

## ON THE RATE OF CONVERGENCE IN SOME MEAN MARTINGALE CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREMS

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**Abstract:** Let  $(X_k; 1 \leq k \leq n)$  be a sequence of martingale differences with respect to  $\sigma$ -fields  $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_n$ , where the variance of  $X_k$  may be finite or infinite. The aim of this article is to establish the rate of convergence in the mean central limit theorems for the sum  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  by uniting the method of Bolthausen [2], Haeusler [8] and the result of Röllin [10].

**Key words:** infinite variance; the central limit theorem; random variables; convergence rate; martingale difference.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(X_k; 1 \leq k \leq n)$  be a sequence of square integrable martingale difference with respect to  $\sigma$ -fields  $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_n$ , that is, suppose that  $X_k$  is measurable with respect to  $F_{k-1}$  with  $E(X_k^2) < \infty$  and  $E(X_k | F_{k-1}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Denote  $F_n$  and  $F$  be distribution functions of  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  and standard normal  $N(0,1)$ , respectively. Assume that  $E(|X_i|^2) < \infty$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , according to Theorem 3.2 of Agnew [1], “the conditional Linderberg condition”

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i^2 I(|X_i| > e) | F_{i-1}) \xrightarrow{P} 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for each  $e > 0$  and “the conditional normalizing condition”

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i^2 | F_{i-1}) \xrightarrow{P} 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

together imply the mean central limit theorem

$$\|F_n - F\|_1 = \int |F_n(x) - F(x)| dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Obviously, “the conditional Linderberg condition” is satisfied if for some  $d > 0$ , “the Liapounov condition of order  $2 + 2d$ ”

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(|X_i|^{2+2d}) \xrightarrow{P} 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ holds.}$$

The rate of convergence in the central limit theorem was studied by many authors. In 1982, Bolthausen [2] established the rate of convergence in central limit theorems for bounded martingale difference sequences in the Kolmogorov metric  $(d_k)$ . Then, Mourrat [9] generalized this result. Haeusler [7, 8], El Machkouri and Ouchti [6] extended the results of Bolthausen [2] to unbounded martingale difference sequences.

The rate at which  $\|F_n - F\|_1$  converges to zero has studied by Dung et. al. [4], Röllin [10] and other authors under the assumption of bounded third order moments. Dung and Son [4] established the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem for arrays of martingale difference random vectors in the bounded Lipschitz metric. In this article, we unite the method of Bolthausen [2], Haeusler [8] and the result of Röllin [10] to establish the convergence rate to zero of  $\|F_n - F\|_1$  for general martingale differences sequences under “the Liapounov condition of order  $2 + 2d$ ” assumption for some  $d > 0$ . The convergence rate to

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zero of  $\|F_n - F\|_1$  for sequences of general martingale differences with infinite variances is also studied.

## 2. Results

The Wasserstein distance between two distributions  $F$  and  $G$  on real line is defined as

$$d_w(F, G) = \sup_{f \in L_1} |E(f(X)) - E(f(Y))|,$$

where  $L_1$  is the set of 1-Lipschitzian functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e.

$$L_1 = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : |f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|\}.$$

According to the Kantorovich-Rubinstein theorem (see, e.g., [3], Theorem 11.8.2) we have that

$$d_w(F, G) = \|F - G\|_1.$$

It is not difficult to see that for any random variable  $X$ ,

$$d_k(F_X, F) \leq \frac{2}{(2p)^{1/4}} \sqrt{d_w(F_X, F)}.$$

Let  $(X_k; 1 \leq k \leq n)$  be a sequence of square integrable martingale difference with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ -fields  $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_n$ .

