

## Berry-Esséen type bound of sample quantiles for positively associated sequence

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**Abstract:** By utilizing some inequalities for positively associated (PA) random variables, a Berry-Esséen type bound of sample quantiles for PA samples under mild conditions was studied. The rate of uniform asymptotic normality was presented and the rate of convergence is near  $O(n^{-1/6})$  when the third moment is finite.

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## PA 序列样本分位数估计的 Berry-Esséen 型界

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**摘要:** 主要利用 PA 随机序列的有关不等式, 在合适条件下探讨了 PA 样本分位数估计的 Berry-Esséen 型界, 获得了其一致渐近正态性的收敛速度且在三阶矩有限时, 其收敛速度近似为  $O(n^{-1/6})$ .

**关键词:** Berry-Esséen 型界; 样本分位数; PA 随机序列

### 0 Introduction

Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of random variables defined on a fixed probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  with a common marginal distribution function  $F(x) = P(X_1 \leq x)$ .  $F$  is a distribution function (continuous from the right, as usual). For  $p \in (0, 1)$ , let

$$\xi_p = \inf\{x : F(x) \geq p\},$$

denote the  $p$ th quantile of  $F$ , and be alternately denoted by  $F^{-1}(p)$ .  $F^{-1}(u)$ ,  $0 < u < 1$ , is called the inverse function of  $F$ . An estimator of the population quantile  $F^{-1}(p)$  is given by the sample  $p$ th quantile

$$F_n^{-1}(p) = \inf\{x : F_n(x) \geq p\},$$

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where  $F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i \leq x), x \in \mathbb{R}$ , denotes the empirical distribution function based on the sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, n \geq 1$ ,  $I(A)$  denotes the indicator function of a set  $A$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  is the real line.

The concept of positively associated sequence was proposed by Joag-Dev and Proschan<sup>[1]</sup>. A finite of random variables  $\{X_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  is said to be positively associated, if for any disjoint subsets  $A, B \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$$\text{Cov}(f(X_i, i \in A), g(X_i, i \in B)) \geq 0,$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are real coordinate-wise nondecreasing functions such that this covariance exists. A sequence  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  of random variables is said to be PA if for every  $n \geq 2, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are PA.

For a fixed  $p \in (0, 1)$ , denote  $\xi_p = F^{-1}(p)$ ,  $\xi_{p,n} = F_n^{-1}(p)$  and  $\Phi(u)$  is the distributing function of  $N(0, 1)$ . The Berry-Esséen bound of the sample quantiles for i. i. d. random variables is given in Ref. [2] as follows:

**Theorem 0.1** Let  $p \in (0, 1)$  and  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of i. i. d. random variables. Suppose that  $F$  possesses a positive continue density  $f$  and a bounded second derivative  $F''$  in a neighborhood of  $\xi_p$ . Then

$$\sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{n^{1/2}(\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p)}{[p(1-p)]^{1/2}/f(\xi_p)} \leq x\right) - \Phi(x) \right| = O(n^{-1/2}), n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Berry-Esséen theorem, which is known as the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem, can be available in many monographs such as Refs. [3-4]. Under the i. i. d. random variables, the optimal rate is  $O(n^{-1/2})$ , and for the case of martingales, the rate is  $O(n^{-1/4} \lg n)$ <sup>[5, Chapter 3]</sup>. Recently, Ref. [6] obtained the Berry-Esséen bound of the sample quantiles for  $\alpha$ -mixing sequence. Their result has an optimal rate of  $O(n^{-1/2})$  under the strong condition of mixing coefficients satisfying  $\alpha(n) = O(n^{-\alpha_0}), \alpha_0 > 12$ . Yang et al.<sup>[7-9]</sup> investigated the Berry-Esséen bound of the sample quantiles for NA random sequence and  $\phi$ -mixing sequence, respectively, and obtained the same

convergence rate:  $O(n^{-1/6} \lg n \lg \lg n)$ . In other papers about Berry-Esséen bound, Ref. [10] studied the Berry-Esséen bound for the smooth estimator of a function under association samples. Refs. [11-12] obtained the Berry-Esséen bound in kernel density estimator for associated samples. Refs. [13-15] investigated uniformly asymptotic normality of the regression weighted estimator for NA, PA and strong mixing samples, respectively. Ref. [16] obtained the Berry-Esséen bound in kernel density estimation for  $\alpha$ -mixing censored samples. Under associated samples, Ref. [17] studied the consistency and uniformly asymptotic normality of wavelet estimator in the regression model.

