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# CONTIGUITY AND LAN-PROPERTY OF SEQUENCES OF POISSON PROCESSES

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Using the concept of Hellinger integrals, necessary and sufficient conditions are established for the contiguity of two sequences of distributions of Poisson point processes with an arbitrary state space.

The distribution of logarithm of the likelihood ratio is shown to be infinitely divisible. The canonical measure is expressed in terms of the intensity measures. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the LAN-property are formulated in terms of the corresponding intensity measures.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of local asymptotic normality (LAN) of families of distributions  $Q_{n,h}$ ,  $h \in H_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}_k$  goes back to LeCam [7] and proved to be fruitful in asymptotic statistics. The LAN-condition means that  $\ln \frac{dQ_{n,h}}{dQ_{n,0}}$  admits an approximate linearization  $\langle Z_n, h \rangle - \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2$  so that the central sequence  $Z_n$  is asymptotically sufficient and asymptotic inference may be based on  $Z_n$ . In this paper we study distributions  $P_{\Lambda_n,\vartheta}$ ,  $\vartheta \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}_k$  of Poisson processes  $\Phi_n$  with intensity measures  $\Lambda_{n,\vartheta}$ . We introduce a local parameter h by setting  $\mu_{n,h} = \Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0 + A_n h}$  where  $A_n \to 0$  is a sequence of  $k \times k$  matrices and denote by  $Q_{n,h}$  the distribution of a Poisson process with intensity measure  $\mu_{n,h}$ .

A first step for proving the LAN-condition is to study the problem under which conditions  $P_{\Lambda_1}$  is absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $P_{\Lambda_2}$  ( $P_{\Lambda_1} \ll P_{\Lambda_2}$ ). This problem was solved in Brown [1] and in Liese [8].

The concept of contiguity is a natural generalization of the absolute continuity to sequences and, in view of first Lemma of LeCam, is automatically fulfilled if the LAN-condition holds. In this paper we give necessary and sufficient conditions for the contiguity of sequences of distributions of Poisson processes and ask for further conditions which imply the LAN-property. For this purpose we use the fact that the distribution of  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$  is infinitely divisible and calculate the canonical measure. The application of convergence criteria for infinitely divisible distributions leads to limit theorems for  $\left(\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1,n}}{P_{\Lambda_2,n}} - a_n\right) b_n^{-1}$ . The representation of  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$  in Karr [4] works

only for finite  $\Lambda_i$ . Therefore in this paper we assume contiguity and approximate  $Q_{n,h}$  by an accompanying sequence  $Q_{n,h}^N$  so that  $\ln \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}^N}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}}$  has a representation as an  $L_2$ -integral w.r.t.  $\Phi_n - \mu_{n,0}$  and it holds  $\|Q_{n,h}^{N(n)} - Q_{n,h}\| \stackrel{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$  for every sequence  $N(n) \to \infty$ .

A next step is a suitable linearization of  $\ln \frac{dQ_{n,h}^N}{dQ_{n,0}}$  using the concept of  $L_2$ -differentiability with respect to a sequence  $\mu_{n,0}$ . The derivative is then a sequence  $l_n$  and the local sequence  $Z_n$  is a stochastic integral of  $l_n$  w.r.t.  $\Phi_n - \mu_{n,0}$ . Using this approach in conjunction with the limit theorems for the logarithm of the likelihood ratios we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for the LAN-property if the L<sub>2</sub>differentiability is fulfilled. Conditions for the LAN-property for Poisson processes were already established in Kutoyants [5] for Poisson processes in the real line and in Lorz [12] for Poisson processes with arbitrary state space. But the systematic use of the concept of contiguity, which is necessary for LAN, and the application of  $L_2$ -differentiability simplify the situation considerably and lead to necessary and sufficient conditions for the LAN-property. We will show that an i.i.d. sequence of Poisson point processes satisfies the LAN-condition if the family of corresponding intensity measures is  $L_2$ -differentiable. Examples for models which have the LAN-property can be found in Kutoyants [5] and [6], where the theory of statistics of Poisson point processes was systematically developed. The applicability of this theory and of the LAN-concept is demonstrated in Kutoyants [5] and [6] on many concrete problems.

## 2. DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOGARITHM OF THE LIKELIHOOD RATIO OF POISSON PROCESSES

To prepare for the main result of this chapter, we first use the concept of Hellinger integral to formulate and prove conditions for the absolute continuity of distributions of Poisson processes.

Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  be  $\sigma$ -finite measures on the measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Let  $\mu$  be any  $\sigma$ -finite dominating measure and denote by  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  the respective densities of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  w.r.t.  $\mu$ . Set for 0 < s < 1

$$egin{array}{lcl} H_s(\mu_1,\mu_2) &=& \int p_1^s p_2^{1-s} \, \mathrm{d} \mu & ext{and} \ & \ J_s(\mu_1,\mu_2) &=& \int \left( s p_1 + (1-s) p_2 - p_1^s p_2^{1-s} 
ight) \, \mathrm{d} \mu. \end{array}$$

If  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are probability measures then

$$\left(2J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu_1, \mu_2)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(2\left(1 - H_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu_1, \mu_2)\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\int (\sqrt{p_1} - \sqrt{p_2})^2 d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is the well-known Hellinger distance of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ . Let  $\mu_{i,j}$ ,  $j=1,\ldots,n$ , i=1,2 be  $\sigma$ -finite measures on  $(\Omega_j, \mathcal{F}_j)$  and denote by  $\mu_{1,1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{1,n}$  and  $\mu_{2,1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{2,n}$ 

the corresponding product measures. Then it is easily seen that

$$H_s(\mu_{1,1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{1,n}, \mu_{2,1} \times \cdots \times \mu_{2,n}) = \prod_{j=1}^n H_s(\mu_{1,j}, \mu_{2,j}).$$
 (2.1)

Introduce the families of convex functions  $f_s$  and  $g_s$  by

$$f_s(x) = -x^s$$
,  $0 < s < 1$ ,  $x \ge 0$   
 $g_s(x) = sx + (1-s) - x^s$ ,  $0 < s < 1$ ,  $x \ge 0$ .

Using the convention  $f_s\left(\frac{a}{0}\right)0=g_s\left(\frac{a}{0}\right)0=0$  we see that

$$-H_s(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \int f_s\left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right) p_2 d\mu \quad \text{and} \quad J_s(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \int g_s\left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right) p_2 d\mu .$$

Consequently, both  $-H_s$  and  $J_s$  are special f-divergences in the sense of Csiszár [2]. As we will show later the behaviour of  $H_s$  and  $J_s$  as  $s \uparrow 1$  and  $s \downarrow 0$  is closely related to the question whether  $P \ll Q$  and  $Q \ll P$ , respectively. We set

$$\hat{g}_0(x) = \lim_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{g_s(x)}{s} = x - 1 - \ln x \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{g}_1(x) = \lim_{s \uparrow 1} \frac{g_s(x)}{1 - s} = x \ln x - x + 1 \tag{2.2}$$

and use the conventions  $\mathring{g}_{i}\left(\frac{a}{0}\right)0 = \lim_{t\downarrow 0} \mathring{g}_{i}\left(\frac{a}{t}\right)t$  if a > 0 and  $\mathring{g}_{i}\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)0 = 0$ . Note that  $\mathring{g}_{i}(x) > 0$ . The function

$$f(x) = s(1-s)(x \ln x - x + 1) - (sx + (1-s) - x^{s})$$

has the following properties:

$$f(1) = f'(1) = 0, \quad f''(x) = s(1-s)\left(-x^{s-2} + \frac{1}{x}\right).$$

Hence

$$\frac{g_s(x)}{1-s} \le x \ln x - x + 1 \quad \text{if} \quad 1 \le x < \infty. \tag{2.3}$$

Now we list further properties of the family  $g_s$  used in the sequel. For  $\frac{1}{2} < s < 1$  put  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2s}$  and note that  $x^{\frac{1}{2}} = (x^s)^{\alpha} 1^{1-\alpha} \le \alpha x^s + 1 - s$ . Hence  $g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) \ge \frac{1}{2s} g_s(x)$  and similar  $2(1-s) g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) \le g_s(x)$ . Consequently

$$2(1-s)g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) \le g_s(x) \le 2sg_{\frac{1}{2}}(x), \quad \frac{1}{2} \le s < 1, \ x \ge 0.$$
 (2.4)

Set  $h(x) = 4s(1-s) g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) - g_s(x)$ . Then h(1) = h'(1) = 0 and

$$h''(x) = s(1-s)\left(x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - x^{s-2}\right) \ge 0$$

for  $0 < x \le 1$ . Hence  $h(x) \ge 0$  and

$$g_s(x) \le 4s(1-s) g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x), \qquad \frac{1}{2} \le s < 1, \ 0 \le x \le 1.$$
 (2.5)

Set

$$I_i(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \int \stackrel{\circ}{g}_i \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right) p_2 d\mu.$$

Note that  $I_1(\mu_1, \mu_2) = I_0(\mu_2, \mu_1)$ . If  $\mu_i = P_i$ , i = 1, 2 are probability measures then

$$I_1(P_1, P_2) = \int \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2} \ln \frac{p_1}{p_2}\right) dP_2$$

is the well-known Kullback-Leibler information. As the convergence in (2.2) is uniform on  $\frac{1}{N} \le x \le N$  for every fixed N and  $g_s \ge 0$  we get

$$\liminf_{s \uparrow 1} \frac{J_s(\mu_1, \mu_2)}{1 - s} \ge \int_{\left\{\frac{1}{N} \le \frac{p_1}{p_2} \le N\right\}} {\stackrel{\circ}{g}}_1 \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right) p_2 d\mu.$$

The monotone convergence Theorem and  $g_1 \ge 0$  yield

$$\liminf_{s \uparrow 1} \frac{J_s(\mu_1, \mu_2)}{1 - s} \ge \int \mathring{g}_1 \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2}\right) p_2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu = I_1(\mu_1, \mu_2). \tag{2.6}$$

