geq \beta_0\}$ . But by our supposition the number  $\beta_0$  is fixed in such a way that the sets  $\{\Omega - h, h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \geq \beta_0\}$  contain  $B(0, r)$  and consequently  $\text{supp } \varphi$ .

The quasiasymptotic at infinity [9] has not the same property. The supports of  $\delta$  and  $\delta'$  are the same, i.e.  $\{0\}$ , but  $\delta$  has the quasiasymptotic at infinity (in one-dimensional case)  $-1$  and  $\delta'$  has  $-2$ .

Now we give a theorem which characterizes the numerical function  $c(h)$  and the limit distribution  $U$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'$ ,  $\Gamma$  be a convex cone in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with the vertex at zero and  $T(t+h) \sim c(h)U(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , where  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$  and  $U \neq 0$ . Then:*

a) *There exists  $\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} c(h+h_0)/c(h) = d(h_0)$  for every  $h_0 \in \Gamma$ .*

b) *The limit  $U$  satisfies the equation  $U(t+x) = d(x)U(t)$ ,  $x \in \Gamma$ .*

c) *There exists the derivative  $(D_w d)$  in every point  $h_0 \in \Gamma$  and in the direction  $w \in \Gamma \cap S^{n-1}$ ;  $d(x)$  satisfies the following equation:*

$$(3) \quad (D_w d)(h_0) = (D_w d)(0)d(h_0); \quad h_0 \in \Gamma, \quad w \in \Gamma \cap S^{n-1}.$$

d)  $d(pw) = e^{\alpha p}$ ,  $w \in \Gamma \cap S^{n-1}$ ,  $p > 0$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$  depends on  $w$ .

e) Let  $w \in \Gamma \cap S^{n-1}$ ; if  $w_i \neq 0$  for  $i = k_1, \dots, k_m$ , then  $U(t) = V(t) \exp((\alpha/m) \times \sum_{i=k_1}^{k_m} t_i/w_i)$ , where  $\alpha = (D_w d)(0)$  (it depends on  $w$ ) and  $V$  is a solution of the equation

$$(4) \quad \sum_{i=k_1}^{k_m} w_i \frac{\partial V}{\partial t_i} = 0.$$

Proof. There exists  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\langle U, \varphi \rangle \neq 0$ . For this  $\varphi$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(h+h_0)}{c(h)} \left\langle \frac{T(t+(h+h_0))}{c(h+h_0)}, \varphi(t) \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \frac{T((t+h_0)+h)}{c(h)}, \varphi(t) \right\rangle, \quad h_0 \in \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(h+h_0)}{c(h)} \langle U, \varphi \rangle = \langle U(t+h_0), \varphi \rangle, \quad h_0 \in \Gamma.$$

It follows that there exists

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(h+h_0)}{c(h)} = d(h_0) < \infty$$

and the relation under b) holds.

Using the relation from b) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \langle [U(t+h_0+\varepsilon w) - U(t+h_0)], \varphi(t) \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \frac{\partial U(t+h_0)}{\partial t_i}, \varphi(t) \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{d(h_0+\varepsilon w) - d(h_0)}{\varepsilon} \langle U, \varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

which gives the existence of  $(D_w d)(h_0)$ ,  $w \in \Gamma \cap S^{n-1}$ .

To prove that  $d(x)$ ,  $x \in \Gamma$ , satisfies the differential equation (3) we start from

$$U(t+h_0+\varepsilon w) - U(t+h_0) = [d(\varepsilon w) - d(0)]U(t+h_0) = [d(\varepsilon w) - d(0)]d(h_0)U(t).$$

Using (5) we have  $(D_w d)(h_0) = (D_w d)(0)d(h_0)$ .

If we put in the last relation  $h_0 = pw$ , the differential equation (3) becomes  $((d/dp)d)(pw) = \alpha d(pw)$ ,  $d(0) = 1$ . Hence,  $d(pw) = e^{\alpha p}$ .

From (5) it follows

$$(6) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial t_i} = \alpha u, \quad \alpha = (D_w d)(0).$$

Let  $V(t)$  be given by

$$U(t) = V(t) \exp\left(\frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=k_1}^{k_m} t_i/w_i\right).$$

From relation (6) it follows that  $V(t)$  satisfies equation (4).

