

A LIMIT RESULT FOR SELF-NORMALIZED RANDOM SUMS*

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Abstract: Suppose $\{X, X_n; n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence i. i. d. r. v. with $EX = 0$ and $EX^2 < \infty$. Shao (1995) proved a conjecture of Révész (1990): if $P(X = \pm 1) = 1/2$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{\sum_{i=j+1}^{i=j+k} X_i}{(2k \log n)^{1/2}} = 1 \quad \text{a. s.}$$

Furthermore he conjectured that

$$1 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{\sum_{i=j+1}^{i=j+k} X_i}{\left\{ \sum_{i=j+1}^{i=j+k} X_i^2 (2k \log n) \right\}^{1/2}} = K < \infty \quad \text{a. s.}$$

In this paper we prove that if $\sup_{b>0} P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$ then this conjecture is true.

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INTRODUCTION

Suppose $\{X, X_n; n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence i. i. d. r. v. Let $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $V_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$. Révész (1990) studied the limit behavior of the sequence

$$L_n = \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k < n-j} k^{-1/2} (S_{j+k} - S_j) \quad (1)$$

and proved that if $P(X = \pm 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ then

$$1 \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L_n}{(2 \log n)^{1/2}} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L_n}{(2 \log n)^{1/2}} = K < \infty \quad \text{a. s.}, \quad (2)$$

where the exact value of K is unknown (cf. Révész 1990, p171). Révész (1990) conjectured that $K = 1$. Shao (1995) corroborated Révész conjecture and proved a general result as follows.

Theorem A. Suppose that $EX = 0$, $EX^2 = 1$ and $Ee^{tX} < \infty$ for some $t > 0$. Let $\rho(x) =$

$\inf_{\theta \geq 0} e^{-\theta x} Ee^{\theta X}$ be the Chernoff function of X . Define

$$\alpha(C) = \sup \{x; \rho(x) \geq e^{-1/C}\} (C > 0),$$

$$\lambda = \sup_{0 < x < \infty} \frac{x^{1/2} \alpha(x)}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Then $\lambda \geq 1$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k < n-j} \frac{\sum_{i=j+1}^{i=j+k} X_i}{(2k \log n)^{1/2}} = \lambda \quad \text{a. s.} \quad (3)$$

and, $\lambda < \infty$ if and only if $Ee^{tX^2} < \infty$ for some $t > 0$.

Zhang (1998) proved some general results on the lag sums of i. i. d. r. v. s, his Theorem 5 extended the Theorem A above.

From Theorem A, we see that if we want to get a finite limit as in (2) for general random variables we must add a very strong moment condition $Ee^{tX^2} < \infty$, which can not be weakened. But in the past several years, many authors studied the so-called self-normalized limit theorems.

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For example, Griffin and Kuelbs (1989) obtained the self-normalized law of iterated logarithm, Csörgö and Shao (1994) studied the self-normalized Erdős-Rényi law of large numbers, Shao (1997) studied self-normalized large deviations. The previous self-normalized limit theorems show that when the normalizing constants in the classical limit theorem are replaced by an appropriate sequence of random variables, a similar result may still hold under less or even without any moment conditions. The significance of the self-normalized limit theorems is obvious. So, one may ask if the following self-normalized result related to (3) is true or not: for i. i. d. random variables $\{X, X_n; n \geq 1\}$, if $EX = 0$ and $EX^2 < \infty$ then

$$1 \leq \limmax_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} = K < \infty \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (4)$$

This was also a conjecture of Shao (1995).

In this paper we prove that under suitable conditions this conjecture is true.

Theorem 1.