The converse inequality is trivially fulfilled if  $I(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \infty$ . If  $I(\mu_1, \mu_2) < \infty$  and  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu_1, \mu_2) < \infty$  then by (2.3), (2.5) and the Lebesgue Theorem

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} \frac{J_s(\mu_1, \mu_2)}{1 - s} = I_1(\mu_1, \mu_2). \tag{2.7}$$

We have for probability measures  $P_1, P_2$ 

$$J_s(P_1, P_2) = 1 - H_s(P_1, P_2) < \infty.$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} \frac{1 - H_s(P_1, P_2)}{1 - s} = I_1(P_1, P_2) \tag{2.8}$$

independent whether  $I_1(P_1, P_2) < \infty$  or  $I_1(P_1, P_2) = \infty$ . Assume  $I_1(P_1, P_2) < \infty$  then

$$I_1(P_1, P_2) = \int \left(\ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_1}{\mathrm{d}P_2}\right) \,\mathrm{d}P_1$$

and by Jensen's inequality

$$\begin{split} H_s(P_1, P_2) &= \int \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}P_1}{\mathrm{d}P_2}\right)^s \, \mathrm{d}P_2 = \int \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}P_1}{\mathrm{d}P_2}\right)^{s-1} \, \mathrm{d}P_1 \\ &= \int \exp\left\{-(1-s)\ln\frac{\mathrm{d}P_1}{\mathrm{d}P_2}\right\} \, \mathrm{d}P_1 \ge \exp\left\{-(1-s)I_1(P_1, P_2)\right\} \end{split}$$

or

$$H_s(P_1, P_2) \ge \exp\{-(1-s)I_1(P_1, P_2)\}.$$
 (2.9)

We now summarize the properties of f-divergences which will be systematically used in the sequel. For proofs we refer to Liese, Vajda [10] and Vajda [17].

Denote by  $\mathcal{I}$  the family of all sub- $\sigma$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  and note that  $\mathcal{I}$  is a directed set by the inclusion, i. e.  $\mathcal{A}_1 \leq \mathcal{A}_2$  iff  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is a sub- $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}_2$ . Denote by  $\mu_{i,\mathcal{A}_j}$  the restriction of  $\mu_i$  to  $\mathcal{A}_j$ . Then by the monotonicity of f-divergences (Theorem 1.24 in Liese, Vajda [10])

$$H_s(\mu_{1,A_1}, \mu_{2,A_1}) \ge H_s(\mu_{1,A_2}, \mu_{2,A_2})$$
 and (2.10)

$$J_s(\mu_{1,A_1}, \mu_{2,A_1}) \leq J_s(\mu_{1,A_2}, \mu_{2,A_2}).$$
 (2.11)

Every function  $\varphi: \mathcal{I} \to [-\infty, \infty]$  is a Moor-Smith sequence (net). We denote by  $\lim_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{I}} \varphi(\mathcal{A})$  its limit, provided the limit exists. Let  $\mathcal{I}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  be any directed subset of  $\mathcal{I}$  and denote by  $\sigma(\mathcal{I}_0)$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by all  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{I}_0$ . Suppose  $\mu_{i,\mathcal{A}}$  is  $\sigma$ -finite for every  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{I}_0$ . Then by Theorem 9.15 in Vajda [17]

$$\lim_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{I}_0} J_s\left(\mu_{1,\mathcal{A}}, \mu_{2,\mathcal{A}}\right) = J_s\left(\mu_{1,\sigma(\mathcal{I}_0)}, \mu_{2,\sigma(\mathcal{I}_0)}\right) . \tag{2.12}$$

If for some  $A_0 \in \mathcal{I}_0$ ,  $H_s(\mu_{1,A_0}, \mu_{2,A_0}) < \infty$  then

$$\lim_{\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{I}_0} H_s\left(\mu_{1,\mathcal{A}}, \mu_{2,\mathcal{A}}\right) = H_s\left(\mu_{1,\sigma(\mathcal{I}_0)}, \mu_{2,\sigma(\mathcal{I}_0)}\right) . \tag{2.13}$$

The statements (2.12) and (2.13) were shown in Vajda [17] only for probability measures. But the generalizations in (2.12) and (2.13), respectively, are straightforward. Denote by  $\mu_1 = \mu_{1,a} + \mu_{1,si}$  the Lebesgue decomposition of  $\mu_1$  into the part  $\mu_{1,a}$  being absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_{1,si}$  which is singular w.r.t.  $\mu_2$ . Note that  $\mu$ -a.e.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \frac{\mathrm{d}\mu_{1,a}}{\mathrm{d}\mu} & = & p_1 I_{\{p_2 > 0\}} \\ \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\mu_{1,s}}{\mathrm{d}\mu} & = & p_1 I_{\{p_2 = 0\}}, \end{array}$$

where  $I_A$  denotes the indicator function of the set A. Inequality (2.4) yields

$$sx + (1-s)y - x^{s}y^{1-s} \le (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^{2}$$
 (2.14)

for every  $0 \le x, y < \infty$ . Suppose  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu_1, \mu_2) < \infty$ . Then by the Lebesgue Theorem

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} J_s(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \int I_{\{p_2 = 0\}} p_1 \, \mathrm{d}\mu$$

$$= \mu_{1,si}(\Omega). \tag{2.15}$$

If both  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are finite then

$$\int (\sqrt{p_1} - \sqrt{p_2})^2 d\mu \le \int |\sqrt{p_1} - \sqrt{p_2}| |\sqrt{p_1} + \sqrt{p_2}| d\mu$$

$$= \int |p_1 - p_2| d\mu < \infty$$
(2.16)

and

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} H_s(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \mu_1(\Omega) - \lim_{s \uparrow 1} J_s(\mu_1, \mu_2)$$

$$= \mu_{1, \sigma}(\Omega). \tag{2.17}$$

Moreover, if  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  are any  $\sigma$ -finite measures then the definition of  $H_s$  yields that  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are mutually singular  $(\mu_1 \perp \mu_2)$  iff

$$H_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mu_1, \mu_2) = 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$H_s(\mu_1, \mu_2) = 0$$
 for every  $0 < s < 1$ . (2.18)

Suppose now that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$  is a measurable space which will serve as the state space of Poisson processes. Denote by M the set of all measures  $\varphi$  on  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$  taking values in  $\{0, 1, \ldots, \infty\}$ . For every  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  we introduce the mapping  $Z_B : M \to \{0, \ldots, \infty\}$  by  $Z_B(\varphi) = \varphi(B)$ . Given  $z \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  we denote by  $\mathcal{M}_z$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets generated by the mappings  $Z_B : M \to \{0, 1, \ldots, \infty\}, B \in z$ . Instead of  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$  we shortly write  $\mathcal{M}$ . By a point process we shall mean a random variable  $\Phi$  defined on some probability space which takes values in  $(M, \mathcal{M})$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure on  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$ . A point process  $\Phi$  is called a Poisson process with intensity measure  $\Lambda$  if for every  $\mathbf{z} = \{B_1, \ldots, B_n\}$  with  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $B_i \in \mathcal{A}$  the random variables  $\Phi(B_1), \ldots, \Phi(B_n)$  are independent and for every  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\Lambda(B) < \infty$  the random variable  $\Phi(B)$  has a Poisson distribution with parameter  $\Lambda(B)$ , i.e.

$$P(\Phi(B) = k) = \pi_{\Lambda(B)}(k)$$
  
=  $\frac{(\Lambda(B))^k}{k!}e^{-\Lambda(B)}$ .

The existence of Poisson process with arbitrary state space and  $\sigma$ -finite intensity measure was shown in Mecke [14].

Suppose now  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measures on  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$ . Denote by  $\nu$  a  $\sigma$ -finite dominating measure. Let  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  be the ring of all sets  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  for which

$$\Lambda_i(B) < \infty, \quad i = 1, 2, \ \nu(B) < \infty.$$

Let  $\mathcal{Z}$  be the collection of all finite selections of disjoint subsets from  $\mathcal{R}$ . For  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathcal{Z}$  we write  $z_1 \leq z_2$  if every  $B \in z_1$  is the union of some sets from  $z_2$ . Note that  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$  is not necessarily a decomposition of  $\mathcal{X}$ , i.e. it may happen that  $\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{Z}} B$  is a strict subset of  $\mathcal{X}$ . We note that  $(\mathcal{Z}, \leq)$  is a directed set. Define

$$J_{s,z}(\Lambda_1,\Lambda_2) = \sum_{B \in z} \left[ s \frac{\Lambda_1(B)}{\nu(B)} + (1-s) \frac{\Lambda_2(B)}{\nu(B)} - \left( \frac{\Lambda_1(B)}{\nu(B)} \right)^s \left( \frac{\Lambda_2(B)}{\nu(B)} \right)^{1-s} \right] \cdot$$

A simple calculation shows that

$$H_s(\pi_{\lambda_1}, \pi_{\lambda_2}) = \exp\left\{-\left(s\lambda_1 + (1-s)\lambda_2 - \lambda_1^s \lambda_2^{1-s}\right)\right\}.$$

Hence by (2.1)

$$H_s(P_{\Lambda_1,\mathcal{M}_z}, P_{\Lambda_2,\mathcal{M}_z}) = J_{s,z}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2).$$

Set  $\mathcal{I}_0 = \{ \mathcal{M}_z, z \in \mathcal{Z} \}$  and apply (2.12), (2.13) to get

$$H_s(P_{\Lambda_1}, P_{\Lambda_2}) = \exp\{-J_s(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2)\}.$$
 (2.19)

Put  $\lambda_i = \frac{d\Lambda_i}{d\nu}$ . By (2.18) we see that  $P_{\Lambda_1} \perp P_{\Lambda_2}$  iff for the Hellinger distance

$$\left(2J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1,\Lambda_2)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\int \left(\sqrt{\lambda_1} - \sqrt{\lambda_2}\right)^2 d\nu\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \infty.$$

Conversely, if  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) < \infty$  then by (2.15)

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} H_s \left( P_{\Lambda_1}, P_{\Lambda_2} \right) = \exp \left\{ -\Lambda_{1, si} (\mathcal{X}) \right\}. \tag{2.20}$$

Otherwise, (2.17) implies

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} H_s (P_{\Lambda_1}, P_{\Lambda_2}) = P_{\Lambda_1, a}(M) .$$

Hence  $P_{\Lambda_1} \ll P_{\Lambda_2}$  iff  $\Lambda_1 \ll \Lambda_2$  and  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) < \infty$ .

