

WEAK CONVERGENCE TO THE BROWNIAN MOTION
OF THE PARTIAL SUMS
OF INFIMA
OF INDEPENDENT RANDOM VARIABLES

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Abstract. Let $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent, positive random variables, defined on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) , with the common distribution function F .

Put $Y_m^* = \inf(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)$, $m \geq 1$, and

$$S_n = \sum_{m=1}^n Y_m^*, \quad n \geq 2, S_1 = 0.$$

The aim of this note is to give the rate of weak convergence of $\{S_n, n \geq 1\}$ to the Brownian motion. Moreover, the mixing limit theorem and the random functional limit theorem for the sums S_n , $n \geq 1$, are presented.

1. Introduction and results. Let $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent, positive random variables with the common distribution function F , such that

$$(1) \quad \int_0^1 \left| F(x) - \frac{x}{b} \right| x^{-2} dx < \infty \quad \text{for some } b: 0 < b < \infty.$$

Let us put $Y_m^* = \inf(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)$, $m \geq 1$ and write

$$S_n = \sum_{m=1}^n Y_m^*, \quad n \geq 2, S_1 = 0.$$

The convergence in probability, almost sure and in law, is established in [5]-[8] for sums S_n of infima of independent random variables uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$. The almost sure invariance principle for them has been obtained in [9]. Weak convergence of sums and of random sums of infima of independent positive random variables with the common distribution function F was investigated in [11] and [10], respectively.

In this paper we examine the relation between the Wiener measure on the space (C, \mathcal{B}_C) and the distribution of sums $\{S_n, n \geq 1\}$, where $C = C_{\langle 0,1 \rangle}$ is the space of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ with the metric

$$\varrho(x, y) = \sup_{t \in \langle 0,1 \rangle} |x(t) - y(t)|, \quad x, y \in C,$$

\mathcal{B}_C is the σ -field of Borel sets in C , and

$$S_n = \sum_{m=1}^n Y_m^*, \quad n \geq 2, S_1 = 0.$$

Let \mathcal{L}_C be the Lévy-Prohorov's distance defined as follows: Let, for $B \in \mathcal{B}_C$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$G_\varepsilon(B) = \{x: \bigvee_{y \in B} \varrho(x, y) < \varepsilon\},$$

where ϱ is the metric on $C_{\langle 0,1 \rangle}$, and let P and Q be two measures on (C, \mathcal{B}_C) . Then we say that $\mathcal{L}_C(P, Q) < \varepsilon$ iff $P(B) \leq Q(G_\varepsilon(B)) + \varepsilon$ and $Q(B) \leq P(G_\varepsilon(B)) + \varepsilon$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}_C$.

Now, let $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of independent, positive random variables (i.p.r.v.s.), with the common distribution function F , such that (1) holds. Let us define on $C_{\langle 0,1 \rangle}$ the random function $\{Y_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ as follows:

$$(2) \quad \tilde{Y}_n(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$\tilde{Y}_n(t) = \frac{S_k - b \log k}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{S_{k+1} - S_k - b \log \frac{k+1}{k}}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} \right),$$

if $t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle$, where $t_k = \sigma_k / \sigma_{n-1}$, $1 \leq k \leq n-1$, $t_0 = 0$, and

$$\sigma_k = \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{1}{m}, \quad k \geq 1, \quad S_n = \sum_{m=1}^n Y_m^*, \quad n \geq 2, S_1 = 0.$$

Now, we are going to prove the following

THEOREM 1. Let P_n denote the distribution of $\{\tilde{Y}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ in the space (C, \mathcal{B}_C) . Then

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(P_n, W) = O((\log n)^{-1/8}),$$

where W is the Wiener measure on $C_{\langle 0,1 \rangle}$.

From Theorem 1 we immediately obtain

COROLLARY 1. \tilde{Y}_n converges weakly to W : $\tilde{Y}_n \Rightarrow W$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Moreover, we can prove the following stronger

THEOREM 2. Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have $\tilde{Y}_n \Rightarrow W$ (mixing) as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now, let $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables, defined on the same probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) . Let us suppose that

$$(4) \quad N_n/a_n \xrightarrow{P} \lambda \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where λ is a positive random variable which may depend only on finite number of $Y_n, n \geq 1$, and $\{a_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers such that $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then we can obtain

THEOREM 3. Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 we have $\tilde{Y}_{N_n} \Rightarrow W$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for every $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ satisfying (4).