There are very few literature works on Berry-Esséen bound of sample quantiles for a sequence of PA random variables. Inspired by Refs. [2, 6-10, 16], we investigate the Berry-Esséen bound of the sample quantiles for PA random variables under some mild conditions and obtain two preliminary lemmas and a theorem. The proof of the theorem is provided in Section 1. The proofs of two preliminary lemmas are given in Section 2. The appendix contains some known results (Lemmas A. 1~A. 5).

Throughout the paper,  $C, C_0, C_1, \dots$  denote some positive constants not depending on  $n$ , which may be different in various places.  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the largest integer not exceeding  $x$  and second-order stationary means that  $(X_1, X_{1+k}) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_i, X_{i+k}), i \geq 1, k \geq 1$ .

## 1 Assumptions and main results

In order to formulate our main results, we now list some assumptions as follows:

**Assumption 1.1** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a second-order stationary PA sequence with zero means and common marginal distribution function  $F$ , and  $F$  possesses a positive continue density  $f$  and a bounded second derivative  $F''$  in a neighborhood of  $\xi_p$ , for  $p \in (0, 1)$ .

**Assumption 1.2** There exist some  $r > 2$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \sup_{j \geq 1} E |X_j|^{r+\delta} < \infty, \\ & u(n) := \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{j+1}) = O(n^{-(r-2)(r+\delta)/(2\delta)}) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

**Assumption 1.3** There exists an  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that for  $x \in [\xi_p - \epsilon_0, \xi_p + \epsilon_0]$

$$\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} j \text{Cov}[I(X_1 \leq x), I(X_{j+1} \leq x)] = O(n^{-\frac{(r-2)(r+\delta)}{2\delta}+1}) \quad (2)$$

where  $0 < \delta < \frac{r(r-2)}{4-r}$ , if  $2 < r < 4$ ;  $\delta > 0$ , if  $r \geq 4$ , respectively.

**Assumption 1.4** There exist positive integers  $p := p_n$  and  $q := q_n$  such that for sufficiently large  $n$

$$p + q \leq n, qp^{-1} \leq C < \infty \quad (3)$$

and let  $k := k_n = \lfloor n/(p+q) \rfloor$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\gamma_{1n} = qp^{-1} \rightarrow 0, \gamma_{2n} = pn^{-1} \rightarrow 0, kp/n \rightarrow 1 \quad (4)$$

**Assumption 1.5** There exist some  $r > 2$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} j \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{j+1}) = O(n^{-\frac{(r-2)(r+\delta)}{2\delta}+1}) \quad (5)$$

where  $0 < \delta < \frac{r(r-2)}{4-r}$ , if  $2 < r < 4$ ;  $\delta > 0$ , if  $r \geq 4$ , respectively.

**Remark 1.1** Assumptions 1.1, 1.2 and 1.4 are used commonly in the literatures. For example, Refs. [12, 14, 16-17] used Assumption 1.4. Assumptions 1.1 and 1.2 were used by Refs. [14, 17] and Assumption 1.1 was assumed in Refs. [7-9]. Assumption 1.4 is easily satisfied, for example, when  $p = \lfloor n^{2/3} \rfloor$ ,  $q = \lfloor n^{1/3} \rfloor$ ,  $k = \lfloor \frac{n}{p+q} \rfloor = \lfloor n^{1/3} \rfloor$ . It is seen that  $pk/n \rightarrow 1$  implies  $qk/n \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Our main results are as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** Assume that Assumptions 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4 are satisfied, and let

