

# Limit Theorems for Delayed Averages of Random Sequence<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** In this paper we introduce the asymptotic logarithmic delayed likelihood ratio  $\gamma(\omega)$  as a measure of deviation of the joint distribution from the product of their marginals, and establish some generalized strong limit theorems of delayed average of random sequence.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a sequence of random variables and let  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a sequence of positive integers. The numbers

$$\rho_{n,f(n)} = \{\sum_{j=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \xi_j\} / f(n)$$

are called the (forward) delayed first arithmetic means (cf. [7]). In [4], Lai studied the analogues of the law of the iterated logarithm for delayed sums of independent random variables. Recently, Chen (cf. [1]) has presented an accurate description the limiting behavior of delayed sums under a non-identically distribution setup, and has deduced Chover-type laws of the iterated logarithm for them. Vasudeva, R. and Gooty Divanji (cf. [5]) obtained a bivariate law of iterated logarithm for the vector of partial sums and delayed sums when the random variables were positive strictly stable.

The aim of this paper is to establish some generalized strong limit theorems of delayed average for arbitrarily dependent random variables. The crucial part of the proofing is the construction of random variables depending on a parameter, and then the application of the Borel-Cantelli lemma. We extend

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the analytic technique method proposed by Liu (cf. [3]) to the case of delayed sums.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a fixed probability space, and suppose that  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a stochastic sequence defined on it.

Let the joint probability density function of random vector  $(\xi_m, \dots, \xi_n)$  be

$$(1.1) \quad p(x_m, \dots, x_n), m \leq n, n \in N$$

Let  $p_k(x_k)$  be the density function of  $\xi_k, k \in \mathbf{N}$ , i.e. the marginal density functions of  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ , and let

$$(1.2) \quad q(x_m, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{k=m}^n p_k(x_k)$$

In order to prove our main results, we first propose a new concept, which will play a fundamental role in the proofs of our results.

**Definition 1.** (cf. [6]) Let the quotient

$$(1.3) \quad \Lambda_n(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{p_{n+1}(\xi_{n+1}) \cdots p_{n+f(n)}(\xi_{n+f(n)})}{p(\xi_{n+1}, \dots, \xi_{n+f(n)})}, & \text{if the denominator} > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

be called the delayed likelihood ratio, and let (cf. [3])

$$(1.4) \quad \gamma(\omega) = \liminf_n \frac{\log \Lambda_n(\omega)}{f(n)}.$$

which  $\gamma(\omega)$  is called the asymptotic logarithmic delayed likelihood ratio, where  $0 \log 0 = 0$ ,  $\omega$  is the sample point, and  $\xi_k$  stands for  $\xi_k(\omega)$ .

It is easy to see that  $\Lambda_n(\omega) \equiv 1, a.s. n \geq 1$  if  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  are independent.

An article which is important for this paper is that of Wang and Yang(2011). In the paper, they established a lemma that is an important tool for deriving results on strong deviation theorems. In order to prove our main results, we first give the lemma.

**Lemma** (cf. [6]) Let  $\Lambda_n(\omega)$  be defined as above, then

$$\limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \log \Lambda_n(\omega) \leq 0, \quad a.s.$$

(cf.[4]) Let functions  $\Psi_n : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  be nonnegative, continuous and nondecreasing, which for constants  $r_n \geq 0$ , satisfy the following conditions

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{x_1^{r_n}}{x_2^{r_n}} \leq \frac{\Psi_n(x_1)}{\Psi_n(x_2)}, \quad x_1 < x_2$$

2. THE MAIN RESULTS AND PROOFS

With the preliminaries accounted for, we can formulate and prove the main results of this paper. We emphasize that there are no independence or identical distribution assumptions on the original sequence of random variables  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(\xi_n), (\Psi_n(x)), n \in \mathbf{N}, \gamma(\omega)$  be defined as above and  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a increasing sequences of positive numbers, for  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , let*

$$(2.1) \quad \eta_n = \xi_n \mathbf{1}_{(|\xi_n| \leq a_n)},$$

$$(2.2) \quad q_n = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq r_n \leq 2 \\ \frac{2}{r_n}, & r_n > 2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{J} = \{\omega : \gamma(\omega) > -\infty\}.$$