Let $f(x) = \sup_{b \geq 0} \inf_{t \geq 0} E e^{t(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)}$,

$$c_0 = 1/\ln(1/P(X=0)),$$

$k(c) = \inf\{x \geq 0; f(x) < e^{-1/c}\}$ and

$$\lambda(c) = \begin{cases} k(c) & \text{for } c > c_0 \\ 1 & \text{for } c \in [0, c_0], \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda^* = \sup_{0 < c < \infty} \frac{\sqrt{c} \lambda(c)}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

If $EX = 0$, $EX^2 I\{|X| \leq x\}$ slowly varies as $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $\sup_{b > 0} P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$ then $\lambda^* < \infty$ and

$$1 \leq \limmax_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} = \lambda^* \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (5)$$

Remark. Obviously, if $EX^2 < \infty$, then $EX^2 I\{|X| \leq x\}$ slowly varies as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

PROOFS

We start the proof with several preliminary Lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. If $EX = 0$ and $EX^2 I\{|X| \leq$

$x\}$ slowly varies as $x \rightarrow \infty$. Then for any $0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{2}$, there exist $0 < \delta < 1$, $x_0 > 1$, $\theta_0 > 1$ and n_0 such that for any $n \geq n_0$, $x_0 < x < \delta \sqrt{n}$ and $1 < \theta \leq \theta_0$

$$e^{-(1+\epsilon)x^2/2} \leq P\left(\frac{S_n}{V_n} \geq x\right) \leq e^{-(1-\epsilon)x^2/2};$$

$$P\left(\max_{n \leq k \leq \theta n} \frac{S_k}{V_k} \geq x\right) \leq e^{-(1-\epsilon)x^2/2}. \quad (6)$$

Proof. See Remark 4.1 and Remark 4.2 of Shao (1997).

Lemma 2.2. Assume that $EX = 0$ or $EX^2 = \infty$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{S_n}{V_n n^{1/2}} \geq x\right)^{1/n} = f(x) \quad (7)$$

for $x > 0$, and $f(1) = \sup_{b \geq 0} P(X = b)$, $f(x) = P(X = 0)$ for $x > 1$.

Proof. See Corollary 1.1 and Lemma 8.1 of Shao (1997).

Lemma 2.3. Assume that $EX = 0$ or $EX^2 = \infty$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n - [c \log n]} \frac{S_{k+[c \log n]} - S_k}{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+[c \log n]} X_i^2}} = k(c) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (8)$$

for any $c > c_0$. Furthermore, if $\sup_{b > 0} P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$ then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n - [c \log n]} \frac{S_{k+[c \log n]} - S_k}{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+[c \log n]} X_i^2}} = 1 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (9)$$

for any $0 < c \leq c_0$.

Proof. (8) follows from Theorem 8.1 of Shao (1997). If $P(X = 0) = 0$ then there is nothing to prove. Suppose $P(X = 0) > 0$. Noting that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n - [c \log n]} \frac{S_{k+[c \log n]} - S_k}{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+[c \log n]} X_i^2}} \leq$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n - [c \log n]} \frac{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+[c \log n]} X_i^2}}{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+[c \log n]} X_i^2}} = 1 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

we only need to prove for any $0 < \epsilon < 1$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n - \lfloor c \log n \rfloor} \frac{S_{k+\lfloor c \log n \rfloor} - S_k}{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+\lfloor c \log n \rfloor} X_i^2}} \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Suppose that $f(1 - \epsilon) > P(X = 0)$. Then there exists $\eta > 0$ such that $f(1 - \epsilon) - \eta > \exp\left(-\frac{1 - \eta}{c_0}\right)$. Then by Lemma 2.2 for m large enough

