

ON THE RATE OF CONVERGENCE
IN A RANDOM CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

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Abstract. We extend the random central limit theorem of Rényi [8] and theorems on the convergence rate for random summation of [3] and [1] to the case where a larger class of random indices is considered.

1. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables (r.v.'s) with $EX_k = 0$, $EX_k^2 = \sigma_k^2 < \infty$, $k \geq 1$. Suppose that there exists a probability measure μ such that

$$(1.1) \quad Y_n := S_n/s_n \Rightarrow \mu, \quad n \rightarrow \infty \text{ (converges weakly);}$$

where

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k, \quad s_n^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k^2 < \infty$$

for all n , and $s_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$, $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We are going to prove the following results:

THEOREM 1. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent r.v.'s with $EX_k = 0$, $EX_k^2 = \sigma_k^2$, $k \geq 1$, satisfying (1.1), and let $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s such that

$$(1.2) \quad s_{N_n}^2/s_{[\lambda v_n]}^2 \xrightarrow{P} 1, \quad n \rightarrow \infty \text{ (converges in probability),}$$

where λ is a positive r.v. having a discrete distribution, and $\{v_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s independent of $\{\lambda, X_k, k \geq 1\}$ with $v_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$, $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$(1.3) \quad Y_{N_n} = S_{N_n}/s_{N_n} \Rightarrow \mu, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

THEOREM 2. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent r.v.'s with $EX_k = 0$, $EX_k^2 = \sigma_k^2$, $k \geq 1$, satisfying the following conditions:

$$(1.4) \quad E|X_k|^{2+\delta} = \beta_k^{2+\delta} < \infty, \quad k \geq 1, \text{ for some } 0 < \delta \leq 1;$$

$$(1.5) \quad B_n^{2+\delta} = O(s_n^2), \quad \text{where } B_n^{2+\delta} = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k^{2+\delta};$$

there exist positive numbers b_1 and b_2 such that, for every positive integers $n > k \geq 1$,

$$(1.6) \quad b_1 P[S_n - S_k \geq 0] \leq P[S_n - S_k \leq 0] \leq b_2 P[S_n - S_k \geq 0].$$

Suppose that $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s such that, for a constant C_1 ,

$$(1.7) \quad P[|s_{N_n}^2/s_{v_n}^2 - 1| > C_1 \varepsilon_n] = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}),$$

where $\{v_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s independent of $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ with

$$(1.8) \quad P[s_{v_n}^2 < C_2 \varepsilon_n^{-1/\delta}] = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) \text{ for a constant } C_2,$$

and $\{\varepsilon_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers with $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$(1.9) \quad \sup_x |P[S_{N_n} < x s_{v_n}] - \Phi(x)| = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n})$$

and

$$(1.10) \quad \sup_x |P[S_{N_n} < x s_{N_n}] - \Phi(x)| = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}),$$

where Φ denotes the standard normal distribution function.

From Theorem 1 we get a generalization of Rényi's result [8].

COROLLARY 1. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed r.v.'s with $EX_1 = 0, EX_1^2 = \sigma^2 > 0$, and let $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s such that

$$(1.11) \quad N_n/v_n \xrightarrow{P} \lambda, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where λ is a positive r.v. having a discrete distribution, and $\{v_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s independent of $\{\lambda, X_k, k \geq 1\}$ with $v_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty, n \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$(1.12) \quad S_{N_n}/\sigma \sqrt{N_n} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{0,1}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem 2 gives us the following generalization of the Callaert and Janssen's result [1]:

COROLLARY 2. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed r.v.'s with $EX_1 = 0, EX_1^2 = \sigma^2 > 0, E|X_1|^{2+\delta} < \infty$ for some $0 < \delta \leq 1$ and let $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s such that, for a constant C_1 ,

$$(1.13) \quad P \left[\left| \frac{N_n}{v_n} - 1 \right| > C_1 \varepsilon_n \right] = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}),$$

where $\{v_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s independent of $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ with

$$(1.14) \quad P[v_n < C_2 \varepsilon_n^{-1/\delta}] = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) \text{ for a constant } C_2,$$

and $\{\varepsilon_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers with $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$. Then

$$(1.15) \quad \sup_x |P[S_{N_n} < x\sigma\sqrt{v_n}] - \Phi(x)| = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n})$$

and

$$(1.16) \quad \sup_x P[S_{N_n} < x\sigma\sqrt{N_n}] - \Phi(x) = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}).$$

2. In order to prove Theorems 1 and 2 we need the following auxiliary results.

LEMMA 1. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent r.v.'s with $EX_k = 0, EX_k^2 = \sigma_k^2 < \infty, k \geq 1$, satisfying (1.1), and let λ be a positive r.v. having a discrete distribution. If $\{v_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued r.v.'s independent of $\{\lambda, X_k, k \geq 1\}$ with $v_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty, n \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$(2.1) \quad Y_{[\lambda v_n]} \Rightarrow \mu, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Moreover, the sequence $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ satisfies the Anscombe random condition ((A**) of [2]) with norming sequence $\{s_n, n \geq 1\}$ and filtering sequence $\{[\lambda v_n], n \geq 1\}$, i.e., for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$(2.2) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[\max_I |Y_i - Y_{[\lambda v_n]}| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \varepsilon,$$

where $I = \{i: |s_i^2 - s_{[\lambda v_n]}^2| \leq \delta s_{[\lambda v_n]}^2\}$.