Now we can give the analytical form of  $U$  which satisfies the functional equation b). The functional equation b) and

$$F(t + \beta w) = F(t), \quad F(t) = U(t) \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=k_1}^{k_m} t_i/w_i\right) \quad (\beta w = x)$$

are equivalent. Let  $A$  be the linear transformation  $y = At$ , defined by  $y_i = w_i t_{k_1} - w_{k_1} t_i$ ,  $i \neq k_1$ ;  $y_{k_1} = t_{k_1}$ . The distribution  $V(y) = F(A^{-1}y)$  satisfies the relation

$$V(y_1, \dots, y_{k_1} + \beta w_{k_1}, \dots, y_n) = V(y), \quad y \in \mathbf{R}^n, \beta \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Thus we obtain that

$$U(t) = V(y) \exp\left(\frac{\alpha}{m} \sum_{i=k_1}^{k_m} t_i/w_i\right), \quad y = At,$$

where  $V$  does not depend on  $y_{k_1}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

If  $\overset{\circ}{\Gamma} \neq \emptyset$  ( $\overset{\circ}{\Gamma}$  is the interior of  $\Gamma$ ), then for any  $h_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , the sets

$$\{h + h_0; h \in \Gamma\} \cap \Gamma \cap \{x; \|x\| > R\}, \quad R > 0,$$

are non-empty. In this case if  $T(x+h) \sim c(h)U(x)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , where  $U \neq 0$ , we obtain that for  $h_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$

$$(7) \quad \lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow \infty, h+h_0 \in \Gamma} \frac{T(h+h_0+x)}{c(h+h_0)} = U(x), \quad \lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma} \frac{T(x+h+h_0)}{c(h)} = U(x+h_0).$$

Thus, in the same way as in Theorem 3 we can prove

**Proposition 4.** *If  $\overset{\circ}{\Gamma} \neq \emptyset$  and  $T(x+h) \sim c(h)U(x)$ ,  $c \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ , and  $U \neq 0$ , then for every  $h_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$  there exists the limit*

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, h+h_0 \in \Gamma} \frac{c(h+h_0)}{c(h)} = d(h_0).$$

Moreover, all the assertions from Theorem 3 hold with  $h_0, x \in \mathbf{R}^n, w \in S^{n-1}$  instead of  $h_0, x \in \Gamma, w \in S^{n-1} \cap \Gamma$ . As well,

$$(8) \quad d(x) = \exp(\langle \alpha, x \rangle), \quad \alpha_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} d(0), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

and

$$(9) \quad U(x) = C \exp(\langle \alpha, x \rangle) \quad \text{for some } C \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Proof. From (7) it follows that for every  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$

$$U(t+x) = d(x)U(t)$$

holds. Similarly as in Theorem 3 one can prove that

$$(10) \quad \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} d \right) (h_0) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} d \right) (0) d(h_0), \quad h_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

If we put  $d(x) = f(x) \exp \langle \alpha, x \rangle$ , where  $\alpha_i = ((\partial/\partial x_i) d)(0), i = 1, \dots, n$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \text{i.e. } f(x) = C.$$

Since  $f(0) = d(0) = 1$  we obtain that (8) holds. In order to get the analytic expression of  $U$  we have to use the fact that  $U$  satisfies the equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} U = \alpha_i U, \quad \alpha_i = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} d \right) (0), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

An interesting conclusion for numerical functions follows from Proposition 4.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $f, V$  and  $U$  be locally integrable functions,  $U \neq 0$ , such that for every compact set  $K \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$ , where  $\Gamma$  is a convex cone with  $\dot{\Gamma} \neq 0$ ,

$$\left| \frac{f(t+h)}{c(h)} \right| \leq V(t), \quad t \in K, \quad \|h\| > r_K, \quad h \in \Gamma,$$

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} f(t+h)/c(h) = U(t) \quad t \in K,$$

then  $U(t) = c \exp(\langle \alpha, t \rangle), \alpha \in \mathbf{R}^n, c \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Proof. From Theorem 1 b) it follows that for the regular distribution  $\tilde{f}$  is  $\tilde{f}(t+h) \leq c(h)U(t), \|h\| \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma$ . Using Proposition 4 we have that  $U(t)$  has the form  $U(t) = c \exp(\langle \alpha, t \rangle), \alpha \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and that  $c$  is a constant.

