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# Almost Sure Central Limit Theorem for Product of Partial Sums of Strongly Mixing Random Variables

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We give here an almost sure central limit theorem for product of sums of strongly mixing positive random variables.

## 1. Introduction and Results

In recent decades, there has been a lot of work on the almost sure central limit theorem (ASCLT), we can refer to Brosamler [1], Schatte [2], Lacey and Philipp [3], and Peligrad and Shao [4].

Khurelbaatar and Rempala [5] gave an ASCLT for product of partial sums of i.i.d. random variables as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. positive random variables with  $EX_1 = \mu > 0$  and  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \sigma^2$ . Denote  $\gamma = \sigma/\mu$  the coefficient of variation. Then for any real  $x$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} I \left( \left( \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k S_i}{k! \mu^k} \right)^{1/\gamma \sqrt{k}} \leq x \right) = F(x) \quad a.s., \quad (1.1)$$

where  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$ ,  $I(\cdot)$  is the indicator function,  $F(\cdot)$  is the distribution function of the random variable  $e^{-\mathcal{N}}$ , and  $\mathcal{N}$  is a standard normal variable.

Recently, Jin [6] had proved that (1.1) holds under appropriate conditions for strongly mixing positive random variables and gave an ASCLT for product of partial sums of strongly mixing as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of identically distributed positive strongly mixing random variable with  $EX_1 = \mu > 0$  and  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \sigma^2$ ,  $d_k = 1/k$ ,  $D_n = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k$ . Denote by  $\gamma = \sigma/\mu$  the coefficient of variation,  $\sigma_n^2 = \text{Var}(\sum_{k=1}^n ((S_k - k\mu)/k\sigma))$  and  $B_n^2 = \text{Var}(S_n)$ . Assume

$$E|X_1|^{2+\delta} < \infty \quad \text{for some } \delta > 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_n^2}{n} = \sigma_0^2 > 0, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\alpha(n) = O(n^{-r}) \quad \text{for some } r > 1 + \frac{2}{\delta}, \quad \inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\sigma_n^2}{n} > 0.$$

Then for any real  $x$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k I \left( \left( \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k S_i}{k! \mu^k} \right)^{1/\gamma \sigma_k} \leq x \right) = F(x) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (1.3)$$

The sequence  $\{d_k, k \geq 1\}$  in (1.3) is called weight. Under the conditions of Theorem 1.2, it is easy to see that (1.3) holds for every sequence  $d_k^*$  with  $0 \leq d_k^* \leq d_k$  and  $D_n^* = \sum_{k \leq n} d_k^* \rightarrow \infty$  [7]. Clearly, the larger the weight sequence  $(d_k)$  is, the stronger is the result (1.3).

In the following sections, let  $d_k = e^{(\ln k)^\alpha}/k$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1/2$ ,  $D_n = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k$ , " $\ll$ " denote the inequality " $\leq$ " up to some universal constant.

We first give an ASCLT for strongly mixing positive random variables.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of identically distributed positive strongly mixing random variable with  $EX_1 = \mu > 0$  and  $\text{Var}(X_1) = \sigma^2$ ,  $d_k$  and  $D_n$  as mentioned above. Denote by  $\gamma = \sigma/\mu$  the coefficient of variation,  $\sigma_n^2 = \text{Var}(\sum_{k=1}^n ((S_k - k\mu)/k\sigma))$  and  $B_n^2 = \text{Var}(S_n)$ . Assume that

$$E|X_1|^{2+\delta} < \infty \quad \text{for some } \delta > 0, \quad (1.4)$$

$$\alpha(n) = O(n^{-r}) \quad \text{for some } r > 1 + \frac{2}{\delta}, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_n^2}{n} = \sigma_0^2 > 0, \quad (1.6)$$

$$\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\sigma_n^2}{n} > 0. \quad (1.7)$$

Then for any real  $x$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k I \left( \left( \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k S_i}{k! \mu^k} \right)^{1/\gamma \sigma_k} \leq x \right) = F(x) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (1.8)$$

In order to prove Theorem 1.3 we first establish ASCLT for certain triangular arrays of random variables. In the sequel we shall use the following notation. Let  $b_{k,n} = \sum_{i=k}^n (1/i)$  and  $s_{k,n}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k b_{i,n}^2$  for  $k \leq n$  with  $b_{k,n} = 0$  if  $k > n$ .  $Y_k = (X_k - \mu)/\sigma$ ,  $k \leq 1$ ,  $\tilde{S}_n = \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k$  and  $S_{n,n} = \sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,n} Y_k$ .

