

Some Limit Theorems for Sums of Random Sequence

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Abstract: This paper presents some limit theorems for arbitrary continuous random sequence, like many previous works, the theorems directly gives the concept logarithmic likelihood ratio, as a measure of *dissimilarity* between one distribution and the reference distributions. In particularly, we give lower and upper bounds for the deviation under *Chung – Teicher’s* type conditions.

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Introduction

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space, and let $\{\mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an increasing sequence of sub- σ -fields of \mathcal{F} , and suppose that $\{\xi_n, \mathcal{F}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a stochastic sequence defined on this probability space, with the joint distribution densities

$$p_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1.1)$$

and $p_k(x_k), k \in \mathbb{N}$ be the marginal density functions of them, let

$$\Pi = \pi_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n p_k(x_k), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1.2)$$

Definition 1 Let $\{\xi_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a sequence of random variables, set

$$T_n(\omega) = \frac{\pi_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}{p_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}, \quad \gamma_n(\omega) = \log T_n(\omega), \quad (1.3)$$

The random variable

$$\gamma(\omega) = - \liminf_n \frac{\gamma_n(\omega)}{n}. \quad (1.4)$$

is called the limit logarithmic likelihood ratio, relative to the product of one-dimensional marginals of $\{\xi_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, where \log is the natural logarithm, ω is

the sample point, and ξ_k stands for $\xi_k(\omega)$.

The basis for proving the Strong Limit Theorems is the convergence of likelihood ratio which we, however, quote because of its central role in this paper.

Lemma 1 (See Chung [4]) Let $p_n(x_1, \dots, x_n), h_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be two probability density functions on $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P\}$ let

$$\Lambda_n(\omega) = \frac{h_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}{p_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}.$$

then

$$\lim_n \Lambda_n(\omega) = \Lambda_\infty(\omega) < +\infty, \quad a.s. \tag{1.5}$$

and hence

$$\limsup n^{-1} \log \Lambda_n(\omega) \leq 0, \quad a.s. \tag{1.6}$$

Let $\varphi_n : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be Borel functions and let $\alpha_n \geq 1, \beta_n \leq 2, C_n > 0, D_n > 0 (n \in \mathbb{N})$ be constants satisfying (See Cvetan et al [2] and Yang [3])

$$v \leq u \implies C_n \frac{u^{\alpha_n}}{v^{\alpha_n}} \leq \frac{\varphi_n(u)}{\varphi_n(v)} \leq D_n \frac{u^{\beta_n}}{v^{\beta_n}} \tag{1.7}$$

Main Results and Proofs

Theorem 1 Let $\{\xi_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}, \{\varphi_n(x), n \in \mathbb{N}\}, \gamma(\omega)$ be defined as above and let $\{a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a sequences of non-zero reals. Further set

$$\mathcal{J} = \{\omega : \gamma(\omega) < +\infty\}. \tag{2.1}$$

If

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n A_k E \left[\frac{\varphi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\varphi_k(|a_k|)} \right] = c < \infty, \tag{2.2}$$

where $A_n = \max(1/C_n, D_n)$, then

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\xi_k - E\xi_k}{a_k} \leq \tau(\gamma(\omega), c) + c, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}. \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$\tau(x, y) = \inf\{\psi(\lambda, x, y), \lambda > 0\}, \quad 0 \leq x, y < +\infty. \tag{2.4}$$

$$\psi(\lambda, x, y) = \frac{x}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda e^{2|\lambda|} y, \quad 0 \leq x, y < +\infty, \lambda > 0. \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\tau(x, y) \geq 0, \tau(0, y) = \tau(x, 0) = 0, 0 \leq x, y < +\infty. \tag{2.6}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \tau(x, y) = 0. \tag{2.7}$$

$I_{[\cdot]}$ denotes the indicator function.

Proof. Let $\xi'_n = \xi_n I_{\{|\xi_n| \leq |a_n|\}}, n \in \mathbb{N}$. It follows from (1.7) that on the set $\{x : |x| \geq |a_n|\}$, we have

$$\frac{|x|}{|a_n|} \leq \frac{|x|^{\alpha_n}}{|a_n|^{\alpha_n}} \leq A_n \frac{\varphi_n(|x|)}{\varphi_n(|a_n|)},$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(\xi_n \neq \xi'_n) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|\xi_n| > |a_n|) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E I_{\{|\xi_n| \geq |a_n|\}} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E \left[\frac{|\xi_n|}{|a_n|} \right] \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{E[\varphi_n(|\xi_n|)]}{\varphi_n(|a_n|)} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$P(\xi_n \neq \xi'_n, i.o.) = 0$$

and hence

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\xi_n - \xi'_n}{a_n} \text{ converges a.s.} \tag{2.8}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E\xi'_n - E\xi_n}{a_n} &\leq \frac{E|\xi'_n - \xi_n|}{|a_n|} = E \left\{ \frac{|\xi_n|}{|a_n|} I_{\{|\xi_n| > |a_n|\}} \right\} \\ &\leq A_n E \left[\frac{\varphi_n(|\xi_n|)}{\varphi_n(|a_n|)} I_{\{|\xi_n| \geq |a_n|\}} \right] \leq A_n E \left[\frac{\varphi_n(|\xi_n|)}{\varphi_n(|a_n|)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