Summarizing the above results we get the following statement which can already be found for special cases in Brown [1] and Liese [8].

**Proposition 1.** Let  $P_{\Lambda_1}$ ,  $P_{\Lambda_2}$  be distributions of Poisson processes. It holds

$$J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1,\Lambda_2)=\infty$$

iff  $P_{\Lambda_1} \perp P_{\Lambda_2}$ . It holds  $P_{\Lambda_1} \ll P_{\Lambda_2}$  iff  $\Lambda_1 \ll \Lambda_2$  and  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) < \infty$ .

The concept of contiguous sequences plays a key role in the asymptotic decision theory. It is in some sense a generalization of the concept of absolute continuity. To be more precise we suppose that  $\{P_n\}$ ,  $\{Q_n\}$  are sequences of distributions on  $(\Omega_n, \mathcal{F}_n)$ . Then  $\{P_n\}$  is called contiguous w.r.t.  $\{Q_n\}$   $(\{P_n\} \lhd \{Q_n\})$  if  $Q_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$  implies  $P_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$ ,  $A_n \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . If  $\{P_n\} \lhd \{Q_n\}$  and  $\{Q_n\} \lhd \{P_n\}$  then we write  $\{P_n\} \lhd \{Q_n\}$ . Assume now  $P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}$ ,  $P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}$  are distributions of Poisson point processes with state space  $(\mathcal{X}_n, \mathcal{A}_n)$ .

Theorem 1. The following statements are equivalent

$$\{P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}\} \triangleleft \{P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\} \tag{2.21}$$

$$\liminf_{s \uparrow 1} \liminf_{n \to \infty} H_s \left( P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}, P_{\Lambda_{2,n}} \right) = 1$$
 (2.22)

$$\limsup_{s \uparrow 1} \limsup_{n \to \infty} J_s(\Lambda_{1,n}, \Lambda_{2,n}) = 0$$
 (2.23)

$$\limsup_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ \text{lim sup} \\ n \to \infty}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_{1,n}, \Lambda_{2,n}) < \infty$$

$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ N \to \infty}} \Lambda_{1,n,si}(\mathcal{X}_n) = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ N \to \infty}} \limsup_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ n \to \infty}} \int_{\{\lambda_n > N\}} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_n} - 1\right)^2 d\Lambda_{2,n} = 0.$$
(2.24)

where  $\lambda_n$  is the density of  $\Lambda_{1,n,a}$  w.r.t.  $\Lambda_{2,n}$ .

### Corollary 1. If

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}I_1(\Lambda_{1,n},\Lambda_{2,n})<\infty$$

then

$$\{P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}\} \triangleleft \{P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\}$$
.

Proof. In view of Liese [9] and Jacod, Shiryaev [3] it holds for any sequences of distributions

$$\{P_n\} \triangleleft \{Q_n\} \iff \liminf_{s \uparrow 1} \liminf_{n \to \infty} H_s(P_n, Q_n) = 1$$

which implies the equivalence of (2.21) and (2.22). The equivalence of (2.22) and (2.23) follows from the representation of  $H_s$  ( $P_{\Lambda_1}$ ,  $P_{\Lambda_2}$ ) in (2.19). Hence it remains to prove the equivalence of (2.23) and (2.24). Note that  $g_s(x) g_{\frac{1}{2}}^{-1}(x)$  is a continuous function of (s, x) which is uniformly continuous in  $\frac{1}{2} \le s \le 1$ ,  $0 \le x \le N$ . Hence

$$C_N(s) = \max_{0 \le x \le N} \frac{g_s(x)}{g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)}$$

is also continuous. Therefore

$$g_s(x) \le C_N(s) g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$$
 (2.25)

and

$$\lim_{s \uparrow 1} C_N(s) = C_N(1) = 0.$$

Note that

$$J_s(\Lambda_{1,n},\Lambda_{2,n}) = \int g_s(\lambda_n) d\Lambda_{2,n} + s\Lambda_{1,n,si}(\mathcal{X}_n).$$

Applying the inequality (2.25) we get

$$J_s(\Lambda_{1,n},\Lambda_{2,n}) \leq \int_{\{\lambda_n \leq N\}} C_N(s) g_{\frac{1}{2}}(\lambda_n) d\Lambda_{2,n} + \int_{\{\lambda_n > N\}} g_{\frac{1}{2}}(\lambda_n) d\Lambda_{2,n} + s\Lambda_{1,n,si}(\mathcal{X}_n).$$

Assume the conditions in (2.24) are fulfilled. Taking at first  $n \to \infty$  then  $s \uparrow 1$  and finally  $N \to \infty$  we get (2.23). To prove (2.23)  $\Rightarrow$  (2.24) we note by (2.4)

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_{1,n},\Lambda_{2,n})=\infty$$

iff

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} J_s(\Lambda_{1,n},\Lambda_{2,n}) = \infty$$

for every  $\frac{1}{2} < s < 1$ . Therefore (2.23) implies the first condition in (2.24). The second condition follows from  $J_s(\Lambda_{1,n}, \Lambda_{2,n}) \ge s\Lambda_{1,n,si}(\mathcal{X}_n)$  which is a direct consequence of the definition of  $J_s$ . It holds  $\lim_{s\uparrow 1} g_s(x) = 0$  for every fixed x. But since

$$\lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)}{g_s(x)}=\frac{1}{2s},$$

we find for every  $\frac{1}{2} < s < 1$  some  $N(s) \xrightarrow{s \uparrow 1} \infty$  such that

$$g_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) \le 4g_s(x)$$
 for  $N(s) \le x < \infty$ .

Put

$$A(N) = \limsup_{n \to \infty} \int_{\{\lambda_n > N\}} \left( \sqrt{\lambda_n} - 1 \right)^2 d\Lambda_{2,n}$$

and notice that A(N) is nonincreasing. Hence

$$\lim_{N\to\infty} A(N) = \limsup_{s\uparrow 1} A(N(s))$$

$$\leq 4 \limsup_{s\uparrow 1} \limsup_{n\to\infty} \int_{\{\lambda_n > N(s)\}} g_s(\lambda_n) d\Lambda_{2,n}$$

$$\leq 4 \limsup_{s\uparrow 1} \limsup_{n\to\infty} J_s(\Lambda_{1,n}, \Lambda_{2,n}) = 0$$

which proves the third statement in (2.24).

The proof of the Corollary follows from (2.23) and inequality (2.9).

Now we will study the distribution of the logarithm of the likelihood ratio  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$ . In contrary to other papers we do not assume that  $\Lambda_i(\mathcal{X}) < \infty$ . But if the last condition is violated then the representation of  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$  in Karr [4] is not applicable. Therefore we employ the representation (2.19) of the Hellinger integral which is the moment generating function of  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$  to get the characteristic function. To derive the characteristic function of the logarithm of likelihood ratio we suppose  $P_{\Lambda_1} \sim P_{\Lambda_2}$  ( $P_{\Lambda_1} \ll P_{\Lambda_2}$  and  $P_{\Lambda_2} \ll P_{\Lambda_1}$ ) which is equivalent to  $\Lambda_1 \sim \Lambda_2$  and  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) < \infty$  by Theorem 1. Note that in this case both

$$\varphi(z) = \int \exp\left\{z \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}\right\} \,\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2} \tag{2.26}$$

and

$$\psi(z) = \int \left(z\lambda_1 + (1-z)\lambda_2 - \lambda_1^z\lambda_2^{1-z}\right) d\nu$$

are well defined for 0 < Re(z) < 1, which follows from the inequalities

$$\left| \exp \left\{ (s+it) \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} \right\} \right| \le \left( \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} \right)^s \tag{2.27}$$

and

$$|z\lambda + (1-z) - \lambda^z| \le C(t) \left(\sqrt{\lambda} - 1\right)^2 \tag{2.28}$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$ , C(t) is some constant and z = s + it. Note that both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are analytic functions in the stripe 0 < Re(z) < 1. The uniqueness theorem for analytic functions and  $\varphi(s) = \exp\{-\psi(s)\}$  (see (2.19)) imply that

$$\varphi(z) = \exp\{-\psi(z)\}\tag{2.29}$$

for every 0 < Re(z) < 1.

Given two real or complex valued functions f, g on the real line we write  $|f| \leq |g|$  if there is some constant c such that

$$|f(x)| \le c|g(x)|$$

for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}_1$ . Using this notation we remark that for every fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}_1$ 

$$\left| e^{itx} - 1 - it \frac{x}{1+x^2} \right| \leq x^2 I_{[-1,1]}(x) + |x| I_{\mathbb{R}_1 \setminus [-1,1]}(x)$$

$$\leq \left( e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 1 \right)^2$$
(2.30)

and similarly

$$\left| e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1+x^2} \right| \le \left( e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 1 \right)^2.$$
 (2.31)

Note that

$$J_{rac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) = rac{1}{2} \int \left(e^{rac{1}{2} \ln \lambda} - 1
ight)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2 \ .$$

Consequently, if  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) < \infty$  then the integrals

$$a = \int \left(\frac{\ln \lambda}{1 + (\ln \lambda)^2} + 1 - \lambda\right) d\Lambda_2 \tag{2.32}$$

and

$$\int \left(e^{it\ln\lambda} - 1 - \frac{it\ln\lambda}{1 + (\ln\lambda)^2}\right)\,\mathrm{d}\Lambda_2$$

are well defined.