In this setting we establish an ASCLT for the triangular array  $(b_{k,n}Y_k)$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1.3, for any real  $x$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k I \left\{ \frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k} \leq x \right\} = \Phi(x) \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (1.9)$$

where  $\Phi(x)$  is the standard normal distribution function.

## 2. The Proofs

### 2.1. Lemmas

To prove theorems, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** (see [8]). *Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of strongly mixing random variables with zero mean, and let  $\{a_{k,n}, 1 \leq k \leq n, n \geq 1\}$  be a triangular array of real numbers. Assume that*

$$\sup_n \sum_{k=1}^n a_{k,n}^2 < \infty, \quad \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |a_{k,n}| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.1)$$

*If for a certain  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\{|X_k|^{2+\delta}\}$  is uniformly integrable,  $\inf_k \text{Var}(X_k) > 0$ ,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2/\delta} \alpha(n) < \infty, \quad \text{Var} \left( \sum_{n=1}^n a_{k,n} X_k \right) = 1, \quad (2.2)$$

*then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{k,n} X_k \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1). \quad (2.3)$$

**Lemma 2.2** (see [9]). *Let  $d_k = e^{(\ln k)^\alpha} / k$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1/2$ ,  $D_n = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k$ ; then*

$$D_n \sim C(\ln n)^{1-\alpha} \exp\{(\ln n)^\alpha\}, \quad (2.4)$$

*where  $C = 1/\alpha$  as  $0 < \alpha < 1/2$ ,  $C = 1$  as  $\alpha = 0$ .*

**Lemma 2.3** (see [8]). *Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a strongly mixing sequence of random variables such that  $\sup_n E|X_n|^{2+\delta} < \infty$  for a certain  $\delta > 0$  and every  $n \geq 1$ . Then there is a numerical constant  $c(\delta)$  depending only on  $\delta$  such that for every  $n > 1$  one has*

$$\sup_j \sum_{i=j+1}^{n+j} |\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)| \leq c(\delta) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i^{2/\delta} \alpha(i) \right)^{\delta/(2+\delta)} \sup_k \|X_k\|_{2+\delta}^2, \quad (2.5)$$

*where  $\|X_k\|_p = E(|X_k|^p)^{1/p}$ ,  $p > 1$ .*

**Lemma 2.4** (see [9]). Let  $\{\xi_k, k \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of random variables, uniformly bounded below and with finite variances, and let  $\{d_k, k \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of positive number. Let for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $D_n = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k$  and  $T_n = (1/D_n) \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \xi_k$ . Assume that

$$D_n \rightarrow \infty \quad \frac{D_{n+1}}{D_n} \rightarrow 1, \quad (2.6)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $C$  and all  $n$

$$ET_n^2 \leq C(\ln^{-1-\varepsilon} D_n), \quad (2.7)$$

then

$$T_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.8)$$

**Lemma 2.5** (see [10]). Let  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a strongly mixing sequence of random variables with zero mean and  $\sup_n E|X_n|^{2+\delta} < \infty$  for a certain  $\delta > 0$ . Assume that (1.5) and (1.6) hold. Then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|S_n|}{\sqrt{2\sigma_0^2 n \ln \ln n}} = 1 \quad a.s. \quad (2.9)$$

## 2.2. Proof of Theorem 1.4

From the definition of strongly mixing we know that  $\{Y_k, k \geq 1\}$  remain to be a sequence of identically distributed strongly mixing random variable with zero mean and unit variance. Let  $a_{k,n} = b_{k,n}/\sigma_n$ ; note that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,n}^2 = b_{1,n} + 2 \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{k} = b_{1,n} + 2 \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k-1}{k} = 2n - b_{1,n}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad (2.10)$$

and via (1.7) we have

$$\sup_n \sum_{k=1}^n a_{k,n}^2 = \sup_n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_{k,n}^2}{\sigma_n^2} \ll \sup_n \frac{2n - b_{1,n}}{n} < \infty, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |a_{k,n}| = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \frac{b_{k,n}}{\sigma_n} \ll \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

From the definition of  $Y_k$  and (1.4) we have that  $\{|Y_k|^{2+\delta}\}$  is uniformly integrable; note that

$$\inf_k \text{Var}(Y_k) = EY_1^2 = 1 > 0, \quad \text{Var}\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{k,n} Y_k\right) = \frac{\text{Var}(\sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,n} Y_k)}{\sigma_n^2} = 1, \quad (2.12)$$

and applying (1.5)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2/\delta} \alpha(n) \ll \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-r+2/\delta} < \infty. \tag{2.13}$$