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $s_n = E(X_1^2) + \dots + E(X_n^2) = 1$ . For  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , we define

$$s_k^2 = E(X_k^2 | F_{k-1}), \quad V_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2,$$

$$r_{k+1}^2 = V_n^2 - V_k^2 = \sum_{i=k+1}^n s_i^2,$$

where  $\sum_{i=k+1}^n s_i^2$  is defined to be zero if  $k+1 > n$ . Set

$$L_{n,d} = \sum_{i=1}^n E(|X_i|^{2+d}),$$

$$N_{n,d} = E \left| \sum_{i=1}^n V_n^2 - 1 \right|^{1+d}.$$

for some  $d > 0$ .

$$\text{Put } S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n.$$

For  $x > 0$  we denote  $\log(x) = \max\{1, \ln(x)\}$ , where  $\ln(x)$  is the natural logarithm function.

**Theorem 1.** Assume that  $V_n = 1$  a.s. Then

$$d_w(L(S_n), N(0, 1)) \leq C L_{n,d}^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log L_{n,d}|)$$

whenever  $L_{n,d} \leq 1$ .

*Proof.*

For fixed  $0 < b \leq 1$ , set

$$X_i^{\leq} = X_i I(|X_i| \leq b^{1/2} / 2) - E(X_i I(|X_i| \leq b^{1/2} / 2) | F_{i-1}),$$

$$S_n^{\leq} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^{\leq}.$$

For any function  $f \in L_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |E(f(S_n)) - E(f(N(0, 1)))| & \leq |E(f(S_n^{\leq})) - E(f(N(0, 1)))| \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n E(|X_i| I(|X_i| > b^{1/2} / 2)). \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n E(|X_i| I(|X_i| > b^{1/2} / 2)) \leq \frac{C}{b^{(1/2+d)}} L_{n,d}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |E(f(S_n)) - E(f(N(0, 1)))| & \leq \\ & |E(f(S_n^{\leq})) - E(f(N(0, 1)))| + \frac{C}{b^{(1/2+d)}} L_{n,d}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X_{n+1}^{\leq}, X_{n+2}^{\leq}, \dots$  be independent random variables with

$$P(X_i^{\leq} = -b^{1/2}) = P(X_i^{\leq} = b^{1/2}) = 1/2$$

for all  $i \geq n+1$ , which are independent of  $F_n$ . For each  $i \geq n+1$ , set  $F_i = \mathcal{F}(F_n, X_{n+1}^{\leq}, \dots, X_i^{\leq})$ . It is clear that the random variable

$$t = \max\{k : \sum_{i=1}^k s_i^2(X_i^{\leq}) \leq 1\}$$

is a stopping time with respect to  $(F_i; i \geq 1)$  and  $n \leq t \leq n + [b^{-1}]$ , where  $[b^{-1}]$  denotes the integer part of  $b^{-1}$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, k = n + [b^{-1}] + 1$ , set

$$Z_i = X_i - \sum_{j=1}^i (X_j - X_{j-1}) + \sum_{j=1}^i (X_j - X_{j-1})$$

Thus,  $(Z_i; 1 \leq i \leq k)$  is a sequence of martingale differences adapted to the filtration  $F_0, \dots, F_k$ . Writing from now on

$$s_i^2 = s_i^2(Z_i), \quad S_k^2 = Z_1 + \dots + Z_k.$$

We have that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k s_i^2 = 1, \quad |Z_i| \leq b^{1/2} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k,$$

and

$$E(|S_n^2 - S_k^2|) \leq C \sum_{i=n+1}^k E(|Z_i|^2) \leq C b^{-d/2} L_{n,d}^{1/2}.$$

Therefore,

$$|E(f(S_n)) - E(f(N(0,1)))| \leq |E(f(S_k)) - E(f(N(0,1)))| + C \left( \frac{1}{b^{(1/2+d)}} L_{n,d} + b^{-d/2} L_{n,d}^{1/2} \right). \quad (0.1)$$

Put

$$V_i^2 = \sum_{j=1}^i s_j^2, \quad r_i^2 = 1 - V_{i-1}^2 = \sum_{j=i}^k s_j^2.$$

