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# On the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem for martingale difference sequences

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## Abstract

We established the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem for stopped sums of a class of martingale difference sequences.

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## Résumé

On établit la vitesse de convergence dans le théorème limite central pour les sommes arrêtées issues d'une classe de suites de différences de martingale.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of random variables defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . We shall say that  $(X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a martingale difference sequence if, for any  $k \geq 0$

1.  $\mathbb{E}\{|X_k|\} < +\infty$ .
2.  $\mathbb{E}\{X_{k+1} \mid \mathcal{F}_k\} = 0$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_k$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $X_i, i \leq k$ .

For each integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $x$  real number, we denote

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$$\begin{aligned}
S_0 &= 0, & S_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, & \phi(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt, & \sigma_{n-1}^2 &= \mathbb{E}\{X_n^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_{n-1}\}, \\
v(n) &= \inf \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N}^*: \sum_{i=0}^k \sigma_i^2 \geq n \right\}, & S_{v(n)}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} S_k^2 I_{v(n)=k}, & \sigma_{v(n)}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sigma_k^2 I_{v(n)=k}, \\
F_n(x) &= \mathbb{P}(S_{v(n)} \leq x\sqrt{n}), & S'_{v(n)} &= S_{v(n)} + \sqrt{\gamma(n)} X_{v(n)+1}, & H_n(x) &= \mathbb{P}(S'_{v(n)} \leq x\sqrt{n}),
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\gamma(n)$  is a random variable such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_i^2 + \gamma(n)\sigma_{v(n)}^2 = n \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{1}$$

If the random variables  $X_i$  are independent and identically distributed with  $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = 1$ , we have by the central limit theorem (CLT)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\mathbb{P}(S_n \leq x\sqrt{n}) - \phi(x)| = 0.$$

By the theorem of Berry ([1], 1941) and Esseen ([5], 1942), if moreover,  $\mathbb{E}|X_i^3| < +\infty$ , the rate of convergence in the limit is of order  $n^{-1/2}$ . If  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an ergodic martingale difference sequence with  $\mathbb{E}X_i^2 = 1$ , by the theorem of Billingsley ([2], 1968) and Ibragimov ([11], 1963), see also ([10], 1980)) we have the CLT. The rate of convergence can, however, be arbitrarily slow even if  $X_i$  are bounded and  $\alpha$ -mixing (cf. [4]). There are several results showing that with certain assumption on the conditional variance  $\mathbb{E}(X_i^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_{i-1})$ , the rate of convergence becomes polynomial (Kato ([12], 1979), Grams ([7], 1972), Nakata ([9], 1976), Bolthausen ([3], 1982), Haeusler ([8], 1988), ...).

In 1963, Ibragimov [11] has shown that for  $X_i$  uniformly bounded, if instead of usual sums  $S_n$ , the stopped sums  $S_{v(n)}$  or  $S'_{v(n)}$  are considered, one gets the rate of convergence of order  $n^{-1/4}$ ; the only assumption beside boundedness is that  $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \sigma_i^2$  diverge to infinity a.s.

In the present paper we give a rate of convergence for a larger class of martingale difference sequences, the Ibragimov's case will be a particular one.

## 2. Main result

We consider a sequence  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of square integrable martingale differences.

**Theorem 1.** *If the series  $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \sigma_i^2$  diverges a.s. and if there exists a nondecreasing sequence  $(Y_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  adapted to the filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$  such that, for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$*

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i^4) < +\infty, \quad 1 \leq Y_i \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}(|X_i|^3 \mid \mathcal{F}_{i-1}) \leq Y_{i-1}\sigma_{i-1}^2 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

then for all  $n$  sufficiently large

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{a_n^{1/2}}{\pi n^{1/4}} \left( 11 + \frac{3}{4n^{1/4}} + \frac{2}{9n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{8n^{3/4}} \right), \tag{2}$$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |H_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{a_n^{1/2}}{\pi n^{1/4}} \left( 11 + \frac{9}{4n^{1/4}} + \frac{2}{9n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{8n^{3/4}} \right), \tag{3}$$

where  $a_n = (\mathbb{E}Y_{v(n)}^4)^{1/2}$ .

If we put  $Y_i = M$  a.s. where  $M > 0$  is a constant, one obtains the following corollaries:

**Corollary 1.** *If the series  $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \sigma_i^2$  diverges a.s. and there exists  $M > 0$  such that, for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(|X_i|^3 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}) \leq M \mathbb{E}(X_i^2 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1})$  a.s. then there is a constant  $0 < c_M < +\infty$*

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{c_M}{n^{1/4}}, \tag{4}$$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |H_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{c_M}{n^{1/4}}. \tag{5}$$

**Corollary 2.** *If there exists  $0 < \alpha \leq M < +\infty$  satisfying  $\sigma_{i-1}^2 \geq \alpha$  and  $\mathbb{E}(|X_i|^3 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}) \leq M$  a.s. for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then there is a constant  $0 < c_{(\alpha, M)} < +\infty$  such that (4) and (5) hold.*

Moreover, if we suppose that  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly bounded, we obtain the result of Ibragimov [11].