Consequently using Lemma 2.1, we can obtain

$$\frac{S_{n,n}}{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0,1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{2.14}$$

which is equivalent to

$$Ef\left(\frac{S_{n,n}}{\sigma_n}\right) \rightarrow Ef(\mathcal{N}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \tag{2.15}$$

for any bounded Lipschitz-continuous function  $f$ ; applying *Toeplitz Lemma*

$$\frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k Ef\left(\frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k}\right) \rightarrow Ef(\mathcal{N}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.16}$$

We notice that (1.9) is equivalent to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k f\left(\frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k}\right) = \Phi(x) \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{2.17}$$

for all bounded Lipschitz continuous  $f$ ; it therefore remains to prove that

$$T_n \triangleq \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \left( f\left(\frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k}\right) - Ef\left(\frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k}\right) \right) \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.18}$$

Let  $\xi_k = f(S_{k,k}/\sigma_k) - Ef(S_{k,k}/\sigma_k)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sum_{k=1}^n d_k \xi_k\right)^2 &\leq E\left(2 \sum_{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n} d_k d_l \xi_k \xi_l\right) \ll \sum_{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n} d_k d_l |E(\xi_k \xi_l)| \\ &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l \leq 2k}} d_k d_l |E(\xi_k \xi_l)| + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k}} d_k d_l |E(\xi_k \xi_l)| \\ &\triangleq T_{1,n} + T_{2,n}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

From Lemma 2.2, we obtain for some constant  $C_1$

$$e^{(\ln n)^\alpha} \sim C_1 D_n (\ln D_n)^{1-1/\alpha}. \tag{2.20}$$

Using (2.20) and property of  $f$ , we have

$$T_{1,n} \ll e^{(\ln n)^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \sum_{l=k}^{2k} \frac{1}{l} \ll D_n e^{(\ln n)^\alpha} \ll D_n^2 (\ln D_n)^{1-1/\alpha}. \quad (2.21)$$

We estimate now  $T_{2,n}$ . For  $l > 2k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{l,l} - S_{2k,2k} &= (b_{1,l}Y_1 + b_{2,l}Y_2 + \cdots + b_{l,l}Y_l) - (b_{1,2k}Y_1 + b_{2,2k}Y_2 + \cdots + b_{2k,2k}Y_{2k}) \\ &= b_{2k+1,l}\tilde{S}_{2k} + (b_{2k+1,l}Y_{2k+1} + \cdots + b_{l,l}Y_l). \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} |E\tilde{\xi}_k\tilde{\xi}_l| &= \left| \text{Cov} \left( f \left( \frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k} \right), f \left( \frac{S_{l,l}}{\sigma_l} \right) \right) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \text{Cov} \left( f \left( \frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k} \right), f \left( \frac{S_{l,l}}{\sigma_l} \right) - f \left( \frac{S_{l,l} - S_{2k,2k} - b_{2k+1,l}\tilde{S}_{2k}}{\sigma_l} \right) \right) \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \text{Cov} \left( f \left( \frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k} \right), f \left( \frac{S_{l,l} - S_{2k,2k} - b_{2k+1,l}\tilde{S}_{2k}}{\sigma_l} \right) \right) \right|, \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

and the properties of strongly mixing sequence imply

$$\left| \text{Cov} \left( f \left( \frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k} \right), f \left( \frac{S_{l,l} - S_{2k,2k} - b_{2k+1,l}\tilde{S}_{2k}}{\sigma_l} \right) \right) \right| \ll \alpha(k). \quad (2.24)$$

Applying Lemma 2.3 and (2.10),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(S_{2k,2k}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2k} b_{i,2k}^2 EY_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{2k-1} \sum_{i=j+1}^{2k} b_{i,2k} b_{j,2k} \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{2k} b_{i,2k}^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{2k-1} b_{j,2k}^2 \sum_{i=j+1}^{2k} |\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j)| \ll k, \\ \text{Var}(\tilde{S}_{2k}) &= E \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2k} Y_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{2k} EY_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{2k-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{2k} \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j) \ll k. \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

Consequently, via the properties of  $f$ , the *Jensen* inequality, and (1.7),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \text{Cov} \left( f \left( \frac{S_{k,k}}{\sigma_k} \right), f \left( \frac{S_{l,l}}{\sigma_l} \right) - f \left( \frac{S_{l,l} - S_{2k,2k} - b_{2k+1,l} \tilde{S}_{2k}}{\sigma_l} \right) \right) \right| \\ & \ll \frac{E |S_{2k,2k} + b_{2k+1,l} \tilde{S}_{2k}|}{\sigma_l} \leq \frac{\sqrt{ES_{2k,2k}^2}}{\sigma_l} + \frac{\sqrt{E(b_{2k+1,l} \tilde{S}_{2k})^2}}{\sigma_l} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_{2k,2k})}}{\sigma_l} + b_{2k+1,l} \frac{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\tilde{S}_{2k})}}{\sigma_l} \ll \left( \frac{k}{l} \right)^\beta, \end{aligned} \tag{2.26}$$