Now define the sequence of stopping times

$$t_0 = 0,$$

$$t_j = \sup\{m \geq 0 : V_m^2 \leq jb\} \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq [b^{-1}],$$

$$t_{[b^{-1}]+1} = k.$$

For  $t_{j-1} < i \leq t_j$ , we have

$$r_i^2 = 1 - V_{i-1}^2 \leq 1 - jb.$$

Thus, it follows from Theorem 2.1 of Röllin [10] with  $a = (2b)^{1/2}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & |E(f(S_k)) - E(f(N(0,1)))| \\ & \leq 3 \sum_{i=1}^k E \frac{|Z_i|^3}{r_i^2 + 2b^{1/2}} + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2} \\ & = 3 \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \sum_{i=t_{j-1}+1}^{t_j} E \frac{|Z_i|^3}{r_i^2 + 2b^{1/2}} + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2} \\ & \leq 3 \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \frac{b^{1/2}}{1 - jb + 2b^{1/2}} \sum_{i=t_{j-1}+1}^{t_j} E(|Z_i|^2) + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2} \\ & = 3 \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \frac{b^{1/2}}{1 - jb + 2b^{1/2}} E(|Z_i|^2 | F_{i-1}) + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2} \\ & = 3 \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \frac{b^{1/2}}{1 - jb + 2b^{1/2}} (V_{t_j}^2 - V_{t_{j-1}}^2) + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq 3 \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \frac{2b^{3/2}}{1 - jb + 2b^{1/2}} + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2}$$

$$\leq 6b^{1/2} \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \frac{1}{j} + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2}$$

$$\leq C(b^{1/2} |\log b| + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2}).$$

$$\leq 3 \sum_{j=1}^{[b^{-1}]+1} \frac{2b^{3/2}}{1 - jb + 2b^{1/2}} + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2}$$

Combining this with (1.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |E(f(S_n)) - E(f(N(0,1)))| \\ & \leq C(b^{1/2} |\log b| + 2\sqrt{2}b^{1/2}) \\ & + \frac{1}{b^{(1/2+d)}} L_{n,d} + b^{-d/2} L_{n,d}^{1/2} + b^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $b = L_{n,d}^{1/(1+d)}$  we get

$$|E(f(S_n)) - E(f(N(0,1)))| \leq C L_{n,d}^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log L_{n,d}|).$$

Thus,

$$d_W(L(S_n), N(0,1)) \leq C L_{n,d}^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log L_{n,d}|)$$

which completes the proof.

If the assumption of  $V_n = 1$  a.s. is removed, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.**

$$d_W(L(S_n), N(0,1)) \leq C (2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d})^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log(2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d})|).$$

whenever  $2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d} \leq 1$ .

*Proof.*

We define the stopping time  $t$  by

$$t = \max\{k : \sum_{i=1}^k s_i^2 \leq 1\},$$

put

$$\begin{aligned} X_i^0 &= X_i I(i \leq t) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ \text{and } X_{n+1}^0 &= (1 - \sum_{i=1}^t s_i^2)^{1/2} Y, \end{aligned}$$

where the random variable  $Y$  is independent of  $F_n$  with  $P(Y = 1) = P(Y = -1) = 1/2$ . Then,  $(X_i^0; 1 \leq i \leq n+1)$  is a sequence of martingale differences satisfying the assumptions of Theorem 1, so that

$$d_W(L(S_n^0), N(0,1)) \leq C L_{n,d}^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log L_{n,d}^0|),$$

