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SLOW CONVERGENCE TO NORMALITY: AN EDGEWORTH EXPANSION WITHOUT THIRD MOMENT

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Abstract: Let F be a non-lattice distribution function which lies in the domain of attraction of a normal distribution. Exact uniform convergence rates are obtained for the convergence of the normalized partial sums of i.i.d. random variables with distribution F. The assumptions are

$$1 - F(x) + F(-x) \in RV_{\varrho-2} \quad (-1 \le \varrho \le 0)$$

and

$$(1 - F(x))/(1 - F(x) + F(-x)) \to p \in [0, 1] \text{ (as } x \to \infty).$$

For $\rho = -1$ somewhat weaker conditions are sufficient.

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