LEMMA 2. Let $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent r.v.'s with $EX_k = 0, EX_k^2 = \sigma_k^2, E|X_k|^{2+\delta} = \beta_k^{2+\delta} < \infty$ for some $0 < \delta \leq 1, k \geq 1$. Then there exists a constant C such that, for every positive integers n and k and for every x ,

$$(2.3) \quad P[S_n \leq x; S_{n+k} \geq x] \leq C \{B_n^{2+\delta}/s_n^{2+\delta} + \sqrt{(s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2)/s_n^2}\}$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad P[S_n \geq x; S_{n+k} \leq x] \leq C \{B_n^{2+\delta}/s_n^{2+\delta} + \sqrt{(s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2)/s_n^2}\}.$$

Proof of Lemma 1. Since for every n the r.v. v_n is independent of $\{\lambda, X_k, k \geq 1\}$, we have

$$P[Y_{[\lambda v_n]} < x] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P[v_n = k] P[Y_{[\lambda k]} < x].$$

But, by Lemma 6 of [2],

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P[Y_{[\lambda k]} < x] = F(x)$$

for every continuity point x of F , where $F(\cdot) = \mu\{(-\infty, \cdot)\}$. Furthermore, since $v_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$, $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[v_n = k] = 0 \quad \text{for every } k \geq 1.$$

Thus, by Toeplitz lemma (cf. [5], p. 238),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[Y_{[\lambda v_n]} < x] = F(x)$$

for every continuity point x of F , which proves (2.1).

For the proof of (2.2) let us note that, for arbitrarily fixed $M > 0$,

$$P[\max_{I_1} |Y_i - Y_{[\lambda v_n]}| \geq \varepsilon] \leq P[v_n \leq M] + \sum_{k > M} P[v_n = k] P[\max_{I_2} |Y_i - Y_{[\lambda k]}| \geq \varepsilon],$$

where $I_1 = |s_i^2 - s_{[\lambda v_n]}^2| \leq \delta s_{[\lambda v_n]}^2$, $I_2 = |s_i^2 - s_{[\lambda k]}^2| \leq \delta s_{[\lambda k]}^2$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[v_n \leq M] = 0$. Moreover, by Lemma 7 of [2], we can choose M so large that

$$P[\max_{I_2} |Y_i - Y_{[\lambda k]}| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } k > M.$$

Hence we get the desired result (2.2)

Proof of Lemma 2. Since (2.4) follows from (2.3) by replacing X_k by $-X_k$, we prove (2.3) only.

We put $D(n; x) = P[S_n \leq x; S_{n+k} \geq x]$. Then, by the theorem of Fubini, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D(n; x) &= \int_{E_1} \dots \int dF_{X_1}(x_1) \dots dF_{X_{n+k}}(x_{n+k}) \\ &= \int \dots \int P[S_n \leq x; S_n + \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i \geq x] dF_{X_{n+1}}(x_{n+1}) \dots dF_{X_{n+k}}(x_{n+k}) \\ &= \int \dots \int P[x - \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i \leq S_n \leq x] dF_{X_{n+1}}(x_{n+1}) \dots dF_{X_{n+k}}(x_{n+k}), \end{aligned}$$

where $E_1 = [\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \leq x; \sum_{i=1}^{n+k} x_i \geq x]$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} D(n; x) &= \int_{E_2} \dots \int \left\{ P\left[\frac{S_n}{S_n} \leq \frac{x}{S_n}\right] - \Phi\left(\frac{x}{S_n}\right) \right\} + \\ &\quad + \Phi\left(\frac{x}{S_n} - \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i}{S_n}\right) - P\left[\frac{S_n}{S_n} < \frac{x}{S_n} - \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i}{S_n}\right] + \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \Phi\left(\frac{x}{s_n}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{x}{s_n} - \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i}{s_n}\right) \left. dF_{X_{n+1}}(x_{n+1}) \dots dF_{X_{n+k}}(x_{n+k}), \right\}$$

where $E_2 = \left[\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i \geq 0 \right]$.

