

A FUNCTIONAL CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM FOR POSITIVELY DEPENDENT RANDOM VECTORS

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ABSTRACT. In this note, we extend the concepts of linearly positive quadrant dependence to the random vectors and prove a functional central limit theorem for positively quadrant dependent sequence of R^d -valued or separable Hilbert space valued random elements which satisfy a covariance summability condition. This result is an extension of a functional central limit theorem for weakly associated random vectors of Burton et al. to positive quadrant dependence case.

1. Introduction

Many recent papers have been concerned with concepts of positive dependence for families of random variables (for example see Block and Ting(1981), Shaked(1982) and the references there in). Lehmann(1966) introduced the notion of positive quadrant dependence: random variables X_1 and X_2 are called positive quadrant dependence if for all real r_1, r_2

$$(1.1) \quad P\{X_1 > r_1, X_2 > r_2\} \geq P\{X_1 > r_1\}P\{X_2 > r_2\}.$$

This definition was subsequently extended to multivariate case in Esary, Proschan and Walkup(1967): a family $\{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$ of random variables is said to be associated if

$$(1.2) \quad Cov(f(X_1, \dots, X_m), g(X_1, \dots, X_m)) \geq 0$$

for any coordinatewise nondecreasing functions f, g on R^m such that the covariance exists. Infinite families are associated if every finite subfamily

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is associated. Newman(1980) was the first who showed that for positively dependent sequences approximate uncorrelatedness implies approximate independence such that useful limit theorems can be obtained. In the following years several extensions and generalizations of these results were given. There exist (functional) central limit theorems [8, 10] and laws of the iterated logarithm [5], as well as laws of large number[1] for associated sequences. Most of these results, however, can not be applied to weaker concepts of positive dependence. For pairwise positively quadrant dependent sequences only a strong law of large numbers is known [1]. In stead of association Newman's original central limit theorem requires only that positive linear combinations of the random variables are positively quadrant dependent. The definition of positive dependence introduced by Newman is the following: a sequence $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ of random variables is said to be linearly positive quadrant dependent if for any disjoint A, B and positive r'_j 's $\sum_{i \in A} r'_i X_i$ and $\sum_{j \in B} r_j X_j$ are positively quadrant dependent. Burton, R.M, Dabrowski, A and Dehling, H [4] extended the notion of association to random vectors: let (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m) be joint R^d -valued random vectors. They are said to be associated if for any coordinatewise increasing functions f, g on R^{md}

$$Cov(f(X_1, \dots, X_m), g(X_1, \dots, X_m)) \geq 0$$

whenever the covariance is defined. An infinitely family of R^d -valued random vectors is associated if every finite subfamily is associated. The functional central limit theorem due to Burton, Dabrowski and Dehling [4] is

THEOREM A. *Let $\{X_i : i \geq 1\}$ be a strictly stationary associated sequence of R^d -valued random vectors, centered at expectations and with $E\|X_1\|^2 < \infty$. Define for $t \in [0, 1], n \geq 1$ $W_n(t) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \leq [nt]} X_j$. If*

$$(1.3) \quad E\|X_1\|^2 + 2 \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^d E \left(X_1^{(j)} X_i^{(j)} \right) = \sigma^2 < \infty$$

then as $n \rightarrow \infty$ $W_n \xrightarrow{w} B^d$ where \xrightarrow{w} indicates weak convergence, and B^d is a d -dimensional Wiener process with covariance matrix $\Gamma = [\sigma_{ki}]$,

$$(1.4) \quad \sigma_{kj} = E(X_1^{(k)} X_1^{(j)}) + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \left[E(X_1^{(k)} X_i^{(j)}) + E(X_1^{(j)} X_i^{(k)}) \right]$$

In this note, we give a definition of linearly positive quadrant dependence for random vectors with values in R^d [or any Banach lattice] and extend Theorem A to linearly positive quadrant dependent case. These results are extended to random vectors with values in a separable Hilbert space.

2. Results

DEFINITION 2.1. A sequence $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ of R^d -valued random vectors is said to be linearly positive quadrant dependent if for any disjoint A, B and positive vector r_j 's $\sum_{i \in A} r_i X_i$ and $\sum_{j \in B} r_j X_j$ are positively quadrant dependent.

THEOREM 2.2. Let $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ be a strictly stationary linearly positive quadrant dependent sequence of R^d -valued random vectors, centered at expectations and with $E\|X_1\|^2 < \infty$. Assume that (1.3) holds. Then $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ fulfills the functional central limit theorem.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of random variables taking values in a separable Hilbert space $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ is called linearly positive quadrant dependent, if for some orthonormal basis $(e_k, k \geq 1)$ of H and for any $d \geq 1$ the d -dimensional sequence $(\langle X_i, e_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X_i, e_d \rangle), i \geq 1$ is linearly positive quadrant dependent.