Let  $\Gamma_a$  be an acute cone with the vertex at zero. For a such cone we give a more general definition of the S-asymptotic.

**Definition 2.** We say that  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$  has a S-asymptotic in the cone  $\Gamma_a$  related to some  $c(h) \in \Sigma_a(\Gamma_a)$  if there exists the limit in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$

$$(11) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma_a} T(x+h)/c(h) = U(x).$$

In this case we write  $T(x+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h)U(x), h \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma_a$ .

In the same way as in Theorems 1, 2, 3, Corollary 1 and Proposition 4, but with  $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma_a$  one can prove

**Theorem 5.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .

a) If the condition of Theorem 1, a) holds (with  $h > h_r, h_r \in \Gamma_a$ , instead of  $\|h\| > \beta_r, h \in \Gamma$ ), then  $T(t+h) \mathfrak{S} c(h)0, h \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma$ , for every  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma_a)$ .

b) Let  $c(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma_a)$  and  $\tilde{T}$  be a regular distribution such that all the conditions of Theorem 1, b) hold with  $(h > h_K$  and  $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \geq r_K$  and  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty)$ , then  $\tilde{T}(t+h) \sim c(h)U(t), h \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma_a$ .

c) The same assertion as in Theorem 1, c) holds ( $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ).

d) The S-asymptotic in the cone  $\Gamma_a, h \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma_a$ , is a local property (see Theorem 2).

e) Let  $\Gamma_a$  be a convex cone, as well, and let (11) hold with  $U \neq 0$ . All the assertions in Theorem 3 hold with  $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ .

f) Let  $\Gamma_a$  be convex,  $\Gamma_a \neq \emptyset$  and (11) hold with  $U \neq 0$ . Then, all the assertions of Proposition 4 hold (again with  $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ).

We can give the analytical expression for  $c(\beta) \in \Sigma(\mathbf{R}_+)$  if we assume that  $c(\beta)$  satisfies some additional conditions.

Let  $\Sigma_0(\mathbf{R}_+) \subset \Sigma(\mathbf{R}_+)$  be the set of those functions  $c(\beta)$  which have the following properties:

- (i)  $c(\beta)$  is positive and continuous in  $[\alpha, \infty)$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ .
- (ii) There exist  $T_c \in \mathcal{D}', w_c \in S^{n-1}$  and  $U_c \in \mathcal{D}', U_c \neq 0$ , such that

$$T_c(t + \beta w_c) \mathfrak{S} c(\beta)U_c(t), \beta \in \mathbf{R}_+.$$

**Theorem 6.** The necessary and sufficient condition that  $c(\beta) \in \Sigma_0(\mathbf{R}_+)$  is that  $c(\beta) = \exp(v\beta)L(\exp \beta), \beta \in [\alpha, \infty)$ , where  $v \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $L$  is a slowly varying function.

**Proof.** Let  $c(\beta) \in \Sigma_0(\mathbf{R}_+)$ . Theorem 3 implies that for some  $v \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} c(\beta_0 + \beta)/c(\beta) = \exp(v\beta_0), \beta_0 \in \mathbf{R}_+.$$

By setting  $\beta_0 = \ln p_0, p_0 > 0$ , and  $\beta = \ln p, p > 0$ , the last limit becomes

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} c(\ln p_0 p)/c(\ln p) = p_0^v, \quad p_0 > 0.$$

Hence (see [6])  $a(p) = c(\ln p), p > p' > 0$ , is a regularly varying function of degree  $v$ . It follows that  $c(\ln p) = p^v L(p), p > p' > 0$ , and consequently  $c(\beta) = L(\exp \beta) \exp(v\beta), \beta \geq \alpha > 0$ , for a slowly varying function  $L$ .



