

# LIMIT THEOREMS FOR FREE MULTIPLICATIVE CONVOLUTIONS

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ABSTRACT. We determine the distributional behavior for products of free random variables in a general infinitesimal triangular array. The main theorems in this paper extend a result for measures supported on the positive half-line in [4], and provide a new limit theorem for measures on the unit circle with nonzero first moment.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Given two probability measures  $\mu, \nu$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+ = (0, +\infty)$ , we will denote by  $\mu \circledast \nu$  their classical multiplicative convolution, and by  $\mu \boxtimes \nu$  their free multiplicative convolution. Thus,  $\mu \circledast \nu$  is the distribution of  $XY$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  are classically independent positive random variables with distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , respectively. Analogously,  $\mu \boxtimes \nu$  is the distribution of  $X^{1/2}YX^{1/2}$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  are freely independent positive random variables with distributions  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . A triangular array  $\{\nu_{nk} : n \geq 1, 1 \leq k \leq k_n\}$  of probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  is said to be *infinitesimal* if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} \nu_{nk}(\{t \in \mathbb{R}_+ : |t - 1| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0,$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Given such an array, one is interested in the asymptotic behavior of the measures

$$\mu_n = \nu_{n1} \circledast \nu_{n2} \circledast \cdots \circledast \nu_{nk_n}$$

and

$$\nu_n = \nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n}.$$

The case of  $\mu_n$  is completely understood, and is reduced to the theory of addition of independent random variables by a logarithmic change of variables. However, the free case  $\nu_n$  does not simply reduce to the additive theory by this change of variables.

The problem was first addressed in [4], where a triangular array such that  $\nu_{n1} = \nu_{n2} = \cdots = \nu_{nk_n}$  for all  $n$  was considered. In this case, necessary and sufficient conditions were found for the weak convergence of the measures  $\nu_n$ . In particular, it was shown that the sequence  $\nu_n$  converges weakly if  $\mu_n$  converges, but not conversely.

In this paper we will find necessary and sufficient conditions for the weak convergence of  $\nu_n$  without any further assumptions on the infinitesimal array. We also prove analogous results for infinitesimal triangular arrays on the unit circle

$\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ . In both cases the possible limit of  $\nu_n$  is  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible as shown in [8, 2].

The additive version of our results were studied earlier. Thus, consider an array  $\{\mu_{nk} : n \geq 1, 1 \leq k \leq k_n\}$  of probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Infinitesimality in this case means that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} \mu_{nk}(\{t \in \mathbb{R} : |t| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0, \quad \varepsilon > 0.$$

Denote by

$$\lambda_n = \mu_{n1} * \mu_{n2} * \cdots * \mu_{nk_n}$$

the classical additive convolutions, and by

$$\rho_n = \mu_{n1} \boxplus \mu_{n2} \boxplus \cdots \boxplus \mu_{nk_n}$$

the free additive convolutions of these measures. When  $\mu_{n1} = \mu_{n2} = \cdots = \mu_{nk_n}$  for all  $n$ , it was shown in [3] that  $\lambda_n$  converges weakly if and only if  $\rho_n$  converges weakly. This result was extended to arbitrary infinitesimal arrays by Chistyakov and Götze in [9]. These authors made heavy use of analytic subordination (first proved for the free additive convolution in [11] generically and in [7] for the general case; cf. also [12, 13], [1] and [8] for different approaches). Our methods do not require analytic subordination and are close to the original approach in [4].

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we describe the analytical apparatus necessary for the calculation of free multiplicative convolutions. We also describe the  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible measures on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\mathbb{T}$  and some useful approximation results. In Sections 3 we give the convergence criteria for arrays on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , and in Section 4, we prove the analogous result for  $\mathbb{T}$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

The analogue of Fourier transform for multiplicative free convolutions was discovered by Voiculescu [10] (see also [5, 6]). Denote by  $\mathcal{M}_+$  the collection of Borel probability measures defined on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , and by  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\times}$  Borel probability measures  $\nu$  supported on the circle  $\mathbb{T}$  with nonzero first moment, i.e.  $\int_{\mathbb{T}} t d\nu(t) \neq 0$ .