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Var}[I(X_1 \leq \xi_p)] + \\ & 2 \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \text{Cov}[I(X_1 \leq \xi_p), I(X_j \leq \xi_p)] := \\ & \sigma^2(\xi_p) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $p_n \leq \frac{n \lg \lg n}{\beta \lg n}$ , where  $\beta = \frac{144\alpha^2}{\sigma^2(\xi_p)}$ , for some  $\alpha \geq 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} C(p_n) &= \frac{\lg n}{n^{\alpha/2} p_n \lg \lg n} \cdot \\ \exp\{(\beta n \lg n / (p_n \lg \lg n))^{1/2}\} v(p_n) &\leq C_0 < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$v(n) = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \text{Cov}[I(X_1 \leq x), I(X_{j+1} \leq x)],$$

then

$$\sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{n^{1/2}(\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p)}{\sigma(\xi_p)/f(\xi_p)} \leq x\right) - \Phi(x) \right| = O(a_n) \quad (6)$$

where  $a_n = \gamma_{1n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + u^{1/3}(q) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remark 1.2** The above condition  $C(p_n) < \infty$  is similar to (2.3) in Ref. [18]. When  $p_n = \frac{n \lg \lg n}{\beta \lg n}$ ,  $v(n) = n^{-\rho}$ , for some  $\rho > 0$ , we can obtain  $C(p_n) \leq C_0 < \infty$ , while for some  $\rho(n)$ , if  $v(n) = O(e^{-\rho(n)})$ , it follows that  $C(p_n) \leq C_0 < \infty$ .

**Corollary 1.1** Suppose all the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, and  $r=3$ , then

$$\sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{n^{1/2}(\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p)}{\sigma(\xi_p)/f(\xi_p)} \leq x\right) - \Phi(x) \right| = O(n^{-(3+\delta)/(18+2\delta)}).$$

**Remark 1.3** The rate of convergence is near  $O(n^{-1/6})$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  by Corollary 1.1. First, we give some preliminaries, which will be used to prove Theorem 1.1.

**Lemma 1.1** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a stationary random variable sequence with zero mean and  $|X_n| \leq d < \infty$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Suppose that Assumption 1.2 is satisfied. If

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sigma_1^2 > 0 \quad (7)$$

then

$$\sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)}} \leq x\right) - \Phi(x) \right| = O(a_n) \quad (8)$$

**Corollary 1.2** Suppose all the assumptions of Lemma 1.1 are fulfilled, and  $r=3$ ,  $u(n) =$

$O(n^{-(3+\delta)/(2\delta)})$ , then

$$\sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)}} \leq x\right) - \Phi(x) \right| = O(n^{-(3+\delta)/(18+2\delta)}).$$

**Remark 1.4** The rate of convergence is near  $O(n^{-1/6})$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  by Corollary 1.2.

**Lemma 1.2** Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a second-order stationary PA sequence with common marginal distribution function  $F$  and  $EX_n = 0, |X_n| \leq d < \infty, n \geq 1$ . Assumption 1.5 is satisfied and let

$$\text{Var}(X_1) + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_j) =: \sigma_0^2 > 0,$$

then

$$\sup_{-\infty < x < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{n}\sigma_0} \leq x\right) - \Phi(x) \right| = O(a_n) \quad (9)$$

Similar to Remark 1.3, it follows that the rate of convergence is near  $O(n^{-1/6})$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , if  $r = 3$  in Eq. (9).

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** By taking the same notation as that in the proof of Ref. [9, Theorem 1.1], denote  $A = \sigma(\xi_p)/f(\xi_p)$  and

$$G_n(t) = P(n^{1/2}(\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p)/A \leq t).$$

Similar to the proof of Ref. [9, Eq. (3.3)]. Let  $L_n = (p_n \lg n \lg \lg n)^{1/2}$ , we have

$$\sup_{|t| > L_n} |G_n(t) - \Phi(t)| \leq P(|\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p| \geq AL_n n^{-1/2}) + 1 - \Phi(L_n) \quad (10)$$