If

$$(2.4) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \{E[\frac{\Psi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)}]\}^{q_k} = c < \infty,$$

then

$$(2.5) \quad \liminf_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \geq \alpha(\gamma(\omega), c), \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

$$(2.6) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \leq \beta(\gamma(\omega), c), \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

where

$$(2.7) \quad \alpha(x, y) = \sup\{\varphi(s, x, y), s < 0\}, \quad x \leq 0, y > 0.$$

$$(2.8) \quad \beta(x, y) = \inf\{\varphi(s, x, y), s > 0\}, \quad x \leq 0, y > 0.$$

$$(2.9) \quad \varphi(s, x, y) = -\frac{x}{s} + \frac{1}{2}se^{2|s|}y, \quad x \leq 0, y > 0, s \neq 0.$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \alpha(x, y) \leq 0, \beta(x, y) \geq 0,$$

$$(2.11) \quad \alpha(0, y) = \alpha(x, 0) = 0, \beta(0, y) = \beta(x, 0) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{1}_{(\cdot)}$  denote the indicator function, and Let  $s$  be a nonzero real number, define random variables

$$(2.12) \quad B_k(s) = E \left[ \exp \frac{s(\eta_k - E\eta_k)}{a_k} \right] = \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \exp \left[ \frac{s(x_k - E\eta_k)}{a_k} \right] dx_k.$$

$$(2.13) \quad p_k(s; x_k) = \frac{p_k(x_k) \exp s[x_k \mathbf{1}_{(|x_k| \leq a_k)} - E\eta_k]/a_k}{B_k(s)}.$$

and

$$(2.14) \quad p(s; x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+f(n)}) = \prod_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} p_k(s; x_k).$$

Define random variables as follows:

$$(2.15) \quad \Lambda_n(s; \omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{p(s; \xi_{n+1}, \dots, \xi_{n+f(n)})}{p(\xi_{n+1}, \dots, \xi_{n+f(n)})}, & \text{if the denominator} > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The lemma can be rewrite as

$$(2.16) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \log \Lambda_n(s; \omega) \leq 0, \quad a.s.$$

Since

$$(2.17) \quad \log \Lambda_n(s; \omega) = s \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} + \log \Lambda_n(\omega) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log B_k(s).$$

Hence, we have

$$(2.18) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \left[ \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} s \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} + \log \Lambda_n(\omega) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log B_k(s) \right] \leq 0, \quad a.s.$$

This together with (1.4), we have

$$(2.19) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} s \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \leq -\gamma(\omega) + \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log B_k(s), \quad a.s.$$

(2.1) and (2.12) together with the inequalities

$$(2.20) \quad \left| \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \right| \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq e^x - 1 - x \leq \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{|x|} \quad \text{for all } x \in R$$

yield the inequalities

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq B_k(s) - 1 \\ &= E \left\{ \exp \left[ \frac{s(\eta_k - E\eta_k)}{a_k} \right] - 1 - \frac{s(\eta_k - E\eta_k)}{a_k} \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} E \left[ \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \right]^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} E \left[ \frac{\eta_k}{a_k} \right]^2. \end{aligned}$$

If  $0 < r_k \leq 2$ , by (2.1),(1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E\left[\frac{\eta_k}{a_k}\right]^2 &= \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \frac{x_k^2}{a_k^2} dx_k \leq \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \left(\frac{|x_k|}{a_k}\right)^{r_k} dx_k \\
 (2.22) \quad &\leq \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \frac{\Psi_k(|x_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)} dx_k \leq E\left[\frac{\Psi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)}\right].
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $r_k > 2$ , by the Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E\left[\frac{\eta_k}{a_k}\right]^2 &= \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \frac{x_k^2}{a_k^2} dx_k \leq \left| \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \left[\frac{x_k^2}{a_k^2}\right]^{r_k/2} dx_k \right|^{2/r_k} \\
 (2.23) \quad &= \left| \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \frac{|x_k|^{r_k}}{a_k^{r_k}} dx_k \right|^{2/r_k} \leq \left| \int_{|x_k| \leq a_k} p_k(x_k) \frac{\Psi_k(|x_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)} dx_k \right|^{2/r_k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$(2.24) \quad E\left[\frac{\eta_k}{a_k}\right]^2 \leq \left[E \frac{\Psi_k(|\eta_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)}\right]^{q_k} \leq \left[E \frac{\Psi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)}\right]^{q_k}.$$

From (2.21), (2.24), we have

$$(2.25) \quad 0 \leq B_k(s) - 1 \leq \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} \left[E \frac{\Psi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)}\right]^{q_k}.$$

This and (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [B_k(s) - 1] \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \left[E \frac{\Psi_k(|\xi_k|)}{\Psi_k(a_k)}\right]^{q_k} \\
 (2.26) \quad &= \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} c, \quad a.s.
 \end{aligned}$$

This together with the inequality  $0 \leq \log x \leq x - 1$  ( $x > 1$ ) yields

$$(2.27) \quad 0 \leq \limsup_n (f(n))^{-1} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log B_k(s) \leq \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} c, \quad a.s.$$

By (2.19) and (2.27), we have

$$(2.28) \limsup_n \frac{s}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \leq -\gamma(\omega) + \frac{1}{2} s^2 e^{2|s|} c, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}$$

Thus for  $s > 0$ , we have

$$(2.29) \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \leq -\frac{\gamma(\omega)}{s} + \frac{1}{2} s e^{2|s|} c, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}$$

By (2.8), (2.9) and (2.29), we have

$$(2.30) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \leq \beta(\gamma(\omega), c), \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}$$

(2.6) follows.