Given  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$ , one defines the analytic function  $\psi_{\nu}$  by

$$\psi_{\nu}(z) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{tz}{1-tz} d\nu(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (0, +\infty).$$

The function  $\psi_{\nu}$  is univalent in the left half-plane  $i\mathbb{C}^+$ , and  $\psi_{\nu}(i\mathbb{C}^+)$  is a region contained in the circle with diameter  $(-1, 0)$ ; moreover,  $\psi_{\nu}(i\mathbb{C}^+) \cap (-\infty, 0) = (-1, 0)$ . Setting  $\Omega_{\nu} = \psi_{\nu}(i\mathbb{C}^+)$ , one defines the *S-transform* of the measure  $\nu$  to be

$$S_{\nu}(z) = \frac{1+z}{z} \psi_{\nu}^{-1}(z), \quad z \in \Omega_{\nu}.$$

The remarkable property of the  $S$ -transform is that for  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$ , one has

$$S_{\mu \boxtimes \nu}(z) = S_\mu(z)S_\nu(z),$$

for every  $z$  in a neighborhood of  $(-1, 0)$ .

For  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{T}^\times$ , the function  $\psi_\nu$  is defined by the formula given above (with the integral calculated over  $\mathbb{T}$ ), but its domain of definition is now the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . The function  $\psi_\nu$  has an inverse in a neighborhood of zero since  $\psi'_\nu(0) = \int_\mathbb{T} t d\nu(t) \neq 0$ . The corresponding  $S$ -transform is defined in a neighborhood of zero. It is sometimes convenient to use a variation of the  $S$ -transform:

$$\Sigma_\nu(z) = S_\nu\left(\frac{z}{1-z}\right).$$

If  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{T}^\times$ , the function  $\Sigma_\nu$  is also defined in a neighborhood of zero, and

$$\Sigma_{\mu \boxtimes \nu}(z) = \Sigma_\mu(z)\Sigma_\nu(z), \quad \mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{T}^\times,$$

for all  $z$  in a neighborhood of zero where all functions involved are defined.

The weak convergence of probability measures can be translated in terms of their  $S$ -transforms.

**Theorem 2.1.** [5, 6]

- (1) *Given  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{M}_+$ , the sequence  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges weakly to a measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$  if and only if there exist two positive numbers  $0 < b < a < 1$  such that the disk  $D$  with the diameter  $(-a, -b)$  is contained in  $\Omega_{\nu_n}$  for all  $n$ , and the sequence  $\{S_{\nu_n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly on  $D$  to a function  $S$ .*
- (2) *Given  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{T}^\times$ , the sequence  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges weakly to a measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{T}^\times$  if and only if there exists a neighborhood of zero  $K \subset \mathbb{D}$  such that for all  $\Sigma_{\nu_n}$  are defined in  $K$ , and the sequence  $\{\Sigma_{\nu_n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly on  $K$  to a function  $\Sigma$ .*

Moreover, if (1) is satisfied then  $S = S_\nu$ , and if (2) is satisfied then  $\Sigma = \Sigma_\nu$ .

An array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_\mathbb{T}^\times$  is infinitesimal if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} \nu_{nk}(\{t \in \mathbb{T} : |\arg t| \geq \varepsilon\}) = 0,$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ; here the principal value of the argument is used. The following proposition gives an approximation of the  $S$ -transform (see Theorem 3.1 in [4] and Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 2.1 in [2]).

**Proposition 2.2.** *For  $0 < b < a < 1$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , define  $\overline{D}$  to be the closed disk with diameter  $[-a, -b]$ , and set  $K_\varepsilon = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq \varepsilon\}$ .*

- (1) If an array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_+$  is infinitesimal, then the functions  $S_{\nu_{nk}}$  are defined in  $\overline{D}$  for sufficiently large  $n$ , and we have

$$S_{\nu_{nk}}(z) = 1 + \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{1-t}{1+z-tz} d\nu_{nk}(t) \right] (1 + u_{nk}(z)),$$

for all  $z \in \overline{D}$ , where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |u_{nk}(z)| = 0$  uniformly on  $\overline{D}$ .

- (2) If an array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^\times$  is infinitesimal, then  $S_{\nu_{nk}}$  are defined in  $K_\varepsilon$  when  $n$  is large, and we have

$$S_{\nu_{nk}}(z) = 1 + \left[ \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{1-t}{1+z-tz} d\nu_{nk}(t) \right] (1 + v_{nk}(z)),$$

for all  $z \in K_\varepsilon$ , where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |v_{nk}(z)| = 0$  uniformly on  $K_\varepsilon$ .

A measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$  is said to be  $\otimes$ -infinitely divisible if, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a measure  $\nu_n \in \mathcal{M}_+$  such that

$$\nu = \underbrace{\nu_n \otimes \nu_n \otimes \cdots \otimes \nu_n}_{n \text{ times}}.$$

The notion of  $\boxtimes$ -infinite divisibility is defined analogously. The study of  $\otimes$ -infinitely divisible measures on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  reduces (by a change of variable) to the study of the usual  $*$ -infinitely divisible measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The Fourier transform needs to be replaced by the *Mellin-Fourier* transform of a measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$  defined by

$$\Phi_\nu(s) = \int_0^\infty t^{is} d\nu(t), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The fundamental property of the Mellin-Fourier transform is that

$$\Phi_{\mu \otimes \nu}(s) = \Phi_\mu(s) \Phi_\nu(s).$$

A  $\otimes$ -infinitely divisible measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$  has the Mellin-Fourier transform

$$\Phi_\nu(s) = \exp \left[ i\lambda s + \int_0^\infty \left( t^{-is} - 1 + \frac{is \log t}{\log^2 t + 1} \right) \frac{\log^2 t + 1}{\log^2 t} d\rho(t) \right], \quad s \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\rho$  is a finite positive Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . We use the notation  $\nu_{\otimes}^{\lambda, \rho}$  to denote the  $\otimes$ -infinitely divisible measure determined by  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$ . For  $\boxtimes$ -infinite divisibility we have the following formulas as in [5, 6]. A measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_+$  is  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible if and only if there exist  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  and a finite positive Borel measure  $\sigma$  on the compact space  $[0, +\infty]$  such that  $S_\nu(z) = \exp(v_{\gamma, \sigma}(z))$ , where  $v_{\gamma, \sigma}$  is given by

$$v_{\gamma, \sigma} \left( \frac{z}{1-z} \right) = \gamma - \sigma(\{+\infty\})z + \int_{[0, +\infty)} \frac{1+tz}{z-t} d\sigma(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 1].$$

A measure  $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^\times$  is  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible if and only if there exist  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  and a finite positive Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $\mathbb{T}$  such that  $\Sigma_\nu(z) = \exp(u_{\gamma, \sigma}(z))$ , where  $u_{\gamma, \sigma}$  is

given by

$$u_{\gamma,\sigma}(z) = -i\gamma + \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} d\sigma(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

We denote by  $\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma,\sigma}$  the  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible measure determined by  $\gamma$  and  $\sigma$ . There is a unique  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible measure  $m$  on  $\mathbb{T}$  such that its first moment is zero. This is the Haar, or normalized arclength measure.

We conclude this section with a result which will be used repeatedly.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Consider a sequence  $\{r_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{R}$  and two triangular arrays  $\{z_{nk} : n \geq 1, 1 \leq k \leq k_n\}$ ,  $\{w_{nk} : n \geq 1, 1 \leq k \leq k_n\}$  of complex numbers. Assume that*

- (1)  $\Im w_{nk} \geq 0$ , for  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq k \leq k_n$ .
- (2)

$$z_{nk} = w_{nk}(1 + \varepsilon_{nk}),$$

where

$$\varepsilon_n = \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |\varepsilon_{nk}|$$

converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- (3) *There exists a positive constant  $M$  such that for sufficiently large  $n$ ,*

$$|\Re w_{nk}| \leq M \Im w_{nk}.$$

Then the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} z_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges if and only if the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} w_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges. Moreover, the two sequences have the same limit.

*Proof.* The assumptions on  $\{z_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  and  $\{w_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  imply

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \left( r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} z_{nk} \right) - \left( r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} w_{nk} \right) \right| \leq 2(1+M)\varepsilon_n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \Im w_{nk} \right),$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad (1 - \varepsilon_n - M\varepsilon_n) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \Im w_{nk} \right) \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \Im z_{nk} \right|,$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ . If the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} z_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to a complex number  $z$ , (2.2) implies that  $\{\sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \Im w_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded, and then (2.1) shows that the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} w_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  also converges to  $z$ . Conversely, if  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} w_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $z$ , then the sequence  $\{\sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \Im w_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is bounded and hence by (2.1) the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} z_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $z$  as well.  $\square$

### 3. FREE MULTIPLICATIVE CONVOLUTION ON $\mathbb{R}_+$

Given an infinitesimal triangular array  $\{\nu_{nk} : 1 \leq k \leq k_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathcal{M}_+$  and  $\tau > 0$ , define positive numbers

$$b_{nk} = \exp \left( \int_{e^{-\tau}}^{e^{\tau}} \log t \, d\nu_{nk}(t) \right),$$

and measures  $\nu_{nk}^\circ$  by

$$d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) = d\nu_{nk}(b_{nk}t).$$