Let  $\epsilon_n = \frac{A}{2} L_n n^{-1/2}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p| \geq AL_n n^{-1/2}) &\leq \\ P(|\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p| \geq \epsilon_n) &\quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma A.5(iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi_{p,n} > \xi_p + \epsilon_n) &= \\ P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > \xi_p + \epsilon_n) > n(1-p)\right) &= \\ P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (V_i - EV_i) > n\delta_{n1}\right), & \end{aligned}$$

where  $V_i = I(X_i > \xi_p + \epsilon_n)$  and  $\delta_{n1} = F(\xi_p + \epsilon_n) - p$ . Likewise,

$$P(\xi_{p,n} < \xi_p - \epsilon_n) = P(p \leq F_n(\xi_p - \epsilon_n)) =$$

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - EW_i) > n\delta_{n2}\right),$$

where  $W_i = I(X_i > \xi_p - \epsilon_n)$  and  $\delta_{n2} = p - F(\xi_p - \epsilon_n)$ . It is easy to see that  $\{V_i - EV_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $\{W_i - EW_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  are still PA sequences, and  $|V_i - EV_i| \leq 1, |W_i - EW_i| \leq 1$ . According to Assumption 1.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v(n) &\leq n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} j \text{Cov}[I(X_1 \leq x), I(X_{j+1} \leq x)] = \\ &O(n^{-\frac{(r-2)(r+\delta)}{2\delta}}). \end{aligned}$$

Combining Ref. [18, Remark 2.1] with Assumption 1.4, Assumptions (A1) ~ (A3) in Ref. [18] were satisfied for  $n$  large enough. According to Lemma A.1, for some  $\theta > 0, \theta p_n \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (V_i - EV_i) > n\delta_{n1}\right) &\leq \\ 2\{\theta^2 n v(p_n) e^{n\theta} + e^{C_1 n \theta^2}\} e^{-\frac{n\delta_{n1}}{2}}, & \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (W_i - EW_i) > n\delta_{n2}\right) &\leq \\ 2\{\theta^2 n v(p_n) e^{n\theta} + e^{C_1 n \theta^2}\} e^{-\frac{n\delta_{n2}}{2}}. & \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F(x)$  is continuous at  $\xi_p$  with  $f(\xi_p) > 0$ , by the assumption on  $f(x)$  and Taylor's expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{n1} &= F(\xi_p + \epsilon_n) - p = f(\xi_p)\epsilon_n + o(\epsilon_n); \\ \delta_{n2} &= p - F(\xi_p - \epsilon_n) = f(\xi_p)\epsilon_n + o(\epsilon_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain that for  $n$  large enough

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(\xi_p)\epsilon_n}{2} = \frac{\sigma(\xi_p)L_n}{4n^{1/2}} &\leq F(\xi_p + \epsilon_n) - p = \delta_{n1}, \\ \frac{f(\xi_p)\epsilon_n}{2} = \frac{\sigma(\xi_p)L_n}{4n^{1/2}} &\leq p - F(\xi_p - \epsilon_n) = \delta_{n2}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $\theta = \left(\frac{\beta \lg n}{p_n \lg \lg n}\right)^{1/2}$ , it is clear that from  $\theta p_n \leq 1$

$$e^{-n\theta \delta_{n1}/2} \leq e^{-n\theta f(\xi_p)\epsilon_n/4} = e^{-\frac{3\alpha}{2} \lg n} \quad (12)$$

Note that  $p_n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have for  $n$  large enough

$$e^{C_1 n \theta^2} = \exp\{C_1 \beta \lg n / (p_n \lg \lg n)\} \leq e^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \lg n} \quad (13)$$

by the assumption  $C(p_n) < \infty$  in Theorem 1.1

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^2 n v(p_n) e^{n\theta} &= \\ \frac{\beta \lg n}{p_n \lg \lg n} \exp\left\{\left(\frac{\beta n \lg n}{p_n \lg \lg n}\right)^{1/2}\right\} v(p_n) &\leq e^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \lg n} \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

From (11) ~ (14) we obtain

$P(|\xi_{p,n} - \xi_p| > \epsilon_n) \leq C \exp\{-\alpha \lg n\} \leq O(n^{-1})$ .  
 Since  $1 - \Phi(L_n) \leq \frac{(2\pi)^{-1/2}}{L_n} \exp\{-L_n^2/2\} = o(n^{-1})$ ,  
 we have  $\sup_{|t| > L_n} |G_n(t) - \Phi(t)| \leq O(n^{-1})$ .