Let K(t, x) be the kernel

$$K(t,x) = \left(e^{itx} - 1 - \frac{itx}{1+x^2}\right) \frac{1+x^2}{x^2}, \ x \neq 0$$
  
 $K(t,x) = -\frac{t^2}{2}, \qquad x = 0.$ 

Introduce a measure  $\kappa$  by

$$\kappa(B) = \int \frac{(\ln \lambda)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda)^2} I_{B \setminus \{0\}}(\ln \lambda) \, d\Lambda_2. \tag{2.33}$$

Note that  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Lambda_1,\Lambda_2)=\frac{1}{2}\int (\sqrt{\lambda}-1)^2\,\mathrm{d}\Lambda_2<\infty$  and

$$\frac{(\ln \lambda)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda)^2} \preceq \left(\sqrt{\lambda} - 1\right)^2$$

imply that  $\kappa$  is finite. Assume 0 < s < 1 and  $\alpha > 1$  such that  $\alpha s \leq 1$  then

$$\int \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}\right)^{s\alpha}\,\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2} \leq 1.$$

Hence  $\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}\right)^s$ ,  $0 < s < \frac{1}{\alpha}$ , is uniformly integrable and (2.27) implies

$$\lim_{s\downarrow 0} \varphi(s+it) = \int \exp\left\{it \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}\right\} \, \mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}.$$

Moreover, (2.28) and the Lebesgue Theorem yield

$$\lim_{s\downarrow 0} \psi(s+it) = \int \left(it\lambda + (1-it) - \lambda^{it}\right) d\Lambda_2.$$

Consequently by (2.29)

$$E_{P_{\Lambda_2}} \exp\left\{it \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}\right\} = \exp\left\{-\int \left(it\lambda + (1-it) - e^{it\ln\lambda}\right) \,\mathrm{d}\Lambda_2\right\}. \tag{2.34}$$

The representation of the characteristic function of  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$  in (2.34) yields

$$E_{P_{\Lambda_2}} \exp \left\{ it \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} \right\} = \exp \left\{ ita + \int K(t,x) \kappa(\mathrm{d}x) \right\}.$$

Recall that the characteristic function  $\varphi(t)$  of every infinitely divisible distribution Q on the real line  $\mathbb{R}_1$  has the representation

$$\varphi(t) = \exp\left\{iat + \int K(t,x) \, \kappa(\mathrm{d}x)\right\}$$

where  $\kappa$  is a finite measure and the characteristic pair  $(a, \kappa)$  is uniquely determined. Thus we get the following statement.

**Proposition 2.** If  $P_{\Lambda_1} \sim P_{\Lambda_2}$  then the distribution of  $\ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1}}{dP_{\Lambda_2}}$  (w.r.t.  $P_{\Lambda_2}$ ) is infinitely divisible with the characteristic pair  $(a, \kappa)$  where a is defined in (2.32) and  $\kappa$  is given by (2.33).

We recall to the following well-known criteria for the weak convergence, denoted by  $\Rightarrow$ , of infinitely divisible distributions (see Petrov [15]).

**Proposition 3.** If  $Q, Q_1, Q_2, \ldots$  are infinitely divisible distributions with characteristic pairs  $(\alpha, \kappa), (\alpha_1, \kappa_1), (\alpha_2, \kappa_2), \ldots$  then

$$Q_n \implies Q$$
, as  $n \to \infty$ 

iff

$$\alpha_n \longrightarrow \alpha, \kappa_n \Longrightarrow \kappa, \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Denote by  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2 \geq 0$ , where  $N(\mu, 0) = \delta_{\mu}$  is the  $\delta$ -distribution concentrated at the point  $\mu$ . Note that  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  has the characteristic pair  $\alpha = \mu$ ,  $\kappa = \sigma^2 \delta_0$ .

Furthermore, if the infinitely divisible r.v. X has the characteristic pair  $(\alpha, \kappa)$  then obviously  $Y = \frac{X-a}{b}$ ,  $b \neq 0$  has the characteristic pair  $(\widetilde{\alpha}, \widetilde{\kappa})$  where

$$\widetilde{\alpha} = \alpha - \frac{a}{b} - \int \left( K\left(\frac{t}{b}, x\right) - K\left(t, \frac{x}{b}\right) \right) \kappa(\mathrm{d}x)$$
 (2.35)

$$\widetilde{\kappa}(B) = \int I_B\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) \kappa(\mathrm{d}t).$$
 (2.36)

Suppose now  $P_{\Lambda_{i,n}}$ , i=1,2 are distributions of Poisson processes with state spaces  $(\mathcal{X}_n, \mathcal{A}_n)$  and assume  $P_{\Lambda_{1,n}} \sim P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}$  for every n. Set

$$L_n = \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}}, \ \lambda_n = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda_{1,n}}{\mathrm{d}\Lambda_{2,n}}$$

and

$$Q_n = \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{L_n - a_n}{b_n} \middle| P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\right) := P_{\Lambda_{2,n}} \circ \left(\frac{L_n - a_n}{b_n}\right)^{-1}.$$

**Theorem 2.** If  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are real numbers with  $b_n \neq 0$  and the condition  $P_{\Lambda_{1,n}} \sim P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}$  is fulfilled then

$$Q_n \implies N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

as  $n \to \infty$ , iff

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \int \frac{\lambda_n - 1 - \ln \lambda_n}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} d\Lambda_{2,n} - \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right]$$

$$- \int \left( K \left( \frac{t}{b_n}, \ln \lambda_n \right) - K \left( t, \frac{\ln \lambda_n}{b_n} \right) \right) \frac{(\ln \lambda_n)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} d\Lambda_{2,n}$$

$$= \mu$$
(2.37)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{b_n^2} \int \frac{(\ln \lambda_n)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} d\Lambda_{2,n} = \sigma^2$$
 (2.38)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{b_n^2} \int_{\{|\ln \lambda_n| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_n)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} d\Lambda_{2,n} = 0$$
 (2.39)

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Proof. Let  $(\alpha_n, \kappa_n)$  be the characteristic pair of  $\frac{L_n - a_n}{b_n}$ . By (2.36) the conditions (2.38), (2.39) are equivalent to the weak convergence of the measures  $\kappa_n$  to  $\sigma^2 \delta_0$ . In view of (2.35) the condition (2.37) is nothing else than  $\alpha_n \to \mu$ .

For infinitely divisible distribution with finite second moments both the representation of the characteristic function and corresponding limit theorem can be simplified. If Q is an infinitely divisible distribution with

$$\int e^{itx} Q(dx) = \exp \left\{ i\alpha t + \int K(t, x) \kappa(dt) \right\}$$

then

$$\int x^2 Q(\mathrm{d}x) < \infty \iff \int x^2 \kappa(\mathrm{d}x) < \infty. \tag{2.40}$$

Introduce the kernel L by

$$L(t,x) = \frac{e^{itx} - 1 - itx}{x^2} \quad \text{if } x \neq 0$$

$$L(t,x) = -\frac{1}{2}t^2 \quad \text{if } x = 0.$$

Then

$$\int e^{itx} Q(\mathrm{d}x) = \exp\left\{iat + \int L(t,x) \,\mu(\mathrm{d}x)\right\} \tag{2.41}$$

where

$$\mu(B) = \int_{B} (1+x^2) \kappa(\mathrm{d}x) \qquad (2.42)$$

$$\beta = \alpha + \int x \, \kappa(\mathrm{d}x). \tag{2.43}$$

If  $P_{\Lambda_1} \sim P_{\Lambda_2}$  then by the definition of  $\kappa$  in (2.33) and relation (2.40)

$$E_{P_{\Lambda_2}} \left( \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} \right)^2 < \infty \iff \int x^2 \, \kappa(\mathrm{d}x) < \infty$$

$$\iff \int (\ln \lambda)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2 < \infty.$$

Under this condition we obtain from (2.34)

$$E_{P_{\Lambda_2}} \exp \left\{ it \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} \right\} = \exp \left\{ \int \left( e^{it \ln \lambda} - it(\lambda - 1) - 1 \right) \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2 \right\}$$
$$= \exp \left\{ ita + \int L(t, x) \, \mu(\mathrm{d}x) \right\}$$

where

$$a = \int (\ln \lambda - \lambda + 1) \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2 \tag{2.44}$$

$$\mu(B) = \int (\ln \lambda)^2 I_{B\setminus\{0\}}(\ln \lambda) d\Lambda_2 \qquad (2.45)$$

and  $\lambda = \frac{d\Lambda_1}{d\Lambda_2}$ . Now we are ready to formulate a limit theorem for the distribution of the logarithm of the likelihood ratio of distributions of Poisson processes with the second moments finite. Note that the relations (2.44) and (2.45) yield

$$E_{P_{\Lambda_2}} \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} = \int (\ln \lambda - \lambda + 1) \,\mathrm{d}\Lambda_2 \tag{2.46}$$

$$V_{P_{\Lambda_2}} \left( \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} \right) = \int (\ln \lambda)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2. \tag{2.47}$$

Theorem 3. Suppose  $P_{\Lambda_{1,n}} \sim P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}$  and

$$b_n^2 = \int (\ln \lambda_n)^2 \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_{2,n} < \infty. \tag{2.48}$$

Put

$$a_n = \int (\ln \lambda_n - \lambda_n + 1) d\Lambda_{2,n}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\left.\frac{L_n-a_n}{b_n}\right|P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\right)\implies N(0,1)$$

iff

$$\frac{1}{b_n^2} \int_{\{|\ln \lambda_n| > \varepsilon\}} (\ln \lambda_n)^2 d\Lambda_{2,n} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$$
 (2.49)

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Proof. The proof follows from the fact that infinitely divisible distributions with characteristic pairs  $(\beta_n, \mu_n)$  and variance 1 converge weakly to a standard normal distribution iff  $\beta_n \to 0$  and  $\mu_n \Rightarrow \delta_0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Let  $(\beta_n, \mu_n)$  correspond to  $\frac{L_n - a_n}{b_n}$ . Then by (2.46) we have  $\beta_n = 0$ . In view of (2.45) and (2.47), the relation (2.49) is equivalent to  $\mu_n \Rightarrow \delta_0$ ,  $n \to \infty$  which completes the proof.