By Theorem 3 and corollaries 5.1 and 5.3 in [12] (p. 227 and 230), by putting

$$h_1(x) = \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} x(t), \quad h_2(x) = \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} |x(t)|,$$

we get

COROLLARY 2. Under the assumptions of Theorem 3, for each $x > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq N_n} \frac{S_k - b \log k}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} < x \right] = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-u^2/2} du$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq N_n} \frac{|S_k - b \log k|}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} < x \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-x}^x \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^k e^{-(u-2kx)^2/2} du.$$

Let us observe that this paper gives a generalization of the results presented in [10].

2. Proofs. In the proof of Theorem 1 we apply some lemmas given by Deh uvels [6] and H oglund [11]. For the sake of completeness we present them in section 3.

Proof of Theorem 1. Suppose that $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ is the sequence of independent random variables (i.r.v.s.) uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$. (In this case $b = 1$.)

Put

$$X_m^* = \inf(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m), \quad m \geq 1,$$

$$\tilde{S}_n = \sum_{m=1}^n X_m^*, \quad n \geq 2, \quad \tilde{S}_1 = 0,$$

and define

$$(5) \quad \tilde{X}_n(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$\tilde{X}_n(t) = \frac{\tilde{S}_k - \log k}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{\tilde{S}_{k+1} - \tilde{S}_k - \log \frac{k+1}{k}}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \right),$$

if $t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle$, $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, where $t_k = \sigma_k / \sigma_{n-1}$, $1 \leq k \leq n-1$, $t_0 = 0$, $\sigma_k = \sum_{m=1}^k (1/m)$, $n \geq 2$.

Let \tilde{P}_n denote the distribution of the random function $\{\tilde{X}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ in the space (C, \mathcal{B}_C) . We shall prove that

$$(6) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(\tilde{P}_n, W) = O((\log n)^{-1/8}).$$

Let us put $s_n = \sqrt{s_n^2} = \sqrt{\sigma^2 U_n}$, $n \geq 1$, and

$$V_m = [\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m - E(\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)] \varepsilon(m) / s_n, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n-1,$$

where the random variables U_n and τ_n , $n \geq 1$, are given in section 3 by (3.4) and (3.1), respectively ($\varepsilon(n) = n^{-1}$).

Let $\{W_n^{(1)}(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ be the random function defined as follows:

$$W_n^{(1)}(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$W_n^{(1)}(t) = \frac{U_k - EU_k}{s_n} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{U_{k+1} - U_k - E(U_{k+1} - U_k)}{s_n} \right),$$

if $t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle$, where t_k are as in (5), $0 \leq k \leq n-1$.

First we show that

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(P_n^{(1)}, W) = O((\log n)^{-1/8}),$$

where $P_n^{(1)}$ is the distribution of $\{W_n^{(1)}(t)\}$ in (C, \mathcal{B}_C) . To do this, it is enough to note that the sequence $\{V_n, n \geq 1\}$ satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1 ([3]). In fact, we have $EV_m = 0$, $m \geq 1$,

$$\sigma^2 \left(\sum_{m=1}^n V_m \right) = 1, \quad t_k = \sum_{m=1}^k \sigma^2 V_m.$$

Write $L_n^{(3)} = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} E|V_m|^3$. By (3.6) and (3.7),

$$L_n^{(3)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} 2^2 \{E(\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)^3 \varepsilon^3(m) + E^3(\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \varepsilon^3(m)\} = O((\log n)^{-1/2}),$$

therefore, by Theorem 1 ([3]), we obtain (7).

Let us now define $\{W_n^{(2)}(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ as follows:

$$W_n^{(2)}(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$W_n^{(2)}(t) = \frac{U_k - \log k}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{U_{k+1} - U_k - \log \frac{k+1}{k}}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \right),$$

$$t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n-1.$$

If $a_n = s_n / (2 \log n)^{1/2}$ and

$$b_{n,k}(t) = \frac{EU_k - \log k}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{E(U_{k+1} - U_k) - \log \frac{k+1}{k}}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \right)$$

for $t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle$, $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $b_{n,k}(0) = 0$, $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $n \geq 2$, then

$$W_n^{(2)}(t) = a_n W_n^{(1)}(t) + b_{n,k}(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle.$$

Let $P_n^{(2)}$ denote the distribution of $\{W_n^{(2)}\}$ in (C, \mathcal{B}_C) . We are going to show that

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(P_n^{(2)}, P_n^{(1)}) = O((\log n)^{-1/4}).$$

By simple evaluations we obtain

$$P[\varrho(W_n^{(2)}, W_n^{(1)}) \geq C(\log n)^{-1/4}]$$

$$\leq P \left[|1 - a_n| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{|U_k - EU_k|}{s_n} + \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{|EU_k - \log k|}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \geq C(\log n)^{-1/4} \right].$$