By (2.2), we have

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{E\xi'_k - E\xi_k}{a_k} \leq c \text{ a.s.} \tag{2.9}$$

Put $\eta_n = (\xi'_n - E\xi'_n)/a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $|\eta_n| \leq 2$, for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, let us set

$$Q_k(\lambda) = E[\exp(\lambda\eta_k)] = \int_{|x_k| \leq |a_k|} p_k(x_k) \exp\left[\frac{\lambda(x_k - E\xi'_k)}{a_k}\right] dx_k.$$

$$p(\lambda; x_k) = \frac{p_k(x_k) \exp\{\lambda[x_k I_{\{|x_k| \leq |a_k|\}} - E\xi'_k]/a_k\}}{Q_k(\lambda)}; \quad q_n(\lambda; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n p_k(\lambda; x_k).$$

We define the likelihood ratio as below

$$\Lambda_n(\lambda; \omega) = \frac{q_n(\lambda; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}{p_n(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)}.$$

The lemma can be rewrite as

$$\limsup_n n^{-1} \log \Lambda_n(\lambda; \omega) \leq 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

Thus we have

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \left[\lambda \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k + \gamma_n(\omega) - \sum_{k=1}^n \log Q_k(\lambda) \right] \leq 0, \text{ a.s.} \tag{2.10}$$

(1.4) and (2.10) imply

$$\limsup_n \frac{\lambda}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k \leq \gamma(\omega) + \limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \log Q_k(\lambda), \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}$$

From the inequality $0 \leq e^x - 1 - x \leq \frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{|x|}$ for all $x \in R$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq Q_k(\lambda) - 1 &= E[\exp(\lambda\eta_k) - 1 - \lambda\eta_k] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} E\eta_k^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} E\left[\frac{\xi'_k}{a_k}\right]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\frac{\xi'_k}{a_k}\right]^2 &= \int_{|x| \leq |a_k|} \frac{x^2}{a_k^2} dF_k(x) \leq \int_{|x| \leq |a_k|} \left[\frac{|x|}{|a_k|}\right]^{\beta_k} dF_k(x) \\ &\leq \int_{|x| \leq |a_k|} A_k \frac{\varphi_k(|x|)}{\varphi_k(|a_k|)} dF_k(x) \leq A_k E\left[\frac{\varphi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\varphi_k(|a_k|)}\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

By (2.11) and (2.12), we have

$$0 \leq Q_k(\lambda) - 1 \leq \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} A_k E\frac{\varphi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\varphi_k(|a_k|)}.$$

Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n [Q_k(\lambda) - 1] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} \limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n A_k E\left[\frac{\varphi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\varphi_k(|a_k|)}\right] \leq \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} c \quad a.s. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

(2.13) together with the inequality $0 \leq \log x \leq x - 1$ ($x \geq 1$) yield

$$0 \leq \limsup_n n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \log Q_k(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} c, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

Hence we have

$$\limsup_n \frac{\lambda}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k \leq \gamma(\omega) + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 e^{2|\lambda|} c, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{J}. \quad (2.14)$$

Let $\lambda > 0$, we have by (2.14)

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k \leq \frac{\gamma(\omega)}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda e^{2|\lambda|} c, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \eta_k \leq \tau(\gamma(\omega), c), \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J} \quad (2.15)$$

Noting that

$$\frac{\xi_k - E\xi_k}{a_k} = \frac{(\xi_k - \xi'_k) + (\xi'_k - E\xi'_k) + (E\xi'_k - E\xi_k)}{a_k}$$

(2.3) follows immediately from (2.8),(2.9) and (2.15) □

Theorem 2 Under the conditions of Theorem 1, we have

$$\liminf_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\xi_k - E\xi_k}{a_k} \geq \kappa(\gamma(\omega), c) - c, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}. \tag{2.16}$$

where

$$\kappa(x, y) = \sup\{\psi(\lambda, x, y), \lambda < 0\}, \quad 0 \leq x, y < +\infty. \tag{2.17}$$

$$\psi(\lambda, x, y) = \frac{x}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda e^{2|\lambda|}y, \quad 0 \leq x, y < +\infty, \lambda < 0. \tag{2.18}$$

and

$$\kappa(x, y) \leq 0, \kappa(0, y) = \kappa(x, 0) = 0, 0 \leq x, y < +\infty. \tag{2.19}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \kappa(x, y) = 0. \tag{2.20}$$

Corollary 1 Under the conditions of Theorem 1, if $c = 0$ or $\gamma(\omega) = 0$, a.s., then

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\xi_k - E\xi_k}{a_k} = 0, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{J}. \tag{2.21}$$

Proof. Since $\kappa(x, 0) = \tau(x, 0) = 0$ and $\kappa(0, y) = \tau(0, y) = 0$, hence (2.21) follows from (2.3) and (2.16). □

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