Remark 1. If  $F_n$  denotes the distribution function of  $\frac{L_n-a_n}{b_n}$  under  $P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}$  and  $\Phi$  is the standard normal distribution function then Theorem 3 states that  $F_n(x) \stackrel{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \Phi(x)$  for every x. As  $\Phi$  is continuous it follows that  $\Delta_n = \sup_x |F_n(x) - F(x)| \stackrel{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$ . Under weak additional assumptions one can establish upper bounds for  $\Delta_n$  in terms of  $a_n, b_n$  and  $\Lambda_{i,n}$ . These bounds correspond to the Berry-Esseen inequality for normalized sums of i. i. d. random variables. For details we refer to Lorz and Heinrich [13]. Here one can also find an Edgeworth expansion for  $F_n$ .

In special situations it may happen that the distribution of the logarithm of likelihood ratio converges in distribution without linear transformations, i. e.  $a_n = 0$ ,  $b_n = 1$ . Such situations are met in localized models which will be studied in the next chapter. It turns out that in this case the expectation  $\mu$  in the normal distribution

in Theorem 2 must take on a special value. To be more precise we suppose that for  $L_n = \ln \frac{dP_{\Lambda_1,n}}{dP_{\Lambda_2,n}}$  holds

$$\mathcal{L}\left(L_n|P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\right) \implies N(\mu, \sigma^2). \tag{2.50}$$

Then by the first Lemma of LeCam (see Strasser [16]) the sequence  $\{P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}\}$  is contiguous w.r.t.  $\{P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\}$  iff

$$\int e^y N(\mu, \sigma^2)(\mathrm{d}y) = 1. \tag{2.51}$$

We have

$$\int e^y N(\mu, \sigma^2)(\mathrm{d}y) = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{y - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(y - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}} \, \mathrm{d}y = \exp\left\{\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right\}.$$

Hence (2.50) implies  $\mu = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2$ . Now we formulate a limit theorem for  $L_n$  for contiguous sequences.

Theorem 4. If  $P_{\Lambda_{1,n}} \sim P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}$  for every n then

$$\mathcal{L}\left(L_n|P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\right) \implies N\left(-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2,\sigma^2\right)$$
 (2.52)

iff

$$\left\{P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}\right\} \triangleleft \triangleright \left\{P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\right\} \tag{2.53}$$

$$\int \frac{(\ln \lambda_n)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} d\Lambda_{2,n} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \sigma^2 \quad \text{and}$$
 (2.54)

$$\int_{\{|\ln \lambda_n| > \epsilon\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_n)^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_{2,n} \quad \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \quad 0 \tag{2.55}$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Proof. Suppose that (2.52) is fulfilled. Then  $\{P_{\Lambda_{1,n}}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{P_{\Lambda_{2,n}}\}$  follows from the first Lemma of LeCam. The conditions (2.54) and (2.55) follow from (2.38) and (2.39), respectively, in Theorem 2. Conversely, assume (2.53), (2.54), (2.55) are fulfilled. Then Theorem 2 yields that

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \limsup_{n \to \infty} \int_{\{\lambda_n > N\}} \left( \sqrt{\lambda_n} - 1 \right)^2 d\Lambda_{2,n} = 0.$$
 (2.56)

We have from (2.55) and (2.56)

$$\int_{\{|\ln \lambda_n| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{\ln \lambda_n - \lambda_n + 1}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_{2,n} \longrightarrow 0 \tag{2.57}$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . As  $\lim_{x\to 1} \frac{x-1-\ln x}{(\ln x)^2} = \frac{1}{2}$  we obtain from (2.54) and (2.57) that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int \frac{\ln \lambda_n - \lambda_n + 1}{1 + (\ln \lambda_n)^2} \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_{2,n} = -\frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

Hence (2.37) in Theorem 2 is fulfilled and the proof is complete.

## 3. LOCAL ASYMPTOTIC NORMALITY OF DISTRIBUTIONS OF POISSON PROCESSES

Suppose  $P_{\Lambda}$  is the distribution of a Poisson point process with state space  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$  and  $\sigma$ -finite intensity measure  $\Lambda$ . If  $f_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,j} I_{A_{i,j}}$  are step functions with  $\Lambda(A_{i,j}) < \infty$  then for

$$Y(f_j) = \int f_j \, \mathrm{d}(arphi - \Lambda) := \int f_j \, \mathrm{d} arphi - \int f_j \, \mathrm{d} \Lambda$$

it holds

$$E_{P_{\Lambda}}Y(f_1)Y(f_2) = \int f_1 f_2 d\Lambda.$$
 (3.1)

If  $f \in L_2(\Lambda)$  is any function then we choose a sequence of step functions  $f_n \in L_2(\Lambda)$  with

$$\int (f-f_n)^2 d\Lambda \xrightarrow{n\to\infty} 0.$$

The relation (3.1) shows that  $Y(f_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L_2(P_{\Lambda})$  which converges to some element which will be denoted again by Y(f) or by

$$\int f\,\mathrm{d}(\varphi-\Lambda).$$

Note that by construction (3.1) holds for every  $f_1$ ,  $f_2 \in L_2(\Lambda)$ . By approximation of  $f \in L_2(\Lambda)$  by step functions one can see that

$$E_{P_{\Lambda}} \exp \left\{ isY(f) \right\} = \exp \left\{ \int \left( e^{ifs} - 1 - ifs \right) \Lambda(\mathrm{d}s) \right\}$$

$$= \exp \left\{ \int L(f,s) I_{\{f \neq 0\}}(s) f^{2}(s), \Lambda(\mathrm{d}s) \right\}.$$
(3.2)

Hence  $Y(f) = \int f d(\varphi - \Lambda)$  is infinitely divisible with characteristic pair

$$(\beta,\mu) = \left(0, \int I_{\cap\{f\neq 0\}}(s) f^2(s) \Lambda(\mathrm{d}s).\right)$$
(3.3)

Assume now that  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are Poisson point processes with finite intensity measures  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$ , respectively, which are assumed to be equivalent. Then by inequality (2.16) and Proposition 1 we have  $P_{\Lambda_1} \sim P_{\Lambda_2}$ . Set  $\lambda = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda_1}{\mathrm{d}\Lambda_2}$ . Due to Karr [4] the density  $\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}$  admits the following representation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}(\varphi) = \exp\left\{ \int \ln \lambda \,\mathrm{d}\varphi - \Lambda_1(\mathcal{X}) + \Lambda_2(\mathcal{X}) \right\}. \tag{3.4}$$

For any fixed  $B \in \mathcal{A}$  we denote by  $\mathcal{M}_B$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of M generated by the mappings  $Z_A(\varphi) = \varphi(A)$ ,  $A \subseteq B$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $P_{\Lambda_i}$ , i = 1, 2 be equivalent distributions of Poisson point processes with  $\sigma$ -finite intensity measure  $\Lambda_i$ . Denote

by  $P_{B,\Lambda_i}$  the restriction of  $P_{\Lambda_i}$  to  $\mathcal{M}_B$ . Then by (3.4) for every B with  $\Lambda_i(B) < \infty$ , i = 1, 2

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{B,\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{B,\Lambda_2}}(\varphi) = \exp\left\{ \int_B \ln \lambda \,\mathrm{d}\varphi - \Lambda_1(B) + \Lambda_2(B) \right\}. \tag{3.5}$$

Assume now  $P_{\Lambda_1} \sim P_{\Lambda_2}$  and choose  $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \subseteq \ldots \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ ,  $B_i \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i = \mathcal{X}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_{B_1} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_{B_2} \subseteq \ldots$  and  $\mathcal{M} = \sigma(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}_{B_i})$ . Hence  $\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{B_i,\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{B_i,\Lambda_2}}$  is an  $\{\mathcal{M}_{B_n}\}$ -martingale which converges to  $\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}$  in  $L_1(P_{\Lambda_2})$  and  $P_{\Lambda_2}$ -a.s. Consequently,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}} (\varphi) - \exp \left\{ \int_{B_n} \ln \lambda \, \mathrm{d}\varphi - \Lambda_1(B_n) + \Lambda_2(B_n) \right\} \right| P_{\Lambda_2}(\mathrm{d}\varphi) = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

Assume now  $\int (\ln \lambda)^2 d\Lambda_2 < \infty$  and  $\int (\lambda - 1 - \ln \lambda) d\Lambda_2 < \infty$ . Then

$$\int_{B_n} \ln \lambda \, \mathrm{d}\varphi - \Lambda_1(B_n) + \Lambda_2(B_n) = \int_{B_n} (\ln \lambda) \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \Lambda_2) - \int_{B_n} (\lambda - 1 - \ln \lambda) \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2$$

converges in the sense of  $L_2(P_{\Lambda_2})$  to  $\int (\ln \lambda) d(\varphi - \Lambda_2) - \int (\lambda - 1 - \ln \lambda) d\Lambda_2$ . From the represention (3.6) we get

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_1}}{\mathrm{d}P_{\Lambda_2}}(\varphi) = \exp\left\{ \int (\ln \lambda) \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \Lambda_2) - \int (\lambda - 1 - \ln \lambda) \, \mathrm{d}\Lambda_2 \right\}. \tag{3.7}$$

