

A NOTE ON FUNCTIONAL CLT FOR TRUNCATED SUMS

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ABSTRACT. Let $\{X, X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ be i.i.d. random variables with a symmetric continuous distribution and $EX^2 = \infty$, and $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of increasing positive numbers. When X belongs to the Feller class, and $nP(|X| > b_n) \sim \gamma_n \uparrow \infty$, a functional CLT for the truncated sums $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i I_{|X_i| \leq b_n}$ is proved.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\{X, X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ be i.i.d. random variables with a symmetric continuous distribution and $EX^2 = \infty$. Let $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $b_n \uparrow$ and

$$nP(|X| > b_n) \sim \gamma_n \uparrow.$$

The *truncated sums* S_n we will consider are defined by

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i I_{|X_i| \leq b_n}. \quad (1)$$

Remark 1. For each fixed n the truncated sum S_n is a sum of independent identically distributed random variables bounded by b_n . If the random variable X belongs to the Feller class, i.e.

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^2 P(|X| > t)}{E(X^2 I_{|X| \leq t})} < \infty,$$

and the average number of the excluded terms

$$\gamma_n \uparrow + \infty$$

then

$$b_n^2 = o(B_n),$$

where $B_n = \text{Var}(S_n)$. Hence, by applying the classical CLT theorem for independent random variables (for instance, Petrov (1995, p. 113)) we immediately get that $S_n/\sqrt{B_n}$ is asymptotically normal. But the functional version CLT for the truncated sums cannot be proved so easily. The main difficulty is that the sequence of the truncated sums $\{S_n\}$ is *not* a stochastic process with independent increments. However, as we will see the sequence of the truncated sums forms a martingale, so we can use the martingale analogs of the classical functional CLT to prove an invariance principle for S_n .

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Remark 2. The truncated sum can also be used for analysis of trimmed sums. Let $\{X_{k,n} : 0 \leq k \leq n\}$ be the order statistics of $|X_1|, |X_2|, \dots, |X_n|$, that is

$$|X_{1,n}| \leq \dots \leq |X_{n,n}|.$$

Let us consider the trimmed sum T_n defined by

$$T_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-k(n)} X_{i,n}, \quad (2)$$

where the number of the excluded terms $k(n) \sim \gamma_n$. It is quite intuitive that under certain conditions the truncated and trimmed sums will be very close (see Hahn, Kuelbs, and Weiner (1991, p. 30)). Thus, the functional CLT for the truncated sums S_n can be treated as a first step toward the functional CLT for the trimmed sum T_n in the case of the “intermediate trimming”. For related results see Pruitt (1988), Griffin and Pruitt (1987), Hahn and Kuelbs (1989), Griffin and Mason (1991), Ould-Rouis (1991), Whalen (1992), and Kasahara (1993).

2. CONDITIONING: AUXILIARY RESULTS

Here ξ , η , and ζ are integrable random variables.

Lemma 1. *Let $\xi_A = \xi I_{\xi \in A}$ and $\xi_B = \xi I_{\xi \in B}$, where $A, B \in \mathcal{B}$, Borel σ -field, and $AB = \emptyset$. Then*

$$E(\xi_A | \xi_B) = \frac{E\xi_A}{P(\xi_B = 0)} I_{\xi_B = 0}.$$

Proof. Let $C \in \mathcal{B}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(\xi_A I_{\xi_B \in C}) &= E(\xi I_{\xi \in A} [I_{\xi_B \in C \cap \{0\}} + I_{\xi_B \in C \setminus \{0\}}]) \\ &= E(\xi I_{\xi \in A} I_{\xi_B = 0} I_{\{0\} \in C}) + E(\xi I_{\xi \in A} I_{\xi_B \in B \cap \{C \setminus \{0\}\}}) \end{aligned}$$

The second term is equal to zero because $AB = \emptyset$. Since $\{\xi \in A\} \subseteq \{\xi_B = 0\}$ and $I_{\{0\} \in C}$ is not a random variable we get

$$E(\xi_A I_{\xi_B \in C}) = I_{\{0\} \in C} E\xi_A.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{E\xi_A}{P(\xi_B = 0)} I_{\xi_B = 0} I_{\xi_B \in C}\right) &= \frac{E\xi_A}{P(\xi_B = 0)} E(I_{\xi_B = 0} I_{\{0\} \in C}) \\ &= I_{\{0\} \in C} E\xi_A. \end{aligned}$$