Obviously,  $\max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |b_{nk} - 1| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence the array  $\{\nu_{nk}^\circ\}_{n,k}$  is also infinitesimal. Define

$$g_{nk}(w) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^\circ\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) + \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^\circ\left(\frac{1}{t}\right),$$

for  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, +\infty)$ . Note that  $g_{nk}(\bar{w}) = \overline{g_{nk}(w)}$  and  $\Im g_{nk}(w) \leq 0$  for all  $w$  such that  $\Im w > 0$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For every compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{C}^+ \cap (i\mathbb{C}^+)$  there exists a positive constant  $M = M(\tau, K)$  such that for sufficiently large  $n$ , we have*

$$|\Re g_{nk}(w)| \leq M |\Im g_{nk}(w)|, \quad w \in K, 1 \leq k \leq k_n.$$

*Proof.* We assume for convenience that  $\tau = 1$ . No generality is lost since one can make a linear change of variable to modify the value of  $\tau$ . By a change of variable we have

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^\circ\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1 - e^{2x}}{1 + e^{2x}} d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk})$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^\circ\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{(1 - e^x)^2}{1 + e^{2x}} d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk}),$$

where the probability measure  $\rho_{nk}$  is defined as  $d\rho_{nk}(x) = d\nu_{nk}(e^x)$ , and  $a_{nk} = \int_{|x| < 1} x d\rho_{nk}(x)$ . Note that the family  $\{\rho_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  is now an infinitesimal family of probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |a_{nk}| = 0.$$

We proceed by rewriting

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1 - e^{2x}}{1 + e^{2x}} d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk}) &= \int_{|x| < 1} \left[ \frac{1 - e^{2(x - a_{nk})}}{1 + e^{2(x - a_{nk})}} + (x - a_{nk}) \right] d\rho_{nk}(x) \\ &\quad - \int_{|x| \geq 1} a_{nk} d\rho_{nk}(x) + \int_{|x| \geq 1} \frac{1 - e^{2(x - a_{nk})}}{1 + e^{2(x - a_{nk})}} d\rho_{nk}(x). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\left| 1 - e^{2(x - a_{nk})} + (x - a_{nk}) + (x - a_{nk})e^{2(x - a_{nk})} \right| \leq 60(x - a_{nk})^2,$$

for  $|x| < 1$ . Consequently, for all  $n$  and  $k$  we have

$$\left| \int_{|x| < 1} \left[ \frac{1 - e^{2(x - a_{nk})}}{1 + e^{2(x - a_{nk})}} + (x - a_{nk}) \right] d\rho_{nk}(x) \right| \leq 60 \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{(1 - e^x)^2}{1 + e^{2x}} d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk}).$$

Since the family  $\{\rho_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  is infinitesimal, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$|a_{nk}| \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq k_n$ . Note that

$$\frac{(1 - e^x)^2}{1 + e^{2x}} \geq \frac{(1 - \sqrt{e})^2}{1 + e} \quad \text{and} \quad 5(1 - e^x)^2 \geq |1 - e^{2x}|,$$

for all  $|x| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . We deduce that for  $n \geq N$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq k_n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{|x| \geq 1} a_{nk} d\rho_{nk}(x) \right| &\leq \int_{|x| \geq 1} d\rho_{nk}(x) \\ &\leq \frac{1 + e}{(1 - \sqrt{e})^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^x)^2}{1 + e^{2x}} d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left| \int_{|x| \geq 1} \frac{1 - e^{2(x-a_{nk})}}{1 + e^{2(x-a_{nk})}} d\rho_{nk}(x) \right| \leq 5 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^x)^2}{1 + e^{2x}} d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk}).$$

Therefore, for sufficiently large  $n$ ,

$$\left| \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \right| \leq 74 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right).$$

The compactness of the set  $K$  implies the existence of positive constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that

$$\left| \Re \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \right| \leq M_1$$

and

$$\left| \Im \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \right| = -\Im \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \geq M_2,$$

for all  $t \in (0, +\infty)$  and  $w \in K$ . Hence, we have for sufficiently large  $n$  and for  $w \in K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |\Re g_{nk}(w)| &= \left| \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) + \int_0^{\infty} \Re \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \right| \\ &\leq 74 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) + M_1 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{(74 + M_1)}{M_2} \int_0^{\infty} M_2 \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \\ &\leq -\frac{(74 + M_1)}{M_2} \int_0^{\infty} \Im \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\nu_{nk}^{\circ} \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \\ &= \frac{74 + M_1}{M_2} |\Im g_{nk}(w)|. \end{aligned}$$