Now we turn to the concept of local asymptotic normality of families of distributions of Poisson processes. To be more precise, we suppose that  $(\mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{A}_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \ldots$  are measurable spaces which play the role of state spaces. Introduce  $(M_i, \mathcal{M}_i)$  in the same way as  $(M, \mathcal{M})$ . Suppose  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}_k$  where  $\mathbb{R}_k$  is the k-dimensional Euclidean space. Assume that the interior  $\Theta^{\circ}$  of  $\Theta$  is nonempty and  $\Lambda_{i,\vartheta}$ ,  $\vartheta \in \Theta$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measures on  $(\mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{A}_i)$ . We suppose also that

$$P_{\Lambda_i,\vartheta_1} \sim P_{\Lambda_i,\vartheta_2} \tag{3.8}$$

for every  $i = 1, 2, ..., \vartheta_1, \vartheta_2 \in \Theta$ . For a  $k \times k$ -matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{1 \le i,j \le k}$  we define the norm

$$||A|| = \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_{i,j}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Now fix  $\vartheta_0 \in \Theta^\circ$  and a sequence  $A_n$  of  $k \times k$ -matrices with  $||A_n|| \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$ . Introduce the local parameter h in the following way

$$Q_{n,h} := P_{\mu_n,h} \tag{3.9}$$

where  $\mu_{n,h} = \Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0 + A_n h}$ ,  $h \in H_n = \{h : \vartheta_0 + A_n h \in \Theta\}$ . The family  $(Q_{n,h})_{h \in H_n}$  is called locally asymptotically normal if there is a sequence of r.v.  $Z_n : (M_n, M_n) \to \emptyset$ 

 $(\mathbb{R}_k, \mathcal{B}_k)$  called central sequence, such that the following expansion of the logarithm of the likelihood ratio holds

$$\ln \frac{dQ_{n,h}}{dQ_{n,0}} = \langle Z_n, h \rangle ||h||^2 + R_n$$
 (3.10)

where

$$\mathcal{L}(Z_n|Q_{n,0}) \Rightarrow N(0,I) \text{ as } n \to \infty$$
 (3.11)

and

$$R_n \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$$
  $Q_{n,0}$ -stochastically. (3.12)

I is the k-dimensional unit matrix.

Remark 2. The notion of local asymptotic normality (LAN) goes back to LeCam [7]. We refer to Strasser [16] p. 408 for further historical remarks.

Set

$$\lambda_{n,h} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,h}}{\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}}$$

$$L_{n,h} = \ln \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}}$$

First of all we present such necessary conditions for the LAN-property do not using the special structure of the central sequence.

**Proposition 4.** If  $(Q_{n,h})_{h\in H_n}$  from (3.9) has the LAN-property then

$$\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\} \tag{3.13}$$

$$\int_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2} \,\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \quad \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \quad 0 \tag{3.14}$$

$$\int \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2} \,\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \quad \stackrel{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \quad ||h||^2. \tag{3.15}$$

Proof. The LAN-property implies that

$$\mathcal{L}(L_{n,0}|Q_{n,0}) \Rightarrow N\left(-\frac{1}{2}||h||^2,||h||^2\right).$$

The application of Theorem 4 yields (3.13), (3.14) and (3.15).

To prepare the next Theorem we need a suitable approximation of the likelihood ratio. For every  $N=1,2,\ldots$  we denote by  $Q_{n,h}^N$  the distribution of a Poisson process with intensity measure

$$\Lambda_{n,h}^N(B) = \int_B \left( \lambda_{n,h} I_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| \le N\}} + I_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > N\}} \right) d\mu_{n,0}.$$

**Lemma 1.** If  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}$  then

$$\int \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}} - \frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}^N}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}} \right| \, \mathrm{d}Q_{n,0} \le a(n,N)$$

where  $a(n, N(n)) \to 0$  for every sequence  $N(n) \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ .

Proof. We use the well-known inequality (see Strasser [16]) for the variational distance  $||P_1 - P_2||$ 

$$||P_1 - P_2|| = \int \left| \frac{\mathrm{d}P_1}{\mathrm{d}Q} - \frac{\mathrm{d}P_2}{\mathrm{d}Q} \right| \, \mathrm{d}Q \le 2 \left( 1 - H_{\frac{1}{2}}^2(P_1, P_2) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\le \left[ 8 \left( 1 - H_{\frac{1}{2}}(P_1, P_2) \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

By the definition of  $Q_{n,h}^N$  and (2.19)

$$H_{\frac{1}{2}}(Q_{n,h}, Q_{n,h}^{N}) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \int_{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > N} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}\right\}$$
(3.16)

Set

$$b_1(n,N) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{\ln \lambda_{n,h} > N\}} \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right)^2 d\mu_{n,0}$$

and note that  $b_1(n, N)$  is nonincreasing in N. Hence for every  $N(n) \to \infty, n \to \infty$  by Theorem 1 and  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \{Q_{n,0}\}$ 

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} b_1(n,N(n)) \leq \limsup_{N\to\infty} \limsup_{n\to\infty} b_1(n,N) = 0.$$

Analogously, for

$$\begin{array}{lcl} b_2(n,N) & = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{-\ln \lambda_{n,N} > N\}} \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} \\ \\ & = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\{\ln \frac{1}{\lambda_{n,N}} > N\}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda_{n,h}}} - 1 \right)^2 d\mu_{n,h} \end{array}$$

we obtain from  $\{Q_{n,0}\} \triangleleft \{Q_{n,h}\}$  and Theorem 1 that

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}b_2(n,N(n))=0.$$

To complete the proof we have only to set

$$a(n,N) = [8(1-\exp\{-(b_1(n,N)+b_2(n,N))\})]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

An essential step for proving the LAN-property is the linearization of the logarithm of the likelihood ratio. For this aim we linearize  $\lambda_{n,h}$  and introduce a suitable concept of  $L_2$ -differentiability for the sequence  $\lambda_{n,h}$ .

**Definition 1.** Suppose  $\Lambda_{n,\vartheta}$ ,  $\vartheta \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}_k$  are  $\sigma$ -finite measures on  $(\mathcal{X}^{(n)}, \mathcal{A}^{(n)})$  with  $\Lambda_{n,\vartheta} \ll \Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0}$  for every  $\vartheta \in \Theta$ . Set

$$\lambda_{n,h} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0 + A_n h}}{\mathrm{d}\Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0}}.$$

The sequence  $\{\mu_{n,h}, h \in H_n\} = \{\Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0 + A_n h}, h \in H_n\}$  is called  $L_2(\mu_{n,0})$ -differentiable with derivative  $\dot{l}_n$  if  $\dot{l}_n$  are  $A_n - B_k$ -measurable mappings into  $R_k$  with  $\dot{l}_n \in L_2(\mu_{n,0})$  and

$$\int \left(2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)-\left\langle l_n,A_nh\right\rangle\right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0 \tag{3.17}$$

as  $n \to \infty$  for every  $h \in H$ .

Now we are ready to formulate conditions for the LAN-property under the contiguity condition which is necessary in view of Theorem 4. Furthermore we give an explicit expression for the central sequence. Recall that  $\mu_{n,h} = \Lambda_{n,\vartheta_0 + A_n h}$ ,  $Q_{n,h} = P_{\Lambda_n,\vartheta_0 + A_n h}$ .

**Theorem 5.** Suppose  $Q_{n,h} \sim Q_{n,0}$  and  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}$  for every  $h \in H_n$ . Assume  $\{\mu_{n,h}, h \in H_n\}$  is  $L_2(\mu_{n,0})$ -differentiable with derivative  $\dot{l}_n$ . If the conditions (3.14) and (3.15) are fulfilled then  $Q_{n,h}$ ,  $h \in H_n$  has the LAN-property and

$$Z_n(\varphi) = A_n^T \int \dot{l}_n \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \mu_{n,0})$$

is a central sequence.

Proof. Set  $B_{n,N} = \{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| \leq N\}$ . Then

$$(\ln x)^2 \leq (\sqrt{x} - 1)^2$$

$$x - 1 - \ln x \leq (\sqrt{x} - 1)^2$$

on  $\{x:, |\ln x| \leq N\}$  and  $\int \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} < \infty$  imply that the representation (3.7) may be applied to  $L_{n,h}^N = \ln \frac{dQ_{n,h}^N}{dQ_{n,0}}$ . Hence with  $B_{n,N} = \{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| \leq N\}$ 

$$L_{n,h}^{N} = \int_{B_{n,N}} (\ln \lambda_{n,h}) \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \mu_{n,0}) - \int_{B_{n,N}} (\lambda_{n,h} - 1 - \ln \lambda_{n,h}) \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}$$

$$= \int_{B_{n,N}} 2 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right) \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \mu_{n,0})$$

$$+ \int_{B_{n,N}} \left( \ln \lambda_{n,h} - 2 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right) \right) \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \mu_{n,0})$$

$$+ \int_{B_{n,N}} \left( \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2}}{2(1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2})} - (\lambda_{n,h} - 1 - \ln \lambda_{n,h}) \right) \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}$$

$$- \int_{B_{n,N}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2}}{2(1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2})} \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}$$

$$= T_{1,n} + \dots + T_{4,n}.$$

We obtain from (3.1) and the inequality  $(a + b)^2 \le 2(a^2 + b^2)$ 

$$E_{Q_{n,0}}(\langle Z_{n}, h \rangle - T_{1,n})^{2}$$

$$\leq 2 \int \left(2 \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right) - \left\langle A_{n}^{T} \dot{l}_{n}, h \right\rangle\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$+ \int_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > N\}} 8 \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$\leq 2 \int \left(2 \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right) - \left\langle A_{n}^{T} \dot{l}_{n}, h \right\rangle\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0} + 16(b_{1}(n, N) + b_{2}(n, N))(3.19)$$

with  $b_i(n, N)$  from the proof of Lemma 1. Set for t > 0

$$\delta_2(t) = \sup_{\{x: |\ln x| \le t\}} \left| \ln x - 2 \left( \sqrt{x} - 1 \right) \right|^2 \frac{1 + (\ln x)^2}{(\ln x)^2}$$
and 
$$\delta_3(t) = \sup_{\{x: |\ln x| \le t\}} \left| \frac{(\ln x)^2}{1 + (\ln x)^2} - (x - 1 - \ln x) \right| \frac{1 + (\ln x)^2}{(\ln x)^2}$$

and note that  $\delta_i(t) \xrightarrow{t \to 0} 0$ . To estimate  $T_{2,n}$  we apply (3.1) and obtain

$$E_{Q_{n,0}}T_{2,n}^{2} \leq \delta_{2}(\varepsilon) \int \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2}}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2}} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$+\delta_{2}(N) \int_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2}}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^{2}} d\mu_{n,0}.$$
(3.20)