**Corollary 3.** *If the series  $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \sigma_i^2$  diverges a.s. and  $|X_i| \leq M < +\infty$  a.s. for all  $i \geq 0$ , then (4) and (5) hold.*

**Example.** Let  $A = (A_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of real valued random variables such that  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E}(A_k^4)^{1/4} = \beta < \infty$  and consider an arbitrary sequence of variables  $\zeta = (\zeta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  with zero means, unit variances, bounded third moments and which are also independent of  $A$ . We define  $X = (A_{k-1}\zeta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_k$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_k$ .

Clearly  $(X_k, \mathcal{F}_k, k \in \mathbb{N}^*)$  is a martingale difference sequence, and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(A_{k-1}^2 \zeta_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}) &= A_{k-1}^2 \quad \text{a.s.}, \\ \mathbb{E}(|A_{k-1}\zeta_k|^3 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}) &\leq |A_{k-1}| \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathbb{E}(|\zeta_i|^3) A_{k-1}^2 \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

If  $(|A_k|)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is nondecreasing, then using Theorem 1, one obtains

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq c\beta \frac{\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*} \mathbb{E}(|\zeta_k|^3)^{1/4}}{n^{1/4}},$$

where  $c$  is a positive constant.

### 3. Proof of theorem

According to Esseen’s theorem (see, e.g., ([6], 1954) p. 210 and ([13], 1955) p. 285), for all  $y > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-y}^y \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right\} - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \left| \frac{dt}{|t|} + \frac{24}{\pi\sqrt{2\pi}y} \right|. \tag{6}$$

Below we shall prove the following inequalities

$$\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2\right) \right\} - 1 \right| \leq a_n e^{\frac{t^2}{2}} \left( \frac{|t|}{3\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{4n} + \frac{a_n |t|^3}{3n^{3/2}} + \frac{a_n t^4}{4n^2} \right), \tag{7}$$

$$\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \right\} - \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right\} \right| \leq \frac{a_n t^2}{2n} \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2} \right), \quad (8)$$

$$\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} - \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS'_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} \right| \leq \frac{3a_n t^2}{2n}, \quad (9)$$

where  $a_n = (\mathbb{E}Y_{v(n)}^4)^{1/2}$ .

### 3.1. Proof of the inequality (7)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \right\} - 1 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) - 1 \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{j-1}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \left( e^{\frac{itX_j}{\sqrt{n}}} - e^{-\frac{t^2\sigma_{j-1}^2}{2n}} \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For real  $x$ , put

$$e^{ix} = 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2} + u(x), \quad e^{-x} = 1 - x + \beta(x) \frac{x^2}{2}. \quad (*)$$

It is easily seen that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$|u(x)| \leq \frac{|x|^3}{6}, \quad |u(x)| \leq \frac{x^2}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad |\beta(|x|)| \leq 1.$$

Observing that the random variable  $W_{j-1}^n = \exp \left( \frac{itS_{j-1}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right)$  is measurable with respect to the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_{j-1}$  and using the identities (\*), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \right\} - 1 \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ W_{j-1}^n \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( \frac{itX_j}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{t^2 X_j^2}{2n} + u \left( \frac{tX_j}{\sqrt{n}} \right) + \frac{t^2 \sigma_{j-1}^2}{2n} + \beta \left( \frac{t^2 \sigma_{j-1}^2}{2n} \right) \frac{t^4 \sigma_{j-1}^4}{8n^2} \right) I_{v(n)=k} \middle| \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \right\} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Since  $\{v(n) = k\}$  is measurable with respect to the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}_k$ , for all  $j \geq 2$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \mathbb{E} \{ X_j I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} = \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \mathbb{E} \{ (X_j^2 - \sigma_{j-1}^2) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} = 0.$$

On the other hand, for all  $j \geq 1$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \{ X_j I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \{ (X_j^2 - \sigma_{j-1}^2) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} = 0.$$

It follows that, for all  $j \geq 1$

$$\sum_{k \geq j} \mathbb{E}\{X_j I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1}\} = \sum_{k \geq j} \mathbb{E}\{(X_j^2 - \sigma_{j-1}^2) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1}\} = 0.$$