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq e^m - \lfloor cm \rfloor} \frac{S_{j+\lfloor cm \rfloor} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+\lfloor cm \rfloor}^2 - V_j^2)(cm)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 - \epsilon\right) &\leq \\ P\left(\max_{0 \leq l \leq e^m / \lfloor cm \rfloor - 1} \frac{S_{(l+1)\lfloor cm \rfloor} - S_{l\lfloor cm \rfloor}}{\{(V_{(l+1)\lfloor cm \rfloor}^2 - V_{l\lfloor cm \rfloor}^2)(cm)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 - \epsilon\right) &\leq \\ P\left(\frac{S_{\lfloor cm \rfloor}}{V_{\lfloor cm \rfloor}} \leq (1 - \epsilon)(cm)^{1/2}\right)^{\lfloor e^m / \lfloor cm \rfloor \rfloor - 1} &\leq \\ (1 - (f(1 - \epsilon) - \eta)^{\lfloor cm \rfloor})^{\lfloor e^m / \lfloor cm \rfloor \rfloor - 1} &\leq \\ (1 - \exp(1 - (1 - \eta)cm/c_0))^{\lfloor e^m / \lfloor cm \rfloor \rfloor - 1} &\leq \\ \exp\left(-K \frac{e^m}{cm} \exp(-(1 - \eta)cm/c_0)\right) &\leq \\ \exp(-Ke^m/m), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n - \lfloor c \log n \rfloor} \frac{S_{k+\lfloor c \log n \rfloor} - S_k}{\sqrt{[c \log n] \sum_{i=k+1}^{i=k+\lfloor c \log n \rfloor} X_i^2}} &\geq \\ \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \max_{1 \leq j \leq e^m - \lfloor cm \rfloor} \frac{S_{j+\lfloor cm \rfloor} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+\lfloor cm \rfloor}^2 - V_j^2)(cm)\}^{1/2}} &\geq \\ 1 - \epsilon \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

At last, we need to prove $f(1 - \epsilon) > P(X = 0)$. Since $\sup_{b>0} P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$, there exists $b > 0$ such that $P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$. Otherwise, there would exist a sequence $\{b_i\}$ such that $P(X = b_i) \geq \frac{1}{2} P(X = 0)$. Then $P(\cup \{X = b_i\}) = \sum_i P(X = b_i) = \infty$ which is a contradiction. Define

$$\tau(x) = \inf_{t \geq 0} E e^{t(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)}, \quad x \geq 0,$$

let $t_x \geq 0$ be given by

$$\tau(x) = E e^{t_x(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

It is easy to show that $P(bX = x(X^2 + b^2)/2) \neq 1$. Thus according to lemmas 1 and 3 of Chernoff (1952), t_x exists and is unique.

We now show that for $0 < x < 1$, t_x is finite,

Put $x' = \frac{1}{2}(x + 1)$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} E e^{t(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)} &\geq \\ \int_{by - x'(y^2 + b^2)/2 > 0} e^{t(by - x(y^2 + b^2)/2)} dF(y) &\geq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{t(x' - x)} P(bX - x'(X^2 + b^2)/2 > 0) &= \\ e^{\frac{t}{2}(1-x)} P\left(\frac{b}{x'}(1 - \sqrt{1 - x'^2}) < X < \right. \\ \left. \frac{b}{x'}(1 + \sqrt{1 - x'^2})\right) &\geq \\ e^{\frac{t}{2}(1-x)} P(X = b) &\geq e^{\frac{t}{2}(1-x)} P(X = 0), \end{aligned}$$

which implies the finiteness of t_x . Now for $0 < x < 1$, if $t_x = 0$ then

$$\tau(x) = E e^{t_x(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)} = 1 > P(X = 0);$$

if $t_x > 0$ then

$$\tau(x) = E e^{t_x(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)} \geq e^{\frac{t_x}{2}(1-x)} P(X = 0) > P(X = 0).$$

Hence for $0 < x < 1$,

$$f(x) = \sup_{b>0} \inf_{t \geq 0} E e^{t(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)} > P(X = 0).$$

The proof of Lemma 2.3 is now complete.

Remark: If one could prove that $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $0 < x \leq 1$, then the condition $\sup_{b>0} P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$ is superfluous.

