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Abstract: Let X be a centered Gaussian random variable with values in a Hilbert space H. If $a \in H$, then we determine the asymptotic behaviour of $P\{||X-a|| < \varepsilon\}$ as $\varepsilon \to 0$. This extends former results of G. N. Sytaya and V. M. Zolotarev in the centered case, i.e., for a = 0. More general, we describe the behaviour of $P\{||X - f(t)a|| < R(t)\}$ as $t \to \infty$ for some R^+ -valued functions f and R. Basic tools are the Laplace transform and a modified saddle point method.

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