So, from (10) we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \right\} - 1 \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ W_{j-1}^n \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( u \left( \frac{tX_j}{\sqrt{n}} \right) + \beta \left( \frac{t^2 \sigma_{j-1}^2}{2n} \right) \frac{t^4 \sigma_{j-1}^4}{8n^2} \right) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \right\} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( \frac{|t|^3 |X_j|^3}{6n^{3/2}} + \frac{t^4 \sigma_{j-1}^4}{8n^2} \right) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \right\} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

For any  $j \geq 2$  and any real function  $\psi$  such that  $\mathbb{E}(\psi(X_k)) < \infty$  for any positive  $k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \{ \psi(X_j) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \{ \psi(X_j) \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} I_{v(n)=k} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

On the other hand, for all  $j \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \{ \psi(X_j) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \psi(X_j) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \{ \psi(X_j) \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} I_{v(n)=k} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

It follows from (12) and (13) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{k \geq j} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \{ \psi(X_j) I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{k \geq j} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \mathbb{E} \{ \psi(X_j) \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \} I_{v(n)=k} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Applying (11) and (14) for  $\psi(x) = |x|^3$  we deduce that

$$\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \right\} - 1 \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \left( \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{|t|^3 |X_j|^3}{6n^{3/2}} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \right\} I_{v(n)=k} + \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{t^4 \sigma_{j-1}^4}{8n^2} I_{v(n)=k} \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1} \right\} \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \left( \frac{|t|^3 Y_{j-1} \sigma_{j-1}^2}{6n^{3/2}} I_{v(n)=k} + \frac{t^4 \sigma_{j-1}^4}{8n^2} I_{v(n)=k} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

By the Hölder inequality, for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$\sigma_{j-1}^2 = \mathbb{E}(X_j^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1}) \leq \mathbb{E}(|X_j|^3 \mid \mathcal{F}_{j-1})^{2/3} \leq Y_{j-1}^{2/3} \sigma_{j-1}^{4/3} \quad \text{a.s.},$$

whence

$$\sigma_{j-1}^2 \leq Y_{j-1}^2 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{16}$$

From (15), (16) and using the fact that  $Y_k \geq Y_{j-1} \geq 1$  for all  $j \leq k$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \right\} - 1 \right| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{|t|^3}{6n^{3/2}} + \frac{t^4}{8n^2} \right) \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbb{E} \left\{ Y_{j-1}^2 \sigma_{j-1}^2 \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{|t|^3}{6n^{3/2}} + \frac{t^4}{8n^2} \right) \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ Y_k^2 \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_{j-1}^2 \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

To bound up the terms appearing in (17), we will use the following elementary lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $k \geq 1$ , then on the event  $\{v(n) = k\}$  we have*

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_{j-1}^2 \leq \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{Y_k^2 t^2}{n} \right).$$

**Proof.** On the event  $\{v(n) = k\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2} \right) &\geq \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) - \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_0^2 \right) \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \left( \exp \left( \frac{t^2 \sigma_j^2}{2n} \right) - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality,  $\exp(x) - 1 \geq x$  for all  $x \geq 0$ , one obtains

$$\exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2} \right) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_j^2.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \exp \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2 \right) \frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_{j-1}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2\right) \frac{t^2}{2n} (\sigma_{j-1}^2 - \sigma_j^2) + \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} \left( \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^j \sigma_p^2\right) - \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2\right) \right) \frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_j^2 - \frac{t^2}{2n} \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{k-2} \sigma_p^2\right) \sigma_{k-1}^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{t^2}{2n} \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_0^2\right) \sigma_0^2 + \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{t^2}{2n} Y_k^2 \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} \left( \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^j \sigma_p^2\right) - \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{j-1} \sigma_p^2\right) \right) + \frac{t^2}{2n} Y_k^2 \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2n} \sigma_0^2\right) + \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{2n} Y_k^2\right) \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We conclude the proof of the lemma by noting that  $\sigma_{k-1}^2 \leq Y_k^2$  and  $\sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \sigma_p^2 \leq n$  a.s.  $\square$

Finally, according to Lemma 1 and the (17) we get

$$\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2\right) \right\} - 1 \right| \leq a_n \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \left( \frac{|t|}{3\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{4n} + \frac{a_n|t|^3}{3n^{3/2}} + \frac{a_n t^4}{4n^2} \right),$$

where  $a_n = (\mathbb{E}Y_{v(n)}^4)^{1/2}$ .