Since the sets $\{\xi_B \in C\}$ form a π -system that generates the σ -field $\sigma(\xi_B)$ this finishes the proof (for instance, see Billingsley (1995, p. 446)). \square

Lemma 2. *Let ξ, η , and ζ be random variables. Suppose (ξ, η) and ζ are independent. Then*

$$E(\xi | \sigma(\eta, \zeta)) = E(\xi | \eta).$$

Proof. Let C_1 and C_2 be Borel sets.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(\xi \mathbf{I}_{\eta \in C_1, \zeta \in C_2}) &= \mathbb{E}(\xi \mathbf{I}_{\eta \in C_1} \mathbf{I}_{\zeta \in C_2}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}(\xi \mathbf{I}_{\eta \in C_1}) \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{I}_{\zeta \in C_2}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(\xi | \eta) \mathbf{I}_{\eta \in C_1}) \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{I}_{\zeta \in C_2}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(\xi | \eta) \mathbf{I}_{\eta \in C_1} \mathbf{I}_{\zeta \in C_2}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(\xi | \eta) \mathbf{I}_{\eta \in C_1, \zeta \in C_2})
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 3. Let ξ and η be independent random variables, and A and B be Borel sets such that $AB = \emptyset$. Then

$$\mathbb{E}(\xi_A \eta_A | \sigma(\xi_B, \eta_B)) = \frac{\mathbb{E}\xi_A \mathbb{E}\eta_A}{\mathbb{P}(\xi_B = 0) \mathbb{P}(\eta_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B = 0}.$$

Proof. Let C_1 and C_2 be Borel sets. By independence we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\xi_A \eta_A \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1, \eta_B \in C_2}) = \mathbb{E}(\xi_A \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1}) \mathbb{E}(\eta_A \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B \in C_2}).$$

Lemma 1 tells us that

$$\mathbb{E}(\xi_A \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1}) = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}\xi_A}{\mathbb{P}(\xi_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1} \right]$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}(\eta_A \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B \in C_2}) = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}\eta_A}{\mathbb{P}(\eta_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B \in C_2} \right].$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(\xi_A \eta_A \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1, \eta_B \in C_2}) &= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}\xi_A}{\mathbb{P}(\xi_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1} \right] \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}\eta_A}{\mathbb{P}(\eta_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B \in C_2} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}\xi_A}{\mathbb{P}(\xi_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1} \frac{\mathbb{E}\eta_A}{\mathbb{P}(\eta_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B \in C_2} \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\mathbb{E}\xi_A \mathbb{E}\eta_A}{\mathbb{P}(\xi_B = 0) \mathbb{P}(\eta_B = 0)} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\eta_B = 0} \mathbf{I}_{\xi_B \in C_1, \eta_B \in C_2} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

□

3. MARTINGALE PROPERTY OF S_n

Proposition 1. Let us define a σ -field $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(X_1 \mathbf{I}_{|X_1| \leq b_n}, \dots, X_n \mathbf{I}_{|X_n| \leq b_n})$. Then the sequence $\{S_n, \mathcal{F}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ with $S_0 = 0$ and $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{\Omega, \emptyset\}$ is a martingale.

Proof. It is obvious that $\{\mathcal{F}_n\}$ is a filtration, and S_n is \mathcal{F}_n -measurable. We need to show that

$$\mathbb{E}(S_{n+1} - S_n | \mathcal{F}_n) = 0.$$

First we note that

$$S_{n+1} - S_n = X_{n+1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_{n+1}| \leq b_{n+1}} + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \mathbf{I}_{b_n < |X_i| \leq b_{n+1}}$$

Because of independence and symmetry we have that

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{n+1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_{n+1}| \leq b_{n+1}} | \mathcal{F}_n) = \mathbb{E}(X_{n+1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_{n+1}| \leq b_{n+1}}) = 0.$$