By (3.5) there exists a positive constant C_1 such that

$$C(\log n)^{-1/4} - \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{|EU_k - \log k|}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \geq C_1 (\log n)^{-1/4}.$$

Thus, by Kolmogorov's inequality and (3.6), we get

$$P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |U_k - EU_k| \geq C_1 (\log n)^{-1/4} s_n |1 - a_n|^{-1} \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{2\sigma^2 U_n (\log n)^{1/2} |1 - a_n|^2}{C_1^2 s_n^2} = O((\log n)^{-3/2}).$$

Then, by Lemma 1.2 of [13], we get (8).

Now, let us define the random functions $\{Z_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$:

$$Z_n(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$Z_n(t) = \frac{S(\tau_k) - \log k}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{S(\tau_{k+1}) - S(\tau_k) - \log \frac{k+1}{k}}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \right),$$

$$n \geq 2, t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle, 0 \leq k \leq n-1,$$

where $S(\tau_k) = X_1^* + X_2^* + \dots + X_{\tau_k}^*$, $k \geq 1$.

By (3.4), (3.11), (3.8) and the fact that $\tau_1 = 1$ a.s. we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P[\varrho(Z_n, W_n^{(2)}) \geq C(\log n)^{-1/4}] &\leq P \left[2 \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{|S(\tau_k) - U_k|}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \geq C(\log n)^{-1/4} \right] \\ &\leq P \left[\max(S(\tau_1), \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |U'_k - U_k| + |S(\tau_1) - 2|) \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\ &\leq P \left[(U_n - U'_n) \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} - 2 \right] \\ &\leq E(U_n - U'_n)^2 \left(\frac{C\sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} - 2 \right)^{-2} = O((\log n)^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

hence, by Lemma 1.2 ([13]), we have

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(P_n^{(3)}, P_n^{(2)}) = O((\log n)^{-1/4}),$$

where $P_n^{(3)}$ denotes the distribution of random function $\{Z_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ in (C, \mathcal{B}_C) .

Now, let $\{\tilde{X}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ be the random function given by (5) and let \tilde{P}_n be the distribution of $\{\tilde{X}_n(t)\}$ in (C, \mathcal{B}_C) . We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (10) \quad P[\varrho(\tilde{X}_n, Z_n) \geq C(\log n)^{-1/4}] &\leq P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\ &\leq P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq N(n)} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] + \\ &\quad + P \left[\max_{N(n) < k \leq n} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $N(n)$ is a subsequence of integers.

It is easy to see, that if $N(n) = [\log n]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \quad & P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq N(n)} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
 & \leq P \left[\tilde{S}_{N(n)} + S(\tau_{N(n)}) \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
 & \leq P \left[\tilde{S}_{N(n)} \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{8} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] + P \left[S(\tau_{N(n)}) \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{8} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{ES_{N(n)} + ES(\tau_{N(n)})}{\frac{C\sqrt{2}}{8} (\log n)^{1/4}} = O((\log_2 n) (\log n)^{-1/4}),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\log_2 n = \log(\log n)$, as $ES_n = \sum_{m=1}^n 1/(m+1)$ and $ES(\tau_n) \sim \log n$.

Now we are going to estimate

$$P \left[\max_{N(n) < k \leq n} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right].$$

Note that for $k \geq \tau_k$ we have, by definition (3.1),

$$\inf(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{\tau_k+i}) \leq \varepsilon(k) \quad \text{for } i \geq 0.$$

In this case we get

$$\tilde{S}_k = S(\tau_k) + \sum_{m=\tau_k+1}^k X_m^* \quad \text{and} \quad |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \leq k\varepsilon(k) = 1.$$

If $k < \tau_k$, then, by Lemma 3.7,

$$|\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| = \sum_{m=k+1}^{\tau_k} X_m^* \leq (\tau_k - k) X_{k+1} \leq (\tau_k - k) \frac{(1+A) \log_2 k}{k} \text{ a.s.}$$