**Furthermore** 

$$|T_{3,n}| \leq \delta_3(\varepsilon) \int \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$+ \delta_3(N) \int_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > \varepsilon\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2} d\mu_{n,0}.$$
(3.21)

By assumption (3.14) we find a sequence  $\varepsilon_n \to 0$  such that

$$\int_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > \varepsilon_n\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2} \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0. \tag{3.22}$$

Now we choose a sequence  $N(n) \stackrel{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \infty$  such that

$$\delta_i(N(n)) \cdot \int_{\{|\ln \lambda_{n,h}| > \epsilon_n\}} \frac{(\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2}{1 + (\ln \lambda_{n,h})^2} \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$
 (3.23)

We have  $T_{4,n} \to -\frac{1}{2}||h||^2$  by assumptions (3.15) and (3.22). The inequalities (3.18), (3.20) and (3.21) show that

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} E_{Q_{n,0}} \left( \langle Z_n, h \rangle - L_{n,h}^{N(n)} + \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2 \right)^2$$

$$\leq \limsup_{n \to \infty} \int \left( \left( 2\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right) - \left\langle A_n^T l_n, h \right\rangle \right)^2 d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$+ \limsup_{n \to \infty} 16(b_1(n, N(n)) + b_2(n, N(n))).$$

The second term vanishes by the same arguments as in the proof of Lemma 1. The first term on the right hand side is zero by the  $L_2(\mu_{n,0})$ -differentiability. Thus we arrive at

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} E_{Q_{n,0}} \left( \langle Z_n, h \rangle - L_{n,h}^{N(n)} + \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2 \right)^2 = 0$$

which implies

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}^{N(n)}}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}} = \exp\left\{ \langle Z_n, h \rangle - \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2 + R_n(h) \right\}$$
(3.24)

where  $R_n(h) \to 0$   $Q_{n,0}$ -stochastically. We obtain from Lemma 1 that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}} = \exp\left\{\langle Z_n, h \rangle - \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2 + \widetilde{R}_n(h)\right\}$$
(3.25)

with some  $\widetilde{R}_n$  which converges  $Q_{n,0}$ -stochastically to zero. From Theorem 4 we already know that

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\ln\frac{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,h}}{\mathrm{d}Q_{n,0}}|Q_{n,0}\right) \Rightarrow N\left(-\frac{1}{2}||h||^2,||h||^2\right)$$

for every  $h \in \mathbb{R}_k$ . Hence by the Cramer-Wold technique

$$\mathcal{L}(Z_n|Q_{n,0}) \Rightarrow N(0,I)$$

which completes the proof.

We derived the asymptotic normality of  $Z_n$  from the asymptotic normality of  $L_{n,h}$ . To do this one has to verify the Lindeberg condition (3.14), (3.15) for every fixed h. As  $\lambda_{n,h}$  depends on h nonlinearly, in general, these conditions are not easy to handle. Therefore we now directly impose conditions on  $\dot{l}_n$  to guarantee the asymptotic normality of  $Z_n$ .

Consider  $l_n$  as column vector and introduce the matrix  $\Sigma_n$  by

$$\Sigma_n = \int \dot{l}_n \dot{l}_n^T \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}.$$

Note that the covariance matrix  $C_{Z_n}$  of  $Z_n$  from Theorem 5 is given by  $A_n^T \Sigma_n A_n$ . As the distribution of  $Z_n$  is aimed to converge to N(0, I) it is natural to require that  $C_{Z_n} = I$ . If  $\det(\Sigma_n) \neq 0$  the condition  $C_{Z_n} = I$  can be fulfilled with  $A_n = \Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Note that in this case

$$\int \left\langle A_n^T \dot{l}_n, h \right\rangle^2 d\mu_{n,0} = ||h||^2.$$

Furthermore, if  $\mu_{n,h}$  is  $L_2(\mu_{n,0})$  differentiable we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int 4 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} = ||h||^2$$
 (3.26)

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int \left| 4 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right)^2 - \left\langle A_n^T \dot{l}_n, h \right\rangle^2 \right| d\mu_{n,0} = 0.$$
 (3.27)

Theorem 6. Suppose  $Q_{n,h} \sim Q_{n,0}$  and  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}$  for every  $h \in \mathbb{R}_k$ . Assume  $\{\mu_{n,h}, h \in H_n\}$  is  $L_2(\mu_{n,0})$  differentiable with derivative  $\dot{l}_n$  and  $\det(\Sigma_n) \neq 0$  for every n and  $A_n = \Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . If

$$Z_n(\varphi) = \Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int \dot{l}_n \, \mathrm{d}(\varphi - \mu_{n,0})$$

then  $\{Q_{n,h}\}$  has the LAN-property with central sequence  $Z_n$  iff

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\{\|\Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} i_n\| > \epsilon\}} \|\Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} i_n\|^2 d\mu_{n,0} = 0$$
 (3.28)

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Proof. The proof is splitted into several steps.

1. We have from (3.2)

$$\begin{split} E_{Q_{n,0}} \exp \left\{ i \left\langle Z_n, h \right\rangle \right\} &= \exp \left\{ \int \left( e^{i \left\langle \sum_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{l}_{n,h} \right\rangle} - 1 - i \left\langle \sum_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{l}_{n}, h \right\rangle \right) \, \mathrm{d} \mu_{n,0} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \int \left( e^{i \left\langle x, h \right\rangle} - 1 - i \left\langle x, h \right\rangle \right) \kappa_n(\mathrm{d} x) \right\}. \end{split}$$

Consequently,  $Z_n$  is an infinitely divisible random vector with  $E_{Q_{n,0}}Z_n=0$ ,  $C_{Z_n}=I$ . The criteria for the weak convergence of the distribution of such vectors to a standard normal distribution yield that

$$\mathcal{L}(Z_n|Q_{n,0}) \Rightarrow N(0,I)$$

iff

$$\int_{\{\|x\|>\epsilon\}} \|x\|^2 \kappa_n(\mathrm{d}x) \xrightarrow{n\to\infty} 0 \tag{3.29}$$

for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . But (3.29) is the same as (3.28), which gives the necessity of (3.28). 2. To prove the sufficiency we use a similar splitting of  $L_{n,h}^N$  as in the proof of Theorem 5. Set

$$L_{n,h}^{N} = \int_{B_{n,N}} 2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right) d(\varphi - \mu_{n,0})$$

$$+ \int_{B_{n,N}} \left(\ln \lambda_{n,h} - 2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)\right) d(\varphi - \mu_{n,0})$$

$$+ \int_{B_{n,N}} \left(2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} - (\lambda_{n,h} - 1 - \ln \lambda_{n,h})\right) d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$- \int_{B_{n,N}} 2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$= S_{1,n} + \dots + S_{4,n}.$$

To proceed as in the proof of Theorem 5 we put

$$\Delta_{2}(\varepsilon) = \sup_{\left\{x:,\left|2\left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)\right| \leq \varepsilon\right\}} \left|\ln x - 2\left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)\right|^{2} \left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)^{-2}$$
and 
$$\Delta_{3}(\varepsilon) = \sup_{\left\{x:,\left|2\left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)\right| \leq \varepsilon\right\}} \left|2\left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)^{2} - \left(x-1-\ln x\right)\right| \left(\sqrt{x}-1\right)^{-2}$$

and note that  $\Delta_i(\varepsilon) \to 0$  as  $\varepsilon \to 0$ . Furthermore for every x with  $|\ln x| \le N$ 

$$\left|\ln x - 2\left(\sqrt{x} - 1\right)\right| \le \Delta_2(e^N) \left(\sqrt{x} - 1\right)^2$$
  
and 
$$\left|2\left(\sqrt{x} - 1\right)^2 - \left(x - 1 - \ln x\right)\right| \le \Delta_3(e^N) \left(\sqrt{x} - 1\right)^2.$$

By the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 5 we get for i = 2, 3

$$E_{Q_{n,0}} S_{2,n}^{2} \leq \Delta_{2}(\varepsilon) \int \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$+ \Delta_{2}(e^{N}) \cdot \int_{\{|2(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1)| > \varepsilon\} \cap B_{n,N}} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$
(3.30)

and

$$S_{3,n}^{2} \leq \Delta_{3}(\varepsilon) \int \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$+\Delta_{3}(e^{N}) \cdot \int_{\left\{\left|2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)\right| > \varepsilon\right\} \cap B_{n,N}} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}.$$