The result follows with  $M = (74 + M_1)/M_2$ . □

Fix a closed disk  $\overline{D} \subset i\mathbb{C}^+$  with diameter  $[-a, -b]$ , where  $0 < b < a < 1$ . By Proposition 2.2,  $S_{\nu_{nk}}$  is defined in  $\overline{D}$  for large  $n$ . Setting  $w = z/(1 + z)$ , and using the identity

$$\frac{(w - 1)(t - 1)}{w - t} = \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1} + \left[ \frac{1 + tw}{w - t} \right] \frac{(t - 1)^2}{t^2 + 1},$$

we see that the function  $S_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}$  admits the following approximation:

$$S_{\nu_{nk}^\circ} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right) - 1 = g_{nk}(w) \left( 1 + u_{nk} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right) \right),$$

in another closed disk  $\overline{D}_0 = \{z/(1+z) : z \in \overline{D}\}$  with real center, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} \left| u_{nk} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right) \right| = 0,$$

uniformly for all  $w \in \overline{D}_0$ . Note that

$$S_{\nu_{nk}^\circ} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right) = b_{nk} S_{\nu_{nk}} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right).$$

The infinitesimality of the array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  also shows that  $S_{\nu_{nk}}(z)$  converges uniformly in  $k$  and  $z \in \overline{D}$  to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; indeed,  $S_{\delta_1} \equiv 1$ . Hence, for sufficiently large  $n$ , the principal branch of  $\log S_{\nu_{nk}}(z)$  is defined in  $\overline{D}$ . Furthermore, since

$$\log w = w - 1 + o(|w - 1|),$$

as  $w \rightarrow 1$ , it is easy to see from Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 2.3 that we have the following result. Fix a real number  $\gamma$ , and a finite positive Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $[0, +\infty]$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. Then the sequence of functions  $\{-\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log S_{\nu_{nk}}(z)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $v_{\gamma, \sigma}(z)$  uniformly for all  $z \in \overline{D}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [g_{nk}(w) - \log b_{nk}] \right) = v_{\gamma, \sigma} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right)$$

uniformly for all  $w \in \overline{D}_0$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *For an infinitesimal family  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_+$  and a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ , the following two assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *The sequence  $\nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n} \boxtimes \delta_{\alpha_n}$  converges weakly to  $\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}$ .*
- (2) *The sequence of measures*

$$d\sigma_n(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \frac{(t-1)^2}{t^2+1} d\nu_{nk}^\circ \left( \frac{1}{t} \right)$$

converges weakly in  $[0, +\infty]$  to  $\sigma$ , and the sequence

$$\gamma_n = -\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \left[ \int_0^\infty \frac{t^2-1}{t^2+1} d\nu_{nk}^\circ \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) - \log b_{nk} \right]$$

converges to  $\gamma$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .



*Proof.* Assume (1) holds. From Theorem 2.1, there exists a closed disk  $\overline{D}$  with real center such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \prod_{k=1}^{k_n} S_{\nu_{nk}}(z) \right) = S_{\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}}(z) = \exp(v_{\gamma, \sigma}(z))$$

uniformly on the disk  $\overline{D}$ . We may choose  $\overline{D}$  small enough so that  $\exp(v_{\gamma, \sigma}(z))$  is in  $-i\mathbb{C}^+$  on  $\overline{D}$ . Applying the principal branch of the logarithm function, we deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log S_{\nu_{nk}}(z) \right) = v_{\gamma, \sigma}(z),$$

uniformly on  $\overline{D}$ . Thus, Lemma 3.2 implies that

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [g_{nk}(w) - \log b_{nk}] \right) = v_{\gamma, \sigma} \left( \frac{w}{1-w} \right)$$

uniformly on  $\overline{D}_0 = \{z/(1+z) : z \in \overline{D}\}$ . Note that

$$(3.2) \quad -\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [g_{nk}(w) - \log b_{nk}] = \gamma_n + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1+tw}{w-t} d\sigma_n(t).$$

Considering the imaginary part of the equation (3.1), we have

$$(3.3) \quad -\Im w \int_{[0, +\infty)} \frac{1+t^2}{|w-t|^2} d\sigma(t) = -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Im w \int_{(0, +\infty)} \frac{1+t^2}{|w-t|^2} d\sigma_n(t).$$

Note that the function  $t \mapsto \frac{1+t^2}{|w-t|^2}$  is bounded away from zero and infinity for all  $w \in \overline{D}_0$ ; moreover, if  $\Im w \neq 0$  then (3.3) shows that

$$\sup_n \sigma_n((0, +\infty)) < +\infty,$$

and hence the family  $\{\sigma_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  has a weak cluster point  $\sigma'$  on the compact space  $[0, +\infty]$ . Then (3.3) shows that  $\sigma' = \sigma$ , and consequently the measures  $\sigma_n$  converges weakly to  $\sigma$  on  $[0, +\infty]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then it is easy to see from (3.1) and (3.2) that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma$ .