for sufficiently large k . Therefore, by Lemma 3.6, for sufficiently large n we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P \left[\max_{N(n) < k \leq n} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
 & \leq P \left[\max_{N(n) < k < \tau_k \leq n} (\tau_k - k) \frac{(1+A) \log_2 k}{k} \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
 & \leq P \left[\max_{N(n) < k < \tau_k \leq n} \left\{ (\tau_k - \tau_{k-1}) \frac{(1+A) \log_2 k}{k} + \tau_{k-1} \frac{(1+A) \log_2 k}{k} - \right. \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -(1+A)\log_2 k \left\{ \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4}(\log n)^{1/4} \right\} \\
& \leq P \left[\max_{N(n) < k < \tau_k \leq n} \left\{ (\tau_k - \tau_{k-1}) \frac{(1+A)\log_2 k}{k} + \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \frac{\tau_{k-1}}{k \log_2 k} (1+A)(\log_2 k)^2 \right\} \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4}(\log n)^{1/4} + (1+A)\log_2 N(n) \right] \\
& \leq P \left[\max_{N(n) < k < \tau_k \leq n} (\tau_k - \tau_{k-1}) \frac{(1+A)\log_2 k}{k} \geq C_1(\log n)^{1/4} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where C_1 is a positive constant such that

$$\frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4}(\log n)^{1/4} + (1+A)\log_2 N(n) - (1+A)^2(\log_2 n)^2 \geq C_1(\log n)^{1/4}.$$

Hence, by a simple evaluation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& P \left[\max_{N(n) < k < \tau_k \leq n} (\tau_k - \tau_{k-1}) \frac{(1+A)\log_2 k}{k} \geq C_1(\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
& \leq P \left[\max_{N(n) < k < \tau_k \leq n} \frac{\tau_k - \tau_{k-1}}{(1+A)k \log_2 k} \geq \frac{C_1(\log n)^{1/4}}{(1+A)^2(\log_2 n)^2} \right] \\
& \leq \sum_{k=N(n)+1}^n P[\tau_k - \tau_{k-1} \geq (1+A)k(\log_2 k)A_n],
\end{aligned}$$

where $A_n = C_1(\log n)^{1/4}/(1+A)^2(\log_2 n)^2$.

Now, by (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(12) \quad & P \left[\max_{N(n) < k \leq n} |\tilde{S}_k - S(\tau_k)| \geq \frac{C\sqrt{2}}{4}(\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\
& \leq \sum_{k=N(n)+1}^n \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^{(1+A)k(\log_2 k)A_n - 1} \\
& \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{N(n)}\right) \sum_{k=N(n)+1}^n \frac{1}{k} e^{-(1+A)(\log_2 k)A_n} \\
& = \left(1 + \frac{1}{N(n)}\right) \sum_{k=N(n)+1}^n \frac{1}{k(\log k)^{(1+A)A_n}} = O((\log n)^{-1/4}).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (10)-(12) and Lemma 1.2 of [13], we get

$$(13) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(\tilde{P}_n, P_n^{(3)}) = O((\log n)^{-1/4}).$$

Using (8), (9) and (13) we obtain (6).

Now, let $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of i.p.r.v.s. with the same distribution function F satisfying (1) and let, as previously, $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of i.r.v.s. uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$.

Put $G(t) = \inf\{x \geq 0: F(x) \geq t\}$. Then, by [7], the sequences $\{G(X_n), n \geq 1\}$ and $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ are the same in law. Furthermore, the sums

$$S_n = \sum_{m=1}^n Y_m^*, \quad \text{where } Y_m^* = \inf(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)$$

may be represented as

$$\bar{S}_n = \sum_{m=1}^n G(X_m^*), \quad \text{where } X_m^* = \inf(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m).$$

Let us define the random functions $\{\bar{Y}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ as follows:

$$(14) \quad \bar{Y}_n(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$\bar{Y}_n(t) = \frac{\bar{S}_k - b \log k}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{t - t_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \left(\frac{\bar{S}_{k+1} - \bar{S}_k - b \log \frac{k+1}{k}}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} \right),$$

if $t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle$, $0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $n \geq 2$, where $t_k = \sigma_k / \sigma_{n-1}$, $1 \leq k \leq n-1$, $t_0 = 0$, $\bar{S}_1 = 0$.

We shall show that

$$(15) \quad \mathcal{L}_C(\bar{P}_n, \tilde{P}_n) = O((\log n)^{-1/4}),$$

where \bar{P}_n denotes the distribution of $\{\bar{Y}_n(t)\}$, in (C, \mathcal{B}_C) .