Proof of the Theorem 1

Step 1. For any $\epsilon > 0$, then we have for c_1 large enough,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{c_1 \log n \leq k \leq n - j} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 + \epsilon \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (10)$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.1, for c_1 large enough and then large enough,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\max_{0 \leq j \leq e^{n+1}} \max_{c_1 m \leq k \leq e^{n+1}} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \geq 1 + \epsilon\right) &\leq \\ P\left(\max_{0 \leq j \leq e^{n+1}} \max_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{\log(e^{n+1}/c_1 m)}{\log \theta} + 1} \max_{c_1 m^d \leq k \leq c_1 m^{d+1}} \right. \\ \left. \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \geq 1 + \epsilon\right) &\leq \end{aligned}$$

$Ke^m m$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_l P\left(\max_{c_1 m^d \leq k \leq c_1 m^{d+1}} \frac{|S_k|}{V_k} \geq (1 + \epsilon)(2m)^{1/2}\right) &\leq \\ Kme^m \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon}{2}(1 + \epsilon)m\right) = Kme^{-m}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P\left(\max_{0 \leq j \leq c^{m+1}} \max_{c_1 m \leq k \leq c^{m+1}} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \geq 1 + \epsilon\right) < \infty,$$

which implies

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j \leq n} \max_{c_1 \log n \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \leq$$

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j \leq c^{m+1}} \max_{c_1 m \leq k \leq c^{m+1}} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 + \epsilon \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Step 2. It is easy to see that for c small enough,

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq (n-j) \wedge (c \log n)} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_j|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq \\ & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq (n-j) \wedge (c \log n)} \frac{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)k\}^{1/2}}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq \\ & = \sqrt{\frac{c}{2}} < \epsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Step 3. For any $0 < c < c_1 < \infty$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{c \log n \leq k \leq c_1 \log n} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq \\ & \sup_{c \leq x \leq c_1 + 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} \lambda(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Proof. For $\eta > 0$ small enough such that $\eta c < 1$ by Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{c \log n \leq k \leq c_1 \log n} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq \\ & \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{c_1 - c}{\eta}} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{(1+l\eta)c \log n \leq k \leq (1+(l+1)\eta)c \log n} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq \max_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{c_1 - c}{\eta}} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{0 \leq j < n} \frac{S_{j+(1+l\eta)c \log n} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+(1+l\eta)c \log n}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} + \\ & \max_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{c_1 - c}{\eta}} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{(1+l\eta)c \log n \leq k \leq (1+(l+1)\eta)c \log n} \frac{|S_{j+k} - S_{j+(1+l\eta)c \log n}|}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{c_1 - c}{\eta}} \frac{\sqrt{(1+l\eta)c \lambda((1+l\eta)c)}}{\sqrt{2}} + \\ & \max_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{c_1 - c}{\eta}} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{(1+l\eta)c \log n \leq k \leq (1+(l+1)\eta)c \log n} \frac{\max_{(k - (1+l\eta)c \log n)^{1/2}}}{(2 \log n)^{1/2}} \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\sup_{c \leq x \leq c_1 + 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} \lambda(x)}{\sqrt{2}} + (\eta c / 2)^{1/2},$$

which implies (12) immediately.

Step 4. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \geq \\ & \lambda^* \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Proof. For any $c > 0$, by Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \geq \\ & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+[c \log n]} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+[c \log n]}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \geq \\ & \frac{\sqrt{c} \lambda(c)}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

which implies (13) immediately.

Now noting that

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{c_1 \log n \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+k} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+k}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \geq \\ & \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \max_{c_1 \log n \leq k \leq n-j} \frac{S_{j+[c_1 \log n]} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+[c_1 \log n]}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} = \\ & \frac{\sqrt{c_1} \lambda(c_1)}{\sqrt{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

thus by Step 1, we know that for c_1 large enough

$$\frac{\sqrt{c_1} \lambda(c_1)}{\sqrt{2}} \leq 1 + \epsilon. \quad (14)$$

Then, combining Step 1, Step 2, Step 3 and Step 4 implies (5).