According to the proof of convergence rate of  $|\sigma^2(n, t) - \sigma^2(\xi_p)|$  in Ref. [9]. Taking

$$p_n = (n/(\lg n \lg \lg n))^{1/3},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{|t| \leq L_n} |G_n(t) - \Phi(t)| &\leq \sup_{|t| \leq L_n} \left| P \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i}{\sqrt{n} \sigma(n, t)} < -c_{nt} \right] - \Phi(-c_{nt}) \right| + \sup_{|t| \leq L_n} |\Phi(t) - \Phi(c_{nt})| \leq \\ &C \{ \gamma_{1n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + u^{1/3}(q) \} + \sup_{|t| \leq L_n} |\Phi(t) - \Phi(c_{nt})| \leq C \{ \gamma_{1n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + u^{1/3}(q) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Eq. (6) follows the same steps as those in the proof of Ref. [9, Theorem 1. 1].

**Proof of Corollary 1. 1** We obtain it by taking  $p = \lfloor n^{3(\delta+1)/(6+4\delta)} \rfloor, q = \lfloor n^{\delta/(3+2\delta)} \rfloor$ .

## 2 Proof of preliminary lemmas

**Proof of Lemma 1. 1** We employ Bernstein's big-block and small-block procedure and partition the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  into  $2k_n + 1$  subsets with a large block of size  $p = p_n$  and small blocks of size  $q = q_n$ , and let  $k = k_n = \lfloor \frac{n}{p_n + q_n} \rfloor$ . Define  $Z_{n,i} =$

$$X_i / \sqrt{\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)}, \text{ then } S_n \text{ may be split as}$$

$$S_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)}} = \sum_{i=1}^k Z_{n,i} = S_{n1} + S_{n2} + S_{n3},$$

where  $S_{n1} = \sum_{j=1}^k \eta_j, S_{n2} = \sum_{j=1}^k \xi_j, S_{n3} = \zeta_k$ , and  $\eta_j = \sum_{i=k_j}^{k_j+p-1} Z_{n,i}, \xi_j = \sum_{i=l_j}^{l_j+q-1} Z_{n,i}, \zeta_k = \sum_{i=k(p+q)+1}^n Z_{n,i}, k_j = (j-1)(p+q)+1, l_j = (j-1)(p+q)+p+1, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

According to Lemma A. 2 with  $a = \gamma_{1n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/3}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_n \leq t) - \Phi(t)| &= \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_{n1} + S_{n2} + S_{n3} \leq t) - \Phi(t)| &\leq \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_{n1} \leq t) - \Phi(t)| &+ \frac{a}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \end{aligned}$$

we obtain that for  $|t| \leq L_n$ ,

$$|\sigma^2(n, t) - \sigma^2(\xi_p)| = O(n^{-1/3} (p_n \lg n \lg \lg n)^{1/2}) + O(n^{-\frac{(r-2)(r+\delta)}{12\delta}}).$$

By taking  $r=3, \delta=3$ , we obtain  $|\sigma^2(n, t) - \sigma^2(\xi_p)| = O(n^{-1/6})$ . On the other hand, seeing the proof of Ref. [9, Eq. (3. 9)], by Lemma 1. 2 it follows that,

$$P(|S_{n2}| \geq \gamma_{1n}^{1/3}) + P(|S_{n3}| \geq \gamma_{2n}^{1/3}) \quad (15)$$

**Step 1** We estimate  $E(S_{n2})^2$  and  $E(S_{n3})^2$ , which will be used to estimate  $P(|S_{n2}| \geq \gamma_{1n}^{1/3})$  and  $P(|S_{n3}| \geq \gamma_{2n}^{1/3})$  in (15). By the conditions  $|X_i| \leq d$  and (7), it is easy to find that  $|Z_{n,i}| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$ .