From (2.28), we analogously find for  $s < 0$

$$(2.31) \quad \liminf_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \geq -\frac{\gamma(\omega)}{s} + \frac{1}{2}se^{2|s|}c, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}$$

Similarly, we can prove :

$$(2.32) \quad \liminf_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} \geq \alpha(\gamma(\omega), c), \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

(2.5) follows from (2.32). □

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

$$(2.33) \quad \lim_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \frac{\eta_k - E\eta_k}{a_k} = 0, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha(x, 0) = \beta(x, 0) = 0$  and  $\alpha(0, y) = \beta(0, y) = 0$ , if  $c = 0$  or  $\gamma(\omega) = 0$ , a.s., applying Theorem 1, the result follows. □

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  be a random sequence with  $|\xi_n| \leq 1, n \geq 1$  and  $\gamma(\omega), \mathcal{J}$  be defined as above, if*

$$(2.34) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} Var\xi_k = \sigma < \infty,$$

then

$$(2.35) \quad \liminf_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] \geq \gamma(\omega) - c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

$$(2.36) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] \leq -\gamma(\omega) + c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

where  $c$  is the minimum value satisfying the inequality  $0 \leq e^x - 1 - x \leq cx^2$  for  $|x| < 2$ .

*Proof.* Put  $t = \pm 1$  and let

$$(2.37) \quad D_k(t) = E \exp t(\xi_k - E\xi_k) = \int p_k(x_k) \exp[t(x_k - E\xi_k)] dx_k.$$

and

$$(2.38) \quad p'_k(t; x_k) = \frac{p_k(x_k) \exp t(x_k - E\xi_k)}{D_k(t)}.$$

and

$$(2.39) \quad p'(t; x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+f(n)}) = \prod_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} p'_k(t; x_k).$$

Define random variables:

$$(2.40) \quad \Lambda'_n(t; \omega) = \frac{p'(t; \xi_{n+1}, \dots, \xi_{n+f(n)})}{p(\xi_{n+1}, \dots, \xi_{n+f(n)})}.$$

By lemma 1, we have

$$(2.41) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \log \Lambda'_n(t; \omega) \leq 0, \quad a.s.$$

(2.38)-(2.41) and (1.3) yield

$$(2.42) \quad \log \Lambda'_n(t; \omega) = t \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log D_k(t) + \log \Lambda_n(\omega).$$

Thus

$$(2.43) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \left\{ \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} t[\xi_k - E\xi_k] - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log D_k(t) + \log \Lambda_n(\omega) \right\} \leq 0, \quad a.s.$$

This and (1.4) yields

$$(2.44) \quad \begin{aligned} & \limsup_n \frac{t}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] \\ & \leq \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log D_k(t) - \gamma(\omega), \quad a.s. \quad \omega \in \mathcal{J} \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that  $|\xi_k - E\xi_k| \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq e^x - 1 - x \leq cx^2$  for  $|x| < 2$ , we have

$$(2.45) \quad \begin{aligned} & 0 \leq D_k(t) - 1 = E[\exp t(\xi_k - E\xi_k) - 1 - t(\xi_k - E\xi_k)] \\ & \leq cE(\xi_k - E\xi_k)^2 = cVar\xi_k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(2.46) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \limsup_n (f(n))^{-1} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [D_k(t) - 1] \\ &\leq c \limsup_n (f(n))^{-1} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \text{Var} \xi_k = c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J} \end{aligned}$$

From the same inequality  $0 \leq \log x \leq x - 1 (x \geq 1)$  we analogously find that

$$(2.47) \quad \limsup_n (f(n))^{-1} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} \log D_k(t) \leq c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}$$

(2.44) and (2.47) imply that

$$(2.48) \quad \limsup_n \frac{t}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] \leq -\gamma(\omega) + c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

Putting  $t = \pm 1$ , we have by (2.48)

$$(2.49) \quad \limsup_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] \leq -\gamma(\omega) + c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

and

$$(2.50) \quad \liminf_n \frac{1}{f(n)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+f(n)} [\xi_k - E\xi_k] \geq \gamma(\omega) - c\sigma, \quad a.s. \omega \in \mathcal{J}.$$

These complete the proof. □

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