Since $k(c) \leq k_{\delta}(c)$ for any $c > 0$ and $\delta > 0$, where $k(c) = \inf \{x \geq 0; f_{\delta}(x) < e^{-1/c}\}$ and $f_{\delta}(x) = \sup_{b \geq 0} \inf_{t \geq 0} e^{(bt)^2/2} E e^{t(bX - x(X^2 + b^2)/2)}$, we have for $0 < c < c_1 < \infty$

$$\sup_{c \leq x \leq c_1} \frac{\sqrt{x} k(x)}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sup_{c \leq x \leq c_1} \frac{\sqrt{x} k_{\delta}(x)}{\sqrt{2}} < \infty \quad (15)$$

by the fact that $k_{\delta}(c)$ is continuous (cf. Lemma 8.1 of Shao (1997)). Hence by (11), (14) and (15) we know $\lambda^* < \infty$.

On the other hand, noting that by Lemma (2.1), for $c_1 > 0$ large enough and then m large enough

$$P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq e^m - [c_1, m]} \frac{S_{j+[c_1, m]} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+[c_1, m]}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 - \epsilon\right) \leq$$

$$P\left(\max_{0 \leq l \leq e^m / [c_1, m] - 1} \frac{S_{(l+1)[c_1, m]} - S_{l[c_1, m]}}{\{(V_{(l+1)[c_1, m]}^2 - V_{l[c_1, m]}^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 - \epsilon\right) \leq$$

$$P\left(\frac{S_{[c_1, m]}}{V_{[c_1, m]}} \leq (1 - \epsilon)(2m)^{1/2}\right)^{[e^m / [c_1, m]] - 1} \leq$$

$$(1 - \exp(-(1 - \epsilon)m))^{[e^m / [c_1, m]] - 1} \leq \exp(-Ke^m / m),$$

we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P\left(\max_{0 \leq j \leq e^m - [c_1, m]} \frac{S_{j+[c_1, m]} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+[c_1, m]}^2 - V_j^2)(2m)\}^{1/2}} \leq 1 - \epsilon\right) < \infty,$$

which implies

$$\frac{\sqrt{c_1} k(c_1)}{\sqrt{2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < n - [c_1, \log n]} \frac{S_{j+[c_1, \log n]} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+[c_1, \log n]}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \geq$$

$$\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j < e^m - [c_1, m]} \frac{S_{j+[c_1, m]} - S_j}{\{(V_{j+[c_1, m]}^2 - V_j^2)(2 \log n)\}^{1/2}} \geq 1 - \epsilon \text{ a.s.}$$

So $\lambda^* \geq 1$. The proofs are now complete.

Similarly, we can prove:

Theorem 1'. Assume that there exist $0 < \alpha < 2$, $c_1 \geq 0, c_2 \geq 0, c_1 + c_2 > 0$ and a slowly varying function $h(x)$ such that

$$P(X \geq x) = \frac{c_1 + o(1)}{x^\alpha} h(x)$$

and

$$P(X \leq -x) = \frac{c_2 + o(1)}{x^\alpha} h(x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Moreover, assume that $EX = 0$ if $1 < \alpha < 2$, X

is symmetric if $\alpha = 1$ and that $c_1 > 0$ if $0 < \alpha < 1$. Furthermore, assume that $\sup_{b>0} P(X = b) \geq P(X = 0)$. Then (5) holds and $1/\sqrt{2\beta(\alpha, c_1 c_2)} \leq \lambda^* < \infty$,

where $\beta(\alpha, c_1, c_2)$ is the solution of $\Gamma(\beta, \alpha) = 0$ and

$$\Gamma(\beta, \alpha) = \begin{cases} c_1 \int_0^\infty \frac{1 + 2x - e^{(2x-x^2/\beta)}}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx + \\ c_2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - 2x - e^{(-2x-x^2/\beta)}}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx, & \text{if } 1 < \alpha < 2, \\ c_1 \int_0^\infty \frac{2 - e^{(2x-x^2/\beta)} - e^{(-2x-x^2/\beta)}}{x^2} dx, & \text{if } \alpha = 1, \\ c_1 \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{(2x-x^2/\beta)}}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx + c_2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - e^{(-2x-x^2/\beta)}}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx, & \text{if } 0 < \alpha < 1. \end{cases}$$

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