Combining the definition of PA with the definition  $\xi_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , we can easily prove that  $\{\xi_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k}$  is PA. According to the stationary and  $EX_n = 0, n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(S_{n2})^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^k E\xi_j^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \text{Cov}(\xi_i, \xi_j) = \\ &\sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=l_j}^{l_j+q-1} E(Z_{n,i})^2 + \\ &2 \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{l_j \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq l_j+q-1} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,i_1}, Z_{n,i_2}) + \\ &2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \sum_{i'_1=l_i}^{l_i+q-1} \sum_{i'_2=l_j}^{l_j+q-1} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,i'_1}, Z_{n,i'_2}) \leq \\ &C n^{-1} k q + \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} (q-i) \text{Cov}(Z_{n,1}, Z_{n,i+1}) + \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{i'_1=l_i}^{l_i+q-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k \sum_{i'_2=l_j}^{l_j+q-1} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,i'_1}, Z_{n,i'_2}) \leq \\ &C[kq + kqu(1) + kqu(p)]/n \leq \\ &Ckq/n = Cqp^{-1} = C\gamma_{1n} \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(S_{n3})^2 &= \sum_{i=k(p+q)+1}^n E(Z_{n,i})^2 + \\ &2 \sum_{k(p+q)+1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq n} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,i_1}, Z_{n,i_2}) \leq \\ &C\{n^{-1}[n - k(p+q)] + \end{aligned}$$

$$p \sum_{i=1}^{n-k(p+q)-1} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,1}, Z_{n,i+1}) \leq C\{n^{-1}[n-k(p+q)] + pn^{-1}u(1)\} = C(p+q)/n = C\gamma_{2n} \tag{17}$$

Hence, by Markov's inequality, (16) and (17), we have

$$P(|S_{n2}| > \gamma_{1n}^{1/3}) \leq C\gamma_{1n}^{-2/3} E(S_{n2})^2 \leq C\gamma_{1n}^{1/3} \tag{18}$$

$$P(|S_{n3}| > \gamma_{2n}^{1/3}) \leq C\gamma_{2n}^{-2/3} E(S_{n3})^2 \leq C\gamma_{2n}^{1/3} \tag{19}$$

**Step 2** We estimate  $\sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_{n1} \leq t) - \Phi(t)|$ . Define

$$s_n^2 := \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Var}(\eta_j), \Gamma_n := \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \text{Cov}(\eta_i, \eta_j).$$

Clearly  $s_n^2 = E(S_{n1})^2 - 2\Gamma_n$ , and since  $ES_n^2 = 1$ , by (16) and (17) we get that

$$\begin{aligned} |E(S_{n1})^2 - 1| &= |E(S_{n2} + S_{n3})^2 - 2E[S_n(S_{n2} + S_{n3})]| \leq \\ &E(S_{n2})^2 + E(S_{n3})^2 + \\ &2E[(S_{n2})^2]^{1/2} E[(S_{n3})^2]^{1/2} + \\ &2E[(S_n)^2]^{1/2} E[(S_{n2})^2]^{1/2} + \\ &2E[(S_n)^2]^{1/2} E[(S_{n3})^2]^{1/2} \leq \\ &C(\gamma_{1n}^{1/2} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/2}) \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

On the other hand, similarly to the process of (16),

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_n &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \sum_{s=k_i}^{k_i+p-1k_j+p-1} \sum_{t=k_j} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,s}, Z_{n,t}) = \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \sum_{s=k_i}^{k_i+p-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^k \sum_{t=k_j}^{k_j+p-1} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,s}, Z_{n,t}) \leq \\ &C[kpu(q)]/n \leq Cu(q) \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

From (20) and (21), it follows that

$$|s_n^2 - 1| \leq C[\gamma_{1n}^{1/2} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/2} + u(q)] \tag{22}$$

We assume that  $\eta'_j$  are the independent random variables and  $\eta'_j$  have the same distribution as  $\eta_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let  $H_n := \sum_{j=1}^k \eta'_j$ . It is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_{n1} \leq t) - \Phi(t)| &\leq \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_{n1} \leq t) - P(H_n \leq t)| &+ \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(H_n \leq t) - \Phi(t/s_n)| &+ \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |\Phi(t/s_n) - \Phi(t)| &:= D_1 + D_2 + D_3. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\phi(t)$  and  $\psi(t)$  be the characteristic

function of  $S_{n1}$  and  $H_n$ , respectively. Thus applying Esséen inequality (see Ref. [3, Theorem 5.3]), for any  $T > 0$ ,

$$D_1 \leq \int_{-T}^T \left| \frac{\phi(t) - \varphi(t)}{t} \right| dt + T \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \int_{|u| \leq C/T} |P(H_n \leq u+t) - P(H_n \leq t)| du := D_{1n} + D_{2n}.$$