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & P \left[\sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} |\bar{Y}_n(t) - \tilde{X}_n(t)| \geq C (\log n)^{-1/4} \right] \\ & \leq P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |\bar{S}_k - b \tilde{S}_k| \geq \frac{b \sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\ & = P \left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{m=1}^k \delta_m (G(X_m^*) - b X_m^*) + \sum_{m=1}^k (1 - \delta_m) (G(X_m^*) - b X_m^*) \right| \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \geq \frac{b \sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} \right] \\ & \leq P \left[\sum_{m=1}^n \delta_m |G(X_m^*) - b X_m^*| + \sum_{m=1}^n (1 - \delta_m) |G(X_m^*) - b X_m^*| \geq \frac{b \sqrt{2}}{2} (\log n)^{1/4} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_m^* \leq \delta, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise, } 0 < \delta < 1. \end{cases}$$

With probability 1 all but finitely many δ_m are equal to 1, so

$$\begin{aligned} P \left[\sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} |\bar{Y}_n(t) - \tilde{X}_n(t)| \geq C(\log n)^{-1/4} \right] \\ \leq P \left[\sum_{m=1}^n \delta_m |G(X_m^*) - bX_m^*| \geq C_1(\log n)^{1/4} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where C_1 is a positive constant. Hence, by the Markoff inequality and Lemma 3.8, we get (15). Thus, taking into account (6) and (15) we immediately obtain $\mathcal{L}_C(\bar{P}_n, W) = O((\log n)^{-1/8})$ and the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

Proof of Theorem 2. At first we assume that $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of i.r.v.s. uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$. We will show that

$$(16) \quad \tilde{X}_n \Rightarrow W \text{ (mixing) as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $\{\tilde{X}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ is defined by (5). By Corollary 1 we have $\tilde{X}_n \Rightarrow W$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Putting

$$X_n^{(1)}(0) = 0, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$X_n^{(1)}(t) = (\tilde{S}_k - \log k) / \sqrt{2 \log n} \quad \text{if } t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle,$$

$0 \leq k \leq n-1$, $n \geq 2$, we immediately obtain

$$(17) \quad X_n^{(1)} \Rightarrow W \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(18) \quad \varrho(\tilde{X}_n, X_n^{(1)}) \leq \sup_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{\left| X_{k+1}^* - \log \frac{k+1}{k} \right|}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s. as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now, let

$$(19) \quad X_n^{(2)}(t) = (\tilde{S}_{[e^t \log n]} - t \log n) / \sqrt{2 \log n}, \quad t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle, n > 1.$$

We shall estimate $\varrho(X_n^{(1)}, X_n^{(2)})$. Write $e_i^{(m)} = \exp(t \log n)$, $t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$, $n > 1$. We have

$$\varrho(X_n^{(1)}, X_n^{(2)}) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{1 \leq k < n} \sup_{t \in \langle t_k, t_{k+1} \rangle} \{ |\tilde{S}_{[e_i^{(t)}}] - \tilde{S}_k| + |t \log n - \log k| \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{1 \leq k < n} \sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})} \{ \max(\tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]} - \tilde{S}_k, \tilde{S}_k - \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]}) + \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad + \max(t \log n - \log k, \log k - t \log n) \} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{1 \leq k < n} \{ \max(\tilde{S}_{[e_{t_{k+1}}^{(n)}]} - \tilde{S}_k, \tilde{S}_k - \tilde{S}_{[e_{t_k}^{(n)}]}) + \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad + \max(t_{k+1} \log n - \log k, \log k - t_k \log n) \} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{1 \leq k < n} \left\{ \sum_{m=[e_{t_k}^{(n)}]+1}^{[e_{t_{k+1}}^{(n)}]-1} X_m^* + \max(\sigma_{k+1}(\log n / \sigma_{n-1}) - \log k, \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \log k - \sigma_k(\log n / \sigma_{n-1})) \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \left(\max_{1 \leq k \leq N(n)} \sum_{m=[e_{t_k}^{(n)}]+1}^{[e_{t_{k+1}}^{(n)}]-1} X_m^* + \max_{N(n) < k < n} \sum_{m=[e_{t_k}^{(n)}]+1}^{[e_{t_{k+1}}^{(n)}]-1} X_m^* \right) + \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{1 \leq k < n} [(\sigma_{k+1} - \log k)(\log n / \sigma_{n-1}) + \\
 &\quad + \log k(\log n / \sigma_{n-1} - 1), (\log k - \sigma_k)(\log n / \sigma_n) + \log k(1 - \log n / \sigma_{n-1})] \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \left\{ \tilde{S}_{[e_{t_{N(n)+1}}^{(n)}]} + \sum_{m=[e_{t_k}^{(n)}]+1}^{[e_{t_{k+1}}^{(n)}]-1} \frac{(1+A) \log_2 m}{m} + O(1) \right\} \text{ a.s.}
 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 3.7.