### 3.2. Proof of the inequality (8)

Using (1) and the inequality  $|1 - \exp(-x)| \leq x$ , for all  $x \geq 0$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \sum_{p=0}^{v(n)-1} \sigma_p^2\right) \right\} - \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right\} \right| \\
 &= \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{t^2}{2}\right) \left( \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2n} \gamma(n) \sigma_{v(n)}^2\right) - 1 \right) \right\} \right| \\
 &\leq \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left| 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2n} \gamma(n) \sigma_{v(n)}^2\right) \right| \right\} \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \mathbb{E} \left\{ \frac{t^2}{2n} |\gamma(n)| \sigma_{v(n)}^2 \right\} \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq (\mathbb{E}Y_{v(n)}^4)^{1/2} \frac{t^2}{2n} \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (8) holds true.

From (7) and (8) we conclude that

$$\left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right\} - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right| \leq a_n \left( \frac{|t|}{3\sqrt{n}} + \frac{3t^2}{4n} + \frac{|t|^3}{3n^{3/2}} a_n + \frac{t^4}{4n^2} a_n \right).$$

Using Esseen’s theorem, we derive

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{a_n}{\pi} \int_{-y}^y \left( \frac{1}{3\sqrt{n}} + \frac{3|t|}{4n} + \frac{t^2}{3n^{3/2}} a_n + \frac{|t|^3}{4n^2} a_n \right) dt + \frac{24}{\pi \sqrt{2\pi} y}.$$

Hence

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{a_n}{\pi} \left( \frac{2y}{3\sqrt{n}} + \frac{3y^2}{4n} + \frac{2y^3}{9n^{3/2}} a_n + \frac{y^4}{8n^2} a_n \right) + \frac{24}{\pi \sqrt{2\pi} y}.$$

Choosing  $y$  in such a way that  $y/\sqrt{n} = 1/(ya_n)$ , i.e.  $y = (n/a_n^2)^{1/4}$ , we infer that

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - \phi(x)| \leq \frac{a_n^{1/2}}{\pi n^{1/4}} \left( 11 + \frac{3}{4n^{1/4}} + \frac{2}{9n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{8n^{3/4}} \right).$$

The proof of the inequality (2) in theorem is complete.

### 3.3. Proof of the inequality (9)

Observing that the random events  $\{\gamma(n) \leq x\} \cap \{v(n) = k\}$  and consequently the random variables  $\sqrt{\gamma(n)} I_{v(n)=k}$  are measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_k$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} - \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS'_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) - \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{it\sqrt{\gamma(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{v(n)+1} \right) \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \left( 1 - \exp \left( \frac{it\sqrt{\gamma(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{v(n)+1} \right) \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \right| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \left( -\frac{it\sqrt{\gamma(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{k+1} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \gamma(n) X_{k+1}^2 - u \left( \frac{t\sqrt{\gamma(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{k+1} \right) \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \right| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \mathbb{E} \left\{ -\frac{it\sqrt{\gamma(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{k+1} + \frac{t^2}{2n} \gamma(n) X_{k+1}^2 - u \left( \frac{t\sqrt{\gamma(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} X_{k+1} \right) \mid \mathcal{F}_k \right\} I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \right| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS_k}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \left( \frac{t^2}{2n} \gamma(n) X_{k+1}^2 - u \left( \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\gamma(n)} X_{k+1} \right) \right) I_{v(n)=k} \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \left\{ I_{v(n)=k} \frac{3t^2}{2n} \gamma(n) X_{k+1}^2 \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{3t^2}{2n} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E} \{ I_{v(n)=k} \mathbb{E} \{ X_{k+1}^2 \mid \mathcal{F}_k \} \} \\ &\leq \frac{3t^2}{2n} \mathbb{E} (Y_{v(n)}^4)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the inequality (9) is complete.

### 3.4. Proof of the inequality (3)

According to Esseen's theorem where  $y = (n/a_n^2)^{1/4}$  and the inequality (9), one obtains



$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |H_n(x) - \phi(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-y}^y \left| \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp \left( \frac{itS'_{v(n)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\} - \exp \left( -\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right| \frac{dt}{|t|} + \frac{24}{\pi \sqrt{2\pi} y} \\
&\leq \frac{a_n^{1/2}}{\pi n^{1/4}} \left( 11 + \frac{3}{4n^{1/4}} + \frac{2}{9n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{8n^{3/4}} \right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-y}^y \frac{3|t|}{2n} E(Y_{v(n)}^4)^{1/2} dt \\
&\leq \frac{a_n^{1/2}}{\pi n^{1/4}} \left( 11 + \frac{3}{4n^{1/4}} + \frac{2}{9n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{8n^{3/4}} \right) + \frac{3}{2\pi \sqrt{n}} \\
&\leq \frac{a_n^{1/2}}{\pi n^{1/4}} \left( 11 + \frac{9}{4n^{1/4}} + \frac{2}{9n^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{8n^{3/4}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The proof of theorem is complete.  $\square$

Proofs of Corollaries 1, 2 and 3 are easy so, it is left to the reader.

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