where  $0 < \beta < 1/2$ . Hence for  $l > 2k$  we have

$$|E\xi_k \xi_l| \ll \alpha(k) + \left( \frac{k}{l} \right)^\beta. \tag{2.27}$$

Consequently, we conclude from the above inequalities that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2,n} & \ll \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k}} d_k d_l \left( \alpha(k) + \left( \frac{k}{l} \right)^\beta \right) \\ & = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k}} d_k d_l \alpha(k) + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k}} d_k d_l \left( \frac{k}{l} \right)^\beta \triangleq T_{2,n,1} + T_{2,n,2}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

Applying (1.5) and Lemma 2.2 we can obtain for any  $\eta > 0$

$$T_{2,n,1} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n d_k d_l \alpha(k) \ll (\ln D_n)^{-1-\eta} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \sum_{l=1}^n d_l = D_n^2 (\ln D_n)^{-1-\eta}. \tag{2.29}$$

Notice that

$$T_{2,n,2} = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k \\ (l/k) \geq (\ln D_n)^{2/\beta}}} d_k d_l \left( \frac{k}{l} \right)^\beta + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k \\ (l/k) < (\ln D_n)^{2/\beta}}} d_k d_l \left( \frac{k}{l} \right)^\beta \triangleq T_{2,n,2,1} + T_{2,n,2,2}, \tag{2.30}$$

$$T_{2,n,2,1} \leq \sum_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq l \leq n \\ l > 2k}} d_k d_l (\ln D_n)^{-2} \leq (\ln D_n)^{-2} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \sum_{l=1}^n d_l = D_n^2 (\ln D_n)^{-2}. \tag{2.31}$$

Let  $n_0 = \max\{l : k \leq l \leq n, (l/k) < (\ln D_n)^{2/\beta}\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2,n,2,2} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=2k}^{n_0} d_k d_l \leq e^{(\ln n)^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \sum_{l=2k}^{n_0} \frac{1}{l} \ll e^{(\ln n)^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k (\ln n_0 - \ln 2k) \\ &\ll e^{(\ln n)^\alpha} D_n \ln \ln D_n \ll D_n^2 \ln^{1-1/\alpha} D_n \ln \ln D_n. \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

By (2.21), (2.29), (2.31), and (2.32), for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$ET_n^2 = \frac{1}{D_n^2} E \left( \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \xi_k \right)^2 \ll (\ln D_n)^{-1-\varepsilon}, \quad (2.33)$$

applying Lemma 2.4, we have

$$T_n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0. \quad (2.34)$$

### 2.3. Proof of Theorem 1.3

Let  $C_k = S_k / \mu k$ ; we have

$$\frac{1}{\gamma \sigma_n} \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k - 1) = \frac{1}{\gamma \sigma_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{S_k}{\mu k} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma_n} \sum_{k=1}^n b_{k,n} Y_k = \frac{S_{n,n}}{\sigma_n}. \quad (2.35)$$

We see that (1.9) is equivalent to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k I \left( \frac{1}{\gamma \sigma_k} \sum_{i=1}^k (C_i - 1) \leq x \right) = \Phi(x), \quad \text{a.s. } \forall x. \quad (2.36)$$

Note that in order to prove (1.8) it is sufficient to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{k=1}^n d_k I \left( \frac{1}{\gamma \sigma_k} \sum_{i=1}^k \ln C_i \leq x \right) = \Phi(x), \quad \text{a.s. } \forall x. \quad (2.37)$$

From Lemma 2.5, for sufficiently large  $k$ , we have

$$|C_k - 1| = O \left( \left( \frac{\ln(\ln k)}{k} \right)^{1/2} \right). \quad (2.38)$$

Since  $\ln(1+x) = x + O(x^2)$  for  $|x| < 1/2$ , thus

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(C_k) - \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k - 1) \right| \ll \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k - 1)^2 \ll \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(\ln k)}{k} \ll \ln n \ln(\ln n) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (2.39)$$

Hence for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for sufficiently large  $n$ , we have

$$I\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^{\sigma_n}} \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k - 1) \leq x - \varepsilon\right) \leq I\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^{\sigma_n}} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln C_k \leq x\right) \leq I\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^{\sigma_n}} \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k - 1) \leq x + \varepsilon\right) \quad (2.40)$$

and thus (2.36) implies (2.37).

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