We observe that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \tilde{S}_{[e_{t_{N(n)+1}}^{(n)}]} = \frac{\tilde{S}_{[e_{t_{N(n)+1}}^{(n)}]}}{t_{N(n)+1} \log n} \frac{t_{N(n)+1} \log n}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, because, by Lemma 3.3,

$$\tilde{S}_{[e_{t_{N(n)+1}}^{(n)}]} / t_{N(n)+1} \log n \rightarrow 1, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and $t_{N(n)+1} \log n \sim \log N(n)$.

Moreover,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{N(n) < k < n} \sum_{m=[e_{t_k}^{(n)}]+1}^{[e_{t_{k+1}}^{(n)}]-1} \frac{(1+A) \log_2 m}{m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{N(n) < k < n} (1+A) (\log_2 e_{i_{k+1}}^{(n)}) (\log e_{i_{k+1}}^{(n)} - \log e_{i_k}^{(n)}) \\ &\leq \frac{(1+A) \log_2 n}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \max_{N(n) < k < n} \left(\frac{\sigma_{k+1}}{\sigma_n} \log n - \frac{\sigma_k}{\sigma_n} \log n \right) = O \left(\left(\frac{\log_2 n}{(\log n)^{3/2}} \right)^{-1} \right) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus

$$(20) \quad \varrho(X_n^{(1)}, X_n^{(2)}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s., } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and, by (18),

$$(21) \quad X_n^{(2)} \Rightarrow W, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now, let us put $X_{(l,m)}^* = \inf(X_{l+1}, X_{l+2}, \dots, X_m)$ for $m > l$, and define $\{X_n^{(3)}(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ by

$$(22) \quad X_n^{(3)}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \left(\sum_{m=N(n)+1}^{\lfloor e^{t \log n} \rfloor} X_{(N(n),m)}^* - t \log n \right), \quad t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle,$$

where $N(n) = [\log n]$.

By Lemma 3 ([10]), $X_{(l,m)}^* \geq X_m$, $m > l$, and the sum $\sum (X_{(l,m)}^* - X_m^*)$, $m = l+1, l+2, \dots$, converges almost surely. Moreover, one can note that the random variable $\sum X_{(l,m)}^*$, $m = l+1, l+2, \dots, N$, is independent of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_l for all $l > 1$ and $N > l$. By definitions (19), (22), Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3 ([10]) we obtain

$$(23) \quad \varrho(X_n^{(2)}, X_n^{(3)}) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} (\bar{S}_{N(n)} + \sum_{m=N(n)+1}^n (X_{(N(n),m)}^* - X_m^*)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s., } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

so, by (22),

$$(24) \quad X_n^{(3)} \Rightarrow W, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let \mathcal{B}_0 be the field of cylinders which consists of sets of the form $\{\omega: (X_1(\omega), X_2(\omega), \dots, X_k(\omega)) \in H\}$, with $k \geq 1$ and $H \in \mathcal{R}^k$. Then, for any $E \in \mathcal{B}_0$, by the definition (22) and relation (24) we obtain that $P[(X_n^{(3)} \in A) \cap E] \rightarrow W(A)P(E)$, $n \rightarrow \infty$, for every W -continuity set A , so that $X_n^{(3)} \Rightarrow W$ (mixing) as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and, by (17), (18), (20) and (23), also

$$(25) \quad \tilde{X}_n \Rightarrow W \text{ (mixing) as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now, let $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of i.p.r.v.s., with the common distribution function F , such that (1) holds for some b ($0 < b < \infty$), and let $\{\bar{Y}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ be defined by (14). By (15) we see that $\varrho(\bar{Y}_n, \tilde{X}_n) \xrightarrow{P} 0$ as

$n \rightarrow \infty$, so, by (25), we immediately obtain that $\bar{Y}_n \Rightarrow W$ (mixing) as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus the proof of Theorem 2 is completed.

Proof of Theorem 3. Let $\{N_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (3). To prove Theorem 3 it is enough to show that the random elements $\{\tilde{X}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$, given by (5), satisfy the generalized Anscombe condition with the norming sequence $\{k_n = n, n \geq 1\}$, i.e.

$$(26) \quad \max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \varrho(\tilde{X}_i, \tilde{X}_n) \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

for some $\delta > 0$, where $D_n(\delta) = \{i: (1-\delta)n \leq i < (1+\delta)n\}$. (See Theorem 3 ([4]) and the relation (16).)

By (18), (20) and (23) we can only to estimate $\max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \varrho(X_i^{(3)}, X_n^{(3)})$.