Conversely, assume (2) holds. The infinitesimality of the array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  implies that there exist  $a', b' \in (0, 1)$  with  $b' < a'$  such that  $S_{\nu_{nk}}$  are defined in  $\overline{D}'$ , the closed disk with the diameter  $[-a', -b']$ , for sufficiently large  $n$ . Let  $\overline{D}'_0 = \{z/(1+z) : z \in \overline{D}'\}$  and observe that there exists a positive constant  $M = M(a', b')$  such that

$$\left| \frac{1+tw}{w-t} \right| \leq M, \quad w \in \overline{D}'_0, t \in (0, +\infty).$$

Thus, in view of (3.2), we deduce that (3.1) holds pointwise in  $\overline{D}'_0$ . Since  $\Im g_{nk}(w) \leq 0$  for  $w \in D'_0 \cap i\mathbb{C}^+$ , the family  $\{-\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [g_{nk}(w) - \log b_{nk}]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is normal in

$D'_0 \cap i\mathbb{C}^+$ . Moreover, note that  $g_{nk}(\bar{w}) = \overline{g_{nk}(w)}$  and

$$v_{\gamma,\sigma}\left(\frac{\bar{w}}{1-\bar{w}}\right) = \overline{v_{\gamma,\sigma}\left(\frac{w}{1-w}\right)},$$

for  $w \in \overline{D'_0}$ . Therefore, as an application of Montel's theorem, we conclude that (3.1) holds uniformly on compact subsets of  $\overline{D'_0}$ . From Lemma 3.2 we conclude that there exists a smaller closed disk  $\overline{D''} \subset \overline{D'}$  with real center, such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\log \alpha_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log S_{\nu_{nk}}(z) \right) = v_{\gamma,\sigma}(z),$$

uniformly on  $\overline{D''}$ . Applying the exponential, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \prod_{k=1}^{k_n} S_{\nu_{nk}}(z) \right) = S_{\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma,\sigma}}(z) = \exp(v_{\gamma,\sigma}(z))$$

uniformly on  $\overline{D''}$ . Therefore (1) follows from Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

It has been pointed out in [4] that the weak convergence criteria for products of free and independent random variables are not equivalent. Nevertheless, the following correspondence is true.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Given an infinitesimal family  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_+$  and a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ , the following two statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *The sequence  $\nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n} \boxtimes \delta_{\alpha_n}$  converges weakly to  $\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma,\sigma}$  and  $\sigma(\{0\}) = \sigma(\{\infty\}) = 0$ ;*
- (2) *The sequence  $\nu_{n1} \otimes \nu_{n2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \nu_{nk_n} \otimes \delta_{\alpha_n}$  converges weakly to  $\nu_{\otimes}^{\lambda,\rho}$ .*

If conditions (1) and (2) are satisfied then the measure  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  are related by

$$d\sigma(t) = \frac{\log^2 t + 1}{\log^2 t} \frac{(t-1)^2}{t^2 + 1} d\rho(t),$$

and

$$\gamma - \lambda = \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2 + 1} + \frac{\log^2 t}{\log^2 t + 1} \right) \frac{\log^2 t + 1}{\log^2 t} d\rho(t).$$

*Proof.* The proof is identical with that of Theorem 4.2 in [4].  $\square$

#### 4. FREE MULTIPLICATIVE CONVOLUTION ON $\mathbb{T}$

Fix an infinitesimal array  $\{\nu_{nk} : n \geq 1, 1 \leq k \leq k_n\} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^\times$  and  $\tau \in (0, \pi)$ . Consider the centering constant

$$b_{nk} = \exp\left(\int_{|\arg t| < \tau} \log t d\nu_{nk}(t)\right),$$

and the centered measure  $\nu_{nk}^\circ$  obtained as follows:

$$d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) = d\nu_{nk}(b_{nk}t).$$

Here, as before,  $\log t = i \arg t$  represents the principal branch of  $\log t$ . We have  $\max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |\arg b_{nk}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence the array  $\{\nu_{nk}^\circ\}_{n,k}$  is also infinitesimal. Define

$$h_{nk}(z) = -i \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Im t \, d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) + \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} (1 - \Re t) \, d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Note that  $\Re h_{nk}(z) \geq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *For every compact neighborhood of zero  $K \subset \mathbb{D}$ , there exists a positive constant  $M = M(\tau, K)$  such that for sufficiently large  $n$ , we have*

$$|\Im h_{nk}(z)| \leq M \Re h_{nk}(z), \quad z \in K, 1 \leq k \leq k_n.$$

*Proof.* We may again assume that  $\tau = 1$ . Define probability measures  $\rho_{nk}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\rho_{nk}(\sigma) = \nu_{nk}(e^{i\sigma})$  if  $\sigma \in [-\pi, \pi)$ , and  $\rho_{nk}(\sigma) = 0$  when  $\sigma \cap [-\pi, \pi) = \emptyset$ . Changing variables, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \Im t \, d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin x \, d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk})$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 - \Re t) \, d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 - \cos x) \, d\rho_{nk}(x + a_{nk}),$$

where  $a_{nk} = \int_{|x| < 1} x \, d\rho_{nk}(x) = \int_{|\arg t| < 1} \arg t \, d\nu_{nk}(t)$ . The infinitesimality of the family  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  implies that for sufficiently large  $n$ ,