Since, for every q (cf. [7], inequality (3.4) on p. 143),

$$\sup_y |\Phi(y+q) - \Phi(y)| \leq |q|/\sqrt{2\pi}$$

and, by Berry-Esseen inequality (cf. [7], Theorem 6 on p. 144),

$$(2.5) \quad \sup_y \left| P\left[\frac{S_n}{s_n} < y \right] - \Phi(y) \right| = O(B_n^{2+\delta}/s_n^{2+\delta}),$$

there exists a constant C such that

$$D(n; x) \leq C \left\{ B_n^{2+\delta}/s_n^{2+\delta} + \sqrt{(s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2)/s_n^2} \times \right. \\ \left. \times \int \dots \int \left| \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i}{\sqrt{s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2}} \right| dF_{X_{n+1}}(x_{n+1}) \dots dF_{X_{n+k}}(x_{n+k}) \right\}.$$

But

$$\int \dots \int \left| \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+k} x_i}{\sqrt{s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2}} \right| dF_{X_{n+1}}(x_{n+1}) \dots dF_{X_{n+k}}(x_{n+k}) \\ = E \left| \frac{S_{n+k} - S_n}{\sqrt{s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2}} \right| \leq E^{1/2} \left(\frac{S_{n+k} - S_n}{\sqrt{s_{n+k}^2 - s_n^2}} \right)^2 = 1.$$

Therefore, we get the desired result (2.3). The proof of Lemma 2 is complete.

Proof of Theorem 1. The proof is easily based on Lemma 1 and Corollary 2 of [2] and is not detailed here.

Proof of Theorem 2. The proof contains some ideas of [4] and bases on Lemma 2 and Lemma 6.1 of [9].

First we observe that

$$(2.6) \quad \sup_x |P[S_{v_n} < xs_{v_n}] - \Phi(x)| = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}).$$

Indeed, by (1.5), (2.5) and the fact that v_n is independent of $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$

we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad \sup_x |P[S_{v_n} < xs_{v_n}] - \Phi(x)| \\ \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P[v_n = k] \sup_x |P[S_k < xs_k] - \Phi(x)| \\ \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P[v_n = k] \{B_k^{2+\delta}/s_k^{2+\delta}\} \leq \tilde{C} E\{s_{v_n}^{-\delta}\},$$

where C and \tilde{C} are some constants independent of n and k . But, by (1.8), we have (with the assumption $\sigma_1^2 > 0$)

$$(2.8) \quad E\{s_{v_n}^{-\delta}\} = E\{s_{v_n}^{-\delta} I[S_{v_n}^2 < C_2 \varepsilon_n^{-1/\delta}] + s_{v_n}^{-\delta} I[S_{v_n}^2 \geq C_2 \varepsilon_n^{-1/\delta}]\} \\ \leq \sigma_1^{-\delta} P[S_{v_n}^2 < C_2 \varepsilon_n^{-1/\delta}] + (C_2 \varepsilon_n^{-1/\delta})^{-\delta/2} = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}).$$

Combining (2.7) and (2.8) we get the desired result (2.6).

Now let us put

$$I_{n,v_n} = \{k: (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_{v_n}^2 \leq s_k^2 \leq (1 + C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_{v_n}^2\}$$

and

$$I_{n,r} = \{k: (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_r^2 \leq s_k^2 \leq (1 + C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_r^2\}, \quad r \geq 1.$$

By (1.7) we have

$$P[\max_{k \in I_{n,v_n}} S_k < xs_{v_n}] - O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) \leq P[S_{N_n} < xs_{v_n}] \leq P[\min_{k \in I_{n,v_n}} S_k < xs_{v_n}] + O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}).$$

Furthermore,

$$P[\max_{k \in I_{n,v_n}} S_k < xs_{v_n}] \leq P[S_{v_n} < xs_{v_n}] \leq P[\min_{k \in I_{n,v_n}} S_k < xs_{v_n}].$$

Hence, and by (2.6), we obtain

$$(2.9) \quad \sup_x |P[S_{N_n} < xs_{v_n}] - \Phi(x)| \\ \leq O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) + \sup_x |P[\min_{k \in I_{n,v_n}} S_k < xs_{v_n}] - P[\max_{k \in I_{n,v_n}} S_k < xs_{v_n}]|.$$

Let

$$p'_n = \min \{k: s_k^2 \geq (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_{v_n}^2\}$$

and

$$q'_n = \max \{k: s_k^2 \leq (1 + C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_{v_n}^2\}.$$

Then

$$(2.10) \quad P[\min_{k \in I_{n, v_n}} S_k < x s_{v_n}] - P[\max_{k \in I_{n, v_n}} S_k < x s_{v_n}] = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} P[v_n = r] K_{n,r},$$

where

$$K_{n,r} := P[\min_{p'_n \leq k \leq q'_n} S_k < x s_r] - P[\max_{p'_n \leq k \leq q'_n} S_k < x s_r].$$

According to Lemma 6.1 of [9] there exists a constant C , independent of n , r and x , such that

$$(2.11) \quad K_{n,r} \leq C \{P[S_{p'_n} \leq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \geq x s_r] + P[S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]\}.$$

For the completeness of the proof we repeat here the proof of inequality (2.11).

