

Glossary of Notations

$\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$	positive, real, and complex numbers
$\Im(z)$	imaginary part of a complex number z
$\Re(z)$	real part of a complex number z
$\mathbf{1}_A(x)$	indicator function of a set A
$Q_n(x)$	Appell polynomial of order n
$a \wedge b$	minimum of two real numbers a and b
X	real valued Lévy process
X_{t-}	left limit of X at time t
\widehat{X}	dual process ($= -X$)
$\Delta, \Delta X$	jump process of X
Ω	space right-continuous path having limits to the left
\mathcal{F}_t	\mathbb{P} - complete sigma-field generated by $(X_s, s \leq t)$
H, \widehat{H}	ascending, descending ladder height processes
\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P}_0	law of the Lévy process started at 0
\mathbb{P}_x	law of the Lévy process started at $x \in \mathbb{R}$
\mathbb{P}^ν	Esscher transform defined by $\frac{d\mathbb{P}^\nu}{d\mathbb{P}} \Big _{\mathcal{F}_t} = \frac{e^{\nu X_t}}{\mathbb{E}(e^{\nu X_t})}$ for $t \geq 0$
\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{E}_x	expectation operators associated with \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P}_x
$\mathbb{E}^\nu, \mathbb{E}_x^\nu$	expectation operators associated with $\mathbb{P}^\nu, \mathbb{P}_x^\nu$
d	drift coefficient of a bounded variation Lévy process
δ_x	Dirac unit mass at a point x
σ_b^-, τ_b^-	first exit time of X below a boundary b
σ_b^+, τ_b^+	first exit time of X above a boundary b
Π	Lévy measure of the jump process ΔX
$\overline{\Pi}^-, \overline{\Pi}^+$	lower, upper tails of the Lévy measure
$\nu(dx, dt)$	Poisson random measure
\mathcal{L}_X	infinitesimal generator of X
\mathbf{e}_q	exponential time of parameter q , independent of X

$\underline{X}_t, \overline{X}_t$	infimum, supremum processes
$\Psi(\lambda)$	characteristic exponent of a Lévy process
$\kappa(\lambda)$	Laplace exponent of a Lévy process
$\Phi(\alpha)$	the largest root of the equation $\kappa(p) = \alpha$
$\kappa(\alpha, \beta), \widehat{\kappa}(\alpha, \beta)$	Laplace exponents of ascending, descending ladder process
$\Psi_q^{(-)}(\lambda), \Psi_q^{(+)}(\lambda)$	Fourier transforms of the law of $\underline{X}_{\mathbf{e}_q}, \overline{X}_{\mathbf{e}_q}$
$\kappa_q^{(-)}(\lambda), \kappa_q^{(+)}(\lambda)$	Laplace transforms of the law of $\underline{X}_{\mathbf{e}_q}, \overline{X}_{\mathbf{e}_q}$
$W^{(q)}(x)$	scale function under measure \mathbb{P}
$W_\nu^{(q)}(x)$	scale function under measure \mathbb{P}^ν
$G(x)$	payoff function of an optimal stopping problem (OSP)
$V(x), V(t, x)$	optimal value function of a perpetual, finite maturity OSP
$V_y(x), V(x; y)$	candidate solution of a perpetual OSP
$\mathcal{P}_G^{(q)}(x)$	a function for which we have for a given $q \geq 0$ and payoff G that $\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{P}_G^{(q)}(x + \underline{X}_{\mathbf{e}_q})) = G(x)$
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\mathcal{R}	class of sufficiently regular functions
L^b	local time-space on a curve boundary b