THEOREM 2.4. Let $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ be a strictly stationary linearly positive quadrant dependent sequence of H -valued random variables with $EX_1 = 0$, and $E\|X_1\|^2 < \infty$. Define

$$W_n(t) = \begin{cases} n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \leq kt} X_j & \text{if } t = k/n, \\ \text{linear in between.} \end{cases}$$

Assume

$$(2.1) \quad \sigma^2 = E\|X_1\|^2 + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} E \langle X_1, X_j \rangle < \infty.$$

Then $W_n \xrightarrow{w} W$, where W is a Wiener process on H with covariance structure $\Gamma(f, g) = E(\langle f, X_1 \rangle \langle g, X_1 \rangle) + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \{E(\langle f, X_1 \rangle \langle g, X_j \rangle) + E(\langle g, X_1 \rangle \langle f, X_j \rangle)\}$

3. Proofs

LEMMA 3.1. (Burton, Darbrowski, Dehling (1986)) *Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_k and Y'_1, Y'_2, \dots, Y'_k be two sets of R^d -valued random vectors having finite moment generating functions. Suppose for all nonnegative vectors a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n the joint distributions of $(\langle a_1, Y_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle a_k, Y_k \rangle)$ and $(\langle a_1, Y'_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle a_k, Y'_k \rangle)$ coincide. Then (Y_1, \dots, Y_k) and (Y'_1, \dots, Y'_k) have the same distribution.*

LEMMA 3.2. *Let $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of linearly positive quadrant dependent random variables with $EX_j = 0, EX_j^2 < \infty$. Then*

$$(3.1) \quad E\{(\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} S_i)^2\} \leq E(S_m^2)$$

where $S_m = X_1 + \dots + X_m$.

PROOF. Put

$$\begin{aligned} K_m &= \min(X_1 + \dots + X_m, \dots, X_2 + \dots + X_m, \dots, X_m, 0) \\ L_m &= \max(X_2, \dots, X_2 + X_3, \dots, X_2 + \dots + X_m) \\ J_m &= \max(0, L_m). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have $Cov(X_1, K_m) \geq 0$ since X_i 's are linearly positive quadrant dependent, $J_m^2 \leq L_m^2$ pointwise and $\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} S_i = X_1 + J_m$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & E\{(\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} S_i)^2\} \\ &= E\{(X_1 + J_m)^2\} \\ (3.2) \quad &= EX_1^2 + 2Cov(X_1, J_m) + E(J_m^2) \\ &= EX_1^2 + 2Cov(X_1, X_2 + \dots + X_m) - 2Cov(X_1, K_m) \\ &\leq EX_1^2 + 2Cov(X_1, X_2 + \dots + X_m) + E(L_m^2). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed by induction on m since the induction hypothesis implies $E(L_m^2) \leq E(X_2 + \dots + X_m)^2$ which together with (3.2) yields (3.1).

LEMMA 3.3. Let $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of a strictly stationary and linearly positive quadrant dependent random variables with $EX_i = 0, EX_j^2 < \infty$. Define $S_m^* = \max(0, S_1, \dots, S_m)$. Then for $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$,

$$(3.3) \quad P(S_m^* \geq \lambda_2) \leq (1 - \sigma_m^2 / (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)^2)^{-1} P(S_m \geq \lambda_1)$$

$$(3.4) \quad P(\max(|S_1|, \dots, |S_m|) \geq \lambda \sigma_m) \leq 2P(|S_m| \geq (\lambda - \sqrt{2})\sigma_m)$$

where $\sigma_m^2 = E(S_m^2)$

PROOF. We now prove this lemma along the lines of the proof of Theorem 3 of [10]. For completeness we repeat some of the argument given in that paper for $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_m^* > \lambda_2) &\leq P(S_m \geq \lambda_1) + P(S_{m-1}^* \geq \lambda_2, S_{m-1}^* - S_m > \lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \\ &\leq P(S_m \geq \lambda_1) + P(S_{m-1}^* > \lambda_2)P(S_{m-1}^* - S_m > \lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \\ &\leq P(S_m \geq \lambda_1) + P(S_m^* \geq \lambda_2)E((S_{m-1}^* - S_m)^2) / (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality follows from the fact that S_{m-1}^* and $S_m - S_{m-1}^*$ are positively quadrant dependent since the X_i 's are linearly positive quadrant dependent. Now Lemma 3.2 with X_i replaced by $Y_i = -X_{m-i+1}$ yields that