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \varrho(X_i^{(3)}, X_n^{(3)}) &\leq \max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log i}} \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(i)}]} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]} \right| + \\ &+ \max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\sqrt{\log i} - \sqrt{\log n}| \leq \max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log i}} |\tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(i)}]} - \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]}| + \\ &+ \max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log i}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \right| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{\log n(1+\delta)} - \sqrt{\log n(1-\delta)}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n(1-\delta)}} \max_{(1-\delta)n \leq i < n} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} (\tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]} - \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(i)}]}), \\ &\quad \max_{n \leq i < (1+\delta)n} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} (\tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(i)}]} - \tilde{S}_{[e_t^{(n)}]}) + \tilde{S}_n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n(1-\delta)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n(1+\delta)}} \right) + \\ &\quad \frac{\log [(1+\delta)/(1-\delta)]}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{\log n(1+\delta)} + \sqrt{\log n(1-\delta)})}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.3 we see that

$$\tilde{S}_n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n(1-\delta)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n(1+\delta)}} \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s., } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Putting $t_{N(n)} = \log N(n)/\log n$, where $N(n) = [\log n]$, by Lemma 3.7 we get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \log n(1-\delta)}} \max \left\{ \max_{(1-\delta)n \leq i < n} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} \sum_{m=[e_t^{(i)}]+1}^{[e_t^{(n)}]} X_m^*, \max_{n \leq i < (1+\delta)n} \sup_{t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle} \sum_{m=[e_t^{(n)}]+1}^{[e_t^{(i)}]} X_m^* \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\log n(1-\delta)}} \max \left\{ \max_{(1-\delta)n \leq i < n} \left(\sup_{t \in \langle 0, t_{N(n)} \rangle} \sum_{m=\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor} X_m^* + \sup_{t \in \langle t_{N(n)}, 1 \rangle} \sum_{m=\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor} X_m^* \right), \right. \\
&\quad \left. \max_{n \leq i < n(1+\delta)} \left(\sup_{t \in \langle 0, t_{N(n)} \rangle} \sum_{m=\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor} X_m^* + \sup_{t \in \langle t_{N(n)}, 1 \rangle} \sum_{m=\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor} X_m^* \right) \right\} \text{ a.s.} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\log n(1-\delta)}} \max \left\{ \tilde{S}_{\lfloor e_{t_{N(n)}}^{(n)} \rfloor} + \max_{(1-\delta)n \leq i < n} \sup_{t \in \langle t_{N(n)}, 1 \rangle} \sum_{m=\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor} \frac{(1+A)\log_2 m}{m}, \right. \\
&\quad \left. \max_{n \leq i < n(1+\delta)} \tilde{S}_{\lfloor e_{t_{N(n)}}^{(i)} \rfloor} + \max_{n \leq i < n(1+\delta)} \sup_{t \in \langle t_{N(n)}, 1 \rangle} \sum_{m=\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor e_t^{(i)} \rfloor} \frac{(1+A)\log_2 m}{m} \right\} \\
&\leq \max \left\{ (\tilde{S}_{\lfloor e_{t_{N(n)}}^{(n)} \rfloor} / t_{N(n)} \log n) (t_{N(n)} \log n / \sqrt{2\log n(1-\delta)}), \right. \\
&\quad \left. (\tilde{S}_{\lfloor e_{t_{N(n)}}^{(n(1+\delta))} \rfloor} / t_{N(n)} \log n(1+\delta)) (t_{N(n)} \log n(1+\delta) / \sqrt{2\log n(1-\delta)}) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(1+A)\log_2 n}{\sqrt{2\log n(1-\delta)}} \max \left\{ \max_{(1-\delta)n \leq i < n} \sup_{t \in \langle t_{N(n)}, 1 \rangle} t(\log n - \log i), \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \max_{n \leq i < n(1+\delta)} \sup_{t \in \langle t_{N(n)}, 1 \rangle} t(\log i - \log n) \right\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s., } n \rightarrow \infty, \right.
\end{aligned}$$

by Lemmas 3.3 and 3.7. Then

$$\max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \varrho(X_n^{(3)}, X_i^{(3)}) \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, taking into account the relation given above, we have (26), so that the generalized Anscombe condition holds, in this case.

Now, let $\{\bar{Y}_n(t), t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle\}$ be given by (14). By simple evaluation and Lemma 3.8 we get

$$\max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \varrho(\bar{Y}_i, \tilde{X}_i) \leq \frac{1}{b\sqrt{2\log n(1-\delta)}} \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor n(1+\delta) \rfloor} |G(X_m^*) - bX_m^*| \xrightarrow{P} 0,$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, by (26), we obtain

$$\max_{i \in D_n(\delta)} \varrho(\bar{Y}_i, \bar{Y}_n) \xrightarrow{P} 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus by Theorem 3 of [4] the proof of Theorem 3 is completed.