To estimate the second term on the right hand side we set

$$\psi_{1,n}=2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)I_{B_{n,N}},\ \psi_{2,n}=\langle \Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\dot{l}_n,h\rangle I_{B_{n,N}}$$

and note that by the definition of  $B_{n,N}$ 

$$\lambda_{n,h} \leq e^N$$

on  $B_{n,N}$  and consequently  $|\psi_{1,n}| \leq e^N.$  Hence for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

$$\int_{\{|\psi_{1,n}-\psi_{2,n}|>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}} \psi_{1,n}^{2} d\mu_{n,0} \leq e^{N} \mu_{n,0} \left(\left\{|\psi_{1,n}-\psi_{2,n}|>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right\}\right) \\
\leq \frac{4e^{N}}{\varepsilon^{2}} \int |\psi_{1,n}-\psi_{2,n}|^{2} d\mu_{n,0}.$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{split} \int_{\{|\psi_{1,n}|>\varepsilon\}} \psi_{1,n}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} & \leq & \int_{\{|\psi_{2,n}|>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}} \psi_{1,n}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} + \int_{\{|\psi_{1,n}-\psi_{2,n}|>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}} \psi_{1,n}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \\ & \leq & 2 \int |\psi_{1,n}-\psi_{2,n}|^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} + 2 \int_{\{|\psi_{2,n}|>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}} \psi_{2,n}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \\ & & + \frac{4e^N}{\varepsilon^2} \int |\psi_{1,n}-\psi_{2,n}|^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}. \end{split}$$

Hence

$$\int_{\{|\psi_{1,n}|>\varepsilon\}} \psi_{1,n}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} \leq \left(2 + \frac{4e^N}{\varepsilon^2}\right) \int |\psi_{1,n} - \psi_{2,n}|^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} +2 \int_{\{|\psi_{2,n}|>\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}} \psi_{2,n}^2 \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}. \tag{3.31}$$

Note that

$$\psi_{2,n}^2 I_{\left\{|\psi_{2,n}| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right\}} \le ||h||^2 \left\| \Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{l}_n \right\|^2 I_{\left\{\left\|\Sigma_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{l}_n\right\| \cdot ||h|| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right\}}.$$
 (3.32)

The inequalities (3.31), (3.32) and the assumptions (3.17), (3.28) imply that for every  $\varepsilon > 0, N > 0$ 

$$\int_{\{|2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)|>\varepsilon\}\cap B_{n,N}}\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)^2\,\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}\stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow}0.$$

Consequently there are  $N(n) \to \infty$  and  $\varepsilon_n \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$  such that for i = 2, 3

$$\Delta_{i}\left(e^{N(n)}\right) \int_{\left\{|2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)|>\varepsilon_{n}\right\}\cap B_{n,N}} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0} \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$
 (3.33)

Note that  $\limsup_{n\to\infty}\int\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)^2\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}<\infty$  as  $\{Q_{n,h}\}\lhd\{Q_{n,0}\}$ . Hence (3.30) and (3.33) imply  $E_{Q_{n,0}}S_{2,n}^2\stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow}0$ . Similarly,  $E_{Q_{n,0}}S_{3,n}\stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow}0$ . The statements  $E_{Q_{n,0}}(S_{1,n}-\langle Z_n,h\rangle)^2\stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow}0$  and  $S_{4,n}\stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow}-\frac{1}{2}||h||$  may be established as in the proof of Theorem 5. Consequently,

$$L_{n,h}^{N} = \langle Z_n, h \rangle - \frac{1}{2} ||h||^2 + R_n(h)$$

where  $R_n(h) \to 0$   $Q_{n,0}$ -stochastically. To complete the proof it remains to apply the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 5.

Remark 3. Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}$  are given in (2.24), in Theorem 1. But sometimes it is more convenient to use the sufficient conditions fromulated in Corollary 1. To be more precise let  $Q_{n,h} \sim Q_{n,0}$  for every  $n,h \in H_n$ . Note that

$$I_1(\mu_{n,h}, \mu_{n,0}) = \int (\lambda_{n,h} \ln \lambda_{n,h} - \lambda_{n,h} + 1) d\mu_{n,0}$$
and 
$$I_1(\mu_{n,0}, \mu_{n,h}) = I_0(\mu_{n,h}, \mu_{n,0}) = \int (\lambda_{n,h} - 1 - \ln \lambda_{n,h}) d\mu_{n,0}.$$

Hence

$$I_0(\mu_{n,h},\mu_{n,0}) + I_1(\mu_{n,h},\mu_{n,0}) = \int (\lambda_{n,h} - 1) \ln \lambda_{n,h} \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}.$$

Consequently, by the Corollary of Theorem 1,

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \int (\lambda_{n,h} - 1) \ln \lambda_{n,h} \, \mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0} < \infty$$

implies  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}.$ 

Now we study a situation in which the assumption of Theorem 6 are fulfilled. Suppose  $\Lambda_{\vartheta}$ ,  $\vartheta \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}_1$  is a family of equivalent  $\sigma$ -finite measures with

$$J_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\Lambda_{\vartheta}, \Lambda_{\vartheta_{0}}\right) < \infty \tag{3.34}$$

for every  $\vartheta \in \Theta$ . Assume  $\vartheta_0 \in \Theta^{\circ}$  and put

$$\lambda_{\vartheta} = \frac{\mathrm{d} \Lambda_{\vartheta}}{\mathrm{d} \Lambda_{\vartheta_0}}.$$

Suppose  $\lambda_{\vartheta}$  is  $L_2(\Lambda_{\vartheta_0})$  differentiable in the sense that there is some  $\dot{l}_{\vartheta} \in L_2(\Lambda_{\vartheta_0})$  such that

$$\int \left(2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{\vartheta}}-1\right)-\dot{l}_{\vartheta_{0}}(\vartheta-\vartheta_{0})\right)^{2} d\Lambda_{\vartheta_{0}} = o\left(\left|\vartheta-\vartheta_{0}\right|^{2}\right). \tag{3.35}$$

Suppose we observe i.i.d. Poisson point processes  $\Phi_1,\ldots,\Phi_n$  with common distribution  $P_{\Lambda_{\vartheta}}$ . We see from (2.34) that the distribution of  $\ln\frac{dP_{\Lambda_{\vartheta}}}{dP_{\Lambda_0}}$  w.r.t.  $P_{\Lambda_0}^n$  is identical with the distribution of  $\ln\frac{dP_{n\Lambda_{\vartheta}}}{dP_{n\Lambda_0}}$  w.r.t.  $P_{n\Lambda_0}$ . Consequently  $\left\{\left(P_{\Lambda_{\vartheta_0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}}\right)^n\right\}$  has the LAN property iff  $\left\{P_n\left(\Lambda_{\vartheta_0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}\right)\right\}$  has the LAN-property. To establish the LAN-property for  $P_{n\Lambda_{\vartheta_0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}}$  we apply Theorem 6. First of all we note that  $\mu_{n,h}=n\left(\Lambda_{\vartheta_0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}\right)$ ,  $\lambda_{n,h}=\lambda_{\vartheta_0+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}$ . Set  $i_n=i_{\vartheta_0}$ . Then

$$\int \left(2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)-\left\langle \dot{l}_{n},\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h\right\rangle\right)^{2} d\mu_{n,0}$$

$$= \int \left(2\sqrt{n}\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{\vartheta_{0}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}}-1\right)-\dot{l}_{\vartheta_{0}}h\right)^{2} d\Lambda_{\vartheta_{0}} \xrightarrow{n\to\infty} 0.$$
(3.36)

Hence (3.17) is fulfilled. Suppose  $I(\vartheta_0) = \int \dot{l}_{\vartheta_0}^2 d\Lambda_0 > 0$ . Then  $\Sigma_n = nI(\vartheta_0) > 0$  and

$$\int_{\left\{\left\|\Sigma_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}}i_{n}\right\|>\varepsilon\right\}}\left\|\Sigma_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\dot{l}_{n}\right\|^{2} d\mu_{n,0} = \frac{1}{I^{2}(\vartheta_{0})}\int_{\left\{I(\vartheta_{0})\sqrt{n}|\dot{l}_{\vartheta_{0}}|>\varepsilon\right\}}\dot{l}_{\vartheta_{0}}^{2} d\Lambda_{\vartheta_{0}} \stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

Hence (3.28) is fulfilled. Now we prove the contiguity  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}$ . The relation (3.36) implies

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \int \left( 2 \left( \sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1 \right) \right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} < \infty. \tag{3.37}$$

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  we get from (3.36)

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}\int_{\{|\lambda_{n,h}-1|>\epsilon\}}\left(2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)\right)^2\,\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,0}\leq \limsup_{n\to\infty}\int_{\{|\lambda_{n,h}-1|>\epsilon\}}h^2\dot{l}_{\vartheta_0}^2\,\mathrm{d}\Lambda_{\vartheta_0}.$$

Relation (3.37) yields

$$\Lambda_{\vartheta_0}\left(\{|\lambda_{n,h}-1|>\varepsilon\}\right)\stackrel{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0.$$

Hence by the Lebesgue Theorem

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \int_{\{|\lambda_{n,h}-1|>\varepsilon\}} \left(2\left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}-1\right)\right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} = 0.$$

Hence

$$\limsup_{N\to\infty} \limsup_{n\to\infty} \int_{\{\lambda_{n,N}>N\}} \left(\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}} - 1\right)^2 d\mu_{n,0} = 0$$

and

$$\limsup_{N\to\infty}\limsup_{n\to\infty}\int_{\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{n,N}}>N\}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_{n,h}}}-1\right)^2\,\mathrm{d}\mu_{n,h}=0.$$

The contiguity  $\{Q_{n,h}\} \triangleleft \triangleright \{Q_{n,0}\}$  now follows from Theorem 1. Summarizing the results we get the following Proposition.

**Proposition 5.** Assume the family  $\lambda_{\vartheta}$  is  $L_2$ -differentiable at  $\vartheta_0$  in the sense of (3.35), the measures  $\Lambda_{\vartheta}$ ,  $\vartheta \in \Theta$  are equivalent and (3.34) is fulfilled. If  $I(\vartheta_0) = \int \dot{l}_{\vartheta_0}^2 d\Lambda_{\vartheta_0} > 0$  then  $\left(P_{\Lambda_{\vartheta_0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}h}}\right)^n$  has the LAN-property.

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