$$\begin{aligned} &E\{(S_{m-1}^* - S_m)^2\} \\ &= E\left\{[\max(Y_1, Y_1 + Y_2, \dots, Y_1 + \dots + Y_m)]^2\right\} \leq E(S_m^2) \end{aligned}$$

and thus we obtain, for $(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)^2 \geq E(S_m^2) = \sigma_m^2$, (3.3). By adding to (3.3) the analogous inequality with each X_i replaced by $-X_i$, and by choosing $\lambda_2 = \lambda \sigma_m, \lambda_1 = (\lambda - \sqrt{2})\sigma_m$, we also obtain (3.4)

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.2. Tightness of the sequence $\{W_n(\cdot), n \geq 1\}$ follows from Lemma 3.3. Hence, it remains to show that the only possible limit point is Brownian motion in R^d with covariance structure $\Sigma = (\sigma_{kl})$, Let $Z(\cdot)$ be a limit point of $(W_n(\cdot))$. We have to prove

- (i) $Z(t+h) - Z(t)$ has normal distribution with covariance,
- (ii) Z has independent increments.

Let $a \in R^d$ be nonnegative vector. Then $\langle a, (Z(t+h) - Z(t)) \rangle$ has, by the Newman and Wright result, a normal distribution with variance $a \sum a'$. Now we can apply Lemma 3.1 with $k=1$ which yields (i).

Let $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_k \leq 1$ be given. Then

$$(W_{n'}(t_1), W_{n'}(t_2) - W_{n'}(t_1), \dots, W_{n'}(t_k) - W_{n'}(t_{k-1})) \quad n' \in N$$

converges in distribution to

$$(Z(t_1), Z(t_2) - Z(t_1), \dots, Z(t_k) - Z(t_{k-1})).$$

Let $a_1, \dots, a_k \in R^d$ be nonnegative vectors. Then

$$(\langle a_1, W_{n'}(t_1) \rangle, \langle a_2, W_{n'}(t_2) - W_{n'}(t_1) \rangle, \dots, \langle a_k, W_{n'}(t_k) - W_{n'}(t_{k-1}) \rangle)$$

converges in distribution to

$$(\langle a_1, Z(t_1) \rangle, \dots, \langle a_k, (Z(t_k) - Z(t_{k-1})) \rangle).$$

The coordinates of the last vector are hence pairwise positively quadrant dependent according to Lemma 4 of Birkel [2] and by a simple computation involving (2.1) also uncorrelated, which together imply independence by Lemma 2 of Birkel [2]. Now we again apply Lemma 3.1 to obtain the independence of the increments of the Z process.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.4. Let (e_k) be the orthonormal basis with respect to which the sequence $\{X_j : j \geq 1\}$ is linearly positive quadrant dependent. For $N \geq 1$ let P_N be the projection onto the subspace generated by e_1, \dots, e_N and $Q_N = 1 - P_N$. It is easy to see that, for any $k \geq 1$,

$$E\left(n^{-1/2} \sum_{j \leq n} (\langle X_j, e_k \rangle)^2\right) \uparrow \sigma_k^2$$

where $\sigma_k^2 = \Gamma(e_k, e_k)$.

Hence for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist N_0, n_0 such that

$$E \left\| n^{-1/2} Q_N \sum_{j \leq n} X_j \right\|^2 \leq \varepsilon \text{ for every } n \geq n_0, N \geq N_0.$$

From Theorem 2.2 we have that $P_N W_n$ converges in distribution to $P_N W$. Hence it remains to show that $Q_N W_n$ (and $Q_N W$) become small as $N \rightarrow \infty$, respectively. By Lemma 3.2 we have

$$E \left\{ \left(\max_{m \leq n} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \langle X_j, e_k \rangle \right] \right)^2 \right\} \leq 2E \left\{ \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \langle X_j, e_k \rangle \right)^2 \right\}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & E \left(n^{-1} \max_{m \leq n} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m Q_N X_j \right\|^2 \right) \\ & \leq (n^{-1}) \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} E \left(\max_{m \leq n} \sum_{i=1}^m \langle X_i, e_k \rangle \right)^2 \\ & \leq 2(n^{-1}) \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} E \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle X_i, e_k \rangle \right)^2 \\ & \leq 2(n^{-1}) E \left\| Q_N \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right\|^2 \\ & \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

A similar estimate holds for $Q_N W$ and this completes the proof of Theorem 2.4.

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