By Lemmas 1 and 2 we get

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i \mathbf{I}_{b_n < |X_i| \leq b_{n+1}} | \mathcal{F}_n) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(X_i \mathbf{I}_{b_n < |X_i| \leq b_{n+1}})}{\mathbb{P}(|X_i| > b_n)} \mathbf{I}_{|X_i| > b_n}.$$

Because of the symmetry of the distribution we also have

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i \mathbf{I}_{b_n < |X_i| \leq b_{n+1}}) = 0.$$

therefore, $\mathbb{E}(S_{n+1} - S_n | \mathcal{F}_n) = 0$. \square

Remark 3. What is an appropriate normalization sequence for the truncated sums S_n ? If we are interested only in the weak convergence of the truncated sums then the variance

$$B_n = \mathbb{E}(S_n)^2 = n \mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X| \leq b_n}) \quad (3)$$

is a good choice. However, if we want to know the behavior of truncated sums as a random process the predictable quadratic variation

$$\langle S \rangle_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}((S_i - S_{i-1})^2 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}), \quad S_0 = 0, \quad \mathcal{F}_0 = \{\Omega, \emptyset\} \quad (4)$$

plays an important role (see Shiryaev (1995, p. 483), and it will be probably a better choice of a normalizing sequence because S_n is a martingale. Note also that $\mathbb{E}\langle S \rangle_n = B_n$.

Lemma 4. *The predictable quadratic variation of S_n is given by*

$$\langle S \rangle_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X| \leq b_i}) + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{b_{i-1} < |X| \leq b_i})}{\mathbb{P}(|X| > b_{i-1})} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_j| > b_{i-1}} \quad (5)$$

Proof. For $i > 1$ we have

$$S_i - S_{i-1} = X_i \mathbf{I}_{|X_i| \leq b_i} + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} X_j \mathbf{I}_{b_{i-1} < |X_j| \leq b_i}.$$

Hence, by Lemmas 1, 2, and 3 we get (note that the expected value of cross-terms is zero)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}((S_i - S_{i-1})^2 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}) &= \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X_i| \leq b_i}) + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\mathbb{E}(X_j^2 \mathbf{I}_{b_{i-1} < |X_j| \leq b_i})}{\mathbb{P}(|X_j| > b_{i-1})} \mathbf{I}_{|X_j| > b_{i-1}} \\ &= \mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X| \leq b_i}) + \frac{\mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{b_{i-1} < |X| \leq b_i})}{\mathbb{P}(|X| > b_{i-1})} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_j| > b_{i-1}} \end{aligned}$$

\square

4. FUNCTIONAL CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM FOR S_n

Let us define $S_n(t)$ be a random element of $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ obtained by linear interpolation between the points $(0, 0)$, $(B_1/B_n, S_1/\sqrt{B_n})$, ..., $(1, S_n/\sqrt{B_n})$. More specifically,

$$S_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{B_n}} \left[S_i + \frac{tB_n - B_i}{(B_{i+1} - B_i)} (S_{i+1} - S_i) \right], \quad \frac{B_i}{B_n} \leq t < \frac{B_{i+1}}{B_n}.$$

According to Brown (1971) (see also Hall and Heyde (1980, p. 99-100)) in order to establish the functional central limit theorem for truncated sum S_n we need to verify the Lindeberg condition

$$\text{for all } \epsilon > 0, \quad \frac{1}{B_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}((S_i - S_{i-1})^2 \mathbf{I}_{|S_i - S_{i-1}| > \epsilon \sqrt{B_n}}) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (6)$$

and the weak law of large numbers for the predictable quadratic variation $\langle S \rangle_n$

$$\frac{\langle S \rangle_n}{B_n} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 1. \quad (7)$$

If conditions (6) and (7) hold, then

$$S_n(t) \xrightarrow{d} W \quad (8)$$

in the sense $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ with uniform metric ρ where W is standard Brownian motion on $[0, 1]$. In this case for any continuous functional $h : \mathcal{C}[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have $h(S_n(t)) \xrightarrow{d} h(W)$. In particular, if $h(x) = \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |x(t)|$, then

$$\frac{\max_{i \leq n} |S_i|}{\sqrt{B_n}} \xrightarrow{d} \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |W(t)|.$$

The main result of this section is the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *If the random variable X belongs to the Feller class*

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^2 \mathbb{P}(|X| > t)}{\mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X| \leq t})} < \infty, \quad (9)$$

the average number of the excluded variables

$$n \mathbb{P}(|X| > b_n) \sim \gamma_n \uparrow + \infty, \quad (10)$$

and $B_n/B_{n+1} \rightarrow 1$ then $S_n(t) \xrightarrow{d} W$ in the sense $(\mathcal{C}[0, 1], \rho)$.