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |a_{nk}| \leq \frac{1}{10}.$$

By using the elementary inequalities

$$|\sin x - x| \leq 2(1 - \cos x), \quad -2 \leq x \leq 2,$$

and

$$\frac{1}{10} + |\sin x| \leq 10(1 - \cos x), \quad \text{where } \frac{9}{10} \leq |x| \leq \pi + \frac{9}{10},$$

we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Im t \, d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) \right| &\leq \left| \int_{|x| < 1} [\sin(x - a_{nk}) - (x - a_{nk})] \, d\rho_{nk}(x) \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{[-\pi, -1] \cup [1, \pi]} a_{nk} \, d\rho_{nk}(x) \right| + \left| \int_{[-\pi, -1] \cup [1, \pi]} \sin(x - a_{nk}) \, d\rho_{nk}(x) \right| \\ &\leq 12 \int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 - \Re t) \, d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t), \end{aligned}$$

for large  $n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq k_n$ . Also, from the compactness of the set  $K$ , there exist two positive constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that

$$\left| \Re \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] \right| = \Re \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] \geq M_1$$

and

$$\left| \Im \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] \right| \leq M_2,$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $z \in K$ . The result follows with  $M = (12 + M_2)/M_1$ .  $\square$

Suppose  $K \subset \mathbb{D}$  is a neighborhood of zero. The infinitesimality of the array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k}$  implies that  $S_{\nu_{nk}}(z)$  converges uniformly in  $k$  and  $z \in K$  to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $\Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(z)$  and the principal branch of  $\log \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(z)$  are defined in  $K' = \{z/(1+z) : z \in K\}$ .

Fix a real number  $\gamma$ , and a finite positive Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $\mathbb{T}$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{T}$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( -\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(z) \right) = \Sigma_{\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}}(z)$$

*uniformly on  $K'$  if, and only if*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( -\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}] \right) = \Sigma_{\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}}(z)$$

*uniformly on  $K'$ .*

*Proof.* From Proposition 2.2, we have the following approximation for the function  $S_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}$ :

$$S_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}(z) = 1 + \left[ \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{1-t}{1+zt-tz} d\bar{\nu}_{nk}(t) \right] (1 + v_{nk}(z)), \quad z \in K,$$

where

$$v_n(z) = \max_{1 \leq k \leq k_n} |v_{nk}(z)|$$

satisfies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n(z) = 0$  uniformly in  $K$ . Introducing a change of variable  $z \mapsto \frac{z}{1-z}$  and using the identity

$$\frac{(1-t)(1-z)}{1-tz} = -i\Im t + \frac{1+tz}{1-tz}(1 - \Re t),$$

we conclude that

$$b_{nk} \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(z) = \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}(z) = 1 + h_{nk}(z) \left( 1 + v_{nk} \left( \frac{z}{1-z} \right) \right), \quad z \in K'.$$

Lemmas 4.1 and 2.3 imply that for any sequence of purely imaginary numbers  $\{r_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [\Sigma_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}(z) - 1]\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly on  $K'$  if and only if the sequence  $\{r_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} h_{nk}(z)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly on  $K'$ . Moreover, two sequences have the same limit. Since  $\log w/(w-1) \rightarrow 1$  as  $w \rightarrow 1$ , we can replace  $\Sigma_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}(z) - 1$  by  $\log \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}^\circ}(z)$ . The result follows by choosing  $r_n = -\log \lambda_n - \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log b_{nk}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** For an infinitesimal array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\times}$  and a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{T}$ , the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) The sequence  $\nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n} \boxtimes \delta_{\lambda_n}$  converges weakly to  $\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}$ .
- (2) The sequence of measures

$$d\sigma_n(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} (1 - \Re t) d\nu_{nk}^{\circ}(t)$$

converges weakly on  $\mathbb{T}$  to  $\sigma$ , and the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{i\gamma_n} = e^{i\gamma}$$

exists, where

$$\gamma_n = \arg \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Im t d\nu_{nk}^{\circ}(t) + \arg b_{nk} \right].$$