On the other hand, let  $\tilde{T} \in \mathcal{D}'$  be defined by the function  $T(t) = \exp(v\langle t, w \rangle) \times L(\exp(\langle t, w \rangle))$ . For  $c(\beta) = L(\exp \beta) \exp v\beta$

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{T}(t + \beta w) / c(\beta) = \exp(v\langle t, w \rangle) \neq 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'.$$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $c(\beta)$  be a positive and differentiable function for  $\beta \geq \alpha$ . If  $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} c'(\beta) / c(\beta) = v < \infty$ , then  $c(\beta) = L(\exp \beta) \exp v\beta$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a(p) = c(\ln p)$ . A sufficient condition that  $a(p)$  is regularly varying function is the existence of  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} pa'(p) / a(p) = v < \infty$  [8]. In this case  $a(p) = p^v L(p)$ ,  $L$  is a slowly varying function. We obtain the assertion by putting  $a(p) = c(\ln p)$  and  $\beta = \ln p$  in the last limit.

**4. Multiplication by a smooth function and the S-asymptotic.**

**Theorem 7.** Let  $g \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $c(h), c_1(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$  and  $g(t+h) / c_1(h)$  converges to  $G(t)$  in  $\mathcal{E}$  as  $h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $T(t+h) \lesssim c(h)U(t), \|h\| \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma$ , then  $g(t+h)T(t+h) \lesssim c_1(h)c(h)G(t)U(t), \|h\| \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Since  $T(t+h)c(h)$  converges weakly in  $\mathcal{D}'$ , the set  $\{T(t+h) / c(h), h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \geq \beta_0\}$  is a weakly bounded set and thus it is a bounded set ([7, T.I, p. 72]). From ([7, T. I, Théorème X) it follows that if  $B$  is a bounded set in  $\mathcal{D}'$ , then for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $S \in B, \langle S(t), [g(t+h) / c_1(h) - G(t)]\varphi(t) \rangle$  converges uniformly to zero in  $B$  as  $h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \langle g(t+h)T(t+h) / c_1(h)c(h), \varphi(t) \rangle \\ &= \lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \langle T(t+h) / c(h), [g(t+h) / c_1(h) - G(t)]\varphi(t) \rangle \\ &+ \lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \langle T(t+h) / c(h), G(t)\varphi(t) \rangle = \langle U(t)G(t), \varphi(t) \rangle, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.** Let  $g \in \mathcal{E}, c_1(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$ , where  $\Gamma$  is a convex cone with  $\overset{\circ}{\Gamma} \neq \emptyset$  and  $g(x+h) / c_1(h) \rightarrow G(x)$  as  $h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty$  in the sense of convergence in  $\mathcal{E}$ , then  $G(x) = C \exp \langle m, x \rangle$  for some  $m \in \mathbf{R}^n, C \in \mathbf{R}$ .

**Proof.** We have to apply Theorem 7 to  $T(t) \equiv 1, c(h) \equiv 1$  and to use Proposition 4.

Using Definition 2, in the same way as above one can prove for the acute cone  $\Gamma_a$  the following theorem:

**Theorem 8.** (i) The same assertion as in Theorem 7 holds with  $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ .

(ii) Let  $\Gamma_a$  be convex and  $\overset{\circ}{\Gamma}_a \neq \emptyset$ . The same assertion as in Corollary 3 holds (with  $h \rightarrow \infty$  instead of  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ).

**5. The S-asymptotic of some numerical functions.**

1.  $\exp(\langle a, x+h \rangle) \lesssim \exp(\langle a, h \rangle) \exp(\langle a, x \rangle), \|h\| \text{ (or } h) \rightarrow \infty, h \in \Gamma$ .
2.  $\exp(\sqrt{(x+\beta)^2 + (x+\beta)}) \lesssim \exp \beta \exp\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right), \beta \in \mathbf{R}_+, x \in \mathbf{R}$ .
3. Let  $P(x) = \sum_{|p| \leq m} A_p x^p, A_p \in \mathbf{C}, p \in \mathbf{N}_0^n$  and  $w \in S^{n-1}$ . We put

$$J = \{v_1, \dots, v_k, w_{v_i} \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, k\}, \mathcal{P} = \{p \in \mathbb{N}_0^n, |p| \leq m, A_p \neq 0\},$$

$$\mathcal{P}_0 = \{p^0 = (p_1^0, \dots, p_n^0) \in \mathcal{P}; \sum_{j \in J} p_j^0 \geq \sum_{i \in J} p_i, p \in \mathcal{P}\} \text{ and } \gamma = \sum_{i \in J} p_i^0.$$

Then  $P(x + \beta w) \sim \beta^\gamma \cdot \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_0} A_p w^p$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $P(x + \beta w)/\beta^\gamma$  converges in  $\mathcal{E}$  when  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ .

4. For a slowly varying function  $L(t)$ ,  $t \geq \alpha > 0$  we have  $\tilde{L}(t + \beta) \sim L(\beta) \cdot 1$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \langle \tilde{L}(t + \beta)/L(\beta), \varphi(t) \rangle &= \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-r}^r \varphi(t) L(t + \beta)/L(\beta) dt \\ &= \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \int_{e^{-r}}^{e^r} \varphi(\ln y) L(\ln yq)/L(\ln q) \frac{dy}{y} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) dt, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}. \end{aligned}$$

We used above that  $L(\ln t)$  is also a slowly varying function ([4, p. 19]) and that  $L(\ln \beta)/(L(\ln \beta))$  converges to 1 as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly if  $u \in [\alpha_1, \alpha_2]$ ,  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \infty$ .

**6. Some applications of the S-asymptotic.** Let  $\Gamma = \mathbb{R}^n$ ; first we have to restrain our set  $\Sigma(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By  $\Sigma_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we denote the subset of  $\Sigma(\mathbb{R}^n)$ :  $\Sigma_1(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{c(h) \in \Sigma(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ;

$$\lim_{\|h\| \rightarrow \infty} \|h\|^k/c(h) = 0, \text{ for every } k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

**Theorem 9.** Let for every  $c(h) \in \Sigma_1(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$   $T(t+h) \sim c(h)U_c(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $T \in \mathcal{S}'$ . ( $U$  can be the zero distribution, as well.)

**Proof.** One can prove that the set

$$\{T(t+h)/c(h), \quad \|h\| \geq \beta\}$$

is weakly bounded in  $\mathcal{D}'$ . By [5, Ch. VII, Théorème VI], it follows that  $T \in \mathcal{S}'$ . We obtain that  $T \in \mathcal{S}'$ .

**Theorem 10.** Let us suppose:

- a)  $c_p(h) \in \Sigma(\Gamma)$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,  $|p| \leq m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ;
- b) For some  $p_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,  $|p_0| \leq m$ ,

$$\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} c_p(h)/c_{p_0}(h) = a_p < \infty, \quad |p| \leq m;$$

- c)  $g_p(t) \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $|p| \leq m$  and  $\lim_{h \in \Gamma, \|h\| \rightarrow \infty} g_p(t+h)/c_p(h) = G_p(t)$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ ;

- d)  $H \in \mathcal{D}'$  and  $H(t+h) \sim c_{p_0}(h)c(h)V(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ ;

- e)  $T \in \mathcal{D}'$  is the solution of the partial differential equation

$$(12) \quad \sum_{|p| \leq m} g_p(t) D^p T(t) = H(t)$$

such that  $T(t+h) \sim c(h)U(t)$ ,  $\|h\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h \in \Gamma$ .

Then

$$(13) \quad \sum_{|p| \leq m} a_p G_p(t) D^p U(t) = V(t).$$

**Proof.** We have only to use Theorem 7 and Theorem 1, c).

**Remarks.** Notice that equation (13) is simpler than (12) and just equation (13) gives the asymptotic condition for solutions of (12).

The S-asymptotic on a cone  $\Gamma$  can be determined if we assume that the cone  $\Gamma$  is convex and  $\Gamma \neq \emptyset$ . In this case (13) becomes

$$\tilde{C}_2 \sum_{|p| \leq m} C_p a_p u^p \exp(\langle s_p + u, t \rangle) = \tilde{C}_1 \exp(\langle v, t \rangle),$$

where

$$G_p(t) = C_p \exp(\langle s_p, t \rangle), \quad V(t) = \tilde{C}_1 \exp(\langle v, t \rangle),$$

$$U(t) = \tilde{C}_2 \exp(\langle u, t \rangle).$$

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