This theorem is an immediate implication of the following two lemmas.

Lemma 5. *If the conditions of Theorem 1 hold, then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{\langle S \rangle_n - B_n}{B_n} \right)^2 \rightarrow 0. \quad (11)$$

Proof. If we introduce the notation

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\mathbb{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{b_i < |X| \leq b_{i+1}})}{\mathbb{P}(|X| > b_i)},$$

then the predictable quadratic variation is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S \rangle_n &= \mathbb{E}(X_1^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X_1| \leq b_1}) + \mathbb{E}(X_2^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X_2| \leq b_2}) + \dots + \mathbb{E}(X_n^2 \mathbf{I}_{|X_n| \leq b_n}) \\ &\quad + \alpha_1 \mathbf{I}_{|X_1| > b_1} \\ &\quad + \alpha_2 \mathbf{I}_{|X_1| > b_2} + \alpha_2 \mathbf{I}_{|X_2| > b_2} \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + \alpha_{n-1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_1| > b_{n-1}} + \alpha_{n-1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_2| > b_{n-1}} + \dots + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let us define random variable Y_i^n as follows

$$Y_i^n = \alpha_i \mathbf{I}_{|X_i| > b_i} + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} \mathbf{I}_{|X_i| > b_{n-1}}.$$

It easy to see that we also have

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i^n &= \alpha_i \mathbf{I}_{b_i < |X_i| \leq b_{i+1}} \\ &\quad + (\alpha_i + \alpha_{i+1}) \mathbf{I}_{b_{i+1} < |X_i| \leq b_{i+2}} \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + (\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{n-1}) \mathbf{I}_{b_{n-1} < |X_i|.} \end{aligned}$$

Now note that

$$\mathbf{E}Y_i^n = \mathbf{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{b_i < |X| \leq b_n})$$

and

$$Y_i^n \leq \alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} \quad a.s.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\text{Var}(Y_i^n) \leq \mathbf{E}[Y_i^n]^2 \leq (\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{n-1}) \mathbf{E}Y_i^n.$$

Since,

$$\alpha_i = \frac{\mathbf{E}(X^2 \mathbf{I}_{b_i < |X| \leq b_{i+1}})}{\mathbf{P}(|X| > b_i)} = \frac{\mathbf{E}Y_i^n - \mathbf{E}Y_{i+1}^n}{\mathbf{P}(|X| > b_i)} \leq \frac{\mathbf{E}Y_i^n - \mathbf{E}Y_{i+1}^n}{\mathbf{P}(|X| > b_n)},$$

and, therefore,

$$\alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} \leq \frac{\mathbf{E}Y_i^n}{\mathbf{P}(|X| > b_n)},$$

we find that

$$\text{Var}(Y_i^n) \leq \frac{[\mathbf{E}Y_i^n]^2}{\mathbf{P}(|X| > b_n)} \leq \frac{[\mathbf{E}Y_1^n]^2}{\mathbf{P}(|X| > b_n)} \leq \frac{B_n^2}{n^2 \mathbf{P}(|X| > b_n)} \sim \frac{B_n^2}{n \gamma_n}.$$

Thus, finally we get

$$\mathbf{E} \left(\frac{\langle S \rangle_n - B_n}{B_n} \right)^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} Y_i^n)}{B_n^2} \leq \frac{1}{B_n^2} \frac{B_n^2}{\gamma_n} = \frac{1}{\gamma_n} \rightarrow 0.$$

□

Lemma 6. *If the conditions of Theorem 1 hold, then the truncated sums S_n satisfy the Lindenberg condition (6).*

Proof. By the Cauchy inequality we have

$$\mathbf{E}((S_i - S_{i-1})^2 \mathbf{I}_{|S_i - S_{i-1}| > \epsilon \sqrt{B_n}}) \leq (\mathbf{E}(S_i - S_{i-1})^4)^{1/2} (\mathbf{P}(|S_i - S_{i-1}| > \epsilon \sqrt{B_n}))^{1/2}.$$

