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Suppose X is a random variable with probability mass function

$$p(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N}, & \text{if } k = 1, \\ \frac{1}{k(k-1)}, & \text{if } 2 \le k \le N. \end{cases}$$

Note that w(F) = N and

$$\frac{p(N)}{1 - F(N-1)} = \frac{p(N)}{1 - \Pr(X \le N - 1)} = \frac{p(N)}{\Pr(X > N - 1)} = \frac{p(N)}{\Pr(X \ge N)} = \frac{p(N)}{p(N)} = 1.$$

Hence, F does not belong to any of the three domains of attraction.