where

$$S_n^0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} X_i^0 \text{ and } L_{n,d}^0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} E(|X_i^0|^{2+2d}).$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} L_{n,d}^0 &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} E(|X_i^0|^{2+2d}) \leq L_{n,d} + E(|X_{n+1}^0|^{2+2d}) \\ &\leq L_{n,d} + E(|1 - \sum_{i=1}^t s_i^2|^{1+d} I(t = n)) \\ &\quad + E(|1 - \sum_{i=1}^t s_i^2|^{1+d} I(t < n)) \\ &\leq L_{n,d} + N_{n,d} + E(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} s_i^{2+2d}) \\ &\leq 2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} E(|S_n - S_n^0|^{2+2d}) &\leq C \sum_{i=t+1}^n E(|X_i^0|^{2+2d}) + E(|X_{n+1}^0|^{2+2d}) \\ &\leq E(|X_{n+1}^0|^{2+2d}) \leq L_{n,d} + N_{n,d}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E(|\sum_{i=t+1}^n X_i^0|^{2+2d}) &\leq C \sum_{i=t+1}^n E(|\sum_{i=t+1}^n s_i^2|^{1+d}) + E(\max_{t+1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i^0|^{2+2d}) \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^n E(|1 - \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2|^{1+d}) + E(|1 - \sum_{i=1}^t s_i^2|^{1+d}) \\ &\leq CL_{n,d} \\ &\leq C(2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d}) \end{aligned}$$

which imply that

$$E(|S_n - S_n^0|^{2+2d}) \leq C(2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d}).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} d_W(L(S_n), N(0,1)) &\leq d_W(L(S_n^0), N(0,1)) + E(|S_n - S_n^0|) \\ &\leq d_W(L(S_n^0), N(0,1)) + E(|S_n - S_n^0|^{2+2d})^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} \\ &\leq C(2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d})^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log(2L_{n,d} + N_{n,d})|). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary.** Let  $(X_n; n \geq 1)$  be a stationary sequence of martingale difference with respect to the  $\mathcal{F}_n$ -fields  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(X_i; i \leq n)$ . Suppose that  $E(|X_1|^{2+2d}) < \infty$  for any  $d > 0$  and

$E(X_1^2 | F_0) = E(X_1^2) = s^2 > 0$ . Then, there exists a positive constant  $C$  depending only on  $d$ , we infer

$$\left\| \frac{F_n - F}{s\sqrt{n}} \right\|_1 \leq C n^{-d/(2+2d)} \ln(n)$$

for large enough  $n$ .

*Proof.* Set  $Y_{n,i} = \frac{s^{-1}}{\sqrt{n}} X_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then

$s_n^2 = E(Y_n^2 | F_{n-1}) = \frac{1}{n}$ . We see that  $(Y_n; n \geq 1)$  is a martingale difference sequence with respect to the  $s$ -fields  $(F_n; n \geq 1)$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^n s_{n,i}^2 = 1,$$

$$L_{n,d} = \sum_{i=1}^n E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^d Y_{n,i} \right\|^{2+2d} \leq \frac{E \left\| \sum_{j=1}^d X_{1j} \right\|^{2+2d}}{s^{2+2d} n^d},$$

and  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{s\sqrt{n}}$ .

By Theorem 1, we have

$$\left\| F_{S_n} - F \right\|_1 \leq C (L_{n,2d})^{1/(2+2d)} (1 + |\ln(L_{n,2d})|) \leq C n^{-d/(2+2d)} \ln(n).$$

For the next theorem, we establish the convergence rate to zero of  $\|F_n - F\|_1$  for sequences of general martingale differences with infinite variances. Suppose that  $(X_i; 1 \leq i \leq n)$  is a sequence of stationary martingale differences with infinite variances. Assume that  $h(x) = E(X_1^2 I(|X_1| \leq x))$  is a slowly varying function at infinity. Put

$$h_n = \inf\{x \geq 1 : x^{-2} h(x) \leq n^{-1}\},$$

$$s_i^2 = \text{Var}(X_i I(|X_i| \leq h_n)) - E(X_i I(|X_i| \leq h_n) | F_{i-1}),$$

$$a_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2,$$

$$V_n^{\otimes} = \frac{1}{a_n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ E \left( (X_j I(|X_j| \leq h_n) - E(X_j I(|X_j| \leq h_n) | F_{j-1}))^2 | F_{j-1} \right) \right\},$$