3. Lemmas. In this section we present some lemmas we needed in the proofs of Theorems 1-3.

Let $\{\varepsilon(n), n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers strictly decreasing to zero.

By $\{\tau_n = \tau(\varepsilon(n)), n \geq 1\}$ we denote the sequence of random variables such that

$$(3.1) \quad \tau_n = \inf \{m: \inf(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m) \leq \varepsilon(n)\},$$

where $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of independent random variables uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$.

LEMMA 3.1. *The sequence $\{\tau_n, n \geq 1\}$ increases with probability 1, and $\tau_n \rightarrow \infty$ a.s. as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*

LEMMA 3.2. *The random variables $\tau_n - \tau_{n-1}, n \geq 2$, are independent, and if $\varepsilon(n) = n^{-1}$, then*

$$(3.2) \quad E(\tau_{n+1} - \tau_n) = 1, \quad \sigma^2(\tau_{n+1} - \tau_n) = 2n,$$

$$(3.3) \quad P[\tau_{n+1} - \tau_n \geq r] = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{r-1} \quad \text{for any } r > 0.$$

Let

$$(3.4) \quad U_n = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \varepsilon(m), \quad U'_n = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \varepsilon(m+1),$$

where $\varepsilon(n) = n^{-1}$. Then

$$(3.5) \quad EU_n - \log n = O(1), \quad EU'_n - \log n = O(1),$$

$$(3.6) \quad \sigma^2 U_n - 2 \log n = O(1), \quad \sigma^2 U'_n - 2 \log n = O(1),$$

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_{m=1}^n E(\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)^p \varepsilon^p(m) \sim \sum_{m=1}^n E(\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)^p \varepsilon^p(m+1) \sim p! \log n,$$

$$(3.8) \quad E(U_n - U'_n) = O(1), \quad \sigma^2(U_n - U'_n) = O(1),$$

where $b_n = O(1)$ denotes that the sequence $\{b_n, n \geq 1\}$ is bounded as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

LEMMA 3.3. *We have*

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{U_n - \log n}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} N(0, 1), \quad \frac{\tilde{S}_n - \log n}{\sqrt{2 \log n}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} N(0, 1), \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$(3.10) \quad \frac{S(\tau_n)}{\log n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ a.s.}, \quad \frac{\tilde{S}_n}{\log n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ a.s.}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where

$$\tilde{S}_n = \sum_{m=1}^n X_m^*, \quad S(\tau_n) = X_1^* + X_2^* + \dots + X_{\tau_n}^*, \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$X_m^* = \inf(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m), \quad m \geq 1.$$

LEMMA 3.4. Let U_n, U'_n be given by (3.4). Then

$$(3.11) \quad -2 + U'_n \leq S(\tau_n) - S(\tau_1) \leq U_n \text{ a.s., } n \geq 2,$$

$$(3.12) \quad S(\tau_{n-1}) \leq \tilde{S}_m \leq S(\tau_n) \text{ for } m \in \langle \tau_{n-1}, \tau_n \rangle.$$

LEMMA 3.5. For all $A > 0$

$$\log n - (1 + A) \log_2 n \leq \log \tau_n \leq \log n + (1 + A) \log_3 n \text{ a.s.}$$

for sufficiently large n , where $\log_p x = \log(\log_{p-1} x)$, $p \geq 2$, $\log_1 x = \log x$.

LEMMA 3.6. We have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n / n \log_2 n = 1 \text{ a.s.}$$

LEMMA 3.7. For all $A > 0$

$$(n \log n \log_2 n \dots (\log_p n)^{1+A})^{-1} \leq X_n^* \leq (\log_2 n + \log_3 n + \dots + (1+A) \log_p n) / n \text{ a.s.}$$

for sufficiently large n .

LEMMA 3.8. Under the assumptions of Theorem 1

$$\frac{\sum_{m=1}^n \delta_m (G(X_m^*) - bX_m^*)}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} + \frac{\sum_{m=1}^n (1 - \delta_m) (G(X_m^*) - bX_m^*)}{b \sqrt{2 \log n}} \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and

$$E \left[\sum_{m=1}^n \delta_m |G(X_m^*) - bX_m^*| \right] < \infty,$$

where

$$\delta_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_m^* < \delta \\ 0 & \text{if } X_m^* \geq \delta \end{cases}, \quad 0 < \delta < 1, \quad G(t) = \inf \{x \geq 0: F(x) \geq t\}.$$

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