*Proof.* Assume (1) holds. From Theorem 2.1, there exists  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  such that all  $\Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}$  are defined in  $K'_{\varepsilon} = \{z/(1+z) : |z| \leq \varepsilon\}$ , and we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \prod_{k=1}^{k_n} \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(z) \right) = \Sigma_{\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}}(z) = e^{u_{\gamma, \sigma}(z)}$$

uniformly on  $K'_{\varepsilon}$ . Hence, by Lemma 4.2 and the definition of  $u_{\gamma, \sigma}(z)$ , we have

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( -\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}] \right) = \exp \left( -i\gamma + \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] d\sigma(t) \right)$$

uniformly on  $K'_{\varepsilon}$ . Taking the absolute value on both sides of (4.1), we deduce that

$$(4.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( \Re \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} h_{nk}(z) \right] \right) = \exp \left( \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Re \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] d\sigma(t) \right)$$

uniformly on  $K'_{\varepsilon}$ . Note that

$$(4.3) \quad -\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}] = -i\gamma_n + \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] d\sigma_n(t).$$

Moreover, the real part of the function  $-\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}]$  is the Poisson integral of the measure  $d\sigma_n(\frac{1}{t})$  and hence (4.2) uniquely determines the weak cluster point of  $\{\sigma_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  which is  $\sigma$ . We therefore conclude the weak convergence of the sequence  $\{\sigma_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Moreover, consider  $z = 0$  in (4.1) and (4.2) to deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{i\gamma}}{e^{i\gamma_n}} = 1,$$

as desired.

The converse implication is fairly easy now, since one can basically reverse the steps to reach the statement (1) by using Lemma 4.2 and the fact that  $\{-\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}]\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is normal in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Therefore the details of the proof are left to the reader.  $\square$

The previous result does not cover the possibility that the measures  $\nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n} \boxtimes \delta_{\lambda_n}$  might converge to Haar measure  $m$ . We address now this special case. Let us also note for further use the equality

$$\Sigma_\nu(0) = \frac{1}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} t d\nu(t)}, \quad \nu \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^\times.$$

**Theorem 4.4.** *For an infinitesimal array  $\{\nu_{nk}\}_{n,k} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{T}}^\times$  and a sequence  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{T}$ , the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *The sequence  $\nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n} \boxtimes \delta_{\lambda_n}$  converges weakly to  $m$ .*
- (2)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 - \Re t) d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t) = +\infty.$$

*Proof.* Assume (2) holds. Define

$$\nu_n = \nu_{n1} \boxtimes \nu_{n2} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu_{nk_n} \boxtimes \delta_{\lambda_n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The compactness of  $\mathbb{T}$  implies that  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is tight. Suppose  $\nu$  is a weak cluster point of  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . From the free multiplicative analogue of Hinčin's theorem (Theorem 2.1 in [2]), the measure  $\nu$  is  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible. By passing to a subsequence, we may assume that  $\nu_n$  converges weakly to  $\nu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By (4.3), we can reformulate the statement (2) as follows:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Re \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} h_{nk}(0) = +\infty.$$

Then the inequality (2.2) implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Re \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(0) = +\infty,$$

and consequently we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} t d\nu(t) \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} t d\nu_n(t) \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left| \prod_{k=1}^{k_n} \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(0) \right|} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left( -\Re \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} \log \Sigma_{\nu_{nk}}(0) \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the  $\boxtimes$ -infinitely divisible measure  $\nu$  has zero first moment, and hence we conclude that  $\nu = m$ . Moreover, the full sequence  $\nu_n$  converges weakly to  $m$  since  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  has a unique weak cluster point  $m$ .

Conversely, assume (1) holds but (2) fails to be true. By passing, if necessary, to a subsequence, we may assume the sequence of measures

$$d\sigma_n(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} (1 - \Re t) d\nu_{nk}^\circ(t)$$

converges weakly to a finite positive Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $\mathbb{T}$ . Since the sequence of functions  $\{-\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}]\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is normal in  $\mathbb{D}$ , we may assume, by passing to a further subsequence, that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\log \lambda_n + \sum_{k=1}^{k_n} [h_{nk}(z) - \log b_{nk}] \right) = f(z),$$

uniformly on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{D}$ , where the function  $f$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Note that the function  $f$  is not identically infinity since

$$\Re f(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Re \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] d\sigma_n(t) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \Re \left[ \frac{1+tz}{1-tz} \right] d\sigma(t), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Then, as in the proof of Theorem 4.3, we conclude that there exists  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{i\gamma_n} = e^{i\gamma},$$

where the number  $\gamma_n$  is defined as in Theorem 4.3. An application of Theorem 4.3 then shows that a subsequence of  $\{\nu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges weakly to  $\nu_{\boxtimes}^{\gamma, \sigma}$  which contradicts (1). Therefore (2) must be true.  $\square$

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