First note that by the Chebyshev inequality we have

$$\mathbf{P}(|S_i - S_{i-1}| > \epsilon \sqrt{B_n}) \leq \frac{B_i - B_{i-1}}{\epsilon^2 B_n}.$$

Now let us estimate $\mathbf{E}(S_i - S_{i-1})^4$. The martingale difference $S_i - S_{i-1}$ is given by

$$S_i - S_{i-1} = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_{i-1} + \xi_i,$$

where $\xi_i = X_i \mathbf{I}_{|X_i| \leq b_i}$ and $\xi_j = X_j \mathbf{I}_{b_{i-1} < |X_j| \leq b_i}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, i-1$. Because of symmetry of the distribution and independence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(S_i - S_{i-1})^4 &= \sum_{j=1}^i \mathbb{E}\xi_j^4 + 6 \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq i} \mathbb{E}\xi_j^2 \mathbb{E}\xi_k^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^i \mathbb{E}\xi_j^4 + 3 \left[\sum_{j=1}^i \mathbb{E}\xi_j^2 \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\xi_j^2 \leq b_i^2 \leq b_n^2 \text{ for all } 1 \leq j \leq i$$

we find that

$$\mathbb{E}(S_i - S_{i-1})^4 \leq b_n^2 (B_i - B_{i-1}) + 3(B_i - B_{i-1})^2.$$

Hence, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}((S_i - S_{i-1})^2 \mathbf{I}_{|S_i - S_{i-1}| > \epsilon \sqrt{B_n}}) &\leq \frac{\sqrt{b_n^2 + 3(B_i - B_{i-1})} (B_i - B_{i-1})}{\epsilon \sqrt{B_n}} \\ &\leq \frac{b_n (B_i - B_{i-1})}{\epsilon \sqrt{B_n}} + \frac{2(B_i - B_{i-1})^{3/2}}{\epsilon \sqrt{B_n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{B_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}((S_i - S_{i-1})^2 \mathbf{I}_{|S_i - S_{i-1}| > \epsilon \sqrt{B_n}}) &\leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{B_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_n (B_i - B_{i-1})}{\epsilon \sqrt{B_n}} + \frac{2}{B_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(B_i - B_{i-1})^{3/2}}{\epsilon \sqrt{B_n}} \\ &\leq \frac{b_n}{\epsilon B_n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n (B_i - B_{i-1}) + \frac{2}{\epsilon B_n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n (B_i - B_{i-1})^{3/2} \\ &\leq \frac{b_n}{\epsilon B_n^{1/2}} + \frac{2}{\epsilon B_n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n (B_i - B_{i-1})^{3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Because of (9) and (10) we have

$$\frac{b_n}{\sqrt{B_n}} = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n\mathbb{P}(|X| > b_n)}}\right) \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, so the first term goes to zero. Finally, it is easy to show that

$$\frac{1}{B_n^{3/2}} \sum_{i=1}^n (B_i - B_{i-1})^{3/2} \leq \left(\frac{\max_{i \leq n} B_i - B_{i-1}}{B_n} \right)^{1/2} \rightarrow 0,$$

if $B_n/B_{n+1} \rightarrow 1$.

□

5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

It is well known fact that B_n is asymptotically equivalent to the variance of the trimmed sums T_n defined by (2). So if we show that S_n and T_n are close in some appropriate sense, then we can substitute the truncated sums S_n in Theorem 1 by the corresponding trimmed sum T_n . More specifically, one need to show that

$$\frac{\max\{|S_1 - T_1|, |S_2 - T_2|, \dots, |S_n - T_n|\}}{\sqrt{B_n}} \xrightarrow{P} 0.$$

A similar result was proved in Egorov and Pozdnyakov (1997), where we showed that in case of the symmetric X that belongs to the Feller class

$$\limsup \frac{|S_n - T_n|}{\sqrt{B_n \log \log B_n}} \rightarrow 0 \quad a.s.,$$

whenever $k(n)/\log \log n \rightarrow \infty$. However, it is still a bit less than we need for a functional CLT.

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