First we note that $K_{n,r} = P[S_j < x s_r; S_k \geq x s_r, \text{ for some } j \text{ and } k, p'_n \leq j, k \leq q'_n] = P(A)$, say. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} < x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]) + P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} < x s_r; S_{q'_n} > x s_r]) + \\ &\quad + P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} > x s_r]) + P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]) \\ &\leq P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} < x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]) + P[S_{p'_n} \leq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \geq x s_r] + \\ &\quad + P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} > x s_r]) + P[S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it is sufficient to prove that there exists a constant C (independent of n , r and x) such that

$$(2.12) \quad P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} < x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]) \leq C \cdot P[S_{p'_n} \leq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \geq x s_r]$$

and

$$(2.13) \quad P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} > x s_r]) \leq C \cdot P[S_{p'_n} \geq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r].$$

Define, for $p'_n + 1 \leq k \leq q'_n$, $A_k = [S_j < x s_r, \text{ for } p'_n \leq j \leq k - 1; S_k \geq x s_r]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap [S_{p'_n} < x s_r; S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]) &= \sum_{k=p'_n+1}^{q'_n-1} P(A_k \cap [S_{q'_n} \leq x s_r]) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=p'_n+1}^{q'_n-1} P(A_k \cap [S_{q'_n} - S_k \leq 0]) = \sum_{k=p'_n+1}^{q'_n-1} P(A_k) P[S_{q'_n} - S_k \leq 0] \\ &\leq b_2 \sum_{k=p'_n+1}^{q'_n-1} P(A_k) P[S_{q'_n} - S_k \geq 0] \quad (\text{by (6)}) \\ &= b_2 \sum_{k=p'_n+1}^{q'_n-1} P(A_k \cap [S_{q'_n} - S_k \geq 0]) \leq b_2 \sum_{k=p'_n+1}^{q'_n-1} P(A_k \cap [S_{q'_n} \geq x s_r]) \\ &\leq b_2 P[S_{p'_n} < x s_r; S_{q'_n} \geq x s_r] \leq b_2 P[S_{p'_n} \leq x s_r; S_{q'_n} \geq x s_r], \end{aligned}$$

which proves (2.12).

Inequality (2.13) follows similarly. Thus we get (2.11).

Using (2.11) and Lemma 2 we have, for a constant C ,

$$K_{n,r} \leq C \{ B_{p_n}^{2+\delta} / s_{p_n}^{2+\delta} + \sqrt{(s_{q_n}^2 - s_{p_n}^2) / s_{p_n}^2} \},$$

where, by (1.5),

$$\begin{aligned} & B_{p_n}^{2+\delta} / s_{p_n}^{2+\delta} + \sqrt{(s_{q_n}^2 - s_{p_n}^2) / s_{p_n}^2} \\ & \leq \tilde{C} s_{p_n}^{-\delta} + \sqrt{\{(1 + C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_r^2 - (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_r^2\} / (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n) s_r^2} \\ & \leq \tilde{C} (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n)^{-\delta/2} s_r^{-\delta} + \sqrt{2C_1 \varepsilon_n / (1 - C_1 \varepsilon_n)} \leq \tilde{C}_1 s_r^{-\delta} + O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) \end{aligned}$$

for some constants \tilde{C} and \tilde{C}_1 independent of n and r . Hence and by (2.8) we obtain, for a constant C ,

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} P[v_n = r] K_{n,r} \leq C E \{ s_{v_n}^{-\delta} \} + O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}) = O(\sqrt{\varepsilon_n}),$$

which, combined with (2.9) and (2.10), yields (1.9).

Further on, by (1.7), (1.9) and Lemma 1 of [6], stating that if $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ and $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ are sequences of r.v.'s such that

$$\sup_x |P[X_n < x] - \Phi(x)| = O(a_n) \quad \text{and} \quad P[|Y_n - 1| > a_n] = O(a_n),$$

then

$$\sup_x |P[X_n < x Y_n] - \Phi(x)| = O(a_n),$$

we obtain (1.10). The proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

Remark. One can see that each sequence $\{X_k, k \geq 1\}$ of independent and identically distributed r.v.'s, with $EX_1 = 0$ and $\sigma^2 X_1 = \sigma^2 < \infty$, satisfies (1.6) ([9], p. 95). This observation and Theorem 2 imply Corollary 2.

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