By Lemma A.3, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(t) - \varphi(t)| &= \\ |E \exp(it \sum_{j=1}^k \eta_j) - \prod_{j=1}^k E \exp(it \eta_j)| &\leq \\ 4t^2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \sum_{s=k_i}^{k_i+p-1k_j+p-1} \sum_{t=k_j} \text{Cov}(Z_{n,s}, Z_{n,t}) &\leq Ct^2 u(q). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$D_{1n} = \int_{-T}^T \left| \frac{\phi(t) - \varphi(t)}{t} \right| dt \leq Cu(q)T^2 \tag{23}$$

It follows from Berry-Esséen inequality<sup>[3, Theorem 5.7]</sup> and Lemma A.4, that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(H_n/s_n \leq t) - \Phi(t)| &\leq \\ \frac{C}{s_n^r} \sum_{j=1}^k E|\eta'_j|^r &= \frac{C}{s_n^r} \sum_{j=1}^k E|\eta_j|^r \leq \\ \frac{Ck[(p/n)]^{r/2}}{s_n^r} &\leq C \frac{\gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2}}{s_n^r} \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Note that  $s_n \rightarrow 1$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by (22). From (24), we get that

$$\sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(H_n/s_n \leq t) - \Phi(t)| \leq C\gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} \tag{25}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(H_n \leq t+u) - P(H_n \leq t)| &\leq \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{H_n}{s_n} \leq \frac{t+u}{s_n}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{t+u}{s_n}\right) \right| &+ \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{H_n}{s_n} \leq \frac{t}{s_n}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{t}{s_n}\right) \right| &+ \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| \Phi\left(\frac{t+u}{s_n}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{t}{s_n}\right) \right| &\leq \\ 2 \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{H_n}{s_n} \leq t\right) - \Phi(t) \right| &+ \\ \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| \Phi\left(\frac{t+u}{s_n}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{t}{s_n}\right) \right| &\leq \\ C\left(\gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + \left|\frac{u}{s_n}\right|\right) & \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

By (26), we obtain

$$D_{2n} = T \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \int_{|u| \leq C/T} |P(H_n \leq t + u) - P(H_n \leq t)| du \leq C(\gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + 1/T) \quad (27)$$

Combining (23) with (27), and choosing  $T = u^{-1/3}(q)$ , it is easily see that

$$D_1 \leq C(u^{1/3}(q)) + \gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} \quad (28)$$

and by (25),

$$D_2 = \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{H_n}{s_n} \leq \frac{t}{s_n}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{t}{s_n}\right) \right| \leq C\gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} \quad (29)$$

On the other hand, from (22) and Ref. [3, Lemma 5.2], it follows that

$$D_3 \leq (2\pi e)^{-1/2}(s_n - 1)I(s_n \geq 1) + (2\pi e)^{-1/2}(s_n^{-1} - 1)I(0 < s_n < 1) \leq C |s_n^2 - 1| \leq C[\gamma_{1n}^{1/2} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/2} + u(q)] \quad (30)$$

Consequently, combining (28), (29) with (30), we can get

$$\sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} |P(S_{n1} \leq t) - \Phi(t)| \leq C[\gamma_{1n}^{1/2} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/2} + \gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + u^{1/3}(q)] \quad (31)$$

Finally, by (15), (18), (19) and (31), (8) is verified.

**Proof of Corollary 1.2** We obtain it by taking  $p = \lfloor n^{3(\delta+1)/(6+4\delta)} \rfloor, q = \lfloor n^{\delta/(3+2\delta)} \rfloor$ .

**Proof of Lemma 1.2** Define  $\sigma_n^2 := \text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)$  and  $\gamma(k) = \text{Cov}(X_i, X_{i+k})$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , according to (5), it is checked that

$$\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{j+1}) \leq n^{-1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} j \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{j+1}) = O(n^{-\frac{(r-2)(r+\delta)}{2\delta}}) \quad (32)$$

therefore Assumption 1.2 holds true. For the second-order stationary process  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  with common marginal distribution function, by Eq. (5) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\sigma_n^2 - n\sigma_0^2| = \\ & \left| n\gamma(0) + 2n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{j}{n}\right) \gamma(j) - n\gamma(0) - 2n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma(j) \right| = \\ & \left| 2n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{j}{n} \gamma(j) + 2n \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \gamma(j) \right| \leq \\ & 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \gamma(j) + 2 \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} j \gamma(j) \leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \gamma(j) = O(1) \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{n}\sigma_0} \leq t\right) - \Phi(t) \right| \leq \\ & \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sigma_n} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}\sigma_0}{\sigma_n} t\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}\sigma_0}{\sigma_n} t\right) \right| + \\ & \sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \left| \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}\sigma_0}{\sigma_n} t\right) - \Phi(t) \right| := I_1 + I_2 \quad (34) \end{aligned}$$