$$K_{n,d} = 2^{2+2d} \frac{E(|X_1|^{2+2d} I(|X_1| \leq h_n))}{h_n^{2d} h(h_n)},$$

$$Q_n = \frac{h_n^2 E(|X_1| I(|X_1| > h_n))}{a_n h(h_n)},$$

and

$$M_{n,d} = E \|V_n^{\otimes} - 1\|^{1+d}.$$

Noting that if  $h_n = O(a_n)$  then we get  $K_{n,d} \rightarrow 0$  and  $Q_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $(X_i; 1 \leq i \leq n)$  is a sequence of stationary martingale differences such that  $h(x) = E(X_1^2 I(|X_1| \leq x))$  is a slowly varying function at infinity. Then

$$d_w(L(S_n / a_n), N(0,1)) \leq C \left( 2K_{n,d} + M_{n,d} \right)^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}} (1 + |\log(2K_{n,d} + M_{n,d})|) + Q_n,$$

whenever  $2K_{n,d} + M_{n,d} \leq 1$ .

*Proof.*

Set

$$X_i^{\otimes} = a_n^{-1} [X_i I(|X_i| \leq h_n) - E(X_i I(|X_i| \leq h_n) | F_{i-1})],$$

$$S_n^{\otimes} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^{\otimes}. \text{ Then,}$$

$$d_w(L(S_n / a_n), N(0,1)) \leq d_w(L(S_n^{\otimes}), N(0,1)) + \frac{n E(|X_1| I(|X_1| > h_n))}{a_n}. \quad (0.2)$$

$$d_w(L(S_n^0), N(0,1)) \leq C(2L_{n,d}^0 + N_{n,d}^0)^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}}(1 + |\log(2L_{n,d}^0 + N_{n,d}^0)|),$$

where

$$L_{n,d}^0 = \prod_{i=1}^n E(|X_i|^2)^{2d}$$

$$\leq 2^{2+2d} \frac{nE(|X_1|^{2+2d}) I(|X_1| \leq h_n)}{a_n^{2+2d}}$$

$$\leq 2^{2+2d} \frac{h_n^2 E(|X_1|^{2+2d}) I(|X_1| \leq h_n)}{a_n^{2+2d} h(h_n)}$$

$$= K_{n,d},$$

and where

$$N_{n,d}^0 = E(\|V_n^0 - 1\|^{1+d}) = M_{n,d}$$

Thus,

$$d_w(L(S_n^0), N(0,1)) \leq C(2K_{n,d} + M_{n,d})^{\frac{1}{2(1+d)}}(1 + |\log(2K_{n,d} + M_{n,d})|)$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{nE(|X_1| I(|X_1| > h_n))}{a_n} \leq \frac{h_n^2 E(|X_1| I(|X_1| > h_n))}{a_n h(h_n)} = Q_n. \tag{0.4}$$

Combining (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) yield the conclusion of Theorem 3.

### 3. Conclusion

Through this article, we have obtained some results of the convergence rate in the mean central limit theorems for sequences of general martingale differences with finite or infinite variances.

## VỀ TỐC ĐỘ HỘI TỤ TRONG MỘT SỐ ĐỊNH LÝ GIỚI HẠN TRUNG TÂM THEO TRUNG BÌNH

**Tóm tắt:** Cho  $(X_k; 1 \leq k \leq n)$  là dãy hiệu martingale tương thích với dãy  $\sigma$ - đại số  $F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_n$ , trong đó phương sai của biến ngẫu nhiên  $X_k$  có thể hữu hạn hoặc vô hạn. Mục đích của bài báo này là thiết lập tốc độ hội tụ trong định lý giới hạn trung tâm theo trung bình cho tổng  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  bằng phương pháp của Bolthausen [2], Haeusler [8] kết hợp với kết quả của Röllin [10].

**Từ khóa:** phương sai vô hạn; định lý giới hạn trung tâm; tốc độ hội tụ; biến ngẫu nhiên; hiệu martingale.

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