

Author's comment on "Some L^2 Properties of semigroups of measures on Lie groups."

The definition of Lévy measure given in this paper isn't quite right. It is defined to be a Borel measure on $G - \{e\}$ for which

$$\int_{G-\{e\}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i(\sigma)^2 \wedge 1 \right) \nu(d\sigma) < \infty,$$

where $x_i \in C_c^\infty(G)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and (x_1, \dots, x_n) are canonical co-ordinates in a neighbourhood of e . This is similar to the definition that works in \mathbb{R}^d but the problem here is that it tells us nothing about ν outside the union of the supports of the x_i s. The correct definition (as in M. Liao "Lévy Processes in Lie Groups", p.12) is to require

$$\int_{G-\{e\}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i(\sigma)^2 \right) \nu(d\sigma) < \infty \text{ and } \nu(U^c) < \infty$$

for all neighbourhoods U of e .