By (33), it is easy to see that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_n^2}{n\sigma_0^2} = 1$ .

Thus, applying Lemma 1.1, one has

$$I_1 \leq C\{\gamma_{1n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{1/3} + \gamma_{2n}^{(r-2)/2} + u^{1/3}(q)\} \quad (35)$$

and according to (33) again, similarly to the proof of (30), we obtain that

$$I_2 \leq C \left| \frac{\sigma_n^2}{n\sigma_0^2} - 1 \right| = \frac{C}{n\sigma_0^2} |\sigma_n^2 - n\sigma_0^2| = O(n^{-1}) \quad (36)$$

Combining (34), (35) with (36), (9) holds true.

## Appendix

**Lemma A.1**<sup>[18]</sup> Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be PA random variables with zero means and  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_n| \leq c_n < \infty$ , a. s. for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Denote

$$u(n) = \sup_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j: |i-j| \geq n} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j),$$

and satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} u^{1/2}(2^i) < \infty$ . Assume that  $\theta p_{nc_n} \leq 1$  for some  $\theta > 0$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C_1$ , which does not depend on  $n$ , such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right| > n\epsilon\right) \leq \\ & 4\{\theta^2 n u(p_n) e^{n\theta c_n} + e^{C_1 n \theta^2 c_n^2}\} e^{-n\theta\epsilon/2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma A.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random variables, then for any  $a > 0$ ,

$$\sup_t |P(X + Y \leq t) - \Phi(t)| \leq$$

$$\sup_t |P(X \leq t) - \Phi(t)| + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + P(|Y| > a).$$

**Lemma A.3**<sup>[14]</sup> Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a PA sequence, and let  $\{a_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a real constant sequence,  $1 = m_0 < m_1 < \dots < m_k = n$ . Denote by

$$\eta_l := \sum_{j=m_{l-1}+1}^{m_l} a_j X_j \text{ for } 1 \leq l \leq k. \text{ Then}$$

$$\left| E \exp(it \sum_{l=1}^k \eta_l) - \prod_{l=1}^k E \exp(it \eta_l) \right| \leq 4t^2 \sum_{1 \leq s < t \leq n} |a_s a_t| \text{Cov}(X_s, X_t).$$

**Lemma A. 4**<sup>[14]</sup> Let  $\{X_j\}_{j \geq 1}$  be a stationary PA sequence with  $EX_j = 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , and there exist some  $r > 2$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{j \geq 1} E |X_j|^{r+\delta} < \infty,$$

$$u(n) = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{j+1}) = O(n^{-(r-2)(r+\delta)/2\delta}).$$

Let  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 1}$  be a real constant sequence,  $a := \sup_j |a_j| < \infty$ . Then there is a constant  $C$  not depending on  $n$  such that

$$E \left| \sum_{j=1}^n a_j X_j \right|^r \leq C a^r n^{r/2}.$$

Especially, if  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is a stationary PA sequence with  $EX_n = 0, |X_n| \leq d < \infty$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and assume  $u(n) = O(n^{-(r-2)/2})$  for some  $r > 2$ , then

$$E \left| \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \right|^r \leq C n^{r/2}.$$

**Lemma A. 5**<sup>[2]</sup> Let  $F(x)$  be a right-continuous distribution function. The inverse function  $F^{-1}(t), 0 < t < 1$ , is nondecreasing and left-continuous, and satisfies

- (i)  $F^{-1}(F(x)) \leq x, -\infty < x < \infty$ ;
- (ii)  $F(F^{-1}(t)) \geq t, 0 < t < 1$ ;
- (iii)  $F(x) \geq t$  if and only if  $x \geq F^{-1}(t)$ .

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